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## NEWS OF THE WORLD

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST AT HOME AND ABROAD

### GATHERED FROM ALL SOURCES

Brief Chronicle of the Day's Events in All the Nations of the Earth to Keep Readers Abreast of the Times.

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 20.—King Morse, an automobile supply dealer, is under arrest here today charged with the murder of Charles Freadhoff. With Freadhoff's daughter, Eleonora, Morse walked into the police station last night and told of the tragedy. The girl corroborated Morse's explanation that he shot in self-defense when Freadhoff, armed, confronted the couple on the street last night.

Washington, Jan. 20.—New York bankers who recently asked the state department's advice as to the best means of protecting the Mexican bonds, amounting to about \$150,000,000 which they hold, have been informed that the department has no suggestions to offer. The department called their attention to the fact that President Wilson already has said he would not recognize any act of General Huerta since he became dictator, or by the congress which he has installed.

London, Jan. 20.—Lord Stratheona, high commissioner for Canada, died at 1:55 o'clock this morning. Lord Stratheona's life spanned nearly a century and his active career a full three-quarters. "The best way to live to an old age," he explained when found at work at his desk in London on his 93d birthday anniversary on August 6 last, "is by not thinking about age at all but just going on doing your work." From his 18th year, when as Donald Smith, a sturdy Scot, he sailed for Canada, to his 99th year, which would have been completed next August, he lived up to his maxim of work.

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 20.—The Wisconsin eugenic law, which provides for the issuance of marriage licenses only upon a certificate of a clean bill of health, was this afternoon declared unconstitutional by Judge F. C. Eschweyler, of the circuit court. The case will go to supreme court. Judge Eschweyler held that the eugenic law was of unreasonable statutory limitations so far as physicians' fees were concerned, and that it was an unreasonable and material impairment of the right of persons to enter into matrimony.

New York, Jan. 20.—Mrs. Julia Gertrude Lyle's chimes on her estate at Tenafly will remain silent at night until Vice Chancellor Lewis in Jersey City decides whether or not the bells are a nuisance and really give Mrs. Alice Mary Bailey nervous indigestion. Chauncey G. Parker, counsel to Mrs. Lyle, promised that Joseph Kennedy, the bellringer, should not play the chimes between 7 p. m. and 8 a. m. pending a decision on the motion for an injunction to silence the chimes, which were erected in memory of John S. Lyle.

#### Then He Drives Right Ahead.

Bix—It's pretty hard for a man to find work after he's been in jail.  
Dix—Yes, unless he's a chauffeur.  
—Boston Transcript.

Do you begin to cough at night, just when you go to sleep? Do you have a tickling throat that keeps you awake? Just take Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. It will check the cough and stop the tickling sensation at once. For no other reason, the stomach is best for children and young people. J. E. Hood & Co. (adv)

## SPEER VICTIM OF DRUG HABIT?

Witnesses Testify That Accused Judge Used Cocaine—He Loved Newspaper Notoriety—Fine Black Janitor and Charwoman.

Macon, Ga., Jan. 20.—The trend of the investigation here of charges of official misconduct against Judge Emory Speer, of the United States court, southern district of Georgia, by a sub-committee of the judiciary committee of the house of representatives shifted again this afternoon. The committee examined two witnesses regarding the alleged use of drugs by Judge Speer.

L. E. Pellew, a local druggist, testified that about 10 years ago a prescription was filled by him for Judge Speer. The prescription was for a one or two ounce, three per cent. solution of cocaine, he said. Once or twice a year for the past decade, he said, he had refilled the original prescription.

Dr. J. M. Little, a Macon physician, who said he had been for the past three or four years in occasional attendance on Judge Speer, stated that he had one or possibly two occasions given Judge Speer a hypodermic injection of morphine. At the time the jurist was suffering from a severe attack of indigestion.

He said in his opinion Judge Speer's peculiar complexion was due to organic disorder.

Another new line of inquiry touched on during the day's proceedings was Judge Speer's alleged love of newspaper notoriety. T. J. Simmons, managing editor of the Macon News, testified that Judge Speer had frequently sent him articles for publication.

Henry G. Tucker, deputy United States marshal, read entries from a cash book kept by himself, showing that fines of \$1 each had been collected from Kerney Wright, janitor, and Emma Powers, charwoman, by order of Judge Speer. It was claimed that these fines were not assessed in open court.

The committee spent a considerable portion of the day's session probing the alleged delay of Judge Speer in making the mandate of the supreme court of the United States the judgment of the lower court in the *Jemison habeas corpus* case. Counsel outlined the contention of the defense that Judge Speer acted only after *Jemison* had exhausted every resource of the state courts, and that he had not defied the authority of the higher tribunal.

## URGES INQUIRY OF DISASTER

"Brutal Assault on Moyer Evidence of Lawlessness by So-called Exponents of Law," Says White. May Remove Convention.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 20.—Two attempts were made late today to remove the convention of United Mine Workers of America which opened this morning from this city, but both failed.

Two delegates, Samuel Montgomery, of Montgomery, W. Va., and W. R. Fairley, Pratt City, Ala., started for Washington this afternoon to work before congress for the resolution authorizing federal investigation of the copper strike in Michigan and the coal strike in Colorado. The trip was authorized by a resolution the convention adopted unanimously.

President White touched briefly on the Christmas disaster at Calumet, Mich., and the deportation of Charles H. Moyer.

"It is to be hoped," said President White, "that the horrible disaster Christmas eve at Calumet will be thoroughly and impartially investigated and the guilty party punished. The brutal assault on President Moyer is another evidence of the lawlessness practiced by so-called exponents of law and order."

Fruit praise us'er was fair damsel.

## TILLMAN ANGERS GOV. BLEASE

Freak Executive of Palmetto State Publishes Personal Letter and Legislature Orders Investigation of a State Institution.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 20.—Investigation of the state hospital for the insane was ordered today by the following the receipt of a sensational message from Governor Cole Blease, inclosing a copy of a personal letter which the governor said was written by United States Senator B. R. Tillman and mailed under a government frank. The order directing the investigation was embodied in a concurrent resolution.

Governor Blease said in his message that Senator Tillman in his letter referred to an alleged attempt to oust Dr. J. W. Babcock, superintendent of the hospital, by "Governor Blease's underlings and satellites." A bill authorizing the sale of the hospital now is pending in the house. The value of the property involved is said to exceed \$1,000,000.

"All the facts will be brought out if an investigation is ordered, as I hope will be. An effort will be made to snare Dr. Babcock and his lady assistant, Dr. Saunders, as these men must have such excuse, you know, and are not at all scrupulous," reads the letter alleged to have been sent by the senator.

## Tillman Won't Discuss It.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Senator Tillman tonight declined to discuss South Carolina general assembly Governor Blease's message to the South Carolina legislature other than to say that he had written such a letter as the governor had transmitted to the legislature.

"Yes, I wrote the letter," he said. "It stands for itself and explains itself. That's all I have to say."

## CONGRESSMAN AND ATTORNEY

Johnson, of Kentucky, in Affray With John Shields, Washington Lawyer — Representative Called for Revolver After Thrashing Opponent.

Washington, Jan. 20.—A fist fight between Representative Johnson, of Kentucky and John R. Shields, a Washington attorney, broke up a meeting today of the house committee on District of Columbia. After the two men had clashed and several blows were struck. Representative Johnson shouting: "Get me my pistol; I'll kill him."

During the encounter Mr. Shields was knocked down by rapid blows from the tall Kentucky congressman. Clerks of the District committee dashed into the arena and with several spectators tried to quiet the combatants. Two clerks held Johnson for a few moments but he got the better of them and broke away, shouting for his revolver.

He was restrained. The clash between the two men came after a hearing on a bill to increase the salaries of crossing policemen in Washington. Mr. Shields appeared as attorney for the policemen. After Shields had presented his case Johnson declared that he "had heard that Mr. Shields had collected a large lobbyist fee."

While an attempt was being made to adjourn the meeting Shields demanded an opportunity to "reply to false statements." The encounter resulted.

## Colds to be Taken Seriously.

Intelligent people realize that common colds should be treated promptly. If there is sneezing and chilliness with hoarseness, tickling throat and coughing, begin promptly the use of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. It is effective, pleasant to take, checks a cold, and stops the cough which causes loss of sleep and lowers the vital resistance. J. E. Hood & Co. (adv)

## WILSON BEFORE THE CONGRESS

Tells Hearers That Government and Business are Ready to Meet Half Way — Proposals Received With General Approval.

Washington, Jan. 20.—President Wilson's suggestion to congress today in his trust address that the government and business men are ready to meet each other half way in a common effort to square business methods with both public opinion and the law, fell on attentive ears and struck a responsive chord in representatives of differing political parties.

The atmosphere of co-operation and "accommodation" in the message; the reforms proposed, expressed in terms of conservatism, and the spirit of friendliness to supersede antagonism in dealing with big business, which dominated the President's thoughts aroused expressions of approval from all sides. Few discordant notes were sounded in comments from members of the congress who are to pass upon legislation argued to prohibit monopoly and hold men of business within the law.

Throughout the delivery of the address the assembled senators and representatives listened intently to every word, applauding frequently when the President began enumeration of evils which he believed needed remedying.

His proposal for an interstate trade commission to facilitate business and keep it in the straight path; the recommendation of laws to prohibit interlocking directorates and holding companies; suggestions for authority to regulate railroad securities; for an act that would fix fault upon individuals instead of punishing business and that the courts be opened to individuals harmed by illegal business—all these were received with general approval evidenced by enthusiastic applause.

## OROZCO IS CALLED A COWARD

By Mercado, Who Defended Ojinaga, He Details Reasons—Alleges Salazar and Rojas Were Cowardly Under Fire.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 20.—General Salvador Mercado, commander of the Mexican Federal soldiers who fled into the United States from Ojinaga, Mex., and who were interned today at Fort Bliss on the footing of prisoners of war, tonight defended his abandonment of Ojinaga and charged General Pansubordination.

General Mercado detailed his reasons for taking asylum in this country. He said Orozco repeatedly had robbed the Federal provision train, had become arrogant, had refused to attack the rebels, had abandoned his own troops and had run away under fire to give the impression that he heroically would remain on the Mexican side to fight more battles, whereas Orozco was afraid to cross into the United States because of an indictment pending against him here. He said Orozco had demanded money and had placed drunken officers at the head of his forces.

Gen. Mercado charged that Gen. Ynez Salazar and Gen. Antonio Rojas, volunteer commanders, were cowardly under fire and that they abandoned their posts as soon as the rebels appeared.

General Mercado said he was ready to go to Mexico City to stand trial by court martial.

Gen. Mercado, when his soldiers tumbled off the trains that brought them from Marfa, Texas, still was commander of his troops, but his authority was subordinate to that of the American officers. He worked directly under Brig. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, of the United States army and showed his gratitude for the treatment of himself and his men by cautioning the Mexican soldiers

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## ASKS THE COASTER TO RETRACT

Legal Process to Be Served Upon Editor and Owners of Morehead City Paper That Attacked Dr. Ira M. Hardy.

Papers have been sent to Morehead City by counsel for Dr. Ira M. Hardy to be served upon R. T. Wade, editor of the Coaster, a weekly newspaper, and the publishers of the Coaster, demanding retraction of statements declared to be defamatory to Dr. Hardy's character recently made in an article on the paper's editorial page. The arraignment of Dr. Hardy by the Coaster was that paper's defense of the governor's attitude in the controversy which ensued when trustees of the North Carolina School for the Feeble-minded sought to remove Dr. Hardy from the superintendency of the institution here but were prevented by legal technicalities, friends of the superintendent claiming that the chief executive had appointed partisan trustees and gave the anti-Hardy faction of the board a majority. A strong array of legal talent has been employed by Dr. Hardy, including G. V. Cowper, Rouse & Land and E. R. Wooten, local attorneys. Superintendent Hardy says Wade met him at Morehead City and admitted that the Coaster had done him an injustice and promised retraction. The recantation, however, was not forthcoming and Dr. Hardy will insist upon this. The demand was expected to be served today.

"Full retraction and apology" is required, and it is further demanded in the process that copies of the edition containing the abjuration be sent to "each and every subscriber," all exchanges, and more particularly "the Greensboro News, Raleigh News and Observer, New Bern Sun and New Bern Journal" and "every person to whom a copy of the Coaster of January 2, 1914, was mailed by your direction." It is stated that "if you fail to make said retraction and apology within the time allowed by law, I will hold you responsible therefor," and that if the article emanated from another than the editor or publishers the name of the author shall be disclosed.

The article in question, headed "Weighed and Found Wanting," attacked Dr. Hardy, THE FREE PRESS, the Snow Hill Square Deal and the local correspondent of state papers, calling criticisms of the governor by the three latter "puerile, silly and vicious." The Coaster declared the superintendent "unfitted," that he "has done nothing and has a very lame way of talking about it," charged that he had expended money with poor judgment, and made the statement that he has "foisted himself upon the state and finds it impossible to sustain his ambition by merit."

Mr. Hardy, interviewed today, said that he would not be called a "quitter" and would strive as zealously as ever for "a fair deal" and reapointment by the board of trustees in February, to which time the matter of electing a superintendent was deferred when the efforts to oust him failed.

## COURT QUITS FOR SMALLPOX

Disease Prevalent in Goldsboro and Judge Adjourns Superior Court.

Goldsboro, Jan. 21.—Because of the prevalence of smallpox in this city, Wayne county superior court was adjourned by Judge Peebles late yesterday. But two days of a two-weeks criminal-civil term had expired. There are more than 200 cases of the disease. Monday was made a holiday because of it being Lee's birthday, and yesterday after all jail cases had been disposed of the judge ordered a postponement of all other business until the next term. The docket was a slight one.

The court was sitting in a downtown office building, a new courthouse being in course of erection on the site of the old one.

## IN OLD NORTH STATE

NEWS FROM MURPHY TO MANTO AND BETWEEN

### TAR HEEL HAPPENINGS OF A DAY

Many North Carolina Items Condensed in Brief Paragraphs for Benefit of Busy People—Good and Bad News from all Over State.

Wilmington, Jan. 20.—The finding of the body of a white baby, apparently fully developed, in a trash barrel at the incinerator late this afternoon caused quite a sensation and an investigation is to be started by the chief of police and coroner that may result in one or two arrests. They have found from whose house the barrel was taken and other facts are expected to develop later.

Statesville, Jan. 20.—Geo. von L. Meyer, distinguished citizen, arrived in Statesville yesterday from Washington City and went from here in an automobile to Houstonville, where he will spend a week or ten days shooting quail on the preserves of the Houstonville Hunting Club. Mr. Meyer has been coming to Fredell for several winters to shoot quail. He has the distinction of having held the high positions of Postmaster General of the United States and Secretary of the navy.

Asheville, Jan. 20.—Following alleged pranks in which a new student at Bingham had his head shaved and was whipped by other students when he furnished the authorities of the school with the names of his alleged assailants, three Bingham cadets today were fined for assault in the court of a local magistrate and announcement was made at the school tonight that four students had been expelled for hazing. The authorities at Bingham refused to disclose the identity of the four students who were expelled.

Winston-Salem, Jan. 20.—The investigation made under the direction of Superintendent J. M. Bennett, of this division of the Southern Railway, regarding the derailment of the engine of passenger train No. 15, on the Taylorsville division, at Davidson, Sunday night, reveals the information, which is regarded authentic, that a nine-year-old white boy named Hall who was walking either on or along the railroad tracks, in company with his two sisters, the age of one being eight years and the other eleven, placed a spike on the rail and that this alone was responsible for the derailment, which resulted in the death of Engineer J. E. Curlee and Fireman Avery Wilson, of the ill-fated engine.

Raleigh, Jan. 20.—Both the charges of confiscatory and unreasonable effect of the Justice act rates and the ruinous consequences of the application of section 9, the "long and short haul clause" of that act were the special burden of the protests of the short lines of railroad doing business in this state before the intrastate rate commission today. This was "shortline" day and all were heard, only the Norfolk and Western remaining to have its hearing next Friday. Then there will be recess for three weeks until counsel for the state have gone through the great mass of testimony on the part of the railroads preparatory for or in examining the officials through whom the figures have been submitted.

## Stole Whiskey By Wholesale.

New Bern, Jan. 21.—George Hyman and William Midgette were bound over by the U. S. commissioner here for stealing 18 cases of whiskey from the L. S. Southern Railway office on S. Front street. The pair could not give a d.