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HOT ON TRAIL OF ROBBERS

Arrest of Men Who Held Up Train Expedited at Any Time

GOT \$14,000 FROM SAFE

The Authorities Now Have a Definite Clue—A Fresh Start Is Taken. Men Seen Skulking About Gainesville—Some Money Found on the Ground.

Gainesville, Ga., Feb. 20.—After a posse had been mobilized at the county jail last night to start on the trail of three men believed to be members of the gang which held up and robbed the Southern railway fast mail train near White Sulphur Springs early Saturday morning, the man hunt was suddenly called off by the officers in charge. It was stated that a fresh start would be made early this morning under the direction of J. W. Connolly, chief special agent of the Southern railway, who arrived here last night.

While the officers here are reluctant to discuss any information, it is learned they have reliable clues to the identity of the bandits and arrests are expected within the next day or two. Suspicion still points to three men who were seen skulking into town early yesterday morning. These men were followed by several citizens but when one of the strangers turned on his shadows and showed fight, they retreated and the strangers made their escape. It is believed that the officers at work on the case have information as to their whereabouts.

Several posses which have been scouting the country around the scene of the hold-up all day returned to the city last night and reported a fruitless hunt. The country is hilly and wooded and affords excellent means for the robbers to cover their tracks. In addition it has been raining all day and the man hunting dogs have been unable to pick up the scent. It is believed, however, that the bandits still are in this section of the country.

Information received here late last night is to the effect that one of the packages taken from the express car safe contained \$14,000. In addition to this a quantity of foreign money, the amount of which is not stated, also is missing. Several foreign silver pieces were found on the ground shortly after the robbery and these are believed to have been in the missing package.

Carnival in the Philippines.

Manila, Feb. 20.—Manila's annual carnival week has arrived and for seven days, beginning today, the residents of the capital, reinforced by thousands of visitors from all parts of the islands and from China, Japan and other countries as well, will devote themselves to pleasure and merry-making. The carnival this year promises to eclipse all similar affairs of the past. In addition to the amusement attractions special pains have been taken this year to provide an elaborate bazaar and other features that will attract and interest the business man.

Banker Charged With Larceny.

Alexandria, Va., Feb. 20.—C. Jones Risley was arraigned in court here today to answer to charges made against him as a result of the failure of the Virginia Safe Deposit and Trust corporation, of which he was president. The concern went into the hands of receivers December 29 last, together with its eight branches scattered throughout Virginia. The indictments charged Risley with larceny, making false statements as to the financial standing of the bank and falsifying the accounts of the institution.

West Virginia Labor Bodies.

Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 20.—Several scores of delegates representing trades unions throughout the state assembled in this city today for the fourth annual convention of the West Virginia branch of the American Federation of Labor. The convention will last several days and will consider legislative measures and other matters of importance in the cause of labor. The annual reports of the officers show that the state federation made gratifying gains in membership during the past year.

What Has Been Paid In.

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—A statement by State Insurance Commissioner J. R. Young shows that his department has paid into the state treasury since Christmas \$32,518, making \$219,588 paid in since last April, and \$23,389 more than was paid in during the corresponding period of last year. He estimates that the receipts of the department for this fiscal year will be \$370,000, as compared with \$246,556 last year.

FARMERS AND RECIPROCITY

Secretary Wilson Will Speak at Buffalo on Wednesday

HOW DID IT GET TO PRINTER

Order Printing Endorsed but No Order Found Authorizing Such an Expenditure—The Record of It a Puzzle—Favorable Report on Bill for Protection of Employees.

Washington, Feb. 20.—While President Taft does not believe that the opposition of the farmers of this country to the proposed reciprocity agreement with Canada is nearly so deep-rooted or so widespread as some persons are endeavoring to have it appear to be, he nevertheless recognizes the fact that such opposition exists and is likely to prove very troublesome in bringing about the consummation of the proposed agreement unless it is overcome. Consequently his most urgent appeals and his most persuasive arguments in behalf of the measure are now being directed to the American farmer.

In line with the president's reciprocity campaign will be the trip of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson to Buffalo tomorrow, where he is to deliver a Washington's birthday address before the Elliott club of that city. Secretary Wilson in his address will pursue the same line of argument in regard to reciprocity used by the president in his recent speech in Columbus and Springfield, but will go more into the details of the plan and the manner in which it may be expected to affect the interests of the American farmer. His speech will be a direct reply to the arguments going the rounds that the farmers and farmer organizations of the country are opposed to Canadian reciprocity.

President Taft believes the secretary of agriculture is probably the best-informed man in the entire country on all that affects the interests of the farmers, and he is sure that his arguments on reciprocity will be valuable. It is declared by sources close to the administration that the National Grange, which has been widely quoted as opposing the agreement, has not acted as an organization, and that the entire clamor has been made by a few of the officers of the organization who are personally opposed to reciprocity, and are seeking to have the organization endorse their views.

Washington Masonic Memorial.

Alexandria, Va., Feb. 20.—High degree Masons from many sections of the country have journeyed to Alexandria to take part in the meeting called to form a permanent Masonic Memorial association, which shall commemorate George Washington's connection with the order. The meeting began today and will continue until Wednesday, on which day the Masons will make a pilgrimage to Mount Vernon to pay their respects to Washington on the anniversary of his birth. Returning to Alexandria late on Wednesday afternoon the delegates will hold a reception in honor of President Taft, who will deliver an address.

Cincinnati Auto Show.

Cincinnati, Feb. 20.—Cincinnati's first large auto show opened in music hall today and will continue through the week. The exhibition is held under the auspices of the Cincinnati Automobile Dealers' association. Indications point to a large attendance of visitors from points in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia.

BIG COTTON MILL MERGER

\$10,000,000 WORTH OF PROPERTY AND 400,000 SPINDLES.

Charlotte, Feb. 20.—The plans of the Parker Cotton Mills company, capital \$10,000,000, with headquarters in Columbia, S. C., were announced Saturday. In view of the fact that those interested are well known in Charlotte and throughout the south generally and in view of the further fact that there are many of the opinion that this combination is but a beginning of others that will follow, the plans of the new corporation will be of more than ordinary concern.

The mills included in the merger, which with the exception of the Greer Manufacturing company have been under the direction and control of Mr. Lewis W. Parker are as follows:

The Victor Manufacturing company, of Green; Monagan mills, of Greenville; Apalache mill, of Greer; Olympia mills, of Columbia; Granby Cotton mills, of Columbia; Richland Cotton mills, of Columbia, and Beaver Dam mills, of Edgefield.

The prospectus of the company gives the following reason for consolidation: "The present system whereby the mills are operated as different corporations under varying officers involves an economic waste in both executive and manufacturing departments. By unifying them under one organization, this waste can be eliminated, and by systematizing the work the productiveness of the plants can be increased. The power to buy cheaply raw material and supplies and to market products at advantage will likewise be increased by combination of the financial strength of the several corporations."

CAUSE OF MUCH SPECULATION

Report of State Tax Commission of 1896 Being Circulated

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Raleigh, Feb. 20.—Senator Barber, of Johnston, has introduced a bill requiring the Atlantic Coast Line to run an additional local passenger train to leave Rocky Mount in the morning between 7 and 8 o'clock and go to Fayetteville, returning in the afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock, for the accommodation of people desiring to make points south of Selma and return the same day.

A Report Causing Speculation.

The appearance today of reprinted copies of the report of the state tax commission of 1896 is causing much speculation among legislators and employees of the general assembly, in view of the fact that a joint resolution ordering 1,000 copies of this report reprinted was introduced and passed the senate, but failed to pass the house after a speech by Representative Turlington, in which he insisted that the report is obsolete, and that the reprint would be a waste of money to be made, as he insisted, to gratify a personal whim of probably one man. It develops that the printers presented to the state for collection a bill for \$76 for the printing, which is endorsed on the reprints as by order of the general assembly of 1911. However no act or order for the printing could be shown to authorize the expenditure of the money, and the warrant on the state treasury is held up for investigation.

The most speculation is as to how the old print of the tax commission report could have gotten to the printers as it did without legislative enactment.

State Senator J. W. Graham was chairman of the 1896 state tax commission, and when the general assembly convened in January no copy of this old report was to be found. Tax adjustment and tax equalization were all the talk, and there were those who thought that the 1896 report might be beneficial. An appeal for a copy was made through the press, and Mr. A. B. Andrews, Jr., found a copy among his old papers and documents and presented it to Senator Graham, who in turn reported it to the senate.

Makes Favorable Report.

The house judiciary committee No. 2 votes to report favorably the Connor bill for the protection of employees of common carriers, the bill hotly contested in committee for two weeks past. While there were no votes in committee against the bill the attendance was exceedingly small, and the bill has a big fight ahead assured. It makes inroads on the present status of construction contributory negligence, and brings on a special fight with the Atlantic Coast Line by prohibiting exemptions from liability for injuries such as are used in the Atlantic Coast Line Relief association, the insistence being that the enactment of this section would put the relief department, the only one in this part of the country, and especially successful, too, out of business.

A Chess Tourney on at San Sebastian

Madrid, Feb. 20.—San Sebastian, the famous waters place where the king of Spain spends his holidays, is today the cynosure of all eyes in the chess world, for there have gathered the greatest chess experts of Europe and America to take part in the international masters' tournament. It is generally admitted that the tournament which began today has a stronger entry list than any similar event that has taken place in years. The contestants include Marshall, the American champion; Capablanca, the Cuban champion; Rubinstein, Berstein and Niemzowitch, the famous Russian masters; Schlechter, Vidmar and Doras, of Austria; Teichmann, Leonhardt, Tarrasch and Spielmann, of Germany; Burn of England, and Janowski, of France.

Boardman-Munn Wedding.

Washington, Feb. 18.—At one of the most fashionable weddings the capital has seen this winter Miss Carrie Louise Munn, who was at one time reported engaged to Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., this afternoon became the bride of Reginald Boardman, a member of one of the leading families of Boston. The wedding ceremony was performed at St. John's Episcopal church by the rector, the Rev. Roland Cotton Smith, D.D. Following the ceremony at the church there was a large reception at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Charles A. Munn in Scott circle.

ADJOURNMENT TWO WEEKS OFF

Little State-Wide Legislation Yet Enacted

MANY BILLS ON CALENDARS

Nothing Heard From the Proposed Constitutional Amendment—Important Matters to Be Passed on Tuesday—Assembly May Have to Run Over Allotted Time.

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—Although the 60 days allotted by law for the meeting of the general assembly will be out Saturday, March 4th, just two weeks off, remarkable little legislation of state-wide importance has yet been enacted. The calendar of the house contains 69 bills of general interest in addition to a large number of local bills that are pending. In the senate the calendar contains nearly as many bills of state importance and the legislators will be among the busiest people to be found anywhere for the next two weeks. There will be night sessions galore and the legislative clerks and newspapermen expect to be rushed to the limit of human endurance. Although the session is nearly over nothing has been reported from the committee as to the proposed constitutional amendment. Early in the session the Stubbs bill to hold a constitutional convention was voted down on the ground that amendments to be made during the stops of the return journey. On March 26 the team will divide into two squads, one of which will return east over the northern route and the other over the southern route. The first squad will play exhibition games in Reno, Salt Lake City, Grand Junction, Pueblo, Denver, Lincoln, Omaha, Sioux City and Chicago. The second team will fill dates in Yuma, Tucson, El Paso, Oklahoma City, El Reno, Wichita, Topeka, St. Joseph and Kansas City.

The special train will carry approximately seventy-five persons on its long journey across the continent. It will be the most luxuriously equipped and decorated train that has ever served to carry a party of baseball men in this or any other country. The trip will occupy eight weeks and will cost not far from \$15,000.

Several anti-trust bills have been introduced and the judiciary committee have announced a hearing for Tuesday afternoon to consider all anti-trust bills. Representative Koonce, who has been the most insistent for anti-trust legislation, says he will make a fight for the appointment of a sub-committee to take under advisement all of the bills and draft a composite effective anti-trust bill.

New county advocates have been here in force since the first day of the general assembly and now that the Piedmont county bill was killed and the Hoke county passed and was ratified, interest centers in the Avery county bill, which has passed the senate and is set for special order Tuesday night in the house. The bill to create Ransom county out of portions of Wake, Franklin, Nash, Wilson and Johnston counties will be heard before the joint committees on counties, cities and towns Tuesday afternoon, February 21.

Observant people who have watched the work of many former legislators are frank in saying that it will be impossible for the present general assembly to get through with necessary legislation and adjourn on March 4, and that it may remain in session well into another week in order to wind up its affairs.

Raleigh Will Ask for A Commission Form

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—The board of aldermen of Raleigh will have Wake county's representatives in the general assembly put through a bill providing a commission form of government for Raleigh similar to the one passed for Greensboro, and also some further legislation that will enable the people to choose between the general improvement of the present market house on Fayetteville street and selling the present building and site and erecting a new market house in a square to be formed on Wilmington street back of the present market.

Exhibition of Aerial Craft.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 20.—Aeroplanes of every type, including several machines that have established records for distance, speed or height, either in this country or abroad, are included among the exhibits at the second national exhibition of aerial craft, which opened in Mechanics' building today and will continue to hold forth there until the end of the week. In addition to the various types of air craft the show comprises a wonderful display of accessories, which illustrate almost as much as the machines themselves the amazing progress in the field of aeronautics during the past few years.

To Install New Archbishop.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 20.—Arrangements are practically completed for the formal installation of the Most Rev. Charles Hugh Gauthier as Roman Catholic archbishop of Ottawa, in succession to the late Archbishop Duhamel. The ceremony will take place Wednesday and will be attended by many dignitaries of the church in Canada and the United States. Mr. Gauthier, the new papal delegate to Canada, will officiate.

LONG TRIP FOR THE SPEED BOYS

Boston American League Team to Start Across Continent

GO TO REDONDO BEACH, CAL.

Will There Practice Before Work is Laid Out for the Return Trip—Will Divide Into Two Squads—Trip Will Cost in the Neighborhood of \$15,000.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 20.—The vanguard of players of the Boston American league team, accompanied by club officials and others, numbering in all nearly forty persons, started from this city Saturday on a spring training trip that has never been approached in the completeness of its arrangements, the distance traveled, the comforts provided for the players and the expense of the undertaking. Half a dozen other players will join the party in New York tomorrow and the rest of the team will be picked up in Chicago, from which city the whole delegation will start westward in the "Red Sox Special" next Monday.

The objective point will be Redondo Beach, near Los Angeles, where the players will have their first work-outs in preparation for the long series of exhibition games, which will be played during the stops of the return journey. On March 26 the team will divide into two squads, one of which will return east over the northern route and the other over the southern route. The first squad will play exhibition games in Reno, Salt Lake City, Grand Junction, Pueblo, Denver, Lincoln, Omaha, Sioux City and Chicago. The second team will fill dates in Yuma, Tucson, El Paso, Oklahoma City, El Reno, Wichita, Topeka, St. Joseph and Kansas City.

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Will Place a Bust of Governor Morehead

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—A bust of Governor Jno. M. Morehead is to be set up in one of the niches in the rotunda of the state house during the present year. This announcement is just made by Secretary R. D. W. Connor, of the state historical commission, through whom the bust is to be placed. It will be given one of the two niches remaining vacant on the first floor of the rotunda. Morehead was governor two terms, his elections having been in 1840 and again in 1842. He was the president of the North Carolina railroad, which he organized and put through as one of his greatest undertakings for the state. The state historical commission is to select the artist to execute this bust at an early date.

LOCAL OPTION BILL PASSES.

When Governor Signs it All Prohibition Laws Will Be Repealed. Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 18.—By a vote of 21 to 12, the Alabama senate last night passed the Parks' local option bill.

ADRIPT ON THE PACIFIC.

Captain and Crew of Schooner Helpless Before Furious Gale. Seattle, Wash., Feb. 20.—The schooner Edward R. West, of San Francisco, which was picked up weather-logged and in distress off Destruction Island Tuesday, arrived in port last night in tow of the Standard Oil company's steamer Atlas.

Capt. J. J. Jansen and his wife, and the nine men of the West's crew, had been taken aboard the Atlas. All showed the effects of severe exposure. They drifted helplessly for four days before the furious gale. For three days they had nothing to eat or drink.

Special Term for Wilson.

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—Governor Kitchin orders a special term of Wilson county court for the trial of Lewis West, the slayer of Deputy Sheriff Munford, the pursuit and final capture of whom stirred such a sensation a week ago, to convene in Wilson March 13 for one week, with Judge J. S. Adams presiding.

LIVELY TIMES IN CHICAGO

Mayorality Campaign Enters on Whirlwind Stage

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Chicago, Ill., Feb. 20.—One of the liveliest mayorality campaigns that Chicago has seen in years entered upon the whirlwind stage today, with but one week remaining before the candidates of the two parties are chosen at the direct primaries. The election will take place early in April.

The primaries are attracting a vast amount of public attention. The candidate favored by the republican organization is John P. Thompson. Besides him the two strongest republican candidates are John P. Smulski, who has long been a prominent figure in republican city politics, and Alderman Charles E. Merriam. Mr. Merriam is a professor in the University of Chicago and a writer on political science. As head of the so-called Merriam commission he laid bare the graft in the city administration and brought about the removal of several city officials.

The democratic contest brings to life against the old rivalry between former Mayor Carter H. Harrison and former Mayor Edward F. Dunne. Mr. Harrison, who was mayor for several terms, following in the footsteps of his father, is again a candidate on an independent democratic ticket.

Ex-Mayor Dunne's campaign has the slogan, "Nobody wants him but the people." Mr. Dunne is a lawyer. When mayor he made a good record. He lowered the telephone rates, and, although he vetoed 75-cent gas, an ordinance was passed giving the people a reduction from \$1 to 85 cents.

Another leading aspirant for the democratic nomination is Andrew J. Graham, who is the choice of Roger S. Sullivan, member of the democratic national committee. Mr. Graham is a private banker and is credited with corporation leanings. His opponents for the mayorality nomination allege that he has spent upwards of \$300,000 in the ante-primary campaign.

Among the issues figuring more or less prominently in the campaign are graft and vice, cheap gas, lower telephone rates, subways, and universal transfers, the smoke nuisance, and cold cars.

Newark's Automobile Show.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 18.—With a much greater number and variety of exhibits than in previous years, Newark's fourth annual automobile show opens today and will continue through the coming week. The show this year is held in the First Regiment armory, where 50,000 feet of floor space are filled with attractive exhibits, ranging from the smallest automobile part and accessory to the luxurious touring car in its finished condition.

Breeders at Sioux City.

Sioux City, Ia., Feb. 20.—Delegates from Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota and South Dakota have arrived here for the annual convention of the Interstate Breeders' association, which will meet tomorrow for a session of three days.

NEW DEVICE FOR LAKEWOOD

A ROLLER COASTER TO BE INSTALLED THIS SEASON.

The Durham Traction company closed a contract late Saturday night for the installation of the latest model roller coaster device at Lakewood park.

The track for the coasting cars will be something like one-half mile in length. Each car will be large enough to seat 24 people and will operate by gravity.

This popular means of amusement will without doubt be a great drawing card at the park this summer. The coasting device furnishes a method of thrilling amusement on the hot summer nights that is a balm for aching nerves and tired brains, which no other form of recreation is able to equal.

The track and equipment of the coaster will be of the latest model and will be furnished with every safeguard, so as to make accidents almost impossible. The work of construction will be begun at once, and the coaster will be ready for operation by the time the park is opened for the summer.

Old Officers Re-Elected.

Richmond, Feb. 18.—Stockholders of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company, at their annual meeting held here yesterday re-elected the old officers, as follows: President, W. T. Gentry; vice-president, J. M. H. Hoxsey; general commercial superintendent, J. R. B. Hobson.

Progress of the company for the year past was pronounced to be absolutely satisfactory, and plans for development and extension in the state were discussed.

BITTER ATTACK ON SECRETARY

Graham Declares Ballinger Was Caught Red-Handed in Act

ILLINOIS MEMBER IN HOUSE

Says the Secretary Is Untrue to His Trust—Representative Graham Contends That the Evidence Is Sufficient to Remove the Cabinet Officer—Acts Against Newell.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Declaring that Secretary Ballinger had been caught "red-handed in exploiting the very property he held in trust," Representative Graham, of Illinois, a member of the special Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee, made a spirited attack on the official conduct of the secretary of the interior in a speech on the house floor Thursday night.

Mr. Graham is one of the members of the special committee who signed a minority report when the majority of the members of that committee decided adversely on the information presented to it by Gifford Pinchot and L. W. Glavis.

Declared Unfaithful.

"An unfaithful public servant" has been Mr. Ballinger, according to the Illinois representative in his bitter arraignment of the secretary in connection with the Cunningham claim.

"Is it not a most humiliating situation," Graham said, "that a cabinet officer, one of the president's official family, the trustee of public property of untold value, should be caught red-handed in the work of secretly aiding selfish and powerful interests in the work of exploiting the very property held in trust? And then to think that in spite of this exposure, and in disregard of outraged public conscience, he is still permitted to hold his position and continue to administer a trust he secretly endeavored to betray."

"I have no personal feeling whatever in this matter. I am influenced only by a desire for the public good, by a desire to see this great government of ours administered for the benefit of the whole American people, poor as well as rich, rather than for the benefit of great interests, already too powerful."

Convinced by Evidence.

"If I have exhibited any feeling in discussing this matter it is only because the evidence convinces me that Ballinger has listened to the siren song of those who are seeking to obtain property rights and public advantages to which neither the moral law nor the law of the land entitles them, and that he has adopted a course of policy in the administration of his great office, which, if followed generally, would reverse the wheels of political progress, would give the lie to the Declaration of Independence, and eventually place the American people in the position of drones producing wealth for the enjoyment of a favored few."

Acts Against Newell.

While referring to Secretary Ballinger's general administration of the interior department, Mr. Graham said:

"One of Mr. Ballinger's first official acts after he became secretary of the interior was to call in Mr. Davis, the chief engineer of the reclamation service, and try to alienate him from Director Newell, his immediate superior. The evidence shows persistent and deliberate attempt on his part to undermine and detriment of the service. The heads of the service, and this to the great detriment of the service. The heads of it were frequently ignored altogether, and orders issued direct to subordinates, of which orders their superiors had no knowledge until it came to them incidentally or accidentally later on."

"The effect of this conduct was very demoralizing to the reclamation service, and it can be explained only as an attempt to force Mr. Newell to resign."

"The evidence shows it had been Mr. Ballinger's intention from the beginning to displace Newell and replace him by one R. H. Thompson, a personal friend of the secretary."

TRAMP CUT OFF HER HAIR.

Knocked Mrs. Krist Down When She Turned to Get Him Pie. Byesville, O., Feb. 18.—"Have you got a piece of pie to spare?" asked a tramp yesterday morning when Mrs. M. C. Krist answered a knock at the door.

She told him to step into the kitchen.

There, while her back was turned, the tramp knocked her down and cut off her hair.

The woman's screams brought a crowd and the tramp was chased, but he escaped.