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## The President Considers the Lincolnton Post Office

### His Action Taken as Favorable to Mrs. Shipp--The Contest Will Be a Vigorous Fight--Efforts in Behalf of Wiley Shook

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Washington, Sept. 29.—Special.—The Lincolnton post office contest assumed a decidedly interesting aspect today. One of the first things President Roosevelt did this morning after his arrival at the executive office was to send for all the papers in the case, and they were carried in person from the post office department by Postmaster General Payne. That the numerous and strong endorsements in behalf of Mrs. Margaret B. Shipp for appointment as postmaster were considered by the president and the postmaster general is known, but no one has been able to ascertain what views the president entertains with respect to the appointment.

Neither knows of the other's coming, but the object of their visit relates to the Lincolnton fight. Judge Robinson wrote that he would be here tomorrow and asked that arrangements be made for an interview tomorrow with the president. Rollins will also be a caller at the White House when he will present the claims of A. F. Barkly. The entire Republican executive committee of Lincoln county has filed a protest here against Barkly's appointment.

Carolines he always kept his wife and daughter in Savannah well supplied with money. Upon hearing of his death Lawyer Hartridge was sent out to see how matters stood. He found a will in Hong Kong distributing the estate, valued at \$1,500,000 in property, all of which is productive. He has left quite a large amount to his daughter, Mrs. J. F. Butler, of Savannah. It is expected that the Savannah widow will claim about 50 per cent. of the estate.

## TURKS WITHDRAWN

### A Sign of the Sincerity of Pacific Declarations

Borgas, Bulgaria, Sept. 29.—Dispatches received here from the insurgent chief, Cerdjikoff, who has been conducting operations in the Kirkilise district, announce that the Turkish troops have been withdrawn from Zabernovo, Kariowe and Galatikoco, on the Turkish frontier. It is understood that this movement was in accordance with the request of the Bulgarian government that Turkey withdraw her troops from the frontier as a sign of the sincerity of her pacific declarations.

## COTTON AGAIN ON THE JUMP

### Advance in Two Days Made a Change of \$9.80 a Bale in September Option

New York, Sept. 29.—Violent as were the advances in September cotton yesterday, they were surpassed this morning. That option in the local market was forced up by the urgency of the eleventh hour shorts and the aggressive attitude of W. F. Brown, the New Orleans bull leader.

## Sentence for Sedition

Manila, Sept. 29.—Dr. Dominador Gomez, the president of the working men's union and an agitator who has been accused of using the funds of the organization to forward the purposes of the ladrones and revolutionists in various provinces, was arraigned before Judge Sweeney today for sentence on charges of sedition, of which he was recently convicted.

## PRISON CELLS FOR CONSPIRATORS

Belgrade, Sept. 29.—The trial of the army officers charged with conspiracy against the murderers of King Alexander and Queen Draga was concluded today.

## TEACHERS WANTED FOR PHILIPPINES

Washington, Sept. 29.—The civil service commission has received a call from the Philippine government for 150 male teachers, to be appointed at salaries ranging from \$900 to \$1,200 annually. Examinations will be held on October 19 and 20 in various cities. In connection with these positions the commission, in its circular of notification, says:

## Many Witnesses in the Tillman Case

### Gonzales a Man of Few Words, But a Writer of Force. Foundation Laid for an Ante-Mortem Statement

Lexington, S. C., Sept. 29.—The second day of the trial of James H. Tillman for the murder of N. G. Gonzales saw considerable progress made in the examination of witnesses for the state, but indications are plentiful that at least two more days will be occupied before the state rests. The chief event today was the calling to the stand of Ambrose Gonzales, president of the State Company, and eldest brother of the dead editor, and the identification by him of the bound files of the State newspaper for the whole year 1902, which the prosecution offered in evidence.

but the defense insisted that they have an opportunity to scrutinize them. After a lengthy colloquy the files were turned over to the defense.

George M. Kohn, an employee in the State's business office, was the next witness. He identified the bullet from the German magazine pistol which caused the mortal wound and said that he obtained it from a boy at the scene of the shooting a few moments after it occurred.

## TAR HEELS ORGANIZE

### Sojourners in Richmond Manifest Much Enthusiasm

Richmond, Va., Sept. 29.—Special.—At a meeting of native North Carolinians in the hall of the chamber of commerce this afternoon at 5 o'clock a temporary organization of "The North Carolina Society of Richmond" was effected and delegates to the reunion at Greensboro, October 12th and 13th, were chosen.

Dr. E. W. Taylor, the oldest surgeon in Columbia and prominent as a surgeon in the Confederacy, testified that the entrance wound was about the seventh rib, ranged downward, cutting the stomach, and the exit was at a lower angle. The entrance of the bullet was six and a half inches from the right nipple and two inches to the right of the medial line, and the exit eight and a half inches from the medial line of the left and nine and a half inches from the nipple.

Dr. Strother Pope and Dr. Lewis A. Griffith, the latter recently a surgeon in the American army in the Philippines, who attended Mr. Gonzales on the day he was shot, testified as to the wounds and the operation, generally corroborating the others.

## The President's First Day After His Vacation

### There Was Not Such a Rush as Expected—Still There Were Several Callers and There Were Matters for Consideration

Washington, Sept. 29.—President Roosevelt was hard at work in his office at 9 o'clock this morning, the expectation being that a rush of visitors would begin not later than 9.30. He signed a large number of commissions and other documents and went over some mail with Secretary Loeb, and this task was completed before the first caller arrived. What promised to be a busy day turned out to be a comparatively quiet one, for not more than a dozen visitors called on business during the morning hours.

said that matters of administration other than the investigation of the postal frauds occupied the greater part of the interview. Mr. Payne told the president that the investigation would be wound up by October 5, and that the report of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow, who has conducted the inquiry, will be ready for the president's inspection not later than October 20.

## KING OF YAP

### A Savannah Man Who Made a Fortune Among Savages

San Francisco, Sept. 29.—William C. Hartridge, who went to Caroline Islands last May in the interest of Mrs. Catharine O'Keefe, widow of David O'Keefe, has arrived on the steamer Doric. O'Keefe was known as the king of Yap. He left his wife and daughter in Savannah, Ga., in the early seventies and was wrecked on this island. Being the first white man the natives had ever seen they treated him with the utmost reverence and finally every possible honor. Over a year ago, after visiting Hong Kong on business he started to return on one of his vessels, and that was the last ever heard of him.

## COTTON PICKING

### Weather Favors Gathering the Crop Which Has Deteriorated

Washington, Sept. 29.—The weekly crop report issued today by the weather bureau says: "With generally reasonable temperature and practically no rain over nearly the entire cotton belt, cotton has opened rapidly and picking has been actively carried on, a large part of the crop having already been gathered. Cool nights and the very general prevalence of drought in the central and western districts have been detrimental, and rust and shedding continue to be extensively reported, although rust is somewhat less prevalent in Georgia. On the whole the crop has suffered deterioration, especially in the central and western portions of the belt. Little or no top crop is promised. In Texas the plant has almost entirely ceased fruiting, and in some central counties is dying. In North Carolina the conditions have favored the maturity of late cotton and in South Carolina premature opening has been checked. (The weather map of September 29 shows that good showers fell over a large part of the drought region of Texas and in Oklahoma during the past 24 hours.)

## British Cabinet Possibilities

London, Sept. 29.—Lord Milner, who has been spoken of as the successor of Joseph Chamberlain in the colonial office, had a conference with Prime Minister Balfour at the foreign office today. It is not expected that any announcement of new appointments to the cabinet will be made before tomorrow. The conference between Lord Milner and Mr. Balfour lasted until

## BELIEVES IN ARBITRATION

Antwerp, Sept. 29.—The International Law Association opened its conference here today. The Americans present were James Crosby and Noble Gregory of Iowa, Leroy Parker of Buffalo, Cephias Brainerd of New York, Dr. Trueblood of the American Peace Society of Boston, and Frederick Cunningham of Boston. Sir Walter Phillimore, a justice of the British high court, presided. The following resolution was voted:

## Will Close Cable Offices

Colon, Sept. 29.—The minister of posts and telegraphs at Bogota has ordered his representative to close the cable office at Panama should the offices at Buena Ventura be closed tomorrow as has been threatened.

## Let the Girl Live

Scranton, Pa., Sept. 29.—Because the girl he loved spurned his attention John Thornton this morning killed himself by shooting. The girl in the case is Miss Alice Mennemuth. Thornton called on the girl today, and when she refused to see him went into a bedroom of her house and took his own life.

## NEGRO LAWYER SCARED

### Giles Jackson Tells a Tale of Woe in the Richmond Police Court

Richmond, Va., Sept. 29.—Giles Jackson, the negro lawyer and director general of the negro movement in aid of the Jamestown tercentenary expedition, was in the police court today. He told a story of having been pursued by two negro men last night, who were talking of holding him up and robbing him of the sum of \$50,000 which he collected from wealthy northern men in aid of the negro scheme.

## Will Not Indict Lynchers

Wilmington, Del., Sept. 29.—The grand jury today announced that it had decided to ignore the bill against those charged with being concerned with the burning at the stake of George White, the negro who assaulted and murdered Miss Helen Bishop.