

## CONFIDENT THEY HAVE RIGHT MEN

### Chief Irwin Goes to Monroe to Identify Safe-Crackers Who Were Captured There Yesterday

## BURGLAR'S TOOLS, WATCHES AND MONEY FOUND ON THEM

### Leader of the Gang Believed to Be Man Who Coached Lawyers in the Wadesboro Trial

The News gave an account yesterday afternoon of the arrest of two men, supposed to be burglars, by the Union county authorities near Monroe yesterday afternoon. The arrest was made after a long chase and desperate battle. As stated, two men of suspicious appearance got on the train at Waxhaw and paid the fare to Monroe, getting there about six o'clock yesterday morning. The conductor on reaching Monroe called the attention of the policemen to the men, who had gone into the waiting room. They bought tickets for Hamlet, but seeing that they were being watched did not get back on the train, but separated and walked off. A minute later one of them, realizing that he had been spotted, shot his pistol into the ground. The other answered the signal in the same way and came to his assistance and they both immediately opened fire on the officers. No one was hurt and in the darkness the men escaped. The arrest at three o'clock in the afternoon followed. But the fact that only one of the men arrested was seen in Monroe that morning, and that they were not armed, led the police to think that there were others of the gang in the neighborhood. A second search with the county's bloodhounds was successful and two more men were brought to Monroe. These two were doubly armed with heavy Colt's revolvers and put up a game fight. They wounded one of the dogs, but finally, surrounded by a superior force of men with Winchester, and tired out with the day's excitement and strain, they gave up. They were taken to Monroe and landed in jail about seven o'clock last night. Besides being armed they carried a full kit of burglar's tools and nitroglycerine. They also had several watches and a considerable amount of money. They have so far refused to give their names. They were rather shabbily dressed. It is supposed that the men had an engagement to meet in Monroe that morning and either all go to Hamlet together or two of them remain in Monroe and lay plans for a robbery there.

Chief of Police H. C. Irwin, Chief of Fire Department W. W. Irvine and Mr. W. G. Shoemaker went to Monroe this morning to see the men. A phone message from Chief Irwin states that Monroe that morning and that they are the right men. One thing significant is that the leader of the gang is believed to be the man who coached the lawyers at the trial in Wadesboro about a year ago of the Morven safe-crackers and which resulted in their getting long terms in the penitentiary.

### Long's Condition Comfortable.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 3.—The physicians attending ex-Secretary Long made an examination of the patient at ten-thirty this morning. They say his condition is about the same as yesterday and he passed a fairly comfortable night.

## NO CHRISTIAN SCIENCE IN THEIRS

### Chicago School Trustees Suspend teacher Afflicted with Tuberculosis Who thinks That She is Well

Chicago, Feb. 3.—The Christian Scientists and the Chicago school authorities have clashed and the trustees have suspended a teacher thought to be a victim of tuberculosis, ordering the disinfecting of her room where she taught. Further, it was decided that in the future no teacher suffering from contagious disease should be allowed to remain in the schools.

Last night the teacher in question, Miss May Carpenter, a fair maid, full of Christian Science, denied that she had consumption and declared she would recover her position as soon as she is able to teach.

Dr. Houtung, a member of the board, declared that every child in Miss Carpenter's room was exposed to the germs of tuberculosis.

## THREW KISS AND FELL DEAD.

Van Alen Nickerson, of New York, Dies Suddenly On Bridal Trip. Denver, Feb. 3.—With a kiss of his hand to his bride, Van Alen Nickerson, a Wall street broker and a prominent New York clubman, turned half around and fell headlong dead on the sidewalk in front of 1315 South Fourteenth street yesterday. Death resulted from heart failure.

Mrs. Nickerson saw her husband fall. She thought he had fainted and ran out to aid him. When she raised his head and saw he was dead she shrieked. Mr. Nickerson was married in New York last September.

He and his wife had since been on their honeymoon trip that brought them through the Yellowstone Park and Denver, the Arizona Canyon and California, and a week ago they returned to Denver on their way to New York. Mr. Nickerson was an enthusiastic horseman. He was 33 years old.

## WIFE VANISHED IN BALLOON.

Now Prather Will Devote All His Time To Searching For Her. Ashland, Ky., Feb. 3.—Henry Prather, who lives in Letcher County, has given up his farm and is now searching for his young bride, who, he alleges eloped, in a novel manner about a month ago.

One day a show came to a nearby town and Prather and his wife went to see it. An aeronaut offered to take up any young woman who was not afraid to make the ascent. Prather says his wife and the aeronaut made several trips, but on the last one they failed to come down. He says he has heard nothing of his wife since.

## AN ACT TO AMEND THE PRIMARY LAW

### Representative Freeman's Bill Would Eliminate The Oath Feature Except in Case of Challenge

An interesting measure, introduced into the House yesterday by Representative Freeman, was the bill to amend the primary election law of Mecklenburg. The full text of the bill follows:

"An Act to amend Chapter 524 Public Laws, 1901, so as to eliminate the oath in primary elections except in case of challenge.

"The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

"Section 1. That section 2 of Chapter 524 Public Laws of 1901 be, and the same is hereby amended by striking out the words 'shall before receiving any ballot' in lines eight and nine of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the words 'it shall be their duty when requested by any bystander and before receiving his ballot to:'

"Sec. 2. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

The section 2 of this act, in its present form, is as follows:

"Sec. 2. Before any ballots are received at such election, and immediately before opening the polls, such managers shall open each ballot box to be used in such election, and exhibit the same publicly, to show that there are no ballots in such box. They shall then close and lock or seal up such box, except the opening to receive the ballots, and shall not again open the same until the close of the election. They shall keep a poll list with the name of each voter voting in such election, and SHALL BEFORE RECEIVING ANY BALLOT administer to the voter an oath that he is duly qualified to vote according to the rules of the party, and that he has no vote before the result of the primaries, and at the close of the election they shall proceed publicly to count the votes and declare the result; they shall certify the result of such election, and transmit such certificate, with the poll list, ballots, and all other papers relating to such election, within the time prescribed and to the person or persons designated by the rules of the party, organization or association holding such election."

## This Mayor Has a Long Head.

Waterbury, Feb. 3.—It is believed the action of Mayor Kiduff in ordering the school children to be kept off the streets will in a measure lessen the amount of stone-throwing inasmuch as much use of the missiles is found to be the work of boys. The cars started out on all ones this morning as usual and the first trips were not productive of any serious trouble. Three arrests were made during the night and brought into court this morning.

## Johnny Has a Narrow Escape.

Elk Horn, Ind., Feb. 3.—John Benedict, of Chicago, a non-union employee of the Indiana Railway Company, narrowly escaped violence at the hands of a mob of 2,000 men, women and boys last night. He was attacked after he alighted from his car and the entire police force of ten men under command of Supt. Silver, ran to his rescue. He was hurried to the city jail, the crowd pressing the officers very close.

## HIGH HATS AND BONNETS MUST GO

### State Senator Baldwin Introduces Bill Which Would Punish Those Who Abstract View at Theatres

## BILL, AUTHORIZING CATAWBA BRIDGE, PASSES

### House Also Passes Bill To Prevent Killing of Squirrels in Mecklenburg—Proceedings of Yesterday

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 3.—The following bills were introduced today: Baldwin, to prohibit obstructing the view at theatres and paid entertainments by fining the wearers of high hats or bonnets; Drawry, incorporating the State Veterinary Association.

The House passed the bill authorizing Gaston and Mecklenburg counties to build a bridge across the Catawba river, and also one to prevent killing squirrels in Mecklenburg county.

## THE SENATE, FEB. 2.

The Senate met at 11 o'clock with President pro tem Brown in the chair. The galleries were crowded with ladies from the female schools here.

## PETITIONS PRESENTED.

London: Citizens of Huntersville for London bill. Spruill and Mann: Citizens of Washington for temperance. Marshall: Members of New Garden Friends monthly meeting for temperance legislation. Marshall: Citizens of Surry for prohibition. Henderson: Citizens of Davie for prohibition near Jamestown church. Henderson: Citizens of Rowan for the London bill. Brown: Citizens of Columbus for prohibition. Milton: Citizens of Stanly for temperance. Norris: Petition of Bishop, rector and officers of Christ Episcopal church of Raleigh, N. C., for temperance legislation.

## BILLS INTRODUCED.

Barto: To amend the charter of the Bank of Reidsville. Norris: Resolution for the investigation of charges regarding the removal of convicts. Baldwin: Joint resolution for an investigation of alleged freight discrimination of railroads against North Carolina shippers. Mitchell: To regulate the sale of concentrated feeding stuff. Henderson: To appoint a justice of the peace in Rowan. Mitchell: To prevent fast driving over certain bridges in Bertie. Mitchell: To incorporate the Powersville M. E. church in Bertie. Spence: To supply the records of Vance and Moore. Reinhardt: To investigate the State penitentiary. Mann: To investigate the management of the State penitentiary and removal of convicts from Spruce Pine, Mitchell county.

## BILLS PASSED.

House bill: To incorporate the Savings Trust Company of Washington. Joint resolution for the committees on penal institutions to investigate

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## At the State Capital.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 3.—The remains of the late Maj. Eugene J. Harrell were shipped from Manila yesterday on the Sheridan and will reach here next month.

There were 47 applicants for law license before the Supreme Court today. Six of these were colored.

New corporations: Union Supply & Cotton Co., of Spray, with \$80,000 subscribed capital. Davenport & Braxton Manufacturing Company, of Fictibus, with \$1,500 paid capital. The Grabs Manufacturing Company, of King, to make furniture, with \$100,000 capital.

## IMPORTED TOUGHS CREATED TROUBLES

### 'Squire McKelvey Was Quick to Acquaint Coal Barons With the Majesty of The Law

Philadelphia, Feb. 3.—At the opening of this morning's session of the coal strike commission Justice of the Peace McKelvey, of Hazel township, who was upon the stand at adjournment last night, was called and read a joint letter which had been written to the G. B. Markle Co., Coxie Brothers company, J. S. Wentz company and Pardees, who had previously written him instructions as to his duty.

In this letter the "Squire" told the mine owners that he knew his duty and that from his observation it was the imported toughs of the Coal and Iron Police and not the strikers who were creating all the trouble.

## PERSIAN RUG BRINGS \$38,000.

Almost Fabulous Prices Paid at the Marquand Art Sale. New York, Feb. 3.—The feature of the last session of the great Marquand art sale at the American Art Galleries were the exceedingly high prices paid for the rugs and tapestries, one of the rugs selling for \$38,000 to Vitall Benguliat, presumably for Senator W. A. Clark.

The receipts from the rugs, tapestries, etc., were \$234,564. This, added to the total of the preceding sessions of the sale, makes a grand total of \$706,049 for the entire collection.

This has been surpassed only once in the history of art sales in New York and only four times in the history of the art sales of the world. The famous Mary J. Morgan sale in this city, March 4, 1886, had a total of \$1,207,299. The 17 days' sales of the Hamilton Palace effects in London in 1882 brought \$1,987,810.

From the 20 days' San Donato sale in Florence in 1880 \$1,242,200 was realized, and the Beck-Deinson sale in London in 1885 resulted in a total of \$1,000,000.

## BAPTIZED IN ICY WATER.

With Mercury at 22 and a Gale Blowing 25 Are Immersed. Dunbar, Pa., Feb. 3.—With a chill western wind blowing a gale of 20 miles an hour, the thermometer 10 degrees below freezing, 25 persons were immersed in the icy waters of Tucker river yesterday.

Two weeks ago Evangelist Alexander Dittmore, of Uniontown, started a series of protracted meetings in the mountains, seven miles south of this place. As a result he had a small army of converts to be dipped in the small mountain stream.

Many almost perished in the cold wind, as the nearest house was half a mile from the place of immersion.

## Goes Where He Will Be Appreciated.

Williams Port, Feb. 3.—James W. Clarke, a pioneer newspaper man, of this city, died this morning, aged 73. He published the Gazette during the Civil War.

## ANCIENT LADIES WERE HER GUESTS

### Aunt Maria Patrick Has a Birthday Party and She Celebrates in True Old-Fashioned Style

Urbana, O., Feb. 3.—There was a most unique birthday celebration here Monday by Maria Patrick, aged ninety years. None of the guests invited were under 75 years, and combined ages of the eighteen women present was 1,459 years and the average almost 80 years.

The guests wore old-fashioned dresses and everything was placed on the dinner table at one time and served just as was the custom in years past.

## FORMALIN SAVES ANOTHER.

Desperate Case of Septic Peritonitis Relieved by New Treatment. Springfield, Mass., Feb. 3.—Dr. J. H. Carmichael, of this city, has announced the success of the use of formalin treatment for blood poisoning on a case operated upon five days ago.

The patient was in a desperate condition with septic peritonitis and on January 26 was almost in extremis. The pulse was 160 and the patient was in a comatose condition. A solution of formalin, 1 in 5,000, was used, and before the end of the operation the pulse had dropped to 120 and was firm and strong. In twelve hours the pulse was almost normal and yesterday the patient took nourishment.

## MURDERERS MAY GO FREE.

Serious Consequences of Lack of Appropriation. Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 3.—Unless the Secretary of the Interior takes favorable action, granting an appropriation for holding the spring term of court in the Lawton (Okla.) district, the result will be the release of nine prisoners charged with murder.

Under the territorial laws no prisoner may be held over two terms of court without trial, and all these have now gone over one term. If the appropriation does not come there can be no court.

This is the ultimatum of Frank Gillette, associate justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court and presiding Federal judge in the Lawton district.

## "BOTH DESIRE TO BUY."

Chilean Officials Says America and Germany Want Warships. Valparaiso, Chile, Feb. 3.—President Riesco stated today that the cruiser Esmeralda will not be sold, but the sale of the battleship Captain Prat will be negotiated if a suitable offer is made.

The Minister of Finance said: "There is a firm contention on the part of the Administration to disregard private agents in negotiations for the sale of the ships. We have not yet received a definite or concrete offer of purchase, but we know that both the United States and Germany desire to buy the warships."

## ANOTHER MILLION TO CITY'S GROWTH

### That Sum Will Be Expended, and Perhaps More, in Charlotte's Industrial Expansion

## LARGE AMOUNT WILL GO INTO COTTON FACTORIES

### An Oil Refinery Will Soon Be Started on County Home Property—Some Downtown Buildings

Within the next 12 months Charlotte will add another million dollars to its industrial growth. While these figures sound large, they are true figures and 1903 will demonstrate the truthfulness of them.

A prominent contractor informs the News man that the building outlook in Charlotte is exceedingly encouraging.

Besides the new hotel, spoken of in the News on several occasions, one cotton mill is to double its floor space and another mill is seriously contemplating the erection of a weave mill in addition to its already large plant.

Besides the above, no one has lost sight of the \$500,000 cotton mill that the Highland Park Company will erect on the Wadsworth and Pegram lands, to the North of the city.

It is also a fact that the Highland Park Company will erect a large oil refinery on the County Home property that was purchased by this company last Saturday.

The Bell Telephone Company is making ready for the erection of its handsome office building that will occupy the Davidson lot on East Third street, in rear of the county court house.

The new Carnegie Library, the building and grounds worth at least \$35,000, is now nearly ready for occupancy. The columns were received today and Capt. T. S. Franklin informs a News man that he thinks the building will be ready to receive the books in two weeks.

Workmen are busily engaged in putting the finishing touches on the handsome Trust building, one of the finest buildings in the South.

One of those interested in the Central hotel property, informs the writer today that the improvements contemplated sometime ago, will certainly be made this year. This will represent an outlay of about \$100,000.

Besides these there are numerous handsome residences in the course of construction and many planned that will be built during the next 12 months.

So, a reasonable estimate of the building to be done in Charlotte within the next year will amount to at least one round million dollars.

After all this who can say truthfully that Charlotte is standing still?

The Queen City is growing and growing rapidly. There is no city in the Carolinas that can hold her light and to all who are not prejudiced, this statement is known to be the simple, unvarnished truth.

## Delegates From Thirty States.

New York, Feb. 3.—W. S. Crandall, secretary of the American Road-Makers, announces that he has received word that delegates from over thirty States and over a score of Senators and Congressmen will be in attendance on the International conference to be held in connection with the annual meeting of the American Road-makers.

## THE OUTCOME IS VERY DOUBTFUL

### British and German Representatives Have Special Consultation With Bowen

Washington, Feb. 3.—Shortly after ten this morning Sir Michael Herbert and Baron Sack Von Sternberg called upon Minister Bowen and remained in consultation for some time. Prior to their arrival Bowen received Senator Hanna and James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway, and the latter was very anxious to ascertain the exact situation regarding Venezuela. Among the questions he asked Bowen was whether reference of the affair to The Hague is now probable.

Bowen replied that in his opinion it was not probable. He regarded the outcome as extremely doubtful owing to the many complications that arose in the negotiations during the past week.

## MORE COAL FROM CANADA.

Shipments in the Far Northwest Greater by 1,000 Tons Daily. Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 3.—Over 6,000 tons of coal is arriving daily from the Crow's Nest Pass Fields, in British Columbia, through the port of Gateway, over the Great Northern branch. This is an increase of 1,000 tons since the repeal of the duty on coal. All this fuel is for use along the line of the Great Northern Railway. The imports will soon reach 10,000 tons a day.

At the time the duty was taken off coal the Great Northern was paying into the customs department \$3,350 a day in duties on coal. On the amount it is bringing in at present it is saving \$4,020 a day.

## ILL FROM SEEING MURDER.

His Friends Shot at His Side, Dr. Graham Is Delirious. Cincinnati, Feb. 3.—Dr. Nathaniel Powell Graham, of Madisonville, Ind., lies in delirium in the Good Samaritan Hospital as the result of a nerve-racking experience at Albuquerque, N. M., where he was employed as physician for a mining company.

Two college chums, Arthur Trumbull and William Finch, both of New York, went out to visit him. In a dance house and saloon kept by a Mexican two cowboys with revolvers strapped to their waists invited them to drink. Dr. Graham started forward to accept, but the Easterners looked on with contempt.

Both Mexicans fired. Trumbull fell, shot through the heart, and Finch died an hour later. A friend of Graham pushed him out and he escaped. He was taken ill passing through here.

## PANAMA TREATY REPORTED TODAY

### Morgan Keeps Up Fight—Committee Recommends Prosecution of Dolbin—Cruiser Row Settled

Washington, Feb. 3.—The Panama Canal treaty today reported favorably to the Senate for ratification without amendment by the Committee on Foreign Relations. Senator Morgan was the only opponent of the treaty and the only member of the committee who voted against the report. He gave notice that he would continue his opposition on the floor of the Senate and endeavor to defeat it.

May Prosecute Dolbin. Washington, Feb. 3.—The House Committee on Naval Affairs, today agreed on a report in the Lessler case. It vindicates Lessler, Quigg and the Holland boat company and recommends further proceedings against Dolbin, the self-confessed perjurer.

Warship Middle Settled. Washington, Feb. 3.—It was decided at a cabinet meeting today that the award for the contracts for the construction of the armored cruisers Tennessee and Washington be made as follows: one ship to William Cramp and Sons Shipbuilding Co., of Philadelphia; one ship to the New York Shipbuilding Co., of Camden, N. J., each to be built on the government's plans for the sum of \$43,500.

## PLANNING BIG COAL MERGER.

Indiana Operators at Work On a Consolidation Scheme. Indianapolis, Feb. 3.—Indiana coal operators are working on one of the largest merging schemes in the history of the State. The plan is to bring all of the controlling coal-producing interests in the State into one company.

Absolute ownership is the plan to be followed. The coal-mining interests of Indiana are worth more than \$5,000,000. The plan is to take in those properties lying along the railroad lines.

A committee composed of A. M. Ogle, of Indianapolis; J. Smith Talley, of Terre Haute, and George Seifert, who has large mines in Sullivan county, is taking options on properties. Some of the largest coal-mining interests are already covered by options.

The company contemplates, it is understood, equipping itself with its own coal cars and to provide enough so that there will not be the present frequent shutdown of the mines because of car famines.

## Kansas Will Bar Hoochy Koohy.

Topeka, Feb. 3.—Senator R. T. Simons has introduced a bill in the Senate making the dancing of the "hoochy-koohy," or dance due ventre, in Kansas a misdemeanor. The punishment is a fine of from \$1 to \$100, or imprisonment from ten days to three months.

## Uncle Sam's Receipt for 2 Cents.

Wilkesbarre, Feb. 3.—Former Postmaster J. L. Frankel, of Larksville, is proudly exhibiting a receipt from the Government for two cents. Rumors that his accounts were not straight in the past have been audited. This showed he owed two cents, which he promptly paid.

## Beaupre Succeeds Hart.

Washington, Feb. 3.—United States Minister Charles Burdette Hart, at Bogota, Colombia, has resigned and Arthur A. Beaupre, of Illinois, present secretary of the Legation, at Bogota, is appointed as his successor.

## LATEST FOREIGN NEWS AND VIEWS

### Two Women Hanged For the Murder of Innocents on an English Baby Farm

## REPORTS OF TROUBLE IN HONDURAS ARE DENIED

### Cuban Flag Cannot Float in Madrid—To Protect The Fishing Craft of Grand Banks by Telegraphy

London, Feb. 3.—Although no official bulletin as to the King's condition was issued this morning, it is reported on good authority that he passed a good night. His condition, however, is not such as to permit his going to the Duke of Devonshire's seat today.

## Two Women Hanged.

London, Feb. 3.—Two women, Amelia Sachs and Annie Walters, were hanged in Holloway jail today for killing babies on a baby farm.

## Buying English Iron.

Glasgow, Feb. 3.—One of the biggest consignments of iron for America since the time of the strike in the United States steel mills will be made shortly. Thirty-five tons of Cleveland (England) iron was bought for immediate shipment to Philadelphia.

## Merely a Coincidence.

Paris, Feb. 3.—Regarding the report that the French Atlantic squadron was ordered to Martinique, the French office today states that if it is true it is a mere coincidence and has no bearing on the Venezuelan affair.

## Herr Von Prollins Appointed.

Berlin, Feb. 3.—Herr Von Prollins, first secretary of the German Legation at The Hague, is appointed Minister to Caracas.

## Kaiser Getting Gay.

Manchester, Feb. 3.—The Dispatch today learns that the Kaiser intends to accompany the first German squadron to the Mediterranean in May. The paper adds he wants to show that the German flag is there in state, as some say, as "Admiral of the Atlantic."

## To Protect Fishing Craft.

Paris, Feb. 3.—The French Wireless Telegraphy Society has asked the Government for permission to erect a station at Saint Pierre, Mar Island. The society states that it will undertake to equip all fishing vessels with signal instruments to be used in case of distress. It is believed such arrangements will greatly reduce the New Foundland bank casualties.

## No Trouble in Honduras.

Mexico City, Mexico, Feb. 3.—The Government has called it Charge d'Affaires here that there is nothing in the reports of a grave political disturbance in Central America, and that Americans are fleeing from Honduras. The country, it is claimed, is tranquil and prosperous.

## Cuban Flag Comes Down.

Madrid, Feb. 3.—The Cuban flag, displayed from the hotel De Le Pax, where the Cuban minister, Senor Merchan, is stopping, created a disagreeable impression and Foreign Minister Abazurza accordingly requested Merchan to have it removed, giving as a reason that it was contrary to custom for foreign flags to float from private houses.

## AGLIPAY'S CHURCH WORRIES VATICAN

### His Sect Does Not Recognize the Pope and it is Said to Be Converting The Islands

Rome, Feb. 3.—The Vatican is seriously concerned at the growth of the "schism" church in the Philippines, founded by Aglipay, a renegade priest.

News from Manila states that Aglipay has secured the support of Aguinaldo and is receiving converts all over the archipelago.

The Vatican has been in communication with Aglipay to determine how his proselyting can be stopped. He replied, the only way was to recall all the Friars. The Pope is unwilling to do this.

The only difference between the Roman church and the new Philippine church is that the latter does not recognize either the Pope or the Friars. All the clergy are natives. The form of worship is the same as the Roman Church.