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WILL ASSERT ITS MANHOOD

Cotton Convention Not to be Swayed from Plan

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LIQUOR IN JURY ROOM

Withdraws Endorsement of Hawaii Judge

Governor Carter Says Jury Was Kept All Night in Florida Business Before Term Expired—Judge Robinson Endorsed by Bar Association and Jurors and Others.

(By the Associated Press.)
Honolulu, Jan. 12.—Governor Carter has called President Roosevelt with drawing his recommendation for the appointment of Circuit Judge W. J. Robinson, whose term expires January 12.

Governor Carter criticized Judge Robinson on account of some occurrences during a recent civil trial in which the jury was kept all night in order to finish business before the expiration of the court term. While the jury was deliberating from 2 to 3 o'clock in the morning attorneys, it is charged, had brought liquor into the jury's chamber. There is no charge that Judge Robinson over-indulged, but Governor Carter says that the action was improper and scandalous.

Judge Robinson has cabled to Washington asking for delay of action until the mail brings the affidavit of attorneys, jurors and other persons.

A special meeting of the bar association has been called for the purpose of giving its endorsement of Judge Robinson. It is thought that Governor Carter has made no charge at Washington, but has merely asked in withdrawal his endorsement.

ALL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS OFF

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 12.—All diplomatic relations between Venezuela and France are broken, it is said at the State Department, and although it is stated no formal or official information to this effect has been received the officials assumed that in accordance with the usual procedure this will involve the early departure from Venezuela of M. Talguy, the French representative there, and from France of M. Maubourguet, the Venezuelan agent at Paris. In the event that the request is made by France, it is stated permission will be cabled to Minister Russell to look after French interests.

MORALES REFUGEE IN AMERICAN LEGATION

(By the Associated Press.)
San Domingo, Republic of Santo Domingo, Jan. 12.—The fugitive President Morales has sought refuge in the American legation here. Negotiations are in progress with the object of inducing General Morales to resign the presidency and leave Santo Domingo.

It is claimed here that the step taken by Morales in seeking the protection of the American flag virtually puts an end to the disturbances in this republic.

Washington, Jan. 12.—The State Department received advice by cable which makes it apparent that the difficulty is at an end in Santo Domingo. They were to the effect that on the morning of the 11th instant Morales claimed asylum at the American legation. He has voluntarily resigned his presidential office and is going to San Juan, Porto Rico.

ACQUITTAL FOR JOHN W. HILL

(By the Associated Press.)
Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 12.—Judge Audenreid today instructed the jury in the case of John W. Hill, former chief of the filtration bureau, who was charged with forgery and falsification of records, to bring in a verdict of acquittal. The trial had been in progress nine days.

OKA'S TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

(By the Associated Press.)
Tolko, Jan. 12.—General Oka, who commanded the left army during the war with Russia, made a triumphal entry into the capital this morning. The general and his staff, drove in imperial carriage to the palace. The greatest enthusiasm was manifested by the people who lined the route, cries of "Nanshan" and "Telling" greeting the general, who isolated Port Arthur at a critical stage of the campaign.

A VAST WATER POWER PROJECT

A Hundred Millions to be Put in It

(By the Associated Press.)
Portland, Ore., Jan. 12.—A vast project to take up the water of Feather River in northern California and carry it through tunnels and aqueducts until 400,000 horse-power has been developed, or enough to supply all the towns of the Sacramento Valley, Oakland, Alameda and Berkeley, with electric power, is the purpose of a \$50,000,000 corporation organized by I. Brown Wilson & Company of New York and San Francisco. The corporation is backed by F. H. Ray, Edwin Hawley, and A. C. Bedford, all prominent in the financial world of New York city, and the project is but the nucleus of a vast plan of similar projects which will extend through Oregon and Washington, and for which \$100,000,000 is to be set aside for development.

Such is the statement of Frank L. Brown and Marsden Hanson, San Francisco engineers who are in this city.

By means of this great project it will be possible to generate approximately 400,000 horse-power, or more than three times the power furnished by the plant in Niagara Falls.

This project is at the head of the Sacramento Valley and will furnish power for this valley and to San Francisco by means of two pole transmission lines 175 miles in length.

LETTER BRINGS NEWS OF DEWEY.

(By the Associated Press.)
Norfolk, Va., Jan. 12.—The first mail received here from the naval collier expedition now towing the drydock Dewey to the Philippine Islands brought a letter from Capt. J. D. Wood, dated January 3, 200 miles off the Bermuda Islands, in which the commander of the dock Dewey says:

"We have had favorable winds, made good time and the Dewey's crew is well and happy. If you could be aboard for a couple of days in this beautiful weather with its balmy breezes, you would want to be a sailor. We had one little shake up from the northwest in the zone of Cape Hatteras, but the Dewey proved herself master of the situation and fared better than any ship in the fleet."

Captain Wood in his letter tells of a heretofore unpublished incident in connection with the sailing of the dock Dewey from Solomon's Island, in Chesapeake Bay, when his wife, from the deck of the collier Lebanon, gave her blessing and a mascot by sprinkling rice on the Dewey and threw an old shoe on board.

FIGHT TONIGHT

(By the Associated Press.)
Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 12.—Much interest is aroused over the fight tonight at the Pacific Athletic Club pavilion between "Young" Corbett and young Aurelia Herrerra. The men are matched to weigh in at 6 o'clock at 135 pounds. Both have been training hard for the contest and are said to be in good condition. There is much betting on the outcome with odds on Corbett at 10 to 9. Particular interest is attached to the fight because of the expectations that he winner will later meet either Britt or Nelson and probably both of the seasons.

ORGANIZING BIG NEW FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(Special to The Evening Times.)
Greensboro, N. C., Jan. 12.—There was a big meeting here when prominent local and out of the city financiers held a conference preliminary to organizing a fire insurance company with \$750,000 capital, designed to do business in several other States as well as North Carolina. An important announcement concerning this new insurance corporation will be made in a few days.

SAY MURRAY CANNOT LIVE

If He Continues to Serve Many Seats Handed Over Without Contest

(By the Associated Press.)
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In the course of the day two more Liberals were elected without contest. Nominations were made to-day in 100 boroughs. The elections in these boroughs will commence to-morrow and last several days. Ipswich is the only borough polling to-day. For the last ten years Ipswich has returned one Conservative and one Liberal. Both the late members, Sir Charles Dalrymple, Conservative, and Daniel Ford Goddard, Liberal, are candidates for re-election, and both political parties are making strenuous efforts to capture the seats. The workmen have a large majority of the votes, so the campaign centers on the fiscal fight.

One of the remarkable features of the campaign is the extraordinary number of seats handed over to the Liberals without any attempt of the Unionists to contest them. This is attributed in conservative circles to the certainty that the Liberals will win the election, it being argued that it is better to reserve the conservative strength for a later struggle, which is anticipated after the Liberals have held office a year or two, when the Unionists contend that the chances of their being returned to power will be more promising.

There is, however, great uncertainty on all sides as to the extent of the Liberal victory. The Liberal enthusiasts claim that their party will have a working majority independent of the Irish nationalists, but more conservative estimates give Premier Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman a majority of only sixty or seventy, leaving the Irish nationalists the balance of power.

WOMAN AND SONS HELD

Charged With Murder of a Man Last Summer

George Reed, a Wood-Chopper, Disappeared and Body Was Found in a Shallow Grave—Confession by Drunken Man of This and Another Killing.

(By the Associated Press.)
Phillipsburg, Mont., Jan. 12.—Edward and Robert Franz and their mother have been arrested in this city charged with the murder of George Reed.

Late last summer the long absence of Reed, a wood-chopper, caused a search to be instituted, and his body was found in a shallow grave in the vicinity of Franz Ranch, where Reed had his cabin. A large tree had been felled so that in falling the branches covered the grave.

The arrest was based upon the fact that Edward Franz, while on a spree, confessed to the murder and also admitted the killing of a man named Pongratz, who mysteriously disappeared from Phillipsburg about five years ago. Pongratz was an employee of the Bimetallic Mine at this city. He left home one morning in his working clothes for the mill, but did not return, and no tidings had been received of him since, until this confession of Edward Franz.

AN ARCHITECT IS ACCUSED.

(By the Associated Press.)
Dallas, Texas, Jan. 12.—Charged with having set fire to the Chesney building last Tuesday, in which two lives were lost and a number of persons were injured, E. H. Silvan, a well known architect and occupant of the building, was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Chief of Police R. P. Keith, charging murder.

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GOD NEVER ORDAINED ANY LEISURE CLASS.

(By the Associated Press.)
Chicago, Jan. 12.—"God never ordained any leisure class," said Judge Peter S. Grosscup, of the United States circuit court, last night in an address in the new Hyde Park Baptist church. "It is pull, pull, pull at the oars, up stream all the time. God intends that men should work."

Judge Grosscup's subject was "The public conscience and the church." He said the financial investigation and scandals are not significant of a degenerating age, but show that the world is growing better. Judge Grosscup paid a tribute to the memory of President Harper of Chicago University. "Because of the death of this great man it seems as though the world were different to-day than it was yesterday," he said, "as though one of its lights had gone out, or one of its sign posts removed. He was a great investigator, a renowned scholar, a profound creator, but greater than his scholarship, greater than his imagination, was his confidence that God had put in his trust that strong, noble brain. President Harper showed his strength of character by the humble submission in which he met death."

ARMY RECORD BROKEN

Battery Went 1,100 Miles in 55 Days

(By the Associated Press.)
Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 12.—A special to the Star from Fort Sam Houston, Texas, says:
The sixth field battery of the United States artillery, commanded by Captain G. W. Gatchell, entered Fort Sam Houston to-day amid the cheers of the garrison. The battery broke the world's record for long distance practice, the march of artillery having covered the estimated 1,100 miles from Fort Riley, Kan., to Fort Sam Houston in fifty-five days.

The battery was compelled to make several detours in order to evade bad roads and unusually rough country. This made the distance which it actually covered considerably longer than by rail.

It is asserted by army men here that it is by far the longest practice march ever made by artillery in time of peace, and that no forced march in time of war with the exception of Napoleon's retreat from Moscow compares with it in distance.

The men are haggard and lean. Many of them were scarcely able to travel. The horses resembled moving skeletons.

A blizzard swept down upon the battery last Monday morning just after it left Austin. It continued during nearly all of the remainder of the march to San Antonio, about ninety miles. The men walked nearly the whole distance in order to keep warm.

The battery lost one man, Private Arthur Hall, during the march. He died in the hospital at Austin from malaria, caused, according to the statement of physicians who attended him, by exposure and hardship encountered on the march.

AN AUTO FAST IN QUICKSANDS

(By the Associated Press.)
Chicago, Jan. 12.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Gallup, N. M., says:
An automobile driven by Percy Margal and David Ensett is fast in the quicksands near Artec, Ariz. After being warned to keep away from the Rio Puerco Ford, the tourists attempted to cross on the frozen ground. The crust broke and the automobile sank. Both men finally got on solid ground, having a narrow escape. The car has sunk to the headlights. An effort is being made to save it. The accident occurred near the point where three passenger coaches were lost some years ago in the quicksands. A team and wagon were lost in the same ford a few days ago.

BOY KILLED BY HIS FRIEND.

(Special to The Evening Times.)
Washington, N. C., Jan. 12.—A very sad accident occurred in this city yesterday afternoon when Harwell Thompson, the seventeen-year-old son of Rev. L. E. Thompson, accidentally shot and killed his friend and playmate David Nelms. Thompson was holding the pistol and in some way it was discharged, the load entering Nelms' head and killing him almost instantly.

Nelms was a promising young man, having many friends in the city. Thompson is nearly frantic over the sad occurrence. The remains were taken to Suffolk, Va., this morning for interment. Young Nelms was the son of Mr. A. L. Nelms.

CONDUCTOR HURT ON A. & N. C.

(Special to The Evening Times.)
Kinston, N. C., Jan. 12.—D. B. Oglesby, Jr., conductor of a log train on the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad, had his foot terribly mashed here this morning. He was attempting to couple two cars together when his foot was caught between the bumpers, holding him in this position for some time. He was given medical attention by Dr. Whitaker, who thinks probably it will not be necessary to amputate his leg. Mr. Oglesby is from Southport.

Norfolk Dairy Burned.

(By the Associated Press.)
Norfolk, Va., Jan. 12.—The Orange Grove Dairy in Norfolk county, owned by T. E. Brickhouse, was destroyed by fire last night. Twenty-two cows and two calves were cremated. The insurance is small. The cause of the fire is unknown.

GRAND JURY AFTER JUSTICES

Investigating Conduct of Wake Magistrates

(By the Associated Press.)
Tells Grand Jury to Make Thorough Inquiry Into Policy and Acts of Magistrates—May Remain in Session Next Week if Necessary.

The grand jury is investigating the conduct of some magistrates in Wake county and Judge Ward has authorized the body to remain in session next week if necessary in order to make a thorough inquiry and ascertain whether these justices of the peace have been acting illegally.

The matter came to public notice today when Judge Ward requested that the grand jury be brought into the court room. When this was done the judge stated that the magistrates in a county were sworn officers of the law, men on whom rested in a measure the enforcement of law, and the grand jury should see that they did their duty.

Judge Ward then directed the grand jury's attention to three points at least for investigation. If magistrates are compromising or assuming jurisdiction in cases which are not within their province, as for example, where a deadly weapon is used or larceny is charged, they should be presented by the grand jury. Another point was that the magistrates should make proper settlements with the county and an inspection of the books by the grand jury to see if this is being done according to law should be made. Besides this, if any magistrates were sending cases to court in order to get the fees when it was evident that the grand jury would not find a true bill, then they were not keeping their oath. In numerous cases from magistrates' courts the grand jury at this term has found "not a true bill" Judge Ward said that constables from Raleigh and other townships could be summoned before the grand jury and they could get at the facts in these matters.

GRANDSON OF MAJOR GEN. CHARLES LEE IN WANT.

(By the Associated Press.)
Chicago, Jan. 12.—Gray haired and bent with age, Samuel Lee, who claims to be the grandson of Major General Charles Lee, of revolutionary fame was an applicant for lodging at the Harrison Street police station last night. Justice Caverly, to whom he told the story of his plight, gave him the price of a bed, and he hobbled away to a Clark street lodging house.

Lee was born in Philadelphia. He was color-bearer of Company E, Twenty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers in the war of the rebellion. At the battle of Lookout Mountain his right hand was shot off. He receives a pension from the government of \$22 a month. Coming to Chicago before the fires of 1871, he has lived here since. He has been employed in the county recorder's office, he said, and also in the post-office under Colonel Stuart.

YEAR'S OPENING IS FAVORABLE.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, Jan. 12.—Dispatches to Dun's Review indicate that the new year is opening favorably in staple lines of merchandise, while manufacturers have sufficient orders to assure activity for some time to come. Bank clearings again make a new high record and show the largest volume of settlements through the banks, mainly for current account, ever reported in a single week. Total exchanges this week at all leading cities in the United States are \$3,569,666,424, a gain of 32.2 per cent. over last year.

DEATH OF MRS. LUCY E. POLK.

(Special to The Evening Times.)
Warrenton, N. C., Jan. 12.—Mrs. Lucy E. Polk, the venerable widow of Col. William A. Polk, and sister-in-law of President Polk, died here yesterday morning and was buried here at eleven-thirty o'clock this morning.