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"Tis Not in Mortals to Command Success, but We'll do More, Sempronious, We'll Deserve it."

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THE LABEL CASE WILL BE RETRIED

WAS TRIED LAST SEPTEMBER.

Attorney General Lyon Will Call it
Again in Richland County Court
in the Near Future.

Columbia.—The case against John Bell Towill and L. W. Boykin, former members of the state dispensary board of control, and W. O. Tatum, former commissioner of the state dispensary, who are charged with conspiracy to defraud the state of South Carolina in connection with the purchase of 21,671,000 labels during the last days of the old state dispensary, will probably be called this week in the Richland court of general sessions by J. Fraser Lyon, attorney general. The case was heard last September and resulted in a mistrial.

The labels were bought from the Nevisson-Weiskopf Company of Cincinnati in May, 1905. Towill, Boykin and Tatum with Dennis Weiskopf and Morton A. Goodman were indicted in 1909 on the charge of conspiracy to defraud the state in connection with the transaction. The indictment against Weiskopf and Goodman were later not prosed, and they testified last September for the state of South Carolina.

In the trial last September the defense did not put up any witnesses. The cases lasted for three days. The jury failed to reach an agreement after being out for a day and two nights.

The second trial of the case was marked by the state. The actual taking of the state's testimony consumed a comparatively short time.

Colleton County Fair Association.

A meeting of the officers and superintendents of the departments of the Colleton county fair association has been called for the near future for the purpose of setting on foot plans for the county fair next fall. This meeting will be a very important meeting, and will doubtless be attended by every officer of the association. Matters pertaining to the success of the next fair will be discussed and plans made for making this the biggest and best fair ever held in Colleton county. Seldom have the efforts of the fair association been more regarded with success than have those of the Colleton county fair association. Three fairs have been held under its auspices, each year being much better than the preceding.

To Represent South Carolina.

Comptroller General Jones was requested by Duncan U. Fletcher, president of the Southern Commercial Congress, to recommend to him for appointment three men to represent the state of South Carolina on a committee of the Southern Commercial Congress called for by a resolution of the real estate conference at that congress at its last session. Mr. Jones sent in the names of W. G. Sirmine of Greenville, J. M. Connelly of Charleston and Robert M. Cooper of Wisacky. The importance of the work to be undertaken is explained by the text of the resolution.

Convert Gives Up Burglar Tools.

Converted by the Salvation army, a burglar stood before the congregation at the hall in Spokane, Wash., and drew forth two revolvers, an electric flash, a jimmy and other parts of a burglar's outfit. He said that he had intended to rob some stores, because he was hungry, until he heard their music.

great good tha is being done by Chamberlain's Tablets. Darius Downey, of Newburg Junction, N. B., writes "My wife has been using Chamberlain's Tablets and finds them very effectual and doing her lots of good." If you have any trouble with your stomach or bowels give them a trial. Fors sale by all dealers.

FROM THE PALMETTO STATE.

Short Paragraphs of State News That
Have Been Gotten Together With
Care by the Editor.

Lancaster.—The election held here on the question of extending the town's limits from one half mile to one mile resulted in the overwhelming defeat of the proposition. The vote was within corporate limits 71 to 37 against extension. In the proposed new territory 171 to 8 against extension.

Walterboro.—E. L. Benton, Jr., who is keeping a store near the Walterboro Cotton Mill, was arrested charged with having sold some whiskey. Benton was arrested and placed in jail. By putting up a cash bond of \$50 he was released. The trial was set, but Benton, not wishing to stand trial, forfeited his \$50 bail.

Chester.—The regular annual meeting of the Rural Free Delivery mail carriers of Chester county will meet in the auditorium of the court house at 10:30 o'clock, May 30. The officers for the ensuing year will be elected, likewise the delegates to the state convention, which assembles in this city July 3 and 4.

Charleston.—The order of the board of health declaring 31 dairies within the limits of the city of Charleston to be a "menace to public health" caused something of a sensation, which was not confined to the dealers, and the wholesale condemnation of the dairy establishments, nearly all the milk-selling places in the city, was a general topic of conversation.

Aiken.—The trustees of the Aiken institute, Aiken's public schools, have selected as principal for the 1912-13 session Prof. H. H. Scott of Chester. Prof. Scott is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and a teacher of high standing. He will come to Aiken with the highest recommendations.

Lancaster.—Lancaster's town council has made some very much needed improvements on the town lot. The old stable has been torn down, and a new stable, with sleeping apartments for the street force has been erected near the guard house. A separate partment has been provided for the fire reel and hose. Two fine bay horses costing \$632 have been purchased for the fire department.

Brunson.—Quite an interesting occasion in the town of Brunson was the trial of H. G. Dowling by the town council for selling whiskey. Mr. Dowling was reported to the mayor of the town by detectives from Columbia. The trial by jury excited considerable interest and resulted in a verdict of guilty. The fine imposed was \$85 or 30 days on the county chain-gang. It is quite probable that the fine will be quickly forthcoming.

Piedmont.—W. Busey Simmons, secretary of the South Carolina Dental association, announces that the association will hold its annual meeting at the Isle of Palms, Charleston, beginning June 18 and continuing three days. President Bigham has secured some of the best men in the profession to give clinics. All ethical members of the profession are invited. Dr. P. Atmar Smith of Charleston is chairman of the arrangement committee.

Florence.—J. S. McKenzie lost his barn and stables at Howe's Station by fire, one fine home-raised horse being burned to death and another so badly burned that it will die. Several mules were scorched, but not seriously. A lot of feedstuff was also burned. Mr. McKenzie fears that the fire might have been incendiary. He has had two losses of the same sort previously. The loss is estimated at \$2,000, partly covered by insurance.

Anderson.—Candidates for mayor and alderman of the city of Anderson are getting numerous since the time of the primary, June 18, is not far off. The following announcements have been made: For mayor, W. B. Magruder, Robert E. Ligon, Clarence E. Tolly and J. A. Cook; for aldermen, Ward 1, E. E. Elmore and J. E. Barton; for aldermen, Ward 2, C. M. McClure and L. A. Sampbell; for alderman, Ward 3, J. L. Hembrree; for alderman, Ward 4, L. P. Fouché and J. H. Tate; for alderman, Ward 5, Lee G. Holloman, and for alderman, Ward 6, W. C. Broadwell, J. M. Cathcart and R. L. Carter.

GENERAL NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

CONDENSED RECORD OF WEEK.

Important Happenings in All Parts of
the World Summarized for
the Busy Reader.

Stories of dire distress among 1,400 flood refugees in the vicinity of Jena, La., in LaSalle parish, were received by Dr. Oscar Dowling, president of the Louisiana board of health. Doctor Newhauser said he had just completed a trip of 25 miles up Black river and that some 1,400 refugees were clamoring for food and are in need of medicines. Doctor Newhauser states that scattered about in the swamps within a radius of nine miles of Jena there were 950 negroes and 450 white people, among whom 120 tents had been distributed.

Jake Samuels, a negro, charged with criminally assaulting the wife of Walter Ramsey, a Robertson, (Tenn.) county farmer, was taken from officers by a mob of citizens and riddled with bullets. Farmer Ramsey left his wife and two small children at alone at night to go to Orlinda. En route he met the negro Samuels. Knowing that she was alone, it is alleged, the negro went direct to her home and assaulted her.

Railroads in the submerged territory of Louisiana are organizing repair gangs to rush the work of repairing roadbeds and bridges damaged by the waters from the Dog Tail, Torras, Panther Forest and Beulah breaks. There will be a large demand for labor, but the supply made available by the farm hands is expected to meet the demand. The Texas and Pacific, Southern Pacific and the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Pacific sustained considerable damage by washouts.

Nearly \$1,000,000 was contributed to the cause of education by the general education board founded by John D. Rockefeller. Of this sum \$700,000 was appropriated for distribution among five colleges, the largest contribution, of \$250,000, going to the George Peabody college for teachers of Nashville, Tenn., for the establishment of the Seaman A. Knapp school of country life. The sum of \$210,000 was set aside for demonstration work in agriculture in the Southern states, for professors of secondary education in state universities of the South, and to aid the work of Negro education in the South. The demonstration work appropriation is \$133,000.

The recent visit of Secretary of State Knox to ten of the Caribbean republics on a mission of fraternal greetings from this country was very pleasantly recognized by the Pan-American Society at its international banquet in New York. The Brazilian ambassador was greeted with cheers, but startled the assemblage with a strong protest at the action of the United States government in recently seizing nearly a million bags of coffee belonging to the so-

called Brazilian coffee trust.

The pennant of the battleship Maine has a permanent home in Memorial hall in Chicago. It was presented with appropriate ceremonies to the Grand Army Hall Memorial association by the United Spanish War Veterans. The latter organization received it from George C. Mages, who came into possession of the pennant soon after the Maine was blown up. Mr. Mages was in Florida at the time, and was given the pennant by a sailor after he had rescued it.

The armored cruiser Washington, flagship of Rear Admiral Hugo Osterhaus, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, and four battleships of the fourth division sailed south from New York City, supposedly for Key West, on hurry orders, a few hours after arrival in port from Provincetown, Mass. The battleships following the flagships were the Ohio, Missouri, Mississippi and Minnesota. The gunboat Yankton accompanied the squadron to serve as a dispatch boat. The battleship Delaware of the first division remained in port all day taking aboard her complement of marines and field equipment, and together with the battleship Solace, sailed during the night.

President Gomez sent a cablegram to President Taft, in which he protests in friendly but firm terms against any intervention by the United States.

The right of the government to bring proceedings to cancel a certificate of citizenship on the ground that it was illegally or fraudulently procured was sustained by the United States Supreme court.

About 2,000 garment workers employed by a Chicago tailoring concern walked out on a strike.

Each member of the Irish-American team which contested at the annual games for the benefit of the Manhattan State Insane asylum in New York is the proud possessor of a check for one million dollars signed by one of the players.

A fall-pox (or, influenza) epidemic broke out in the state hospital for the insane at Marlon, Va. All the patients and attendants have been vaccinated and the hospital quarantined.

Having found the G. O. P. elephant bearing the "T. R." brand, Theodore Roosevelt is now endeavoring to claim ownership and ride that noted beast into the White House lot. If the Republican national committee decides bolt, if Mr. Taft seems in danger of defeat, there will be another conservative candidate. Of the dark horses Mr. Justice Hughes of New York continues to be the most persistently groomed. Senator Cummins of Iowa is another.

Reports received from Oriente province in Cuba and emanating from other than governmental sources leave no room for doubt that the insurrectionary movement in the eastern end of the island, the main theater of the insurgents, is growing at alarming rapidity. Those reports apparently receive confirmation in the extraordinary reticence of the government in its increase of the severity of the telegraph censorship, its activity in enrolling volunteers and the determination to dispatch Maj. Gen. Montegudo to take supreme command of the troops in Oriente.

President Taft replied to President Gomez' telegram regarding the attitude of the United States toward Cu-

ba. He declared the American government's activities in mobilizing war vessels at Key West and dispatching the Prairie with marines to Guantanamo was not in any sense an intervention move. The state department emphatically declared that the present Cuban situation in no sense made intervention necessary. No American troops, other than the marines already on their way to the island, were expected to be ordered out, it was stated. It was shown that the fund available for the transportation of the troops has run low, with the approach of the end of the fiscal year, and any attempt to move troops from posts in this country to Cuba would be costly.

After his tremendously rapid rise in the United States army, after his skyrocketing promotion from which he had to thank largely his friend, Colonel Roosevelt, Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood will fall, like the stick of the rocket, from his place as chief of staff of the army on March 4 next, the day when a new president is inaugurated. The bill, which more or less politely bids General Wood to hand over the virtual control of the army, has been agreed upon by the senate and house conferees.

No matter what the result of the presidential election is next November, the Democratic leaders of the house believe the party will be able to control that body if a little hard work is done. There are now 230 Democrats, 160 Republicans, one self-styled "Progressive Republican" and one Socialist in the house. The leaders believe it will be easy to keep the Republicans from regaining their lost ground, even if the drift should be the other way next fall.

Longer daily sessions of the senate this week with a view to expediting legislation and speeding adjournment of congress as much as possible. Republican leaders like Lodge of Massachusetts and Smoot of Utah are trying to bring the sessions to a close by the latter part of June. In the senate, the Democratic leaders are pressing, while many senators say that early adjournment is not only impracticable but absurd.

Senator Elihu Root of New York, who has been named temporary chairman of the Republican national convention by a sub-committee of the Republican national committee, issued a statement declaring: "There is no foundation whatever for the story that I contemplate declining to act as temporary chairman of the Republican national convention. Unless that designation is overruled, as, of course, it may be by the convention, I shall serve."

An effort to organize cotton growers in the South to remedy the present wasteful conditions and marketing of cotton has been begun by the bureau of manufacturers, according to a report issued in Washington. Commercial Agent J. M. Carson has been assigned to visit the principal points for the concentration of cotton in the South and confer with the men engaged in authority with a view to ascertaining whether a plan for the market could be devised.

The house is holding to its program for adjournment about June 15, although no understanding has been reached with the senate leaders, who are not optimistic. Representative Underwood announced that the program for adjournment on June 15 must be carried out so far as the house is concerned, and said he would insist on sidetracking all legislation there in favor of the appropriation bills and a few measures of importance.

Orders issued by the interstate commerce commission suspending advances in class freight rates from New Orleans to Mobile, Selma and Prattville, Ala., and Pensacola, Fla., were vacated by the commission.

The addition of water to canned products will be considered adulteration in future, except in those cases where a certain amount of water is required for the proper proportion or for the sterilization of the product, according to a pure-food decision signed by Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture. "The can in canned food products serves not only as a container, but also as an index of the quantity of food there," the decision says. "It should be as full of food as is practicable for packing and processing without injuring the quality."

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