

DEATH FOR OPIUM SELLING.**Measures Employed to Eradicate Traffic in Opium.**

Hankow, China, Jan. 4.—Statements have been received from 75 missionaries in the 12 provinces regarding opium suppression.

The general trend of the evidence is, according to the Central China Post, that the new regime, where it is well established, is more thorough than in the old four provinces, and that the death penalty has been inflicted in several instances of offenses against the opium laws.

Szechuan, Honan, Anhwei and Chekiang are using troops freely to prevent poppy cultivation. Kweichow province, which has been unsettled since the revolution, is given up to opium growing more largely than ever, but the remainder of the reports are generally favorable, all agreeing that the present officials desire the suppression of opium growing.

Some poppy sown this winter will be found in the hill country and borderlands, where rule is lax, but it is doubtful that the crop will be allowed to come to harvest. Anyway it will be infinitesimal compared with the years before the suppression began.

All the reports agree that Hunan province, which was recently cited as an instance of relapse, is virtually clear of opium crops and that the suppression of the sale and smoking of opium is severer than ever. Absolute prohibition is enforced in many parts, and it is noticeable that Ichang, which formerly had an enormous opium export, now exports none.

The price of opium is at present far higher than formerly in all parts of China. In some places the increase in price is twenty-fold, indicating the strength of the suppression movement.

TRAIN STRIKES DEAF MUTE.**Injuries to Kingtree Darkey May Prove Fatal.**

Kingtree, Jan. 1.—Adolphus McFadden, a deaf and dumb colored man about 30 years old, was struck by a south-bound extra freight this afternoon about 3 o'clock, just north of Main street crossing, and was seriously if not fatally injured. He had been assisting in loading cotton seed into empties on the siding and was attempting to cross the main line from the end of cars on the siding, when the train struck him, crushing his left leg. He received internal injuries also which, it is feared, will result fatally. "Dummy," as he was known, is a good unoffensive fellow, and is a favorite of all, especially of the boys.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOOTS HIMSELF**Clarence Plunkett Badly Hurt While Hunting in Aiken County.**

Aiken, Jan. 5.—Clarence Plunkett, the 20-year-old son of Mr. P. F. Plunkett, accidentally shot and seriously, though not fatally, wounded himself while out hunting yesterday on the plantation of Mr. A. W. Reynolds, six miles north of the city. Young Plunkett had paused in the chase and was standing upon a log making a survey of his surroundings when the gun slipped and, the hammer striking the log, discharged, the load of lead entering the side of the head and tearing away the ear. Though painfully wounded and suffering loss of blood, the young man will recover, is the opinion of Dr. Hastings Wyman, Jr., the attending physician.

This is the second accidental shooting of this week in Aiken county resulting from hunting, the first occurring near Mount Pleasant, when Luther Ergle shot and wounded his son, Cleveland Ergle, Thursday afternoon. Both are from Graniteville. Despite the fact that he carries about 40 No. 6 shot in his breast, the young man is getting along nicely and will recover.

BLAZE AT BENNETTSVILLE.**Building Occupied by Telegraph Company and Cafe Destroyed.**

Bennettsville, Jan. 5.—The building occupied by the Western Union Telegraph Company and the Dixie Cafe was burned last night. The loss of the owner of the building, A. J. Matheson, is about \$2,500, covered by insurance. The Dixie Cafe's loss is about \$400, with no insurance, and that of the Western Union Telegraph Company \$150 or \$200. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to have started near the cafe's stove flue.

The entire block, made up of the handsomest buildings in town, was in imminent danger, but the splendid work of the fire department held the losses down to the figures given. This block was swept by fire a few years ago. The fire at that time started within a few feet of where the fire started last night.

ACTION TO DISBAR B. B. EVANS?**Lyon Presents Allegations to Supreme Court.**

Columbia, Jan. 6.—Attorney General Lyon this morning brought to the attention of the supreme court of South Carolina alleged acts of Barnard B. Evans, a member of the Columbia bar, and asked the court to take such notice of the matters stated as deemed wise. The action is considered the beginning of proceedings to disbar Mr. Evans.

The supreme court took the papers and the matter under advisement.

In the petition of the attorney general, which was filed with the court this morning, in its original jurisdiction, it is alleged that Barnard B. Evans slandered Sheriff Sample, Senator Crouch and Eugene Able, all of Saluda, and collected certain moneys which he failed to turn over to the proper parties, and forged the names of two Edgefield citizens to notes which were discounted at a Columbia bank.

Barnard B. Evans was an opponent of J. Fraser Lyon in the race last summer for attorney general along with J. R. Earle and Thomas H. Peoples, the latter defeating Mr. Lyon in the second primary. The charges which Mr. Evans made against Mr. Lyon and the bitterness and boldness with which the latter denounced Mr. Evans as a "forger and liar" stirred the whole State and made their race second only in point of interest to that between the candidates for governor.

After reciting the fact that Barnard B. Evans was admitted to the practice of law on December 10, 1902, the petition of the attorney general alleges:

That a check for \$198.99, drawn on the Union Savings Bank, of Augusta, Ga., by J. Frank & Son, in favor of George L. Salter, of Saluda, in October, 1906, and sent to B. B. Evans, attorney for Salter at Saluda, to be delivered to him, was endorsed by Evans as attorney and the proceeds never turned over to Salter; that thereafter upon demand of Salter, Frank & Son paid to him the sum of \$198.99. The affidavit of George L. Salter and the original of one letter that passed between George R. Rembert, of Columbia, and B. W. Crouch, of Saluda, in regard to this matter and copies of nine other letters passed between the same parties are attached to the complaint.

A copy of the indictment returned against B. B. Evans for forgery by the grand jury of Saluda county in December, 1908, is attached to the petition.

The collection of an account of the Murray Drug Company against T. E. Bates for \$103, through B. B. Evans at Saluda in 1906, which, it is alleged, Evans never turned to the Murray Drug Company, is recited, and W. J. Murray and J. Nelson Friarson are named as material witnesses.

The charge made by B. B. Evans in the campaign last summer to the effect that Sheriff B. B. Sample stole a certain receipt from his office in Saluda, and his other charges against Sample, together with a statement signed by citizens of Saluda denying the charges against Sample, are referred to and made a part of the complaint.

The petition says that the charge against Sheriff Sample was with "malicious intent" and that Evans, when he made them, knew them "to be utterly false."

That complaint also alleges that B. B. Evans, at the Spartanburg campaign meeting last summer, did "falsely and with malicious intent" make a statement concerning B. W. Crouch and E. W. Able, of Saluda, that if the Aetna and Hartford Fire Insurance companies had done their duty Messrs. Able and Crouch would be behind the bars as incendiaries; that one of the persons was caught in the act and compromised and the other destroyed the libraries of all the lawyers in Saluda, and the language of the complaint continues: That on said occasion he further referred to the said B. W. Crouch and E. W. Able as blind tigers, thieves and incendiaries, well knowing the said statement to be utterly false."

McDavid Horton, of the Columbia State; Wyatt A. Taylor, of the Columbia Record, and L. H. Wannamaker, Jr., of the News and Courier, who reported the Spartanburg meeting for their respective papers, are given as material witnesses to prove this charge.

Another paragraph of the complaint says: "That the reputation of the said Barnard B. Evans for honesty, fair dealing, uniform truth and veracity is bad; it is believed that various members of the Columbia bar will testify to the correctness of the above charges."

It is alleged that B. B. Evans, in 1898 and 1899, discounted two notes at the Carolina National Bank, one for \$150, to which, it is alleged, he forged the name of J. D. Ahen, of Edgefield, and one for an amount not named, to which, it is alleged, he forged the name of L. W. Reese, of Edgefield county. It is charged

TRAFFIC ON GREAT LAKES.**Enormous Business of 1912 Surpassed All Records.**

Washington, Jan. 5.—Traffic on the Great Lakes during the last year was greater than ever before, according to reports received by Capt. Bertholof, commandant of the revenue cutter service.

Nearly 72,500,000 tons of freight passed through the Soo Canal from the upper to the lower lakes from April 24 to December 19—the period of navigation. This commerce, consisting principally of ore and grain, was carried in 20,000 ships, the greatest number of vessels passing through the canal in one day being 124. A year ago only 53,500,000 tons passed through the canal.

Despite this enormous business there were only 79 violations of a strict interpretation of the rules of the department of commerce and labor governing traffic through the canal. Most were technical.

Bleasé Fires Notaries.

Columbia, Jan. 4.—Following out his intention of appointing only Bleasé men to office, Gov. Bleasé this morning continued his calling in of the commissions, issued to notaries public, who are political opponents of his. Forty-eight prominent Columbia men, the majority of them lawyers, were "fired to-day. In today's list appears the name of Alex. Rowland, former private secretary to the governor, and now a resident of Augusta, Ga. It is the intention of the governor to continue the "weeding out" policy throughout the State and it is said that the next county taken up will be the Charleston list.

Many of those "fired" are bitter in their expressions towards the governor's action, and some say it is simply playing petty politics. Some of them pay their respects to him in strong terms and others are of the opinion that his action will cause a fight in the legislature and the making of an effort to take this power out of his hands. Instead of making a wholesale dismissal, as was the case two years ago, the governor apparently is going through the lists in each county and removing the anti-Bleasé men. There are some 5,000 notaries public in the State. This action is causing some trouble to business concerns which have papers probated. Every one that holds a commission is watching to see if their heads will be the next ones to fall. Among those "fired" late yesterday afternoon were three Columbia newspaper men. Those who "fell" to-day include the United States commissioner, the chairman of the board of law examiners, and many other prominent men. One included in the list said that he didn't hold any commission, not having applied since the whole list were "fired" two years ago.

Thurmond Will Win.

Chester, Jan. 4.—A number of Chester People were in Columbia the past couple of days and it is being quietly rumored there, so it is said here to-day, that both Senators Tillman and Smith have already sewed up the United States District Attorneyship and handed it over to J. W. Thurmond, ex-solicitor, of Edgefield; that he will get it and no one else. The whole thing has been mapped out, according to reports brought here from Columbia.

that when action was brought by the bank against the alleged signers of the notes, the alleged fact as to Evans forging the signatures was established. Certified copy of judgment roll in Allen case is attached to complaint and as to second note, L. W. Reese, W. A. Clark and Willie Jones are given as material witnesses to the allegations.

It is charged that B. B. Evans, while acting as agent for the American Bonding and Trust Company, of Baltimore city, collected money on premiums of bonds issued by this company from various people and failed to turn over to the company the sum of \$260.37 thus collected. A copy of the judgment obtained by such company against Evans in the Richland county court is attached.

Attorney General Lyon, in closing his petition, says: "That the certified records herein referred to, as well as the letters and copies of letters, together with all other information contained herein, have been put in the hands of your informant at various times during the past two and one-half years, and he has, on account of having been engaged in a political contest with the said Barnard B. Evans, hesitated until this time to bring these matters to the attention of this honorable court, but now finding that there is probably no other manner or means by which this honorable court may be put in position to take notice of the facts herein this information is filed.

"Wherefore, your informant prays that the court may take such notice of the matters and things herein stated as they deem proper."

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