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A RECEIVER IS APPOINTED

Have Ample Assets and Will Pay Dollar for Dollar—Suspension Caused Little Excitement in Financial Circles—Had \$200,000 Capital Stock.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 28.—Three financial institutions failed to open their doors for business today. The Merchants' Trust company, with a capital stock of \$200,000; the American Savings Bank and Trust company, and the Mechanics' Savings bank, smaller institutions, and allied with the first named concern, have gone into liquidation.

The following notice was posted on the doors of the Merchants Trust company:

"This bank is closed by order of the board of directors, and will go into liquidation. (Signed) Felix T. Pope, president."

Another notice read as follows: "This bank has gone into liquidation. John P. Edmondson has been appointed receiver."

The cause of the suspension of the Merchants' Trust company is said to have been over loans on discounts.

One of the directors said to a representative of the Associated Press that the three institutions had ample assets, and would pay dollar for dollar.

When the officers of the Merchants' Trust company decided to suspend business, Chancellor Heiskell was asked to appoint a receiver for the institution. Hon. John P. Edmondson, one of the best known lawyers in Memphis, was named as receiver.

The Merchants' Trust company recently absorbed the Memphis National bank, and, it is said, owns the controlling stock of the American Savings Bank and Trust company. The latter institution has practically absorbed the Mechanics' Savings bank.

The suspension of the three institutions caused little excitement in financial circles.

Owe Depositors Big Sum.

New York, Dec. 28.—According to a recent statement the Merchants' Trust company of Memphis, Tenn., owed depositors \$605,000. The American Savings Bank and Trust company of Memphis, Tenn., according to a recent statement, owed depositors \$625,000.

Want New Army Revolvers.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The ordnance bureau of the war department has in contemplation a competitive contest for new models of a revolver for the use of the United States army. It is desired by the department as a weapon possessed by greater stopping power than the revolver now in use in the army. The details of the trials have not as yet been arranged. It is expected that weapons of large calibre and practically of different type from those now in use will be tested.

Public Safety Board Gets Busy.

Louisville, Dec. 28.—The board of public safety today ordered that the police regulations regarding the standing in aisles and blockading of passages in theaters must be strictly enforced after January 1. The city building inspector was instructed to examine every piece of scenery brought to Louisville by theatrical companies and to see that it is properly fire-proofed before being placed on the stage.

Prepare for Session of Presbyterians.

St. Louis, Dec. 28.—A subcommittee of the general committee representing the Presbyterian and Cumberland Presbyterian churches met here to prepare for the session of the entire body on Thursday, when the details of the union of the two branches of the Presbyterian church, which has already been decided on, has been consummated.

To Be Allowed Bail.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 28.—O. A. Little, a white man who is confined in the county jail under a two-year sentence for the killing of W. S. Sweeny, president of the United Mine Workers' local at Johns, will be allowed bail at an early date, it is understood. Little's case was reversed in the last batch of decisions handed down by the supreme court of Alabama.

Protest Against Union.

Nashville, Dec. 28.—About one hundred men and women, members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, from a number of states, met here today to protest against the Union of the Cumberland Presbyterian and the Presbyterian churches. The meeting is for the purpose of receiving reports of committees appointed a year ago.

Express Messenger Killed by Negro.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 28.—News received in Macon is to the effect that W. J. Mabry, the Southern Express company messenger who was stabbed in Chattanooga by a negro, had died. At last accounts the negro had not been captured, although he was hotly pursued.

WHEELER FOR CHIEF OF POLICE.

Ex-Confederate Leader Slated to Succeed Commissioner McAdoo.

New York, Dec. 28.—General Joseph Wheeler, the famous cavalry leader, has been announced as a candidate for William McAdoo's place as police commissioner. His friends think it is settled that Mayor McClellan will name him for the position.

That General Wheeler is a possibility for ruler of the city's police caused much surprise when the news came out. He has been the darkest sort of a dark horse candidate. Around city hall the rumor of his candidacy was circulated as authentic, and almost everyone believed it.

This is one of many appointments about which Mayor McClellan has not consulted Boss Murphy. Gen. Wheeler is the mayor's own choice, it is declared.

General Wheeler has been living in New York most of the time since the Spanish-American war. He draws half pay as a major general of the United States army, and if he becomes police commissioner he will still enjoy this allowance.

THREE KILLED BY FAST TRAIN.

Accident Occurs on Southern at Spartanburg, S. C.

Spartanburg, S. C., Dec. 28.—D. M. Hill and Richard Rogers, of Saxon Hill, S. C., and J. F. Stone, of Cross Anchor, were struck and instantly killed by a fast train of the Southern railway in the yards here Tuesday.

The accident occurred on a curve in the road above the Brawley street trestle. The men were walking on the west track toward the depot and to avoid an approaching freight stepped over to the east track, when the fast northbound passenger, running two hours and a half late, struck them. They were badly mangled.

Stone was a well-to-do farmer, who came here to pay his taxes.

TRAGEDY AT BIRMINGHAM.

Mrs. Alice Johnson and A. Cochran Are Found Dead.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 28.—Hearing pistol shots fired in the house of Mrs. Alice Johnson, who conducted a rooming house at 529 South Twenty-third street, neighbors investigated and found Mrs. Johnson lying on the floor of her room dead with a bullet hole in her head, while near by lay A. Cochran, a railroad man, mortally wounded. A pistol lying near Cochran's body suggested that he had taken the life of Mrs. Johnson and then turned the weapon upon himself.

No cause for the double tragedy has yet been revealed, and Cochran is unable to make a statement. Mrs. Johnson was a widow.

Photographed Eclipse of Sun.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Rear Admiral Chester, sup. attendant of the naval observatory, who went to the Mediterranean last summer as the representative of the observatory to witness the August eclipse of the sun, has returned to Washington. He said that while many good photographs of the eclipse had been obtained, the real results of the observations will not be known until these photographs are thoroughly studied. It will be two or three months before much can be known about what discoveries have been made, said the admiral, and it will be several years before the full results can be published.

Is Killed While Hunting.

Atlanta, Dec. 28.—While enjoying a day's shooting last Monday, Henry Edward Jones, was accidentally shot and killed by his cousin, Wayne Jones. The accident occurred near Dunwoody, Ga. Wayne Jones had his gun on his snout. An overhanging limb struck against the hammer, causing a discharge. The full contents of the load of the gun entered the head of young Henry Jones, who was walking in the rear, killing him instantly.

Shot at Meeting of Union.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Thomas Kennedy, a delegate of the Painters' and Decorators' union, to the recent convention of the International Federation of Labor at Pittsburg, was shot and fatally wounded at a meeting of the union by James McGuire, a member of the same organization. The men have been enemies for the past year on account of a desire of both to control the union, and out of this enmity the fatal quarrel arose.

Knocked Off of a Bridge.

Albany, Ga., Dec. 28.—L. N. Pierce, a middle-aged white man, of Unadilla, was knocked from the trestle of the Atlantic Coast Line across the Flint river by a switch engine, and received injuries that will probably prove fatal. Pierce fell a distance of 35 feet, and struck partly in the river. His nose and one arm were fractured, and he received internal injuries, which, it is feared, will prove fatal.

Stolen Madonna Returned.

New York, Dec. 28.—A herald dispatched from Florence says that the precious Madonna del Popolo, by Lippo Memmo, which was stolen some time ago from the church of Santa Maria de Servi, has been recovered at Siena. It was found Monday in the entrance of the deaf and dumb typographical establishment at that place, but was not recognized until taken to the city hall.

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Train Service Cut Off And The Frontiers Isolated.

FEWER ROWDIES ARE MET WITH

Peasants Are Now Quiet—Exodus from Odessa Continues—Business is at a Standstill—Revolutionary Party Endeavors to Close Banks.

Odessa, Dec. 28.—The actual outlook is difficult to describe now that the train service is cut off beyond Ziminka, St. Petersburg and Moscow and the frontiers are isolated.

The post and telegraph departments are working again, but it is quite uncertain how long they will continue in operation since fresh strikes are declared daily and a general strike is expected every moment. However, popular sentiment here is for a speedy finish of the disorders and street disturbances will be promptly ended by the military. Already fewer rowdies are met with and a part from the nervous tension the city has entirely resumed its normal aspect.

The peasants of the Kherson district are now quiet as the military sent there had orders to shoot marauders.

The exodus from Odessa still continues. The steamers leaving here are full of passengers. Most of the families of the foreign residents have already left, and the consuls have made arrangements for ships to take the remainder if such a step becomes necessary.

Business is at a standstill. At the moment of sending this dispatch the revolutionary party is endeavoring to close the banks.

EARTHQUAKE IN EAST TURKEY.

Much Suffering Among Armenians in the Harpoot Villayet.

Boston, Dec. 28.—The American board of commissioners has received a cablegram from Constantinople announcing a severe earthquake in the Harpoot villayet in eastern Turkey, which destroyed many houses and made many people homeless and destitute. The dispatch adds that relief is needed.

This region is said to be very densely populated, largely by Armenians. It is one of the sections of Asiatic Turkey devastated at the time of the Armenian massacres in 1895. Harpoot is the seat of Ephraim college, with nearly 1,000 pupils; of a theological seminary, of a medical institution and the headquarters of a large evangelistic work covering that entire district.

Advertise Islands For Sale.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—An advertisement appearing in a local paper offers for sale Fanning and Washington islands, in the South Pacific, under instructions of the registrar of the British high commissioners' court for the western Pacific. Fanning island is well known. It used to be a port of call for the oceanic steamers plying between this city and the Australian ports and the Canadian Pacific steamers now stop there on their way up from the colonies.

Taking Start on Yellow Jack.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 28.—State Health Officer Tabor has written to Surgeon General Wyman, of the United States public health and marine hospital service, asking him to do sanitary work in Louisiana and Mississippi this winter; that is, that the marine hospital service take charge of the work in those states outside of New Orleans, with a view of preventing a recurring of yellow fever next summer from any infection remaining from the recent epidemic.

Central Secures Stillmore Line.

Swainsboro, Ga., Dec. 28.—A report has reached here that Hon. George M. Brinson, owner and president of the Stillmore Air Line, has sold that road to the Central of Georgia railroad, the consideration being in the vicinity of \$400,000. This deal is said to have been consummated last Saturday, and the new owner is to assume charge on January 1, 1906.

Louisville Courthouse Damaged.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 28.—Fire damaged the Jefferson county courthouse, and for a time threatened the complete destruction of the edifice. The loss is estimated at \$25,000, with no insurance. Hard work by the firemen and employees prevented any serious damage to the accumulated records of a century of litigation.

Car Conductor Injured.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 28.—Conductor M. F. Stevens fell from a car at the corner of Fourth and Mulberry streets and was badly injured. His foot was crushed, and an arm fractured. He was taken to the city hospital where the wounds were dressed. The car wheels narrowly missed his body.

Jailer Locked in Prison Cell.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 28.—Howard Chenoweth, under sentence of 50 years for killing City Marshal Kilburn, of Silver City, N. Mex., was rescued by masked men, who overpowered the jailer and locked him in Chenoweth's cell.

WOMAN LEAPED INTO DEEP WELL

She Left a Sick Bed Where She Had Been Closely Watched.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 28.—After leaving her sick bed some time before the hours of midnight and 3 o'clock and jumping headlong into a well where she remained fully two hours, Mrs. Sallie Forest is now lying unconscious, while her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Moore, and their friends are astonished at her miraculous escape from immediate death. It is believed she will recover.

Mrs. Forest has been at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Moore for over a year. During a considerable portion of the time she has been ill, and they had given close attention. It was while guarding against the onslaught of disease that the occupants of the home missed her from her bed. A hurried examination showed that she had made her exit by the room door and had unlocked the lattice doors at the well. She then climbed over the curb and fell fell into the water, which was 17 feet deep.

SERENADER IS ASSAULTED.

Son of West Virginia Legislator In a Critical Condition.

Bethany, W. Va., Dec. 28.—Byron Scott, aged 18 years, son of C. B. Scott, a member of the West Virginia legislature, lies at his home in a critical condition from the effects of an assault alleged to have been made on him last night by John and Charles Whitesett.

John Whitesett, who returned home with his bride last night, was serenaded by a crowd of Bethany college students, who made the night hideous with pans and kettles. After several vain attempts to make the serenaders disperse, the Whitesett brothers, John, armed with a revolver, and Charles, with a poker, attacked the students, who fled in all directions.

The Whitesett brothers were arrested today, charged with felonious assault and carrying concealed weapons, and after waiving a hearing, were held in \$500 bail for criminal court.

NEGROES SHOT TO DEATH.

White Merchant Was Killed by Blacks, Who Were Shot by Mob.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 28.—News of a double lynching at Barnwell has been received here. Sheriff Creech has wired Governor Heyward that the affair was brutal murder; that helpless prisoners were butchered in open daylight, and that officers were guilty of dereliction of duty.

H. S. Craddock, a well known white merchant, was killed by Frank and John Deloach, negroes, who were arrested by the constable and placed in a lockup. The men were taken out and shot to death with guns and pistols on Friday. The news of the lynching was suppressed.

Sheriff Creech is preparing to make arrests, and Governor Heyward announced he will sustain the sheriff.

Bet Hearse on Grover Cleveland.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 28.—John McCarthy, undertaker, is dead at his home here, aged 59 years. He was known throughout the country as an enthusiastic Democrat. In 1884 he bet everything he possessed, even his hearse, on Grover Cleveland. He was a warm supporter and personal friend of William Jennings Bryan.

Brother 116 Days Older than Sister.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Alfred Wiltz, of 815 Central avenue, this city, is the mother of a 3-day-old daughter, which she insists was born 116 days, or less than four months after she had given birth to a son. Her story is partially vouched for by Dr. George T. Morton, a reputable physician, who attended her.

Everything Normal at Shanghai.

Shanghai, Dec. 28.—British Assessor Tuxman, resumed the sitting of the mixed court today with the police in attendance but without any additional guard. Everything here is in normal condition.

NEWS TERSELY TOLD.

President Elliott, of Harvard, has declared himself in favor of stopping inter-collegiate football for one year in order that the game may be modified and a reasonable game devised and demonstrated in practice.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor will occur Feb. 2, next. It will be commemorated by nearly 70,000 societies and by the three and a half million members.

Forty million dollars will be asked of the New York legislature for work on the thousand-ton barge canal during 1906, according to the second annual report of the state engineer and the surveyor.

W. D. Ireland, a prominent contractor and a member of the town council of Doerun, Ga., had two fingers blown from his right hand by the premature explosion of a cannon cracker.

Charles Gibson, a negro driver for the Empire Coal company of Macon, Ga., was knocked from his wagon while passing under a bridge on Bay street. His neck was broken.

John Alexander Dowie, of Zion City, Ill., has arrived at Port Antonio, Jamaica, on the steamer Admiral Dewey. His health is somewhat improved.

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