

BIG ROBBERY IN NEWPORT NEWS

Announced Yesterday for First Time That \$6,500 Was Stolen.

PINKERTON'S MEN AT WORK

Matter, However, Was Kept From the Local Police.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEWPORT NEWS, VA., January 7.—A robbery, which is alleged to have occurred here Christmas night, is the talk of the town to-night. Attorney W. H. Colburn, counsel for certain creditors of Armit & Co., who until Thursday of last week did business at No. 237 Washington Avenue, today informed Chief of Police Reynolds that Ernest F. Armit, his only partner, member of the firm, had departed for Baltimore, leaving the store in charge of Charles Barclay, an assignee, and that it was claimed that on Christmas night burglars cracked the firm's safe and made off with \$6,500 in cash.

LEE'S BIRTHDAY.

Alexandria Veterans Will Have Big Banquet.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] ALEXANDRIA, VA., January 7.—As a meeting of R. E. Lee Camp, Confederate Veterans, held at the hall tonight arrangements were made for the proper observance of General Lee's birthday. The veterans will celebrate with a big banquet and a number of prominent speakers will be invited to deliver addresses.

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STANDING TRIAL FOR CRIMINAL ASSAULT

Judge Harrison Hearing Important Case—Prominent Man Accused.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] FRONT ROYAL, VA., January 7.—The first case on docket in the regular term of the Circuit Court, which convened today, with Judge T. M. Harrison presiding, is the Commonwealth vs. Laing, for the criminal assault on Miss Gussie E. Merchant, aged fourteen. Owing to the prominence of the accused and the youthfulness of the young lady, this case has attracted unusual attention. The maximum penalty for a case of this kind in this State is death. This case will occupy most of the week.

GREAT CROWD AT CHAS. GOOD'S TRIAL

Man Who Killed Miss Fannie Strooff Least Concerned of Attendants.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LURAY, VA., January 7.—The trial of Charles Good for the murder of Miss Fannie Strooff, in this county last November, began in the Circuit Court today. The crowd in attendance is even larger than the one present last Friday, when the case was called. Good occupied a seat immediately behind his attorneys, Messrs. Hamner and Blackburn, of Harrisonburg. The prisoner's mother, a woman about sixty-five years of age, is constantly by his side. His ruddy complexion has given place to a pale, pinched face. While everything is moving orderly, there is evidently a strong feeling against Good, and everything is being done to guard against a display of public opinion. The accused is apparently one of the least concerned in the vast crowd. His appearance is anything but prepossessing since his confinement. He has allowed his beard to grow, and has a very prominent chin and long hair combed with neatness and parted in the middle. The day has been almost taken up in securing a jury, and little information has been given what will be the line of defense.

MAY ADD MEN TO THE NEGRO BOARD

Showing Made by Giles Jackson's Report Not Altogether Satisfactory.

[From Our Regular Correspondent.] WASHINGTON, January 7.—The members of the government board of the Jamestown Exposition had a conference today with the Negro Development and Exposition Company, which has charge of the negro exhibit at the exposition. A report from Giles Jackson, of Richmond, president of the negro company, previously submitted, was discussed. The showing made was not satisfactory to the government board. The salaries paid to some of the officers of the negro company were thought to be excessive, and the management of the exposition affairs by the company was not altogether satisfactory. A proposition looking to the partial reorganization of the negro company was discussed, but no action taken. It is likely that two additional members of the company will be designated by the government board. The additional members, it is said, have had experience in exposition matters, and nothing is to be done by the company without the approval of these two members, who in a way are to represent the government board. It is understood that Colonel Geddes, who has active charge of the government's interests in the exposition, will be one of the members of the board if this proposition is adopted, which seems pretty well assured.

POWLEY THE MAN, SAYS EBERHARDT

Conductor Shot in S. A. L. Robbery Visits Man in Boydton Jail.

FATHER TO SON'S RESCUE

William Powley Coming to Richmond to See Son's Lawyer About Case.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BOYDTON, VA., January 7.—Captain C. W. Eberhardt, conductor on the Seaboard Air Line Pullman car, and Porter Banks reached here this morning on the noon train from Danville. In company with Commonwealth's Attorney Goode and your correspondent, they immediately visited the jail to take a look at the prisoner. Powley was brought out into the corridor, where a good view of the man might be had. Powley walked out and turned and faced the officers. They scanned him closely for some time and then nodded to Commonwealth's Attorney Goode and walked out. They said in general appearance he corresponded to the robber, and that his hat, coat and size also corresponded. Porter Banks fully agreed with the conductor. They both say the robber here on a long black coat, like the one Powley had on when seen today, and also the hat. Conductor Eberhardt is still suffering with his wound, and remarked that he had his wound dressed while in Danville this morning. The conductor said while it had been reported that many passengers were robbed, that as a matter of fact only one passenger was robbed, and that the whole robbery was accomplished in about three minutes.

Interest Increases. The interest in the Powley case since the arrest of Charles Martin in Huntington, W. Va., has increased here, and the matter is discussed by almost every one. Powley has been very much encouraged by the newspaper reports that when men from Norfolk would testify to his innocence of the hold-up on the Seaboard Railroad. The passengers on the Seaboard are in a panicky state of mind now, and are looking out for hold-ups at any time. A gentleman living here was on that road a night or two ago, when one of the passenger cars got out of order, which necessitated the stopping of the train. He says one of the passengers immediately sprang up and pulled out "another robbery" and drew his pistol and stood waiting for the robber. This startled the passengers, but they soon quieted down.

It showed Powley the account in The Times-Dispatch of the arrest of Charles Martin this morning. He was reading it over carefully, and when he came to the part which said "The Martin and his partner in jail in Virginia, charged the robbery was in Washington, D. C.," he involuntarily said: "That's a lie!" and then read on. When he had finished reading the account he laid the paper down. I asked if he knew the man Martin. He said no. I then asked him if he had had anything to say for the public. He replied: "It is not worth while," and then added: "My counsel has instructed me not to talk. I told him if he was innocent there could be an impropriety in his contradicting it. He was greatly agitated while reading the account, and hit his lips nervously, but this was but natural, for most any man in his position reading such an account implicating him directly with such a crime, would have been in a nervous state of mind. A satelph was shipped here Saturday to the authorities, which is supposed to be the one heretofore referred to as having been shipped to Baltimore from Norfolk, and may have considerable bearing on the case and throw some light on the guilt or innocence of Powley.

Father Coming Here.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, VA., January 7.—William Powley, of Jersey City, N. J., father of Charles Powley, one of those charged with the Lacroce train robbery on New Year's Eve, was in Norfolk today, having come to the assistance of his son in his trouble. Mr. Powley, after an investigation today, with the assistance of Detective G. M. Heppel and others, declared that he had obtained in Norfolk evidence upon which the innocence of his son would be established beyond the shadow of a doubt. The father saw all of the witnesses who had previously given an alibi for the robbery, and found them to be declared to be witnesses to the fact that his son was in Norfolk at the time of the train robbery last Monday morning.

The father declares that the fact that Percy Martin, arrested at Huntington, W. Va., confessed to the Lacroce robbery, and implicated the man arrested at Richmond, by no means proves that his son was Martin's pal. Mr. Powley will leave here for Richmond to consult Attorney Harry M. Smith, counsel for his son, and will likely go on to Mecklenburg county to be present at the trial of his son on Thursday.

Postal Affairs.

[From Our Regular Correspondent.] WASHINGTON, D. C., January 7.—Rural carriers appointed for North Carolina routes: Laurinburg, route 3, Giles Leuch, carrier; James K. Sanford, sub. Sugar Grove, route 1, Dallas B. Harmon, carrier; Peter Mast, sub.

MAY MAKE ISLAND AT MOUTH OF BAY

Congressman Maynard Working for Big Appropriation for Fortifications.

WILL AT LEAST MAKE TEST

Certain That Preliminary Observations Will Be Provided for Looking to the Work.

[From Our Regular Correspondent.] WASHINGTON, D. C., January 7.—If Congress does not make an appropriation of \$2,000,000 for the erection of fortifications on an artificial island to be constructed in the mouth of Chesapeake Bay, between Cape Charles and Cape Henry, it will make at this session an appropriation of \$3,000 for the purpose of having soundings and borings made on the site of the proposed island. This work will be done during the vacation of Congress. Should the report of the engineer officers be favorable, Congress will, at the next session, make the appropriation for the construction of the island. This is the positive statement of Representative Maynard, who is endeavoring to have the Committee on Appropriations make an appropriation at this session for the construction of the island. He is not very hopeful that he will succeed in this, but he was absolutely confident today that, failing to secure the appropriation this year, he would have one made providing that the preliminary observations be made, as outlined above.

The government wanted to erect fortifications on Cape Henry, at the southern side of the entrance, but the prices asked for the necessary land were so high the plan to construct an artificial island and fortify it was taken up. After consideration, this plan was regarded with great favor, and it is believed that the department now looks at the construction of an island, on which guns will be mounted, with greater favor than on the original proposition to fortify Cape Henry. Of course, the experiment with Fort Wood, in Hampton Roads, opposite Fort Monroe, was not very satisfactory, but it is hoped that better foundation can be found further down the bay. At any rate, it seems well assured that Congress will at least make an appropriation to defray the cost of making a survey, with a view to ascertaining whether the construction of an island is feasible, so far as regards permanency and cost.

CANAL PAYMENT IS SUSTAINED BY COURT

Long Fight Made by Mr. Wilson Is Finally Decided Against Him.

WASHINGTON, January 7.—That the action of the secretary in paying out \$50,000,000 on account of the purchase of the Panama Canal Company of France, as directed by the act of Congress of 1902, was valid and regular was declared today by the Supreme Court of the United States. The decision was announced by Justice Brewer, and was handed down in the case of Warren B. Wilson against Secretary Shaw. The case was in the nature of an injunction suit by Mr. Wilson to restrain the payment of the money, and it originated in the local courts of the District of Columbia before the money had been paid. The decision of the District Supreme Court and the District Court of Appeals was unfavorable to Mr. Wilson, and his contention that the action of Congress was unconstitutional, neither these decisions, nor the fact that the secretary had made the payment as directed, was sufficient to deter Mr. Wilson, who is a lawyer and a property-holder residing in Chicago, to hold the case before the Supreme Court of last resort. He argued his own case before all the courts, and when he appeared before the Supreme Court he held the attention of that tribunal for two hours. In his opinion Justice Brewer said the United States government had dominion and control over the canal zone, and therefore has authority to appropriate money to construct the canal.

OFF FOR WASHINGTON.

Mr. Smith Now Taking Christian Science Treatment.

Mr. Charles W. Smith, formerly manager of the Richmond Horse Show and the Virginia State Fair, and later of the Norfolk Horse Show, where he received serious injuries to his spine, left this city yesterday for Washington, D. C. While in Richmond, Mr. Smith stopped at Eleventh and Marshall Streets, and was visited by many of his friends. As a result of his injury, he was paralyzed from the waist down, but his friends believe that he is slowly regaining sensation in his limbs, and that ultimately he may recover the use of them, despite the belief of surgeons that there was little hope of such result.

Recently Mr. Smith has been taking the Christian Science treatment, and reading his literature under the direction of Mrs. Mary Bernard, of this city, head of the local Church of Christ, Scientist. He is of opinion that he has been benefited by the treatment, and it is understood that he will continue it while in Washington.

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The Third Instalment

will recount a strange game played within the very jaws of death, and its unexpected climax—The leopard's victim, and a bit of stone that told a secret—Carter says good-by—A journey into the Unknown—The "Wealth Mountain"—Magic that conquered where force failed—The man in the garment of leaves and the terror he inspired—A trip in the dark—A crocodile and his victim, and why Carter fired a shot that seemed to seal his own doom—The strangest treaty ever drawn up—The red-headed man who dared dictate terms to a King.

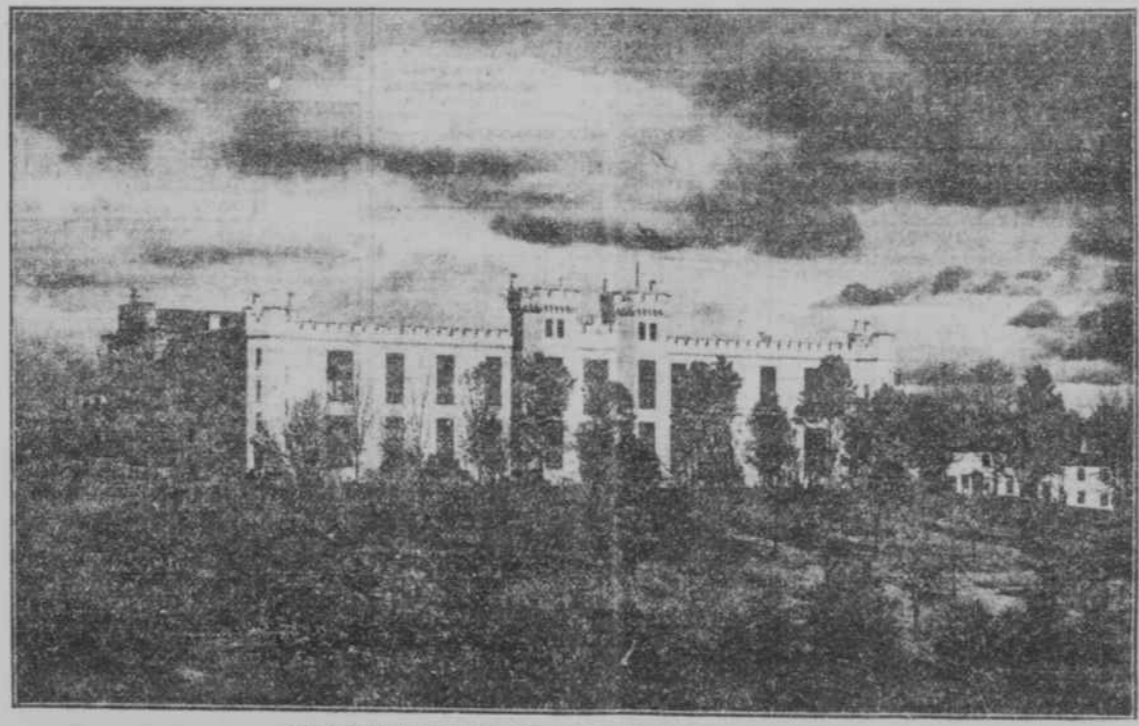
The Fourth Instalment

will tell of the unexpected results of Carter's pact with the King of Okky and why that treaty stirred the whole world. Kate has strange ideas, but finds no sympathy—"I like the man, and there it must end"—The white-ringed eyes—A journey in a weird craft, with "Trouble" at the helm—Enter Captain Kettle—"McTodd? No!"—Love or hate—How one woman persecuted a man whose portrait she treasured—Cascaes again—A knife-thrust in the dark, following on a love-scene that is curiously devoid of love—Fate, aided by two women, solves a life-problem.

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