

WEATHER FORECAST.
Virginia—Fair; warmer, light variable winds becoming southerly.
North and South Carolina—Fair; warmer, light northeasterly winds.

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RICHMOND, VA. FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 1899.

SWANSON WILL KEEP HIS SEAT.

House Declines to Consider Brown's Contest.
FOR SOUTHERN MAILS
Fight in the House Over Subsidy to the Southern Railway.
HAY'S VOTE ON CIVIL SERVICE.
The Defeat of the Appropriation Bill Would Not Have Operated to Turn Out Democrats—Millinery Merchants Protest Against Mr. Hon's Amendment to the Bird Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Special.—The Civil Service Commission will hold an examination on March 1st to establish an eligible register for the position of special mechanic, office of the United States superintending naval constructor, Wm. R. Trigg Company, Richmond, at a salary of \$2,900 a day.

No educational test will be given—age, experience and character as workmen and physical ability being the tests.

Shortly after the opening of the House today, Representative Crumpacker, of Indiana, called up the Brown-Swanson election case.

He gave way to Mr. McLean long enough to allow a bill to be read and passed and then attempted to secure a vote.

Representative Meyer, of Indiana, raised the question of consideration and the call for the yeas and nays being sustained a vote was taken, resulting in a decision not to take up the case by a vote of 107 yeas to 75 nays.

Mr. Swanson, of Virginia, spoke at some length in defence of the subsidy, and argued that the subsidy was necessary for the transportation of mail to the end of the line. He said the Atlantic Coast line had given up the subsidy, because the management did not care to sustain their losses.

The great advantages enjoyed by the cities, towns and villages on the line of the Southern railway, by reason of better mail service, was referred to, and attention called to the fact that Danville now receives mail five hours earlier than formerly, and that Atlanta gains ten hours.

WOULD NOT AFFECT THEM.
Representative Hay today said that it had been stated that a vote against the paragraph of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, which would reduce the pay of the officers of the Civil Service Commission, would operate to turn out Democrats now holding office under the protection of the civil service law.

MR. HAY WAS THE ONLY VIRGINIA member who moved to strike out the paragraph, and he says it would not have affected those persons now in office; that it only provided for the future.

MILLINERY PROTEST.
The millinery merchants of Baltimore have united in a protest against the House amendment to House bill No. 2,529 now before the Senate. The amendment, it is claimed, will prevent the exportation and importation of turkey feathers, which are used in the manufacture of hats.

POSTAL NOTES.
Fourth-class postmasters were appointed today as follows: W. H. Hines, Vanalton, Pittsylvania county, Va.; George B. Lamun, Black Creek, Wilkes county, N. C.

A new postoffice has been established at Syria, Madison county, Va., with W. L. Berry, postmaster.

Star mail service between Delaplane and Millwood, Va., will be discontinued from February 15th.

These discharges in the First North Carolina Regiment of Infantry have been confirmed as of the date opposite the names:

December 6th—Sergeant John E. Bennington, Privates John D. Andrews, John P. Bennett, Robin Browning, Fletcher W. Crabtree, J. W. Crane, Alphonso J. Duke, E. P. Honeycutt, J. Frank Madry and Mack Sorrell—Company I.

January 7th—Sergeant Eldridge Smith—Company K.

These discharges have been ordered in the same command. Privates Lawrence

LANGS AND XAVERS R. LANGS, COMPANY F; PRIVATE FRANK C. GOSS, COMPANY I. PAY FOR A CLERK.

Senator Fritchard will offer an amendment to the deficiency bill for the current year "to pay George Green for fees earned as clerk of the United States District Court from July 1, 1897, to April 15, 1898, such service being rendered under a mistaken view of the law applying to such service such sum as may be found due to said clerk, and the sum of \$100 in compensation to the clerk of the United States District Court; and the accounting officers of the Treasury are directed to audit the said account accordingly."

Representative Kitchin, of North Carolina, today introduced a bill to pay substitute letter carriers \$30 per annum and also to provide additional employment for such carriers.

RESCUED SEAMEN.

The Liner Menominee Reaches New York with Crew of the Glendower.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—The Atlantic Transport Line steamer Menominee, which arrived today from London, brought to port Captain Honeyman and twenty-two members of the crew of the British tramp steamer Glendower, which was wrecked at sea in a sinking condition on January 12th, in latitude 49 23, longitude 13 37, while on the voyage from Philadelphia for St. Louis.

They were rescued by the Menominee, which was in sight, bore down, launched her guns and rescued the crew, consisting of the twenty-three men and their Scotch collie dog, and brought them to port.

The Glendower was built at Jarrow in England, and registered 1,350 tons, and was owned by the Tyne Glendower Steamship Company.

COLUMBUS' ASHES.

Received at Seville with Military Honors and Large Crowds.

SEVILLE, Jan. 19.—The Spanish cruiser Gralra, formerly the U.S. mail steamer, returned here this morning with the remains of Columbus on board, which had been transferred from the cruiser Conde de Venosa, by which they were brought from St. Thomas.

The municipal authorities took charge of the coffin on board. The Gralra fired a salute to which the land forces responded with the guns.

The cathedral of Seville, which contains the tombs where the remains of Columbus were first deposited, the route to be was first from the wharf, was thronged, troops and sailors being drawn up on each side of the way.

MR. PACE IN RALEIGH.

May Lease Penitentiary Farms for Raising Sugar Beets.

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 19.—Special.—J. B. Pace, of Richmond, Va., has been named as the man to lease the State farms on the Roanoke and 600 crocks for sugar beet culture and the establishment of a sugar factory.

GEN. EAGAN HAS BEEN RELEAVED.

Notice of the Order for Court-Martial Served on Him—Colonel Davis Now in Charge.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The charges and specifications in the court-martial of Commander-General Eagan have been drafted and are now in the hands of the President. The charges are of an unbecomingly offensive and ungentlemanly nature and are intended to bring him into disrepute.

CHARGES NOT PUBLIC.
It was said at the War Department that the charges and specifications upon which General Eagan is to be court-martialed will not be made public.

It is claimed by the merchants protesting that they have no desire to interfere with the preservation of native song birds.

RIGHT OF CHALLENGE.
As the case of the selection of a jury, the accused has the right to except any member of the trial court and this right of challenge is frequently exercised.

General Miles is not openly concerned in the matter, if at all. He left Washington today for Philadelphia, expecting to return tomorrow.

A CRUISER TO SAMOA AT ONCE.

The Philadelphia to Protect Our Interests.
DEEP CONCERN FELT Over the Arbitrary Manner in Which the German Consul Acted.
APPREHENSION IN GERMANY.
The Press Predicts that the Situation Will Become Graver—The German Consul at Apia Took forcible Possession of the Court Room and Was Ejected by the Other Consuls.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The Navy Department has prepared orders for the cruiser Philadelphia to proceed to Samoa at once to represent the United States interests there.

The Philadelphia is due at San Diego next Sunday. Meanwhile if any vessel more quickly available can be found, one of Dewey's fleet for instance, it will be ordered at once to Samoa to answer the urgent appeal of the United States consul there.

The Philadelphia will act in conformity with the instructions of the United States consul, and so far as those instructions are in line with the treaty of Berlin, which the United States contends must be strictly enforced, she will act in conformity with the instructions.

OREGON MAY GO.
One resource open to the Navy Department is to send the Oregon to Samoa. She left Callao on the 11th instant, and should reach Honolulu about the 6th of February, where she can be intercepted with orders sent by the dispatch boat Iquoquo.

There is no record that the Traction Company has tried to secure the Main-street franchise soon to be offered for sale. The company is no doubt, putting itself in shape to make a lively fight for this line.

MAY BUY OLD LINES.
There has been talk, apparently not without foundation, of the Traction Company making a bid for all the old lines of the city.

NO NEWS OF MISSING YACHT.
But All Indications Are That the Paul Jones Has Gone Down.

PORTRAIT EADS, J.A., Jan. 19.—The customers office here are doing their utmost in trying to get information from every vessel or sailing craft along the coast and numerous islands that daily enter the river here.

MOBILE ALA., Jan. 19.—Messrs. Taggart and Jones have practically abandoned the yachts Paul Jones and the party on board the yacht Paul Jones alive.

WILL NOT TALK.
It was stated at the Department of State today that dispatches had been received from the German Consul at Apia, but as to their nature the department had nothing to say beyond that they went to confirm the news dispatch printed this morning.

FORBIDDING FELT.
BERLIN, Jan. 19.—Sent from Samoa in the evening, says the Lokal Anzeiger: "All this, doubtless, agitates an appreciable quarter of the American public, especially those who have been most affected lately by the German yachts, and may easily take a serious turn in the case of the United States."

HIGH HANDED WORK.
German Consul Took forcible Possession of Court Room and Is Put Out.

WELLINGTON, N. Z., Jan. 19.—It is reported here that owing to the trouble at Samoa, growing out of the election of a successor to the late King Malletta, three British warships will proceed there, and that one American warship will start for the islands from Honolulu.

GERMANS RESPONSIBLE.
LONDON, Jan. 19.—A special dispatch from Auckland, N. Z., says the British and American consuls were compelled to force the doors of the Supreme Court at Apia, Samoa, in which the German consul had established himself, and to put him into the street.

Court Clerk Gone Wrong.
ST. LOUIS, MO., Jan. 19.—A. G. Waggoner, clerk of the Court of Criminal Correction, has disappeared, and it is said by his intimate friends that he has confessed to a subversion of witness and jurors in the amount of \$30,000.

Sexton's Murderer Indicted.
CANTON, O., Jan. 19.—The grand jury returned a true bill against Mrs. Annie E. George today for murdering George D. Sexton, brother of Mrs. William McKinley. The indictment is in the first degree and the penalty is death by electrocution.

No Proof Witness.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The War Investigating Commission had no witnesses today. There was executive session, the members going over the coming report to the President.

CAPITAL STOCK TO BE DOUBLED.

Traction Co. Directors Make the Increase.
ANNUAL MEETING.
The Stockholders Authorize \$300,000 More to Be Put Up.
THIS MAY NOT BE DONE AT ONCE

President Williams Says it May Be Some Time Before Advantage is Taken of the Change Made in the By-Laws—Company is Probably Preparing for Main Street Fight.

The Richmond Traction Company is going to increase its capital stock.

TALK WITH MR. WILLIAMS.
President E. Handolph Williams, when seen by "The Star" today, said there was no significance to be attached to the action taken.

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THE ONLY ESCAPE.
"Senators may say," he declared, "that their positions do not lead to these things, but there is only one escape from them: A universal misrepresentation of the facts of religion and of government."

MR. FORAKER EXCEPTS.
At the conclusion of Mr. Turner's argument Mr. Foraker took some sharp exceptions to statements made by him personally, which he explained at length.

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POSTAL FINANCES.

The Appropriation for Southern Fast Mail Stricken Out of the Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The House today practically decided the Brown-Swanson contested election case, from the Fifth Virginia district, in favor of the sitting member, Mr. Swanson, a Democrat, by declining to consider the case.

The appropriation for the construction of a bridge across the Savannah river from the mainland to Hutchinson Island on the east coast of Georgia, was not taken up.

The greater surplus of the day was the adoption of two amendments striking out of the bill the appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the fast mail service.

Mr. Dockery (Dem.) of Missouri, offered an amendment providing for the issue of postage or money orders to bearer. It was adopted.

Mr. Swanson then moved to recommit the bill with instructions to strike out of the bill the appropriation of \$300,000 for mail facilities in territory held by the military.

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TWO BIG BOILERS EXPLODE AT ONCE.

Accident at Swineford Lithia Water Plant.
A PIECE OF IRON From One Penetrates the Other at Opposite End of the Building.
THREE MEN NARROWLY ESCAPE.
They Had Been in the Boiler Room Only a Few Minutes Before the Explosion Occurred—Pump Failed to Work, Which Caused the Accident.

A most remarkable accident occurred at the plant of the Swineford Lithia Water Company's spring, at Onsolva, in Chesterfield county, a few miles from the city, yesterday morning about 9:30 o'clock, and it seemed almost providential that the general manager of the company, and two employees were not blown to atoms.

In the boiler-room of the plant there were two boilers. They were at different ends of the room, some seventy feet in length.

It is thought the pump, which carries the water to one of the boilers, in some way got out of gear, and did not perform its function. For this reason the interior of the boiler became dry, and without any warning whatever there was a terrific explosion.

A piece of iron from the boiler, which had come to grief penetrated the other boiler, which was equally as severe as the first. The two came so closely together that it appeared almost as if there was only one. The force of the explosions was terrific. The shock was felt some distance away, and one end of the building, which is of frame, had a big hole blown through it.

BOILER NUMBER TWO.
Mr. H. B. Hartman, general manager of the company, and two negroes—R. J. Hill and William Hartman—were in the boiler room only a few minutes before the explosion occurred. They were called away for some duties outside and had scarcely gotten more than a few yards away when they were considerably shocked by the accident. None of them were hurt.

The building in which the explosions occurred was considerably damaged and the loss will amount to about \$25 on the boilers. There was no insurance held on this.

This is the second accident which has occurred to the company's plant recently. Not long ago it was damaged by fire to the extent of about \$2,000.

The accident yesterday will not materially interfere with the company's business. Necessary repairs will soon be made.

MUST ASK BROOKE.
Not a Cent of Santiago Customs to be Spent Unless He Says So.

SANTIAGO, Jan. 19.—The United States military authorities in Havana have called the Santiago Department an order directing that not a cent of the customs duties in the department is to be expended without the permission of Governor-General Brooke. The order also directs that the order in question shall be put into effect only if done without money pay and for the civil side.

THE FIGHTS FOR SENATORS' SEATS.
Quay Expresses Satisfaction at the Outlook—Commissioner Scott Named in West Virginia.

HARRISBURG, PA., Jan. 19.—Senator Quay made the following statement this afternoon before returning to Washington:

"I am going to Washington to attend to some of the matters that require my attention. The situation here as far as the United States senatorship is concerned is entirely satisfactory to me. I am grateful to the Republican members who endorse my reelection and appreciate the action of all those who stood solidly by the action of the caucus. I have not the slightest doubt of my reelection. My friends have been through a great deal of anxiety and I am satisfied to leave the management of my canvass in their hands during my absence."

ATTOYNER-GENERAL ELKIN who will look after Mr. Quay's canvass during his absence says Senator Brown and Representative Weaver, who were absent today and not voting are home on account of illness and that they can be counted on to stand by Senator Quay.

WEST VIRGINIA'S FIGHT.
Republicans Nominate Scott—Gov. Atkinson Recognizes the House.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Jan. 19.—N. B. Scott, Interstate Revenue Commissioner and member of the Republican National Committee, was tonight nominated for United States senator by a 3000 caucus, which met at the Hotel Charleston at 8 o'clock.

Eighteen ballots were taken, the final vote showing 25 for N. B. Scott, 15 for Edwin Markle, and 1 for G. A. Crow. Mr. Scott is the caucus nominee, his friends do not consider a certainty, whether he will be elected.

To Oppose Bacon's Resolution.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The supporters of the peace treaty were in conference among themselves Monday night, and in conference with those who should agree to-day, as the Bacon resolution, as a condition precedent to the ratification of the treaty.

Confirmed by the Senate.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The Senate today confirmed the appointment of James H. Cheate, of New York, Ambassador to Great Britain; C. H. Brickwood, surveyor of customs, Denver, Colo.; Postmaster, North Carolina; J. V. Crawford, of Marion; J. K. Mos, of Lenoir; E. C. Pool, Elizabeth City.