

WEATHER

Snow in early morning followed by fair and warmer today; Sunday fair and warmer; light north winds.

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NIGHTRIDERS WARN TOBACCO GROWERS NEAR DANVILLE

Threaten to Dig Up Plant Beds and Deal Roughly With Them.

WANT TOBACCO STORED IN THE DRY PRIZERY

Efforts to Run Down Men Who Posted Warning Notices Are Met With Further Warning Against Any Such Movement.

Danville, Va., March 20.—W. B. Neal, W. N. Terry, B. L. Terry, J. W. Fitzgerald and J. J. Motley, all large tobacco raisers, recently received letters from "Night-Riders" threatening to dig up their plant beds and deal with them roughly unless they stored tobacco in the dry prizery.

LILLEY SUPPORTS HIS CHARGES BY MASS OF DATA

Declares That Allegations of Excessive Profits Are Borne Out By Facts.

QUOTES FROM TESTIMONY OF THREE REAR ADMIRALS

Statements Made By Them Before House Naval Affairs Committee In 1901 and 1902 Used as Foundation for Allegations of Representatives.

Washington, D. C., March 20.—In support of his assertion that more than \$1,000,000 of unnecessary profit has been paid by the United States government to the Electric Boat Company in the purchase of submarine torpedoboots, and that similar high profits were contemplated in pending contracts proposed to be awarded to that company, Representative Lilley, of Connecticut, has prepared for submission to the special submarine investigation committee of the House certain statements, comparisons and conclusions.

SHIP SUBSIDY BILL IS PASSED BY THE SENATE

Pays to 16-Knot Vessels Plying to Philippines, Japan, China and Australia 4 Per Mile.

12-KNOT STEAMERS TO GET \$2 PER MILE

Amendment Adopted Providing That If Two or More Lines Ply From Atlantic Ports to South America, One Line Shall Stop at Two Southern Ports.

Washington, March 20.—The ship subsidy bill was passed by the Senate today. It pays to 16-knot vessels plying between this country and South America, the Philippines, Japan, China and Australasia \$4 per mile the amount awarded by the act of 1891 to vessels of 20-knots only.

HEAVY SNOW AND SHARP DECLINE IN TEMPERATURE

Lovely Mixture of Snow, Water and Mud Makes Walking Unpleasant.

SAME SORT OF WEATHER FREAK ONE YEAR AGO

Fifty-One Weeks Ago Greensboro Had a Similar Experience—Trains Late, But Due More to Wreck Than to Weather Conditions.

Snow began falling just before noon yesterday, and kept steadily at it until a late hour last night. The depth of the fall could not be gauged, because the snow melted almost as rapidly as it fell, but judging by its long continuance, enough came down to make a respectable foot of the beautiful, or whatever it may be called; after days of almost summer weather.

"Fighting Bob" Evans To Quit Fleet May 8; Thomas His Successor



REAR-ADMIRAL EVANS.

LYNCHBURG NO LONGER A PARTY DEFENDANT IN THE N. & W. R. R. SUIT

Chamber of Commerce Withdraws By Consent Interstate Commerce Commission.

NEWS FROM STATE CAPITAL

Raleigh, N. C., March 20.—Official notice came to the North Carolina corporation commission today from the interstate commerce commission that the chamber of commerce of Lynchburg, Va., has been allowed by the interstate commission to withdraw as party defendant with the Norfolk and Western Railway Company in the suit the North Carolina corporation commission is prosecuting against the Norfolk and Western charging unjust discrimination in freight rates to North Carolina points, notably Winston-Salem and Durham, as compared with rates given Virginia cities.



REAR-ADMIRAL THOMAS.

Rear Admiral to Be Relieved Following Metcalf's Review.

Admiral Evans will be relieved of command of the American battleship fleet at San Francisco at sundown the evening of May 8, immediately after the grand review by the secretary of the navy.

BATTLESHIPS TO VISIT JAPAN ON HER INVITATION

Emperor of the Island Kingdom Extends Cordial Invitation, Which Is Accepted.

CHINA IS EXPECTED TO MAKE THE NEXT CALL

If She Does America Will Accept, But That Is To Be The Last Port Of Call For The Big Sixteen in Their Round the World-Tour.

Washington, March 20.—The American battleship fleet is to visit Japan. The desire of the Emperor of the island kingdom to play host to the "Big Sixteen" was laid before Secretary Root yesterday by Baron Takahira, the Japanese ambassador.

The invitation, which was couched in the most cordial terms, was made the subject of extended consideration by President Roosevelt and his entire cabinet today. Secretary Root was directed to accept the invitation, and the acceptance was laid before the Japanese ambassador late today. It is regarded in official circles here as more than likely that China will be next to bid for a look at the fleet, and that should this be the case the invitation would be accepted.

MEETING WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF WESTERN CONFERENCE

Opens Today In Winston-Salem and Will Continue Until Next Wednesday.

Winston-Salem, N. C., March 20.—Beginning tomorrow the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Western North Carolina Conference will be in session till next Wednesday afternoon. The committee on arrangements have left undone nothing that will contribute to the pleasure or comfort of the guests.

SAYS DEMOCRATS SOON WILL RESUME CONTROL OF OUR GOVERNMENT

Mr. Bartlett, of Georgia, Optimistic as to the Future of His Much-Defeated Party.

ASSAILS REPUBLICAN RECORD

Washington, March 20.—Maintaining that the Democratic representation in the House had steadily increased "since the general rout in 1894," Mr. Bartlett, of Georgia, today predicted that unless all the signs failed the country would soon return its control to the Democrats.

TAFT'S NOMINATION ON FIRST BALLOT CERTAIN, DECLARES HITCHCOCK

Washington Manager of Ohio Man's Campaign Says That 552 Delegates Already Are Sure For Taft and That This Means Secretary's Choice—Gives Figures, Too.

Washington, D. C., March 20.—The nomination of William H. Taft, of Ohio, as the Republican presidential candidate, is predicted in a statement made public tonight by Frank H. Hitchcock, who is in charge of the Taft Washington headquarters. Mr. Hitchcock claims that 552 delegates are already assured to Taft, and that this means that the Ohioan will be nominated on the first ballot taken in the Chicago convention.

SLEET PREVENTS A. & M. AND LAFAYETTE GAME

Raleigh, N. C., March 20.—A fall of sleet all the afternoon, changing to snow toward night, prevented the game of baseball that was to have been played between A. & M. College and Lafayette this afternoon. It is very much feared that the game also scheduled with Lafayette for tomorrow afternoon will be prevented by weather conditions.

Snow and Hail at Durham.

Durham, N. C., March 20.—Snow began to fall here this afternoon before two o'clock and before night quite a large fall of snow, much of it being now on the ground. At night snow was still falling.

Killed Man Who Killed Dog.

Mobile, Ala., March 20.—Isham Bishop Elrod, twenty years old, an enlisted soldier at Fort Morgan, was today carried back to Tazewell, Tenn., under a charge of murder. The soldier admits the killing, claiming that a man named Harris killed his dog, and that he killed Harris.

Alabama Lumber Company Fails.

Mobile, Ala., March 20.—A special from Jackson, Ala., says that the McIntyre Lumber Company failed today. The company originally represented a capitalization of one million dollars. Recently it purchased the Zimmerman Lumber Company, in the same vicinity, capitalized at \$800,000, making the total liabilities \$1,800,000. No reason is assigned for the failure other than financial conditions.

ARRESTED IN MOBILE FOR COUNTERFEITING

YOUNG MAN'S APPREHENSION CAME AS CLIMAX TO YEAR'S WORK BY SECRET SERVICE.

Mobile, Ala., March 20.—Charles Gray, a young man, was arrested today on a charge of counterfeiting. Several days ago local banks reported that counterfeit ten-dollar bills of the "Buffalo Bill" denomination had been detected and secret service officers were put on the track. Gray has been employed as a special writer for a local paper. The federal officials say the arrest of today is the climax to a year's work by secret service officials.

N. & W. EMPLOYEES REJECT PROPOSAL OF THE ROAD

DECLINE TO ACCEPT CONDITIONAL REDUCTION OF THEIR SALARIES BASED ON EARNINGS.

Roanoke, Va., March 20.—The employees of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company today declined to accept the proposition submitted to them by the road on February 24, which was: "That in any month that the company's gross earnings are less than \$2,500,000, that their rate of pay will be computed on the rates in effect previous to the last adjustment, this arrangement to remain in effect for a period of ten months from the date of its adoption."

SAY BROKER FORGED 'COTTON BILLS OF LADING

TEXAS MAN REIMBURSED RAILROAD, BUT INDICTMENTS STILL STAND AGAINST HIM.

Houston, Tex., March 20.—W. B. Miller, formerly a leading cotton broker of Belle county, at Belton, was arrested today under an indictment charging him with forging cotton bills of lading on the Santa Fe railroad during the cotton season of 1906-07. The amounts realized in these alleged forgeries run up to \$85,000.

SUICIDE LEAVES NOTE SAYING HE WAS CRAZY

KILLS HIMSELF WITH DAGGER IN HOTEL AT TAMPA, FLORIDA.

Tampa, Fla., March 20.—A. H. Miller, a traveling representative of a guano house in Norfolk, Va., committed suicide in the Hillsboro hotel early this morning with a dagger, inflicting several ugly wounds in his body. Miller had evidently planned to kill himself several days ago, according to letters found on his person. He left a note to his wife, as follows: "I have been fighting this off for some time, but can't hold back any longer. I know that I am crazy, but can't help it."

HARDWICK CRITICIZES PRESIDENT'S MOTIVES

Washington, D. C., March 20.—President Roosevelt's failure to make public certain information concerning corporations gathered by the bureau of corporations was criticized in the House of Representatives today.