

State News.

Capt. Wm. I. Everett, of Richmond County, died Friday morning from a stroke of paralysis.

The Jonesboro Brick company's plant, which is located one mile south of Jonesboro, was burned Saturday night.

Captain Charles F. Bahnson, Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina, died of paralysis Thursday night in Mocksville.

At Maxton Friday a negro threw a bottle at Mr. Moses Fine, which struck him in the face and knocked out an eye. The negro was arrested.

To-day at 12 o'clock the Corporation Commission will hear the matter of an additional Seaboard train from Raleigh to Hamlet and return.

Edna Watts, the six-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Watts, of Reidsville, was burned to death Saturday morning while playing near the fire.

News has reached Raleigh that the railroad, telegraph, ticket and freight depot at Bailey's in Wilson County, was burned on Saturday night.

The Advocates of Jarvis and Ransom counties were heard before the legislative committee Tuesday afternoon. It is said that both bills will be put quietly to sleep.

At Goldston, Chatham County, on Monday, Julius Bynum, aged thirteen, shot and mortally wounded Matthew Heath, a negro. It is claimed that the shooting was accidental.

Mrs. D. G. Carter, of Asheville, was struck by a passenger train Monday and was dragged for some distance. Several ribs were broken and her body badly bruised, but she will recover.

After a three days' trial in the Superior Court of Moore County the jury in the case of Curry and McQueen against the Seaboard Air Line Railway, for destruction of plaintiffs' plant at Lakeview, rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs, awarding \$10,000 damages.

The two and a half year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hunsucker was drowned in a branch near their home at Elisee a few days ago. Adding to the grief of the family came the news that the five-year-old son of Mr. Hunsucker's brother came to his death accidentally while playing with a shot-gun. This occurred at Linden.

CONFESSED AND RAN AWAY.

Unknown Man Informs Chief-of-Police of Kings Mountain That He Has Been Running Blockade Still and Wants to Be Arrested—Directs Officers to the Still, and While They Are Destroying the Outfit He Escapes.

A special from Shelby to Monday's Charlotte Observer tells the following unusual story:

"Having a man voluntarily confess to breaking the law, leading them to his illicit distillery and then dashing away to freedom, was the experience of Chief-of-Police Adam Hord and Special Deputy Sanders, of Kings Mountain, last Thursday. But the officers caught John Wells, a prosperous farmer living near the South Carolina line, who is wanted for retailing and went to the still while the officers were destroying it.

"Thursday a man, whose name has not been learned, walked into Kings Mountain, told Chief Hord that he had been running a blockade still and wanted to be arrested. It was a great surprise to the officer, but the man consented to direct him to the still near the monument that watches over the historic Kings Mountain battlefield. The still was warm and 40 gallons of whiskey was found nearby. Everything was destroyed, but while they were doing it, the man who had confessed and led them to the place was not to be found. He gained their confidence by openly submitting and then, when they were least expecting it, he dashed away through the woods and has not been captured. The officers say he is crazy.

"In the meantime John Wells, whom Sheriff Wilkins tried to catch a few weeks ago for selling whiskey, came up to the still. One of the officers knew him to be the man who fled across the line when the officers were after him before, so an arrest was made. He was taken to Kings Mountain for trial and, unless he gives bond, will be brought here to await court. He is said to be worth from \$8,000 to \$10,000."

Mr. J. P. Alston Burned to Death in His Home.

Littleton, N. C., Feb. 16.—Mr. J. P. Alston, one of the county's most prominent citizens, was burned to death in his home here this morning about four o'clock. He was about forty-five years of age.

He was a bachelor and lived all alone in a small house, about one-quarter of a mile from town. The charred body of Mr. Alston was found in the ruins.

MR. ED. GIBBS MISSING.

Prominent Farmer of Pasquotank Has Probably Met With Foul Play.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Feb. 18.—The whereabouts of Ed. Gibbs, the prominent planter who so mysteriously disappeared yesterday morning, is still unknown and the mystery deepens. Although Sheriff Reid with many citizens searched every piece of road and woods with bloodhounds between Gibbs' home and this city, but not the faintest trace has been gained. Case looks as if it will be a second Nellie Cropsey mystery and interest in the case is almost as intense.

Several theories have been advanced, but the one most generally accepted is that Gibbs was attacked on the road and killed and his body thrown overboard. Pasquotank River runs parallel with the road and this would have been a matter of only a few moments. However, there is no evidence anywhere on the road of any struggle. Gibbs was in town Thursday and was said to have had a large roll of currency which was seen by several negroes who bear bad reputations. When Gibbs started to town he had only \$5.00. Three negroes were said to have been seen by parties over near Drypoint Friday morning before day. Officers are working on these clues and something definite may develop.

Gibbs' wife and all those who know him believe that he is dead. As far as can be learned, he had absolutely no reason for fleeing, and there is no evidence indicating that he is separated from his wife and home on his own free-will. Gibbs was a hard-working farmer who saved up all earnings and never dissipated. He was formerly on the water, having been commander for many years of the steamer Comet. He left home Friday morning between 4:00 and 4:30 o'clock for Elizabeth City to get a load of barrels for shipping potatoes. He waked his wife and she gave him \$5.00, and that is the last any one has seen of him.

Sheriff Reid will engage a party to drag parts of the Pasquotank River Sunday and it is believed that the body of the missing man will eventually be found there. Mrs. Gibbs' grief is heart-rending, and she may not be able to survive the great shock and long suspense.

HOMICIDE AT WADESBORO.

Also Four Fist Fights on the Main Street of the Town Within an Hour's Time.

Wadesboro, N. C., Feb. 18.—In the busiest time of the day, a little after 4 o'clock this afternoon, James Allen, formerly a member of the local police force, shot and killed Treze Hammond, a negro, on Rutherford Street in the center of the town.

The sidewalks were crowded with Saturday, traders and in a few minutes the town was in tremendous excitement.

It seemed impossible to get at the facts, a number of those who were within a few feet of the two men claiming that there was no provocation, and that Allen shot without even a word, while others are equally positive that the negro attacked Allen and that he was shot only after being warned to keep away.

The negro was shot twice, falling to the sidewalk, and dying in a few minutes without making a statement.

Mr. Allen walked to the court-house and surrendered to the sheriff, being locked up in a cell. Allen claims that the negro attacked him and was advancing on him. It is also asserted that the negro had previously threatened the life of Allen.

To add to the general excitement of the afternoon, there are reported four fist fights on the Main Street as well as the killing, all within an hour. None of the fist battles resulted seriously.

Wholesale Jail Delivery at Washington, N. C.

Washington, N. C., Feb. 17.—A wholesale jail delivery was effected at the city jail here last night sometime between 12 and 2 o'clock, when eight colored prisoners escaped. Two of the prisoners managed to get possession of a small piece of wire, and managed to pick the lock to one of the cells and then climbed to the top of the wall, and by means of an iron spook picked a hole in the real wall of the jail, thus making good their escape. The men who escaped were Sam Stanly, Joseph Washington, Claud Clark, David Dixon, Frank Tart, Garfield Tart and John Gorham, all negroes and all but one had been tried and sentenced.

Paint Lick Sick Lady

Paint Lick, Ky.—Mrs. Mary Freeman, of this place, says: "Before I commenced to take Cardui, I suffered so much from womanly trouble, I was so weak that I was down on my back nearly all the time. Cardui has done me more good than any medicine I ever took in my life." You need not be afraid to take Cardui. It is no new experiment. Composed of gentle acting, herb ingredients, it has been found to safely relieve headache, backache, and similar female troubles. Try it for your troubles.

Yes, Mabel, it is true that the Democrats carried the elections last fall, but they have not yet won the confidence of the people.—Yellow Jacket.

General News.

The census returns give Tennessee a population of 2,184,789.

The Burley tobacco growers in Kentucky have voted to "cut it out" this year.

The chief of police of Greenville, S. C., was murdered Thursday night by two unknown white men.

Mr. Bryan had been chosen the new Senator from Florida, but his term did not begin until March 4th.

The Governor of Florida has appointed N. P. Bryan United States Senator to fill the unexpired term of Senator Talliaferro.

The Supreme Court of the United States has granted to the State of Arkansas the privilege of filing a suit against the State of Tennessee to determine the exact boundary between those two States.

WOULD OUST SIX RAILROADS.

Attorney-General of Ohio Has Instituted Proceedings to Drive Several Roads Out of State for Violating Anti-Trust Law.

Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 20.—Acting under the provision of the Valentine anti-trust law, Attorney-General Hogan to-day instituted quo warranto proceedings in the Circuit Court to oust from the State the Hocking Valley, the Kanawha and Michigan, the Zanesville and Western, the Toledo and Ohio Central, the Lake Shore and Michigan, Southern and the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad companies.

Excepting the C. & O. all the railroads are Ohio corporations. Their dissolution is asked and also the appointment of trustees to wind up their affairs. In the case of the Chesapeake and Ohio, its exclusion from the State is petitioned.

In the main suit against the five lines eighteen grounds of alleged misconduct are stated, covering allegations of stock-jobbing, conspiracy to suppress and destroy competition in the transportation of bituminous coal by means of an organization known as the Ohio Coal Traffic Association said to be composed of a group of railroad companies, and various instances of favoritism to coal companies, whose stock was owned in whole or in part by carrying companies.

BANDITS HOLD UP TRAIN.

The Southern's Fast Mail Robbed Near Carolina Line.

Gainesville, Ga., Feb. 18.—Southern Railway train No. 36, the United States fast mail, bound from New Orleans to New York, was held up by five masked men at White Sulphur Springs, four miles from here, at 3:15 o'clock this morning. The express car safe was dynamited and the contents stolen. First reports said more than \$100,000 was taken, but Southern Railway officials declare the amount was \$700. None of the passengers were molested.

The robbers escaped in an automobile, and are now thought to be in Hall County, probably bound for North Georgia, where pursuit would be difficult. A posse is on the trail. The robbers broke down the doors of the railroad station at White Sulphur, and stole a lantern and flagged the train to stop. As the locomotive slowed up one of them entered the cab and ordered the engineer to proceed to Lula, as mail station several miles away. After a stop was made members of the gang entered the express car and while one held the conductor and express messenger at the point of a gun, the others blew open the door of the safe containing the money. Agent Terrill, of the Southern Express Company, Deputy United States Marshal Landers, Detective Hauce of the Southern Railway and Deputy Sheriff Little are with the posse with blood-hounds in pursuit.

Woman Horse Thief Convicted in New York.

New York, Feb. 18.—Mrs. Edna Henry Mann, a young marton of striking appearance was convicted of horse stealing in Long Island City to-day. She is believed to be the first woman horse thief ever convicted in or about New York. Mrs. Mann broke down in court and confessed the theft with a male accomplice, of several horses and buggies. She was remanded for sentence. Her alleged accomplice, Sidney Denning, is yet to be tried. He says he is the son of a retired surgeon in the United States Navy. Each prisoner claims to have been under the hypnotic influence of the other.

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H. W. CUMMINGS, JR., SUICIDES.

Had Left His Wife at Kinston and Was Out of Employment—Letter From His Father Reached Baltimore Too Late.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 17.—Out of employment and disheartened because of separation from his wife and four children, Herbert W. Cummings, Jr., of Kinston, N. C., to-day committed suicide by gas poisoning in a boarding-house here. As he did so there was a letter in the post-office for him from his father, urging him to effect a reconciliation with his wife and accept a position in the elder Cummings' store in Kinston.

DECISIONS OF U. S. SUPREME COURT.

The Naval Stores Men, Now Under Prison Sentence, Will Have Rehearing—Buck Stove and Range Boycott Case Thrown Out—Other Important Decisions.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 20.—Not for years have so many far-reaching principles relating to interstate commerce been approved by the Supreme Court of the United States as were established in its decisions to-day as the unquestioned law of the land. Decisions on a number of other difficult questions were announced. Perhaps the most important of the questions of interstate commerce decided was: That the passenger has no right to buy tickets with services, advertising, releases, or property with transportation. This decision was an interpretation by the court of the Hepburn law of 1906. The case involved a large number of contracts between the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville Railroad Company and various publishers.

In another case the court held: That a State law regulating the size of crews on trains within the State is not an obstruction to interstate commerce, but is rather enacted in aid of interstate commerce, and may be passed by a State for the public safety.

The so-called "full crew act" was enacted by the Arkansas Legislature in 1907, and provided for an engineer, a fireman, a conductor and three brakemen on all railroads in the State of fifty miles in length on trains of more than twenty-five cars.

Among other questions decided by the court were: That a railway system may not escape regulation as an instrument of interstate commerce because one of its constituent parts is a wharfage company and its dominating power over the wharfage company rests in the fact that it is a holding company.

The Interstate Commerce Commission does not possess the power to reduce a rate as unjust and unreasonable merely because the rate is inequitable under some circumstances, as in cases where railroads induce shippers to enter a field by offering rates as low as to be remunerative and later increase the rates.

The court furthermore decided as constitutional a State statute providing that no contract of relief, benefit or insurance should be a bar to the right of a railroad employee engaged in the operation to secure damage on account of injuries received in course of his employment. The mayor and several councilmen of Clay Center, Kan., were held in contempt, but excused from punishment with the payment of costs, because they destroyed the subject-matter of a litigation before the Supreme Court after its decision was announced, but before mandate had been issued or time given for a motion for re-hearing.

Boycott Case Dismissed.

The famous boycott case, brought in the local courts by the Buck's Stove and Range Company, of St. Louis, against the American Federation of Labor, was formally dismissed.

The officials of the American Naval Stores Company were granted a review of their conviction of alleged violations of the Sherman Anti-Trust Law.

Of the men concerned in the court's action, Spencer P. Shotter, chairman of the board of directors of the company, is under sentence to serve three months in jail and to pay a fine of \$5,000, while J. F. Cooper Meyers, vice-president of the company, is under sentence to serve the same length of time in jail and to pay a fine of \$2,500. Edmund S. Nash, president, was fined \$3,000; George Meade Boardman, treasurer, \$2,000, and Carl Moller, manager of the Jacksonville (Florida) branch of the company, \$5,000.

The decision of the court to review the conviction is a step in one of the most spectacular prosecutions ever known under the Sherman anti-trust law. For the first time men have come before the court to have set aside sentences of imprisonment for alleged violations of the anti-trust law of the land.

Seven Persons Burned to Death in Their Home.

Sutton, W. Va., Feb. 19.—Seven persons lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the home of J. D. Hardin in this city early to-day. Only Mr. Hardin escaped, the six remaining members of his family, and a little girl who made her home with the Hardins, perishing in the flames.

The fire was caused by a natural gas grate. When Mrs. Hardin awoke the entire first floor was ablaze. Awakening her husband, he seized two of the children and dashed for a stairway, which immediately col-

lapsed. The two children were lost, while the father was precipitated to a point of safety and made his escape.

Mrs. Hardin, seeing the stairway fall, jumped from the second story, receiving injuries from which she died later.

CHINA IN PANIC OVER PLAGUE.

All Dead Bodies Are Now Being Piled Into Heaps and Burned.

Peking, China, Feb. 20.—There is a noticeable activity on the part of the Chinese Government to stay the spread of the plague, and sanitary measures are being strictly enforced in all the towns where a few weeks ago the disease was allowed full swing, unhampered. Instructions have been issued that every village burn its dead. The panic and fear of the plague have over-ridden the Chinese superstition against cremation of the bodies of the victims, and now almost daily the torch is applied to piles of hastily constructed coffin, among which are often seen bodies wrapped only in shrouds.

In the town of Kwang-Changtze, near the Manchurian Railway, where the daily death list has numbered a hundred or more, masked men go about in sleds and pick up the bodies lying in the streets, where they have been placed by relatives. The sleds transport them to the west gate, and from there they are removed in carts to the cremation grounds.

ANOTHER IS LOOSE.

Congressman Mason Goes Wild in the House—Uses Vulgar Language and Questions the Honesty of Many of His Fellow-Members.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—Representative Mason, of Arkansas, speaking in general debate on the naval appropriation bill in the House to-night, made a sensational attack on Capt. Robert E. Peary, denouncing him as a "fakir" and declaring that he "should be driven from the naval service."

The bitter words used by the member from Arkansas called out a quick reply from Peary's friends. Representative J. Hampton Moore, of Pennsylvania, characterized Mr. Macon's speech as "unjust, outrageous and offensive." He said there was always some one to be found to suspect every performance by men of genius and courage. He referred to Captain Hobson's exploit of the Merrimac and to Dewey's victory at Manila Bay.

"Heroes like these," said Mr. Moore, "have not the time to stop and deal with every dog that barks at their heels."

Mr. Macon declared that Peary's whole story was "a fake, pure and simple." He said his contempt for "fake heroes" was supreme, and he intimated that he put "the hero of San Juan Hill" in that class. Mr. Macon denounced the Peary Arctic Club, and charged that it had maintained a paid lobby in Washington. He said that President Taft's judgment in this matter was not to be accepted, for he has congratulated Cook as heartily as he did Peary.

Paying his compliments to the editors of the New York Times and the New York Post, Mr. Macon characterized them as "unblushing know-all tit-bits," and "pea-eyed, pin-headed and putrid-tongued infinitesimal."

He referred to Peary as a "fur trader"; pictured him as "a self-aggrandized, self-opinionated, puffed up near-hero," and finally denounced him as "an unfaithful servant and a idle loafer, who ought to be driven from the service instead of being promoted."

He who considers too much will perform little.—Schiller.

ACCUSED OF STEALING.

E. E. Chamberlain, of Clinton, Me., boldly accuses Bucklen's Arnica Salve of stealing—the sting from burns or scalds—the pain from sores of all kinds—the distress from boils or bites. "It robs cuts, corns, bruises, sprains and injuries of their terror," he says, "as a healing remedy its equal don't exist." Only 25c. at all druggists.

To Re-open Whiskey Question in Maine.

Augusta, Me., Feb. 16.—Whether the prohibition of the manufacture and the sale of intoxicating liquor shall continue under the Constitution of the State of Maine is to be determined by the voters of the State at a special election next September. By a vote of 105 to 40 the House of Representatives to-day passed the Senate resolution re-submitting to popular vote the constitutional prohibitory amendment adopted in 1884. All that remains is the signature of Governor Plaisted, who was elected on a platform pledging re-submission.

General Coxe in the Courts.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 16.—General Jacob S. Coxe, of "Coxey's Army" fame, whose home is at Massillon, Ohio, was made one of several defendants here to-day to an action which resulted in the appointment of Peter Wright, of Norfolk, temporary receiver of the affairs of the Old Dominion Chemical Company, Inc., promoted by "General" Coxe and others for the purpose of fighting the alleged Paris greed trust.

According to the allegations of the bill the stock distribution and consequent financial status of the corporation was not found to be in an entirely satisfactory condition.

Fifty Whiskey Dealers Indicted.

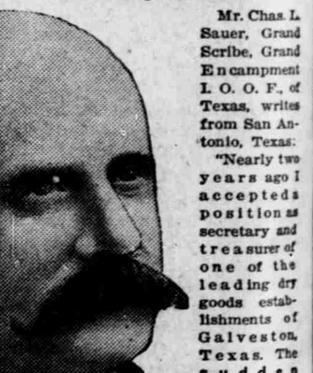
Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 20.—Fifty-two whiskey dealers, indicted recently under the instruction of Judge McReynolds that the holding of a Federal license was prima facie evidence of guilt, to-day submitted their cases and were fined \$50 and costs with thirty days each in the work-house. The work-house sentence was suspended during good behavior.

Lewis West's Mother Dies From Grief.

Fayetteville, N. C., Feb. 18.—Fannie West, mother of Lewis West, the notorious outlaw and desperado, who is to be tried at a special term of court March 13th for the murder of Deputy Sheriff Munford, is dead at her home in the outskirts of the city of a broken heart and the shock of her son's misdeeds. She was a estimable negro and highly regarded by her white friends.

The Suffragettes stormed the New York Legislature yesterday demanding that women be allowed to vote.

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