

GRAFT AND GUNS RULE THE ROOST IN SPRINGFIELD

Member of Illinois Legislature Goes Armed With Revolver in Consequence of Threats Against His Life Because He Charged Legislature is Sold at Auction.

ROOSEVELT WANTS TO WRESTLE.

Engages the Heavy Weight Dwyer to Show Him How.

WILLIAM LOEB, JR., "Secretary to the President."

Prof. Dwyer is engaged at the Atlanta Athletic Club.

COLLISION IN FT. WORTH.

Twenty are Injured by Collision Between a Freight and a Street Car.

Cotton Receipts.

The receipts of cotton at the city platform today amounted to 45 bales.

NICHOLAS TELLS WORKMEN TRAITORS HAVE MISLED THEM

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, Feb. 1.—Emperor Nicholas this afternoon received at Tsarko-Selo the deputation of 34 workmen representing the employees of the factories and workshops of St. Petersburg.

"PITTSBURGH PHIL" DEAD.

Man Who is Said to Have Accumulated a Fortune by Playing the Races. By Associated Press.

RETIREES WITHOUT REGRETS.

Russian Minister of Interior Retires Without the Emperor's Usual Blessing. By Associated Press.

STILL GREAT TENSION.

Quiet in Warsaw and Business Opening Up But Strike is Extending. By Associated Press.

Emperor Will Receive Deputation.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 1.—Emperor Nicholas has decided to receive a deputation of workmen today at Tsarsko Selo.

Canonading Begun Again.

By Associated Press. Mukden, Jan. 31.—Delayed in transmission, canonading on the center and right commenced again today.

Portion of Garrison Withdrawn.

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, Feb. 1.—In a telegram dated January 31, General Kuropatkin reports the continuance of a snowstorm.

200,000 Fire in Schenectady.

By Associated Press. Schenectady, N. Y., Feb. 1.—Four business blocks in State street were completely destroyed this morning.

Army Appropriations Go to Conference.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 1.—The Senate today sent the army appropriation bill to conference.

President Nominates.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 1.—The President sent the following nominations to the Senate.

Japs Seize Austrian Steamer.

By Associated Press. Tokio, Feb. 1.—The Austrian steamer Siam bound for Vladivostok, from Cardiff, with coal, was seized off Hokkaido Island yesterday.

Set Sandpiper Affre.

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, Feb. 1.—General Kuropatkin telegraphs that Sandepas was set on fire by Russian artillery January 30.

\$60,000 Fire in Tenn.

By Associated Press. Nashville, Feb. 1.—Fire at Springfield, Tenn., today destroyed several of the largest business houses in town.

BIG GANG COTTON THIEVES CAUGHT IN PROVIDENCE

Ten Negroes all Chained Together Were Brought to Charlotte This Morning by Constable Vail, Squires and Ray, Aboard a Wagon.

The Gang Has Been Operating for Some Time. A Weak Member Gives the Entire Crowd Away. Trial Before Squire Hilton.

One of the largest gang of thieves on record was disclosed last night in Providence township when Constable Thomas Vail, assisted by Mr. W. W. Squires and P. L. Ray, rounded up ten Negroes.

They were arrested on warrants issued by Squire S. H. Hilton and are charged with stealing cotton from several cotton houses and also from the cotton houses of Messrs. J. A. Blakely, B. F. Hargett, T. O. Ross, William Ross and several others.

Cotton stealing has been going on in Providence and thereabouts for quite a while, but the thieves have been so cunning and clever, the guilty parties could not be apprehended.

When Reid was out of way the men became bolder and fell into the trap laid by Mr. Vail. He quietly set to work and one by one the names of the gang were secured.

The negroes lived far out and the roads were rough and muddy making it almost impossible to travel to the house of each negro and make many arrests without creating some suspicion.

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AFTER THE CORPORATIONS.

Committee Reports Favorable Bill to Make Them Report to Inter State Commerce Commission.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 1.—The House committee on judiciary today authorized a favorable report on the bill requiring corporations engaged in interstate commerce to make annual reports to the commissioner of corporations of the department of commerce and labor.

BEATS UTAH.

Three Wives of "Bluebeard" Appar With Witnesses. He Has 29 in All. By Associated Press.

Chicago, Feb. 1.—Three alleged wives of John Hoch appeared before the grand jury today and testified to their marriage the so-called "bluebeard."

Two indictments, charging bigamy, were voted against Hoch by the grand jury.

P. O. Appropriation Bill Resumed.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 1.—The House today resumed consideration of the post-office appropriation bill.

"BEST PAPER IN THE STATE"

Subscribers to The News continue to say nice things about it. Here is a letter just received: Rutherford College, N. C. Jan. 30, 1905.

FRAUDS IN COLORADO.

Results of Investigation Show That Both Parties Have Been Guilty. By Associated Press.

Denver, Colo., Feb. 1.—Ten ballot boxes have been reported on by experts today in the joint legislative committee hearing on the Peabody and Adams gubernatorial contest.

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9,717,693 BALES GINNED TO JAN. 16

Latest Estimate by Census Bureau Gives Some Encouragement to Bulls. They Figure That Total Bales Produced is Far Less Than Former Estimates.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 1.—The census report of the cotton ginned to January 16, in 695 counties, shows 9,717,693 bales, counting half bales as round bales.

To December 13, 1904, the remaining number of unreported counties had ginned 2,748,736, counting round bales as half bales.

SUBWAY STRIKE THREATENED.

Employees Again Dissatisfied and Have Sympathy of "L" Men. By Associated Press.

New York, Feb. 1.—A strike on the subway is again threatened because of changes in the time table. It is said the elevated railway employees will join with the subway workers in support of their demands.

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WANT TO GIVE RECEPTION TO GENERAL HOKE

Resolution Passes House to Honor Last Living Confederate Major General, Also One Favoring Jamestown Exposition. Then They Just Introduce Bills.

The Child Labor Bill is Argued Before House Committee and is Defeated by Almost a Unanimous Vote. Salaries For Solicitors Recommended.

Special The News. Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 1.—Mr. Woodard, of Wilson, today introduced in the House a bill to reduce railroad fares and to provide for interchangeable mileage.

The House passed a resolution amending the rules to limit explanations of votes to two minutes; also a bill fixing the standards on cotton meal at 7-2 per cent amonia.

A resolution providing for a reception by the General Assembly to General R. F. Hoke as the last surviving Confederate Major General was passed.

The bill for the amendment of the Mecklenburg county, and applies to landlords falling to furnish supplies as per contract and to tenants leaving crops without good cause.

McNinch insisted upon reference to the judiciary committee. It has an amendment by Alexander to include Mecklenburg county.

The bill further provides the machinery for enforcing compliance with the commissions order and for the commission to adjust the differences between the shippers and the railroad companies as to damage to freight.

The bill was drawn by Chairman McNeill of the corporation commission. A bill was introduced by Sinclair for low insurance companies to give a discount on premiums.

The Senate decided by unanimous vote to postpone consideration of all liquor bills until Thursday of next week.

The bill was advocated by Dr. A. J. McKelway, secretary of the national child labor committee.

It was claimed that two years ago there was a compromise bill passed that it was agreed should not be disturbed for several years.

Salaries For Solicitors. The House committee on salaries and fees had a lively time over the bills to increase the salaries of judges and

to change the basis of the compensation of solicitors from fees to salary basis. They voted to change the pay of solicitors to salary basis and appointed a sub-committee, headed by Graham, of Granville, to recommend the amount of salaries.

The Pilotage Bill. Mr. George Harris has arrived to look after the interests of the proposed pilotage legislation that is to be urged on the General Assembly by the business interests of Wilmington.

Lieutenant Governor Francis D. Winston gave an elaborate supper last night, at which ex-Governor C. B. Aycock and Col. P. M. Pearsall were the guests of honor.

Negro Bank Chartered. A negro bank, the People's Bank of Kingston, was chartered today by the secretary of state with \$5000 capital.

Judge Parnell heard argument yesterday by James H. Pou and W. C. Monroe regarding the final settlement of the bill of costs of the noted receivership proceedings against the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad Company.

THE CENSUS REPORT.

Was the Ruling Factor in the Cotton Market Today. (Furnished by L. A. Dodsworth and Company's Private Wire.)

New York, Feb. 1.—The main influence in today's market has of course been the census report. Prior to its publication there was quite a flurry of selling for both accounts on the theory that it would be bearish.

The report states that in 695 counties there have been ginned this year counting round bales as half bales, 9,717,693 bales against 7,168,381 bales last year.

While making a search today around the premises of a suspicious negro, for an article of an entirely different variety, Chief of Police Irwin came into possession of a dress suit coat and also a light blue coat, both about No. 49.

CHIEF OF POLICE OF ODESSA SHOT

While in His Carriage Near the Police Station an Unknown Man Dressed as a Workman Attempts to Assassinate Him. The Wound is Not Dangerous.

By Associated Press. Odessa, Feb. 1.—Chief of Police Galovine was shot near the police station this morning and wounded in the right shoulder.

Bank President Dying. By Associated Press. Onondaga, O., Feb. 1.—President T. D. Beckwith, of the closed Citizens National Bank, is slowly sinking.

A FORTUNE TELLER BURNED TO ASHES IN HER OWN HOME

An Old and Decrepit Negro Woman is Left Alone in Her House and Nothing Now Can be Found Except a Few Ghastly Pieces of Her Bones.

J. C. Reid, a Mill Superintendent at Greensboro Has Dissappeared. Elks Lodge Organized. The County Officers are Stirred up.

Special The News. Greensboro, Feb. 1.—Emily Wilson, a negro woman living in Sumner township, this county, was burned to death last Monday and cremated in her own home.

The officers of Guilford county are very much stirred up over the bill introduced in the Legislature yesterday by Dr. Gordon.

The Elks' Lodge of this city, has organized an Elks Club, and as soon as the new McAdoo building is completed they will have commodious quarters on the floor.

Nothing has been heard from J. C. Reid, formerly superintendent of the Altamaha Cotton Mills, who left Greensboro two weeks ago after having drawn his money from the bank.

FOURTEEN FIRE ALARMS.

January Record Reached High Water Mark This Year. The fire records, kept at the headquarters of the Fifth street department show that during the month of January there were fourteen alarms of fire rung in, this being equalled only on one occasion before for the month of January.

The damage by fire during the month was slight, however, and the department is to be congratulated upon their good work for the month of January, which is regarded by the firemen as one of the most difficult months in all the year for them to contend with.

MORSE RETURNS TO ANSWER CHARGES

Another Incident in the Famous Dodge-Morse Divorce Suit is Return From Prolonged Stay in Europe of the Central Figure, Charles W. Morse.

By Associated Press. New York, Feb. 1.—Chas. W. Morse, former president of the American Ice Company, and promoter of the extensive bank consolidation plan here, who has long been the central figure in one of the most sensational matrimonial tangles of recent years, arrived on the steamer Deutschland, after a prolonged stay in Europe.