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MAKING PROGRESS

Good Work Being Done By Philippine Colonies

REPORT MADE BY COL. EDWARDS

He Says These Islands Will Make a Most Interesting Showing at the St. Louis Exposition.

Washington, Special.—The development of the Philippine Islands during the past year, together with a review of pending questions of importance in relation to the archipelago, is contained in the annual report of Colonel Clarence R. Edwards, chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs of the War Department, made public Sunday. The accomplishment of greatest importance to the islands during the year has been the successful launching of the new fiscal system. By January 1, next, the new system will be in complete operation. The new circulating medium consists of 18,000,000 pesos and fractional silver coins and 10,000,000 pesos in paper money. To establish the new system and purchase the silver for coinage issues of bonds were made of \$200,000 each, both of which were sold at a premium. The proceeds of the sale of these bonds were deposited and drew interest at the rate of 3 1/2 per cent, so that the government actually made money by going into debt.

Colonel Edwards emphasizes the necessity of a reduction of the Dingley tariff rates for the encouragement of trade between the United States and the Philippines. There is an active desire on the part of Philippine commercial interests, he says, for tariff concessions, and the report states that the same desire also has been evinced by the same interests in this country. The chief exports of the islands to the United States are sugar, tobacco, hemp and coffee. The latter two commodities already are on the free list.

The education of Filipino youths in the country for the purpose of making them the future teachers of the islands is an act passed last summer by the insular government. Ninety-eight young Filipinos are now on their way to this country for that purpose. They will attend the grammar schools of southern California during the winter and in the spring be distributed through the Middle-west and Eastern portion of the United States for further instruction.

Colonel Edwards optimistically predicts that the Philippine exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition will be the feature of that show. There is to be something like 1,200 exhibits, particularly, and every phase of native industry and domestic life in the islands is to be represented.

Colombia Very Better.

Washington, Special.—The press of Colombia continues to severely criticize and denounce the American government for its action in isthmian matters and the recognition of the Republic of Panama. This is shown in a dispatch received at the State Department, late last night, from Minister Beaupre, at Bogota. President Roosevelt, the United States Congress and the American people are the targets of violent denunciation. The minister's dispatch makes no reference as to the time when he intends to leave Bogota on the leave of absence granted him by the State Department. No uneasiness is felt by the Department for the minister's personal safety.

Cutting Mill Wages.

Boston, Special.—A majority of the cotton mills of New England will be operated under a wage schedule of approximately 10 per cent less than has been in effect for two years. In the city of Fall River alone, 30,000 operatives will be affected and in the State of Rhode Island not less than 20,000. At other points in Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Hampshire, the aggregate of employees whose wages will be reduced will be several thousand. At other cotton mill centers a reduction will take effect a week later.

Disast'ous Storms.

Berlin, By Cable.—Communication by telegraph, particularly west of Hannover, has been interrupted by a general storm. All of western Europe is at present only indirectly connected with Berlin. At Frankfurt-on-the-Main all street car traffic has been stopped and trees have been uprooted. A new four-story building with the surrounding scaffolding, has been demolished at Chemnitz. A tug sank at Emden, one man being drowned. Several lighters were sunk on the river Ems and it is believed that numerous lives have been lost. Seven passengers were seriously injured by the derailing of a train at Zehausen.

Nice Home Burned.

Lumberton, Special.—The elegant residence of Mr. J. A. McAllister was destroyed by fire Saturday night. The origin of the fire was a defective kitchen stove. When discovered, about 9 o'clock, the roof of the kitchen was in a blaze, which rapidly spread to the main portion of the house, in spite of the faithful work of the fire company. Only a small portion of the furniture was saved. The insurance was \$2,500.

Wants Army Post.

Washington, Special.—Governor Hayward, of South Carolina, accompanied by Major Meah Jenkins, collector of internal revenue, George Huggins and Representative Lever called on the President to urge him to use his influence to secure the establishment of an army post at Columbia, S. C. Later in the day the delegation had an interview with Secretary Root on the same question. No decision has yet been reached regarding the matter.

APPALLING ACCIDENT

Terrible Loss of Life in Railway Accident in Illinois.

Peoria, Ill., Special.—Thirty-one men were killed, and at least 15 injured, in a head-end collision between a freight train and a work train on the Big Four Railroad between Mackinaw and Tremont Thursday afternoon. Bodies of 26 of the victims have been taken from the wreck, which is piled 30 feet high on the tracks. Five bodies yet remain buried under the huge pile of broken timber, twisted and distorted iron and steel.

On a bank at the side of the track lie the bodies of the victims, cut, bruised and mangled in a horrible manner. So far only 12 have been identified, the remaining bodies being unrecognizable, even by those who knew them, and are aware of the fact that they are among the dead.

All the dead and most of the injured were members of the work train, the crews on both engines jumping in time to save their lives. The collision occurred in a deep cut at the beginning of a sharp curve, neither train being visible to the crew of the other until they were within 50 feet of each other. The engines set the brakes, sounded the whistles and then leaped from their cabs, the two trains striking with such force that the sound was heard for several miles. A second after the collision the boiler of the work train exploded, throwing heavy iron bars and splinters of wood 200 feet.

Federation of Labor.

Boston, Special.—The American Federation of Labor disposed summarily of the "open shop" issue as raised in the case of William A. Miller, now employed in the Government Printing Office at Washington, and the Miller case itself, by unanimously declaring in favor of the union shop in government, as well as private, enterprises, and by petitioning President Roosevelt to re-examine the evidence offered against Miller, and if verified, remove Miller from the service. Although the resolution adopted presented the Federation's views on both "open shop" and the Miller case, the issues are kept entirely distinct. The re-examination of the Miller case is not requested because Miller is a non-unionist, a circumstance formerly urged as a reason for his removal, but because the Federation believes Miller "is totally unfit to be in charge of working people."

The Miller resolutions declare that "Miller has been proved in affidavit and court records to be a bigamist, perjurer, defaulter and one totally unfit to be in charge of working people." That he has violated civil service rules and the revised statutes, all of which demand dismissal, and that his retention in government employ is a menace "to production of creditable work because of dissatisfaction with his methods as foreman."

Three Killed by Explosion.

Kalkaska, Mich., Special.—By an explosion of dynamite in a burning store at Sharon, near here, three men were killed and fourth so severely injured that he may die. The fire originated in a general store, it is supposed, from an overheated stove. The blaze spread quickly and in the excitement of the moment, every one forgot a quantity of dynamite stored in the building.

Reciprocity Bill.

Washington, Special.—Representative Williams, of Mississippi, introduced a bill reducing by 20 per cent, the duties on all articles being the growth or product of such countries as do now, or may hereafter, admit natural products of the United States to their market free of import duties.

Cablegram From Gudger.

Washington, Special.—The following cablegram was received at the State Department Wednesday morning from Consul General Gudger, at Panama, dated Wednesday: "There is a good deal of excitement in Buena Ventura, and some feeling against foreigners. The Colombian government is said to be considering a land invasion of the Isthmus."

Prof. Bassett Resigns.

Raleigh, N. C., Special.—Prof. Bassett, occupying the chair of English at Trinity College, at Durham, has tendered his resignation and the trustees will act on it Tuesday night. Prof. Bassett's resignation is due to the fierce criticism of the press on his article in The Atlantic Quarterly on the negro question, in which he stated that Booker Washington is the greatest man, except General Lee, born in the South in a hundred years. College patrons were threatening to withdraw pupils and Methodist churches were demanding Prof. Bassett's dismissal.

Another Serious Attack.

San Domingo, Republic of Santo Domingo, Special.—Wednesday at noon another severe attack was made on the city without effect. The rebels had many killed and wounded, but the government losses are small. The fighting continued during the night, the insurgents using heavy cannon. The situation here is desperate. The poor are suffering from the necessities of life, and the prices of provisions are rising. The sanitary condition of the city is good, however.

SERIOUS CHARGES

Preferred Against Gen. Leonard Wood By Subordinate.

MAJOR RATHBONE HAS HEARING.

He Says General Wood, While Governor of Cuba, Accepted Money From Gamblers.

Washington, Special.—Major Rathbone, formerly director of posts in Cuba, was given a hearing Friday by the Senate committee on military affairs, which is investigating the charges against General Leonard Wood.

Major Rathbone filed specific written charges with the committee. He alleged that Gen. Wood, while military governor of Cuba, had accepted money from the Jai Alai, which, he said, was a gambling concern, and asserted that he had made a personal friend and boon companion of an ex-convict. He also charged him with giving instructions of an entirely unconstitutional and un-American character to the courts.

He also charged General Wood with authorizing the use of ex-parte depositions in the postal cases, a proceeding which he asserted is contrary to law and the principle of law, and in this case contrary to instructions given by the Secretary of War.

Major Rathbone charged that in accepting gifts from the organization commonly known as Jai Alai, to which Major Rathbone said General Wood had granted a ten years' exclusive concession. General Wood violated the Foraker law, which prohibited the granting of franchises or concessions.

Other charges were made against General Wood, as follows: With complicity with another army officer in the preparation and publication of an article reflecting discreditably upon an officer who ranked below them, in violation of an accepted canon of military service, and constituting an offense commonly known as "conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman."

With directing and causing the audit of Cuba by a military officer to violate the law in the treatment of accounts.

With utilizing the services of an ex-convict in an effort to displace his superior officer, and by such means to secure to himself the vacancy thus created.

Major Rathbone offered to produce evidence and testimony in support of these allegations.

Tenace to United States.

Washington, Special.—It is learned here that the situation at Bogota has assumed a critical phase, as far as relations between the United States and Colombia are concerned. Minister Beaupre, on the 16th instant, was pressed very strongly by the Colombian government to know whether the United States intended to recognize the new Republic of Panama. It is understood that the request was in such shape as to constitute a menace in the event that the recognition had been extended.

Bank Closed.

Washington, Special.—The Farmers' National Bank, of Henrietta, Tex., has been closed by direction of the Comptroller of the Currency. Miller Weir, national bank examiner, has been appointed temporary receiver. The bank's capital is \$50,000, deposits \$103,191, loans and discounts \$172,145, surplus \$26,022, cash on hand \$34,149.

Hurrying Gun Boat to Colon.

Washington, Special.—Orders have been issued at the Navy Department for the preparation for sea service at once of the gun-boat Bancroft at Pensacola and the gun-boat Castine at the League Island yard. The first of these boats in readiness will be dispatched to Colon and the other to duty in the waters of Hayti and San Domingo. It was reported to the Navy Department from the Norfolk yard that the cruiser Olympia will be ready for sea about December 5. It is intended that she shall proceed at once to Colon as Admiral Coghlan's flagship.

Two Men Killed.

Roanoke, Va., Special.—Two men were killed and another seriously, if not fatally injured, in a head-on collision between two Norfolk & Western freight trains near Matewan, W. Va., Thursday night. The dead are: Engineer Lewis Tarrar, married, of Bluefield; Brakeman William Penn, of Bluefield. Tarrar's body was partially cremated before it was recovered.

Base-ball League.

Savannah, Ga., Special.—A conference of the Promoters of the South Atlantic Baseball League held here Wednesday made arrangements for the meeting to be held here, November 24, when organization, it is stated, will be perfected. Ted Sullivan will leave to visit the several cities that are to come into the league, and is empowered to set for the promoters.

CONGRESSIONAL MATTERS.

The Cuban Bill in the House—Goes to the Senate.

Cuban Bill Passed in the House.

The House Thursday, by a rising vote of 335 to 21, passed the bill to make effective the Cuban reciprocity treaty. The dissenting votes were about equally divided between Republicans and Democrats, but there was no record vote, the minority having too few votes to order the yeas and nays. The Democrats, under the leadership of Mr. Williams, sought to the first to secure amendments to the bill in accordance with the action of the Democratic caucus, but were defeated steadily.

Mr. Williams made the final effort when he tried to have the bill recommitted to the ways and means committee with instructions to amend, but a point of order under the special rule, providing for a vote on the bill without any intervening motion, was sustained.

Mr. Cannon received the applause of the Democratic side when he entertained the appeal from his ruling, made by Mr. Williams, the Speaker saying he preferred to err, if he erred at all, in favor of the Democratic side. He pressed his will. The appeal was tabled by a strict party vote.

In the Senate.

The Senate held its longest sitting of the session Friday, beginning at noon and concluding at 3:15 p. m. The entire time was consumed in debating a motion to defer the Cuban reciprocity bill to the committee on foreign relations. The political line was sharply drawn in the discussion, the Republicans advocating such reference, and the Democrats contending that the measure should go to the committee on finance. The motion prevailed with out division.

The debate served to bring out some incidental references to the merits of the bill and while it was in progress Mr. Teller took occasion to correct published reports that he has hope of defeating the bill or that he intends to unduly obstruct its consideration.

Messrs. Allison and Aldrich announced their willingness to have the bill go to the foreign relations committee. But they united in an expression of opinion that such reference should form no precedent for the reference of revenue bills in the future. Mr. Allison denied that there was a purpose in revising the tariff by reciprocity treaties.

Messrs. Bacon, of Georgia; Bailey, of Texas, and Money, of Mississippi, on the Democratic side, advocated the reference of the bill to the committee on finance.

Mr. Bailey said that there was quite a probability of all tariff legislation being accomplished by reciprocity treaties and it became important that the finance committee should control the pending bill.

Mr. Bacon said that this was not an isolated case and for that reason was important. It was a question, he said, that would largely relate to the future action of Congress. Mr. Bacon said that as a member of the committee on foreign relations he had been in favor of the provision requiring the "approval of Congress" on the treaty, but he said he had not believed the language to be correctly used. On the contrary, he considered it quite absurd to suppose that Congress could approve a treaty.

German Steamers Not Stopped.

Washington, Special.—The Navy Department has received a report from Admiral Coghlan, at Colon, replying to an inquiry whether there was any truth in the report that the German steamers Markomana and Scotia had been stopped at Colon by American men of war. Admiral Coghlan states that the Markomana stopped off Colon on the route to Cartagena. The Scotia arrived about sunset three days over due; was informed that no armed force would be permitted to land, but the vessel was not interfered with and only darkness prevented her getting alongside the dock at once.

Southern Railroad Merger.

Thomasville, Ga., Special.—T. Jefferson Coolidge, president of the Old Colony Trust Company, of Boston, and H. Atkinson, his Southern representative, have bought the stock of the Tifton, Thomasville & Gulf Railroad, heretofore owned by the Georgia Southern & Florida road. This is understood to mean that the Tifton, Thomasville & Gulf will be merged with the Atlanta & Birmingham. The date on which the merger is to be effected, it is understood, is December 3, when a meeting of directors will be held here.

Quarantine Against San Antonio.

San Antonio, Texas, Special.—The official proclamation of Governor Latham, raising the quarantine against San Antonio, which has been on since October 23, went into effect Thursday, and the towns and counties all over the State of Texas have been lifting their local quarantines. Train service will be resumed on all railroads tomorrow. The proclamation of Governor Latham states that there is now no yellow fever in San Antonio, no case having been reported for 10 days, and that the sanitary condition is perfect.

Trials Postponed.

Washington, Special.—The trial of the postal cases of August W. Machen former general superintendent of the general delivery system; Samuel and Dillon Groff, of this city, and Dr. and Mrs. George E. Lorenz, of Toledo, O., arranged to begin in the District Criminal Court here next Monday, has been postponed until January 11. Attorney Chase, A. Douglas, counsel for Machen objected to the delay but the court granted the request of District Attorney Beach, on the ground that the latter was not ready to proceed with the case.

A NOVEL PROCESS.

Young German Restaurant Keeper Selected.

EAR GRAFTED ON MILLIONAIRE.

Three Hundred Applicants Who Were Willing to Sell an Ear for \$5,000.

Philadelphia, Special.—Dr. Andrew Nelden, of New York performed the operation of grafting an ear upon the head of a Western millionaire, whose name, the surgeon says, he is under bond not to divulge. The operation was to have been performed in New York, but District Attorney Jerome is said to have interfered. Mr. Nelden is said to have advertised for a man willing to sell an ear for \$5,000; and of 300 applicants he selected a young German, who conducts a restaurant in New York. Dr. Nelden said:

"The operation has been performed, and promises to be successful. I am under legal contract and heavy bond not to reveal the name of my patient. Generally speaking, he is a wealthy man from the West. How he lost one ear, I don't know. It appears to have been cut off with a sharp instrument. I believe he says it was accidental, but I never asked him to explain. The operation took place at a private hospital here, where I was assisted by a Philadelphia physician. I think they will be willing to have their names known later. The two men were placed in opposite directions, upon an elongated bed. One-half of the volunteer's ear—the upper half—was cut off, together with about four inches of the skin behind the ear. This was twisted around and fitted to a freshly prepared wound upon the patient's head. The half ear was held in place by bandages, and the two men bound so they cannot remove their heads. They must retain this position for at least 12 days to allow the circulation to come through the flap of skin that still remains a part of the volunteer's scalp. If this half ear starts to unite properly, the lower half of the ear will be grafted in the same manner."

Recognition Denied.

Washington, Special.—The revolutionists of San Domingo applied to the State Department for recognition by the United States. The application was presented to the department by J. M. Jordan, who represented himself as the provisional agent of the revolutionary government of which Gen. Jimenez is the head. The State Department has declined the recognition, informing Mr. Jordan that it had been the unbroken policy of the State Department to recognize only defacto governments and if Minat the Powell, who is on the spot, finds that the revolutionists have actually established a capital and opened ports and is able to protect life and property he will recognize it.

Millionaire Dies.

Roanoke, Va., Special.—George W. Palmer, the richest man in southwestern Virginia, died Wednesday at Saltville, of pneumonia, aged 61. He came to Virginia from Syracuse, N. Y., before the civil war, started to work as a clerk in the big salt works in Smythe county, afterwards becoming the sole owner of the plant. He recently sold an interest for \$1,000,000 cash. He owned valuable property in New York and several other States. He is survived by one son, Charles Palmer, who inherits the entire fortune, estimated to be worth \$1,000,000.

The Treaty Signed.

Washington, Special.—Secretary Hay and M. Philippe Bunau-Varilla, the Minister from Panama, at 6:40 o'clock Tuesday evening signed the Hay-Bunau-Varilla treaty providing for the construction of the Panama canal by the United States. The ceremony occurred in Secretary Hay's study. Hearty congratulations were exchanged and it was agreed that the news of the signing of the treaty should be kept from the public for the present. President Roosevelt was immediately advised of the signing of the document and Minister Bunau-Varilla sent a confidential cablegram to his government stating that the treaty had been signed.

Bull Weevil in Mail.

Washington, Special.—Acting Postmaster General Wynne Wednesday issued an order directing a rigid enforcement of the section of the laws and regulations which absolutely preclude all reptiles and insects from the mails. The action is the result of reports that specimens of the Texas boll weevil, an insect very destructive to cotton plants, have been found in the mails.

Salvation Army Council.

Chattanooga, Special.—The annual council of the Salvation Army officers of the South convened here Tuesday, representatives from all stations south of the Ohio river being present. The sessions will last three days, being presided over by Staff Captain Berryman, assisted by officers from the North and East. The Salvation Army headquarters and hotel was dedicated Wednesday.

LIVE ITEMS OF NEWS.

Many Matters of General Interest in Short Paragraphs.

Down in Dixie.

Roanoke is in the midst of a contest over a rearrangement of its city wards. Milk sickness caused a number of deaths in Tennessee.

John Wires, a Hillsboro (Va.) boy, was fatally stabbed by his schoolmate, Humphrey Potts.

Norfolk Methodists are stirred up over the Virginia Conference resolution regarding transfers.

The Mayor of Newport has suspended Chief Stow, of the Fire Department.

Six men were killed near New Hope, Ky., in a collision between freight trains on the Louisville and Nashville railroad.

President Alexander, of the Braggs and Northern Railway, declares \$200,000 of its securities were stolen from him at Dallas, Texas.

At The National Capital.

Little is scheduled for the Senate to do until it receives the Cuban bill.

President Roosevelt is trying to harmonize his party leaders in the matter of his Panama policy.

The Cuban reciprocity bill was referred to the committee on Ways and Means of the House.

Senator Hoar, (Rep. Mass.) introduced a bill "providing homes and employment for the homeless poor."

The House minority will support the bill making the Cuban reciprocity treaty effective, but urges amendments.

General Crozier, Chief of Army Ordnance, calls attention to the lack of second defenses on the insular possessions.

Politicians in Washington are considering the availability of Senator Gorman as a Presidential candidate in view of the result in Maryland, where the negro issue was the leading one.

In order to avoid friction the United States has offered warships for a meeting between the Colombian peace commissioner and the Panamanians.

Ex-Representative James A. Norton, of Ohio, says Democrats of that State favor Senator Gorman for the Presidential nomination.

Senator McComas, (Rep. Md.) introduced a great number of bills, one of which provides an appropriation of \$2,500,000 for improving the Patuxent river.

At The North.

The Baptist Congress in Philadelphia ended its sessions.

The City Hall demonstration at Chicago strikers met with no results.

Methodists at Omaha appropriated over \$700,000 for foreign missions.

The search for Rev. Joseph Ciriogone was continued in New York.

Wages of 25,000 cotton-mill operatives in Rhode Island are to be reduced.

Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah, denies that as an apostle of the Mormon Church he took an oath of any sort.

Contracts for building five lightships were awarded the New York Shipbuilding Company, of Camden, N. J., at a cost of \$82,000.

It was reported in Pittsburgh that the Rockefeller-Gould syndicate had secured control of the Steel Corporation and will provide the Baltimore and Ohio and other roads in order to control transportation facilities to the coast.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union convention asks the right to censor the shows on "the Pike" at the St. Louis World's Fair.

It is feared Rev. Joseph Ciriogone, pastor of the Catholic church of the Immaculate Conception, at Williamsbridge, N. Y. has met with foul play at the hands of the Mafia.

An explosion of nitroglycerine in Philadelphia wrecked a house and led to the capture of a gang supposed to be safe blowers and postoffice thieves.

Mrs. E. DeWitt Walsh, a prominent society woman of Montclair, N. J., is dead from a bullet wound inflicted by herself under mysterious circumstances.

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals at St. Paul, Minn., decided that the Tobacco Trust might charge what it pleased for its products.

From Across The Sea.

M. Combes spoke in the French Senate on the Teaching bill.

A horrible halibut of Lebandy brothers made 46 miles in 55 minutes in France.

The daughter of Henry Labouchere was married to the Marquis di Rudini in Rome.

At the first public consistory of Pope Plus X Mgrs. Merry del Val, Callegari, Ajuti, Talliani and Katschehaler were made cardinals.

Russia and Austria threaten danger to Turkey unless the Macedonian reforms are carried out at once.

Miscellaneous Flatters.

The world's sugar production for 1903-04 is estimated at 10,425,000 tons.

William Ziegler, the New York millionaire, was indicted by a Missouri grand jury for alleged connection with bribery.

President Roosevelt was criticised at the convention in Boston of the American Federation of Labor for his stand on the "open-shop" question.

The Senate Military Affairs committee has held up the nomination of Leonard Wood to be a major-general, pending an inquiry into his military career.

The Virginia Senate appointed a special steering committee to take charge of revision bills.

Reports of the Virginia conference showed 4,200 chapters and 79,070 members of the Epworth League.

Archaeologists discovered papyrus nearly 1,800 years that are said to record many sayings of Jesus Christ.

NORTH STATE MATTERS

Newspaper Items Gleaned From Murphy to Mastee.

The Boll Weevil Joker.

The Commissioner of Agriculture has received the following letter from Acting General Superintendent Alexander Grant, of the railway mail service: "Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 12th inst., addressed the Postmaster General, and by him referred to this office, in which protest is made regarding the admission of specimens of the Texas boll weevil to the mails, and in reply to same state that this matter is fully covered by the current postal laws and regulations, which absolutely exclude all insects and reptiles from the mails. A general order was issued by the Postmaster General, under date of the 16th inst., calling attention to section 494 of the postal laws and regulations and to the fact that it must be rightly enforced. It is hoped this will meet the end sought by yourself and others who have written regarding the same matter." Commissioner of Agriculture Patterson, speaking of this matter, said he hoped everybody in the State would be on the lookout for persons sending boll weevil into North Carolina, report such cases promptly, and see that there are prosecutions of the offenders.

Fire at Wilmington.

Wilmington, Special.—Fire, which broke out from an unknown source, early Thursday morning, in the naval store yards of the D. McEachern Company, on the west side of the river, opposite the city, destroyed between 2,000 and 4,000 barrels of rosin, belonging to Patterson, Downing & Co. and the McEachern Company, and about 1,500 cross ties belonging to the B. F. Keith Company. The loss will probably aggregate \$8,500, which is fully covered by insurance. Harbor tugs and an engine, sent over by the city fire department, rendered timely assistance, and saved a large warehouse on the grounds, in which spirits turpentine was stored, and a schooner, lying near the wharf, loaded with 14,000 cross ties.

Alfraz at Salisbury.

Salisbury, Special.—A brief but lively alfraz took place on Council street near the passenger depot. While walking along the street with two companions Douglas Brown, a young white man, was attacked from the rear by another young white man, Frank Sowers, who approached on tip-toe and dealt him a heavy blow in the back. Sowers then took to his heels across the street. Brown firing at him three times with a pistol before he gained the safe side of the opposite fence. None of the shots took effect. Both men were promptly arrested, but were released upon giving cash security for their appearance.

Prevented Escape.

Concord, Special.—By the timely investigations of Jailer Robinson, an attempted escape of a prisoner, Felix Holt, by name, was prevented. Felix Holt was imprisoned in one of the front rooms, and when discovered had already sawed one of the bars across the window in two. The instrument used was a saw ten inches long. It seems that the prisoner had the saw in his pocket several days. Just how he came into possession of the saw is a mystery, unless it had been smuggled into his room by his wife, who was in town a few days ago, making sundry purchases. Holt had been sentenced to the kang for selling whiskey, but was in jail pending an appeal.

State Notes.

Mrs. Leo D. Hart, of Raleigh, has been elected president, and Mrs. Franklin McNeil, secretary, of the Johnston Pettigrew Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy. The chapter will celebrate the birthday of General Robert E. Lee, January 19th, that being a State holiday, and Capt. S. A. Ashe will deliver the address. On that day crosses of honor will be distributed.

Wilmington, Special.—Owen Hansley, a young farmer living near Castle Haynes, this county, was crushed to death under train No. 42 of the Atlantic Coast Line, as it was passing out of the yards in this city. Hansley was late in reaching the station on his return home and came down an embankment, and ran up in front of the train as it was leaving the station. He attempted to board one of the cars, but in doing so he had miscalculated the speed of the train, and was thrown under the wheels. The remains were taken to an undertaker's shop, and are being prepared for shipment to his home.

J. P. Caldwell, Jr., son of Capt. J. P. Caldwell, editor of the Charlotte Observer, committed suicide last Wednesday evening at his home in Charlotte, by shooting himself.</