

General News.

Grief-stricken because of the death of her husband, Mrs. Guy Reichtmyer of Lebanon, Missouri, killed her two small daughters and herself.

President-elect Wilson Monday accepted the offer of Princeton students to escort him from his home at Princeton to the White House on the day he is inaugurated.

The Tennessee Legislature has extended an invitation to William J. Bryan, Oscar Underwood, and Ollie James to address the two Houses in joint session at some time in the near future on any subject they may select.

The Supreme Court of the United States has dismissed the appeal of Jack Johnson, the negro pugilist, indicted in Chicago, on the charge of violating the Federal white slave law. The appeal was taken from the Federal Court's decision in Northern Illinois, which refused to release him on habeas corpus proceedings.

John Paul Farrell, a New York janitor, confessed Tuesday that he sent Bernard Herrera the bomb last Sunday which caused the death of Mrs. Herrera and serious injury to Herrera. Then Farrell astonished the police by calmly reciting that he sent the bomb which killed Mrs. Heelen Taylor a year ago, and added that she was his daughter. Next Farrell solved the mystery surrounding the sending of a bomb last year to Judge Otto Rosalsky.

A dispatch from New Haven, Conn., says that since the opening of the parcel post a noticeable decrease in business has been shown by the private express companies in that city and the Adams Company has discharged twenty-eight employes from the main office and twelve from a branch office. There is also a decrease in the number of carrying wagons, while the postoffices have been compelled to add several clerks and to make collections by specially engaged trucks in some instances.—Exchange.

SUFFRAGETTES STILL RIOTOUS.

England Fears the Militants May Resort to Incendiarism—Lords in Parliament Are Panic-Stricken.

A cablegram from London under date of Saturday says: "Suffragettes to-day smashed with stones a glass cover of one of the cases in the jewel room of the tower of London where the crown jewels are kept. They were arrested. This attack is in line with militant purpose to attack all Government buildings.

"Lords in Parliament are panic-stricken because of the militant methods of suffragettes and seldom venture into the streets without a body-guard. Their homes are protected night and day by specially assigned police who have been warned to prevent incendiary fires or other damage.

"Alarmed by rumors that his child would be kidnaped, Winston Churchill has four police constantly on guard outside his house. The Churchill baby is followed by plain clothes men from Scotland Yard when the nurse takes the child for an airing.

"Incendiary fires, however, are most feared by the authorities. They firmly believe an attempt will be made to burn the principle Government buildings. The force of night policemen in the neighborhood of Westminster has been double in consequence."

\$1,500,000 FIRE IN SAVANNAH

River Front for Two Blocks Entirely Destroyed.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 3.—Damage estimated at \$1,500,000 resulted early yesterday from a fire of unknown origin, which swept the Savannah River front for two blocks destroying the wharves of the Merchants' and Miners' Transportation Company, several warehouses and the Planters' Rice Mill.

The blaze was discovered shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday morning in a shed on the eastern end of the wharves. All the available fire apparatus in the city responded to the general alarm and every effort was made to check the conflagration, with the assistance of fire tugs in the river. The flames spread from the Ogeechee Canal east to within 150 feet of Broad Street, threatening many business structures and shipping. After fighting the flames for hours the fire finally was gotten under control without loss of life. Several firemen were slightly injured but none seriously.

The greatest loss was sustained by the Central of Georgia Railway Company, owners of the Merchants' and Miners' terminals and the Merchants' and Miners' freight which was stored in the warehouses. The loss to this company is estimated at \$600,000, covered by insurance.

Hoboes Hobnail Howe.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 1.—James Eads How, of St. Louis, the self-styled "millionaire hobo leader," who first organized the "Migratory Workers of the World," and called the first national hobo convention,

was repudiated as a leader of the hoboes in convention here to-day. How tried to inject Socialism into the proceedings and the "hoboes" finally tired of his propaganda and to-day the former leader was "squashed" and told to get out.

Tired of How and the monotonous fight between him and President Jeff Davis over the question of Socialism, the hoboes broke up the convention of the "International Brotherhood Welfare Association," threw How and his principles out and organized a "hobo mass meeting."

After appropriating one dollar for the purchase of tobacco for the hoboes confined in the parish prison and in the house of detention, the convention adjourned to meet in the open air on the river front Sunday afternoon. Jeff Davis said that the convention probably would continue for three days.

John D. Pockets the Change.

New York, Feb. 3.—John D. Rockefeller is \$10,000,000 richer to-day than he was yesterday. Of a special dividend declared to-day by the Standard Oil Company, of New Jersey, this amount approximately represents his share of a total distribution of \$39,332,000 on the company's capital stock, at the rate of \$40 a share.

The huge "melon" comes as a result, it was indicated in a statement given out by the company of the Supreme Court dissolution decree. This necessitates the payment to the parent company of vast sums owed to it by the former subsidiaries.

It was explained that this dividend represented moneys owed to the company by its subsidiaries at the time of the dissolution.

A VOICE FROM THE BENCH.

There is a Cause, and Reform Will Come Either From Within or Without.

(Washington (D. C.) Times.

Justice Wesley O. Howard, of the appellate bench of New York, has raised from his place on the bench a voice of sympathy for the current criticism of judicial methods. Justice Howard will be understood by the rank and file of people who believe and demand that substantial justice should be done as among all classes of people. His utterances will perchance sound extreme and dangerous to those people who see nothing to criticize in the administration of justice by our courts. But his acclamations will be the vast majority of sincere thinkers.

After citing instances of inequitable treatment of rich and poor at the hands of the courts, whereby great malefactors escape with inadequate sentences while unfortunates without social or financial influence suffer extreme penalties, Justice Howard proceeded:

"The people are becoming impatient with these discrepancies of justice, and they are demanding with a louder voice each day that there be reform. It is not well to scoff at the mutterings of the people; there is much reason for it. . . . Unless the judges act, the people will act; if they do not resort to the recall, they will revise the Constitution and create new courts—courts that will do rough justice; courts to do summary justice; courts close to the common people; courts without technicalities, sophistry, and delay, and where substantial right prevails."

Which means that unless reform comes from the inside, it will be imposed from the outside. And it is all true. Fortunately, Justice Howard is not alone among jurists, a number of whom recently have sounded similarly sensible warnings.

Assistant Postmaster at Keyser Charged With Defaulting.

A special from Carthage, N. C., to Sunday's Charlotte Observer says:

"Glenn H. Keith, assistant postmaster at Keyser, was tried here to-day before United States Commissioner J. T. Copeland on the charge of default of money order funds. The amount alleged to be short is about \$1,200.

"Postoffice Inspector W. F. Chester is said to have discovered the shortage at a recent inspection of the office. District Attorney Seawell prosecuted and the defendant was represented by Attorney U. L. Spence of Carthage.

"Keith was required to give a \$500 bond for his appearance at the May term of Federal Court at Raleigh."

Governor Wilson is Very Late With His Reforms.

Union Republican.]

Many persons will wonder why Governor Wilson postponed to this late day that New Jersey war on the trusts which he has just started. He entered the Governorship in 1911, at which time he was just as well aware as he is now that New Jersey was the mother of trusts. And yet he allowed two years to elapse, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat before he made any attack upon them which anybody took with any seriousness. His State has granted more charters to the really iniquitous combines than all the other States in the aggregate. In his messages and confabs with politicians in the past two years he has dealt the New Jersey patented trusts a few slaps on the wrist, but they have laughed at him.

State News.

Dock Dean, of Salisbury, died suddenly a few days ago just after he had taken a drink of "blind tiger" whiskey. The stomach of the deceased was sent to Raleigh for analysis, and following this report the coroner's jury will render a verdict.

A. H. Hawkins, W. M. Shepard, A. C. Morris, and F. E. Tepton, the four Hendersonville merchants who were charged with violation of the United States law which forbids lottery, were set free in a hearing before a United States Commissioner on the ground that the Government failed to make out a case. The merchants had offered prizes in a manner that the Government held it against the postal laws.

Monroe Enquirer: "Hurely Mills, a fifteen-year-old orphan boy who lived in Lane's Creek Township, went out hunting and while he was standing on a log in the woods his gun fell from his hand and was discharged when it struck the log. The entire load entered the boy's right elbow. The arm had to be amputated the next day."

A Winston-Salem dispatch of January 30 says: "C. E. Green, a member of the construction force at work on the Yadkin River Railroad, a new road being built through Wilkes and Watauga Counties, lost both eyes and is now suffering from lockjaw as a result of an explosion of dynamite. Green and his force were at work on a tunnel when the explosion occurred. No hope is entertained for his recovery."

Married Twenty-Four Years, and Has Twenty-Seven Children.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Jan. 30.—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilson, of Stokes County, whose post-office address is Peter's Creeks, Va., have been married twenty-four years. During this time Mrs. Wilson has given birth to twenty-seven children. Among these are one set of triplets and six sets of twins. Mrs. Wilson is only forty-one years of age, and Dr. Leak, the family physician, thinks she is good for thirty-nine years more.

Woman Drops Thirty-Five Feet in a Well—Climbs Out by Chain.

Newton, N. C., Jan. 31.—Mrs. Edith Lominax, of North Newton, went to the well yesterday afternoon to draw a bucket of water, and as she began drawing, the floor, which had become pretty well rotten, gave way and she fell thirty feet to the bottom in about eight feet of water. She landed on her feet and had presence of mind enough when she arose above the water to grasp the chain, and on this she climbed fifteen feet to where the wall stopped off. Her little daughter saw her fall and ran for help. When found she was sitting on the wall waiting for them to draw her up. She had only a few slight bruises.

Young Chatham County Farmer Killed.

Pittsboro, N. C., Jan. 30.—A coroner's inquest over the body of Cleveland Campbell, the young farmer who was shot near his home late yesterday evening, resulted in a verdict that the deceased came to his death caused by a gun-shot wound from the hands of Will C. Griffin. Griffin's plea is self-defense and he surrendered himself early this morning to Sheriff Lane.

After the jury's verdict Griffin was lodged in jail.

Will, his cousin, Walker, and Uncle Joe Griffin were all squirrel hunting, and Campbell ordered them off his place. Griffin claims Campbell tried to shoot him, having his gun leveled on him when he shot first, the load going directly through Campbell's heart. Campbell is of a family of eleven boys and three girls. His father, mother, ten brothers and three sisters survive him. Feeling runs high in the family. He is survived also by a young widow and two small children.

CROATANS AND NEGROES FIGHT.

Small Riot at Buie in Which One Negro is Killed and Several Croatans and Negroes Are Severely Wounded.

A special from Lumberton, N. C., to Sunday's News and Observer says: "One negro is dead and several Croatans and negroes are severely wounded as the result of a drunken row in the village of Buie, eleven miles from Lumberton on the Coast Line. The fight occurred late this afternoon.

"Sheriff Robert Lewis and deputies were dispatched there about 7:30 to-night and are still there. The number involved in the fight isn't known. A passenger on the Coast Line to-night brought back the story that order had been restored and that the officers are holding a number of the rioters.

"The names of the dead and the wounded are unknown as is the cause of the trouble. Nothing more than a drunken row between the roughest elements of the two races appears to have caused the trouble. The fight seems to have been started by the blacks.

"Though white men interferred and helped to break up the row, all es-

caped injury and assisted in holding some of the worst. The distance prevents the return of the officers before midnight and the number under arrest is not known. It is reported that there may be two Indians and a negro fatally injured."

THE STATE'S INDEBTEDNESS.

The Fusion Administration Left Money in the Treasury—Who Has Run the State Into Debt to a Sum Amounting to More Than \$800,000.00?

The Clinton News-Dispatch, speaking of the State's large indebtedness, and the responsibility for the debts, says:

"If one should believe what the Democratic press and stump speakers say during the campaign they would think that every Republican administration this State ever had was composed of thieves, highway robbers, and carpet-baggers. But let's look into the matter and see if we can get at the real truth and compare the Republican administrations with the recent Democratic administrations. The Legislature of 1868 and 1869 during the Reconstruction period of which we all have heard so much, was composed of carpet-baggers from the North, together with their North Carolina associates whose sons are the leading men in the Democratic party to-day, and when many of these stump speakers and certain editors are abusing the Legislature of '68 and '69 they are heaping abuse upon their own fathers. But that Legislature as mean as it was did not hurt the State much, it is true they issued lots of bonds but the Democrats repudiated them and they have not been paid until this day. So North Carolina is not in debt one penny by virtue of the Legislature of '68 and '69.

But in 1896 the Republicans carried the State and do found an empty Treasury. Governor Russell and his administration found the State institutions in awful bad condition, the buildings in bad repair, with but little furniture fit for use. At the State Hospital they found many of the poor insane patients lying upon the floor for the lack of beds. They went to work, repaired and furnished this institution, took the patients off the floor and gave them nice clean beds. They repaired and built other institutions. In fact, the Republican Legislatures of 1895 and 1897 appropriated so much money for buildings, repairs, and maintenance for the different institutions of the State that the Democratic editors liked to have had convulsions because the Republican administration had spent so much money.

But it must be remembered that Governor Russell and his administration did not sell a single bond in order to get money to run the State Government, that they contracted no debts but paid every penny of the appropriations that they made and left in the State Treasury more than one hundred and eighty-five thousand dollars which the Democrats fell heir to. There can be no doubt of this amount being turned over to the Democrats because a legislative committee composed of three Democrats—the late Dr. B. F. Dixon, J. W. Atwater, and W. P. Ormsby—counted the money and said it was there. It must be remembered that the Republicans did not collect half the taxes out of the people of North Carolina that Governor Kitchin and his administration collected out of the people during the year 1912.

But in January, 1899, a Democratic Legislature met and began to write the laws and spend the money. It was only a very short time before this money had vanished and Governor Aycock and Treasurer Lacy hiked off to New York and borrowed two hundred thousand dollars to tide them over until the next Legislature met and issued bonds to pay it, and they have continued to issue bonds, run in debt and raise taxes until the people cannot stand it much longer. Only two years ago they almost doubled the taxes, and now they are in the hole \$75,000,000, and say that our taxes must be raised still higher. But if they keep it up at this rate our property will soon be taken away from us in taxes and the people reduced to paupers.

As we see it, there is only one remedy that can save our property from confiscation in the name of taxes, and that is for a large majority of the people to quit voting the Democratic ticket."

RATS IN THEIR FOOD.

Convicts Complain, and New Hanover Grand Jury After Investigation Report Conditions Bad—Also Brought Out That Their Dinners Are Cooked in Same Pots Used for Washing Prisoners' Clothes.

Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 1.—The grand jury of the present term of court, which has been in session for two weeks and has conducted a most searching investigation into a number of matters, made its report to the court at noon.

The report showed bad conditions at the jail, county home and convict camp so bad, in fact, that Judge Carter said he would not discharge the grand jury at that time, but would hold them together for a further investigation, ordering the commissioners to appear instanter and give him categorical answer to the charges made and assurance that the

conditions complained of would be remedied without further delay.

The commissioners assembled promptly, and through their chairman directed a commissioner to the court, answering categorically the statements in the report and promising immediate relief. The present board has been in office only a little over a month and is said to be making as good headway as possible toward bettering conditions.

Rats in Dinners.

It was stated in the report that prisoners at the convict camp complained of lack of quality and quantity of food and that often rats were found in the boiled dinners.

It was also brought out that the boiled dinners are cooked in two large pots in a furnace and that pots are used on alternate days for washing the clothing of the prisoners. After the statement from the county commissioners, Judge Carter discharged the jurors, thanking them most heartily for the fine public service they had performed.

The superintendent of the camp issued a statement in which he said that the only rat known to have got in the food was just before Christmas, that parts of it was detected by some of the prisoners and that he

told them not to eat any more of the particular meat. He said the rat accidentally fell in the large pot while the food was boiling.

Will Bear Watching.

The Caucasian says: "That proposed Constitutional Convention will bear watching."

That's what. When a set of politicians want to do something wrong, they first legalize it. They don't care if the people do get into trouble, so they, the political tricksters, don't get in the penitentiary.—Hickory Mercury.

Man Coughs and Breaks Ribs.

After a frightful coughing spell a man in Neenah, Wis., felt terrible pains in his side and his doctor found two ribs had been broken. What agony Dr. King's New Discovery would have saved him. A few teaspoonful ends a late cough, while persistent use routs obstinate coughs, expels stubborn colds or heals weak, sore lungs. "I feel sure its a God-send to humanity," writes Mrs. Elbe Morton, Columbia, Mo., "for I believe I would have consumption to-day if I had not used this great remedy." Its guaranteed to satisfy, and you can get a free trial bottle, or 50 cent or \$1.00 size at all druggists.

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