

# American Good Roads Enthusiasts Meet Today at Richmond

President Taft Unable to Attend Because of Severe Cold—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson Guest of Honor in his Place.

Three Hundred Enthusiastic Delegates Present—Many Noted Speakers on Program Congress Will be in Session Through Friday.

By Associated Press. Richmond, Va., Nov. 20.—The first American good roads congress opened here today with its most distinguished delegate—President Taft—missing. Late last night the president telegraphed the manager of the convention that the white house physician forbade him to risk the visit to Richmond because of the development of a cold which the president took on the last day of his western trip.

The secretary of agriculture, James Wilson, came, however, as the president's representative and was the guest of honor at most of the functions which had been planned for the president.

Three Hundred Delegates. About 300 delegates settled down to the first day's work enthusiastically for good roads throughout the nation. One of the objects of this congress is to set afoot an organized road building movement within each locality to be stimulated to share in a general plan.

The program of the first session of the congress in addition to an address by Secretary Wilson included a welcome to the delegates by Governor Mann of Virginia, addresses by Messrs. Martin and Swanson and by Mr. W. Page, director of the good roads office of the department of agriculture.

President W. W. Finley, of the Southern Railway, Representative John Lamb, of Virginia, chairman of the house committee on agriculture and Representatives J. Hampton Moore of Pennsylvania, were also the speakers.

## Canada Sorry She Rejected Reciprocity

By Associated Press. Chicago, Nov. 20.—According to J. A. McDonald, editor of the Toronto Globe, and a prominent member of the Liberal party, Canada is sorry she rejected reciprocity. Mr. McDonald said in an address before the Sunday evening club last night.

"The people have returned to sober thinking and regret their action," he said. "The annexation bugbear was to blame for it all."

## Three Murderers Were Put to Death

By Associated Press. Ossining, N. Y., Nov. 20.—Three murderers were put to death in Sing Sing prison today just as dawn began to brighten the skies above Westchester hills.

They were Pietro Falletto, of Port Chester; Frank Schermerhorn, Millbrook, near Poughkeepsie, and Bert L. Brown, of Rye. They went to the chair in that order. The executions began at 5:28 o'clock and lasted only 23 minutes.

It was the first triple electrocution at Sing Sing since the electric current superceded the gallows in New York state. Twenty years ago four murderers paid the death penalty at one time by hanging.

All three executions proceeded without incident or delay. Of the crimes expiated today, Schermerhorn attracted the most notice. On the night of January 13, 1910, Sarah Brymer, a nurse employed by Barnes Compton at Millbrook, near Poughkeepsie, was found dead in the Compton home under circumstances which indicated that she had been criminally assaulted and strangled. Schermerhorn, the family coachman, 22 years old, and married, was arrested on suspicion and subsequently convicted on circumstantial evidence. On the day after the crime officers searching the coachman's house found him lying under a bed with his throat cut, but he soon recovered. A quantity of silverware stolen from the Compton house was found in a chimney due to the coachman's house. Schermerhorn tried to throw suspicion on a Japanese servant but he finally admitted the crime.

Bert L. Brown, who is a negro, killed William Brown, his half brother, in the village of Rye, May 21, 1910.

Pietro Falletto cut Louis Levine's throat in Levine's store in Port Chester, August 13, 1909. The victim was 89 years of age and weighed scarcely 100 pounds while Falletto was but 33 years old and weighed 180. The trial developed that Falletto was in need of money and went to Levine's store for the purpose of robbery.

## FIRST VICTIM OF SEASON'S RACES AT SAVANNAH

By Associated Press. Savannah, Ga., Nov. 20.—The Savannah automobile race course claimed its first victim today, which was the first day it had been thrown open for practice of those who are entered for the races next week. J. D. McNay, driving a Case car, lost control of his mount at the Montgomery cross roads and the car went off the track, turning over. McNay was killed and his mechanic named Maxwell, was badly hurt. McNay was placed in another car and rushed rapidly to the Savannah hospital, but was dead when he got there. Maxwell is badly hurt, but his injuries are not fatal. This was the second accident of the morning on the course. Joe Dawson, driving a Marmon car, having been in a collision a little earlier with several other drivers and a touring car which was on the course. Dawson is hurt so badly that he may not be able to enter the race. The other drivers in this general mix-up were Knipp in a Mercer and Barnes in a Mercer. They were not hurt. Nickrent was driving the car in which Dawson was riding when a touring car came along on the course and the four cars ran together, the drivers apparently becoming confused. The Mercer cars were badly damaged.



ABE FEUF

Abe Feuf, the one time political boss of San Francisco who is now serving a fourteen year term at the San Quentin Prison who is likely to be pardoned. A strong movement for the convicted grafter's parole is under way, which bids likely to be successful.

## LABOR FAVORS INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

By Associated Press. Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 20.—William Randolph Hearst was branded as an enemy of organized labor in the convention of the American Federation of Labor here today by Charles H. Moyer, of the Western Federation of Miners. Against this attack, James M. Lynch, president of the International Typographical Union, arose to the defense of Mr. Hearst, declaring that he was the largest employer of union labor on this continent outside of the United States government and that he should not be condemned, even inferentially, without an investigation of charges made against him.

Mr. Hearst's name was brought before the convention during the reading of the report of the committee on organization on a resolution condemning the lockout of union men at Lead, S. D., by the Homestake Mining Company, in which the Hearst estate owns an interest. The committee recommended that the matter be referred to the executive council for an investigation in an effort to obtain an amicable adjustment of the trouble.

The convention unanimously adopted the recommendation that the matter be referred to the executive council for an investigation.

## ENGLAND AT POINT OF WAR WITH GERMANY

By Associated Press. London, Nov. 20.—Knowledge that England was on the point of going to war with Germany in support of France, in the Moroccan trouble, and it being generally known that the government had apparently consented to Russia's advance upon Persia, has precipitated a storm of criticism over the extreme secrecy with which the nation's foreign affairs are conducted.

Foreign Secretary Grey has promised to make to Parliament on November 27th a statement of the empire's foreign relations.

## JUAREZ NOT ATTACKED AS WAS EXPECTED

By Associated Press. El Paso, Texas, Nov. 20.—What was supposed at first to have been an attack on Juarez by Revolutionaries proved upon investigation to be the celebration of the Maderistas of the anniversary of the beginning of the Madero revolution. The principal feature of the demonstration was the discharge of firearms which gave rise to the report that followers of Gen. Reyes were attacking Juarez.

The firing of the celebrants lasted an hour or more. A aroused and flocked to the river bank to witness what they felt sure was a battle. This impression was deepened by knowledge that the Juarez garrison had been on the alert for sudden developments in connection with reports of revolutionary activity, in which the name of General Reyes, now under arrest, has been particularly connected. The Mexican officials doubled precautions after the arrest of General Reyes, fearing that the act might precipitate trouble. The feeling of anxiety over the situation spread in a modified degree to the American side of the Rio Grande.

## TRIAL OF PACKERS POSTPONED UNTIL WEDNESDAY

By Associated Press. Chicago, Ill., Nov. 20.—Judge Geo. A. Carpenter, of the United States district court, today postponed until Wednesday morning the trial of J. Ogden Armour and nine other packers, charged with violating the criminal provisions of the Sherman anti-trust act. The postponement was in cognizance of the action of Judge Kohlsaat, of the United States circuit court, who, after quashing the writs of habeas corpus previously granted the packers, withheld the entry of the order until Wednesday.

J. Ogden Armour, the only defendant not directly concerned in the habeas corpus proceedings, might have been placed on trial, but Judge Carpenter announced that he was not disposed to try his case separately. Counsel for the packers refused to intimate that their next move would be to appeal.

This means that no stay of the trial can now be procured from the supreme court, as a body at least until December 4th. It does not, however, preclude the packers from applying to Associate Justice Day, now at Canton, Ohio, for an appeal from the order of the United States circuit court at Chicago, which announced that it would not release the packers from custody on "habeas corpus" proceedings.

## Will Enforce Neutrality Laws

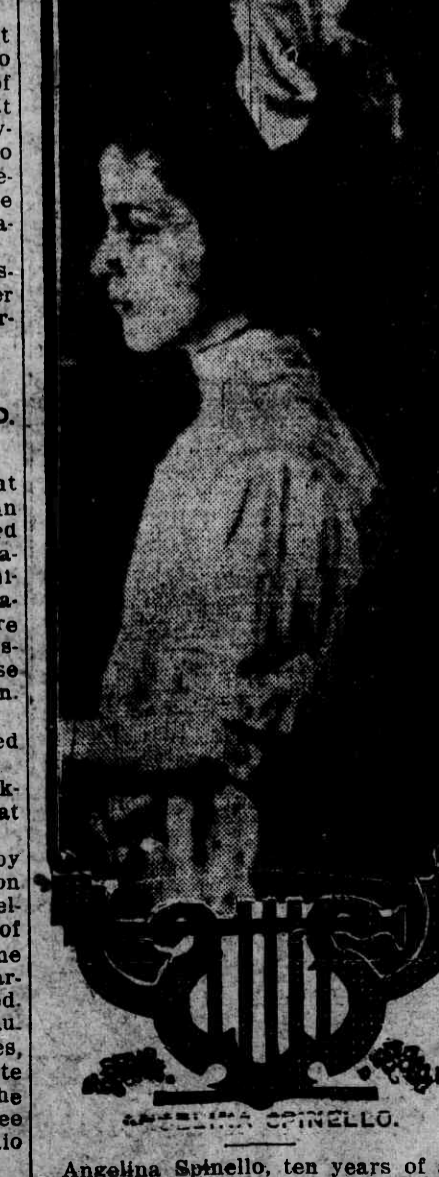
By Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 20.—Determined to stamp out all interfering expeditions against Mexico, Secretary of War Stimson today authorized General Duncan, commanding the department of Texas, to enforce the neutrality laws with vigor and to move the troops under his command within divisional limits without waiting orders from the department. Secretary Stimson also informed General Duncan that he would not look for all the cavalry and infantry needed to prevent the organization of expeditions against Mexico. No additional troops have yet been ordered to Texas, however.

## TROOPS TO NANKING

Canton, China, Nov. 20.—Revolutionary recruits totalling 3,000 have been massed here preparatory to their dispatch to Nanking, where they will cooperate in the siege of the city.

## THE WEATHER.

By Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 20.—Forecast: North Carolina: Tonight and Tuesday, warmer tonight; moderate south to west winds. South Carolina: Fair and warmer tonight; Tuesday unsettled; moderate variable winds.



ANGELINA SPINELLO

## SPRINGFIELD, MASS. MURDER TRIAL

Bertram G. Spencer, who is on trial for his life for the murder of Miss Martha B. Blackstone, a school teacher, on the morning of March 31, 1910, Spencer is regarded as a veritable "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" in real life. He has been confined in an insane asylum since the murder, and has just been placed on trial. During the first day of his trial Spencer collapsed in court and sobbed unrestrainedly as the prosecutor told the details of his crime.

Lincoln Center, Kas., Nov. 20.—Taking of testimony began here today with the opening of the trial of Sheriff Clark, A. N. Sims and John Schmitt, charged with "assault and battery" in connection with the tarring of Miss Mary Chamberlain by a mob of men and boys last August. Miss Chamberlain was expected to take the stand today to tell of her experience on the lonely Shady Bend road.

## DELEGATES TO BANKERS MEET ARE ARRIVING

By Associated Press. New Orleans, Nov. 20.—Delegates to the 37th annual convention of the American Bankers' Association continued to arrive in the city throughout yesterday and up to a late hour last night on special trains from all parts of the country. These were increased by the arrival this morning of several more large parties when according to Secretary Farnsworth of the association, the number of financiers in attendance will be larger than at any former convention.

While the convention proper will not open until Tuesday morning, today was a busy one for the members of the various committees, which are engaged in the preparing of reports to be made to the convention. The executive council of the association will meet this afternoon when it will consider among other things the subject of the succession of officers and the election of a chairman.

A petition signed by fifty-six of the leading investment bankers of the country, asking that an "investment bankers' section" be added to the parent organization will be presented to the executive council by George B. Caldwell, of Chicago. If approved by the council and later ratified by the association this section may form an organization at this convention and be given an opportunity to act.

The convention of the national association of supervisors of state banks, of which H. M. Zimmerman is president, will begin its tenth annual convention this afternoon. Its session will conclude Wednesday.

Tonight a banquet will be tendered the executive council of the American Bankers' Association and the association of supervisors by the New Orleans bankers.



BERTRAM G. SPENCER

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## STANLEY STEEL PROBE WAS RESUMED

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Nov. 20.—Richard V. Lindabury, counsel for the United States Steel Corporation, made objection before the Stanley Steel Trust investigating committee today a continuation of the hearing in view of the government's suit against the steel corporation. He argued that to continue the hearing would be against the provisions of the resolution of congress authorizing inquiry into acts not under investigation by the government.

The committee at once went into executive session. After lengthy deliberations it was decided to postpone further consideration of the objection until the assembling of the full committee.

Meanwhile it was said the committee will examine witnesses already summoned to testify.

## Month More Of Steel Trust Probe

By Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 20.—Resuming hearings on the affairs of the United States Steel Corporation today, the house special committee of inquiry prepared for at least another month of investigation. Representative Stanley, chairman of the committee, declared that the work already outlined would not be concluded until the Christmas holidays at the earliest.

The line of inquiry taken up at this time, the alleged ore monopoly and transportation facilities of the steel trust were only lightly touched upon in the inquiry last summer, which formed its climax in the testimony of former President Roosevelt, who then defended his action in approving the absorption of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company by the steel corporation in much the same manner he did more recently editorially.

Members of the committee let it be known that shippers and independent ore owners will be called to testify that the charge of 80 cents a ton made until recently for shipping ore from the Minnesota ore region to the lake over the steel trust roads was a hardship. This rate has now been reduced by the steel corporation in control of the Duluth and Iron Mountain, and Duluth, Mesaba and Northern railroads to 60 cents a ton.

# Love And Hate Play Part In This Tragedy

## Four Men On Barge Were Rescued

By Associated Press. New York, Nov. 20.—The four men aboard the barge Helen A. Wyman, which was wrecked yesterday near Block Island were rescued and landed last night at New London. This information came to the Scully towing company here today from the captain of the tug Mary F. Scully, which made the rescue ten hours before the barge went down.

Wires along the southern New England coast last night were busy with reports of disasters at sea. The barge Wyman broke away from the tug Mary F. Scully and it was reported at first that all her crew were lost.

The western coast of Block Island was strewn with wreckage, among which were pieces of the barge Wyman which was stove to pieces Friday night near Plum Island and it was believed that all aboard had been lost.

The Vermont was being towed by the tug Hokendauqua which also belongs to the Scully Towing Company. The president of the company said today that while the captain of the Vermont and his wife were rescued one sailor and a baby 17 months old were drowned.

## VICTIM OF TARRING OUTRAGE MAY TELL STORY

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## JUSTICE GUNTER DROPPED DEAD ON THE STREET

Special to The News. Durham, Nov. 20.—Justice D. C. Gunter, the best known trial magistrate of the county for many years, dropped dead this morning in his office on Main street. He had been ill but little previously. Nearly all of his life had been spent in Durham and he was 71 years of age when he died. He figured often in politics and until the establishment of the recorder's court here, was the busy man as court officer. He leaves a large family, all of whom live in the city.

## RETAIL LUMBERMEN ANSWER INDICTMENT

By Associated Press. Detroit, Nov. 20.—The Michigan Retail Lumber-Dealers' Association, its officers and directors today in federal court answered the recent indictments charging violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. The answer admits collection and dissemination of information concerning manufacturers, jobbers and wholesalers dealing directly with consumers, but denies conspiracy, intimidation and blacklist methods.

## Cardinal Elements of Human Nature to Play Part in Case Which Has Brought Beautiful Woman to Trial For her Life.

Denver, Col., Nov. 20.—Cardinal elements of human nature, love and hate, lust and greed, each playing its part in a tragedy that has brought a young and beautiful woman of more than usual refinement and attraction before a jury to fight for her life, mark the peculiar interest the trial of Gertrude Gibson Patterson, accused of the murder of her husband, for which the selection of a jury began here today before Judge George W. Allen, in the district court. In the course of the trial attorneys for the defense say there will be unfolded the story of a 16-year-old girl whose beauty attracted the attention of a Chicago millionaire who, declaring his intention to wed her, sent her to Paris to be educated and five months later brought her back to Chicago. With her, under renewed promises of marriage, he established relations which continued for five years, during which time they were thought by the family and friends of both to be man and wife.

How the millionaire, finally tiring of the girl, arranged with Charles A. Patterson, a young Chicago broker that she should become Patterson's wife, for which Mrs. Patterson declares she afterward learned that her husband had received \$1,500, will be told the jury by the defendant, her attorneys say.

She will tell, it is declared, how after returning from a trip abroad with her wealthy admirer, a trip she says, made at her husband's urgent demand some time after her marriage to Patterson, she accompanied Patterson to Colorado where he had been sent in search of health, having contracted tuberculosis. Here in Denver she finally sued for divorce.

In the meantime Patterson had announced his intention of bringing suit in Chicago against her former admirer for alienation of her affections. On September 25 last Mrs. Patterson, who had been living in town, went to a sanitarium in the suburbs where her husband was a patient, to talk matters over with him. A quarrel arose in which Mrs. Patterson says she attempted to shoot him, two bullets lodging in his body and killing him almost instantly. Screaming that he husband had shot himself, Mrs. Patterson ran into the house in front of which the shooting had occurred. Later she admitted having fired the shots, claiming self defense.

This will be her plea. Against this the prosecution expects to show by an eye witness to the shooting that Mrs. Patterson fired the second shot as Patterson lay on the ground begging for mercy and that after the shooting she placed the revolver under his body. By letters written by Patterson to his brother in Chicago, it will seek to show that Mrs. Patterson had threatened him with death if he did not drop his alienation suit, and will contend that the shooting resulted from his final refusal to do so.

## General Reyes Will Face Charge

San Antonio, Tex., Nov. 20.—When General Bernardo Reyes started for the United States commissioner's court today where his arraignment on a charge of violating the neutrality laws of the United States is scheduled for 10 o'clock, he declared he would remain here and face the charge against him which he lays at the door of the newly elected president of Mexico, Senor Madero.

## NASHVILLE RESTRAINED FROM TAXING INSTITUTIONS

By Associated Press. Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 20.—Chancellor John Allison today granted a permanent injunction against the city of Nashville, restraining the city from assessing for taxation property owned by educational institutions and not used wholly for school purposes. At the same time he granted a similar injunction in favor of Cumberland lodge of Masons and also enjoined the taxation of bonds deposited by foreign guaranty companies. The city claims that the Kentucky court of appeals passed on the question last week and upheld the city's contention. The case will be appealed.

## President of Santo Domingo Republic Assassinated By Political Malcontents

By Associated Press. Santo Domingo, Nov. 20.—The president of the republic, General Ramon Caceres, has been assassinated. Washington, Nov. 20.—Ramon Caceres, president of Santo Domingo, was assassinated by political malcontents in Santo Domingo city late yesterday afternoon, according to reports from the state department today. No uprising has followed as yet.

Washington, Nov. 20.—Mr. Russell, the American minister to Santo Domingo, is at present in this country on leave of absence and the secretary, Mr. Endicott, is acting as chargé.