

A GAY DECEIVER.

The Last Escape of Captain A. N. Freeland.

MARRIED A YOUNG GIRL

Under an Assumed Name - Now Being Hunted by Detectives.

Having Decamped With Bride's Jewelry.

A letter from Sumter to The State, dated Dec. 3, says: Out on the wide Atlantic, several months ago, a man and woman met.

He is Capt. A. N. Freeland, who for many years was a trusted and respected employee of the Atlantic Coast Line.

He was summarily dismissed from this position and an explanation was never made as to the cause for his removal.

Capt. Freeland remained in this city many years and with which he had become identified by business and acquaintance.

Shortly after this discharge by the railroad company he engaged in business, first as a member of the firm of Freeland & Hogan, dealers in china and glassware.

He was president of the Ducker & Bultman company, of which he was for a time the president.

For a year or more after this time in Sumter knew anything about the movements, although all goods and efforts made by those who had suffered financial loss through him, to locate him.

As the man left Sumter, and was gone for some months, returning only to attend the funeral of his wife, who died suddenly.

When here he was suffering from rheumatism, which had transformed him from a robust specimen of manhood into a prematurely broken and infirm man.

He visited the Glasgow exposition and after taking in that show he took passage for America.

He was met by the young woman whom he had betrayed first. He had now changed his name to Foster.

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NO LOVE FEAST.

Our Senators Glare at Each Other in Washington.

The Washington Post in its picture of the United States senators on the opening day of congress contained the following:

There were two senators who did not share largely in the general exchange of felicitations.

Another Washington paper said: "Senator Lodge, hands in trousers pockets and slimmer than yore, came in with the bald head of Bacon, fresh from the Philippines and loaded with information."

Senator Tillman, as ferocious as ever, glared at his colleague, McLaughlin, as he took his seat.

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THE MESSAGE

Of President Theodore Roosevelt to Congress.

AN INTERESTING DOCUMENT

Refers to Questions of the Day and Gives His Ideas as to Remedies For Correcting Evils.

The president in his annual message to congress says:

The congress assembles this year under the shadow of a great calamity. On the 6th of September President McKinley was shot by an anarchist while attending the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo and died in that city on the 14th of that month.

Of the last seven elected presidents he is the third who has been murdered, and the bare recital of this fact is sufficient to justify grave alarm among all loyal American citizens.

Both President Lincoln and President Garfield were killed by assassins of the same type.

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be taken not to interfere with it in a spirit of rashness or ignorance. In dealing with business interests, for the government to undertake by order and all considered legislation to do what may turn out to be bad, would be to incur the risk of such far-reaching national disaster that it would be preferable to undertake nothing at all.

It is no limitation upon property rights or freedom of contract to require that when men receive from government the privilege of doing business under corporate form, which frees them from individual responsibility and enables them to call into their enterprises the capital of the public, they shall do so upon absolutely truthful representations as to the value of the property in which the enterprise is to be invested.

Subjects to this proviso of the proper protection necessary to our industrial well being at home, the principle of reciprocity must command our hearty support.

Artificial bodies, such as corporations and joint stock or other associations, depending upon any statutory law for their existence or privileges should be subject to proper governmental supervision, and full and accurate information as to their operations should be published regularly at reasonable intervals.

The large corporations, commonly called trusts, though organized in one state, always do business in many states, often doing very little business in the state where they are incorporated.

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It is not only possible, but eminently desirable, to combine with the stability of our economic system a supplementary system of reciprocal benefits and obligations with other nations. Such reciprocity is an incident and result of the firm establishment and preservation of our present economic policy.

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COTTON WENT UP.

The Government's Report Caused a Panic on Change.

Trading on the local New York cotton exchange Tuesday of last week was convulsed by the publication of the November government's estimate of a short cotton crop for the year.

For three hours thereafter the volume of business transacted was enormous. After the first hour of nearly forty points a slump developed which carried prices nearly half back to the quotations prevailing before the figures were made known.

The statistics of the department of agriculture reports 9,674,000 bales as the probable cotton production of the United States in 1901-02.

In addition to the department's ordinary crop reporting agencies, 15,000 ginners and 5,000 bankers and merchants have furnished valuable information concerning acreage and production.

The amount of cotton ginned between August 15 and November 20 this year is estimated at 4,000,000 bales, the average gross weight per bale and the average weight of baling and ties.

In dealing with the Philippine people we must show both patience and strength, forbearance and steadfast resolution. Our aim is high. We do not desire to do for the islanders merely what has elsewhere been done for tropical peoples by the best foreign governments.

Elsewhere I have discussed the question of reciprocity. In the case of Cuba, however, there are weighty reasons why the policy should be held to have a peculiar application.

The condition of the American merchant marine is such as to call for immediate remedial action by the congress. It is discreditable to us as a nation that our merchant marine should be utterly insignificant in comparison to that of other nations.

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A STRANGE CASE.

More Mystery About the Disappearance of Miss Crosey.

A COUPLE ARRESTED

At Wilson Who Are Supposed to be the Miss Crosey of Elizabeth City and Durham.

All of North Carolina is greatly agitated over the mysterious disappearance of a young lady from her home in Elizabeth City.

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