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## LEADS ALL NORTH CAROLINA DAILIES IN NEWS AND CIRCULATION.

### FORCING THE FOE INTO MOUNTAINS

#### Hughes Defeats Him at Passi in Iloilo.

### CAPT. WARWICK KILLED

#### HUGHES PREPARES TO ENTER THE MOUNTAINS.

### CAPTURE OF BAYOMBONG BY LAWTON

#### Troops Subsist on Scant Supplies of Rice. MacArthur Has Several Minor Engagements, Capturing Men and Guns. Troops Go to Garrison Mindanao.

Washington, Dec. 1.—General Otis' advances to the War Department today show that the advance into the interior is being vigorously pushed and the American troops continue to drive back and disperse the scattered bands encountered. He states that Captain Warwick, Eighteenth infantry, was killed in an engagement at Passi, Iloilo Province on the 26th instant. General Otis' dispatch is as follows:

"Manila, December 1st.—Hughes reports from Central Panay that Iloilo Province, one-third of island cleared of insurgents. By forced marches with two battalions from Lambuno by way of Caloing he obliged enemy to engage at Passi on 26th and drove him with loss to the mountains in detached bodies, capturing ten rifles and several thousand rounds of small ammunition; Hughes' casualties Captain Warwick, Eighteenth infantry, and Private Daniel W. Humphreys, Company K, Eighteenth infantry, killed. He reports his troops in excellent health. Is now converting wheel into pack transportation for purpose of entering mountains. Expected that he will pass on to Capis, northern coast of island. Dispatches from Lawton indicate Bayombong captured 25th instant. Both trails over mountains impracticable for wheel transportation of any kind. Troops have subsisted on rice and scant supply at that. MacArthur's troops have had several minor engagements, capturing men and rifles. Bell's capture in mountains includes fourteen modern guns, all in good condition; over 50 pieces of artillery captured by troops of corps in last three weeks. Oregon brought in one hundred and six Spanish prisoners from Vigan yesterday, 24 received by rail previous evening. Young with three troops cavalry and March's battalion Thirty-third infantry should have reached Vigan yesterday.

"Conditions at Zamboanga satisfactory. Additional ordnance surrendered, consisting of four field pieces, 17 rifles, quantity ammunition. Natives adjoining towns visiting city and native military bands serenading troops. Thirty-first infantry leaves Manila this evening to garrison several stations Mindanao coast; difficulties anticipated."

### MACABEBES GOOD SOLDIERS.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Word comes from the Philippines that the two companies of Macabebes scouts under Captain Batsou are doing so well that it has been decided to organize a full battalion of those natives. The additional two companies will be very useful in the present campaign, in tracking the fleeing remnants of Aguinaldo's disorganized army.

### 800 FILIPINOS SURRENDERED.

### Also Several American and Seventy Spanish Prisoners.

Manila, Dec. 2, 9:30 A. M. (Saturday).—General Conan surrendered 800 officers and men with rifles, several American and seventy Spanish prisoners and the garrison at Bayombong, Province of Nueva Vizcaya, to Lieutenant Monroe, with fifty men of the Fourth cavalry.

### Masked Man Robs a Train.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 1.—An unknown white masked man robbed a Southern Express company car near Branchville, S. C., on the Southern Railway tonight. The train had just left the station when Messengers Ramsey and Rhodes were covered with two revolvers held in the hands of the stalwart robber. One messenger was made to stand with his hands over his head and the other was commanded to hand over the money packages in the safe. Seventeen hundred dollars were secured and the robber, after warning the messengers not to put a foot outside of the car until the train had got under headway again, pulled the bell cord and jumped off as the train slowed up. The conductor saw the robber escaping alongside of the track, but thinking him a tramp, signalled the engineer ahead. When the train got under headway the messengers came out and told their story. The car was a combination baggage and express car and the door had been opened to permit the conductor to reach the baggage section, which was in the forward end of the car. It was on account of this fact that the robber was able to enter the car. One of the safes in the car which escaped the robber's notice, contained \$8,000. The sheriff of

Dorchester with six men and two hounds have been hurried to the scene of the robbery and will take up the chase.

The train robbed was from Columbia and Augusta for Charleston. A special from Branchville says that two men committed the robbery, but the messengers who arrived in Charleston say that there was only one robber. The special further states that the thief will surely be taken as the country around the scene of the robbery is being thoroughly scoured by several large posses who have trained dogs with them.

### WIFE BRUTALLY MURDERED

#### Horrible Story of the Death of a Beautiful Woman.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 1.—Mrs. John D. Williams, a well known and beautiful young woman of this city died last night. Today after all arrangements had been made for the funeral, an order came from the coroner to hold the body as an autopsy would be held. This action was taken by reason of certain suspicious circumstances connected with the death of Mrs. Williams that had been brought to the attention of State's Attorney Hart-ridge.

Shortly afterward a warrant was issued for the arrest of John D. Williams, the young woman's husband, and he was soon apprehended and placed in the county jail charged with the murder of his wife.

The autopsy developed that Mrs. Williams came to her death by a violent blow in the stomach, bursting the bladder and rupturing other vessels. The woman died in great agony, but made no charges against anyone. The husband had quarreled with his wife about a week ago and was heard to make threats against her. He refuses to talk except to deny the murder.

Mrs. Williams was a sister-in-law to City Recorder West. Williams is a well known young man about town. The case has created much excitement in the city.

### THRESHING MACHINE TRUST.

#### A. A. McKain, Who is Organizing It, to be President.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 1.—A. A. McKain, president of the Indiana Manufacturing Company, who is managing the promotion of the combination of all threshing machine companies in the country, has returned from New York where he has been arranging for the transfer of the property of the various machine manufacturers of the United States. It is now thought that the capitalization of the combination will be about \$60,000,000. Headquarters will be either at Indianapolis or Chicago. Mr. McKain will be the president.

### IT GAPES FOR SUGAR

#### A \$200,000,000 Trust That Will Swallow Sweets.

#### Havemeyer, It is Understood, Has Secured An Option on the A-buckle Sugar Company and O-her Concerns.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—The News says today:

"A \$200,000,000 trust is in contemplation. There is every prospect that the American Sugar Company, the Glucose Refining Company and all of the so-called independent sugar refineries will be consolidated. H. O. Havemeyer of the Sugar Combine has, it is understood, secured an option on the A-buckle Sugar Company, the Doscher concern and the outside plants in Boston and New Orleans.

"It has been ascertained that representatives of the Havemeyer company have been in this city in conference with President Matthiessen, of the Glucose Company, for several days. The result of those conferences, it is said, was an option on the Glucose interests.

"The important feature of the plan is that the American Sugar Company will increase its capitalization from \$75,000,000 to \$200,000,000. It is understood that \$30,000,000 of this will be bought by the Glucose people for their plant and \$20,000,000 to the outside refineries, and that the entire common stock of the Sugar trust will be put on an eight per cent basis. The rate of disbursement on the preferred shares will not be changed while the holders of ordinary will be allowed to subscribe for the new certificates at par.

"The capital of the Glucose Refining Company is \$40,000,000, \$14,000,000 preferred and \$26,000,000 common, so that certificates will be taken in presumably at an average of \$75 per share.

"When questioned in reference to the prospective sale of his company, Mr. Matthiessen today refused to discuss the matter, saying 'any information that may be of value to the public will be given out at the proper time.'

### Alabama Red Kicks at Rope's End.

Perry, Ga., Dec. 1.—Richard Smith, Alabama Red, a negro, was hanged in the jail yard here at noon today. The crime for which Smith paid the penalty was the murder of Bob Pine, also colored, at Beach Haven last May. The men were drinking and gambling and the killing was unprovoked.

The negroes of the county were so stirred up over the murder that they petitioned Judge Felton to hold a special term of court for the trial of the murderer which he did. Smith met his fate calmly. A large crowd assembled about the jail yard, but the execution was private.

### AS A SCOPER IN OF THE "SINEWS"

#### Republicans Hate to Part With Their Marcus

### LOOK AFIER THE DUCATS

#### THIS THEY SUGGEST WHEN HE SAYS HE'LL RESIGN.

### BUT HE WON'T IF PRESSED NOT TO

#### Meanwhile it is Stated That Mr. Hanna is Daily Receiving From Influential Party Leaders Expressions of Unbounded Confidence in Him as Leader.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 1.—Concerning the reports which have been in circulation for several weeks past to the effect that Senator Hanna would not succeed himself as chairman of the National Republican Committee, it can be stated on the authority of Mr. Hanna's most intimate friends that he has no desire to manage another campaign and that unless very strong pressure is brought to bear upon him he will, in all probability, decline to do so.

Notwithstanding the published statements that many leading Republicans throughout the country are opposed to Mr. Hanna's re-appointment as chairman of the National Committee, it is known that he is almost daily receiving from influential party leaders, representing practically all sections of the country, letters to the effect that he has their fullest confidence and support and urging that he is the strongest man available for the place.

Mr. Hanna's closest friends and indeed the members of his own family, believe, however, that the condition of his health is such that he should not under any circumstances assume the responsibility of managing another presidential campaign.

It has been suggested that should Mr. Hanna decide not to accept a re-appointment as chairman that he be made a member of the Executive Committee, having personal charge of the campaign finances. This would, it is pointed out, relieve Mr. Hanna of the arduous duties devolving upon him as chairman, and at the same time give the National Committee the benefit of his experience and marked success in raising campaign funds.

### GEN. METHUEN'S SILENCE.

#### Is it Due to Important Movements or to British Reverses?

London, Dec. 1.—Methuen's silence is believed to be due to the censorship and is taken to mean that very important strategic movements are under way or else news of a British reverse is held up. Before the advance is made. Modifying railway will take all Methuen's resources. Experts say that more men are needed in all directions.

### HILDYARD'S ADVANCE.

London, Dec. 1.—A dispatch to the Evening News from Cape Town, says a force of Boers while trying to blow up the five hundred foot bridge at Colenso were driven back by British artillery fire. The dispatch indicates that Hildyard is advancing to the relief of Ladysmith and has overcome difficulties spread in the path by the Boers and has reached the south shore of Tugela river.

### Annapolis vs. West Point.

Philadelphia, Dec. 1.—On Franklin field tomorrow afternoon the embryo soldiers of the West Point Military Academy will meet the coming sailors of the Annapolis Naval Academy in a football battle, the first that will be waged by the two military arms of the Government in six years. Among those who will attend the game are Secretary of War Root, Secretary of the Navy Long and Assistant Secretaries Meiklejohn and Allen. It is expected that Ambassador Pauncefote of Great Britain, will be here.

### The Battleship Texas.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The battleship Texas has arrived at Brunswick, and an application from Captain Sigbee, the Secretary of the Navy has granted permission for the vessel to remain there several days. Later when she proceeds to Havana, Captain Sigbee will remain in command, not assuming his new departmental position in Washington until after the bodies of the Maine victims are brought up on the Texas for interment here.

### To Establish a Cotton Mill.

McRae, Ga., Dec. 1.—At a meeting of representative citizens of McRae, plans were agreed upon looking to the establishment of a cotton mill here. Thirty five thousand dollars was subscribed to the enterprise and the amount will be raised probably to \$100,000. A committee was appointed to carry on the work.

Ex-Judge Wm. Lawrence Clark, of Winchester, Va., died at the home of his son at Northport, Long Island.

### OUTLOOK IN THE BLUE GRASS STATE

#### The Surcharged Political Atmosphere Grows Cooler.

### SURMISES ARE THICK

#### MANY REPUBLICANS ARE LOOKING FOR DEFEAT.

### GOEBEL AND TAYLOR ARE IN FRANKFORT

#### Bradley, Who is Packing Up, Says Taylor is All Right. J. W. Gayle Named by Democrats and W. C. Owens by Fusionists For Congress.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 1.—The postponement of the official canvass of Kentucky's gubernatorial vote until Monday has for the time being at least, cooled the surcharged political atmosphere in a very perceptible manner. It is not likely now there will be any developments until the meeting of the election commissioners. Although the candidates for Governor are in town, they are keeping quiet and their friends are emulating their example. There is no talking, save in the direction of surmise regarding the possible action of the commissioners on Monday. There is a deeply settled belief among both Democrats and Republicans that the commissioners will not turn the matter over to the Legislature but will surely issue a certificate to either Goebel or Taylor. If it is given to the former it is possible that the matter may end there, as many of the conservative Republicans are of the opinion that in view of the strong Democratic majority in the Legislature it would be practically useless for the Republicans to look for anything in that quarter. If the certificate goes to Taylor, it is a certainty that the matter will be taken to the Legislature, where Goebel may finally win out. The Republicans, however, are by no means a unit in favor of abandoning the fight at the door of the Legislature. Some of them are vehement in their assertions that they will not abandon the fight until there is no possible chance of Taylor being Governor of the State. Governor Bradley has evidently made up his mind that somebody will receive a certificate of election, for he was busily engaged all day in packing up his private property in the State House, preparatory to a return to private life.

"They are making my last days my hardest days," he said, "but I guess there will be no trouble. There are too many sensible men on both sides to prevent anything of that kind. I really don't see how anything can be done to keep Mr. Taylor from the chair. He will go in all right."

It is not likely that the election commissioners will finish their work before Tuesday afternoon. Among the suggestions made regarding their probable line of action, is that sitting as an election board, the commissioners will issue certificates of election to all minor Republican officials, and then resolving themselves into a contesting board declare the Democratic claims of election to these offices to be valid, and oust all the Republicans to whom certificates have been issued. It has already been held that a contesting board is powerless to decide a contest concerning a Governor and Lieutenant Governor, and the fate of those two officials will be turned over to the Legislature, the commissioners saying in effect to the Legislature:

"We believe they are unlawful incumbents, but we have not the power to remove them. It's up to you."

A decision was rendered by Judge Paynter, of the Court of Appeals today, which cost the Taylor faction about 130 votes, a matter too small to effect the final result.

Judge Paynter dissolved the temporary injunction secured by Taylor's attorneys restraining the election board of Harrison county from certifying the vote of that county as made up by the local board, one precinct having been thrown out because of irregularities. The dissolution of the injunction is a Democratic success.

J. W. Gayle, of Owen county, was nominated for Congress by the Seventh district Democratic convention on the sixty-seventh ballot.

### OWENS NOMINATED.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 1.—Former Congressman W. C. Owens, who defeated Colonel Breckinridge in 1894, and who bolted Goebel this year, was nominated today by a fusion of bolting Democrats and Republicans to succeed Congressman Settle, deceased. The fight will be wholly on State issues. The silver question will not be considered.

### SEC. OF INTERIOR'S REPORT.

#### Revision and Codification of Pension Laws Recommended.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The annual report of Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock, made public tonight while summing up the work in all the bureaus, is of special interest by reason of its statements regarding pension policies. At the close of the fiscal year there were 991,519 pensioners, a decrease of 2,135 during the year. The Spanish War probably will increase the pension roll during the current fiscal year. The

Secretary concurs in recommendations for an early revision and codification of the pension laws.

Secretary Hitchcock makes public an advance report of the Maritime Canal Company of Nicaragua dated December 4, next, setting forth that since the organization of the company 10,145 shares of the capital stock have been subscribed for at par, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$1,014,500, of which amount \$1,008,830 has been paid into the treasury in cash; that there has been paid into the Treasury from other sources \$155,776.51, making the total amount of cash received \$1,164,606.51. The company has paid for property, work and labor done, and materials furnished in the execution of the work of construction of the canal, and in administration expenses the sum of \$1,161,772.70 in cash, 31,980 shares of the full-paid capital stock of the company, of the par value of \$4,190,000, \$150,000 of its first mortgage bonds. It has also issued 180,000 shares of its capital stock of the par value of \$180,000 in payment for concessionary rights, privileges, franchises and other property.

The Congressional assertion of its right to determine the line of canal through Nicaragua and Costa Rica under the concession of the company, according to the company, caused uncertainty as to final location of the route and with other causes has made the resumption of the work of construction impossible. The company encloses two formal protests, one dated December 2, 1898, and the other September 8, 1899, to Secretary Hay against the agreement by the Nicaraguan Government for another canal concession in violation of the rights of not only the company, but of the United States and Costa Rica.

### GOES TO CONGRESS TUESDAY.

#### McKinley Hopes to Announce Collapse of Philippine Resistance.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The Cabinet today discussed briefly the President's message to which the finishing touches have been placed except to that portion relating to the Philippines. That section of the message is being held up in the hope that the President may be able to announce the complete collapse of the insurrection before it goes to Congress. The members of the Cabinet are unanimously of the opinion that the rebellion is on its last legs, and that any day may see the end.

"The Philippine question is solving itself," is the way one member put it today. The President has decided not to send the message to Congress until Tuesday, as the immediate adjournment of the Senate upon the announcement of the death of Vice-President Hobart will preclude its being read on Monday.

### DENIAL OF THE DEAL

#### B. & O. Not Absorbed by the Pennsylvania.

#### It is Stated That Morgan, Vanderbilt and Cassat Have Not Combined to Control the Eastern Railroad Situation.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 1.—Inquiries made today at the office of A. J. Cassat, President of the Pennsylvania Railroad, elicited a statement denying the report that the Baltimore and Ohio had been absorbed by the Pennsylvania. The facts as learned at Mr. Cassat's office are as follows:

"There is no truth in the reports which have found their origin in this rumor, that J. Pierpont Morgan, William K. Vanderbilt and A. J. Cassat have combined to take the control of the Eastern Railroad situation into their own hands. The declaration that the Pennsylvania Railroad has absorbed the Baltimore and Ohio is as absurd as would be a declaration that the New York Central had absorbed the Pennsylvania. The facts as they exist, are to be found in the denial of the rumor made yesterday by John K. Cowen, President of the Baltimore and Ohio."

### Big Collection of City Taxes.

During the month of November there were \$30,500 in city taxes, collected, exclusive of street paving and market rents, which altogether amounted to nearly \$32,000. This says Tax Collector Lumsden, exceeds any collection of city taxes ever before made by about \$5,000.

The penalty is now enforced against all who have not paid. This began yesterday.

### THEY SUSPECT JIMINEZ.

#### Armed Organization Rapidly Developing Against Him.

Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 1.—San Domingan mail advices under date of November 26, report a condition of incipient popular unrest, threatening further armed disturbances. Apparently the acts of the Jiminez administration, particularly relative to financial matters, instead of winning the confidence or approval of the majority of the leaders of the national movement which gave Jiminez practically a bloodless victory over the followers of Henreux, are exciting popular suspicion and distrust, and armed organization is rapidly developing for the purpose of enforcing popular desires on Jiminez.

The advices further allege that the American Improvement Company also opposes Jiminez's policy and inclines to moral sympathy, if not open support, of the popular demands.

### INVESTIGATION OF THE ROBERTS CASE

#### Republicans of the House Will Take Action.

### MUST NOT TAKE THE OATH

#### MUST WAIT UNTIL INVESTIGATION IS OVER.

### THE PLAN OF PROCEDURE MAPPED OUT

#### This Involves no Prejudgment of the Case, and Precedents For Objecting to Swearing in a Member Duly Elected Are Many.

Washington, Dec. 1.—At a conference of about twenty-five prominent House Republicans held at the capitol tonight it was decided that the ability of Representative-elect Roberts, of Utah, to occupy a seat in the House of Representatives should be investigated and determined and that pending the decision he should not be permitted to take the oath of office.

This decision was arrived at by those present without a dissenting voice. Representative Taylor, of Ohio, who will have charge of the matter in the House, explained, after the conference had adjourned, that this proceeding does not involve a prejudgment of the case, but, irrespective of party, will afford the members an opportunity to vote after a thorough investigation and complete presentation of the case for their consideration.

Mr. Taylor had made a study of the allegations and precedents and presented them at length to his colleagues. He offered a plan of procedure which was agreed to after a general exchange of views. The procedure is to be as follows:

When Mr. Roberts appears at the bar of the House to take the oath objection is to be made upon the ground that he is ineligible. He will then step aside, and after the other members are sworn in, the member making the objection—who probably will be Mr. Taylor—will recite the allegations and offer a resolution for their investigation by a special committee. This will give the House an opportunity to vote in the first instance upon the question of postponing the administration of the oath until after the allegations have been investigated. The resolutions have not been formulated yet, but they will include the investigation of the charge that Mr. Roberts' alleged conviction of violation of the Edmunds Act in 1889 renders him ineligible by the terms of that act, whether the fact that he is an avowed polygamist renders him ineligible, and whether the State of Utah in electing him has not violated the compact by which she obtained statehood.

Mr. Taylor says the precedents for objecting to the swearing in of a member duly elected and bearing proper credentials are numerous and in point. Among others are the well known cases of Proctor Knott, Boyo Winchester and John M. Rice, of Kentucky, who were elected to Congress shortly after the war and who were charged with ineligibility on the ground of disloyalty. All these precedents were cited at the conference tonight. These precedents lead to the conclusion that objection can be properly made to the swearing in of a member where there are apparently well grounded reasons for believing him to be ineligible.

The resolutions will provide for the appointment of a special committee of either seven or nine to be named by the speaker.

Representatives Powers, Vermont, presided at the conference tonight. Those present were Messrs. Henderson, Iowa; Grosvenor, Shattuck, Southard, Kern and Taylor, Ohio; Powers, Vermont; McPherson, Iowa; Dalzell, of Pennsylvania; Payne and Sherman, New York; Hill, Connecticut; Thomas, Iowa; Alexander and Ray, New York; Curtis, Kansas; Warner, Illinois; Landis, Indiana; Cannon, Illinois; Morris, Minnesota; Steele, Indiana; Long, Kansas.

The Roberts case is not to come up for consideration at the Republican caucus tomorrow night. The Republican leaders do not desire to make the question in any sense a party issue.

### Massachusetts Teachers Association.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 1.—The fifty-fifth annual meeting of the Massachusetts Teachers' Association was begun here today. The meeting was addressed by Booker T. Washington, of Tuskegee College, who said that the South is indebted to New England for such of her recent progress in the direction of education.

The speaker reviewed the work of the negro teacher and closed by saying: "You as teachers of the State of Massachusetts can not only help directly or indirectly in the solution of the race problem in the South, but you should not forget that you owe a duty to the thousands of negroes who reside in New England. While the negroes of the North have many privileges and opportunities that the Southern negroes do not enjoy, still it is true, I am sorry to say, that in the matter of securing employment and profitable occupations, especially in the trades in the line of skilled labor, the negro in too many cases here in the North finds the door shut against him. It seems to me that you as teachers can exert a helpful influence by teaching your children that every individual, regardless of his color, should have an opportunity to earn an honest living."