

Fair Tonight and Tomorrow--Cooler

MATTAMUSKEET DRAINAGE DISTRICT GIVEN DECISION

SUPREME COURT HOLDS IT HAS POWER TO ISSUE CERTAIN ORDERS—GREAT DRAINAGE PROJECT.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The right of the Mattamuskeet drainage district to issue certain orders was upheld by the Supreme Court this afternoon, when the order of the lower court was affirmed against the district by the Supreme Court.

The decision of the Supreme Court simply means that the orders issued by those engaged in the proposed drainage of Mattamuskeet lake in Hyde county have thus been validated. This also means that the active work of draining the great lake, some twelve miles long and an average wide, will doubtless be pushed along rapidly and that when once the lake is drained thousands of acres of land now covered by the large body of water will be reclaimed for agricultural purposes.

This opinion was among 25 others handed down by the Supreme Court Saturday afternoon.

The higher court settled in favor of taxation the mooted question of whether or not real property left to a church and used for other purposes, such as a school, came before the court on the appeal of O. D. Davis et al vs. City of Salisbury, and was a protest against the action of that city in assessing church property used for rental purposes. The opinion, which was written by Justice Hoke, states that the church and parsonage and other purely church property are not liable for taxation, but draws the line on real estate held by trustees for the church.

J. E. Owens and wife, of Durham county, who were thrown out of court in their action against R. H. Wright and H. A. Foushee, trustees, to recover damages on an alleged breach of contract in the sale of goods and to restrain the sale of plaintiff's real estate to meet a note of \$4,000, will get a trial by jury. In this case there were two dissenting opinions. Justice Walker and Justice Hoke were able to concur in all the conclusions of the other three judges.

The right of the city of Asheville to assess property owners for the construction of sewers was upheld. W. T. Justice and other citizens attempted to restrain Asheville from assessing them, but the Superior Court affirmed the lower court.

Arthur Johnson, who was convicted of murdering his wife in Beader county and sentenced to die in the electric chair, was refused a new trial, as were also Joe Tette, sentenced to two years for killing R. L. Thompson in Cherokee county, and Wallace Bradley, sent up for twenty years for killing Anderson Blankinship in Swain county.

WILSON'S BERMUDA VACATION IS ENDED

Hamilton, Bermuda, Dec. 15.—President-elect Woodrow Wilson sailed Saturday for New York on the steamer Bermudian. A large crowd gathered on the quay and cheered Governor Wilson as the steamer sailed away.

Governor Wilson declared that he was delighted with his vacation. The Bermudian was escorted down the harbor by British officials in steam launches. The steamer will be conveyed on the journey by the Royal Mail steamer Oruba.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The steamer Bermudian, with President-elect Wilson aboard, will be practically conveyed to the shores of the United States by several American battleships and the revenue cutter Benard. With that powerful wireless sweeping the sea, three vessels will be in constant communication with the approaching steamer. The battleships of the Atlantic fleet left Hampton Roads yesterday for the high seas, while the Benard is cruising southward from New York.

BAIRD'S VISITS. The picture business has run over with the just say. No possible chance if the weather keeps good to have any pictures taken later than Monday and get them by Christmas. The latest news from all parts of the country. There has never been such a rush for pictures before.

BALKANS-ARE ANXIOUS FOR GENERAL PEACE

LONDON, Dec. 15.—On the eve of the peace conference the Associated Press has gathered from the representatives of the Balkan kingdom an authoritative declaration of the terms which the victorious kingdoms propose to enforce and the Ottoman views thereon.

Like experienced diplomats all the Balkan delegates, in speaking officially, adhere to the watchword adopted in the first and probably the last plenary meeting before entering the conference, that they are "in complete accord and have established a perfectly united program to follow."

When they speak with friends, not for quotation, their faces light up with their enthusiasm and their faith is admirable.

"Tell the Americans," they say, "that we trust in their sympathy and moral support as we are fighting desperately and shedding our best blood for the same cause which rendered the name of Washington glorious and venerated. We are risking all we possess for our liberty and independence."

"Tell them," added in perfect English, M. Vranitch, the Serbian minister at Paris, who is a polyglot and a learned professor, "that some of the sons of the Balkans who became American citizens are in the ranks at the front giving proofs of valor and bravery, of which Uncle Sam should be as proud as we are."

The determination of the Balkan states not to allow an Ottoman policy of procrastination is significant on account of the form which it has manifested.

The same conditions of the allies include the immediate surrender of Scutari, Adrianople and Janina, the garriously of which will be granted full military honors; the evacuation of eastern Europe by Turkey as far as east Thessaly to a line which experts appointed by the contracting parties will determine on the spot; the ceding to Greece of all the Aegean islands, including Rhodes and eleven others which Italy is keeping as a pledge for Turkish fulfillment of the treaty of Lausanne; the annexation of Crete to Greece and the payment of a war indemnity and the expenses sustained.

THREE PERSONS KILLED AND EIGHT INJURED

Perth Amboy, N. J., Dec. 15.—Three persons were killed and eight injured, several probably mortally, when an express train known as "The Atlantic City Flyer" on the Central Railroad of New Jersey, ran into an automobile stage at a grade crossing between Roosevelt and this city Saturday.

The automobile, a closed machine resembling a trolley car, contained thirteen persons. There is no gate at the crossing. The train, running at an estimated speed of 40 miles an hour, hurried the stage and its occupants a distance of 50 feet. The dead: Mary Thornton, 11 years old; Daniel Thornton, Jr., 5 years old; children of Daniel Thornton, of Camden, N. J. An unidentified woman.

SUNDAY SERVICES SUNDAY WERE MUCH ENJOYED

Services at the Christian, St. Peter's Episcopal, First Presbyterian and First Baptist churches were greatly enjoyed yesterday by the large congregations in attendance. All the sermons delivered were of high order and go to show that no pleasure anywhere are more popular. The music was of high order and added much to the attractiveness of the day.

Mr. Clarence C. Mayo, of South Branch, arrived in the city this morning via the Washington and Vandalia train.



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Mrs. Sarah A. Fankard Died on Last Saturday Night

The doorway of eternity is ever open, and never has there been a moment in the ages past when it could be said, there is no spirit now on its last journey. That pathway never lacks a traveler. No road is so beaten. As the tramp of one's footstep dies away, another is pressing on behind. To the end of time this will go on. The friends we love today will all soon have passed over the river and there is no voice that speaks from the veiled scenes of that eternally which holds our loved ones.

Both of her marriages were full of sunshine and happiness. She was a dutiful wife and loving mother. In a word: "She was a living epistle, known and read of all men."

Mrs. Fankard leaves to mourn their loss two daughters, Mrs. H. B. Archbell, of Washington, and Mrs. Kate Gardner, of Norfolk, and one brother, Mr. M. J. Fowler, and two sisters, Mrs. E. Tuttle, of South Creek, and Miss Mary Fowler. From early girlhood she was a member of the Presbyterian church and when in health this church had no more active worker.

Thus passed away one whose life motto seems to be written in her every day life—do good—make the world good and she never forgot that the happiness arising from good deeds is eminently cumulative.

Another pilgrim has fallen by the wayside and with her, going the city mourns. The deceased lived right and of course she died right. Earth losses and heaven gains. Peace to her ashes. Well done.

The funeral was conducted from the First Presbyterian church this afternoon at 3 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. H. B. Seagriff, and the interment was in Oakdale cemetery.

The following acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. J. B. Sparrow, Geo. E. Guekman, Edward T. Stewart, W. J. Pippen, Dr. D. T. Taylor and

BETTERMENT ASSO. DAZAAR REALIZES NEAT SUM

The Dazaar held by the Women's Betterment Association in the store next to the Brown Drug Company last week was a great success. The association realized more than \$350 for this good and worthy cause. This is more than gratifying.

IN CONValesCENT. The many friends of Mr. Rufell White, who has been indisposed at his home on West Third Street for the past several weeks, will be more than glad to know that he is now convalescent. He is deeply grateful to his numerous citizens for their thoughtful letters. Mr. Miles is one of the city's popular citizens and during his recent illness has been the recipient of many favors.

Mr. D. P. Bell, of New Bern, N. C. is a Washington visitor today.

USING GOV'T MACHINERY TO PROTECT MILLIONAIRES

Attorney General Wickersham Refuses to Allow Warrants to be Served on Jno. D. Archbald and Others.

(By Clyde H. Tavener.) Washington, Dec. 15.—United States Attorney General Wickersham has refused to allow warrants to be served on John D. Archbald and other officers of the Standard Oil Company, in the case in which the Magnolia Oil Company of Texas, was indicted by a federal grand jury in Texas for criminal violation of the Sherman law.

Once again, Mr. Wickersham is using the machinery of the great office of the Department of Justice to protect, instead of prosecute, the millionaire heads of illegal trusts.

A hundred instances could be cited where Wickersham has, by means of specially prepared opinions, orders and rules, given comfort to the great industrial trusts, private monopolies and special privilege. It was Wickersham, the attorney general, who stopped important suits against the beef trust immediately upon taking office. It was Wickersham, the attorney general, who rendered an opinion upholding Halligan, and viciously attacking Louis R. Glavin, who said it was legal for sugar trust interests to acquire by the exploitation process 55,000 acres of rich sugar lands of the Philippines when the organic law of the islands expressly declares that no corporation shall be allowed to acquire more than 2,500 acres. It was Wickersham, the attorney general, who sanctioned the Taft administration railroad regulation bill, later exposed and altered, containing a joker legalizing the Southern Pacific-Union Pacific merger, recently held unlawful by the Supreme Court. It was Wickersham, the attorney general, who sent against the steel trust in one in equity instead of a criminal prosecution.

At the time of the appointment of Wickersham, it was said his selection by Mr. Taft was in recognition of the desires of the great industrial trusts of the country, who had contributed large sums to Mr. Taft's campaign fund, and who as a return favor desired that a "home" man be placed in charge of the government prosecuting machinery.

Before his appointment as attorney general, Mr. Wickersham was a trust lawyer. For years and years he had been receiving huge fees from corporations for interpreting the laws, not from the viewpoint of the welfare of the people, but from the viewpoint of the welfare of the trusts. Mr. Wickersham was a member of the law firm of Strong and Cadwalader. Congressman Henry T.

Senator Root has sent me the proof of a petition signed by Bowers, Milburn and Guthrie, in support of their contention that the statute of limitations has run in favor of Messrs. Parsons, Kissel and Harrod. If the only overt acts done to carry out the objects of the unlawful conspiracy were those referred to in the brief, I should think they were insufficient to save the bar of the statute. A strong effort will be made tomorrow to persuade the President to interfere in some way to prevent the indictments.—Fairly yours, "Geo. W. Wickersham."

And now Mr. Wickersham is using his office as attorney general to save from arrest John D. Archbald, H. C. Folger, Jr., and W. C. Teague, officers of the Standard Oil Company.

Under the Taft administration it has been impossible for the government to control the trusts, because the trusts controlled the government. At last it has been possible to elect a president without the financial support of the heads of illegal tariff trusts, and it is hoped President Wilson will be able to find a man for attorney general who will be so constructed temperamentally as to feel that millionaire sugar trust barons who rob the government and violate the law ought to be sent to the penitentiary just like a poor man is sent to the penitentiary when he violates the law.

HIVER ROAD STATION.

After many days of pleasant weather now it is very cold. Of course every one knows that all up-to-date farmers such as we have here, are generally busy, those whom we know are busy from the beginning of February until the end of November with plowing, planting, hoeing and harvesting and during the winter months when the weather will permit preparing the soil and other things for the next year.

Residents in this vicinity are preparing for Christmas, we hope all may spend the time very pleasantly and have a happy and prosperous New Year.

We truly sympathize with the parents and family in regard to the loss of the little child, Marie Mayo. Miss Martha Pittman, of River Road, was a guest of Miss Lillie Allgood at Magnolia Thursday night.

We wish the editor, his family, the compositor and all concerned a very happy Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

As Jacksonville says we think it is very pleasant to spend the long winter evenings sitting by the fire and reading, but how about the cold, frosty mornings, when we are ushered into a cozy dining-room, where it is so warm one—An scarcely realize there is frost outside, and served with a sumptuous breakfast—the menu just what we like. First course hot coffee, buckwheat cakes, sausage, scrapple, spare-rib, and sweet potatoes. Second course sweet milk.

LOST—BETWEEN WASHINGTON and Aurora, one suit case, containing one set white furs and valuable jewelry, etc. Liberal reward and no questions asked if returned to the Daily News office or Mrs. J. E. Porter, Aurora, N. C. 12-15-18

COTTON MARKET. Lint Cotton, 19 1/2. Seed Cotton, 14 1/2. Cotton Seed, 22 1/2.