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THE PAST WEEK TOLD IN
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Complete Review of Happenings of
Greatest Interest From All
Parts of World.

Southern.

E. Kline, a Hungarian, who represented himself as James Stewart of New York, was arrested in Nashville, Tenn., on a charge of forgery, and will be taken back to Scranton, Pa., to face his accusers.

William Rodenkirchen, a foreigner, registering at a Greensboro, N. C., hotel as "Rodenkirchen, Adrian, Siberia," was discovered by a hotel clerk groaning and vigorously jabbing his throat with a pen knife. When disarmed it was discovered that Rodenkirchen had slashed each wrist thrice; stabbed himself just above the heart, and had dug a hole in his neck large enough to place three fingers.

Indications are that the "regular" Tennessee Democratic state committee will ignore the opportunity to name the three "regular" Democrats in the committee of seven to hold the state primary called by the Independent state committee for April 30.

Dependent, according to a note found, James Grant, a prosperous farmer and merchant of Benton, Ark., clubbed his wife, five children and stepson to death, and then hanged himself. Grant's body was found suspended to a rafter in a barn, and those of the woman and children about the farm dwelling, their skulls crushed.

An appeal to friends of education in America for \$1,000,000 to make the George Peabody college for teachers at Nashville, Tenn., a great final memorial to Mr. Peabody's beneficent service to the South and as the educational crown of the system of the schools now established in that section, is made in a lengthy statement from the trustees of the Peabody education fund. The trustees give notice of having voted to close the trust.

General.

The peace conference held at Shanghai between the representatives of the Peking government and the revolutionary party agreed that the form of government to be ultimately adopted for China should be decided by a national convention, whose determination should be binding on both parties. It also was agreed that pending the decision of the national convention, the Manchou government was neither to accept nor to attempt to obtain foreign loans.

It is understood at Teheran that the regent and cabinet desire the appointment of the American, F. E. Cairns, the principal assistant of Mr. Shuster, as the new treasurer general of Persia.

Investigation has been unearthed at the investigation in Indianapolis, which gives to the dynamite conspiracy case an international scope and a much wider, deeper meaning in the United States than heretofore it has had, according to information obtained. One detail of the new information is certain large commercial organizations not affiliated with the National Erectors' association made contributions of thousands of dollars toward the execution of dynamite plots originating in the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers.

The state failed in its effort to fix the blame for the fire horror of March 25, 1911, in which 147 employees of the Triangle Waist company, in New York, lost their lives. A verdict of "not guilty" was returned by the jury in the case of Isaac Harris and Max Blanck, proprietors of the factory, who were indicted in connection with the holocaust.

Douglas H. Harris was shot and instantly killed in the lobby of the Cherokee hotel, Rome, Ga., by Uriah L. Starnes, traveling salesman for a marble factory. Starnes claimed that Harris wrecked his family, and after giving himself up to the nearest policeman, said that he was the happiest man alive, and assured bystanders that if his victim was not dead he would go back and make a good job.

Mrs. Ella Wilson is in control of the affairs at Hunnewell, Kansas, at last. Three members of the council have resigned. Governor Stubbs ordered the attorney general to bring out suits.

It is said Harry K. Thaw will soon make another effort to be released from Matteawan.

A prayer book in his pocket saved Michael Corbell, of Hastings, N. Y., when a revolver shot was fired point blank at him by a man he refused to admit to the factory where he is watchman. The bullet stopped just over Corbell's head.

Upon the grave in New York of Clement C. Moore, who wrote "Twas the Night Before Christmas," a holy wreath was placed by a hundred children from the Sunday school of the Church of the Intercession.

Samuel and William Muncy, the oldest twins in the world, have just

A 24-hour battle, in which the Turkish troops defeated the Italian force, killing half of it in the rout, is described in an official message from Constantinople, made public at the Turkish embassy in Washington. The message was transmitted to the imperial ministry of war at Constantinople by the commander of the Turkish troops from Tobruk, Tripoli, under date of December 22.

The physical and mental condition of the Rev. C. V. Richeson of Boston is so unfavorable that his trial on January 15, the date set, will be an absolute impossibility in the opinion of his counsel. "Perhaps his wounds may be in a favorable condition," says a statement from his lawyer, "but his general and mental condition is far from favorable, and I believe an early attempt to put him on trial at so early a date would cause collapse which would delay the trial indefinitely."

The crippled torpedo boat destroyer Warrington, which was run down off Hatteras in a gale Wednesday night by an unknown ship, was safely towed into Hampton Roads. The revenue cutter Onondaga brought in the destroyer's crew.

His first night in the military prison in Mexico City did not appear to depress Gen. Bernardo Reyes very much. He slept in the room of the sub-director of the Santiago prison, and was granted all that was necessary for his comfort.

The vatican has declined to grant

out Boni de Castellane an annulment of his marriage with Anna Gould, who is now the duchess of Talleyrand and Sagon, Countess de Castellane was granted a divorce from her husband and give the custody of her three children November 14, 1906. About a year ago Count Boni applied to the vatican for annulment of the marriage. The duchess of Talleyrand did not oppose the count.

Control of state authorities by inferior United States courts has developed to such an extent that the people are becoming impatient, declared Gov. Simeon E. Baldwin of Connecticut at the opening of the twenty-seventh annual meeting of the American Historical association at Buffalo, N. Y., and the eighth annual meeting of the American Political Science association in joint session. If some of the recent court decisions are not disaffirmed, Governor Baldwin said, the judicial power of the United States will extend to any justifiable controversy arising in any state, although pertaining to mere matters of local concern.

A dispatch from London states that the Russian government has decided to suppress disorders at Tabriz and other disturbed Persian towns. The dislocation of the telegraph lines makes it impossible to get a reliable narrative of the outbreaks. Yet it cannot be doubted that a situation of the gravest complexity has arisen.

Close on the heels of one great peace meeting in New York, which was broken up by disturbers opposed to the ratification of President Taft's proposed treaties with England and France, disagreements have arisen over what is being planned as one of the greatest peace dinners the country has ever seen. Former President Roosevelt replied to an invitation to attend the function with a letter declaring that his sentiments were wholly at variance with those to be expressed at the affair and censuring it as "un-American."

The proclamation of martial law at Teheran following the dismissal of W. Morgan Shuster by the Persian cabinet and the fragmentary reports received as to a bloody massacre by Russian soldiers at Resht are causing serious apprehension in London. The Persian cabinet notified W. Morgan Shuster, the American treasurer general of Persia, of his dismissal from that office. This follows the decision of the national council and the ministry to submit to the demands in the Russian ultimatum.

Washington.

Senator Works of California will attempt to attach to the Sherwood pension bill a provision absolutely prohibiting any special pension bills, and making ineligible for pension any person who attempts to get special legislation. Senator Works hopes to stop the flood of special pensions which are passed by congress at each session. The senate committee on pensions is framing a substitute for the Sherwood bill, which would scale down the pension proposed.

President Taft settled the vexed questions of allowing the practice of Christian Science or other non-medical methods of healing the sick in the Panama canal zone. The executive order made several months ago which members of the Christian Science church feared would prohibit their method of healing, was modified so that there can be no doubt as to the lawfulness of such practice. The order as modified goes into effect at once.

The senate, by a unanimous vote, formally ratified President Taft's notification to Russia of the termination of the treaty of 1832. The Lodge joint resolution, reported by the foreign relations committee as a substitute for the Sulzer resolution that passed the house 200 to 1, was adopted after an all-day debate over Russian discriminations against the Jews of America. The house is expected to agree to the senate measure. The resolution was introduced for the committee by Mr. Lodge of Massachusetts.

STATE IS TO HAVE ANOTHER RAILROAD

HOUGHT TO BE AFTER CONNECTION WITH THE TRANS-CONTINENTAL RAILROAD.

DUNCAN WOULD NOT TALK

Mr. Duncan, a Director of the Norfolk Southern, Has Gone to New York to Attend Meeting of Transcontinental Construction Company.

Raleigh.—On a mission concerning the building of another railroad, which may go into the Norfolk Southern railroad system, Mr. E. C. Duncan, a director of the Norfolk Southern, who has been identified with the recent purchases of lines in this state for the Norfolk Southern left for New York.

Mr. Duncan is a director of the North Carolina Transcontinental Construction Company, which owns the South Atlantic Transcontinental Railroad Company and its charter. The men behind that railroad are endeavoring to construct a line from Knoxville, Tenn., to Rutherfordton, N. C., and work has recently begun on it. The directors are to meet in New York and it is expected that as a result there may be more railroad building in North Carolina.

Mr. Duncan declined to say anything of the purposes of the meeting in New York but it is reported that he will endeavor to secure at the director's meeting an interest in the construction company for the Norfolk Southern Railroad, with the view of giving to that road a connection with the Transcontinental railroad, which would give it direct access to the coal fields of Tennessee and West Virginia.

The directors of the company are Mr. E. C. Duncan, Raleigh; Gen. T. C. Dupont, Wilmington, Del.; V. L. Mason, W. H. Strayton and Harry Content, New York. Mr. Mason is president, Mr. Strayton, vice-president, Edward F. Cloran, treasurer, and Arthur H. Faust, secretary of the company.

Has Asked State to Intervene.

The members of the Corporation Commission, the committee on transportation of the Southern Furniture Manufacturers Association and Governor Kitchen conferred relative to the Corporation Commission and the State intervening as complainant before the Interstate Commerce Commission in a suit the furniture manufacturers of North Carolina have brought to compel the railroad companies to give them the same low rates to the Pacific coast that the manufacturers of New York, Ohio, Georgia, Indiana and Pennsylvania have. If the commission and the state take over the litigation of the manufacturers Attorney General T. W. Bickett will be expected to take charge of the suit.

North Carolina New Enterprises.

The Secretary of state issued two charters for new enterprises in the state. The Dublin Store Company, with offices at Dublin, N. C., is chartered to do a general mercantile business. Capital stock is \$100,000, but the company may begin business when \$9,000 has been paid in. The incorporators are Mr. J. C. Newsom, of Dublin; Mr. T. G. Frasier, of Dublin, and Mr. F. A. Brooks, of Greensboro. The Molenburg Farm Company, of Mead End, Moore county, to do real estate business. Capital stock is \$125,000, paid in \$4,000. The incorporators are Messrs. R. J. W. O. W. P. and F. A. Cochran, all of Charlotte.

Portrait of Sir Walter Raleigh.

A magnificent crayon portrait of Sir Walter Raleigh has arrived in Marion. It is presented by Chief Justice Walter Clark to Dare county, and is being formally received, with appropriate ceremonies, in the near future and will be hung over the judge's stand in our new court house. Our people unite in highest appreciation of this valuable and appropriate gift, and an enthusiastic audience is expected.

Poultry Show Dates Were Mixed.

Through mistake, it appeared that the dates for the coming meeting of the Charlotte poultry show which is to be held in the auditorium were January 26-29, when the dates should have been January 16-19. This moves up the show 10 days and therefore it behooves all those who are to have birds on display should get busy with their plans as quickly as possible. All arrangements are being consummated with the view of having the largest and best poultry show that Charlotte has ever known.

A Big Fire At Grimesland.

Fire starting in a negro restaurant destroyed half the business section of Grimesland, a town 12 miles from Greenville, on the Norfolk Southern Railroad. The fire swept the entire side of the street on which it originated and was only prevented by hard work from getting a foothold on the other side of the street. The total loss is about \$25,000, more than half covered by insurance. The heaviest losers were H. H. Proctor and D. G. Moore, who carried on a large mercantile business.

WORK IN ROBESON COUNTY

The Scientific Method of Farming and Any Old Way Contrasted.—Pertinent Questions.

Raleigh.—Having been employed as agent for the farmers' co-operative demonstration work in the southern part of Robeson county for the past year, it is gratifying to know that the United States Department of Agriculture methods of preparation and cultivation are far superior to the common methods used in our county. Of their method I will give briefly: Preparation—deep and thorough pulverized seed bed; seed—carefully select the best; cultivation—intensive, every 10 to 15 days, but shallow and late. Of the common method I will give so that we may get the idea better. Preparation—shallow. Seed—any kind, just as they will come up. Cultivation—deep and just often enough to keep the grass from getting higher than the corn or cotton, and quit soon.

Now I will give you some of the results of the two methods, first of co-operative demonstration work, the names of parties who worked some corn under this method, which ranged from 27 1/2 bushels to 129 bushels per acre. First, those who produced 100 bushels and above per acre are: A. H. Leggett, J. S. Floyd and Andrew Smith. Second, those who produced 90 bushels and above per acre: R. A. Hardell, J. A. Thompson, F. J. Nye, J. H. Bass. Third, those who produced 80 bushels and above per acre: M. Shephard, D. F. Phillips, N. D. McCommack, G. H. Floyd. John Briggers; fourth, those who produced 70 bushels and above per acre: A. Stone, W. A. Graham, W. G. Graham, J. E. Parker. Fifth, those who produced 60 bushels and above per acre: W. H. Watts, Haynes Prevatt, E. B. Johnson, W. W. Lee, J. B. Walter, E. F. Purvis, G. L. Robeson, W. H. Harden, J. W. Burnes. Sixth, those who produced 50 bushels and above per acre: W. H. Faulk, J. T. Purvis, William Byrd, U. A. Bullock, W. P. Britt, O. T. Atkinson, G. B. Kinlaw, W. H. Harrington, H. G. Byrd, G. D. Floyd, P. H. Adams, J. F. Adams, F. W. Walters. Seventh, those who produced 40 bushels and above per acre: E. H. Prevatt, W. H. Allen, W. A. Sealey, H. E. Purvis, J. P. Britt, O. Quay, W. O. Sellers, B. W. Pittman, J. H. Johnson, A. Davis, J. C. Carlyle, S. L. Parker, W. A. Leggett, L. D. Pittman, Wright Leggett, J. F. Walters.

To Have A Central Warehouse.

A meeting of the supreme council of the Farmers' Union of North Carolina was held in the office of Secretary E. C. Faris in Raleigh. At this meeting a warehouse committee, consisting of Messrs. W. B. Gibson of Statesville, W. H. Moore of Pitt county, T. G. Crowder of Wake county, I. T. Coggins of Chatham and C. C. Wright of Wilkes county, was appointed for the purpose of securing the necessary charter for the incorporation of the State Warehouse Company. It is the intention of the officers of this company to place a central warehouse for the storage of cotton, in one of the principal cities of the state.

Another Crime in Cleveland.

A dastardly attack somewhat similar to the one made on Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon in upper Cleveland December 13, occurred at Earl, 8 miles below Shelby on the Southern Railway when Mr. William Kendrick, a brother of Policeman Bob Kendrick of Shelby, went to his barn to feed and was assaulted by two negroes who pelted him with rocks and set fire to his barn. Policeman Kendrick and Deputy George Allen went to Earl to work on the case and arrest Ed Plato Jennings and Henry Whisnant and the latter's young son.

Await The Result of Meeting.

Upon the result of a meeting of the stockholders of the Mecklenburg Fair Association which will take place on January 8, depends the continuance of the organization and the further holding of annual fairs in Charlotte. It has been estimated that during the 10 years which the association has been in existence, an average dividend of six per cent. has been forthcoming yearly to the stockholders.

Raleigh.—Governor Kitchen has not yet named the man who is to succeed Judge Geo. W. Ward as judge of the First District.

To Canvass State to Complete Fund.

At a special meeting of the Bill Nye building at the Stonehill Jack days ago at Charlotte Mr. J. P. Cook, its treasurer, was authorized to make a canvass of the state to complete the fund for the erection of the Bill Nye building at the Stonehill Jack Training School at Concord. A great personal sacrifice Mr. Cook tendered his services to the committee, offering to devote at least four months to the task of bringing to a successful conclusion an undertaking begun over a year ago.

An Important Transfer.

In the probate court at Greensboro Mr. Isaac Hammer, of Kansas, recorded a transfer of title from him and Mrs. Hammer of 640 acres of land in Kansas, valued at \$30,000, to the endowment fund of Sylvan Academy in Alamance county. The gift is made in honor of Mrs. Hammer, who was Miss Jane Stuart, of Alamance, and was educated at Sylvan Academy. The trustees are J. S. Cox, of Greensboro; Nathan Stuart, Mrs. Lydia Allen Stuart, Nathan Hornaday, W. F. Stout, Henry Hornaday, Alamance.

THIS STATE IN LEAD

BIG PRIZES AND SWEEPSTAKE ARE TAKEN BY THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

PEOPLE ARE ENTHUSIASTIC

It is Gratifying to Know That This Has Been Made Possible By the Earnest Co-operation of the Growers of the State.

Raleigh.—For the third time the horticultural products of North Carolina have been exhibited in competition with similar products from all over the United States at the National Horticultural Congress, which was this year held at St. Joseph, Mo., November 23-December 3, 1911, and once more the Old North State takes first place in the production of fruits and vegetables.

It is gratifying to all the people to know that this has been made possible only by the earnest and enthusiastic co-operation of the growers in the state. The quality of the fruit this year at both the State Fair and the National Show proves every evidence of improvement in cultural methods. Not only was this true of the individual specimens, but the fact of North Carolina taking first place in the commercial five-box class at St. Joseph shows that North Carolina can hold her own in the production of apples for market purposes as well as for exhibitions.

Many people from other sections of the country who have heretofore thought of this state as a vast producer of corn, cotton, tobacco and other staple farm crops have looked with wonder and surprise at the horticultural productions. The interest displayed by these people lend new encouragement towards the still greater development of these resources.

The Blind Tigers Get A Scare.

New Bern.—Acting under a section of the Pure Food Law the police visited every soft drink stand in the city and made a search for whiskey and beer or other intoxicating drinks. At only one place, an establishment in the northern part of the city operated by Joe Tisdale and quor. At this place eight pints of whiskey were found and the proprietors will have to appear before the mayor and explain the "how come." A few months ago there was much whiskey being sold in this city. However the police got down to business and succeeded in giving the illicit dealers such a scare that it would be safer for them to desist from their operations and there is but little, if any whiskey being sold here by "blind tigers."

Takes Federal Prisoners to Atlanta.

Raleigh.—Deputy Marshal R. W. Ward left for Atlanta, Ga., where he went to convey four Federal prisoners to the prison at that place. These prisoners were convicted at the term of court last week and failed to get off with a fine. The following are the names of those who received sentences: G. Beasley, white, from Johnston county, convicted of retailing and sentenced for a term of 18 months; J. L. Ray, Wake county, convicted of retailing and sentenced for 15 months; Paul Judd, colored, from New Hill, convicted of retailing and sentenced for one year and one day.

Governor Kitchen Grants Pardon.

Raleigh.—Governor Kitchen granted a pardon to Frank Berryman, Lee county, who was sentenced in November to 2 years on the roads for selling whiskey. The boy is only 17 years old and the pardon is on the special request of the trial judge, who has become convinced that Berryman was over persuaded to submit on the charge when the case against a number of defendants was called. The solicitor and many citizens join in urging that the pardon be granted.

Gastonia.—Two Adams, a negro, was shot and killed at Clover by Ed. Orr, another negro, who also shot and injured John Stowa.

Returned From Visit of Inspection.

Raleigh.—Capt. A. J. Dougherty has just returned from an official visit of inspection and instruction from the militia companies of Lumber Bridge and Fayetteville. It is learned that his report showed the Robeson company to be in excellent condition, showing up well in the inspection, and receiving with enthusiasm the suggestions from the Adjutant-General's office. Captain Dougherty further reported that there was excellent material in Fayetteville for an efficient organization.

Champion Corn Grower Gets Prize.

Raleigh.—Mr. D. P. Finch, the champion corn grower of Davidson county received a check a few days ago from Mr. W. G. Cooper, secretary of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce for \$100, covering his winnings in the great corn show recently closed there. This crowns Mr. Finch the champion corn grower of the state of North Carolina and the second in the entire South. Only one man made a larger yield and he was ruled out because of the fact that his report was not properly certified.

NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA

Paragraphs of State News That Has Been Very Carefully Collected By the Editor.

Raleigh.—John Johnson, of Ridge-way, 34 in Rex hospital in a very serious condition from the result of severe injuries received by being struck by a Seaboard Air Line train.

Winston-Salem.—President H. E. Fries emphatically denied the truthfulness of the report current that W. H. Cohn & Co., of New York, had purchased the Winston-Salem Street Railway.

New Bern.—Will Avery was shot down and killed on the streets of New Bern by Baker Bryant and the latter is now reclining in jail charged with first degree murder. From all evidence adduced at the coroner's hearing it seems to have been a case of deliberate and unprovoked murder.

Wilson.—The terrific explosion of four hundred pounds of dynamite, when the Atlantic Coast Line station burned at Elm City, threw the citizens in a panic and broke out glasses and shook down chimneys all over town. About two hundred bales of cotton, together with all freight, was destroyed.

Wendell.—The Wendell Industrial and Development Club, of Wendell, N. C., which was organized about a month ago for the upbuilding of Wendell and its vicinity, had its first regular meeting a few days ago. Notwithstanding the bad rainy night there were about fifty members present.

Franklin.—Two men, Ambrus Mitchell and W. H. Floyd (negroes) entered the home, by force, of Dick Roe (also colored), in the suburbs of town, and took a jug of corn juice. Dick's daughter was there and refused them admission. J. E. Nicholson, justice of the peace, heard the case and sent the defendants to jail.

New Bern.—Mr. G. M. Wooten, of Fort Barwell, has brought to this city Claude Grant, colored, and of Dover, and placed him in the Craven county jail to await the next term of the superior court. Grant is charged with destroying a barn owned by Mr. A. R. Richardson, of Dover, and also firing at a party of possum hunters.

Hickory.—A movement is being agitated to issue bonds in this county for the improvement of the public roads of the county. The movement is being pushed by John W. Robinson, George R. Wooten and others who are interested in good roads. It is hoped to have bonds issued for Hickory township, as a starter and from that extend the movement over the entire county.

La Grange.—Noah Hill, a white man, was killed by the Westbound shoo-fly train near his home about three miles east of town. He is supposed to have been on his way home from La Grange. The body was horribly mutilated, so much so as to be unrecognizable. At the inquest certain papers on his body established his identity.

Chatham.—Probably the largest pine tree in this county is one on the Minnie Bell place in New Hope township. It is 29 feet in circumference, four feet from the ground and is 60 feet to the first limb. It is too large to be cut into lumber by any saw mill in that neighborhood, and it is estimated that it would make 35,000 shingles.

Ellenboro.—The western North Carolina Poultry Association's second annual show will be held at Henrietta, January 11, 12 and 13. Judging from the number of requests being received from various states for the premium list, and the interest shown by the breeders in this and adjoining counties, prospects are very encouraging for a large show.

Elon College.—The executive board of the board of trustees will meet in called session in the president's office to pass on many items of general interest for the winter and spring terms. This board consists of Mr. Kemp B. Johnson, Cadenas; Dr. R. M. Morrow, Burlington; Dr. G. S. Watson and Rev. J. W. Wellons, of the Hill, and the president of the college.

Raleigh.—A suit was instituted against the Southern Railway by Mr. W. M. Creech, of Clayton, who asks \$5,000 damages on account of injuries he received at the hands of one of the company's employees. Mr. W. C. Harris, of this city, represents the plaintiff.

Washington.—The following named North Carolinians are here to attend the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science: W. M. Allen, W. C. Norton and O. J. Tillman of Raleigh; Collier Cobb, C. H. Hertz and Andrew H. Patterson of Chapel Hill.

Franklin.—Joe Purgerson, an other one of the dynamite men, who was implicated in the blowing up of the H. G. Woods residence, has been caught in Roxboro. Chief of Police A. B. Cooke left to bring him back. He is now in Persons county jail.

Wilson.—The town of Lucama, near Wilson, was thrown into a state of excitement by the rapid discharge of a pistol, and from reports the victim of the fusillade is in a critical condition in the Wilson Sanatorium—being shot in a leg, through the groin and in the stomach, just below the navel.

THINK THAT TIME WILL FAVOR THEM

THEY HOPE THAT THE DELAY WILL AVERT THE CRISIS IN THE CHINESE EMPIRE.

REBELS WOULD FORCE ISSUE

Neither Side is Willing to Hasten the Termination of Negotiations.—There Was a Clash Between the Japs and Chinese a Few Days Ago.

Peking.—Negotiations between Shanghai and Peking, continue, but apparently there has been no development in the situation during the past twenty-four hours. The Imperials are endeavoring to delay matters, hoping that time will favor them; the rebels seem desirous of forcing the issue, but neither side is willing to terminate the negotiations.

Soldiers from the Japanese legation came into conflict with Yuan Shi Kai's bodyguard. Bayonets and swords were used and six or more Japanese were wounded. It is reported that more than that number of Chinese were injured. The Japanese as well as the Chinese soldiers were off duty at the time of the clashes, but the Japanese legation sent out a company with officers to rescue its men. The incidents are not believed to have any significance politically.

Sheng-Huan-Hual, ex-Minister of posts and communications, writes to a friend, saying that the rebels are sequestering his extensive property at Shanghai. They allege, he says, that the "foreign nations" group of financiers heavily bribed him for favoring them in connection with the currency and railway loans. This he emphatically denies.

A dispatch from Hankow says that three soldiers have been court-martialed and beheaded because they were suspected of an attempt to assassinate General Li Yuan-Heng, the commander of the Revolutionists. They were captured with revolvers in their hands standing close to the general.

Protest Against Sale of Lands.

Boston.—A protest against any further sales of the Friar lands in the Philippines in contained in a letter sent to President Taft by Moorfield Storey and Erving Winslow, president and secretary respectively, of an anti-imperialist league. The letter was written in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the executive committee of the organization. "We earnestly protest," says the letter, "against any further sales of lands in question, both because such sales tend to foreclose a question that is now under consideration by Congress, and because the sales in our judgment tend to postpone the independence of the Philippine islands and to embarrass the relations between those islands and the United States."

Potash Matter Is Settled.

Atlanta, Ga.—A five-year settlement of the "potash controversy" between American interests and the German government, has just been reached, according to telegrams received at the National Agricultural Corporation. According to the terms of the compromise agreement Germany wins its main contention, and the American trade again will be handled through the German "syndicate," which is controlled by the government.

New York Wants Convention.

New York.—The local committee which is urging that the metropolis be the place chosen for holding the Democratic national convention, addressed letters to every member of the National Democratic committee announcing that sufficient funds had been guaranteed and a suitable hall obtained to care for the convention.

Three Lives Lost in a Fire.

Suffern, N. Y.—Mrs. James Baker and her two children, Lillian, 5 years old and Ethel 3, lost their lives here when fire destroyed their home. The origin of the fire is not known.

Murder Frankly Confesses.

Centralia.—The young bandit who shot and killed Lawrence Bar, president of the Farmers and Merchants' bank of Centralia, in an unsuccessful attempt to rob the bank, talked freely but refused to give his name. He said his home formerly was in Syracuse, N. Y. On one side of his silver watch was engraved the word "Ernest" and on the other "Riblett." Bar's slayer expressed willingness to plead guilty to murder and said he was aware that the penalty would be death.

Vessel Comes to Grief Off Coast.

Norfolk, Va.—The three-masted schooner Mary S. Eekridge, Captain Griffith, bound from Jacksonville, Fla., to Baltimore with a cargo of phosphate rock anchored off Big Kinnikiet light station on the North Carolina coast waterlogged and is in a sinking condition. Life savers from the coast rescued Captain Griffith and five men composing the crew of the schooner. Wreckers worked unsuccessfully in an effort to float the British steamer. They will soon begin stripping the schooner.