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Forecast for Augusta and Vicinity—Partly cloudy and continued cold tonight and Saturday.

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HOUSE REFUSES TO ACCEPT PART OF THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

DECLINE TO CONSIDER SECRET SERVICE PARAGRAPH ON GROUND THAT IT IS DISRESPECTFUL

MEMBERS STIRRED UP

Nearly All Members Present to Hear Report of Committee—Galleries Packed with Spectators

WASHINGTON—Having given consideration to the president's further views regarding the secret service, contained in his message to the house of representatives last Monday, the special committee appointed to deal with the subject brought in its final report Friday.

Accompanying it was a resolution which declared it to be the sense of the house that it shall decline to consider any communication from any source which is not respectful, recommending that the objectionable portion of the president's annual message be laid on the table and that similar action be taken with respect to the message of last Monday, because of its being "Unresponsive to the inquiry of the house," as to what the president meant when he said, referring to the limitation placed upon the field of operations of the Secret Service, that "The chief argument in favor of the provision was that the congressmen did not themselves wish to be investigated."

MEMBERS ARE INDIGNANT.

When Chairman Perkins, of New York, of the special committee arose to make his report, he faced almost a full membership, while the galleries were packed with interested spectators.

Representatives Tawney, Smith (of Iowa) Sherley and Fitzfierald were on the floor prepared, by word of mouth, to resent what they deemed to be the insinuations of the president upon them as members of the committee on appropriations. They were not alone in their indignation. Indeed, for some time past the feelings of the members had been growing more and more intense, and some of them have been giving way to their sentiments in language which fully testified to their wounded pride.

DECLINES TO CONSIDER THEM.

Addressing the house Mr. Perkins said:

"To your committee were referred certain passages contained in the annual message of the president. We were to decide whether, in our opinion, those portions of the message were couched in such form that proper regard for the dignity of the great legislative body should forbid their reception.

"We are of the opinion that the portions of message do constitute a breach of privileges of this house and that, therefore, following the precedent set in similar cases, the house should decline to consider them."

Mr. Perkins continued: "Your committee has to consider criticisms made by the president upon the motives of congress in its action last session, to consider his suggestions as to future legislation and to report whether congress with proper self respect can receive them. It is stated in the message that "the chief argument in favor of the provision was that the congressmen did not themselves wish to be investigated by secret service men," and this is repeated in an additional message.

If this was the chief arugment, it must have been by this that a majority of members were led to vote in favor of the offending provision. Your committee is unable to share in this belief."

Mr. Perkins added that if congress listens tamely and timidly to reflections upon the character of its members and its honesty of purpose it will deserve and certainly receive the contempt of the public.

ARE MAKING PAPER FROM SUGAR CANE

HARTFORD, Conn—An experiment in making paper pulp from sugar cane is being tried at a paper mill in Newington Center, it is said. It is believed by the experimenters it can be made into a very good grade of paper.

BATTLESHIP MISSOURI LEFT FRIDAY FOR ATHENS

PORT SAID.—The battleship Missouri left Friday morning for Athens, later in the day the Kentucky left for Tripoli. The nine vessels of the American fleet under Admiral Sperry are still at Port Said, being delayed by poor facilities for coaling. Port Said presents a gay appearance, and the streets are filled with men in uniform.

SIGNOR FORGED HIS NAME FOR $1,000,000

OAKLAND, Cali.—Details of the forgery of James H. Murray's name to notes and documents aggregating nearly $1,000,000, which led Thursday night to the arrest of F. B. Signor, a promoter and mining broker of this city have come to light. Murray, who is a millionaire and banker arrived here from Monterey more than two weeks ago to begin the investigation of the forgery and found that President William G. Henshaw of the Union Savings Bank of this city, held four notes drawn on Kansas City Bank in Henshaw's favor and purporting to be signed by Murray, the notes totalling $400,000.

Murray at once pronounced these notes as forgeries. He presented the matter to the district attorney and a warrant for the arrest of Signor was issued. Signor surrendered and made a full confession.

Henshaw declared that Signor has not profited a dollar by the forgeries.

ATLANTA DRUG STORES OPEN ON SUNDAY

Special to The Herald.

ATLANTA, Ga.—Atlanta drug stores will stay open on Sundays. The druggists declare that the law must make them close. The Atlanta pastors fail to effect a voluntary movement.

COLD WAVE WILL PASS AWAY ON SATURDAY

WASHINGTON.—Frost tonight as far south as Northern Florida, a slowly climbing mercury in the Atlantic coast states Saturday, rising temperature in the interior states except for severe cold in the northwest, and the passing of the eastern snowstorm into the Atlantic ocean and features of today's weatner bureau report.

MAN FOUND GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

SPARTANBURG, S. C.—S. S. Tiner, president of the Law and Order league of Pacolet, who shot and killed Edward Kirby several weeks ago and who was tried for his life was found guilty of manslaughter and carrying concealed weapons. He was recommended to the mercy of the court.

The case was begun Wednesday afternoon nd the hearing of the testimony occupied all Wednesday afternoon and Thursday. More than one hundred witnesses came up from Pacolet to testify in the case.

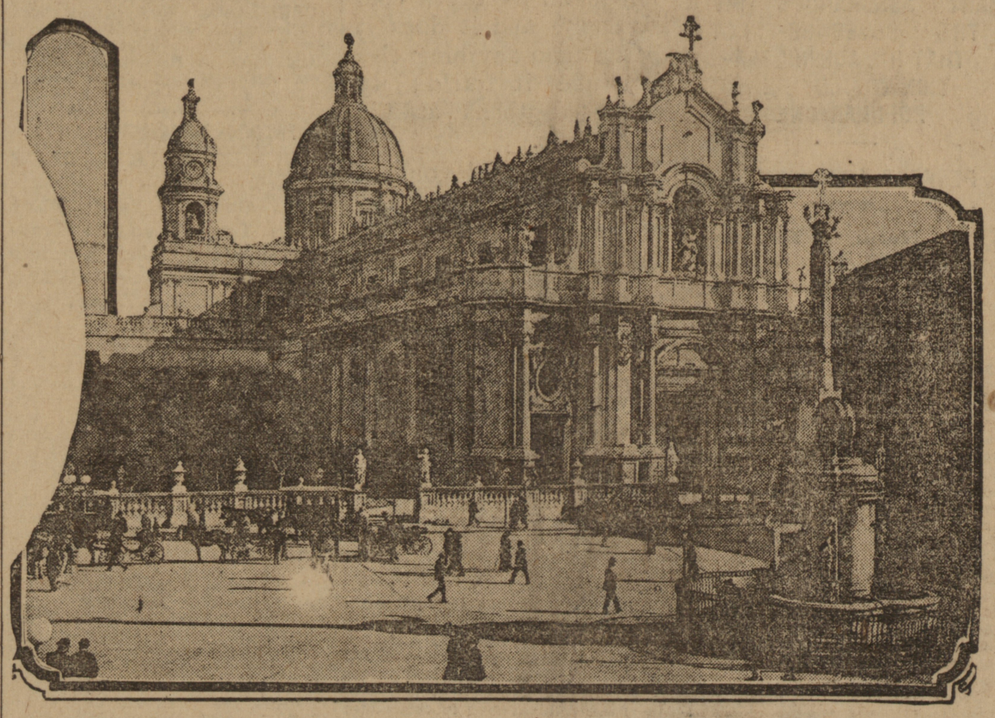
Tiner was represented by able counsel, Simpson & Bomar and Wilson & Osborne. Solicitor Sease is being assisted in the prosecution by H. E. De Pass.

There had been bad blood between Tiner and Kirby for sometime before the homicide. Kirby was of a turbulent nature and got on frequent sprees, several months ago he was prosecuted by Tiner for drunkenness. On the morning of the killing Kirby and Tiner met at the store at Pacolet. Kirby commenced to curse Tiner and the latter threw an iron weight at Kirby, who drew his knife and advanced towards Tiner. The latter pulled his pistol and fired several shots into Kirby.

LODGE WITHDREW REPORT.

WASHINGTON—Senator Lodge today withdrew from the senate the report made by him from the committee on foreign relations in favor of an amendment to the diplomatic aad consular bill creating an embassy at Pekin, instead of a legation. He announced that the report was made

THE FAMOUS MESSINA PRO-CATHEDRAL



This is a picture of the famous Pro-Cathedral in Messina, showing the beautiful elephant fountain in the foreground. Hardly one stone is left upon another.

SIX NIGHT RIDERS WILL DIE ON GALLOWS

Jury in Rankin Murder Case Brought in Verdict Promptly—Two Sentenced to Twenty Years—The State Not Satisfied.

UNION CITY, Tenn.—With a verdict of guilty in varying degree, the jury in the night rider trials reported at 8:45 p. m. tonight.

The twelve men found Garrett Johnson, Tid Burton, Boy Ranson, Fred Pinion, Arthur Cloar and Sam Applewhite guilty of murder in the first degree with mitigating circumstances, and Bud Morris and Bob Huffman, the other defendants, guilty of murder in the second degree, and fixed their punishment at twenty years in the penitentiary.

The punishment of the six first-named defendants was left to the court and may be death or life imprisonment. The defense filed a motion for a new trial, which was set for hearing Saturday and which will be overruled by the court, when sentence will be pronounced.

Court Room Crowded.

The court will sentence the six first-named defendants to death.

The jury had been out since 2 p. m., but because of the illness of Juror Rosson had not been able to consult until 6 p. m. There was a difference of opinion among the jurors as to the degrees of guilt of the defendants, but an agreement was reached quickly.

Court was convened at 8 p. m. and the jury sent word that it would be able to report shortly. The room was crowded, as it was during the argument. The minutes passed and at 8:45 p. mfl the bailiff called for the county physician. Juror Rosson was in a state of collapse and needed attention. It was half an hour before Rosson was revived, the jury filed in and six deputies were summoned to carry in the bed upon which the sick juror reclined.

Jury Was Polled.

The foreman announced the verdict, the defense called for a poll, which was made and the judge dismissed the jurors. Rosson's condition is such that it was deemed unadvisable to move him tonight.

The defense demanded until Monday to move for a new trial, but the state opposed it, and the court fixed Saturday as the day, intimating that the motion was a mere form any way, which would be overruled.

The defendants took the verdict with calmness, as they had been expecting it since the closing of the arguments. Attorney Pierce turned to them, when it was announced, and said: "We will tear this case to pieces in the supreme court."

No Disorder.

The state expected a verdict of first degree murder in all eight cases, and was visibly disappointed. Bob Hauffman, one of the men to escape with twenty years, is the man, who, according to the confession of Frank Fehringer, fired the shot which killed Captain Rankin as he was being drawn up by the rope.

When the jury's readiness to report was announced, the military quietly surrounded the court house, and a detail of soldiers, with revolver holsters open, was deployed around the walls of the court room, but aside from a whispered buzz of conversation, there was no demonstration. The prisoners were quickly handcuffed, and under military escort, taken to prison. The verdict is considered a compromise one, and no trouble is feared by the authorities.

NEWS OF TODAY IN THE QUAKE ZONE

ROME.—The bombardment of the ruins of Messina has been delayed so that no living person will meet death from the artillery fire.

The Italian senate decided it will take four years to clear away the debris at Messina.

The soldiers are suffering privations in Reggio and Messina. They save chicken bones to prevent starvation. It is now definitely ascertained that the city of Messina shall be rebuilt although a new site may be chosen. The armada of relief sent out by the American Ambassador Griscon is giving splendid aid in the stricken section.

Military permits are needed now to walk through the ruins of the devastated cities. A strict guard is maintained to prevent looting. Warships from the Grecian navy are en route to Calabria and Sicily.

Intermittent earthquake shocks alarm the people in the danger zone and many prefer camping in fields to risking death in their homes.

Today is the date predicted by Professor Perret when the third devastating quake will shake Italy.

WILBUR WRIGHT CO-RESPONDENT IN FRANCE

World Famous Aviator Accused in Divorce Suit by Lieutenant of Cuirassiers, Whose Wife is Fond of Aeronautics.

PARIS.—All Paris gasped today at the announcement that Wilbur Wright, American aviator had been corespondent in a divorce suit brought by Lieutenant Goujadre of the Cuirassiers stationed at Champigny. Madame Goujadre, a strikingly beautiful young woman, is intensely interested in aeronautics. She was always a spectator at Wright's experiments at Auvejauvourds, near Champigny.

ELECTION AT CUTHBERT.

CUTHBERT, Ga.—In the city election Thursday Hon. D. A. McPherson was elected mayor and Hons. P. D. Gay, Ira B. Martin, A. J. Moye, A. P. Moye and W. J. Wade, councilmen. The ticket was elected without opposition and is the one which has served the city acceptably during the previous year.

GOV.-ELECT BROWN SAW MR. TAFT FRIDAY

Delegation From Columbia Here to Invite President-Elect to Carolina.

Governor-elect Brown called on President-elect Taft Friday afternoon and paid his respects. The prospective heads of the state and nation were together for some time and had a very satisfactory opinion of each other when they parted Mr. Brown's visit had no significance except that he desired to do the president-elect the courtesy of calling on him while he was in the city.

A delegation from Columbia, S. C., headed by ex-Governor Sheppard, who is also president of the South Carolina Bar association arrived in the city Friday afternoon to present Mr. Taft with an invitation to pay a visit to Columbia when the Bar association meets in that city next week. At that time the Hon. Leslie M. Shaw, formerly associated with Mr. Taft in President Roosevelt's cabinet will be the orator. The delegation represents the Bar association, the Chamber of Commerce and city council.

Mr. Taft played golf with Senator Knox Friday morning and held consultations with him afterwards during the afternoon.

Mr. Taft has accepted an invitation to be the guest of the Beech Island Agricultural club Saturday. The club will serve one of its famous barbecues for Mr. Taft. The affair will be strictly an invitation affair, and will be confined to members of the club, Judge Taft and his friends, and the visiting and local newspaper men. The invitations are being sent out by Secretary J. C. Gardner.

Mr. Taft Thursday night announced the names of the newspaper men he would take with him on the trip to Panama. The newspaper men who are now with Mr. Taft, a representative of the Hearst Newspaper Service and one of the correspondents who was with Mr. Taft through the campaign, but who did not come to Augusta with him, will with one exception compose the party. The exception is Mr. T. D. Murphy, of Augusta, who will represent a number of southern papers. Mr. Murphy was singled out for this honor from some two hundred and fifty odd applicants, is practically the only addition to the newspaper staff which has accompanied Mr. Taft for several months.

Mr. Murphy is highly thought of by Judge Taft and by the correspondents who are here with him. This, of course, played a big part in his success in being accorded the privilege of making the trip.

Mr. Taft announced Thursday night that he would not address either of the rival negro meetings in Atlanta which have been warring over which one he would attend. Mr. Taft says that he was informed that feeling was running high over the quarrel between the two factions and he did not care to be the bone of contention, and will therefore not attend the meeting.

COP WAS KILLED BY DRUNKEN MAN

Police Sergeant Nolling Was Atempting to Disperse a crowd of Drunken Men When He Was Shot.

SAN FRANCISCO.— Police Sergeant Nolling was shot and killed Friday morning while attempting to disperse a crowd of drunken men.

The sergeant was knocked down and, regaining his feet started to draw a revolver. While in the act of doing so one of the men shot him twice. The men wore United States army uniforms and made their escape.

UNKNOWN PERSONS CAUSED TRAIN WRECK

BELLINGHAM, Wash.— Wrecked by unknown persons who threw the switch open, locked it and put out the lantern so the engineer could not see his peril, the Great Northern train, northbound, left the track south of the Bellingham yards Thursday night. The engine was almost completely submerged in the Bay, the mail car and baggage car were smashed and the smoker was derailed. The fireman was killed and two others were injured.

The passengers, of whom there were seventy-five, were badly shaken up but none were injured. The local police and railroad detectives unite in declaring the wreck to be deliberately planned.

LARGE AUDIENCE WILL HEAR MR. BROWN

Governor-elect Brown makes his first public speech to an Augusta audience at the Opera house Friday night. The exercises begin promptly at 8:30 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended the public, and a large attendance will be present.

Mr. Brown will outline his policies of governorship, and discuss state issues, of political interest and importance. It is understood that he will not make a formal address, in the strict sense of the word, but he will "talk over" various questions with his audience, in his characteristically modest and simple style.

Judge E. H. Callaway will introduce the governor-elect and a delegation of well-known citizens will occupy reserved seats on the stage.

The governor-elect has been on the go all day. He visited the Sibley mill, and other large manufacturing industries. He and Mrs. Brown paid a call at St. Mary's Academy, visiting the pupils in each room, and making short, informal talks to the young ladies.

MILLION DOLLAR FIRE IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK.—There were three costly fires Thursday night in the down-town district but in each case through the efficiency of the new high pressure system the blaze was confined to buildings in which they originated.

The greatest loss was in the building occupied by the Lipton Tea Co., E. C. Hazard Co. and Crandall and Godfrey. The total loss is a million and three hundred thousand dollars.

BUTTONS IDENTIFIED AS BELONGING TO MINISTER

PORT HURON—Seven buttons found in the ashes of the little church at Adair, where the charred remains of a man were uncovered have been definitely identified as belonging to a fur coat worn by Anson Browning or Rev. J. C. Carmichael.

PEOPLE SLEPT WITH AIKEN LEPER

Mayor Salley of Aiken Friday morning gave to the representative of the Herald a statement calculated to show that in his opinion there was no danger to the people of Aiken from the presence of the case of leprosy there as told of in The Herald Thursday afternoon. Mayor Salley says however that as a precaution Miss Mary V. Kirke, the unfortunte lady will be removed Friday afternoon or Saturday morning to the little house which has been erected at the towns expense in a sequestered spot several miles from Aiken.

Mayor Salley in his statement gives a history of Miss Kirke's disease. He says she contracted it in Brazil a number of years ago while working as a missionary in that country. She went to London, where she consulted a celebrated specialist, Dr. Hutchison, and was told that she did have leprosy. She then returned to her own country and shortly afterwards took up her residence in Aiken.

Mr. Salley says there is no danger at all. The case is quarantined and has been for several days. This form of leprosy is not very contagious I am told. Again Miss Kirke is an old lady and rarely goes on the street. She is 68 years old.

"But anyhow people could go to see her, and to prevent that we put on the quarantine. She has had it for the last fifteen years and nobody has caught it from her. Not a single soul has taken it. People have lived in the same room with her, and I am informed that some people have actually slept with her and not caught it.

"Miss Kirke has known she had leprosy for a long time. She caught it in South America, where she was a missionary, and went to see a famour specialist, Dr. Hutchison, in London in 1893. He pronounced it leprosy. Miss Kirke says there was a lot of it in the tropics when she caught it."

A telegram received by The Herald from Columbia Friday afternoon quotes State Health Officer C. F. Williams as saying that several cases of leprosy are ordinarily under official observation in South Carolina. This authority is also quoted as saying that cases of leprosy exist in every southern state, though few are of malignant type.

PROHIS WIN TEN WEST VIRGINIA TOWNS

WHEELING, W. Va.—Reports received here from eighteen small municipalities, where Thursday an election was held to decide the question of the licensed sale of liquor, show that ten went "dry" and eight "wet."

MACON COMMITTEE MAY VISIT PAVING PLANT

MACON, Ga.—An offer, and every liberal one, too, has been made to the city of Macon by Henry Horne, to pay the expenses of a committee of council to Columbus and Birmingham to see the operations of a bitulithic paving plant that is being used in those places.

As the city seems to be in need of such a plant many offers are being made and the above is one of the most liberal yet received. This year Macon intends to do a large amount of paving and in view of this special committee has been named to do some investigating.

If Mr. Horne's offer is accepted next Tuesday night a committee will be named at once to make the trip.

BOY WHO KILLED FATHER DECLARED JUSTIFIABLE

ANNISTON, Ala.—A coroner's jury this morning found a verdict of justifiable homicide in the case of Claude Pressley, the eleven-year-old boy, who shot and killed Dave Christopher his stepfather near Bynum Thursday. It was shown that the lad fired to save his mother whom the husband was beating with a club.

FAILURE FORMALLY ANNOUNCED.

NEW YORK.—The suspension of Hackley, Baxter & Co. and C. W. Willettes for failure to meet clearing house balances was announced on the Consolidated Exchange.

NON-SUIT GRANTED.

In the case of W. T. Spake, agent for M. E. Goldman vs. David Shaw a non-suit was granted by Judge Eve Friday. This was the last case and court adjourned for the week.