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CUTTER WINDOM TO STOP PEONAGE

Warrants to Be Served On Captains of Oyster Boats in the Bay.

CAPTAIN JUSTICE REFUSED TO WAIT

The Windom Will Visit All Oyster Boats and Remove Any Sailors Who Are Badly Treated or Kept Against Their Wills.

(Special from a Staff Correspondent.) NORFOLK, VA., February 6.—The United States cutter "Windom," with Captain O'Connell in command, left West Point this morning, carrying as passengers United States Marshal Morgan Treat, Deputy Marshal Samuel Bendit, an acting assistant district attorney, who are attempting to serve warrants upon Captain William E. Justice, of the oyster boat "Daniel," and Captain George Justice, otherwise known as Captain George D. Oyster, of the oyster boat "Uphur Q," charged with "Peonage," for holding sailors on board their boats against their will, with cruelty to their crew and with furnishing their men improper food and accommodations.

No Effort to Save Boy.

It is charged that the boy, Moore, by name, a resident of Philadelphia, was knocked overboard by a boom and that no attempt was made of any kind to save him, although the captain was on deck at the time of the accident. His mother reported the matter to the Department of Justice at Washington, and Marshal Treat has been ordered to make a thorough investigation and to file a full report.

Will Liberate Sailors.

What will be discovered on making the examination is not known, but the authorities are determined that the oyster boats, if as many as possible, be all visited, the captains and crews questioned, and all sailors who are held as prisoners, liberated and the guilty parties brought to justice.

Blinding Snow Storm.

A blinding snow-storm, accompanied by northeast winds, greeted the yacht's appearance in Chesapeake Bay, and Deputy Marshal Bendit suddenly ceased to think of malefactors and took himself to his state-room. There were no other casualties.

ENGINEER RUNS LOCOMOTIVE OVER BODY OF OWN BROTHER

SUEFOLK, VA., February 6.—Frank Brown, a youth, last night was run down and fatally injured by a locomotive engine driven by his brother, Charles Brown. The victim was on the tracks of the Chesapeake and Potomac Rivers Railroad, near the crossing of the Chesapeake and Potomac Rivers Railroad.

VIRGINIAN BATTALION ADJUTANT OF MIDDIES

(By Associated Press.) ANNAPOLIS, MD., February 6.—Arthur W. Frank, of Mobile, Ala., has been appointed adjutant of the brigade of naval cadets.

VOTE TO ABOLISH STATE DISPENSARY

(By Associated Press.) COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 6.—The House of Representatives today passed by a majority of 100 the bill to abolish the State dispensary.

NEW JERSEY TO ERECT SHAFT AT SALEM CHURCH

(By Associated Press.) TRENTON, N. J., February 6.—The House today passed a bill authorizing the erection of a monument at Salem Church, Va., in honor of the Twenty-third New Jersey.

COUNT, "BROKE," SELLS HIS WATCH

Castellane Too Proud to Borrow from His Wife.

COUNTESS WILLING TO SHARE CHILDREN

First Authoritative Statement Regarding Troubles of Castellanes is Given To-day By American Lawyer, Counsel to Countess D. Castellane.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch and New York World.) PARIS, February 6.—Swift retribution of the kind, even if it have a comic element, is what Count Boni De Castellane has in mind for the American wife, nee Anna Gould, Monday evening found Count Boni without his watch. It is a one jewel chronometer, that cost an enormous sum. Its purchase was one of the earliest of his prodigious marital extravaganzas. It is upon impeccable authority that your correspondent reports the otherwise incredible fact that Count Boni has been obliged to sell outright this watch and articles of personal jewelry in order to provide his wife with pocket money for his ordinary daily requirements.

She Faces Court in Court.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch and New York World.) (Copyright by New York World, 1906.) PARIS, February 6.—Edmond Kelly, the American lawyer, who is counsel to the Countess Boni de Castellane (nee Gould) in her suit against her husband, consented today to discuss the case with your correspondent in the Court of First Instance, having been secret, this interview is the first original statement of the proceedings there.

Mrs. Howard Gould Sails.

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CABIN, FULL OF NEGROES BURNS WITH INMATES

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NEW YORK MAN IS KILLED ON ELBA TRACK

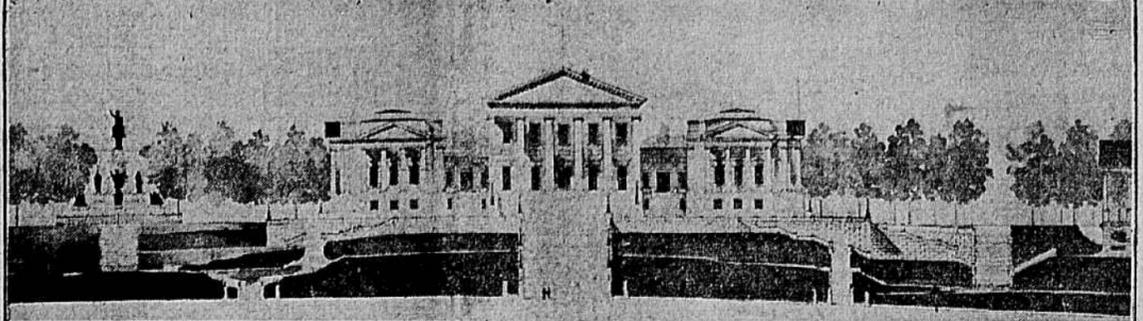
Thomas McCormick Struck by Passing Engine and Fatally Injured.

Thomas McCormick, of New York, was killed yesterday afternoon on the track at Elba Station. He was walking along the railroad when a passing engine struck him, causing fatal internal injuries. He was taken to the Retreat for the Sick, where he was attended by Dr. William R. Jones, but died at 12:30 o'clock this morning.

NO ORGANIC TROUBLES CAUSED HER DEATH

(By Associated Press.) MOULTREE, GA., February 6.—Coroner Barber resumed his investigations into the death of Mrs. Stacy Tucker today, a post-mortem examination being made by Dr. B. S. Harris, of Atlanta, and Dr. Everett Daniel, of Moultrie. Though it has been six weeks since the death, the body was in a perfect state of preservation, and the physicians found nothing of organic troubles to have caused death. The stomach analysis will be conducted by Dr. Harris in Atlanta.

How the Capitol Would Appear With the Proposed Improvements Made.



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MANY RUMORS OF BIG SENSATIONS

Strict Secrecy Guards Clowes Investigation Before Committee.

NO STATEMENTS FROM EITHER SIDE

Principals Appear in Person, Accompanied by Counsel—T. P. A. is Standing Behind Clowes—What Gossip Says is Going On.

For a period of some seven hours yesterday, beginning early in the morning and continuing, with an intermission for dinner, until midnight, the Senate special committee investigating the fitness of Eugene H. Clowes as a member of the Board of Directors of the Eastern State Hospital, sat behind closed doors in the Capitol, reviewing a mass of evidence adduced on either side, but in reality making no considerable headway with its work.

What occurred within the committee room only the select few composed of the three presiding senators, the principals and their attorneys, the stenographers and perhaps an important witness or two, know in detail, and these are, in effect, if not in fact, sworn or at least pledged to secrecy.

At least this is the basis upon which the investigation begins and is to continue. Rumors, however, are already flying about thick and fast as flies, and sensational stories are whispered into willing ears in many a legislative nook and corner, and mysterious references are made to things that are coming out within the committee room, that will lead to upheavals startling in extent.

But this is on the "outside." There is nothing official in it. The charges, that if all were sustained would unquestionably result in the removal of Mr. Clowes from the Board of Directors, and Foster and Clowes, superintendent and directors, are in the air wherever one turns, but whether or not they have in this shape been formally made is a matter of exasperating uncertainty.

Committee in Session.

All that is in fact known beyond a peradventure is that the special committee, composed of Senators Thomas, Lynchburg, Echols, of Staunton, and Tavenner, of Shenandoah, met at 10 A. M. yesterday in the court-room of the Capitol. The hearing will be adjourned at 11:30 o'clock to allow the three senators to be at their desks during the session of the Senate. The investigation will probably be taken up again in the afternoon.

Both Dr. Foster and Mr. Clowes were before the board in person yesterday, and both were represented by counsel, the attorney for Dr. Foster being Mr. Joseph T. Lawless, of Norfolk, formerly Secretary of the Commonwealth, and for Mr. Clowes Colonel George Wayne Anderson, of this city, formerly a member of the State Senate.

Mr. Clowes is said to have conducted the entire morning session. What was contained in this statement is a matter of rumor entirely, so far as the public is concerned. In the afternoon several Clowes witnesses were introduced to testify as to his character. Of this morning were several well known physicians, and Mr. Clowes was in a position to state what amount of bonds Richmond could issue at this time.

He could answer only in general terms. He believed that more than \$3,000,000 could be expended in necessary improvements in Richmond. The settling basin was not thought to furnish clear water sufficient, thought Mr. Mills, the city needed better police protection by twenty-five per cent.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia—Fair, not so cold Wednesday; Thursday fair; light to fresh breeze in the afternoon and at night. North Carolina—Cloudy and warmer Wednesday; rain or snow at night and Thursday; fresh northeast winds.

Conditions Yesterday.

Richmond was in the grasp of the cold wave yesterday, especially in the early morning. The temperature was a little higher in the afternoon and at night.

Thermometer This Day Last Year

9 A. M. 29 6 P. M. 33 12 M. 32 9 P. M. 31 12 M. 31 12 M. 31 12 M. 31

Conditions in Important Cities.

Place. High. Low. Weather. Augusta, Ga. 40 44 Clear. Atlanta, Ga. 38 42 Cloudy. Buffalo, N. Y. 18 24 Cloudy.

Miniature Almanac.

Sun rises 7:10. Sun sets 5:39. Morning twilight 5:24. Moon sets 10:53. Evening twilight 6:29.

VIRGINIA-CAROLINA CHEMICAL HANDS STRIKE

(By Associated Press.) CHARLESTON, S. C., February 6.—A strike of the phosphate hands in the mills of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company has rendered three of the mills idle, and it is understood that by tomorrow it will have affected the whole system of plants in this city. Five hundred men have gone out, and it is believed that fifteen hundred will quit work. The men are getting one dollar a day, and demand a dollar and a quarter. Nearly all the strikers are negroes, and the trouble affects all the departments of the works.

MAN ADMITS HE ROBBED PASSENGERS

Son of Georgia Mayor Reaped a Harvest on Seaboard Air Line.

(By Associated Press.) LOUISVILLE, KY., February 6.—A young man who gives his name as Walter E. Bowen, and who says he is the son of a former mayor of Pelham, Ga., was arrested last night suspected of a felony. He later confessed that he had taken about \$2,000 worth of goods from trains on the Seaboard Air Line while he was employed as a baggage-master on the run between Atlanta, Ga., and Monroe, N. C. The alleged stolen goods were recovered by the police in a room on West Broadway. According to the Seaboard's Louisville agent, several New York people reported losses of jewelry and wearing apparel. The owners will now recover their property.

DEMAND RESIGNATION OF DELEGATE DOLAN

Miner Who Voted to Accept Old Wage Scale Says Won't Comply.

(By Associated Press.) PITTSBURGH, PA., February 6.—By practically a unanimous vote, the resolution demanding the resignation of President Patrick Dolan and Vice-President Ulrich Bellingham, for violating their instructions in voting to accept the old wage scale at Indianapolis, and of Secretary-Treasurer Dodds, by reason of his election to the office of clerk of courts of Allegheny county, was passed this afternoon.

President Dolan said he would not resign, and the miners would have to replace him by a referendum vote. An adjournment was taken until tomorrow.

What Rumor Says.

Neither of the principals, neither attorney, nor member of the committee would in any way discuss the hearing after it was over for the day. Dr. Foster declined to say a word. Mr. Thomas again declared that he would for his part prefer an open session, and Mr. Clowes reiterated what he has previously said about his desire that the people of Virginia should know everything that was going on. The action of the Senate in imposing an executive hearing prevented either from talking. It was indicated from one reliable source that the progress made during the day was slow, and from another that there is a long string of new witnesses to be summoned. The ordinary rules of evidence do not obtain, and few restrictions are placed upon the introduction of testimony.