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PALMETTO HAPPENINGS

News Notes From All Parts of the State of Interest to South Carolinians in General

Transfers Lighting System.—In November, 1897, the city of Chester went into the business of electric lighting of its streets, business houses and homes of its people, and on the 1th of June 1909, retired from this same business. The work of transferring its electric plant to the Chester Power company was completed Wednesday morning, and on the matter of "municipal ownership," as far as relates to street and house illumination is at an end here. This testing current was turned on Monday evening, and as the ladies would say, the enterprise "worked beautifully." Tuesday night the new electric outfit glowed and sparkled brilliantly all over the town. There is a steadfastness and firmness about the illumination which has not been known for many months under the old steam plant system. The price paid by the Chester Power company for Chester's former lighting plant was \$10,000.

At a special meeting of city council Tuesday afternoon Mr. J. S. Lucas, of Charlotte, N. C., attorney of the Southern Power company, was present and turned over to the city treasurer a certified check for the above named sum. The contract by city council with Chester Power company for the operating of the lights is for a period of ten years.

Horse's Kick Proves Fatal.—St. Matthews, Special.—Mr. Charles Rickenbaker, a prominent farmer of Cameron, died Tuesday night at his home under very distressing conditions. On Monday a little child was playing in the yard, fronting his residence, which a hitherto tame horse near by. An automobile came along and Mr. Rickenbaker, thinking more about the safety of the child than anything else, ran to the horse to keep him quiet. In some way he was kicked in the stomach and knocked senseless, and he never regained consciousness. He was the brother of Dr. John Rickenbaker, a prominent physician of that section, about 50 years of age, and unmarried. His death is a great shock to the community in which he lived, and he enjoyed the esteem and confidence of his neighbors.

Cow Killer in Abbeville.—Columbia, Special.—Governor Ansel Wednesday offered a reward of fifty dollars for the apprehension and conviction of a certain party or parties who shot and killed four cows belonging to Mr. W. P. Wideman, of Abbeville County, who lives on the rural route from Troy. Several petitions were presented to the Governor in reference to the matter. Mr. Wideman in his letter states that he has had four fine Jersey cows shot down in his pasture in the past several weeks, and that he believed that if the Governor would offer a reward the guilty person or persons would be apprehended.

Convict Disappears From Lexington.—Lexington, Special.—Wednesday afternoon about 4 o'clock B. F. Rushton, a white convict, disappeared from the chaingang camp, and so far no trace of him has been found. Rushton left the camp to go for wood, and soon after his departure a heavy thunder storm came up. It is possible, therefore, that he was killed by lightning, but search for his body has been unavailing and the opinion is that he escaped. Rushton was convicted of forgery at the February term of court and sentenced to eight months on the chaingang. Rushton is a native of Saluda county.

Out Motor Car Tires.—Gaffney, Special.—Friday night a party of gentlemen from Gaffney went over to Piedmont Springs to attend the opening ball at that place. The party went in Mr. Z. A. Robertson's automobile. While the dance was in progress, Mr. T. M. Caldwell, formerly of Gaffney but now of Yorkville, made the discovery that one of the tires of Mr. Robertson's car had been cut with a knife.

Meat Car Leaves Track.—Rock Hill, Special.—Passengers on the east-bound train on the Charleston division Thursday night were considerably shaken up and excited over the occurrence at Pine Creek trestle, between here and Yorkville. A car of meat, consigned to a merchant at Rock Hill, had been attached to the train at some point up the road in order to get it here quickly and this car jumped the track at the point named. After bumping along on the ties for some distance the car turned over and rolled down the embankment. Very fortunately it broke loose from the rest of the train.

Fertsville Stable Destroyed By Fire.—Hartsville, Special.—At 3:30 Monday morning the large stable, buggy and wagon repository of the Hartsville Mule company on Home avenue was discovered to be burning. Flames were shooting from the roof in several places. By 4 o'clock the establishment, together with the adjoining stable of Mr. R. J. Fletcher, was a complete loss.

Warrants Sworn Out Against T. O. Duncan.—Union, Special.—John H. Morris, formerly of this city and of Spring City, Tenn., but now of Paeolet, has begun an action against T. O. Duncan.

The warrant was served by Deputy Sheriff J. G. Long, Jr., on Mr. Duncan at the court house Friday afternoon, though comparatively few persons have heard of the incident and after being taken before Magistrate J. Frost Walker, Jr., the amount of bond was fixed at \$1,500 and was furnished by Capt. A. H. Foster.

The following is the substance of the warrant: That on the 19th day of December, 1905, T. O. Duncan of Union, township, State and county aforesaid, did feloniously and fraudulently obtain from the People's bank of Union, S. C., \$1,500 with intent to cheat and defraud said bank, pretending that the said \$1,500 was in the bank of Spring City, Tenn., to the credit of the American Lumber company, and that H. B. O'Shields, W. H. Gist, J. M. Greer and B. F. Arthur are material witnesses.

Hostelry Changes Hands.—Bennettsville, Special.—Mr. Ansel B. Rogers has bought the Marlboro Hotel property and will at once make decided improvements in the buildings. He has for a number of years run this well-known hotel and knows the wants and needs of the traveling public. He has given the contract for complete equipment of plumbing, water-works and sewerage. An up-to-date heating plant will be installed and other improvements made. The hotel will be largely refurnished. Mr. Rogers expects to have within sixty days many conveniences and advantages that were impossible while the property was in another name. When these improvements are completed the Marlboro Hotel will have all the desirable modern conveniences enjoyed by the best hotels.

Chester Residence Burns.—Chester, Special.—The dwelling house of Mr. Thos. Hill, who lives on Richburg, R. F. D. No. 1, was destroyed by fire between 11 and 12 o'clock Friday night. The fire when discovered was in the kitchen and doubtless originated from a defective flue. By the heroic work of Mr. H. W. Wilson and other neighbors, who appeared on the scene promptly, a considerable part of the furniture and household effects were saved, and all of the contents of the smoke house which had caught on fire in the meantime, were transported to a place of safety. The stables and barns were not damaged. Mr. Hill had no insurance on his property, and his loss will prove a serious blow.

Charged With Selling Liquor.—Anderson, Special.—Nine warrants issued by Chief of Police L. M. Murphy were served Tuesday on J. K. Manos and Ed Faulkner, both white men, charging them with selling whiskey, and it is expected that there will be other arrests within the next few days. It had been known for some time that whiskey was being sold by these parties, and the officers had been quietly at work on the cases, bringing them suddenly to a climax when the arrests were made. Manos is under a \$600 cash bond and Faulkner is in the city lock-up, being unable so far to give the necessary \$300 cash bond. It seems from what the police say that the cases are very clear, the whiskey having been bought at the instigation of the police and being now at headquarters.

Mule Dying Seized Owner's Leg With Teeth.—Salem, Black River, Special.—One Norris Johnson, a negro tenant of Dr. W. J. McKay, lost a fine mule in his death agony the mule seized Norris' leg and the by-standers had to freeze its mouth open to release the negro's leg. This was on Monday 7th; on Saturday his doctor said the leg would have to be amputated.

Almost Wrecked Car.—Lexington, Special.—While Mr. Sam P. Roof and a party of friends were speeding along in his handsome automobile on Sunday night about 8 o'clock along the Augusta road about six miles above Lexington they discovered a number of fence rails piled up in the road just in time to save a terrible accident. It is believed that it was a diabolical attempt to wreck the automobile and the matter is being investigated. If the guilty parties are caught it goes without saying that they will be prosecuted to the fullest extent.

REPORT ON COTTON INDUSTRY

Government Publishes Results of Expert's Study—Sea Island Cotton Acreage Has Not Changed Much Since 1900.

Washington, Special.—Daniel C. Roper, of the United States census bureau, has just prepared a comprehensive report on the cotton industry in the United States last year.

In reference to the cultivation of sea island cotton this report says: The cultivation of sea island cotton in the United States at the present time, as shown by returns of ginners, is confined to 17 counties in Florida, 26 in Georgia, and 4 in South Carolina, or a total of 47 counties. It is not grown, however, throughout the counties from which it is returned. The area given to this culture in 1890, as returned at the 1900 census, and which has probably not changed materially, was 317,445 acres, distributed as follows: Georgia, 170,755; Florida, 122,787; and South Carolina, 24,902. Experiments have been made in many other parts of these States, and in other States, to grow this cotton, but so unsatisfactory have been the results that all efforts to grow it outside of certain well-defined areas in the States named have been abandoned. Farmers who grow sea island cotton in the interior secure new seed frequently from the coast regions in order to preserve its identity, as the fiber degenerates rapidly into that of upland cotton. The distribution of sea island cotton by counties for the last five years will be found in Table 15, and the localities producing it are represented on Map 1, page 24.

The increased demand in recent years for superior staples is developing better varieties of upland cotton by seed selection and more careful cultivation. The United States department of agriculture has been and is now rendering very valuable service in assisting the growers along these lines. The long staples grown chiefly in the portion of the Mississippi Valley, which extends from Vicksburg to Memphis, a region about 57 miles wide and 200 miles long, are receiving more attention than heretofore. The fiber of much of the cotton grown in this territory measures from one and one-fourth to one and seven-eighths inches in length, and the average yield is about one bale to the acre. The seeds of these fancy varieties have been planted in localities outside of this region the last two or three years with gratifying results, as the staple not infrequently commands a premium of from 5 to 10 cents a pound over middling upland. Unfortunately, few of the localities producing this cotton are supplied with the ginning facilities best suited for the proper treatment of the fiber; saw gins, which cut and break the fiber, are generally employed. In contrast with this practice attention is directed to the fact that the Egyptian and sea island cottons are treated by roller gins, which contribute to regularity and uniformity in the fiber.

The increase of the imports of foreign cottons which come in competition with sea island and other superior cottons grown in this country has aroused the American growers, as is evidenced by the fact that, when the Payne tariff bill was recently under consideration, representatives of the growers of sea island cotton and of the best varieties produced in the Mississippi Valley petitioned Congress for the speedy enactment of an amendment to the tariff laws, by which an import duty of not less than 40 per cent would be imposed on the market valuation of all foreign grown cotton imported into America, which can be used as a substitute or competitor by American mills against similar grades raised in this country. It may be stated in this connection that the importation of foreign cotton for the year ending August 31, 1908, amounted to 143,490 bales of 500 pounds each, of which 122,170 were imported direct from Egypt; the production of sea island cotton in 1908 was 93,558 bales, and that of the superior varieties grown in the Mississippi Valley has been estimated at about 300,000 bales.

The Gould Divorce Case.—New York, Special.—Sensation-seekers and the curious who have attended daily the sessions of Katherine Clemons Gould's suit for separation from her husband, Howard Gould, were sadly disappointed at the resumption of the hearing before Justice Dowling in the Supreme Court Monday when it was announced that the defense had rested and that Howard Gould would not take the stand. It had been expected that his direct testimony and his cross-examination by Clarence J. Shearn, counsel for the plaintiff, would take two full days.

Seaboard Buys a Railroad.—Cheraw, S. C., Special.—A. H. Page and son of this place, Monday transferred to the Seaboard Air Line Railroad the controlling interest in the Chesterfield & Lancaster Railroad Company. The purchase price of the stock was not announced. The Chesterfield & Lancaster Railroad, which was built in 1901, is about 40 miles in length, running from Cheraw to Crowberg, about thirty miles from Charlotte, N. C.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

In the Senate Monday the finance committee's amendment to take hides from the free list and place a duty of 15 per cent ad valorem on them was under discussion all day. Senators Warren, of Wyoming, and Carter, of Montana, spoke in favor of the amendment, while Senator Page, of Vermont, opposed it.

Orville and Wilbur Wright, who arrived here Sunday, started in Monday at Fort Meyer to assemble their aeroplane, the official government test of which will begin in a few days. Orville expressed the belief that his new machine will make an average speed of forty miles an hour.

President Taft set June 23 as the time when a hearing as to "what is whiskey" will be granted the attorneys for the various distillers.

The President consulted with Attorney General Wickesheim for an hour and a half on the subject of the proposition tax upon the net earnings of corporations.

President Taft does not believe that a 2 per cent tax on net earnings is heavy enough to make any of the large corporations resort to evasive measures. As to bonds, it is possible, the President feels, to provide a limit for the issuance of such securities, based upon the capital stock, that will prevent corporations from transferring all of their securities into bonds, the interest on which always is paid from gross earnings.

There seems now to be little doubt but that the corporation tax as passed will exempt net earnings of \$5,000 and less so as to take any undue burdens off the smaller corporations.

The Senate Saturday covered a multitude of subjects in connection with the tariff, but made final disposition of nothing of importance. Beginning at 10 o'clock, the income and corporation tax questions received attention for some time and ultimately were postponed, with the understanding that they should not be taken up again until after the tariff provisions proper should be finally settled.

Senator Aldrich, of the committee on finance, brought in the committee's amendment to the wool pulp paragraph, which proved to be a provision for doubling the duty on wool pulp coming from countries which undertake to prohibit the exportation of logs to this country.

Senator Beveridge presented an amendment for the cutting in two of the House ad valorem duty on cash registers. Mr. Aldrich also presented the finance committee's side provision.

There has been deposited in the library of Congress and placed on exhibition in the Manuscripts Division, the original engrossed "Permanent Constitution of the Confederate States of America."

The constitution was adopted April 11, 1861, by the Confederate Congress at Montgomery, Ala., and signed by delegates from South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. When the capital was moved to Richmond it was carried to that city and upon the evacuation of Richmond was sent with other papers farther south where it was rescued by Mr. F. G. DeFontaine at Chester, S. C., from a band of looters.

Mr. DeFontaine kept this and other documents for some years and in 1893 it passed into the hands of Mrs. G. W. DeRenne, whose son, Mr. W. J. DeRenne, of Savannah, Ga., now owns it; and has recently deposited it, as a loan with the librarian of Congress.

TRAGEDY IN NEW YORK

Gen. Sigel's Granddaughter the Victim of Foullest Murder—All Shrouded in Mystery.

New York, Special.—Elizabeth Sigel, daughter of Paul Sigel, of this city, and granddaughter of the illustrious Franz Sigel, the German warrior, who enlisted his services with the Union army during the civil war, is according to all indications, the victim of one of the most sordid murders in the history of New York. If she is not the victim the police are confronted with a remarkable series of coincidental facts.

The young lady has been missing for more than a week. Parked in a steam trunk tied with rope, and left in a stuffy little room in a house occupied principally by Chinese the body of a young woman was discovered last Friday night.

The girl's stomach, is in the hands of the Columbia University professor, who will make a chemical analysis of its contents. Although the murder is supposed to have been committed June 9, the exact cause of her death has never been ascertained.

A Mrs. E. Smith, who says she knew the Sigels well, suggests that the victim is not Elsie Sigel but a mysterious "Nellie" who has figured in Leon Link's love affairs. She holds it possible that Elsie and the Chinaman were preparing to elope when "Nellie" appeared, created a scene and was killed.

Paul Sigel, Elsie Sigel's father, at first failed to recognize the decomposed mass at his daughter. Sunday night, however, in company with others of the family and family connections, it was ultimately decided that the clothes, jewelry, hair pin and other things on the body are those worn by Elsie Sigel and the father claimed the body.

Sun Leong, proprietor of a restaurant, who also conducted the rooming house above, disappeared shortly after the discovery of the murder, adding further to the mystery. The case has many unusual features, notable among which is the fact that a Chinaman had been known to call at the Sigel home, presumably with the sanction of the parents. Elizabeth, or Elsie, was 20 years old, and was greatly interested in work among Chinese. The Chinaman was found later to be passionately in love with Elsie, and was forbidden the Sigel home. Miss Sigel was afraid of her admirer it is said. A telegram seemingly to be from her was received from Washington city saying she would be at home on Sunday following her disappearance. Two Chinamen and a white girl registered at Pennsylvania Avenue Hotel, one of the Chinamen meeting the description of the suspected man. The mystery was still more deepened by the finding of the following undated note among the Chinamen's effects:

"You seem to be growing cold to me. Just think of the sacrifice I made for you, my family, my friends. For God's sake don't forsake me."

The police on Sunday received information from Chicago of the arrival of two Chinamen, who it is believed are the fleeing culprits. They seem destined for British Vancouver.

Mexican Invents New Airship

City of Mexico, Special.—Henri Samson's invention of an aeroplane promises success. Models of the machine have already been thoroughly tested and have worked perfectly, and the construction of a full-sized machine will soon be under way. The claims of superiority made for the new aerial craft are extreme compactness, elimination of horizontal rudders, ability of the navigator to control its vertical course mechanically, by simply varying the centre of gravity, such construction as to permit of the ship's being made in any size, and a mechanism by which its course is changed automatically.

14 Hurt On Sight-Seeing Auto.

New York, Special.—Fourteen persons on a sight-seeing automobile to Coney Island were injured Monday, one perhaps fatally, when the machine became unmanageable, ran into a tree and turned over. The chauffeur tried to stop the machine but could not. Neither could it be steered. Six of the occupants were taken to the Coney Island Hospital.

Prosecution of Biggers.

Charlotte, Special.—The defense in the case of the State against Biggers closed its case Monday afternoon; in the afternoon the State began repeating the testimony as to the insanity of the defendant. Policeman J. E. Hunter declared on the stand that Biggers told him after the homicide that he had killed Green Hood and asking him after being imprisoned to send word to his attorneys, Maxwell & Keerans. The State further brought testimony from many other witnesses who said that they were not impressed with the man's being insane before the tragedy.

Reuben D. Reid Dead.

Wentworth, N. C., Special.—Ex-State Senator Reuben D. Reid of this town, died Monday morning at 7 o'clock at the residence of his brother, Thomas S. Reid, as the result of an attack of apoplexy, which occurred Friday morning while he was sitting in his law office at Reidsville. Ex-Senator Reid was a man of unusual strength of character and ability.

10 KILLED, 40 HURT, IN TROLLEY CRASH

Motorman Disobeys Orders and Car is Telescoped.

WOMEN AMONG THE INJURED

Most of the Victims Were Returning Home From the Auto Races at Crown Point, Ind.—Car Was Behind Time.

South Bend, Ind.—Ten persons killed and forty injured in a wreck on the Chicago, Lake Shore and South Bend Railroad in Porter County, Indiana, two of the big electric cars colliding head on. According to General Manager H. U. Wallace, the wreck was due to disobedience of orders by Motorman George A. Reed, of the east-bound car, who was killed.

Reed received instructions at Gary to wait at Wilson, a short distance west of Baileytown, the point at which the disaster occurred, for the west-bound car to pass. The impact of the cars was so great that they were reduced to a mass of wreckage.

The dead are: George A. Reed, motorman, Michigan City, Ind., formerly of Villa Grove, Ill.; R. F. Morrison, married, South Bend; Chas. Johnson, Porter, Ind.; Edward Gilbertson, Porter, Ind.; A. Barber, Mishawaka, Ind.; F. T. Moore, residence unknown; William Leon, secretary of the Downagie Motor Works, Downagie, Mich.; F. A. Lake, president Downagie Motor Works, Downagie, Mich.; H. H. Hutson, Niles, Mich.; Charles Swanson, Porter, Ind.; The seriously injured are: Fred Wuth, Chesterton, Ind., chest crushed; Arthur Johnson, Chesterton, skull fractured; Delbert E. Kinney, Michigan City, conductor east-bound car, right arm and three ribs broken, right leg cut; Mrs. Guy Stutzman, Mishawaka, Ind., hole cut in back of head and face cut by glass; C. A. Shuman, Benton Harbor, Mich.; both legs broken; Miss Nan Larsen, Chesterton, Ind., internal injuries, may die; T. W. Louie, Mishawaka, Ind., badly cut all over body; Paul Wilson, Michigan City, formerly of Cleveland, Ohio, assistant to General Superintendent Wallace, of the Chicago, Lake Shore and South Bend Railroad, leg broken, head cut and internal injuries, not expected to live.

The east-bound car was going fifty miles an hour to make an late time. When the crash occurred the east-bound car was telescoped and almost demolished. In this train were all of the killed and most of the injured. The passengers on the west-bound train escaping with bruises. The two cars were welded together in a mass of debris, in which lay the dead and lying and two-score injured. Darkness greatly interfered with the progress of the rescuers, and to make matters worse, the nearest telephone was nearly a mile away.

All but one of the killed were in the smoking compartment of the car, in the front end. This space was crowded. Thus E. K. Gorman, a cigar dealer, and Cordius Kline, both of South Bend, left the smoking room less than a minute before the crash came, and escaped death, although the latter suffered severe injuries.

Three physicians were sent from Michigan City in a gasoline traction speeder and three more dispatched in an automobile. When the physicians reached the scene they found scores of farmers and villagers rushing about endeavoring to care for the wounded and to extricate the dead and lying by the light of a few lanterns. Many of the wounded were plintoned in the wreckage, so that it was necessary to use axes.

ADMITS THEFT OF \$10,000.

Paul Endemann Arrested in Brooklyn Charged With Embezzlement.

New York City.—Paul Endemann, the young teller of the Houston street branch of the Jefferson Bank, whose sudden disappearance soon after the president of the bank, Herman Broese, had appointed him, as a reward for years of faithful service, was arrested Monday by Magistrate Crane under \$40,000 bail, and, since he could not furnish it, was locked up in the Tombs.

According to Detectives McConville and Nelson, who made the arrest, and the bank's lawyer, Emanuel Schwewe, Endemann himself admitted that he had appropriated \$40,000, and a hasty examination of his books shows that the actual amount may reach \$77,000.

TELEGRAPH

Bid For a Subway.—New York City.—An offer for a telegraph railway route to cost \$110,000,000 was made to the Public Service Commission by the Bradley-Gaffney-Stiers Company.

Accused of Murder, Fined \$100.—Plandreau, S. D.—Mrs. Emma Kaufmann, accused of the murder of Agnes Polaris, a domestic servant, was found guilty of battery here and sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 or to serve fifty days in jail. The fine was immediately paid.

Hired to Burn Horses, He Says.—Passaic, N. J.—Under oath in a cell Philip Goldberg, who was arrested on May 28 with Benjamin Weiner, while in the act of saturating the horses with kerosene, preparatory to setting them afire, made the statement that business rivals of the owners promised him \$100 to destroy the horses.

Third Death in Feud Fight.—Natchez, Miss.—Dr. Lobex Newman, son of Dr. A. M. Newman, who was killed in a feud fight at Meadville, is the third victim to die.

Haywood Arrested For Smoking.—Seattle, Wash.—W. D. Haywood, the Socialist lecturer, was arrested twice for violating the new State anti-cigarette law. Haywood first fell into the hands of the officers in Ellensburg as he was placing a cigarette in his mouth. He was released on \$15 bonds.

Friendless Allen Cuts His Throat.—Pittsburg, Pa.—Unable to locate his relatives, Bonde Funn, thirty-five years old, who arrived here from Austria, committed suicide by cutting his throat.

Eloper Is Jailed in Plymouth.—Plymouth, Mass.—Pasquale Marino and Mrs. Victoria Julia, both of Brooklyn, N. Y., were arrested in Brockton. Marino was sentenced to fifteen months in the House of Correction. Mrs. Julia, who is the wife of a wealthy Brooklyn contractor, was placed on probation.

Mexican Y. M. C. A. Building.—Mexico City.—The cornerstone of the new \$400,000 Y. M. C. A. building to be erected in this city was laid by Vice-President Raymon Corral.

Postoffice Robbed.—Long Branch, N. J.—Thieves broke into the Rumson postoffice and stole cash and stamps to the amount of \$1000.

WASHINGTON

Lorimer Now Senator.—Washington, D. C.—Senator Culom presented the credentials of Senator William Lorimer, recently elected in Illinois. Senator Lorimer was sworn in.

Dr. Pierce Chosen Chaplain.—Washington, D. C.—The Rev. Dr. Dwyer G. B. Pierce, pastor of All Souls' Unitarian Church, which President Taft attends, was chosen by the Senate to succeed the late Dr. Hale as chaplain.

Prohibition of Cigarettes.—Washington, D. C.—Cigarette smoking by the enlisted men of the United States Navy should be discouraged in the opinion of Rear-Admiral Seaton Schroeder, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic battleship fleet.

Congratulations on Message.—Washington, D. C.—Many letters are arriving at the White House congratulating President Taft on his recent message.

Chandler Advises Congressmen.—Washington, D. C.—William E. Chandler issued a statement at Concord, N. H., urging all progressive Republicans to support President Taft in his attitude on the income tax.

CABLE

Women Balloonists Land.—Paris.—All five balloons of the Stella Women's Club, manned by women aeronauts, landed safely near the scene of the accident near St. Cloud, after a two-hour flight.

Merchants Fight U. S. Steel.—Paris.—The federations of French merchants have lodged with the Ministers of the Interior, Finance and Foreign Affairs a protest against the listing of Steel Common stock on the Paris Bourse.

Castro's Orders Revoked.—Caracas, Venezuela.—The High Federal Court has declared unconstitutional Castro's decrees of January 1907, which annulled the salt and match monopoly concessions.

Cuba Rejects Spanish Debts.—Havana, Cuba.—Through its Secretary of State, Cuba formally refused to recognize Spain's claim for payment of the island's share of the national debt contracted prior to the Treaty of Paris.

Siemsen Lake in Russia.—St. Petersburg.—Siemsen Lake is here from Bridgeport, Conn. to supervise the trials of four large submarines of his design.

Eyes of Victims Cut Out.—Torrone, Mexico.—Thibault Garcia, a mail carrier between this city and Tepic, a mining camp, and his brother Juan were murdered by robbers. The hands, in the belief that dead men's eyes retain the photographic impression of the murderers, dug out the eyes of their victims.