

WORLD EVENTS TOLD BRIEFLY

Current News Of Interest In Paragraph By Telegraph And Cable
ROANOKE, Va., Dec. 23.—John W. Woods, recently elected mayor of Roanoke on a good government ticket, died this morning.
DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 23.—A light snow fell in Dallas for about twenty minutes today, melting as fast as it fell. This is the first snow here in two years.
CARDIFF, Wales, Dec. 23.—The report that 100,000 tons of American coal is being purchased by the Egyptian railroads in place of the customary Welsh supplies caused a sensation here today.
NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 23.—Nashville Christmas shoppers early today faced a fall of sleet, later succeeded by snow. The snowfall is general over middle Tennessee but the local weather bureau looks for only a light or moderate fall.
TOKIO, Dec. 23.—More than 200 Japanese coal miners were entombed and all are probably killed in an explosion which occurred in the Ubari colliery at Sapporo, on the Island of Hokkaido, today.
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 23.—More than 10,000 turkeys, geese, ducks and chickens, included in the Christmas stock of five commission houses, were destroyed in a fire late last night which for a time threatened "market row" here. Two thousand live chickens were suffocated.
BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 23.—When Sheriff Parker went to the court house of West Baton Rouge this morning he found the body of Norm Cadore, a negro swinging from a telegraph pole a short distance from the jail. Cadore had been convicted of killing James Norman, a plantation manager, about three weeks ago.
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 23.—Snow fell steadily throughout northern Oklahoma this morning. At Muskogee the ground was covered to a depth of two inches at daybreak. From four to seven inches was reported in the panhandle region of Texas. At Abilene, Tex., snow was still falling at 7 a. m.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Supreme Court after announcing several minor decisions today recessed until January 5 without giving a decision as to the rights of Union Pacific stockholders in the distribution of the Southern Pacific stock held by the Union Pacific Railroad Company, or making a decision in the State rate case.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—William W. Richardson, for several years news editor of The Washington Star and for many years connected with newspapers in Washington and Atlanta, died at his residence at Drummond, Md., last night after a lingering illness. Cirrhosis of the liver was the direct cause of death.
PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 23.—The fifth annual regatta of the Western Power Boat Association will be held on the Illinois River here August 9 and 10, according to a announcement made last night. The races will be run under the auspices of the Peoria Yacht and the Illinois Valley Yacht Club. There will be prizes of \$1,500 for the four regular events.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Among the big items of ship repair work to be done at the navy yards next year are extensive alterations in the battleships North Dakota and Minnesota, each of which is to be overhauled at a cost of \$250,000. The big collier Leonidas and Hannibal are to be turned into survey ships at an expense of \$100,000 for the former and \$75,000 for the latter.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—It is expected that 24 foreign countries will be represented by rifle teams in the international matches at Camp Perry, O., next September immediately following the national rifle matches at that camp. Amendments to the rules are contemplated to permit the participation of teams now barred because of their high record in preceding matches.
WILSON SITS WITH BOARD OF PARDONS
TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 23.—Governor Wilson sat with the board of pardons today and heard the applications of 70 convicts for pardons. In order that those entitled to their freedom might have their liberty before Christmas, the Governor directed that the meeting of the board be held today instead of in January. "It is an unpleasant duty," he said, "as it pulls at the heart strings." More than 200 convicts applied for pardons but the cases of only 70 were recommended for a hearing.

MR. SIMPSON COMING TO CHALMERS CHURCH

Presbytery In Called Session Names A Provisional Session
At a meeting of the First Presbyterian Synod of the South held this morning in the First church of this city, a provisional session consisting of Elders J. C. Reid, George F. Smith and James Ross, representing the Sardis, Ebenezer and East Avenue churches, was appointed to serve the congregation of the Chalmers Memorial church. In addition to this action the Presbytery directed that Rev. J. Walter Simpson, at present serving the churches at Concord and Kanopolis, serve this congregation during the month of January. Mr. Simpson is one of the ablest young ministers of the denomination and his coming here for temporary service will be gladly welcomed by the congregation. Rev. Ira S. Caldwell, field secretary of the board of home missions, has been supplying for the month of December, but his services are in such demand that he can not remain here longer, hence the direction of Presbytery that Mr. Simpson take up the work.
The session of the Presbytery this morning was attended by the following named: Rev. J. G. Kennedy, D. D., moderator; R. G. Miller, D. D., G. R. White, D. D., W. W. Orr, D. D., all of this city; Rev. Oliver Johnson, D. D., of Winnsboro, S. C.; J. B. Hood, J. M. Bigham, E. G. Carson, George W. Hanna, and Elders J. C. Reid, G. F. Smith, T. P. Ross, D. B. Brown.

ATTORNEY SAYS LABOR DID NOT APPROVE DYNAMITING

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 23.—"Organized labor never did and never will approve of such a Nation-wide range of violence and terrorism as has been charged here," asserted Clifford S. Langsdale in arguing to the jury at the "dynamite conspiracy" trial today.
Attorney Langsdale spoke in particular in behalf of W. Bert Brown and W. J. McKain of Kansas City, Mo., both of whom were charged with having guilty knowledge of an explosion on a bridge in construction across the Missouri River. Ortle E. McManigal said he blew up the work in August, 1910, after James B. McNamara had visited Kansas City.
"it has been shown by the Government," said Mr. Langsdale, "that James B. McNamara was in Salt Lake City blowing up a hotel there at the time it was charged he was in Kansas City talking to Brown and McKain. He was too busy causing explosions elsewhere to have been in Kansas City."
The attorney attacked the testimony of a Kansas City barber who had said McNamara and Brown had invited him to become a dynamiter, offering him good pay if he would go to Los Angeles "to blow up the town."
Mr. Langsdale said it had been shown that the barber did not live at the place in Kansas City where he said he lived.

PEACE CONFERENCE Resumes Sitting at St. James Palace

With Chances Toward Agreement More Favorable Than in the Past.
LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Peace conference resumed its sitting at St. James palace this afternoon, after a further relaxation of international tension had been brought about when Austria-Hungary informed the other European powers that she considers the Balkan difficulties approaching a satisfactory solution. This, he says, is the result of Serbia's action in apologizing to Austria-Hungary for the incident connected with the treatment of the Austro-Hungarian consuls at Przrenz and also Serbia's acceptance of the proposed arrangement to give her port facilities on the Adriatic Sea without territorial possessions.

CIVIL WAR REGIMENT WITHOUT A PENSIONER.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 23.—Not one member of the Ninth Kansas Cavalry, one of the State's most active regiments in the Civil War, is drawing a pension. This fact developed yesterday upon receipt of a letter by State officials from H. B. Lapham of Norton, Va., a member of the regiment. Lapham wrote that when he applied for a pension recently he was notified by the pension officials that no other member of the regiment ever had drawn a pension; that he was the first to make application and that he would have to induce five other members to apply, making six in all, before the commissioner of pensions would take it up. Information regarding surviving members of the regiment is being sought by Lapham.

STATE DEPARTMENT WATCHING CASTRO

Former Venezuelan President May Not Be Permitted To Land In America
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Whether Cipriano Castro, former President of Venezuela, will be permitted to land in the United States is being considered by officials of this Government. It is reported that he has started from Paris to New York. Although the State Department, through its consular agents, has been keeping a close watch on Castro, it has not been advised of his move toward the United States.
Officials frankly confess that they have not yet reached a decision as to the treatment to be accorded if he should appear at an American port. Technically there is no charge against Castro, though the treatment he meted out to the members of the diplomatic corps in Caracas while he was the practical dictator of Venezuela and his disregard for every representation made by the American minister in the interests of Americans who held valuable concessions, incensed the State Department against him. Furthermore there has been a tacit understanding that American influence should be used to prevent Castro from returning to Venezuela and destroying the peaceful conditions and relations with foreign countries which the Government of President Gomez now enjoys.
Officials of the immigration service whom it has been suggested, might prevent the landing of the ex-President as an undesirable alien, has so far no request from the State Department to act in that manner.

LITTLE POLITICS

Will Have Place in Committee of Arrangements for the Inauguration.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Politics will have small place in the personnel in the committees which will have charge of the arrangements attending the inauguration of Woodrow Wilson as President. This has been settled and the wisdom and experience of men who have handled inaugurations in the past will be called up irrespective of politics. The names of those who will be expected to take care of the multiplicity of details will be named today and the chairman of the 56 committees which will shoulder the burden will be selected by the chairman, William C. Eustis.
At a meeting of the committee yesterday it was decided to ask Congress again to grant permission for the use of the pension buildings. It was also decided to ask the National Legislature for permission to quarter visiting troops in the hall of public buildings.
This permission was refused four years ago.
The finance committee reports that there will be plenty of money forthcoming with which to meet the expenses, and a larger crowd than ever has attended an inauguration is expected.

SUPREME COURT GIVES IMPORTANT DECISION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Cities need not tax telegraph companies for sending messages if the companies have accepted the terms of the act of Congress of 1866 making them governmental agents under certain circumstances, according to a decision today by the Supreme Court. In the case of D. G. Williams, agent for the Western Union Telegraph Company at Talladega, Ala., who was fined \$25 for sending a message without the company first having obtained a license for such business it was held that the tax was invalid.
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VICEROY IS THE TARGET OF BOMB

King George's Representative In India Is Injured In Assassin's Attempt
ASSAILANT'S ATTEMPT IS NEARLY SUCCESSFUL
Lord Hardinge in Royal Procession Incidental to Moving Seat of Government to Delhi Is Slightly Injured—One Attendant Is Killed and Lady Hardinge Is Badly Shocked—Many Arrests Are Made.
DELHI, India, Dec. 23.—Lord Hardinge, viceroy of India, was wounded and attendants of his killed by a bomb hurled at the viceroy from a housetop as he was entering the new capital in state today.
The thrower attempted to kill Lord Hardinge and came within a hair's breadth of being successful.
The viceroy was making his entry in state into Delhi as the last of the ceremonies in connection with the transfer of the capital from Calcutta to Delhi. The transfer was made in October last, but Lord Hardinge was not to take formal possession of his new quarters until today. A large gathering of troops, officials and Punjab chiefs were present to welcome the vice regent party. Its splendid elephant procession had just left the railway station, passing through Chandachowk, when the bomb was thrown. It was hurled by a man standing on a housetop and it struck the howdah or basket of the elephant in which Lord and Lady Hardinge were riding. The attendant, holding a large parasol over the vice regent party, was instantly killed as the bomb exploded.
Lord Hardinge was injured in the shoulder but how seriously could not be determined in the confusion which followed the bomb throwing. He was hurriedly removed to a hospital. Lady Hardinge was unhurt but was much shaken by the experience. The bomb was a very powerful one.
Injuries Are Slight.
Baron Hardinge, on arrival at the hospital, was examined by the surgeons. They found that the wound in his shoulder was only a slight one. Lady Hardinge suffered severely from shock.
The viceroy's parasol bearer had been killed outright and another attendant seriously wounded by fragments of the bomb.
The ceremonies were interrupted for only a short period.
Sir Guy Fleetwood Wilson, financial member of the council of the Governor General of India, took the viceroy's place in the procession which then proceeded on its way through the new imperial city to the Durbar camp where a great number of rajahs and other Indian chieftains were gathered. Sir Guy then took up his position in front of the vice regent and read aloud a dispatch from Baron Hardinge saying that he was only slightly injured. The reading of the message was received with prolonged cheering.
Most Popular Viceroy.
The attempt on Baron Hardinge's life aroused feelings of intense indignation both among the natives and the most popular viceroys that has raged in India. For a long period there had been a lull in the native agitation in India which at various times led to assassinations of high officials. The attack on Baron Hardinge by a fanatic therefore came with greater unexpectedness. Only a short time ago the viceroy himself wrote to the India office in London saying that the country was very quiet and that the prospects of the official entry into Delhi were most favorable.
The bomb was thrown as the great procession was passing through the Chandachowk, a long, narrow, typical Oriental street containing many stores.
The houses are mostly one-story buildings, but some of them rise to the height of two stories. A line of street cars runs the whole length of the Chandachowk, but owing to the importance of the day business had been suspended. The viceroy's elephant was an enormous animal. The driver sat between his ears guiding him in the usual native way by tapping him on the forehead with a steel spike.
Behind the driver was the great howdah, boy-like construction fixed on the elephant's saddle. The howdah was covered with imperial purple drapings decorated with gold lace and tassels. In it were seated the viceroy and vicereine and at their

NEW HAVEN OFFICIALS UNDER INDICTMENT

Presidents Of N. Y. N. H. & H. And Grand Trunk Named In Anti Trust Suit
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Charles S. Mellen, president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, E. J. Chamberlain, president of the Grand Trunk Railroad of Canada, and Alfred W. Smithers, chairman of the Grand Trunk board of directors, was indicted by the Federal grand jury here this afternoon charged with violating the Sherman anti-trust law in the alleged monopoly agreement between the two roads.
The indictment avers that Mellen, Chamberlain and Smithers were engaged on August 3, 1912, and have since engaged in an unlawful combination to prevent the construction of completion of certain extensions of the Grand Trunk Railway into New England.
It is also charged that they conspired to prevent the operation of steamships between Providence and New York, and transportation of persons and property in interstate and foreign commerce over these lines of railroads and steamships.
It is charged the defendants met in New York on August 5, 1912, and discussed a memorandum theretofore exchanged between Messrs. Chamberlain and Mellen which provided that the Grand Trunk should sell the New Haven system all its interest in the Central Vermont and its subsidiaries, which would include all the proposed extensions into New England.
The second overt act alleged embraces a charge that Chamberlain wrote to Vice President J. E. Dalrymple of the Grand Trunk, saying that he and Smithers had had a satisfactory interview with Mellen and it was agreed that Dalrymple and Benjamin Campbell of the New Haven should meet quietly in Mellen's office and discuss new divisions of New England business.
The third act alleges that the defendants held further meetings in New York City on September 20 of this year; the fourth that they held another meeting in New York on October 1; the fifth that at this last mentioned meeting Mellen gave to the co-defendants a memorandum of the agreement providing among other things that the Grand Trunk is "to retain the Central Vermont and the existing controlled lines and continued its existing business as at present.
The sixth act alleged is that Mellen caused the withdrawal of a petition previously filed by his directors with the public service commission of New Hampshire, asking authority to extend one of the New Haven lines paralleling and competing with a portion of the Central Vermont Railway.
The seventh overt act sets forth that on November 9, 1912, Chamberlain caused the work of constructing a line from Palmer, Mass., to Providence, R. I., to be abandoned.
None of the defendants were represented in court when the indictment was handed up, but counsel for the Government said that all three would surrender themselves within a few days, notwithstanding Mr. Smithers' headquarters are in London and Mr. Chamberlain's in Montreal.
The railroad situation in New England was brought to the attention of the Federal Department of Justice first by the State officers of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, who declared the abandonment of certain extension projects was due to a secret agreement between the two roads. On December 19 representatives of the two States called on President Taft and Attorney General Wickersham pointed out that the individual States were unable to cope with the situation and asked the Government to take action.
The State officials asserted that the alleged agreements between the New Haven and the Grand Trunk roads meant the abandonment of projects for the extension of the Grand Trunk line through territory now monopolized by the New Haven.

ELIMINATE NEGRO

From Service in the Army Is Aim of Some of Present Officers.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The proposal to eliminate the negro as an American soldier is the topic slated for consideration when the conference of the ranking officers of the army takes place here January 3.
Some officers favoring the plan are prepared to urge it on the ground that in the Philippines the natives are said to resent the appearance among them of the black troopers and that there are signs of dissatisfaction in Hawaii owing to the fact that the Twenty-fifth Infantry, a negro organization, has been ordered to the islands to form a permanent garrison.
Friends of the negro soldier are preparing to make a strenuous fight in their behalf, pointing to their splendid record in time of war in Cuba and in the Philippines.

DULL WEEK AHEAD IN CIRCLES MUNICIPAL

All Scheduled Meetings Will Be Postponed Until After The Holidays
In city official circles there will be little happening this week.
Mayor Charles A. Bland stated this morning that there would certainly be no meeting of the board before Christmas and none this week following Wednesday unless unusual conditions should demand such, as far as he could tell now. The executive board whose time of meeting falls on Christmas night, will postpone that session either until a later night in the week or until Wednesday or Thursday of next week.
Christmas day the city hall will be practically deserted, the offices of the mayor, city clerk, city tax collector, waterworks office and others being closed during the day, only the very watchful policemen being required to remain at his post on working days, holidays and all other days, without relaxation or rest, for he never knows when the veneer of civilization that covers the majority of the human species may slough off some unwary mortal and result in general disturbance of the peace from the firing of a revolver to the slaying of a fellow-man.
The holiday will doubtless be welcome to the majority of those engaged in the handling of the city's affairs, since the past few weeks have been rather strenuous in all departments.

CONSUL COMES TO REPORT OUTRAGES

American Representative Summoned Before State Department On Peruvian Troubles
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Stuart Fuller, American consul at Iquitos, Peru, who investigated the reported outrages against the Peruvian Indians in the Putumayo rubber district, arrived in Washington today and conferred with State Department officials. The outrages brought to light by Consul Fuller's investigation are such as to give rise to one of the most perplexing Latin-American problems with which the State Department has had to deal, especially in view of the fact that British corporations are the principal operators in the Peruvian rubber fields.
Consul Fuller's report mailed before his departure for the United States had previously reached the department, but he supplemented these disclosures made therein with other information, all tending to show the horror of the outrages perpetrated upon the Indians by their foreign employers, as well as the gravity of the problems with which this government has to deal.
The principal purpose of Consul Fuller's mission was to ascertain whether the outrages against the Indian rubber gatherers had ceased as the Peruvian government insist is the case, but this fact cannot be known until the consul's report is transmitted to Congress which has already called for it by a special resolution.

OVERMAN IMPROVES

Physician Says Senator's Condition Is Good and Thinks Danger Mark Is Passed.
(Special to The Chronicle.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—"Senator Overman had a good night and is doing as well as I could expect. I think the danger mark is past," said Dr. W. C. Borden at George Washington University Hospital at noon today.
(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The condition of Senator Overman of North Carolina, who was operated on here Saturday for appendicitis, was reported to be very good today. He spent a comfortable night and his physicians expect a prompt recovery.

GUILFORD CONCERN BUYS BIG LUMBER TRACT.

(Special to be Chronicle.)
GREENSBORO, Dec. 23.—A big lumber deal was consummated here Saturday afternoon when the Guilford Lumber Company purchased 2,546 acres of timber land lying between the Yadkin and Uwharrie Rivers, which will form an additional part to the 8,000 acres already bought by the Guilford company. It is understood that the transfer Saturday involved more than \$50,000. The timber land purchased is said to contain a magnificent growth of oak and pine. Part of the boundary lies in Montgomery County.

TODAY'S NEWS OF CHARLOTTE

Happenings Of The City Sketched In Brief As Seen By The Chronicle Reporters
—Mr. J. Cuyler Chalmers has arrived home from Atlanta to spend the holidays with his mother on Elizabeth avenue. This is Mr. Chalmers' senior year in the Georgia School of Technology.
—The dancing school which has been under the supervision of Mr. W. H. Allmon has been closed until January 8th and Mr. Allmon has come to Rockingham to spend the Christmas holidays with his family.
—Teachers of the city schools are this afternoon receiving their pay checks for December services. The city has made it a custom to pay off before the holidays in order that the teachers might have the benefit of their salaries during Christmas.
—The condition of Col. Orden Edwards, who was hurt by being thrown from the elevator at the Selwyn Friday, continues to improve. While the injuries he received were not serious, he has been suffering extensively from the bruises sustained.
—On account of the threatened freeze and also of the indications for rain or snow that were made for today, the street sprinkling force, who were on the job in the early morning, were called in about 11 o'clock until their services are further needed.
—The management of the Charlotte Street Railway Company, has posted car schedules on the square for the convenience of the patrons of the system. The schedule applies particularly to the cars leaving for the Seaboard and Southern stations and will prove of vast benefit to passengers.
—Mr. D. S. Holtzclaw has entered suit against the Highland Park Manufacturing Company for \$10,000 for injuries received some months ago while an employe of the mill. Mr. Holtzclaw suffered the misfortune of having his arm caught in the machinery and it was so badly lacerated that amputation was necessary.
—Tickets are available at the office of the Greater Charlotte Club for the annual dinner which is to be given by the club December 29. It is expected that this will be an occasion of unusual interest, those who have the program in hand having determined upon a number of unique features to add to the pleasure of the event.
—Special Officer L. E. Culp has been sworn to duty owing to the shortage of men in the police department. Stokness and in one instance, death has invaded the ranks of the force. During the past week and it was found necessary to secure a special officer while some of the men are recuperating.
—The following from The Atlanta Georgian is of interest here: "One of the most phenomenal winnings ever made by a Southern breeder was that of J. C. Patton of Charlotte, N. C., who exhibited a young White Indian Runner Duck, taking first prize drake, first second and fifth pullets in a class of 50 drakes and 67 pullets, made up of the best in the country."
—The first performance in the new Piedmont Theater on North Tryon street will be given tonight at 7 o'clock, consisting of a varied program of amusements. Well-known vaudeville performers have been engaged for the opening events and the new place of amusement will have the immediate advantage of the Christmas holidays.
—Interest in the masked ball to be given at the Auditorium in the interest of the Charlotte Drum Corps Christmas night, promises to be an elaborate event. Already a sufficient number of tickets have been sold to justify the guarantee of a splendid attendance and it is hoped that the occasion will not only be exceedingly pleasant, but that a good-sized sum will be realized to apply to the needs of this organization which in the past has served as such a successful representative of the Queen City.