

NORTH STATE NEWS

Items of State Interest Gathered and Told in Brief.

Alleged to Have Two Wives.

Kinston, Special.—Phillip H. Howard was arrested Thursday night by Sheriff Nunn and placed in jail to await the coming of an officer from Cheraw, S. C., where he is wanted to answer to the charge of bigamy.

Wife of Chief Justice Clark Dead.

Raleigh, Special.—Mrs. Clark, wife of Chief Justice Walter Clark of the North Carolina Supreme Court, died at noon Friday.

Methodist Appointments.

Charlotte, Special.—Somewhat of a shakeup in Methodist circles was created here Wednesday when, after communicating with Bishop James Atkins, Rev. H. K. Byer, presiding elder of the Charlotte district, announced that Rev. E. L. Bain, pastor of the Trinity Methodist church here, would be sent to Statesville to become presiding elder of that district.

Southern Railway Shops Install Big Air Compressing Plant.

Spencer, Special.—What is believed to be one of the largest plants for compressing air to be found in the South has just been completed for the Southern Railway Company units big shops at Spencer.

Tobacco Fair Abandoned.

Durham, Special.—The tobacco men, board of trade and merchants' association have abandoned the county tobacco fair for the present season.

Fire Loss About \$5,000.

Lexington, Special.—A more careful survey of the damage wrought Sunday night by the fire which destroyed the J. F. Hedrick livery stables shows that Mr. Hedrick is out about \$5,000.

Fall From Power Pole.

Charlotte, Special.—J. Laurin Jones, whose home is said to be in Durham, is at the Presbyterian Hospital as the result of a fall from a pole of the Southern Power Company near Pineville, eleven miles south of Charlotte.

DR. F. A. COOK.

New Attack Upon Him—His Lawyer Withdraws—Defended by His Doctor and Copenhagen divine—In a Maine Sanitarium.

New York, Special.—The New York Times presents the remarkable narratives of two men, made under oath, declaring that they were employed by Dr. Frederick A. Cook, to fabricate astronomical and other observations for submission to the University of Copenhagen, which is about to pass upon Dr. Cook's assertion that he discovered the North Pole on April 21, 1908.

Accompanying these narratives will appear copies of the affidavits of Capt. Loose and Dunkle affirming their accuracy.

Another New York dispatch says Dr. Frederick A. Cook's personal lawyer Henry Wellington Wack, has severed relations with his client. Mr. Wack refused to confirm or deny his withdrawal, but it can be affirmed on competent authority that, after a consultation with his partners, Mr. Wack wrote Dr. Cook so long ago as November 30 that he must beg him to seek legal advice elsewhere.

A Copenhagen cablegram of Thursday says Dr. Trop, rector of the University of Copenhagen, says that the charges published in The New York Times against Dr. Frederick A. Cook are based on pure fiction. Nevertheless, he added, he would accept the offer to examine the documents prepared by Loose and Dunkle, which The Times has agreed to send to Copenhagen.

Walter Lonsdale, secretary to Dr. Cook, who brought the explorer's data to Copenhagen, also declared that the accusations published in New York and London against Dr. Cook were totally unfounded. Dr. Cook is known to be at Pine Tree Sanitarium at Wells, Maine, under treatment of Dr. T. S. Pitts for a bad nervous condition which Dr. Pitts says, however, is not dangerous to mind or body and he considers him as now recuperating.

Cotton Ginned to December 1st.

Washington, Special.—There were 8,878,277 running bales of cotton ginned from the growth of 1909, to December 1, as compared with 11,008,661 for 1908, according to a bulletin of the census bureau issued Thursday.

These figures count round bales as half bales and exclude linters. They stand against 8,343,396 for 1907 and 10,207,868 for 1906. The proportion of the last three crops ginned to December 1 is 84.1 per cent. for 1908, 75.5 per cent. for 1907, and 77.2 per cent. for 1906. Round bales included this year are 133,919 against 201,480 included for 1908 and 154,636 for 1907. Sea Island bales included are 77,776 for 1909; 68,396 for 1908, and 55,299 for 1907.

The distribution of sea island cotton by States for 1909 is: Florida 25,906; Georgia 43,118, and South Carolina 8,752. The total cotton crop for 1908 was 13,086,005, and for 1907 is 11,757,822. The corrected statistics of the quantity of cotton ginned this season to November 14 are 8,112,119 bales.

Alabama 919,575; Arkansas 613,871; Florida 55,958; Georgia 1,677,232; Louisiana 237,553; Mississippi 86,950; North Carolina 536,163; Oklahoma 504,836; South Carolina 908,340; Tennessee 206,357; Texas 2,212,319; all other States 49,133.

Two Battleships Collide.

Washington, Special.—The battleships Georgia and Nebraska collided Thursday afternoon while engaged in tactical exercises off the Virginia capes. The effects of the collision were not serious and the two ships were able to return to Hampton Roads Friday with the entire fleet. Rivets in the two vessels were strained. This information came to the Navy Department Friday afternoon.

Shameful White Slave Trade.

Washington, Special.—All but incredibly revolting are the disclosures of an international system of traffic in both the enforced and the voluntary degradation of men and women contained in the report on the so-called "white slave trade" submitted to Congress Friday by the United States immigration commission. Shocking as is the tale of voluntary shame told in the report, extremely more so is the setting forth of well-attested facts as to the compulsory consignment of innocent immigrant girls to the life of the bawd.

NICARAGUAN CRISIS

News Storm Center of The Day.

VARYING ESTIMATES SITUATION

News That Zelaya Would Avoid an Engagement at Rama and, Making a Detour, Would Strike Bluefields.

Washington, Special.—Disquieting news received from Nicaragua at the State Department from official and unofficial sources to the effect that there is danger of an attack by President Zelaya's forces being made on Bluefields, where there are 150 Americans, resulted in orders being sent by wireless to the protected cruiser Tacoma with ten guns on board and a full complement of blue jackets, to proceed under full steam to Bluefields, there to join the Des Moines and await further orders.

The Prairie, now at Philadelphia, has been ordered to take on board seven hundred marines under the command of Colonel Biddle and steam as soon as possible to Colon. The importance and significance of these orders are minimized at the State Department, where it is said the Tacoma has been instructed to look out for American interests at Bluefields.

A dispatch of Saturday says: This city of Bluefields, the headquarters of the provisional government, has been thrown into alarm by a sudden realization of the strength of the government army against which General Estrada, the leader of the insurgents, had been supposed to have been making irresistible headway. Estrada apparently has been hoodwinked by Zelaya and no one would be surprised if the latter's troops should appear before the city at any hour. Estrada is hoping for timely aid from the United States.

A staff correspondent of The Associated Press who recently arrived here has canvassed the situation and finds it less hopeful for the insurgents than has been believed.

A very recent dispatch however says it is the opinion of Panamanians that President Zelaya of Nicaragua is riding for a fall, that he is deliberately working to bring about intervention by the United States, having chosen this form of humiliation in preference to the great one of suffering defeat at the hands of revolutionists.

For the past sixteen years, during which time Zelaya has been in power, according to the statements of men now on the isthmus who are conversant with affairs in that republic, Nicaragua has been ruled by a group of eight daring, clever and conscienceless men, who have looked upon the country as their own personal property.

This group has grown enormously rich by a systematized pillage of the revenues of the States and of individuals. It is estimated that Zelaya is worth about \$20,000,000 gold, most of which he has invested in Brussels and London.

It is said that when these men wanted a piece of property they offered about one tenth of its value and forced them to take their offer by threats of charge of treason before packed courts and juries and had them shot as traitors. A break was made when Zelaya refused to be fair in the distribution of the spoils.

Citizenship For Porto Ricans.

Washington, Special.—Citizenship, without serious inconvenience to the individual, should be extended to those who desire it in Porto Rico, according to General Clarence R. Edwards, chief of the bureau of insular affairs, in his annual report Sunday to the Secretary of War. As to whether this is to be done as a whole or by individual merit is a matter of detail.

Trees For The Yuletide.

Washington, Special.—Does the Yuletide with its demand for Christmas trees prove a menace to the American forests? This question is asked of the United States forestry service. The subject has received the serious consideration of the forestry bureau and the reply has been sent out that there need be no danger of destruction if the cutting of young evergreens for Christmas trees is done with discrimination.

Mrs. Reids Cause Advocated.

Washington, Special.—The Bitmore postoffice affair has evidently reached the White House and made some sort of an impression on the President. The appointment of Luther, Representative Grant's man, should have been sent to the Senate Monday, but it did not appear. Evidently somebody at Asheville is putting up a bitter fight for Mrs. Reid, the woman who held the job. Senator Overman will hold up the confirmation should the name go in, until the real state of affairs can be ascertained.

FEDERAL CONTROL

Corporations Should be Forced to Report.

SECRETARY NAGAL'S REPORT.

A Federal System of Statutory Publicity, the Secretary Believes, is the Prime Need

Washington, Special.—Legislation to create a department of the government which would do for the whole country what the bureau of corporations has been doing in specific instances, and compel complete publicity in the management of interstate corporations, is one of the leading recommendations contained in the annual report of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor made public Sunday. Newer and tighter laws to stamp out the white slave trade, which the secretary says is an organized and extensive business, is the other.

The secretary recommends the further development of the bureau of corporations. At the end of this fiscal year, the department still has on hand investigations of the lumber and steel industries, the International Harvester Company, concentration of waterpower ownership, transportation by water in the United States. It was still continuing its investigations of the tobacco industry, the operation of cotton exchanges and State systems of corporate taxation.

On the subject of government control of the fiscal and industrial forces, Secretary Nagel says some terse things and makes some important recommendations. The prime need of two things is emphasized. First, reliable information upon which the government may take legislative and administrative action and second, reliable information in a concise and available form to serve for the basis of public opinion. The first step to be taken, he says is an advance toward a complete system for obtaining and making public this information. The bureau of corporations has demonstrated the value of this beyond doubt, in the limited way which its force and money available would allow.

NINE FROZEN TO DEATH.

Fish Boat Commodore Perry Picks Up Yawl Containing Nine Dead and Frozen Bodies of the Crew of the Bessemer and Marquette Ferry No. 2, Which Left Port Tuesday Morning.

Erie, Pa., Special.—With her flag at half-mast the State fisheries boat Commodore commanding, brought to this port late Sunday the dead and frozen bodies of nine of the crew of the Bessemer and Marquette ferry No. 2, which left Coneaut, O., Tuesday morning, carrying 32 men and which probably frozen in the middle of Lake Erie.

For the past 48 hours the Commodore Perry has been scouring the waters of eastern Lake Erie for the traces of the car ferry but until a tiny ten-man yawl was sighted 15 miles off this port at 11 o'clock Sunday had almost given up hope of being able to ever tell a portion of the story of the fate of the big car ferry. As the Perry came abreast of the drifting and half water-logged yawl the men gathered at the side of the fish boat saw that they had arrived too late. The nine occupants of the boat, which was marked "Bessemer and Marquette No. 4," were frozen stiff in death. Taking the yawl in tow the Perry made all steam for this port.

Ellis Pleads Guilty.

Little Rock, Ark., Special.—W. Y. Ellis of Pine Bluff, Ark., whose trial on a charge of murder in connection with the killing of N. P. Willis of Indianapolis, Ind., resulted in a mistrial, late Saturday afternoon entered a plea of guilty of voluntary manslaughter, appealing to the mercy of the court for a minimum prison term. The case was reopened before Judge Lea in circuit court at the instance of the attorneys for Ellis.

Sues Father-in-Law For \$50,000.

Charlotte, N. C., Special.—Summons have been issued by Mr. E. T. Stenerson against his father-in-law, a wealthy citizen of Baltimore, Md., and it is understood that in the civil suit which will follow in the courts of Mecklenburg the plaintiff will seek damages in the sum of \$50,000, alleging the alienation of his wife's affections, she being a daughter of the defendant, Mr. Stenerson has employed Mr. T. C. Guthrie, and is determined to have his case properly presented to the courts.

A REVOLTING CRIME

Two Women Killed and Another Will Die.

SAVANNAH IS EXASPERATED!

\$1,000 Reward by Mayor For Arrest With Evidence to Convict the Perpetrator of the Revolting Deed.

Savannah, Ga., Special.—Victims of a revolting crime, Mrs. Eliza Gribble, aged 70 years, and her daughter, Mrs. Carrie Ohlander, were found dead in their home, No. 401 Perry street, west, here Friday, while a third woman, Mrs. Maggie Hunter, found just inside the front door of the house, is at the Savannah hospital dying.

Physicians state that Mrs. Ohlander was the victim of a criminal assault just before she was killed.

Police believe that the murderer using an axe taken from the woodshed in the rear of the Gribble home, beat Mrs. Gribble to death, struck down Mrs. Hunter and, after assaulting Mrs. Ohlander in the wide, long hallway where the bodies were found, finished his terrible work by beating in her skull with the weapon.

Mrs. Gribble evidently was attacked from behind as she sat in an easy chair reading. On the floor beside her body were found the newspaper she was reading and her spectacles.

One or possibly two blows were dealt her. Her grey hair, blood matted, shows the imprint of the blunt axe.

It is probable that Mrs. Hunter was the first to be struck down; that she met the murderer at the door as he entered and was struck before she could escape.

Then the murderer, stealthily approaching aged Mrs. Gribble, killed her. It is believed that Mrs. Ohlander was attacked as she left her room to enter the hallway, was assaulted and killed. Mrs. Hunter's skull was crushed in and her death is a matter of but a few hours.

Other theories are entertained by searchers for the murderer but the police are proceeding on the theory that a negro man is guilty. Many entertain this theory and feeling is intense here because of it.

Friday night Mayor Tiedeman of Savannah offered a reward of \$1,000 for the capture with evidence to convict the slayer of these women.

It is now almost certainly known that a negro, the negro who was at first suspected, is the guilty man. Persons have been found who state that this negro was seen entering the Gribble home with the fatal axe in his hand, and was seen closing the shutters to the windows of the house, and to leave the premises, all at the hour when it is believed the murders were committed.

This negro's description has been printed on hand bills and scattered broadcast over the city and county with the reward offer, and all nearby towns have been notified and are on the outlook. Police officers in automobiles have covered all the roads for miles surrounding the city while posses on foot have scoured the places where automobiles could not go.

Keeping Sectionalism Alive.

Washington, Special.—As a part of the fight being made against the acceptance by the government of the statue of Robert E. Lee as a permanent addition to the Hall of Fame in the Capitol building, the Vice President Friday laid before the Senate a resolution adopted by the Michigan commandry of the Royal Legion on November 4. This resolution characterizes as an insult to the nation the suggestion that if the statue of Lee be rejected by Congress Virginia will withdraw the bronze statue of George Washington.

Murder of Captain Rankin.

Union City, Tenn., Special.—In all of its brutal and bloody details, the story of the murder of Captain Quentin Rankin at Walnut Log, on Reelfoot lake, by a band of masked and armed night riders, was retold to a jury in the circuit court here Friday. Col. R. Z. Taylor, Captain Rankin's companion on the night of the murder was the chief witness.

Dispute Over Division of Game Ends Fatally.

Pensacola, Fla., Special.—After spending a day in the woods on a hunt Thursday, Henry Williams and Seaborn Critchfield, well-known planters of near Bonifay, became engaged in a quarrel in which the latter was instantly killed. They started a fight over the division of the game. Critchfield drew a knife and lunged at Williams, it is said, whereupon the latter drew his revolver and fired, killing his adversary. Williams was exonerated by a coroner's jury.

COTTON GOING HIGH.

Eight to Twenty-five Points Advance but Eased off three to four Points.

FUTURES ABOVE FIFTEEN CENTS.

Liverpool Report Make Activity in Market But Heavy Realizing Holds a Check and Closing is a Little Off.

New York, Special.—The cotton market opened steady at an advance of 8 to 25 points which was no better than due on the strength of Liverpool and ruled very active during the early trading. There was a continuation of big outside buying, but the advancing tendency was held in check by tremendous realizing and after the active months had sold 17 to 18 points net, higher, establishing new high records for the season, prices eased off 3 or 4 points during the middle of the morning Saturday.

The market closed easy with prices net 6 points lower to 25 points higher.

Receipts at the ports Saturday 26,642 bales, against 23,471 last week and 55,978 last year. For the week 200,000 bales, against 189,386 last week and 411,472 last year. Saturday's receipts at New Orleans 6,562 bales, against 10,911 last year and at Houston 8,031 bales, against 15,004 last year.

Spot closed quiet; middling uplands 15.20; middling gulf 15.45; no sales.

Table with columns: Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, June, July, Aug, Sept, Oct. and sub-columns: Open, High, Low, Clos.

RAYNER PLAYS ZELAYA.

Declares That Nicaraguan President is a Highwayman, a Tyrant, a Usurper and an Assassin and Probably the Most Despicable Figure That Has Ever Risen in Central America.

Washington, Special.—Vigorously denouncing President Zelaya for having "murdered" Cannon and Groce, officers of the revolutionary army, Senator Rayner of Maryland advocated the passage of his resolution authorizing the President of the United States to apprehend and try the President of Nicaragua for his crime against these two American citizens.

The private life of Zelaya, almost unspeakable in its enormity, said Mr. Rayner, should be made public by the State Department in order that the people of the United States might know the kind of man Zelaya was. Mr. Rayner insisted that there was ample authority in international law for the course he advocated to bring Zelaya to the bar of justice.

In moving that the resolution be referred to the committee on foreign relations, Senator Lodge said he was glad to know that the Senator from Maryland so thoroughly approved the course taken by the administration, as he himself heartily approved it.

Senator Cullom, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, added that he would have something to say about the resolution when it was reported by his committee back to the Senate, a remark which was interpreted as meaning that he expected it to be favorably reported.

Steerage Conditions Appalling.

Washington, Special.—A report on steerage conditions based on information obtained by special agents of the immigration commission traveling as steerage passengers on different trans-Atlantic steamers was made public Monday through presentation to the Senate with recommendations for legislation to better conditions.

A Victim of Leprosy.

Savannah, Ga., Special.—Death removed probably the only case of leprosy in the United States army Monday when First Sergeant C. O. Mix, of the Seventy-Second Company, Coast Artillery, died in his lonely cottage on the Fort Screven reservation. The body will be buried with full military honors in the national cemetery, in accordance with the last request of the dead soldier. Mix

Charged Her Husband With Triple Murder.

Savannah, Ga., Special.—Developments Monday in the aftermath of the triple murder of last Friday afternoon gave birth to the startling theory that not a single murderer but two or possibly three were engaged in the commission of the terrible crimes. County officers Monday night declare that of these J. C. Hunter, husband of Mrs. Maggie Hunter, whose death Monday added a third to the number of murdered women, is certainly one.