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WEATHER FORECAST:
Raleigh and vicinity—Clearing weather this afternoon; colder.

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GOV. ZEBULON B. VANCE

Who of Us Has Yet Forgotten That Honored Name?

YESTERDAY AT ASHEVILLE

Description of the Proceedings Attendant Upon the Laying of Vance Monument

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 22.—With the exception of the laying of the Vance monument, the day was spent in the most interesting and profitable manner. The laying of the monument was the principal event of the day. It was held at 10 o'clock and was attended by a large number of people. The monument was laid by the Rev. Mr. Swope, and the oration was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Swope. The oration was a most interesting and profitable one. It was well received by the audience. The monument was laid with great solemnity and was a fitting tribute to the memory of the late Governor Vance.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA EXPRESS ROBBERY.

Burglar or Thief Not Yet Caught, But Money Refunded.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The National Park Bank, the local correspondent of the National Bank of Newberry, S. C., received from the president of the Southern Express Company today a check for \$10,000, to offset the loss of that amount of currency, which was forwarded by the local bank Friday, in care of the express company on the order of the Newberry bank. Detectives are trying hard to trace the missing money.

THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES

Speculation Anent the President's Plans.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The civil service law and its possible "modifications" by President McKinley within the next few weeks, or it may be days, is one of the most interesting and widely discussed subjects at the Nation's capital this week, and promises to remain so for some time to come. In every State, and in every revenue district, and all the large postoffices in this country the probable changes or modifications of the existing law, which it is generally believed the President will concede, in deference to the wholesale onslaught which the Republican Senators, Congressmen and politicians generally have made, great interest is being manifested by the thousands who are either directly or indirectly interested in the matter.

THE NEWS OF HENDERSON.

Marriages, Robberies, Assaults and Appropriated a New Doctor.

Special Despatch to The Morning Post. HENDERSON, N. C., Dec. 22.—There was a quiet but pretty home wedding today at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. S. Dean. By this happy and interesting event Henderson loses one of her estimable daughters. At 12:30 o'clock Dr. S. W. Gregory, of Elizabeth City, led to the sacred altar Miss Kate Dean, the faithful and efficient organist of the Baptist Church, and the charms that make woman lovable, the bride is well fitted for the ideal wife. The groom is a prominent and prosperous dentist of Elizabeth City, and is to be congratulated upon the union he has entered. Dr. J. D. Huffman performed the ceremony in a happy and impressive manner. The newly wed couple departed at 1:30 for the home of the groom, with the good wishes of many friends.

RUSH OF OFFICE-SEEKERS

At Washington During the Present Week

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—Notwithstanding it was Cabinet day at the White House, the mad rush of spoilsmen, with their Senators and Congressmen generally at their heads, made no let-up on the President, and he was completely worn out by dinner time on the exhaustion attendant upon the personal appeals made to him for office—many of the latter, too, covered by the Civil Service law, and the President unwilling and unable to violate it. The President's time was as fully occupied in seeing his visitors as it was the day previous, when all records were broken in the matter of official people calling.

SOUTH CAROLINA'S PROBLEM.

A Special Dispersary Election and Another Plan Proposed.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 22.—It is now proposed that a special election be ordered, at which the people may vote on prohibition, dispensary and high license, under constitutional limitations, and the Legislature, which meets the middle of January and sits for about fifty days, shall be governed by the result of that vote. The plan which was favorably received a few days ago of chocking off the original package houses, by charging all liquor dealers, including county dispensaries, a license of \$5,000, and then turning that \$5,000 to the counties by legislative appropriation, has fallen through because of the discovery of an old decision of the Supreme Court declaring that the State cannot license or tax its own agents or creations. The proposition to discourage the outside dealers by making them conform exactly to dispensary regulations, charge the same prices, and have their liquor tested, will not be effective, because the State dispensary is required to charge 30 per cent profit on its goods before sending to the county dispensaries, which, in addition, add a profit for the county and for running expenses. So the outside dealer can sell at dispensary prices and still have handsome returns.

EFFECT TO DESTROY CREDIT

Reputation Stanly County Bonds Causing Trouble.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 22.—The decision of the Supreme Court in declaring the issue of bonds by Stanly county for the construction of the Yadkin Valley Railway invalid, caused concern all over the State yesterday. Business men generally took a deep interest in the matter, and the general comment was that the effect of the decision would be to destroy credit and confidence in the State. By declaring worthless the bonds for which Northern parties had paid \$100,000 in good faith, the effect of the decision was felt in business circles at once. Other municipal stocks fell in value, and yesterday bonds that had been bought before bringing their face value could not be sold for ten cents.

PERRY SMITH BROUGHT HERE.

Discharged for Killing Alex. Stewart and Re-arrested Again.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. PERRY SMITH, the negro who killed Alex. Stewart, near Garner, Tuesday afternoon, by braining him with an axe, was brought to the city last night about 10:30 o'clock and placed in jail. Smith was given a preliminary hearing at Garner yesterday, which was attended by a great crowd of people. After hearing the evidence, which showed that Smith was justified in killing Stewart, the defendant was dismissed. A hour later he was placed under a \$400 bond for manlaughter. Two Magistrates, J. P. Goodwin and J. D. Johnston tried the case. It is said that Smith was re-arrested and sent to jail for his own protection, as several of the dead man's friends were making threats against his life. The magistrates wrote on the commitment that they could come here today and fix matters as they pleased. Smith, who was undefended, took the stand and told of the killing. His story was substantially corroborated by all the witnesses who saw the killing. It developed on trial that Stewart was drinking. He made a swipe at Smith and cut his coat in two places. When removed from the woodpile his knife was underneath him and one of the blades exposed. It was further shown that Smith fled from Stuart and that the latter broke open two doors to get to him. Stuart's brother says he will kill Smith on sight. He took his gun and went after him yesterday. Smith is slender and of youthful appearance. It is believed that he will be discharged.

A BIG STRIKE PROBABLE.

The Conference of Northern Cotton Mill Unions Today May Agree to It.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 22.—The failure of the conference between the committees of cotton manufacturers and operatives is disappointing to business men of this city, who fear the employees of the mills will refuse to accept the proposed reduction. Communications were received from the union officials and other mill centres, advising the Pull River operatives to accept the cut-down. A large percentage of the employees, however, favor a strike, and it will be difficult to change their views. A conference of all the unions will be held tomorrow.

CONFIDENTIAL POSITIONS

Also as to the Appointments to "Fiduciary" Clerks—President's Ideas as to the Modification of the Rule Relating to Reinstatements—All Are Very Important at This Particular Time.

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MEETING TRUNK LINE PRESIDENTS

In Session Yesterday, Today and Probably Tomorrow.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The presidents of the trunk lines are in conference today with the presidents of their chief Western connections and with the board of managers of the joint traffic association regarding the subject of rates, and in particular the restoration and maintenance of rates upon the eastbound business. The importance of the subject is indicated by the full attendance at the meeting, all trunk lines being represented.

THE DAUNTLESS, MAGICIAN, ETC.

She Hasn't Turned Up Yet at Key West—Another Filibuster

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The authorities have received no report regarding the filibuster "Dauntless" to indicate that she has reached Key West. She left Jacksonville Sunday and if she had proceeded directly to Key West, according to the declared intention of the commander, she must have reached there two days ago.

STARVED INTO SUICIDE.

And in Greater New York Too—Spent His Last Cent for a "Want Ad."

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Edward Epstein committed suicide by taking chloral, at the new Mills hotel today. He left a lengthy letter to the police, wherein he says, "It seems almost incredible; I was born and bred in New York, of a good family, enjoying an education above the average, speaking several languages, but a man who finds it absolutely impossible to obtain employment of any kind. The letter relates his efforts to get work, how he spent his last cent on advertising, etc. He tramped from door to door, but unable to get work. It touchingly referred to his loving wife and son, whom he was compelled to leave behind."

BRITISH MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT TALKS ON THE SUBJECT.

Thinks That If the Young Kaiser Really Means to Enlarge Germany's Possessions by Such Process He Will Find Others Who Are Interested.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Hon. Randall Cremer, M. P., of London, is in Washington, and today, in conversation with a reporter, remarked upon the Chinese "carving-up" process as follows: "If the young Kaiser means to enlarge Germany's possessions in the East, he will find that there are others who will not sit tamely by as mere lookers-on at the game. France isn't cherishing aggressive schemes against China, but France will have something to say if there is going to be a partition of territory. Then where does England come in? Do you suppose that England will stand passive and allow Germany, Russia and perhaps France to carry out schemes of aggrandizement in the Orient and take no part therein? I tell you England will abide no such policy of acquiescence."

CONTRACTING THE CURRENCY

Three Million in Bank Notes Retired in the First Twenty Days of December.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Mr. Coffin, the Acting Comptroller of the Currency, called attention today to the fact that the retirement of national bank notes during the first twenty days of this month reached the sum of \$3,000,000. This is said to be the first time during the past two years that the volume of retirements have reached this amount in any one month. Under the National Bank act, the United States Treasurer is not allowed to receive for the retirement of circulation more than \$3,000,000 in any one month and hence all deposits to retire notes during the last ten days of this month must be refused. This exceptional condition, Mr. Coffin says, is due to the prevailing low rates of interest arising from a superabundance of money for investment, which has advanced the price of United States bonds. Mr. Coffin expressed the opinion that the law should be amended in this particular, as it interferes with the elasticity of the currency and the natural laws of trade.

GAGE TO THE FEDERATION OF LABOR

Secretary Addresses a Letter to President Gompers.

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Secretary Gage has addressed a letter to Gompers, president of the Federation of Labor, replying to the resolutions adopted at Nashville, criticizing his financial policy. He says that "if the true gold standard is inimical to the interests of the laboring classes, then I think it is inimical to all classes. In other words, I do not believe that the exploitation of one class by another, either through false weights, partial laws, or bad monetary system, can be made to work for the permanent benefit or general weal of the public. If it is granted, therefore, that the permanence of the gold standard (for which I argue) operates in this evil direction, then your resolutions of condemnation are well founded, and I am justly charged with ignorance, which constitutes a foolish adviser, or with a perversion of motives, which makes me an evil adviser. Let me say, through you to the great body you so honorably represent, that if instead of denunciatory resolutions (which are not argument), you or any one in your behalf, will show my views to be other than salutary to the great economic body, I will abandon them without hesitation. My present conviction is the honest fruit of sincere study, and my reflection is that to break down our present monetary standard would be the most disastrous blow to all our commercial and industrial interests, and upon the wage workers, upon whom as a class would be entailed the most serious effects of the disaster."

THE YELLOW JACK IN NEW YORK

Captain Buck of Ward Line Steamer Saratoga

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Capt. Buck, of the Ward Line Steamer Saratoga, from Mexican ports and Havana, was ill on his berth with disease resembling yellow fever when the vessel came into port today. He contracted an ailment while the Saratoga was lying off Havana. He was in a critical condition when transferred to Swinburne Island by order of Health Officer Doty. All ships and passengers were taken to Gosport Island for observation. After disinfection the vessels were permitted to come up to the pier. While the disease is not definitely determined, there seems to be little or no doubt that it is "yellow jack."

WHIPPING POST IN VIRGINIA?

Will Require the Legislature to Show to What It Is

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 22.—A bill has been introduced in the Legislature for the establishment of the whipping post for the purpose of punishing the recidivist. The bill provides that any person who has been convicted of a crime and who is again convicted of a crime within a certain period of time, shall be whipped. The bill is a controversial one, and it is expected that it will require the Legislature to show to what it is.

REMARKS OF EMPEROR WILLIAM.

As to the Reinstatement of Officers

By Telegraph to The Morning Post. BERLIN, Dec. 22.—Emperor William is on a visit to Graudenz, West Prussia, and made a speech, wherein he pointed out the necessity of strengthening the country's defenses against possible future attack. He added: "But I hope it will never come to that, for our neighbor on the East, my dear, faithful friend, has the same political views as I entertain."

BRIGHT AND ABLY EDITED.

The Henderson Galt Leaf Says: "Capt. H. H. Chavasse, late of the Sealboard Line, and one of the best and most popular conductors who ever handled a train, was here Saturday. He is now representing the Daily Post, Raleigh's bright and ably edited morning paper. If our friend's success as soliciting agent is anything like his deserts or the merits of the article he presents, he will fare better than the average mortal in his line."

THE TOBACCO MARKET.

The local tobacco market will close tomorrow in order that the boys may take holiday. It will reopen January 4th.

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