

WANTS LIGHT

Governor Blease Asks That an Investigation Be Made Into the

DISPENSARY MATTERS

Wants the Legislature to Seek Out Every Transaction of the Winding Up Commission, and Hints at Irregularities on the Part of Members and the Attorney-General.

Governor Blease sent to the general assembly Tuesday afternoon a message which startled the legislators with an urgent demand for a thorough investigation of the dispensary winding-up commission.

I would like for you to investigate them fully and find out for the people of South Carolina what did become of the large amount of alcohol that was on hand at the time this committee took charge; to whom it was sold, at what price, and what was the regular price at that time, so as to see if the State was not a heavy loser in that transaction.

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What were the conditions of the Fleischmann compromise? If money was paid in these transactions, where is it? What was the agreement had with ex-Governor John Gary Evans and ex-State Chairman H. H. Evans, for information given by them at conference held in Atlanta, between these gentlemen, Attorney General Lyon and Attorney Felder?

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DREAM CAME TRUE

A SPARTANBURG LADY HAS THRILLING EXPERIENCE.

She Dreamed That a Burglar Was In Her Room, Which She Found True on Awakening.

Mrs. Max Henricl, wife of the city editor of the Spartanburg Herald, dreamed during the early hours of Monday night that burglars would enter her room before morning and a few hours after having this weird dream awoke to find that really and truly there stood a burglar in the centre of her room.

She retired Monday night as usual, but did not sleep soundly during the early part of the evening. After experiencing such a dream she fell asleep. At 3:30 o'clock she awoke and at once noticed that her room was very cold.

She lay still for a moment and soon heard the footsteps of the midnight intruder. Creeping out of her bed on the opposite side from the robber she could plainly see him standing by the dresser and presently he flashed his electric pocket flashlight on the bureau and was ransacking this for valuables.

The fright of Mrs. Henricl was awful and almost threw her into hysterics. However she soon recovered, and is now in her usual good health. It was a peculiar coincidence that Mrs. Henricl should dream of the approach of the burglar and wake up several hours later and find one standing in the centre of the room.

KILLED BY A MADMAN.

Story Writer Shot by Man Who Commits Suicide.

David Graham Phillips, editor, publicist and novelist, was shot six times Monday as he approached the Princeton club in New York by Fitzhugh Coyle Goldsborough, a Harvard man, who immediately after committed suicide.

"There you go," snapped the assassin, as he opened fire, and "here I go," he echoed, as he sent a bullet into his own brain. He used a ten shot .32 calibre automatic pistol and all six shots aimed at Phillips took effect.

LEOPARD CAUSES TERROR.

Devourer of Six Natives Tries to Get From Cage.

Forty wild animals from East Africa arrived Tuesday at New York on the steamer Minnetonka of the Atlantic Transport Company. One of the captives, a leopard, is known to have killed and devoured six natives previous to his capture.

On the trip across, when two days out from Southampton, the animal nearly escaped from its cage. The leopard made its attempt at dead of night, and the uproar of the other animals when it bent aside a bar and tried to squeeze out of the cage aroused the keepers, who forced the beast back with pikes and torches.

The animals are a part of the consignment of six hundred wild animals obtained for Ringling's circus and shipped by Jordan & Co., of Nairobi, East Africa. They were brought over by Dr. Ernest W. Toumin, M. R. C. S., L. R. C. P., of the University of London.

Killed Going to Fire.

At St. Louis while responding to a fire alarm Charles Osterstein, aged 42, a horse truck driver in the local department, was thrown from his wagon and instantly killed.

whether they be members of past boards or present. Very respectfully, Cole L. Blesse, Governor.

TO BE LOOKED INTO

A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION TO BE MADE AT ONCE.

Three Members of House and Three of Senate to Inquire Into Dispensary Matters.

The special message of Governor Blease to the general assembly was listened to attentively on Tuesday. It was received as information, and on motion of Mr. Erice of Chester, brother of J. Steel Erice, one of the members of the winding-up commission, was spread on the journal.

That night in the house Mr. Kibler of Newberry offered a concurrent resolution that a joint committee of the two bodies be appointed to inquire into the matters mentioned in the message of the governor's office.

W. F. Stevenson, attorney for the commission, declared that the commission seeks nothing more pleasing than to give to the people of the State all the information asked for. Attorney General Lyon stated that he would not talk of the matter in advance of a formal statement from the members of the commission, but that he wishes for every act of his as attorney general to be known to the people of the State.

"A concurrent resolution to provide for a committee of the house and senate to investigate the matters referred to in the governor's message in relation to the winding up of the affairs of the State dispensary and for other purposes.

"Be it resolved by the house of representatives, the senate concurring, that the speaker of the house of representatives appoint three members of the house and the president of the senate appoint three members of the senate to inquire into all of the matters and things referred to in the governor's message of the 24th inst., relating to the investigation of the dispensary by the legislative committee appointed in the years 1905, 1906 and 1907, and as to the acts and doings of the State dispensary commission and also why the attorney general has not made certain prosecutions.

"Section 2. That the said committee shall have power to summon witnesses and to require the production of books, pages and documents.

"Section 3. That the committee herein provided for be permitted to sit during the sessions of the house and senate and shall report before the adjournment of the present session."

NUMBER OF BALES GINNED.

Report of the Census Bureau on the Cotton Crop.

Cotton of the growth of 1910 ginned prior to January 15th, according to the report of the census bureau, issued at 10 o'clock Monday morning was 11,254,115 bales, compared with 9,787,592 in 1909; and 12,666,203 in 1908. The percent of the 1909 crop ginned prior to January 16 was 97.2 while that of the 1908 crop was 96.8.

Round bales included this year are 11,815 compared with 146,378 in 1909 and 232,510 in 1908.

By States the number of bales ginned were:

Table with 2 columns: State, Bales Ginned. Alabama: 1,174,651; Arkansas: 746,247; Florida: 24,770; Georgia: 1,779,966; Louisiana: 242,612; Mississippi: 1,158,267; North Carolina: 718,389; Oklahoma: 906,186; South Carolina: 1,178,895; Tennessee: 297,610; Texas: 2,912,244; All other States: 74,278.

The distribution of Sea Island cotton was:

Table with 2 columns: State, Bales Ginned. Florida: 23,782; Georgia: 45,436; South Carolina: 12,193.

WILL VISIT OLD HOME.

Great Tunnel Builder is a Native of Marietta, Ga.

An Atlanta dispatch says that when President Taft, Mayor Gaylor, and other notables come to Georgia March 10th to attend the Southern Commercial congress, William G. McAdoo, the famous "man who built the tunnel," will visit the scenes of his boyhood for the first time since he left his little family cottage at Marietta, in Cobb county, to attend college. Already the progressive little Marietta chamber of commerce has prepared an elaborate reception for the famous man who was born in that town 45 years ago.

Young Boy Dead Drunk.

When Mrs. Bud McBee, of Spartanburg, opened her front door, she was greeted by the form of her 14-year-old boy, Sam, lying on the porch drunk. The pitiful tale told the police court. The chap was dead to the world and did not know of the agonies that he was suffering at the time.

Tramp was Killed.

An unknown negro tramp was fatally injured, three trainmen were slightly hurt and six freight cars were heaped along the track as the result of a collision between an extra freight train, No. 526, and local freight No. 63, at Killians, 15 miles north of Columbia, Tuesday morning.

SEVERE BATTLE

More Than One Hundred Soldiers Killed in Three Days Fight.

WERE CAUGHT IN TRAP

And the Mexican Troop Were Literally Mowed Down by the Insurgents, Who Had Posted Themselves in the Cliffs and Crevices of the Mountains.

Advices from Mexico say that more than 100 soldiers were killed in a three days' battle between the Mexican federal troops and insurgents in the mountains between Ojinaga and Cuchillo Parrado. Two hundred soldiers under Col. Dorantes with two machine guns went to the rescue and these troops also engaged.

The government troops were caught in a trap and were literally mowed down by the storm of bullets which swept their ranks from three directions. The insurgents occupied the cliffs and mountains and the soldiers were in the road with only one way of escaping and that guarded. Of the 200 men who went into the pass only 40 escaped, as far as known. They joined the column under Col. Dorantes.

The revolutionists' loss was slight, only five men being killed, according to the insurgent reports. The battle was the most severe fought during the present trouble, and later reports indicate that the federal soldiers are retiring slowly to their fortified camp at Ojinaga, pressed on every side by the rebels. The fighting started on the 16th when a small band of insurgents was routed at the Coyama. A column of 200 soldiers pursued the fleeing insurgents and walked into the trap set for them.

The road winds through a narrow canon forming a "cul de sac" into which the government troops marched. When all were in the pass, the insurgents swept down the mountainside in the road behind them and the firing began. It is believed that about 200 insurgents were engaged. They lay behind rocks and poured a steady fire into the government troops. A detachment of insurgents was seen after the fight with 32 captured Muser rifles.

The battle lasted all day January 17. On January 18, Col. Dorantes advanced from Ojinaga with reinforcements. He circled about, avoiding the deadly pass, and entered the mountains from the west. He discovered the insurgents and a continuous fight for two days followed. Dorantes has retired into the foothills and is awaiting reinforcements.

Last night another column of 100 soldiers left Ojinaga for the relief of Dorantes. Several wounded insurgents have been taken to San Juan. The insurgents had cared for the wounded soldiers, treating them with the same consideration shown their own men. There are about 800 soldiers and armed citizens of the government forces near Ojinaga and the insurgents have about the same number in the district.

Insurgents who were in the fight last Tuesday declared that 150 soldiers were killed. A federal army officer with the reinforcements reports that 100 federals were killed. No reports have been received regarding the casualties in the fighting Thursday and Friday.

FIVE DIE IN FIRE.

A Lady, Her Three Children and Maid All Perished.

At Toronto, Ontario, five persons were burned to death early Sunday morning in a fire which destroyed the residence of Percy C. Brooks, manager and treasurer of the Canadian Fairbanks Company, and the Morsa Canadian Manufacturing Company. The house was at 435 Indian road, in the western end of the city, a fashionable residence section.

The dead are: Mrs. Brooks, her three children, Percy, Jr., 7 years old; George, 4 years, and Wendel, 3 years; and a maid servant whose name is not known. The only other occupant of the building, the second maid, saved her life by jumping, but was seriously burned and will probably die. She was unable to give the police any account of the tragedy.

HE WANTED TO GO.

Wealthy Georgia Planter Takes His Life At Last.

After being defeated in his effort to commit suicide with a razor, James Maddox, aged 60, a wealthy planter, of Butts county, cut his throat with a pocket knife, and then finding death coming too slowly, he rammed a pair of long scissors down his throat. Death resulted in a few minutes. Maddox's attempt to use the razor was frustrated by his three sisters, who overpowered him after a hard struggle. Just as the women turned to leave him, however, he drew a long-bladed knife from his pocket and cut his throat from ear to ear. As his sisters again rushed to his side, Maddox snatched up a pair of scissors and shoved them into his mouth, splitting the windpipe. Maddox had been ill for a long time.

RESENTED INSULT

MORDECAI CALLS GRACE A LIAR IN PROBATE COURT.

Lawyers Meet Again in Adjoining Office When Suggestions of Using "Hot Lead" Are Made.

A lively wrangle between the lawyers, Messrs. Grace and Mordecai, with the exchange of epithets marked the hearing Tuesday of the will case of the late Michael C. O'Neill in the probate court in Charleston, necessitated the adjournment of the court, on account of the confusion, but not until Sheriff Martin had been sent for to restore order.

Capt. Edmund Kemble was on the witness stand on cross-examination. A question of an original paper in the case precipitated a discussion between the attorneys which then became personal between Messrs. Grace and Mordecai.

Attorney Smith representing Mr. Mordecai asked for the production of one of the original papers in the case in the possession of Messrs. Logan and Grace, attorneys for the Misses O'Neill, bringing the remark from Mr. Grace that he feared to let it leave his custody.

Mr. Smith inquired to know if Mr. Grace meant to infer that he would steal it, which Mr. Grace denied to Mr. Smith, and when Mr. Mordecai who was at the side of his counsel asked if the attorney referred to him. Mr. Grace said that he did. Mr. Mordecai then called Mr. Grace a liar.

Mr. Grace attempted to reach him and the disturbance occurred which brought about the suspension of the court for the day, with the probate judge sending for the sheriff to restore order.

In an adjoining office and in the corridor of the building the lawyers came together but no blow was passed. According to Mr. Grace he demanded an apology which was refused unless he would retract the charge of theft. Mr. Mordecai suggested "a meeting outside of the State" while Mr. Grace wanted to have a fistcut settlement.

GREAT RIOTS IN CHINA.

Trouble Caused by the Killing of a Chinese Coolie.

American Consul Albert Brent Moyer at Hankow, China, communicated with his government, asking that a gunboat be sent to that port to protect American interests in the event of a continuation of the rioting that began yesterday.

Disorders began following the circulation of a report that the British police had killed a coolie. During the rioting considerable damage was done and the British and German marines were landed from gunboats in the harbor to defend the foreign community.

Fighting between the Chinese and the authorities supported by the marines resulted in the death, probably, of twenty Chinamen. Several foreigners were hurt.

LUKE LEA WINS.

Elected Senator From Tennessee by Legislature.

A dispatch from Nashville says striking at the psychological moment Monday won for Editor Luke Lea, of the Tennessean, the United States Senatorship, in the fight before the Legislature over the seat soon to be made vacant by Senator Jas. B. Frazier. At 1 o'clock Monday morning Mr. Lea said he would not allow his name to be used. At 11 a. m. Monday the Fusionists had decided to vote solidly for one candidate, but whom they did not know. At 11:30 they had decided to drop B. A. Enloe, whom they had been supporting, and go to Mr. Lea, who had just given his consent to being put in the race. He was nominated at 12:30. The victory of Lea is one for prohibition and a distinct defeat to the Patterson wing of the party.

BALKED AT DOG BEDFELLOW.

Husband's Woe Ends and He and Wife Are Reconciled.

Because, he said, that his wife insisted that he sleep with the fox-terrier, John Dannenweiter, a baker, of No. 411 Seventeenth street, Brooklyn, left home, Magistrate Dooley was informed in the Domestic Relations Court.

Mrs. Dannenweiter said that after she was deserted she had to support herself. Dannenweiter admitted that he had left home. Why did he do it? Because it was not becoming to his dignity to sleep with a dog. "Where is the dog?" asked Dooley. "Lost," said husband and wife in a duet. "Then I don't see why you should quarrel," exclaimed the magistrate.

THE PLAGUE IN CHINA

BLACK DEATH GROWS WORSE ALL THE TIME.

Over Fifteen Hundred Deaths Occur in Fudzliadian, and Bodies Are Piled in the Street.

A dispatch from Harbin, Manchuria, says Fudzliadian, a suburb of Harbin, and the particular plague spot of Manchuria, is to be isolated as the first systematic effort to exterminate the plague that has grown more threatening every day.

This was decided upon at a conference participated in by the taotal, the head of the local Chinese government, and English and Chinese physicians.

The movement is due to pressure brought by the Russian government, which realizes the seriousness of the situation.

A Russian physician who has just completed an inspection of Fudzliadian discovered three plague sources in the neighborhood of which 7,000 persons reside. Corpses are piled high in the streets and in the yards adjoining the homes. Last week there were 1,500 deaths in Fudzliadian.

The government is sending a note to the Chinese ministers abroad instructing them to invite the governments to which they are accredited to send experts to the affected districts to study the bubonic plague and means for its extermination. The government offers to bear the expenses of the crusade.

A BULLY CAME TO GRIEF.

Was Shot Down and Captured by Officers of the Law.

Dalton, Ga., was thrown into a state of terror Thursday night by Horan Springfield, armed with a Colt's revolver and Winchester rifle, running amuck on the main thoroughfare. Springfield fired shots at two boys, he then had a duel with Policeman Manus, one of the latter's shots piercing Springfield's thigh.

Springfield rushed to his home and secured his rifle. He gave orders to merchants to turn off the lights and a majority of them obeyed. It was only a short time before the streets were cleared of people. It seemed that Springfield's desire was to shoot down the officers, for, in several instances, he held people at the point of his rifle and, learning they were not policemen, told them to move on.

He took a stand in front of the Gregory Drug Company and dared the police to arrest him. Chief of Police Fincher was notified, and rushed to the scene. As the chief approached Springfield raised his rifle, and drawing sight on the officer, pulled the trigger. His weapon failed to respond and, before he could eject the defective cartridge, Chief Fincher had discharged a shotgun, the entire load entering Springfield's groin, and he fell badly wounded.

BODY RIDDLED AND BURNED.

Story of Lynching of Negro Who Killed Brakeman.

What appears to be definite information that William Johnson, a negro, charged with the murder of Brakeman Humphreys, white, at Avera, Ga., was lynched early Sunday morning, his body riddled with bullets and later burned, was contained in a special dispatch from that town to the Chronicle tonight.

According to the statement received here, after shooting Humphreys when he left the train to go to his home, Johnson made an effort to escape. So hotly was he pursued that he gave himself up to the authorities and was placed in jail. Hardly had an hour passed, when a mob, numbering about fifty men, appeared at the jail, overpowered the guard and forcibly took the negro several miles out of town, stringing him up to a tree. The body was then riddled with bullets.

A fire of brush was then kindled, and when the flames had reached sufficient intensity, it is said the negro's body was hurled into them and almost totally consumed. The murder for which Johnson was lynched was a most cold blooded one, and was committed Sunday night.

Took Her Own Life.

At Hattiesburg, Miss., Miss Maud Hixson, a pretty 18-year-old girl, despondent because of ill health and the thought of being separated from her sweetheart, telephoned the latter, George Bony, Saturday night, and immediately drank an ounce of carbolic acid. She died Sunday at noon.

Bomb Explosion in Chicago.

At Chicago a bomb explosion Monday wrecked a drug store owned by Artzio Stinano and Guseppi Namianna at 1001 Larribe street. The drugists had previously received letters demanding money. No one was injured.

BAND FORMED

Which Will Fight For Establishment of Popular Government.

WHAT THEY WANT TO DO

The Progressive Republicans Organize Themselves into a League for the Purpose of Enforcing Their Ideals About Reforms That Are Needed in the Government.

Organization of the Republican Progressive league by progressive Republican senators, representatives, governors and others—an organization which will fight for the establishment of popular government—announced at Washington on Monday.

Plans of the new league, which have been under way since the assembling of congress, were concluded at a meeting Saturday night, at which a declaration of principles was signed, a constitution adopted and the following officers were elected:

President, Senator Jonathan Bourne, Jr., Oregon. First vice president, Representative George W. Norris, Nebraska. Second vice president, Gov. Chas. S. Osborne, Michigan. Treasurer, Charles R. Crane, Chicago.

Executive committee, Senator Moses E. Clapp, Minnesota; Senator Jos T. Bristow, Kansas; Representative E. H. Hubbard, Iowa; Representative Irvine L. Lenroot, Wisconsin; Representative-elect Wm. L. Kent, California; Gifford Pinchot, Pennsylvania; George L. Record, New Jersey, and the president, vice president and the treasurer, members ex officio.

The declaration of principles signed by nine Republican United States senators, the governors of six Republican States, 13 members of the house and others, is as follows:

"We, the undersigned, associate ourselves together as the National Progressive Republican league. "The object of the league is the promotion of popular government and progressive legislation.

"Popular government in America been thwarted and progressive legislation strangled by the special interests which control caucuses, delegates, conventions and party organizations, and, through control of the machinery of government, dictate nominations and platforms, elect administrations, legislators, representatives in congress and United States senators and control cabinet officers.

"Under existing conditions legislation in the public interests has been baffled and defeated. This is evidenced by the long struggle to secure laws but partially effective for the control of railway rates and services, the revision of the tariff in the interest of the producer and consumer, statutes dealing with trusts and combinations based on sound economic principles as applied to modern industrial and commercial conditions, a wise, comprehensive and impartial reconstruction of the banking and monetary laws, the conservation of coal, oil, gas, timber, water powers and other natural resources belonging to the people, and for the enactment of all legislation solely for the common good.

"Just in proportion as popular government has in certain States superseded the delegate convention system and the people have assumed control of the machinery of government, has government become responsive to the popular will and progressive legislation been secured.

"The Progressive Republican league believes that popular government is fundamental to all other questions. To this end it advocates: "The election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

"Direct primaries for the nomination of all elective officials. "The direct election of delegates to national conventions with opportunity for the voter to express his choice for president and vice president.

"Amendment to State constitutions providing for the initiative, referendum and recall.

"A thorough, general corrupt practices act.

"The league will cooperate with progressives in the several States and wherever acceptable will render assistance in promoting the organization of State leagues.

"Whenever requested by any progressive State league or by progressive leaders in State legislatures, the National Progressive Republican league will aid in the preparation of appropriate bills and resolutions and will furnish speakers and literature in support of legislation on the propositions enumerated in the five numbered paragraphs set forth in the foregoing declaration of principles."

The names signed to the declaration include the leading progressive Republicans and many private persons prominent in the party. Little Sufferer Passes. The one-year-old infant of Prof. A. H. McCracken, of Spartanburg, turned a kettle of boiling water over on itself several days ago and died Sunday as a result of burns. The entire body of the child was covered with blisters and death put an end to the unbearable sufferings.