

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

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

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 22.—With a clear and bright weather the ceremonies attendant upon the laying of the monument to the memory of the late Governor Zebulon B. Vance, were conducted here yesterday afternoon.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA EXPRESS ROBBERY.

Burglar or Thief Not Yet Caught, But Money Recovered.

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.

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.

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.

THE NEWS OF HENDERSON.

Marriages, Robberies, Assaults and Appropriated a New Doctor.

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 sweetest Christian character 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

IS ALMOST UNPRECEDENTED

The North Carolina Spillmen, With Senator Pritchard Always at Their Head, Are in the Rush—Same is Perennially Present—Demands on the President and Unsatisfactory Responses So Far, Etc.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Notwithstanding it was Cabinet day at the White House, the mad rush of spillmen, 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 from 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.

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.

EFFECT TO DESTROY CREDIT

Reputation Stanly County Bonds Causing Trouble.

FAIRCLOTH DISSENTED

The Chief Justice Disagreed With the Court—Municipal Bonds Struck in Value—An Instance in Raleigh Yesterday.

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 comment all over the State yesterday.

PERRY SMITH BROUGHT HERE.

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

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.

A BIG STRIKE PROBABLE.

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

CHARLOTTE, 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.

"Mrs. Lord Beresford" Returns, But Not the "Laird."

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

FREDERICK, Md., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Sidney Lassells, wife of the bogus "Lord Beresford" arrived here late tonight from Mexico City. She deserted her husband, and has come to settle the claim for the estate of Alexander Pelky, her father, who died a few months ago, leaving his fortune to his daughter. Beresford dare not return, as he is wanted on several warrants charging him with swindling. "Lord" Beresford is now dwelling in Southern America, where he attempted similar false dealings on the strength of his "name," as in Georgia some time ago, and for which he served a term in the penitentiary.

THE YELLOW JACK IN NEW YORK

CAPTAIN BUCK OF WARD LINE STEAMER SARATOGA

Discovered Ill With Disease Pronounced to Be Yellow Jack—He Contracted the Disease While Laying Off Havana—The Usual Scare Prevails.

New York, Dec. 22.—Capt. Buck, of the Ward Line Steamship Saratoga, from Mexican ports and Havana, was ill on his berth with disease resembling yellow fever when the vessel came into port yesterday. 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 Swinburne 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 Behave the Legislature is Slowed to a Halt.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 22.—A bill has been introduced in the Legislature for the establishment of the whipping post whipping post. The prominent law lobbyist, who is in charge of the construction of the whipping post, has over 500 copies of the bill, and is circulating them among the members of the Legislature, and asking them whether they shall support it.

BRIGHT AND ABLY EDITED.

The Henderson Glib 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. George Jones, who was recently arrested, is not a member of the Tobacco Board of Trade, so a member requests you to state. He did a "pin-hooking" business.

MEETING TRUNK LINE PRESIDENTS

IN SESSION YESTERDAY, TODAY AND PROBABLY TOMORROW.

Reported That a Series of Meetings May Be Necessary to Complete Their Work.

WASHINGTON, 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

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."

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.

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.

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 such an 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.

SECRETARY TO GOV. ELLERBE.

Dies Under Peculiarly Pathetic Circumstances at Columbia.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 22.—J. M. Cooper, the Governor's private secretary, died at a hospital under peculiarly pathetic circumstances. He was engaged to be married, but having periodical attacks of appendicitis, postponed the wedding until he should be cured. Yesterday he made his will, leaving all his property to his betrothed, then, after instructing his assistants and bidding his friends farewell, he walked to the hospital, where the operation was performed and where he soon after died. The immediate cause of death was heart failure.

"CARVING-UP" OF CHINA PROGRESS

By Telegraph to The Morning Post.

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MOVING THE COTTON CROP.

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SECRETARY ADDRESSES A LETTER TO PRESIDENT GOMPERS.

He Argues Well From His Point of View and Tells the Federationists that if They Can Show His Disposition to Abandon It He Will Abandon It At Once.

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."

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