

HOLIDAY RECESS.

Congress Takes Two Weeks For Christmas.

JUDGE LURTON CONFIRMED.

Tennessean Becomes Associate Justice of Supreme Court—District of Columbia Bill Passed.

Washington, D. C., Special.—Both the Senate and the House were in session Monday, but both had concluded their arduous labors by 2 o'clock. Wednesday an adjournment was had for two weeks to enable the members to properly observe the Christmas holidays.

SEVENTY LYNCHINGS IN 1909.

West Virginia One Lynching, While Virginia, North Carolina and Maryland Have Not a Case.

Washington, D. C., Special.—The Herald says that during 1909 lynchings numbered 70, the highest number recorded since 1904. The victims numbered eleven whites and fifty-nine negroes.

As in previous years, crimes, or alleged crimes, against white women and murders caused most of these summary executions. One case, occurring in Cairo, Ill., combined both causes and resulted in the placing of the city under military control for several days.

The Cairo lynchings were the only cases of the kind that occurred north of the Ohio River during the year. Several double lynchings occurred at various points in the South, and Oklahoma furnished a quadruple lynching, with four cattlemen as the victims.

In the following record the word "lynching" has been held to apply only to the summary punishment inflicted by a mob or by any number of citizens on a person, alleged to have committed a crime. By States the seventy lynchings cases here recorded are classified as follows:

Georgia, 11; Texas, 10; Florida, 8; Louisiana, 7; Mississippi, 7; Alabama, 6; Oklahoma, 5; Kentucky, 4; South Carolina, 3; Arkansas, 3; Illinois, 2; New Mexico, 2; Missouri, 1; West Virginia, 1.

Not a case of mob rule is recorded against Virginia, North Carolina, and Maryland.

Madriz Succeeds Zelaya.

Managua, Nicaragua, By Cable.—Dr. Jose Madriz, former judge of the Central American court of justice at Cartago and Zelaya's candidate, was Monday elected President of Nicaragua by the unanimous vote of Congress. The session was a stormy one, but there seemed to be perfect unanimity with regard to the election of Madriz, and when the official announcement was made there were vociferous cheering and cries of "Viva Madriz," "Viva Leon," "Down with monopolies," "Down with tyranny," "Long live the constitution." Dr. Madriz assumed the presidency at 10 o'clock Wednesday.

Thaw Denied a Writ of Error.

Washington, Special.—Justice McKenna of the Supreme Court of the United States has denied a petition of Harry K. Thaw for a writ of error to the court of appeals of New York, in the case in which Thaw made an effort to obtain release from the Matteawan asylum. In that case a petition for a writ of habeas corpus was denied and the effect of Justice McKenna's decision will be to leave the decision of the court of appeals undisturbed.

Clash Between the Races.

Magnolia, Ala., Special.—As a result of four white men being shot by Clinton Montgomery late Saturday night, one fatally, there was a severe clash between the races, resulting in Montgomery being shot to death in a house in which he barricaded himself and his body consumed in the burning building.

New Chief of Police For Panama Canal Zone.

Washington, D. C., Special.—Secretary Dickinson has decided to appoint J. P. Fyfe of Chattanooga, Tenn., chief of police of the Panama canal zone at a salary of \$4,000 a year to succeed Gilbert Porter.

Trinity Students Expelled.

Durham, N. C., Special.—President Kigo of Trinity College has expelled eight students from the college for hazing. They names of those expelled are not made public. The faculty is determined to rid the school of all rowdiness.

A SONG FROM THE SCRIPTURE.

By The Bentztown Bard.

THE CHRISTMAS CHILD.

And the angel said unto them: Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger.—St. Luke, ii, 10-12

Laudation to His Holy name, And to His lowly birth; Not that He came in splendor-flame, Nor like a king of earth; Not that the banners waved on high, The cymbals clashed His praise; But that alone the starry sky Led to His humble dais!

Laudation to His purpose mild, Who came not unto men Except as comes a little child With far, wide-wandering ken; Who came not panoplied in gold, With sword and shield of might, But in His mother's sweet enfold— A rose-bloom of the night!

Laudation to His deathless soul, Not that He ruled, as king; But that God's arm around him stole As soft as angel's wing. Not that the thunder of His tread Shook cities to their doom, But that beneath His feet the dead Were touched to deathless bloom!

Not for the conqueror's mail-clad hand Nor for the victor's sword; A wild, world-sundering horde; Lift the hosanna of the years, Utter the golden song, For this, the foeman of our tears And for all human wrong!

Aye, for a life that came to lead All life toward the sun; And for a heart that came to bleed For tasks that love had done; A life that gave that gifts might bless All sweets of life; to be— This brother of the brotherless— Dear friend to you and me!

Laudation to His holy name! Through all the ages cry The exaltation of His fame Unto the Christmas sky— Not that He rose as prince's rise, Unto life's fleeting power; But that beneath warm mother-eyes He bloomed as blooms a flower! —Baltimore Sun.

Census Supervisors Meet.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—Census supervisors of Georgia, Alabama, Florida, South Carolina and Tennessee met in conference here with E. Dana Durand, director of census, and William C. Hunt, statistician of population. Between thirty-five and forty supervisors attended. Details of the work of gathering the census were discussed.

Case Will Take Its Turn.

Washington, D. C., Special.—The United States Supreme Court declined to advance the case of the Red C Oil Company against the Board of Agriculture of North Carolina, handing down the decision Monday. This means, of course, that the case will take its turn, coming up when reached in the due course of business. In the meantime, however, the State law will be enforced. The plaintiff had asked for an injunction before Judge Connor of the district court, but the request was refused.

Standard Oil Files Appeal.

St. Louis Special.—The appeal of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, its subsidiaries and the seven individuals, against whom the government recently won its dissolution suit in the United States circuit court, was filed here. Sixty-five instances in which the circuit court is alleged to have erred are cited as reasons for taking the case to the supreme court of the United States.

9,429,000 Bales Ginned.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—The report of the National Ginners' Association issued last Friday shows that 9,429,000 bales of cotton had been ginned to December 15, 1909. The report by States follows: Alabama, 994,000; Arkansas, 652,000; Florida, 58,000; Georgia, 1,778,000; Louisiana, 246,000; Mississippi, 906,000; Missouri and Virginia, 52,000; North Carolina 596,000; Oklahoma 521,000; South Carolina, 1,074,000; Tennessee, 221,000; Texas, 2,271,000; Total 9,429,000.

NEARLY OVER.

"You seem to be attacking pretty close to business these days." "Well, I need the relaxation. The baseball season is a terrible strain on a man."—Washington Star.

MEET IN CHARLOTTE

Southern Educational Association to Gather This Month.

MANY SUBJECTS ON PROGRAM.

The Association is Almost as Extensive as That of the National Educational Association.

Charlotte, N. C., Special.—The next meeting of the Southern Educational Association will be held here on the 28, 29 and 30 of this month. This will be one of the largest, most important and notable educational gatherings that ever assembled in the South. The last meeting at Atlanta was the largest in its history. The association has been largely reconstructed and has now developed an organization almost as extensive as that of the National Educational Association.

Among the subjects that will be discussed in the general session are the following: Educational ideals and problems of the New South as compared with the Old South; the industrial development of the South—the development of Southern rural life and public schools in relation to it; the movement for the improvement of school houses and grounds; the call for educational citizenship; national aid to Southern schools; educational legislation and progress during the year; the trend of state administration to public schools; present status of illiteracy in the Southern States; methods of state and local taxation for public schools; present conception of negro education in the South; methods of educational campaigns; the service of the state university; present status of college education; higher education of women; the movement for the education of adults; the supervision of rural schools; the improvement of teachers; Southern summer schools; development of rural high schools; secondary agricultural education in the South; secondary education in Europe; European and American trade schools, etc.

The most progressive Southern university, colleges and normal schools will make exhibits of their equipments, special facilities, etc., bearing especially upon the professional preparation of teachers in secondary and elementary schools. Some of the leading Southern industrial high and elementary schools, also several kindergarten schools, will exhibit the work they have done.

The railroads have granted half rates and hotels will also give special rates. Charlotte is a large commercial and industrial center, and an excellent place for meeting.

Madriz Will Accept Office.

Managua, Nicaragua, Special.—Jose Madriz, judge of the Central American court of justice, at Cartago, who has been put forward as candidate for the presidency to succeed Zelaya, received an enthusiastic reception on his arrival here. Long before he reached the capital Madriz was the object of cheering crowds. He was met by delegations from various departments, and acclaimed all along the way from Corinto to Managua. I shall accept the honor which has been offered me. I am not the candidate of Leon, but of the entire republic. My chief concern will be to appease the ancient sectionalism which has divided certain localities.

To Meet in Charlotte.

Charlotte, N. C., Special.—There is to be held in Charlotte Tuesday, January 4, a meeting of all the cotton yarn spinners of the South and representatives of the leading commission houses of the North, for the purpose of considering conditions in the cotton yarn trade, with the view to securing a better price of yarns.

Superintendent and Guard Indicted.

Atlanta, Special.—After a rigid inspection of conditions in the city prison a grand jury indicted Superintendent D. M. Vining and Guard P. Corner, and pronounced the conditions "in, man, incredible and vile." The jury's report told of overpowering stenches, infectious filth, torture machines and other alleged horrors seen in the men's and the women's quarters, white

Paid Homage to Leopold.

Brussels, By Cable.—The body of King Leopold lay in state in the royal palace Sunday, while thousands who had patiently waited their turn to be admitted, filed silently before the catafalque and paid homage to their late sovereign. In the presence of Prince Albert and the officers and dignitaries of the court and government, the coffin had been borne to the mortuary chamber, while priests chanted the Miserere and a procession of nuns, with bended heads, told the rosary for the dead. The ceremonies were elaborate.

WASHINGTON NOTES

The House Thursday devoted nearly five hours time to consideration of the District of Columbia appropriation bill. The measure carries an appropriation of \$10,146,473 for the expenses of the District for 1911. General debate was concluded but the reading of the measure, paragraph by paragraph proceeded slowly. Several members made points of order against certain sections in the interest of economy and the reading had not concluded when the House adjourned Thursday. Mr. Macon of Arkansas had the paragraph appropriating \$2,400 for an automobile for the engineer commissioner of the District stricken out in spite of the protests of Representative Tawney of Minnesota, chairman of the appropriations committee and representative Gardner of Michigan, in charge of the bill.

Democratic applause greeted an attack Thursday made by Representative Hitchcock on the official conduct of Secretary of the Interior Ballinger in connection with the so-called Cunningham coal land cases, in a speech demanding a congressional investigation of the General Land Office, Representative Shepard of Texas addressed the House during general debate on the bill urging the House to revive the moribund commissions on expenditures for the various departments in order that sweeping investigation of the departments might be made.

Representative Burgess, of Texas, Wednesday introduced in the House a joint resolution declaring that the United States shall cease to exercise sovereignty over the Philippine Islands, and by treaty with foreign nations set up and maintain there a free and independent government. The resolution requests the President of the United States to consider the expediency of opening negotiations with Great Britain, Germany, France, Russia, Italy, Spain and Japan for a joint treaty providing for the recognition and preservation of such a government.

Diplomas of merit Tuesday were presented by Secretary Wilson in his office at the Department of Agriculture to Bascomb Usher, of South Carolina; Dewitt Lundy, of Mississippi; Elmer Halter, of Arkansas and Ralph Bellwood, of Virginia—all boys under 18 years—for special proficiency in agricultural pursuits. The recipients of the awards are among the 12,500 in the boys' demonstration work in the South. Each planted one acre of corn and cultivated it under instructions from the Department of Agriculture.

The effort of the present Congress to suppress the "white slave traffic" has caused a materialization of the specter of "State's rights," and that House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce before which the Mann bill is pending, is at loggerheads over the question. Such strong objection by Democrats has been manifested that Chairman Mann and his Republican associates have abandoned temporarily their efforts to obtain early action on the measure.

The Pee Dee river, in Chesterfield county, is to get no more money if the recommendation of the chief of engineers of the army, Gen. Marshall, is followed and they will be in a communication through the secretary of war to congress Tuesday. Gen. Marshall says that the commerce along the Pee Dee does not justify any further appropriation.

Acting, it is understood, upon the suggestion of Secretary Knox, the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate Wednesday steered clear of the resolution of Senator Raynor of Maryland, authorizing the President to descend upon Nicaragua and punish Zelaya promptly. Some of the members were strongly in favor of modifying the Rayner resolution slightly and authorizing its favorable report to the Senate.

Advocating the adoption of a defined waterway policy by the United States Government, Representative Richardson, of Alabama, delivered a speech in the House Tuesday, while that body was in committee of the whole with the President's message under consideration. Mr. Richardson proposed the expenditure of \$50,000,000 for the improvement of the Mississippi River and its tributaries.

Francis E. Bliss, Jr., former member of the Baltimore paper ruling firm of Bliss, Albrecht Co., was Wednesday acquitted of charges of embezzlement by a jury in Criminal Court No. 1.

Bliss, who figured in the Kenyon street tarring case something more than a year ago was the Washington representative of the Baltimore concern. It was charged that while in this capacity he received checks for work done by the firm for the United States Government amounting to about \$169. Bliss was placed on trial about a month ago, but the prosecution was withdrawn at that time because the indictment was faulty.

NEWS BREVITIES

Condensed from Wide Fields, Domestic and Foreign.

AS THEY ARE HAPPENING DAILY

Suited to the Wants of Busy Readers Seeking a Knowledge of What is Going on.

The steamer Gov. Ames, found from New York to Brunswick, Ga., went to pieces off Wimble Shoals, 25 miles north of Hatteras, N. C., Monday. The captain and wife and eleven of the crew were lost, one of the crew only escaping.

George P. Sheldon is indicted for larceny in the shortage of \$45,000 or \$50,000 dollars in the Atlanta office of the Phenix Fire insurance company of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Zelaya has resigned the presidency of Nicaragua amid riotous demonstrations in which the populace cry down with the old and up with the new regime.

The sugar scandals at the New York custom house are being ferreted out and the Arbuckle Brothers have coughed up \$695,543 out of which they had wronged the government.

The Brokaw divorce suit in New York is now a live topic. It is brought out that the husband was about to sue for the divorce but he is fighting the suit now as there is \$60,000 at stake in alimony.

It now develops that Capt. August W. Loose and his man Dunkle who swore that they made Capt. Cook's calculations to help him deceive the world about his getting to the North Pole and squealed because he did not pay up were after selling their fabrications and Loose says Dunkle got most of the money for the fabrication.

News has just arrived that a mine explosion in Southern Japan recently claimed 762 victims. Forty-three others escaped. The mine works 4,755 hands and has a monthly output of 44,000 tons of coal.

Secretary of War Dickinson will take a trip to inspect Santo Domingo and Porto Rico, paying special attention to the revolutionary conditions in the former islands.

It is estimated that 7 to 8 million people visited Coney Island during the late summer making about 20,000 trips besides spending \$40,000,000 mostly in nickels and dimes, sums three times as much as the United States paid for Louisiana and six times as much as Alaska cost.

Women in high social position—members of the Colony Club—held an enthusiastic meeting Wednesday afternoon in their clubrooms at 322 Madison avenue, in the interest of the striking shirtwaist workers, who will receive substantial financial aid from the organization.

The Brownsville court of inquiry is sitting behind closed doors in Washington, hearing such applicants of the Negro disbanded regiment as wish to re-enter the army and can show themselves eligible under the Foraker act.

Congressman Kitchin, of North Carolina, introduced a bill in the house Wednesday the object of which is to prevent corporations doing business in the state from appealing cases from the state to the federal courts.

King Leopold, the sovereign of Belgium, died Friday morning in Brussels.

The National Geographic society in Washington City Wednesday night bestowed on Commander Peary the honor of the discovery of the North Pole and awarded a suitable medal. Capt. Bartlett also received a medal for sailing a boat further into the arctic regions than any one else.

A fire at East St. Louis, Ill., on Monday, burned 100 car loads of grain. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Zelaya who is so conspicuous before the world now has a nephew in New York who is in trouble in love affairs. Miss Juliette Hero, of Grecian descent, is suing him for \$100,000 dollars on breach of promise.

Another severe storm accompanied with snow, ice and sleet passed over New York, Pennsylvania and the great lakes Monday and Tuesday. Considerable damage was done to wires.

Three sisters are in New York jail charged with the murder of Ocey Sheard, whose body was found submerged in a bath tub long after death.

The Senate committee on judiciary voted unanimously Wednesday to report favorably the nomination of Judge Horace H. Lurton, of Tennessee, to be an associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Some members of the committee expressed the opinion that it would have been better to have named a younger man, Judge Lurton being in his 66th year, but there was no general opposition to him, or any criticism except as to his age.

KING LEOPOLD DEAD

Collapsed Unexpectedly Friday Morning.

ALL BELGIUM IN MOURNING.

Bulletins Thursday Were Altogether Hopeful and People Were Hopeful—Began to Sink at 2:35 a. m.

Brussels, By Cable.—King Leopold died at 2:35 o'clock Friday morning, his aged and wasted body being unable to stand the strain put upon it. The collapse occurred suddenly and at a moment when the doctors seemingly had had the greatest hopes for his recovery.

It appears that the doctors were totally unprepared for a fatal termination. It was a nun, acting as a nurse, who first noticed the heavy breathing of the king. She called Dr. Thiriar to the bedside. Both doctors resorted to injections of morphine, but these had no effect.

The entire Kingdom of Belgium mourns its departed ruler, Leopold II. Courts, schools and theatres are closed, Parliament and the municipal council have adjourned and flags are at half-mast in every city, town and village of the kingdom out of respect for the dead monarch.

Under the constitution the affairs of the nation will be in the hands of the Cabinet until Prince Albert takes the oath of office of succession next Thursday, the day after the funeral of his uncle, before the joint houses of Parliament in the Senate chamber.

An official decree issued Thursday lauds King Leopold's career and declares his creation of the Congo Independent State was an act unique in the annals of history. "Posterity will judge Leopold a great King with a grand reign," it says.

COLUMBIA GETS SEMINARY.

The Theological Seminary of United Synod of the South to Be Located There.

Salisbury, N. C., Special.—The committee to fix upon a location for the Theological Seminary of the Southern Evangelical Lutheran church, the body known as the United Synod of the South, met here on Thursday and fixed upon Columbia, S. C., as the place to which that institution is to be removed from its present location at Mt. Pleasant near Charleston.

The respective offers were: Columbia \$17,722 and sites; Salisbury \$14,350 and sites; Charlotte \$8,000 and sites. Charlotte offered the greatest variety of sites, but all at valuations somewhat strong. Salisbury offered two beautiful sites, and some others. One was of 16 acres, near the clay and supplied with water from the city. Columbia offered two sites, described in a letter appended thereto.

SALISBURY HAS BAD FIRE.

One Fireman Loss Life and Another in Critical Condition—Loss Estimated at \$60,000

Salisbury, Special.—Fire, which broke out in the second floor of the Empire Store Company's building at 10:30 o'clock Friday night resulted in property loss of approximately \$60,000, the death of Mr. R. H. Pender, a member of the fire department and the probable fatal injury of Mr. E. E. Keeter, also a fireman. At 12:15 o'clock Saturday morning it was announced at the Whitehead-Stokes sanatorium that Mr. Keeter might not survive the night.

The flames spread rapidly and soon the entire second floor of the building was enveloped and the whole block seemed doomed. The fire wall proved equal, however, and the adjoining buildings were damaged very little. So threatening was the situation at one time that all of the guests of the Empire hotel were awakened and moved out.

General Wood in Command.

Washington, D. C., Special.—Major General Leonard Wood, now in command of the Department of the East, will be the next chief of staff of the army. Secretary Dickinson made this announcement Wednesday. General Wood will succeed Gen. J. Franklin Bell whose term at the head of the general staff will expire next spring.

Two Killed and One Fatally Injured in Railroad Wreck.

Macon, Ga., Special.—Two persons were killed, one fatally injured and seven more or less seriously hurt when a Central of Georgia north-bound passenger train Friday morning at 7:50 o'clock at Harris City, Ga., crashed into the combination second-class, baggage and mail car of train No. 42, east bound, of the Macon & Birmingham road. The accident occurred at the crossing of the two roads and was due, according to statements from railroad officials, to a frosted track.