

MISSING OFFICIAL OF NEW YORK CITY IN ST. AUGUSTINE

City Chamberlain Hyde Located After Two Months Search

DENIES STORY OF DELMONICO DINNER

Declares Espionage of Newspaper Men Became Unbearable to Family

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Jan. 14.—Charles H. Hyde, chamberlain of New York city and missing from that city for nearly two months, this evening boarded a train here for New York, having decided to return there and straighten out matters connecting him with the graft investigation in progress there and in which his testimony was sought.

Just as he was leaving he made the first statement since his disappearance. Regarding his absence from New York, he said:

"I have not been well for some time and was advised to take a complete rest. There was not the slightest indication of bank troubles when I left New York and I had not heard of recent occurrences until Mr. Davis Smith, my secretary's brother, overtook me on my houseboat en route to Palm Beach. As soon as I learned of the failure I left the boat at the head of the Halifax river near Daytona and am now hastening home."

He said that he supposed that there would be little profit in entering into a controversy with "people who always rise to attack me when my back is turned."

When asked about that Delmonico dinner which he is said to have attended and at which \$500,000 is said to have been raised to fight the Hart-Agnew racing bill, Hyde laughed and said:

"Oh, that story was so utterly false and unfounded that I never bothered about it. I did not even know the people with whom I was supposed to have dined. I did not subscribe to any such fund for my client or any one else and every newspaper man at Albany knew the rest of it was untrue. I am quite sure that Senator Gardner never told the things attributed to him."

Mr. Hyde declared the continual espionage kept over him by newspapers.

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LARGEST WARSHIP OF AMERICAN NAVY IS NEW ARKANSAS

Great Battleship Auspiciously Launched Yesterday Afternoon

STATE OF ARKANSAS NOT REPRESENTED

Usual Bottle of Champagne Crashed on Bows as Ship Takes Water

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 14.—With the traditional bottle of champagne broken on her bows, the battleship Arkansas, the largest warship ever constructed in this country, was launched this afternoon from the yards of the New York Shipbuilding company, Camden, N. J.

A heavy fog which has developed this section for several days was still present. Just before the great ship left the ways the sun broke through the mist but for only a moment. There was one unusual feature to the launching, the absence of an official delegation representing the state government of Arkansas.

The failure of Governor Donaghy or other representatives to attend was due to a controversy between the governor and the navy department at Washington over the date of launching.

There was, however, quite a large delegation of Arkansans present. It included Congressmen and Mrs. Macon and other members of the Arkansas congressional delegation; all of whom had been invited by the shipbuilding company. The navy department was represented by Secretary Meyer and Assistant Secretary of the navy Winthrop.

Miss Mason Christens Ship. Miss Mason, carrying a large bunch of American Beauty roses, was the center of attraction as she stood on the raised christening platform waiting for the word to name the great ship. With her was Miss Edna Ellerbe, daughter of Congressman J. E. Ellerbe, of South Carolina, the parents of both young ladies and others constituting the christening party. There was doubt in the minds of some of the spectators as to the contents of the be-ribboned bottle Miss Mason held. Some people in

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OFFERED NURSE COOL THOUSAND TO POISON HUSBAND

Would be Happiest Person in World With Husband Dead

DETECTIVE NURSE ON WITNESS STAND

Tells of Conversations With Mrs. Schenk at Different Times

WHEELING, W. Va., Jan. 14.—Testimony to the effect that Mrs. Laura Farnsworth Schenk had offered her \$1,000 to administer a poisonous pill to John O. Schenk while he lay painfully ill at the North Wheeling hospital last November, was given today by Elinor Zoeckler, a detective nurse who had heretofore appeared in the public print as "Mrs. Klein, a professional nurse." The attempt to induce the "nurse" to give the poison to Schenk, witness testified, was made while the two were riding in Mrs. Schenk's automobile. Mrs. Schenk, declared Miss Zoeckler, said to her, "John treats me like a dog. When Miss Evans (another nurse in the Schenk case) calls up from the hospital and tells me that my husband is dead, I will be the happiest person in the world. I feel at times like I could kill that man."

"Why don't you?" I asked. She turned around and said, "well, you do it for me."

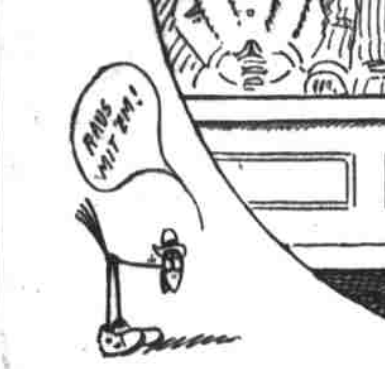
"What will you take to give him a pill?" she asked. "I will take \$5,000," I replied. "I need money, my husband, I have my mother and a child to keep."

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LEGISLATURE GRINDS OUT LOCAL MEASURES ON LAST DAY OF WEEK

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REALIZED QUARTER MILLION ON THOUSAND INVESTMENT BEFORE THEY WERE CAUGHT

Albemarle Development Company Was a Great Scheme TO BE TRIED HERE

JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 14.—In default of bail in the sum of \$5,000 each, I. C. Sibley and M. C. Masters, who were arrested here on charges of using the mails with intent to defraud in connection with the promotion of a concern known as the Albemarle Development company, were remanded to jail here today to await orders of Federal Judge Niles for transfer of the cases to the jurisdiction of the United States court for the western district of North Carolina.

Postoffice Inspector J. W. Bulla of North Carolina had presented documentary evidence in support of the contention that the development company was being promoted in a manner fraudulent.

Orders for the transfer of the case to the United States District court, west division of North Carolina, will be made next week.

Inspector Bulla testified that on an investment of \$1,000 for one hundred acres of land near Albemarle the promoters had realized about a quarter of a million dollars. It was stated that Sibley had been connected with the operation of similar schemes at Whiteboro, Texas, about five years ago.

RACE RIOT

BENTON, Ark., Jan. 14.—One negro man was killed and one negro woman and two negro women were injured in a race riot here last night, following a performance by a negro minstrel organization from New Orleans. The members of the company en route to their boarding house were attacked by a party of 15 to 20 unidentified young white men and pursued half a mile. Mayor M. H. Hollowman has issued a circular calling on all law-abiding citizens to assist in running down the perpetrators of what he terms "a crime that has disgraced the community."

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The senate ordered printed 250 copies of the report of the committee on rules.

A favorable report was made on the bill requesting the state's representatives and senators in congress to vote for New Orleans as the logical place for holding the World's Fair, but Senator Graham objected to the word "logical" in the bill and offered a substitute, which passed its readings and was ordered engrossed and sent to the house.

After a spirited discussion of Senator Barham's bill relative to the speed of automobiles and penalty of violation of it, was referred to the committee on propositions and grievances.

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FOREIGN CREDITORS OF COTTON BROKERS SUING RAILROADS

Two Million Involved in Suits Against Southern and L. and N.

CAUSED BY FORGED BILLS OF LADING

Complaint Alleges That Railroads Connived at Arrangement

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 14.—The first suits against the Louisville and Nashville railroad company and the Southern Railway company, brought by English and German creditors of Knight, Yancey and company, were begun today by the filing of a complaint against the railroads by Alexander Beeles and company of London, and by Knoep and Fabarius add seven other merchants of Bremen, Germany, in the Morgan county law and Equity court of Alabama, at Decatur, Ala. The other English creditors of Knight, Yancey and company are expected to file similar suits within the next ten days. The total sums for which actions will be brought against the railroads by English creditors is more than two million dollars; that of Germans is about \$200,000.

The papers are voluminous and present the allegations in eleven different legal aspects. The gist of the actions, however, is included in the following allegations in the complaints:

The firm of Knight, Yancey and company had been in the habit of obtaining money on drafts secured by spurious bills of lading similar to those upon which the present actions are brought for the past five years. A month or two after each bill of lading was issued Knight, Yancey and company would buy cotton similar to that called for by the bill and ship it forward under the same marks as those described in the bill of lading. When the cotton arrived at its destination abroad, it would be delivered upon the surrender of the spurious bill of lading despite the fact that the spurious bills differed in date and number and in other respects from the shippers' manifest.

It is further alleged that this practice of Knight, Yancey and company was well known to the railroads and was connived at by the officers of the railroads and that upon questions arising as to the propriety of a delivery of cotton upon a draft secured by a spurious bill of lading, the matter would be referred to the railroad concerned and the railroad would direct delivery, thus preventing the discovery of the forgeries and enabling Knight, Yancey and company to continue the course of dealing which led to their sensational failure. It is alleged that more than 400,000 bales have been thus delivered on forged bills and that when the failure came there was outstanding forged bills of lading for over 50,000 bales of cotton upon which no cotton whatever existed and which no cotton had ever been delivered.

The creditors suing maintain that this connivance on the part of the railroads renders them equally liable with Knight, Yancey and company for the losses by the latter's customers.

GENERAL LUKE E. WRIGHT IS CANDIDATE FOR SENATE FROM STATE OF TENN.

Will Formally Announce His Candidacy First of Week

FOUR CANDIDATES

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 14.—The battle for the senatorial succession will assume a new phase next week when General Luke E. Wright of Memphis, former secretary of war, and former governor general of the Philippines, files his name into the ring. For two weeks General Wright has been looking over the situation and quietly biding his time. Well authenticated information is to the effect that on Tuesday next the name of Wright will be presented to the assembly. It has been common talk in the lobbies for several days that General Wright was not disposed to interfere with ex-Governor Benton McMullin's chances to win, but now it is insisted by the former secretary's friends that McMullin having failed to secure the necessary 57 votes it is not unfair for their favorite to get into the running. With the entrance of General Wright, it is expected the contest will endeavor to center on Frazer or Fitzhugh.

WOULD HAVE INVESTIGATION OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Congressman Wants to Know About Failure to Prosecute

REPRIMAND PROMULGATED AGAINST COMMANDER SIMS

On Account of Famous "Last Drop of Blood" Speech in London

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—An investigation of the department of justice, to determine why it has instituted no prosecutions of the cotton and wheat manipulators of 1909 and 1910, is requested in a joint resolution introduced in the house today by Representative Craig of Alabama. It calls for a joint committee with full power to summon witnesses, examine papers and records, and compel witnesses to testify. The resolution directs an investigation into the administration and conduct of the department of justice, its bureau, officers and employees touching upon the prosecution or failure to prosecute persons, corporations or combinations for violation of the anti-trust law.

The Craig resolution asks the committee to particularly "make an investigation of the failure of the department to make an investigation and prosecute any person for violating said law in illegally conspiring to control the price of wheat by advancing or raising the same in the spring and summer of 1909; and in like failure to prosecute any person or persons for violating said law in illegally conspiring to control the price of cotton by reducing or lowering the same during the fall, spring and summer of 1910."

SEEKS FORFEITURE OF RAILWAY CHARTER

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 14.—On the eve of his retirement Governor T. M. Campbell today directed Attorney General Jewell P. Lightfoot to bring suit against the Missouri, Kansas & Texas and the International & Great Northern railroad companies seeking the forfeiture of their charters. The suits are to be based on the insolvent corporation act enacted by the legislature of 1906 and it is declared are forerunners to similar suits against fifty other railway companies operating in this state.

COUNTERFEITER TO PRISON

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 14.—Harry L. Middleton, alias Thomas Marshall, alleged chief conspirator in a scheme to circulate in this country fraudulent Mexican bank notes, was today sentenced by Judge Foster in the United States court to serve two years in the Atlanta federal prison. He pleaded guilty to charges of forgery and using the mails for fraudulent purposes. The officers found 5,000 five peso notes of a Mexican bank in his room.

BIG DRAINAGE PROPOSITION IS MATTAMUSKEET LAKE

Asheville Men are Interested in Gigantic Scheme to Reclaim Land

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 14.—The state board of education sold today North Carolina's interest in the Mattamuskeet lake drainage district, Hyde county, for \$100,000 to the Southern Land Reclamation company, chartered today to take over the state's interest in this drainage scheme. This is declared by Chief Elliott, of the United States bureau of drainage, the biggest drainage undertaking in the world. The lake has a bed fifteen miles by six miles, with an average depth of only a few feet, with a black soil underneath expected to make intensely fertile farming lands. The drainage district includes over one hundred thousand acres, half owned by citizens of Hyde county.

The Southern Land Reclamation company assumes \$200,000 of a \$400,000 bond issue for the cost of the undertaking which involves a system of canals and pumping plant to convey water to the neighboring sound, the pumps to have a capacity for 113,000,000 gallons per day. The drainage district has J. P. Kerr, Asheville; J. S. Mann and T. H. B. Gibbs, of Hyde county, as commissioners. They expect to have the plant completed probably within eighteen months. The principal stockholders in the Southern Land Reclamation company is D. N. Graves of Boston, with other large blocks of stock held by C. A. Webb, J. P. Kerr and W. T. Mason of Asheville. They have \$150,000 authorized capital, this deal being made possible by verification of the drainage cost estimates and the withdrawal of exceptions by the Roper Lumber company, a subsidiary corporation of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad company that has extensive interests in the district.

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