

Fair Tonight And Tomorrow Colder

THE ALLENS DOOMED TO DIE TODAY ARE AGAIN PREPARED

Governor Mann Postpones Date of Execution Until March 7. Many Plead in Their Behalf.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 17.—Floyd and Claude Allen, father and son, leaders of their clan in the Hillsville court murders on March 14th, 1912, were relieved at noon yesterday by Governor Mann until March 7. The Governor agreed to hear argument February 1st in favor of commutation. Counsel for the murderers, doomed by the refusal of the Supreme Court to reopen their case, ministers of the gospel and sympathetic persons to the number of 15 called upon the Governor yesterday morning and obtained from him this concession. The decision of the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals denying the petition of the Allens to reopen their case covers twenty-two typewritten pages and deals with every point raised in the case very fully, disposing of each of the arguments made by counsel for the condemned clansmen in detail.

General Assembly Proceedings as Recorded on Yesterday

The Senate. Senator Jones presented a petition from citizens of Winston and Salem, asking for a consolidation of those two cities. Bills were introduced as follows: By Senator Thorne: To incorporate and establish a Confederate Women's Home in North Carolina and to make an appropriation for its support. Senator Weaver: To provide additional assistants to the governor. Senator Hobgood: To change the name of Greensboro Female College. Senator Hobgood: To allow the commissioners of the county of Guilford and the city of Greensboro to appropriate funds for the erection of a monument to the Confederate dead. Senator Gilliam, by request: To establish a State Board of Commissioners for the protection of game birds and inland water fishes. Senator Hannah: To require school officials paying out school funds to take duplicate receipts. Senator Jones: To create a highway commission for Forsyth county. Senator Jones: To consolidate the cities of Winston-Salem. Senator Little, of Wake: To pay inmates of Soldiers' Home at Raleigh a pension of \$18 per annum. Senator Lovings: To compel electric light, water power and railroad companies to begin and complete construction work within specified time or forfeit their charter. Senator Thorne: To ratify acts of certain justices of the peace of Nash county. Senator Ward: To amend the charter of the Thomasville Baptist Organization. To amend the charter of Meredith College. To amend the charter of Wake Forest College. Home for Confederate Women. A message from Governor Kitchen transmitted a report from the Standing Committee on Pensions, recommending the establishment of a home for widows and widowers of Confederate soldiers. (In this report was submitted the draft of a bill, which was introduced by Senator Thorne, of Nash.) A bill to increase the pay of jurors of Warren county was ratified. Privileges of the floor were extended to ex-Senator Scott, of Alamance; Piggott, of Harnett; Durham, of Gaston, and Holden, of Franklin. There being no further business, the Senate at one o'clock adjourned to meet today at 11 o'clock. The House. The following bills and resolutions from the Senate were read and referred to appropriate committees: To regulate pay of jurors in Sampson county. Joint resolution to ratify seventeenth amendment to Federal constitution. To amend law as to time when persons held for felony shall be tried or discharged. To authorize Forsyth county to issue bonds. Mr. Thomas, of Davidson: To au-

FIRST NATIONAL BANK STOCKHOLDERS MEET

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank took place at their Banking House on Tuesday last at noon. The stockholders elected the following directors: C. M. Brown, J. B. Fowle, W. E. Swindell, J. F. Covell, W. E. Proctor, F. C. Kusler, W. H. Whitley, George T. Leach and A. M. Demas. The directors subsequently met and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, C. M. Brown; vice-president, J. B. Fowle; cashier, A. M. Demas; assistant cashier, L. A. Squires. The First National Bank was organized in 1895 and since that time has forged ahead with a rapidity that has been gratifying to the stockholders and the entire city. The directors made a substantial raise in all the employees of the bank and a semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent was declared. The First National is an institution enjoying a large and lucrative patronage. Its officers and officials are painstaking and competent. Its future is a bright and promising one.

GREAT VAUDEVILLE AT LYRIC THEATER TONIGHT

The offering at the Lyric for the last half of the week is featured by the excellent vaudeville artist "Smith & Havenor" in an up-to-date singing talking and dancing act. The above mentioned artists made their first appearance here last evening and received excellent applause, and the feature of the act was the excellent dancing of Mr. Havenor; also Miss Smith was exceedingly clever with her songs. The motion pictures were well worth mentioning, they were indeed a class to themselves and considered to be some of the best exhibited here. Today's program at the Lyric features an entire change of program in vaudeville, also they offer four reels of pictures, featuring the fourth one of Pathe's Weekly giving current events of the week.

RUNAWAY MULES INJURE DRIVER NEAR PINETOWN

There came near being a serious accident late Tuesday evening on the farm of Mr. Rufus W. Boyd, who resides near Pinetown. His son, Mr. George R. Boyd, while driving a pair of mules after the day's work was finished, in crossing the canal bridge one of the mules refused to pull further. In consequence of the mule balking the tongue attached to the wagon was broke. This caused the mules to become frightened and they began to run. The driver, Mr. G. R. Boyd, in consequence of the runaway lost his balance and was thrown from his seat beneath the wheels, being dragged a considerable distance. Although he received no serious injuries he was painfully hurt about the face and shoulder. One of the mules received several cuts on the left hind leg, one of which is surmised to be serious. Mr. Claud Harris, who was passing at the time, succeeded in stopping the runaway team and but for his timely appearance no doubt a more serious accident would have been the result. Dr. H. H. Hunter, of Pinetown, N. C., rendered the necessary medical aid. It was a narrow escape.

SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS CLOSED THIS MORNING

The mid-winter examinations of the Washington Public Schools came to a close today and it is gratifying to know that the surmise is a larger per cent of the High School students have successfully passed their examination than before in the history of the school. The promotions in the respective grades will be announced Monday next.

COTTON MARKET

Lint Cotton, \$11.75.
Seed Cotton, \$4.25.
Cotton Seed, \$26.00.
Child to keep hands off.
11. Use common sense, good sense, God sense and never forget once that you are training an immortal soul for time and eternity.
12. Ever remember that this soul is a trust placed in your hands and that He may recall it at any time if you are not faithful, and daily ask God's guidance.
P. F. M.

SPECIAL BOARD SAYS CASTRO CAN'T ENTER

New York, Jan. 17.—The special board of inquiry at Ellis Island decided that Cipriano Castro, former President of Venezuela, should be excluded from entering the United States. Castro's attorney immediately announced that the decision of the local immigration authorities would be appealed to the Department of Commerce and Labor. The reason given by the board for Castro's exclusion was that during his stay in the United States he had committed perjury and pretended ignorance of matters concerning which he had knowledge. Harold A. Content, Castro's lawyer, said that if Secretary Nagel upheld the board, he would again take the case into the courts. Citing specific parts of Castro's examination the statement of the special board of inquiry says: "Speaking of Louis Varela, who sent him frequent telegrams in regard to Antonio Parades, he says: 'I do not know who he is.' We consider him an unreliable witness. His testimony to the effect that no foreigners suffered losses of property through his actions during the years when he was President, we decline to believe. His refusal to reply to many questions put to him, bearing upon his right to land, convince us that there are damaging facts which he desires to conceal." The statement continues with the declaration that upon information from official sources he was charged with responsibility for the unlawful killing of Parades, but declined repeatedly to offer any information or to give the government any information in regard to the latter's death. He refused to either affirm or deny guilt, even after he had been warned that unfavorable inferences would be drawn from such refusal and that he must take the consequences.

COMMERCIAL COURTS LIFE IS JUNE 30

Washington, Jan. 17.—By a vote of 33 to 20 the Senate yesterday adopted an amendment to the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, lengthening the life of the Commerce Court until June 30 next. Under existing law, the court would become a thing of the past after March 4, but Congress, having failed to transfer the jurisdiction of the court and make arrangements for the disposition of cases then pending before it, the Senate yesterday extended the life of the court to enable it to clear up its calendar. The bill will have to be agreed to by a conference committee of the two houses. With machine-like precision the legislative bill, carrying approximately \$35,385,714, went through the parliamentary procedure of the Senate and probably will be passed early tomorrow. The Commerce provision precipitated a lengthy debate. Progressives, Democrats and Republicans were split over the amendment, the former contending that the court should cease on March 4, while many members of the other two parties held that the court should be permitted to continue until Congress had taken some action for the disposition of pending cases. Termination of the activities of the court March 4, it was claimed, would result in chaotic conditions in the business world. Senator Dixon, of Montana, Progressive, declared that the extension of time would only result in the piling up of more cases in the Commerce Court. The board's decision has not yet been officially communicated to Secretary Nagel, but he is in possession of the record of testimony in the case which shows, it is said, that Castro declined to reply to questions concerning the charges that he was connected with the assassination of Gen. Parades in Venezuela, for which he is under indictment, although he never has been tried. The board wanted this information because the law bars from entry to the United States any person convicted of, or admitting a crime involving moral turpitude. Officials hold that while an immigration hearing is quasi-judicial in character, the ordinary rules of privilege recognized in a court of law do not obtain. With an alien knocking at the doors of the United States, the administration, it is argued, must obtain answers to questions necessary to learn his fitness to enter. A refusal to answer is interpreted by Secretary Nagel, either as an admission of guilt or an obstruction that prevents administrative officers deciding admissibility. This point never has been determined by a court and a decision is expected as a result of the Castro case.

BETTERMENT ASSOCIATION ELECT THEIR OFFICERS

The Woman's Betterment Association met Wednesday afternoon in the Public Library. It was time for election of officers and the following were elected: Mrs. D. T. Taylor—President. Mrs. Harding—Vice-President. Mrs. B. L. Suman—Treasurer. Mrs. J. D. Grimes—Secretary. The treasurer's report showed over \$100 in the treasury as the result of a bazaar held just before Xmas. The next meeting will take place the first Tuesday in February at 3:30 in the afternoon in the Public Library.

BOWERS-LEWIS CO. SALE IS NOW ON

The Bowers-Lewis Company sale is now on and will continue for the next ten days. This sale is announced that all goods will be sold at actual cost for the next ten days. The Bowers-Lewis Company is one of the most attractive stores in the city and their special sales are always attended by large numbers. Their reduction sale this time is no exception to the rule. Mr. C. C. Hudnell, of Norfolk, Va., is a business visitor to the city.

HELEN COULD BE MARRIED JANUARY 22

New York, Jan. 17.—The marriage of Miss Helen Miller Gould and Finley J. Shepard will take place on Wednesday, January 22, at 12:30 o'clock at Miss Gould's country place in Tarrytown. It will be witnessed by a small gathering of relatives and intimate friends, including some of her old neighbors in Tarrytown and Irvington. Members of the railroad men's Young Men's Christian Association, the sailors of the North Atlantic squadron and soldiers at army posts throughout the country where there are Y. M. C. A. branches, are planning to give Miss Gould wedding presents of a kind to express their great regard for her. Miss Gould has always been interested in the work of the Y. M. C. A., and particularly in the railroad and army and navy branches. On the Gould lines in the West she has built nearly all the branches and in St. Louis the largest railroad branch in the world. The navy has always had a particular warm affection for Miss Gould. She built the Y. M. C. A. branch at the Brooklyn Navy yard in 1902 and in 1907 got a loving cup from the North Atlantic fleet in appreciation for what she had done for the sailor in port. The building there cost nearly \$500,000, of which Mrs. Russell Sage contributed \$100,000 for enlargements.

ATTRACTIVE PROGRAM ARRANGED FOR GENL R. E. LEE BIRTHDAY

The Robert E. Lee exercises will take place in the Public School Auditorium Monday evening and it promises to be one of the most enjoyable yet given by the Daughters of the Confederacy. The exercises will open with prayer by Rev. H. B. Searight, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, which will be followed by a song by the Children of the Confederacy. The next selection will be a vocal solo by Miss Ada Rhodes, one of Washington's attractive vocalists. Miss Sallie Carrow will recite "The Confederate's Farewell." The next selection scheduled will be a quartet by Messrs. R. Lee Stewart, Lyndon Shaw, John Smith and Z. M. Potts. The speaker of the evening will be introduced by Supt. N. C. Newbold. The address of the evening will be by Mr. Robert Ransom Williams. Mr. Williams is a grandson of General Robert Ransom and a graduate of the State University. He is a Catawba County boy and now a resident of Asheville, where he is a promising member of the bar. He is a member of the present legislature from Buncombe county—this being his second term. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Williams, of Newton, N. C. Mrs. Williams was State president of the Daughters of the Confederacy for three years. After the address Mrs. E. G. Mallison will sing a vocal solo which is to be followed by a vocal duet by Misses Hattie Conoley and Kate Bragaw. Before the benediction the male quartet will sing "Tenting tonight." The benediction will be pronounced by Rev. N. Harding. The Daughters of the Confederacy desire that all the old soldiers be present and seats will be provided for them. The Daughters of the Confederacy are requested to attend the exercises in a body.

SEND AMERICAN CRUISER TO THE MEXICAN COAST

Washington, Jan. 17.—The shifting character of Mexican rebel activities again was demonstrated when it became necessary to dispatch the cruiser Denver from San Diego, Cal., to Acapulco, on the southern Pacific coast of the republic, where American lives are in momentary danger because of a threatened rebel attack on that city. Following representations of the Madero government that the revolution soon would be put down, some reassuring reports from the Mexican states along the Mexican frontier, but hope of early pacification of the republic gave way as it became apparent that the federal forces were inadequate to cope with the rebels in the central and southern districts, who have carried on their operations avon in the very face of the seat of government. Officials here now hope for a change in the fortunes of the Mexican federal government through the consummation of the forty million peso bond issue for the authorization of which the Mexican Congress has passed a bill. It is apparent that only with sufficient money to purchase munitions of war in quantities sufficient to fully equip the federal forces, can the hydra-headed rebellion be stamped out of the length and breadth of the long troubled republic. This government's decision to send a warship to protect American lives and property was reached early yesterday after alarming reports of the activity of a rebel band under Julio Radillo had been received through Ambassador Wilson at Mexico City. The last report from Acapulco said Radillo's men were operating in the country about there and that refugees from every direction were pouring into the town, which is one of the most important Mexican ports of the Pacific. Depredations and atrocities by the approaching rebel band were reported. Americans and other foreigners will be taken aboard the Denver when she reaches there if they so desire. The Denver is the nearest ship to the danger line. Denver Departs. San Diego, Cal., Jan. 17.—Hurry preparations were made yesterday on the cruiser Denver to sail today for Acapulco. The Denver was to have sailed for the Nicaragua station Friday, consequently preparation for departure were well under way when the Mexican orders were received.

More Tax on Luxuries and Less on Necessities

(By Clyde H. Tavener.) Washington, Jan. 17.—"We want to get a large amount of revenue on luxuries, so that we can put a less tax on the necessities of life." This is to be the basis of the tariff revision in the Sixty-third Congress, according to Chairman Underwood, of the Democratic Ways and Means Committee. The above expression is Mr. Underwood's. He made it directly to one of the big silk manufacturers who was testifying before his committee. The indications are that the Democratic policy is likely to be free dressed and rough lumber, shingles, laths and fence posts. The members of the Ways and Means Committee, while asking questions of witnesses, appeared to be in favor of that policy. "Free meats," it is rumored, may also be a part of the tentative tariff plan the committee will frame to submit to the extra session. Even the air in the corridors outside of the committee room seem to breathe a feeling that the Democratic leaders intend to see to it that the promises made to the people before election are to be religiously carried out after election. Why Fear Downward Revision? High protectionists declare even the slightest tariff revision downward would hurt our business, and lessen our exports. "The slightest revision downward will throw men out of work," is the cry of the multi-millionaire tariff trust heads who have been getting an ever-increasing amount of protection all these years while at the same time importing foreigners to take the places of American workers and paying their workers little more than a pittance. Is there anything in the argument of the rich high protectionists? If they are right in their contention that some tariff revision would lessen our exports, one would naturally think that Great Britain, with free trade, would have perished long ago. But Great Britain is not perishing. For the month of November, the total amount of trade in Great Britain was \$620,000,000. The increase in exports as compared with the "boom" figures of November, 1911, was \$11,850,000. There is now full employment for labor in that "battered" free trade kingdom. Even the Protectionists are forced to admit "a cycle of splendid trade and national well-being" and that there is no protectionist country that shows a parallel prosperity. There is food for reflection in these figures. They show there is nothing to the contention that revision downward of the tariff is likely to ruin business. Honest business men of the country fully realize this, and have no apprehensions because of Democratic expediency.

PROF. WALKER CANCELS ENGAGEMENTS FOR PRESENT

Professor N. W. Walker, of the University of North Carolina, who was billed to lecture in the public school auditorium this evening, notifies Superintendent Newbold that it will be impossible for him to fill his engagement due to illness in his family. Professor Walker hopes to fill his engagement in Washington some time during the month of February. Is In the City. Mr. W. T. Boyd, of Jessama, N. C., is a Washington visitor today. His many friends are glad to see him. He is one of the most popular citizens in that community.