

WEATHER TO-DAY.
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NEGRO HELD UP BY ROAD AGENTS

Highwaymen Operating in Vicinity of Chapel Hill.

DEADLY ASSAULT ON BOYS

Memorial Services at Trinity College in Honor of Dr. Cunningham, Fire in Duke's Factory—Criminal Docket in the Superior Court. Four Negroes Sent to the Roads.

Durham, Jan. 17.—Special.—Highway robbers are still at work on the road from here to Chapel Hill. Last night Lunsford Lane, a highly respectable colored man who drives for Mayor M. E. McCown, of this city, was held up about one mile this side of Chapel Hill and robbed of what money he had on his person. The amount secured by the highwaymen was \$1.75. Lane says that the robbers were white men but he did not recognize either of them. There were four men in the gang. Time and again during the past twelve months citizens of Durham and Chapel Hill have been held up on this road and robbed, but so far the perpetrators have escaped unpunished. There seems to be a regular organized gang of highwaymen who operate exclusively on the road from here to Chapel Hill.

Warrants have been issued for the arrest of one white man and several negroes, who live about six miles from Durham, upon the charge of assault with intent to kill. From information obtainable at this time it seems that the men assaulted two white boys because it was thought that these boys had acted informer and told the revenue officers where they could find an illicit distillery. Both of the boys received ugly wounds on their heads and one of them says he escaped with his life by telling his assailants that he would show them the whereabouts of the captured still. While looking for the "copper" he managed to escape. Officers went off to look for the men yesterday morning but have not returned up to this evening.

Memorial services were held at Trinity College last night in memory of the late Dr. Jesse A. Cunningham. A paper was read by Dr. Bassett in which he gave a short sketch of the deceased's life and told of his great work for the cause of christianity. Dr. Kilgo spoke in a very touching manner of the life and death of Dr. Cunningham. Among other things he said: "I count myself the greatest loser on account of his death. I shall never forget when I met him on my first trip to Durham. He came with me to this place and first pointed out to me Trinity College. He was helpful to me at every point; especially was he helpful to me in my Christian life. Christianity makes great character. No other force in all history has made so many great and heroic men. Dr. Cunningham was one of the highest products of the religion of Christ in this generation. He was complete." The services were very impressive throughout.

There was a small fire at the factory of W. Duke, Sons & Co., yesterday afternoon. The fire originated in the dryer-room on the second floor of the factory and was soon put out by the private fire equipments of the company. The damage will be very slight, caused mostly by the water used. The city fire department was called out but the services of the firemen were not needed.

Judge Bryan is disposing of the criminal docket very rapidly and it is now thought that he will be ready to take up the civil docket by Thursday or Friday. Among the cases disposed of today were two against E. G. Lineberry, one for embezzlement and the other larceny and receiving. Both cases were not pressed by the Solicitor. The case against Reuben Barbee, for carrying a concealed weapon, was also not pressed with leave. I. Wissberg, for slander, entered the plea of nolo contendere and he was discharged upon the payment of officer's cost. The case against Barbee had been on docket for quite awhile. About two years ago Barbee killed a man by the name of Cole, but was acquitted of murder. He was then arrested upon the charge mentioned and was sentenced to the public roads. Later he was released upon his promise to leave the State. The case has been on docket since that time. So far Judge Bryan has sent four men to the workhouse. Three were given a term of four months each and one was sent up for six months. They are all colored and were convicted of larceny.

Thomas Glenn, who has recently entered suit against James B. Warren for \$20,000 for alienating the affections of his wife, is under bond charged with stealing \$10 from R. P. Rogers. The case will come up before Mayor McCown next Saturday.

Squire M. A. Angier, one of the pioneers of Durham, is some better and his many friends hope to see him on the streets again soon.

FIRE IN CHARLOTTE.

Postmaster Mullen's House Destroyed. Bad Fall for a Contractor.

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 17.—Special.—The residence of Postmaster Mullen was burned this afternoon. It is almost a total loss. Most of the postmaster's furniture was destroyed.

W. A. McKinney, a well known contractor, while standing on a joist of a house he was building, was thrown to the ground by a broken plank. In his fall he struck a fence. It is thought that his injuries are quite serious. He is resting easier tonight.

Mrs. J. W. Hunter died today from heart trouble.

A large number of entries are coming in for the poultry show, which opens Wednesday morning and continues for three days. Several classes of carrier pigeons from the Maryland Homing Club and a lot of poultry from the Arkansas Poultry Association, are among the entries from outside the State. Many of the leading poultry and model farms in the State are represented.

Director W. S. Clanson, of the mint, shipped yesterday afternoon to Washington \$18,261 in pure gold. This gold is shipped from here twice a month and is sent to Philadelphia to be coined.

The Southern Spinners Association, the organization of North and South Carolina cotton mill men, will meet here next Thursday. Quite a delegation of manufacturers and other prominent citizens will go to Raleigh that day to attend the hearing on Mr. Clarkson's bill to establish a State textile school.

BUTLER'S PENSION AMENDMENT

Petitions on Both Sides of the Question. What the Senator Says.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Special.—Several petitions were presented in the Senate today against the passage of Butler's amendments to pension Confederate soldiers. Among them were Vicksburg Camp, No. 32, which considers the idea as humiliating; Sidney Johnston Camp of Batesville, Ark., which states that it asks no special favors of the government; Jas. R. Herbert Camp of Baltimore, says it is opposed to any action by Congress that may lead to pensioning Confederate soldiers.

Senator Butler presented petitions signed by 55 Confederate veterans of Columbus, Ga., asking him not to abandon his intention to offer his amendment to pension Confederate veterans. They say: "It was a war between the States and not a rebellion" and they are entitled to all privileges as other citizens of the country. Senator Butler said to the Post correspondent that he has received numerous letters from North Carolina and other Southern States favoring his amendment; that he believes the rank and file of Confederate veterans favor it. He desires, he says, to ascertain the temper of Confederate veterans on the subject and will be guided in his future course on the subject by what he deems to be the opinion of Confederate veterans after they have had an opportunity to be heard.

REPUBLICAN CONSPIRACY.

West Virginia Governor and Senate Will Not Recognize Democratic House.

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 17.—Democratic delegates in the House are much alarmed this evening over a report that the Republican Senate will refuse to recognize the House as it is constituted at present, and proceed to organize a new legislative body in accordance with the plan of campaign mapped out last night at a caucus of Republican leaders. The latter will not discuss the matter at any length, but the plan is said to be the organization, by Republicans, of a separate House that will be recognized by the Senate and Governor. The Senate adjourned at noon without taking notice of the House. The House notified the Governor that it was ready for business, but he has not yet made any acknowledgment.

The alleged plan to organize a new House is said to have originated in a statement made several weeks ago by the attorney-general that such a proceeding would be proper. Republicans in the lower part of the State are showing signs of discontent, they claiming that the party in the northern part wants everything in sight. Should they remain with the majority, however, the situation may take exceedingly lively developments tomorrow.

Arrest for Killing Negro Postmaster.

Charlotte, S. C., Jan. 17.—Allen Belk, a prominent citizen of Lake City, was jailed today charged with being implicated in the killing of negro postmaster Baker and his child a year ago and serious injury to others of his family. United States marshals went to Lake City tonight to make other arrests of prominent residents, against whom government officials are said to have ample proof.

WILMINGTONIANS VIGOROUSLY PROTEST

Citizens Express Disapproval of the Rountree Charter.

WILL NOT HAVE RING RULE

Stirring Speeches Made—Committee Appointed to Draft a Charter to Be Presented in the Legislature After Approval by a Mass Meeting of Citizens.

Wilmington, N. C., Nov. 17.—Special. Pursuant to a call issued this morning by a number of leading citizens, a mass meeting of citizens was held tonight at the courthouse. The spacious courtroom was crowded to suffocation with Wilmington's representative citizens, who gathered to take action in regard to the new charter introduced in the General Assembly a few days ago by Representative Rountree. The amended charter embraced in Mr. Rountree's bill was drafted by a committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce, and while expressing the views of two hundred business men it has not met the approval of the balance of the citizens.

Mr. W. E. Springer presided at the meeting. Stirring speeches were made by several prominent men. A set of resolutions was drawn up and adopted, protesting against Mr. Rountree's bill and setting forth as the sense of the meeting that the people should vote for their choice for mayor, chief of police, city clerk and chief of fire department at the primaries, and expressing strong disapproval of the police commission provided by Mr. Rountree's bill. The resolutions set forth also that the citizens must in future govern this city, and not ring politicians.

On motion, a committee of ten citizens—two from each of the five wards—was appointed to draft a charter along the lines of the resolutions, which will be submitted to the citizens in mass meeting, and after approval be forwarded to Raleigh for introduction in the General Assembly.

The meeting was an enthusiastic and harmonious gathering, and displayed plainly the intention of the citizens generally to have good government. There has been considerable feeling for some time against the Chamber of Commerce for having the amended charter introduced in the Assembly before submitting it to the citizens.

TWO CURRENCY REFORMERS.

Hanna and Smalley in Washington Supporting Different Schemes.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Chairman Hanna, of the Indianapolis Monetary Commission, is in the city endeavoring to induce Congressmen to take some action at this session in the matter of affording relief to the banking and currency systems of the country in accordance with the demands of the Indianapolis convention which authorized the appointment of the commission.

E. V. Smalley, secretary of the Business Men's Sound Money League, is also in Washington upon the same errand; but the two gentlemen are not working in harmony. Smalley says Congress should pass the VanVorhis bill, and he asserts the belief that the measure can be enacted at this session. The subject will come before the Committee on Banking and Currency at its meeting tomorrow. A motion will be made to report the McCreary bill, but it is not believed this will be done. It is expected that then a motion will be made to report the VanVorhis bill, but the fate of this proposition is in doubt.

LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS DEAD.

He Was a Native of Pennsylvania. a News paper Man and a Diplomatist.

Washington, Jan. 17.—John Russell Young, librarian of Congress, died this morning after an illness of several weeks, of bright's disease. He leaves a widow and three sons, one of the latter being in the military service in Cuba.

Mr. Young was born in Chester county, Pa., fifty-eight years ago. At the outbreak of the civil war he joined the army in Virginia as correspondent, and remained with it to the end of the Chickahominy campaign. Later he was managing editor of the Philadelphia Press. He was a newspaper writer in several capacities, and became a member of the Herald's staff, serving at first in the capacity of editorial writer, and afterwards as correspondent in London, Paris and Madrid. In 1877 he accompanied ex-President Grant on his journey around the world. In 1882 he was appointed Minister to China, and remained at Peking until President Cleveland's accession to the Presidency in 1885. When McKinley was elected President he appointed Young librarian of Congress.

JOHN BECK'S NARROW ESCAPE.

His Pocket Knife Arrested the Course of a Bullet—Other Winston Notes.

Winston, N. C., Jan. 17.—Special.—J. Rufus Henderson, the Republican statesman from Wilkes county, went to Raleigh last night to take a peep at the Legislature. When questioned why he was going down he replied that he expected to help the members of the General Assembly erase the name of the negro, Jim Young, from the corner stone of the Agricultural building. Prof. Santinelli, the hypnotist, is in Winston, and is stirring the town. He put one of his men to sleep last night and placed him in one of the show windows of a drug store to remain for 48 hours.

Samuel Spease, one of Yadkin county's well to do farmers, disposed of his fine farm last week and left yesterday for California, where he expects to reside. He was accompanied by his wife and two young men.

Mr. John Beck, a farmer living a few miles north of Winston, had a narrow escape from being killed here yesterday. He and his wife walked into a magistrate's office when Constable J. M. Wilson, who was in the room, stooped down to get his over-shoes, when the pistol slipped out of the leather pocket hanging at his left side. It struck the floor and fired. The ball entered Mr. Beck's right pocket, went through his money purse and struck his knife, mashing it flat. This no doubt saved his life as the ball was ranging upward. Strange to say, Mr. Beck was not at all injured by the ball.

Mr. Walter B. Bell, one of the former editors of the Elkin Times, now occupies the editorial chair on the Winston Journal.

Evangelist J. W. Lee, of Greensboro, is here consulting some of the leading prohibitionists relative to his plan for having some changes made in the present local option law of this State. He has a bill which the Legislature will be petitioned to pass.

The Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce met tonight and elected officers for the ensuing year. This was the annual meeting and several other matters of interest to the Twin City were discussed.

Work on the long distance telephone line between Winston and Greensboro is progressing nicely. The poles are being set and it will be but a few weeks before the line is completed.

Chas. J. Shoaf and J. D. Wilson, privates in the Forsyth Riflemen, now at Havana, who have been home on furloughs for several weeks, have received honorable discharges. Their papers from the War Department state that all volunteer soldiers who are at home on furloughs or in hospital, will be discharged at once as their services are not needed. Discharges were secured last week for two other members of the same company who are in Havana. These are J. H. Grizzard and Thos. G. Holt, whose homes are in Winston. For several months during the past year Mr. Holt was confined by fever in the hospital in Charlotte.

The Democratic County Executive Committee met in Winston yesterday and discussed some matters relative to needed legislation by the present General Assembly.

PHILIPPINE SITUATION IMPROVES.

Insurgents Apparently Pleased With the Tone of Foraker's Recent Speech.

Manila, Jan. 17.—The situation is somewhat improved. An insurgent newspaper announces that 5,000 Filipino troops, which had re-enforced those around Manila a fortnight ago, have been withdrawn into the interior. The paper also comments favorably upon Foraker's recent speech in the Senate. The German consul emphatically denied in an interview today that there was or had been any collusion, either official or personal, on the part of himself or on the part of any resident Germans with the Filipino government. He said the German government ordered the consul at Iloilo not to accept charges or protection of Spanish interests, as Rios had requested him to do upon his withdrawal from Iloilo, for fear of complications with Americans.

Three hundred Spanish prisoners left here for Spain today, leaving 7,500 to be repatriated. The Filipino government at Malolos announces that it is preparing to release Spanish civilian prisoners, but not friars. The American Filipino commission has not yet completed its work.

General Wheeler in Richmond.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 17.—General Wheeler's warm reception continued here today. At the Soldiers' Home veterans cheered him to the echo and a salute was fired in his honor. At 1:30 o'clock at a luncheon given in his honor at the Woman's Club, he made a brief address. A large and representative gathering, including Governor Tyler and members of his staff, were present at a reception to General Wheeler in the Jefferson Davis mansion, given by the Confederate Memorial Literary Society, this afternoon. Many ex-Confederate officers were present and welcomed General Wheeler. He left for Washington this evening.

BUTLER GETS A GRAIN OF COMFORT

Confederate Camp Endorses His Amendment.

THE NAVY PERSONNEL BILL

Brigadier General High Enough Rank for Commandant of Marine Corps—Nicaragua Canal Bill Dis- cussed in the Senate.

Washington, Jan. 17.—The Naval Personnel Bill was passed by the House today with a proposed increase of the marine corps to six thousand men. The provision to make the commandant of the corps a major general was bitterly opposed and was stricken out, leaving the head of the corps a brigadier general. The vote was 127 to 64, which fairly represented the strength of the bill in the House.

Mr. Butler presented in the Senate today a memorial from Confederate veterans of Mpskookee county, Georgia, requesting the Senator to press his bill granting pensions to Confederate soldiers, as by so doing "it would show to the world that we are an united people." They desire, they say, "not as mendicants for pensions, but in response to the grand and patriotic sentiments of our President, and as voicing the sentiments of every patriot who loves his whole country and respects the valor of dead Confederate soldiers as brothers of our united country."

Resolutions adopted by Confederate camps in other States against the passage of the bill were presented by Gorman, Jones and Berry.

The Senate discussed the Nicaragua Canal bill. It rejected an amendment declaring that the bill should not become a law until the government had secured the right to maintain a naval force in and garrison points along the canal. Sullivan (Democrat, of Mississippi) offered an amendment limiting to five millions the amount to be paid to the Maritime Canal Company for compensation or reimbursement. This was agreed to.

Pettigrew (Silver, of South Dakota) said that no canal would be built, and the only effect would be to pay five millions to manipulators of the scheme. The only consistent thing to do was to buy from the company the property it possessed for what it was worth.

Caffery (Democrat, of Louisiana) offered a substitute for the bill, one appropriating one hundred and forty millions for building the canal, not more than twenty-eight millions to be spent in one year. The bill appropriates six millions for the purchase of all valid concessions or grants, and abrogates the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. After an executive session the Senate adjourned.

COURT MARTIAL FOR EAGAN.

Alger Failed to Have Miles Included in the Order for Trial.

Washington, Jan. 17.—After the President and cabinet decided today to try Eagan by court-martial and turned down Alger in his attempt to have Miles included in the investigation, arrangements were made at the War Department for issuing a formal order for trial. A copy of the order will be served on Eagan and he will be placed technically under arrest and orders to proceed to his home here. Pending trial Eagan will be obliged to remain there and cannot leave his house except to attend trial without authority, which can only be granted by the President.

Pluto Put to Sleep in Ten Rounds.

New York, Jan. 17.—Joe Brown, "Young Pluto," the colored champion featherweight of Australia, was put to sleep by the American champion, George Dixon, in the tenth round at the Lenox Athletic Club tonight. Although eight pounds heavier than Dixon, Pluto was no match for the Bostonian. The Australian was clever in stopping head blows, but Dixon soon got to his body. Pluto could not hit hard either, and he succumbed under a succession of terrific blows. The fight was fast, clean and interesting.

Eagan Will Be Arrested Today.

Washington, Jan. 17.—It is officially announced tonight that General Eagan will be placed under arrest before the close of office hours tomorrow, and the detail of the court-martial to try him will be announced tomorrow night.

Dry Goods House Falls.

Baltimore, Jan. 17.—The firm of D. Holliday & Co., one of the oldest wholesale dry goods houses in the South, went into the hands of receivers today. Assets \$422,000, liabilities \$377,000.

QUAY LACKS FIFTEEN VOTES.

Opposition Cheerful in Face of a Possible Break in the Ranks.

Harrisburg, Jan. 17.—The Quay leaders tonight declare that victory is in sight. . . either side expected a decisive vote today, but the anti-Quay leaders are concerned over a strong probability of some Democrats deserting to Quay. Timin deserted Jenks, the caucus nominee, in the first and only ballot today, and the unexpected break in the solid Democratic phalanx scared the Democrats. The break will probably be followed tomorrow by two Democratic members from Adams county, who will absent themselves on the ground that the Quay Republicans helped them in their election. Four Luzerne county members of the minority say they will desert Jenks and vote for Judge Rice.

Each Democratic member received a letter tonight from the chairman of the Democratic caucus, urging him to stand firm for Jenks and be present at every session. In the ballot today Representative Shaw and Senator Tosch, reputed anti-Quay men, voted for Quay. Quay got 112 votes and must have 15 more to win.

The anti-Quay side chipped tonight, and say that Quay will never get the necessary votes. Fifty-one of fifty-two Republicans who refused to vote for Quay held a meeting tonight. Speeches were made congratulating this anti-Quay result of the ballot today and predicting Quay's defeat. It is rumored tonight that enough Democrats are to be absent from the joint caucus to give Quay a victory. All are to be affected with grip, it is said.

TWO THOUSAND ON A TROOPSHIP.

The Grant Will Sail Today for Manila via Gibraltar.

New York, Jan. 17.—The Fourth United States Infantry and one battalion of the Seventeenth Infantry arrived in New York today and were embarked upon the troopship Grant, which will sail tomorrow morning for Manila. The health of the Fourth is excellent.

The Grant, before sailing, will steam up North river as far as the Grant monument in order that people may have an opportunity to see her before she starts on her long voyage. Turning around at that point, she will point her head to the open sea and make for Gibraltar, her first coaling point.

The men who for the next seven weeks at least are to make the Grant their home, arrived in Jersey City very early this morning. (Many of the officers will take their wives and children with them. The little army of 2,000 is in command of General Hall. General Lawton and staff will go along.

DEMOCRATS FOR COCKRELL.

He Will Be Elected Senator Today for the Fifth Time.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 17.—The House and Senate today balloted separately for United States Senator, the result showing Francis Marion Cockrell to be the unanimous choice of the Democracy for re-election, this being his fifth consecutive term in the upper house. Representative Rubey, who placed Cockrell in nomination in the House, voted for him for Senator for his first term twenty-four years ago. The legislature will meet in joint session tomorrow, and the action of today will then be ratified. R. C. Kerans, of St. Louis, was the choice of the Republicans.

Senators Elected Yesterday.

Albany, Jan. 17.—Chauncey M. Depew was elected United States Senator today by 111 votes to 83 for Murphy.

Boston, Jan. 17.—Senator Lodge was re-elected Senator by the joint session of the Legislature today.

St. Paul, Jan. 17.—Cushman K. Davis was re-elected Senator today by 136 to 42 for Towne.

Augusta, Me., Jan. 17.—Senator Hale was re-elected today, but on account of his opposition to expansion, fifty Republicans absented themselves from the session of the Legislature as a silent protest against his views.

Administration Down on Miles.

Washington, Jan. 17.—The belief is growing that the Eagan case will involve General Miles in some way. The administration is very much displeased with the manner in which he has acted in giving out interviews respecting the present controversy. It is hinted tonight that he may be relieved from command and ordered home.

TREATY SHORT SIX VOTES.

Democratic Senators Say It Can Be Amend- ed So as to Be Acceptable to All.

Washington, Jan. 17.—The close of the canvas of the Senate on the question of ratifying the peace treaty shows, for ratification 54, opposed 28; doubtful 10. It will take sixty votes to ratify the treaty. The opposition is led by Gorman. Democratic Senators say they have a sufficient number pledged to amend the treaty and make it acceptable to the entire Senate. This amendment provides that there shall be no extension of sovereignty of the United States over the Philippines, but that Spain shall evacuate, leaving the natives free to establish their own government.