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TODAY BEGINS HIS BATTLE FOR LIFE

Summoning Men to Serve on the Jury.

OPPOSITION IS SHOWN

A Number of Veniremen Seek to be Excused.

WILCOX'S TRIAL AN ABSORBING TOPIC

The Prisoner Appears Calm and Fearless and it is Not Believed His Iron Nerve Will Yield Whatever May be the Outcome.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Elizabeth City, N. C., March 12.—The State and the defendant are tonight ready to wage one of the most noted battles for a human life that has occurred in the State's late history. On this trial eve the Wilcox case is an absorbing topic among all grades of society.

Sheriff Grandy today had six deputies riding all over Pasquotank county to summon the 250 veniremen, and at night-fall practically all had been reached. Expressions from prospective jurors indicate a decided antipathy on their part to doing jury service in the Wilcox case.

A number of veniremen have seen the judge or counsel with a view to being excused. The empanelling of jurors will begin at 2 o'clock. The prospects tonight are that the court room will be packed hours ahead. The defense is allowed to strike off twenty-three veniremen without naming cause, while the prosecution may excuse four in the same manner. Numerous others will be challenged because of incompetency to sit in this trial.

The jury will not likely be completed tomorrow. District Attorney Ward said tonight that Dr. Fearing, the coroner, would likely be the first witness.

It is stated on good authority that the defense will have a medical expert, who may be put on in rebuttal at some stage. Late this afternoon the prisoner was reported calm and fearless. It is not believed his extraordinary nerve will ever weaken, no matter what the jury's verdict is.

MENNAIR AND WOOTEN FAIL.

File Petition in Voluntary Bankruptcy in the Federal Court at Wilmington.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Wilmington, N. C., March 12.—McNair and Wooten, extensive general merchants and fertilizer dealers at Maxton, N. C., today filed a voluntary bankruptcy in the United States court here. The liabilities are \$21,448.33, of which \$21,485.61 is in security claims. The assets are \$21,081.08, of which amount \$22,931.02 is in open store accounts. The attorneys for the petitioners are Jno. D. Shaw and Son, of Laurinburg, and Jno. H. Cook, of Maxton. Messrs. T. J. Wooten and H. C. McNair, composing the firm also ask to be individually declared voluntary bankrupts and reserve the real and personal property exemption of \$1,500. The personal liabilities of Mr. Wooten approximate \$8,500; assets \$1,325. The liabilities of Mr. McNair approximate \$10,000; assets \$2,000. The creditors of the firm are widely distributed. Among the secured are Charlotte Oil and Fertilizer Company, \$3,674.62; American Fertilizer Company, Norfolk, \$1,397.60; Navassa Guano Company, Wilmington, \$433.50; Armfield Company, Fayetteville, \$642.78; Vollers and Hashagen, \$584.76.

ENTHUSIASTIC FOR BASEBALL.

To Bring Suit Against the Southeastern Passenger Association.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Greensboro, N. C., March 12.—At the organization of the Greensboro Athletic and Baseball Association last night it was very evident that there is a great deal of baseball enthusiasm in this town. The promoters and others who attended the meeting expressed themselves as being greatly encouraged at the interest manifested in the subject by the people of Greensboro generally. The president of the association is that genuine and wholesome sport, Mr. Clem Wright. The association elected Messrs. L. J. Brandt and W. I. Underwood to represent Greensboro at the meeting to be held in Raleigh tonight and instructed them to enter into negotiations at once to secure the best manager for the team that can be found. Another meeting will be held Friday night, at which time a board of directors will be elected to manage the affairs of the association.

The board of aldermen held a special meeting last night and instructed the supervisor of public works to push the work of street improvement as rapidly as possible. Additional machinery will be purchased and two or three forces of hands put to work paving and macadamizing streets in different sections of the city.

The promoters of the trade exhibit which was to have been held in Greensboro in February, but which was called off on account of the withdrawal of the reduced railroad rates, which had been previously granted by the Southeastern

Passenger Association, have employed attorneys to bring suits against the association and the roads comprising it.

Mr. H. C. Brown, clerk of the Corporation Commission, has written several Democrats here asking their support in his candidacy for the nomination for commissioner to succeed Dr. Abbott. It is reported here that Mr. E. C. Beddingfield, of Raleigh, will oppose Mr. Brown for the nomination.

Dr. Charles D. Melver returned this morning from a trip to Washington and Baltimore, where he went to confer with Dr. J. L. M. Curry, general agent of the Peabody fund, and President Gilman, of Johns Hopkins University.

A COMPROMISE EXPECTED

Cars Continue to Run Without Military Escort. Some of the Troops Depart.

(By the Associated Press.)

Norfolk, Va., March 12.—The cars of the Norfolk Railway and Light Company continued to run today without military guards, and no violence resulted. Eight companies of the 71st infantry will be retained in Norfolk until all danger of trouble has disappeared. Meantime four of the commands from nearby points have been relieved from duty. The strikers and officials of the company are in correspondence, and it is believed that the compromise, hinted at by the proposition that such men as are declared to have clean records shall be retained, may be effected.

DEATH OF ALTGELD

Former Governor Is Seized With Fatal Illness at a Pro-Boer Meeting.

(By the Associated Press.)

Joliet, Ill., March 12.—Former Governor John P. Altgeld died in room 58, Hotel Munroe this morning at 7:09 o'clock. He had been unconscious since midnight.

Mr. Altgeld was the principal speaker at a pro-Boer mass meeting last night in the Joliet theatre.

Just at the close of his speech, a sudden giddiness seized him and he was assisted from the stage. The meeting proceeded, the audience not realizing what had happened. Mr. Altgeld was taken to the door of the theatre, where several vomitings spells seized him.

This continued for nearly an hour and was so pronounced he could not be removed to the hotel.

Physicians were hastily summoned and Mr. Altgeld was carried to the hotel across the street. He retained consciousness and urged the newspaper men to keep the affair quiet for fear of alarming his wife. Shortly before midnight he became unconscious.

He remained in this condition until death. At 3:41 this morning it was thought he had died, but he revived and from that time until shortly before the end showed wonderful vitality, although he made no move.

Medical men here had a banquet last night, at which Dr. J. B. Herrick, of the Rush Medical College, of Chicago, delivered a lecture on heart disease. He and other physicians were called from the banquet to attend the patient. They remained with him the balance of the night. When the end came they worked his arms vigorously to revive respiration, but all to no purpose. The cause of death is given as cerebral hemorrhage, there having been an apoplectic seizure of the brain.

THE KAISER'S EXTENDED HAND.

He Cables His Thanks That it is Met With a Firm Friendly Grip.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, March 12.—The following cablegrams were made public here today:

"Wilhelmshaven, March 12, 1902.

"President of the United States of America, Washington.

"Now that my brother has left the hospitable shores of the United States, homeward bound, I feel it a pleasing duty to express to you how deeply grateful I and the whole of the German people are for the splendor of the hospitality and the cordiality of the reception which was accorded to Prince Henry by all classes of the American people.

"My outstretched hand has been met by you with a firm, manly and friendly grip. May Heaven bless our relations with peace and good will between the two great nations. My best compliments and wishes to Miss Alice.

"WILLIAM, I. R."

"Washington, March 12, 1902.

"Emperor William, Wilhelmshaven.

"Your brother's visit to this country has accomplished much in showing the depth of kindly feeling which exists between the two nations. It has been most fortunate in every way and I trust you will permit me to congratulate you on the admirable manner in which he has borne himself. He has won the genuine and hearty sympathy and regard of all with whom he was brought in contact. We have welcomed him for his own sake and we have welcomed him still more heartily as the representative of yourself and of the mighty German people. I thank you in the name of the American people for what you have done and I thank you personally in addition for the gracious form which your courtesy took.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

Haywood Smith, a negro from near Milburnie, is in jail here on the charge of assault with a deadly weapon upon Jerry Smith, one of the best known negro farmers in the county.

Haywood Smith's bond was placed at \$100, which he could not give.

THE STATE LEAGUE MAKES FIRST BASE

The Season Will Open on May 5th.

SIX CLUBS REPRESENTED

An Enthusiastic and Harmonious Conference of Representatives.

FRANCHISES AND FULL PROTECTION GIVEN

Perrin Busbee, of Raleigh, President; C. L. Stevens, of Newbern, Vice-President and Murray Allen, of Raleigh Secretary-Treasurer

(By the Associated Press.)

Base ball for the State can be written down as a certainty. The North Carolina League of Professional Baseball Players, was organized last night at a most enthusiastic and harmonious meeting, held at the Capital Club.

There were present representatives from the following cities:

CHARLOTTE—Proxy from club to Mr. Otis Stockdale.

DURHAM—Mr. Otis Stockdale.

GREENSBORO—Mr. L. J. Brandt, Mr. W. I. Underwood and Mr. T. B. Waddell.

NEW BERN—Mr. C. L. Stevens.

RALEIGH—Mr. Wm. J. Andrews and Mr. R. C. Rivers.

WILMINGTON—Mr. E. J. Baer.

After a full discussion as to the needs

FOR THE NICARAGUAN ROUTE

The Senate Committee on Isthmian Canals Decide by a Vote of 7 to 4 to Report the Hepburn Bill.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., March 12.—The Senate Committee on Isthmian Canals has decided by a vote of 7 to 4 to report the Hepburn Bill providing for the construction of an isthmian canal via the Nicaragua route.

The action of the committee was taken at a called meeting held during the afternoon and came after a brief report by Senator Morgan, chairman of the committee, detailing the result of a conference with Secretary Hay as to the status of diplomatic negotiations with the Central American Republic concerning the canal. He stated that the secretary had told him that there are no negotiations in progress between the United States and Colombia concerning the Panama route and that the new minister from that country to this had not even presented his credentials; but that on the other hand, with representatives of his country and those of Nicaragua and Costa Rica had been in consultation and had practically agreed upon all the points to be covered in concession treaties, nothing really being left in that connection but to put the agreements in writing. He said that the Governments of those two countries had manifested a disposition to make all the concessions

which the United States could ask to aid in the construction of a canal and that among these concessions is one for perpetual right of way.

The vote for the Hepburn bill stood: Yeas: Morgan, Mitchell, Hawley, Platt (N. Y.), Harris, Turner, Foster, (La.)

Nays: Hanna, Pritchard, Millard, Kittridge.

Senator Morgan said after the adjournment of the committee that he probably would report the bill to the Senate tomorrow, but that while he would use all due diligence in securing consideration of the measure he had no conference with the Republican leaders of the Senate as to when the measure should be taken for consideration.

The Hepburn bill authorizes the President to acquire territory for right of way for a canal of sufficient capacity to accommodate the largest ships from Greytown on the Atlantic via Lake Nicaragua to Brito on the Pacific, under the supervision of the Secretary of War; authorizes surveys of the harbors at the two ends of the route; guarantees the use of the canal to vessels of Costa Rica and Nicaragua and appropriates \$10,000,000 for beginning the work.

Payne, Representatives Dalzell and Cannon. For the opposition to the Ways and Means—Representatives Dick, (Ohio); Fordney (Mich.), and Morris (Minn.)

Soon after the overtures of compromise were made the leaders of the clement opposed to the Ways and Means Committee called a conference. The sentiment was rather unfavorable to accepting the plan of 20 per cent reduction for one year from next December, and some of those present were favorable to rejecting the plan. But it was urged against this course that so long as overtures for adjustment had been made in good faith, it was only proper to meet the committee representing the Ways and Means. It was therefore decided by vote to name a committee to meet Messrs. Payne, Dalzell and Cannon. Later Mr. Payne and his associates were formally advised that they would be met by a committee from the other side. As there was a desire to consult the wishes of all those co-operating with the opposition forces, a call was issued to meet at 2 p. m. tomorrow, at which time the final plans will be made.

During the meeting the statement was made that one of the beet sugar advocates had been assured by representatives of the Ways and Means Committee that the plan of compromise would not cover this year's sugar crop, and would apply only to the crop of next year, harvested prior to December, 1903. Some doubt existed, however, as to these assurances, and it was considered quite vital to learn with definiteness whether the 20 per cent reduction would apply to two crops or to one. It was stated afterward by Ways and Means Committee members that the compromise plan would affect two crops—that of this year and next—allowing 20 per cent off on each. There was no purpose, it was stated, to limit the reduction to a single crop. This matter probably will be left to the arbitrating committee with the indications that the beet sugar conferees will

REPUBLICANS SEEK TO AVERT CONFLICT

Overtures For a Compromise Are Made.

TO BE CONSIDERED TODAY

Ways and Means Committee Appoints Three Representatives.

THE OPPOSITION WILL HAVE THREE

These Will Consider the Proposition to Have the 20 Per Cent Reduction on Cuban Sugar Apply For One Year.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, March 12.—Overtures have been made for the compromise of the conflict over the tariff concessions to Cuba, and there are evidences that the two elements will come together, probably on a proposition to have the 20 per cent reciprocal reduction apply for one year from next December and covering one sugar crop.

Prominent members of the Ways and Means Committee, who have thus far led the contest for Cuban reciprocity have signified a willingness to accept this compromise proposition.

The overtures of compromise are to be considered by three Republicans from each side, namely:

For the Ways and Means—Chairman

insist on limiting the reduction to one crop, that of next year and with that limitation will be inclined to accept the plan of compromise.

CARMACK WILL SPEAK

The Decennary at the State Normal Will be a Great Event.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Washington, D. C., March 12.—Senator Simmons and several of the North Carolina House Democrats today called on Senator Edward W. Carmack, of Tennessee, with President Melver, of the Greensboro State Normal, and invited Senator Carmack to deliver the literary address at the decennary celebration of that great institution on May 27th. Senator Carmack accepted. That will be a notable gathering at Greensboro. The Congressional delegation will attend. Senator Carmack is one of the big orators of the nation and a rare treat is in store for our people.

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LOCK HORNS OVER THE PACIFIC CABLE

Corliss and Richardson of Alabama Clash.

HOUSE GOES FAR AFIELD

Philippines, Rural Free Delivery and Other Matters Discussed.

TWO SPEECHES FOR THE SHIPPING BILL

The Speakers Are McCumber of North Dakota and Depew of New York. A Few Bills Passed by the Senate.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, March 12.—General debate upon the Postoffice Appropriation Bill continued in the House today, a number of topics being discussed. The proceedings were enlivened by a clash between Mr. Corliss, of Michigan, and Mr. Richardson, of Alabama, on the subject of the Pacific cable. This is the second time these two members have locked horns on the cable question. Mr. Sims, of Tennessee, devoted some time to showing how the House had been what he considered "buncoed" in connection with the Permanent Census Bill. Mr. Dougherty, of Missouri, discussed rural free delivery. Mr. Jackson, of Kansas, the Government ownership of telegraphs, and Mr. Greene, of Pennsylvania, the Philippine situation. The latter argued that if we would proclaim our purpose to grant independence to the Filipino, the insurrection would instantly cease. The House adjourned at 4:30 out of respect to the memory of Door-keeper Glenn, who died today.

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