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LEE STATUE FOR CAPITOL.

Virginians Will Ask Secretary Hay If Government Will Accept It.

Members of the Virginia delegation will call on Secretary Hay in a day or two to learn if the government will accept a statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee and give it a place in Statuary Hall.

Senator Halsey has already introduced a bill in the Virginia legislature providing for this statue, in keeping with the act of Congress of 1865, which empowers the Secretary of State to invite each state in the Union to have statues of her two most noted men presented to the government and placed in Statuary Hall. Senator John Daniel is said to be behind the measure.

Some persons believe the choice is not with the Secretary of State, it being entirely with the several states. In speaking of the case, Representative James Hay, of Virginia, said:

"I think it would be a fitting tribute to the great soldier, yet I think it would be unwise to have it offered and rejected. If it be acceptable on the part of the government then I think it would be well to present it. But if it is to stir up old time prejudices, as the admission of his name to the Hall of fame in New York did, I think it would be an unwise step."

This reflects the opinion of the majority of the Virginians in Congress, on the subject.—Washington dispatch.

Save the Boys.

One of the most potent arguments in favor of a State reformatory for young criminals has been given in our midst. Four boys, under 16 years of age, with all the scheming and daring of border outlaws, broke into one of our leading stores in the night time. The leader of the gang is one upon whom nature has not smiled pleasantly in every respect, but who is a bright minded and ingenious lad who could be moulded into a useful man under the right training. Guilty already of high crime, the only true punishment for them is through an institution now most needed in the State, but which we do not have—a State reformatory. These boys need to have a severe lesson taught them now. To allow them to continue as they begun means to make criminals of them. It is to be hoped, however, that good and not harm will grow from what has already proven a severe lesson to them and the entire community.—Stanley Enterprise.

Cuffs as Postal Cards.

In the list of regulations regarding the United States mail service the government has named some of the things which may not be sent through the mails. It has also prescribed the weight and size of packages. But it has not stated that a man may write his name on the bosom of a dirty shirt, affix the necessary stamps, and send it home untried to be laundered.

Apparently this could easily be done. A colored cuff, with Lou Houseman's name written across it, made the journey in a mail bag all the way from San Jose, Cal., to Chicago last week, and was not such a bad looking cuff when it reached its destination. The freak postal card was mailed at St. Jose at 22 A. M., on November 17th. It reached Chicago three days later. It did not bear the words "postal card," nor was there any indication, save for the two cent stamps and the address that it was intended for transmission through the mails.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

IN THE LEGISLATURE.

Some of the Work Being Done by the North Carolina Solons.

Below will be found some of the most important bills introduced in the legislature during the past few days:

To amend law relative to divorce for abandonment.

To establish a system of roads in Madison county.

To amend law relating to the Farmers' Mutual Fire Association.

To amend law relating to the public banking system of North Carolina.

To provide an arsenal, hall of records, etc., to be built corner of Morgan and Salisbury streets, at a cost of \$25,000.

Making the insuring of the lives of infants under ten years of age unlawful.

To provide for husband and wife after five years divorce.

For the care of lunatics, idiots and inebriates, confined in private hospitals.

To amend Chapter 65, Laws 1895, allowing corporations to sell bonds for less than par.

To fix penalty for carrying concealed weapons.

To regulate child labor.

Fisher's Last Run.

It is said that Engineer T. L. Fisher told his friends before leaving Asheville on his run yesterday morning, that he expected it to be his last run. Fisher's prediction has come true. It was his last run. Fisher had meant to give up railroad work, and this is what he referred to when he spoke of going on his last trip. As a result of injuries received in yesterday's wreck near Hildebrand, he died early this morning at the Mission hospital.

Fisher was an old railroad engineer, highly popular and a most efficient engineer. He was brought to the hospital yesterday afternoon. He had a severe scalp wound and was also internally injured. It is said that when he realized that a collision was imminent, he jumped through the cab window of his engine head-foremost and fell upon his face. The injuries of the others in the wreck are not serious, as was first reported.

An investigation of the cause of the wreck will be held here tomorrow. It is believed that the blame will be attached to the conductor of the first train, who did not send out his flagman.—Asheville special to Raleigh Post, 28rd.

Interceding for Pulliam.

The News has it from a very reliable source that Judge James E. Boyd, of the Western District, is now in Washington interceding with President Roosevelt for the pardon of Lawrence Pulliam, ex-cashier of the defunct First National Bank of Asheville.

News readers will recall that at the last term of the Federal Court in Charlotte, Pulliam was adjudged guilty of embezzling \$7,500 of the funds of the late First National Bank of Asheville, and was sentenced to six months in the county jail of Buncombe, and to pay a fine of \$500. Since the passing of the sentence, powerful influences have been at work in behalf of the condemned man.—Charlotte News.

You Know What You Are Taking

When you take Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic because the formula is plainly printed on every bottle showing that it is simply Iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. No cure, No pay. 50c.

AFTER FIFTEEN YEARS.

Letter Containing Acceptance of Marriage Proposal, not Mailed.

Binghamton, N. Y., Jan. 22.—There was a quiet wedding last evening, the finish of a remarkable romance. The bride was Miss Jennie Barrows, a spinster, whose home is near Tonnawagon, Washington, and the groom was Howard Harris, who fifteen years ago asked her to marry him, and got his answer last week. Harris and Miss Barrows lived near here, and fell in love. Harris, without proposing marriage, went east to better himself, and kept up a correspondence until ready to wed. He asked his sweetheart to become his wife, by mail, but never received a reply. The sudden breaking off to the correspondence was taken to mean a negative.

Once he wrote, but again there was no reply, and he gave it up. Meanwhile she had written in the affirmative, but hearing nothing from him, concluded he had repented his offer and grew angry, so when his second letter reached her it was destroyed unread. Two months ago her brother in Tioga county died. While looking over his effects she came across a coat, in the lining of which was the letter of acceptance she had given him to mail, which he had lost and forgotten. She at once procured the address of Harris, wrote him an apology, and, as he was still single, the wedding was the result.

He Draws the Color Line.

Roanoke, Va., Jan. 28.—The colored population of Roanoke is stirred up over the refusal of Rev. R. R. Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church, to allow the funeral of Rufus Moore, one of his members, to be held in the church or to officiate at the funeral. His reasons are that a white undertaker had been employed instead of one of his own race, and he also stated that the treatment of President Roosevelt's negro appointments by the whites was responsible for his attitude. He believed that a negro undertaker should bury negroes.

On the other hand the friends of the dead man allege that Parson Jones is a partner in the only negro undertaking establishment here. Jones has the largest congregation and the costliest church edifice for negro worshippers, in southwest Virginia.

Gov. Aycock Denies the Atlanta Story.

Atlanta papers are printing a story to the effect that Governor Aycock asked Governor Terrell, of Georgia, for a pardon for a North Carolinian in the penitentiary there, and offered to swap pardons, that is to pardon any Georgian in the penitentiary here. The Observer correspondent talked with Governor Aycock about this matter last night and the Governor said he had made no such proposition. He had written to Governor Terrell, in regard to the pardon of a North Carolinian, but had made no offer to trade pardons.—Raleigh dispatch.

One Hundred Dollars a Box

is the value H. A. Tisdale, Summerton, S. C., places on DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. He says: "I had the piles for 20 years. I tried many doctors and medicines, except DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It cured me." It is a combination of the healing properties of Witch Hazel with antiseptics and emollients; relieves and permanently cures blind, bleeding, itching and protruding piles, sores, cuts, bruises, eczema, salt rheum and all skin diseases.—Jas. Plummer.

RECTOR STRUCK IT RICH.

A Minister's Act of Charity Unexpectedly Brings Wealth to Him.

New York, Jan. 22.—Rev. W. E. Macon, who is credited with a sudden rise from the position of a poor rector to that of a millionaire, is at the Waldorf.

Captain Lawrence, a miner, was taken ill while in Ogden, last September. One of the hotel clerks mentioned his critical condition to Mr. Mason, who was the rector of Christ Protestant Episcopal Church there on a small salary. The clergyman visited the miner, called a doctor, got medicine for him and nursed the invalid back to health.

Upon his recovery Captain Lawrence gave to Mr. Mason some certificates of stock in a mining company. The stock had no markable value at the time, but subsequently became sought after. Gold in great quantities was yielded by the vein about Christmas. Mr. Mason resigned his rectorship upon realizing that he had become wealthy.

Liquor in Tennessee.

Nashville, Jan. 23.—In a short time only eight cities in the state of Tennessee will have the privilege of selling intoxicating liquor as a beverage. These cities are Nashville, Memphis, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Jackson, Bristol, Columbia and Clarksville. All other cities and villages will be dry.

This revolution in the liquor traffic in Tennessee, will be made by the Adams bill, which will be passed soon by the legislature. The measure was carried in the Senate yesterday by a vote of 20 to 12, and it is expected to pass the House by a large majority. The bill prohibits the sale of liquor in towns of less than 5,000 inhabitants.

Brazil Preparing for War.

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 23.—The tension of relations between Brazil and Bolivia is increasing. It is generally believed a rupture is unavoidable. News of the departure of the Acre expedition from La Paz caused great excitement here.

The government resolved to send military and naval forces not only to Amazonas, but also to the province of Matto Grosso, on the southern frontier of Bolivia. The cruisers Marisol, Deodoro and Tapi, as well as various minor vessels, received orders to go to Manaus, where there also will be sent a division under command of Gen. Cesar Sampaio.

The Government believes that the United States will remain neutral in the Acre conflict.

Poisoned by a Pig's Bite.

New York, Jan. 23.—Miss Julia Martin, a chorus girl, was bitten by a pig last Thursday on the right arm and blood poison has since set in. The pig was a property of the play in which Miss Martin appeared and became savage because one of the supers tweaked his tail to make him squeal.

On Saturday Miss Martin was forced to stop playing, and has consented to try formalin as a cure. Her physician will make the injection of the germicide this morning.

Domestic Troubles.

It is exceptional to find a family where there is no domestic rupture occasionally, but these can be lessened by having Dr. King's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they save by their great work in Stomach and Liver troubles. They not only relieve you, but cure. 25c. at all druggists.

GLOOMY FOR THE CANAL.

Possibly the Nicaragua Route Will be Chosen After All.

Washington, Jan. 22.—With the outlook for legislation on many important subjects extremely gloomy, members of the Senate, with only the exception of the leading advocates of the Panama route, unite in declaring that unless a canal treaty is sent to the Senate within a very short time there will be no Congressional action at all in this direction.

This means that a treaty with Nicaragua, which can easily be negotiated within a week, must be sent to Congress soon or construction of the inter-oceanic water-way will be deferred for at least another year, and probably two, with the embarrassing question of whether or not the appropriation will be available after the adjournment of the Fifty-seventh Congress being brought into discussion again. The feeling is growing more pronounced that the "reasonable time" allowed by the Canal act for the President to negotiate a treaty with Columbia providing for the construction of the Panama canal has expired.

Leading members of both houses declare that Columbia's unwillingness to enter into a treaty upon terms compatible with the interests of the United States is now apparent, and that the only course left open to the Administration is to turn to Nicaragua.

Can't Read the Bible in Schools.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 23.—Reading of the Bible in the public schools of Nebraska, is not to be prohibited. This is the gist of an opinion delivered today by Chief Justice Sullivan, of the Supreme Court, in which he practically reverses the decision rendered by the same court a few months ago. Chief Justice Sullivan in effect says the use of the Bible in the schools is lawful; that the only point where the courts might rightfully interfere is to prevent the Bible where its legitimate use has degenerated into abuse.

Utley Sentenced to Twenty Years.

Fayetteville, N. C., Jan. 23.—The jury returned a verdict of murder in the second degree in the case of E. L. Utley for killing Clerk Hollingsworth.

Judge C. M. Cooke then sentenced Utley to twenty years in the penitentiary at hard labor. The defendant appealed, and asked for bail.

This is a new question under the new laws and Judge Cooke said that he would hear the motions at some later day.

A Quartette of Negro Toughs.

Hamburg, Jan. 22.—Four negroes called at the American consulate today and demanded money to return to the United States. When the demands were refused they smashed the office furniture, cut the pictures with their pocket knives and threatened to kill the consulate staff. The police were called and the four were landed in jail.

Wilcox's Appeal.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Jan. 22.—Hon. E. F. Aydtlett, the man to whom James Wilcox owes his life, said tonight: "I have not yet abandoned hope of acquitting my client." I shall asked the supreme court to grant him a new trial on the ground of errors in admission of evidence, errors in declining to give instructions as prayed, errors in charge given and insufficient evidence to sustain verdict."

TRIED TO BRIDE HIM.

Five Thousand Dollars Offered a Member of Congress for His Vote.

Representative Mantague Lessler, of New York, a member of the committee on naval affairs of the House, today in a meeting of that committee made the sensational charge that he had been offered \$5,000 as a bribe to vote for the purchase of more Holland torpedo boats by the government. This offer, Mr. Lessler said, had been made about a year ago, a short while after his election to the 57th Congress, and was renewed at the beginning of the present session during the fight of the Holland Company to secure further government contracts.

Mr. Lessler was asked by the members of the committee to give the name of the man who had offered the bribe, but refused to do so. On being pressed to give the name Mr. Lessler finally said that the bribe had been offered through his clerk, that the man who offered the bribe was an ex-congressman, but that he must refuse to mention his name. The committee thereupon appointed a sub-committee of five members, of which Chairman Foss of the full committee is the chairman, to investigate the whole matter.

Representatives of the Holland Boat Company who were seen tonight, say that if the bribe was offered, as Representative Lessler asserts, it was not made with the authorization of their company. Representative Lessler was not at his hotel at a late hour tonight, and could not be found to state his side of the case.—Washington dispatch.

Emperor Reported Ill.

Vienna, Jan. 23.—At a public ball yesterday the heir to the throne, Princess Francis Ferdinand, stated that the Emperor was unable to attend owing to continued illhealth. This is a flat contradiction of an official announcement that the Emperor is in perfect health and the Princess' announcement caused much anxiety.

Crushed to Death.

Pilot Mountain, N. C., Jan. 23.—Willis Chandler, 20 years old, engineer of J. F. Jones' saw and flour mills, was killed yesterday while trying to put a belt on a shaft wheel while the engine was running at full speed. His left arm was caught and he was thrown around the shaft several times. His left arm was torn from his body. His chest was beat into a jelly and he was otherwise horribly mutilated.

England's Position.

London, Jan. 23.—It is stated today on good authority that the British foreign office is preparing to abandon Germany altogether on account of the growing sentiment against the Kaiser's policy with Venezuela. It is believed that an official disclaimer of any approval of Germany's belligerence will soon be forthcoming.

Tried to Conceal It.

It's the old story of "murder will out" only in this case there's no crime. A woman feels rundown has backache or dyspepsia, and think it's nothing and tries to hide it until she finally breaks down. Don't deceive yourself. Take Electric Bitters at once. It has a reputation for curing Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles and will revivify your whole system. The worst forms of those maladies will quickly yield to the curative power of Electric Bitters. Only 50c, and guaranteed by all druggists.