

TERRIFIC GALE SMITES COAST

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WIRES ARE DESTROYED CUTTING OFF NEWS

Anxiety Felt for Vessels in Hampton Roads—Columbia, Charlotte and Charleston Swept.

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 3.—The South Atlantic coast states today are in the grip of a terrific rain and windstorm, which worked havoc with shipping and cut off the cities of Norfolk and Newport News.

Incomplete reports coming in while the storm was at its height were that many small craft had been sunk. The loss of life, if any, was not known.

In this city the gale whipped down many signs and trees. Telegraph and telephone wires were demoralized as far south as Atlanta.

Big Gale at Norfolk. Norfolk, Va., Jan. 3.—A fifty-mile gale, with heavy rain, whipped the Atlantic coast here today with terrific violence, felling wires and demoralizing shipping.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 3.—Columbia and vicinity were visited this morning by a severe windstorm, telegraphic and telephone communication outside the city being badly interrupted for several hours.

Several plate glass windows in the downtown district were smashed and the upper steel frame work of a "skyscraper" now building in the business section was blown out of position several inches.

Heavy Rain at Charleston. Charleston, S. C., Jan. 3.—Due to the storm which has passed up the coast, Charleston suffered copious rainfall and blanketing winds during the night, overhead wires sustaining the principal damage.

Damage Slight at Charlotte. Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 3.—A windstorm carrying the highest velocity according to official figures from the local weather station, since 1904 puffed over Charlotte and vicinity early this morning, accompanied by a considerable rain.

Three Big Storms Raging. New York, Jan. 3.—Three storms of extraordinary violence, occurring almost simultaneously in widespread sections of the country, were reported by the telegraph companies today.

60-Mile Gale in Florida. Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 3.—A 60-mile gale swept over Florida from the Gulf to the Atlantic all of last night, doing much damage to trees, wires and small buildings.

Augusta Suffers Severely. Augusta, Ga., Jan. 3.—One of the most severe windstorms that ever visited Augusta region fell between 2 and 3 o'clock this morning.

PLOTTERS SEEKING FREEDOM ON BOND

Argument in Progress on Superseas Petition—First Ruling Is Averse.

By Associated Press. Chicago, Jan. 3.—Judge Baker this afternoon granted a writ of superseas in the case of union leaders convicted in the dynamite plot.

The convicted labor leaders, through their counsel, appeared to argue for a writ of superseas to stay execution of sentence inflicted by the United States District court and for the admission to bail of the prisoners pending further action by the Court of Appeals.

Attorney Zoline presented the petition in behalf of the convicted iron workers and argued in support of it, as did Attorney Krum. Zoline declared that in cases such as the present, the prisoners have the privilege of bail, particularly as the defendants were sentenced and sent to Leavenworth before a hearing on a writ of error had been held.

"Do you mean to tell me that a writ of superseas should issue as a matter of right?" inquired Judge Baker.

"That is my understanding," replied Zoline, who then began quoting Supreme court decisions which he said bore on the point.

Judge Baker stated that the point of the writ of error was not well taken. He added there was no occasion for the Court of Appeals to superseas in any case unless it is shown that the procedure of the lower court was questionable at law.

Replying to this, Zoline argued that the evidence on which convictions were obtained at Indianapolis were vague and indeterminate, and that the judge of the lower court should not have allowed the cases of many of the defendants to go to the jury.

WARNED WIFE HE WOULD KILL HER

Gus Gaither, Colored, Shoots Wife Because She Went to Party.

Special to The Gazette-News. Hendersonville, Jan. 3.—Gus Gaither, a negro, forbade his wife going to a party on New Year's eve. She went, and he followed her. It is said, found nothing in her conduct to cause a jealous husband could object. Nevertheless he told her afterward that he would kill her if it was the last thing he did; that the next day "his soul or hers would be in hell."

Last night, in his home, the woman told him, it is said, that they had better separate; that the next day he had better pack up and leave, and that she intended spending the night at a neighbor's. It appeared that the woman was trying to sound the man, believing he would probably carry out his threat. He went out and walked around the house. Then he went into the room adjoining that where his wife was sitting. At 9 o'clock he opened the door and shot the woman in the mouth. Death was instant.

The weapon used was a .45 special, which had been given Gaither by another negro, to sell. Gaither surrendered to Deputy Sheriff Dotson. He is in jail and says he is ready to die.

R. S. Grant, a prominent Charlestonian who had made his home here, died yesterday at 5 p. m. aged 86 years. He was a man of fine character and greatly esteemed.

STATE BANK REPORTS SHOW DECIDED GAIN

Increase of More Than 15 Million Dollars in Resources During Year.

Special to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, Jan. 3.—North Carolina state banks to the number of 288 had resources of \$83,582,741.82 during the past year, according to statements issued November 26, as against resources of \$68,497,729.97 for 1911, an increase of over \$15,000,000.

It was said at the corporation commission office today that this is the largest showing ever made by the state banks.

COAL CAN BE BURNED WITHOUT BLACK SMOKE

United States Bureau of Mines Issues Report Which Says Smoke in Cities Can be Reduced.

Ordinance and penalty, no matter how severe, will not solve the smoke problem. Smoke consumers do not consume smoke. All new furnaces installed should be absolutely smokeless. Strict control of furnace construction offers the surest solution of the problem.

The production of black smoke is an enormous aggregate waste of fuel. "The greatest abatement of the smoke nuisances in the cities have come in the past and must come in the future through the organized effort of city smoke inspection departments, supplemented by the active co-operation of citizens."

try were attacking the problem from the same angle, and he soon came to the conclusion that many of them were wrong and were wasting their efforts. He found drastic ordinances in some municipalities that could only serve to make the citizens fight them; he found in other cities, laws that could not possibly be enforced.

How It Can Be Done. Mr. Flagg says: "It is quite certain that the greatest advances in smoke abatement in our cities have come in the past and must come in the future, through the organized effort of the city smoke inspection departments, supplemented by the active cooperation of citizens."

MR. TAFT ABANDONS CANAL ZONE PLAN

Decides Not to Send Goethals' Nomination to the Senate.

Washington, Jan. 3.—President Taft today definitely told Senator Brandegee of Connecticut, chairman of the inter-oceanic canal committee, that he would not send the senate the nomination of Colonel George Goethals, governor of the Panama canal zone, because of the opposition by democratic senators to his appointment.

Senator Brandegee after a personal investigation among democratic senators told the president it seemed impossible to have the proposed nomination confirmed. Some democrats, he said, made the statement that at the giving the president power to appoint a civil governor and establish a new administration there was an understanding that no immediate changes would be made by the republican administration.

The president told Senator Brandegee that he knew of no such understanding but he would not allow Colonel Goethals' name to become involved in a political controversy. It is probable that Mr. Wilson will be confronted with the task of forming the new government and settling many big problems of its administration.

Memorial Service on Reid Estate. San Mateo, Cal., Jan. 3.—Memorial services for Whitelaw Reid, American ambassador to the court of St. James, will be held here on the Reid estate at Millbrae, on the same day and at the same hour, with allowance for the difference in time, as those held in New York city. The same hymns and the same marches will be rendered simultaneously.

Revolvers Barred From Parcels Post. Washington, Jan. 3.—Postmaster General Hitchcock yesterday issued an order amending the parcels post regulations which would bar from the parcels post service "pistols or revolvers whether in detached parts or otherwise."

May Knit Broken Bones In 4 Days Says Carrel

Rockefeller Institute Wizard Bases Sensational Prediction on Long Continued Researches—Applies Mixture of Ductless Glands to Wounds with great Results.

New York, Jan. 3.—That the year 1913 may see the marvel of broken bones repaired for use within four days and wounds healed within one day is forecast by Dr. Alexis Carrel of the Rockefeller institute for medical research who last year won the Nobel prize for medicine.

He found the experiments to bear out belief that if the rate of the reparation of tissues were activated, ten times only a cutaneous wound would heal in less than 24 hours and a fracture of the leg would be cured in four or five days.

Continuing with more radical experiments on live animals with the use of an extract from embryonic tissue he found this increased the growth 40 times. Experiments with various other extracts of tissues showed healing powers ranging from three to 40 times greater than normal plasma.

Cardiff, Wales, Jan. 3.—Italy has now followed the lead of the Egyptian railways and has placed an order for 200,000 tons of coal in America, while she also has invited tenders for a large quantity from other mines.

First Accident to Parcels Post. Hopkinsville, Ky., Jan. 3.—The first accident in connection with the operation of the parcels post here was discovered yesterday when a jug of molasses was found broken in an incoming pouch. The letters and registered mail in the pouch were well "sweetened" and even after a cleaning process had been tried showed traces of the experience.

OUTLOOK GOOD BANKERS THINK

Statements of Officials of Local Institutions Show Prosperous Year and a Bright Future.

EVERY ONE HAS HAD INCREASED BUSINESS

Statements Are General but Some Figures are Given—Good Indication of General Conditions.

The banking business of a city is considered as the barometer of the whole business of the community, and for that reason some general and specific information has been secured from the officials of the five Asheville banks as to the business of 1912.

Very few of the banks have their fiscal year coinciding with the calendar year, therefore specific records are lacking from the majority of them. There is nothing lacking in any of the general statements, however, to indicate that the banking business here is in a prosperous and healthy condition.

Mr. Ray's Statement. The statement made by President Edwin L. Ray of the Citizens bank includes some figures that stand for themselves in indicating the prosperous condition of this institution.

From the Wachovia. An equally interesting statement is made by the officers of the Asheville branch of the Wachovia Bank & Trust company. This statement is prefaced thus: "The Wachovia Bank & Trust company, Asheville branch, has had a very prosperous year."

Statement of Central. The Central Bank & Trust company, which has not yet completed its first year of business, having been opened in March, also has an interesting report. The bank opened with a capital stock of \$50,000 with a \$5000 surplus, and although no dividends or extra surplus have been declared, President C. W. Brown states that the present deposits of the bank aggregate \$200,000, and that the general business is most satisfactory to the officials and directors of the institution.

Such statements from the financial institutions of the city will doubtless add to the general optimistic outlook that is held for 1913 and there are few who doubt that the prospects for the present are as bright, if not brighter, than predicted.

Want Texas-Louisiana Waterway. New Orleans, Jan. 3.—Resolutions urging Louisiana congressmen to secure an amendment to the rivers and harbor bill authorizing the Interstate Inland Waterways League of Louisiana and Texas to obtain the necessary right of way for an inland waterway westward from this city through Morgan City toward the Texas border have been adopted at a conference here last night of representatives of various commercial exchanges.

FALL REPORTED OF ADRIANOPLE

Paris Bourse Hears Belegnered Fortress Has Surrendered—Condition Known to Have Been Desperate.

ALLIES DECLARE TURKS MUST CEDE THE PRIZE

Say if Favorable Answer Is Not Received Today, Negotiations Will Be Ended.

Paris, Jan. 3.—A rumor that the Turkish fortress of Adrianople has fallen into the hands of the besiegers was current on the bourse today.

London, Jan. 3.—Advices received by the Serbian peace delegation today indicated that the condition of Adrianople was desperate and that its capitulation was perhaps only a question of hours.

Unless the Turkish give a favorable answer within 24 hours the conference will be suspended. No other question will be considered by the allies until today's point has been settled.

Turkish Garrison Surrenders. Athens, Jan. 3.—The Turkish garrison of the island of Chios, numbering 2000 men of all arms, surrendered unconditionally today to the Greek troops.

KILL AND SHOOT 23 MEN; FLEE WITH \$90,000 CASH

Smugglers and Cattlemen Engage in Battle on Portuguese Frontier.

Valencia Do Minho, Portugal, Jan. 3.—Nine cowboys were killed and 14 severely wounded in a desperate battle on the Spanish frontier today with a band of smugglers, who, by the daring and fierceness of their attack, routed the herdsmen and captured \$90,000 in cash, the proceeds of sales of cattle.

Jose Murithas, one of the best known cattle breeders in the province of Minho, had for several weeks been passing from fair to fair and had disposed of three herds of bulls. He then started for home with the Portuguese equivalent of \$90,000 in bank notes and cash with him. He was guarded by 40 of his herdsmen.

Early this morning, while he was passing close to the border between Portugal and Spain, he was suddenly attacked by a large band of armed smugglers, who fired on his party from ambush. The herdsmen returned the fire with vigor, but were finally forced to flee. They carried off Murithas, who had been seriously wounded, but left the whole of the money and 23 of them dead and most of the others fatally injured.

The civil guards of the entire province have been called out and are searching for the smugglers and the treasure, but no trace of them has been found.

REV. JAMES WHEELER. Former Methodist Minister Well-Known Throughout State Dies at Charlotte.

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 3.—Rev. James W. Wheeler, one of the oldest ministers of the Methodist church in the state, died here yesterday following a year's illness. He was a retired member of Western North Carolina conference and had filled many important pulpits throughout the state. Last November his and Mrs. Wheeler's golden wedding was celebrated.

PASSENGERS AND CREW OF WRECKED VESSEL LANDED. Bona, Algeria, Jan. 3.—The Canard liner Tyria rescued and brought into this port today 93 of the passengers and crew of the French mail steamer Saint Augustin, running between Marseilles and Algiers. The Saint Augustin foundered just after midnight while the Tyria has her in tow. No details as to how the accident occurred have been received.

To Land Troops in Albania. Vienna, Jan. 3.—Austria-Hungary and Italy are making preparations to land a joint expeditionary force according to a dispatch received here. This step, it is said, is to be taken by the two allies in order to partition Albania and "establish a new condition of affairs" there.