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THE LARGEST CIRCULATION OF ANY NORTH CAROLINA DAILY.

THURSTON'S GOOD-BYE

HAWAII'S MINISTER TO LEAVE FOR HIS ISLAND HOME TO-DAY.

HIS CURT NOTE TO GRESHAM.

His absence is generally regarded as permanent though many believe it a shrewd diplomatic stroke—our relations with Hawaii left in a peculiar condition—argument in the Debs case—minister ransom offer for Mexico.

Special to the News and Observer. WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27. The two topics which are entertaining the thoughts of the people here at present are the foreign complications and Attorney-General Olney's defense of the government in the proceedings against Debs and his associates.

Minister Thurston left this afternoon for San Francisco, from which place he will sail on April 4th for his Hawaiian home. The announcement yesterday of Mr. Thurston's sudden determination to leave Washington occasioned a surprise in diplomatic circles.

Mr. Thurston's departure puts an end to previous comment as to his purpose to remain in Washington as a thorn in the side of the State Department. His statement yesterday does not make clear whether his absence is temporary or permanent. It is regarded as final, however, in showing that he will not seek to remain in Washington as a source of any irritation. There have been reports, believed, however, to be baseless, that if he persisted in remaining in a private capacity the law would be evoked to have him deported, but Mr. Thurston's departure is regarded as settling that there will be no occasion for forcing him out of the country.

In some quarters Mr. Thurston's move is regarded as a shrewd diplomatic stroke. It is recalled that he left unexpectedly about fifteen months ago, when the question of restoring the Queen to the throne was at a critical stage in Hawaii. The Hawaiian government was on the point of reaching a decision, but had not yet done so. At this juncture Mr. Thurston suddenly left Washington, his departure not being known until he was well on the way to San Francisco. He had full information as to the sentiment in the United States, and when he reached Hawaii his advice had much to do in the final action of the government. It is to be suggested, therefore, that his departure at the present juncture, before it is known what action the Hawaiian government has taken on Secretary Gresham's demand, may result in his being at Honolulu when final action is taken.

The departure of Mr. Thurston from the United States without being recalled by his government will leave the relations between this government and Hawaii in a peculiar condition. It cannot be said that there is a rupture of diplomatic relations, but they will certainly be severely strained.

It is said that yesterday's cabinet meeting, at which, by the way, every member was present, our foreign complications were considered. It is not known exactly the course which the new Spanish minister will take in regard to the Alliance affair.

The special Star service from Carmichael, Cumberland county to Dial will be discontinued on March 31st.

A special Star service has been established from Skyco to Wanchese, a distance of four and a half miles, and back to be carried three times a week. A special order discontinues on March 31st the following Star routes: Glen, Mitchell county, to Armstrong, office discontinued; Hemlock, Transylvania county, to Eusta; Skyuka, Polk county, to Lynn.

The Star route from Smyrna to Ocracoke has increased its schedule to three times a week.

The official commission for John B. Smith to be postmaster at Rome was issued to-day.

State Labor Commissioner Benj. Lacy and Mr. Joseph Daniels, editor of the NEWS AND OBSERVER, who have been here for the past few days, leave on the Southern train to-morrow night for Raleigh.

E. L. Harris, a commission merchant of Raleigh, is here. He will open up a brokerage office and will make Washington his home.

Judge Sam Phillips appeared before the Supreme Court in an important case to-day.

Minister Ransom arrived to-night. He will make farewell visits to departments to-morrow, and leave Friday for Mexico. Mrs. Ransom and Miss Esther will follow in September.

Arrivals. Editor Campbell, Rocky Mount Argonaut. A. B. Andrews, Raleigh. H. E. Fries, Salem. J. B. Vaughan, Winston. Henry Johnson, Tarboro.

Fell and Broke His Neck.

Special to the News and Observer.

LOUISBURG, N. C., March 27.

A very sad accident happened in the upper part of this county last Saturday. Mr. Geo. Ayscue was building a tobacco barn and while Mr. Arch Stokes was assisting in raising the logs he fell from the scaffold and striking on his head broke his neck.

Continued wet weather has very much retarded all farm work in this section.

MURDER TRIALS IN SURRY.

Horrible Torture and Killing of a Little Child by Negro Women.

Special to the News and Observer.

WINSTON, N. C., March 27. In Surry court to-day the grand jury returned a true bill against two colored women for murdering a little child last fall. Their crime was a most horrible one. They built a fire and placed the little girl over it, letting the blaze run in its mouth and throat until it died.

The murder trial of the three McBrides and two Barnhardt brothers was concluded in Surry court yesterday. They plead guilty of manslaughter. Two of the McBrides and one of the Barnhardt brothers were sentenced to jail for six months. One of the former brothers was set free while one of the latter goes to the penitentiary for two years.

Their crime was for killing Frank Montgomery, of Virginia, last fall. The evidence showed that the deceased, with his friends, was partially responsible for the shooting scrape which resulted in Montgomery's death.

HE HAD LOST HIS POSITION.

This is Supposed to Have Caused Young Collette's Suicide.

Special to the News and Observer.

WINSTON, N. C., March 27. James Collette, a promising young man, living near Cana, Davie county, committed suicide Monday by shooting himself with a shot-gun. The entire load entered his abdomen.

Deceased had been married only two months. His body was found in the woods in the afternoon by his mother-in-law, while en route to a neighbor's house.

Collette had some trouble with his employer a few days before, and lost his position. This is the only reason assigned for his rash act.

Col. A. M. Booe, a prominent Mason and citizen of Mocksville died last night.

BUSINESS MEN INDIGNANT.

The New Mortgage Law Will Work Many Hardships on all Classes.

Special to the News and Observer.

GREENSBORO, N. C., March 27. A great deal of excitement was manifested here this morning when the news reached here about the mortgage clause of the act, recently passed regulating, assignments.

Business men are very indignant and a president of one of our banks told your correspondent that he had \$6,000 which had been sent him by a friend out of the State to place here, and he will send it back at once.

This law will certainly work hardships upon both borrowers and lenders of money.

THE WORK OF MOONSHINERS.

A Farmer Called to His Door at Night and Shot.

Special to the News and Observer.

WINSTON, N. C., March 27. In the Roaring River neighborhood of Wilkes county, Monday night. A crowd of whiskey blockaders went to the home of a farmer and called him to his front door and shot him through the thigh. The wound is dangerous.

The crowd then went to the home of the farmer's son and tore it completely down. They then visited and burned an unoccupied house belonging to another son.

The father and two sons were witnesses in a case tried a few days before, against a moonshiner named Wiles.

Two Negro Children Burned to Death.

Special to the News and Observer.

MAXTON, N. C., March 27. The residence of Joe Jones, colored, was destroyed by fire last night. Two of his children, aged four and six, perished in the flames.

OUR NEW TORPEDO BOAT.

It Will Be the First Vessel of the Kind Ever Contracted For.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—Secretary Herbert has decided to increase the navy by a submarine torpedo boat.

Proposals for this vessel were invited in May 1893, since which time the department has made a thorough investigation of this type of vessel. The contract was awarded yesterday to the John P. Holland Torpedo Boat Co., of New York.

The contract calls for a vessel 80 feet in length, diameter 11 feet and displacement when submerged 133 1-2 tons. The vessel is to be constructed of steel of domestic manufacture and fitted with engines, boilers and machinery of domestic make, and is to have a speed of 15 knots in light condition, 14 knots awash (partly submerged), and 8 knots submerged.

This will be the first vessel of this kind ever contracted for. The French have made efforts in this direction but have not succeeded in building an efficient submarine boat.

NEW PASSENGER ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Finley, of the Great Northern, Elected Commissioner.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 27.—Mr. Finley, the traffic manager of the Great Northern Railway, was to-day elected commissioner of the new Southern States Passenger Association.

The Southern Passenger Association was merged into the new association, and Mr. Finley will take charge April 15. Mr. Finley was formerly chairman of the Western Passenger Association. His present headquarters are at St. Paul. Commissioner Slaughter, was voted a year's salary and a resolution of thanks.

MURDER AND SUICIDE

A LOVER KILLS HIS YOUNG SWEETHEART AND THEN SHOOT HIMSELF.

BOTH OF THEM WELL CONNECTED.

The Young Woman Was Shot Three Times in the Head While Standing at a Washstand--The Young Man Also Shot Himself in the Head--They Had Both Been on the Stage--No Reason is Known for the Awful Tragedy Except That he Had Been Drinking.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Murder and suicide were committed some time today in the furnished room house, No. 15 West 24th street.

What led to the tragedy may be never known, for nothing was left to indicate any reason for the mad acts. The perpetrator of them was John Bigelow, an actor, and the scene of the tragedy was the room of Miss Amy Thill, his victim, who was an actress.

It appears that he killed the young woman by firing three shots into her head, and then shot himself in the head. Miss Thill occupied a room in the house with her two sisters, Alice and Marie, and Bigelow was a frequent caller upon them.

Shortly after 10 o'clock this morning Martha Coleman, wife of the janitor of the house, heard four sharp reports, and, thinking a waterpipe had burst, she summoned her husband, and they examined the pipes, but found no breaks.

It was Miss Thill's custom to rise about noon, but she did not appear, and during the afternoon, it was decided to break open the door of her room. When this was done, a horrible sight was presented. On the floor, with his head near the foot of the bedstead and his feet in the alcove, lay Bigelow. In his right hand was a revolver, with which the blood had ceased flowing, while blood was spattered on the wall. Clutched in his right hand was a revolver, with four of its five chambers empty.

In the alcove lay the body of Miss Thill. Her head was near the door, while her feet were under the wash stand. She was partly clothed. In one hand was a towel, near by stood a basin with water.

Her face was covered with blood. There was one bullet hole under her left eye, another in her left cheek and a third in the left side of her head.

She had evidently been washing and had been shot while standing with her left side towards her slayer. On one of the bureaus in the room lay two letters in the woman's handwriting—one addressed "S. S. Karsch, The Standard, 1155 Broadway," and the other "Madame Thill, 813 Mill street, Minneapolis, Minn."

The second letter, it is believed, was for the dead woman's mother. Her family are said to be well to do.

The coroner, after being duly notified by the police, viewed the bodies and gave a permit for their removal to an undertaking establishment. Meanwhile, the two sisters of the dead woman, Misses Alice and Marie, at present with a theatrical company in Erie, Pa., were notified.

It was learned to-night that Bigelow was the son of J. Bigelow, a retired lawyer, and ex Mayor of Morristown, N. J., and that he had claimed to have wealthy relatives in Brooklyn and in the South. It was said that Bigelow had been very gloomy since he lost his position last Christmas and had been drinking heavily.

THE CUBAN REVOLUTION.

The Government Troops Defeat the Rebels in Two Engagements.

HAVANA, March 27.—The Governor of Santiago de Cuba reports that the government troops have just overtaken a band of rebels, wounding one and capturing a quantity of arms and ammunition. He also reports that the troops dispersed another band at Cuavatas, capturing their arms, provisions, etc.

Seventeen rebels have surrendered to the authorities at Santiago.

The Insurrection Rapidly Spreading.

MADRID, March 27.—The despatches from Havana have alarmed the government as they indicate that the insurrection is spreading rapidly and is already beyond the control of the local commanders.

The decision was made last night therefore to send Martinez de Campos to Cuba with strong reinforcements. Today it is reported that 9,700 additional troops will embark with him. He will start probably on April 2d.

The torpedo gunboats Filipinas and Martin Alonzo Pinzon and the cruiser Castilla have received orders to proceed with all possible speed to Cuban waters.

The publication of this news, which completely contradicts the former sanguine despatches from official sources, has caused keen excitement here. It is announced this evening that Primo Rivera has been appointed Captain General of Cuba to succeed Gen. Gallejas.

Additional Reinforcements from Spain

PARIS, March 27.—A dispatch from Madrid to the Journal des Debats says the Spanish government has decided to send additional reinforcements of 6,000 men to Cuba.

Cholera Among Japanese Troops.

LONDON, March 27.—A dispatch to the Star says that cholera has broken out among the Japanese troops at Port Arthur. Thirty-eight cases were reported in one day.

A MOST DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

Over \$1,000,000 Worth of Property Burned in Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 27.—At 2:45 o'clock this afternoon one of the worst of the many destructive fires in the history of the city was finally gotten under control.

At that time over \$1,000,000 worth of property had been destroyed and twenty business firms had lost their stock and buildings. There were also many minor losses, including offices, flats and small shops.

The fire originated at a few minutes after midnight in the wholesale clothing house of Landauer & Co., on the corner of 4th street and Grand avenue. The spread of the flames was checked before 3 o'clock, but the engines were kept busily at work until 8 o'clock.

The larger concerns are well insured, though the exact amounts cannot be obtained, as the insurance policies in many cases are in safes and vaults that lie beneath the heaps of brick and wreckage which the buildings stood. There was great excitement in the neighborhood of the fire, especially among guests at the hotels.

The manager of the Schlitz Hotel was in the office when the fire started, and quietly awakened a large number of guests and advised them to be ready to escape if the blaze worked its way east. There was no panic, although it was a lively scene for ten or fifteen minutes, and trunks and guests were brought down by way of the elevators and stairways in the hall. It was soon found unnecessary to remove anything, and most of the baggage was left in the office.

The Davidson Hotel guests had more reason to feel uncomfortable as many of them occupied rooms next to the alley to the north in the rear of the Plankinton building, and were in real danger all the time. They were notified by the night clerk and there was soon a scramble for the elevator. The office was filled with baggage and a few women and lots of men who thought there was no hope for the hotel. But little if any thing was removed from the house and the excitement was over as soon as the people got thoroughly aroused.

In the building No. 318 Grand Avenue, there were a number of women. Some of these were panic-stricken when the fire swept across the avenue and stood on a landing on the side of the building, wildly gesticulating and unable to move or do anything to help themselves. Police Lieutenant Howard and some officers went to their assistance, but before reaching them two jumped from the second story. Both struck on a pole in the alleyway, and both were injured, but how badly or who they were could not be learned, as they were carried off by friends in the crowd.

The Georgia Central.

The Work of Disrupting the System Has Already Begun.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Prominent bondholders of the Savannah and Western and Chattanooga, Rome and Columbus roads have decided to take steps to withdraw from the Georgia Central system.

The Fitzgerald Committee of Savannah and Western has disbanded, and the securities returned to their owners. This company was organized in the interest of the Georgia Central.

The Borg Savannah and Western Committee was acting solely in the interest of the security of that company. It is understood that Messrs. Colston and Lehman, formerly of the Fitzgerald Committee, will join forces with the Borg Committee.

It was said yesterday that foreclosure proceedings would be pressed for the sale of the Savannah and Western in the interest of the first consolidated mortgage bondholders. A petition for foreclosure has already been filed.

The holders of the Chattanooga, Rome and Columbus bonds also favor withdrawing from the Georgia Central reorganization. The road is now a part of the Savannah and Western, but the bondholders favor regaining independence for their road.

SUIT AGAINST SENATOR BACON.

A Prominent Manufacturer Sues Him for the Recovery of \$140,000.

MACON, Ga., March 27.—A suit of more than local interest was filed in the Superior Court here this morning.

The parties to the suit are Major J. F. Hanson, one of the most prominent manufacturers in the South who is and has been for years one of the strongest protectionists in the country and United States Senator-elect A. O. Bacon. The Senator is the defendant.

The suit grows out of the fact that Major Hanson was compelled to pay a bond which he signed three years ago for one of Senator Bacon's clients, the amount of which was about \$140,000. It is for this amount that he sues.

Major Hanson sets out that he was introduced by Mr. Bacon to sign a bond on the ground of long friendship and that Senator Bacon assured him that he could not possibly lose anything. He says that Senator Bacon has repeatedly declined to indemnify him for the loss of the bond. The petitioner asks that the defendant be required to show cause on April 15, before the Superior Court.

The Plague Near Hong Kong

LONDON, March 27.—The Colonial Office has received official confirmation of the reported plague in Kowloon, near Hong Kong.

AFFAIRS IN HAWAII

PRESIDENT DOLE NOT INVITED TO MINISTER WILLIS' RECEPTION.

THE EX-QUEEN IN CONFINEMENT.

She is Comfortably Situated and Well Provided For--The Other Political Prisoners Have Been Put at Work on the Roads--No Reference Made to Minister Thurston's Recall--The American Annexation League and Attorney-General Smith.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—The steamer Australia arrived from Honolulu shortly before 9 o'clock this morning. She left Honolulu March 20th.

President Dole on the 18th inst., declared martial law to be at an end and the writ of habeas corpus restored.

U. S. Minister gave a reception last week to Admiral Beardslee and officers of the Philadelphia, for which a large number of invitations were issued. President Dole and wife were not invited and only two members of the cabinet. This caused a sensation. Interviewing the President on the subject, he said: "I attach no importance to it. The reception was a very informal affair."

To a question as to whether his relations with Mr. Willis were strained, the President replied: "Not at all; not in any way."

It was further learned from the Attorney-General that Mrs. Willis gave invitations by telephone in a most informal way.

The stories published in San Francisco to the effect that the government is opposed to annexation and has quarreled with the American League, which is urgent for annexation, and that, being afraid of the League and its leader, Tim Murray, the government is enlisting 300 men in San Francisco to fight for it; also that W. O. Smith, the Attorney-General, had a severe altercation with Tim Murray on the subject of annexation, have no foundation whatever.

No one in Honolulu needs to be assured that the government has always been thoroughly and heartily for annexation, and continues so. William Smith denies that the government is enlisting men abroad or has thought of doing so. It has no differences whatever with the American League. Mr. Smith did have sharp words with Murray on the 17th of January upon a totally different subject. The Attorney-General expressed much vexation at the release of the schooner H. C. Wahlberg, three days before his lawyer and witnesses reached the coast, although they were sent for with the knowledge of United States officials. He thinks the Wahlberg will be seized again.

The ex-Queen was observed yesterday morning sitting at her window in the executive building, listening to the government band playing in front. She is as comfortably situated as possible, aside from her confinement to one part of the building.

H. B. M. gunboat Nymph arrived here on the 17th from Santiago. She will sail in a fortnight for Esquimaux. A battalion of marines and sailors from the Philadelphia landed on the 12th for shore drill, and will do so every Tuesday.

The German steamer Braunfels is due about April 1st from the Azores with six hundred Portuguese laborers and three women and children. This immigration will steadily continue as the result of Minister Thurston's visit to Lisbon.

Nine hundred Japanese immigrants arrived on the 14th on the steamer Independent. Seven hundred were contract laborers. It is expected to supplant this Japanese immigration by that of Portuguese.

Nine native rebels were sentenced on the 13th to five years each. These were the last of the cases.

A large number of political prisoners have been put to work on the roads in Hawaii. Among them are the leaders: Wilcox, Greig, Widemann and Marshall. The Englishmen Rickard and Seward, Ashford and Gulick, will be kept in prison for the present at least. Seward is said to be quite ill. The Honolulu iron works have been awarded the contract for repairing the engines of the Philadelphia.

No Reference to Thurston.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—Advices from Honolulu per steamer Australia contain no reference to Minister Thurston's recall.

Thurston's Note to Gresham.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Minister Thurston's formal note to Secretary Gresham announcing his intended departure from Washington, which reached the Secretary this morning, is understood to be brief almost to the point of curtness.

It contained no reference to a leave of absence or cause of departure, but under yesterday's date simply stated that he intended to depart for Honolulu this afternoon, leaving Mr. Hastings in charge of the Hawaiian Legation.

The note is said by those familiar with diplomatic communications of its class, to have been remarkable for its omission of the customary courteous explanations and absolutely unique in failing to announce whether his government had or not given him leave of absence.

Dupuy de Lome Appointed Minister.

LONDON, March 27.—The despatch from Madrid to the Central News says the Washington government having ordered an exequatur to Senor Dupuy de Lome, that gentleman has been appointed Minister to the United States.

TRAIN ROBBERS ROUTED.

Two of Them Were Killed and a Third Mortally Wounded by Detectives.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., March 27.—South bound passenger train No. 3, on the Cincinnati Southern railroad, was held up at 2:35 o'clock this morning at the south end of Tunnel No. 9.

The train was ascending a steep grade between Greenwood and Alpine, Ky., in the midst of the wildest mountain section of Kentucky, when a white lantern in the darkness ahead brought it to a stop.

A man with a coked revolver in hand climbed into the cab and covered engineer Tom Springfield and Fireman Daisy Rankin, who were ordered to stand still. Three other robbers wearing broad brimmed slouch hats and dressed like mountaineers, with desperate locking men, boarded the baggage car, which they mistook for the express.

Three road detectives were sitting in the smoker, and when the train stopped, Detective Will Algood stepped out on the platform. A fourth man on the ground ordered him to throw up his hands, but he replied with a pistol ball, which brought the robber to the ground.

The bandits on the baggage car stampeded at hearing the shooting and jumped down. A sharp battle of small arms ensued in which the other detectives, William Eddy and Thomas Griffin, took a hand.

At the finish two robbers were found lying dead and a third mortally wounded. At Cumberland Falls the officers telegraphed the news out, and alighting, set out on the trail of the two fugitives. It is thought that the wounded man was a tramp and shot by one of the robbers who mistook him for a trainman.

The road officials were aware of the plot to hold up the train and the presence of the officers was not accidental, although such is denied.

THE SUGAR TRUST CASES.

Mr. Havemeyer Asks that they be Tried Before April 15.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—In criminal court No. 2 this morning, Nathaniel Wilson, attorney for H. O. Havemeyer and John A. Searles, made a motion to advance for trial the cases against them for refusing to answer certain questions asked by the Senatorial Sugar Trust investigators.

Mr. Wilson said it was imperative to Mr. Havemeyer's business that his trial should take place before April 15. District attorney Birney could not promise to set a date, but Judge Cole said he would give Mr. Birney a week in which to fix a specified date.

Mr. Birney announced his intention of trying the cases against the sugar trust officials, stockbrokers and newspaper men consecutively on trials of other cases intervening between the first and last of these.

HUNG HIM IN THE RIGGING.

A Captain Convicted of Brutality to a Negro Seaman.

BALTIMORE, March 27.—Captain Jefferson Meads of the oyster schooner Gen. Hancock, was found guilty by the jury in the United States District Court today on the charge of brutality toward Edward Merrill, a colored seaman.

The verdict was accompanied by a recommendation to mercy. Judge Morris fined Meads \$100, and sent him to jail for three months.

Meads is the man who strung Merrill up naked in the rigging of the General Hancock, while the boat was ice bound in Breton bay, St. Mary's county, during the February blizzard, slashing him with a tarred rope till the blood ran.

THE VICEROY'S WOUND.

Great Care Being Taken Lest Blood-Poisoning May Set In.

LONDON, March 27.—A dispatch from Yokohama to the Standard says the Japanese Diet closed its session this morning. In a secret session held prior to the adjournment the Diet passed resolutions deploring the assault upon Li Hung Chang.

The greatest care is being exercised in the treatment of the Chinese envoy's wound lest blood-poisoning should supervene.

A dispatch from Kobe says that the Japanese loan of 3,000,000 yen to Corea has fallen through owing to the refusal of Japan to grant Corea's request that the loan be kept standing for fifteen years.

Admiral Meade's Squadron.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The Navy Department did not learn until this morning that Admiral Meade's squadron arrived at Kingston on Sunday where the New York, Minneapolis and Cincinnati will remain a week being joined by the Columbia. The fleet will be coaled at Kingston from the three coalers despatched from Baltimore for them. The cruiser Marblehead left Puerto del Gada, Azores, this morning for Gibraltar on her way to report to Admiral Kirkland, now at Corfu, in the flagship San Francisco.

No Verdict in the Pannill Case.

LYNCHBURG, Va., March 27.—The Pannill case was submitted to the jury at 11:20 o'clock this morning. At 5 o'clock they came into court and stated they had not reached a verdict, and were adjourned over until 10 o'clock to-morrow. The jury is said to stand 11 to 1 for conviction.