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SOUTHERN MAN WANTS LUMBER DUTY TO STAND

Says That Lowering Tariff Would In No Way Help Conservation of Forests.

HARVESTER TRUST NO LONGER NEEDS TARIFF

Declares at House Hearings That Its Business Will Not Be Affected by Abolition of Duty Upon Its Products, The South and Protection.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—The timber schedule was again under discussion before the House ways and means committee for a short time today. H. H. Tift, of Tifton, Ga., who appeared at the request of the committee, said the creation of forest reserves by the government had the effect of increasing the price of stumpage. He declared the government gets the highest prices for what it sells. Mr. Tift asked that the lumber schedule be left undisturbed, saying the free entry of lumber would tend to conserve the American forests, and that the consumers probably would get no benefit in the way of reduced prices. He admitted that he would be satisfied with the retention of the tariff in the low grades of lumber. Chairman Payne asked Mr. Tift why the people of the south come before the committee and ask for higher duties than the people from any other section and then voted for a low tariff in the national election. "Taft got 40,000 votes in Georgia," remarked the witness. "Yes, but he should have gotten a majority."

JUDGE PURNELL DEAD AFTER MANY MONTHS' ILLNESS

Cancer of Kidneys and Liver Pronounced AS Cause of Death of Jurist.

FUNERAL WILL BE HELD TODAY AT RALEIGH

Judge Purnell's Death Brings to a Close a Long and Honorable Career. As a Jurist He Had Remarkable Success, Being Reversed in Few Instances.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 19.—The Hon. Thomas R. Purnell, judge of the United States District and Circuit courts, Eastern district of North Carolina, died this morning at 7:30 o'clock at his home here, aged sixty-three years, after a protracted illness of cancer of the kidneys and liver. He had been steadily failing for several months, and his death was not unexpected, although the report of his death, as it spread about the city, came as a shock and elicited expression of sincere regret from many friends. The funeral will be held from the Church of the Good Shepherd (Episcopal) at 3:15 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, the interment to be in Oakwood cemetery. Judge Purnell was born in Halifax county of prominent parentage, his father having been a successful lawyer, and his mother a sister of Governor Dudley. He was yet a school boy when the Civil war broke out, but volunteered, serving in the engineering corps. At the close of the war he pursued the study of law in Wilmington and began the practice of his profession there. In 1869 he located in Winston as a

RALEIGH INVENTOR FATALLY SHOTS A N. Y. BROKER

Quarrel Over an Alleged Debt of \$650, for Financing Electric Vibration Co.

THREE HUNDRED PEOPLE WITNESS THE AFFAIR

Altercation Followed by Encounter Which Was Joined in by Clerk in the Office—Crowd Unable to Get on Scene in Time to Prevent Shooting.

New York, Dec. 19.—Following an altercation over an alleged debt of \$650 incurred in connection with the financing of an electric vibration company, of which he was treasurer, Henry B. Suydam, a mining stock broker, member of the curb stock market, was shot in his office at 39 Broad street today, by John C. Lunsden, an inventor, Raleigh, N. C. Suydam was fatally wounded. Lunsden claimed that the money in question was due him, and that an attempt was being made to defraud him of it. The shooting, which followed a hand-to-hand encounter in which George A. Downs, a young clerk employed by Suydam, joined, was witnessed from the street below by the three hundred fellow curb brokers of the victim, none of whom could reach the office in time to prevent it. According to the story told by Suydam to the coroner and corroborated by Downs and the other occupants of the office at the time of the shooting, Lunsden, upon whose stock in the vibrator company Suydam obtained a loan, called this morning to demand an equivalent for the stock in question. It was ex-

MERCHANTS BUSY WITH CHRISTMAS SHOPPING FOLKS

Postoffice and Express Clerks Are Handling Thousands of Packages of Holiday Gifts.

"UNMARKED PACKAGES" IN LARGE NUMBERS

Volume of Trade Will Be 25 to 50 Per Cent. Larger Than Last Year—Shoppers Here From Nearby Towns in Large Numbers.

There is no evidence of a panic on the streets of Greensboro these days. All is hurry and bustle, and if Santa Claus does not make the children immensely happy there is no sign in big sales of holiday goods. For the past few days the merchants have rushed from early morning till late at night. At the postoffice the rush is on, too. All the carriers have heavier pouches and the clerks are kept busy handling the increased volume of mail matter. Thousands of packages will be sent out and received at the Greensboro office before the holiday season is passed. Weighing the packages, assorting them for the different mail routes, in addition to handling a largely increased number of letters and papers, makes the clerks in the postoffice sweat. Two additional carriers and one additional clerk has been put on to help handle the Christmas mail, but with this additional help the entire force is worked overtime. There is a similar rush at the express office. Thousands of packages are handled there every day, and the wonder is that many of them are not lost. The express company has recently moved into the different cases of people to be shipped, and the building erected specially for the work. They have more room and better facilities, but the Christmas rush this year is giving the express boys all the work they want. All kinds of Christmas presents are handled by the express company, from diamonds and jewelry up to suits of furniture. Probably the largest number of packages of one variety are what is known as the "unmarked." It is suspected that these "unmarked packages" contain certain goods calculated to increase the spirit of mirth, and judging from the different classes of people to whom they are addressed, all classes will be happy. These "unmarked packages" come to the morally stunted and to the pure in heart, to men and to women, to negroes as well as to white people. Hundreds of shoppers were here yesterday, buying supplies for Christmas. Many of them came from the rural sections of the county, while a great many more came from nearby towns—Reidsville, Burlington, Graham, Haw River, High Point, Greensville, Lexington, Kernersville and other towns whose people do shopping in Greensboro. All trains were crowded and nearly all of them were running behind schedule time. College students were going home for the holidays, while other people were en route to visit friends and relatives. Those people from the country, who sell holly, cedar, mistletoe and other evergreen for Christmas decorations, were on the streets, peddling out their stocks. There were many bunches of mistletoe, some of it being full of the white berries, which are used in the north for making "bird lime." Most of the merchants were too busy yesterday to talk to a newspaper man, but from a few of them a News representative got statements that the Christmas trade this year is so far 25 to 50 per cent. better than it was last year. This is probably due to the fact that business conditions this year are more favorable than they were a year ago.

A n' Widow Is Again to Testify



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NORTH CAROLINA TO CONVEY TAFT

She With the Montana Will Accompany President-Elect to Panama.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—Secretary Newberry today advised President-elect Taft that the armored cruisers North Carolina and Montana will be placed at his disposal when Mr. Taft and his party, which is to be composed of a number of engineers, go to Panama next month. The two cruisers are twenty-two-knot boats and capable of making the trip from Charleston or Savannah to Colon in four days. The use of the fast cruisers will enable Mr. Taft to make the trip, leaving about January 25, in time to return to Washington at the time the electoral college meets. The North Carolina, which is commanded by Capt. William A. Marshall, and the Montana, commanded by Capt. Alfred Reynolds, are now at Norfolk, and will be fully prepared for the trip. COMMITTEE SAILS FOR PANAMA DECEMBER 28

EXPERTS WILL PLAY BILLIARDS

Sutton and Slosson to Compete for Championship on January 26.

New York, Dec. 19.—Indications of an active season among the professional billiard players are not wanting, today furnishing three important developments in connection with the coming season. George Sutton has accepted the challenge of George F. Slosson for a match involving the championship of the world at 16.1 balk line billiards. Sutton, the champion, has selected New York city for the match, and the game will be played on Tuesday, January 26, 1909, in Madison Square Garden concert hall. Willie Hoppe has posted a \$1,000 forfeit accompanying his challenge of George Sutton for a match at either 18.1 or 18.2 balk line billiards. Announcement is made of a tournament at the 16-inch balk line game, with not more than six entrants, to be held in the city on March 22 next. SIX FACTORIES YIELD TO GLASS WORKERS

CIVIL SERVICE LEAGUE WANTS 4,000 CLERKS UNDER SYSTEM

Urges That They Be Selected for Fitness Under Competitive Examination System.

WOULD EXTEND THE LIST

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 18.—The National Civil Service Reform League, holding its twenty-eighth annual convention here, in resolutions adopted late today demands that the 4,000 or more clerks to be added to the census bureau for the purpose of compiling the next census be selected for merit and fitness for the work, as determined by competitive examinations, and protests against the proposed noncompetitive examination of applicants for such positions which President Roosevelt has described as "nothing but a cloak to hide the nakedness of the spoils system." The resolution also urges the repeal of the law limiting the tenure of officers of subordinate nonpolitical policy and the enactment of a law prohibiting the soliciting of political contributions from federal employes by any person or the making of political services of any sort from any employe in the classified service. It is also recommended that the competitive service be extended to include assistant postmasters, employes in nonfree-delivery postoffices, all employes in the District of Columbia, all pension examining surgeons and all fourth-class postmasters not included in the recent order, so soon as arrangements can be made for such extension. Legislation enabling the President to apply to presidential postmasters, collectors and other higher officials regulations similar to those adopted for consultants in the foreign service were advocated. Among those elected as officers was President Edwin A. Alderman, University of Virginia, who was made one of the vice-presidents. Sells Land at Auction. E. M. Andrews returned yesterday afternoon from a trip to Winston-Salem, Gastonia and Darlington, S. C., where he conducted land sales for the Southern Realty and Auction Company, of which he is manager. Teach Typewriting and Stenography. Miss Lella McIntosh has been employed by the Gate City Business College as teacher of typewriting and stenography. This school has ordered new desks, typewriters, adding machines, and other equipment for the school, which opens in the Beville building January 5. Promotion for Southern Railway Men. Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—Leslie C. Ulrich, of St. Louis, for some years connected with the Southern Railway, lately as chief clerk to Vice-President and General Manager Ackert, has been appointed assistant to the general manager, with office in this city.

OIL TRUST PROTESTS AGAINST THE FEDERAL APPEAL FOR REVIEW

Declares That Writ Appealed for From Supreme Court Is Not Justified.

LAW DOESN'T WARRANT IT

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—The Standard Oil Company's brief in the proceeding of the United States against that company on the charge of accepting rebates from the Chicago and Alton Railway Company, in which the United States District Court for the Northern district of Illinois imposed a fine of \$29,240,000, was today filed in the Supreme Court of the United States. The case comes before the court on a petition by the government for a writ of certiorari, bringing it up for review of the decision of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Seventh circuit, by which court the District Court's decision was reversed. The brief antagonizes the petition and this opposition is based principally on the ground that the law "does not authorize a review by the Supreme Court on an application of the government of a judgment of the Circuit Court of Appeals in a criminal case by which a writ of error of the defendant is sustained and disposed of by reversing the judgment and sentence of the trial court." It is contended that in a case of this character, a writ of certiorari is equivalent to a writ of error, and that "the policy of the law is against the review of a judgment in favor of the accused in a criminal case at the instance of the government." Much of the brief is technical in character, but there are occasional passages which depart from that line. It is pointed out that the law "does not authorize a review by the Supreme Court on an application of the government of a judgment of the Circuit Court of Appeals in a criminal case by which a writ of error of the defendant is sustained and disposed of by reversing the judgment and sentence of the trial court."

WOMAN CONVICTED OF STEALING SILVER SAYS SHE IS COUNT'S WIFE

Declares That She Is a Victim of Another One of Those "International Marriages."

HE KISSED HER AND LEFT

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—"I am the wife of Count Brockenheims von Lowenhielm, a Dane." This was the statement made in the police court here today by Mrs. A. L. Rogers, an American, who was convicted of stealing six silver forks while housekeeper at the home of Ralph L. Galt, in this city, and sentenced to ninety days in jail in default of \$50 fine. Mrs. Rogers testified that her father was a successful business man in Dallas, Tex., where she was married in 1897, and that she had separated from her husband. "It was another one of those international marriages," she said. "My husband kissed me one morning, walked out of the door and I have never seen his since." Senate Names Inaugural Committee. Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—Senators Knox, Lodge and Bacon were today named by the Senate to represent that body on the joint congressional committee on the inaugural ceremonies. Woman Dies at 101. Roanoke, Va., Dec. 19.—Mrs. Harriet Armstrong died at her home in this county today, aged 101 years. She had lived all her life at the spot where she died. Up to a few days ago she was quite active.

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KNOX HIS ONLY CABINET CHOICE DECLARES TAFT

Has Made No Progress in Selecting Members of His Official Family As Yet.

NOW TO ANY ONE

President-Elect at Augusta Puts an End to Rumors in Regard to Various Portfolios—Will Discuss All Names With Knox First.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 19.—Directed as an answer to the numerous newspaper cabinet suggestions which have been made recently in many quarters, President-elect Taft said tonight that he had made no progress whatever in making up his cabinet aside from the Knox announcement. Admitting that nearly all of the names that have been suggested in the papers have also been suggested to him, and that in nearly all instances he thought well of the men, he insisted that he had reached no determination, nor was there pending any offer of any position to any one. Since his arrival here Mr. Taft said he had been free from active negotiation regarding his cabinet, aside from the telegram he received yesterday from Senator Knox. In this connection he added that he had made no engagements for conferences on that or other subjects. Judge Taft has not as yet written Senator Knox of his desire to see him here, nor has he heard from the senator other than the acceptance telegram. He made it plain yesterday that he should consult his secretary of state thoroughly before going further into the cabinet making business. Judge Taft indulged in golf today, and with Mrs. Taft and the boys was a member of a box party given in his honor by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, at a local theater here tonight. The announced appearance of the President-elect at the theater resulted in making the occasion one for an elaborate social demonstration as well as of popular interest on the part of Augustans. The President-elect has consented to

DETAILS OF MURDER OF CAPTAIN RANKIN TOLD BY WITNESSES

Witnesses of the Reelfoot Lake Tragedy Tell of the Fatal Shooting.

ONE MAN IS IDENTIFIED

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 18.—At the end of the first day's testimony in the night rider trial, the state had made material progress. It had introduced testimony covering the details of the murder of Capt. Quentin R. Rankin and also had completed in presenting testimony supporting an identification of two of the prisoners as members of the masked band. The courtroom was packed to suffocation. The prisoners, unkempt, scowling and silent, paid little attention to the proceedings. Only once today did they betray any emotion. One witness, who had been sworn into the band against his will, as he alleged, testified that the only part of the oath he remembered was that part which provided that they would kill him if he revealed anything. At this a sardonic grin spread over the features of more than one of the eight prisoners. O. D. Powell, husband of the only woman witness, yet to be called, was an important factor in the state's behalf today. Powell said he was dragged from his bed the night of the Rankin murder and forced to accompany the band to the Walnut Log hotel, from which Rankin and Taylor were taken. Powell recognized Frank Fehringer as the man who opened Rankin's valise and took out and read a letter was done. Then they asked him if he recognized any of them, and when he said no, they told him to tell Ward, the hotel proprietor, to come down for the bodies of his guests. Powell was arrested by the soldiers, and testified before the coroner that he failed to recognize the riders; that he did so because he feared for his life. He was present when the body of Captain Rankin, wrapped in a sheet, was carried

THINKS HE CAN RAISE THE CRUISER YANKEE

John Ar buckle, who got her off the rocks, still professes confidence.

TEACH TYPING AND STENOGRAPHY

Miss Lella McIntosh has been employed by the Gate City Business College as teacher of typewriting and stenography. This school has ordered new desks, typewriters, adding machines, and other equipment for the school, which opens in the Beville building January 5.

TWO DIE IN PISTOL DUEL ON WYTHEVILLE, VA., STREETS

Chief of Police and Man He Sought to Arrest Have Fatal Fight Before Crowd of Men and Women.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 18.—In a pistol duel on the main street of Wytheville, Va., this evening, Chief of Police Walter McClintock and E. A. Cregger were killed. McClintock shot Cregger to death after he himself had been mortally wounded, and the two bodies fell near each other in the thoroughfare. Chief McClintock and Deputy Harry White had a warrant for the arrest of E. A. Cregger, and his brother, Dave Cregger, sworn out by a brother of the chief, charging them with robbery. When the officers met the Creggers in front of the courthouse and told them they

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