

COUNT WITTE'S EFFORT TO MAKE PEACE FAILS

Outlook for Collapse of Strike Gloomy. Ranks of Strikers Swell. Mysterious Funds Received. Return Scornful Reply to Witte's Personal Appeal.

His Attempts to Negotiate are Futile. Strikers Cry "All or Nothing." Promise of Lands Fails to Satisfy People. Work of Pilaging Continues.

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, Nov. 17.—The outlook for the collapse of the strike is more gloomy. The situation is distinctly more menacing. The council of workmen delegates or strike committee are manifestly encouraged by the extension of the strike in St. Petersburg.

The various organizations including the bank clerks, telephone girls, and some of the professional leagues have voted to join the movement. Moreover, it is certain that the workmen council will have received mysterious supplies of funds and consequently they present a decidedly all-out attitude.

The workmen council returned a scornful reply to Witte's personal appeal to his "loyal workmen," ridiculing the governments profession of solicitude for the workmen and renewing the demands of the immediate abolition of martial law etc.

Count Witte's attempt to negotiate directly with the strike leaders has come to naught although he offered concessions in the case of the Cronstadt mutineers in the event of their being condemned to death.

The imperial ukase on the land question, although it wipes out \$40,000,000 of peasant arrearsages of debt, which under ordinary circumstances might have been received with joy, is another disappointment.

The promises of additional lands are too vague to calm the agitated, starving peasants, who, in the valleys of Don, Volga, are again marching, pillaging, and murdering.

There is no confirmation of the false rumor leading the peasants of Pensa. A mutiny in the Manchurian army is the latest sensational rumor.

According to the report the Emperor received a dispatch from General Linerich, telling of a revolt among the troops, which was only suppressed after a regular fight in which soldiers were killed or wounded.

Forty-two officers were reported shot for participation in the conspiracy. No confirmation is obtainable from the War Office.

Moscow Road Open. The troops have taken possession of the Moscow Railroad station and the road will be re-opened by means of railroad battalions.

SEVERAL CAPTAINS RESIGN. State Militia Has a Grievance, Because of Unpopular Exactions.

By Associated Press. Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 17.—In the Adjutant General's office today the resignations of a number of captains of companies in the North Carolina National Guard were accepted and the election of their successors was ordered.

ONE KILLED; TWO INJURED. Distressing Accident Near Leechburg, Pa. Today.

By Associated Press. Pittsburgh, Nov. 17.—James Artman was instantly killed and Martin Kyle and Steven Carlop were fatally injured by being run down by a freight train at West Leechburg, while walking on the track.

ELEVEN COMMISSIONERS. Appointed for Jamestown Exposition by Gov. Pennypacker.

By Associated Press. Harrisburg, Nov. 17.—Governor Pennypacker has appointed eleven commissioners to the Jamestown Exposition for which the Legislature has appropriated \$100,000.

YOUNG ERNE TO FIGHT. To Try Bout of 20 Rounds With Eddie Hanlon.

By Associated Press. Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 17.—Manager McCarr, of the Pacific Coast Athletic Club, announces that young Erne, the Eastern lightweight, will be matched to fight 20 rounds with Eddie Hanlon, December 15.

DEATH OF PROMINENT CITIZEN.

Mr. W. H. Green Died Wednesday. Beautiful Marriage Ceremony. Shelby, N. C., Nov. 17.—Mr. William H. Green, an aged and highly esteemed citizen of Cleveland county, passed away at his home in No. 2 Township at Mooresboro, on Wednesday afternoon, November 15, of pneumonia, and his body was tenderly laid to rest in the Boiling Springs Church graveyard on Thursday.

Mr. Green was 88 years old, has been a consistent member of the Baptist Church all of his life, and was one of the best men in the county. He leaves five children and several grandchildren to mourn his loss.

Mr. Orrie J. McFarland, the proprietor of Cleveland Springs, and Miss Ora Poston, the charming and accomplished young daughter of Mr. James T. Poston, of near Shelby, were married on Tuesday night at the hotel at Cleveland Springs, Rev. M. E. Parrish officiating.

LOSS IS \$200,000. Much Destruction From Fire of Riverside Bridge Company's Plant.

By Associated Press. Martin's Ferry, Ohio, Nov. 17.—The fire of the Riverside Bridge Company's plant caused a loss of \$200,000.

DAVIDSON TO GET A SPLENDID GIFT

Unknown Benefactor Will Give to the College \$11,000, Provided The Institution Will Raise \$20,000. Money to be Used to Erect New Dormitory.

An interesting story comes by way of Raleigh to the effect that Dr. Henry Louis Smith, president of Davidson College, has received a conditional gift of \$11,000 to that institution, the condition being that the college raise \$20,000.

This beneficent gift, it is said, will be expended in the construction of a new dormitory, and the conditional \$20,000 will be used to erect a building to be such as the president may advise.

Dr. Smith, it is learned, declined to state the name of the benefactor and it is said the name will not be given out until the \$20,000 is raised by the institution.

Another interesting fact in connection with Davidson College is that a plan, originated by Dr. Smith, will net the college about \$17,000. He has formed a club which has a large membership. Each of the members contributes to the college fund yearly \$10.

Of the leading denominational colleges of North Carolina, Davidson, while very prosperous, is by far the poorest. Her endowments of special scholarships amounts to \$19,000 and her general endowment fund \$51,000, making her total revenue producing fund only \$100,000.

COUNT OF FLANDERS DEAD.

Brother of King Leopold and Heir to the Throne Died This Morning. By Associated Press. Brussels, Nov. 17.—The Count of Flanders, brother of King Leopold, and heir to the throne, died this morning of inflammation of the respiratory organs. He was born in 1837.

Prince Albert Succeeds. The new heir to the throne of Belgium is Prince Albert of Flanders, the only son of the late Count of Flanders. Albert was April 8, 1875, and was married October 2, 1900, to Princess Elizabeth of Bavaria.

They have two children, Prince Leopold, age 4, and Prince Charles, age 2. It is possible that the Belgian Socialists will cause trouble when it is proposed to transfer to Prince Albert the present annual grant of \$40,000 paid to the Count of Flanders as heir apparent.

GRAND DUKE DEAD.

Was Reigning Sovereign of Luxemburg. By Associated Press. Hohenburg, Nov. 17.—Grand Duke Adolf, reigning sovereign of Luxemburg, is dead. He was born in 1817.

Dr. Bridges to Preach. Dr. J. R. Bridges, president of the Presbyterian College, will preach for the congregation of the First Baptist church, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. This congregation will worship Sunday night with the congregation of Trinity Methodist church. Rev. Plato Durham will preach a special sermon to both congregations.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO BE SUBMITTED DECEMBER FIFTH

By Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 17.—The President's forthcoming annual message to Congress will be submitted Tuesday. The first day of the session will be occupied by the death of Senator Platt, of Connecticut.

The House will be busy probably throughout the day effecting an organization and drawing the seats of members.

GOV. GLENN MIFFED.

At Editorial in Raleigh Paper as to Condition at State Hospital.

By Associated Press. Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 17.—Governor Glenn summoned a meeting of the council of the state which has been in session all day going over the situation as to the case of the insane in connection with the charges editorially made in The News and Observer this morning. Editor Daniels is in the conference.

The Governor considers that a great injustice has been done himself and the hospital management. Editor Daniels says the editorial was written on the information given by a member of his staff who attended the meeting of the council of the state and hospital superintendents Wednesday, some of which is now shown to be erroneous, notably the charge that an indigent insane woman now confined in a pen at her home and admission refused. The woman has been in the Western Hospital for several years.

A statement will be issued later.

THE COST OF OFFICE.

Hearst Breaks Record, Spending \$65,843 During Campaign.

By Associated Press. Albany, Nov. 17.—Hearst certified to the Secretary of State that his total campaign expenses were \$65,843. This breaks the record formerly held by Governor Higgins, who spent during the last State campaign, \$22,000.

Hearst says he contributed all but \$17,488 of \$80,206 which was spent by the finance committee of the Municipal Ownership League equally for the benefit of all the candidates on the ticket, and expended \$3,125, personally for the buttons and lithographs. Some of larger items were to the law department, \$2,597; printing, \$8,609; music, \$7,897; carriage hire, \$2,810; rental of halls, decorations and illuminations, \$12,012; watchers for election, \$19,580, and investigation of registration, \$3,025.

MERGER OF BIG COMPANIES.

Four Big Companies Join—Capital \$1,000,000. Headquarters at New Orleans.

By Associated Press. New Orleans, Nov. 17.—The merger of four large lumber companies in Alabama, Louisiana and Illinois, with a capital of \$1,000,000, with headquarters at New Orleans, is announced. The new company will be known as the F. E. Creelman Lumber and Manufacturing Company. The companies merged are the Florida Lumber Company, of Montgomery, Ala.; The F. E. Creelman Lumber Company, of Cairo, Ills.; The Krotz Manufacturing Company, of Leville, La., and the Melville Box and Lumber Company, of St. Landry, Parish, La.

A BLOOD TRAGEDY.

Results From Attempted Arrest of Several Cotton Thieves. By Associated Press. Pocatontas, Ark., Nov. 17.—Biggers, a little town on the Frisco railroad, was the scene of a bloody tragedy last night.

John Shipley and a young man named Denis are dead and Lee Jones, Deputy Sheriff "Jim" Wisner and the City Marshal Jesse Johnston, are seriously wounded.

Shipley, Dennis and Jones were charged with being members of a gang of cotton thieves who had operated in when the Deputy Sheriff and his posse arrested them. When told to halt they opened fire on the posse who returned the fusillade.

FORFEITS \$5,000 BOND.

Alleged Illegal Voter in New York Gives Up Large Sum. Correspondence to The News. New York, Nov. 17.—Albert Farrar confessed in court that he came here from Utica to vote the Republican ticket in the recent Mayoralty election. He received ten dollars for it. He was remanded for sentenced.

The grand jury began the investigation of the disappearance of John Krup, who has forfeited a \$5,000 cash ball on the charge of illegal voting.

Fined \$25. Tally Johnston, a young negro man living near the old fair grounds west of the city, was this morning tried before Squire W. D. Alexander for larceny. A fine of \$25 was imposed upon him. The evidence showed that he had broken into the gin house and barn on Squire S. H. Hilton's farm.

DAVID B. HILL WAS AMONG LAWYERS OF THE EQUITABLE

In 1900 He Received \$7,500 as a Retainer For Services Rendered at Washington and at Albany. Letter of Hill's Produced in Court.

"I'm a Democrat," Wrote the Equitable that as "Congress Has Adjourned the Country is Safe." What He Said of New York Legislature.

Special to The News. New York, Nov. 17.—Frank B. Jordan, a son of the former comptroller of the Equitable, and Samuel S. McCurdy, assistant registrar of the Equitable, were before the insurance committee today, but their testimony was unimportant.

Mr. McCurdy was questioned about David B. Hill's retainer and created laughter by presenting a voucher with a letter acknowledging the receipt, at the end of which Mr. Hill wrote: "I am feeling pretty well now that Congress has adjourned and the country is safe. When the Legislature adjourns the State will be safe."

Another voucher was from James James M. Lewis, in 1899, for \$1,000: "In full for services rendered during the coming session of the General Assembly in Missouri."

It developed that Hill's retainer in 1900 was fixed at \$7,500. Senator Armstrong announced that a sub-committee had been appointed to take the deposition of George H. Squire, former financial manager of the Equitable.

The session then adjourned until Tuesday.

Two Suits Against Southern. Through the law firm of Stewart and McRae, Mr. B. W. Williams, administrator, has begun proceedings against the Southern Railway Company because of the killing of his son Steve Williams, near Greenville, S. C., several months ago. News readers will recall the death of the young man, who on board a freight train going South. The train was wrecked near Greenville and young Williams received injuries from which he died.

Paul Poyer, through his attorneys, Messrs. Ruffin and Preston, has also begun proceedings against the Southern. Poyer was with Williams when the wreck occurred. He was right seriously injured.

OVER 35,000 GALS. SOLD WITHOUT TAX

End of 25th Day of Case. Government Rests Case. Holton Contends That 35,000 Gallons Were Sold and no Tax Paid. Account of Crookedness.

Special to The News. Greensboro, Nov. 17.—At three o'clock yesterday afternoon, on the twenty-fifth day of the trial of N. Glenn Williams, D. E. Kennedy and the Old Nick Williams Distilling Company in the Federal Court here, District Attorney Holton announced that the government had presented its evidence and rested its case.

He claims to have shown by comparison of whiskey shipped, with records of the department and reports made by the Old Nick Company, as by law required, that since its re-organization in 1903, it has sold 35,000 gallons more whiskey than it has returned for taxation or as having been produced by the plant.

The last witness examined for the government, gave evidence of a startling nature. He was J. Will Jones of Asheville, who said he was government rectifying gauger and had been so employed since 1900. It was on this witness report to his superiors of the facts narrated, he said, that the investigations were begun which culminated in the indictments now being tried. He said on June 25, 1903, in Williams' parlor, he was speaking of trying to get promotion, when Williams replied that he already had a splendid chance to make \$6,000 extra per year safe and easy. Being asked how, he said Williams said he would give me five cents a gallon or every 25 barrel lot of whiskey we worked the government out of. By his having clips, furnishing me blanks for reports we could average two such lots per week without exciting suspicion and this would make my part alone \$125 a week; that at present this scheme was being worked only by wholesalers, but he had hit a plan by which it could be used equally well by retailers and rectifiers with the original stamped packages. On

DR. LAW'S LECTURE.

To Be Delivered in First Baptist Church Monday Night. A real treat is in store for the Baptists of Charlotte next Monday night. Dr. Curtis Lee Laws, of Baltimore, will at this time deliver his now famous lecture on "Paris—Its History, Its Art, Its Architecture." Wherever this lecture has been delivered the press and public have been very generous in their praise of both the speaker and his theme.

Rev. George Scholl, D. D., secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Lutheran Church, says: "I certainly count it a very great privilege to have heard the lecture of Dr. Curtis Lee Laws on European travel. The splendid pictures and graphic descriptions carried me back to the summer of '96, when I spent delightful weeks traveling over the same territory. The next best thing to taking a European trip once in a life is to hear these lectures, while to one who has been fortunate enough to have gone over the ground, these lectures were equivalent to revisiting the centers of historic interest. To most of us the making of frequent trips abroad is denied, but the opportunity to attend such a series of beautifully illustrated lectures will go far toward reconciling one to the deprivation. For my part I would greatly enjoy taking such a foreign tour at least once a year if personally conducted by Dr. Laws from the lecture platform. If these lectures are to be repeated in our city this winter, I will certainly take the tour again."

HENKEL REAPPOINTED. Platt's Man For Marshal Wins Out in New York.

Special to The News. Washington, Nov. 17.—The President has decided to reappoint William Henkel as United States Marshal for the Southern district of New York. Henkel was endorsed by Senator Platt.

SPEAKER SNYDER DEAD. Presiding Officer of Louisiana Legislature Is No More.

Special to The News. New Orleans, Nov. 17.—A telegram from Rochester, Minnesota, announces the death of Speaker R. R. Snyder, of the Louisiana House of Representatives. Mr. Snyder was Lieutenant Governor for four years under Governor Foster.

APPEAL TO RUSSIANS. Inter-Church Conference Talk of Unity—Beg For Mercy on Jews.

By Associated Press. New York, Nov. 17.—The closer unity of the churches was the subject of today's session of the Inter-Church Conference now in federation. Several speakers said that the easiest first step toward such a unity lay in the co-operation of the foreign and home missionary work. An appeal to the Russians to be merciful to the Jews was adopted by the convention.

CONDITION AT HAVANA. No New Cases Reported—Two are Discharged—Cases are Mild.

By Associated Press. Havana, Nov. 17.—No new cases of yellow fever are reported. Of the five suspects at the Las Animas Hospital, two have been discharged. It is believed that there will be no further spread of the infection.

The receipts of cotton at the city platform today amounted to 25 bales at 10 3/4 cents. On the same day last year the receipts amounted to 181 bales at 9 5/8 cents.

July fourth, he said he went under orders to the distillery again to gauge the product on hand before it was turned over to the new incorporated Old Nick Williams Company, and that while he was at work, Williams cursed and abused him so he had to leave, and it was because Williams said he was not gauging the whiskey right. He returned with Sams and Patterson July 6th, and the gauging was done by them but that there was a difference in favor of Williams of over a hundred gallons in the packages (16) which he had gauged on Saturday and those re-gauged Monday. Witness was subjected to a rigid cross examination by Mr. Settle for the defense, admitting that he never reported the alleged effort to bribe him in June, to Collector Harkins until after July 6th when he had been abused and cursed by Williams and his errors in gauging had been shown by that of Deputies Sams and Patterson. He admitted having left the State and gone to Texas several years ago but said it was not for being accused of stealing money but for having shot at two men who had been authors of slanders on his sister.

After dinner, District Attorney Holton introduced four or five witnesses from Asheville and vicinity who testified that the general character of J. Will Jones was good. At four o'clock he announced that the government rested its case. Defendants at once began examination of witnesses who testified that Jones' character was bad.

It looks now as if the case might be concluded by the last of next week.

ANOTHER COTTON MILL FOR CITY OF CHARLOTTE

Flames Do Much Damage—Citizens Fight the Fire. Special to The News. Salisbury, N. C., Nov. 17.—A big forest fire just north of town yesterday afternoon and last night threatened destruction to near-by property and citizens in that section of the city fought the flames until a late hour last night, finally subduing them.

The bazaar by the King's Daughters opened successfully last night and promises to be one of the big events of the season.

FUNERAL OF MRS. RITCH.

Took Place From the Residence This Afternoon. The funeral of Mrs. Tillie Lemmond Ritch, who died yesterday morning at her home on North Davidson street, took place from the residence this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. T. F. Marr, pastor of Tryon Street Methodist Church, of which church the deceased was a member, assisted by Rev. Francis M. Osborne. The pall-bearers were the following: Messrs. D. P. Hutchinson, C. E. Frick, M. K. Kirby, James W. Wadsworth, T. A. Bowden and C. E. Hayes.

The funeral of Miss Mary Marshall who died at her home on North Caldwell street yesterday morning took place from the residence this morning at 10 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. L. A. Frick.

HER "HUBBY" LEADS HER TO BURN \$15,000. Mrs. Charlotte Weightman Tells Judge She Thought he Husband Married Her for Money—So she Proceeds to Burn it Up. Gets \$28 Per Month Now.

By Associated Press. Chicago, Nov. 17.—Mrs. Charlotte M. Weightman, who recently brought suit against her husband for separate maintenance, told Judge Brentano during the hearing of the case that she believed her husband had married her for money, and that she therefore threw the money and securities, valued at \$15,000 into the stove and watched them burn. She afterwards left her husband and when she sought reconciliation, she was told not to enter the house again. A decree giving the woman \$28 a month was given.

TEMPERANCE ADVOCATES. Anti-Saloon League to Hold Important Session This Afternoon.

The committee of the Anti-Saloon League of the city of Charlotte will hold a very important meeting in the office of Mr. Heriot Clarkson this afternoon at 5 o'clock. The most important business to be transacted at this meeting is to perfect arrangements for a series of lectures to be delivered in the city churches during the months of January, February and March next.

It is thought that during the above months, each Sunday night, a sermon or lecture on "Temperance and Obedience to Law" will be delivered by the different ministers of the city. At the meeting of the committee this afternoon all preliminary arrangements will be made to launch the temperance campaign, which will begin with the first Sunday night in January.

BEET PLANT BURNED. Loss Estimated At Nearly a Half Million Dollars.

By Associated Press. Rocky Ford, Colorado, Nov. 17.—Fire in a warehouse of the American Beet Sugar Company's plant caused a loss estimated at \$500,000 to \$400,000, covered by insurance.

Ten million pounds of sugar were in the warehouse. It is believed that spontaneous combustion caused the blaze.

To Deepen Savannah River. Augusta, Ga., Nov. 16.—A notable gathering of statesmen of Georgia and South Carolina was held in Augusta today, the object being the formation of an interstate organization to bring pressure on the United States government to deepen the Savannah river from this city to tide water, so as to make it navigable for boats of light draft, even at very low water.

Colonel Quinn, the United States engineer in charge of this district, has made an examination of the matter and reported thereon to Washington. He also recommended that appropriation be made for a thorough survey of the stream and tributaries.

HUGE TASK WILL BE RUSSIAN RELIEF FUND SAYS ROTHCHILD

By Associated Press. Norfolk, Va., Nov. 17.—Jacob H. Schiff has received the following telegram from Lord Rothschild, London: "The Russian catastrophe, according to the details from Russia, is far greater than we expected; outrages, murder, wholesale robbery and incendiarism in 84 towns. So the relief fund has a huge task to grapple with."

Charter Issued to the Charlotte Damask Company, with a Capital of \$100,000. S. B. Alexander, Jr., M. N. Latta, J. E. Carson and Others Interested.

Governor Glenn Says There is Imperative Necessity for Additional Accommodations at the State Hospital For the Insane at Morganton.

Special to The News. Raleigh, Nov. 17.—A charter was issued to the Charlotte Damask Company a cotton mill with a capital of \$100,000. S. B. Alexander, Jr., M. N. Latta, J. E. Carson and others are the incorporators.

Charters were issued to the Anson Warehouse Company, of Wadesboro, Capital \$25,000 by W. J. McLondon and others; the North Carolina Telephone Company, of Hurdle Mills, Person County with \$100,000 capital, and the Kingsdale Lumber Company, of Robeson county with a \$100,000 capital. Iredell Meares and others are the incorporators.

Mr. W. P. Whitaker, for the past eight years business manager of the Morning Post which suspended publication last Sunday, has accepted the position of advertising manager for the famous Mecklenburg Mineral Springs Co. and Mecklenburg Hotel at Chase city Va. He is peculiarly fitted for this position and his numerous friends throughout the state will confidently expect him to score a signal success in his new work.

North Carolina will be well represented in the annual convention of the Southern States Association of Commissioners of Agriculture to be held in Richmond, Nov. 22 to 24.

The Young Men's Industrial Club of Raleigh has appointed a committee to look into the matter of the attraction of desirable laborers for the various kinds of work, including house servants in Raleigh.

Governor Glenn in speaking of the imperative necessity of providing additional accommodations for the insane in the state now debarred from treatment in the hospitals because of the overcrowded condition of these institutions, said it would require at least \$5,000,000 to provide the necessary room to amply relieve the situation. He estimates that there are 500 urgent cases, and not less than 1,000 are in need of care by the state.

Governor Glenn announces that he has arranged with President J. I. Cox of the Southern Conference of Immigration and Quarantine for the merger of the Southern Industrial Parliament of which he is president. With that organization, he thinks the separate organizations would be unnecessary.

THE GONZALES MONUMENT. Shaft to Slain Editor to Be Unveiled Next Week.

The Columbia State says: The Gonzales monument is now being erected and the committee have the promise that it will be completed by the 20th. If this promise is fulfilled the committee hope that they will be prepared to have the unveiling ceremonies on Thursday the 23rd, at which time the monument will be turned over to the Mayor as the property of the city.

The monument is located in the center of East Senate street, near the intersection with Sumpter street, and therefore fronting on the capitol grounds. It is constructed of a granite shaft twenty-five feet high, resting upon a die four feet by four feet, with a cap and plinth adding about three feet to the height.

The die rests upon four separate bases, which rise about six feet above the sub-base, so that the entire height of the monument is over forty feet, all of Fairfield granite.

Upon the four faces of the die will appear appropriate inscriptions. The workmanship is in every respect excellent and the monument will prove an ornament to the city.

In a conversation a few days ago with Mr. Clark the president of the Gonzales Monument Association, he said that this monument was indeed built by popular subscription, since subscriptions to the fund came from every county in the State; that as a tribute to the memory and worth of the deceased editor but as a silent protest against the lawlessness now so general in the State and a plea for the return of the day when law will once again be respected and obeyed.

At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the association Rev. Samuel M. Smith, D. D., a close friend of Mr. Gonzales was selected to deliver the address on the occasion of the unveiling Bishop Capers will offer the prayer, and Mayor Gibbs will accept the monument on behalf of the city. Mr. Clark, the president of the association, will preside and introduce the speakers. The date of unveiling and the program will be hereafter announced.

The regular monthly meeting of the United Commercial Travelers will be held in their hall on East Trade street tomorrow night.

Mr. McD. Watkins spent the day in Salisbury on business.