

General News.

Samuel Horowitz, a New York tailor, was fined \$50 for burning rats which he caught in his shop.

Among the 49,000 employees in the Panama Canal zone, only forty-eight deaths occurred in December. The death rate for 1912 was 25.46 a thousand.

William Rockefeller was examined by the physician of the money trust committee Monday at Miami, and was found to be able to testify before the committee.

The rivers and harbors bill, carrying appropriations for the inland waterway from Norfolk to Beaufort and for the Cape Fear River, was reported to the House Monday.

The Laymen's Missionary Convention of Southern Baptist will open at Chattanooga, Tenn., February 4th for a session of three days. More than two thousand laymen and at least one thousand ministers are expected to attend.

A social worker and an investigator for the New York Labor Department appeared before the House Rules Committee in Washington Saturday and presented an awful picture of conditions in the canning camps of New York State.

Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Secretary, and the Ambassadors of the Powers, are still making valiant efforts to bring about a settlement between Turkey and the Balkan allies, but with little result.

Fear that any reduction in the metal tariff rates would subject American manufacturers to an invasion of foreign producers was the burden of the arguments offered at the hearings on the metal schedule in Washington Friday.

Jack Johnson, the negro pugilist, now under heavy bond for violating the white slave law, was arrested at Battle Creek, Michigan, Tuesday while he was en route to Canada in company with his white wife.

George F. Baker, chairman of the board of directors of the First National Bank of New York, Thursday told the money trust committee that the institution had made profits amounting to more than eighty million since its organization, and declared dividends of 226 per cent in the past four years.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Taylor, parents of Milton Taylor, who was killed last July while leading a degree team in initiating Furman Bagwell into the mysteries of the World at Benson, S. C., have instituted an action against the Benson camp for damages in the amount of \$20,000.

WOOD AND SILK SCHEDULES.

House Committee is Told That No Free Trade is Wanted.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 13.—Free rough and dressed lumber, hewn and squared timber, shingles, laths and fence post, retention of approximately the present high tariff on the higher grades of silk and reductions in the cheaper silks used by the common people and a penalizing, drastic tariff bar to shut out "dynamited" silk, were indicated today as parts of the expected Democratic revision program.

The House Committee on Ways and Means devoted the day to hearings on wood and silk schedules of the tariff law and when the testimony and examinations were closed the sentiment favored the inclusion of these provisions possibly together with free meats, in the tentative plan the committee will frame to submit to the extra session of Congress.

The burden of the testimony on the wood schedule was a plea for the preservation of the present rates.

Girl Gives Her Blood to Save Father's Life.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 14.—When the surgeons decided to-day that to save the life of the Rev. Dr. William Meade Clark, of St. James' Episcopal Church, this city, formerly rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, N. C., who had been weakened by several hemorrhages of the stomach, additional blood would have to be injected into his system, Miss Emily Clark, his eighteen-year-old daughter, quickly volunteered to allow them to transfuse as much of her blood as they needed. Soon afterward, she was on the operating table beside her father, giving up her life fluid in an effort to restore him to health and strength. To-night, both father and daughter were reported to be resting comfortably at the hospital.

ONE PATRONAGE MEASURE FAILS.

Attempt to Revoke Taft's Order Placing 30,000 Postmasters Under Civil Service Fails to Pass House.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 14.—An attempt to revoke President Taft's recent order placing fourth-class postmasters under the classified civil service and to remove from classification assistant postmasters and clerks in first and second-class post-offices by an amendment to the post-office appropriation bill failed in the House to-day. The bill, carrying \$278,459,781, was passed.

The amendment offered by Representative Cullop, of Indiana, provided for the revocation of the executive order of October 15, 1912, by which President Taft exempted some 30,000 fourth-class postmasters from the "political job" class and of the order of September 30, 1910, which classified assistant postmasters and postal clerks in first and second-class offices, was defeated on a roll-call vote, 141 to 106. The Republicans voted practically solid against the amendment, and they were joined by many Democrats.

An amendment proposed by Representative Bartlett, of Georgia, however, prohibiting the payment of per diem expenses to post-office inspectors engaged in investigating and recommending applicants for positions as fourth-class postmasters under the new order, was incorporated in the bill by a vote of 129 to 114.

An attempt was made by Representative Murdock, of Kansas, aided by Representative Hosbon, of Alabama, to place in the bill an amendment to prevent the carrying through the mails of publications printing liquor advertisements, into prohibition States. The proposal was voted down in committee of the whole, and was voted out of order when the bill appeared in the House. The bill shows an increase of about \$7,000,000 over the postal appropriations for the present year, due, in part, to the expense of the parcels post.

FIRST PEACE CONFERENCE ENDS

Turkey Still Has One More Chance for Peace—If Not Accepted, Fighting Will Begin in Ninety Days.

London, Jan. 14.—Unless unforeseen events should change the current of affairs, the Turkish-Balkan War in the near East will be resumed within a week and Europe will witness the horrors of a winter campaign.

The Allies have firmly made up their minds to take up arms a second time. The Turks last week were threatening to leave London and let matters take whatever course they might. Now the Balkan delegates are convinced the Turks are merely drifting without a fixed policy, and they have decided to end the seemingly fruitless debates and wire pulling and begin battles anew, where they left off more than a month ago.

Mild Note Presented.

The Ottoman Government failed to convene the Grand Council to-day and apparently has no intention of meeting the Allies' ultimatum concerning Adrianople. The Allies do not believe in the efficacy of the note, which the Powers will present at Constantinople, because, couched in too mild terms, it simply advises Turkey to submit to the fate of war and abandon Adrianople for fear of complications in other parts of the Empire at a time when Turkey could not find moral or financial support in Europe.

Anxious For Relief.

The Balkan Kingdoms, moreover, are anxious to obtain relief from the heavy burdens of keeping their armies on a war footing indefinitely. Wishing, however, to observe all the diplomatic courtesies, they have given the Powers a reasonable time to agree on the note, frame it and present it to Turkey. But this once done, if Turkey fails to yield, they are determined to act.

Their Governments have agreed to call another sitting of the conference through Sir Edward Grey or Rechad Pasha, who, according to the rotation followed, would be the next presiding officer.

Immediately afterwards, Sofia, Belgrade and Cetinje will denounce the armistice, and the Servian, Bulgarian and Montenegrin commanders will notify the Turkish headquarters that hostilities will be resumed within ninety-six hours.

Will Force Turkey to Cede.

The Allies say it is easy to predict the course of events. After they have stormed Tehtatalja, they prophesy, Turkey will be ready to cede Adrianople, just as after the Italians landed in Tripoli she offered to make concessions which previously she had strenuously refused and as after the victories of the Balkan States, she consented to grant reforms they had vainly asked for thirty-four years.

After their second resort to arms, the Balkan delegates assert, their peace terms will be different from those Turkey is now rejecting. They declare that Bulgaria will not be satisfied with a frontier line from Rodosto to Midia, but will draw it just before the gates of Constantinople and they suggest a war indemnity of \$200,000,000 or more.

The diplomats consider the outlook for Turkey also of the gloomiest character. Kiamil Pasha's resignation as grand vizier may be the next

development. That would be likely to be followed by anarchy. The country already is hard-pressed for money and the condition and spirit of the army are matters of doubt.

SOUTHERN STATES LEAD.

Ahead of All Other Sections in Cotton Mill Development in 1912.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 13.—President Finley, of the Southern Railway Company, commenting to-day upon the record of cotton mill construction during the calendar year 1912, said:

"The Southeastern States led all other sections of the country in cotton mill development in 1912. There were thirty-seven new mills built in the United States during the year. Of these, twenty were in the Southeastern States. Out of 533,100 new spindles, 427,000, or 80 per cent, were in Southeastern mills, and out of 9,774 new looms, 6,450, or 66 per cent, were in Southeastern mills. These figures refer only to new mills and take no account of the large additions made during the year to existing plants by which the manufacturing capacity of the section was largely increased. The aggregate increase has been so great as practically to insure the maintenance of the record made by the cotton-producing States in the year ended August 31, 1912, when the mills of the South consumed more cotton than those of all other sections of the United States."

Murderer of Rosenthal Was to be Reinstated in Church.

A New York dispatch of January 15 says:

Father James Curry, of St. James' Church, in Oliver street, confirms the story that Charles Becker, now in a death cell at Sing Sing, has made application to return to the Roman Catholic Church. Father Curry adds that he thinks the way can be paved and the application granted.

It was reported from Ossining that Becker and his wife, who is now in the Woman's Hospital, Amsterdam avenue and 106th street, expecting the birth of a child, want to be reinstated in the church, not only for themselves, but because of the coming baby. Father Curry will not say that unless the dispensation is granted the child, by the laws of the church, will not be regarded as legitimate, the marriage of the parents in the eyes of the church being invalid. The marriage a few years ago excommunicated both from the Catholic Church, Becker's former wife having divorced him and being still alive. The present Mrs. Becker was a Catholic, as well as her husband. When the two were married they were automatically excommunicated.

If You Avoid Four D's in Conversation You Won't Be a Bore.

(Savannah News.)

"Don't be a bore," advises Mrs. Wickersham, wife of the Attorney-General of the United States. "You will never be a bore," she says, "if you avoid the four D's—disease, descendants, domestic, and dress. The first does away with 'organ recitals.' The second eliminates the baby, no matter how cute, and one's forbears, no matter how distinguished. The third removes Bridget and all her works. The fourth puts the dress-maker and tailor out of the running." Mrs. Wickersham's advice equals if it does not excel the quality of that dispensed by her husband and has made quite a noticeable change for the better in Washington social chat. No doubt the elimination of the proscribed subjects put many at a loss for something to talk about at first, but the ultimate result cannot fail to be beneficial.

Parcel Post Aviator Makes Successful Trip From Boston to Providence.

Providence, R. I., Jan. 13.—Harry Jones, the first parcels post aviator, alighted in his biplane in the Providence baseball park at 3:10 this afternoon after a flight of sixty-four minutes from Boston. He delivered the parcels post packages addressed to this city and collected those which he will take with him to-morrow when he starts for New York.

"The flight was a success," he said, "but it was so cold that I feared my hands would be frozen. I will start for New York to-morrow."

Amundsen Honored as Discoverer of South Pole.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 11.—Captain Roald Amundsen, the noted Norwegian explorer, was formally recognized for the first time in the United States tonight as the discoverer of the South Pole and honored for his achievement with a special gold medal by the National Geographic Society at its annual banquet where he was the guest of honor. Beside Captain Amundsen sat Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary, U. S. A., retired, to whom the Society two years ago gave a similar medal, recognizing him as the discoverer of the North Pole.

Republican and Democratic Politicians Kiss.

Sisterly love was demonstrated in the Colorado Legislature when Agnes Riddle, Representative of the Lower House, a Republican, publicly kissed Senator Helen Ring Robinson, Democratic member of the Upper House, and wished her a Happy New Year.—Exchange.

State News.

The board of aldermen of Burlington will petition the Legislature for the commission form of government for that town.

Mr. Frank Brantley, who lived near Washington, N. C., was accidentally killed a few days ago by his brother Royall, who was promiscuously handling an "unloaded" gun.

The fifteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Rotherrock, of Davidson County, was shot and killed by a charge from his own gun while he was out hunting with his brother and a few friends last Monday.

The trial of William Sides, of Greensboro, charged with manslaughter in connection with the automobile accident last week that cost young Royall his life, has been continued until next Tuesday.

The city aldermen of Charlotte have voted against the commission form of government, but it is understood the progressive citizens of that town will make an effort to secure the change over the heads of the aldermen.

The Lenoir News says that Arthur Hollar, who shot and killed Noah Mathis at Rhodhiss, Caldwell County, last Saturday, surrendered to the police and is in jail. Hollar was shooting at a man named Teague when he killed Mathis.

The Statesville Landmark says that in Beaufort County a few days ago Virgil Clark accidentally shot Wilson Edwards in the foot. Both colored. Edwards was put on a horse and started to a doctor. En route the horse ridden by Edwards dropped dead in front of a church and greatly excited the congregation. A physician dressed Edwards' wounds but he died of lockjaw.

A Goldsboro dispatch Tuesday says that Clifton Pearson, the seventeen-year-old son of Willie Pearson, who lived about a mile from Scottville, was found Sunday night about 11 o'clock, lying beside the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad in an unconscious condition, with his left eye blood-shot, and a large scar on his forehead. It is supposed that he fell or was knocked off the train, being as yet unable to give an account of the accident.

Fatal Shooting Affair Near Washington.

Washington, N. C., Jan. 14.—With a terrible gasp in his cheek by a bullet from the pistol of Roomie Stevens, a jealous husband, Robert L. Thomas, of Thomasville, N. C., in turn fired upon his assailant, killing him instantly. After shooting Thomas, and before his fire could be returned, Stevens shot his wife, inflicting probably fatal wounds. Young Thomas is an electrician, having lived here for the past six years. The husband believing Thomas too friendly with his wife, had threatened both. The shooting occurred late yesterday afternoon.

Asheville Detective Arrested for the Third Time for Selling Whiskey.

An Asheville dispatch of January 10th says: "For the third time within the past two days, Daniel S. Reed, the alleged detective whose operations are said to be responsible for the late exodus of 'blind tigers' from Asheville, was yesterday arrested on the charge of selling whiskey. The latest warrant against Reed charges him with the sale of a pint of whiskey to Jeter Greenwood, of the Big Ivy section. The sale is alleged to have occurred on election day. "Only the day before Reed was arrested on affidavits made by James Whitaker and Thomas McMahon charging him with selling them each a pint of whiskey, and on these charges he is held to Superior Court under bond of \$500. Reed has been employed by the Good Government League of Asheville."

Wants to Try Time Clock on Superior Court Judges.

How would it do to try the time clock on the Superior Court Judges? A system of this sort would get the maximum of work out of them and would probably make unnecessary any legislation looking to an increase in the number of judges. New York lawyers have sprung the time clock idea on the Supreme Court judges of that State. The charge was made that these judges could do much more work than they had been doing were they to apply themselves to business, so the clerks have been provided with blanks to keep tab on the judges. These clerks are to keep a record of every case tried by each judge, the time consumed, number of disagreements, defaults, continuances, dismissals, and the like. In other words, it is arranged to make each judge account for every hour of his time. This system is calculated to hold a judge strictly to business and from all accounts, that seems to be the thing needed. There are some judges in North Carolina who would not mind it a bit. There may be some who would not like it, to speak of.—Charlotte Observer.

Dog Meat As a Diet.

A dispatch from Berlin says the eating of dog meat throughout Germany is rapidly on the increase. Although this increase is due in a great measure to the high cost of living, it seems that in Saxony the poorer people have acquired the taste for "man's most faithful friend." This State leads all others in Germany in this regard. At Chemnitz there are numerous restaurants where only dog meat is sold and it is indicated as dog meat on the menu. In this section also there is a superstition that the fat of the dog has something to do with the curing pulmonary tuberculosis.—Statesville Landmark.

To Make Him Useful.

It is said that when Wilson gets in the Presidential chair precedent will be broken by inviting the Vice-President-elect to sit with the Cabinet. There seems to be a growing sentiment in favor of making the Vice-President earn his salary. It's very well. Uncle Sam should get service in return for salary. Another thing, if they permit the Vice-President to sit at the Cabinet table, pretty soon it will get so one can remember the Vice-President's name a month or so after he is elected.—New Bern Journal.

Negress Dies From Sting of a Wasp.

Rachel Cox, an aged negress, died at her home in Pitt County from an unusual cause. The old woman, who was a relic of ante-bellum times and known throughout the country-side as "auntie," was stung by a wasp several months ago and came near bleeding to death at the time, the insect's sting entering a blood vessel in her ankle. She had been lingering since, suffering intensely.

Cabarrus Negro Dies Leaving an Estate Worth \$100,000.

H. L. Lord, the wealthy negro who died at his home in Bluefield, W. Va., a short time ago was a native of Cabarrus County. Lord was born and reared in No. 9 Township, near the Phoenix mine. He left here thirteen years ago, going to Bluefield, W. Va. At the time he left he was forced to borrow money to pay his railroad fare. Soon after going to Bluefield he opened a small store with the money he had saved from working in the mines. His business grew and in a short time he had a large stock and traded extensively. When he died several weeks ago his estate was appraised at \$100,000. He was married and his family now live in Bluefield. His mother lives in No. 9 Township.—Concord Tribune.

Got to Have More Jobs for the Faithful.

So they are going to create eight more judgeships and eight more solicitorships. Got to have more jobs for the faithful. But we'll bet a mule no law will be introduced to provide better pay for jurors, witnesses, and justices of the peace. Who cares for them, anyhow. All they are fit for is to vote and pay the heavy tax bills and smile and swear they like it. So think the politicians who run the government.

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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