

ROBIN DECLARED SANE, MUST STAND TRIAL IN NEW YORK

Alleged Wrecker of Banks on Stand Tries to Show he's Crazy

SAYS HE BRIBED BANK EXAMINER

Wm. Travers Jerome Appointed by Court to Defend Robin

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Joseph G. Robin, alleged wrecker of banks, must stand trial on eight indictments charging larceny in the first degree. Although five alienists testified that in their opinion he is crazy, a jury before Judge Swann in the court of General Sessions thought otherwise, and returned a verdict of "sane" late this afternoon. Wm. Travers Jerome unwillingly acted as counsel for Robin under court appointment, declared that there had been a great miscarriage of justice. Judge Swann on the other hand congratulated the jury for their verdict contrary to expert opinion. Robin himself spent more than an hour on the stand today and gave a rambling account of his affairs and beliefs, ranging from alleged attempts on his life to a declaration that he had bribed M. W. Hutchins, chief examiner of the state banking department to issue upon securities covering loans held in 1907 by the Riverside branch of the Northern Bank of New York, one of Robin's institutions. As proof of his statement he exhibited a check dated May 17, 1907 made payable to Mr. Hutchins and endorsed with what purported to be Hutchins' signature.

COLLEGE DESTROYED.

BOSTON, Jan. 31.—News of the partial destruction of the American college institute, a mission college for girls at Smyrna, Asiatic Turkey, was received at the headquarters of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in this city today in a cablegram from the Rev. James P. McNaughton, of the Rev. The extent of loss was not stated, but it is thought that it will seriously interfere with the work of the institute which was established 30 years ago under the auspices of the woman's board of missions of the American board. The property is insured.

EDITOR CROMARTIE'S BODY FOUND IN SWAMP NEAR HAMLET AFTER SEARCH

Disappeared From Hotel Three Months Ago

DEATH MYSTERY

HAMLET, N. C., Jan. 31.—The body of Editor James A. Cromartie, of Soperton, a. who disappeared from the hotel at this place November 9 last was found this afternoon in a swamp three miles from Hamlet by hunters. His personal possessions, including a considerable sum of money, were intact, and there was no evidence of foul play, but how he met death and how long he has been dead, have not been ascertained. Cromartie was on his way to visit relatives in Bladen county, this state, and stopped over here to change cars. He disappeared during the night, and though his three sons scoured this section for a month, no trace of his movements could be found. Identification was fully established by a relative. Searchers had passed within ten feet of his body. The report several weeks ago that Cromartie had been found in the woods in a decomposed condition near Ellenboro later developed to have been a case of mistaken identification.

REBELS MAY HAVE STOPPED RAILROADS

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 31.—The passenger trains on the central branch of the National railway of Mexico are stalled north of Chihuahua and railway officials here admit that it is probable that they have been held up by revolutionists. A railroad official stated tonight that the north bound train which passed Chihuahua last night and the south bound train which left El Paso this morning are at some point between Laguna and Ojo Caliente. Laguna is 100 miles north of Chihuahua and Ojo Caliente is 100 kilometers north of Laguna. An exploration train left Chihuahua at noon but no reports of its progress have been received here. The railroad officials said that all of the Central railway wires north of Laguna had been out of commission all day.

DEPUTY SHERIFFS GUILTY OF GRAFT OVER IN CHEROKEE

Is Accusation of Representative Dillard Speaking of Law, Giving Fees For Breaking up Distilleries.

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 31.—After two and a half hours spent on the bill to create Hoke county, the fight for the county led by McLaughlin of Cumberland and Martin of Buncombe and the opposition by Bassett, Thoms and others who signed a minority unfavorable report, the senate passed the bill on its second reading by 27 to 12, and being a roll call bill, involving bonds and adjustment of county debts, it went over to another day for final passage. On Mileage Nuisance. After devoting two hours to the hearing of argument on the Baggett bill pending in the senate to require railroads to pull mileage on the trains and that railroads that refuse to do this shall not charge more than 2 cents per mile for passenger fares the joint committee on railroads decided to resume hearing Thursday afternoon when both sides are expected to have additional speakers. Senator Baggett, author of the bill, opened his bill by voicing the claims of traveling men that the mileage ticket requirement is an inexcusable nuisance. Principal arguments in support of the mileage ticket regulation were by Assistant General Counsel George B. Elliott of the Atlantic Coast Line and General Passenger Traffic Manager S. H. Hardwick of the Southern railway who argued that it is the most reasonable and convenient manner possible and the only one yet devised that will assure the carriers getting pay for the service rendered. Senator Brown, of Columbus, introduced a bill to prevent social clubs from handling intoxicants for members and to prohibit near beer. There was also a notable bill by Boyden of Swan to protect human life by forbidding persons from walking on railroad tracks. Robert's Divorce Bill. The house passed the bill by Roberts of Buncombe to allow divorce where there are no children from the union, after ten years separation with out the requirement that both have resided in this state for the ten years. The senate bill to ratify the proposed amendment to the United States constitution providing an income tax was also a notable bill by Boyden of Swan to protect human life by forbidding persons from walking on railroad tracks. Raleigh Must Pay Costs. The house finance committee reported unfavorably the bill introduced yesterday to provide for the state instead of the city of Raleigh as to paying the costs of the unsuccessful indictment of the Standard Oil company in the city court for the violation of the state anti trust law.

S. C. MARRIAGE LAW

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 31.—The house today passed the marriage license bill on second reading. The bill is the same that has already passed the senate. It will come up in the house tomorrow for final action. No further trouble is expected in passing it. Marriages performed with out license are to be valid but a man who contracts marriage without a license is to be guilty of a misdemeanor.

ALBEMARLE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PROMOTERS ARE NEARLY FREE WHEN FOUND

Daring Attempt at Escape From Mecklenburg Jail

SIBLEY AND MASTERS

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Jan. 31.—But for the timely information conveyed to the authorities by a prisoner in a neighboring cell, J. H. Sibley and R. C. Masters, who are held in Mecklenburg jail by order of the federal government to await trial for gigantic land frauds would doubtless have been free men before daylight. But one steel bar lay between Masters and Sibley and freedom at dark when the jailer and his officers acting upon the information received descended upon them, discovered the tools with which they had been working and removed them to another and safer cell. The informing prisoner used a clever ruse to foil the escaped. He summoned a physician on the plea of illness and through him conveyed to the chief of police the fact that the noted prisoners were endeavoring to effect an escape. Immediate investigation followed and a complete set of saws and other tools were found secreted in the cell. Further investigation developed the fact that several white prisoners in adjoining cells were to receive money for assisting in the delivery and the money has been paid them. Two women claiming to be relatives of the prisoners, who have recently visited them are presumed to have secreted the tools in bundles of clothing brought to the prisoners. Sibley and Masters were brought here from Mississippi where they were arrested after a chase of weeks by secret service men, charged with promoting a fraudulent resort scheme of great proportions at Albemarle, N. C., and are being held for trial in April.

THE STATE DEPT'S CONSIDERING TAX ON GERMAN POTASH

Much Agitated Question Has Now Entered Into Realm of Diplomacy

SECRETARY KNOX IS NOW INVESTIGATING

Germany Contends That Matter Is Not an Import Tax at All

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The action of the German government in imposing a penalty tax on the production of potash, after having been for many months a subject of examination and exchange of briefs and notes between the American consuls and representatives of the German potash syndicate may be said to have passed into the realm of diplomacy today when Count Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, presented to Secretary Knox the answer of his government to the secretary's inquiry as to the reason of the action complained of. The German answer defends the action of the German government in imposing the penalty tax as a measure necessary to conserve the valuable deposits of the empire and protect them from speedy exhaustion such as might be expected to follow a ruinous reduction in the price of potash from unregulated competition between these syndicates and the independent potash miners. Because of the importance of the matter, Secretary Knox is conducting the negotiations himself and there are indications that they will not last in view of the length of the German answer to his inquiry, the secretary was not able to read it in detail before he was called to the regular Tuesday cabinet meeting but from the ambassador's explanation he was able to secure an outline of the German position. This is believed to be based upon the theory that the imposition of the tax on potash is regarded by Germany as purely local and not an export tax. It is also asserted that the tax is not chargeable against the American purchaser but should be paid by the German mine owners. Furthermore, it is charged that the so-called "independent" potash producers who made the contracts with the Americans for the delivery of potash in 1909 did so with full knowledge that the German government had for some time been contemplating, and had practically decided upon the imposition of a tax on the production of potash.

COMMERCE COURT JUDGES CONFIRMED BY SENATE

Including Judge Hunt Against Whom Montana Land Owners Made Fight

GOVERNOR IN GENEROUS MOOD GIVES AUTO TAGS

To President Taft So He Can Ride Through Maryland Free

BANKER IS SENTENCED.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 31.—After overruling a motion for a new trial Judge Grubb in the U. S. court today sentenced Wm. Adler, former president of the defunct State National bank to serve six years in the Atlanta federal penitentiary.

NEW TRIAL GRANTED.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 31.—A new trial of the \$200,000 damage suit of John T. Hammond, of Orlando, Fla., against the Consolidated Grocery company, of Jacksonville, and other members of the Southern Wholesale Grocer's association was allowed by Judge Locke, in the United States District court here today on motion of counsel for the defendants.

WEALTHY FLORIDIAN DEAD

PENSACOLA, Fla., Jan. 31.—Chas. Manley Covington, one of Florida's wealthiest citizens and for many years prominent in banking and industrial circles of the Southern states, died here today. He had large holdings in naval stores and banks and was vice president of the Consolidated Grocery company of Jacksonville. He is survived by two brothers who reside in Jacksonville.

CRESCENT CITY IN HARD FIGHT LOSES CANAL EXPOSITION

Great Celebration in Honor of Opening of Canal in 1915 Will be Held In the City of the Golden West.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The house of representatives today by a vote of 158 to 159 decided in favor of San Francisco and against New Orleans as the city in which an exposition to celebrate the opening of the Panama canal in 1915 shall be held. This vote was taken on a roll call to determine the San Franciscoans of the New Orleans bill should have consideration in the house. On a final vote the San Francisco bill was passed by a vote of 359 to 42. The advocates of San Francisco are claiming tonight that their fight is won and that the senate will ratify the action of the house. San Francisco won by capturing the republican vote in the house. New Orleans support came from the democrats. Only thirty republicans voted for New Orleans. Thirty six democrats voted for San Francisco. Does Not Ask for Aid. The San Francisco bill does not ask for government aid in any form it simply authorizes the president of the United States to invite foreign nations to participate in the fair. An effort to amend the resolution to include provisions for an international naval parade from Hampton Roads through the Panama canal and up the west coast to San Francisco was defeated on a parliamentary point of order. The New Orleans bill called for an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for a government exhibit and the creation of a government commission. The proceedings in the house marking the culmination of the exposition fight were most unique. The galleries held the greatest throngs of the present session and there was no attempt to restrain the applause that came from the spectators as the fight progressed. Committee Dodged Issue. The rival claims of the two cities recently were put up to the rules committee of the house. That committee would not undertake to say which exposition measure should have the right of way, but rendered a Solomon-like decision that there should be a call of the house and each member was to rise in his place and vote "San Francisco" or "New Orleans" instead of "aye" or "no" as usual on roll calls. This course was followed today and during the taking of the ballot excitement ran high. The race between the two cities was exactly a tie when 87 votes had been cast on each side. It remained even up to the 100 mark and then San Francisco began to forge to the front. When the decision in favor of the California city was announced there was a demonstration both on the floor and in the galleries. Voted for Milwaukee. Mr. Carey, of Wisconsin, evoked laughter by responding "Milwaukee" when his name was called. Mr. Moore, of Pennsylvania voted for "Washington". LEAF TOBACCO SALES. DANVILLE, Va., Jan. 31.—The sales of loose leaf tobacco on the Danville market broke the record of the tobacco season in this or any other market today. For the first time this season sales were blocked and several hundred piles had been unsold when the closing hour arrived. The total number of pounds sold at auction on the floors of the seven warehouses here was about a million pounds. BRYAN LEADS IN FLA. JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 31.—With complete returns from no county except Monroe and incomplete returns from all the others except eight the two candidates for the senatorial nomination are running neck and neck with N. P. Bryan less than 100 votes ahead. The remaining counties to be heard from will, it is thought, materially increase Bryan's lead and indications are tonight that he will be elected. The vote was nearly one half larger than that cast in the first primary when W. A. Blount led. IT'S EASY TO FOOL. NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—A dish of molasses, a bull's eye lantern and a dark room is all that is necessary to prove how the public has been deceived by men in the government pay as "scientific computers." Dr. Frederick A. Cook makes this statement in a letter which he sent today to Congressman Ernest W. Roberts, a member of the committee of naval affairs which has been hearing the case of Captain Robert E. Peary in reference to the work of H. C. Mitchell and C. R. Duval, of the coast geodetic survey.

ATLANTA BROKER WITH MANY BONDS ELUDES PURSUERS

Jumps From Moving Train at Kings Mountain and Is Hurt

DOUBLES ON TRACKS OVER CLINCHFIELD

Wires For Attorney From Washington to Come to His Aid

SHELBY, N. C., Jan. 31.—Telmon Smith Cuyler, an Atlanta broker whose mind is said to be impaired because of recent financial reverses, disappeared from a train between Rutherfordton and Charlotte this morning and has thus far succeeded in eluding the officers of a half dozen counties who are trying to locate him. Judge E. C. Glonek, his Atlanta attorney, is conducting the search. Cuyler, it is understood, wired Judge Glonek from Washington to meet him in Shelby, that he was in legal trouble. The broker arrived at King's Mountain, the first station south of this place, on No. 35 Sunday and leaped from the train while it was moving, sustaining some injury. Local officers arrested and jailed him as a suspicious character. He put up \$25.00 in Rock Island railroad bonds as security, borrowed suit of clothes from a local attorney, drove to Shelby and caught a train for Rutherfordton where he entered a hospital. He is credited with the statement that detectives were on his trail and that if they caught him and attached his bonds he would be a pauper. Sheriff McMillin, on wire advice from Atlanta this morning, located Cuyler in the Rutherfordton hospital and journeyed there to bring the man back to Shelby. Near Boston, the connection of the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio, Cuyler disappeared mysteriously from the train. Judge Glonek who arrived here from Atlanta later engaged an automobile and started in search of the missing man without success. It was learned tonight that Cuyler had first taken a southbound Clinchfield train at Boston toward Sparanburg, S. C., and then jumping on his tracks and bought a ticket for Johnson City, Tenn., over the same road. Judge Glonek and Sheriff Wilkins took the next train in pursuit wiring authorities ahead to capture Cuyler. Cuyler has his bonds in his possession.

PROHIBITION QUESTION DELAYING LEGISLATION

Local Option Bills In Alabama Legislature Taking All the Time

BAILEY AND BURTON HAVE ANNUAL DEBATE ON RIVER

In Connection With Passage of Rivers and Harbors Appropriation

PRESIDENT DINES SUPREME JUSTICES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—After three hours of consideration the senate today passed the river and harbor bill carrying appropriations aggregating about \$86,000,000. While the bill was under consideration Senators Burton and Bailey engaged in their annual debate over the policy of improving the harbors at Beaumont and Orange Texas, so as to accommodate ocean going vessels. Mr. Burton criticized the provision because of the inland character of the two towns. He intimated also that the harbors were desired as a means of regulating freight rates in the Lone Star state. Mr. Bailey took exception to the Ohio senator's reflection upon the democratic affairs of river states and finally asserted that this matter was "none of the senator from Ohio's business". The course of the board of army engineers in pronouncing against the two projects on the ground of commercial unprofitability was severely condemned by Mr. Bailey. The amendment was voted in as was also one for the improvement of the Missouri river, to which Mr. Burton also took exception.

TY COBB BUYS PAPER.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Jan. 31.—"Ty" Cobb, a baseball player, is one of the stockholders in a company that today announced the purchase of the Augusta Chronicle. The extent of the ball player's holding in the newspaper was not given out.

U. OF GA., BASEBALL.

ATHENS, Ga., Jan. 31.—The baseball schedule of the University of Georgia was announced this evening. The games are limited by action of the faculty to eighteen, and therefore there will be no games between the "Varsity team and prep schools. CUP TO GRAHAME-WHITE. LONDON, Jan. 31.—The feature of the International Aero club meeting tonight was the presentation of the John Gordon Bennett cup to Grahame-White. Grahame-White victory was scored at the Belmont park meeting last October. While Sopwith secured the DeForrest medal with the crossing of the English channel on December 9, numerous other trophies were handed to the winners.

