

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

In a duel near Greenville, Miss., both men are killed.

The next North Carolina Methodist conference will meet at New Bern.

In Madison Square Garden a homicide occurs over a bet on the bicycle race.

Bishop Potter, of New York, has gone to Manila to study the Philippines.

Denmark again offers to sell us her West India islands, charging \$3,000,000.

The next confederate reunion will be held at Louisville, beginning May 30th.

Our reciprocity treaties with France and England have been sent to the senate.

The consolidation of the eighteen roads in the Seaboard system progresses satisfactorily.

Warren, the man accused of the Branchville express robbery is bound over to court.

Sixty miners are killed by a fire-damp explosion in a mine near Tacoma, Washington.

The Boers have crossed-cut their Mauser bullets, giving them the effect of dum-dum bullets.

Public opinion justifies C. M. Harper in the killing of David Ross at Norfolk, as done in self defense.

The Kentucky canvassing board issues certificates to Taylor and the other republican candidates.

General Otis cables that the revolt in Negros was an insignificant affair and soon suppressed.

The Gridiron Club, of Washington City, give their annual dinner, about 130 guests being present.

A man is taken from Macon, Ga., to Atlanta, to prevent lynching for having thrown acid in the face of a woman.

General del Pilar, commanding Aguinaldo's body guard, was killed in one of the engagements with General Young's forces.

The government statistician makes a final report as to last year's cotton crop—Monday's report will relate to the present crop.

There is a conflict between the Atlanta local and the general headquarters of the Woodmen of the World as to annihilation fees.

Through trains of the Florida Central and Peninsula road are temporarily cut off by non-completion of the Cheroke-Columbia link of the Seaboard system.

The house committee enters upon the Roberts case. Mr. Roberts makes a long speech, and his prosecutors argue his guilt from the alleged fact of existence of illegitimate children.

The Methodist Conference (Special to The Messenger).

Washington, N. C., December 9.—The annual session of the North Carolina conference opened with devotional services conducted by Rev. J. E. Underwood.

Rev. J. D. McAllister, of Tennessee, and Rev. J. W. Potter, of Georgia, were received by transfer. The characters of nearly all the preachers passed.

It was reported that the Goldsboro church gave \$500 to our new orphanage on Thanksgiving day.

A committee on Sabbath observance was appointed by the bishop.

The death of Rev. J. T. Abernethy since his conference was reported.

Wilmington and New Bern were put in nomination for the meeting of next conference. New Bern was selected.

The conference agreed to take \$2,000 stock in The Raleigh Christian Advocate. A stirring address for support of the paper by preachers and laymen was made by Dr. T. N. Ivey.

Bishop Hendrix made a strong appeal for the twentieth century fund and \$3,300 was raised immediately.

Much more will be raised.

An able address was made by the bishop tonight on missions.

The weather is delightful and the conference well entertained.

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No throat or lung remedy ever had such a sale as Boschee's German Syrup in all parts of the civilized world. Twenty years ago millions of bottles were given away, and your druggists will tell you its success was marvelous. It is really the only Throat and Lung remedy generally endorsed by physicians. One 75 cent bottle will cure or prove its value. Sold by dealers in all civilized countries.

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The first indication of croup is hoarseness, and in a child subject to that disease it may be taken as a sure sign of the approach of an attack. Following this hoarseness is a peculiar rough cough. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, it will prevent the attack. It is used in many thousands of homes in this broad land and never disappoints the anxious mothers. We have yet to learn of a single instance in which it has not proved effectual. No other preparation can show such a record—twenty-five years' constant use without a failure. For sale by R. R. Bellamy.

Go to Reihders for your toys.

IN AGUINALDO'S REAR.

YOUNG'S SHARP ENGAGEMENT WITH HIS REAR GUARD.

FILIPINO COMMANDER KILLED

In a Fight on the Fortified Trail—Small Bands Encountered by General Grant Bishor Potter, of New York, Visits the Philippines—Americans Assisted by the Natives—Progress of the Other Commands—The Negros Revolt of No Consequence.

Manila, December 9.—General Gregorio del Pilar, commanding Aguinaldo's bodyguard, was killed by Major Peyton C. March's battalion of the Thirty-third Infantry, in a fight, eighteen miles northwest of Cervantes, December 8th. According to reports which General Young obtained from escaped Spanish prisoners at Vigan several days ago, Major March left the coast, where he was pursuing Aguinaldo, and encountered General del Pilar on the fortified trail. They fought for four hours, during which time seventy Filipinos were killed or wounded. The American loss was one man killed and six wounded.

The Americans have occupied Bangued, province of Abra. General Grant's expedition has visited Orani and several western towns, meeting small bands. He killed several of the rebels and captured a considerable quantity of munitions of war.

Bishop Henry C. Potter, of New York, has returned here on a brief visit to study the Philippines.

Washington, December 9.—The war department has received the following from General Otis:

Manila, December 9.

"A dispatch from General Young at Vigan, yesterday says escaped Spanish prisoners report a four hours' engagement on the 3rd instant between his troops and Aguinaldo's guard near Cervantes, fifty miles southeast of Vigan, with heavy loss to the enemy, who is being pursued. Our loss was one killed, six wounded; the inhabitants, of their own accord, join our troops, repairing the trail and carrying subsistence. Have pushed a column to San Jose, south of Bangued; Howe's column on rear trail, Batchelor's battalion of the Twenty-fourth, out of reach north of Bayombong, evidently descending the river. Natives report fighting occurred twenty miles north. Navy reaches Apariti tomorrow; column of General MacArthur's troops (Twenty-fifth Infantry) reported near Iba, west coast of Zambales; Grant's column near Subig bay; Lawton's Bulacan province today with sufficient troops to overcome opposition and scatter the enemy."

It is probable that the troops which engaged Aguinaldo's guard are here's command, as he was reported to be close to the insurgent leader's rear.

General Otis also cables as follows regarding the revolt in Negros: "Information received that Negros revolt of minor importance; Byrnes in rapid pursuit if disaffected party; Hughes in mountains of Panay, en route to Capiz."

Funeral of Mrs. Harper.

Rev. A. D. McClure, of the St. Andrew Presbyterian church, conducted the funeral of Mrs. Henrietta Harper from Prospect church near Scotts Hill yesterday at noon. The deceased's two sons, Captain John W. Harper and Captain Thos. J. Harper and other near relatives from Wilmington were in attendance. The pallbearers were Mr. J. T. Foy, Mr. F. M. Foy, Mr. C. B. Devan, Mr. N. Sidberry, Mr. D. R. Ormsby and Mr. Robert Parker.

One dollar Kid Gloves at 75 cents at Reihders, Fourth street.

His Right Leg Broken.

Frank Thompson, a young man employed on the government dredge which is working up Town Creek, had his right leg broken between the ankle and knee yesterday and was brought to Wilmington in a buggy and put under the care of Dr. Frank H. Russell, who set his leg.

Young Thompson was working near a cable on the dredge, when it suddenly broke and struck him, knocking him against the side of the boat with great force and breaking his leg. Thompson was carried to his home in this city where Dr. Russell attended him. He is getting along very satisfactorily.

Grandest assortment of Xmas goods at Reihders.

Bids for Scavenger District Bids

Owing to the absence from the city of several members of the board of health a quorum could not be gotten together yesterday for a meeting of the board; however, there was a conference of several members, notably, Dr. Thomas, Dr. Russell and Mr. McMillan, during which the bids for the scavenger work in the various districts of the city were opened and it was decided that none of them can be accepted in their present form, and bidders are requested to call for their bids and ascertain from the superintendent of health what changes will be necessary. It is of interest to note that there are eighteen bids on file.

Go to Reihders for fancy goods.

My son has been troubled for years with chronic diarrhoea. Sometime ago I persuaded him to take some of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After using two bottles of the 25-cent size he was cured. I give this testimonial, hoping some one similarly afflicted may read it and be benefited.—Thomas C. Bower, Glenoe, Ohio. For sale by R. R. Bellamy.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers purify the blood, clean the liver, invigorate the system. Famous little pills for constipation and liver troubles. R. R. Bellamy.

THE CONTEST ENDED.

The Kentucky Election Board Issues Certificates to the Republican Candidates.

Frankfort, Ky., December 9.—At 9:45 this morning the election certificate of William S. Taylor was signed by the election commissioners and he was declared to be governor-elect of Kentucky. The official figures of the vote filed with the secretary of state are: Taylor 193,714, Goebel 191,331.

The operation, which ended for the time being at least the bitterly fought gubernatorial contest was conducted in the simplest manner. The majority opinion of Commissioners Fryor and Ellis and the minority opinion of Commissioner Poyntz, were not read.

The three commissioners walked first to the office of the clerk of the state supreme court where they filed two opinions. They then passed into the office of the secretary of state. Clerk Chenuaut of the board of state commissioners read the figures showing that the republican candidates for offices on the state ticket had received the largest number of votes and then certificates of election were signed at once, that of Mr. Taylor being first on the list.

There were only fourteen persons in the room at the time, and of this number only two were there as spectators. There was no crowd around the building and no interest was manifested in the work save by those engaged in it. Commissioners read the figures showing that the republican candidates for offices on the state ticket had received the largest number of votes and then certificates of election were signed at once, that of Mr. Taylor being first on the list.

Mr. Goebel was apparently in the best of humor after being told that Mr. Taylor's certificate had been signed. He laughed and shook his head when asked if he had anything to say: "Not a thing; I am not talking."

"When will you make a contest?"

"I have not decided yet, and I, of course, cannot discuss when I do not know it myself."

The defeated candidate was game to the last and if there was any ill-humor in him nobody knew it but himself. Mr. Taylor was modest and reticent as usual.

"I expected it, of course," he said. "I knew that if the commissioners went by the law and the evidence they could do nothing else than decide the way have done."

Commissioner Poyntz declined to sign the republican certificates of election, saying that he stood by the opinion he had rendered and could not consistently do so. He consented to sign the certificates of the railroad commissioners, however.

The Branchville Express Robbery.

Orangeburg, S. C., December 9.—At the preliminary examination held here today Bartow Warren, charged with robbing the express train on the Southern railway near Branchville of \$1,700 on December 1st, was held for trial and sent to jail in default of \$800 bail.

Two witnesses, Watson M. Connor and Thomas H. Watson, testified that Warren had made propositions to them to rob the train and explained how it could be done with safety and great profit, and a Charleston hardware clerk recognized a sledge hammer found in the car after the robbery, to be of the same kind and weight as one he had sold to a man who looked like Warren.

Warren is about 30 years old, belongs to Orangeburg county, but lived for some years in the west. Of late he had been picking up odd jobs. He is good looking and well dressed. He was not put on the stand but professes his entire innocence.

BOTH DUBLISTS KILLED.

Greenville, Miss., December 9.—A duel was fought here today, which resulted in the instant death of J. C. Connerly, a lawyer of Lakeville, Ark., and Alfred B. Duncan, general manager of the Read Leaf plantation and stores, who lived near Sunnyside, Ark. The tragedy is said to have been the result of a business misunderstanding. Both men were prominent in the district in which they resided. Connerly received six bullets in different parts of his body, while Duncan was struck but once—a load of buckshot in the left breast.

Churches Today.

Services in St. John's church today, Second Sunday in Advent, by the rector, Rev. Dr. Carmichael. Holy Communion at 7:45 a. m.; Morning Prayer at 8:15 a. m.; Evening Prayer at 4:45 p. m.; Sunday school at 3:30 p. m.

St. Thomas church—First Mass and Holy Communion, 7 a. m.; High Mass and Sermon, 10:30 a. m.; Vespers Sermon, 7:45 p. m.

"If Christ Should Leave Wilmington; What?" will be Dr. Blackwell's theme at the First Baptist church tonight.

St. James church, Second Sunday in Advent—11 a. m., Morning Prayer, Anti-Communism, Sermon; 5 p. m., Evening Prayer; Sunday school at 3:45 p. m. Public cordially invited.

No services at Grace M. E. church today morning or evening; Sunday school at 3:30 o'clock.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran church, North Fourth street, above Bladen street, Rev. G. D. Bernheim, pastor. Morning service at 11 o'clock; at 7:30 a. m.; Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. All seats free and every person welcome.

St. Paul's Lutheran church, Sixth and Market streets, Rev. A. G. Voigt, pastor. German service today at 11 a. m.; English service at 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school at 3:30 p. m.

"One Minute Cough Cure is the best remedy I ever used for coughs and colds. It is unequalled for whooping cough. Children all like it," writes H. N. Williams, Gentryville, Ind. Never fails. It is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. Cures coughs, colds, hoarseness, croup, pneumonia, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles. Its early use prevents consumption. R. R. Bellamy.

ANOTHER ARMORED TRAIN

PUT IN USE BY THE BRITISH TO PROTECT AN ADVANCE.

MORE FIGHTING REPORTED

Between Boers and the British Garrison at Kimberley—Another Sortie by the Latter—Boers Using Bullets With Cross-Cut Ends—A Sortie by British Troops at Ladysmith—Boers Advancing to Attack the British at Estcourt.

London, December 9.—A special dispatch from Pretoria, dated December 8th, says 3,000 British troops, preceded by an armored train, are advancing on Colesburg from Naupoort.

A dispatch from Pretoria, dated today, says: "Reports have been received here of fighting early this morning in the vicinity of Schaltz Nek, the British attacking General Cronje. Fighting is also reported to have occurred in the direction of Kimberley, it is presumed, by another sortie. The Dutch-German ambulance corps has been enthusiastically received and will be divided between Natal and the Free State frontier."

Cape Town, Thursday, December 7.—A hundred men of the naval brigade proceeded to the front tonight.

It is known that the Boers have crossed-cut the ends of their Mauser bullets, thus producing an effect similar to the dum-dums.

Halse and Warren and thirty men left the camp at Carnarvon today and when four miles out sighted a patrol of twelve Boers, who sought cover. Two of the Boers were wounded. Halse ascertained that the Boers were in strong force in a laager and retired to his base. This is the first brush of General Gatacre's forces and they are all eager to follow it up.

Boer Head Lager, Ladysmith, Friday, December 5.—The British troops left the camp between 1 and 2 o'clock in the morning. They crawled up a ravine and stormed and carried Lombard's kop, which was held by the Boers and on which were placed a Croust gun and a Howitzer. These guns were destroyed with dynamite. The British captured a Maxim gun and then retired.

The lancers, hussars and guards made a sortie west of Ladysmith at daybreak under cover of a heavy artillery fire, which the Boers returned briskly. The British afterwards returned to Ladysmith. The Boer losses are reported to have been slight.

A strong burgher column has crossed the Tugela river at Colenso with the object of attacking the British column.

SOLDIER'S VIEW OF THE WAR.

New York, December 9.—Lieutenant Stacker and seven members of the First Tennessee volunteers, arrived here today on the steamship St. Louis from Southampton. They are on their way to the front in Clarksville, Tenn., after having seen some months of active service in the Philippines.

"The Philippine soldiers fight like hell," said Lieutenant Stacker. "They seem to have no fear of death, and they do not fear danger, but their fighting is not the kind we expected. They will fight and then scatter to fight again. Their mode of warfare is much like that of the Boers. The troops, in my opinion, will be chasing Aguinaldo for the next 365 days and then never catch him. But he is simply the figurehead. There are others behind him. Some of the Filipinos in Manila are friendly, and some there are who will work for the government and even give the military authorities information, but those in command are never sure, but that the same persons are giving the rebel army more information. I do not think the Filipinos are worth all the loss of life and trouble they are costing us. The climate out here is unhealthy, and there is a great deal of sickness among the soldiers."

"Two per cent. of our regiment are sick with dysentery and fever. There were three or four deaths in the regiment from smallpox. Many a soldier dies of that disease. The people over here never hear anything of the matter. They don't like to make the death list public."

"General Otis is a good man, but he is not liked by the men, who privately speak of him as the 'Old Woman,' or use other equally disrespectful names. He has done all that he can, but the great trouble is he tried to do it all."

"I was nearly dead with dyspepsia, tried doctors, visited mineral springs, and grew worse. I used Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. That cured me." It digests what you eat. Cures indigestion, sour stomach, heartburn and all forms of dyspepsia. R. R. Bellamy.

A HOMICIDE OVER A BET.

New York, December 9.—An hour after the big bicycle race ended in Madison Square tonight, and during the excitement attending a fifteen mile pursuit race, Frederick S. Slater of Rahway, N. J., seated in one of the lower boxes, was shot and mortally wounded by Walter Rosser, 19 years old, a medical student from Stevenson, Ala., living in this city. The shooting occurred as the result of a quarrel over a bet the men had made on the result of the six day race. Slater was taken to Bellevue hospital. He was shot in the left breast and it is stated there he cannot live.

There were 1,000 or 12,000 persons in the big amphitheatre at the time, and some of these rushed at Rosser. Two hundred policemen charged through the mob with drawn clubs and, surrounding Rosser, hurried him through the crowd. Rosser was intoxicated.

It takes but a minute to overcome tickling in the throat and to stop a cough by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. This remedy quickly cures all forms of throat and lung troubles. Harmless and pleasant to take. It prevents consumption. A famous specific for gripe and its after effects. R. R. Bellamy.

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THE COTTON CROP.

The Government's Final Report as to Last Year's Crop Figures as to Present Crop.

Washington, December 9.—The final report of the statistician of the department of agriculture on the acreage and production of cotton in the United States for the year ending August 31, 1899, is ready for the press. It shows the acreage in the principal states to have been as follows: North Carolina 1,311,708, South Carolina 2,353,213, Georgia 3,535,205, Alabama 3,003,176, Mississippi 2,900,298, Louisiana 1,281,691, Texas 6,991,904, Arkansas 1,876,467, Tennessee 596,722, Oklahoma 215,893, Indian Territory 314,906, sundry 286,112, making a total of 24,967,295 acres.

The production in gross bales was as follows: North Carolina 629,629, South Carolina 1,035,414, Georgia 1,378,731, Alabama 1,176,042, Mississippi 1,247,128, Louisiana 717,747, Texas 3,393,109, Arkansas 919,469, Tennessee 322,820, Oklahoma 109,026, Indian Territory 207,838, sundry 82,261, making a total of 11,189,205 bales, an increase of 291,348 bales over the preceding year.

The average production per acre was 44 1/2 bales. The estimated production is based mainly on official statements to the movement of cotton from the plantation. The estimate of acreage is based mainly on reports of special agents.

The total value of the crop, estimated on the basis of the average prices during the first six months of the cotton year at the various large markets nearest to the different centers of production, was \$305,467,041, the average price per pound being 5.27 cents for upland and 14 cents for sea island.

The telegraphic reports to be issued on Monday, December 11th, at noon, will relate to the present year, 1899-1900, and will comprise an estimate of the acreage by states, and the indicated yield of lint cotton per acre.

THE SEABOARD SYSTEM

Consummating the Plans for Consolidation into One System.

Raleigh, N. C., December 9.—The initial steps providing for the unification of the Seaboard Air Line system were taken at the general meeting of the stockholders of the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad Company, held in Raleigh today. Resolutions were passed looking to the early absorption by the Raleigh and Gaston of the following roads: The Raleigh and Augusta Air Line railroad, the Durham and North-eastern railroad, the Roanoke and Tar River railroad, the Lenoirville and the Pittsboro railroad, the Carolina Central railroad, the Palmetto railroad, the Chesterfield and Kershaw railroad, the Georgia, Carolina and Northern railroad, the Logansville and Lawrence railroad and the Seaboard Air Line belt railroad, and other allied lines.

The terms of acquisition are to be arranged by the directors, who are to report to an advisory committee of the meeting of the stockholders, to be held in Raleigh on the 21st instant.

The proceedings of the meeting were almost unanimous, 99.3-10 per cent. of the entire stock voting in favor of the plan.

President Williams says that the situation is extremely satisfactory, and that there is nothing now that can materially interfere with the consummation of their plans for the operation as one system of the eighteen separate railroads which will constitute the Seaboard system, whose lines will reach from Washington and Norfolk on the northeast, to Jacksonville, Tampa, Tallahassee, Montgomery and Atlanta in the south and southwest.

TELEGRAPHIC SPARKS.

Mr. A. J. Sadlee, living near Punta Gorda, Fla., was shot from ambush Wednesday night and instantly killed. He had lately secured indictments for cattle stealing against some of his neighbors.

Allen Fuller, a negro who has been under arrest in Macon, Ga., for some days under suspicion of complicity in the disappearance of Mrs. Eugenia Pottler in that city, is brought to Atlanta for safe-keeping.

Charles Elde, a prominent lawyer of Syracuse, N. Y., died at the Hotel Rathburn, Jacksonville, Fla., at an early hour Saturday morning of Bright's disease, aged 48 years. He was a thirty-second degree Mason and the grand commander of the Grand Commandery of the state of New York.

Mrs. E. J. Cook, aunt of Cornelius Vanderbilt, who was so seriously injured last Saturday in a run-away accident, near Macon, Ga., is improving.

F. M. Holliday, a farmer living a few miles from Jefferson, Ga., was brutally murdered Saturday morning. Robbery was the motive. A searching party has been organized.

Herschel V. Johnson, postmaster at Claxton, Ga., is arrested on the charge of embezzling postal money order funds of his office. He gives bond.

The reciprocity treaties negotiated between the United States and France and between the United States and Great Britain during the past summer were transmitted to the senate on Tuesday and will be taken up for consideration by the senate committee on foreign relations at its first meeting.

The Danish government has made another effort to sell the Danish West Indies to the United States. The price asked for the islands is \$3,000,000.

Charles W. Miller, of Chicago, the long distance champion rider of the world, and Frank Waller, the Dutchman, won the six day bicycle race which began at midnight last Sunday at Madison Square Garden. Robert Wathour, the plucky little Georgian, won the first prize for the highest individual score.

The physician attending Lieutenant Brumby reports his condition to be as favorable as can be expected at the present stage of typhoid fever.

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BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.

THE HOUSE COMMITTEE CONTINUES THE ROBERTS CASE.

MR. ROBERTS INTERROGATED

As to Certain Propositions Laid Down by Him He Denies the Jurisdiction of the Committee to Investigate Beyond the Court Findings on the Charges of Violating the Anti-Polygamy Law—The First Public Hearing. Testimony Against Mr. Roberts.

Washington, December 9.—The consideration of the case of Mr. Roberts, of Utah, was resumed at 10 o'clock this morning, by the house investigating committee, Mr. Roberts being present to plead to certain specific interrogatories which had been framed. The proceedings continued to be behind closed doors. Mr. Roberts was first asked if he conceded the existence of the court record wherein he pleaded guilty in 1889, under the Edmunds-Tucker law. This he conceded. He was next asked whether about 1889 or since 1890, he had married plural wives and had lived in polygamous relations in violation of law.

To the whole of this charge Roberts pleaded not guilty, and then demurred to the jurisdiction of the committee for the following reasons:

"1. On the ground of violation of constitutional rights in that it attempted to try him for a crime without presentment of indictment by grand jury and without trial before a jury and due process of law.

2. That it was an attempt to deprive him of his vested property that he held in the emoluments of an office for the full term.

3. That the only evidence that could be rightfully considered in the committee was a court record establishing the guilt, confessed or proven, of the representative-elect, and that the committee has no right to consider any other evidence.

4. That the crime alleged, namely, that of unlawful cohabitation, even if proven, would not constitute a sufficient crime to base a membership or deprive him of his seat, because innocent of polygamy or unlawful cohabitation is nowhere enumerated in the constitution as a qualification for the office of member of congress, nor is it named in any United States law applicable to Utah or any other state.

Mr. Roberts argued these points for nearly two hours, referring to law books and answering queries. It was a legal controversy throughout, the facts not being gone into at length. Mr. Roberts concluded by asking that his prima facie right to a seat be at once conceded, as the present status denied as a sovereign state representation in the house at a time when injurious legislation affecting that state might take place.

The first of the public hearings in the case began at 2 o'clock. All day the committee room was crowded with members, representatives of the press and delegations representing the gentle element of Utah. Mr. Roberts sat at the foot of the long committee table with documents piled up before him. His secretary was near at hand, bringing him books and other data of reference.

Chairman Taylor announced that persons who had participated in framing the charges were present and he asked that they be heard.

Mr. A. T. Schroeder, one of the gentle delegation from Utah, said it could be established that Mr. Roberts had maintained and is now maintaining the status of a polygamist; that he pleaded guilty of unlawful cohabitation and had since that time continued in that relation. Specifically, Mr. Schroeder said it could be established that there had recently been born children to his polygamous wives, among them being twins born to Orestis Roberts, the reputed second wife of the congressman-elect. These children were reported to be born, he said, August 11, 1897, and until this morning, he had understood were acknowledged by Roberts as his. It could also be shown that he has been holding out Dr. Magie Shippey Roberts as a wife, and is now maintaining the status of husband toward her; that during all of these times he had a living lawful wife, Louisa Smith Roberts, who also had born him children.

It is understood that the opposition to Roberts has suggested that one witness with whom he is alleged to have maintained polygamous relations be summoned as witnesses. The first wife, it is said, would be exempt from testifying against her husband, as she has a legal status as wife, but this exemption would not extend beyond the first wife. The public hearing went over until Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock and the committee held a private session.

Mr. Taylor said that the executive session that the committee was considering whether it should go to Utah or have the witness come here, and that no decision had been reached.

What a wonderful discovery is Pain-Killer! It not only cures the ills of the human family, but is also the sure remedy for horses with colic. It has never been known to fail in a cure of the worst cases, and for sprains, falls, etc., it never fails—try it once. Directions accompany each bottle. Sold by druggists generally. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis. Price 25c and 50c.

JUSTIFIED BY PUBLIC OPINION.

Norfolk, Va., December 9.—C. M. Harper, the Pioneer Point real estate man, who yesterday shot and killed David Ross, was today bailed in the sum of \$5,000, to await the action of the grand jury, leading citizens going upon his bond.

Ross was a Canadian and leaves a wife and several children. Public sentiment holds Harper guiltless of murder, as the evidence shows that he defended himself.