

NORTH STATE MATTERS

News Items Gleaned From Murphys to Lanteo.

The Balfour Quarry Company, of Asheville, N. C., have just completed a deal whereby they merge their already extensive quarry business with that of the North Carolina Pink Granite Company, of Salisbury, N. C. The acquisition of this property by the Balfour Quarry Company is the result of negotiations extending over four months. While the identity of the old company will remain practically the same, the management will be changed. The new management consists of Messrs. J. G. Kern, C. W. Mason and Mr. Samuel Miller, becoming active members of the Balfour Quarry Company, the name under which the merged company will be conducted.

Charters have been issued as follows: The People's Fuel and Ice Company, of Winston, to manufacture and sell ice, capital \$25,000. J. G. Kern, C. W. Mason and Mr. Samuel Miller, becoming active members of the Balfour Quarry Company, the name under which the merged company will be conducted.

Another divorce was granted in the Durham court, Thursday morning, making three for the week. Another would have been granted but there was some error in the pleadings and the case was continued. The divorce granted was to Mrs. Ellen Pruitt from her husband, George Pruitt. Cruelty was alleged and in the pleading it was stated that the husband knocked his wife down a flight of steps while she had in her arms a small infant and that in the fall her shoulder was broken. This occurred while the family was living in Goldsboro and since then the husband has deserted his wife, being now in Chicago.

Burglars entered the house of Mr. M. H. Simmons at 299 South Church street in Charlotte, Wednesday night and stole a trunk containing nearly \$100 worth of goods belonging to Mrs. J. H. Mason, who lives with Mrs. Simmons. The trunk was in a room in the rear of the house when taken. The burglars entered the room by breaking the lock. After the entrance was effected they ransacked several other trunks and boxes in the room, scattering the contents on the floor and finally took Mrs. Mason's trunk away. The trunk contained uncut dress goods, lace, embroidery and other fancy needlework.

In the Superior Court in Durham Thursday morning H. D. Kerr was given a verdict of \$1,000 against the Durham Traction Company. He sued for \$1,500 alleging that he was permanently injured last summer by a street car running into his wagon. The vehicle was badly broken and his horse hurt. The jury was given the case Thursday morning after a trial that covered most of two days. In a short while the jury returned a verdict giving him the amount claimed. The case will be appealed to the Supreme Court.

Paul Cameron, the 12-year-old son of J. E. Cameron, of Raleigh, while riding out on the west-bound train on the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad Thursday evening, jumped off and was dragged under the wheels and his right leg terribly mangled just below the knee. The little fellow deplored greatly the loss of his leg, but otherwise he showed great courage. Four doctors amputated and dressed the leg and did not consider the injuries necessarily fatal.

Mr. T. C. Guthrie, of Charlotte, left Saturday night for Washington to represent the Charlotte Shippers' Association in the freight rate case against the Southern and Seaboard and other railroads, which came up for argument yesterday before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

W. C. Honaker, a salesman of the Reynolds Tobacco Company, of Winston, was held up Thursday by two white men in a deep cut on the Norfolk & Western Railroad, between Keynote and Burke, W. Va., and robbed of all his money and other valuables. He resisted and was slashed across the chest with a knife. His clothing was cut over his heart. The highwaymen escaped. There is no clue.

Secretary of State Grimes received a letter from William J. Bryan as editor of The Commoner, asking if the Legislature of this State had adopted a resolution favoring the election of Senators by the people. Mr. Bryan was informed that a resolution to that effect had been introduced but had been tabled in the Senate, on motion of Senator Beasley.

Will Boggan, the slayer of Mr. John Sullivan, was Saturday given preliminary trial before Esquire McGregor of Wadesboro, and was recommended to jail without the privilege of bail. Mr. H. H. McLendon appeared for the defendant while Bennett & Bennett and Lockhart & Son prosecuted.

A charter is granting the Burlington Printing and Publishing Company, with \$50,000 capital. C. A. Anderson and others, stockholders. Another charter to the Victor Brick Company, of Lexington, capital \$40,000. Victor Hum Shroy and others, stockholders. Another charter to the Catawba County News Publishing Company of Newton, C. M. McCorkle and others, stockholders.

The trial of Ernest Hayward, who killed Ludlow Skinner in Raleigh, has been postponed to the next term of Wake Superior Court.

THREE BURNED IN A WRECK

A Fatal Railroad Wreck Occurs Near San Antonio.

San Antonio, Tex., Special.—Three passengers were burned to death and 19 persons were injured in a rear-end collision, at Coste station, 20 miles west of here, on the Southern Pacific Railroad, at 10 o'clock Friday night. The dead are: Guadalupe Canteo, Monterey, Mexico; Antonio Arispe Sablan, Mexico; Manuel Trevino, Sanoblanco, Mexico. The injured are: Nabor Flores, Monterey; W. P. Morrow, traveling passenger agent Louisville & Nashville Railroad, San Antonio, two ribs broken; Mrs. J. Foster, Houston, Texas, hip dislocated; Robert Harnahan, brakeman, San Antonio, arm broken; Miss A. Kissler, Great Bend, Pa.; Wm. Dobrowski, San Antonio; W. E. Hess, U. S. A., Hospital Corps, Washington, D. C.; John Quinn, engineer, bruised and crushed; J. T. Flowers, New York, back wrenched; Isaac T. Mann, Brownell, W. Va., bruised; R. Honeyman, Escam, shouldered; Margaret Fisher, New Orleans, bruised; Mrs. James Fisher, New Orleans, bruises about head; H. Pores, Gobinas, Mexico, bruised; Mrs. H. May, Manchester, Mich., scalds on face; Thos. Harper, Chicago, head hurt; J. G. Brown, St. Paul, head hurt; Michael Creston, Fort Worth, arms broken.

The limited crashed into the Eagle Pass express, which was running as the first section of the former train. The Pullman sleeping car and the private car of General Geronimo Trevino, military commander of the Department of the State of Nuevo Nivel, Mexico, were splintered and three men of General Trevino were burned to death before they could be extricated from the burning cars, which were ignited by escaping oil from the tender of the limited engine. General Trevino is a son-in-law of the late General Ord. U. S., and was en route to San Antonio with a sick son.

The Lowell Strike.

Lowell, Mass., Special.—Acting under the law, the State board of arbitration and conciliation formally requested the mill agents and the Textile Council of this city to submit the question of a wage increase in the cotton mills in the city to arbitration, to avoid a strike next Monday. Both sides have the request under consideration. Very slight hope, however, is entertained by Lowellists that the State board's request will be granted. The mill agents repeatedly have expressed their opinion that a wage increase is impossible and the textile council having in view last year's record in a strike, remaining conscientious, the child managed to reach her home, where she told what had happened. The story spread rapidly and passed west in search of Williams. He was located near Pocahontas, Va., and taken to Bramwell, where he was lodged in jail. The jail is being heavily guarded tonight, but information from Bramwell points to a lynching and probably a burning before daylight. Williams' victim will die.

May Be Hanged.

Ronoke, Va., Special.—A special from Bluefield to The Times says: "Harvey Williams, a burly negro, today outraged Mary Jones, the 13-year-old daughter of a respectable white miner and left her for dead on the mountain between Pocahontas, Va., and Coalwood, Va., in a fit of homicidal passion. The child managed to reach her home, where she told what had happened. The story spread rapidly and passed west in search of Williams. He was located near Pocahontas, Va., and taken to Bramwell, where he was lodged in jail. The jail is being heavily guarded tonight, but information from Bramwell points to a lynching and probably a burning before daylight. Williams' victim will die."

Pritchard For the Bench.

Washington, Special.—Chief Justice Bingham, of the District of Columbia Supreme Court, retired Friday, his resignation to take effect April 30th. Associate Justice Henry H. Clabaugh was promoted to be Chief Justice and ex-Senator J. C. Pritchard was appointed Associate Justice, the appointment to become effective with Justice Bingham's retirement. The salary of Justice Pritchard is \$5,000 a year for life. He will qualify May 1st. The appointment was urged by Senators, Representatives and leading lawyers and citizens of the District and gives universal satisfaction.

First Response From Richmond.

Washington, Special.—The first response to the offer of the Secretary of the Treasury to refund 3 and 4 per cent. bonds in 2 per cent. consols, was received Friday. Two national banks in Richmond, Va., announced their readiness to exchange \$300,000 under the Secretary's offer.

News By Wire.

Mrs. Alice Burdick, widow of Edwin L. Burdick, testified at the inquest in Buffalo that she had no knowledge as to who killed her husband.

The trial of Ernest Hayward, at Raleigh, N. C., was postponed to July 13, after he had made a sensational affidavit.

A sale of the late Anthony J. Antello's art collection began in Philadelphia.

The testimony was concluded and argument begun in the case of Elmer Collins, charged with wife murder, at Georgetown, Delaware.

A \$15,000,000 meat packing combine was formed in Chicago.

An order was issued against 20 Indian coal concerns, restraining them from combining to regulate price and production.

Gen. Hector MacDonald, commander of the British forces in Ceylon, will be tried by court-martial on charges of immorality.

At Port of Spain, Trinidad, 14 persons were killed and 40 wounded in the riots in which the Government buildings were burned and the Governor of Trinidad was forced to take refuge on the cruiser Pallias.

TREATY IS RATIFIED

The Cuban Senate Accepts Without Argument.

ADOPTED WITHOUT CONDITIONS.

Approved By the Senate By a Vote of 12 to 9—The Question of a Time Limit Dispensed With.

Havana, By Cable.—The treaty of reciprocity between Cuba and the United States as amended by the Senate of the United States, was approved at 8 o'clock Saturday night in the Cuban Senate, by a vote of 12 to 9. This approval is absolute and is not hampered by any conditions, the questionable time limit having been dispensed with through the receipt of the cable message from Secretary Hay, in which it was positively declared that President Roosevelt would call a special session of Congress. The purport of this assurance was transmitted to the Senate by President Palma and read at the beginning of the session, an understanding having been reached previously with Senators Bustamante, Capote and Doiz, composing the majority of the foreign relations committee with the objectionable condition in the report being eliminated. This was done by the offering of amendments by other administration Senators substituting the unconditional adoption of the amendments to the treaty by the Senate.

The final action was delayed for a long time by the discussion of an amendment offered by Senators Sanz Gully, Tamayo and Resco, requiring the public to pass upon the treaty. This was voted down, 5 to 15. An amendment to substitute for the committee's report was then offered by Senators Prias, Montenegro and Betancourt. This amendment ratified all the amendments of the Senate at Washington and recommended that the Cuban executive take action conducive to obtaining effective reciprocity as soon as possible. To this substitute was added the following: "This recommendation must not be taken as an amendment or a modification of the treaty."

Senator Bustamante announced their satisfaction at the outcome. The chief contention of the committee was the action of the American Congress.

Senator Sanguilly, in a long and impassioned speech against the ratification of the treaty, impressively pictured the gradual absorption of Cuba by the United States, in which he said the present action was one step. He argued that it was disgraceful for Cuba to be a party to such a scheme. Senator Bustamante, in a brief and able final speech, cited various incidents of history, in which he said that neither weak or wicked nations make commercial treaties, and predicted with certainty the results in this case. The vote was taken separately in each section of the substitute. The vote on the unconditional ratification of the treaty was 12 to 9; on the recommendation to the executive it was 11 to 9.

The present session of the Senate then adjourned. The ratification will be exchanged by cable.

Strikes Fatalities.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—A great strike riot, accompanied by much bloodshed has occurred at the town of Slatouk, in the government of Oodta. Twenty-eight persons were killed and 50 others were wounded. The strike started in the State Iron Works, where 500 men walked out, demanding the release of three of their comrades who had been arrested. The governor of the province, who went to inquire into the affair, was mobbed as he left the town. The rioters stormed the house and smashed in the doors and windows. The mayor, with a force of gendarmes and a detachment of troops, then arrived on the scene and ordered the rioters to disperse. The latter, however, stood their ground and the mayor was wounded by a revolver shot. The gendarmes and troops immediately replied with firing volleys at the mob and killed or wounded 78 men.

Safe Robbers at Work.

Gibson, Special.—Safe-blowers visited the town of McCall, Marlboro county, S. C., Saturday night, entered the postoffice and with nitro-glycerine blew open the safe and obtained \$550. A party of five men, who were several local depositors, but the majority was postoffice funds. There is no clue, but officers with bloodhounds are pursuing different trails.

News in Paragraphs.

The Kaiserin Augusta Victoria while out riding with her husband and son, Prince Adelbert, was thrown from her horse and her arm was broken.

The Conservative majority in the Chertzy division of Surrey at a by-election was cut about half and the result was considered a blow to the Government.

Peace has been ratified and proclaimed in Uruguay.

The text of the Irish Land bill was given out.

John W. Gates, John Skelton Williams and others testified before the Interstate Commerce Commission in New York concerning the Louisville and Nashville deal and other matters.

News in Briefs.

Guantanamo, Cuba, will be the principal United States naval station in the West Indies.

The message of President Palma on the amended reciprocity treaty was debated in the Cuban Senate.

Emperor William of Germany invited the North Atlantic squadron to visit Kiel during the regatta. The invitation has been declined.

Gen. Cipriano Castro withdrew his resignation as President of Venezuela.

THE MARKETS.

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Coffee.—The market closed quiet, with quotations on the basis of 5 1/2 @ 5 3/4 for No. 7 Rio. Mild Coffees were steady at these quotations: Santos, 7 1/2 @ 7 3/4; per pound; Maracahy, 5 1/2 @ 5 3/4; Java, 15 1/2 @ 15 3/4; Mocha, 15 @ 15 1/2. In New York futures closed barely steady, as follows: Sales were 45,000 bags. Receipts at Rio for two days were 15,000 bags; stock, 450,000 bags; exchange 12 1/2 @ 13; market was dull. Receipts at Santos for two days were 20,000 bags; stock, 1,033,000 bags; market dull. At Havre futures closed steady at 4 1/2 decline. Sales were 44,000 bags.

Refined Sugar.—The market was dull at unchanged prices. The quotations were as follows: Per pound, Cut-Loaf, 5 1/2 @ 5 3/4; Powdered, 5 1/4 @ 5 1/2; Standard Granulated, 6 1/2 @ 6 3/4; Fine Granulated, 5 1/2 @ 5 3/4; Crystal A, 5 1/2 @ 5 3/4; Columbia A, 4 1/2 @ 4 3/4; Yellow, 4 1/2 @ 4 3/4.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—There was no change in the Butter market. With a continued scarcity of choice grades prices were firm and healthy, but the movement was quiet. The quotations were as follows: Creamery Separator, 22 1/2 @ 23; Creamery Gathered Cream, 22 1/2 @ 23; Iowa Northwestern Lard, 62 1/2 @ 63; Western Store Pack, 17 @ 18; Creamery Prints (15-lb), 21 @ 22; Md. Va. and Pa. Prints, 20 @ 21; Creamery Blocks (15-lb), 21 @ 22; Small jobbing lots, sold 1c to 2c higher than the wholesale quotations.

Cheese.—There was a steady inquiry for Cheese and prices were firm. The quotations were: Per pound, New York full cream, 60 pounds, 14 1/2 @ 14 3/4; flat 36 pounds, 14 1/2 @ 14 3/4; picnic, 14 1/2 @ 15.

Eggs.—The undertone was easy and it was said that prices were largely maintained at the existing basis by the purchase of stock to go into cold storage. This market is now about on a par with other sections and there is no outlet in that direction can be found for the surplus stock here. Quotations at the close were as follows: For choice Maryland and Pennsylvania, 14c; Virginia and Western, 14c; West Eggs, 14c; Southern, 13 1/2 @ 14; Duck Eggs, 13 1/2 @ 14. The market was strictly wholesale lots; jobbing lots sold at 1c higher.

Live Poultry.—With a continued scarcity of Chickens, both young and old, prices were very strong, with the young large chickens, per pound, 15 1/2 @ 16c; medium size, 13 @ 14c; small winter Chickens, 22 @ 25c; spring Chickens, 30c; young stags, 14 @ 15c; Ducks, puddle, 15 @ 16c; Muscovy and Mongrel, 14 @ 15c; white Pekins, per pound, 16c; Geese, Western and Southern, 15 @ 16c; Turkeys, small, 16c; Hens, 14c; young Gobblers, 16c; old and mixed, 14 @ 15c; Dressed Capons, large, 20 @ 22c; small, 18 @ 19c; slugs, 16 @ 17c.

Pressed Hogs.—The warm weather checked the receipts and the demand. The market, therefore, was quiet, with prices barely steady. The quotations were as follows: Choice lightweight, per pound, 7 1/2 @ 8c; medium, 7 1/4 @ 7 1/2; heavy, 6 1/2 @ 7c; Sows, 6 @ 6 1/2; Boars and Stags, 4 @ 5c, according to quality.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Prices were steady, but the undertone showed a tendency for Southern Vegetables, the supply coming in quite freely. The quotations were as follows: Potatoes, per bushel, 65 @ 70c; Sweet, per barrel, \$150 @ 225; Yams, \$150 @ 225; Beets, per box, 25 @ 30c; do. Southern, per barrel, \$125 @ 150; Spinach, per bushel, \$1.50 @ 2.00; Apples, per barrel, \$1.50 @ 2.00; Green Beans, Southern, per bushel, \$2.50 @ 3.00; Green Peas, Florida, per bushel, \$2.25 @ 2.50; Onions, per bushel, 20 @ 40c; Asparagus, Southern, per bunch, 20 @ 40c.

DAILY COTTON MARKET.

Galveston, steady, 9 15-10; Norfolk, steady, 9 15-10; Baltimore, nominal, 9 15-10; Wilmington, firm, 9 15-10; Philadelphia, firm, 9 15-10; Savannah, steady, 9 15-10; New Orleans, quiet, 9 15-10; Mobile, nominal, 9 15-10; Memphis, steady, 9 15-10; Augusta, quiet, 9 15-10; Charleston, firm, 9 15-10; Cincinnati, steady, 9 15-10; Louisville, firm, 9 15-10; St. Louis, easy, 9 15-10; Houston, quiet, 9 15-10; New York, quiet, 10 05.

A man in New York told of alleged threats by A. R. Pennell to kill E. L. Burdick.

Three Mexicans were killed in a collision between the "Sunset Limited" and another train near San Antonio, Tex.

A break of three miles wide in the levee at Greenville, Miss., is flooding the great Yazoo Delta.

A bear raid was made on New York Central, Pennsylvania, St. Paul and other railroad stocks on the New York Exchange.

AN IRISH LAND BILL

A Measure Introduced That Will Be of Vast Benefit

PROPOSES A LARGE MONEY GRANT.

The Irish Secretary Introduces the Government Land Bill into British House of Commons.

London, By Cable.—The Irish Secretary, Mr. Wyndham, introduced the government's long-anticipated Irish land bill in the House of Commons Wednesday afternoon. It proposes a grant of \$60,000,000 for the purposes of the bill. Tenants are to pay 2 1/2 per cent. interest on loans from the government. Mr. Wyndham said he thought the scheme would not involve over \$500,000,000, but that \$750,000,000 could be safely advanced on Irish land. Advances to tenants are limited to \$2,500 in the congested districts and \$5,000 elsewhere. The bill also provides that untenanted farms and grazing land shall be sold to neighboring tenants and that three commissioners to be known as estate commissioners shall supervise the sales. The name of the three commissioners are Michael Finnan, secretary to the government's Bengal general and statistical department; Frederick S. French, one of the Irish land commissioners, and William F. Bailey, one of the assistant-commissioners on the Irish land commission. They will be under the general control of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. The bill will become effective November 1st.

The keen interest felt in this new legislation, which it is hoped will promote peace and contentment in Ireland, was shown by the crowded House. The peers' gallery and the distinguished strangers' gallery were filled and there has been no such gathering of members of Parliament since the opening of the session. In the diplomatic gallery sat United States Secretary Henry White, an interested spectator, while almost every Irish peer listened to Mr. Wyndham's exposition of the bill. From an early hour this morning, the stone benches from the House of Commons entrance to the doors of the lobby, were packed with impatient Irishmen, among whom were many presidents. Most of these went away without even seeing the inside of the legislative chamber, the galleries of which were crowded as has not been the case for many a day. Michael Davitt, the "father" of the Land League, celebrated his 57th birthday by re-entering the House for the first time since he ceased to be a member, in order to hear the Chief Secretary for Ireland unfold his plans.

For the most part the Liberal members sat glum, the applause coming from the Irish benches. A hush of expectation fell on the assembly as John Redmond, the Irish leader, rose to speak. If he refused to countenance the bill, its death and perhaps even the government's downfall, was decreed. When the galleries of the House found him sympathetic and non-committal, a feeling of relief pervaded all sides. What Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader, and the others said had little effect. T. W. Russell, who with others criticized the details and various omissions in Mr. Wyndham's plan, wound up with a guttural and reluctant admission that "it is a great bill."

The passage of the first reading of the bill was followed by the rush to the lobby, where ensued scenes that might well make the ghost of Parnell turn in his grave. The tall form of Lord Dudley, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, could be seen amidst a crowd of Nationalists, who scarcely a year ago would rather have suffered anything than discussed with the official head of the Irish party any question. Beside Lord Dudley stood the grizzled little Sir Anthony McDonnell, the First National Assistant Irish Secretary.

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From Across the Sea.

The anniversary of Louis Kossovsky's death was marked by students' riots in Budapest.

The North German Gazette, of Berlin, says the Reichstag elections will take place June 16.

Joseph Chamberlain, receiving an address from the city of London, spoke of the Boers in a conciliatory manner.

The Toronto, Ont., opera house was burned Wednesday. The loss is \$150,000. The fire is supposed to have originated from electric wires in the box office. Sullivan, Harris & Woods lost all their scenery and costumes. They place their loss at \$100,000 to \$125,000.

Miscellaneous Matters.

New evidence is being unearthed in the Burdick murder case to put the crime on the late Arthur R. Pennell.

In a collision between the Fall River steamers Plymouth and City of Taunton on Long Island sound six persons were killed.

Ex-Archbishop-General John W. Griggs argued for the Northern Securities Company in the anti-merger case in St. Louis.

Harrison Wrotten testified at the trial of Elmer Collins, at Laurel, D.C., that he heard a man in Collins' house threaten murder the night before the crime was committed.

The monitor Florida had a successful trial trip, exceeding her speed record of 11 1/2 knots an hour.

New breaks in the levees are reported from the lower part of the Mississippi river.

George B. White, vice-president of the Southern Pennsylvania National Bank of Hurdman, Pa., was arrested in Philadelphia, charged with conspiracy to wreck the bank.

Senor Oresada, the Cuban minister, has notified President Palma that Secretary Hay will consent to the use of the cable to expedite the exchange of ratifications of the treaty if it shall be adopted by the Cuban Senate as amended, and notification reached Washington March 31, that the documents are placed in the mail for transmission by that time.

Wants Heavy Damages. Winchester, Special.—In the Circuit Court, in session in this city, S. H. Braithwaite was given \$1,200 damages against Charles E. McIlwee for alienation of his wife's affections. Mr. Braithwaite asked for \$5,000 damages, claiming that McIlwee had not only alienated his wife's affections, but had also caused her to desert him and his five children. All the parties concerned are prominent residents of the county. Some sensational evidence was introduced during the trial.

LIVE ITEMS OF NEWS.

Many Matters of General Interest in Short Paragraphs.

The Sunny South.

The convention of the National Woman's Suffrage Association came to a close Wednesday night in New Orleans. The next convention will be held in Washington.

A Charleston, W. Va., dispatch says: "The grand jury's report on the miners' riot exonerates the United States deputy marshals. The report criticizes the newspapers. It is a lengthy document."

Owing to freight congestion it is reported that fires will be put out in 2,000 or more coke ovens in the New River field, in West Virginia, as it is impossible to secure cars for transportation of products.

Commander Erwin Schaefer, naval attaché of the Imperial German Embassy, in Washington, has been ordered to Newport News, Va., to arrange for the docking of the German warship Gazelle, which will arrive there in a few days from Venezuelan waters.

It is announced that the Southern Railway is to extensively enlarge its shops at Nashville, Tenn., already one of the largest railroad shops in the South. The enlargement is presumably for the purpose of building locomotives for use on the Southern. No definite plans have been given out officially. About 1,900 men are employed in the shops.

Joe Barrett and Herman Miller, lightweights, both of Baltimore, went on before the Savannah Athletic Club Wednesday night for twenty rounds for a decision under straight Queensbury rules. In the fourth round Barrett fell to the floor in apparent agony and claimed a foul. The referee refused to allow it, and counted him out. Physicians examined Barrett and declared he found no evidence of a foul blow.

At the National Capital.

Secretary Hay has delivered to Sir Norberto Deplanze, the Italian ambassador, an order on the United States Treasury for \$5,000, the sum appropriated by Congress as indemnity to the heirs of Giovanni and Vincenzo Serio, Italian subjects who were killed at Erwin, Miss., July 11, 1901, and to Salvatore Libertio, who was injured at the same time.

The Treasury Department gave notice that on Mondays and Thursdays until further notice offers would be received at the bureau of the mint for the sale to the government of silver bullion to be used in coining pesos under the Philippine coinage act approved March 2, 1902. No offers of less than 5,000 ounces will be entertained. The Department will purchase \$2,000,000 worth of silver bullion for coinage into pesos.

At the North.

St. Joseph, Mo., Special.—The heaviest snow storm of the year began here Sunday and railway traffic is greatly impeded. Telegraph and telephone wires are crippled. The temperature has been falling slowly. The snow covers the northern part of the State to a depth of from 6 to 12 inches.

The American Tobacco Company has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2 per cent. on preferred stock and a dividend of 3 per cent. on its common stock. This is an increase of 1 1/2 per cent. on the latter issue.

Heavy Loss By High Water.

Charleston, S. C., Special.—A special to the News and Courier from Seneca, S. C., says: The news has just been received here that the boom situated on the Seneca river, at Calhoun, Geesee county, was washed away by high water on Monday evening. It was owned by the Benedict Love Company. It is said there were over 4,000 logs that escaped and there will be a loss to the company amounting to about \$35,000. Many bridges on the stream were destroyed, which will cost the counties of Pickens and Oconee many dollars to replace. When the boom broke about 50 men of Maine were compelled to jump and swim for their lives. There were no lives lost, but several narrow escapes.

Marriage of Mr. Vanderbilt.

Newport, R. I., Special.—Formal announcement of the date of the wedding of Miss Cathleen Neilsen, daughter of Mrs. Fredrick Neilsen, to Reginald Vanderbilt, was made last Friday. In all probability the event will be solemnized in St. Joseph's Catholic church, at which Mrs. Neilsen has been an attendant for many years.

Six Men Drowned.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—J. M. Hood returned from the flood district of Arkansas and reports that at Garvin, a station on the Frisco Railroad, Saturday afternoon a skiff containing four drummers and two negro oarsmen was swept under the track of the railroad in a stiff current. The boat was overturned and all six occupants were drowned. Mr. Hood does not know the names of the traveling men, but says they had employed the negroes to row them across the submerged territory to Mound City, Ark., where they intended to take a steamboat for Memphis.

More Fighting Reported.

San Domingo, Republic of Santo Domingo, By Cable.—The inhabitants of this city were again thrown into a state of alarm this afternoon by the fact that further fighting is taking place at San Carlos, near here. A commission has left San Domingo for Azua and Barahona on the warship Independencia in order to bring about the surrender of those places. The warship Colon has left here for San Pedro de Macoris in order to compel that town to surrender.

VICK LOSES HIS JOB

Dr. Person Succeeds to the Wilson, N. C., Postoffice

COLORED POSTMASTER GOES OUT.

The Vick Case Has Attracted Much Attention in All Sections of the Country.

Washington, Special.—What is regarded as the closing act in Senator Pritchard's fight against "the elements of darkness" as represented by Postmaster Vick, of Wilson, the last of the negro officials of any consequence in North Carolina, took place Tuesday, when the President named Dr. B. T. Person to succeed the colored official.