

Rollins Refuses to Rub Out His Slate

He Will Recommend Mrs. Russell—Miss Darby Not in Evidence Yesterday. Death of a Descendant of North Carolina

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Washington, Dec. 29.—Special.—Senator Overman went to the White House this morning for the purpose of placing before the president a telegram from Geo. Rountree of Wilmington, N. C., who wired that the business people of that place desired the re-appointment of Miss Darby as postmaster.

The senator will take no part in the contest. His visit to the White House was for the purpose of acquainting the president with the fact that Mr. Rountree is one of the most distinguished citizens of the state and whatever he has to say is worthy of consideration. The telegram was placed among the records in this case.

Miss Darby was not in evidence today, and it was said that she had gone to Baltimore on a visit. She has not had an interview with Postmaster General Payne, who was at his desk today. It is presumed that the Wilmington postmaster will arrange to meet him before returning home. It is reported that Miss Darby spoke her mind freely to certain officials at the post office department yesterday with reference to her failure to secure the organization's endorsement for re-appointment. Censure was bestowed upon those who she says were false to her cause.

State Chairman Rollins will go to the White House tomorrow or the day following, when he will recommend the appointment of Mrs. Russell. Mr. Rollins spent the morning with R. H. McNeill, secretary of the Republican committee, going over all the papers in the Wilmington and other contests. The state chairman has not yet heard from Miss Darby.

Among the six hundred young people who attended the reception given at the White House by Mrs. Roosevelt were the young daughters of Senators Simmons and Overman. Miss Annie Montague of Raleigh, who is visiting Miss Ella Simmons, was among the guests. The little folks were presented to the president, Mrs. Roosevelt and the Roosevelt children. Each one carried away attractive souvenirs, and that they enjoyed the occasion goes without saying.

Miss Mary Irwin, a writer of religious poems and fiction, as well as for many years a contributor to newspapers, died at Garfield Hospital yesterday after a brief illness of pneumonia, aged fifty-two.

The grandfather of the deceased was Governor Matthews, colonial governor of the state under Great Britain. The family is prominent in North Carolina and other southern states. Her half brother, Mr. Robert Davis, is surveyor general of North Carolina, and her brother, Mr. Robert C. Irwin, is a well known Mississippian.

The remains of Mrs. Carrie Jenkins Harris, wife of Cicero Harris, who died in Rockville Sunday, were conveyed this afternoon to her old home in Henderson, N. C., for interment. Funeral services will be held over the remains at her old home at Williamsburg, N. C. Owing to ill health Mr. Harris was prevented from accompanying the remains of his wife, and Mr. Henry Jenkins, a nephew, went instead.

Lyman A. Cotton of North Carolina, an ensign in the navy, will receive a promotion January 1st, being elevated to the rank of junior lieutenant.

Marriage license was issued today to Manly McDowell of Burke county and Tillie Falls of this city.

YOUNG CROOK IN JAIL

Edward K. Horton Formed Attachments for Watches and Diamonds

Salisbury, N. C., Dec. 29.—Special.—On the charge of obtaining money under false pretense a young man of good appearance and giving his name as Edward K. Horton of Atlanta, was lodged in jail last evening, not being able to give a bond of \$250. Horton, who also answers to a number of names, has been in Salisbury several days, posing as a representative of the Montgomery Supply Company of Atlanta, and has been taking orders for clothing, etc., and collecting a partial payment on the order, the delivery of which was to be made later. Stopping at one of the hotels here he found access to the room of a guest who lost a fine watch, about \$20 and other articles Saturday night, which were afterwards found in Horton's possession. He admitted his guilt when first arrested, but later said he had a pal, who had merely given him the goods to keep. From one of his associates at a boarding house, it is claimed, Horton stole a diamond brooch valued at \$125, which was also recovered from him after his arrest. The young man gives his age as twenty, and claims to be a professional decorator. He will be held for trial at the next term of the Rowan superior court.

Three Revolutions Raging in San Domingo at Present

Hostile Forces Marching on the Capital—The Morales Government in Financial Straits—Ship of War Ordered to the Scene

Washington, Dec. 29.—With three revolutions raging in the island, the forces of Jimenez within four hours of San Domingo City and excitement prevailing, Minister Powell thinks the situation demands the presence of an additional warship, and in a cable dated yesterday appeals to the state department for aid.

In anticipation of the crisis which appears to have arrived, the state department had already taken steps to send another warship to San Domingo, and at its request Secretary Moody yesterday called Rear Admiral Lamberth, commanding the south Atlantic squadron, now at Trinidad, to dispatch one of his vessels to San Domingo at full speed to assist the gunboat Newport in protecting American and other interests.

San Domingo, Saturday, Dec. 26. The city of San Domingo is again being barricaded, this time against the forces of the new provisional government founded at Azua De Compostella by General Pelletier, which are marching on the capital.

The financial position of the Morales government is bad. The officials find it difficult to obtain rations for the soldiers.

The American minister, Mr. Powell, who has been living in the suburbs, has been compelled to move the legation inside the city boundaries.

President Morales returned here last night. He found it impossible to land on the northern part of the island, but he was able to land at Puerto Plata. The damage done is not known. Morales is taking all possible steps to defend San Domingo.

Many arrests have been made. The south and east have joined in the northern revolution. The situation is complicated and serious.

The government troops are preparing to leave here and attack the rebels at San Cristobal, two hours distant from here. Much excitement prevails at this place. The arrival of another American warship to reinforce the gunboat Newport is anxiously desired.

CORRALLED THE COP

Burglars Tied a Policeman While They Robbed the Post Office

Richmond, Va., Dec. 29.—Bound with ropes and wire and securely gagged, Policeman J. L. Garrett was forced to sit quietly by and see the safe in the post office at West Point, Va., blown open and robbed of an amount estimated at \$5,000. Garrett was making his rounds just before midnight when he met three men.

NOTHING ALARMING

No Evidence of Contemplated Massacres at Kishineff

Washington, Dec. 29.—At the instance of President Roosevelt, who has interested himself in the reports from abroad of contemplated massacres of Jews in Kishineff, the state department is making active inquiry through its diplomatic and consular officers with the view to ascertaining the exact situation.

The United States consular agent at Odessa already has been heard from. He cabled the state department today that there has been no fresh outbreak at Kishineff as reported.

Simon Wolf, representing the B'Nai B'rith, and Adolphus S. Solomon of New York, one of the trustees of Baron De Hirsch fund, held a conference with Acting Secretary Loomis today, during which the subject of the Jews in Russia was discussed. Mr. Loomis showed them the Odessa dispatch, which gave them some feeling of relief. They did not present a petition and will not do so, unless later information proves the situation to be as serious as reported.

Mr. Wolf said he had been impelled to call at the department on account of a meeting recently held in England over which Lord Rothschild presided, which, he said, gave the matter a character of seriousness which otherwise might not have been accepted.

ARMY OFFICERS SAY

Colombia Will Fight Preparations Being Hastened for Hostilities Which May Begin in a Few Days. Orders Issued to Military Forces

Washington, Dec. 29.—Secret orders have been sent to the commanding officers of troops in various sections of the Pacific coast to prepare their men for instant service at Panama in case of necessity. These orders have been sent at the instance of the general staff, which is now convinced that there will be fighting at the isthmus. The army transports Sherman, Crook and Buford are under orders to be in readiness at San Francisco to transport troops to Panama.

KEPT THE TROUSERS

Lewis Nixon's Love of Fine Clothes Got Him in Jail

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 29.—Special. Sheriff Stevens is now furnishing entertainment at the county jail for Lewis Nixon, a colored man who recently arrived in this city from Elizabeth City. By not providing himself with the necessary references and some ready cash before leaving home Nixon was unable to give a \$200 bond for his appearance at court, and he was detained in jail to make sure that he would be present to answer the charge of purloining a suit of clothes from Mr. Graves Smith. In order to improve his appearance Nixon had donned the trousers, but had disposed of the coat and vest for some cash which he needed. He refused to disclose the name of the party to whom he had sold the articles and Mr. Smith has been unable to get his tuxedo.

ARTILLERY FOR THE EASTERN SERVICE

Moscow, Dec. 29.—Twelve batteries of the four Grenadier brigades of field artillery, stationed in and around Moscow, have been selected for service in the far east and have received new guns, which the Russian artillerists claim are superior to the French field pieces. The early departure of three of these batteries is expected, which will place 108 field guns, with the latest equipment, at the disposal of Viceroy Alexieff.

It is said here that all the volunteers living at their homes, who, as graduates of high schools, are privileged to serve only a year with the colors, have been ordered into barracks. No extensive movements of troops eastward have been reported here up to the present.

Bidding for Ships of War

London, Dec. 29.—It is said at the Japanese legation here tonight that no sale has yet been effected of the Argentine warships Moreno and Rivadavia, now building at Genoa, Italy, for the purchase of which Japan is negotiating. Russia has made a counter bid and the negotiations are continuing.

HAY IMPROVES SLOWLY

Washington, Dec. 29.—The improvement in the condition of Secretary Hay, who has been ill with bronchitis for several weeks, is much slower than was expected, and it now seems certain that he will not be able to preside at the breakfast to the members of the diplomatic corps at his residence on New Year's day, for which invitations have been sent out.

Eddie Hanlon Used Up by Young Corbett

The Fight Lasted Sixteen Rounds and Was Hot and Heavy—First One and Then the Other Had the Advantage

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—Young Corbett met Eddie Hanlon in a twenty-round bout before the Hayes Valley Athletic Club tonight and finished him in the sixteenth round. The men weighed in at Harry Corbett's cafe at 6 o'clock tonight. Both were under the prescribed weight, 129 pounds. They greeted each other cheerfully. There were two preliminaries before the big match. Corbett's seconds were Harry Tuttle, Tim Grather and Billy Otis. Hanlon's seconds were Harry Foley, Fred Sander and Toby Irwin. Corbett entered the ring at 8:30 and received a great ovation. Hanlon came in five minutes later and was cheered also. Eddie Graney refereed the bout.

Round 1. Corbett felt of his man with the left, repeatedly punching him lightly on the head. Then he would run in and clinch. Hanlon delivered several good body blows. Before the end of the round Hanlon had all the best of it, landing several lefts on the body and one vicious blow over the kidneys.

Round 2. Eddie started in on the aggressive, landing several short arm blows, but Corbett stopped him with straight lefts on the nose. In a fierce rally Eddie rushed in and landed right and left on Corbett's wind. Eddie continued to press the fighting, covering his head and having the advantage on blows. Corbett landed three hard left uppercuts, bringing blood copiously from Eddie's nose. It was all Corbett's round.

Round 3. Hanlon forced the fighting, guarding his head and having the advantage on blows. Corbett landed three hard left uppercuts, bringing blood copiously from Eddie's nose. It was all Corbett's round.

Round 4. Eddie started in to press his man, and in a fierce rally Hanlon delivered two heavy blows on Corbett's

Round 5. Corbett forced the fighting, but after several rushes received a heavy right uppercut that jarred him. In the breakaway Eddie got in right and left on the jaw. In a series of clinches both got in heavy blows.

Round 6. In a fierce rally Hanlon rammed in right and left blows to Corbett's body. In a clinch Corbett evidently joshed Eddie and made him angry, for he sailed in and landed half a dozen jolts on the body.

Round 7. Hanlon started in to press his man, following Corbett around the ring, although Corbett landed repeatedly on the head. Hanlon landed stiff on Corbett's jaw, sending him to the carpet. He was up before the count could be made, but the house cheered the California boy.

Round 8. Hanlon followed Corbett around the ring, and in a mix up landed left and right on Corbett's jaw. In return, Corbett landed left and right on the head without effect. In a rally just before the gong sounded he had all the best of it.

Round 9. Corbett started in to mix things, landing fierce right and left swings on the head, but without effect. Corbett landed two stiff uppercuts on Eddie's mouth, making it bleed freely. In return, just as the bell sounded, Corbett received two heavy jabs in the wind.

Round 10. Corbett began feeling with right and left, reaching Hanlon's nose repeatedly, but only with light blows. In the mix up Hanlon got the worst of it. In a rally just before the bell sounded, Eddie fought savagely and landed repeatedly on Corbett's wind.

Round 11. Hanlon started to cut the pace, but in a series of mixes he got the worst of it. In a rally just before the round closed both slugged savagely, Hanlon getting the worst of it.

Round 12. Hanlon pressed his man, and after a series of clinches he cut loose and rained fierce blows on Corbett's face. In return Corbett tried right and left swings, some of which missed. But two landed squarely on the face. 13. Corbett landed right and left. (Continued on sixth page.)

Williams Says He Has Not Resigned the Presidency

But He Leaves It Open to Believe the Report That the Board of Directors Is Expected to Make Changes

New York, Dec. 29.—John Skelton Williams, president of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, was asked today regarding the reported impending change in the official staff of the system, and said:

"No resignation have been offered or will be. The annual meeting for the election of officers of the Seaboard Air Line Railway will be held by the board of directors within the next thirty days. No changes are expected to take place before that meeting. The members of the board are working together in entire harmony, and if any changes should be made they will be such as will meet the views of the whole board and will be satisfactory to all concerned.

"The reports that there have been any hitches in the negotiations recently consummated with the Ryan-Coolidge interests are unfounded, and matters are moving along smoothly and satisfactorily."

Bryan's Opinions Unchanged

London, Dec. 29.—William Jennings Bryan arrived in London from the continent today. He will sail for home on the White Star liner Celtic tomorrow. Discussing his trip today, Mr. Bryan said:

"I have learned much during my tour, but nothing that alters my views on various topics. I return a better American than when I departed." Asked about the political situation in America as bearing on the coming presidential campaign, Mr. Bryan said: "I do not care to discuss possible nominees for the presidency now. So far as I can see at present I will support whoever the Democratic party selects."

PANAMA POLITICS

Dr. Arosemana Has Parts of a Constitution in His Pocket

New York, Dec. 29.—Dr. Pablo Arosemana, who represented the Panama republic here for several weeks in a semi-diplomatic capacity, sailed today on the steamship Segurana for Panama. Mr. Arosemana was elected last Sunday to be a delegate to the constitutional convention to be held in Panama early next month. He hinted today that he carries with him certain sections that he will offer for insertion in the constitution of the new republic. He said: "Every delegate will probably have his views already written to submit, and we ought not to have much trouble in drafting a constitution, which will be patterned after that of the United States."

FIGHT AT A DANCE

Pistols Used and Burgin Yerberry Dangerously Wounded

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 29.—Special. News was received here tonight of a shooting affray on Cane river, some time during the progress of a dance last night or early this morning. It seems that the people of the Cane river section, some fifteen miles from this city, were attending a dance when a difficulty arose between two men present and shooting commenced.

Railway Foreclosures

Chicago, Dec. 29.—The Railway Age tomorrow will say: "The year 1903 takes the palm for the smallest record of foreclosure sales in every respect—number of roads, mileage, bonded debt and capital stock. Since the year of greatest activity in bringing roads to the block (1896) when the sales included 68 roads with 13,730 miles of lines, with \$1,150,000,000 of bonds and stocks, a decrease in foreclosures has been constant and remarkable. In 1903 the totals were roads 13, mileage 555, bonds and stocks \$15,885,000."

GAMBLING IN COTTON

The English Trade Wants to Break Up the Practice

Manchester, England, Dec. 29.—A mass meeting of the cotton trade, held here today, adopted a resolution strongly condemning "international cotton gambling, which has greatly injured the trade, resulting in serious losses and lessened employment, thus bringing great distress," and also inviting the government to receive a representative deputation with the object of urging measures to prevent "gambling in cotton." The meeting was well attended by representative men.

C. W. Macara, president of the Masters' Federation, in moving the resolution, said the development of the cotton industry throughout the world had been such as to make it necessary, if the situation was to be effectively met, to form an international combination to reduce consumption. Lack of foresight in allowing "combinations of gamblers" to assume gigantic dimensions before taking steps to counteract them by equally powerful combinations was responsible for the prevailing abuses. Legislation was required to deal with the present grave national condition.