

Otto Wood Is Now In the Custody of Officials In Terra Haute, Indiana

He Was Shot Four Times Just Below His Heart on January 19th by a Druggist in Indiana.

IDENTIFIED BY HIS FINGER PRINTS

Is Wanted by the Federal Government on a Charge of Stealing Automobiles and Other Offenses.

Raleigh, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Otto Wood, Greensboro murderer, who escaped three times from state prison here, has been recaptured, for the third time, state prison Superintendent Poy informed the Associated Press today.

Wood, who was originally received at the state prison here in 1923 for the murder of A. W. Kaplan, Greensboro pawn-broker, under a 30-year sentence, in the Terre Haute, Ind., jail, with his disposition doubtful.

He is wanted here to complete his sentence, but the Indiana law holds him on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, and attempt to rob, which calls for a 10 to 20 year sentence, and the Federal government wants him for violation of the national automobile theft act, Mr. Poy said.

Wood was recaptured in Terre Haute on January 25, following an attempted holdup, Mr. Poy said. A druggist shot him four times below the heart on January 19, but Wood survived as his vital organs were not touched.

On January 19 he held up a brakeman in Indiana and secured his watch, a small amount of money, and the brakeman's clothes, Mr. Poy said.

On February 8, he was identified through his finger prints, supplied by the North Carolina authorities. The Terre Haute Chief of Police made the identification, and Wood is being held under the chief's personal charge.

On January 7th Wood is alleged to have stolen a Ford coupe in Roanoke, Virginia.

Mr. Poy has been trying to bring Wood back here, while Indiana, and Federal authorities are pressing for him.

Wood was received here December 1923, escaped May 10, 1924; was recaptured November 22, 1926 the last time.

Superintendent Poy said Wood gave the name of Edward Haas, when arrested at Terre Haute. He said he today received a letter from Terre Haute officials containing a picture of Wood, and that this completed the identification.

BUTCHER'S FEUD ENDS WITH DEATH OF TWO
Harry Gordon, 34, Fatally Shoots Two Business Rivals.—Trouble Started Three Years Ago.

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 12.—(AP)—A butcher's feud which had raged for three years and ended today with two of the participants dead, a third under arrest, and two others wounded.

Tired with what he thought was the slow process of the courts, in settling his business difficulties, Harry Gordon, 34, took the law into his own hands last night, armed himself with two pistols, and set forth on a shooting orgy which resulted in the death of Harry Katz and Sam Blair, two of his business rivals, the possible fatal shooting of Morris Klass, friend of Gordon's, and wounding of Frank Cohen. All were butchers.

After the shooting, Gordon attended to the movies, occupying a seat next to Leonard Meltzer, a friend. He remained in the theatre for nearly two hours, relating the story of the evening's events and showing his two pistols to Meltzer. The latter, however, thought he was fooling and did not report the matter to police until after Gordon was captured.

Gordon was arrested at the home of a friend by policemen who had been lying in wait for him.

STREET PAVING BILL IS INTERESTING SOLONS

It is Said to Give Municipalities Power to Make Assessments Without Petition of Property Owners.

Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Feb. 12.—Is the North Carolina Municipal Association trying to "put over" a bill for the convenience of city governments, which is likely to cost property owners in those cities thousands of dollars, mostly for paving and other improvements, without their consent?

This is a question of being asked by several members of the legislature who have taken the time to carefully examine Senate Bill 329, introduced by Senator J. M. Broughton, of Wake, at the request of the State Municipal Association. The bill, according to its title, would provide a method whereby "one or more local improvements and the assessments therefor may be made in a single proceeding."

All of which sounds innocent enough. And there is nothing in the first seven sections of the bill over which any one could become excited. But section 8, the section setting forth the conditions under which a petition is unnecessary for making improvements, is one of considerable danger, at least to the property owners, according to several members of the general assembly.

Under this section, as it is now being construed, the governing body of any city or town, is empowered to pave streets, lay sewers and water mains, and even build sidewalks, whenever in its "judgment" any or all of these things become necessary to the general betterment of the city, the proportionate cost to be assessed against the abutting property owners, whether they desire this work done or not. Here is the section:

"Section 8. When a petition unnecessary. Whenever in the judgment of the governing body of any municipality any street or part of a street is unsafe and dangerous, or whenever the paving or repaving of any street or part thereof is necessary in order to connect streets already paved, or whenever the paving of any street is necessary to connect any paved portion of any municipality's streets with any paved highway outside the corporate limits of such municipality, whenever the paving of any street, or part thereof is necessary to provide a paved approach to any railroad underpass or overpass or other bridge, if in such case in the opinion of the governing body, public interest requires that while no petition be made, and in the opinion of the governing body, the abutting property will be benefited by said improvement to the extent of the part thereof to be assessed against such abutting property, the governing body may, without petition of the property owners, order the making of such improvement."

Whenever any such improvement is ordered made by authority of this section, the ordering of the paving of any street or part thereof may include the necessary water and sewer materials, and it may, but need not include the construction of sidewalks on one or both sides of the street."

Thus from a reading of this section, it will be seen that the governing body of any municipality is given extremely wide powers, in deciding upon the improvements to be made, according to those who have examined the bill.

"While it is true that the governing body of any city must have certain powers, especially with regard to paving, it seems to me that this act gives entirely too much power to the governing body of any municipality, and I doubt seriously whether it should be enacted," said Representative George Younce of Guilford, when the bill was called to his attention. Similar expression was made by Representative C. G. Wright, also of Greensboro, and who had not yet read the bill.

Several of the other members of the general assembly from the large cities of the State were asked about the bill, and this provision, but none of them had read the bill, but thought they were much interested and intimated that they would oppose it if not properly amended.

In this connection it is recalled that a bill giving virtually this same power to the governing body of the city of Durham met with vigorous opposition before the committee, and a new bill was later drawn and submitted that contained certain safeguards for the property owners.

Now that the contents of this bill have been revealed, it is likely to encounter much more opposition than its framers anticipated.

Health Officer Vaccinates 40 in Transylvania.
Brevard, N. C., Feb. 11.—Dr. S. E. Buchanan, recently employed as health officer of Transylvania county has arrived in Brevard and started to work. Dr. Buchanan's first work was in response to a call from the upper section of the county where it was reported there was a case of smallpox and the residents of the district desired to be vaccinated, so the newly appointed officer vaccinated 40 people in that community during his first day.

Duke Summer School to Open on June 10.
Darham, Feb. 11.—The Duke university summer school of the North Carolina mountains will open at Lake Junaluska on June 10. It was announced here recently by Prof. B. G. Childs, director. The closing date will be July 20.

Earthquakes Felt in California.
Calixto, Cal., Feb. 12.—(AP)—A series of earthquakes starting after midnight and recurring at intervals of about a half hour until 6 o'clock, rocked the Imperial Valley today.

The first tremor, described as the sharpest of the series, was felt at 12:55 a. m. It caused some damage to buildings here.

WINSTON WOULD PUT A TAX ON THE ELECTRICITY USED

He Introduces Bill to Put a Tax on the Power Consumed on One Cent Per Kilowatt.

IS ONE OF FOUR STATEWIDE BILLS

Other Measures of Interest Were Introduced During Day—Many Seats Were Vacant.

Raleigh, Feb. 12.—(AP)—A bill providing for a tax on electricity consumed in North Carolina was presented in the House of Representatives today by Judge Francis D. Winston, of Bertie county. It was one of four statewide bills brought up in the two houses.

Both branches were in session less than half an hour, and there were more empty seats than occupied ones. The Winston bill is based on a suggestion made in pre-legislative days, on taxing electric energy as a new source of revenue. The idea was first broached by George Ross, head of the bureau of marketing.

A tax of one cent a kilowatt would be levied on producers of power, and a provision is made that the producer keep records of what purpose the power goes to. Under this provision, power for manufacturing purposes would be taxed three-fourths of a mill a kilowatt. Power used for lighting or domestic purposes, outside corporate limits, would be taxed one-half mill a kilowatt. Power used for domestic purposes inside corporate limits would be taxed one mill a kilowatt. The same tax would apply to manufacturers out of the state, but supplying North Carolina consumers.

The upper house passed one local bill and had seven new bills introduced. Three of the measures offered for consideration were statewide but the bill offered by Senator Currie, of Montgomery, and Senator Moore, of Martin, providing a workmen's compensation act for North Carolina, was the most important of the new measures offered. The compensation bill is the second for consideration.

The Currie-Moore bill would require medical attention for the injured person for 90 days or more if needed, and would require that 62-3 per cent of the weekly wage be set aside for the purposes of the act. The compensation fund would be administered by a board of three.

The other two state measures would give the governor the right to remove justices of the peace and notaries public for cause.

The house received six new bills and passed seven. Among the new bills was one introduced by Miss MeLean, of Mecklenburg, to authorize the city of Charlotte to issue bonds. On suspension of the rules, it was placed on the roll call calendar for Monday without being referred to a committee.

Both houses adjourned until Monday night.

THINKS CONGRESS WILL MAKE BIG APPROPRIATION
For Reclamation in the South—This Is Opinion of R. E. Hanna of Raleigh.

Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Feb. 12.—Belief that Congress will appropriate a large sum for reclamation in the South was expressed today by R. E. Hanna, president of the Calhoun Highway Association with headquarters at Clinton, S. C. Wade H. Phillips, director of the Department of Conservation and development.

Mr. Hanna has just returned from Washington where he held a conference with secretary of the Department of the Interior with regard to the result of the report made by the special committee which visited several of the southern states last December. Among the properties which were studied by the committee was a tract near Pembroke in this state.

Termining in the South as the logical location for farm reclamation work, Mr. Hanna declared that he received the impression in Washington that the work would be undertaken in the near future by the federal government on a large scale.

"The United States has spent about \$200,000,000 on reclamation in the west and only \$15,000,000 in the South," said Mr. Hanna. "This section presents a field for this work where more results can be accomplished at a much less cost."

"A vast amount of benefit will result through actual demonstrations to the southern farmers of new methods and the results that may be expected from the reform. Communities of small farms such as has been the idea of the secretary of the interior appears to be the most effective method of bringing about some greatly needed changes in the methods of many of our farmers."

To Announce Book Collection Drive.
The ministers of the Churches of Concord and the Sunday School Superintendents of the city are asked by a member of the book committee of the Kiwanis Club to announce that a drive will be made in Concord beginning Tuesday to collect books for the Concord Public Library.

What Would Lincoln Do About China, Mexico And Nicaragua?

(By International News Service) Washington, Feb. 12.—What attitude would Abraham Lincoln take toward Nicaragua, Mexico and China if he were in the White House today?

The question was answered by two leaders in the congressional war over President Coolidge's international policy, as Lincoln's birthday anniversary turned their thoughts toward his policy toward other nations.

Lincoln would do just what the United States is doing today, declared Representative Benjamin L. Fairchild, New York Republican, who introduced the first resolution in Congress to endorse President Coolidge's Nicaragua and Mexican policy.

He would do just the opposite, said Representative George Huddleston, an Alabama Democrat, who started Congress with the charge that Mr. Coolidge was "consciously and deliberately driving toward war with Mexico."

"Abraham Lincoln's fundamental belief in American traditions and ideals would move him to uphold the honor of the nation in the present situation," said Representative Fairchild.

"He believed that the nation should be just and demand justice. His humanitarian instincts would cause him to try to aid Nicaragua, just as the United States is today trying to save that country from the horror of Civil War. Lincoln did not fear the consequence of an act which he believed was right."

"Lincoln would want a united country back of him. Just as he was criticized while trying to save the Union, the President today is crucified. "He would deal justly with Mexico, and demand that Mexico deal justly with American citizens."

Such a conclusion is unthinkable, in Representative Huddleston's opinion. "Lincoln was an honest believer in democracy and was a sworn foe of imperialism," he said. "He understood the spirit of traditional Americanism."

"He had a high view of national responsibilities and he never would give consent to use greater power of the nation to oppress the weak at the best of financial interests. "His record speaks on the subject. Lincoln opposed war with Mexico in 1846. He spoke and voted against it. And the fundamental issues of that day are the same as those involved in our present controversy."

CITIZENS OF RUTHERFORD ARE CELEBRATING TODAY
Holding Exercises at Lincoln Hill, Where It Is Said Emancipator Was Born.

Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Feb. 12.—Citizens of Rutherford county today are celebrating the birthday of Abraham Lincoln as a North Carolinian. The exercises were held at Lincoln Hill, two miles north of Bostie, where, it is claimed, the great emancipator was born, and not in Kentucky. The celebration came as a climax to several years of research work on the part of Dr. J. C. Coggins of Rutherford who has just received from the press the second edition of his book, "Abraham Lincoln, North Carolinian." Dr. Coggins claims to have established, without a doubt, that Rutherford county was the birthplace of the Civil War President and that Kentucky's claim to him can not be substantiated.

Participating in the exercises, which began at 10:30 this morning, were many leading citizens, including ministers and others. The program as scheduled is as follows: "Song—'America,'" led by male quartette. Invocation, Dr. M. A. Adams, pastor of First Baptist Church, Rutherford.

Addresses by ministers who know the Rutherford county story of Lincoln's birth, and believe it to be true. Recitation—Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address," by Miss Ruth Coggins. Short addresses by lawyers, led by Attorney C. C. Ridings, of Forest City, on "What Was Written by Columbus Tanner." Dr. J. C. Coggins on "Kentucky's Omnipresent Child and the Inconsistency of Kentucky's Claim." Lincoln on social equality, by Miss Francis Coggins. Written by Dr. J. C. Coggins. The program was followed by a barbecue dinner.

EDISON, WHO MADE 15 BILLION INDUSTRIES, 80 HIS WIFE CHARACTERIZES HER HUSBAND AS GREAT TENSE.
West Orange, N. J., Feb. 10.—Thomas A. Edison, will be 80 years old tomorrow.

The day is hailed as one which will bring into the realm of the octogenarians a man who has made possible industries whose capital amounts to \$15,000,000,000 although his approach, apparently, meant nothing here tonight.

At the factory and laboratories, the usual routine continued throughout the day. At the offices, the presence of several newspaper photographers seeking pictures of the inventor was the only outward sign of an event forthcoming.

Driven by an unlicensed chauffeur in a 1922 model Ford—an open car—Mr. Edison arrived at the laboratories shortly after 9 o'clock this morning. Four hours later, the chauffeur returned to take him home for lunch, and within 45 minutes, Edison again passed into the enclosure about the plant, smiling a greeting at the aged gateman.

No public celebration was planned by West Orange. A quiet reception will take place at the Edison home in Llewellyn park at which Henry Ford and Harvey Firestone, tire manufacturer, are expected. Mr. Edison may drop in at the dinner in Newark of the Edison pioneers, a group of men associated with him for many years.

He's Worried



Responsibilities of British relations with China fell heavily on the shoulders of Sir William Joynson-Hicks, Home Secretary (International Newsweek)

BOND AND COTTON BROKERS GET BIG TAX REDUCTION

This Comes as Result of Changes Made to Two Sections of Revenue Bill.

Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Feb. 12.—A reduction of 40 per cent in the privilege taxes now imposed upon stock, bond and cotton brokers under Schedule B, will be granted the majority of these brokers, as a result of the changes made the two sections of the present revenue bill, by the joint senate and house finance committees. After considerable discussion, it was decided that the smaller brokers, who do not have leased wires in connection with their businesses, should be entitled to a 40 per cent reduction.

"This change was decided that smaller dealers, who do not have leased wires or ticker service, should pay but 60 per cent of the license taxes now imposed upon these classifications. However, it is estimated that not more than ten per cent of these brokers have leased wires, with the result that the great majority of brokers will thus enjoy a tax out of 40 per cent."

For the fiscal year of 1925-26, tax collections under these two classifications totaled \$17,179. A thirty per cent cut in this amount, which is considered justifiable, would reduce the revenue from this source to but slightly over \$10,000 a year, with a loss to the state of about \$6,000 a year in revenue.

This change was made when it was called to the attention of the committee that the present tax imposed is based entirely upon the population of the city or town where the business is located, and now upon the net or gross income derived from the business.

"Under this law as it stands, the small dealer is taxed on the same basis as the large dealer, and the ones who can afford leased wires," said Representative Graham of Orange, chairman of the house committee, "and I think the smaller dealers should be given some consideration, and not be taxed so heavily."

And in this the other members of the committee agreed, though after a long argument and discussion of the fact that revenue would be reduced.

SISTERS OF TWO DEAD MEN IDENTIFY SHELTON

They Testify He Was One Who Started Trouble That Led to Triple Killing.

Danville, Va., Feb. 11.—Two sisters who saw two brothers shot to death in a Patrick county dwelling last Sunday today identified Ernest Shelton as the man who started the battle which brought death to three and wounded to two others. The witnesses were Miss Clara Cox and Mrs. Josephine Cox Wickham and the chief witnesses for the state at the preliminary hearing held at Stuart. Shelton was held for the grand jury, his bond being set at \$3,000 for murder, and Ora Turner for complicity in the shooting under \$500 bond. Frank Chaney, also accused, was dismissed.

The state offered seven witnesses and the defense none. No disorder marked the hearing, although keen interest in it was manifested.

The girls in their testimony corroborated each other in essential details. Turner, Hall, Shelton and Chaney had arrested Dave Cox and disarmed him when Maynard Cox entered the room, whereupon, they testified, Shelton shot Dave Cox, this being followed by a general shooting. There was evidence from others that ill feeling was aroused between the two factions over information alleged to have been given prohibition officers resulting in a recent raid.

In provincial Pennsylvania even the wealthiest nobles have no special bedrooms, all sleeping on mattresses on the ground. Beds are ornaments occasionally purchased and placed in the drawing-room.

HARVARD STUDENTS BATTLE WITH POLICE IN A RIOT TODAY

No One Was Seriously Hurt, However, But 41 of the Students Were Arrested During Battle.

ORIGIN OF TROUBLE SAID TO BE OBSCURE

Appears to Have Begun Following the Close of Vaudeville at the University Theatre.

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 12.—(AP)—Harvard students and other men battled with two police officers who tried to quell a riot in Harvard Square early today. Both policemen and several rioters were bruised considerably, but no one was seriously hurt. Forty-one arrests were made. All were held in small bonds for a hearing on February 18th.

A number of them appeared in court with their heads bandaged and Judge Robert Walcott disposed of the cases quickly. The court room was crowded, but there was no demonstration.

The police said the origin of the trouble was obscure, and apparently started merely in a display of exuberance after the close of a midnight vaudeville performance in the University theatre, open to both students and residents of the city. There had been considerable disturbance at the performance, but not enough to lead to any complaint from the theatre management.

Efforts would be made, police said, to put a stop to entertainments late at night which are likely to lead to disturbances. They had never had any trouble, the said, with entertainments open only to students.

VALENTINES AND VALENTINES

More Valentines Than Ever Have Been Sold This Year.
New York, Feb. 12.—Monday will be St. Valentine's Day, a fact of which the public has been reminded by the window displays the past week or two. Among many persons who have passed middle age there exists an impression that the habit of sending valentines is dying out, that it does not prevail to the same extent that it did in the days of their youth. But those in the trade declare that the number of valentines sold each year continues to increase, the only difference being that the styles of valentines have undergone considerable change.

Many publishers reckon books thirteen to the dozen, but the wholesale dealers in valentines go one better than this. Valentines are sold fourteen to the dozen, in honor of the date of St. Valentine's Day, February 14. As a matter of fact, however, the word valentine originally had nothing to do with the saint so named, being merely the English rendering of the French word "galantin"—that is, a gallant, or a lover. The customs associated with St. Valentine's Day had their origin in the Roman pagan festival of Lupercalia, held on February 14th, and devoted to lovers and love-making.

St. Valentine, who was a bishop, and a very dignified bishop at that, would probably have been horrified at becoming a matrimonial agent!

There are several notable collections of valentines in America, but the most complete collection of the kind in the world is housed in the London Museum. They number upwards of ten thousand, and were collected by a man who kept a stationer's shop in the English metropolis. When he died his sons insured his collection for \$5,000.

GOVERNORS CONFER ON NATIONAL PARK MATTER

North Carolina and Tennessee Executives Meet in Washington With Other Officials.

Washington, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The project for a national park in the Great Smoky Mountain area of North Carolina and Tennessee moved forward today at conferences between governors of North Carolina and Tennessee, Secretary Work, of the interior department, members of the state conservation commission, and officials of the national park service.

Following a two-hour conference with Secretary Work and other interior department officials, the two state conservation commissions went into a conference among themselves to decide on the amounts of money to be spent by the two states to acquire the 425,000 acres necessary to acquire before the area can be accepted as a national park.

New Hampshire Kills Anti-Evolution Bill

Concord, N. H., Feb. 10.—The state house of representatives without debate today killed the anti-evolution bill. The house accepted the adverse report of the committee on education. The bill would have prohibited the teaching of the theory of evolution in the schools of the state.

Post Back to Boston.
Houston, Texas, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Charles Fostel left Houston today for Boston in custody of police inspectors John Mitchell and Thomas Mulroy.

John T. Diefenbacher, 78, New Philadelphia, Ohio, a volunteer seaman for more than 50 years, has a grandson on the force with him.

PESSIMISM SHOWN AS TO PROPOSAL FOR NAVAL DISARMAMENT

Italian Press Comments Show Doubt of Any Tangible Results at the Present Time.

NEWS EXPRESSES GOOD WISHES

Nevertheless, the Proposals Create a Perplexing Situation as to League of Nations.

Rome, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Pessimism as to the possibility of the American naval limitations proposals achieving tangible results is expressed by the Rome press this morning.

The Popolo de Roma maintains that the proposals further America's intention to combine economic with political interests.

The Messaggero asserts that Italy as was shown by her attitude on the Chinese question, intends to participate in this as in all international problems.

It Tevere believes that England and America, having placed Japan in a secondary position at the Washington conference, now desires to prevent any possible development of a new competitive naval power in Europe.

View of One London Paper.
London, Feb. 12.—Expressing its good wishes for President Coolidge's disarmament proposals, the Daily News emphasizes that Great Britain's interest "to avoid being driven into a hopeless, disastrous race in the development of naval power in which the United States if it chooses, would be able to beat every nation on earth to a frazzle."

Nevertheless, the paper thinks that the proposals as they stand create a rather perplexing situation, partly because they would involve drastic alteration of League of Nations procedure, and would dispose of the possibility of dealing with the armaments problem as a whole.

France Accepts With Reservations.
Paris, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Reply to President Coolidge's naval disarmament proposals, it was understood after a cabinet meeting today, will constitute acceptance in form, but "under serious reserves." Foreign minister Briand will draft the reply and present it for final cabinet approval Monday.

Japan Accepts Without Reservation.
Tokio, Feb. 12.—(AP)—A spokesman of the Japanese foreign office today stated that his government had decided to accept the proposal of President Coolidge for a conference of the powers, with a view to further reduction of armaments.

The Japanese acceptance of the invitation will be without reservation, it was said, and will be in the form of a memorandum which will be forwarded to Washington next week.

The exact wording of the acceptance will be decided at a meeting of the Japanese cabinet, scheduled for next Tuesday, when the suggestions of Japanese naval experts will be considered. The memorandum will be cabled to Japanese Ambassador Marsudala, of Washington, at the same time a copy is handed to the American ambassador, MacVeagh here.

Gastonia Man and Girl Held Under Mann Act.
Augusta, Ga., Feb. 10.—Jack Searcy, age 22, of Gastonia, N. C., was arrested here today on a federal warrant charging violation of the Mann act, in connection with the disappearance three weeks ago of a 13-year-old Gastonia girl. The girl was found here yesterday. The warrant was sworn out by the girl's father, who assisted the officers in locating the man.

According to the father, the girl left home with Searcy about three weeks ago. The father claims that Searcy is married. The girl would not discuss the case other than to deny knowledge Searcy was married.

Fish Flees Jazz Music.
Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 12.—The latest explanation of the failure of salmon runs in the Fraser River during the last few years comes from a coastal Indian who believes that the salmon have been offended by the prevalence of jazz music. The women of the tribe, whose duty it is to sing soothing melodies from the banks of the river, have forgotten the old-time favorites of the salmon, and are resorting to the modern syncopated melodies. Meanwhile the salmon are believed to be taking refuge from jazz in mid-Pacific.

Wife of William S. Hart Is Granted Divorce.
Reno, Nev., Feb. 11.—Winifred Westover Hart, wife of William S. Hart, motion picture actor, was granted a divorce decree in district court tonight. She alleged desertion and abandonment.

Navy Buys Cotton to Aid in Price Boosting.
Washington, Feb. 10.—To help the cotton situation in the south, the navy will go into the market now and purchase its supply for the next twelve months. This order will amount to several hundred thousands of pounds.

WEATHER FORECAST.
Cloudy, probably rain tonight and Sunday. Gentle variable winds.