

BANKER INDICTED FOR LIBEL.

FORMER SOUTH CAROLINIAN CHARGED WITH CRIMINALITY IN BRINGING CHARGES.

Wade Hampton Cooper Says It Is Effort to Intimidate Witnesses in Impeachment Proceedings Brought Against Justice Wright.

Washington, March 27.—The supreme court of the District of Columbia, of which Judge Daniel Thew Wright is an associate member, today returned an indictment against Wade Hampton Cooper for criminal libel.

The indictment is the outgrowth of charges which Mr. Cooper filed with President Wilson some time ago asking that Judge Wright be impeached for misconduct in office.

Last week Representative Park of Georgia arose in the house and introduced a resolution for the impeachment of Judge Wright as a federal judge.

"I have no fear of the indictment whatever," said Mr. Cooper to The State's correspondent tonight, "and it will not deter me from doing what good citizenship demands."

Mr. Cooper is well known throughout the South and especially in the Carolinas. In addition to his banking connection in the South, he is president of the United Savings and the Union Savings banks of Washington.

Mr. Cooper brought the charges February 26 and the presentation of the case caused a sensation in Washington.

Experiences with Justice Wright, Mr. Cooper said, he caused him to begin an investigation, the result of which was a mass of evidence, alleging mental, moral and temperamental unfitness to remain on the bench.

Justice Wright was appointed to the supreme bench of the District of Columbia November 17, 1903. He gained considerable note through his citation of Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, officials of the American Federation of Labor, on contempt charges growing out of an injunction in the Bucks Stove and Range company case.

Mr. Cooper is one of a family of five brothers, all formerly of Marion, who have gained success in the banking field.

MURDERS IN FLORENCE.

Anthony Scott is Charged With One Tragedy—Other Affair is Unexplained.

Florence, March 29.—At a negro dance on the plantation of Mack Gregg, about three miles east of this city, last night Anthony Scott shot and mortally wounded James Conner, his cousin.

On the old Goose Pond road, about two miles from the city, Lela Smalls was stabbed by a negro supposed to be one Fred Melton. The Smalls woman was rushed to the city and carried to the police station, dying soon after reaching there.

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VILLA FACING CRISIS.

Military Students Point Out That He Must Either Advance or Retreat at Once.

Washington, March 26.—Not since the successful assault on Ojinaga has there been so much interest manifested here in the details of the Mexican campaign as in the present attempt of the rebel Gen. Villa to capture the important federal base at Torreon.

The state department has its representative at the front in the person of Vice Consul Carothers, on terms of personal intimacy with Villa, but so far it has heard nothing from the vice consul except a brief message last night that the results had not been determined.

The necessity of gathering most of his troops at the front has thinned the constitutionalist leader's lines of communication with his base at Chihuahua, and if these should be cut by a force of federals from Saltillo or Monterey the rebel army would be in a desperate plight.

Conditions along the Texas border are much better than they normally are, according to information reaching President Wilson. The president told callers that newspaper editorials and the judgment of impartial observers showed that a good many of the raids and border difficulties which occur ordinarily had been stopped.

It was explained at the state department today that the 33 constitutionalist soldiers released at its instance at Nuevo Laredo had been under medical treatment there ever since the first of the year, when they had been wounded in some of the sharp fighting that took place near Laredo about that time.

ARGENTINE PUBLICIST SAYS LATIN-AMERICA WILL AID UNITED STATES IN ENFORCING DOCTRINE.

Washington, March 26.—"Thanks to the Monroe Doctrine, our territorial integrity has been preserved, and that in itself is enough to assure the United States our lasting gratitude. Through it the United States has proved that its citizens are always ready to engage in enterprises of generosity."

Such is a declaration of Senor Leopold Lugenes, a leading political writer of Argentina, given out through the Navy League of the United States. Senor Lugenes continues: "Pan-Americanism means nothing without the United States."

"Only the other day in Germany it was said that the efficiency of the Monroe Doctrine will be proved by the distance that the guns of the United States can cover. Perhaps they may not reach far enough, considering the enormous growth of European militarism. But behind the United States are Argentina, Brazil and Chili. The South American States that possess no artillery have other means of defense that would enable them to take part in the common cause if the necessity were to arise."

"But come what may, we can afford to wait the military crisis, which is not far distant, with equanimity, secure in the belief that the Monroe Doctrine, which yesterday assured our independence, will preserve it to us tomorrow."

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REGENTS ELECT PHYSICIANS.

DR. R. G. BLACKBURN CHOSEN FOR STATE PARK WORK.

Dr. Margaret Whitesides Elected Lady Physician—Hospital Rules Held Void.

Columbia, March 26.—The regents of the State Hospital for the Insane this afternoon elected Dr. R. G. Blackburn to have temporary charge of the work at State Park and selected Dr. Margaret Whitesides of Chester county, as lady physician.

The rules passed for the governing of the State Hospital for the Insane by the General Assembly through a concurrent resolution are of no force and effect, in the opinion of Attorney General Peoples, who today passed on them at the request of Chairman T. R. Carothers, of the board of regents of the State Asylum.

The duties of the board of regents of the State Hospital for the Insane, as above suggested, says the opinion, "are prescribed by the Constitution of this State, and until such laws are amended, modified or repealed by a proper Act of the General Assembly you are not legally bound by the terms of any concurrent resolution similar to the one under discussion."

RELIGIOUS CENSUS OF TERRITORY OF SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH.

At the request of the pastor, Rev. J. W. Guy, the Salem Church had a census taken of what she believed to be her legitimate territory, this being South and West of the following line: Beginning at city limits, West Hampton Avenue to Church Street; Church Street to Liberty; Liberty to Council; Council to Bartlette; Bartlette to Sumter Street; Sumter to Railroad Avenue.

Table with 2 columns: Category and Count. Includes: Number of homes of white people (233), Number of people (908), Number members of Baptist Churches (183), Number Members of Methodist Churches (164), Number Members of Presbyterian Churches (38), Number Members of Episcopal Churches (13), Number Members of Lutheran Churches (13), Number Members of Catholic Churches (12), Number Members of Christian Churches (7), Number Members of Hebrew Churches (2).

Table with 2 columns: Category and Count. Includes: Total number affiliated with some church (432), Number of children under 10 years of age (254), Men, women and children, over 10 years of age, non-prosorsors (222).

Much has been brought to light by this investigation. The paramount fact being the need of an active church in this locality. The figures show that one-sixth of the white population of the entire city, reside in this Southwest corner, which we must admit has been fearfully neglected from a religious standpoint.

Christ very impressively said: "Inasmuch as ye did it not unto the least of these ye did it not unto me." The sin of omission and its consequence is fearful. Who is to blame?

The pastor and people of Salem Church have had a great revelation as to where the harvest fields of Sumter are, and with renewed strength, they go forth to sow and reap.

God has wonderfully blessed our little church and her efforts, and we are grateful. We appeal to the Christians of our city, of whatever name, for their love, sympathy, prayers and cooperation in this great work before us, "the harvest truly is great, and the laborers few."

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BANDIT ROBS S. A. L. EXPRESS.

TAKES PACKAGE FROM CAR AND THEN MAKES HIS ESCAPE IN COLUMBIA YARDS.

Hold-up of Messenger Occurred at Elmwood Avenue Crossing at 6.45 Saturday—First Thought Big Sum Was Stolen—Detectives Fail to Find Clue.

Columbia, March 29.—J. B. Freeman, express messenger on Seaboard passenger train No. 2, from Jacksonville to New York, was held up at the point of a pistol in his car last night at 6.50, as the train was passing through the railroad cut south of Elmwood avenue.

According to the report made by the Seaboard officials in Columbia after a brief investigation, the bandit obtained two packages valued at \$50 each.

No mail was stolen. In the car were two iron safes. The smaller one, which he forced Messenger Freeman to open, contained only a few packages, none of which held any money, so far as known.

The messenger does not carry a key and had the bandit attempted to rifle the safe, he would have been compelled to use explosives.

Train No. 2 was in charge of Conductor Kennett, with Engineer Barnett at the throttle. According to the account of the holdup, the man is believed to have gotten aboard the train either in the local yards, or in the cut at Lincoln street.

He jumped from the train, according to the account of Messenger Freeman, at the Elmwood avenue crossing and disappeared in the darkness. There were several persons who claimed to have been in the vicinity of the place where the holdup occurred. They said they saw the man as he jumped from the platform of the express car.

The operator in turn reported the affair to the local police department and Chief of Police W. C. Cathcart and Captain of Police Irby went to the place where the messenger said the robber had jumped from the platform.

The chief and captain were unable to find any clues that would indicate the direction the lone bandit had taken when he left the train.

The information obtainable shortly after the report of the robbery was meager. When the train reached Camden a brief account of the holdup was wired back to Columbia.

Special Agents Clowney and Fortesque of the Seaboard went to work on the case, but at first were much at sea, owing to a scarcity of information upon which to operate.

About five feet six or seven inches tall, weight 160 to 165; wearing small cap and black clothes with vest. Apparently 25 or 30 years old.

The Columbia banks, as far as could be learned last night, did not have any money in the express car at the time of the robbery.

The place where the robber leaped from the train is near Elmwood cemetery, and last night the spot was exceedingly dark, showing unmistakably that the robber had no difficulty in disappearing from view after leaping from the platform.

The dogs at the penitentiary were not called into service, as the officers had such meager information immediately after the report of the robbery that they did not believe that the man-hunters could be of service.

Four years ago an express messenger on a Southern train was held up in the vicinity of the state fair ground and a sum of money taken, although it was never definitely stated how much booty he obtained.

READY FOR HORSE SHOW.

Darlington Exhibition to Be Held April 15 and 16.

Darlington, March 28.—All arrangements for the coming Horse Show have been completed and everything is in readiness for the reception of the horses and their owners.

The show will come off on the 15th and 16th of April and on both of these days there will be two shows of nine classes held. The first show each day will start at 2.30 and last for about three hours, and then the second show will begin at 8.30.

The management of the show have arranged for the most thorough lighting programme each night. One new feature to be introduced in this show will be the relay race to be run with three horses. Each contestant must enter with three horses and when the signal is given each man puts his saddle onto one of his mounts and runs him around the track for the full half mile, which ends at the grand stand, where he must then take the saddle from his mount and put it on his second mount and run him the second half mile and then his third mount he must do the same, making the total distance run by each man one mile and a half.

The local horses are to be shipped to Camden today for the Camden show, which opens on the 1st of April and starts the circuit.

STUBBORN, ANNOYING COUGHS CURED.

"My husband had a cough for fifteen years and my son for eight years. Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured them, for which I am most thankful," writes Mrs. David Moor, of Saginaw, Ala. What Dr. King's New Discovery did for these men, it will do for you.

AN UNSETTLED WEEK.

Weather Bureau Predicts Rain in Many Parts of Country.

Washington, March 29.—Unsettled weather this week with frequent rains over nearly all parts of the country was predicted by the weather bureau tonight.

"Temperatures during the next several days," said the bulletin, "will average above the normal over the Eastern and Southern States. A disturbance central Sunday morning over the southern plains States will move slowly northeast Wednesday and be attended by general rains the first part of the week in the Mississippi valley and the district east thereof."

"Another disturbance will cross the great central valleys Tuesday or Wednesday and the Eastern States Thursday or Friday. This disturbance will be attended by rains and be accompanied by a change to considerably colder weather in northern Central States."

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HOMICIDE NEAR MARION.

Croatian Indian Charged With Killing His Brother.

Marion, March 28.—Crickett Calder, a Croatian, living about six miles north of Marion, is charged with having killed his brother, Willis Calder, in a drunken brawl last night. It is said a spade handle was the weapon used. From reports, it seems that the two men were traveling along the country road near Moody's Mill, and after a few words Crickett struck Willis with the spade handle, crushing the skull of the latter, who lived until morning.

Special "Health Warning" for March. March is a trying month for the very young and for elderly people. Croup, bronchial colds, lagrippe and pneumonia are to be feared and avoided.

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RAILROADS REDUCING FORCES.

BALTIMORE & OHIO AND PENNSYLVANIA LAY OFF MANY MEN.

Policy of Retrenchment Say the Officers, Has Been Forced on Them by Increasing Expense of Operation and Refusal of Permission to Increase Rates.

"The railroads are now like a ship in a storm—they are sailing under close-reefed canvass and this may be further reefed if conditions do not change for the better."

This was the statement made by a Baltimore and Ohio official yesterday in explaining the policy of the company and of the Pennsylvania railroad in curtailing expenses by getting rid of every possible employe whose services can be dispensed with. The policy is in operation in every department of the systems and it is going on continuously.

The working forces at Mount Clare, it is said, are not likely further to be touched, as these have been weeded down to the closest possible limit and hardly another one can be spared. This means that there are at work in these shops only about one-third of those employed in normal times.

The company's officials say they do not know how long this policy will be kept up, nor can they say how many will ultimately be affected. They do say that the end of the dismissals is not now in sight.

These dismissals mean much to Baltimore in the lessened money which is available to be spent here each month. The Baltimore and Ohio employs in Baltimore alone in normal periods about 10,000 persons. The monthly payroll is about \$600,000, or \$7,200,000 annually.

It is not known nor will it be stated exactly the number which have been laid off here since the company commenced its discharges, but this monthly payroll is now fully one-third less than before the dismissals commenced.

This means a loss of nearly \$2,000,000 annually disbursed from this company and spent in the city. When to this is added at least one-third as much to which the Pennsylvania has cut down its local payroll, some idea may be gathered of the lack of business local merchants feel.

The railroad officials say this method of economy is forced on them by the additional expense to which they are put by the advance in the price of their supplies, by the expense entailed by State and national laws regulating the running and management of trains and finally by their inability to get the consent of the Interstate Commerce Commission to raise their freight rates to the 5 per cent increase they are seeking.

It is contended this last is the crux of the whole matter and that with this concession granted, conditions will so quickly change that instead of discharges of employes being necessary the companies will be seeking additional working force.

Officers of the Pennsylvania railroad say the company within the last three months had laid off about 15,000 employes on the lines east of Pittsburgh, in carrying out its policy of general retrenchment. It is said that about 40,000 of the remaining 125,000 employes have been placed on shorter time. Two hundred clerks in the general offices have been laid off within a day or two.

Some weeks ago the company took off several expensive through trains and it was stated that further curtailment in the passenger train service is being worked out.

According to the report, which the company confirms, the orders for retrenchment and economy cover improvements and extensions, work upon which has been either stopped or reduced.—Baltimore Sun.

Secretary E. I. Reardon of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce has received from Secretary Luther Ellison of the Florence Chamber of Commerce a pleasant letter in which the Florence secretary expresses the hearty appreciation of the cordial and hospital reception tendered the Florence boosters during their short stay here by the good hearted people of the Game Cuck City.

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