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# PLAN ASSAULT ON MOUNTAIN

Large Posse Surroundh Squir- COAL BATE ADVANCES rel's Spur and Will Endeavor to Take Outlaws Today.

HILLSVILLE BELIEVES SLAYERS DISPERSED

State Militia May Take Part in Manhunt - Wesley Edwards Barely Makes Getaway.

Mount Airy, N. C., March 19 .- A citizens' pesse left here at daybrenk today for Squirrel's spur in response to a call from the main posse of sher iff's deputies and detectives searching for the Allen clan. The men left armed heavily and carried provisions for

several day's seige. Hillsville, Va., March 19.-Au as sault upon the heights of Squirrel's spur in the Blue Ridge mountains, where Sidna Allen and part of his gang are believed to be entrenched, was planned today by a posse of forty detectives, reinforced by citizen volunteers, according to reports reaching here from Mount Airy. Confident that they have located the outlaws, the detectives stretched a cordon around the base of Squirrel's spur last night, guarding every approach vigilantly as they awaited for a survey of the surroundings before undertaking to close

Interest shifted from the Devil's Den vicinity to Squirrel's spur late yesterday, when a posse which had been scouring the mountains on the North Carolina side barely missed catching Wesley Edwards, nephew of the older Allens at his cabin 8 miles east of Sidna Allen's home.

Edwards escaped through a back poor. News that authorities have moved upon Allen's stronghold

hourly expected

The belief here is growing that the facilities, with a full day's start on their pursuers, separated and scattered into remote villages. Captain Dayant of the state militia is anxious to surround the mountains with about 200 men and search every nook and corner and place guards upon every highway to cut off the fugitives' food The authorities believe that by watching the activities of the wo-men members of the Allen clan they

intercept some communication. Four members of the posse that ac companied Steve Faddis of the reve-nue service to Floyd Allen's home to confiscate illicit stills and other paraphernalia, returned here today. They whiskey. Great quantities of illicit whiskey were poured out on the mountain mide. Two stilfs found at Sidney Edward's house are being held as evi-Lee Felts of the detective posse has the revolver with which posse, has the revolver with with the best of CONNELL INSTALLED The weapon was left by Edwards at his home when he fled from a poss It is a 48 caliber revolver more than a foot long.
Hillsville has almost regained it

composure but women are still afraid to go out of doors, Mrs. Allen Talks.

reridence, said she had no idea where her husband was. When told that Floyd Allen was still alive, she exed regret. "I have no idea where Sidns went

when he left me Thursday," I left our home the night this awful! thing happened. My husband was Dennis J. O'Connell, appointed by the still there. As I kissed him goodbye, he told me to do everything I could Augustine Van Devyver, was installed for our two little children."

court Thursday, I want to say there Virginia today. The procession from never was a kinder or more loving the Episcopal residence to the cathe-insband and father. He has an awdral was a brilliant pageant. ful temper. That was responsible for

whatever he did." Sidna Allen has two pretty children, girls, Marguerite, aged 10, and Paul- the new-fingled political heresics of

Falled to Find Outlaws. Six detectives who remained in the mountains when the main posse returned to Hillsville, came in yesterday afternoon empty-handed. They re-ported that they had failed to find any trace of the outlaws who disappeared after the court-room murder on Thursday. Acting Sheriff Edwards and Lee Felts, in charge of one de-tachment, spent Sunday night at the home of George Thompson, 20 miles from Hillsville, leaving there before daylight for the home of Sidney Edwords, hoping to surprise and capture him. Edwards, who was indicted by the special grand jury, was wounded in the court room battle, but when a posse approached his home he fled to the hills and is still hiding. He

could not be located after diligent search in his own neighborhood. So many theories as to the whereabouts of the Allen band have been upon the color and length of the sta-offered detectives by citizens, that the pie, the strength of fiber and its spinofficers have been forced to reject and ning qualities should be considered, according to Dr. B. T. Galloway, chief trailing program. Many of the saarchers who returned here believe that the Aliebs, who are men of of cotton can be ruised southern farmthat the Alichs, who are men of of cotton can be raised souther means, have left the state. In the ers will get more for their product. matter of avoiding detection, they are old and experienced, and with a good naver be suprehended. Few of the Allen sympathizers have been located in the section of mauntain country / Continued on page three.

# HELD UNJUSTIFIABLE

Interstate Commission Disapproves All Increases Except Norfolk & Western's.

Washington, March 19 .- Advances of transportation rates on coal from the Virginia and West Virginia coal fields to the great lake ports made by the Chesapeake & Ohio, Baltimore & Ohio and Kanawha & Michigan rail ways were today disapproved by the interstate commerce commission. In the same opinion advances were made by the Norfolk & Western on the same traffic traffic were approved.

The commission upheld proposed advances from the Thacker districts rom 97 cents to \$1.60 % a ton, and from the Pocahontas districts from \$1.12 to \$1.21 1-4 a ton made by the Norfolk & Western railroad. On the ground they did not impose unjust or unreasonable charge for the transportation service rendered. The commision ordered the Baltimore & Ohle Chesapeake & Ohio and Kanawha & Michigan railroad, however, to maintain their present rates from the Fair nont, Kanawha and New Rover dis tricts, which are respectively 96% cents, 97 cents and \$1.12 a ton. Proposed advances to \$1. \$1.06 \( \frac{1}{2} \) and \$1.21 1-4 a ton were held not to be instined.

The commission's opinion shows the est of moving coal from the fields concerned, including all operating and maintenance expense, is about mills a ton a mile.

### MR. TAFT SPENDS BUSY DAY IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

'Invades' the State of Executive. Who is Booming Col Roosevelt.

Boston, March 19 .- President Taft left this morning to "invade" New Hampshire, the state of Governor Bass, one of the state executives, sup porting Roosevelt for the republican presidential nomination. The president's program included the laying of the cornerstone of the Y. M. C. A. building at Nashua, an address at brought four outfits consisting of ket-ties and worms, and had about 50 theater there, a speaker before the French-American league, a reception at Concord and an address to the citizens at Concord.

The president leaves for Washing

# BISHOP OF RICHMOND

Mrs. Sidna Alien, seen at Steven Procession a Brilliant Pageant Williams' house, half a mile from her -Cardinal Gibbons Makes Principal Address.

Richmond, March 19,-Right Rev pope to succeed the late Right Rev. r our two little children." as bishop of Richmond by Cardinal "Regardless of what he did in the Gibbons and the Catholic clergy of

> The cardinal, in closing, referred to Virginia as the mother of presidents who has always set her face against

### MURDER TRIAL HALTED

Experts Retained by the Defense Examining Vital Organs of Dead Crawford Girl.

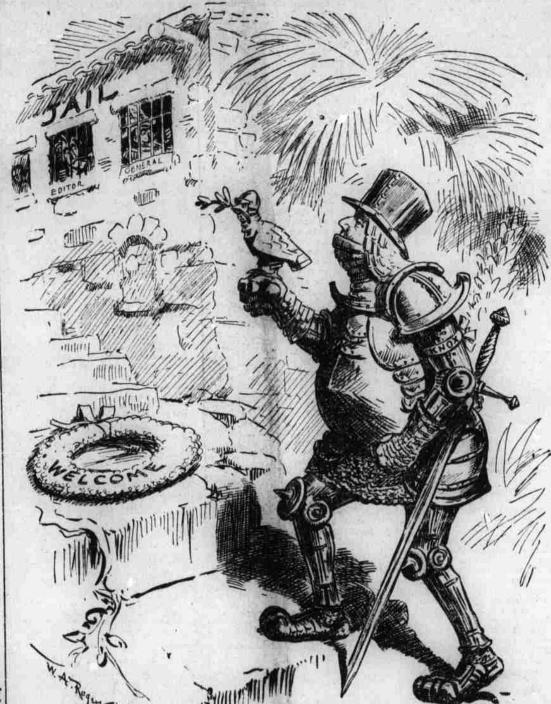
New Orleans, March 19.-Anni-Crawford's trial on the charge of kill-ing her sister. Elise Crawford, last September was halted today to allow the defense's experts to examine the dead girl's vital organs. The trial re-convenes tomorrow with experts or

Has New Plan for Cotton Grading.

more scientific basis for grading cotton Democrats of the State Assemthan the present one, which depend

Minimum Wage Bill Introduced.

London, March 19.—Premier As-quith today introduced in the house of commons a bill to establish a fixed of commens a bill to entered workers.



New York Herald and The Gazette-News

TAKING NO CHANCES

By Voting This

Afternoon.

The pending measure is expected

Remarkable demonstration marked

the speech of Representative Littleto

of New York. He cited court records

When the government had

right to tax wealth," said Mr. Under-

wood, "we did not hear the socialistic

cry of those less able to bear the bur-

came when the supreme court aban

to the congress that great wealth was

"I do not want to be understood as

"I do, however, want to be

railing at the judiciary," said Mr. Lit

understood as criticising the suprem-

tax law which cut off at one stroke three-fourths of the taxing power of

When Mr. Littleton concluded prac-

tically the entire membership of the

nouse flocked around him and it was

with difficulty that order was restored.

It Passes.
The democratic excise income tax

bill passed the house unamended this afternoon by a vote of 249 to 41.

Government May Buy Monticello.

Martin today introduced in the senate

a joint restoution to appoint a com-

mission to inquire into the feasibility

Many republicans voted for it.

surt's decision of 1895 on the incom

o be exempted from taxation."

The spirit of unres

Carnegie, J. Pierpont Morgan

leader declared.

den of taxation.

the government

measure.

## STATE DEM. COMMITTEE INCOME TAX BILL TO MEET ON WEDNESDAY

Will Name Time and Place for Convention-Big Still Raided.

> Clayotte-News Bureau The Hotel Raleigh, Raleigh, March 19.

Deputy Collector K. W. Merritt,

Deputy Marshal F. W. Knight and tax bill to meet the drain upon the Posseman A. C. Maynard made a raid tressury that would be caused by put-Sunday in Chatham county and capured four men, destroyed a large still, poured out a lot of liquor and democratic leaders of the house. The 1500 gallons of beer. The men are program included a two hour's debate, Green Baldwin, Clarence Stroud, John followed by discussion under the five Carr and Rod Farrington. The men minutes rule for the expedition of the were given a preliminary hearing beore United States Commissioner Skinner in Durham yesterday and wood supporting the proposed excis-Saldwin and Stroud gave bond, the tax bill in the house, yesterday chargother two going to init. The still was out that the supreme cout by its anound about six miles southeast of miles of the brown has in 1825. Thapel Hill, in Chatham county, and mullment of the income tax in 1895. was one of the largest plants destroyed in many a day. It had a calcialism in the United States. pacity of 125 gallons, was being manned on Sunday, and part of the to raise between \$59,000,000 and \$60, product was ready for the market. The officers did not leave many traces ernment. Multi-millionaires - Andrey of the outfit.

The state democratic executive com- John D. Rockefeller-would be com mittee will meet in the senate cham-ber of the capitol Wednesday evening tion under its terms, the democratic er of the capitol Wednesday evening for the purpose of naming the time and place for holding the state con-vention and transacting other busi-Raleigh and Charlotte will be the only bidders for the convention, but it is confidently believed that the apital city, which has not been honored in several years, will be se-

While the committeemen are in the city Wednesday they will be given the privileges of the Country club and other clubs. A delegation from the chamber of commerce will present Raleigh's claims for the convention.

## INSTRUCTED DELEGATION FROM GEORGIA LIKELY

bled in Convention at Augusta.

Augusta, Ga., March 19.-Demorats assembled in state convention here today to select delegates to the saltimore convention. Indications are that the delegation will be instruct-The delegates are divided among of the government purchasing Monti-Harmon, Clark and Under-

# NATIONAL BANK CASE TO BE HEARD OCT. 15

Hearing Is Advanced at Re-Brief Debate Will Be Followed quest of Solicitor General, Who Criticises Delay.

Washington, March 19.- The pashearing on October 15 the case insage of the democratic excise income olving the indictment of William E. Breese and Joseph E. Dickerson fo alleged conspiracy and embezzlement from the National Bank of Asheville ing sugar on the free list was confiin asking for the advancement dently expected before nightfall by the Solicitor General Lehmann spoke of the "special and peculiar circumstances involved in this extraordinary delay of 15 years between indictment and punishment. Both men were convicted.

### Democratic Leader Oscar W. Under DROPS FROM HIGH TOWER: SUICIDE IS SUSPECTED

B. F. Board, Prominent in Washington, Is Killed at Wake Forest.

> Gazette-News Bureau. The Hotel Raleigh.

Raleigh, March 19. Benjamin Fleet Board, a prominent isiness man of Alexandria, Va., and clubman of Washington fell last night rom a 100 foot water tank at the ome of his brother-in-law at Wake forest and died instantly. He was in ill health and it is believed it was a doned its policy of a hundred years and five justices to four, said in effect

He married a Wake Forest woman Miss Pewell, who, with one child sur-

### 5 KILLED BY TRAIN

omotive Strikes Vehicle at Elletts-ville, Ind-The Horses Escape Unhurt.

Ellettsville, Ind., March 19,-Five tonight. en in a surry were killed outright y a passenger train at a ratiroad rossing today. Two horses attached of the vehicle were unhurt.

### MERCHANT KILLED

Prominent Waco, Texas. Man Is Fatal ly Shot During Quarrel Over Business Matters. Washington, March 19.-Senator

Waco, Tex., March 19 .- A. P. Dunan died today from a pistol shot fired esterday by Alexander Johnson. Both are prominent merchants. Johnson was arrested. A business quarre caused the homicide,

### 2 OUTLAWS SLAIN GUILFORD STORM IN RUNNING FIGHT DAMAGE IS HEAVY

Man They Forced to Accompany Them Victim of Officers' Fire.

### NEBRASKA CONVICTS RESIST DESPERATELY

Phird of Escaped Trio Surrenders Unscathed-The Pursuit Continues for Miles

Omaha, Neb., March 19 .- Two of he convicts. John Dowd and John laylor, who escaped last Thursday from the state penitentiary at Lincoln and Roy Blunt, an innocent victim of their murderous attempt to gain liberty, are dead as the result of a battle between the bandits and officers of the law this a ternoon.

Charles Morley, the third member the trio which escaped from the state prison after killing three officials of that institution saved his life by urrendering to the officers with whom he had fought a running battle over two and a half miles of country with horses on the gallop.

The three escaped convicts were within striking distance of the hoped for goal of safety when the final strug-gle for liberty occurred. They have covered the stretch from Lincoln to within a few miles of the Omaha city limits where they had expected to re-ceive the protection of friends.

From the moment of their escape the three men had employed the same desperate methods to protect them selves from recapture which feature their escape from prison and they did not hesitate at the crucial moment to attempt to sell their lives as dearly as possible. It was a futile attempt. er, because they were armed shot guns and revolvers while their pursuers had a full supply of repeating rifles. Early in the day the telephone operator at Gretna about 15 miles south of this city, re ien. It had the result of bringing t the vicinity six organized posse Take Supplies by Porce.

The men had broken into a store : Murdock, between this city and Linand stolen guns, ammunition

and clothing. It was learned that the men were on their way north with Albright, an Omaha suburb, as their destination. Chief Briggs secured a fast livery team at Springfield, Sheriff Chase had

good span of horses and Sheriff Hyers of Lincoln, also joined the par-Three miles out of Springfield posses learned that the convicts had forced Roy Blunt and his wife to give them breakfast and to furnish a team and wagon with which they hoped to excape to Albright, compell-

ing Blunt to act as driver. The chase began at once, the rural telephone from farmers along the route of the rogress of the convicts. Reaching a point, eight miles from ere the officers caught up with the

vehicle carrying the convicts near Mowinkle school. The Young Blunt compelled to lash his horses into a run but the officers kept up the pursuit until they were within a hundred cards of the fleeing desperadoes. Then Briggs and Trouton opened fire with their rides. From that time until Morley finally surrendered it was ough country roads.

Finally there came a halt when oung Blunt toppled back into the wagon, the victim of a bullet. Chief Briggs instantly jumped from his bugy and fired at the men in the wagon. Meantime other members of the posse ame up and joined in the fusillade. John Dowd was next to fall. Taylor was the third to fall and then Charles Morley, the third convict, threw up his hands in token of surrender. Chief Briggs shouted to Morley to

erop his weapon or he would meet Morley, who had aloft a big re

volver, dropped it and Briggs ordered him to come forward with hands up. This Morley did and Briggs took a cond revolver from the man's pock-

Not knowing just what had happened. Briggs demanded of Morley he surrender of the other men in the wagon.

"They are all dead," declared Morictims of the battle. The bodies of the convicts were man. urned over to Sheriff Hyers of Lin- upon his Raleigh speech; practically

coln and that of young Blunt to his attempted to read Senator Simmons family. Hyers took Morley back to out of the party; declared that Senatoroln on an afternoon train.

Bryan Is 52 Years Old.

Lincoln. Neb., March 19.-William democrats of the state. to attend the Bryan birthday dinner people in this section and say that he tonight.

Loss on Bridges Alone \$20,000, Trains Tied up, Mails Are Delayed.

GOV. KITCHIN RENEWS ATTACK ON SIMMONS

Large Crowd Hears Him Assall Record of Senior Senator-Republican Convention Called.

Gazette-News Bureau. The Hotel Raieigh.

Rallegh, March 19. The authorities of Guilford county have acted promptly in an effort to repair as speedily as possible damage esulting from Friday's storm and vesterday 12 gangs of workmen were sent to the various sections of the county to reconstruct bridges. It is estimated that the damage to bridges lone in Guilford county will reach netween \$15,000 and \$20,000. Rather is expected that much will be required even to temporarily repair the structures. The storm was the worst that ever visited the county. One mill dam in the county that has withstood the elements for a century gave way and the loss is Trains on the main line of the South ern are operating on near-schedule time. The letter carriers of Greensemployes were given a hard

pero and Guilford and the postoffice work yesterday. They had practically 49 hours' of mail matter to handle. There came near being a fatal accident in the transfer of passengers at the Haw river trestle Sunday. The passengers were forced to walk across the trestle from the train on the north side to the one on the south while attempting this a little Italian girl fell into the river. Her cries were heard and a man behind her made a dive into the water and cued her. The trouble between Greensboro and Mt. Airy has not yet een repaired and trains to and from that place are routed via Winston-Salem. Commissioner Boren of Guilford estimates that 45 bridges were

Manked away in this county.

Manazer Doyle of the Greensboro
Patriots said resterday that "Bennie"
Hoser would be back with the Patriits this year; that the lad is in line ondition and weighs ounds. Hoser will be on the mound and it is expected will add to the strength of the team in the season's games. He is now teaching the students of Belmont college the points of the game and will not re-

port for duty until about the time the season opens A meeting of the Guilford county republican executive committee has been held and a call issued for a county convention to be Greensboro in April, when delegates will be selected to the state convention. The call is expected to result in renewed activities among the Taft Washington, March 19.—The Suplaying its part in the chase, as by its
and Roosevelt forces in the county,
preme court yesterday advanced to use the pursuers were able to learn both sides admitting that work must be done if Guilford's delegates go to the state convention instructed for either the president or the ex-president. The Roosevelt forces say that sentiment for Col. Roosevelt creasing, while the friends of President Taft say that there will be little if any trouble in instructing for

A Surprise Wedding.

A surprise wedding was solemnized here Saturday night, when Miss Mar-Morley finally surrendered it was a garet W. Righter became the bride of dashing fight over three miles of Hugh P. Leak. The young people kept their plans very quiet and only a few friends were present at the wedding, which took place at the home of Rev. J. E. Shenk of the First Lutheran church. Mr. and Mrs. Leak are of the office force of the Cone Export Commission company and have many friends who extended to them heartiest congratulations. They will make their home in Greensboro

Kitchin Speaks at Greensboro.

Gov. W. W. Kitchin arrived freensboro last evening from Ralegh; was met at the station by a ommittee of his political friends and supporters and escorted to the county court house where he delivered a speech in the interest of his candidacy for the democratic nomination for the United States senate. Gov. Kitchin was heard by a large crowd of people, including many from near by points. He spoke with earnestness of manner and his remarks were well received: ey with him, and found the lifeless was an attack on Senator Simmons record and praise for Senator Over-man. Governor Kitchin enlarged

tor Simmons had violated party pledges; was not in accord with the party platform, and should not ask for or receive the support of the Jennings Fryan is 52 years old today. In's friends appear well pleased with Many protoment democrats are here the reception of the governor by the

### MY CHOICE FOR PRESIDENT

If I could Select the Man I Would Name

Out this ticket out and mail it to The GazetteNews, or has this office. If you do not care to write your name on the l can write it in a registry book provided at the office. Results will be published from time to time and in no cas name of the voter be given out unless so requested.