

NICE CASH ITEMS

From Congress For Virginia, North, And South Carolina

CAPE FEAR RIVER GETS \$515,000

Virginia Gets \$490,000; North Carolina, \$310,000; South Carolina, \$36,000—Congress Improving River and Waterway Projects—Badly Needed.

Washington, Special.—The report of the Senate committee on commerce giving increases in the rivers and harbors appropriation bill over the amounts as carried in the bill as it passed the House has been presented to the Senate.

Virginia: Potomac river at Alexandria, 40,000; James river \$150,000; Norfolk harbor and approaches \$300,000.

North Carolina: Cape Fear river above Wilmington \$90,000; Cape Fear river below Wilmington \$200,000.

South Carolina: Waccamaw river \$36,000.

The increase in contract authorizations is as follows:

North Carolina: Cape Fear river above Wilmington \$515,000.

Another Bribe Charge.

Watertown, N. Y., Special.—President J. T. Carey of the International Brotherhood of Pulp and Paper makers in a lengthy statement, declares that it was a man giving the name of William Pritchard wife, in the interest of the International Paper company, offered him \$25,000 if he would call off the paper makers' strike and use his influence to get the men to go back to work and accept a 25 per cent increase in wages.

A. N. Burbank, president of the International company says:

"This charge is unqualifiedly false."

Fair Treatment for Shaw.

Washington, Special.—Senator Simmons went to the White House Saturday to discuss some State matters with the President, and the case of A. C. Shaw, the deposed lawyer of the Pinchot force, was incidentally brought up, and Mr. Taft assured him that after the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation was at an end he would take up the matter of Shaw's admission to practice before the Department of the Interior and that he would have absolutely fair treatment.

Political Party For Corporations.

Macon, Ga., Special.—Maj. J. F. Hanson, president of the Central of Georgia Railway Company and formerly national committeeman of the Republican party from Georgia, thinks that the corporations of the United States should organize a political party of their own and fight for their rights.

Punished For Smoking Cigarettes.

Lynchburg, Va., Special.—The baseball team of the Virginia Christian College Saturday was disbanded and its schedule canceled because three of the players were detected smoking cigarettes. The team has won five games without a defeat, and had five more to play.

Serious Fire in Georgia Town.

Douglas, Ga., Special.—Nine business firms were burned out here with a loss of \$75,000. Judge J. W. Quincy was slightly injured by falling from an awning while trying to enter his office on the second story of a building.

Founders Day Exercises Annulled.

Charlottesville, Va., Special.—Because of the inability of Andrew Carnegie and Senator Root of New York to attend the Founders Day exercises at the University of Virginia on April 13, Jefferson's birthday, the ceremonies have been annulled.

Appalachian Exposition Sept. 12.

Knoxville, Tenn., Special.—About 75 representative newspaper men and a number of prominent railroad officials of the Appalachian region of the South, attended the first formal exercises incident to launching the Appalachian exposition, to be held in Knoxville, September 12 to October 12 next.

Wanted Lawyer For Congress.

Washington, Special.—An unsuccessful effort to have Congress itself, instead of accused members, represented by counsel, an angry unrecorded attack on the Merchant Marine League by Representative McDermott of Illinois and a strenuous denial of Representative Steenerson's charges against the league featured Saturday's meeting of the House committee to investigate charges reflecting on Congressmen in connection with ship subsidy legislation. Mr. Steenerson asked that time be allowed to permit "Congress to be represented by counsel."

N. Y. Election For Postmaster.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Special.—At the suggestion of Congressman Hamilton Fish, the voters of Fishkill Landing held an election to select by ballot their candidate for postmaster. The leaders could not agree on a name to present to Mr. Fish and the election followed. John Smeal, Jr., a prominent liveryman and wagon dealer, was elected, getting 371 votes. There were three other candidates.

FOR NATIONAL WELCOME

Col. Roosevelt Will be Given an American Reception

Pittsburg, Special.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt desires that, if a reception is tendered him in New York on his return from abroad, it shall be national and not local.

A. P. Moore, editor of The Pittsburg Leader, sent a cablegram to Mr. Roosevelt advising him that there seems to be a desire to make his reception in New York local rather than national and suggesting that the demonstration be made one by all the people of the nation. The following reply was received by cable:

"Roosevelt of course wants celebration national if held at all. As you say special desire is to give the people at large a chance to greet him if they so wish."

(Signed) "O'LOUGHLIN."

Killed and Robbed Two Years.

Springfield, Mass., Special.—Laying his crimes to love of excitement and a mania for stealing, caused by an injury to his head in boyhood, Bertram Gage Spencer, broke down under twenty-four hours merciless grilling and confessed that he was the masked burglar who had terrorized Springfield for two years and had reached the climax of his wild career by murdering Miss Martha B. Blackstone last Thursday evening. In his amazing confession, Spencer makes it clear that associated with his overpowering desire to steal were an intense love of excitement and a high degree of personal vanity. This latter trait Spencer gratified by baffling the police and reading the newspaper accounts of his exploits.

The police declare he is a morphine fiend.

Woman Defrauds Bachelors.

Pittsburg, Special.—Another indictment was returned Friday on charges of graft, romance instead of councilmanic. Alice Peterson, a pretty Johnstown woman, who has manners of refinement, is charged in a true bill returned by the Federal grand jury, with having used the United States mails to conduct a fraudulent matrimonial scheme in which she was the bait. The woman is alleged to have had a large correspondence with men in Western cities, and when love affairs had ripened to a proper point, she would ask them to send money for the fare to their town so that she might marry them.

Meeting Catholic Mission Board.

Baltimore, Special.—A meeting of the Catholic Board of Mission Work among colored people was held at the residence of Cardinal Gibbons Thursday and afterwards the Cardinal entertained his visitors at dinner and went with them to Washington to attend a meeting of the trustees of the Catholic University.

Reputed by Conservative Leaders.

Rome, By Cable.—Before leaving Rome ex-President Roosevelt had reason to believe that a great triumph was his, because both the attitude of the Vatican towards him and the statement of the Methodists, which he had condemned, were reputed by the leading adherents of those two institutions.

Department Will Investigate Combine

Washington, Special.—Cognizance has been taken by the Department of Justice of the alleged methods of the so-called butter combine in fixing the prices of that commodity as charged in the hearings before the Senate committee investigating the high cost of living.

Fix a Limit for Cold Storage.

Washington, Special.—That a limit should be put on the use of cold storage for the purpose of maintaining or advancing prices artificially is the judgment of the Senate committee charged with the investigation of the cost of living. Chairman Lodge has introduced in the Senate a bill to meet this recommendation.

Annual Educational Conference.

Little Rock, Ark., Special.—Approximately 1,000 delegates, Southern educators and men prominent in the cause of education, attended the opening session of the thirteenth annual Conference for Education in the South. The opening session was devoted principally to the address of President Robert C. Ogden, of New York, who took rather a gloomy view of present social and political conditions, urging the educating of the masses as a logical remedy and an address by Dr. Wyckliffe Rose, of Washington, who outlined the purposes and plans of the movement.

Safe Robbers Captured.

Chicago, Special.—Five masked bandits escaping with \$7,000 stolen from the Bank of Coal City, at Coal City, Ill., six miles from here, exchanged shots with a posse Thursday, three of the robbers being wounded and captured.

They blew up the bank building and shattered the safe with a great charge of nitro-glycerine.

EVENTS TOLD TERSELY.

News From Everywhere Printed in Short Paragraphs.

Several of the physicians of Los Angeles, Cal., assisted at an operation for the removal of a table knife, nine inches long, from the stomach of Mrs. Sarah Carlson, an insane woman. The knife had been in the stomach of the woman for several hours before the physicians could be induced to believe that the woman who told of having swallowed it, was not joking about the matter.

In the little parlor of the public house in Islington, London, called "The Bluecoat Boy," which he has made his headquarters for a number of years, Jem Mace, the former champion pugilist of the world, received the congratulations of a little circle of friends and cronies on the occasion of his eightieth birthday.

Confessing that nightly, with two exceptions, for over two weeks he has committed burglaries in Savannah, William Blackburn Runyan, aged 17, is prisoner at police headquarters. He declares he commits burglary merely for the excitement he gets in the work and that he never carried a pistol in his life.

Out in West Texas a gentleman of 77 advertised in the papers for a female correspondent with a view of matrimony. An innocent young thing of 64 summers answered the ad, a correspondence followed, and finally there was a wedding. But in one short hour the bride discovered that she had made a mistake and filed suit for a divorce.

Having crossed the Atlantic by scrubbing the decks on a tramp steamer, a Chicago steeplejack named Edwards has now won a \$5,000 wager by traveling on foot through Europe without money or passport. He has just reached Antwerp after a fourteen months' journey through France, Italy, Austria and Germany.

The body of Ira Hamrick, aged eighteen, who had been missing since last October, was found on the side of Mill Mountain near Roanoke. Two bullet holes in the skull told how Hamrick met his death. It is believed he committed suicide because of disappointment in love.

By marrying his brother's wife's sister, Levi Litton, of Charleston, W. Va., has doubled his relationship with his wife's family and with his brother. His brother's wife is his sister-in-law doubly, and he is his brother's brother-in-law, as well as his brother.

One of the dreams of land owners in Florida and of statesmen from the Everglades. Judging from the progress of legislation on the subject at the present session of Congress, the dream seems likely to come true.

A wealthy Sicilian named Penitente fitted the front door of his villa with an elaborate mechanism of pistols loaded with dynamite cartridges for protection against robbers. Coming home late at night and forgetting the release device on opening the door, Penitente was blown to pieces with his own invention.

Thomas F. Walsh, the millionaire mine-owner, is dead. Death was due to a growth in the lungs, the result of an injury received years ago when Mr. Walsh was a miner in the West.

A grave in the Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn has been stripped of its monument because the trustees do not think the nude figures of a man and a woman are proper ornaments for such a place.

Mrs. Ida B. Richardson, a well known Southern philanthropist, died at New Orleans at the age of 80 years.

It is denied on the highest authority at the White House that Secretary Knox is contemplating resigning from the Taft Cabinet.

The young and beautiful semi-American girl, Miss Daisy Deazes, on the occasion of her marriage to Prince Hean de Broglie will have a trousseau and wedding gifts such as have not been seen in Paris since the days of the empire.

Five of Mrs. Frederick H. Bugher's diamonds were found near New York under a stone in a patch of Jersey woods, where they had nestled for a week.

Attorney Ralph Schooner, of Santa Barbara, has been summoned before the Supreme Court of California for contempt of court. He will be asked to explain how he came to quote George Ade instead of Blackstone.

Because he baptized a woman who lacked a year of attaining her majority, the Rev. E. Jansson, a Baptist missionary at Wasa, Finland, has been summoned to court by the police authorities.

The wealthy Chinese are fond of mechanical instruments and will frequently be seen carrying two or more watches and wearing foreign glasses.

The consumption of sugar in Great Britain is greater per capita than in the United States. The per capita consumption in the United States in 1907 was 82.61 pounds, while the per capita in the United Kingdom was 85.19 in 1900 and 86 in 1909.

A convict's dream of Home Sweet Home, done in 17 verses, by Harry Schaffer, of Pittsburg, while at the Starke county, O., work house, has won for him the recognition of the prison management that he be paroled.

ENORMOUS PROFITS

Pullman Co's. Dividends Over \$51,000,000 in 11 Years

REDUCTION OF RATES ORDERED

Lower Berth Must Be \$1.50 and Upper \$1.10—In 1898 a Cash Dividend of \$7,200,000 Was Paid.—Interstate Commerce Commission Investigates.

Washington, Special.—The Interstate Commerce Commission in a decision Monday holds it to be "unjust and unreasonable" for the Pullman Company to charge equally for the upper and lower berths in the sleeping cars. Differential charges are ordered in several instances and Pullman rates from Chicago to the Pacific are ordered reduced.

A short night's journey, the commission holds, should carry a rate of not more than \$1.50 for a lower berth and \$1.10 for an upper.

The record shows the commission's investigation of the sleeping car company's contracts, general system of charges and earnings revealed in the dividends of nearly \$90,000,000 from 1899 to 1908, inclusive.

The investigation showed that the amount carried to surplus annually did not fall short of the annual dividends of 8 per cent; that in 1893, a cash dividend of \$7,200,000 was paid out of accumulative surplus; in 1898, a special stock dividend of 55 per cent, amounting to \$18,000,000 was declared and in 1907 another of 26 per cent amounting to \$26,015,256 was divided.

During a period of 11 years \$51,000,000 in special cash and stock dividends were paid in addition to the annual ones.

In 1898 the stock of the company was increased from \$36,000,000 to \$100,000,000, of which \$20,000,000 is accounted for by the acquisition of the Wagner Palace Car Company. The remainder of the increase of \$44,000,000 represents capitalization of surplus.

The record shows that no additional capital was put in.

Fifty Miles in 39 Minutes.

Plays del Rey, Cal., Special.—The first accident of the motordrome meet occurred Sunday afternoon in the 50-mile race, when the Apperson "Jack Rabbit" car overturned and rolled over several times. Harris Hanshue, the driver, and Harry King, his mechanic, escaped with nothing more serious than bruises and a shaking-up.

The accident, which was caused by a broken tire, was one of the most spectacular ever seen on a motor track.

A new record was established in this race by the Isotta, which finished in 39:20.60. The best previous mark by a car in this class was 42:02.98 made at Atlanta by Robertson in a Fiat.

In the record trials Oldfield in his Benz made the fastest mile, 36.90.

Starch Will be Cheaper.

New York, Special.—Standard Oil interests which control the Corn Products Refining Company, announced that fifteen points hundred weight will be cut from the price of starch and 12-1-2 points a hundred weight from glucose. A new company, capitalized at \$1,000,000 is being promoted to make starch from tapioca grown in Trinidad.

New Line Passenger Vessels.

Baltimore, Special.—With the sailing Sunday of the steamer D. N. Luckenbach was inaugurated a new line of vessels between this port and Galveston, Tex. It is intimated that the service may later be extended to take in Mobile, Ala., and New Orleans.

In 28 Minutes \$324,000 Raised.

New York, Special.—In 28 minutes the congregation of the Fifth Avenue Baptist church subscribed \$324,000 Sunday to build a new edifice. Of this sum John D. Rockefeller gave half, having promised to duplicate dollar for dollars up to \$250,000, when a \$500,000 limit will have been reached.

Liquor Licenses Raised to \$250.

Hampton, Virginia, Special.—The Phoebus Town Council, near Hampton, has increased liquor licenses from \$200 to \$250 per year, and granted licenses to twenty-six applicants. The Council decided to break up the free lunch counters, which have been an attraction among the saloons of the town for years, by imposing a license of \$300 per year upon any lunch counter run in connection with a saloon.

Notorious Burglar Killed.

Philadelphia, Special.—James, alias "Reddy" Gallagher, a notorious burglar with a long prison record, was killed with a club after a desperate struggle, by a householder whose home he had attempted to enter.

Man Kills Woman and Girl.

West Palm Beach, Fla., Special.—Louise Weybrecht, 12 years old, who with her mother, Mrs. O. Weybrecht, was shot and probably fatally wounded by Frank V. Pierce here is dead. Pierce committed suicide after wounding the woman. She refused to endorse a check for him.

CAPITAL FACTS.

Interesting News Gathered in the District of Columbia.

THE AMERICAN CONGRESS.

Personal Incidents and Important Happenings of National Import Published for the Pleasure and Information of Newspaper Readers.

Negro Conference Closes.

Washington district conference of A. M. E. Zion Church has closed its last day's work, Rev. M. L. Blalock presiding. Florence B. Wye was appointed District president of Varick C. E. Society by Bishop J. W. Smith.

B. F. Grant was re-elected District superintendent of Sunday schools. A Sunday school convention was held with District Superintendent B. F. Grant presiding. The great need of more earnest Sunday school work was emphasized by Gertrude Brooks, Drs. Logan Johnson, S. L. Corrothers, C. C. Alleyne, H. W. Smith and others.

Bishop J. W. Smith, D. D., addressed the conference on appointments and work of pastors and presiding elders. He urged that churches should be true to their pastors and pastors to presiding elders.

Job Too Big For One Man.

After having worked for years to develop the system of one-man control of the great fleets of the navy, Secretary Meyer has come to the conclusion that the abilities of the individual have reached the breaking point, and that it will be necessary to subdivide the responsibility.

"Oh, You Comet!"

The tail of the comet through which the earth probably will pass will be noticeable only as an absolutely harmless luminous gas or dust. It may produce electrical and magnetic effects that can be detected only by self-recording instruments.

Automobile Expenses Anyhow.

Speaker Cannon has not been deprived of the appropriation for the "care, maintenance and driving" of his automobile, after all.

The action of the conferees of the two Houses of Congress in striking out of the legislative, executive, and judicial appropriation bill the item carrying the appropriation of \$2,500 for the object was but formal, for the appropriation has reappeared under the head of miscellaneous expenses of the House of Representatives, and in that disguise was not recognized even by its friends until an official explanation was made.

Ex-Congressman and Land Frauds.

Former Representative Binger Herman, of Oregon, may be prosecuted by the United States government for alleged land frauds committed years ago. Herman was tried once. The jury stood eleven to one for conviction, and he was discharged.

His trial created a sensation in Washington, where he was well known as a member of Congress and as Commissioner of the General Land Office, and throughout the West because of the fact that the case involved many well-known men, such as the late United States Senator Mitchell, of Oregon.

President Will Not Interfere.

State elections are not to be influenced by political appointments made from the White House, if President Taft can prevent it.

The following statement was issued:

"The President has concluded not to decide the issue between the Senators from West Virginia and Congressman Hubbard, in respect to the postmasters at Fairmont and Clarksburg, until after the senatorial controversy has been settled, in order to avoid seeming to take part in the controversy."

Appointments for Memorial Day.

Lincoln Camp No. 2, Sons of Veterans, have appointed E. F. Warner and G. R. Scott a committee to arrange for the services at Arlington Cemetery on Memorial Day. J. B. Northcott and E. K. DePuy were appointed to the general committee for the District for the observance of the day. Plans were discussed for the celebration of Grant's birthday on April 27.

Members D. A. R. Get Excited.

A persistent effort to indorse the administration of Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, president general of the D. A. R., was made at the district conference.

It was a three-cornered parliamentary battle from the moment Mrs. Mary E. E. Brown, regent of the Livingston Manor Chapter, introduced a resolution indorsing the regime of Mrs. Scott. The conservatives, the regulars, and the "mixed" were on their feet simultaneously. Mrs. H. P. Gerald, the regent whose daughter was dismissed by Mrs. Scott, took part in the debate.

Severe Criticism of Vaccination.

Vaccination and its advocates have been severely criticised by Harry B. Bradford, president of the District Anti-Compulsory Vaccination Society who declared the theory was conceived in lunacy, and that the whole thing is nothing but a professional graft, which allows the physicians to fill their pockets by inoculating the pure and wholesome blood of children with the bacilli of diseased cattle.

A SAD STORY OF DEATH.

"All Alive at 2 P. M." Last Message From Miners.

CARRIED LARGE SUMS MONEY.

Thirty-One More Bodies Taken From Cherry Mine—All of 300 Accounted For—Mines Will Be Opened and Work Commenced.

Cherry, Ill., Special.—"All alive 2 p. m., November 14." This latest message from the fatal St Paul coal mine fire was brought to light with the recovery of 31 miners' bodies which had been entombed since the disaster of last November.

The bodies were taken from the lowest level, 500 feet below ground.

The men had retreated to a space 20 feet square and had constructed a rude fan of board to keep the air circulating. On the fan in big letters were chalked the words quoted above, indicating that the men had lived at least until the day after the fire started. Evidently the men had taken turns at the crank of the fan, for one of the bodies had fallen over the handles as though he had died while struggling to maintain an air current.

That the miners were in the habit of keeping their savings on their persons was shown by the large amounts of money found on the bodies. One miner had in his belt \$1,400. In the belt of another miner was found \$190 and another had \$172.

It was declared by the mine company's officers that all the nearly 300 miners killed by the disasters had been accounted for. A few bodies are still in the mine but within a few days, the mine will be cleared and ready for work.

Gov. Hughes Insists on Investigation.

Albany, N. Y., Special.—Declaring that the revelations in the recent Allis-Conger bribery inquiry and the facts brought out in the insurance investigation by Superintendent of Insurance Hotchkiss have caused every honest citizen to tingle with shame and indignation and have made irresistible the demand that every proper means should be employed to purge and purify, Governor Hughes sent a special message to the Legislature recommending "an immediate, impartial, thorough and unsparing investigation into legislative practices and procedure and into the use of corrupt or improper means for the promotion or defeat of legislation."

Grafters Severely Scored.

Pittsburg, Pa., Special.—A true bill charging Max G. Leslie, collector of delinquent taxes in Allegheny county, with bribery, was returned by the grand jury and at the same time a sweeping presentment was handed down with general charges that many of the 125 witnesses, whom the grand jury has had before it during the graft investigations, thus far have wilfully withheld knowledge of graft secrets and that a certain few have practically been guilty of perjury. Directors and officials of some of the six big banks which profited by the corrupt depository ordinance are severely scored by the grand jury.

Boy, 14 Years, to Hang.

Deland, Fla., Special.—Irwin Hanchett, the 14-year-old Connecticut boy, was found guilty in the criminal court here of the murder of Cleve Tedder, 13 years old, and sentenced to be hanged.

He met the little girl while she was on her way to school and stabbed her to death. Her body was a mass of knife wounds, one physician testifying at the trial that he counted seventy-five wounds.

Hanchett is a former inmate of the Connecticut State reform school.

Prominent Doctor's Wicked Deed.

Pittsburg, Special. Dr. Mark W. Blackburn, a member of a prominent and wealthy family, is dead and Mrs. Violet Getty, who rejected his alleged advances, is severely wounded from shots which Blackburn fired in a rooming house. She said that Dr. Blackburn had called at the house, where she roomed, and made a proposal that they elope.

Postoffice Business Getting Better.

Washington, Special.—Basing his conclusions on the auditors' returns of postal receipts and expenditures for the first half of the current fiscal year and on preliminary returns for the third quarter of the year, which closed March 31, Postmaster General Hitchcock predicted that the first year of the present administration would show a decrease of over \$10,000,000 in the deficit of \$17,480,000 handed down from the preceding year. The deficit for the first half of the current year was \$4,072,000 as against \$10,285,000 for the first half of last year.

Doctor and Mrs. Saylor Guilty.

Watska, Ill., Special.—Dr. W. R. Miller and Mrs. J. B. Saylor were found guilty of manslaughter for the slaying last July of J. Byron Saylor, a banker of Crescent City. John Grunden, a medicine vender from Oklahoma, father of Mrs. Saylor, was acquitted by the jury.

Punishment was fixed by the jury at 12 years imprisonment for Dr. Miller and 3 years for Mrs. Saylor.