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QUARTER-MILLION APPROPRIATED FOR BOLL WEVIL

The Money to be Immediately Available--Senator Morgan's Great Speech on the Panama Canal and the Treaty.

The Detailed History of the Insurrection Does not Square With the President's Representations--The Postal Fraud Cases.

(Special to The News.) Washington, Jan. 8.—The House passed without a dissenting vote a bill authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to use during the present fiscal year \$250,000 to eradicate the boll weevil and other cotton destroying insects.

(A. W. Hughes.) Washington, Jan. 7.—The House Committee on Appropriations met today and reported a bill which makes the sum of \$250,000 available for a fight against the ravages of the boll weevil in Texas, and other cotton growing States, to be expended under the direction of the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Hemenway, chairman of the Appropriations committee, obtained unanimous consent for the consideration of the bill tomorrow morning.

The bill amends the current appropriation act for the Department of Agriculture by providing that of the \$500,000 available under that measure for the eradication of the foot and mouth disease among cattle, \$250,000 should be used for fighting the boll weevil. The money is to be immediately available, and shall remain so until June 30, 1905.

Senator Morgan took the floor on the Panama matter when the Senate convened today, and when asked by Mr. Spooner, of Wisconsin, whether he understood the venerable Senator from Alabama to say that we could not lawfully recognize Panama as a de facto government until Colombia had relinquished sovereignty, Mr. Morgan stated that Colombia had the right to consider recognition under other circumstances as premature and an act of war.

"And I am compelled to say," said Mr. Morgan, "that tomorrow if the United States government should withdraw its fleet and marines from the isthmus, or confine their operations to the protection of the railroad, and to the passage across the isthmus, Colombia would march in and capture those eight men who organized the Panama government, and drive them and their following of foreigners, negroes, Indians and Chinamen from the isthmus. Under such conditions the position of the United States would have been honorable, dignified and wholly consistent with her rights under the treaty of 1846. Our position would have been in accordance with the teachings of Washington, Adams and other authorities that have been quoted here."

Mr. Morgan had read an article from a New York newspaper, purporting to give the detailed history of the insurrection in Panama and the creation of an independent government. He said he had caused the article to be read because it contained the charge that two officers of the United States had participated in the secession, and because the President had said that no officers of the United States had taken part in the uprising. Mr. Morgan said the charge should be accepted as a

THE FUNERAL OF RUTH CLEVELAND

Simple Service Conducted at the Family Residence by Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church--Many Messages of Sympathy.

(By Associated Press.) Princeton, N. J., Jan. 8.—The funeral of Ruth Cleveland was held at the family residence this morning. The service was brief and simple conducted by Rev. Maitland Bartlett of the First Presbyterian church. In addition to the family a few closest friends of the family were present. The interment at Princeton cemetery was private and took place immediately after the service. At the request of her physician, Mrs. Cleveland did not go to the cemetery. Among the hundreds of messages of condolence from friends was one from President Roosevelt.

GENERAL GORDON'S CONDITION.

He Was Resting Quietly at Noon and Otherwise His Condition is Unchanged. (By Associated Press.) Miami, Fla., Jan. 8.—General Gordon's condition this morning is unchanged. He is resting quietly. General Gordon's physician issued a bulletin at noon regarding the condition of the patient. He has rested very quietly since early morning. He has taken brandy and milk and other light nourishment and seems a little stronger. At present his temperature is 101, pulse 96, still weak and irregular. He begins to evince interest in surroundings.

DOMINGO AGAIN.

The Government De Facto is About to Become a Government. (By Associated Press.) San Domingo, Jan. 8.—The town of San Pedro de Macoris has been recaptured by the government and again declared an open port. Insurgents in the suburbs today sent messenger to authorities suggesting a compromise on honorable terms. The messenger was arrested and proposition not answered. News from the interior more favorable to this government.

ICE FIELDS THREATENING.

Piling up of Ice Where the Ferries Have to Cut Their Way. (By Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 8.—The ice fields of Hudson River and New York Bay are very troublesome to navigation. Many river crafts are swept from their moorings and today there is great danger from the piling up of immense fields of ice through which the ferries have to cut their way.

PREACHER FOR PENITENTIARY.

Rev. A. B. Cherry Found Guilty of Subornation and Perjury. (By Associated Press.) Winchester, Tenn., Jan. 8.—Rev. A. B. Cherry has been found guilty of subornation and perjury and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. He was indicted for an attempt to secure insurance on furniture destroyed by fire which he never possessed. Cherry brought his brother into the case under an alias and induced him to make false affidavits.

SCHOOLMASTER ASSAULTED.

He Had Whipped a Pupil and the Students Assaulted Him--Condition Critical. (By Associated Press.) Huntington, W. Va., Jan. 8.—Prof. Ruyon of this city, who teaches two miles from here, was assaulted by his students last night and beaten into insensibility. He previously had whipped a pupil. His condition today is critical.

Congressman Griggs Guilty.

New York, Jan. 8.—After deliberating forty-five minutes, a jury found former Congressman Edmund H. Driggs guilty of accepting money to procure a contract between a private company and the government while serving as a member of Congress. The jury recommended mercy. In response Judge Thomas said the recommendation was eminently fitting as Mr. Driggs had conducted himself with dignity and, because he undoubtedly violated the statute unwittingly, Judge Thomas said he believed Mr. Driggs was only guilty in a technical sense. In charging the jury, Judge Thomas said: "Did Mr. Driggs tender services to the Brandt-Dent Company in connection with a government contract? He had a perfect right to give his services gratuitously, but if he was a congressman-elect and received compensation therefore, then I charge you that he is guilty."

DIETRICH RELEASED.

The Judge Told the Jury to Say Not Guilty and the Jury Did as They Were Told. (By Associated Press.) Omaha, Jan. 8.—United States Senator Pritchard has been released from custody. Judge Van Devender instructed the jury to bring in a verdict of not guilty and the District Attorney filed a noli prosequi in the other cases against the Senator. In Dietrich decision Judge Vandevender sustained demurrer of Dietrich's counsel which was to introduce evidence on the ground that Dietrich was actually a Senator when the alleged bribery took place. The effect of the decision is that a man not actually a member of Congress till he has taken the oath of office at bar of House to which he was elected and therefore is not amendable to the law as a member of Congress.

MILITARY NOMINATIONS.

Chaffee to be Lieutenant--Gen. Kobbe to be Major-General. (By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 8.—The President sent to the Senate today the nomination of A. R. Chaffee to be Lieutenant-General of the Army, vice General Young, to be retired, and Ex-Brigadier-General W. A. Kobbe to be Major-General, vice Chaffee.

THE UNION STATION HEARING JAN. 19TH

The Corporation Commission Informs Mayor Brown Today That Tuesday 19th has Been Selected and the Hearing to be in Charlotte. The union station matter is again up for consideration and this time something is going to be doing. Mayor P. M. Brown received a letter this morning from Mr. H. C. Brown, clerk of the Corporation Commission, in which it is stated that the commission will hold a meeting in Charlotte Tuesday, the 19th, of January, at which time the petition of the city of Charlotte in the matter of a union station will be heard. The letter containing this information was received by Mayor Brown this morning and is as follows: Raleigh, Jan. 7, 1904. Hon. P. M. Brown, Charlotte, N. C. Dear Sir: The matter of the petition of the city of Charlotte in reference to a union passenger station will be called for a hearing at Charlotte at 11 o'clock a. m., Tuesday, the 19th day of January. Very respectfully, H. C. BROWN, Clerk.

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GOOD SEA MANNERS.

The American Squadron Will Not Get into the Naval Mix Up. (By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 8.—The Navy Department this morning received a cablegram from Commander Dillingham at Porto Plata, San Domingo, that the Morales gunboats delivered an ultimatum threatening to bombard Porto Plata after 24 hours notice. With the concurrence of the captain of the British Cruiser Pallis he made a representation to both sides to which they agreed that one shall not bombard the other shall not fire on the gunboats. All fighting is to be confined to the land side of the town. Interests are secure.

ANOTHER CANAL ROUTE.

Senator Scott Asks For the Investigation of the Darien Canal Route. (By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 8.—When the Senate convened today Senator Scott of W. Va., offered a joint resolution providing for the investigation of the Darien Canal route which has never been carefully investigated by engineers and that the tunnel which is necessary is not impracticable. He asked the committee on inter-oceanic canals for an early report on the resolution.

Editor Goodwin Dead.

New York, Jan. 8.—Park Goodwin, from 1837 to 1853 editor of the New York Evening Post, of which he again became editor a few years later, and well known as editor and author of several books, died in this city, aged 88 years.

NOT MARRIED SAYS THE COURT

A Divorced Woman's Re-Marriage Declared Annulled After Two Years on the Ground That the Divorce was Illegal. (By Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 8.—After a union of two years the marriage of Mrs. Charles Dodge to Charles Morse, banker and former president of the American Ice Company, has been annulled by the Supreme Court justice of Bischoff on the ground that when she became his wife she had not been legally divorced from her first husband. It appears that Mrs. Dodge married Charles Dodge, a hotel proprietor of Atlanta, Ga., March 28, 1877. In 1893 she obtained a divorce and in 1901 married Mr. Morse. Recently Dodge had the decree set aside on the ground it had been illegally obtained in that he was not properly served with a notice of the suit. Dodge is said to be at present in New Orleans.

SEABOARD ISSUES BONDS.

Plan approved to issue Five Million Three Year Collateral Trust Bonds. (By Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 8.—Directors of Seaboard Air Line today approved the plan to issue five million three year collateral trust bonds.

A SLAYDEN RESOLUTION.

Tendering Good Offices of United States to Japan and Russia. (By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 8.—In the House today Slayden of Texas introduced resolution requesting the President to tender the good offices of the United States to Russia and Japan for mediation by this country.

SOME RAILROAD RUMORS.

Interesting Talk Heard About the Depots. A rumor was current in Charlotte today that Superintendent Horace Baker, of the Southern, had resigned, and that he would probably be made assistant to General Superintendent McManus with headquarters in Greensboro. Another rumor was to the effect that Mr. Baker would be sent to Columbia to succeed Mr. Wells. As Mr. Baker was out of the city, The News man could not confirm either of the rumors. It has been talked for sometime that Mr. Baker would soon be promoted; that the Southern's officials would soon find a step higher for him. Charlotte would regret exceedingly to lose Mr. Baker. He and his family are loved and very much admired by our people. He is unquestionably one of the best railroad men in the service of the Southern, and deserves the recognition spoken of.

It has been a matter of much speculation in Charlotte today as to who the Southern Railway will appoint as successor to Superintendent P. I. Welles, of the Columbia division of the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta road. The resignation of Superintendent Welles came in the nature of a surprise to the Southern officials. Mr. Welles has been superintendent of the Columbia division since the resignation of Capt. V. E. McBee, which was about 8 years ago. He is an exceptionally good railroad man and the Columbia division will miss him.

Cabinet Discusses.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 8.—The Far East situation was discussed at a cabinet meeting today, consideration being given to the movements of the Asiatic squadron which is to be shaped so as to emphasize the neutrality of this country in the event of war between Russia and Japan. After the meeting it was announced that a cablegram was to be sent to Admiral Evans on his arrival at Guam tomorrow to proceed to Subig Bay, it being reported that the American navy shall observe "Good sea manners so as not to get into Japan or Russia waters."

SHAWL CAUSED DEATH.

Prevented Women from Hearing Approach of Train. Sarah Brewer and her daughter, Cora Brewer, were the women who met their death at the railroad crossing near Bessemer City yesterday afternoon. The mother was driving the buggy and a thick shawl was tied tightly around her ears. This, it is said, was the reason the woman did not hear the approaching train. The Gastonia Gazette says: "The body of the girl who was about 17 years old, was carried about 75 yards beyond the spot and was badly mangled. The body of the mother also was mangled and the buggy completely demolished. The older woman was still breathing and moaning when Dr. D. A. Garrison, of Bessemer City, arrived a few minutes after the accident, but nothing could be done for her. She died in a short time. Sectionmaster T. B. Terrell and his crew were eye-witnesses of the tragic accident, being engaged at work on the track near the scene. At this crossing the track lies in a cut and the wagon road makes a curve. The crew saw the women approaching in the buggy and vainly endeavored to warn them. The older woman had her head tied up in a shawl or cloth and could not hear. Evidently neither of them was expecting a train and it was also probable that the engineer failed to blow the signal for the crossing."

That Lot Drawing.

The receipts of cotton at the city platform today amounted to 27 bales and the best price was 13 1/2. For the same day last year the receipts amounted to 50 bales and the best price was 8 1/2. The cotton situation remains about as on yesterday. The future market was a little quiet today.

EARLY MORNING FIRE.

Home of Engineer Hill Partially Destroyed by Flames. The fire department received a call from box 46 this morning at about half past five. The wagons from the department on East Fifth street went out first but as the alarm was turned in a second time all the companies answered. The fire was in a residence occupied by Engineer R. B. Hill of the S. A. L. Railway. When the company arrived the whole of the lower part of the house was ablaze and the flames were licking the side of the house on their way up to the roof. A good deal of wood had been stored under the house and the heat from this was becoming intense. Fortunately there was a plug near by but by the time the water was turned on nearly the whole of the roof had been destroyed as well as part of the kitchen. After this it was only a short while before the fire had been extinguished. The fire is supposed to have started by coals dropping from a stove and burned through the roof. None of the furniture was destroyed by the fire but some was damaged by water.

PRAISE FOR CHIEF IRVINE.

Insurance Commissioner Young Writes Congratulatory Letter. Chief W. W. Irvine of the fire department has received the following letter from Insurance Commissioner James R. Young: Raleigh, Jan. 6, 1904. Capt. W. W. Irvine, Chief of the Fire Department, Charlotte, N. C. Dear Sir: I see by the newspapers that your report for the year 1903 shows a good record of our department. I want to congratulate you upon this and request that you will send me a copy of your report if you have one printed at any time. Very Truly Yours, J. R. Young, Insurance Commissioner.

Barn Burned.

A barn on a place, about two miles this side of Matthews belonging to Mr. H. G. Harper, of the John M. Scott Drug Company, and occupied by Mr. Sam Thompson, was razed to the ground, last Wednesday night. In the lower part of the building were several mules, which escaped with no injury. Mr. Harper estimates his loss at \$200, and also says that he has every reason to believe that it was the work of a fire bug who probably turned the mules loose when he committed his crime as he does not see how they could have gotten out otherwise.

Shooting Notes.

Misses Maud Hayes and Bessie Grier have returned to Due West after spending the holidays at home. Miss Emma Coffey, of Spartanburg, spent Christmas here with friends. Mrs. A. M. Harris has returned from Laurinburg, where she has been visiting Mrs. W. DeB. McEachin. Miss Minnie Marks is visiting Mrs. J. B. Spratt.

Think They Have a Clue.

The police think they have a clue as to the party who took \$61 from Miss Nettie Briard at the Y. W. C. A. rooms on West Fifth street. So far, they will not disclose any names but The News man learned this afternoon that about \$40 of the money has been spotted.

To Acquire Another Store.

The News learns this afternoon that Sarratt & Blakely, the North Tryon street grocery merchants have purchased the stock of J. M. McLaughlin & Co., corner Church and Stone wall streets. The new owners will continue to conduct the store.

To Name a Cashier.

At the meeting of the directors of the First National Bank to be held next Tuesday a cashier will be named. The News has been unable to learn whom the directors will name; one gentleman stated this afternoon that the new cashier will come from another city.

Cotton.

While Officer Duke was talking about his grand drawing up in New York State this morning, Officer Eardhardt told about a lot he drew down in Florida. He ascertained afterwards that his lot was at the bottom of one of those deep, clear lakes in southern Florida. Mr. Duke thinks probably that his will be located somewhere about the middle of Long Island Sound.

Taft and Japan.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 8.—A cablegram received today from Governor Taft at Tokio says he was greeted by the Japanese Emperor with the greatest consideration and cordiality. Referring to the publication in a London paper that Governor Taft promised attitude of United States be friendly Japan in event of hostilities and that Japanese vessels be accorded special privileges in Pacific ports, it is said that a conclusion might have been drawn by Japanese officials from Taft's affable manner, but it is certain he did not commit this government to any policy not being an officer of the State Department nor President, he had no right to speak officially for the government.

WAR GROWS NEARER RUSSIANS EXCITED, JAPS RETURN HOME

The British Channell Squadron Sails for Spain That the Mediterranean Squadron May Leave by Suez for the Far East. The Note From St. Petersburg Hopes That the United States and England Will Intervene--Ominous News From Japan. (By Associated Press.) London, Jan. 8.—The text of the Russian reply to Japan's last note has been received by the Japanese Legation here. It will be presented to foreign office later in the day by Minister Hayashi. At the Legation the opinion held is that the reply is entirely opposed to the main Japanese contentions and it is said their relations will be broken off. Minister Hayashi said to the Representative of the Associated Press: "After reading the reply, all we can say is that the hope of a peaceful settlement is growing less and less and conditions are very grave. Japan decided not to buy the Chilean warship, for which negotiations have been started. At the Legation it is said that troops are being sent from Argentina are expected to sail today for the Far East by way of the Suez Canal.

British Regiment Warned.

Hong Kong, Jan. 8.—A detachment of 250 men, Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment) forming part of the garrison at Hong Kong has suddenly been warned to be in readiness for active service. Destination of troops has not been divulged. Authorities refuse all information on its subject, but it is said that troops are going to Peking or Seoul. The detachment is ready and transport arrangements have been completed.

Russian Army Excited.

New York, Jan. 8.—The army is excited, says a Herald dispatch from Port Arthur. However, the higher officers are remarkably calm, believing the Japanese are only demonstrating.

St. Petersburg Abuses Japan.

New York, Jan. 8.—Nearly all persons here take the view that Japan's conduct toward Russia is that of a naughty child, cables the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Herald. She has constantly been told in the press not to be so foolish; not to waste money in the impossible task of fighting Russia, and so on. In a long article on the alleged folly of Japan's pretensions the Gazette says: "What can she do to hurt Russia? She must take one of her strong fortresses, say Port Arthur, but she will require ten times more military force than she could ever bring to bear to accomplish such a feat. We think, however, that England and America will intervene, to prevent Japan from taking any such mad steps as that of making war upon us."

Faint Hope of Peace.

London, Jan. 8.—A special dispatch from Tokio under today's date, after recording Russia's reply, adds: "Diplomacy has not said its last word, and there are still hopes that hostilities may be averted. From the Russian legation it is announced that the negotiations will continue."

Japs Going Home.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 8.—It is estimated that by the end of this month over a thousand Japanese will have gone back from California to Japan. They have been called by the edict of the Japanese consul at San Francisco.

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