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APPROPRIATIONS FOR VIRGINIA CITIES

Richmond Will Not Get Any Additional Amount for Its Post-Office.

THE PRESIDENT WILL SAIL IN AN AIRSHIP

Such Terrific Influence Brought to Bear on Republicans That Duty on Pulp May Be Suspended Until House Committee Can Report.

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Washington, D. C., April 24.

THE long-waited-for public buildings bill will not be reported to the House until Monday, according to Chairman Bartholdt, of the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds. It was the intention of the committee to report the bill this afternoon and have it passed by the House to-morrow. It is likely that if the bill comes in Monday it will be passed not later than the following day.

The bill will not contain any reference to the Richmond post-office, that is, it will not provide for an increase of the appropriation of $800,000 made two years ago, nor will there be provision for temporary quarters to be occupied by the post-office force while the new building is being erected. The latter will be provided for in a later bill, if at all.

The bill will contain an appropriation of $25,000 for the enlargement of the Petersburg office. Representative Maynard gets an appropriation of $65,000 for a new building at Suffolk. Representative Jones is pleased that the bill is to contain an appropriation of $40,000 additional (probably) for the Fredericksburg building. Representative Saunders hopes and believes that a good appropriation for improvement of the Danville public building will be made, but he is not yet assured on this score. His bill provided for an appropriation of $75,000 for this purpose. Representative Glass is trying to get several places in his district taken care of in the matter of a public building appropriation, but thus far he has not received positive assurance that this has been done.

Representative Slemp will get an appropriation of $105,000 for a public building at Big Stone Gap, and it is possible that he may be able to land another appropriation, although he has not been informed finally.

The President and Airship Ride.

Much interest was manifested to-day in a report that the President was considering taking a ride in an airship, so much was he impressed by the description given him by Theodore, Jr., of the trip which he and Captain Fitzhugh Lee took in one Wednesday, starting from here and landing in Delaware City. Of course, there was no confirmation of the report obtainable, nor any denial. The President descended in a submarine vessel of the navy off Oyster Bay in 1906. The average aeronaut thinks a balloon much safer.

The Jamestown Purchase.

The bill for the purchase of the Jamestown Exposition site, to be converted into a naval training station and coaling depot, will be considered by the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs Tuesday morning. It is probable that the Secretary of the Navy will appear before the committee in behalf of the bill. There is a good chance to get the bill through the Senate. Its chances of passage through the House are hardly so good.

To Suspend Pulp Duty.

It would not be surprising if Congress would have to yield to the constant Democratic hammering and take some action regarding the tariff on paper and wood pulp.

The Republicans have steadfastly refused to allow the bill to repeal the duty to be considered, but the pressure is beginning to be terrific. A member of the committee appointed by Speaker Cannon to investigate the subject and report at the next session of Congress, a Republican and a standpatter of the purest ray, said to-day he was about willing to consent to allow the duty on wood pulp and paper to be suspended for the purpose of ascertaining whether such action would have the effect of reducing the cost of paper.

Virginia Statesmen Dined.

Hon. Harry St. George Tucker and Mrs. Tucker were host and hostess last night to the members of the Virginia delegation and several other friends. Only one or two Virginia members of Congress were absent. Senator Martin was not in the city.

1,000 PENSION BILLS

Largest Batch of Pensions of the Season Put Through Yesterday.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—The business of the House proceeded to-day at a rapid gait, despite the fact that the Democrats forced six roll calls. Over 1,000 pension bills were put through, the largest batch of the session. Bills also were passed providing for the protection of life on navigable waters during regattas and marine parades. There also was discussed at length the Burleson resolution demanding the report of the Commissioner of Corporations on the causes of fluctuations in cotton. The vote on that measure will be taken to-morrow.

DISCUSS BATTLESHIPS

Senator Piles Urges More Ships, So That Pacific May Have Fleet.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—Arguments in favor of the President's program for four battleships consumed most of the session of the Senate to-day. Senator Piles, of Washington, opened the debate, declaring that the Asiatic situation as affecting the Pacific coast was a menace to that section. Warclouds might quickly rise there over some clash between Americans and the Japanese. He wanted a fleet kept in the Pacific.

Mr. Hale laid before the Senate a statement of battleships and other features of the American naval pro-

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BANK'S CREDITORS MEET

Will Ask Court to Give Them Charge—To Make Thorough Canvass.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

BOYDTON, VA., April 24.—The creditors of the Bank of Mecklenburg held a largely attended meeting in the courthouse here this afternoon. L. H. Haynes was chosen chairman. The creditors were in a better frame of mind than at any time since the announcement of the failure of the bank was made. The speeches were exceedingly conservative and the meeting harmonious throughout.

Resolutions were adopted respectfully asking the judge of the Circuit Court to allow the creditors the management of the affairs of the bank, so as to save as much expense as possible, and that Judge Barksdale fix the fees and expenses of such administration as he may think right and proper. A committee of seven was appointed to confer with the creditors of the bank and learn as far as possible who were willing and what percentage they were willing to give up of their deposits, and induce as many as possible to pool their interests, and to report to an adjourned meeting, to be held on the 2d day of May.

Mr. Boudar has completed his report, it is understood, but he has not made public the result of his examination of the affairs of the bank.

WINE ON PRESCRIPTION

Asheville Man Gets Crate of Champagne and Druggist Is Indicted.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ASHEVILLE, N. C., April 24.—Somewhat of a sensation was created in the Superior Court here yesterday, when the grand jury returned indictments against D. H. Rosenstein, proprietor, and H. R. Sudberry, manager of the Asheville Pharmacy, charging them with violation of the prohibition law, in selling a case of champagne on a prescription given Mr. R. R. Reynolds, by Dr. Arthur T. Pritchard. Much interest has been aroused, owing to the prominence of the parties involved. Mr. Reynolds is a well known young lawyer and brother of Police Judge Reynolds; Dr. Pritchard is a prominent physician, and son of Federal Judge J. C. Pritchard, and Mr. Rosenstein, the proprietor of the Asheville Pharmacy, is also manager of the opera house.

It is alleged that on Wednesday last, Mr. Reynolds applied to Dr. Pritchard for medical advice, and was given a prescription for a bottle of wine, but upon Mr. Reynold's suggestion that it would be cheaper for him to buy the wine in larger quantities, the prescription was made to read for a "case of wine." This prescription was taken by Mr. Reynolds to the Asheville Pharmacy, where he obtained a case of champagne. It is alleged that this case was subsequently taken to the Battery Park Hotel for the use of Mr. Reynolds and a party of friends at a social gathering.

CHANGED THE TELEGRAM

Note of Senator Cassidy Which Defeated Race-Track Bills Due to This.

ELMIRA, N. Y., April 24.—an announcement made here to-day that the vote of Senator Cassidy against the race-track bill was due to a telegram from Congressman Fassett at Washington, having been tampered with caused a sensation here late to-day. Congressman Fassett, said to-night that the story was true. On the day the race-track bills came up in the Senate Congressmen Fassett and Dwight united in a telegram to Senator Cassider, which, it is stated, when filed, read:

"John and I urge you to stand by the Governor on the race-track bill," owing to conditions in your district."

"J. S. FASSETT."

That telegram when it reached Cassidy read as follows:

"John and I urge you not to stand by the Governor on the race-track bill," etc.

Mr. Fassett did not know until today that the telegram had been falsified. An investigation was started, and, it is said, it was found that the telegram had been changed in Washington. Mr. Fassett said he had a letter from the manager of the telegraph company's office in that city admitting the forgery, and stating that the operator responsible had been discharged.

DEATH FOLLOWS WEDDING

Illness of Mr. Eastham, Who Recently Married Miss Russell, Proves Fatal.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WINCHESTER, VA., April 24.—A telegram from Welch, W. Va., announces the death of Mr. James C. Eastham, a prominent young business man, of Huntington, which occurred in the Miners' Hospital to-day.

Mr. Eastham and Miss Emma Louise Russell, daughter of Mr. Isaac W. Russell, of Winchester, were married on Saturday night last, at Miners' Hospital, at Welch, in which town Mr. Eastham had been taken ill while on a business trip. Miss Russell was attending the marriage of her brother, Dr. Hugh Greenway Russell, and Miss Ella Gordon Hammond, in Richmond, when a telegram announcing the critical illness of Mr. Eastham, reached her. Accompanied by her brother-in-law, Rev. Dr. James Gray McAllister, president of Hampden-Sidney College, she went at once to Welch, where the marriage was solemnized, the same night. An operation was performed on Mr. Eastham, for appendicitis and his death resulted to-day. The remains will be brought to Winchester for interment.

INDIAN IS FOUND GUILTY

Newport News Jury Convicts Witchewah of Murder of Dora Hall.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NEWPORT NEWS, April 24.—Harry Witchewah, the Pottawattomie Indian, who shot and killed Dora Hall, a white woman, in a Rocketts saloon, last December, was found guilty of murder in the second degree, and given twelve years in the penitentiary by the jury in the Corporation Court to-night.

The case went to the jury at 6 o'clock, and the verdict was returned shortly after 10 o'clock. The usual motion to set aside the verdict was made by counsel for the defense. Witchewah received the verdict without emotion.

THE FLOAT SWINGS OUT AND SWIFT IS DROWNED

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., April 24.—J. R. Swift, a deck hand on the tug James N. Smith, Jr., was drowned beside pier 8 to-night about 6 o'clock. He was attempting to climb from a car float to pier 8, when the float swung away from the dock. He dropped into the water and went down before he could reach life preservers, and a rope that were thrown him. Swift lived in Norfolk.

USED MUCH MORE THAN REPORTED

Excess of Material Used at Dry Fork and Not Recorded Over Million Bushels.

DAY OF SENSATIONS IN TRIAL OF ANGLE

Witnesses Testify of Large Sales of Material Not Reported to Government and of Rebates for Stripped Stamps That Were Returned.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

DANVILLE, VA., April 24.—The tracing by the government of the amount of grain material used by the Dry Fork Distilling Company, developing enormous excesses over the amount reported to the government; the allegation by the prosecution that the Dry Fork Distilling Company gave rebates to certain saloonkeepers for the return of revenue stamps, which, it is said, were stripped from the barrels, and the testimony of revenue agents that the distillery was operated by double pipes as a means of concealing the output, were some of the few sensations disclosed to-day in the trial of T. M. Angle, the president of the company, on the charge of defrauding Uncle Sam out of thousands of dollars.

The case for the government is nearing an end, and so far no intimation has been given out as to what will be the evidence for the defense.

Patterson a Good Patron.

J. G. Patterson, a saloonkeeper of South Boston, was the first witness called to-day. He had been, he said, a large patron of the Dry Fork Company, and it was brought out that he had received over 200 barrels of spirits not shown on the distillery books.

While Mr. Patterson was on the stand the government introduced a batch of letters that he had written to Mr. Angle and the Dry Fork Company, under fictitious names, and which were of an incriminating nature. He identified the letters as being his own handwriting, but could remember little about them. Some of the letters were not signed. How they were delivered and how the prosecution came in possession of them is a mystery.

J. J. Drakesford, an expert accountant and employe of the Revenue Department, at Washington, was on the stand some time to-day. For many months Mr. Drakesford was engaged in checking up the books and records of Mr. Angle, as well as those of the railway and express company. By documentary evidence he gave a statement to-day of the excess of whiskey alleged to have been manufactured and sold.

According to the statement of Mr. Drakesford, he has discovered so far the shipment of nearly 50,000 gallons of alleged "crooked" whiskey. This does not include whiskey hauled from Dry Fork in private conveyances, and which might have been "crooked." His estimate does not include over 20,000 gallons alleged to have been disposed of irregularly by the Stevenson Distilling Company.

Captain Charles Gee, a revenue agent, testified that for many days he had shadowed the distillery and discovered that it was being operated irregularly.

Excess of Materials.

This afternoon the introduction of the records and the accounts of various grain dealers who have been summoned began. Prior to the introduction of these records, Expert Accountant Drakesford, who had made an examination of the books, said that he had figured out a total excess of material shipped to Mr. Angle in his own name, and that of the Dry Fork Distilling Company, of 1,270,492 bushels of material, which includes meal, malt and rye, which, according to a survey made of the distillery, would have produced 102,128 gallons of 100 proof spirits, the tax on which would have been $112,240. In this estimate the shipment of eight or ten carloads of material to other parties at Dry Fork was not included. The shipment of these carloads was to parties connected with the Dry Fork Company, and most of them were signed for, it is alleged, by Mr. Angle.

The following grain dealers testified to-day: M. H. Pettit, of Kenosha, Wis.; T. L. Zorn, of Louisville, Ky.; T. B. Moses, of Chatham, and John P. Swanson, of Danville.

TELEGRAMS LEAD TO TROUBLE

Alleged Forged Messages That Have Worried Comas Company.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ROANOKE, VA., April 24.—The Comas Cigarette Company, of Salem, is having considerable trouble as the result of five forged telegrams which were sent to the Mexican customers. These telegrams are said to have been sent by a woman in Baltimore, who forged the name of President F. V. N. Painter.

The telegrams directed the agents to withhold the payment of money due the company for royalties on machines. The company have employed lawyers to prosecute the party, and interesting developments may be expected.

HAD HIS TOOTH DRAWN

And While Detectives Waited Boulanger Made His Escape.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, April 24.—Indicted and in Federal custody on a charge of having been engaged in the so-called "white slave trade," Henri Boulanger, who was arrested about a month ago and sent to Ellis Island to await trial, eluded two special Ellis Island watchmen in a dentist's office in Sixth Avenue, near Fourteenth Street, and made his escape. The watchmen were in the little anteroom waiting for him to have a tooth extracted and come out.

Still in custody as a witness, at Ellis Island is a beautiful girl, Rosa Flatgrass, who is said to have been in Boulanger's company, and who, it was expected, would testify against him when brought to trial. Boulanger escaped through a rear door.

SMOOTHED WAY WITH CASH

New York Metropolitan Railway and Politicks.

NEW YORK, April 24.—Politicians were an expensive luxury for the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, according to the testimony of Herbert H. Vreeland before the special county grand jury. The money that went for "political purposes" was paid out by the late William C. Whitney without any accounting by him, and it was found that city departments having control over the running of street railways and legislative bodies with the power to pass troublesome legislation had to be "sugared."

The grand jury testimony, of which there are 1,000 pages, also shows that a threatened suit against the individual directors of the Metropolitan Securities Company for the repayment of the dividends paid out of capital was settled by the directors, for the benefit of the company, with the company's money. It was often better to settle a suit than to fight it, was the legal advice the company got.

Why $32,000 was paid to ex-Judge William N. Cohen by the Metropolitan Securities Company has not been disclosed before. Mr. Cohen was a witness before the grand jury and he gave his side of it. Paul D. Cravath, who was counsel for the company, told what he knew of it. Both of their stories were to the same effect.

Judge Cohen said that he had a client who was also a friend, who had bought 200 shares of Metropolitan Street Railway stock at $160 and it had droped 40 or 50 points. His client wanted his money back. Following the theory of the Wormser suit, Judge Cohen threatened to sue the directors of the Metropolitan individually to make them repay to the company dividends that had been paid out of capital.

CHURCHILL IS UNSEATED

Defeated by Hicks, Unionist, Whom He Succeeded Two Years Ago.

MANCHESTER, ENG., April 24.—The northwest division of Manchester, by the heaviest poll cast in twenty years, to-day reversed its verdict of 1906 and by a majority of 429 votes unseated as its member of Parliament Winston Spencer Churchill, Liberal, who has just been made president of the Board of Trade in the new Asquith Cabinet, and who, two years ago, brilliantly wrested the seat from W. Joynson Hicks, Unionist, his chief opponent of to-day. Three candidates stood for election, and the result was as follows: W. Joynson Hicks, Unionist, 5,417; Winston Spencer Churchill, Liberal, 4,988; Mr. Irving, Socialist, 250.

The defeat of Mr. Churchill is a crushing blow to the prestige of the government and the young and confident minister which is bound to have a marked influence in several other impending by-elections. There will be no difficulty in finding for Mr. Churchill a safe seat elsewhere. The Liberals may derive from their defeat to-day what consolation is possible from the fact that prior to 1906 the northwest division seat was held consistently by the Conservatives.

FLEET TO SAIL TO-DAY

Will Spend Five Days at Santa Barbara; Thence to San Francisco.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., April 24.—The scattered divisions of the American battleships will reassemble early to-morrow and continue their journey towards San Francisco, where the great review of the combined Atlantic and Pacific fleets is to be held on May 8th.

A run of seven hours to-morrow will bring the fleet to Santa Barbara for five days' stay. Refreshed by the respite, a lull in the Los Angeles program was afforded to-day and by the cruise of 100 miles up the coast, the officers and men alike will enter vivaciously into the entertainment plans Santa Barbara has prepared. A visit at Monterey and one at Santa Cruz, together with a daylight call at Port Harford, just off San Luis Obispo will be made before the fleet reaches San Francisco.

To-day more than 3,000 sailors were given a farewell tour of the city in automobiles. Three hundred and sixty-five machines were placed at the disposal of the sailors.

A number of receptions, dances and dinners were given for the officers today in Los Angeles and the various beach cities. The latter communities also entertained with games and sports during the afternoon many of the men who took the automobile trip in the morning.

PERISH IN THE FLAMES

Three Persons Lose Their Lives and Fourth May Die.

CORRY, PA., April 24.—Three persons were cremated and a fourth probably fatally burned to-day in a fire which destroyed the home of David Wetherbee, at Centreville, a village fifteen miles north of Corry. The dead: David Wetherbee, seventy-five years; Mrs. Wetherbee, sixty-five years; Mrs. Albert Lemm, thirty years, their daughter.

Albert Lemm was burned and it is believed he will die. Mrs. Lemm escaped from the burning house, but rushed back into the flames in an effort to save her mother, father and husband. She succeeded in rescuing her husband and returned for her parents. A moment after she entered the house the second time it collapsed.

The village has no fire apparatus, and the fire burned itself out. The origin is not known.

STRANGER SHOOTS BOTH

One Roanoke Man Killed and Another Fatally Wounded.

ROANOKE, VA., April 24.—Walter Bell, aged twenty-five, machinist, was shot and almost instantly killed, and Hunt Lester, aged twenty, a companion of Bell, was probably fatally injured at midnight to-night by an unknown white man, who is still at large. It is said Bell and Lester met a man and woman in the outskirts of the city, and that one of the former accosted the woman. It is alleged that the unknown man drew a revolver and fired on Bell and Lester. The latter grappled with his assailant and secured possession of his revolver. The man and woman disappeared. The woman was found by the police, but refused to give the man's name. A posse with bloodhounds left police headquarters late to-night to hunt the alleged murderer.

BILL FOR INLAND WATERWAY PASSED BY SENATE

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—The Senate to-day passed Senator Simmons's resolution appropriating $100,000 to be used in making a survey and examination for a continuous inland waterway from Boston, Mass., to Wilmington, N. C. A similar resolution, which was introduced by Representative Moore, of Pennsylvania, is before the House, and the indications are that favorable action will be had in that body.

WEATHER

Showers and cooler.

DUC DE CHAULNES DIES SUDDENLY

Stricken With Affection of Heart He Expires in Arms of His Bride.

MARRIED MISS SHONTS BUT TWO MONTHS AGO

Had Suffered from Heart Trouble for Some Time, but Seemed Well Until After Thursday's Dinner—Young Wife Overcome With Grief.

Life of Young Duke

Born in Paris	1878
Met Miss Shonts	1906
Married in New York Feb. 16,	1907
Sailed for Paris	March 17
Arrived in Paris	March 26

PARIS, April 24.—In the presence of his bride of less than three months, Emmanuel Theodore Bernard Marc d'Albert de Luines d'Ailly, ninth Duke of Chaulnes and of Picquigny and Marquis de Anjou died suddenly from heart failure at 11 o'clock Thursday night in his apartments in the Hotel Langham, in the Rue Boccador. The physicians summoned to attend the duke in his sudden illness officially gave the cause of death as embolim of the heart.

The Duke de Chaulnes and the duchess, who was Miss Theodora Shonts, youngest daughter of Theodore P. Shonts, of New York, were married in New York February 16th of this year. The wedding was a brilliant social function, and the end of the brief honeymoon was sudden and tragic.

Since the arrival of the couple here a month ago they had lived comparatively quietly at the Hotel Langham, taking an occasional automobile ride in the afternoon, and in the evening dining with intimate friends or going to the theatre.

Suffered From Weak Heart.

The duke for years had suffered from a weak heart, and for some time had been the subject of fainting spells. Several times since his arrival here he had consulted Dr. Henri Iscovesco in an effort to obtain relief for his ailment. Yesterday evening the duke and the duchess, both in the best of spirits, returned from a drive in the Bois de Boulogne. They dined in their private apartments, and an hour after dinner the duke complained of feeling ill and retired.

About 11 oclock he was suddenly stricken, gasped for breath and immediately lost consciousness. The duchess was seized with panic and screamed for aid. A maid who responded to her cry was hurriedly dispatched for Dr. Iscovesco, while the hotel management summoned another physician.

The two doctors arrived simultaneously at the bedside of the sufferer and administered the most powerful of heart stimulants, but their efforts were in vain.

Dies in Wife's Arms.

The duchess was holding the duke in her arms when he expired. She was overcome by grief and could not be persuaded by some of her American friends, who visited the apartment, to leave the bedside of her dead husband and kept vigil there throughout the night.

Theodore P. Shonts was notified by cable of his daughter's bereavement, and a message was received from him to-day saying that he would take the first steamer leaving New York and come to Paris. The duke's family was notified this morning, and his sister, the Duchess D'Uzes, who was at Biarritz, started immediately for Paris.

To-day Mrs. H. Millington Drake and other friends did what they could to comfort the distracted widow, whose grief calmed somewhat during the afternoon. When the death of the Duke

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RICHMOND COLLEGE WINS

Awarded Decision in Debate With Randolph-Macon.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ASHLAND, VA., April 24.—Richmond College won in the intercollegiate debate with Randolph-Macon here tonight. The points were 6 to 4. Major William A. Anderson, Judge Dew and Mr. S. C. Stearnes were the judges.

The debate was the society event of the spring at Randolph-Macon. The college chapel, decorated in the colors of the two colleges, was crowded, the audience including a large number who came up from Richmond.

J. S. Keene was president of the debate, and the marshals were C. W. Beale and Messrs. Balderson and Midyette.

The subject of the debate was: "Resolved, That the State Corporation Commission of Virginia Should Be Elected by the People."

E. D. Hellweg and D. S. Townsend, of Randolph-Macon, sustained the affirmative, while J. F. Cropp and T. H. Binford, of Richmond College, defended the negative. The latter won.

THE CONFERENCE CLOSES

Professor Heck, of University, Among Last Day's Speakers.

MEMPHIS, TENN., April 24.—The final session of the 1908 conference for education in the South was held tonight. Speeches were made by W. H. Heck, of the University of Virginia, and Henry S. Pritchett, of New York.

The main features of the resolutions adopted are:

"Improvement in county supervision as the strategic point in the entire educational system.

"Industrial and agricultural education in the elementary and second public schools.

"The education and professional training of teachers to meet the demand for efficient service and for more money by increased taxation.

"Increased attendance by urging the importance of education and also by conservative legal requirements in such committees as are prepared for this."

MET BY HER PRINCE

Madame Anna's Tutor Announces That Wedding Will Occur.

NAPLES, April 24.—Mme. Anna Gould arrived here to-day from New York on board the steamer Friedrich der Grosse, and was met in the harbor by Prince Helie de Sagan, who rushed to Mme. Gould's cabin, met her at the door, lifted his hat, and kissed her hand. The prince was much annoyed by the presence of reporters.

The tutor of Mme. Gould's children, in a brief interview, said:

"Rest assured that the marriage will occur, but nobody can say when or where, and I am not in a position to ask. My conviction rests on what I have seen and heard from Mme. Gould. I am sure it is a true love match, based on reciprocal esteem."

Prince de Sagan and Mme. Gould are both stopping at the Bertolini Palace Hotel. The prince's apartments consist of four rooms opening on the principal terrace of the hotel and overlooking the city. Madame Gould occupies an apartment of twelve rooms. Her parlor is filled with roses, and here she had luncheon to-day with the prince.

The wildest rumors are being circulated in Naples regarding Mme. Gould and De Sagan. It is even reported that Count Boni de Castellane has arrived here, and is about to challenge the prince to a duel, but this report is declared to be unfounded and fantastic. Mme. Gould refused to see anybody, and after entering the hotel kept out of sight of the other persons living there.

The editor of a Neapolitan newspaper, who knew Prince Helie de Sagan in Paris, wrote the prince a letter to-day asking for a statement as to his intentions. Prince Helie replied that he had nothing to add to his former statements, and only desired to be left at peace.

MANUEL WILL MAKE GOOD

Portuguese King to Refund Value of Missing Jewels.

LISBON, April 24.—When King Miguel was deposed as ruler of Portugal in 1824 the crown jewels, valued at $2,000,000, were confiscated and deposited in the Bank of Portugal as the property of the state. Recently the republican press has charged that absolute proof existed that a large portion of these jewels had been sold without the consent of Parliament to meet the expenses of the royal house. King Manuel thereupon ordered that an inventory be taken, and this proved that jewels to the value of $750,000 were missing.

Furthermore, the administrator of the royal house declared that the government, which at that time was controlled by the "rotative" parties, had consented to the removal of the jewels. The governor of the Bank of Portugal was questioned and admitted the removal of the precious stones, but he declared that the sale had been made upon the urgent demand of King Carlos, who desired to meet certain pressing debts of the royal household in order to avoid a scandal.

After these facts had come to light King Manuel summoned the minister of finance and announced his intention of personally refunding the value of the missing jewels to the royal treasury. The attitude of the young king in this matter has evoked universal admiration, even among the republicans.

CLEVELAND GROWS BETTER

Will Remain at Lakewood Until His Health Is Restored.

LAKEWOOD, N. J., April 24.—Although Grover Cleveland is said to be slowly recovering from the attack of stomach trouble, he has not improved sufficiently to return to his home in Princeton, and the date of his leaving Lakewood is still undecided.

Dr. Joseph D. Bryant, the former President's physician, arrived here from New York to-night, and is with Mr. Cleveland at the Lakewood Hotel.

In view of the reports that have been in circulation concerning her husband's condition, Mrs. Cleveland to-day authorized the following statement:

"Mr. Cleveland is recovering slowly, but surely from the recent attack of his old digestive trouble. As he always has found the climate at Lakewood very beneficial, he is remaining there until he shall have gained his health. It has not yet been decided when he will return to Princeton."

ON HOPKINS'S TRAIL

Feared Fugitive Chicago Broker Has Escaped to Canada.

CHICAGO, April 24.—The police received information to-day that Wallace H. Hopkins, head of the bankrupt brokerage firm of Wallace H. Hopkins Company, and for whom the police are searching, left last night over the Michigan Central Railroad for Detroit, Mich., en route to Canada. According to the informant Hopkins was accompanied by a young woman.

Telegrams were immediately sent to police headquarters at Detroit to arrest the pair and hold them until the arrival of a Chicago detective. The train on which Hopkins is supposed to have traveled is scheduled to arrive in Detroit at 7:15 A. M., and fears were entertained by the police that Hopkins had succeeded in crossing the river into Canada.

PROTEST AGAINST TROOPS

Indignation Meeting at Winchester Latest Night Rider Phase.

WINCHESTER, KY., April 24.—Thirty-five soldiers are on duty in this town and county to-day. An indignation meeting to protest against sending soldiers here will be held Monday. The Burley Tobacco Society has a large amount of tobacco stored in Winchester, and it is supposed that the soldiers patrolling the streets were intended as a guard for that, although no threats against that tobacco are known to have been made. The officers in command of the soldiers say their orders are secret.

DAUGHTERS FILL VACANCIES IN VICE-PRESIDENTS-GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—The result of the election to fill the ten vacancies in the list of vice-presidents-general of the Daughters of the American Revolution was announced to-day. The successful candidates were: Mrs. Truman H. Newberry, Michigan; Miss Theodore C. Bates, Massachusetts; Mrs. Egbert Jones, Mississippi; Mrs. W. E. Stanley, Kansas; Mrs. S. M. Hardy, Kentucky; Mrs. D. W. Bushnell, Iowa; Mrs William A. Stroot, Virginia; Mrs. E. Gaillord Putnam, New Jersey; Mrs Ira Yale Sage, Georgia; Mrs. John T. Sterling, Connecticut.

CYCLONE KILLS OVER 150 PEOPLE; MILLIONS LOST

Storm Sweeps With Deadly Force Across Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi.

SCORE OF SMALL TOWNS WRECKED IN LOUISIANA

Railroad Cars Blown from Track, Mills Torn Down, Hundreds of Plantation Cabins Destroyed and Loss of Life Was Fearful.

Victims of Storm

Reports to Natchez	64
Amite, La.	25
McLain, Miss.	8
Vidalia, La.	7
Quintman Landing	11
Purvis Landing	12
Albertville, Ala.	8
Total	135

Many smaller losses of life reported.

ATLANTA, GA., April 24.—Reports up to midnight indicate that 150 persons were killed and about 400 injured in storms of cyclonic proportions which passed over sections of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama to-day. Several towns were almost totally swept away, and the property damage will run into large figures. Most of those killed were negroes, whose cabins were swept away like so much paper.

Natchez, Miss., reports that of sixty-four persons killed in that section only two were whites. Late reports from Amite, a small town in Southeastern Louisiana, say that the town was almost entirely destroyed, and the estimates place the number killed at between twenty-five and fifty, while at least seventy-five were injured.

At McLain, Miss., eight are reported to have been killed; at Vidalia, La., one white woman and six negroes are dead; at Quitman Landing eleven negroes were killed; at Purvis Landing, Miss., three whites and nine negroes were victims of the storm, and reports of from one to five deaths come from many towns scattered over the storm-swept area.

New Orleans and Mobile were cut off from wire communication with the outside world for several hours tonight, and the telegraph companies report wires down in all directions.

Sweeps Through Georgia.

To-night the storm is sweeping through Georgia, but beyond torrential rains, accompanied by high winds and brilliant electrical displays, no serious damage or loss of life has been reported.

To-night it is difficult to estimate the loss of life or the extent of the destruction of property, for there is little or no communication with the points where the wind and rain did its greatest damage.

Twenty Towns Destroyed.

In Louisiana it is estimated that a score of small towns were destroyed or partially wrecked.

These include Amite City, Arcadia and Independence, Belle Grove, Melton, Lorman, Pine Ridge, Quitman Landing, Fairchild's Creek, Purvis and Lumberton, Miss., are reported seriously damaged by the storm.

In Alabama Dora was the chief sufferer. This town is also known as Bergen. Four or more persons were killed, among them the wife and daughter of Sectionmaster Moore.

Fifty persons, at the lowest estimate, were injured. The most seriously hurt were carried to hospitals in Birmingham, Ala. One woman, a Mrs. McCullough, died on the train. Two other members of this family were seriously injured.

Cars Blown From Track.

At Bergen cars were blown from the railroad tracks and considerable other property destroyed. Reports also say that the storm struck Albertville, Ala., late to-day, and destroyed nearly the entire northern portion of the town. A cotton mill was blown down, the storm ranging northward, doing much destruction to life and property. An unconfirmed report from this section gives the death list as from thirty to thirty-five, with scores of persons injured. A special train was sent from Birmingham to-night, carrying physicians and a squad of State militiamen to the district. Aid is also pouring from all other directions.

Winchester Wiped Out.

From Meridian, Miss., comes a report that Mrs. John Minniece and her child were killed outright, and John Minniece was seriously injured, while a number of other persons were hurt, and there was considerable destruction of property.

Richland and Lamourie were struck by the storm, and nearly a fifth of their population injured.

Winchester, a small town, is reported wiped out, though only two persons are known to have been killed.

Natchez, Miss., reported sixty are known to be dead in the northern Louisiana storm. Hundreds of plantation cabins are reported destroyed in this section.

Mobile reported nine dead in Hattiesburg, Miss., but this has not been confirmed.

ALBERTVILLE DEVASTATED

Eight Known to Have Been Killed, and Probably Many More.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., April 24.—To-day's storm devastated the centre of