

WEDNESDAY fair over the State, slightly cooler temperatures.

TEMPERATURE for the 24 hours: Minimum, 40; Maximum, 50.

Lone Robber Holds Up a Train at Midnight

The Conductor Goes Gunning for the Highwayman with What Result is Unknown

Greenville, Ky., Dec. 30.—A bold attempt was made by a lone robber to hold up the New Orleans-Cincinnati express of the Louisville and Nashville railroad as the train was passing South Louisville at 2:30 o'clock last night. The highwayman secured but little booty, and is believed to have been shot by the conductor, J. E. Keene.

As the train was going through the sleeper Mr. Keene was the porter, the Pullman conductor and one passenger, J. E. Keene, a masked man sprang at Keene from a dark corner and commanded him to throw up his hands. A bullet from the robber's pistol stunned him and the highwayman pulled the signal cord. While the train was slowing

FLEET MANŒUVRES

Admiral Taylor Makes a Favorable Report on Their Progress

Washington, Dec. 30.—Secretary Moody has received a letter from Rear Admiral Taylor, chief of staff to Admiral Dewey, in which he reviews some of the results of the naval manœuvres. According to the letter the practice work of the fleet will be finished by January 10, when Admirals Dewey and Taylor will return to Washington in the cruiser yacht *Mayflower*. The letter is in part as follows:

"If the drills go well we shall probably have done all that Admiral Dewey wants to do some time during the week beginning Monday, January 5, and ending Saturday, January 10. The tactical drills by division were much needed. The fourth division has made considerable progress. The division of four battleships, when worked together, did not require much drilling as they had previously had a good deal of practice."

MAHER WILL RESIGN

Seaboard Superintendent Going Back to the Norfolk and Western

Portsmouth, Va., Dec. 30.—General Superintendent N. D. Maher is to leave the service of the Seaboard Air Line Railway within a short while, perhaps before his successor is decided upon. Mr. Maher resigned as superintendent of the Pocahontas division of the Norfolk and Western Railway 18 months ago to accept that of general superintendent of the entire Seaboard system. He succeeded Superintendent McBeck, who was promoted to fourth vice president. Mr. Maher now goes back to the Norfolk and Western as general superintendent of the system. His headquarters will be at Roanoke, Va. No official announcement of the change has as yet been made, but this information is authoritative.

MOODY'S CLAIMS

He Alleges That a Fair Majority Will Give Him 800 Majority

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 30.—Special.—Congressman Moody is here in conference with his attorneys and others relative to his contest with Mr. Gutzger. He asserts that when the returns of the recent election are properly adjusted and counted by a fair tribunal it will be shown that he has a majority of 800 over his opponent. His promise of forcing up prices. This statement was shown to Superintendent Rose of the Delaware and Hudson Company, and he promptly denounced it as a lie. Mr. Rose said the public will never really know much it owes to the so-called barons in the matter of coal supply that is now so badly needed everywhere. Mr. Rose says that not only are the operators mining all the coal they can, but they are seeking by every human endeavor to distribute the supply that all sections of the country may participate in the relief afforded.

A GOVERNOR LIBELED

McSweeney of South Carolina Will Sue a Newspaper

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 30.—Governor Mills E. McSweeney, considering he has been slandered and libeled, is about to bring libel suit against the *Anderson Mail*, a daily paper which has intimated broadly that the governor received money consideration for the pardon of John McIntosh.

JUDGE ROBINSON

He Will Practice Law in Goldsboro After Retiring from the Bench

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 30.—Special.—Judge W. S. O'Brien Robinson, whose term of office as superior court judge will expire the 1st of January, will resume the practice of law in this city. His preponderating sense of humor coupled with his splendid legal acquirements, and backed by his natural ability and Irish wit, have made his characteristic charges to grand juries one of the great pleasures of court week. His big heart never permitted the chicanery of legal satellites to overpower the weak or oppress the unprotected, whose interests his sympathetic nature prompted him to guard. Judge Robinson was elected to the bench during the Rep-Pop landslide in 1894, which came as a surprise to everybody. He has filled the trust with credit to himself and with gratification to his constituents. He will retire to private life full of honors and with the applause of his political conferees. His defeat in the last election was due only to the change of political sentiment in the state since his election.

Memorial to Watt

London, Dec. 30.—Andrew Carnegie has notified the provost of Greenlock, Scotland, that he is prepared to

The Year 1902 the Most Prosperous Ever Known

The Closing Year Made Notable by the Coal Strike. Crops Have Been Good and Prices Maintained

New York, Dec. 30.—One event stands out in startling distinctness in the industrial history of 1902. Never before was there and, it is to be hoped, never again will there be, such a labor controversy as the anthracite coal strike. Other struggles between labor and capital have been accompanied by greater loss of life and bloodshed, or more disastrous destruction of property, but no other controversy in this nation's history caused such a paralysis of industrial activity and to great discomfort and loss to the general public.

For five months this deadlock continued, closing mills and furnaces through insufficient supplies of fuel, while the actual financial loss of the strike to labor, capital and others will never be computed. Consumers of coal will be compelled to pay large premiums over regular prices during the remainder of the winter, while the cost to manufacturing plants has reached an unusual position. International trade has also been badly disarranged by this factor. Finished steel exports and coal shipments being especially reduced, while imports of pig iron and coal rose sharply, exceeding all records since the steel industry became fully established in this country. Instead of the usual large net exports of these products, there were imports of over \$5,000,000 worth in one month.

DEAD IN THE WOODS

Circumstances Indicate Case of Murder and Revenge

Durham, N. C., Dec. 30.—Special.—News reached here tonight that the remains of John Rogers, policeman, who disappeared from his home at Virginia, on the Norfolk and Western road, eight weeks ago, were found near that station Saturday by a party of hunters. The body was so badly decomposed that recognition was only possible by the weapons and clothes of the deceased. The story told tonight is that, about eight weeks ago a negro was killed in Virginia. His body was found next morning, and with the finding of the body Officer John Rogers disappeared. It was generally supposed that Rogers killed him. Rogers had money in the bank and it was found that this had been taken from deposit. Later members of his family received a letter stating that Rogers had gone to Asheville and that he would not write again, telling them not to be uneasy.

DISTRICT PARSONAGE

The Durham Methodists Will House Their Presiding Elder

Durham, N. C., Dec. 30.—Special.—At a meeting of the district stewards at Trinity Methodist church, the most important action was to locate the parsonage for the presiding elder in Durham. Last year it was decided to erect a district parsonage and \$2,500 was raised for this purpose. Since then this fund has been in the hands of a committee. At the meeting today Trinity church offered to give a site worth \$500 or \$1,000 for the purpose, and the offer was accepted. The parsonage will be erected during next year. Dr. J. T. Gibbs, the next presiding elder, will move to Durham just as soon as it is completed, and probably before that time.

NEW REGULATIONS AS TO UNIFORMS

What Army and Navy Officers Are to Wear on Certain Occasions

Washington, Dec. 30.—President Roosevelt today returned to the secretary of war the report of the army uniform board which was presented to him by General S. B. M. Young, president of the board. A general order will be issued to the army within a few days, prescribing in detail the modifications and changes made in the wearing apparel of officers and enlisted men of the army.

TOOK DARWIN TOO SERIOUSLY

He Took Darwin Too Seriously

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 30.—Crazed over his too close application to Darwin's evolution theory, the mind of Rev. S. B. Wengert, pastor of the United Brethren church of Schuylkill Haven, one of the brightest clergymen in this part of the state, has given way and he is violently insane. The amount that has come into sight thus far this year slightly exceeds the figures of 1901, but the crop began to move exceptionally early, which to some extent makes comparisons misleading.

SCRATCHED AND FIT

A Norfolk Woman Assaulted Her Stepmother

The Sultan of Morocco in a Critical Situation

Besieged in Fez by Rebels. Water Supply Cut Off and No Help in Sight. Foreigners Advised to Flee

Tangier, Dec. 30.—The battle in which the Moroccan troops were defeated by the rebels under the pretender took place ten hours' march from Fez, where the sultan has recruited men for his army. The rebels have cut off the sultan's water supply. The inhabitants of the town are without water supply.

If the southern Kayleils do not come to the aid of the sultan the town must capitulate in three days. The hostile feeling toward the sultan is becoming more and more openly displayed by numbers of Moors in Fez who are showing photographs which represent him dressed in ridiculous costumes. Provisions are very scarce at Fez. All foreigners in the interior have been advised to start for the coast at once. The sultan summoned the notables to meet him at the palace in Fez today. He made an address in which he urged them not to lose hope. He declared that his forces would be victorious in the end.

SEVEN JUDGES FOR DIVORCE CASE

Court Stories Make the Princess Louise a Wicked Sinner

Dresden, Saxony, Dec. 30.—King George has appointed a special court of seven judges to try the suit for divorce which the crown prince has decided to institute against the crown princess.

The king's statement, doubtless, will follow the line indicated in the information supplied to the newspapers by court leanings published today, affirming that the crown princess' sole reason for eloping was her criminal relations with Professor Girou and that proofs have been found showing that the statement had long been in preparation. The stories of ill treatment by the part of her husband, of oppressive court ceremonials and of her forced existence are classed as insinuations.

WILLIAM WORSTED

A Paris Newspaper on the Venezuelan Negotiations

Paris, Dec. 30.—The *Petit Journal*, in a leading article on the Venezuelan affair, says the conflict between Emperor William and President Roosevelt has ended to the advantage of the latter. The article continues: "England finds it to her interest to agree rather with the Americans than the Germans. If Germany insists on payment of part of the amount due before the matter is submitted to arbitration she will run the risk of rebellion with no other resources but making war with the United States. Emperor William will certainly stop before he commits such a tremendous blunder."

ITALIANS FOR SOUTH AFRICA

Pietermaritzburg, Dec. 30.—A scheme is projected to induce the government of Natal to sanction the importation of Italian laborers for work on the new waterworks. After consulting the service they will be at liberty to settle in the country where

THE HUMBERTS

Their Case Brought Before the Council of Ministers

Paris, Dec. 30.—Minister of Justice Valle brought the Humbert case before the council of ministers today, saying he had given \$3,000 to the Spanish police for assisting in the arrest of the principal in the famous safe frauds. This is additional to the \$5,000 reward offered for their capture, which has not yet been paid, owing to the conflicting claims. It is expected that the prosecution of the Humberts will not begin for several days. The prisoners have so far declined to name their lawyers, and the court has designated Maître Chenu to appear in their behalf.

"Living Wonder" is Dead

Rome, Dec. 30.—Miss Stella Ewing, one of the ossified women, who for years have been living wonders to physicians and scientists, died today, aged 29 years. At an early age she was afflicted with inflammatory rheumatism, which physicians failed to relieve. At the age of 25 she lost the use of her limbs, and eminent specialists said she was gradually turning to bone