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## VILE PLOT TO BULL COTTON MARKET

### Startling Disclosure Made to Governor-elect Smith.

### TO SPREAD BOLL WEEVIL.

Plot is Said to Be on Foot to Introduce the Boll Weevil Plague into the Cotton Fields of Georgia.

To scatter boll weevils broadcast over Georgia and South Carolina in order to bull next year's cotton market is the gist of a plot just revealed to Governor-elect Hoke Smith, it is said.

Two men, according to Mr. Smith's information, are now headed toward Georgia with several thousand healthy weevils in their possession, planning to turn them loose upon the unsuspecting farmers in the cotton-raising sections of the state as soon as cotton has begun to bloom. One of the men comes from Texas, it is said, while the other is thought to be a native of Chicago. To a reputable business man of New Orleans, one of the men outlined his nefarious plan and in support of his story, showed a box containing several thousand healthy weevils.

The plotters, according to the business man's story, expect to speculate in cotton futures next spring. In order to produce a bull tendency in the market they are planning to turn loose hundreds of weevils at different points in Georgia and South Carolina, believing that reports that weevils have been found in these sections will have a tendency to raise the price of cotton. The plotters expect to buy futures before the announcement is made and thus profit handsomely by the rise in futures.

Governor-elect Smith had his first intimation that such a plot was on foot early in last week, when he received a letter from New Orleans. In this letter, the writer, who did not sign his name, went fully into the details of the plan, setting out that one of the plotters had told him the story in confidence while slightly under the influence of whiskey. He also showed the New Orleans man a box of live weevils in support of his story.

Mr. Smith communicated his intelligence to Commissioner of Agriculture Hudson and other prominent men and it is certain that some measures will be taken to nip in the bud the intentions of the plotters against the cotton crop of the state.

### BATTLE ON THE BORDER.

American Troops Under Fire Five Hours From Mexican Shells.

A dispatch from Mulata, Mexico, tells of a battle between American soldiers and Mexicans.

The American soldiers were under fire opposite Mulata Friday. The federal, under General Luque, made a determined assault on the town, but were repulsed with heavy loss.

During the battle the Mexican soldiers used two field guns. Four of the shells burst on the American side of the river near Troop H, of the Third artillery, which patrolled the river. The American troops were under fire for five hours. A Mexican was shot in the leg while standing beside Captain Williams. The battle was a spectacular one. Mulata stands on the banks of the Rio Grande, and the bullets and shells swept across the river. Several times the Mexican soldiers deliberately fired volleys at women and children refugees on the American side, it is reported.

### GRISCOM PUZZLED.

Disappearance of Miss Arnold Mystery to Alleged Lover.

George S. Griscom, Jr., of Pittsburg, Pa., whose acquaintance and correspondence with Miss Dorothy Arnold brought his name into print in connection with the two months' search for her, arrived at New York from Italy on the North German Lloyd steamer Berlin.

"The case is as much of a mystery as ever to me," said Griscom to reporters, "but it is, I may say frankly, part of my purpose in coming home to offer what assistance I can to the Arnold family. I haven't the slightest theory regarding Miss Arnold's disappearance."

He did, however, scout the belief which the missing girl's father, Francis W. Arnold, entertains that the girl is dead.

He said emphatically when questioned that he was not, and never had been, engaged to marry Miss Arnold. He saw her first on November 3 before he departed with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Griscom, for a visit to

Jem Driscoll, featherweight champion of England, retained the championship in his fight with Spike Robson. Driscoll won in the seventh round.

### UPRISING OF GREEKS.

Several Men Killed and Injured in Battle in Utah.

An armed uprising of Greek coal miners at Kenilworth, Carbon county, Utah, was suppressed, after four men had been killed, one fatally wounded and several others wounded by bullets.

The trouble began last Friday, when the Greek miners complained that discrimination was shown in the weighing of coal in favor of Americans. A proposal from the mine superintendent that they appoint their own weighers failed to give satisfaction.

The Greeks took to the foothills and began a desultory fire on the Americans who were going to work. In attempting to dislodge the sharpshooters, Deputy Sheriff Thomas Jackson was killed, and another deputy was fatally wounded. When two of the Greeks had been killed, one mortally wounded and five others captured, the rest took to flight.

### TARIFF BOARD FAVORED.

Democratic Members Opposed Bill Passed by House.

By a strict party vote, all of the democrats in opposition, the senate committee on finance voted to report favorably the bill passed by the house to create a permanent tariff board. Several important amendments were adopted.

The opposition of the democrats on the committee was based on the plea that the executive should not be empowered to gather tariff information; that this function belongs to congress, and that if a commission is desired, it should be a congressional body, similar to the national monetary commission.

One of the most important changes made by the committee requires that the five members of the board shall be confirmed by the senate. Under the house bill, the executive would have absolute control of the personnel.

Under an amendment adopted, the board will not be required to divulge the names of informant or witnesses furnishing information, but the provision that information gathered must be for confidential use was eliminated.

### ROBBER IS ROBBED.

Man Who Stole Large Sum Himself Victim of Thieves.

Even a thief isn't safe in Chicago. Is the plea of Charles Willard, made to the police when he confessed that he held up Rector's restaurant a few days ago and secured \$3,300. Willard's joy in his possession was short-lived, however, for, as he was leaving the cafe door, he was greeted by three men, who, with a revolver pressed against his side, escorted him to an alley and robbed the robber.

Willard, according to his confession, was one of three conspirators who planned and executed the Rector hold-up. He in turn was the victim of a conspiracy devised by a supposed friend to whom he confided the plan for robbing the cafe.

The story, incredible as it at first seemed to the police, was corroborated by them. Five hundred dollars of the money was recovered, and William Loftus, a saloonkeeper, has been re-arrested and charged with being an accessory to the robbery and with having received stolen property.

### 27 SEAMEN LOST.

Lonely Survivor Relates Thrilling Narrative of His Experiences.

The only survivor of a crew of twenty-eight men who were on board a dredge of the International Wrecking Company, when the vessel foundered in the Gulf while en route from N. Y. to Galveston, T. J. Farrell reached Mobile recently, coming overland from a point on the south beach, where he was put ashore at his own request, for purpose of reaching Fort Morgan. Farrell states that the dredge ran into heavy seas soon after entering the Gulf and that the vessel foundered.

As the vessel went down he leaped overboard with a life preserver and was subsequently picked up by a bark bound for Pensacola, the officers of which put him ashore between Perdido Bay and Fort Morgan, but, missing his way, he walked to Foley, Ala., from where he came to Mobile by train.

How are the mighty fallen! The battleship Texas, which was one of the vessels that made history in the battle off Santiago only twelve and a half years ago, is to become a target for the newer warships at practice. For some time she has been a receiving ship. Things move rapidly toward the junk pile in our navy.

A man writes in who says he is the best poet in the state and wants us to print some of his poetry. Advertising rates given on application.

## ALABAMA FAVORS LOCAL OPTION PLAN

### Death Knell of State Wide Prohibition.

### PARKS BILL IS ADOPTED.

Hucce Passed Bill by Vote of 58 to 44, and It is Almost Certain That the Senate Will Also Favor the Measure.

By a vote of 58 to 44, the Alabama house of representatives passed the Parks local option bill, after a debate lasting five hours and after a continuous session of seven hours and a half. As the senate is known to be overwhelmingly in favor of a local option bill, it is believed that the Parks bill will be rushed through that body and become a law. This does not mean that the state will be thrown open to the sale of liquor immediately, for the Parks bill was so amended as to make it inoperative until regulation measures to accompany it are enacted.

The principal fight was on the motion of Speaker Almon to substitute his dispensary bill for the Parks bill, but the discussion, participated in by local option, dispensary and prohibition leaders, covered the whole field of liquor regulation and absolute prohibition. On a vote the motion to substitute the Almon bill for the Parks bill was lost by 56 to 47. Then followed some parliamentary skirmishing by the prohibitionists, with the adoption of a minor amendment, the battle finally ending with passing of the Parks bill by the above vote.

### \$10,000,000 ON DEPOSIT.

Southern Claimants May Get Chance at Big Fund.

The house has adopted an amendment to the codification bill, which, if ratified by the senate and approved by the president, will extend the provisions of the captured and abandoned property act of March 12, 1863, and permit claims to be brought for some \$10,000,000 collected under that act, which still remains in the federal treasury.

The adoption of this amendment by a vote of 125 to 85 was a victory for Representative Bartlett, of Georgia, who introduced and urged it in a strong speech.

Not only are the provisions of the act of 1863, formerly limited in its operations to two years, made to apply to suits which may hereafter be brought in the court of claims, but the former requirement that the claimant must prove "loyalty" is stricken.

Representative Bartlett, in his statement to the house, said that the proceeds from the sale of captured cotton, amounting to \$4,695,000, and from other property to the value of \$5,000,000, converted into the treasury under this act, remain on deposit. He asserted that this money should be distributed to the original claimants or their descendants.

### CHANGE CENTRAL OFFICES

Executive Offices of Road to Go to Chicago.

Executive offices of the Central of Georgia railway and the Ocean Steamship company, of Savannah, will be removed to Chicago, following the election of President Charles H. Markham, of the Illinois Central railroad, to the presidency of these two companies.

It is believed that the actual operation of the railroad will be in the hands of Vice-President Winburn, while the legal business will be directed by Vice-President Lawton, as heretofore. The financial direction of the road will be from the Chicago offices.

The operation of the steamship company, as heretofore, will be from the office at Savannah of Vice-President W. H. Pleasants, with the financial direction in Mr. Markham's hands. It is said that other offices of the road and ocean line will remain where they are.

### WORLD'S RECORD MADE.

News Received From Steamer Korea, 4,492 Miles Away.

It is claimed that a world's record for wireless communication between ship and shore was made when a message was received at a local station at San Francisco, from the steamer Korea 4,492 miles away. The local operator heard a faint call from the Korea. The message came faintly, but could be distinguished.

"Seamer Korea, 4,492 out; all well." The operator repeated the message and received an "O. K."

### GENERAL NEWS

News reached Dalton, Ga., of an explosion of a boiler, which occurred at a sawmill at Old Fort, Tenn., just across the Georgia line, in which Joe Lowry was killed, and several others employed about the sawmill were seriously injured. Lowry is well known in Murray county, where his family lives. His remains will be brought back to Spring Place for interment.

The Atlanta Athletic Club announces that on May 15th, on its course at East Lake, the first golf tournament for the championship of the South for women golfers is to be held. Six cups are offered conditional on having thirty-two starts. Mrs. George Harrington, of Atlanta, may be addressed for information.

The election of United States senators by direct vote of the people and the proposed Canadian reciprocity agreement are favored by former President Theodore Roosevelt. In a speech at Topeka, Kan., at the Lincoln Club's banquet Colonel Roosevelt came out squarely in favor of the change, it is said.

Mrs. Della Whitmire, wife of S. S. Whitmire, was burned to death at Rabun Gap, Ga. at 2 o'clock. She was alone at home, her husband being absent at his store, when her clothing, by some accident, took fire and burned so rapidly she was unable to extinguish the flames.

The Most Rev. Patrick John Ryan, archbishop of Philadelphia, and metropolitan of Pennsylvania, died at the archepiscopal residence in that city. The death of the archbishop came as a distinct shock, as the prelate was thought to be on the way to recovery, after making a brave fight against death.

Miss Virginia McCormick, daughter of the late millionaire harvester manufacturer of Chicago, and who lives on a beautiful estate near Huntsville, Ala., presented the Y. M. C. A. of that city with a check for \$10,000 for the purpose of completing a handsome building in the course of construction.

A dispatch from Eagleville, Cal., says: Harry Cambron, John Laxgaue, B. Indiano and P. Erramuspe, wealthy stockmen, who have been missing since January 1, are reported to have been murdered. The men left camp January 1 to go to a sheep camp seven miles distant. It has been learned that the missing men had trouble with cattle rustlers from Oregon.

A wagon carrying twelve school children was hit by a train southeast of Wichita, Kan. Harley Hartenbower, 15 years old, and Grover Hartenbower, 19 years old, were injured internally and will die. Three daughters of Mrs. Ellen Allen were caught on the engine pilot and carried a half mile, but were only slightly injured.

Fenniless and despondent because he was unable to obtain employment, Jacob Van Hasolt, 45 years old, professor in music, and son of a Holland nobleman, committed suicide by shooting himself at Chicago. The body, frozen stiff, was found in a snowbank by a policeman.

Ten shop employes of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad were torn to fragments, and seven others were injured when an engine under repair exploded in the Smithville, Tex., yards. Besides the loss of life, railroad property valued at \$20,000 was destroyed.

Two sad deaths of little girls have occurred at Swainsboro, Ga. Ruth Edenfield, aged 8, thinking it harmless, drank a quantity of belladonna, and little Flora Hayes, while wandering in the garden, ate some yellow jessamine blossoms. Despite medical aid, both children died.

The will of the late Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward, the authoress, was filed in the Middlesex probate court at Cambridge, Mass. It leaves the bulk of her estate, valued at \$95,000, to her two brothers, Lawrence Phelps, of Atlanta, Ga., and Edward J. Phelps, of Chicago.

The intermarriage of an American with the Japanese or any other Asiatic race is prohibited in a bill passed by the Nevada legislature. It makes the performance of such a marriage by a minister or justice of the peace a misdemeanor.

As a result of a democratic caucus of Wisconsin legislators a joint resolution was introduced in both houses favoring the immediate adoption of the proposed reciprocity agreement between the United States and Canada.

The Kansas senate passed the resolution to submit the amendment to the constitution giving women the right to vote in all elections. The vote was 27 to 12. The resolution had previously passed the house.

The supreme court of Kansas held constitutional the new liquor law which prohibits the sale of liquor for medicinal or mechanical purposes.

Packey McFarland, of Chicago, and Jack Britton, of Indianapolis, fought eighty rounds to a draw before the Army Athletic Club at Memphis.

The New York American Club received the signed contracts of Pitchers Harry Ables, who was with San Antonio last year, and of B. H. Revella, last year with Richmond.

### County Government.

Representative—Thos. S. Wood.  
Clerk Superior Court—Cos. Paxton.  
Sheriff and Tax Collector—Fred. A. Shuford.  
Treasurer—Z. W. Nichols.  
Register of Deeds—B. A. Gillespie.  
Coroner—Dr. A. E. Lyday.  
Surveyor—J. C. Wike.  
Commissioners—W. L. Brooks, G. T. Lyday, Arthur Miller.  
Superintendent of Schools—T. C. Henderson.  
Physician—Dr. Goode Cheatham.  
Attorney—R. L. Gash.

### Town Government.

Mayor—W. E. Breese, jr.  
Board of Aldermen—T. H. Shipman, J. M. Kilpatrick, T. M. Mitchell, F. L. DeVane, E. W. Carter.  
Marshal—J. A. Galloway.  
Clerk and Tax Collector—T. H. Galloway.  
Treasurer—T. H. Shipman.  
Health Officer—Dr. C. W. Hunt.  
Regular meetings—First Monday night in each month.

### Professional Cards.

**R. L. GASH,**  
LAWYER

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Notary Public.

**W. W. ZAGHARY**

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and Surveyor  
BREVARD AND HENDERSORVILLE, N. C.

### NOTICE OF SALE AND PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE FOR TAXES.

Notice is hereby given that at a sale of land for taxes made at the court house door, in the Town of Brevard, on the 2nd day of May, 1910, by C. C. Kilpatrick, sheriff of Transylvania county, one tract of land containing 100 acres, in Boyd Township, listed for taxation in the name of A. E. Reece, was sold to the undersigned for the sum of \$5.19, and unless redemption is made on or before the 2nd day of May, 1911, the purchaser will apply to the sheriff for a deed to said land.  
W. C. REECE.

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W. C. REECE.

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Notice is hereby given that at a sale of land for taxes made at the court house door, in the Town of Brevard, on the 2nd day of May, 1910, by C. C. Kilpatrick, sheriff of Transylvania county, one tract of land containing 16 acres, in Eastatoe Township, listed for taxation in the name of Emily Aiken, was sold to the undersigned for the sum of \$2.02, and unless redemption is made on or before the 2nd day of May, 1911, the purchaser will apply to the said sheriff for a deed to the said land.  
M. C. AIKEN.

### Executrix Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Executrix of the last will and testament of W. B. Duckworth, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified that they must present same before the 25th day of November, 1911, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons owing said estate are required to make immediate payment.  
MRS. ELLA F. DUCKWORTH.

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