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GILLESPIE OF TEX. SAYS PRESIDENT INSULTED HOUSE

Representative Gillespie is the Author of Resolution Regarding Alleged Combination of Certain Railroads. Says President's Answer is an Insult to House.

Mr. Gillespie Makes Several Grave Charges Against Railroads. Says President Should Have Made Complete Investigation of Their Conduct.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Mr. Gillespie (Texas), author of the resolution regarding the alleged Pennsylvania Railroad combination which was answered yesterday by the President declared that the answer was an insult; that with the great machinery at hand, a complete investigation of the actual conditions should have been made. He said such investigation would show that the railroads carrying bituminous coal to the Atlantic ports are the Pennsylvania, New York Central, B. & O., N. & W., and the Reading. He returned the facts developed concerning the relations of four of these roads which were named in his first resolution in regard to their having the same stockholders and directors. He asserted that an investigation would show there had been an allotment to each coal-carrying road of a certain territory to prevent competition in markets by means of rate adjustments, agreements and combinations.

Also that the Pennsylvania and the New York Central, by means of their stock ownership arrangements have prevented coal from the territory of the Norfolk & Western, and the Chesapeake and Ohio being offered anywhere above the Virginia Capes; also that the Pennsylvania Company has power to curtail shipments from the territory served by the B. & O., and the C. & O., and the Norfolk & Western; also that the B. & O. declines to allot a fair proportion of cars to independent shippers or to allow independent companies to open up new mines and become shippers on the line of the B. & O. Also that an investigation would show that the Pennsylvania Railroad and its officers were interested in coal companies shipping over its lines.

Mr. Gillespie has prepared a resolution, which he will introduce requesting the President to direct the Interstate Commerce Commission to make an immediate investigation of all these charges.

IN THE SENATE.

Senator Tillman's Resolution Adopted. Patterson Postpones Speech On His Resolution.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Senator Tillman's resolution directing the Committee on Immigration to make an investigation of the Chinese Boycot of American goods, was adopted by the Senate. Senator Patterson's resolution relative to the recent Democratic caucus was laid before the Senate and Patterson stated that he would not speak until tomorrow in order to allow Mr. Bacon to speak today.

Mr. Bacon proceeded with an argument on his Moroccan resolution. The speech, was in the main, a plea for the right of the Senate to "advise and consent" in the matter of negotiation of treaties and was largely a reply to Senator Spooner's recent speech on this question.

Senator Foraker sought to divert Mr. Bacon into a discussion of the action of the Democratic caucus of last Saturday pledging the Democratic Senators to vote against the Santo Domingo treaty, but Mr. Bacon refused to anticipate tomorrow's proceedings, saying only that the Republican Senators were bound by a stronger influence than the orator of a party caucus.

Bacon on Treaties. Senator Bacon said it had been the practice of Secretary Hay to confer with Senators at all stages of the negotiation of treaties, even before entering upon the negotiation. He instanced especially the Alaskan and General Arbitration treaties.

GREENE-GAYNOR.

Letters Read—Government's Contentions in Case.

Savannah, Feb. 6.—The Greene and Gaynor trial letters from Captain Carter to the prospective bidders and the Savannah Harbor contracts were read. The Government contends that Carter's practice was to send but one specification to each contractor who was in collision with him, thereby giving Greene and Gaynor an advantage because it would be too late for the "outsider" to get in their bids by the time the two other copies necessary to enable them to prepare the bids arrived.

FINLAND PREPARING FOR WAR.

Paper States That Vast Preparations Are Being Made to Support Next Outbreak of Russian Revolutionists.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 6.—The Novoe Vremya continued its revelations in regard to the importations of arms into Finland. The paper declared it had evidence that the radical organization in Finland was preparing for an open war in support of the next outbreak of the Russian Revolutionists.

SMILEY FOUND GUILTY.

Jury Returns a Verdict of Murder in the Second Degree.

Asheville, Feb. 6.—The jury in the case against John Smiley charged with the killing of Rudolph Caldwell on Christmas day, which has been on trial in the Haywood County Superior Court, Judge McNeill presiding, returned a verdict of murder in the second degree this morning. The sentence has not as yet been pronounced. Smiley is 22 years of age, married and has one child.

Miss May Courtney Oates left last night for New York and Washington. She will be gone for some time.

PASTOR-BANKER IS FOUND DEAD

Rev. Geo. H. Simons, Baptist Minister, Banker and Politician is Found Dead in his Bed. Committed Suicide because of Impending Disgrace.

Peoria, Ill., Feb. 6.—Rev. George H. Simons, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and the People's Savings Bank, and recently appointed manager of Mr. Yate's Senatorial Campaign in Peoria county, was found dead in bed this morning. He has been the object of an investigation at the hands of the State's Attorney, the two banks and the congregation on the gravest charges and it is presumed to be a case of suicide.

Writes While Dying. A letter found beside him showed that death was premeditated. The last line of the letter saying, "Time fails me should I attempt to write personal messages," indicates he was dying as he wrote the letter to close.

The People's Savings Bank did not open this morning. There was a run on the bank yesterday and today a large crowd surrounded the building. The Inter-State Savings Bank, of which Simons was president up to yesterday, when his resignation was accepted, was also the object of runs yesterday and today. Stories affecting Dr. Simons' morals were recently circulated. The State's Attorney, yesterday secured some sensational confessions from boys of his congregation. Dr. Simons was 40 years old and leaves a widow. He had held charges in Texas, Jackson, Tenn., and Louisville, Ky., before coming here.

LAWSON ARRIVED.

To Have Conference With Governor Cummins.—Prominent Men Accompany Him.

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 6.—Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, arrived here for a conference with Governor Cummins in regard to the insurance investigation in Iowa.

F. A. Monett, former Attorney General of Ohio; N. B. Brown, Governor of Florida; Freeman Older, managing editor of the San Francisco Bulletin and several Boston newspaper men, accompanied him. Gov. Cummins met the party at Rock Island depot and drove them to the Chamberlain.

Members of Committee. Mr. Lawson invited Governor Cummins to serve with four other distinguished reformers on the committee to which he will turn over his New York Life and Mutual Life of New York proxies, and which he asks to attend the coming annual meetings of these two companies for the purpose of electing honest and sound business men as directors. Other members of committee will be Governor Johnson, of Minnesota; Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin; Gov. Broward, of Florida and Former Attorney General Monett, of Ohio.

City Delivery Established.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The Postmaster-General has ordered the establishment of city delivery at Greenwood, South Carolina on May first.

RUNAWAY FREIGHT CRASHES INTO A PASSENGER TRAIN

Most Disastrous Train Wreck for Many Years Near Helena Montana. Freight Crashed Into Passenger, Wrecking it Completely and Setting Fire to It.

Four are Known to be Dead. Two More Thought to be Burned in Wreck. Passengers who Escaped are Uninjured. List of the Dead.

Helena, Mont., Feb. 6.—The most disastrous railroad wreck for many years occurred here shortly before midnight, two and a half miles West of Helena.

A runaway Northern Pacific freight train crashed into a passenger train, wrecked it completely, set fire to it and four persons are known to be dead, with a probability of two more, whose names it is impossible to learn, may have been burned in the wreck. The known dead are: B. N. Robinson, of Missoula. Charles Brickie, conductor of the passenger train. J. A. Jessup, an express messenger. Foster Senegal, a merchant of Elliston.

None of the passengers who escaped were seriously injured, although of eight passengers on the train, two are unaccounted for.

MOODY CALLED UPON.

Asked to Admit the Authenticity of a Letter Written by President Roosevelt.

Chicago, Feb. 6.—Attorney General Moody was called upon by the attorneys for the packers, to admit the authenticity of a letter written to him by President Roosevelt, in which it is stated that the Department of Justice and the Department of Commerce and Labor were working together on the packers case, and with the permission of the president.

The Attorney General declared he would admit the authenticity of the letter, subject to its verification by his private secretary. After reading the copy of the letter produced the Attorney General said: "I feel it my duty, upon reading this letter to say in regard to this sentence which it contains—'With my permission, the Department of Justice, and the Department of Commerce and Labor—it is not correct.'"

YEARS EXPERIENCE WORTHLESS.

Former Chief Engineer of Canal Before Committee.—Says Secretary of War Didn't Want His Experience.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 6.—John F. Wallace, former Chief Engineer of the Isthmian Canal, was again before the Senate Committee on Inter Oceanic Canals. Wallace said he did a year's work and that his successors had the benefit of his analysis or recommendations, "because," he said, "The Secretary of War told me he did not want it and had no use for me except on the Isthmian Canal directing engineer. He was so angry in his treatment that he all but cursed me."

TWO MORE DISMISSED.

Midshipmen of the Third Class Dismissed From Naval Academy.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Two more midshipmen of the third class were dismissed from the Naval Academy as a result of the court-martial findings on the charges of hazing. Secretary Bonaparte having signed the orders of dismissing Midshipman Richardson T. De Saussure, of the First South Carolina District, and Midshipman George H. Melvin, of the Fifteenth Illinois District.

THE LEARY CASE.

Alleged Issuance of \$30,000 Worth of Bogus Drafts to be Investigated.

New York, Feb. 6.—The alleged issue of \$30,000 worth of bogus drafts on the Hanover Bank, of Boston, will be investigated in connection with the arrest of William Leary, of this city. The prisoner is said to have made a confession to the police that he has issued 30 bogus drafts, having a face value of \$1,000 each. He was formerly a Wall Street broker.

POSTMASTERS APPOINTED.

The President Sends Several Nominations to the Senate.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The President nominated the following postmasters: Alabama—William H. Whitehead, at Rogersville. Florida—Sallie J. Perry, at Rochelle. North Carolina—Charles L. Perkins, at Sligo; Lillian T. Soriven, at Tar Heel. South Carolina—William G. Goodin, at Cummings; Hillard Hall, at Samaria. Virginia—Henry J. Gardner, at Brune; Caleb C. Cooper, at Cobham Wharf; Hubert A. Moore, at Della.

Mr. Charles Caldwell, of Sugar Creek, is still quite sick at his home.

SALISBURY NEWS ITEMS.

Fire in Spencer Shops—Other News Notes of Interest.

Special to The News. Salisbury, N. C., Feb. 6.—Fire broke out at the Spencer shops last night at 7 o'clock and for a while it seemed that it would consume a number of the main buildings. Dozens of engines on the Spencer yards sounded an alarm by the incessant blowing of whistles, and from the greatness of the alarm and the brilliant glare of the light from the fire, Salisbury people realized that it was one that threatened serious destruction, and the street cars were crowded and made fast round trips to and from Spencer. The fire was in the blacksmith department and the building and the machinery in it are a total loss, the damage running up into the thousands of dollars. One hundred and ten men were employed in this department and they will be thrown out of work until another building can be erected and machinery placed. In addition to these many other employees will be affected as their work will be indirectly interfered with. The fire apparatus of the Salisbury fire department was called out and took a portion of their apparatus to Spencer and rendered valuable aid in checking the spread of the flames. The fire originated in the crematory and gained such headway that it was impossible to get it under control until the entire building was in flames. This structure was built principally of iron and steel, but being one of the largest buildings the group contained a sufficient amount of wood work to make considerable fire. The greatest loss, however, will be that of the employees, who are paid men, and who will be out of work for several weeks or longer. It became necessary to discontinue the night work in every department as the electric current had to be cut off and this also put the Salisbury depot and transit shed in darkness, as the power for the lights at these places is furnished from the shops.

The body of Capt. Lester Aldrich arrived in the city this morning from Middleton, N. Y., and was taken to Asheville for interment. Mr. Aldrich was 91 years old and for a long time was an engineer on the Western North Carolina Railroad. He was the owner of the railroad shops at this place before they were taken in charge by the State.

CONDITION IMPROVED.

Condition of Senator Heyburn Greatly Improved. By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 6.—It is stated that Senator Heyburn's condition is greatly improved.

COMMISSION RETURNS.

Reports Train Service and Road Condition Bad.

Special to The News. Raleigh, Feb. 6.—The Corporation Commission returned today from a trip to inspect the branch of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad from Rocky Mount to Spring Hope, about which a complaint has been filed. They report they found both train service and road bed conditions bad. A complaint was lodged by Judge Hoke today as to car delivery on the Seaboard road from Charlotte to Rutherfordton.

The appeal of George A. Bummers, of Greensboro, was argued before the Supreme Court this morning. He was convicted in Guilford county court of the embezzlement of \$1,400 from the Singer Sewing Machine Co. while he was agent there. The sentence from which he appealed is five years on the county roads.

Four charters were issued this morning with authorized capital aggregating \$160,000. Home Investment Co., Burlington, \$100,000; capital, by R. L. Holt and others; Burlington Lumber Co., \$50,000; capital, L. C. Christmas and others; Withers Brown Drug Co., Chaburn, capital \$10,000, R. E. L. Brown, S. E. Withers, of Charlotte. No capital stock.

An order making perpetual the injunction restraining the Runkle Republic Company from producing in the State again "Reconstruction Days," on the ground that it infringes the copyright of Thomas Dixon for his famous play, "The Clansman," was made today by Judge Thomas R. Purnell in the Federal Court here. "Reconstruction Days" was presented on the stage in Raleigh, Louisburg and Durham.

500 MEN ON STRIKE.

Over 1,500 expected to Strike—Employees of Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company.

Charleston, Feb. 6.—The strike of the phosphate hands in the mills of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company here has rendered the three mills idle and it is understood that by tomorrow it will have affected the whole system of plants in this city. Five hundred men have gone out and it is believed 1,500 will quit work. The men are getting one dollar a day and demand a dollar and a quarter. Nearly all the strikers are negroes and the trouble affects all departments of the works.

THE CORONER'S VERDICT.

Murder Charged to Occupants and Employee of Boarding House.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 6.—The coroner's jury in the case of Walter P. Thurman who was murdered in M. F. Garrett's lodging house here last week and the body packed into a trunk, returned a verdict charging the murder to Leo Thurman, alias Charles F. Taylor, who is still at large. The jury recommended that M. F. Garrett, Wm. Kerr and Mrs. Emma L. Griffith be held as witnesses. Garrett is the proprietor, Mrs. Griffith is house-keeper and Kerr is an employee at the boarding house. Mrs. Griffith and Garrett both said their homes were in South Carolina, but the woman said she came here from New York.

Another Blind Tiger.

John Key, a well known negro painter of this city, was arrested this afternoon by Patrolman J. E. Hunter for selling liquor. Key was caught in the act, the alleged sale taking place in the rear of Ayers and Baker's livery stable on East Trade street.

Cotton Receipts.

The receipts of cotton at the city platform today amounted to 7 bales and the best price was 11 cents. For the same day last year the receipts amounted to 13 bales and the best price was 7.50.

The Crittenden Circle will meet tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Methodist Church.

THE GA. CLEAN SHEET CRUSADE BEGUN BY TRAVELLING MEN

Dispatch States that Georgia Travelling Men Yesterday Begun a Crusade for Clean Sheets. Bill Drafted to be Introduced in Legislature.

To Require Hotel Keepers to Change Sheets Before Assigning Room to New Guest. Claim Some Only Make one Change a Week.

By Associated Press. Chicago, Feb. 6.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald from Columbus, Ga., says:

"The Georgia traveling men yesterday began a clean sheet crusade by drafting a bill which one of the members of the Travelers Protective Association, who is a member of the Legislature, will introduce requiring hotel keepers to change their bed linen before assigning a room to a new guest. 'It is claimed that in some of the smaller towns, the sheets are changed but once a week, no matter how many persons occupied the rooms in that time.'"

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HOUSE PASSES THE MORGAN BILL—DISPENSARY IS KILLED.

Special to The News. COLUMBIA, S. C., FEB. 6.—THE HOUSE PASSED BY 23 MAJORITY THE MORGAN BILL ABOLISHING THE STATE DISPENSARY. THE BILL HAS ALREADY PASSED THE SENATE.

STOLE \$2,000 FROM S. A. L.

Young Man Giving Name of Walter E. Bowen Confessed to Theft. By Associated Press. Louisville, Feb. 6.—A young man who gives his name as Walter E. Bowen, and who says he is a son of former Mayor of Pelham, Ga., was arrested last night suspected of a felony. He later confessed he had stolen about \$2,000 worth of goods from the trains on the Seaboard Air Line, while he was employed as baggage-master on the run between Atlanta, Ga., and Monroe, N. C. The alleged stolen goods were received by the police in the room on West Broadway.

SENATOR PETTUS ILL.

Aged Alabama Senator Has Attack of Illness, But Soon Recovers.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Senator Pettus, of Alabama, had an attack of illness in the Democratic cloak room early this morning but soon recovered and took his seat in the chamber. Senator Gallinger, who is a physician, attended him. The Alabama Senator is 84 years old.

WARY OF INDIAN CATTLE.

Government to Inspect Animals Brought From Asia.

Washington, Feb. 6.—A citizen of Texas, having gone to India to import a herd of about 100 Indian cattle, known to be immune from the fever-producing tick, which he will introduce in his herd in Texas, the Department of Agriculture has sent a veterinarian to India to inspect the cattle with a securing their entry into this country free from any other disease.

TOUCHED FOR \$10 WHILE HE SLEPT

An Incident that Took Place Aboard a Southern Railway Train. A Young Virginian who Could not Keep His Fingers Out of Fat Man's Pocket.

A well-known railroader, who makes Charlotte his home, was telling The News man this morning of an incident that occurred on a Southern railway train a few days ago. There was a big, fleshy traveling man aboard who after eating his noon meal in the dining car, tarried long over the cup. After he had imbibed quite freely, a dandy looking young man came in and took a seat on the opposite side of the table from the fat traveling man. The two held a short conversation when the fat man, with the assistance of a waiter, got up to go to his section in a rear Pullman. The young fellow, who spoke to the fat man in the dining car, went back and took a seat beside the healthy looking traveling man. Now the young fellow had no reservation in the Pullman and in his hat was prominently displayed the conductor's check, indicating that he was a day-coach-passenger. The Charlotte man, who was sitting opposite the fat man and his young companion, noticed the young fellow going through the fat man's pockets. He suspected everything was not all right, so the Pullman conductor was notified. As soon as the young fellow was notified, the Pullman conductor shook the fat traveler and asked him if he had lost anything. After putting his eyes through a severe rubbing and yawning several times, the fat man said that a \$10-bill he had tucked away in his pocket had taken its flight. As the Pullman conductor was the first to say anything about it, the half-drunk, half-sleeping, big, fat traveling man, suspected the conductor.

FRAME LOVE-MAKING RULES.

Tells Girls to Allow But One Call of Two Hours a Week.

Wilkes-Barre, Feb. 6.—Father Bennett, of St. Nicholas German Catholic Church, of this city, today advised the young women of the congregation to allow no young man to call often than once a week; to limit such visits to two hours; to allow no male caller to remain after 10 at night; to disallow any man who pays attention to them for six months without proposing marriage; to permit no engagement to last longer than six months and to avoid forming acquaintances with any young men who are not properly introduced to them by persons they can trust.

BOY MADE BLIND.

Oculist Declares Aniline Compounds Affected the Optic Nerve.

New York, Feb. 6.—"Rendered blind by eating candy," was the verdict pronounced yesterday by eye experts who have been treating the little son of John Schmidt, a Paterson musician. The boy has always had an abnormal appetite for highly colored candy. The doctors say the child's eyes were weak, and the quantity of aniline compounds he had eaten had affected the weak part of the optic nerve. Two months ago he was totally blind, but the sight is being gradually restored.

Japan's Naval Tonnage.

Tokyo, Feb. 5.—At a meeting of the sectional budget committee today a delegate representing the government said that Japan expected to increase the tonnage of her navy to 400,000 tons by the end of the fiscal year 1907-08.

DEAD BODY FOUND THOUGHT TO BE S. C. ARMSTRONG

Decomposed Body of Man With Bullet Hole Through Head Found in Thicket Near Roanoke, Thought to be Former Bank Cashier.

Armstrong Had Mysteriously Disappeared Jan. 2. Bunch of Keys Gives Clue. Bank was in Good Condition. His Wife and Children are Prostrated.

Pittsburg, Feb. 6.—The badly decomposed body of a man with a bullet hole through his head was found yesterday in a thicket on the outskirts of Roanoke, Va., and it is believed to be that of Sturley C. Armstrong, cashier of the Washington National Bank, who mysteriously disappeared from this city January 2.

The number 243241, attached to a bunch of keys, found on the body was designated as the number of the accident insurance policy carried by the missing cashier.

Armstrong's wife and four children are prostrated. Notwithstanding the fact that Armstrong's accounts were found to be entirely correct, many foreign depositors, becoming frightened at his prolonged absence, withdrew their money, but deposits from others far exceeded the amount withdrawn and confidence was quickly restored. Mrs. Armstrong declared she believed her husband's mind had become deranged from overwork and anxiety.

PROF. PRESTON W. SEARCH.

On "Music in the Fatherland" at Elizabeth College Last Night.

Prof. Preston W. Search, the noted lecturer, delivered a very entertaining lecture at Elizabeth College last evening his subject being "Music in the Fatherland." Prof. Search comes from the University of Worcester, Mass. He is the author of the popular book, entitled "An Ideal School," which Prof. Claxton of the University of Tennessee says is the ablest book on education written in the last quarter of a century.

A large number of friends and patrons of the college attended the lecture last night.

A DANCE AND RAZOR.

Caused Trouble Down on West Morehead Street Last Night.

Escorted by two officers, John Durin, stumbled into the police station last night about 11 o'clock half exhausted by the loss of blood which flowed freely from two terrible wounds that extended from ear to ear. Durin mumbled the usual tale of "dance, razor and scrap."

Durin said he was sitting in a woman's house on Morehead street warming himself, when Jim Clarke came in and started a fuss. One word led on to another when Clarke pulled his razor and commenced slashing Durin, the sharp blade inflicting two ghastly wounds on his face and cutting the back of his coat into threads. The wounded man who had but one shoe on, ran and on his way to the police station met the officers whom he told of the assault. Officers were at once dispatched to the scene to arrest Clarke but when they arrived the man had departed for parts unknown. Dr. F. O. Hawley, city physician, was summoned and Durin's wounds were dressed.

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