

SAYS LUTHER WILL
NOT BE DISTURBED
IN BILTMORE P. O.

Claim Now Made The Presi-
dent Sympathizes With
Him in Flight

HON. THOS. SETTLE IS
STILL IN RUNNING

Good Federal Appointment Is
Waiting For Him Some-
where. But Where?

(By Snell Smith.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—President
Taft is still giving vent to expressions
to the effect that there is no disposition
on the part of the administration
to employ drastic measures against
legitimate corporations. Nor is there
anything to show that a carefully
planned crusade against corporations
of questionable character is to be
launched in the immediate future.

The North Carolina colony has
 dwindled down to almost imperceptible
 proportions and the political
 state appears to be settling down. It
 was stated today by friends of Con-
 gressman Grant that the congress-
 man will be upheld by the president
 whose sympathy, rather than antago-
 nism, has been aroused by the per-
 sistent warfare on the Tar Heel
 statesman. It is said, too, that Mr.
 Luther will not be disturbed in the
 Biltmore postmastership.

It is learned here that the Hon.
 Thos. Settle of Asheville, is still a
 warm proposition for federal appoint-
 ment, but the nature thereof cannot
 be definitely determined. He has been
 frequently mentioned as a successor
 to Mr. Ellis who recently resigned as
 assistant to the attorney-general to
 undertake the management of the
 Ohio republicans campaign. It is
 noted that President Taft looks upon
 the brilliant North Carolina attorney
 with friendly eyes and the announce-
 ment of some appointment is expect-
 ed daily.

The war on Speaker Cannon grows
 apace, his foes increasing in num-
 bers every hour. The insurgents have
 buckled on their armor, and they
 claim to have enough adherents to
 throw Cannon in the first round.

CONGRESS ASKED
TO PROHIBIT ALL
OPTION TRADING

Farmers' Union Demands That
Gambling on Exchanges be
Eliminated. Destroys Competi-
tion Among Actual Buyers.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—This
question involves hundreds of mil-
lions of dollars and the welfare of
millions of people," declared T. J.
Brooks, of Atwood, Tenn., president
of the Farmers' National Union, in
opening the hearing on the anti-op-
tion bills before the house commit-
tee on agriculture today. The proposed
legislation is designed to prohibit
dealings in futures on boards of trade
and exchanges. The committee room
was crowded with congressmen from
the states interested.

Mr. Brooks declared that dealings
in futures of cotton were no more
necessary than in wheat and wool
and farm implements. Hedging op-
erations "on change" he character-
ized as no different from gambling
on the rise and fall of prices.

Original Purpose Lost.
"On what moral principal" he asked,
"is one class of citizens obliged to
make up for the losses of another
class, for where one gains another
must lose. The original intention of
the cotton exchange to bring the
buyer and seller together has been
eliminated in the development of the
present exchange practices.

"We are willing to abide by the
results of abolishing futures," he said,
deploring the temptations held out
to the prospective victims who later
"come into the game" and get "froz-
en out."

He declared the exchanges aggravated
the natural situations and de-
clined that they tended to steady
prices. He believed that "suckers are
not all dead" and by the way of cor-
roboration he read newspaper re-
views of scalping markets, sudden
declines and "things done in the
dark" to affect prices.

Competition Eliminated.
Under the shadow of the exchanges
competition among local buyers had
ceased, and he charged the existence
of a tacit understanding in the cot-
ton and tobacco belts for division of
territory. The farmers' union which
Mr. Brooks represents has a mem-
bership extending over twenty-nine
states.

Characterized by Mr. Lever of
South Carolina as the largest con-
sumer of cotton in the South, Lewis
W. Parker, a Greenville, S. C. man-
ufacturer, contended that abnormal
conditions ought to be represented in
spot cotton and contract cotton at

the same time. He said that as a
rule, futures control spot cotton. He
declared that the exchanges are not
of advantage either to the consumer
or the producer, and that it seemed
impossible to make the exchanges
realize the fairness of the complaints
against them. He said the fight of his
interests is to have the farmer prop-
erly warehouse their cotton and to
market it gradually during the sea-
son. He described Englishmen as
chary of the speculation in futures,
that the Liverpool cotton exchange is
not used by Englishmen for specu-
lation, and that the Americans specu-
late in Liverpool to affect prices.

Would Readjust Business.
Mr. Parker declared that in the
position the American spinners oc-
cupied toward the exchanges, the
English spinners stood with the
American spinners.

"Don't you think that we would
have a picnic in buying cotton if
exchanges were abolished," Mr. Par-
ker was asked.

"We would abide by the results,"
he answered. "The absence of ex-
changes would revolutionize the
character of the present business. We
would readjust our business. There
would be no difficulty in effecting re-
adjustment. I recommend regulation of
the exchanges, I would make the
exchanges responsive to spot condi-
tions."

"Has the cotton producer this year
realized through speculation more
than he would have without specu-
lation?" he was asked.

"Yes," replied Mr. Parker, "but
this is an exceptional year; nothing
like it in the memory of the spinners.
It is the first time we have had five
cent cotton since I have been in
the business."

George W. Nevill an important
factor in the cotton exchange, arraigned
the report of Commissioner of Cor-
porations Smith as a "masterpiece of
theory" but lacking in practicality
in the working out of his theories.



MILLIONS FOR WATERWAYS AND
MANY MILLIONS MORE TO FOLLOW

"Pork Barrel" for This Year as Proposed by Rivers and Harbors Committee Car-
ries Forty Millions and Provides for Projects That Will Call For
Hundreds of Millions to Complete in the Future.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The rivers
and harbors appropriation bill, carry-
ing an aggregate of \$40,000,000 as
an annual budget, aside from pros-
pecting ultimate expenditures of some
hundreds of millions of dollars in
coming years, was virtually completed
tonight, by the house committee on
rivers and harbors.

The committee was in session all
day in an effort to press the matter
to a conclusion, and when the com-
mittee adjourned all that was left
were a few minor matters which
Chairman Alexander was vested with
discretion to adjust. The bill will be
reported to the house tomorrow af-
ternoon, and if Chairman Alexander's
expectations are realized, will be taken
up by the house on Friday.

Some of the projects.
Conspicuous among the large
projects provided for in the bill are
the following:
Improving the upper Mississippi,
all north of St. Louis \$2,000,000;
from St. Louis to Cairo \$50,000, in
addition to the \$250,000 carried in
the sundry civil appropriation bill,
from Cairo to New Orleans \$2,000,000
in addition to the \$2,000,000 carried
in the sundry civil appropriation bill.
For the Ohio river \$1,000,000 im-
mediately and \$2,500,000 in contin-
gents. There are numerous
other projects.

A notable feature of the bill is the
vesting of authority in the secretary
of war to appoint a board of five
members to be composed of four en-
gineer officers of the army and one
civil engineer, taken from civil life
to co-operate with the Illinois author-
ities in securing a suitable waterway
in conjunction with the development
of water power by Illinois between
Lockport and Utica, for which Illinois
has already authorized an appropriation
of \$20,000,000.

MORGAN BOUGHT 'PHONE
STOCK FOR HIS FIRM

May Go On Stand to Ex-
plain That He Did Not
Act for Bell Interests

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—J. Pierpont
Morgan, may voluntarily testify in
New York in a few days concerning
the recent purchases by his firm of
a controlling interest in the United
States Telephone company of Cleve-
land and the Cayahoga Telephone
Company of the same state.
Protesting minority stockholders of
the companies are in New York tak-
ing depositions to be used in the Ohio
courts in suits to check the consum-
mation of the purchase, maintain
that J. Pierpont Morgan acted for the
American Telephone and Telegraph
company (The Bell interests) in ac-
quiring six independent companies in
Ohio and Indiana, and that competi-
tion has ceased to exist in that ter-
ritory, hence the illegality of the
transaction. Morgan and company
have held all along that any purchas-
es they made were simply an invest-
ment of the firm.

SENATE WILL FIND OUT
REASON FOR HIGH PRICES

Enters Upon Its Splendid
Political Bluff in all Seri-
ousness

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—As finally
determined upon today the investiga-
tion of the increase in prices of food
and other necessities of life which
the senate is about to enter upon
will cover a broad field.
The measure providing for such in-
vestigation was passed today with
comparatively little discussion. It
authorizes an inquiry by a special
committee of seven senators into the
general enhancement of values, cov-
ering not only foods and clothing
but many articles used in every day
life.

The investigation will also cover
the questions of salaries, earnings
and the tariff. Not only will prices
in the markets be included, but also
those at the farm and the factory.
At the instance of Senator Burton,
the resolution was made to cover "all
commodities" while Senator Warren
procured the insertion of hides, leath-
er and boots and shoes; Senator
Johnston obtained the insertion of
beef, sheep and hogs and, Senator
Baughman the insertion of steel.
The inquiry is expected to begin
shortly and will be conducted with
the greatest dispatch.

NEGRESS DIES AT 116.

DURHAM, N. C., Feb. 9.—Mary
Cain, a negress, died today at the age
of one hundred and sixteen. She was
of such clear mind until last year
that minute details of the war of
1812 and the part that Orange county
soldiers played in it were fresh to
her. The old woman lived on a farm
nine miles from Durham.

DR. McGEHEE ELECTED
DEAN OF LAW SCHOOL

Former Member of Faculty
Succeeds Late Judge Mc-
Crac in That Position

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 9.—The
trustees of the University of North
Carolina today elected Dr. Lucius P.
McGehee, now of New York, dean of
the university law school to succeed
the late Judge James C. McCrae. Dr.
McGehee is a native of Raleigh, son
of the late Montford McGehee, a
graduate of the University of North
Carolina, and for five years a mem-
ber of the university law faculty,
having resigned one year ago to take
a lucrative law position in New York.
The trustees voted to abolish the
Raleigh department of the present ter-
m, this action being taken on recom-
mendation of President Venable and
the faculty, because of insufficient
funds to maintain the department in
a manner creditable to the university.
The executive committee was in-
creased from nine to fifteen and the
following elected: Col. A. B. An-
drews, C. B. Aycock, R. H. Battle,
J. R. Carr, J. O. Carr, J. Bryan Grimes,
Josephus Daniels, Claudius Dockery,
R. T. Gray, J. W. Graham, Major E.
R. Hale, Col. T. S. Kenan, Chas. Whed-
bee, W. E. Brantley, Dr. R. H. Lewis.
Governor Kitchin was directed to
appoint a visiting committee to in-
spect the university and report at the
commencement meeting. Tuesday
was restored as commencement day
instead of Wednesday.

INDIAN WEDS WHITE GIRL.

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 9.—Thom-
as S. Dennis, a full blood Indian, sec-
ond chief of the Pamunkey tribe,
which makes its headquarters on the
reservation near White House on the
Pamunkey reserve, was married here
this evening, his bride being Miss
Eva Stewart of Durham.

FEDERAL CONTROL
OF CORPORATIONS
OF NATIONAL SCOPE

Commissioner Smith's Re-
port In Line With Presi-
dent's Policy

PUBLICITY HAS DONE
MUCH TO MEND ABUSES

Those Who Have Expanded
Operations of Commerce
Cannot Object

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Great in-
terstate industries can be brought un-
der a permanent supervision through
a system of regular reports to a fed-
eral agency, in a rational effective
way, which will involve no drastic
action, but will, on the contrary,
forestall it.

Such is the conclusion drawn in
the annual report of Herbert Knox
Smith, commissioner of corporations,
to the secretary of commerce and
labor, which was made public today.

Coming closely upon the heels of
the administration's federal incor-
poration bill which has been presented
to both houses of congress, Commis-
sioner Smith's recommendations are
of unusual interest.

Publicity Needed.
"Publicity will improve the stand-
ing of our corporate securities both
at home and abroad," Mr. Smith de-
clares, "and will help to give to our
business machinery that foundation
of fairness and openness and public
confidence which it must have if it
is to be a permanent factor in our
national advance."

"It will bring together the govern-
ment and the corporate manager
in conference and co-operation,
which alone can serve to adjust con-
tinuously the complex and changing
relationship between our business
forces and the public welfare."

Mr. Smith contends that already
under public condemnation, made
possible by facts widely stated, great
corporate abuses have been aban-
doned. He asserts that a fitting
system of railroad rate discrimina-
tions has been wiped away, and nu-
merous forms of commercial oppres-
sion diminished. Corporate managers
themselves, declares Mr. Smith, are
frankly advocating a more open ac-
counting.

Nationalization Required.
"The issue is national," the report
continues, "action by the federal
government is imperative under its
unquestioned power and duty to re-
gulate interstate commerce. One of
the primary motives for the creation
of the federal government was for the
national control of national business.
Those directing the great corpora-
tions have deliberately nationalized
them in size and scope; they cannot
now be heard to object to a central-
ized control which they themselves
have made necessary."

PROMOTION AS REWARD
FOR PEARY'S ACHIEVEMENT

Bill Making Him Rear Ad-
miral and Retiring Him,
Quickly Passes Senate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Promo-
tion to the high rank of Rear Ad-
miral as one of the honors to be
bestowed upon Commander Robert
E. Peary, U. S. N., for his achieve-
ment in discovering the North pole
received the endorsement of the sen-
ate today.
The Hale bill adding Peary's name
to the list of rear-admirals in the
navy and providing for his immediate
retirement with the highest pay re-
ceived by one of the rank was favor-
ably reported by the committee on
naval affairs, and was almost im-
mediately passed without debate or
comment.

A similar measure offered in the
house by Representative Allen of
Maine was forwarded to the navy de-
partment by Chairman Foss of the
house committee, who stated that he
expected it would be approved by the
department and that he would then
urge its passage by the house as
fitting recognition of the work of
"Commander Peary."

GEN. WOOD DOING WELL.
BALTIMORE, Feb. 9.—Dr. Har-
vey Cushing, who is in charge of
General Leonard Wood's case, wrote
and authorized the use of the fol-
lowing statement tonight:
"Owing to conflicting reports con-
cerning the reasons for General
Wood's presence in the Johns Hop-
kins hospital it may be stated that
an operation has been performed for
the repair of an old wound which
had led to a slight lameness, and that
his condition is satisfactory."

CONSCIENCE PAINED
HIM WHEN HE FOUND HE
CARRIED BRIBE MONEY

Investigation Into Alleged
Carruption of N. Y. State
Legislators Goes On
WITNESS ON RACK

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 9.—The rep-
utations of two senators were the
stakes for which one of the foremost
cross-examiners in the country bat-
tled today in the state senate. Before
them sat Hiram G. Moe, the bank
cashier from Groton, whose asser-
tion that he gave Senator Jotham P.
Alida \$1,000 to suppress a bill hostile
to the bridge building combination
had made him the foremost figure in
the senate's investigation of the bribe-
ry charge made against Alida by his
colleague, Ben Conger. Moe was un-
der cross-examination for three hours
today but did not retract his startling
assertions of yesterday.
Alida's counsel lawyers tried to
show that, as the giver of a bribe,
Alida's accuser, Conger, might be
equally guilty. Their questions in-
dicated that if, was Senator Conger
and not his dead brother Frank, the
vice president of the American Bridge
company, who engineered the alleged
transaction in the ways and means
committee room in the assembly on
which the whole investigation is
based. Moe, however, insisted that he
took his orders from Frank Conger
and that Ben Conger's part began
and ended with taking him to the
capitol and pointing out the men to
whom he delivered the money.
Few witnesses in a criminal case
have secured such an assumption as
Martin W. Littleton, Alida's attorney,
directed this afternoon at Moe.
Osborne tried hard to move his wit-
ness and against the attack Moe
shielded himself as best he could.
Pressed to recite countless details of
his actions he replied:
"I can't remember."
Asked why he was willing to be
the instrument of a bribe giver, he
declared that not until after the mon-
ey had been delivered to Alida and his
colleagues did he know the purpose
for which it was intended. Ben Con-
ger told him he said on the train that
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SEINE RISING AGAIN BUT
REPETITION OF RECENT
FLOODS IS NOT FEARED

High Water, However, Has
Greatly Retarded Work
of Repair
RELIEF WORK GOES ON

PARIS, Feb. 9.—The river Seine
had risen seven inches here today,
the twenty-four hours ending at noon
today owing to yesterday's rain and
melting snow.
The hydrographic department pre-
dicts a continued rise until Friday
when it will reach a height of over
twenty-two feet at Pont Royal, which
will equal the level of 1882.
Although confident that there is no
danger of a repetition of the recent
disaster, the authorities are taking
thorough precautions. The level of
the parapets at low places through-
out the length of the city is being
raised by improvised dykes. The
return of high water threatens to
greatly retard the work of repair
which is in progress. The waters,
which had dropped below the mouths
of the sewers, are again pouring into
the conduits, drowning the electric
light and power lines in the vicinity
of the Place Del Opera.
The series of financial measures
for the relief of flood victims which
the government has been elaborating
is now complete. Besides the \$400,-
000 additional appropriation by par-
liament the plan includes first, a loan
of \$1,200,000 to small farmers from
the Caissees du Credit Agricole, second,
loans to small shop keepers and
tradesmen from the Bank of France
and other credit institutions with cer-
tain government guarantees worked
out by Minister of Finance Cocheray;
and, third, loans to small property
owners by banks making a specialty
of loans on real estate securities, gov-
ernment guarantees also being fur-
nished in the present emergency.
Flood conditions in the eastern sec-
tion are becoming worse. The Marne
near Rheims has risen about fifteen
inches today and inhabitants of the
valley are fleeing with their belong-
ings. The river Aisne rose three feet
within a few hours. Pathetic scenes
were witnessed in many places for the
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ON MURDEROUS RAMPAGE
KILLS THREE ITALIANS
TO AVENGE OLD GRUDGE

Proprietor of General Store
Terrorizes Miners so they
Dare Not Work
MAKES HIS ESCAPE

WASHINGTON, Pa., Feb. 9.—Three
men were shot to death today, the
result of a feud among Italians in the
foreign settlement at the Shaw mine.
John Marks, proprietor of a general
store, is the alleged murderer and
Tony Putehey is said to have been
his accomplice. The men fled after
the shooting and tonight armed pos-
ses are searching the hills for them.
The victims the John Panelli, Mike
Mania and Tony Yalli. Marks and
Putehey it is said, had long been at
odds with their neighbors and this
morning following a quarrel in Marks
store, Marks and Putehey walked to
the home of Panelli and shot him
dead. He was sitting at the table
with his family, and threw up his
arms as an indication that he was un-
armed when he saw the men.
In an adjoining house lived Tony
Yalli. He was attracted by the shoot-
ing and as he came to the window
to investigate, was shot.
Marks and Putehey are said then
to have hastened to the home of
Mania. The crisis of alarm in the
streets had warned him, and as he
stood in the doorway, the desperate
men opened fire and Mania fell dead
on his own doorstep. Marks and
Putehey then fled.
The foreigners of the settlement are
terrorized by the crimes and cannot
be induced to leave their homes. To-
night many of the men on the night
shift at the mines refused to go to
work.

LUNATIC RECAPTURED.

AIKEN, S. C., Feb. 9.—W. C.
Stone, who claims to be a lieutenant
in the United States army and alleged
to be an escaped lunatic from the
Richard Grady Home, Cananville,
Md., was arrested here today and the
Maryland authorities have been no-
tified. Letters which he carried in-
dicate that he is a member of a
prominent family

