

BANKS HELD LIABLE ON COTTON BILLS DRAWN IN FRAUD

Decision first important one in Extensive Forgeries of bills.

SOUTHERN FIRMS ARE HELD RESPONSIBLE

Bank Discounting the bills held to Guarantee Their Genuineness.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The effect of a decision in the cotton bills of lading cases rendered here by the Supreme court Justice Newburger, is being discussed today among the interests involved, including cotton exporting firms, bankers and representatives of big foreign mercantile houses.

Started in Frauds. The rise of the litigation was in the big cotton bills of lading forgeries perpetrated last spring in the name of two firms, Knight, Yancey & company of Decatur, Ala., and Steele, Miller & company, of Corinth, Miss.

MINISTER KILLS MOONSHINER WHO BROKE UP MEETING

Went to Church to Drive Minister From His Pulpit During Conference.

WHEN EJECTED OPENED FIRE ON ASSEMBLAGE

Deputy Collector Was Destroying His Still While he Was Away.

JASPER, Ala., Dec. 24.—Carl Lingerfelt, an alleged moonshiner and a well known character of this section, was shot and instantly killed this afternoon at Mount Pisgah Baptist church, Gilmer county, by Rev. W. J. Kimmon.

A striking co-incidence in connection with the tragedy is that at the same time the duel in the church yard was taking place, Deputy Collector Hopkins, of this place, was destroying a large illicit distillery within half a mile of the church.

FOUR MAIL CLERKS KILLED IN WRECK OF EXPRESS TRAIN

Cars Piled up at Mouth of Tunnel of Norfolk and Western Stop Traffic.

PASSENGERS ALL ESCAPED INJURY

Mail Car With Its Load of Christmas Presents Was Badly Smashed.

ROANOKE, Va., Dec. 24.—Four mail clerks and helpers were killed and several men were injured in the wreck of passenger train number 16 of the Norfolk and Western railway in tunnel number 6 near Williamson, W. Va., at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

The locomotive, tender and the baggage and mail cars were thrown from the tracks. The mail car was badly wrecked. At work in the mail car on the heavy Christmas mails, the clerks had no chance of escape.

Home Again



Did ever you think of the picture At dawn of the Christmas day. When Santa Claus, tried by his gift-bearing sleigh. Steps out of his wonderful sleigh?

DUCHESS WITHDRAWS FROM THE PROSECUTION

Production of Her Letters Leads to Settlement of Her part in Suit

TOURS, FRANCE, Dec. 24.—The series of sensations that has enveloped the trial of "Count" and "Countess" D'Aulby de Gatinay reached a climax today when the Duchess of Choiseul-Praslin, formerly Mrs. Charles Hanson, of Boston, abandoned her accusations that D'Aulby and his wife had conspired to swindle her out of \$700,000 in the sale of spurious paintings.

SPECIAL TERM ORDERED FOR GRANVILLE MURDER

Governor Kitchin Complies With Request of Prominent Residents of County

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 24.—At the request of the commissioners of Granville county, Governor Kitchin today ordered a special term of Superior court in Oxford to try Nathan Montague, the negro who outraged, murdered and burned Mrs. Mattie Sanders and murdered her father, J. L. Sanders, and his little granddaughter, Irene Overton, burning all three bodies in the Sanders residence, which he set on fire to hide his crime.

SCIENTISTS WILL PASS UPON PEARY'S PROOFS

May Get Rear-Admiralship If His Claims are Properly Supported

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Another phase of the proposed honoring of Captain Robert E. Peary, with a rear admiralship in recognition of his Arctic achievements developed today when it was said that what is regarded as proofs of his having reached the North pole together with other testimony on that point may be passed upon by other scientists at the instance of the house naval affairs committee.

CHINESE GOVERNMENT AT DAGGER'S POINT WITH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Government Issues Edict Commanding Provincials To Cease Agitation

PRINCE DENOUNCED

PEKIN, Dec. 24.—The government and the national assembly issued counter-defiances today.

In the lengthy edict, the throne ordered the return home of the provincial leaders who are now in Peking agitating for the immediate convocation of a general parliament and instructed the viceroys to employ arms to prevent further assemblies in the provinces, and to treat the agitators as revolutionaries, punishing them in the severest manner.

The assembly's counterblast took the form of a memorial to the throne which recites in scathing terms the actions of Prince Ching, whose office is that of advisor to the naval department, but who is of such influence in the government that he has borne a great share of the attack of the progressives, and that of his associates in the grand council, by whom it is asserted the country has been steadily impaired.

The memorial calls for the immediate establishment of a ministry responsible to the people. It is reported that the government is moving troops with the purpose of suppressing any outbreak.

LARNED CHAMPION

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The annual report of the ranking committees of the United States national lawn tennis association issued today again puts Wm. A. Larned at the top of the singles list and Hackett and Alexander in the doubles. The basis of ranking is practically the same as in previous years.

ENGINEERS ACCEPT TEN PER CENT INCREASE IN WAGES AND STRIKE IS OFF

Means an Increase of \$192 Per Year for 33,000 Employees of Various Lines

OTHER CONCESSIONS

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—The wage dispute between the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the sixty one railroads west, north, and south of Chicago was settled here today.

There will be no strike. Instead, the engineers get an average increase in wages of 10-13 per cent of their 1910 wage scale, giving them a Christmas promise of an average of approximately \$192 for each of the 33,000 men involved, for each subsequent year. Specifically the agreement provides for a raise of forty cents a day for all engineers, with a differential in addition of 25 cents for 25,000 pound engines and an added differential of 75 cents a day for the smaller Mallet engines and a differential of \$1 a day for the heaviest Mallets.

In a letter to United States Commissioner Charles P. Neill, who, as mediator under the Kridman act brought the settlement out of what seemed a suu disagreement, Grand Chief Engineer Warren S. Stone, of the Brotherhood, gave as the reason for accepting the terms offered, the suffering and loss which would attend a general western strike.

Numerous specific working conditions are improved by the agreement signed formally late today, and engineers are given control of electric and gasoline motor cars used as locomotives, with an increase of 50 cents a day in present wages. Hostlers under the protection of the engineers get an increase of 25 cents a day. The new rate is effective with the signature of the agreement today.

AUDITOR OF VIRGINIA

RICHMOND, VA.—H. F. Donohue, of Fairfax county court house, former member of the state senate and at present editor of The Fairfax Herald, was appointed state auditor by Governor Mann today to succeed the late Colonel Morton Marjoe.

FREEDOM PRESENTED BY LENIENT GOVERNORS TO CONVICTS IN PRISON

Scores Pardoned by Various Executives Throughout The South

MINOR OFFENDERS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 24.—Eleven convicts were freed from the Arkansas penitentiary today, their pardons coming as Christmas presents from Governor George Donohoe. The crimes ranged from larceny to criminal assault.

ELEVEN IN MISSISSIPPI

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 24.—Governor E. F. Noel, with the issuance of three pardons today, announced that extending of clemency for this year is complete. In all eleven prisoners were given their freedom as Christmas gifts.

TWENTY IN LOUISIANA

BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 24.—Twenty prisoners at the state penitentiary were given pardons today by Governor Sanders. Each man on being released was presented with a new suit of clothes and \$5.

TEXAS FREES SEVENTY-FIVE

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 24.—Seventy-five convicts of the state penitentiary will walk out tomorrow free men, having executive clemency bestowed upon them by Governor Campbell. It is probable that the holiday pardons will total a hundred before New Year's.

SIXTY IN ALABAMA

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 24.—Governor Comer has granted pardons to sixty prisoners serving sentences for crime in this state as his Christmas presents to them. Among them were a few in for serious offenses, but most of those pardoned were convicted of minor crimes.

DISASTEROUS WRECK ON AN ENGLISH RAILROAD

Eight Passengers Killed and Many Others Seriously Injured

KIRBY-STEPHEN, ENGL.

Eight passengers were killed, some of them instantly and the others burned to death, and 25 more injured in the wreck of the Scotch express near Hawes Junction today. The express carried 500 persons bound for their homes in Scotland to spend Christmas. It was running at its ordinary speed when near the junction it collided with a pilot engine and was derailed. Fire broke out in the wreckage and the whole train with the exception of the locomotive and a rear baggage car was reduced to ashes.

WEATHER—FAIR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Forecast for North Carolina: Fair Sunday, colder in eastern portion; Monday unsettled; probably rain by night; warmer in interior; moderate north to northeast winds.

BRIDGES DESTROYED

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 24.—A telephone message from Superintendent George Rutledge, who went down with the El Paso and North-western train on its trip south today, reports that the revolutionists blew up at least six bridges, and probably more, after stealing a train Thursday night.

FOLLOW DIAZ PREPARES—P J

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CREW REFUSED TO OBEY CAPTAIN'S ORDER IN STORM

Food and Water Gave Out and Seamen Became Sulky and Intractable

SAVANNAH, GA.

Announcing his intention of bringing charges of mutiny against his crew, Captain Foxwell, commanding the schooner Grace Seymour today told of a battle with a storm at sea which threatened to swamp his vessel. The schooner left Owens Ferry on the Saltilla River November 22, with a cargo of lumber for New York. A day or two after entering the Atlantic, a storm was encountered, resulting in serious damage to the schooner and blowing her a thousand miles out of her course. The food finally gave out and the water supply ran so low that the crew of seven men was limited to a few cups of a day. Several days ago the schooner Jennie B. was hailed at sea and gave Captain Foxwell food and equipment, enabling him to reach Tybee Island, where his schooner was picked up yesterday by the pilot boat Estill, reaching this port late last night.

KILLED WAITER AND THEN APOLOGIZED

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—Enraged because a steak he had ordered in a restaurant was not served promptly, John Bennett, aged 18 years, a newsboy, this afternoon drew a revolver and killed James Conas, an employee of the restaurant. Bennett then excused himself to the other diners for the disturbance and walked out. He was arrested two blocks from the restaurant.

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WHEN JUDGE ASKED WITNESS WHAT HAPPENED HE SHOWED HIM LITERALLY

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Dr. Patrick H. Hayes, who is 60 years old, but athletic, soundly pummeled a man in Municipal Judge Hiles' court today, and was unrebuked for the surprising attack. It came about in this manner:

When Dr. Hayes was attacked by Edward Meyers, an alleged pickpocket and hold-up man last night, the physician punched Meyers until the latter cried "quit." Dr. Hayes called a policeman and had Meyers taken to jail.

"What did you do, doctor, when this man tried to rob you," asked the court today when Meyers was arraigned for trial. Without making reply Dr. Hayes jumped at Meyers with the agility of a young man, seized the prisoner by the collar of his coat, threw him against a bench, struck him repeatedly blows with his clenched fists and wound up by hurling Meyers to the floor of the court room and sitting upon him.

"There, judge, that's what I did," said Dr. Hayes as he loosened his hold on the frightened prisoner. Meyers, who is 34 years old, was held to the grand jury on bond of \$1,000.

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The insurrectos lost one chance of creating a nation-wide revolt when they failed to crush Navarro at Cerro Prieto. He is now strictly on the defensive at Padermeque. While he is under orders not to take the offensive, he is in a defensive position which the insurrectos cannot attack without disaster. Navarro's original force was scarcely more than a police force which a mis-guided government considered sufficient. Diaz is now sending an army. Arrivals from the front today brought confirmation of the statement that Navarro executed a number of civilians at Cerro Prieto. The number is given now as 23, twenty-two in the village proper, and ten in a hamlet nearby. The story was told here today in convincing detail. Last Saturday the revolutionists executed prisoners as a retaliatory measure. These were loyalists taken at Guerrero three or four weeks ago. They were given trial of rough sort and convicted of treachery while being allowed the consolation of neutrals.

TALKED OVER TELEPHONE AFTER SHOOTING HIMSELF

Young in His Club Announced His Intention and Tried to Execute them

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—After firing a 38-caliber bullet into his head, Rice propped himself on his elbow on the floor and, calling for the telephone receiver, calmly resumed conversation he had been holding with a young woman at the other end of the line.

"You should see me now, Ray," he said, "I'm an awful mess." This little episode took place in the Chatham Club early today. Rice was sitting with several friends when suddenly he jumped up and went to the telephone.

"Is that you, Ray?" he inquired when the ring was answered, and then after he had the reply said "I'm going to do it."

With that he pulled a revolver from his pocket, and placing the muzzle at his right ear fired twice, dropped to the floor and resumed his telephone conversation.

It was said at the hospital that he has an even chance for his life. It would not say why he tried to kill himself.

FIREMEN WANT TO GIVE TOO LIBERALLY

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 24.—Chief Frank G. Reynolds, a personal friend of the late Fire Marshal Horan, of Chicago, was today forced to insist that the men of his department seal down their voluntary contribution to the Chicago fire department, who lost their lives in the Morris plant fire to one day's pay.

Every man of the department rank and file, wanted to give two days' pay from the current week. Mayor Busse was notified this afternoon by wire of the action.

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