

COMMITTEE IS SUED

Cropsey-Wilcox Case Takes Unexpected Turn.

WILSON AND DAWSON PLAINTIFFS

The Mayor and Chief of Police of Elizabeth City Each Sue the Citizens' Committee.

Suffolk, Special.—Mayor J. B. Wilson and Police Chief W. C. Dawson, of Elizabeth City, N. C., have entered suits in \$10,000 each against the Cropsey citizens' committee. This was the climax of six weeks' of alleged friction and an attitude of rivalry and antagonism which is said to have existed all along, but which for reasons suggested of prudence was concealed from the public. The brand which touched off the volcano of unrest and hostility was applied in the form of a signed statement from four committeemen, which in substance charged the mayor and police chief not only with supineness in solving the Nell Cropsey mystery, but, to use the committee's words, "They have at all times seriously handicapped our efforts by their actions and manner of treatment." The committee also accused Chief Dawson of wiring the release of a Cropsey suspect whose identity they were preparing to investigate. After referring to the burden of criticism they have borne the committee further insensated the officials by declaring, "We could have accomplished better results and have saved much time had the chief of police and mayor recognized that they were public officials paid as public servants and discharged their duties in accordance with these facts."

According to rumor in Elizabeth City one member of the committee desired Chief Dawson's job and they naturally made exertions to find the body before the police did and regarded him as an agency which should lend its best endeavors in assisting rather than directing the committee. Dawson's refusal brought the first rupture. The committee has among its members some of the wealthiest residents of Elizabeth City, and a verdict, if obtained, would be worth its face value. Though a newspaper reply was expected to the committee's statement, Mayor Wilson and Chief Dawson decided that a press answer to the accusations would not appease their feelings, whose soothing the courts will be asked to adjust. The best legal talent obtainable will appear.

The intense interest which first centered in the finding of Miss Cropsey and then the fate of Wilcox, her lover and alleged murderer, has now been diverted to the legal strife among those who sought to dispel the uncertainty, and unless a compromise be effected the bitterness which will creep in will draw a sharp line between the two local factions, both of which have influential adherents and the cause of whose principals they so adroitly endorse. Locally the factional bitterness will overshadow the frantic attempts to get state's evidence to convict James Wilcox, who whiles away his time smoking and reading, and whose indifference to it is well nigh impregnable.

To Meet in Charleston.

Washington, Special.—A call was issued for the fourteenth annual convention of the National Association of Railway Commissioners, to be held in Charleston, Tuesday, February 11. The principal subjects that will be considered are the classification of operation and construction of steam and electric railways; grade crossing; railroad taxes and ascertaining fair valuations of railroad property; uniform classification and simplification of tariffs; railroad statistics; necessary legislation; safety appliances; delays in enforcing orders of railway commissioners; rates and rate-making forms for reports of electric railways.

Steamer Ashore.

Baltimore, Special.—The steamer Augusta Bennett, from Norfolk, for Baltimore, with passengers and merchandise, is ashore off Sparrow's Point, having got ashore during the dense fog. On board the steamer were 40 passengers, who were taken off and brought to Baltimore by the tug Britannia. The tugs, Britannia and Chicago will try to pull her off at high water.

IN SESSION AGAIN.

Congress Gets Down to Work After the Holiday Recess.

HOUSE.
Nineteenth Day—The debate upon the Nicaragua Canal bill in the House developed sentiment in favor of giving consideration to the recent offer of the Panama Company to sell its franchises and property for \$40,000,000 and this sentiment took the form of advocating the Morris amendment to empower the President to select the latter route if the canal commission, upon considering the company's offer, recommends it and the required concessions can be obtained from Colombia. Of 16 members who spoke today, nine favored the Morris amendment. It was agreed that general debate should close tomorrow at 2 o'clock, after which the bill will be open to amendment under the five-minute rule. The final vote probably will be taken tomorrow. The speakers today were Messrs. Shackelford, of Missouri; Parker, of New Jersey; Lovering, of Massachusetts, and Littlefield, of Maine, in favor of the Morris amendment, and Messrs. Burgess, of Texas; Bell, of Colorado; Cooney, of Missouri; Cummings, of New York; Gibson, of Tennessee, and Lacey, of Iowa, for the bill in its present form.

Twentieth Day—The day was spent in further discussion of the canal treaty.
Twenty-first Day—The House passed the canal bill, but no selection of routes has yet been made. There was much lively discussion during the session. The House adjourned at 4:30 p. m.

SENATE.

Eighteenth Day—The first notes of the contest between the Nicaragua canal were heard in the Senate. After an hour had been spent in routine business, Mr. Morgan offered and secured the adoption of a resolution which indicated his purpose to have the committee on inter-oceanic canals inquire into the relations alleged to exist between the trans-continental railroad companies of the United States and Canada and the Panama Canal Company.

Nineteenth Day—During the consideration of the Senate of private pension legislation, in response to an inquiry from Senator Bacon, some important statements were made by Mr. Gallinger, chairman of the committee on pensions, in respect to regulations adopted by the committee to govern it in the consideration and recommendation of private pension bills. He announced that none but absolutely meritorious cases would be presented to the Senate for its consideration and that the closest scrutiny would be given by the committee to every bill introduced. He said that no pension exceeding \$50 a month would be recommended by the committee for the widow of a general officer and that pensions for the widows of other officers would be scaled down proportionately.

Twentieth Day—The session of the Senate was brief, and mostly devoted to routine business.

Twenty-first Day—The Senate passed the Philippine tariff bill and then went into executive session.

Schley at Savannah.

Savannah, Ga., Special.—Rear Admiral W. S. Schley, accompanied by his wife, arrived in this city Friday afternoon, an hour and a half late. The depot was thronged with people, who waited patiently to greet him. As he alighted the cheering was deafening. Mayor Myers and a delegation of aldermen extended the admiral a cordial official welcome, and asked his consent for a formal reception at the city hall. The admiral agreed. Carriages were then taken for the residence of Gen. W. W. Gordon, where Admiral and Mrs. Schley will visit for ten days. General Gordon was a member of the Porto Rico commission, of which Admiral Schley was a member.

More Exhibits.

Monterey, Mex., Special.—The State of Neve Leon will be represented at the St. Louis World's Fair, Governor Neal, in response to an invitation from the World's Fair management, has decided to supervise the preparation of a suitable exhibit of the mineral and other resources of this State. The Governors of the States of Chihuahua, Tamaquas and Sonora, have likewise received invitations to send an exhibit and will co-operate. Mr. Enrique Creel will assist in the preparation of the exhibit of the State of Chihuahua.

Exports and Imports of Gold.

In 1896 we sent abroad \$79,000,000 more of gold than we received; in 1898 we received \$104,000,000 more than we sent; in 1899, \$51,000,000 more; last year the excess of exports was \$3,693,575.

ASSAILANT LYNCHED

Colored Man Pays Penalty For Outrage On Young Lady

RESCUED BY HER TWO BROTHERS.

A Mob Battered Down the Jail Doors and Took the Guilty Man Out and Hung Him.

Springfield, Ky., Special.—Jim Mays, a negro charged with assaulting Lula Jeans, the daughter of Jos. Jeans, one of the most prominent farmers in the county, near Simmstown, six miles from here, was taken from jail by a mob early Sunday and hanged to a tree in the high school yard. The mob came into town quietly and after arousing Jailer Cattle, demanding the keys to the jail. Their demand was refused, however, and they immediately began to hammer the locks on the jail doors. In a few minutes they effected an entrance and found Mays scowling in his cell, begging the other prisoners to protect him.

The leaders of the mob took charge of the negro and telling the jailer to watch the other prisoners, dragged Mays to the high school yard, where he was speedily strung up to a tree.

The mob's work was quietly done and but few words were spoken by the leaders while they were at the jail. Citizens knew nothing of the lynching until Mays' body was found swinging from the tree. It is not known in what direction the mob departed and none of the members is known to the officials. The negro's body was cut down and an inquest held by the coroner.

The negro was arrested and brought here Wednesday. It was charged that the assault was committed while Miss Jeans was returning home from a neighbor's. She fought stubbornly and her screams brought two of her brothers to her rescue.

They pursued Mays and succeeded in capturing him after a long chase. The brothers beat the negro severely and were only prevented from killing him by the arrival of some farmers who turned the negro over to a constable.

McKinley Arch.

Washington, Special.—The McKinley National Memorial Arch Association has drafted a bill which will be introduced in Congress this week, and supported by a petition signed by the members of the McKinley National Memorial Association, formed to erect a monument in Canton, to which the arch association yielded the field of popular subscription, providing for a commission to select a site and secure plans for a memorial arch in honor of President McKinley, to be erected in the District of Columbia. The commission is to report to Congress. An appropriation of \$25,000 is made with which to pay competing artists furnishing plans and models.

The Cotton Supply.

New Orleans, Special.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton, shows the total visible to be 4,448,462 bales, against 4,362,723 last week, and 4,087,277 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 3,710,462 against 3,688,723 last week, and 3,335,277 last year, and of all other kinds including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 738,000, against 674,000 last week and 752,000 last year. Of the world's visible supply of cotton there is now afloat and held in Great Britain and continental Europe 2,227,000 bales, against 1,925,000 last year; in Egypt 229,000 against 175,000 last year; in India 254,000 against 317,000 last year, and in the United States 1,733,000 against 1,670,000 last year.

A Revolution.

Buenos Ayres, via Galveston, Special.—The rumors circulated here of a revolution to the republic of Paraguay turn out to be well-founded. The revolt, which broke out at Assuncion, the capital, was caused by the question of the presidential succession, the term of President Avelar expiring in November of this year.

Ship on Fire.

Baltimore, Special.—The Merchants and Miner's steamer Juniata, which sailed for Boston Saturday night returned here Sunday morning with cargo in her forward hold on fire. After several hours of hard work, during which the compartment was completely flooded by the fire department, the fire was extinguished. No estimate of the damage has been made.

CONTRIBUTIONS PAST YEAR.

A Letter of Much Interest to North Carolinians.

The following letter will interest all North Carolinians and particularly all Confederate soldiers and Daughters of the Confederacy:

Madam President and Ladies of the Memorial Literary Society:
My work this year is not all I would like to have accomplished, but every reassuring promise and letters give me much encouragement for the coming year. The U. D. C. are our faithful allies. They have given two oil portraits, one of our beloved war Governor Zebulon Vance and one of Colonel Fisher, the latter given by Mrs. Beale's Children's Chapter. I had hoped to have received these portraits ere this, but for some reason unknown to me they have not yet arrived. An oil portrait of Major General W. D. Pender has been given by his son, W. D. Pender. I hope very soon to have these portraits unveiled. Also one of Captain Frank Sheppard, of the Confederate Navy, given by his widow; that, also, has been detained.

Mrs. E. H. Davis, of Henderson, N. C., gives an oil painting of the grave of Anne Carter Lee, General Robert E. Lee's daughter, who lies buried in Warren county, N. C.

Mrs. Wm. Parker, of Henderson, sends a gavel made of a piece of the car that bore the remains of President Davis through the South.

Through Mrs. Parker, Miss Whitehead, of North Carolina, gives a prayer book found on the body of her brother, James F. Whitehead, who was killed in a skirmish at Spottsylvania, C. H., November 27th, 1864. The body was interred by Northern troops, one of whom preserved the prayer book, and years after the war returned it to the family.

Capt. P. C. Carlton, of the Seventh North Carolina Infantry, gives an original poem, written on the back of a \$50.00 greenback bill, and the reply to the poem written by Daniel L. Weymouth, of Boston, Mass.

From a friend I have received \$5.00. From General Anderson Chapter, U. D. C.'s \$2.00. Sale of Confederate notes \$8.55.

MRS. JOHN W. GORDON,
Vice Regent.
MRS. ARMISTEAD JONES,
Regent for North Carolina.

To Apportion \$100,000.

The various County Boards of Education in the State at their meetings will get up information upon which will be based the distribution of the second \$100,000 appropriation to bring up the weak districts in the State to the constitutional requirements of a four months school. Blanks were sent sometime ago to the county boards in order to secure this information. As soon as the blanks are received the \$100,000 extra apportioned among the schools that have not sufficient funds to comply with the four months constitutional requirement. The demands of the law making this appropriation are explicit, and must be complied with in order that the counties may participate in the distribution.

Sale of State Lands.

Raleigh, Special.—Mr. James H. McRae, of Wilmington, the State Engineer, spent the day in the city, inspecting maps of the State swamp lands. He was met here by Rev. Baylus Cade and Mr. J. F. Noble, of James county, who were seeking information relative to swamp lands in Carteret, Jones and Craven counties. Rev. Baylus Cade claims an option on all State lands in Craven county, which are over 100,000 acres in area. Mr. J. F. Noble represents parties in the North, who desire to purchase parts of this land on which Rev. Mr. Cade claims an option. State Engineer McRae has been engaged in surveying the State lands in Pender. He says that the survey of the 110,000 acres of State land in Tyrrell and adjoining counties is now complete, but he will change the plan slightly to conform to some recent sales. He says this land is desired for timber.

Heavy Pension Roll.

Washington, Special.—The pension appropriation bill was completed by the House committee on appropriations Friday, and reported to the House. It carries \$139,842,230, exactly the amount of the estimates, as against \$145,245,230 appropriated last year.

Miss Stone's Release.

London, By Cable.—The release of Miss Ellen M. Stone by the brigands, who have held her in captivity since September 3, is believed to be only a question of hours. An official telegram received in London Friday afternoon, which was dispatched from Constantinople after midday today, says the release of Miss Stone is imminent.

FIFTEEN ARE KILLED

In a Disastrous Wreck in a New York Tunnel.

ENGINE PLUNGES THROUGH A CAR.

Train Was Crowded With Suburban Passengers, and the Destruction Was Frightful.

New York, Special.—In the New York Central Railroad tunnel that burrows under Park avenue, this city, two local trains collided Wednesday. Fifteen passengers were killed and twice that number were injured. A dozen of the latter were seriously hurt, and the roster of the dead may be extended.

The dead: Albert M. Perrin, 43 years old, recently from Chicago, secretary and social vice president of the Union Bag and Paper Company, residence New Rochelle, N. Y.; B. D. C. Foskett, 40, New Rochelle; A. E. H. Mills, 25, New Rochelle; E. C. Hinsdale, 35, New Rochelle; Mrs. A. F. Howard, 35, New Rochelle; Frank Washburn, formerly of Chicago, president of the Union Bag and Paper Company, residence New Rochelle; Wm. Leys, 35, New Rochelle, general manager B. Altman and Co., New York; Theodore Forgado, 30, New Rochelle; Wm. Fisher, or Forbes, 25, New Rochelle; William Howard, 18, New Rochelle; Oscar Meyowitz, 50, New Rochelle, optician in New York and secretary of the New Rochelle Yacht Club; Franklin Crosby, 35, New Rochelle; Ernest F. Walton, 30, New Rochelle, broker in New York; H. G. Diamond, New Rochelle, assistant general manager of the American Bridge Company, this city; Charles B. Mars, New Rochelle, employed at the new custom house.

A list of the seriously injured follows: Ernest Coffin, 15 years old, New Rochelle, serious wound on head, taken to Woman's Hospital, Fiftieth street and Lexington avenue; Alfred Wadley, florist of New York city, fracture of both legs, shock and scalp wounds; Albert W. Adams, a carriage builder, of New York, left leg cut off below knee; George M. Carter, New York, leg fractured; George M. Fisher, 46, East Port Chester, severely injured; Mabel Newman, New Rochelle, contusions of body and hip fractured; Mamie J. Rice, New Rochelle, fractured nose, lacerated ear and sprained ankle; Sadie Scott, New Rochelle, left hand and left foot fractured; Richard Millineux, New Rochelle, compound fracture of thigh; Thomas T. Murphy, New Rochelle, both legs broken and internal injuries, condition critical; Winfield Schultz, New Rochelle, fractured legs and burns; E. McRae, New Rochelle, leg fractured; Henry Keene, general manager of the Stiegel-Cooper Company, this city, fractured ribs and internal injuries; George W. Winter, New Rochelle, compound fracture of left leg which was amputated; Wm. Brooks, Erie, Pa., lacerated face and possible fracture of skull, taken to Roosevelt Hospital.

It was a rear-end collision between a South Norwalk local train that ran in over the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, and was halted by block signals at the southern entrance of the tunnel, and a White Plains local that came by the Harlem branch of the New York Central. The wreck occurred at 7:17 a. m., at which hour the trains were crowded by suburbanites. Most of the deaths, injury and damage were wrought by the engine of the White Plains train, which plunged into the rear car of the motionless train and was driven through to the middle of the car, smashing the seats and furnishings and splitting the sides as it moved forward. The victims were either mangled in the mass of wreckage carried at the pilot, crushed in the space between boiler and car sides or scalded by steam which came hissing from broken pipes and cylinders. The engine in its final plunge of forty feet carried the rear car forward and sent twisted iron, broken timbers and splinters crashing into the coach ahead. Lights were extinguished and from the wreckage and darkness came the cries of the injured and calls for assistance by those who escaped.

Judiciary Report Ready.

Richmond, Special.—Consideration of the judiciary report was completed in the constitutional convention Wednesday, except that a motion to reconsider the vote by which the paragraph was adopted providing that judges of the Supreme Court are to be elected by the General Assembly, went over for action tomorrow.