

The Asheville Gazette News.

"BE EASY" WAS SULZER'S PLEA

Henry Morgenthau Testifies
Governor Requested Him
to Treat Contribution
as a "Personal
Affair."

MANY CONTRIBUTORS GO ON THE STAND

Several Declare Their Dona-
tions Were for Campaign
Purposes — Sulzer Said
He Wanted Currency.

By Associated Press.
Albany, N. Y., Sept. 26.—Duncan W.
Peck, state superintendent of public
works, testified at Governor Sulzer's
impeachment trial that the govern-
or had asked him to deny
under oath that he had made a \$500
contribution to Sulzer.

Peck said that he had made the
contribution shortly after the govern-
or's election and that last July he had
shown Mr. Sulzer in the executive
chamber a copy of a letter from the
Frawley committee asking him to testify.

"I said to the governor," said Mr.
Peck, "what shall I do about it?"
"He said 'do as I am going to do,
day.'"

"I said, 'but I shall be placed under
oath.'"
"He said 'forget it.'"

After this evidence there was a hur-
ried conference of Governor Sulzer's
counsel, Harvey D. Hinman took up
the cross examination.

Mr. Peck said there were several
persons about whom he gave the \$500
contribution to Sulzer. He said he had
given the contribution which took
place in the executive chamber "word
for word."

At the outset of his examination,
Peck told of handling Sulzer the \$500
at a democratic reform meeting in
Troy, N. Y.

"I said to him there was no strings
on it and he need not feel under obli-
gation to repay me," he testified.
The witness said that since that he
had a "confidential conversation" with
the governor.

"Must I give it?" he asked.
"Yes," ruled the presiding judge.
The witness then said that he had
the conversation with the governor in
the executive chamber.

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 26.—Governor
Sulzer asked Henry L. Morgenthau,
ambassador to Turkey, to "ease
with him" in case he was called to
the witness stand at the governor's
impeachment trial.

Mr. Morgenthau, who contributed \$1000 to the gov-
ernor's campaign fund, so testified when
recalled as a witness today. He added
that the governor had asked him to
treat the relations between them as a
"personal affair."

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 26.—Crowds
flocked to the capitol today to listen
to the testimony of two witnesses long
sought by the board of managers in
the impeachment trial of Governor
Frederick L. Colwell.

Sarecky, who formerly was the gov-
ernor's campaign secretary, was served
with a subpoena yesterday. In his cap-
acity as secretary he handled much
of the money contributed for the gov-
ernor's campaign. Process servers
found Sarecky here yesterday after a
long search. During the 21 days they
sought him he called several times at
the executive mansion.

Colwell, whose home is in Yonkers,
has been termed the governor's "dum-
my" in his Wall street deals. Attor-
neys for the defense yesterday de-
clared that they would produce him
today and permit him to testify. The
hunt for him was even more deter-
mined than was that for Sarecky, and
Colwell was more successful in con-
cealing his whereabouts. No report
of his whereabouts ever was obtained
after the day following the revelations
regarding the governor's deals in Wall
street. At that time Colwell dis-
appeared from his home.

Persons who have followed the case
closely thought they gained from
questions asked a witness yesterday by
Attorney Louis Marshall for the de-
fense a line on how the respondent's
attorneys play to explain his convert-
ing contributions to his personal use.
Mr. Marshall brought out that the
governor spoke of needing money for
traveling expenses. This was believed
to be for the purpose of building up
a defense that Mr. Sulzer was in finan-
cial straits, that his friends knew of
this condition and gladly helped him.

No Additional Charges.
The action of the board of managers
in deciding last night not to bring
additional impeachment charges at this
time was generally regarded as final.
Friends of Mr. Sulzer said the charges
were not added for the reason that
enough votes to pass them could not
be mustered by Majority Leader Levy.

At the opening of today's session,
Attorney Kresol introduced in evi-
dence letters written last fall by Sul-
zer to William J. Elias and William
Hoffman, drawers, who contributed
to the fund turned over to Sulzer by
former Senator Hadden.

The governor thanked Hoffman
"for all you have done in my be-
half."
The letter to Elias expressed ap-
preciation for "your letter and en-
closure."
Another \$100 Check.
Judge Lewis J. Colton, of New

CONFERENCE SPLIT OVER FUTURES TAX

Senate Committee Attempted to Eliminate Penalty for Trad-
ing in Cotton Futures and House Members Refuse to
Accede, Bringing Deadlock.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Sept. 26.—The contro-
versy over the cotton futures tax in
the tariff bill was re-opened in the
tariff conference today when the sen-
ate conferees proposed to recede from
the amendment of Senator Clarke of
Arkansas and drop the entire provi-
sion from the tariff bill.

House conferees refused to agree to
this action on the ground that the
house should have the opportunity to
vote upon whether the entire provision
should be dropped, or a compromise
provision accepted.

At 1 o'clock members of the con-
ference committee said they saw no
immediate prospect of a settlement
of the matter.

Washington, Sept. 26.—Another
day's work on disputed points at the
senate and house on the Under-
wood-Simmons bill, brought the con-
ference together today with the hope
that a report might be finished for
presentation to the house tomorrow.
The parliamentary rule which requires
such a report to lay over a day puts

the finishing touches of the tariff bill
over to next week.
Disagreements on the time when
free raw wool and the new woolen
rates shall become effective and dif-
ferences over the rates on cotton yarns
and cloth, lead and zinc ores were up
today for settlement. It was definitely
understood that a complete disagree-
ment would be reported on the much
discussed cotton future tax.

Making allowances for the technical
maneuvers which always attend the
last moments of tariff bill, leaders
thought the new law might be signed
by President Wilson about the middle
of next week.

Chairman Simmons was a brief con-
ference with President Wilson before
going to the capitol. He said that in
an effort to arrive at an understand-
ing on zinc, lead, and a date for the
woolen schedule to go into effect, he
had sought suggestions from the president.
The senator declined to reveal
what suggestions the president had
made but indicated that he would lay
them before the conferees.

York City, the first witness, told of
handing Sulzer a \$100 check from
Daniel M. Brady.
"What kind of a contribution was
it?" asked John E. Stanchfield, of
counsel for the impeachment man-
agers.

"It was a contribution to help him
along in his campaign," said Judge
Conlon.

The witness said he had received ac-
knowledgment of the receipt of the
money from Sarecky.
"In the usual rubber stamp form?"
asked the attorney.

"It was acknowledgement," replied
Judge Conlon with some asperity.

In the cross examination Judge D.
Cady Herick questioned him as to
a conversation he had with Mark M.
Potter, who the witness testified yes-
terday, had given him a check for Sul-
zer.

"Did you have any conversation
concerning Mr. Sulzer's financial con-
dition?"

Objection to this question—that it
was not competent—was entered by
Mr. Stanchfield and was overruled by
presiding Judge Cullen, who gave a
lengthy opinion as to the admissibil-
ity of testimony tending to show
whether it was the intention of con-
tributors that the money could be
used for private purpose only or to
meet campaign expenses.

The members of the court voted
49 to 2 to sustain the ruling of
Judge Cullen.

Judge Conlon then continued his
testimony. He said he had talked
with Potter about helping out the
governor.

"Didn't you tell him," asked Judge
Herick, "that he ought to have a new
suit of clothes?"

"Well, if I did it was in a joke," the
witness replied as a laugh rippled
around the courtroom.

"Well didn't you as a matter of fact,
tell him that he needed a new suit of
clothes and a new hat for his cam-
paign on the state?"

Gubernatorial Apparel.
"Yes, I said something like that."
"You wanted to help him out with
his personal expenses, didn't you?"
"As I said yesterday, I didn't place
any restrictions on the use of the
money. I said that Sulzer didn't have
a cent about the time he was entering
on his campaign."

"Did you know he had \$34,000 or
\$50,000 in New York banks?"
"No."
"But Sulzer wore the same style of
clothes for about 25 years, did he
not?" he asked. "He didn't appear to."
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Mrs. Ross convicted
of killing husband
Found guilty by Jury of Mur-
der in Second Degree—
10 Years.

By Associated Press.
Fulton, Mo., Sept. 26.—Mrs. Susan
Ross, who has been on trial here for
the murder of her husband, J. H. Ross,
today was found guilty of murder in
the second degree. The jury fixed the
penalty at 10 years' imprisonment.
The case went to the jury yesterday.
Ross was murdered while he slept.
The revolver with which he was shot
was found hidden under a rug in the
room. His son, Ernest, 17 years old,
first was arrested, but later was re-
leased and a charge was preferred
against his mother.

The son testified at the trial that
he had struck his mother and the de-
fense dwelt on the family, and stated
that the son had mistreated his mother
without hindrance from his father. If
Mrs. Ross had killed her husband, he
argued, she was insane when she fired
the shot.

Discuss Curing Drunkards.
Milan, Italy, Sept. 26.—A discussion
on various methods of curing habitua
drunkards occupied today's session of
the International Congress on Alcohol-

JUSTICE ASKS FEDERAL AID

Resolutions for Uniform
Classification of Freight
and Attacking Ad-
ministration of Com-
merce Law.

NEW CONCESSIONS ANNOUNCED TODAY

Railroads Offer Additional
Substantial Reductions—
Justice Empowered
to Confer With
Them.

Special to The Gazette-News.
Raleigh, Sept. 26.—Both the senate
and house today decided to let con-
stitutional amendments go through
regular channels. Senator Thorne in-
troduced a bill to allow the depart-
ment of agriculture to erect a \$200,-
000 fireproof building.

Two resolutions by Justice in the
house, one asking congress to re-
quire an immediate uniform classifi-
cation of freight rates, and another
to investigate through committees why
the interstate commerce law has been
so unsatisfactorily administered and
requesting the repeal of the fourth
section so that the interstate com-
merce commission could not invali-
date the law, were the principal mat-
ters taken up. Porter of Forsyth in-
troduced a resolution which was
adopted, authorizing Justice to com-
municate with the railroads relative
to clearing up what Justice said were
ambiguities in their proposition.

The corporation commission today
announced a further rate reduction to
points south of the basing line of Nor-
folk. These are substantial, it is
stated.

NO DECISION WAS MADE AS TO BEE TREE TRACT

Assistant Forester Hall Re-
turns to Washington
after a Conference.

Assistant Forester William L. Hall,
who came here yesterday from
Washington, D. C., to confer with
the mayor and board of aldermen in
regard to the government's buying
the Bee Tree Lumber company's
tract of timberland and allow the
city the water rights to the same,
left this morning for Black Mountain.
Mr. Hall held several conferences
with the city officials but it seems
that nothing will be done in regard
to the matter until it is decided by
the government whether or not it will
buy the tracts of timberlands near
Black Mountain, which come under
the Weeks act. If the government
decides to make the Black Mountain
a part of its Appalachian re-
serve then the proposition of the
board of aldermen will be considered.
It was stated by Mr. Hall, just
before he left this morning that he
thought the government would not
decide on the Black Mountain land
before he departs.

ENGINEER GRIEVES OVER WRECK; DEATH FOLLOWS

By Associated Press.
New Haven, Conn., Sept. 26.—
Charles J. Doherty, engineer of the
second section of the Springfield ex-
press on the New Haven railroad,
which ran into the first section at
Stamford last June, causing six deaths,
died of heart failure at his home here
early today. He had grieved constant-
ly over the wreck, and this is believed
to have caused his death. He was 31
years old and leaves a wife and two
small children.

Ever since the accident Doherty
had suffered from nervousness, his
relatives say, and many times had told
them there was constantly recurring
to him the picture of a wreck victim,
whose gray hair was matted with
blood. He was so averse to being
alone that he frequently kept his
young sons, four and five years old,
respectively, up until midnight for
company.

He had been working in this city
since the wreck as a stationary engi-
neer for a local contractor, but had
been compelled to lay off for days at
times, because of his nervous condi-
tion.

NEW CHINESE MINISTER WANTS THREE-FOLD TREATY

By Associated Press.
St. Petersburg, Russia, Sept. 26.—
The new Chinese foreign minister to-
day reopened negotiations with the
Russian foreign ministry in relation
to the conclusion of a three-fold treaty
between Russia, China and Mongolia.
The proposed treaty provides for the
recognition of the independence of a
United Mongolia under the rule of the
Ku Tuk Tu or Khan of Mongolia, and
subject to the suzerainty of China.

GARRISON INSPECTS EXPERIMENTAL CAMP

Secretary of War and Others Go to
Winchester, Broken Cavalry
Camp Is Broken Up.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Sept. 26.—Secretary
Garrison, accompanied by Chairman
Hay and other members of the house
military affairs committee, left here
today to inspect the experimental cav-
alry camp at Winchester, and the
army remount station at Front Royal,
Va.

When the cavalry camp is broken
up, which probably will be October 4,
the three regiments will march to this
city, where they will pass in review
before President Wilson and Secretary
Garrison.

It is probable that their white tent-
city here will be pitched on the
White House ellipse, lying between the
White House grounds proper and the
mound built 100

TRAIN IS ROBBED; POSSEMAN KILLED

Sheriffs' Poses of Many Counties in Search for Bandits Who
Dynamited Safe on Alabama Great Southern—
Amount of Booty Is Unknown.

By Associated Press.
Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 26.—Sher-
iff's posses of a half dozen counties
today searched the country about
Birmingham for two bandits who
shortly after midnight held up and
robbed Alabama Great Southern train
No. 7, southbound, near Cottondale,
Ala.

James Bonner, a deputy sheriff of
Birmingham, was shot and killed to-
day when mistaken for one of the
fugitives by members of another posse.
The bandits, according to stories of
the train crew, today, boarded the
engine at Bibbville crossing, near
Woodstock, Ala. Engineer Daniels
was forced at the point of revolvers to
detach the engine, express car and
mail car. Clerks were frightened
from their posts by a fusillade of bul-
lets and the engineer and firemen
forcibly ejected from the cab. After
running the detached section a short
distance down the track, the bandits
dynamited the express car safe and
rifled the registered mail pouches.
The engine was then uncoupled and
started wild down the track. It was
found several hours later near Engle-
wood, Ala. No estimate of the amount
of booty obtained by the robbers is
yet available.

Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 26.—No
trace of the two masked men who held
up and robbed Alabama Great South-
ern train No. 7 of the Queen and
Crescent system at Bibbville siding
shortly after midnight, had been ob-
tained early today by the various
posses searching for the robbers.

Sheriff McAdory with six deputies,
chief of police Dedecker and several
private detectives from Montgomery
and Tuscaloosa and Bibb counties, ar-
riving today in northern
Bibb and Tuscaloosa counties.

A special train from Montgomery
carried bloodhounds to Tuscaloosa
early today and the posse from Bir-
mingham has several bloodhounds
scouring the country surrounding the
scene of the robbery.

Not even an approximate estimate
of the amount of booty obtained by
the robbers could be obtained here
this morning but it is reported that
they took a pouch of registered mail
and small amounts of money from
mail and express cars.

Deputy Sheriff James Bonner of
Birmingham, while searching for the
bandits was shot and killed at 7
o'clock this morning near Cottondale
by a Montgomery deputy sheriff who
mistook Bonner for one of the train
robbers.

Reports of the robbery received
here today gave only meagre details
of the holdup which occurred in a
sparsely settled mining section.

Attorneys and Girls In Plot to Blackmail Rich?

By Associated Press.
Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 26.—Reve-
lations of alleged unprofessional con-
duct on the part of Attorneys Walter
H. Stevens and Charles S. McKeley
as counsel for certain girl witnesses in
the trial of George H. Bixby, the mil-
lionaire accused of contributing to the
delinquency of girls, will be the bases
for an investigation by the Los Ange-
les County Bar association. This in-
vestigation was the statement today by
Judge Bledsoe, sitting in the Bixby
trial.

The attorneys, it is alleged, encour-
aged Marie Brown-Levy, Cleo Helen
Harler and others, and in some in-
stances took active part, in an attempt
to extort money from wealthy men by
threatening to sue them for damages.

Deputy District Attorney Keyes ex-
pected to call Attorney Stevens and
McKeley for interrogation as rebuttal
witnesses in the Bixby case today.

NEW ENGLAND BANKERS DON'T LIKE MONEY BILL

Eastern Delegation of Finan-
ciers Discuss Currency Be-
fore Committee.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Sept. 26.—New Eng-
land bankers today discussed the ad-
ministration currency bill before the
senate banking committee. Generally,
they disagreed with its provisions and
suggested vital changes.

The New England delegation was
brought before the committee by Sen-
ator Weeks of Massachusetts. It was
headed by Charles P. Blinn, vice pres-
ident of the National Union bank of
Boston, and included Justin E. Varney,
vice-president of the Bay State Na-
tional bank of Lawrence, Mass., Pres-
ident Bowman of the First National
bank of Springfield, and President
Drury of the Merchants National bank
of Worcester.

NEGRO TAKEN FROM JAIL BY MOB AND HANGED TO A TREE

By Associated Press.
Litchfield, Ky., Sept. 26.—A mob
of citizens visited the county jail here
about one o'clock this morning, over-
powered the jailer, took Joe Rich-
ardson, a negro, from his cell and
hanged him to a tree in the public
square. Richardson was charged with
assaulting Ree Goff, eleven years old,
and in the country near here Tuesday morn-
ing. The negro's body was still hang-
ing in the public square early today.

By Associated Press.
Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 26.—Hewlett
Worthing, negro driver of a mail wagon
on its way here, charged with robbing
the mails of parcel post packages val-
ued in the aggregate at more than
\$1000. Postoffice inspectors arrested
Worthing late yesterday in the act,
they say, of extracting a parcel from
a mail bag in his wagon. After an
alleged confession by Worthing he
took the inspectors to his home where
they say they found a large store of
many valuable varieties of parcel post
material.

Convicts Attempt Escape.

By Associated Press.
Omining, N. Y., Sept. 26.—Five con-
victs at Sing Sing prison at work un-
loading a coal barge overpowered a
guard yesterday afternoon, jumped
into the Hudson river and attempted
to swim to the other side. The shot
and in the guards halted them and all
five were recaptured. Billy Green, a
notorious convict, was leader of the
band.

DEATH RIDDLE IS UNSOLVED

Whether Burglar or Foe Kil-
led J. H. Taylor, Greens-
Loro Merchant, in His
Store Unknown.

DESPERATE STRUGGLE PRECEDED SHOOTING

Grocer Twice Shot with Own
Pistol—None of His
Money or Valuables
Taken.

Gazette-News Bureau,
Daily News Building,
Greensboro, Sept. 26.

A mystery which seems to be com-
posed of a bunch of hopeless tangles,
becoming more elusive of solution as
it is investigated, attends the death of
J. H. Taylor, the West Lee street gro-
ceryman, whose dead body with two
bullet holes in it, was found stretched
on the floor of his store yesterday. The
circumstances are so strange and con-
fusing that the coroner's jury, after
sitting on the case all day, submitted
a verdict that death was due to bullet
wounds fired by an unknown hand or
hands, then being dismissed.

There was no eye witness so far as
is known and there is no certain in-
formation as to the time Mr. Taylor
was killed Wednesday night, although
from piecemeal reports it is believed
the death occurred during the mid-
night hour, or sometime between 10
o'clock and midnight. Indications in
the store were that there had been a
fierce struggle and that the muzzle
of the pistol was close to the body of
the dead man when one of the shots
was fired, for there were powder marks
on his hand, his clothing was always
kept in his store yesterday. The
right sleeve of his shirt was torn, and
a strip of moulting had been pulled
loose from the side of one of the
counters, while articles packed in the
central part of the store were scat-
tered about the floor near the body
of the dead man.

Surprised by Intruder.
That Mr. Taylor had been surprised
during the night by some intruder
seemed evident, for in his hurry from
his bedroom, which adjoins the store,
he overturned a chair, scattered some
articles about the room and rushed
out in his underclothes and top shirt,
clad in which was his body when dis-
covered. It would seem, too, that he
met his death from his own pistol, al-
though this is not positively known.
The pistol, which was of .38 caliber,
cannot be found, and he always kept
it by him in his bedroom. Presumably
the slayer snatched this gun from Mr.
Taylor's hand and, after firing the two
shots, took the gun away with him.

The main theory as to the cause of
his being aroused and of his subse-
quent death is that a burglar had
broken into the store through the rear
door, which was standing open with
the wooden button lying on the floor
and the lock torn loose, and that the
burglar, surprised by the lights and
the appearance of the proprietor,
crouched on the floor and grabbed
him, upon which the struggle ensued.
Another theory is that some enemy of
Mr. Taylor's, although it is not known
that he had any, could have entered
the store in some way and killed his
man.

If burglary was the motive the
burglar made no attempt after shoot-
ing the proprietor. In the pockets of
Mr. Taylor's trousers, which were left
on the overturned chair, was \$8 or
\$9 in change, while in the money
drawer were small change and some
stamps. There was a good sum in
the safe, but no indications showed
any effort was made to secure this.

DOUGLAS AND GRANFIELD ADDRESS CONVENTION

After Morning Session Post-
masters in Convention Go
on Boat Trip.

By Associated Press.
Norfolk, Va., Sept. 26.—R. D. Dou-
glas, postmaster at Greensboro, N. C.,
grandson of Stephen A. Douglas, was
the principal speaker at today's joint
session of the Virginia and North Car-
olina Postmasters convention now in
annual session here. Mr. Douglas
lectured on what matter is mailable
and what is forbidden in the postal
service. Dr. C. P. Granfield of Wash-
ington, D. C., former first assistant
postmaster general, was a visitor at
the convention today. He spoke briefly
referring to personal efforts when in
the department to make it possible for
postmasters to give surety company
bonds rather than personal bonds.

A letter of greetings was read from
First Assistant Postmaster General
Daniel C. Roper, expressing great re-
gret at his inability to attend the Nor-
folk convention and expressing warm
interest in their organization.

The postmasters then went on a
boat trip to Hampton Roads.

EIGHT CHILDREN MAY HAVE BEEN CREMATED WHEN HOUSE BURNED

Few Members of Trudel Fam-
ily of Quebec Were Saved
With Difficulty.

By Associated Press.
Quebec, Sept. 26.—Eight children of
the family of Ulrich Trudel are believ-
ed to have been cremated as the re-
sult of a fire which broke out in a
three story wooden building in St.
Francis street at an early hour today.
Five other families also lived in the
house.

The mother and father as well as
the eldest boy, although all injured,
were saved. They are in a hospital
neighbor but no trace of her was
found.

The eldest boy, Antoine, was drop-
ped from the third story window and
struck his head on the curbstone and
that, together with the burns which
he received renders his condition very
serious.

The mother, who was taken down a
ladder, is terribly burned about the
arms and head.
The father was the least injured of
the three although he also suffered
several painful burns.

Another \$100 Check.
Judge Lewis J. Colton, of New