

EXTEND FORESTS OF THE NATION

Report of Commission Shows That Millions of Acres Have Been Reserved.

VAST SUM BEING EXPENDED

The Commission Created by the Weeks Bill of the 61st Congress.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Secretary of War Simson yesterday presented to the Senate the first annual report of the Appalachian and White Mountain Forest Commission, authorized by Congress to expend \$11,000,000 for a forest reserve along the ranges of these two mountain systems.

This shows that already 2,558,822 acres of land have been reserved by the government, much of it in the States of Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia. North Carolina and Georgia, in the South, and Vermont and New Hampshire, in the North, have also contributed largely to the purchased areas.

The commission was created by the Weeks bill of the Sixty-first Congress and directed to acquire as much watershed and other timber lands along the Eastern and Southern ranges of mountains as the \$11,000,000 would buy. The money is made available over a period of six years.

The areas have been selected upon the watersheds of navigable streams and with especial reference to the protection of those regions from floods. They are located, too, so as to be of strategic importance in maintaining forest reserves in these States, aside from their value in preventing floods.

The purchase area now surveyed in the States of Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia embrace six projects—the "Massanutten" tract of 15,946 acres, the "Potomac" tract of 59,556 acres lying in Maryland and 79,433 acres lying in West Virginia, an area of 68,316 acres in West Virginia on the watershed of the Monongahela, and of 301,940 acres on the Potomac and Shenandoah rivers. A second Monongahela river watershed tract of 80,339 acres has been surveyed, all of it in West Virginia.

Of the areas actually purchased, 19,322 acres of the Massanutten tract are in Page and Rockingham counties, Virginia, and are situated between the north and south forks of the Shenandoah river.

A total of 24,900 acres of the Natural Bridge tract, located in Rockbridge, Bedford and Botetourt counties, Virginia, has also been acquired during the past year. This lies on the watershed of the James river, with a small portion on the watershed of the Roanoke river.

MANN GRANTS RESPITE.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 12.—Floyd and Claud Allen, the Carroll county clensmen will not go to the electric chair on Friday. Governor Mann having late yesterday evening granted a second respite. The Governor's order fixes Friday, January 17, as the date for their electrocution. Attorneys for the condemned men held conferences with Governor Mann and presented a lengthy petition setting forth that new evidence had been discovered.

Victor Allen, a son of Floyd Allen, and Attorneys H. M. Smith, Jr., Richard E. Byrd and James F. Minor were closeted with Governor Mann for half an hour following the receipt of the news that the jury at Wytheville had found Sidna Allen guilty of involuntary manslaughter in the death of W. M. Foster. Doubtless this news has some effect upon Governor Mann, for the respite was promptly granted.

WON'T SELL MONTICELLO

Offered Three Quarters of a Million, Levy Declines.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 12.—Refusing to sell Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson, to a buyer at a price of \$750,000, who through Mrs. Martin W. Littleton, offered to deed it to the State of Virginia, Jefferson M. Levy says in a telegram to Governor Mann: "I cannot now commercialize the sentiment of years by putting a price upon this noble property. With my highest conception of patriotic feeling toward the name and home of Thomas Jefferson, in which I yield first place to no one, coupled with a deep affection for the place itself because of my long association, and in the full assurance that my care will continue to be both abundant and constant, I am not prepared to make or accept any offer depriving me of this cherished right."

BLAIR ARRAIGNED

Trial for Murder of Geo. G. Thompson Set for Monday.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 12.—William Finlay Blair was arraigned in the State court here yesterday and his trial for the murder of Southern Railway division freight agent, George G. Thompson, set for Monday. The prisoner entered a plea of not guilty. Blair was chief clerk under Thompson and on October 29th was dismissed from the service after failure to explain a 10-day absence. After receiving notice of his dismissal, Blair called Thompson to his home by telephone and ordering the servants to close the house, prepared to personally receive his guest. A few minutes after Thompson entered five shots were heard, each taking effect and Thompson's death being almost instantaneous. There were no witnesses and from the eight attorneys retained by the defense not a suggestion as to the character of Blair's defense has been dropped. Blair came in for an inheritance of \$5,000 a few days before the tragedy.

George G. Thompson was a brother of J. S. B. Thompson, who died in Richmond last night.

ALLEN CASES ENDED

Sidna Sentenced to 35 and Wesley To 27 Years.

Wytheville, Va., Dec. 12.—Thirty-five years in the penitentiary is the penalty Sidna Allen will pay for the part he played in the shooting up of Carroll county court house. Allen's nephew, Wesley Edwards, will spend 27 years in the penitentiary.

These two sentences were the result of a compromise yesterday afternoon, following a verdict of involuntary manslaughter in the case of Sidna Allen for the murder of Commonwealth's Attorney William M. Foster, the jury fixing the penalty in that case at five years' imprisonment. Allen already had been found guilty of second degree murder at a former trial for the killing of Judge Massie, for which he had been sentenced to 15 years in the penitentiary, and the other indictment pending against him for the murder of Sheriff Webb was compromised by letting him plead guilty to second degree murder and take a 15 years sentence, the combined sentences making 35 years. Three indictments against Wesley Edwards also were compromised, he taking a sentence of nine years imprisonment in each.

In the second trial of Sidna Allen, which ended yesterday, nine of the first jurors on the ballot stood for acquittal, and the other three for murder in the second degree. Following their discharge, the jurors in an interview declared that not one of them thought the evidence presented by the State was sufficiently strong to sustain the charge of conspiracy.

President Elect Wilson and The Next "White House Baby"



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Of course you know about the next occupant of the White House, but do you know about the next White House baby? Here are both—President Elect Woodrow Wilson and his little granddaughters, Josephine Cothran. They are the best of pals and they are going to spend four merry Christmases in the first home of the land. Governor Wilson has invited Mrs. George Cothran, his only sister's child, to live with him at the White House, and that is how little Josephine is going to become the next White House baby and make light the heart of the next president.

NO INTOXICANTS IN PARCELS POST

Excluded From the Mails Along With Firearms and Their Parts.

A BLOW FOR PROHIBITION

"Baby Express" Will Take Fifteen Per Cent. of Express Monopoly's Revenue.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Regulations and instructions governing the use and operations of the parcels post strikes a blow for the prohibition cause. They exclude from the mails all intoxicants and also firearms and their parts. This provision was placed in the regulations by Robert S. Sharp, of Tennessee, a member of the commission.

There was some opposition to this regulation on the grounds that the Government licenses the manufacture of whiskey and other intoxicants, but brands it as a contraband in the operation of its parcels post system.

The regulations provide a government "baby express" transportation system for the handling of packages of merchandise and of farm and factory products, to be operated in conjunction with the Postoffice Department. The system will be inaugurated January 1.

It is estimated that the Government's "baby express" will take approximately 15 per cent. of the express monopoly's revenue and about a per cent. of its traffic. The one great advantage, which has been worked out, is that the Government will handle packages, limited to 11 pounds, with only one accounting, that of postage; whereas the express monopoly handles its traffic with 11 accountings.

The regulations will give a package-transportation system to 20,000,000 more persons in this country than are now served by the express monopoly. Packages will be delivered at the home of the farmer in the country by rural mail carriers, while the city carriers will deliver them at the door of the city resident. Under the postoffice act establishing town delivery services the package delivery will also apply to many towns of more than 1,000 population.

The regulations are constructed so as to develop trade between cities and cities and towns and their surrounding rural territory.

There's nothing better than massage for bringing out all the temper there is in red hair.

In lecturing to Yale Students Mr. Taft will at least enjoy not having anybody talking back at him.

PROCURE CHARTER FOR COTTONMILL

Maysville Boosters Fearlessly Launch Project on Friday, Thirteenth.

NO FEARS AS TO THE FUTURE

Expect to be Turning Out Finished Product by This Time Next Year.

The fact that yesterday was Friday, also the thirteenth of the month, did not deter the progressive men of Maysville from taking the first opportunity after the necessary stock was subscribed to incorporate their latest industrial enterprise—the Maysville Cotton Mill Company.

The incorporators are E. C. Mattocks, G. P. Rogers, J. D. Dudley, P. C. Foy, J. E. McCutcheon, C. M. Mattocks, R. L. Jenkins, J. C. Collins, Jesse G. Brown, John C. Bauman and others. The enterprise was promoted by Messrs. Brown and Bauman who since locating in Maysville have been active in co-operating with its other citizens in thrusting it to the front.

Mr. Bauman, who with W. M. Eubanks, R. O. La Roque and Dr. Colin Shaw made an auto trip to New Bern yesterday, gave particulars of the incorporation and said the authorized capital stock of the company is \$109,000 with \$50,000 paid in.

A location has been purchased lying just south of Maysville and extending from the corporate limits to White Oak river and containing twenty acres. The company anticipates acquiring more land later on.

Mr. Bauman stated that it was hoped to have the mill in operation one year from the date of incorporation. The mill engineering work including details of architecture and equipment, he stated, would be placed in the case of the Shand Engineering Company of Columbia which has had twenty years experience in this kind of work. It is the purpose of the management of the mill to have the very latest and best machinery. Every spindle will be operated by an individual motor. The mill will have an electric current producing plant sufficient to supply its own needs and also to supply the town with electric lights and other manufacturing plants with power.

"Maysville has 300 people", said Mr. Bauman, "and twenty of them are what you might term live wire boosters. Considering the population, that is an extraordinarily large crowd of boosters and it necessarily means great things for Maysville."

Once in a great while nature makes a mistake and she turns out a handsome man.

WROTE THREATS

Government Holds Men Charged With Writing Wilson.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 12.—Sullen and without counsel, the three so-called mountaineers arrested at Dover, N. J., last night charged with writing threatening letters to Woodrow Wilson, are locked up as Federal prisoners here today awaiting a preliminary examination on Monday.

Two of the mare brothers, Peter and Jacob Dunn 24 and 26 years old, respectively. The other is Seely Davenport, 42 years old. According to the Post-office inspectors who made the arrest, Peter accuses his brother Jacob of having done the writing.

Words written by Jacob at the dictation of the inspectors are said to have tallied in peculiarities and misspelling with the letters sent to the President-elect. These letters were mailed, apparently, at an out-of-the-way rural free delivery box in front of a deserted house, and the inspectors say they have evidence that Jacob Dunn bought from a mail carrier paper identical with that on which the Wilson letters were written.

When arraigned before a Commissioner last night, all the prisoners protested utter ignorance of the letters.

DOGGIES IN STATEROOMS

Mrs. Thompson Evades Steamship Regulations.

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—"If you had a little pet doggie that you carried about with you everywhere and a steamship steward told you that you would have to leave it out on the cold deck at night, would you comply with his wishes?"

Mrs. J. Q. Thompson, wife of an assistant to Attorney-General Wickensham and a passenger on the Pacific Mail steamer Persia, arriving from Yokohama, asked this question of some of her fellow passengers. There is a rule of the company against allowing dogs in staterooms, but this did not deter Mrs. Thompson from carrying out her plans.

Another incident caused Mrs. Thompson some unpleasantness during the cruise. A missionary asked Mrs. Thompson to stop smoking. She had boasted to friends she smoked sixty cigarettes a day and the missionary thought this was too many.

"Why I smoke and how many is my own business," she is alleged to have replied.

REPORTED N. S. COMPANY WILL GET HINES ROAD.

Raleigh, N. C. Dec. 12.—A charter was issued yesterday for the Carolina Railroad Company, of Kinston, capital \$175,000, for the purpose of developing and operating thirty-five miles of road from Kinston to Snow Hill, built as a lumber road by the Hines Bros Lumber Co. It is understood that the road is to pass to the management of the Norfolk Southern. The incorporators of the Carolina Railroad Company are C. I. Millard, J. C. Nelms, Jr., M. S. Hawkins, R. A. Black, and H. Manley of Norfolk, and W. M. Hayes, Kinston.

CUP FOR SULZER

New York's Governor-Elect Honored by House Committee.

Washington, Dec. 13.—At a meeting of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, of which William Sulzer, Governor-elect of New York, is about to relinquish the Chairmanship, Representative Flood of Virginia, who will take Mr. Sulzer's place as Chairman, presented to Mr. Sulzer a silver loving cup on behalf of the committee.

Representative McKinley of Illinois, the ranking Republican member of the committee, called attention to the fact that Mr. Sulzer had broken a "hoodoo" which had followed the Chairmanship of the Foreign Affairs Committee.

"Four Chairmen have died," said Mr. McKinley, "and four who succeeded as ranking members and were ready to step in have been defeated for reelection."

Mr. McKinley had reference to his own case, as he was one of those who failed of re-election in November. Mr. Sulzer said that probably he would quit Washington for good the latter part of next week. He said he was anxious to have the Diplomatic and Consular Appropriation bill passed by the House before his retirement.

DR. H. M. BONNER, of New Bern, will be in Fort Barnwell Wednesday, Dec. 18th at Mr. W. R. Saul's, and Thursday, Dec. 19th in Dover at Dr. S. J. Howe's office for treatment of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat. If you are in need of treatment and want glasses fitted to your eyes it will pay you to remember the date and place. Dr. Bonner is a specialist in this line and it is seldom you have a chance to be treated by a specialist in your own locality.

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When a man talks about love he acts as if he felt ashamed of his conversation.

PREDICT MARTIN WILL BE DEPOSED

Others of the Older Senators May Have to Yield to "Progressives."

ANCIENT RUMOR REVAMPED

But It Is Likely That It Is Mere Talk and Signifies Nothing.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Washington papers carry sensational stories showing how Thomas S. Martin, of Virginia, is to be deposed as Democratic Senate leader; how he is to be put aside by the "progressive" or "radical" element among the Democrats in the Senate after the reorganization in March, and how the whole thing is already cut and dried to put him on the political shelf with the coming in of the new administration.

Although the story is printed here again, it is not new. Since the election last month, when it was found that the Democrats would control the Senate after March 4, all kind of trouble has been predicted. It has been said, and this with apparently some foundation, that, headed by Senator Gore, who is close to President-elect Wilson, a movement now on foot would assume such headway by the time of the reorganization that Senators Martin, Tillman, Bacon, Simmons and one or two of the other older leaders in the upper house, would be forced to give way to the "radicals" or "progressives."

Efforts made to ascertain what there is in such a story show that there is some feeling against a few of the older Senators because of an inclination to hold to more than one important committee place, and that some of the newer and younger members of the Senate believe that the older ones will have a monopoly on the good assignments. There is no doubt that the older men will get the best place because of seniority, and that the newer and younger members will have to take what they can get, but so far as the story that Senator Martin is to be sidetracked and laid on the shelf is concerned, there appears to be nothing in it. It cannot be doubted that there is some feeling in the Senate, just as there has been for many years. But it is no more acute now, all things considered, than it always has been. Senator Martin's friends place little credence in the reports that he is to be deposed.

TO FORTIFY CHESAPEAKE BAY

First Appropriation Expected At Present Session of Congress.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Brig. Gen. W. H. Bixby, chief of the army engineers, appeared before the fortifications subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee and urged the construction of a powerful sea-coast fortification at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay so that Baltimore, Washington, Norfolk, and other Chesapeake Bay cities can be safely protected from a hostile fleet. The amount of money desired from this Congress is \$150,000 with which to purchase land at Cape Henry for the location of the fortress. The fortress, completed, would cost in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000.

It is believed that the initial appropriation will be allowed at this Congress. Congressman E. E. Holland, of the Norfolk district, who has been devoting his time to this measure, has assurances that it will.

About the faintest exhibition of writing is usually the "paid" on an express receipt.

VACUUM ROAD CLEANER

Picks Up Bricks and Stones As Well As Dust.

London, Dec. 13.—The first demonstration in this country of a new motor vacuum road-cleaning machine, the invention of an Italian engineer, took place at Southport. The machine has a 20 to 30 horsepower, four cylinder motor engine, and the sweeping mechanism consists of a cylinder brush composed of a series of small brushes which revolve in a sheath in an opposite direction to the wheels of the car.

The speed at which the brush rotates creates enough draught to collect by suction all dust and deposits it in the receiver of the machine. Wooden blocks and broken bricks were picked up, and it is stated the machine could deal similarly with bottles and stones nine pounds in weight.

SWINDED WILMINGTONIANS

Principal of Group Is Arrested in New Orleans.

New Orleans, Dec. 13.—Charles J. Walker, who was arrested Wednesday night as a suspicious character, was declared by the police yesterday to be wanted in New York City in connection with a wire tapping swindle in which K. C. Sidbury and J. W. Powell, of Wilmington, N. C., were recently relieved of \$145,000.

New York, Dec. 13.—Charles G. Walker, the man arrested in New Orleans, according to the police here, answers the description of one J. N. Dowling, for whom the New York authorities were searching in connection with a fake wire tapping scheme.

According to the Detective Bureau, Dowling is the man who took up an expensive residence at Wilmington, N. C., with his wife and worked him, self into the confidence of Dr. J. W. Powell and K. C. Sidbury, a lawyer there. The result was that they came to New York to take advantage of the "advance information" which the gamblers here claimed to get on horse race results, and lost thousands of dollars.

This was followed by the arrest of the Gontorfs and several of the veterans in New York confidence games, the North Carolinians having come to New York to prosecute them. After preliminary trials as the result of which a number of them were held for the higher courts under heavy bonds, the Southerners returned home, but it is expected that they will return to New York to further prosecute the cases, which are only a few of several hundred unearthed from many parts of the country as the result of their exposure by Sidbury. It is likely that Dowling will be brought to New York on extradition papers and that the Southerners will be asked to identify him after he is brought here, or they may be asked to go to New Orleans and see if they can complete the identification.

PASTORS JOIN FORCE

Wear Stars and Seek to Enforce Dance Hall Laws.

Los Angeles, Dec. 12.—Six clergymen have been put on the rolls of the Police Department as special officers. They wear stars and are empowered to make arrests, their special duties being the enforcement of the juvenile laws and the regulation of dance halls. The minister-police men are members of the Juvenile Protection League. They have been commissioned not only to safeguard the young and prevent the exploitation of girls, but to arrest and prosecute parents who neglect their children.

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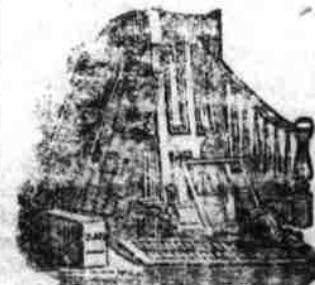
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