

MOREHEAD GETS TELLING BLOW

Efforts of Stat. Chairman Fail to Prevent the Appointment of Two Duncanites.

ROOSEVELT WATCHES DEVELOPMENTS HERE

Asheville Meeting May Perfect Republican Sentiment in This End of the State.

Gazette-News Bureau, Wyatt Building, Washington, Feb. 9.

No action was taken yesterday in the matter of the collectorship at New Bern, as some expected, but Christopher D. Jones was made collector of the port at Beaufort, and William A. Mace was made postmaster there.

Both the Duncan appointments and the matter of selecting delegates to the national convention, but he is a member of the committee on arrangements for the Chicago convention.

The administration has apparently concluded that it will be the part of wisdom to look to the national committee rather than to the Butler-Morehead organization for results.

Morehead, Grant, Settle and Harris have been using about the White House a good deal of late, but the course of Morehead politics has not run as smooth as might have been desired.

State Delegation With Underwood. Much comment is heard relative to the severe reverse which the Bryan force of the democracy sustained in the refusal of the house democrats to adopt the Bryan-Healy plan to investigate Wall street seems to have been another notable Underwood victory.

Mr. Small on Wilson Fund. Following is the letter received by the writer from Congressman Small:

"Dear Sir:—I have read your editorial correspondence from this city in the Greensboro Daily News of last Sunday. Your comments upon the candidacy of Woodrow Wilson and of the recent attempt to besmirch his integrity and good name were timely and well expressed. It is quite evident that this attack upon Governor Wilson was neither casual nor the result of individual impulse, but that a coterie of men organized in his candidacy deliberately and cunningly devised a plan to disparage him among democrats. It is not necessary to impugn the character or motives of every participant in this unseemly political calumny, because democrats would like to find some pretext upon which to excuse Col. Henry Watterson. With old age some men become more impressionable and susceptible to sinister influences."

The reaction has already come, and today no intelligent democrat believes that Governor Wilson has made the slightest departure from his ideals of public service. He may not be always tactful, but imputation of one's integrity and honor may not always be repelled with soft words.

These citizens who wish to divorce his business from government and who wish to see all forms of government administration for the benefit of all the people with special privileges to none, will find in Governor Wilson a man in whom there is no guile, and who is worthy of the nomination to a great party to our highest office.

STORMY SESSION OF LORIMER BODY

Hot Words Follow Testimony That Hines Tried to Bribe Telegrapher.

Washington, Feb. 9.—A mild sensation was produced yesterday in the senate Lorimer committee hearing by Miss Helen Seavers, telegraph operator in a local hotel, who testified that Edward Hines, the millionaire lumberman, had offered her money to let him see a telegraph Detective Bailey had just sent to H. E. Kerr some two weeks ago.

Under cross-examination, she declared that it was not meant as a tip. The telegram announced a postponement of "the hearing."

Miss Seavers swore a few minutes after Bailey sent the message, Hines came to her booth and asked to see the message.

"I told him it was against the rules," said Miss Seavers. "He said 'I will give you something if you will let me see it.'" I said, "I won't take anything, nor be bribed when I know I am doing right. He said he would come back."

Miss Seavers added that Mr. Hines then said he would "put something in your paw." If she would let him see the telegram.

On cross-examination Miss Seavers was confused in her statements to whom she had talked about the Hines incident. The next day, she testified, Detective Bailey remarked to her "little girl, don't show my telegrams to any one."

Physical hostilities were threatened when Miss Seavers told of a visit paid to her by Bailey and Attorney Healy, associated with Attorney Marble in representing the committee, in regard to the Hines incident.

Attorney Healy retorted that he wanted it understood that Edward Hines was not the only one who could be insulted in the hearing.

Attorney Healy sprang to his feet to demand a ruling.

"If that insinuation about the attorney for this committee is true I should be driven from its doors as unfit to represent it," he shouted excitedly.

Chairman Dillingham suggested that no insult had been intended, but Senator Lea and others protested. Attorney Marble entered by declaring Attorney Healy's remark assumed money was in sight and that it was a "trick" question.

"He would not make that remark outside the committee, I protest he was not allowed to make it here," flared Mr. Hanes.

The committee struck out Mr. Healy's name, but he testified that it was not a "trick" question.

The witness was asked if she ever was given tips and responded "once in a long time."

Mexican Soldiers in U. S. Territory Traveling to the Scene of Rebellion



INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE BETWEEN EL PASO AND JUAREZ, MEXICO.

CHURCHILL SAYS BRITAIN IS PREPARED FOR WAR

Speaks of the Sea Rivalry Between England and German Empire.

Glasgow, Feb. 9.—Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, today attended a luncheon given by the Clyde Navigation trust. In the course of his speech he told of the preparedness of the British navy to meet all eventualities.

Churchill spoke of the rivalry between Germany and British sea power, believing that while naval power was necessary to the existence of Great Britain it was a luxury for Germany.

Churchill said there was no need for excitement or panic.

CLAIM ANTI-PASS LAW IS BEING DISREGARDED

The Interstate Commission Threatens to Prosecute Offending Carriers.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The interstate commerce commission today ordered a general investigation of the practices of all interstate carriers respecting the issuance of passes, tickets and free transportation services.

SUES FOR HER JEWELS

Mrs. Laura Schenck, Accused Husband Poisoner, Says Gems Are Wrongfully Held.

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 9.—Mrs. Laura Schenck, in whose trial last year for the alleged poisoning of her husband, millionaire John C. Schenck, a jury disagreed today, entering suit against Clem E. Peters, a prominent business man, to recover jewels valued at \$2,000 which she claims she pledged with him for \$700 shortly after her arrest.

ABDICATION COMING

Yuan's Representative Believes the End of Manchu Rule Will Come by February 18.

Shanghai, Feb. 9.—Fang Shac-Yi, Premier Yuan Shi Kai's representative here, declared today that he is confident the abdication of the throne will be an accomplished fact before February 18.

OVERCOME BY GAS

Three Fire Chiefs Victims of Meter Explosion while Fighting New York Blaze.

New York, Feb. 9.—Deputy Fire Chief Binns and Battalion Chiefs Marshall and Kuss were overcome by the explosion of a gas meter while fighting fire in a sub-cellar of the State-Zeitung building today. The damage was small.

Madero Hurries Troops to Chihuahua, Storm Center of Rebel Activity.

Washington, Feb. 9.—A request from the Mexican government to move its troops through United States territory so as to reach points in the interior to which rebels had severed railroad connections was acted upon by the state department here yesterday.

Both the treasury and war departments were advised that a regiment of Mexican soldiers today would travel through southern Texas from Eagle Pass to El Paso in an effort to reach Chihuahua and vicinity, the storm center of rebel activity.

The American government has twice before given permission to Mexico to transport troops through the United States.

MITCHELL DENOUNCES THE USE OF INJUNCTION

Labor Leaders Put on the Stand in Contempt Case Hearing.

Washington, Feb. 9.—John Mitchell's hearing in the contempt of court proceedings against himself, Samuel Gompers and Frank Morrison, of the American Federation of labor for alleged violation of a court's injunction in the Buck Stove and Range case continued today with Mitchell on the stand.

23 MEN EXECUTED

Imperialist Commander at Mukden Puts to Death Officers Whom He Distrusted.

Mukden, Manchuria, Feb. 3.—Twenty-three officers belonging to this city's garrison were executed by the commanding general, without trial today on suspicion of collusion with the revolutionary commander.

ARRESTS COME MONDAY

Federal Authorities in 20 Cities Notified of Identity of Alleged Dynamite Conspirators.

Indianapolis, Feb. 9.—The federal authorities in 20 cities where are located 40 or more men indicted in the dynamite conspiracy case today were informed of the identities of the defendants. Plans for simultaneous arrests, probably Monday, are progressing.

REBEL YELL, YANKEE CHEERS MINGLE AT LAST DINNER

New York, Feb. 9.—While 75 survivors of the Union corps which fought at Roanoke Island 50 years ago were holding their last reunion dinner last night, members of the New York camp of Confederate veterans munched unsuspectingly into the feast and gave the rebel yell. The men in blue arose and fired back a welcoming volley of cheers.

PLEA OF SHERIFF SAVES NEGRO FROM LYNCHERS

Mob Overtakes Speeding Officer but Is Convinced of Prisoner's Innocence.

Macon, Feb. 9.—After an all-night search, it was reported this morning that about 30 members of the lynching party from Milledgeville, which started toward Macon to overtake Sheriff Terry, who had in custody Vine Collier, a negro charged with attempting to assault two white women, found the sheriff and his prisoner at Hadlocks. The sheriff convinced the mob of the probable innocence of the prisoner, and upon the sheriff's promise to take the prisoner to Milledgeville for trial the mob dispersed.

OPPOSES RATIFICATION OF MOROCCAN TREATY

M. Pichon Severely Criticizes the Franco-German Agreement in Senate Speech.

Paris, Feb. 9.—M. Pichon, ex-minister of foreign affairs, discussing the Franco-German agreement in the senate yesterday, delivered a criticism of the treaty, the ratification of which he declared he would not vote for. He described it as a bad bargain for France, which, in exchange for the gravest sacrifices had got Morocco, but so heavily mortgaged as to be of little use.

BRIDEGROOM DYING

Aged Lumber Exporter Who Wed Girl of 20 Stricken with Potomac Poisoning.

New York, Feb. 9.—Elijah Marshall Allen, the rich lumber exporter, 79 years old, who attracted wide notice a month ago by marrying Miss Mattie Walker, aged 20, is dying from ptomaine poisoning. After the wedding, the couple visited southern resorts. The groom was stricken at Pinehurst, N. C., and was rushed here for special treatment.

SYNDICATE FORMED

Great Iron and Steel Merger in a Fair Way to Go Through.

Baltimore, Feb. 9.—The syndicate to underwrite bonds under the plan for merging the Alabama Consolidated Coal and Iron company and the Southern Iron and Steel company has been completed. The new company is to be known as the Alabama Consolidated Iron and Steel company and has a total capitalization of \$33,386,000.

FREE LICENSE FOR LEAP YEAR PROPOSALS

Paducah, Ky., Feb. 9.—To encourage leap year proposals, free marriage certificates were offered today by County Clerk Hightower to all girls making affidavits that they proposed to their fiancés.

TAFT CAMPAIGN IS UNDER WAY

CONVICT AT LARGE; AND HE HAS A GUN

Ed Mills, Regarded as Bad Man, Escapes and Takes a Guard's Gun.

The convict, Mills, was killed this afternoon, at Burnsville Hill. It is learned at the time of going to press. About 4 o'clock this morning Ed Mills, a negro who was convicted of housebreaking several months ago and sentenced to 22 months on the roads, escaped from Britain's convict camp in the Fairview section and so far nothing has been heard of him.

The guard left his gun while he went to wake the "travellers" to get breakfast. It is thought that Mills must have freed himself from his shackles during the night, for when the guard returned for his gun it was gone and an investigation disclosed the fact that Mills was also not present.

Mills escaped once before and was captured several weeks ago in Cincinnati. He is said to be a very desperate negro.

3 KILLED, OTHERS HURT IN WRECK ON THE N. & W.

Roanoke, Feb. 9.—Three railroad men were killed and several injured when westbound passenger train No. 15 on the Norfolk & Western railroad crashed into an extra freight at Dry Branch, three miles west of Bell Springs, today. The dead are Conductor Evans and brakemen Argent Bright and Hendrickson of Roanoke. Among the injured are Engineer Ramon of Roanoke, Fireman Spangler of Bluefields and Mail Clerk E. S. Jeffries of Lynchburg.

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Representative McKinley Assumes His Duties as Manager of the President's Contest.

ADMINISTRATION MEN WILL OPEN OFFICES

If Incumbent Is Nominated Illinois Man May Become Chairman of National Committee.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Active work for the renomination of President Taft and his re-election aside from that done at the White House began today, when Representative M. B. McKinley of Illinois, chairman of the republican congressional committee, took up his new duties as manager of the Taft campaign.

McKinley, Hillis and Senator Crans held a conference. They spent several hours together and discussed the political situation from Maine to California, from Washington to Florida. After the meeting the statement was made that a thorough canvass of the country convinced Taft managers that the president would have 260 votes of the first ballot in the Chicago convention out of a total of 1076 or 241 more than the majority necessary for nomination.

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KITCHEN CLUB FORMED BY RALEIGH ADMIRERS

First Organization in the State to Further His Senatorial Campaign.

Gazette-News Bureau, The Hotel Raleigh, Raleigh, Feb. 9.

The first kitchen club to be organized in the state will be organized in the court house here tonight to further the governor's campaign for the senate.

William Hunter, the negro arrested yesterday on the charge of larceny from the persons of three men found dead in the Wilson apartments was released this afternoon there being no evidence against him.

AUTOMOBILE, TROLLEY CAR BICYCLE, MILK WAGON All in a Mix-up—Nobody Badly Hurt—Considerable Damage Done.

An accident in which the consequences might easily have been much worse, took place in front of the building of the Wachovia Bank and Trust company on Patton avenue about 1:30 o'clock today when there was a mix-up participated in by an automobile, a street car, a milk wagon and a bicycle, which was caused when Charles J. Avery of New York lost control of his machine. It is said that the milk wagon and the bicycle were standing near the south curbing and the street car was just passing them, when Mr. Avery came upon the scene. His machine scraped the side of the street car and struck the milk wagon just behind the team, breaking the glass and the tongue. The bicycle was also smashed and its owner, Sam Rodgers, who was standing near, is said to have been slightly hurt. The machine was smashed as to fenders and a spring broken. The street car was not much injured and went on its way.

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