

General News.

The lower House of Congress Thursday passed the Burnett literacy test immigration bill.

President Taft wants Col. George Goethals, builder of the Panama Canal, made governor of the Panama Canal Zone.

President Taft announced Friday that the purpose of his trip to the canal zone was to see if the zone was ready for civil government.

All the money spent on the New York Street cars on Christmas day will go to the street railway employees as a Christmas gift from the companies.

A Chicago policeman was detailed to round up suburban thieves. He met them and departed minus his overcoat, revolver, \$35 watch, \$10 in change, and his pride.

The Argentine Republic is now the largest purchaser from the United States of agricultural machinery and furniture according to Consular reports received in Washington.

The Progressive party has been recognized as the second party in Illinois, replacing the Republican. The Progressives polled more votes than the Republicans in the recent election.

Near Dublin, Ga., a few days ago Mrs. A. L. Lynn, wife of a farmer, shot and killed F. W. Hightower, seventy-five old. The woman alleges that Hightower attempted criminal assault.

Over three hundred merchants in Hoboken, N. J., were swindled out of sums that reach a total of \$15,000 by two men who posed as employees of the Lackawanna Railroad. They used fake pay checks.

Dr. Eugene H. Porter, Commissioner of Health for the State of New York, declares that any health officer neglecting to report a case of communicable disease will be removed.

Secretary of War Stimson has issued orders to the Twenty-fifth Infantry, a negro regiment, and three companies of coast artillery, to proceed to Hawaii during the first week of January.

When Cornelius A. Hartzheim was called as a juror in a case in the Supreme Court of New York Friday he refused to take the oath including the words, "So help me, God." He said he didn't believe in God.

Over \$250,000 has been pledged at Buffalo, N. Y., to carry out an elaborate program of pageantry in celebration of Commodore Perry's victory over the British fleet on Lake Erie one hundred years ago.

In a fight in the hills at Tamato Springs, Col., between a desperado and more than one hundred county officers and citizens, the outlaw was killed, the sheriff was killed, and three others seriously wounded.

President-elect Wilson a few days ago held a conference with Chairman Wm. F. McCombs, in New York, and took up the task of picking his Cabinet. Mr. Daniels, or Raleigh, had his pleaders on hand to present his case.

More than 120,000 volumes and pamphlets have been added to the Library of Congress during the present year, according to the report submitted to Congress. The total number has now passed the two-million mark.

Following an arrangement with Attorney-General Wickersham, the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads will appeal to the Supreme Court for instructions on how to work out the dissolution plan decreed by the court.

United States Commissioner of Education, P. P. Claxton, protests against a too frequent change in rural teachers. The average teacher does not stay in one place long enough to get acquainted with his pupils, he thinks.

President Woodrow Wilson has sent word to Staunton, Va., that he would arrive there Friday, December 27, to celebrate his fifty-sixth birthday, on December 28, in his native city, and be entertained in the house of his birth.

Bertha J. Bowers, editor of The Creston Plain Dealer of Creston, Iowa, has instituted suit for \$20,000 damages for libel against State Senator-elect C. H. Thomas. She alleges Thomas called her a liar and other unladylike names.

Capt. W. H. Van Schaick, commander of the excursion steamer "General Slocum," burned in the East River, New York, June 15, 1904, and with a loss of nearly 1,200 lives and who was sentenced by a New York court to ten years in the penitentiary for criminal negligence in connection with the catastrophe, has been granted a full pardon by President Taft. The pardon will become effective Christmas day.

Cotton ginned in the United States prior to December 13 amounted to 12,424,853 bales, counting round as half bales, according to the Census Bureau's seventh ginning report, issued Friday.

John S. Huyler, young son of the late John E. Huyler, the candy manufacturer, had both legs crushed to the knee by falling beneath a Lackawanna train at Hackensack, N. J. He failed to rally from the necessary amputation, and died in a Morrisville hospital.

Colorado's electoral vote of Woodrow Wilson will be cast by Mrs. Gertrude A. Lee, of Denver, Vice-Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee. This will be the first time in the history of the United States that a woman has performed such duties.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has refused to order lower furniture rates from North Carolina to points west of the Mississippi River. The Commission declared in a decision made public recently that it has not been shown that existing rates are unreasonable.

Secretary Meyer Friday signed the contract plans for the biggest battleship in the world, the super-dreadnought Pennsylvania, authorized in the late session of Congress. The Pennsylvania will cost, exclusive of armor and armament, \$7,425,000, and completed, \$15,000,000.

Former Magistrate Charles Wallen, of New York, Friday served notice on District Attorney Whitman of an appeal on the part of the four "gun men," who were sentenced to die early in January for the murder of Herman Rosenthal. The notice will automatically stay the execution till the appeal is disposed of.

The bodies of Horace Kearney, an aviator, and Chester Lawrence, a newspaper man, who started to fly from Los Angeles to San Francisco a few days ago, were found Friday. One body was found a mile out at sea, while the other body was found on the beach near Los Angeles.

Virginia officials have been requested to arrest Rev. W. J. Hubbard, of Charleston, W. Va., charged with criminal relations with an eleven-year-old inmate of the Davis Childs Shelter, of Charleston, of which institution Hubbard was superintendent until a few days ago.

Four auto bandits attacked the two paymasters of the Silk Manufacturing Company of America in New York Saturday, beat them into unconsciousness, robbed them of \$1,200, the weekly pay-roll, then jumped into an automobile and escaped. A dozen pedestrians saw the robbery.

Twenty-two billion two hundred and forty-five million dollars are controlled directly by J. Pierpont Morgan, according to information that leaked out at the money trust investigation in Washington a few days ago. He controls twenty-two times the amount of the annual revenue of the United States.

Most of the standing army officers in the United States have been ordered to be in Washington, January 8, for an important conference to arrange the details of the extensive plan of reorganization of the army. This will be the last important act concerning the army, the retiring administration will undertake.

Lima, Peru, cables that an attempt was made Sunday by the populace of the Putumayo to lynch the two judicial commissioners, Senor Valcarcel and Dr. Romulo Paredes, appointed by the Peruvian Government to investigate the atrocities in the rubber fields made public by Sir Roger Casement, British Consul-General.

Work of setting up the big popular Christmas tree in the Madison Square, New York, which will be an outdoor novelty during the holidays, was begun several days ago. The tree is so big that it took a four-horse steel girder truck to haul it to the square. It is 60 feet high, 18 inches in diameter, and its lower branches have a sweep of 20 feet.

Jack Johnson, the negro puglist, of Chicago, who is at liberty on a \$30,000 bond on a charge of violating the federal white slave act, has purchased as a Christmas present for his white wife, formerly Lucile Cameron, a home in the heart of the exclusive Lake Geneva summer resort. Nearly all of the houses in the neighborhood are owned by Chicago millionaires.

Mrs. Eva Walls Bailey, of Shreveport, La., convicted of having attempted to poison her husband, C. C. Bailey, a wealthy lumberman, a week before he was clubbed to death by A. L. Watson, an employe, was sentenced to five years in State's prison. Watson was convicted of murder several weeks ago and was sentenced to be hanged. Confessions were read at the trials of Watson and Mrs. Bailey indicating that the two had plotted to dispose of both the lumberman and Watson's wife that they might be married. Mrs. Watson died several weeks before Bailey was killed.

Ensign Fitzhugh Green, U. S. N., has been detailed to accompany the "Crocker land expedition" to the arctic region which sets out next July and he will act as photographer and physiographer.

Twenty-two of the twenty-seven of the crew of the Furness Liner Steamer Florence from Halifax, N. S., for St. Johns, lost their lives in the wreck of the vessel on the ledges near St. Johns, N. F., during a gale last Friday. Five survivors, who reached land in a boat, brought the news of the disaster.

The termination of the Russian treaty, abrogated by Congress because of Russia's attitude upon the passport questions, which becomes effective January 1, leaves the two nations, for the first time in eighty years, without an agreement to govern their trade relations and presents a situation unprecedented.

J. H. Logue, a prominent diamond merchant of Chicago, was murdered Friday in his place of business in the center of the shopping district. Logue's body was cut to pieces.

Three men were killed and several badly scalded when a boiler in the saw mill at Edgefield, S. C. exploded Friday. William Burton, owner of the plant, is said to have been fatally scalded.

Several hundred Government officials, historians, political economists, sociologists, journalists and teachers from all over the country will be in Boston for the last five days of the month, when the American Historical Association will be in session. Colonel Roosevelt, as president of the association, will deliver an address Friday night on "History as Literature."

A plot to dynamite the Denver mint, where approximately \$500,000,000 is stored, was frustrated by the discovery of the plans two weeks ago, it was learned Friday, and as a result of the anonymous threat to dynamite the Denver Mint Director George E. Roberts has warned the superintendents of all the mints in the country to observe rigid measures of precaution against violence.

Miss Mary Boland, of Scranton, Pa., a witness before the United States Senate for Judge Robert W. Hobbs, of the Commerce Court, who is on trial for impeachment for alleged misuse of his judicial power, is the first woman to appear before the Senate since 1905. In that year another testified at the impeachment trial of Judge Swayne, of Florida.

A negro was taken from the city jail at Norway, near Columbia, S. C., Friday night and lynched. Not more than six men are believed to have been implicated in the lynching. The motive that led to the lynching is thus far a mystery. The only crime charged against the negro was obtaining goods under false pretenses and his employers had settled the case before the tragedy.

Great Britain tendered a battleship to convey the remains of Ambassador Reid to the United States. The steamer Natal left Portsmouth on Saturday. There was a military escort for the body from Dorchester House to Victoria Station. A memorial service was read in Westminster Abbey Friday which followed mainly along the lines of the service conducted for the late King Edward. Two American naval vessels will meet the British ship off Nantucket and escort her to New York.

Florida's "blue laws" are being rigidly enforced in Miami. The sheriff, according to the demands of the civic league and individuals, has decided to compel strict observance of the Sunday closing law. All stores, peanut stands, theatres, ice factories and other places are closed on Sunday. The telephone exchange and the electric light plant have been ordered to shut down and no boats or street hacks will be allowed to operate for hire. The water-works plant alone is exempted from the Sunday closing law.

In an effort to discover the cause of the high mortality among children in the United States the children's bureau of the Department of Commerce and Labor at Washington will begin the new year with a Nationwide house-to-house canvass. The information gathered will be studied in the hope that some remedy may be found. Mortality among children is higher in this than most other countries. Women investigators will be employed for the most part, according to Miss Julia Lathrop, chief of the bureau.

President Taft will make his permanent residence in New Haven, Conn., when he takes up the duties of the Kent professorship at Yale College next spring. In connection with the professorship, it is understood that at the next meeting of the corporation the tender of the professorship will be formally made and will be accepted by President Taft. Besides filling the duties of Kent professorship, the President will lecture on international and constitutional law in the Law School and University, ranking as a faculty member and full professor, and will be entitled to a salary to be fixed hereafter, aside from the income from the Kent Foundation.

State News.

Senator Overman underwent an operation for appendicitis in Washington Friday afternoon.

Mr. J. G. Barentine, a prominent retired business man of Wilmington, died Saturday of heart trouble.

Charlie Staten, a young colored boy, was run down and killed by an automobile at Kinston last Saturday.

Mr. A. Jones Mitchell, of the Virginia Carolina Chemical Company, died at his home in New Bern Friday night.

Mrs. Abram Russell, who lived in Montgomery County, was shot accidentally by a small boy a few days ago and died of the wound the following day.

Aaron Stackhouse and Henry Lilly, of Maxton, had some trouble a few days ago over a pint of liquor. Stackhouse killed Lilly and made his escape.

E. L. Pickard, one of the highway engineers of the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey, died very suddenly at his home near Burlington, December 20.

Wm. Norwood Pope, the eight-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pope, of Fayetteville, was fatally burned a few days ago. The child's clothing caught from an open fire-place.

The body of Nicholas Mitchell, of Wilmington, was found in the Cape Fear River Saturday at the foot of Dock street. He had been missing two weeks, and it is the general opinion that he committed suicide.

Governor-elect Locke Craig has announced immediately following his inauguration in January he would appoint Maj. Lawrence W. Young, of Asheville, as Adjutant General of the North Carolina National Guard.

At a corn shucking in Gardner's township, Wilson County, Thursday night, Cleveland Farmer shot to death Charles Skinner. Immediately after the shooting Farmer went to Wilson and took a northbound train.

Milton Creech, a farmer of Lenoir County, is at the point of death in a Kinston hospital, as the result of a wound received in an encounter with Leon J. Sutton, another farmer. Sutton is under bond for his appearance in court.

The following postoffices in North Carolina have been transferred from the fourth to the presidential class: Bessemer City, with a salary of \$1,100; Cherryville, \$1,000; East Durham, \$1,100; Fremont, \$1,000; Rose Hill, \$1,000.

City Alderman J. J. Maloney, of Fayetteville, was seriously burned Saturday afternoon while acting as Santa Claus at a Christmas tree at a school. A quantity of cotton on his person caught fire and he was seriously burned.

The warehouse reports at Winston-Salem show that over five million pounds of leaf tobacco had been sold on that market from December 1 to 21. Over seventeen million pounds have been sold on that market since the season opened August 1.

Dr. Thos. N. Ivey, for a number of years editor of the Raleigh Christian Advocate, underwent an operation for appendicitis at Statesville a few days ago. Dr. Ivey's home is in Nashville, Tenn., but was taken ill while in this State attending the Methodist Conference.

The Wadesboro Messenger says Miss Henrietta Treadway jumped into the well of Mr. George Brower, about two miles from Wadesboro, and was drowned before she could be rescued. She was about forty years old and had been in poor health for some time.

Mr. John D. Meares, of Wilson, died suddenly at his home in that city Thursday. His death is attributed to heart trouble. Mr. Meares was fifty-five years old and was formerly a prominent politician of the county. He leaves a wife and three children.

Kernersville, Forsyth County, was visited by a disastrous fire a few days ago. The hotel and a store building adjoining were burned. Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Marsh, of Richmond, Va., had eight trunks in the hotel. They contained much valuable silver and glass ware, etc., wedding presents, all of which were lost.

John Henderson, a negro blind tiger, confessed in Buncombe Superior Court that he had sold liquor to Ed. B. Swinney, who was killed recently. Henderson was sentenced to eighteen months on the roads. If Henderson had not seen ghosts he would have gained his liberty. The solicitor could not secure sufficient evidence to convict and had offered to not pros the case. The judge asked Henderson if he was guilty of selling liquor to Swinney, for if he was the dead man's ghost would rise up to haunt him. Henderson saw the ghost and plead guilty to retailing.

William Finley Blair's story of the encounter between himself and George G. Thompson in the solitude of Blair's home in Greensboro on October 29, a struggle which ended in Thompson's death after five bullets had been pumped into him, was accepted by a Guilford County jury Friday after a deliberation of twelve hours and forty minutes, returned a verdict of not guilty. Blair was chief clerk to Thompson in the Division Freight Office of the Southern.

Asheville School Boy Stood Two Teachers at Bay Until Policeman Arrived.

An Asheville, N. C., dispatch says: "James Boyd, a ten-year-old, succeeded in thoroughly terrorizing the Murray School here yesterday, drawing an ugly-looking knife and for nearly half an hour holding at bay both his teacher and the principal of the school. A policeman was finally called into the school and took the boy to the station house, where he was locked up on the charge of attempted assault with a knife."

"The boy misbehaved during the afternoon, and when his teacher went to correct him, the youngster backed up in a corner, drew an ugly-looking knife and remarked that he did not propose to be corrected by any woman. The teacher was non-plussed by his attitude, and when he refused to drop the knife at her command, she called on the principal of the school. The principal came in determined to teach the boy a lesson, but she, too, decided not to get in close quarters."

"The sight of the bluecoat and brass buttons took all the fight out of Jimmie as soon as the policeman arrived on the scene and he cried bitterly as he was taken to police headquarters."

N. C. BRINGS SUIT. Against Three Railroads For Discriminating in Freight Rates—Following Action of Interstate Commerce Commission.

Three suits against the Southern Railway, Norfolk and Western Railway, Chesapeake and Ohio, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis, likewise against the Seaboard, the New York, Philadelphia, and Norfolk Railroad, New York, New Haven and Hartford, the Pennsylvania, and a third against the Southern and its connecting lines, were instituted Friday by the Corporation Commission.

These suits attack especially the local rates from Lynchburg to Greensboro and the rates from western cities to Greensboro, from Lynchburg to Winston-Salem and from Lynchburg to Durham; from the eastern cities, Boston, New York and others, to all North Carolina territory, with Charlotte as the point of illustration; and from all western points to all points included between Paint Rock, North Carolina, to Greensboro.

The first of the suits is partly based upon the finding of the interstate commerce commission against those lines involving the rates to Winston-Salem and Durham. In that instance the commission found that the local rates from Lynchburg to Winston-Salem and from Lynchburg to Durham, were excessive.

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