

\$1.00 PER YEAR

ASHEVILLE, N. C., FRIDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 13, 1912.

PRICE THREE CENTS

COMMISSIONS PAID BROKERS

Untermyer Endeavors to Get Estimate of Tribute Wall Street Levies on Trading.

F. N. STURGIS PROVES RELUCTANT WITNESS

Former President of Exchange Testifies He Considers General Practices Regular and Legitimate.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Frank K. Sturgis, a New York broker and former president of the New York stock exchange, was in the witness chair today when the house money trust investigating committee resumed its hearings.

Mr. Untermyer endeavored to draw from Mr. Sturgis an estimate of the amount of business done on the New York stock exchange annually, but was unsuccessful.

Mr. Sturgis said he believed the figures to be about right. "Now on that 190,000,000 shares the brokers doing the trading receive 25 cents a share in commission, 12 1/2 cents on each side of the transaction, do they not?" asked Mr. Untermyer.

Mr. Untermyer took up the question of short sales. The witness explained that "short selling" was the practice of selling stock not owned by the seller to be bought in later at a later price.

"The object is to make money on a break in the market by selling what you have not got, isn't that so?" "Yes," replied Mr. Sturgis.

Mr. Sturgis said that he believed it proper for a broker in times of panic to protect himself by short sales, if he were holding lines of stock for which there was no market.

FOOD CONDEMNATION CAUSES HIGH PRICES

Estimated That Docking System Allows Waste of \$200,000,000 Yearly.

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 12.—As a step toward the solution of the problem of the high cost of living, Mayor Gaynor's market commission hopes to find some way of providing better terminal facilities for handling perishable produce.

It is estimated that under the present docking system there is an annual waste of \$200,000,000. This is demonstrated by the report of condemnations made by order of the New York board of health, showing that last year 5,500,000 pounds of fruits were destroyed, 2,500,000 pounds of vegetables, 73,000 pounds of miscellaneous market products.

FEW RATE CHANGES.

Southeastern and Southwestern Passenger Associations Hold Joint Meeting at Galveston.

Galveston, Dec. 12.—It was authoritatively stated last night that the Southeastern and Southwestern Passenger associations, which met in joint session here yesterday, decided to make no material changes in summer tourist rates during 1913 from the basis maintained this year and voted to continue the present basis of division of interterritorial fares.

BOWMAN IS UNSEATED.

W. B. McLean, Democrat, Wins the Congressional Contest in 14th Pennsylvania District.

IMPEACHMENT TRIAL IS NEARING CLOSE

Washington, Dec. 12.—With all the remaining witnesses summoned to Washington today, the house managers at the impeachment trial of Judge Robert W. Archbold of the Commerce court were prepared to conclude their case against the accused official.

Aviator Barely Misses Express Train.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Oscar Olsen, an aviator at the war department aviation field at College Park, near here, today is suffering from bruises and shock as the result of a narrow escape from diving in his machine into a fast flying express train.

The New Nickel by February 1.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The new nickel, with an artistic Indian head on the face, will be on circulation, according to the expectations of the treasury department, by February 1.

SILENT SLAYER PAYS PENALTY

Robert L. Clay, Georgia Wife Murderer who was Speechless Seven Months, Is Hanged.

CONFESSES CRIME ON DAY OF DEATH

Says He Hoped to Deceive Alienists as to Sanity—Requests Burial Beside Wife.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 12.—Robert L. Clay paid the penalty for killing his wife after noon today. The drop was sprung at 12:12. Clay's neck was broken by the fall. The condemned man made a statement on the gallows reviewing what he had said earlier in the day when he broke a silence of seven months and confessed the crime.

Early this morning, J. A. Clay, a brother, and others went to see the doomed man. The brother was praying and crying outside the death cell when Clay reached a hand through the bars and exclaimed: "Get up, or I won't talk. Get up and be joyous. Don't worry about me. God has prepared me. I am ready to meet him."

REID VERY ILL.

United States Ambassador to Great Britain in a Serious Condition from Asthma.

SAYS WOMAN MUST SERVE ON MOST OF HIS JURIES

They Have More Time Than Men, Explains Court, Disregarding Pleas.

Washington, Dec. 12.—An evident reluctance among society women to respond to calls for jury service brought an announcement today by Justice Clark that he "intended to have a woman jury in every case in his court where the testimony is not likely to be of an embarrassing nature."

CONGRESS TO RECESS.

Adjournment from December 19 to January 2 Authorized With a Senate Adopts House Resolution.

Vanderbilt Signs With Auburn.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 12.—It is announced here today that Vanderbilt university has signed with Auburn for a football game next season to be first held at Birmingham on November 15.

5 YEARS ON ROADS FOR TWO BANKERS

President and Cashier of Athens (Ga.) Institution Sent to Chaingang.

Athens, Ga., Dec. 12.—J. W. Griffin, president, and R. H. McCrary, cashier of the Athens Banking and Trust company, pleaded guilty today in the superior court to charges of violating the state banking laws. They were sentenced to serve five years each in the chain gang.

TO ADJUST THE AFFAIRS OF HARRIMAN LINES

In Accordance With Mandate of Court Dissolving the Merger.

Omah, Neb., Dec. 12.—President A. L. Mohler of the Union Pacific Railway will be joined here by President William Spruille of the Southern Pacific today and the two officials will leave for New York, to participate in the conference of Harriman line officials looking to the adjustment of the affairs of the two roads in accordance with the recent mandate of the United States Supreme Court, dissolving the merger.

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London, Dec. 12.—Whitely Reid, United States ambassador to Great Britain, is seriously ill. He is suffering from asthma and his condition has become worse during the past week. Several specialists are in attendance on him.

ENFORCEMENT DELAYED.

Preliminaries Not Completed for Making Wireless Law Operative Today, Effective.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Some phases of the new wireless law which, by statute became effective today, will not be actually enforced for several days because the department of commerce and labor has not been able to complete all the preliminary arrangements.

COMMISSION TO FIX RATES FOR WIRELESS

Washington, Dec. 12.—The interstate commerce commission ruled today that under the act making telegraph and telephone companies common carriers, it has jurisdiction over wireless messages from a commercial station in the United States to a ship at sea, whether a United States or a foreign ship, but that it has no jurisdiction over messages between two American ships at sea.

Falls Behind Record.

New York, Dec. 12.—With Suter brothers and the Carmen-Lotos teams still trailing two laps in the rear, the 12 leaders in the six mile race were tied at 2:07 miles six laps this morning at 8 o'clock.

GREEK FORCES ATTACK TURKS

General Offensive Movement Is Begun Along the Whole Line in Epirus.

THE PEACE ENVOYS GATHER IN LONDON

Turkish Delegates Decline to Meet Grecian Representatives Until That Nation Signs Armistice.

Athens, Dec. 12.—A general offensive movement along the whole line was begun on Wednesday by the Greek army operating in Epirus, the most westerly portion of the Balkan peninsula. After repeated attacks the Greek troops occupied at the point of the bayonet the Turkish advanced posts towards the Pisata fortifications and camped there.

DELEGATES TO PEACE CONFERENCE ARRIVE

The Bulgarian peace plenipotentiaries are expected here tonight.

MANY ARE ENDANGERED IN SPECTACULAR FIRE

Pittsburg Apartment House.

Policeman's Heroism Saves 14 Women from Burning

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 12.—More than 200 persons, residents of the Library apartments, a large residence building on the business side of the North side, were driven into the cold streets this morning by a spectacular fire which destroyed the structure.

Alaskans Should Have Monopoly

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Another Wire-Tapping Arrest.

St. Augustine, Fla., Dec. 12.—I. A. Thompson, alias Louis Hall, was arrested here today by a detective of the New York police department, charged with conducting a \$20,000 swindle in connection with a wire-tapping game.

"KU-KLUX" REVIVAL.

Dalton, Ga., Dec. 12.—A revival of the days of the Ku-Klux-Klan occurred here early today when a band of masked and robed men took John Watkins from his home to the center of the town, where he was given a severe whipping with hickory switches.

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RAILROADS ASK NEW CONTRACT

OUTLINES THE WORKINGS OF PARCELS POST SYSTEM

Postmaster General Issues Regulations Covering Working of New Provisions.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Regulations to cover workings of the new parcels post system, which is to go into operation January 1 next, have been made public by Postmaster General Hitchcock.

The regulations provide that parcels of merchandise, including farm and poultry products (but not books and printed matter) of almost every description up to 11 pounds in weight and measuring as much as six feet in length and girth combined, except those calculated to do injury to the mails in transit, may be mailed at any postoffice for delivery to any address in the country.

WANT A REAL KING.

Bavarians Are Urging the New Prince Regent to Assume the Crown as Ludwig III.

BANKER IS SHOT.

Members of Posse Seeking Murderer Mistake Each Other for Fugitive and Fire.

Big Lockout in Germany.

Twenty thousand textile workers have been locked out by the Munsterland district employers association owing to the strike for an increase of wages for the men employed at a best textile cotton mill.

Committee of Officials Petitions for Rearrangement of Weight and Measures Under Parcels Post.

ALL LIQUORS DENIED CARRIAGE BY MAIL

Perishable Articles May Be Sent Only Under Certain Restrictions, Postmaster General Rules.

Washington, Dec. 12.—According to regulations governing the parcel post system promulgated by Postmaster General Hitchcock, perishable articles may be sent through the mails only under specific restrictions as to their containers and the distance they are to be sent.

Butter, lard, fish, fresh meats, dressed fowls, vegetables, fruits, berries and similar articles likely quickly to decay may be sent for short distances, when securely packed. Eggs will be accepted for local delivery when properly placed in a container and each egg is separately packed in a secure manner.

No restriction is placed on the mailing of salted, dried, smoked or cured meats, but fresh meat will be transported only within the first zone. Fragile articles, including millinery, toys, musical instruments and articles of glass in whole or in part must be securely packed and marked "fragile."

A committee of railroad officials today petitioned the house postoffice committee for a rearrangement of weighing and pay for transporting mails.

The change would involve complicated constitutional alterations, but the most delicate point in connection with the matter is, according to acquaintances of Prince Ludwig, the signing of a suitable form in which to communicate the popular wish to the regent himself.

The Nachrichten, the most influential newspaper in Bavaria, says strong reasons of state dictate that the view held everywhere in the land should prevail and that the constitutional rights of Bavaria should be given that vigor which can only be associated with the personal air of the sovereignty.

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Courtney was shot and killed by the negro on the Courtney farm. The cause of the killing is unknown. A posse was formed by Chief Howard and search was being made when Jones, a member of the posse, was shot.

Chief Howard was hiding in a clump of woods near Aiken when Jones appeared. Each mistook the other for the negro and in an exchange of shots Jones was wounded in the stomach.

The posse still was in pursuit of the negro. If caught it is believed he will be lynched.

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