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GUIDI MAKES SPECIAL REPORT TO THE POPE

Five Reported Killed in Grand Trunk Accident—Newspaper Prints Silly Story About Morgan

Birmingham, Jan. 3.—The Post says England and Spain have reached an agreement guaranteeing Spain's interests in Morocco and providing for the despatch of a Spanish commissioner to Fez to assist in the settlement of the revolution.

Berlin, Jan. 3.—King George of Saxony, is slowly sinking. His fever is increasing and his pulse waning and an emphysema between the heart and lungs, greatly aggravates his condition. The physicians believe the moment is approaching when the Crown Princess, whose elopement brought on the King's serious illness will become Queen.

Rome, Jan. 3.—Monsignor Guidi has made a special Philippines report to the Pope, plainly stating the irreconcilable attitude of the natives towards friars, predicted that delay in recalling all friars might lead to the great growth of the new native church started by Senator Aglipay and perhaps the loss of the Archipelago to Rome. The Pope is much impressed by the report.

Madrid, Jan. 3.—A telegram received here from Fez says the pretender to the Morocco throne has entered the capital and met favorable reception.

Toronto, Jan. 3.—A report reached here of a wreck on the Grand Trunk Railway near St. Catharines. Five or more are reported to have been killed.

Paris, Jan. 3.—The newspaper Gri De Paris today prints a rather silly story regarding J. Pierpont Morgan. It says Morgan is trying to arrange a marriage for his daughter with a French nobleman and has offered a settlement of a hundred and eighty million francs.

Trigg Men Are Unpaid.

Richmond, Jan. 3.—Fifteen hundred employees of the Triggs shipyard went to the yard this morning to be paid off but received no pay. The men were in an ugly mood and apprised of the fact that the court had made no provision for the men. The receiver will arrange for them in a few days. The employees are ordered to report for work Monday. It is likely the work in the yard will be rushed to completion.

Aged Woman Passes Away. Hingham, Mass., Jan. 3.—Mrs. Ellen Gallagham, the oldest person in town, died here yesterday, aged 103 years old. Besides her eight children she is survived by 25 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

CLASH BETWEEN TAFT AND EVANS

Fighting Bob Issues Orders and Taft Countermands Them With Impunity

Washington, Jan. 3.—According to mail advices just received from the Philippines Gov. General Taft of the civil authorities and Rear Admiral Evans, commanding the American fleet in Asiatic waters, have clashed over a question whether the civil or naval authorities have jurisdiction over naval officers assigned to special duty on the archipelago.

The difficulty first arose over the telegraphic assignment by Evans of Commander Marx, captain of the port of Manila and admiral of the coastwise fleet, to Amoy for service at a court martial. Taft revoked the order. Later Lieut. Key, Marx's assistant, received an assignment to the Chinese squadron. Shortly thereafter Commander Glenon, superintendent of the Nautical school, was given regular duty. Taft advised Evans that the officers in question should not be disturbed. If the request cannot be granted he expressed the determination of appealing to the Washington authorities and endeavor to have such naval officers as necessary for special duty in the Philippines assigned direct from Washington.

TALLEST OFFICERS

New Bank To Be 25 Stories, And Highest In World

New York, Jan. 3.—Workmen are now busy upon the foundations of what is to be the tallest office building, from basement to roof, in the world. From basement to roof the building will be 337 feet high, which means about 327 feet from the street level to the roof. This exceeds even the Park Row building, which is now the tallest office structure in the world, for while the towers of the latter rise 389 feet above ground, the roof itself is only 309 feet.

The proposed structure is being erected for the National Bank of North America and is to be known as the Wall Exchange Building. It will be 25 stories high, the lower 10 of granite, those above of brick and terra-cotta.

Charles W. Morse is the real leader of the enterprise. Several months ago Mr. Morse and his associates got control of the bank, which then had a capital of \$100,000, absorbed and merged it into the Bank of the State of New York, which had a capital of \$1,200,000, and moved the enlarged bank to the home of the latter corner at the northwest corner of William street and Exchange Place.

That corner plot, containing only 3,300 square feet, has since been sold for \$1,000,000. Mr. Morse organized from among his fellow-directors an association which purchased the plot adjoining the old bank building, 100 feet square, and began the erection of the skyscraper.

Trust to Retail Coal. Reading, Jan. 3.—The Reading railway is considering the establishment of commercial coal yards in this and other cities along lines similar to those just completed at HarLisburg.

MUST SHOOT OR GIVE UP THE GUN

Uncle Sam Will Tell Colombia She Must Look Alive or Lose the Sale of Her Land

Washington, Jan. 3.—It is believed the State Department is preparing to take decisive action in the Panama canal negotiations. Last night Secretary Hay sent to the Colombian legation and requested Dr. Herran to meet him at the former's office at 9:30 this morning. No statement as to the result of the meeting has yet been given out, but it is believed the Colombian Government was given to understand that it must immediately exhibit more interest in the matter or the negotiations for this route will be dropped and a recommendation made that Nicaragua and Costa Rica be again approached.

A difference of about five hundred thousand dollars in the detail of annual rental to be paid by this country has been holding the two countries apart for several weeks.

Manchester, Jan. 3.—The Guardians New York correspondent states that the Panama canal negotiations are in a critical stage. He says: "I learned that Secretary Hay is inclined to issue something like an ultimatum by stating that the final terms will give Colombia ten days to answer."

A FRIEND OF MR. CLEVELAND

An Appointee Of Lincoln's Retires After Long Service.

New York, Jan. 3.—James W. Grover, 80 years old, who has been in the employ of the United States Government ever since May, 1861, retired yesterday from the office of superintendent of the United States storeroom, at the foot of Grand street, Jersey City.

Mr. Grover was appointed by President Lincoln, and he was not interfered with when the opposition came at last into power in national affairs because of his friendship with Grover Cleveland. Mr. Grover was acquainted with former President Cleveland's father, and the former President was christened Stephen Grover in honor of Mr. Grover's grandfather.

When President Lincoln passed through Newark on his way to Washington on February 21, 1861, Mr. Grover was one of the marshals who escorted him through the city. He received his appointment in the Custom House Service three months later.

Killed in Collision

Eric, Jan. 3.—In a head on collision between Nickel Plate freight trains at West Avonia, eight miles west of here, early this morning Engineer Perry Bellen, of Conneaut, was killed and Brakeman William Gehrlin of Erie had his legs crushed and scalded. Traffic was blocked four hours.

Manley Not a Candidate

Winston-Salem, N. C., Jan. 3.—Clement Manly says there is no truth in the report that he may enter the race for United States Senator.

Mr. Manly thinks the Fries cotton mill merger will be formally organized within sixty days.

Schooner Goes Ashore

Cottage City, Mass., Jan. 3.—The five masted schooner, Van Allens drifted ashore here today. The vessel is apparently light and lies broadside on the beach.

ANNUAL MEETING FARMER'S MUTUAL

President's Report Shows the Local Insurance Company to Be in Splendid Shape

ALL THE OLD OFFICERS WERE REELECTED TODAY

Four Hundred and Fifty-One Policies, Representing \$375,000—Chairman Stowe's Report Good

The annual meeting of the Mecklenburg Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company was held in the court house today at noon. There were about 50 members present when Capt. W. E. Ardrey, the president of the association, called the meeting to order.

Capt. Ardrey stated that the association was in good condition and the past year had been a successful one.

The report of the treasurer, Mr. R. C. Freeman, shows that 451 policies are now in force and the amount of these aggregate \$371,000. The report shows that \$299.54 was collected from fees and that assessment No. 1 amounts to \$1,245.67.

A motion was unanimously carried which provides that the treasurer's books shall be examined each year prior to the annual meeting.

The report of the executive committee as submitted by Capt. H. D. Stowe, the chairman, was adopted.

After some minor routine business the election of officers for the ensuing year took place. The following were unanimously re-elected:

Capt. W. E. Ardrey, president; John McDowell, vice-president; R. C. Freeman, secretary and treasurer.

Board of directors: H. D. Stowe, Dr. W. P. Craven, W. S. Pharr, J. H. McClintock, S. T. Caldwell, John McDowell, Dr. H. Q. Alexander.

Executive committee: H. D. Stowe, J. H. McClintock, W. S. Pharr.

Capt. H. D. Stowe, chairman of the executive committee submitted the following comprehensive report:

In making the first annual report of our new organization it seems necessary to briefly refer to the action taken in affecting the separation and reorganization in order to make a connection and comprehensive report.

At a meeting of the Mecklenburg Branch of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association of North Carolina, held in the court house in Charlotte, January 7th, 1901, a committee consisting of Drs. H. Q. Alexander, W. P. Craven and J. H. McClintock was appointed to ascertain the advisability of withdrawing from the State Association and forming an independent local organization.

At the meeting of January 4th, 1902, the report of this committee recommending the forming of a separate independent association was unanimously adopted and a special committee consisting of H. D. Stowe, Dr. W. P. Craver, Dr. H. Q. Alexander, W. S. Pharr and J. H. McClintock was appointed to draw up a new constitution and by-laws and apply for a charter, separate from that of the State Association.

At the meeting of February 22nd, 1902, the report of the committee was received and approved. The constitution and by-laws drawn up by the committee were voted upon and unanimously adopted and the charter has been applied for and granted.

A board of seven directors were elected, consisting of H. D. Stowe, Dr. W. P. Craven, Dr. H. Q. Alexander, W. S. Pharr, J. H. McClintock, S. T. Caldwell and John McDowell. After the association adjourned, the board of directors met and elected the following named officers for a term of one year: President, Capt. W. E. Ardrey; Vice President, John McDowell; Secretary and Treasurer, R. C. Freeman.

To compose the executive committee were elected H. D. Stowe, J. H. McClintock and W. S. Pharr.

Our independent home association has now been in successful operation

FLAMES LEAPED UPON FIREMAN

His Clothing Was Saturated With Oil and Instantly He Became a Living Pillar of Fire

Franklin, Pa., Jan. 3.—During the shortage of coal the Eclipse Oil Works was compelled to use oil as fuel. While firing the boilers yesterday E. J. Peters' clothes became saturated with oil. Later when he opened the furnace door the boiler flames leaped through the door and set fire to his clothes. He was terribly burned and died last night.

for nearly a year. We are now sailing under a charter and by-laws of our own. The objectionable features of our old by-laws have been eliminated and every precaution has been taken in the new by-laws to guard against over-insurance. The charter and by-laws of our new association have been published and any member wishing a copy can have it free by applying to Mr. R. C. Freeman, secretary. The new by-laws require a reserve fund of not less than \$1,000 to be kept on hand at all times for the payment of insured losses and expenses. In this way there can be no delinquents as the assessments are made in advance.

We have a membership of 451 and we have over \$371,000 of insurance in force. We are now an independent organization, paying tribute to none and affording insurance to our members at cost. We ought to feel proud of the independent home association which we have built up and if we will only adhere strictly to business principles a bright future awaits us.

Body Taken To Pemberton, Va.

At 6 o'clock yesterday evening a telegram was received by Mr. D. E. Allen from Mrs. Palmore of Pemberton, Va., requesting that the body of Robert F. Madden, be shipped to her home. Acting on this, the body of the unfortunate young man was taken to the Southern's passenger depot last night at 8:30 o'clock and was shipped on the train that left Charlotte shortly after 9 o'clock.

Up to the time of the reception of Mrs. Palmore's despatch it had been decided that the body be buried in Charlotte, just as the News stated yesterday afternoon. The request of Mrs. Palmore came later in the evening and the arrangements for the burial here were abandoned.

Pope Wants \$10,000.

Mr. D. Kirby Pope, of Charlotte, was in Winston-Salem one day this week. The Twin-City Sentinel says:

Mr. D. K. Pope, of Charlotte, who was held up by the Madison postmaster, was here today. He says his suit against the Norfolk & Western Railway for \$10,000, for allowing him to be held up on one of the company's trains, will probably be heard in Mecklenburg court this month. Depositions for the defendants were taken at Martinsville, Va., yesterday.

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The little one was knocked insensible from the platform. At first it was thought that the blow had caused instant death. In a few seconds, however, the child revived. It was taken in the house and a physician was hastily summoned.

An examination showed that the skull of the little one had been broken in two places and the bone was pressing on the brain.

At last accounts the child was still living, but little hope is entertained for its recovery.

Mr. Lester Morris, father of the child, is one of the guards at McLaughlin's camp. He was notified of the accident and at 3 o'clock, he passed through the city, en route to his home.

\$600,000 Gifts to Employees.

New York, Jan. 3.—Duplicating their last New Year's gift, J. P. Morgan & Co. distributed to each of their clerks an amount equal to his yearly salary. A further gift was the announcement that advancement in salaries would be made in sums between \$100 and \$2,500 for the year. It is estimated that through these holiday bonuses the firm is under an expense of about \$600,000.

Between 130 and 140 men share the gift. Their salaries range from a few hundred to \$6,500 a year. It is said that the office boys and messenger boys get more pay than in any other office in the Wall street district.

It was said last year that the bonus, \$250,000, represented one-twentieth of the firm's profits for the year. On that basis it is estimated that the firm's gains this year amounted to \$12,000,000. This does not include outside ventures of any kind.

Mr. Morgan's principal profits cannot be estimated at less than \$30,000,000, considering that the market advances of the securities he holds is lasting.

ARRANGING FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Joint Observance of Birthdays of Generals Lee and Jackson

DAUGHTERS APPOINT NECESSARY COMMITTEES

School Children Will Sing the Stirring Songs of Dixie—Eloquent Speaker To Be Secured

The Stonewall Jackson Chapter United Daughters of Confederacy held its first meeting for the new year this morning. The most important feature of the meeting was the completion of the programme for the observance of the birthdays of Generals Lee and Jackson. As General Lee's birthday is the nineteenth of January and General Jackson's the twenty-first, both will be observed on the nineteenth.

The exercises will be in charge of Mrs. J. L. Sexton, the efficient chairman of the Memorial Committee. With her on that committee will be Messrs. James E. C. Register, R. Lockwood Jones, W. C. Maxwell, C. B. Bryant, Eli S. Steele and Miss Fan McAden.

The committee appointed by Mrs. Jackson to decorate the hall for the occasion is composed of Misses Mattie Dowd, Grace King, Fan Burwell and Mary Armond Nash.

All the members of Mecklenburg Camp will attend in a body, in uniform. The members of this chapter will wear for the first time their handsome badges, which have on them Mrs. Jackson's picture. Those stirring Southern songs, Dixie and the Bonnie Blue Flag, will be sung by the graded school pupils, under the direction of Mr. R. L. Kessler. The committee is certain securing for that day a very eloquent speaker from a neighboring State. He is one whom all will delight in hearing, and it is hoped that he will be able to make the address to the heroic men who followed Lee and Jackson.

Mrs. Warner Bott will sing and there will be recitations by the members of the Children's Chapter.

A number of the iron crosses of honor will be presented by the members of the Julia Jackson Chapter; the crosses will be handed by Miss Julia Jackson Christian to Mrs. Jackson and pinned by her on those who are to receive them. This cross is in itself more prized by the Confederate soldiers than any thing else, but it is doubly valued when pinned on them by the wife of their immortal leader.

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PEOPLE IN DREAD.

Fear Their Houses Will Follow Those Already Engulfed.

Scranton, Jan. 3.—The residents of the mining town of Olyphant where the great mine caved in yesterday, are just recovering from the awful nervous strain of the past night. Those in the vicinity spent the night in momentary dread of being engulfed in the depths of Eddy Creek mine.

Traffic was today suspended on the principal street which presents the most deserted appearance. The ruins of the fire which wiped out the whole block a month ago, being only half a block distant. The light and water supply of the town was shut off during the night and a scene of great consternation prevailed.

Forces of men were sent down the mine, propping up the roofs of buildings which seem in imminent danger, although the settling has apparently ceased for the present.

Greeting to Knox.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Attorney Gen. Knox this morning received a cablegram from officials of the United States Court at Honolulu wishing him a happy New Year. Judge Espee, Marshall Henri and the attorneys and Clerks of the court all signed their first telegram to Washington from this far off post.

One Man Fatally Hurt.

Chicago, Jan. 3.—In the collision of two street cars at Milwaukee avenue and Halstead street this morning Otto Schraeder was fatally hurt and four other men injured.

BIG ICE PLANT FOR CHARLOTTE

Thirty Ton Freezing and Distilling Plant to Be Shipped to the Peoples Ice and Fuel Company

New York, Jan. 3.—The representative of the York Manufacturing Co. of York, Pa., in this city, reports today sales on contracts and shipment of ice-making machines to a large number of cities.

Among them is a 30-ton freezing and distilling system for the Peoples Ice and Fuel Co. of Charlotte, N. C., at a cost of about \$40,000.

TRIED TO LIVE IN STABLE.

Series Of Troubles Of Young Married Couple In Norfolk.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 3.—Bruce Buie, the young white man who attempted suicide by cutting his throat in a questionable house Saturday night, was found with his young wife attempting to live in a stable, in a pitiful condition this afternoon.

Buie and wife arrived last week from Newark, N. J., where they were recently married. Looking for a boarding house, they were directed to an alleged dive, where his wife was outraged.

Later in the afternoon, when Buie ascertained the character of the house, he slashed his throat with a razor.

He was taken to a hospital, but was released Monday, and his wife was taken to a charitable institution.

KIMBALL MINES SOLD.

New York Syndicate Gets Virginia Coal Lands.

Radford, Va., Jan. 3.—The Kimball coal mines, owned by Mr. George B. Kimball, of Radford, and the Sifford coal lands adjoining, have been sold to a New York syndicate.

The figures have not been announced, but it is authoritatively stated that the price is larger than that received for the Belle Hampton mines and other Pulaski coal lands in Pulaski recently sold.

The Kimball mines are located at Dry Branch, six miles from Radford, on the New River railroad.

QUEEN'S GIFT TO MRS. RONALDS.

She Sends Photographs To American Hostess At a Reception.

London, Jan. 3.—A reception was given today by an American hostess, Mrs. Ronalds, in Cadogan Place, and was a brilliant success. The drawing room was a mass of flowers, which had been sent by many friends.

The great attraction in the way of presents was Queen Alexandra's gift to Mrs. Ronalds of photographs of her Majesty and the King. They were beautifully framed, and on a card in the Queen's own handwriting were the words, "With all good wishes for Mrs. Ronalds from Alexandra." Close by was a beautiful enamel box from the Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll.

Gets Curious Injunction.

Pensacola, Jan. 3.—Herbert McNamee, ex-speaker of the Florida legislature, enjoins the editors of the Tampa labor papers from publishing editorials endorsing Governor Jennings for the United States Senate.

Cotton Expert Goes to Africa.

Liverpool, Jan. 3.—Thos. H. Price, the American cotton expert, has left for West Africa to report on cotton cultivation there.

JUSTICE SHIRAS SOON TO RETIRE

Gov. Taft, Who is Now in The Philippines, Will Succeed Him on the Bench

DEFERS RETIREMENT FOR TWELVE MONTHS

Taft is Needed Now in The Islands, Where According to This Report He is Exerting Great Influence

Washington, Jan. 3.—Justice Shiras of the United States Supreme Court has been persuaded to defer his retirement a year to allow Governor Taft who is to be his successor, to remain twelve months longer in the Philippines.

This announcement was made today by a business man of Manila who had a conference with Secretary Root yesterday.

"If Taft should leave the Philippines now," said this gentleman, "the progress of the islands would be set back five years. We cannot afford to lose Taft just yet. He has gained the confidence of the natives in a greater measure than any other American and is simply venerated by all the residents of the Archipelago who went from this country."

MOURNED AS DEAD 34 YEARS.

Virginia Woman Found To Be Alive After a Generation.

Suffolk, Va., Jan. 3.—After an absence of 40 years, during the last 34 years of which period she was mourned as dead, Mrs. T. L. Jackson, aunt of Police Chief Brinkley, today was reported alive and well. After their parents died the sisters separated during the Civil War, and Margaret Brooks soon afterward married and went West from which word came that she was dead.

Today Mr. Jackson, her husband, now in the Revenue Service, came to Suffolk and surprised his wife's relatives with the glad news.

SERVED ONE FAMILY 74 YEARS.

Jamaican Newspaper Lauds Faithful Servant.

Port Antonio, Jamaica, Jan. 3.—Among the prizes offered by the Gleaner, a Jamaica newspaper, in its Christmas contest was one to the servant who could show the longest continuous service in one family in Jamaica.

There were 59 competitors and the prize was awarded to an old African woman, with 74 years' service to her credit. She is now 80 years old and quite hearty.

The other 58 servants had been employed from 5 to 72 years.

The newspaper challenges the United States to show such a record.

Pigeon-Egg Hailstones Again.

London, Jan. 3.—Hailstones, accompanied by thunder and lightning passed over Windsor this afternoon. The hailstones were such of size many windows in the King's green houses were broken.

DISPENSARY PAYS GOOD ROUND SUM

Stated That Annual Report Will Show that Revenue of Over Half a Million Goes to Counties, Towns, Etc.