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## SOUTH CAROLINA STATE NEWS ITEMS.

### Grading New Road.

The work of grading a new railroad, to be known as the Cheraw and Bennettsville road and connecting those towns, was commenced a few days ago. The road will be 14 miles in length and it is proposed to complete it by May 1. James A. Drake, of Bennettsville, is president.

### Sentence Commuted.

Governor Heyward commuted the sentence of Queenie Small, a maidservant of Berkeley county, convicted of stealing and sentenced to three years. His sentence is made two years, which he has served. The commutation was made on the recommendation of Solicitor Hildebrand and Judge Klugh.

### Would Cost Too Much.

A Washington dispatch says: The president in returning to the house, without his approval, the bill providing for additional terms of court in the western judicial district of South Carolina, stated among other things that the attorney general had advised that much expense would be incurred and that the necessity was questioned.

### Ask Bail for Tillman.

Congressman-elect George W. Croft, of Aiken, Tillman's law partner, and P. H. Nelson, a leading criminal lawyer of Columbia, attorneys for the accused, will ask that James H. Tillman, charged with the killing of Editor N. G. Gonzales, be released on bail.

### Magistrate Kills Farmer.

Henry W. Blitch, a truck farmer of Meggett's, Colleton county, was shot and instantly killed there last Friday afternoon by Magistrate Behling.

### Charters are Granted.

Secretary of State Gantt has recently issued commissions for two new cotton mills, both of which will be located in Dillon, in Marion county. One of them, the Hamer mills, will have a capital stock of \$100,000, and the other, the Maple mills, will also have a capital of \$100,000. It is understood that William M. Hamer will have a share in both enterprises.

### Crum Case Again Postponed.

By a vote of 10 to 2 the senate committee decided upon a further postponement of the case of Dr. Crum, the colored man who has been nominated collector of the port of Charleston. It was the intention of the friends of Dr. Crum to force a vote, for they felt certain republican senators, who claim that the appointment is an ill-advised one, would not antagonize the president's policy in dealing with federal appointments in the south.

### Attempt to Bribe is Charged.

Representative W. P. Pollock, for eight years a member of the house and always an enthusiastic supporter of the dispensary system, furnished a sensation at last Friday's session by declaring on the floor of the house that he had been approached with a proposition intended as a bribe. There have been rumblings in the internal workings of the dispensary for some time and an eruption of the political element has been predicted by many persons.

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## KNOCKS OUT TRUSTS

### Littlefield's Anti-Monopoly Measure Passes House.

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### GREWSOME EXHIBITS MADE.

### Shrouds Which Clothed Bodies of the Dead are Produced at Trial of Grave Robbers.

### A special from Indianapolis says:

### Samuel B. Martin colored, who was prominently identified with Cantrell in the grave robbing business, was the first witness up.

### His next trip was to the Ebenezer grave yard, when the body of Wallace Johnson was secured.

### On another occasion Martin and others went to a cemetery, but were chased away.

### REQUEST OF ALLIES REFUSED.

### President Roosevelt Shys at Job of Arbitrator in the Venezuelan Entanglement.

### Herbert Angered.

### It is the opinion of official circles at Washington that Minister Bowen has an absolute right, acting for Venezuela, of course to object to President Roosevelt's acting as arbitrator.

### ROOSEVELT GETS INVITATION.

### To Unveiling of Monument to Maryland Soldiers at Chickamauga.

## ALL FOR WHITE MEN

### Secretary Root Makes Sensational Speech in New York.

### SAYS THE NEGRO IS DOOMED

### Declares White Men Only Will Hold Office and that Amendments to the Constitution Have Proven Utter Failures.

### At the celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the Union League Club at New York Friday night Secretary of War Root made an address, in which he said:

### "After the civil war the great question was, 'What shall we do with the black man' and the answer was 'Give him citizenship, equal rights and the franchise and he will rise.' Three amendments were added to a constitution, and I fear we will have to face the conclusion that the experiment has failed.

### "The suffrage has been taken away from the negro and in many of the southern states the black man no longer has the right of suffrage.

### "A curious development has been seen within the past year. President Roosevelt has appointed fewer black men than President McKinley did, and there are today fewer black men holding office than when McKinley died. Yet loud cries are to be heard in the south about President Roosevelt's policy in appointing black men to office in the south.

### "I don't want to argue this question. I am certainly showing that we have to face a new change of feeling in the south, that the black man is denied the right to aspire to the highest dignity which was formerly unquestioned by the white man. In a short time the white man will succeed in excluding the black man from all offices in the southern states.

### "We can never throw off the responsibility that rests on our people for the welfare of these black people that we held in slavery for so many generations.

### POLICE REPORT VETOED.

### Mayor Howell, of Atlanta, Turns Down Foolish Findings of Committee.

### MURDERER UTLEY RECAPTURED.

### For His Return to Jail Reward of \$1,000 is Paid.

### DEBRIS FULL OF CORPSES.

### Further Horrors of Wreck in Arizona Made Known by Investigation.

### IRISHMAN SLAYS BRITON.

## GERMANY STILL OBDURATE.

### Emperor Bill Again Blocks Negotiations in Venezuela Case and Seems Bent on Trouble.

### A Washington special says: As the Venezuelan issue stands now the British protocol is so drawn that Mr. Bowen may accept it in principle. But the German draft is unacceptable and the differences between the negotiators as to this protocol are more marked than in the case of any other.

### One statement made, and this statement is not by Mr. Bowen, was, that while the Germans, with other allies, in principle accept the reference to the Hague of the question of allowing preferential claims, yet their protocol is so drawn as to practically require such preferential treatment in advance of the submission of the case to that tribunal.

### Mr. Bowen feels that the protocol would not be acceptable to the Venezuelan government and he has therefore declined to sign it in its present form, which necessitates a reference of the document back to Berlin and an extension of the negotiations beyond the time when it was hoped by the authorities here that this phase of the subject could be closed and the blockade lifted.

### The reports that come from Caracas are to the effect that great suffering is being inflicted upon many innocent persons and the foreign residents are bearing more than their share of the rigors of the blockade, because their more complex wants are not to be satisfied with the native food which suffers the Venezuelans.

### From this element pressure is being brought to bear upon London, Berlin and Rome, which may have some effect in hastening the negotiations. It is believed that Italy is not likely to prove an obstacle to the winding up of the negotiations for, although naturally desirous of securing all the advantages she can by the injection into the protocol of extraneous matter, it is not believed that she will prove obstinate when once her allies have harmonized upon a plan which can be accepted by Venezuela.

### Baron Von Sternberg, the German minister, was very active Monday morning in his efforts to hasten the negotiations and spent some time with the British ambassador and with Mr. Bowen at the latter's hotel.

### United States May be Drawn In.

There is a distinct probability of this government yet being drawn into the controversy. Bowen is reported to have said that the German proposal infringes upon a principle dear to the heart and if Germany insists upon her present position he will carry the matter to the American government.

### COMMISSION MEN LOSE OUT.

Cotton Spinners' Schedule of Prices for Yarns Not Maintained.

### COLLISION ON SOUTHERN.

Passenger and Freight Crash and Fourteen People are Injured.

### NEGROES TO HOLD CONFERENCE.

Colored Citizens of Jasper County, Ga., Will Discuss Many Subjects.

### WE WILL GIVE UP NOW.

Little Santo Domingo Will Not Obey Demand of Minister Powell.

### DIPLOMATS HARD AT WORK.

Rapid Exchanges are Going on Among Venezuelan Trouble.

## BACK TO ROOSEVELT

### Powers Turn to Untangle Much-Mixed Venezuelan Muddle.

### ARE IRRITATED BY MR. BOWEN

### Great Britain, Germany and Italy, Again Propose that Roosevelt Decide Questions Which Have Caused Hitch in Negotiations.

### A Washington special of Thursday says: Irritated by the note of Minister Bowen, Venezuela's representative addressed to the British ambassador on Monday last, refusing to accept the allies' proposal for a scheme of preferential payments by which Great Britain, Germany and Italy would receive 20 per cent and the remaining eight creditor nations 10 per cent of the customs receipts of La Guayra and Puerto Cabello, the allied powers have instructed their representatives to submit the question of preferential treatment for settlement to President Roosevelt, and in event that he declines to act as arbitrator, to take this and possibly the entire Venezuelan controversy to the Hague for settlement, thereby, breaking off negotiations with Mr. Bowen.

### In view of the fact that the London government is now taking the lead in the negotiations, the British ambassador will preside at this conference. In the meantime he expects to have an interview with the secretary of state, whom he will sound as to the probability of the president's acceptance of the allies' request. If it is found that President Roosevelt is not disposed to allow himself to be dragged into the negotiations, the instructions of the allies are such as to permit them to forego the embarrassment of a rejection at the hands of Mr. Roosevelt and instead of making known their wishes to him, steps will be taken to draw up a protocol with Mr. Bowen for a reference of the case to the Hague, as suggested by the British ambassador. The first of the representatives to receive instructions to this effect and the matter was discussed at the noon-day conference between the three representatives of the allies.

### Announcement of the decision of the allies to abandon further negotiations with Mr. Bowen has not been received with surprise by the few officials of the Washington government who have been advised of it. "The Hague tribunal," said an official of the administration, "has all along been kept in sight as a port of safety in case the negotiations here were not productive of a final settlement. And as for the suggestion that the president act as arbitrator, that has been a favorite idea of the allies since the beginning of the trouble."

### Will Roosevelt Accept?

Whether President Roosevelt will accept this invitation of the allies is not known. An official of the administration expressed his surprise that the allies would be willing to submit this question to the president in view of the fact that their representatives within the last few days have been informed by cable that the president views with disfavor the contention of the allies for preferential treatment. The drafting of a protocol will, it is expected, occupy some time, but it is the understanding that upon the submission of the matter either to the president or to The Hague, the blockade is to be raised at once.

### WOMEN HANG IN ENGLAND.

Two "Baby Farmers" Pay Ignoble Penalty for Their Crime.

### ERRING CROWN PRINCESS FINALLY GIVES UP HER DEAR GIRON.

A dispatch from Geneva, Switzerland, says: A mother's love for her child has at last triumphed in the heart of the former crown princess of Saxony, and in a burst of passion, which has come as a climax to the fight from home and husband, the woman of royal birth has said goodbye to Mr. Giron and left for home.

### A REGRETTABLE PROCEDURE.

During Moody's Funeral Lawyers Work on Contest Case.

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