

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE IS READ

Senator Justice Introduces a Bill Prohibiting Manufacture and Sale of Liquor in Towns

SENATORIAL CAUCAS TOMORROW EVENING

Mann's Bill Prohibits Any Legislator Accepting Office Created by the Present Legislature

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 8.—Senator Justice introduced a bill prohibiting the manufacture and sale of liquor, excepting in incorporated towns of five hundred inhabitants, and making the minimum state, county and town license \$500 each.

Senator Mann offered a resolution that no legislator shall accept an office created by this legislature.

The House passed a resolution to investigate a number of employees. The bills introduced were as follows: By Scott for another building at the A. & M. College; by Graham to extend the time for adjusting the State debt.

The senatorial caucus will be held here Friday night.

Governor Aycock's message was delivered to both houses shortly after they were called to order.

The Honorable, the General Assembly: I welcome you with much pleasure to the Capital of the State.

With the beginning of your labors my own are appreciably lessened. You come to your work fresh from the people with a knowledge of their wishes and with a sincere desire to meet their just expectations and demands.

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WHITE HOUSE TO BE FAIRY PALACE

Diplomatic Reception Will Take Place This Evening and Will Be a Sight Worth Beholding

Washington, Jan. 8.—A small army of florists and greenhouse men are hard at work at the White House putting it in shape for the diplomatic reception this evening.

Palms, ferns, smilax and blooms of many varieties have been transferred from the Government-hot-houses and by the time electric lights are switched on the newly remodelled home of the President will be a scene worth beholding.

COMMISSION WEARY.

Will Hold Longer Sessions To Expedite Hearing.

Philadelphia, Jan. 8.—It has been determined to expediate as far as possible the hearing in the coal strike inquiry and the members of the anthracite strike commission this morning opened the third day's session at 10 o'clock and from now on in the morning session will be three hours and in the afternoon two and a half hours.

The examination of witnesses which claim they have been assaulted by strikers was resumed this morning. On the witness stand before the strike commission today, President Mitchell testified that the three miners convicted of the murder of Daniel Sweeney belonged to the union.

Big Coal Land Deal.

Morgantown, W. Va., Jan. 8.—The iron and steel manufacturers of Cleveland, O., through their agent W. R. Murray, yesterday closed a deal for six thousand acres of coal land of the Freeport, Morgantown and Kingwood railroad. The companies will unite in building a coke plant to supply their factories. The price paid was thirty dollars per acre.

Gambled With Employer's Money.

London, Jan. 8.—In the Guild Hall court today George Humbert, a 27 year old clerk was charged on his confession with stealing 15,000 pounds while employed by Brown and Shipley, American bankers. The hearing was adjourned. He lost the money on stock betting.

IMPORTANT CASES FOR NEXT COURT

Three Murderers, Probably a Fourth, Will Be Tried Next Month--The Bishop Case is On This Docket

The next term of the criminal branch of the Mecklenburg Superior Court will convene in Charlotte Monday February 9th. Judge Shaw will preside.

At this session of the court there will be three murder trials and probably the fourth, if Ell Alexander, the negro who killed Oliver Weddington is captured.

True bills have been found against John Dodge, who on November 3, was charged with the murder of Lizzie Patterson.

A true bill has also been found against John Carter, who is charged with the murder of his wife, Maggie Carter.

The case of Arthur L. Bishop, charged with the murder of Thomas J. Wilson, will come up for trial and it will probably be the first of the three murder cases to be heard.

While a true bill has been found against John Dodge, the jury will hardly convict him on a capital crime, as the dying statement of the woman in a measure, exonerated him. Dodge was at the home of the Patterson woman, the night of November 3. While there he and the woman had some words. Later Dodge pulled out an old pistol and fired it around. He claims that the woman had done nothing for him to take her life and that the tragedy was the result of an accident. Just before death ended her sufferings the Patterson woman stated that she did not think Dodge intended to kill her.

The case of John Carter, the colored janitor of the North State Club, charged with the murder of his wife, Maggie Carter, will attract a large number of the better element of the colored population to the court room during the trial of the case. Carter and his wife were very well-to-do negroes and while the tragedy was a revolting one there will be a great effort made to save Carter from the gallows. Several of the best lawyers at the Charlotte bar have been retained to defend Carter.

Ell Alexander, the negro who killed Oliver Weddington, is still at large. News readers will recall the fact that this tragedy was enacted in the Providence section, the 7th of last November.

The sad tragedy that connects Arthur L. Bishop, the young Petersburg traveling man, with the death of Thomas J. Wilson, is still fresh in the minds of the public.

To Hear Kentucky Charges.

Washington, Jan. 8.—The Interstate Commerce Commission meets in New York January 15th to hear testimony in the Kentucky railway merger case. This is the action brought by the railway commission of Kentucky against the proposed consolidation of the southern railroads.

Sternberg to Succeed Hollebein. Berlin, Jan. 8.—It is officially announced that Baron Von Sternberg, German Consul at Calcutta, succeeds Von Hollebein as German ambassador to the United States. Sternberg sails for America Saturday.

New Treaty With Germany.

Berlin, Jan. 8.—It is reported the Government will negotiate a new commercial treaty with the United States in the spring.

FIGHTING SHY OF THE HAGUE COURT

Germany and England Now Anxious to Secure a Settlement With Castro Offhand

WOULD ARRANGE MATTER THROUGH MINISTER BOWEN

Matos Scores Castro, Characterizing Him as a Real Savage, Whose Word is Not Worth Anything

Washington, Jan. 8.—The State Department today received a memorandum from Minister Bowen at Caracas stating that Venezuela had accepted in general the terms and conditions for arbitration laid down by the powers. It was officially admitted at the department this afternoon that the present proposal of the powers is for a conference in Washington in which Minister Bowen should act as the representative of Venezuela for the purpose of settling the entire difficulty without further delay.

Washington, Jan. 8.—The Governments having claims against Venezuela are now endeavoring to secure a settlement with President Castro without referring the dispute to The Hague.

Germany particularly objects to the Hague on account of the cumbersome nature of its machinery and the necessarily long time that it would require for an adjustment of the claims by that tribunal.

Both England and Germany would prefer to arrange the whole affair by diplomatic negotiations through Minister Bowen at Caracas.

In view of this new trend of the negotiations Castro's reply to the latest communications of the powers is awaited with considerable interest by the State Department.

MATOS SCORES CASTRO.

Willemstad, Curacao, Jan. 6.—Gen. Manuel A. Matos, leader of the Venezuelan revolutionists, made the following statement: "The present misfortunes of Venezuela come from the presence at the head of the Government of a man destitute of morals and of administrative ability—a real savage. Castro was a man entirely unknown, who arose by chance to the highest magistracy and has never learned anything because he listens to nobody and never studies. He has always been the same. His arbitrary actions in the interior have been the cause of the uprising of the whole nation. There is no cruelty which has not been inflicted by him upon all who have been considered enemies of his authority. He has placed in unhealthy prisons soldiers, merchants, farmers, young and old men, and has carried his cruelty even to putting them in irons of 40 pounds weight."

"Defenseless cities have been subjected to pillage and bombarded without clemency for the crime of having been occupied by the revolutionary army. Similar arbitrary actions toward foreigners have been the cause of the common action of the several European nations in order to protect their citizens. What is happening today in Venezuela is without precedent, because an uprising of such magnitude could have been caused only by a soldier of fortune as cruel and as ignorant as General Castro. Venezuela has forfeited her soil and has been able to retain her financial equilibrium, her foreign exchange, to facilitate commercial transactions and to fulfill all her national obligations. The natural income of the Republic, without increasing the taxes or burdening industry, has given Venezuela sufficient to pay her expenses and to have a surplus which will permit the paying of debts and the development of the country."

REMORSE FINDS CROWN PRINCESS

Shows Signs of Repentance, But Swears to Kill Her Babe Before Saxon Court Has It

Rome, Jan. 8.—The Pope has instructed Abbe Max of Saxony to make a final endeavor in His Holiness' name, to bring about a reconciliation between the Crown Princess of Saxony and the Princess Louise, who eloped with the French tutor.

Vienna, Jan. 8.—Despatches received here from Dresden say it is reported here that the Crown Princess has begun to show signs of repentance for the elopement.

Sensational developments are expected when the princess' child is born. She swears she will kill it rather than allow it to go where she was unhappy. The Saxon authorities will try to obtain the child by every means at their command.

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SNUBS LIKE BLOWS TO WIFE.

Court Grants Divorce Because Husband Would Not Kiss Her.

St. Louis, Jan. 8.—Judge Warwick Hough has granted a divorce to Della R. S. Crowe from Thomas Crowe, a railroad engineer. Mrs. Crowe, formerly a school teacher, testified that her husband, from three months after their marriage, repudied her caresses and when leaving the house would kiss her sister and refuse to kiss her. In his decision the Judge says:

"Contumelious words, especially when accompanied with a contemptuous demeanor, may amount to an indignity which would be felt by a sensitive mind with far keener anguish than might follow the infliction of a blow."

Coal Strike Leads to Suicide. Mahonny City, Pa., Jan. 8.—Worry over his loss of earnings during the coal strike caused John Costock, a colliery fireman at Silver Brook, to commit suicide at his home by shooting himself. He leaves a widow and six children.

WEST RESOLUTION IS BEFORE SENATE

The Philippine Constabulary Measure Receives Consideration in Preference to Important Things

Washington, Jan. 8.—Two House bills, one amending the internal revenue laws relating to distilled spirits to bonded warehouses, were passed by the Senate today.

The resolution of Mr. Vest, of Missouri, to place anthracite coal on the free list was taken up by the Senate at 12:30 o'clock. Mr. Aldrich, against the bill, was the first speaker.

The House, in committee, of the whole, gave consideration to the Philippine constabulary bill, which aims to promote the efficiency of the Philippine constabulary by giving the rank and pay of a Brigadier General of the army to the army officer in inferior rank in command of the service and rank and pay of a colonel to officers serving as assistant chiefs of service.

PUPIL STABS TEACHER.

Cutting Affray in School Because Boys Got No Candy.

Washington, Pa., Jan. 8.—The greatest excitement prevailed in the little town of Harveys, in Greene county, over a cutting affray, which occurred at the public school there yesterday.

The teacher of the school, C. R. Clutter, attempted to punish Arnold McClellan, aged 17, when one of the boys drew a pocketknife and stabbed the teacher several times. Clutter is in a serious condition.

The trouble was a result of the teacher's refusal to treat the pupils on Christmas. It is a custom among the country school teachers in this section every year during the holidays to give the pupils a treat of candy. Clutter neglected to do this last week and the pupils requested it. He still refused, and a riot ensued.

STOLE SUNDAY SCHOOL CASH.

Person Who Took It Twenty-Five Years Ago Now Returns It. Somerville, N. J., Jan. 8.—The clerk of the First Baptist Church, in Somerville, has received a letter accompanied by \$25 as a conscience gift from an unknown writer.

The writer says he appropriated a collection of \$150 from the Raritan Baptist Sunday school when he was a boy, and he has had a troubled conscience over the theft more than 25 years. The Raritan Sunday school was a branch of the Somerville Baptist Church and was disbanded a quarter of a century ago.

Friends Get Col. Johnson Titled.

Washington, Jan. 8.—At the earnest solicitation of his friends, who want to be able properly to call him "General" after he retires to private life, Lieut.-Col. J. A. Johnson has postponed his resignation from the army for a few days. Col. Johnson is assistant adjutant-general. Through the efforts of his friends the President has agreed to appoint him a brigadier-general. He will resign the next day as General Johnson.

THESE ROBBERS, PROFESSIONALS

Four Safe-Crackers Captured at Columbia Thought to Be Ones That Worked This Section

WERE LEADING FAST LIFE WHEN ARRESTED

They Are Held For Higher Court There--Believed the Right Men Are Now in The Toils

Charlotte police think that the four professional safe crackers who have been nabbed in Columbia, S. C., are the ones who have been doing the dirty work in this section.

The four men who have been jailed in Columbia, gave their names as Charles Howard, Edward Dugan, Thomas Nolan and William McKinley. The four are also thought to constitute the gang who rifled the vaults of the Savings Bank at Fort Mill and committed other robberies in Upper South Carolina and certain sections of this State.

For some time it has been known that such a gang have been operating between this city and Columbia. Many think that these four men have been in Charlotte, and that, too, very recently.

In his account of the capture of these crooks the Columbia Star of this morning says:

The prisoners were arraigned before Mr. Lide yesterday afternoon and were locked up in the county jail as they could not raise the amount of bail, \$20,000 for each man. The preliminary examination, to be held at a date not yet fixed, will be conducted before Mr. James Verner, who was just recently appointed United States commissioner. The officers will not give any of the evidence which points to these men as the ones guilty of the crimes enumerated, but they evidently have enough upon which to operate. The developing of the evidence will be the work of the secret service men.

Before their formal arrest each of the suspected crooks was asked many searching questions. The officers say that these men have the bearing of professionals and their own statements show that they have been in Columbia some time. They denied being connected with any of the numerous robberies in the State and say that they have not been outside of Columbia except to the carnival in Charleston. They likewise denied having ever traveled in neighboring States.

These men, or some of them, have led a fast life here. They have squandered thousands of dollars. Nolan is said to have lost \$1,500 at cards in one night. Since their several arrests persons in town who were thrown with them have been telling marvelous yarns of the extravagance of some of these worthies, how they would throw out a greenback in payment of drinks and then refuse the change, how they spent their money on men and women whom they fancied. Such acts as these would tend to show that these men, if guilty of the charges preferred, have been living in Columbia for months and had become venturesome in their fancied security.

The government men who have been working on the case are very complimentary in their references to Chief Daly and the way in which he engineered the case. Officers Strickland and Thackham, the city's detectives, are also receiving due credit for their services in spotting and shadowing the alleged crooks. No bank or postoffice in South Carolina has been secured in this section.

BURGHERS PLEAD FURTHER FAVORS

Ask More Generous Loans by England, Cattle at Cost, General Amnesty and Abolition of Special Police

Pretoria, Jan. 8.—At a meeting of prominent burghers held yesterday addresses, which will be presented to Colonial Secretary Chamberlain and the legislative council, were adopted. The addresses make the following requests:

General amnesty and retention of the Boer laws regarding the natives. More generous loans by England, selling to burghers at cost price all cattle imported into the country by England and the abolition of Baden-Powell's special police. Botha told the burghers he had collected 165,000 pounds in Europe for the distressed families.

late months, and if these are the guilty parties who have committed so many depredations, then the State is well rid of them, and the officers are indeed to be praised.

QUITTS WITH STANDARD OIL.

Country Justice Gave Monopoly Some of Its Own Medicine.

Seneca Falls, N. Y., Jan. 8.—Justice of the Peace Charles Higgins, to give the Standard Oil Company a little of its own monopoly medicine, quietly bought up all the copper flag in the marshes at Cayuga Lake. The Standard uses a large quantity in the manufacture of oil barrels, and many years ago, Higgins says, drove a mean bargain with him.

Last year there was a shortage of flag and this year the Standard came to him for its supply. He put on a fancy price, but the trust objected. "You pay my price and in advance," said Higgins, "or you get no flag." The trust came to terms.

REBEL CHIEFS SUBMITTING.

Some Of Them Offer To Make Peace With Castro.

Caracas, Venezuela, Jan. 8.—As a direct consequence of the Government troops' victory at Guantier six leaders of the Matos revolution have requested to make their peace with President Castro and his administration. Among these revolutionary chiefs are Generals Battalla, Antonio Fernandez and Crespo.

Further details of the battle have reached here. During the four hours' engagement 117 insurgents were killed and many were taken prisoners.

SEVEN ARE DEAD; EIGHT WILL DIE

Local Passenger Train Crashed Into Freight Near McKeesport Last Night With Awful Results

Pittsburg, Jan. 8.—The condition of the victims of the wreck on the Pittsburg, Virginia and Charleston railway last night, who were taken to a McKeesport hospital, is unchanged this morning. The bodies of the seven dead are still at the Duquesne morgue. Of the injured eight will die.

The passenger train in the wreck was the West Elizabeth accommodation, which left Pittsburg at 3:20 p. m. It was on time and had a clear track, according to the displayed signals. At the siding at Cochrane it ran into the rear car of an extra freight which had taken the switch, but failed to clear the main line. The officials of the road attribute the disaster to the failure of Patrick Quinn, the brakeman of the freight, to see that his train had fully cleared. Quinn has not been located.

The dead are: C. E. Stroud, baggage-master, Elizabeth accommodation of Homewood; C. M. Boeauer, brakeman of accommodation, Pittsburg; John Stewart, passenger, residence unknown; two unknown foreigners, killed outright; two unknown foreigners, died on way to hospital. The injured are: T. D. Cook, will probably die; Sam Sullivan, shoulder blade fractured; Peter Kimosky, burned; John Smith, seriously injured; Mike Gentill, slightly injured.

FIRE ONE CHURCH TWICE.

Prisoner Said To Have Confessed Ho Objects to Catholic Edifice.

Ogdensburg, Jan. 8.—A man giving the name of Henry Bath, aged thirty years, and who says his home is in Massachusetts, is under arrest in Brockville, charged with arson in having attempted to set fire to St. Francis Xavier Church, in Brockville, on New Year's Day and last Friday.

On being accused of the crime he confessed, it is said, giving as his reason that he thought no Roman Catholic churches had a right to exist in a Protestant country.

GREAT NEW YORKER DEAD.

No Coffin Ready Made Large Enough To Bury Miles In.

Ogdensburg, Jan. 8.—R. W. Miles, aged fifty-four, a farmer, who died on Saturday, was the largest man in Northern New York. He weighed more than 400 pounds.

No coffin large enough could be found in any stock. While the undertaker was embalming the body a spark set the roof of the house ablaze. The fire was put out with small damage.

Roosevelt to Be at Canton Banquet.

Washington, Jan. 8.—President Roosevelt will attend a banquet to be given by the Canton, O., Republican League on Jan. 27, in honor of the birthday of President McKinley. The President will leave here on the night of Jan. 26 and return on Jan. 28.

Corbin Grand Marshal at St. Louis.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Adj.-Gen. H. C. Corbin will be the grand marshal of the parade at the opening of the St. Louis Fair on April 30, 1904. Lieut.-Col. Edward A. Godwin, who is now on duty at the Fair grounds, will be his chief of staff.

HANS WOULD DIG THE PANAMA DITCH

German Syndicate is Endeavoring to Eucure the United States Out of Control of Proposed Canal

NEGOTIATIONS COME TO AN ABRUPT HALT

German Intrigue Believed To Be Responsible For The Delay on the Part of South American Folks

Washington, Jan. 8.—In official circles here it is admitted this morning that there is foundation for the statement that Germany is endeavoring to eucure the United States out of the control of the Panama canal.

Recent cablegrams from Europe have indicated that a syndicate composed principally of German capitalists stood ready to pay forty million dollars for the property of the Panama Canal company as soon as the option of the United States expires. The syndicate saw that the canal was a profitable business enterprise and apparently has attempted to obtain possession of it. German intrigue, in behalf of these German capitalists is believed to be responsible for Colombias delay in negotiating the treaty with the United States whereby this country would secure control of the canal. Negotiations, which have been pending since June, have come to an abrupt halt.

JUDGES WITHOUT SALARIES.

West Virginia Change Appears To Leave Them Payless.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Jan. 8.—The discovery is made that the recently adopted Constitutional amendment has left the judges of every State court in West Virginia without a salary, from the Supreme Court of Appeals to the lowest criminal court.

Before the adoption of the amendment salaries of judges were fixed by the Constitution. The amendment repealed that section of the Constitution and provided that the salaries of all judges should be fixed by the Legislature. It is contended now that the former Constitutional provision having been repealed and the Legislature not having fixed the salaries under the new amendment to the Constitution, every judge in the State is without a salary, and will be until the Legislature fixes the new salaries.

ATTORNEY RUTH WANTED.

Newport News Woman Swears Out Warrant—A Silk Factory.

Newport News, Va., Jan. 8.—Attorney Charles H. Ruth, of Washington, who came here four years ago as counsel for the Washington Block Asphalt Company, is wanted by the police to answer to the charge of embezzlement of \$300 belonging to Mrs. Mary Johnson. Mrs. Johnson swore out a warrant for his arrest this evening.

She sued a railroad for damages and the case was compromised for \$600. Her share was \$300, and she alleges that Mr. Ruth left the city without paying her. Chief Johnson has wired Chief Sylvester to look out for Mr. Ruth. Mr. Ruth announced publicly that he intended to leave, but no attempt was made to arrest him.

Malleable Iron-Casting Combine.

Pittsburg, Jan. 8.—The malleable iron-casting combine deal, which fell through because of lack of support, will be taken up again after it has been ascertained what Congress will do on anti-trust legislation.

HOUSE DISCUSSES COAL SITUATION

Congress Will Be Asked To Empower Committee to Investigate the Entire Subject of Transportation

Washington, Jan. 8.—The coal situation became the subject of a discussion before the House committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries today with result that a resolution will be introduced in the House asking Congress to authorize the committee to investigate the entire subject of coal transportation.

The matter came up when Chairman Grosvenor called up the McCall resolution to suspend the coastwise laws of the United States so as to allow foreign vessels to carry coal for a period of ninety days, unrestricted by any provision of existing laws. The resolution will be drawn up by Littlefield of Maine, and will be introduced by Grosvenor.