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Official Investigation To Determine Cause of Wreck Begun To-day

Gen. Mgr. Ackert and Supt. Coapman Begin Investigation To-day to Learn Cause of Fatal Wreck Last Week.

Mattoax and Jacobs Present Their Conflicting Statements. Testimony Taken in Full. Col. Andrews is Acting Pres.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 5.—General Manager Ackert and Superintendent Coapman of the Danville division of the Southern, will begin an investigation to-day to determine officially the cause of the wreck, in which President Spencer and others lost their lives. Operator G. T. Mattoax, who has been held responsible for the disaster, will be present, also Operator Jacobs of Lawyers.

The hearing, which will be private, will be held in the general manager's office, and a force of stenographers will take the testimony. All employees of the Southern who had anything to do with the handling of the two trains have been ordered to be in Washington to testify. Mattoax asserts he did not let train No. 37 into the block until it had been given a clear track by the operator at Lawyers.

Operator Jacobs, of Lawyers, denies the statements of Mattoax, and declares he received no report of the movements of train No. 33, which was struck by the Atlanta express.

First Vice-President Andrews will act as president until a successor of the late President Spencer is elected.

WOMEN THIEVES.

Mystery of Many Burglaries Solved in Arrest of Woman—Much Stolen Property Found.

By Associated Press. Chicago, Dec. 5.—The mystery of a score or more of flat burglaries on North Side were solved in the arrest of Mrs. Elizabeth Klein and Mrs. Margaret Naezel. Stolen goods to the value of \$3,000 were recovered but the value of the property taken by the two women during two years is estimated at over \$10,000.

TO TEST STATUTE.

Department of Justice Order Washington Representation to Begin Action to Test California Statute.

By Associated Press. San Francisco, Dec. 5.—Under direct orders from Washington representatives of the Department of Justice in California have been instructed to begin action in courts to test the legal statute which provides that children of Mongolian descent shall attend a separate school.

SHERMETIEFF SHOT.

Police Inspector Who Figured in Anti-Jewish Outbreak, Was Shot By Workman Today.

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, Dec. 5.—Police Inspector Shermetieff, who after the anti-Jewish outbreak at Bialystok June last, for which he was said to be responsible, was transferred to St. Petersburg and was shot and mortally wounded by a workman this morning, near Fontanka canal. The inspector's assailant then shot and killed himself.

Senate Very Busy.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., December 5.—This morning business was heavy in the Senate. It is practically the first opportunity the Senators have had to introduce petitions, memorials, bills and resolutions and many were presented.

The Vice-President put before the Senate a number of communications from the executive departments all of which were ordered printed as documents. The Senate adjourned at 1:30 p. m.

Barge Abandoned.

By Associated Press. Philadelphia, Dec. 5.—Capt. Larsen, of the steamship Florida, which passed in the Delaware breakwater from Sabine Pass, reports that he abandoned Monday the barge Providence which he had in tow for Claymont, Del. The crew of the barge were taken aboard the Florida.

Distress Signals.

By Associated Press. Chatham, Mass., December 5.—An unknown barkentine which was flying signals of distress off Monomy Point yesterday appeared to-day to have gone ashore on Great Round shoals. She is still flying distress signals.

Bill to Prevent Child Labor Introduced by Senator Lodge

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 5.—Senator Lodge introduced a bill aimed to prevent the employment of child labor by prohibiting from inter-State commerce any article in the production of which child

ATTACKED BY ROBBERS.

New York Broker Awake to Face a Drawn Revolver.

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 5.—Awaking in his home, on Fifth avenue, Elias Asiel, a broker, found himself confronted by two robbers.

"We'll shoot if you make a squeak," said a voice. He shouted for help, and the two men flung themselves upon him.

A servant found the broker lying helpless, the pillow soaked with his blood. The robbers escaped.

Burglars gained an entrance by sawing an inch thick bar of iron at the basement door. A large amount of gold and silver plate tied up in a bundle was left behind.

THE HAU CASE.

Case of the Washington Professor was Removed Another Week.

By Associated Press. London, December 5.—Karl Hau, the Washington professor under arrest, charged with the murder of his mother-in-law at Baden Baden was remanded another week.

The magistrate said the evidence was sufficient for a warrant of extradition, but to make the case complete it was necessary to have the proof of the cause of the death of Frau Molitor.

NINE PERSONS RESCUED.

From Burning Tenement House Nine Were Saved.

By Associated Press. Boston, Mass., December 5.—Nine persons, including seven children were rescued from a burning tenement house in South Boston. None were injured.

Consider Negro Troops.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., December 5.—After a debate the Senate postponed until to-morrow the consideration of the resolutions calling for information relative to the discharge of the negro troops of the 25th infantry.

This delay was caused by the absence from the city of Senator Penrose.

Gillette Was Found Guilty

After Five Hours Deliberation Jury Return Verdict of Guilty of Murder in First Degree. Will Appeal.

By Associated Press. Herkimer, N. Y., Dec. 5.—The jury in the trial of Chester E. Gillette, for the murder of his sweetheart, Grace Brown, at Big Moose Lake on July 11 last, last night returned a verdict of guilty in the first degree.

Sentence will be pronounced Thursday morning, to which time court adjourned after the jury had reported. Former Senator Mills, Gillette's counsel, before adjournment announced that when court reconvened Thursday, he would move to have the verdict set aside. The jury which had deliberated for five hours set word at 11 o'clock that a verdict had been reached. Later they filed into the court room and at 11 o'clock an officer who had been sent for Gillette, returned with the prisoner. Pale and trifle nervous, apparently, Gillette faced the jury and when Marshal Hatch, the foreman, declared that a been found guilty in the first degree had been found the youthful prisoner gave no sign of emotion. When his counsel had announced his purpose of making a formal motion that the verdict be set aside and the judge was dismissing the jurors, Gillette bent over a nearby table and picked up a pencil, wrote something upon a sheet of paper. He then folded the paper carefully, afterward putting it in his pocket, immediately afterwards he was taken from the court room back to his cell in the jail.

It is learned that the jury had some difficulty in reaching an agreement and six ballots were taken before the 12 men agreed. Up to that time the jury had stood eleven for conviction and one for acquittal.

BLOOD HOUNDS CHASE INSANE.

Three Dangerous Patients Escape From Insane Asylum and are Still at Large.

By Associated Press. Clarksburg, W. Va., Dec. 5.—Three patients escaped from the state hospital for the insane at Weston last night and are believed to be hiding near this city. They are said to be dangerous. Bloodhounds, put on the trail shortly after the escape, followed the scent to this place, where it was lost.

Dividend Declared.

New York, Dec. 5.—Directors of the New York Central declared its quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent.

On the Fighting Calendar.

Hamilton, O., Dec. 5.—An effort to revive the fighting game in this vicinity is to be made by a local club tonight. The club has arranged a promising card. The wind-up will bring together Ray Bronson and Mickey Ford, both of Indianapolis, in a ten-round contest. The two are regarded as evenly matched, and are counted upon to put up an interesting go.

—Mr. J. Lehman Wilson, who was operated on for appendicitis at the Presbyterian hospital a few days ago, was today discharged and went to his home on Liberty street.



HIS FAVORITE AUTHOR.

Sixty Persons Perished in Great Flood That Swept Camp at Clifton According to Reports Received

STATESVILLE NEWS.

County Commissioners Rescind Order—Hackett in Town—New Chairman.

Special to The News. Statesville, N. C., Dec. 5.—The new board of county commissioners, Messrs. N. D. Mills, M. F. Nesbit and J. B. Parks, met in regular monthly session yesterday and organized by electing Mr. Mills chairman.

Mr. W. G. Lewis was re-elected county attorney.

Recently the board appointed or elected a board of directors for the Statesville Air Line Railroad and the incident caused considerable stir, the company having been previously organized and officers elected and the question arose as to the authority of the board to elect the director.

Yesterday the following order was made:

"It is ordered that the appointment of directors for the Statesville Air Line Railroad, made at last meeting of board, be and the same is rescinded, as it appears that said order of appointment of directors was made under misapprehension of our authority."

Miss Neta Owens will leave today for Durham to take a position with the office of the leading photographers of that place.

Mr. Isadore Wallace has sold to Mr. D. A. Ritchie a lot on the Boulevard. Consideration, \$200. Mr. D. J. Kimball has sold a lot on Front street to Mr. J. A. Knox for \$300.

The fire department was called to Park Place early yesterday morning by a false alarm. Workmen had built a large fire near the new home of Mr. O. L. Turner, which is nearing completion, and a neighbor saw the flames and turned in the alarm.

Mr. C. B. Greene and Miss Rosa Greene, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Purnell, will return to Durham tomorrow.

Mr. R. N. Hackett, Congressman-elect, spent Saturday and Sunday in Statesville, going to Greensboro yesterday.

Mr. R. Z. Linney, of Taylorsville, was in Statesville Saturday and Sunday, going to Greensboro Sunday night.

DRUNKARD'S TRAGIC WORK.

While Crazy Drunk Man Wounds Five Men—One Died.

By Associated Press. Astabula, O., Dec. 5.—John H. Kiampa, Finn, while crazy drunk ran amuck, armed with a revolver and knife, attacking nearly every one he met, with the result that five men are more or less seriously injured and Kiampa dead.

Report on Cotton Crop.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., December 5.—It is announced at the Department of Agriculture that the quantitative estimate of this season of the cotton crop will be issued on Tuesday, December 11th, at two o'clock, p. m., instead of Monday as heretofore announced.

The bureau census has decided not to publish their report of the amount of cotton ginned up to December 1st, until Monday, the 10th instant, at two p. m., and the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Agriculture decided to consider the information contained in the census report in connection with the information derived from other sources.

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Dispatches Received by Railroads State That at Least 60 Lives were Lost in Fearful Flood Which Swept Camp.

Buildings were Destroyed, Smelting Plants Ruined and Miles of Railroad Track Torn Up.

By Associated Press. Denver, Col., Dec. 5.—A special to the News from Phoenix, says private railroad dispatches say 60 lives were lost at Clifton in the great flood that swept through the camp, destroying many business buildings, wrecking the smelting plant of the Arizona Copper Company, and tearing out miles of the track of the Arizona and Mexico Railroad.

Vagueness for Long Time. Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 5.—Up to a late hour last night nothing confirmatory of the disaster had been received except private dispatches sent from one friend to another. One of these said: "Half of Clifton was destroyed. I am O. K."

Numerous inquiries have been directed to the scene, but they have been unavailing. It is believed here that the disaster has undoubtedly occurred.

Communication Cut Off. Globe, Ariz., Dec. 5.—All railroad communication with the city has been cut off for a week at least by the carrying away of the bridge over Gila river, near San Carlo.

ENGLAND LIKES SENTIMENT.

British People Like President's Treatment of San Francisco Trouble in His Message.

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 5.—President Roosevelt's declaration in his message on the treatment accorded the Japanese in the San Francisco schools especially appeals to the British because in South Africa and Australia the same anti-racial feeling has created embarrassment for the imperial authorities.

Newspapers here say the President's remarks "convey a lesson which might well be laid to the heart in other quarters than that to which directly addressed."

Prohibitory Duties Feared

Prohibitory Duties Threatened on Cotton Seed and Cotton Seed Oil in France. Proposed Increase on Tarriff.

By Associated Press. Paris, Dec. 5.—Cotton seed and cotton seed oil, of which there is enormous importation from America, is threatened with almost prohibitory duties.

The subject was not included in the budget estimates but is being pressed for consideration, not only as a new source of revenue but on the demand of the olive oil industry for protection against cotton seed oil, which is extensively replacing olive oil.

The customs commission of the Chamber of Deputies decided to propose a rise in the budget, increasing the tariff on cotton seed to six francs and duty on cotton seed oil to 12 francs per 100 kilograms.

The Commerce Commission of the Chamber has protested against the inclusion of the proposed new duties in the budget and having a reciprocity agreement in view, proposes bringing up the question in Parliament as a separate matter.

The foreign office has received from Ambassador McCormick a strong representation against the suggested increases in duties. The most favorable feature of the situation from an American standpoint, lies in the differences between the two commissions.

Alleged Land Frauds.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 5.—Representative Mendell introduced a resolution designed to make public information which may bear on the alleged coal and mineral land frauds.

The Metcalf Nomination.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 5.—The Senate committee on naval affairs ordered a favorable report on the nomination of Metcalf for Secretary of the Navy.

SEARCH WARRANTS NEEDED.

Judge Peebles Says Officers Can't Hunt Blind Tigers Without Them.

Judge R. B. Peebles sprung something of a sensation in court this morning when he denounced the methods employed by the police officers of this city in arresting persons operating blind tigers.

"Policemen have no right," declared he, "to arrest any man without the legal papers and have no right whatever to enter a man's house and go through his personal property in search of whiskey without a search warrant. Every officer that practices such methods of digging out blind tigers is guilty of forcible trespass and they will run up on a man some time who knows that this is law."

Judge Peebles spoke while a witness was saying that officers had made arrests without search warrants.

TRIAL OF MRS. BIRDSONG.

Trial of Young Woman on Charge of Murder Begun—Is of a Prominent Family.

By Associated Press. Hazlehurst, Mass., Dec. 5.—The trial of Mrs. Angie Birdsong, on the charge of murder, has begun here.

Mrs. Birdsong belongs to one of the most prominent families of Mississippi. She is about 22 years of age.

Mrs. Birdsong shot and killed Dr. Butler, a nephew of former Governor Leffingwell, of Mississippi.

The shooting occurred in Dr. Butler's office, in Monticello, Miss., where Mrs. Birdsong resided.

Although admitting the shooting she has not let her line of defense become public.

The prominence of both families and the intense feeling in Monticello caused a change of venue to be granted.

Moroccan Affairs.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 5.—Whether the Democratic Senators shall support the Algerias treaty, in relation to Moroccan affairs, when it is voted upon in the Senate December 12, will depend upon the fate of the resolution to be presented disclaiming the responsibility of the United States for the convention declaring that the participation of this government is only in furtherance of its general policy of promoting the peace and interest of its commercial relations with Morocco.

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By Associated Press. San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 5.—President Allman, of the board of education, when his attention was called to the President's message referring to the Japanese school question, said the utterances of the President on that question have no effect on the action of the board.

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Mission of The Church Is to Save Lost Souls, Cries Dr. Broughton

Fast Limited Wrecked and 18 Were Injured

By Associated Press. Chicago, Ill., December 5.—Train No. 36, Monon Road, a fast limited between Cincinnati and Chicago was derailed two miles north of Frankfort in Indiana.

A broken rail was the cause of the trouble. Eighteen passengers of the total of 175 on board the train were injured. Nobody was killed and it is not believed any of the injured will die.

The train was going at a high rate of speed. The engine passed the place in safety. The baggage and mail cars, coaches and sleepers left the track.

HARLAN'S CANDIDACY.

Said That He Had No Such Thought.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 5.—When asked by the Associated Press for an expression apropos the discussion of his possible candidacy for the governorship of Kentucky, Justice Harlan answered he "had no such thought."

FINDLEY ELECTED PRESIDENT.

Mr. W. W. Findley Elected President of the Southern Railway.

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 5.—W. W. Findley was today elected president of the Southern railway, succeeding the late Samuel Spencer. Mr. Findley has been vice president.

Rev. Creighton Deposed Today

Committee, Which Has Been Considering Case for Week, Reported Today. Creighton Deposed from Ministry.

Special to The News. Columbia, S. C., Dec. 5.—Rev. C. W. Creighton was today deposed from the ministry and expelled from membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The committee which has been considering the charges against Creighton for a week reported this morning when the conference convened. The report sustains the majority of the specifications and hence sustains the charges of gross immorality, thereby expelling the accused from the church. The report is final, subject only to appeal to the general conference of the church.

Creighton's counsel, Rev. J. W. Daniel, at once gave notice of an appeal.

Before the conference adjourned Rev. C. D. Mann arose to a question of personal privilege and stated heatedly that if the report was correct three-fourths of the members should be expelled from the conference for agreeing with Creighton.

He was immediately silenced by points of order from all over the house.

The appointments for 1907 were then read and the conference adjourned with the doxology. Mr. Creighton declines to comment on the verdict at this time. He left at noon for his home at Greenwood.

His trial was brought about by editorials in his paper, the Christian Appeal, in which he asserted there was a ring in the South Carolina Conference, which controlled the affairs. He has for several years been a bitter critic of the presiding elders and the influential members of the conference.

He was formerly a lawyer before being admitted to the conference and is a man of considerable ability.

The verdict of the committee was received with little comment but there is much feeling over the matter, as Creighton is not without his friends. There is nothing in the charges to reflect on his private life, the charges being slander and lying, based on the editorials referred to.

Cause of Accident. Columbia, S. C., Dec. 5.—Rev. C. W. Creighton, editor of the Christian Appeal, of Greenwood, has been dismissed from the Methodist ministry by the South Carolina conference, on the charge of falsehood and slander.

He has made repeated charges of politics and ring rule in the conference and has alleged that the presiding elders were self-seeking a committee of 13 in a secret session found him guilty.

The newly instituted Order of Eagles will hold their regular meeting to-night.

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Men Need to be Saved From Eternal Hell and This Only by the Shed Blood of Christ. Services To-night.

"I don't care whether it is a Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist, Episcopalian, Catholic or any other kind of church, is not saving souls that church is not fulfilling its mission. If it is not fishing for men that church is a disappointment to its Founder, and doesn't deserve the name. Let me tell you: There are many churches that are not saving souls today, and if you will go with me I will show you that it is the small, suburban, 'uninfluential' churches that are saving souls."

Rev. Len G. Broughton, pastor of the Atlanta Tabernacle, made this statement last night at the First Baptist Church, which was crowded almost to suffocation to hear him. He was preaching from the text, "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." (John 20:21). His theme was the mission of the Church.

Dr. Broughton was introduced by his assistant pastor, Rev. W. L. Walker, who stated also that at 7:30 o'clock every evening in the basement of the Tryon Street Methodist Church, where the service will be henceforth held in order to accommodate the crowds, there would be a half hour service for personal workers. Rev. H. K. Boyer made the opening prayer last night.

Looks Like Sir Henry Irving. When Dr. Broughton was in England recently, assisting Rev. G. Campbell Morgan in a meeting, the British papers said he looked like the late Sir Henry Irving. With his long hair, his thin, spare frame and his sharp angular countenance, Dr. Broughton does look very much like the great English actor. There are others who say he could pass as the twin brother of his friend, Dr. Morgan, and a picture of the two taken together and published in The Record of Christian Work some time ago bears out this idea.

The Atlanta preacher, who draws more people than any Southern minister, and who attracts crowds from all denominations to his annual conferences in Atlanta when he has Bible teaching from the greatest religious and spiritual thinkers of the day, is a North Carolinian, and last night recalled old experiences in his home State. "I was at college with Brother Ppsett over there," he said, "and I did my first preaching with him. Brother Conrad and his good wife, I might say, started me out. I want to say that I am glad to be in Charlotte for the first time to hold a meeting. I was driven over your city this afternoon and I must say that while I knew you had a fine town here, I was surprised to find such a magnificent and up-to-date city as I saw."

Women Must Leave Their Hats.

Dr. Broughton then stated to the audience that he would have to ask the women to leave their hats at home. "The devil has cheated the church in the millinery business," he said. "Either wear small hats or none at all or take them off when you come into church."

Dr. Broughton does not tear around much in the pulpit. He is not a great gesticulator but speaks with comparative ease and poise although there is a good deal of fire and ginger in his words at times. He preaches the old time religion in the good, old-fashioned way but it is a pointer of word pictures that he is at his best. His descriptions last night of the conversion of his 12-year-old boy and of the worst dive-keeper in Atlanta, whose dive he had succeeded in breaking up, were graphic in the extreme. He invariably bores for water when he tells one of these stories out of the experience of a man who has done things.

After a Desperate Struggle Kidnapped Girl is Rescued

By Associated Press. Chicago, Dec. 5.—After a desperate

battle in which a shot gun and several revolvers figured and two doors were battered down by the police, Giovanna Unida, a 14-year-old Italian girl, who was kidnapped Monday, was rescued last night.

Her abductor, Samuel Farino, was arrested. The little girl told the story of her kidnapping and the subsequent torture she was made to suffer at the hands of Farino.