

RUSSELL RAVING

AT NEWSPAPER RIDICULE OF HIS FREE PASS BUSINESS

Southern Railway Officials Indicted for Refusal to Answer Questions Before the Railway Commission...

People are laughing a great deal at these "free pass prosecutions." It is said that Governor Russell yesterday stated that he had bought \$50 worth of tickets...

A telegram from New Bern says the mother of Miss Annie Abbott says she is not able to push the charges against President Robert Hancock...

It seems reasonably sure that in a little while work will begin on a railway from this city to Lillington, Harnett county...

The secretary of state grants license to the Carolina Benevolent Association of South Carolina to do business in North Carolina...

The grand jury of this county having presented Vice President Andrews, Henry W. Miller and R. L. Potts of the Southern railway for refusal to answer questions or to produce books...

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Chairman Caldwell said to me today that subpoenas have been issued for Vice President St. John and other officials of the Seaboard Air Line for giving free passes...

George Vanderbilt's landscape gardener, who will supervise the planting of shrubs and plants, the gift from Baltimore, at the executive mansion grounds, is making suggestions as to the capitol square...

The reports to the railway commission show that in this state the Atlantic Coast Line has 2,961 employees, the Southern 2,674, the Seaboard Air Line 2,408...

There was \$5,000 accident insurance on I. G. Barnes, the Henderson man who died two weeks ago after an injury received while trying to get on a train...

It is now the fashion to file the gravest possible charges against the candidates for national office and it is learned there have been filed bad ones against P. H. Lybrook...

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LAWYER AVIRETT EXPLAINS

Why He Returned His Fees in the Railway Lease Case—Bill Not Yet Sent to the Grand Jury in the Railway Cases

Avirett says he returned his fees as attorney in the railway lease case because it had been frequently stated that he entered on the suit against his conscience and convictions...

Up to 6 o'clock Solicitor Pou had not drawn any bill against Andrews and others in the superior court. The case cannot be taken up at this term unless he makes motion to take it up...

THE RAILWAY COMMISSION

Subpoenas Officials of the Seaboard Air Line and the Atlantic Coast Line Dr. Kirby Smith Presented for Assault on Aurelia Hampton

There is denial by the railway commissioners that they have subpoenaed Vice-President St. John. They simply say they have subpoenaed officials of the Seaboard Air Line and Atlantic Coast Line...

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FINANCIAL REFORM

The Monetary Commission Given a Hearing on its Bill by the House Committee on Banking and Currency

Washington, January 12.—The monetary commission was given a hearing today by the house committee on banking and currency, on the commission's bill proposing a comprehensive revision of the currency...

Mr. Edmunds was the first speaker. He said that the fundamental principle which the commission had felt was to be considered in establishing a more stable currency was first to know what the standard of value in this country is...

Mr. Edmunds then took up the proposition of the commission's bill proposing a retirement of United States notes, explaining and urging this on the lines of the commission's report...

Mr. Edmunds answered that it would convert every government obligation except a few of minor form, into gold obligations and stated broadly that the effect would be to make all United States obligations payable in gold...

Chairman Walker asked if the bill was designed to change the legal tender quality of the standard silver dollar. Mr. Edmunds answered that it would not...

Representative Newlands, silverite, of Nevada, discussed with Mr. Edmunds the effects of the bill in contracting the currency. Mr. Edmunds did not believe contraction would occur...

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HANNA'S ELECTION

SECURED BY A BARE MAJORITY ON JOINT BALLOT.

No Change in His Vote from that of the Day Before—His Commission for the Unexpired Term Sent to Him by the Governor—The Senate Appoints a Committee to Investigate Charges of Bribery—A Like Resolution in the House—Hannatta's Talk of Reorganizing the House

Columbus, Ohio, January 12.—Marcus A. Hanna was elected today to represent Ohio in the senate for seven years and two months. If McKinley should be re-elected, Hanna would still be there to the end of the president's second term...

Senator Burke, the only dissenting republican, presented the name of E. McKisson, the republican mayor of Cleveland, in a very forcible and inflammable speech that commanded the closest attention...

The vote of the house was the same as that of yesterday with the exception that Hazelt, who then voted for Wiley, and Hess, who voted for Warner, today voted with the other democrats for McKisson...

After Hanna was declared elected senator for the long term, pandemonium reigned in the galleries. The galleries went wild and the senators and representatives participated in the demonstration. The crowds outside indulged in all sorts of demonstrations over the final result...

There was a lively debate over the provision in the bill requiring the owners of bullion hereafter to pay the cost of the progress of the bullion from assay offices to the mints. The western members and the free silver advocates generally took the position that this change of policy on the part of the government, which now pays these charges, would discourage gold production...

The motion to strike out the provision was defeated—110 to 125. Mr. Hitt, from the foreign affairs committee, reported the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill and at 4:45 o'clock p. m., the house adjourned.

The Reported Indian Uprising a Fake Kansas City, Mo., January 12.—At noon today the Associated Press correspondent at South McAlester, I. T., wired the following: "The whole story of the Indian uprising is a fake. The first account of the alleged affair was sent out by the agent of the C. O. & G. railway at Earlburo, I. T., to the train dispatcher here. Today all acquainted with the situation give it as their opinion that the story was a pure fabrication...

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The commissioner says he knows Field very well and regards this information as entirely trustworthy. Secretary Bliss wrote the war department asking for troops. His dispatches, however, reports as at least greatly exaggerated, but nevertheless it might be the part of prudence to have troops on the scene...

General Gonzalez Munoz, the captain general of Porto-Rico, died immediately after his arrival here. The Spanish gubnot Galacia, the captain general of Cuba, near Manzanillo, province of Santiago de Cuba, a fishing smack from Jamaica, having on board a cargo of war material, medicines, groceries and clothing...

A DULL DAY AT THE CAPITOL

No Business of Importance Transacted by Either Branch of Congress—The House Passes an Urgent Deficiency Bill—Owners of Assay Office to Fight a Bill of Progress from Assay Office to Mint

Washington, January 12.—Senator Chandler, of the committee on naval affairs, introduced in the senate today a resolution, for which he asked immediate consideration, requesting the secretary of the navy to furnish the senate a list of the active officers of the navy in each corps, together with those who are at sea and those who are on shore duty...

Senator Allen, of Nebraska, said that he would be glad to have included in the information asked for, the number of retired officers of the navy. "It is well known," said he, "that a vast army of naval officers has been retired to make room for younger men who have been graduated from the naval academy or are about to be graduated. Many of these retired officers are anxious to resume active service and I would like to know whether the committee purposes to do anything in that regard."

At 12:35 o'clock p. m., the senate, on motion of Senator Davis, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, went into executive session and at 2:50 o'clock p. m. adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The house today passed an urgent deficiency bill carrying \$1,741,843. One of the items authorizing a further expenditure of \$20,000 for the Soldiers' Home at Danville, Ill., for which \$150,000 was appropriated in the last sundry civil bill, was used by Mr. DeArmond, democrat, of Missouri, as a basis for a bitter personal attack upon Chairman Cannon, whose home is at Danville. He charged the chairman of the appropriations committee with having used his powers and position to secure the location of the home at Danville.

Mr. Cannon, in reply, branded Mr. DeArmond as a common scound who would have been ducked under the town pump had he lived in the old days. He said he would stand or fall on his record.

The house, by a vote of 123 to 74, sustained the appropriation. There was a lively debate over the provision in the bill requiring the owners of bullion hereafter to pay the cost of the progress of the bullion from assay offices to the mints. The western members and the free silver advocates generally took the position that this change of policy on the part of the government, which now pays these charges, would discourage gold production...

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SWEPT BY A TORNADO

A LARGE PORTION OF FORT SMITH, ARK., IN RUINS.

Business Houses, Churches, Residences and Hotels Mowed Down by the Storm—Fire in the Wreckage Adds to the Horror and Increases the Number of Deaths—The Death Roll Numbers Thirty Nine, With a Long List of Injured—The Storm at Other Points

Fort Smith, Ark., January 12.—Two score of human lives and upward of \$1,000,000 worth of property were destroyed by a tornado which burst upon this city a few minutes past 11 o'clock last night. The storm struck near the national cemetery, and tore its way through the entire city, leaving its path marked by death and desolation. Men, women and children were awakened without a moment's warning to meet death by falling walls or in the flames which engulfed many of the wrecked buildings.

The scene following the first terrific crash of the storm was one of awful grandeur. Business blocks, handsome mansions, hotels and humble cottages were raised and scattered in shapeless masses. Several of the wrecks caught fire and the inflammable timbers burned furiously.

The city was crowded with rural visitors, many of whom were sleeping at boarding houses unregistered. For this reason the number of victims who perished may never be definitely known. The tornado struck Garrison avenue, at the corner of Ninth street and made a clean sweep from there to the Texas corner. Isaacson's store was totally demolished and the stock is a complete loss. Balcock's grocery store had the rear end blown out. The following stores were totally demolished: Fleming Brothers, coffee and tea; Hartfield's restaurant; Smith's grocery store; Martinez's secondhand store; J. Mance, dry goods; Mann & Wilson, groceries city feed store. A number of stores were badly damaged.

The upper floor of the block on the corner of Garrison and Towson avenue is used as a flat. The ruins caught fire from the night lamp. Seven bodies were taken from these ruins. Burgess hotel, a three story brick building on Towson avenue, was demolished. There have been eight bodies already taken from the ruins. Rescue parties are still at work at both places and expect to find several more bodies. George Carter's house was one of the first struck. It was turned completely over and is now supported on the roof. A half pane of glass was driven through Carter's body almost severing the head from the trunk. M. W. Buck's foundry was demolished. The beautiful national cemetery is a wreck. Fort Smith's \$50,000 high school building was badly wrecked. It was one of the few buildings upon which there was tornado insurance. The tornado destroyed two historic buildings. Judge Parker's residence is badly wrecked and the old Hector mansion, where Alben Pike passed his days, is a pile of ashes, the ruins having caught fire from a lamp. The First Baptist church and the Central Methodist church were raised from the ground and are now only a scattered pile of kindling wood.

The church of the Immaculate Conception and Brownson's memorial church lost their spires and sustained other damage. Thirty-nine bodies have been recovered and it is now thought all the persons in the wrecked buildings have been accounted for.

The citizens' relief committee has \$10,000 in hand for assisting the sufferers. President Robinson, of the Fisco road, unasked, sent his check for \$1,000. The Missouri railroad also sent \$1,000. Business is practically abandoned all over the city and men of all classes are assisting in clearing the debris. Leaving Fort Smith, the tornado bounded for VanBuren and continued on the river, demolishing everything in its path. News from outside points is not yet at hand, but rumors of great damage as far south as Alma have reached here, it being reported that a number of persons were killed near that place.

Articles Needed for the Starving Cubans New York, January 12.—The following cablegram from Consul General Lee has been received by the Central Cuba relief committee. It gives in detail articles that are urgently needed to alleviate the suffering in Cuba: "Havana, January 12. "Central Cuban Relief Committee: "Summer Clothing, secondhand or otherwise, principally for women and children, medicine for fevers, including a large proportion of quinine, hard bread, flour, corn meal, bacon, rice, lard, potatoes, beans, peas, salt fish, principally cod, any canned goods and large quantities of condensed milk. The Central Cuban relief committee made a large shipment today on the Ward Line steamer Vigilancia, consigned to Consul General Lee, consisting of 30,000 separate packages and in addition 500,000 grains of quinine. The work is progressing finely, and relief committees are being formed in all parts of the country. "Another large shipment will be made next Saturday and others semi-weekly thereafter.

"Only the Best" Should be our motto when you need a medicine. Do not be induced to take any substitute when you call for Hood's Sarsaparilla. Experience has proved it to be the best. It is an honest medicine, possessing actual and unequalled merit. Be wise and profit by the experience of other people.

Hood's Pills are the favorite family cathartic, easy to take, easy to operate.



Lady Sykes Before the Court London, January 12.—The case of Jay vs. Sykes, was opened before the lord chief justice, Baron Russell, of Killowen, in the queens bench division, of the high court of justice today.

Lawson Walton, Q. C., who appeared for the plaintiff, Daniel Jay, a money lender, said the action was to recover £15,570 lent to Lady Sykes in 1896, on the security of notes purporting to be signed by her husband, Sir Tatton Sykes. The actual amount of cash lent, counsel continued, was about £10,000, the balance being interest.

Lady Sykes admitted the liability, but Sir Tatton denied that the signatures were his and alleged that they were forged by Lady Sykes. The latter, counsel said, would testify that her husband signed the notes. Early in 1897 Mr. Jay pressed for payment, but he agreed to wait if Sir Tatton would write asking him to do so. Subsequently Lady Sykes presented to Mr. Jay a letter purporting to be signed by her husband, asking him to hold the notes and agreeing to pay the amount due in the March following. Sir Tatton now alleges that Lady Sykes, or some one she employed, also forged this letter. The couple went to the West Indies in January, 1897, the husband going from there to New York. When he returned to England, Sir Tatton promised to pay off the whole of his wife's liability, but immediately afterward he disappeared, leaving Lady Sykes in great financial distress. Finally she was forced to take proceedings to obtain relief to which her husband answered by the present criminal charges.

Lady Sykes then testified, she corroborated the foregoing statement of Walton and said her husband's income was £70,000. The notes, she added, were signed in her presence by Sir Tatton, and the letter referred to by Sir Sykes asserted, was also written by him.

During her cross examination Lady Sykes admitted that she bet bovverly, but said it was with her husband's consent. Altogether, she added, her winnings on the stock exchange exceeded her losses. Her ladyship also admitted she owed Sam Lewis, the well-known money lender, £2,000, and that many of her husband's idiosyncrasies.

Later Lady Sykes started the court by announcing that she had not kept account books, adding that she kept her accounts in her head. Upon further cross examination, Lady Sykes said it was impossible to say money persons, including Vice-President Victorino Pereira, Captain Lopez Caceres, of the Brazilian navy, seven majors and colonels, Senator Cordeira, eight deputies and the soldier, Muzio Blich, who executed the crime. Deputy Guerrero continues to be absent and the vice president is still at large. It appears that he was in close relations with Dioclesianos, who dined the crime. Dioclesianos and Marcolino have made full confessions.

Origin of the Big London Fire London, January 12.—As a result of the investigation which has been in progress for several weeks past into the origin of the great fire which occurred recently in the Cripple Gate district of London (involving a loss of \$2,750,000), the jury today, after five hours deliberation, found that the fire was not caused by a gas explosion or by spontaneous combustion, but was the work of some "person or persons unknown." The foreman said the jury was unanimous in the belief that the fire originated on the premises of Walker & Brown. He added that the jury was fully equipped with steam fire engines and was unanimous in the opinion that the water supply was efficient and recommended that an engine with steam continually up be always kept at the Central City fire station.

The Chicago Market Chicago, January 12.—Wheat today lost all the advance it acquired yesterday and closed at 4 1/2 to 4 5/8 cent. The market received some support from the Leiter interests, but weak cables and general apathy of traders resulted in a decline in spite of this support. Corn dropped 1/2 to 3/4 in sympathy. Oats closed a shade lower. Provisions were the only strong market on the floor and advanced 1/2 to 1 1/4.