

General News.

J. A. Smith, aged eighty, was gored to death by a bull near Athens, Ga., Thursday.

Peter Pan, James R. Keene's station, was sold for \$100,000 at Lexington, Ky., a few days ago.

In his annual report submitted a few days ago, Secretary of the Navy Meyer made a plea for three new battleships this year.

Eight persons were killed and five seriously injured in a wreck on the Pennsylvania Railroad near Dresden, Ohio, a few days ago.

J. B. Manlo, the English aviator, crossed the English Channel a few days ago for the first time in the history of winter flying.

Azariah Curtis, a young negro, who confessed to having murdered B. B. Bush, a planter, was lynched Friday by a mob at Butler, Ala.

Street Cleaning Commissioner Edwards of New York has placed sand boxes throughout the city to aid the horses when the streets are icy.

Charles L. Hawley, Prohibition party candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania in 1908, was killed to-day by a fall from the porch at his home here.

President's order was issued with the approval of the Civil Service Commission and in accordance with an opinion by Attorney-General Wickersham.

William Collier was burned to death in the jail at Crowley, La., a few days ago. He and a companion started the fire in the hope of making their escape.

In a speech before the Rivers and Harbors Congress in Washington last week, President Taft advocated expending \$50,000,000 to make the Mississippi River safe.

Cholera is causing havoc in Constantinople, Turkey. Over a thousand cases, it is officially reported, occurred during the past twenty days. Half of them were fatal.

President Taft has named Dr. Carl Alsberg as chief of the Bureau of Chemistry in the Agricultural Department, succeeding Dr. Harry Wiley, who resigned last summer.

Major C. Mallory, U. S. A., retired, jumped from the tenth floor of a Manhattan hotel, New York, Monday, and was instantly killed. His wife was seriously ill at the time.

More than 20,000 skilled workers in the Navy Yards throughout the United States were Saturday placed under the protection of Civil Service by executive order of President Taft.

Five men were killed by a boiler explosion at a saw-mill near Wilsford, W. Va., Thursday night. The dead are Leonard and Jacob Maynard and Albert Flintry and two unidentified workmen.

Sampson Williams was shot and killed at Holland, Texas, Monday and his son Rex was seriously wounded by Mat Armstrong, who then shot and killed himself. A family dispute caused the tragedy.

The Ways and Means Committee in Congress held its first meeting Monday to lay out plans as to the tariff. The trusts will also soon be receiving attention at the hands of Congress, so the Democrats claim.

At Rockland, Me., a few days ago Mrs. Austin Elwell killed her two children and herself by jumping with them into a quarry 400 feet deep. Domestic trouble is believed to have caused the awful deed.

The city of Jacksonville, Fla., has loaned the State money with which to defray expenses. It has loaned the State \$15,379.05 to pay the troops called to Jacksonville for duty during the street car strike troubles.

The United States Department of Agriculture gives out a statement based on the census items of the crops for the past year showing the value of the products of the farms for 1912 to be 9,532,000,000.

In his annual report issued a few days ago Attorney-General Wickersham defends the adequacy of the Sherman anti-trust law as a civil statute, but does not pass judgment upon its efficacy as a criminal act.

A Washington dispatch announces that banners demanding "Votes for women" will be conspicuous in the inaugural parade March 4, for suffragettes have begun a campaign for a place in line with the political clubs.

At the request of Senator Johnston, of Alabama, the United States Senate agreed to print as a public document, President's Taft's recent address at the United Daughters of the Confederacy's annual convention in Washington. Johnston said he regarded the speech as embracing such broad statesmanship and noble sentiment it should be in every American household.

The National Highway Protective Society reports that during November fifty-six persons were killed and 177 injured by vehicular traffic in the streets of New York.

The Minister of Customs at Wellington, New Zealand, announces that a tariff bill will be introduced in the New Zealand Parliament, taxing foreign goods in favor of British manufacturers.

After being blind for twenty-eight years, the Rev. G. G. Rupert, of Oklahoma City, Okla., had his sight restored when his grandchild struck him in the eyes with a piece of tin foil.

George S. Whitmire, a United States Deputy Revenue Collector, of Clayton, Ga., was shot and instantly killed Friday near Franklin, N. C. The unknown assassin has not been captured.

Many cattle and other stock are freezing and starving to death in Colorado on account of the snow and extremely cold weather. It was 29 degrees below freezing in Colorado Saturday.

Margaret Williams, aged 12, of Hutchinson, Ky., is suffering from a rare disease of the bone. She has broken her legs seventy times and her arms twelve times since she was old enough to walk.

B. R. Tillman, Jr., and Mrs. Lucy Dugas, formerly his wife, will share the custody of their two children, according to a decision by the South Carolina Supreme Court, handed down Monday. Each are required to give bond.

The pay of the officers and men of the British Navy, which has remained practically unchanged for half a century, is to be raised. The increase affecting seamen and stokers is about 15 per cent of the present rate.

Claiming that he was illegally and unjustly deprived of his seat at the world's series baseball game in Boston on October 12, Edward F. Smith, of Worcester, has brought suit against the Boston American League Baseball Club.

The Census Bureau of the Department at Washington reports cotton ginned to December 1 was 11,844,432 bales. Ginnings by States showed: North Carolina, 754,249; South Carolina, 1,041,221; Texas, 4,308,760; Georgia, 1,563,443.

At a meeting of the Democratic members of the Ways and Means Committee Monday, it was decided to make a thorough revision of the tariff, schedule by schedule, and to this end the committee will hold hearings three times a week, beginning January 6.

The town of Cold Springs, Okla., has been moved four miles south in compliance with an order of the State Corporation Commission. The frame buildings were transported on flat cars. Two rival town sites have fought over location of the town for several years.

The suffragettes decided in London to use explosives in their fight for the ballot in case the Government refuses to incorporate women's suffrage in the forthcoming franchise bill. Volunteers were called for to use bombs inside and outside the House of Commons.

Some excitement was caused at the Archbald impeachment hearing Friday when W. A. May, a witness declared the House managers lied if they claimed he recalled a certain contract because he had a tip about a Washington investigation into Judge Archbald's conduct.

A gun of 14-inch calibre and of fifty-ton weight, the largest and newest type built by the United States Government at a cost of \$130,000, exploded at the Sandy Hook proving grounds near New York Monday. The big gun blew to pieces without causing so much as a scratch to the men around it.

The body of Mr. A. J. Clark, a former newspaper man of Lancaster, S. C., was found a few days ago by the grave of his wife in a cemetery at Lancaster. The dead man's right hand still retained a revolver with which he committed suicide. Mr. Clark was a native of North Carolina. No cause for the act is known.

Great Britain's formal note of protest against that section of the Panama Canal act which exempts American coastwise shipping through the Panama Canal, a document written by Sir Edward Grey, British Minister for Foreign Affairs, was presented to Secretary of State Knox Monday night by the British Ambassador.

The country's principal sugar supply is in danger of being attacked by dangerous plant diseases and insect pests, according to a bulletin of the Department of Agriculture at Washington. To consider the advisability of establishing a quarantine against these dangers to cane sugar, the Department of Agriculture will hold a hearing January 7. Should the quarantine be established, it might include Porto Rico and Hawaii.

President-elect Wilson will return to New Jersey, from Bermuda, on the 16th of this month.

Leander P. Mitchell, for a number of years Assistant Comptroller of the United States Treasury, died suddenly of heart trouble in Washington Friday.

E. L. Cornelius, assistant Sergeant-at-Arms of the United States Senate, was made Sergeant-at-Arms Tuesday to succeed the late Col. Daniel M. Ransdell, of Indianapolis, Ind.

Leonard Lowe, a business man of Huntsville, Ala., was shot and probably fatally wounded at Athens, Ga., by Thad Bray, a watchman at the State College of Agriculture. Mrs. Bray told her husband that Lowe had insulted her.

An official investigation of the factory conditions in New York is said to have revealed the fact that many are unsanitary and that women and children work as long as 111 hours a week. Oklahoma wholesale grocers have declared a boycott on many of the canned goods from New York because of the report.

Governor Mann, of Virginia, has been officially notified by the State Department at Washington of the arrest at Buenos Ayres, Argentina, of William S. Paylor, absconding city treasurer of Danville who left here in July. Investigation developed a shortage in Paylor's accounts with the State of Virginia over \$9,000.

Despite the efforts of his daughter to secure possession of the shot-gun, A. R. Davis, aged seventy-five, shot and killed his son, Hewlett Davis, near Dalton, Ga., Monday. Since separating from his wife two months ago, Davis is said to have ordered his son to stay away from the father's residence. The murderer is a Confederate soldier.

Signatures of the fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence, part of the collection of autographs of Elliott Denforth, late Treasurer of the State of New York, were sold at Philadelphia Friday night for \$15,100. The highest price paid, \$4,600, was for the signature of Button Gwinnett, of Georgia, who was killed in a duel by General Lochnon McIntosh.

Postmaster-General Hitchcock has apportioned 1,600 post-offices having city delivery, \$300,000 of the parcels post appropriation to be used for equipment for the delivery of parcels post business. For the establishment of the parcels post system, the Postmaster-General Hitchcock already has authorized the expenditure of \$180,000 for supplies and equipment.

An investigation into the mileage book regulations of practically all railroads east of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio and Potomac Rivers, was ordered Monday by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Complaint was made by the South Carolina Railroad Commission that existing regulations were discriminatory as between interstate and intrastate traffic.

The old Centerville Inn., at Merrillville, Indiana, built in 1832 by Michon Pierce and a famous stopping place on the old Chicago-Detroit stage route, was destroyed by fire Friday night. Many famous men, including Daniel Webster, John A. Logan and Stephen A. Douglas, had been sheltered in the place. In Civil War times Northern Indiana troops were mustered in at the station.

President Taft, accompanied by his staff and his entire family, will leave for Panama this month on the battleship Arkansas, the largest and fastest ship in the United States Navy. The Arkansas will be accompanied by the battleship Delaware, and the start will be made from Key West between the 13th and 17th of this month. The President and his party probably will spend Christmas at Cristobal.

A Washington, D. C., dispatch announces that an extensive system of Government supervision over wireless telegraphy will become effective to-morrow, four months from the date of the enactment of the law. Plans have been made to carry out the new system, both as to the shore stations and steamships operated by commercial companies and the Army and Navy stations. Government licenses hereafter will be required for all shore stations and for steamers leaving American ports.

Unsparring condemnation of those who would from "misplaced sentimentality or lazy self-interest" cast the Filipinos upon the world in the state of helplessness and before they had acquired the full benefits of American civilization, is a strong feature in the annual report of Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson. Many other subjects of interest are treated in the report, such as the relations of the National Guard to the Army, the improvement in the army tactical methods, the inadequacy of the present reserve law, the crying need of citizenship for the Porto Ricans, the conservation of the National water powers in navigable streams and the advisability of amending the Panama Canal Tolls Act so as to reimpose tolls on American coastwise shipping leaving the water-way.

All persons convicted in the United States Courts and later pardoned or acquitted, would have the right to apply for pecuniary indemnification for defamation of character brought about by their conviction by the terms of the bill introduced by Senator Sutherland. The amount to be paid would be determined by the court of claims, but in no instance could exceed \$5,000.

The big cities in England are making drastic amendments to the saloon laws. Recently Liverpool altered the closing hours for drinking bars from 11 p. m. to 9:30 p. m. Birmingham is now following suit, fixing the opening hour for saloons at 8:30 a. m. instead of 6:00, and the closing hour at 10 p. m. instead of 11:00. Drinking among women being common in Birmingham, it is proposed that nobody under sixteen years and no woman of any age shall be served with drink before noon.

The Department of Agriculture at Washington announces that it will hire "one farm architect," capable of investigating, in the language of the department's specification, "the dwelling requirements of farms, farm families, and household work under varying agricultural, climatic, and economic conditions." He also will report on available materials and architecture of local requirements. Aspirants for the place must have their applications in before January 13.

The Supreme Court of Mississippi has decided the "Jim Crow" law in that State applies to through Pullman cars as well as to day coaches. The decision was given in the case of Miss Pearl Morris, who was recently given a verdict against the Alabama and Vicksburg Railroad for \$15,000, because the railroad's employes refused to eject three negroes from a sleeping car in which she rode. The court held that a \$15,000 verdict was excessive, but suggested a \$2,000 verdict.

The fate of President Taft's judicial appointments now before Congress was the subject of an informal conference Monday by the Senate Judiciary Committee. No formal action was taken on any of the appointments now before the Senate but the Republican Committee members received definite information that the Senate Democrats will probably hold up many appointments of judges and United States District Attorneys in the Southern States, so that the appointments may fall to President Wilson after March 4.

SENATOR CLAPP'S BILL

Would Prohibit Sending of Campaign Funds From One State Into Another.

Washington dispatch, December 7: "Senator Clapp, Chairman of the Committee investigating campaign funds, to-day introduced a bill to prohibit the sending of campaign funds from one State to another, to aid campaigns of candidates for President, Vice-President, Representatives or Senators.

"The measure does not represent the concerted action of the Investigating Committee, but was presented by Chairman Clapp as his suggestion of the remedy for exclusive use of money for campaign purposes.

"In a statement to the Senate, he declared such a law would prevent the 'dumping' of great sums of money into outlying States by wealthy communities like New York.

"This bill is aimed to meet the vice of gathering funds in large centers and then sending them to distant States to influence the election of President, Vice-President, members of Congress or Senators," said Mr. Clapp.

"At his request the bill was referred directly to the Investigating Sub-Committee."

One Witness Says Tobacco Trust Wanted to Hit Consumer.

A New York dispatch of December 9 says:

"The consumer is the man I am after." These words were attributed to James B. Duke, the tobacco jobber, who was a witness to-day in the \$300,000 damage suit brought by John E. Locker, of Brooklyn, against the American Tobacco Company, which is being tried in the United States Court here.

Hillman described a discussion regarding tobacco prices he had with Duke about the time of the organization of the Metropolitan Tobacco Company, which it was claimed was the local selling agent of the American. He said he protested that jobbers could not stand an advance in prices, and Duke replied:

"Raise your price to the retailer. Let the retailer raise his price to the consumer. The consumer is the man I am after. If the retailers won't raise prices, we will establish retail stores of our own."

Counsel for Locker offered to present evidence to show that the American Tobacco Company had conspired to injure independent jobbers, but the court ruled out such testimony.

A Pious Task.

"Johnny, what are you doing?" "Tryin' to learn the fish in this here creek what they'll git if they bite on Sunday."—Houston Post.

State News.

Winston-Salem Tuesday reported the biggest tobacco sales in the history of that town.

The forty-fourth annual session of the Grand Lodge of Colored Masons was held in Asheville this week.

The Supreme Court has decided that an act exempting Duplin County drainage bonds from taxation is illegal.

Victor Graham, of Vance County, was bitten by a mad dog a few days ago. He was taken to Richmond for treatment.

J. M. Rosenblatt died Monday in Greensboro from the effects of ptomaine poisoning. The deceased leaves a wife and six children.

In Alleghany County last week Linville Joines was shot and seriously wounded by G. W. Hoppers. The men were brothers-in-law.

After a strenuous legal battle lasting from Friday the jury in the case of Gernie Kiger vs. the Lillfert-Scales Tobacco Company of Winston Tuesday awarded the plaintiff a verdict for \$4,000. Kiger was suing the company to \$6,000 for the loss of a thumb while in the employ of the company.

In attempting to marry an alleged negro at Woodleaf by the name of Rosa Brown, Will Wilson, hailing from South Carolina, created a stir in Salisbury Saturday and both were landed in jail. The mother of the Brown woman claims that Rosa Brown is half Indian. The mother is a white woman, but says the father of the girl was an Indian.

A monument has been erected at Boone, N. C., on Daniel Boone's old camp site at a cost of \$203.27, contributed by public subscription. This was accomplished through the efforts of W. L. Bryan at Moore.

There are now over 16,000 members in the North Carolina Lodge of Odd Fellows, and an effort is now being made to bring the number up to 20,000 by the time the next annual meeting is held.

Dr. Henry Smith, a physician of Unionville, Union County, was found dead by the roadside near Unionville Friday morning with an empty vial that had contained carbolic acid by his side. He had gotten out of his buggy and tied his horse before drinking the deadly poison. He was a man of good habits enjoyed a good practice and no cause is known for his rash act.

After declaring in the Mecklenburg Superior Court that it was useless to be continually bringing the women of the tenderloin into court, Judge James L. Webb Friday instructed the Charlotte officials hereafter to apprehend all men discovered frequenting the red light district, showing favor to none and exercising their authority without discrimination. The order caused intense interest in Charlotte.

Makes the Nation Gasp.

The awful list of injuries on a Fourth of July staggers humanity. Set over against it, however, is the wonderful healing, by Bucklen's Arnica Salve, of thousands who suffered from burns, cuts, bruises, bullet wounds or explosions. It's the quick healer of boils, ulcers, eczema, sore lips or piles. Twenty-five cents at all druggists.

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