

THE SAFE CRACKERS

Well Known Postoffice Inspector Who Believes the Raleigh Burglars are Professionals - He Thinks They are "Yegmen."

Mr. Jere Connelley, post office inspector, returned to the city yesterday, and in conversation with a Messenger representative he said:

"I see from the papers that the crackmen who blew open the safe in the express office at Raleigh on last Monday night are supposed to have been local burglars, from the fact that they broke into a blacksmith shop to get their tools and after doing the job left the tools in the express office, and also because they used too much dynamite."

Mr. Connelley then went on to say that all the circumstances convince him that the crackmen were "yegmen," which he defined to be hobo or tramp burglars.

These men, he says, are those of the yegmen who carry no tools, tools than a drill, dynamite in capsules and fuses. Such an equipment is easy to conceal. They carry no trip, and thus go in light marching order. Their methods are those which are used by a custom of breaking into postoffices, express offices and the like—usually postoffices in remote sections of the country.

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MANCHURIA CONCESSION

UNCERTAINTY AS TO WHETHER IT HAS BEEN SIGNED OR NOT

TO BE EXECUTED BY MARCH 26, THE JAPANESE EMBASSY, AT LONDON, REPORTS ORDER OF CHINESE COURTS FOR ITS EXECUTION. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT MAKES PROTEST AGAINST ANY CONCESSIONS BY CHINA—OUR GOVERNMENT CONTEMPLATING DIRECT PROTEST TO RUSSIA ON THE MATTER.

Pekin, March 27.—The Chinese had not signed the Manchurian agreement last night when the time expired. London, March 27.—The officials of the Japanese embassy confirm the report that an imperial decree has been issued by the court at Peking, through Liu Kuan-yi, viceroys of Nankin, ordering that the Manchurian convention should be signed March 26th, the date fixed by Russia. An intimation of this decree has been telegraphed to the various governments concerned.

Washington, March 27.—The British government has protested against China making a convention with any power touching territorial or financial affairs until the present troubles in that country are concluded. The fact of the British protest was made known here for the first time today by a dispatch from one of the foreign offices. A Russian official states that the protest was made through Sir Ernest Satow, the British minister at Peking. It does not state when the representations were made, but from the fact that the dispatch was received in London today it is taken that the protest has been within the last day or two. Although the Russian agreement is directed against the Russian agreement, the language appears to be similar to that used by Secretary Hay in the American protest.

St. Petersburg, March 27.—The correspondence of the Russian press has formed on competent authority that the Russo-Chinese agreement will probably be signed in the near future. However, the negotiations continue and the result is not yet certain. While it is possible the details will be slightly modified, the arrangements will be substantially as demanded. According to the Russian point of view, an abatement of what are there regarded as moderate demands would be inconsistent with the Russian interests and would not sufficiently safeguard the frontier and railroad. The draft of the agreement now being prepared by the Chinese is admitted to the United States of free trade.

DANISH WEST INDIES

Denmark Specifies Terms on Which She Will Sell to the United States

London, March 28.—The Daily News publishes the following dispatch from its Copenhagen correspondent: "I am enabled to state, on the very best authority that Denmark has compelling conditions for the sale of the following conditions for the sale of the islands: 1. Four million dollars to be paid to Denmark. 2. The population to decide by vote whether to remain Danish or to be annexed to the United States. 3. If the vote is favorable to the United States then the inhabitants of the islands are to be treated as American subjects, but American citizens are not to be admitted to the islands of free trade."

TO PROTECT EMPEROR WILLIAM

Berlin, March 27.—Among the safe guards to be utilized hereafter for the safety of Emperor William, it appears in public will be four bodyguards on bicycles accompanying the carriage. The emperor's bodyguard will be armed with revolvers.

FOR THE DEVELOPMENT IN OUR COAST

The Clyde Steamship Company is about to add to its already large fleet of freight and passenger steamers two of the most efficient and desirable vessels ever built for the coastwise trade. These steamers are being constructed by the Cramp and Sons shipyard on the Delaware, and the first of them is to be called the "Apache," which is to be launched on Saturday, March 28th, at 10:45 a. m. She will be 310 feet long, 46 feet wide and 31 feet deep, with a speed of 15 knots, and capacity for 5,000 tons of cargo. Her admirably arranged and handsomely decorated accommodations for over 200 passengers will be entirely above the upper deck, thus insuring the best of light and ventilation at all times. She will be lighted throughout with electricity, and all fittings and equipment will be up to the highest standard.

THE CITY ELECTION

IT WILL TAKE PLACE TODAY FOR THE ELECTION OF ALDERMEN—THE NEW BOARD TO BE ELECTED WILL MEET AT 12 M. TOMORROW TO CHOOSE A MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICERS.

The city election for the election of aldermen will take place today. The polls will open at sunrise and close at sunset. The saloons closed last evening at 10 o'clock and will remain shut till tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. There will be no opposition to the nominees of the democratic party. They are as follows: First Ward—C. L. Spencer, J. F. Mauldin, J. H. West, W. C. VonGlahn. Second Ward—H. P. West, W. C. VonGlahn. Third Ward—George Harris, E. F. Johnson. Fourth Ward—E. P. Bailey, Louis H. Skinner. Fifth Ward—C. C. Parker, W. E. Mann.

THE LAURINBURG SWINDLER

H. T. Allen, Alias Dr. Allen, Alias M. Allen, Bound Over for Trial at Wilmington—One Witness Made \$11,100 Out of Green Goods Men

Mr. Jere Connelley, postoffice inspector returned to the city yesterday from Laurinburg where he attended the further hearing in the matter of H. T. Allen, alias Dr. Allen, alias M. Allen, the Laurinburg printer who was arrested a few weeks ago for using the mails to defraud and for conducting a green goods scheme. The investigation took place on Tuesday before United States Commissioner W. H. Cox, of Laurinburg. Allen was represented by Hon. Walter H. Neal, of Laurinburg, and John H. Cook, Esq., of Maxton, United States District Attorney C. M. Bernard represented the government. The hearing began at 11 a. m. and lasted till 4:30 p. m., the result being that Allen was bound over for trial at the United States district court at Wilmington Monday, April 30th. A bond of \$500 for his appearance was required and it is probable Allen will be able to give bond.

The witnesses examined were Postoffice Inspector Connelley, J. T. Ham, of Kinsey, Ala., Ira S. Clay, of Columbus, Ga., and W. H. Cooper, postmaster at Laurinburg. Mr. Ham's testimony showed that he had made \$11,100 out of green goods men and was trying to do Allen but lost a small amount of money in trying to do so. He testified that he got into correspondence with green goods men in New York and went on there to carry out a plan to get away with the money. From one he got \$1,000 in good money for \$100. From another he got \$100 in good money for \$10. He did not state how he got the \$1,000 but on cross-examination he stated how he got the \$1,000. When he went into the den of two green goods men they made a show-down of \$100. Mr. Ham took it in hand, looked at it and tossed the money. Suavely they told him that he must not carry the money off in his possession, as he might be caught by the police. He then took the money and it would get him and them into trouble; that they would express the money to him and also ship him mail when he wanted it. He backed out of the den, telling the men that he was safer than an express company. He is an "innocent" looking fellow and the green goods men thought they had a soft subject but he worked out the plan to the establishment of financial reasons, not to mention the disastrous effect which it would have on the country. The committee's standing with foreign capitalists. The committee, accordingly, sanctioned the issuing of a circular which has been issued by the ministry of the interior.

SITUATION IN ST. PETERSBURG

Proposition for Martial Law Rejected. Concessions by the Government

St. Petersburg, Tuesday, March 26.—It is reliably reported that at a ministerial council meeting held in the presence of the grand duke Vladimir, commander of the St. Petersburg garrison, the proposal to place the capital under martial law, should the indications cause further difficulties, was heatedly debated. Mr. de Witte, the minister of the interior, was generally opposed to the establishment of martial law, owing to financial reasons, not to mention the disastrous effect which it would have on the country. The committee's standing with foreign capitalists. The committee, accordingly, sanctioned the issuing of a circular which has been issued by the ministry of the interior.

THE STREET RAILWAY

Special Master Thomas W. Davis' Report as to the Amount Due Upon \$150,000 of Bonds. The Decree of Sale of the Railway Soon Expected From the Court.

In the matter of the Morton Trust Company, of New York, against the Wilmington Street Railway Company, Thomas W. Davis, Esq., who was appointed special master by Judge Purnell of the United States district court, has made a report on the amount due upon the bonds of the Street Railway Company, has filed his report with Mr. W. H. Shaw, deputy clerk of the United States district court. The report is published in The Messenger. The Morton Trust Company is the trustee for the bondholders, and as the Street Railway Company defaulted in the payment of the interest for two years, the plaintiffs brought action to foreclose the mortgage given to secure the bonds.

FIRST DYNASTY RECORD

Unearthed by Professor Petrie at Abydos in Egypt

Boston, Mass., March 27.—Rev. W. C. Windley, president of the Egyptian Exploration Fund, has just received official word that Professor Petrie has unearthed at Abydos the records of the First dynasty, nearly 4,000 B. C. "We have found," writes Professor Petrie, "the names of Narmer and a king named by a fish sign, perhaps also of two kings, Deb and Sam of the most ancient kings. There are about thirty inscriptions and a heavy strip of gold with the name Aba (Mena). In the tomb of Khasekhemui were found stone vessels, each with a gold cap tied on with twisted wire; also two broad bangles of gold, and a dinner service of a dozen basins and dishes, with 150 models of tools in sheet copper. The frequent use of ivory at that date is witnessed by the discovery of four ivory combs and stones and two lions cut in ivory."

OUR PHILIPPINE ARMY

Washington, March 27.—The present plans of the war department contemplate the maintenance of an army of 50,000 men in the Philippines, and the order has been completely established under the proposed new civil government. The Philippine army is now reduced to a peace footing. There are now 50,000 troops in the Philippines and the Philippine government has been established. The plan was to replace the volunteers, numbering about 25,000, with regulars to an extent sufficient to keep all existing garrisons throughout the archipelago, but it has been found to be impracticable to do so under existing conditions within the short time intervening before the 1st of July next when the entire volunteer army must be disbanded. The failure of the plan is due to the lack of available officers in this country to organize the new regiment authorized by congress and not so much to the difficulty of recruiting the recruits.

THE CLOSING ARGUMENT

IN THE IMPEACHMENT TRIAL BEGUN BY MR. WATSON NOT CONCLUDED YESTERDAY

Mr. Osborne for the Defense Speaks Until 4 o'clock—Mr. Watson Then Argues the Case for Two Hours—He to Close the Discussion Today—Mr. Osborne's Criticism of the Democratic Legislators—Mr. Watson's Reply to This Part of His Speech

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, March 27.—Contrary to expectation, the argument in the impeachment trial was not concluded today. Mr. Osborne spoke until 4 o'clock, when Mr. Watson began and had not concluded when court adjourned until Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. Mr. Osborne insisted that this was a political prosecution. The reading alone, he said, of the five articles of impeachment would show that. He said if a judge could be impeached for error of judgment Judge Robinson could be impeached for taking Manager Allen's office in 1899. He insisted that White's salary was not a claim against the state and cited many cases to prove it. In answer to the charge that the judges were partisan he said he was attorney general of the state in 1895 and knew better than any one else how grand and brazen Judge Furches sat on the bench and saved the state from the disgrace of political control of the asylums and other non-political offices; that ingratitude to Ransom and men like him had caused the democratic party to be buried under 20,000 majority. He appealed to senators to not be cruel treatment and ingratitude to these men invite like rebuffs from the great people who believed in fair play.

MURDER WILL OUT

Accidental Discovery of an Inhuman Wife-Murder of Seventy Years Ago

Pouliny, Vt., March 27.—Workmen removing a cellar wall under a dilapidated building just north of the bridge that crosses Fall Haven river, a quarter of a mile above Carver's Falls, have apparently unearthed evidence which shows the terrible murder which occurred seventy years ago. The discovery was made by accident, the laborers having fallen into a pit while trying to lift some heavy stones. The pit was about eight feet deep, with a solid stone wall about twenty inches thick surrounding it. In the center of the pit was set a solid iron post attached to which was a heavy iron chain and an old fashioned pair of handcuffs. Nearby was a heap of human bones. Inquiry disclosed the fact that in 1831 Perry Young Frenchman, brought his young wife to Pouliny, Vt. to live in the house which the workmen were demolishing. She was witty and vivacious and attracted considerable attention. In a short time Frenchman became jealous of her and forbade her visiting a certain tavern nearby. The wife would not submit to be dictated to. In the latter part of the year 1831, she was at the place when at about 10 o'clock Borden called for her. She left the place with him, she never saw Frenchman again. Her friends after that, Mr. Borden said his wife had deserted him and fled to Canada. After a year Borden went away, and was not heard of again until 1852, when he suddenly reappeared in town. He had been in the army for twenty years, he had been severely wounded. He went to the little town of Pouliny, Vt., where he was surrounded by his neighbors supplying him with provisions. He finally became sick and the town doctor of him. He died in 1857 and was buried in the potters' field.

AUGINALDO CAPTURED

General Funston's Plan Succeeded—Arrival at Manila With His Prisoner

Manila, March 28.—General Frederic Funston's daring project for the capture of Aguinaldo in his hiding place in the province of Isabella Island of Luzon, has proved completely successful. Aguinaldo was captured there March 23rd. The United States gunboat "Vicksburg" and the transport "General Funston" and Aguinaldo on board, arrived here this morning. The capture of Aguinaldo was a great triumph for the United States. The general's plan was to capture Aguinaldo in his hiding place in the province of Isabella Island of Luzon, which he had been hiding in since his escape from Manila in 1898. The capture of Aguinaldo was a great triumph for the United States. The general's plan was to capture Aguinaldo in his hiding place in the province of Isabella Island of Luzon, which he had been hiding in since his escape from Manila in 1898.

THE VOTE WILL BE CLOSE

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., March 27.—The general sentiment tonight is that the judges will not be convicted, but the vote will be close.

CHARGE OF CRIMINAL ASSAULT

Made by a Wayne County Negro Woman Against a Negro Man

(Special to The Messenger.) Goldsboro, N. C., March 27.—Charlie Bennett was arrested here this evening on the charge of criminal assault. The victim is one Lula Herrin, aged about 25 years. The parties are negroes. On Saturday night the woman, who lives on the Deans farm, about two miles from the city, sought a hackman to take her home. Bennett told her a hackman would take her money and she would be left in the street. She refused to go with him and he threatened to assault her. She called for help and the police arrived. Bennett was arrested and charged with criminal assault.

ROUT OF BOER FORCES

Put to Flight After Several Stands. Daily Skirmishes

London, March 27.—A dispatch from Lord Kitchener to the war office, dated Pretoria, March 27th, says: "Our casualties in general, Balmont's action were two killed and seven wounded. The Boers left twenty-two dead and thirty wounded. As their pursuit was rapid many more Boer casualties are likely. The Boers were driven to the enemy north from their positions at Kafferskraal. On March 27th the pursuit was continued by mounted men. The enemy's rear guard was driven in by a combined movement on both flanks. Their convey was then broken up at Leeuwfontein. The Greys, New Zealanders and Bushmen pushed the enemy attempted to take up a position, but the Greys and other troops rode down all opposition and gave him no chance. The convey was ridden into and enemy's retirement became a rout. The Boers were exhausted."

SUBJECTS OF TAXATION

REPORT OF EXPERT AGENT OF INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

TAXATION OF CORPORATIONS

A Summary of the Tax Systems of Principal States of the Union—The General Property Tax System Generally Prevailing—The Influence of This System to Certain Classes of Property Pointed Out—Income Tax Advocated as Just and Equitable.

Washington, March 27.—The industrial commission has made public a report upon the taxation of corporations prepared by its expert agent, George Clapperton. The report makes a volume of 175 pages. The greater part of it is devoted to a summary of the tax systems of the states of Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and Texas. Mr. Clapperton says that he found the general property tax system prevailing in all the states, but that there are distinctive features in the various states, which are especially marked in the taxation of corporate property. He does not endorse the system of levying a fixed rate upon net earnings, which is in vogue in Delaware and Virginia, finding that while that system is theoretically satisfactory, it "does not meet the needs of business developments of corporations."

HONORS TO AMERICAN DEAD

By Russian Officers and Soldiers—A Pathetic War Scene

Pekin, March 27.—The bodies of six American marines who were killed during the siege of the legations and buried in the Russian cemetery were removed today for shipment to the United States. In addition to the American troops in Pekin, the Monocacy, Commander F. M. Wise sent a detachment of marines to be present at the disinterment. The courtesy of the Russians deeply moved all the American troops. Two Russian companies participated in all the ceremonies. The Russians guarded the disinterred bodies all night and rendered all the Russian military honors to the dead.

A STEAMER STRANDED

New York, March 27.—The little Norwegian fruit steamer "Glen," from Bangor, Cuba, with a crew of 12, was wrecked ashore at Long Beach, L. I., last night, and she was high ashore this morning. The vessel was carrying a cargo of fruit and was bound for New York. The vessel was driven ashore by a heavy sea and was wrecked. The crew was rescued and the cargo was salvaged.

FOR THE GRIP

You Have Heard of Many Remedies. Did You Ever Try This One?

Everybody you meet on the streets nowadays either has just had the grip, is coming down with it or has a sure cure for it. It is believed that the vessel will be a total loss. There were six passengers aboard the steamer at the time she ran aground. All of them were rescued.

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