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TEXAN INDICTED FOR PERJURY.

He is Charged With Swearing Falsely in a Divorce Trial.
New York, Dec. 24.—Charles F. Dodge, who was brought here from Texas charged with perjury, was arraigned before Justice Cowing this afternoon and released on his own recognizance. The charge against him is that he was guilty of perjury in his testimony in the divorce case of Chas. W. Morse, the ice king.

KING ALFONSO TO WED.
His Bride-to-be is Princess Victoria, a Niece of King Edward.

Madrid, Dec. 24.—It is anticipated that the announcement will shortly be made of the approaching marriage of King Alfonso and Princess Victoria, the daughter of the Duke of Connaught, King Edward's brother. The wedding, it is said, will occur in June.

STATE POSTOFFICES.
Interesting Facts as to Those in South Carolina.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The report of the auditor for the postoffice department reveals some interesting things in connection with the post-offices of South Carolina. There are forty-four presidential postoffices in the State and the gross receipts of these offices amount to \$430,522.75 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1904. Among the offices of the State the one at Charleston holds first place. Its gross receipts for the year were \$112,594.44. Out of this amount \$3,390 was paid out for salary of the postmaster and clerk hire amounted to \$18,068.04. Over \$22,900 was paid for the maintenance of city delivery, and over \$900 for special delivery.

The next office in the State is the one at Columbia. This office shows gross receipts footing up the tidy sum of \$55,362.93. The postmaster got \$3,109 of this, \$651.28 went to the maintenance of a special delivery service, \$9,568 to clerk hire and \$11,175.57 to the maintenance of city delivery. Greenville is third among the offices of the State in the amount of business transacted, as shown by postal receipts, and shows gross receipts amounting to \$26,616.48. The postmaster's salary was \$2,600, the cost of special delivery service \$25,448, and the item of clerk hire amounted to \$7,245.38. The city delivery service cost Uncle Sam \$7,160.32.

Spartanburg shows gross receipts amounting to nearly \$24,000, while the business of the Sumter office is represented by gross receipts amounting to a few dollars more than \$14,000. Anderson shows receipts amounting to upward of \$13,200. Rock Hill's office handled business represented by more than \$11,100 in gross receipts, and the office at Greenwood has over \$900 to its credit.

Aik, N. C. George-town and Orangeburg are entitled to trot in the \$8,000 class, so to speak, while the receipts of the offices at Union, Chester, Camden, Darlington, Florence and Newberry were over \$7,000 each.

In this connection it is interesting to note that South Carolina has as few Federal buildings as any State east of the Mississippi river, if, indeed, as few as any State in the Union. There are today only three in the State, those at Charleston, Columbia and Greenville. However, congress has made appropriation for some four or five more.

The postoffice department proposes to investigate the rural free delivery carriers in every State in the Union, and to "fire" every carrier who has been persistently active in politics, particularly in attempting to defeat a candidate for congress because of any views he may hold on free delivery. In this connection the members of the South Carolina delegation say that they have no complaint to make against any South Carolina carriers, and furthermore that the South Carolinians have not taken any important part in politics.—Columbia Record.

BRITISH SHIP STRANDED.
Hard and Fast Off Fire Island and Life Savers Cannot Reach Her.

New York, Dec. 27.—Despite all efforts to get her off the British steamship Drumelzier, which went ashore of Fire Island on Sunday is still hard and fast on the bar this morning. Her crew are still aboard. A heavy gale is blowing and life savers cannot reach the stranded ship. The crew may be taken off to day.

TOGO'S SHIPS NEED REPAIR.
JAPANESE SQUADRON CANNOT MEET RUSSIANS.

They Have Returned From the South and Will Be Sent to the Dry Dock.

London, Dec. 27.—A dispatch to the Central News from Rome says it is stated at the Japanese legation there that Admiral Togo's fleet which left Port Arthur a few days ago, presumably to meet the Russian Baltic fleet, is returning home to make repairs. While the repairs are being made Togo will proceed to Tokio for the purpose of conferring with the government.

REVOLUTION IN BALKANS.
BULGARIANS ATTACK VILLAGE, KILLING THIRTY-ONE.

The Revolutionists Appear to Be Well Supplied With Arms and Ammunition.
Belgrade, Dec. 27.—Revolutionary Bulgarians today attacked a village near Yvelija and in fighting 31 per-Greeks and three Bulgarians among the killed. Quantities of arms and ammunition has been discovered at Kurkosh and Plevna.

DEMAND FOR WATER POWER.
How Waterfalls Enable the World While Increasing Its Machinery, to Spare Its Coal Supplies.

Every day sees more and more of the wasted power of waterfalls, which lies at man's disposal in every hilly or mountainous country, turned to use in furnishing electric energy. The power of waterfalls is driving the greatest of all tunnels, the double Simplon bore, through the Alps; it is sending another tunnel, by devious ways, behind precipices and under glaciers to the summit of the snowy Jungfrau, and a plan is now being perfected for constructing, once more with the aid of waterfalls, and to be run by them, when finished, a rival to the Simplon road, which shall cross the Alps between Turin and Martigny.

Everybody knows what Niagara is doing, and how the waterfalls of California, and of other mountainous States are being harnessed.

A. A. Campbell Swinton, at the recent meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, presented accurate statistics, which he had personally collected, showing that no less than one million, five hundred thousand horse-power derived from waterfalls is now being utilized in various parts of the world for the development of electric energy. Of this great total, which he believed did not represent the full truth, for he thought it probable that the real aggregate is two million horse power, nearly one-third must be credited to the United States.

There is one feature of this utilization of water power in place of steam power, which Mr. Swinton brought out, and which is seldom thought of, and that is the saving of coal which it effects. On the basis of two million horse power derived from waterfalls, his saving amounts to nearly twelve millions tons of coal per year.

But the maximum amount of water power that is available has not yet been approached in actual utilization, so that the annual saving of coal must become larger and larger every year. This in view of the increasing difficulty in working many coal mines, owing to the great depths to which they have penetrated, and in view of the approaching exhaustion of some of the most famous fields, becomes a highly important consideration. Every little while the world is reminded, more or less sensationally, of a coning coal famine. The fact is that coal, of the better grades, possesses so many advantages and conveniences as a fuel, that the earth's supplies of it should be conserved for human use as long as possible. Men of science have more than once sounded a warning against the waste of coal, for coal is the gift of a geologic age which can not be renewed. Thus waterfalls, by enabling us to spare coal, are performing an indirect service in supplying electric power. But for them the growing use of electricity would soon make it drain upon the coal mines of the most serious character.

The era of waterfalls seems certainly to have dawned, every great expanse will become a focus of industry, just as every great river valley has always been a center of population, and Professor Brigham's prediction, that Niagara is to be the industrial center of America, may be fulfilled within a generation.

JAPS AND ENGLISH COLLIDE.
The Collision Occurred at Shanghai This Morning—English Ship Damaged.
Shanghai, Dec. 27. In a collision between the British warship Iphigenia and the Japanese steamer "Tales Maru" today the latter was badly damaged. She had several frames bent and broken and also several plates injured. She will have to be docked for repairs. The warship which was at anchor at the time, sustained no damage.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS NOTES.
Items of Interest Condensed and Paraphrased for Quick Reading.

W. L. K. Johnston and J. H. Kibett, two dispensary constables, were arrested in Columbia on Friday on the charge of trespass after notice. The constables had entered Shull's place on Washington street and were watching it to prevent the sale of liquor, but were warned not to enter the place. The warrant was sworn out by J. H. Gaston and the two men were taken before Magistrate Moorman.

A number of Italian immigrants were seen in Columbia Friday evidently on their way to Charleston. These men have been at work in the lower part of Fairfield county and were passing through on their way to work in the low country. Commissioner Watson was asked if his office had any knowledge of the movements of these men and he stated very emphatically that the office had nothing whatever to do with them. "They are not brought here by my department and we have nothing to do with them whatever," he said.

The secretary of state was notified Friday of an increase in the capital stock of the McCown and Clarke company of Florence county, from \$200,000 to \$400,000. A commission was issued the Neely Yarn Mills, of Yorkville, with \$60,000 capital, with B. N. Moore, O. E. Wilkes and others as petitioners.

Secretary Duncan of the railroad commission has completed the tables showing the gross and net income of the railroads of the State. These tables show that the total gross income was \$13,982,692.28; total freight and passenger revenue, \$13,594,387.66; total freight revenue, \$9,523,478.68. The total expenses were \$10,056,387.50 net income \$3,836,305.44.

The latest enterprise for Spartanburg county is a towel and quilt factory. A company composed of Vernon Muckenfuss, E. C. Rodgers, Lewis Thomson and others are the promoters, and he plant will be located near Wellford. The capital stock is \$25,000. The site for the factory has been purchased; it is situated near the Southern main line. Work of building the mill will begin in the near future. The mill will operate 36 looms. It will be the only ovel and quilt factory in this section of the south.

The Charleston Terminal Company has begun the work of putting the waterfront in better condition as a result of the recent agitation of the condition of the place and the lack of facilities of the place and the lack of commerce of the port. Contracts have been let for the rebuilding of several of the wharves.

Elliott Embly shot and killed Charley Johnston Friday afternoon at St. Matthews. All the parties were negroes and were engaged in a gambling game when a difficulty arose over some trivial matter with the above result.

The authorities in Sullivan's Island have taken the infant in a sack on the front beach near Port Moultrie. The infant was so badly decomposed that it was impossible to tell if the child was white or a mulatto. It is thought that it met death violently a few days after its birth. There is no clue as to the identity of the child, but the authorities hope to find the guilty party or parties.

Lawrence Lemaster, a guard of the chain gang camp, stationed at Clifton, Spartanburg county, was painfully, but not seriously wounded Friday by the accidental discharge of his pistol, while eating a meal in a Spartanburg restaurant. Lemaster was exhibiting the pistol to a friend and, in replacing it, changed it from one pocket to another. The trigger became hung in the leather belt strapped around his waist, and a moment later the weapon was discharged and a 38-calibre bullet ploughed through the fleshy part of his right leg above the knee.

Sheriff Owens of Colleton county will not make any claim for the reward of \$1,000, which was offered for the capture of Adams and no member of his posse would make such claim, taking the position that the arrest was in the line of his duty. It was stated also that there seemed to be little doubt but that an effort would be made to secure a commutation for Adams.

The Charleston Y. M. C. A. basketball team defeated Yale College by a score of 29 to 17 in a fine game in the presence of a large crowd. The Yale students were the recipients of attention from the Charleston alumni of the college, and members of the reception committee of the association.

There was a serious fight on the passenger train Saturday evening just before the train arrived at Waldhalla, conductor W. T. Maxwell was severely bitten upon the left hand, Newberry "Brown" Todd was also bitten and Walter James, colored, was severely cut upon his throat. All these received their wounds from Ed Perry, a passenger who was disorganized and when an effort was made to quiet him the trouble began. Perry was arrested when he reached Waldhalla and put in the night house. It is stated that Perry is drinking.

The State constabulary and a big business in ice-cream was made. A number of parties were made. Two or more gallons of whiskey have been taken from several different persons. Some arrests have been made and others are likely to follow. Friday

night two prominent Waldhalla men were caught about midnight with nearly four gallons of black oak whiskey on top of Stump House mountain. They were arrested and the whiskey and team confiscated.

John Gary Watts, assistant adjutant and inspector general of this State from 1890 to 1894 and adjutant and inspector general from 1894 to 1898, died in the Columbia hospital Christmas morning of pneumonia, after a few days' illness. He was 55 years old.

Dr. Lawrence S. Wolfe died at his home in Orangeburg Sunday night. He was about 45 years old, and was born and reared near Rowesville. For a number of years he practiced dentistry in Orangeburg and was very successful. He retired from active practice some time ago on account of failing health.

Dan Fuller, colored, was found dead in his cabin at Mountville with his throat cut and head crushed with an axe. He lived alone and was probably murdered for his money, as it was known that he had considerable cash, the savings of a life time.

There were several accidents in Columbia Monday. Belle Lightner, a colored woman, was shot and killed on Washington street near Gates. From all the police have learned of the case they are inclined to regard it as a case of accidental killing caused by criminal carelessness. A colored boy, whose name the police prefer not to make public, was walking along Washington street firing a pistol, and one of the bullets struck and killed Belle Lightner, who is the daughter of Tom, one of the best waiters at Wright's Hotel. The examination showed that the bullet took effect in the woman's heart, and that death was instantaneous. There appears to be no motive whatever for the killing and it must have been a case of recklessness. That afternoon a bad smell attracted attention to a pile near the Columbia Glass Works. An examination was made and the dead body of a negro was discovered. The body was so badly decomposed that it could not be recognized. The condition of the body was such that it could not be told whether there had been foul play or not. The body was sent to an undertaker, but there seems little prospect of recognizing the body. That afternoon Mr. D. F. Collicut was taking an automobile trip with his wife and child. He undertook to make too sharp a turn and Mrs. Collicut was thrown from the automobile. She was put into the vehicles and carried home. The injuries, while painful, and alarming, are said not to be serious. Mr. Powell, who conducts a wood yard, was shot in the foot by his son. It was purely accidental and Mr. Powell will be out in a day or two.

PHILIPPINE WARFARE.
Gov. Wright Confirms Report of Uprising—Pulajanes Have Become Active in Samar, Philippine Islands.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Secretary Taft today received a cablegram from Gov. Wright and Manila in response to his inquiry in regard to the recent uprising of the Pulajanes at Dolores, Samar. Gov. Wright's message is as follows: "Manila, Dec. 25. 'Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.'"

"With reference to your telegram of the 21st inst, I regret to say that Gen. Corbin's report of attack on and loss of detachment of scouts at Oras and Dolores, is correct. The Pulajanes have of late left the west and north sides of Samar and become active on the east coast, which is practically without harbor and very difficult of access during prevalence of the existing monsoon. Orders were given some time since to strengthen all detachments on the east coast, but unfortunately this was delayed by the wreck and loss of a coast guard boat carrying a hundred or more of the constabulary. The men were saved but the delay in sending another coast guard boat to the rescue resulted in leaving these small detachments at Oras and Dolores isolated, and the consequent loss. All east detachments have been heavily reinforced and we are still sending men in by my direction Gen. Allen, chief of constabulary, left here (Manila) two weeks since to take personal charge of affairs in Samar. I am still further reinforcing him with constabulary and am consulting with Gen. Corbin, who if necessary, will aid us with troops."

IRON FURNACE DISASTER.
An Explosion of a Blast Furnace at Braddock, Pa., Today.

Pittsburg, Dec. 27.—An explosion, due to a slide in the furnace "J" of the Edgar Thompson blast furnace at Braddock occurred this morning. Five doctors were summoned from this city and the report is circulated that great loss of life resulted from the accident.

INSOLVENT BANK DIVIDENDS.
Comptroller of Currency Invalids the Hearts of Creditors.

Washington, Dec. 27. The Comptroller of the Currency has declared dividends in favor of the creditors of insolvent national banks as follows: First National, of Jacksonville, Florida, a second dividend of fifteen per cent; First National, of Macon, Ga., the first dividend of twenty per cent.

BLIZZARD IN THE NORTH.
NEW YORK IN THE GRASP OF ICE KING.

Transportation and Telegraph Service Tied up and Street Car Traffic Blocked.

New York, Dec. 27.—Rain and sleet following a heavy snow fall has played havoc with transportation facilities and telegraph service and today things are moving at a snail's pace. The streets of New York look like a skating pond and the third rail on the elevated road being coated with ice prevents the trains running on anything like schedule time. Street car traffic was also badly crippled.

RIOTS IN POLAND.
Bridges Blown up, a Russian Colonel Killed and the Czar's Statue Dynamited.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—Reports of flooding in Poland reached here today. At Badom, two railway bridges were blown up and Col. Gilycky was killed. At Chenshocks, according to the report, an attempt was made to destroy the statue of Alexander II. Dynamite cartridges were exploded under the monument, but fortunately only the steps were damaged. The riots were caused by strikes having occurred at Rigo and Baku.

THE INSURANCE PROBLEM.
Comptroller General Jones Recommends That Insurance Law Be Repealed.

Columbia, Dec. 25.—Comptroller General Jones is going to have a great deal of information regarding the insurance situation in this State that he will present to the general assembly at its approaching session. What will be done is not known, but it is likely that the recommendation will be made that the act allowing the Southeastern Tariff Association to return to this State be repealed.

The letters received by Gen. Jones, where specific information has been given, indicates a general increase in the rates regardless of the basis rate. It may be that the old rates were too low, but the Southeastern Tariff Association seems to be a bit orthodox in fixing extra charges on the basis rates. Under the old system one company would send an adjuster to a town or city and make rates, and these rates would be generally accepted by all of the standard companies. There was no compulsion for any of the companies to accept these ratings, but such was generally the case. Now, under the rules of the Southeastern Tariff Association, its rates have to be accepted by all of the companies belonging to the association and practically all of the companies doing business in this State do belong to this association, and it is no doubt a most excellent thing for the companies themselves in holding up rates and protecting the rates that have been promulgated and avoiding any cutting of rates.

Mr. Jones has a number of letters that give him no exact information, and he would like very much to get the detailed rates from the towns and cities from which he now has nothing but generalities. It appears that, while the basis rate has been reduced in some places, extras that were not heretofore charged for have been added to this basis rate and in that way to all intents and purposes the rate has been actually advanced. For instance, if an extra charge is made for a duc, and another charge for an extra opening, and another for an inside staircase, and still another for floor area, and another yet for the walls being too thin and the like, the basis rate would soon have such additions that the old rate would be left in the background. While the insurance companies may be fully justified in charging for such items of increased danger, the trouble is that where the individual companies made the examinations they do not appear to have been quite so rigid. —News and Courier.

CZAR'S ASSASSINATION DENIED.
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A WONDERFUL AIR SHIP.
SAFE VOYAGE OF TWENTY MILES, FROM LOS ANGELES AND BACK.
Capt. Baldwin's Air Ship "California Arrow" Manoeuvred in Every Direction.

Los Angeles, Cal., December 25.—Baldwin's airship "California Arrow," driven by Roy Knabenshue, of Toledo, Ohio, who made several successful flights in the same machine from the World's Fair grounds, at St. Louis, was given its first trial in California today, and was successful, with the single exception of its failure to land at the starting point. A landing was effected half a mile away without damage to the machine, and it was safely towed to its anchorage.

The Arrow started from Chutes park baseball grounds, in the southeastern part of the city at 3.15 p. m., sailed with the wind northeastward for a distance of between eight and ten miles, thence eastward for two miles, and returned in the face of a 12-mile gale to a point directly above the starting place. Owing to the supply of gasoline running short, Knabenshue was unable to effect a landing at exactly the desired spot. From the time the airship arose from the base ball grounds until it was safely anchored at Pico and Stanford streets, it was in flight an hour and thirteen minutes and in that time sailed a distance of probably 29 miles. When flying with the wind the Arrow travelled at a speed of 20 miles an hour, and returning directly in the face of the strong southeastern gale and was able to make a rate of speed reckoned at between six and eight miles an hour.

The air ship was manoeuvred by Knabenshue in every direction, responding readily to its rudder, circling and turning in any direction, and rising and dipping as the operator directed. The Arrow rose at times to a height of probably 3,000 feet or more, with Knabenshue regulating the height by shifting his weight and raising or lowering the bow of the craft as he desired to ascend or descend.

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