

THE WEATHER.

Showers Thursday, warmer in interior; Friday partly cloudy, showers on coast; light to moderate south to southwest winds becoming more variable.

THE MORNING STAR

FOUNDED 1867

VOL. LXXXVI—NO. 74.

WILMINGTON, N. C., THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 16, 1910.

WHOLE NUMBER 13,322.

MR. MERCHANT

Use our Business Local columns to advertise your specials in seasonable goods. One cent a word and they bring results. Ask the Users.

ANOTHER ACTION NOW INSTITUTED

Department Proceeds Against Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association.

SHERMAN ANTI-TRUST LAW

Charge Filed at Birmingham Under Instructions From Washington—Higher Cost of Living One of Allegations.

Washington, June 15.—Another action under the Sherman anti-trust law was started by the Department of Justice today when Oliver D. Street, United States attorney for the Northern District of Alabama, was instructed to file at Birmingham a petition against the Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association, its officers and members, alleging that the association constitutes a combination and conspiracy in restraint of trade and asking that it be dissolved.

The suit, it was said at the Department today, is one of the results of the investigations which the government for some time past has been making with reference to combinations that seek to eliminate competition, maintain a high scale of profit and increase the cost of living.

Mr. Street was in conference for several days with the Department and left last night for Birmingham. The issue will be pushed to a speedy trial, the officials believing that they have ample evidence to substantiate the charges made.

The following statement regarding the matter was made at the Department of Justice:

"The petition alleged that the combination was organized for the purpose of and has resulted in coercing and preventing manufacturers from selling the actual necessities of life direct to the retail dealer or consumer or to any wholesale grocer in the Southern States unless said grocer is listed in a so-called 'Green Book' published and distributed by the association; that manufacturers are persuaded, urged and coerced by the association to fix limited selling prices at which staple articles of food are to be sold and to refuse to sell such commodities to any wholesale grocer who does not maintain the prices so fixed and listed; that in certain lines of manufacturers and producers have been induced to bill their goods at an enhanced price and to turn over a percentage to the president of the association, who related the same to the jobbers maintaining such limited selling prices; that no firm could become a member of the association or be listed in the 'Green Book' unless a majority of the other firms in the locality gave their approval; and that unless such firm duly listed, it was unable to secure direct buying privileges from those manufacturers who observed certain 'rules of practice' adopted by the association."

There are many other allegations set forth in the bill as to the general scheme and plan by which this combination sought to prevent the free flow of competition among the members thereof and to restrict trade and commerce.

The Department for some time has received complaints as to the burdens suffered by the people of the Southern States because of the operations of this association. After a careful investigation the Department believes that the association operates to increase the cost of the necessities of life, such as coffee, sugar, cereals, soap and many other lines.

The association as set out in the government's petition and consists of various firms and corporations engaged in the wholesale grocery business within the States and Territories of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indian Territory, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Specifically the action was brought against the general association, and all its members, the McLester-VanHoose Company, of Alabama; James A. VanHoose, of Alabama; Robert McLester, of Alabama; the Alabama Grocery Company, of Alabama; S. W. Lee, of Alabama; Joseph H. McEaslin, of Florida; L. M. Hooper, of Alabama; F. E. Hasbagen, of North Carolina; C. W. Bartleson, of Florida; Robert Moore, of Alabama; Thomas C. Davis, of Arkansas; B. B. Farnshaw, of the District of Columbia; C. C. Guest, of Georgia; F. H. Scovell, of Louisiana; W. T. Reeves, of Mississippi; R. A. Morrow, of North Carolina; J. H. C. Wilburn, of South Carolina; J. D. Fauverette, of Tennessee; W. A. Scott, of Virginia; and James W. Lee, of Alabama. A number of these persons are officers or members of the advisory board of the Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association.

In addition to the decree of dissolution the court is asked perpetually to restrain the defendants from doing any act in pursuance of or for the purpose of carrying out such combination and conspiracy complained of.

Action at Birmingham. Birmingham, Ala., June 15.—A petition for an injunction against the Southern Wholesale Grocers Association was filed here this afternoon by

STATE TEACHERS AT ASHEVILLE

Day of Assembly Was Divided Between Business and Pleasure.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

Address by Prof. R. H. Wright—Prof. Seagle Discussed Play Grounds. Interesting Papers by Several Teachers.

(Special Star Telegram.) Asheville, N. C., June 15.—The 600 members of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly had a busy day, divided between business and pleasure, the latter including a trolley ride about the city. The feature of tonight's session was the annual address of President D. H. Hill, of the Assembly, who spoke upon "After the Ferment, What?"

It was a thoughtful address in which the speaker outlined some of the propensities before the teachers, who, he said, were not united upon any definite line. Some wanted Greek and Latin introduced, some agricultural methods introduced in the schools, etc. He believed the girl who is teaching to buy wedding garments would give place to the possibly less attractive but more efficient spinsterhood. He believed the ferment would result in better teachers, more refined of voice, manners and mind.

Miss Jessie Field, of Page county, Iowa, addressed the association on school work in that county.

W. J. Spillman, of the Department of Agriculture, who was billed to speak, failed to appear and his place was very happily filled by President R. H. Wright, of the Eastern Training School, who spoke upon "The Trained Teacher."

One of the incidents of the day came during the session of the department of superintendents when Dr. Frank M. McMurry, of Columbia University, amplified upon his address of last night in which he advocated a broad utilitarianism in the curriculum of the schools. He would eliminate from the text books impracticable problems and things which could not be connected with the life of today. Some of the teachers misunderstood his position, believing him to want to reduce education to a mere matter of dollars and cents, but Supt. J. Y. Joyner happily came to the rescue with an explanation that the proposed innovations and eliminations were only such as would take out the useless; not a conversion of education into commercialism.

Prof. P. E. Seagle, of the Wilmington High School, discussed playgrounds as a factor in the development of the spirit of the student body, in the session of principals. In the department of secondary education F. P. Hobgood, of Oxford, speaking on adaptation of the course in the high school to the needs of the pupil going to college, would eliminate Latin, while John Graham, of the Warrenville High School, advocated for boys going out into life from the high school, that Latin be retained for general culture. In the department of elementary education the topic was child study in relation to a course of study. Papers were read by Miss Lela Young, of Durham, and one written by Miss Lewis Dull, of Winston, was read by Mrs. Hollowell.

AT RICHMOND COLLEGE.

Commencement Exercises—Davis Statue in Hall of Fame.

Richmond, Va., June 15.—Richmond College today conferred the degree of doctor of divinity on Rev. J. E. Hicks, of Danville, Va.; Rev. George S. Kenard, of Ashland, Ky., and Rev. Ryland Knight, of this city.

The commencement day orator at the college was the Rev. Dr. B. D. Gray, of Atlanta, Ga. In the course of his address he held that a statue of Jefferson Davis should stand in the National Hall of Fame at Washington. Davis' statue is "yonder in the National Capitol," he said, "so by all the stars of the South that of Jefferson Davis should be there."

San Francisco, June 15.—Following instructions in regard to the Jeffries-Johnson fight Governor Gillett today telegraphed to Attorney General Webb to take legal steps to stop the 2-round fight between Al. Kaufman and Sam Langford, scheduled to take place here June 18th.

Assistant District Attorney J. H. Montgomery pursuant to instructions from the Department of Justice in Washington.

The petition charges that the Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association is an illegitimate combination in restraint of trade, and the government prays that the association be dissolved and permanently enjoined from carrying out its practices in the United States.

The application by the United States for a permanent injunction followed an injunction made in this city by local morning newspaper after which Hinton Clabaugh, a grocer, filed suit against the Wholesale Grocers' Association, for \$30,000. He secured judgment for \$10,000. After this Mr. Clabaugh was called to Washington and appeared before a Congressional committee. The petition for injunction followed.

GILLETT TO STOP THE 'FRISCO FIGHT

Instructs Attorney General to Prevent Jeffries-Johnson Mill.

WANT TO LAND PANAMA SHOW

California State Authorities Heeded Warning of Congressman Bennett. Jeffries Appeared Greatfallen When Informed.

San Francisco, June 15.—Stirred to action by insistent protests from all parts of the State and country, Governor James N. Gillett, today took steps to prevent the championship fight between James J. Jeffries and Jack Johnson, scheduled to be held in San Francisco on July 4th.

In a letter to Attorney General Webb, the Governor today expressed his disapproval of prize fighting in unmeasured terms and directed that the aid of the courts be invoked to prevent the match. He concluded with a positive order that, in case the plea for a restraining order be not granted and the fight be held, the Attorney General proceed to gather evidence and prosecute the principals and those interested in the fight for violation of the penal code of the State.

The Governor declares that the Supreme Court of California has never defined a prize fight and suggests that an opportunity be given it to do so. This is taken by those interested to indicate the Governor's intention to press his opposition to the end. While the status of the fight is in an unsettled condition tonight, the sporting fraternity is much cast down and it is generally believed that the death knell of prize fighting in California, the "mecca of prize fighters," according to the Governor's letter, has been sounded.

The belief is borne out by the fact that the Governor telegraphed to Attorney General Webb later in the day to take similar action as to the fight scheduled for June 18th in San Francisco between Sam Langford and Al Kaufman.

Promoters Tex Rickard and John Gleason said that they had heard no whisper of the Governor's intended action. When the news reached him, Rickard rushed to the office of Attorney General Webb and asked what that officer proposed to do. After a conference with Webb, Rickard said he believed that the fight would be held in San Francisco on the advertised date, despite the Governor's orders.

Rickard has no intention of abandoning the effort to hold the fight here. Both he and Gleason devoted much time today to conference with their attorney, Herbert Choyanski. The course of legal defense decided on probably will not be given out until Mr. Webb has made a statement.

Rickard said Webb had promised him, because of the great expense of erecting the arena and other matters connected with the fight, that his opinion would be forthcoming without delay. Rickard expects it within two days. In the meantime Rickard says he would prepare to take the fight to Nevada or Utah if compelled to leave California.

Just what will be the nature of the legal proceedings to be instituted by the Attorney General is not known. The Governor's letter is positive in directing that the courts be asked to intervene and urging a definition of prize fighting by the Supreme Court. For this reason it is believed that Mr. Webb will apply for a writ of mandamus before the State's highest tribunal thus bringing all parties before that body for a hearing and procuring a temporary injunction, pending a decision. By this step he would avoid delay, since the promoters would have appeal if judgment were rendered against them.

When word of the Governor's order reached Ben Lomond Jim Jeffries refused to believe it. The camp was (Continued on Page Eight.)

OUTLINES.

Three officials of the United Wireless Company were arrested in New York yesterday when the offices were raided by postoffice inspectors. It is alleged that the company has defrauded its stockholders.—Governor Gillett, of California, yesterday instructed Attorney General Webb to take legal steps to prevent the championship fight between Jeffries and Johnson.—Action was brought by the government yesterday under the Sherman anti-trust law against the Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association, charging it to be a combination in restraint of trade.—According to plans made by Senate leaders yesterday Congress is expected to adjourn one week next Saturday.—Another big rules fight in the House of Representatives is brewing rapidly. All factions in the House are considering the proposition.—News York markets: Money on call steady 2 3/4 to 3 per cent, ruling rate and closing bid 2 3/4, offered at 2 7/8; spot cotton closed quiet, five points lower, middling uplands 15.25, middling gulf 15.50; four barely steady with a moderate local trade; wheat steady, No. 2 red 1.03 nominal, No. 1 northern 1.10 5-8 nominal f. o. b. to arrive; corn spot steady, No. 2, 67 nominal, spot elevator domestic basis, No. 2, 66 1/2 nominal, elevator domestic basis to arrive; oats steady, mixed nominal, rosin firm, turpentine steady.

Pinchot and Garfield Await Teddy's Return

Two of the happiest men in the United States are Gifford Pinchot and James R. Garfield. The return of Col. Roosevelt means much to these two men, for they were original members of his ten-man cabinet, and they expect the Colonel to join them in an effort to vindicate their fight on Secretary Ballinger. When this snapshot was taken of the two men they had been holding a whispered conversation for some time. Both men certainly seem pleased. A portion of their conversation referred to: "Well, June 18 is a big day."



Photo by American Press Association.

New York, June 15.—Two of the happiest men in the United States are Gifford Pinchot and James R. Garfield. The return of Col. Roosevelt means much to these two men, for they were original members of his ten-man cabinet, and they expect the Colonel to join them in an effort to vindicate their fight on Secretary Ballinger. When this snapshot was taken of the two men they had been holding a whispered conversation for some time. Both men certainly seem pleased. A portion of their conversation referred to: "Well, June 18 is a big day."

GRAND LODGE OF PYTHIANS CONGRESS TO ADJOURN SOON

Officers Elected and \$4,300 Raised by Popular Subscription for Orphanage—Use of Symbols. Ceremonial Session.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Charlotte, N. C., June 15.—Following a busy morning session, when the new officers were elected for the ensuing year by the North Carolina Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, the afternoon session of the lodge engaged in an exhaustive discussion of the use of the Pythian name and symbols by colored lodges, calling themselves Pythians, and it was decided unanimously that a memorial and overture should be prepared and forwarded to the Supreme Grand Lodge against the practice of the colored organizations.

The handsome Pythian orphanage, now being completed at Clayton, was the topic of a considerable part of the afternoon's deliberations. An important step was taken when it was suggested that subscriptions be taken for the orphanage, and the sum of \$4,300 was quickly promised by individual Pythians. The lodge also reverted to the subject of suspensions of members in the subordinate lodges and set tomorrow morning for a complete investigation of the matter and for formal action thereon.

The terms of the new trustees of the orphanage, Geo. L. Hackney, of Asheville, and J. D. Pridden, of Durham, were fixed at five and four years, respectively.

Tonight the D. O. K. K. are in command of the situation, the ceremonial session beginning at 8 o'clock sharp with Grand Vizier Chas. A. Bland, of Charlotte, officiating. A big class of wanderers of the desert have been scheduled for admission into Suez Temple amid the encouragements and Godspreads of those who have already passed into the sacred portals.

Officers elected this morning are: Grand Chancellor, E. A. McCausland, Charlotte; Vice Grand Chancellor, C. C. McLean, Greensboro; Grand Prelate, Rev. W. B. Duttra, Salisbury; Grand Keeper of Records and Seals, W. T. Hollowell, Goldsboro; Grand Master Exchequer, J. C. Mills, Rutherfordton; Grand Master at Arms, C. H. Beine, Raleigh; Grand Inner Guard, H. T. Powell, Henderson; Grand Outer Guard, S. A. Robinson, Gastonia; Supreme Representative, T. H. Webb, Durham; Orphanage Trustees, Geo. L. Hackney, Asheville, and J. D. Pridden, Durham.

Having passed the ten thousand mark in membership the Grand Lodge is entitled to a third Supreme Representative to the Supreme Grand Lodge and Past Grand Chancellor Thomas H. Webb, of Duke, was elected to the office.

The lodge today heard an important address on the insurance feature by Union L. Hunt, of Indianapolis, and transacted other important business.

SENATE PASSES LAND BILL.

Amended to Provide \$30,000,000 for Irrigation Projects.

Washington, June 15.—The public land withdrawal bill was passed today by the Senate after a debate about that measure which covered the entire session. Just before adjournment the Statehood bill was laid before the Senate as the unfinished business, thus insuring its consideration and probably its passage during the present session.

The land bill was so amended as to provide for the issuance of \$30,000,000 worth of certificates of indebtedness with which to complete irrigation projects already in course of construction. The bill providing for a new civil government for Porto Rico was passed by the House today. This measure is planned to take the place of the Foraker Act under which the island is now governed. It provides for a more representative government than is administered under the present law. Both Houses will be in session tomorrow.

UNITED WIRELESS ALLEGED FRAUD

Offices Raided and Officials Arrested in New York Yesterday.

STOCK WAS MANIPULATED

Charged That Many Have Been Defrauded of Their Savings Through Misrepresentations—One Officer Made \$5,000,000—Details.

New York, June 15.—United States postoffice inspectors raided the handsome Broadway offices of the United Wireless Telegraph Company today and caused the arrest of Christopher C. Wilson, president of the company; Samuel S. Bogart, first vice president, and William M. Tompkins, president of the New York Selling Agency, which officers of the Wireless company say was formerly their financial agent, but has ceased to represent them.

Chief Inspector Mayer subsequently gave out a formal statement in which he charges that although the company has been running at a loss, the price of its shares has been advanced by manipulation to fictitious values and that individual officers of the company have sold out their stock to the general public at a profit estimated in one instance at between five and ten millions, with other instances in proportion.

Wilson was released in \$25,000 bail and Bogart in \$10,000 bail for appearance on July 12th when a further hearing will be held before a Federal commissioner. Tompkins was arrested at his farm near Mahopac Falls, N. Y., and brought here for arraignment. He could not find the \$10,000 bail required and spent the night in the toms.

The complaint on which the warrants were issued is drawn under the Federal criminal code, on information of Carter B. Keene, a postoffice inspector, who deposes that the grounds of his belief are official investigations made by him, information obtained by him from the books of the said United Wireless Telegraph Company and the inspection of letters and envelopes sent by the postoffice establishment of the United States through the United States mails.

The specific instance of alleged fraudulent use of the mails is given as the mailing of a letter on March 3rd, 1910 to Michael O'Brien, of Waterbury, Conn.

"There are 28,000 shareholders of the company throughout the country," said Inspector Mayer in his statement, "many of whom have placed their savings in the stocks of the company and also representations made by its officers.

"The real assets of the company, consisting of land stations, patents, manufacturing plants and real estate of all kinds, appear to be worth at a conservative estimate \$400,000, or an actual worth of two cents a share at par value."

"Two million shares have been issued at a par value of \$10 a share, but the stock has recently been put up to \$50 a share. Thus, argues the inspector in his statement, 'by taking the last amount quoted (\$400,000 of actual assets) at \$50 a share, the stock is really worth as \$400,000 is to \$1,000,000, or \$4004 a share."

The inspector says the company was originally incorporated under the laws of Maine in 1904 as the Amalgamated Wireless Securities Company and that it had merely a legal existence until it changed its name in 1906 to its present title and took over the assets and business of the defunct American DeForest Wireless Telegraph Company which was then running at a loss and in default in interest on its bonds exchanging therefor its own securities on a ten for one basis.

"At this time, says the statement, 'when officers of the DeForest company were secretly conniving to abandon it and leave the stockholders a mass of worthless securities its stock had been forced to an alleged value of \$12.50 a share or \$250 above par. In the statement issued to the stockholders, (of the United) there appear as assets stocks and bonds in other companies, \$1,418,610. This refers to the defunct American DeForest Wireless stock. . . . Yet to those persons who ask for exchange of DeForest for United Wireless the answer is sent out that the DeForest is absolutely worthless."

Another item in the statement sent out to stockholders was patents and patent rights \$5,520,233. The affairs of the company were recently audited by a firm of licensed accountants who placed the book value of all patents at \$20,233.

The officers of the company have sold to the public thousands of shares, while the while that they were holding their own shares and putting the money received from the public into the plants of the company. One of the officers is believed to have cleaned up \$5,000,000 at \$10 a share and possibly \$10,000,000 at the ranging prices of \$10 and \$50. The other officers of lesser degree have profited in proportion."

A statement given out by C. C. Galbraith, general manager of the United, says that the "action of the Federal authorities will in no way affect the commercial business of the com-

BIG RULES FIGHT IS NOW BREWING

Factions Preparing For Warm Time in House of Representatives.

RESOLUTIONS ARE OFFERED

End Sought is to Prevent Legislation From Being Smothered in Committee—Another Fight Against Speaker Cannon Expected.

Washington, June 15.—The next big rules fight in the House of Representatives is brewing rapidly. All parties and all factions of parties were occupied today with consideration of the proposition. The leaders of both Republican and Democratic parties as well as the "insurgents" were engrossed with it.

The question has resolved itself to what the House shall do to provide means by which a member may recall a bill or resolution from a standing committee, after that committee has failed to report. In short the end sought is how to prevent legislation from being "smothered in committee."

The difficulty of providing such a scheme and at the same time not make it a vehicle for filibustering by a hostile minority has heretofore deterred action. It is the general opinion now, however, the present session will see some such rule adopted by the House.

Two proposed rules on the subject were offered in the House today—one by Representative Champ Clark, of Missouri, leader of the minority, which represents the composite Democratic idea on the subject, and another by Representative Madison, (Republican) of Kansas, one of the leaders of the "insurgent" Republicans. Both attempt to deal with one condition, but in somewhat dissimilar parliamentary manner. The Clark resolution was the product of a conference in the minority leaders room, lasting most of the afternoon, which was participated in by all of the Democratic members of the Rules Committee and Representative Sherry, of Kentucky. The latter is the author of a similar resolution which he presented some weeks ago. The Clark resolution is largely founded on the Sherry resolution. The Madison resolution is designed to secure "insurgent" support.

Both the Clark and Madison resolutions were referred today to the Rules Committee. This committee will meet tomorrow. Representative Sherry will appear before it and other rule proponents also will address the committee.

The insurgents held a meeting today on the question of the rules and the general subject of "insurgency" but accomplished nothing, and the meeting adjourned until 2 o'clock tomorrow. It is expected that this conference will consider the question again attempting the deposition of Speaker Cannon from the chair.

"The question of rules 'reform' may not reach the floor of the House before next week, but the movement is gathering volume rapidly.

New Orleans, June 15.—All prospects of a revival of horse racing in Louisiana were dispelled this afternoon when members of the Orphanage Racing Committee of New Orleans announced that they had abandoned their fight for legislation favorable to their cause at this session of the Louisiana Assembly.

Arthur M. King, counsel of the United, said tonight that for several months the Postoffice Department had been harassing the company here and elsewhere. He attributed the present prosecution to the discontent of certain stockholders who might have been unfairly treated by other stockholders. These latter stockholders had, however, no connection, he said, with the management of the company. He disowned responsibility for advertisements of stock which he said had been put out by the New York selling agency, now defunct, over the protest of the United management.

"The charge," continued Mr. King, "is under the general statute regarding the use of the mails to defraud. The real significance of it lies in the allegation that Mr. Wilson and Mr. Bogart sold stock which they held and made money by it. Why shouldn't they? The stock was theirs and they had bought it. Some of it they took for arrears in salary. A short time ago they voluntarily returned to the company 400,000 shares of their stock with a par value of \$4,000,000.

"The complaints say that the company wouldn't transfer to their name stock which was bought by them. As a matter of fact this stock was sold by certain stockholders who had obtained it in what we regard as an illegal manner. The stock was never paid for and for that reason the company refused to transfer it."

Christopher Columbus Wilson, president of the United, is a financier of the self-made school. He was born in Mississippi in 1845 of Irish descent and never had more than three months of schooling. He became successively a cotton farmer, a banker in Denver, a miner and finally a promoter of wireless securities. He lives at the Wardlord-Astoria when in New York.

ANDERSON WOMAN SUICIDES.

Deranged as Result of Pellagra She Killed Self.

Anderson, S. C., June 15.—Becoming deranged as the result of an attack of pellagra, Mrs. J. E. Pilgrim today ended her life by drinking laudanum and afterwards jumping into a pond. Recently Mrs. Pilgrim asked her husband where the pond was deepest. He informed her and when she was missed during the morning, the pond was dragged and her body was found at the spot indicated. An empty laudanum bottle was found on the bank nearby.

REMEMBER TOMORROW

Remember tomorrow Gaylord sell ladies' \$5 coat suits for \$2.69.

AN APPEAL.

Editor Star:—It has become necessary to appeal to our churches and individuals to give money to the treasury of the Associated Charities. This comes mainly from two causes:

1. "Tag Day" was not used for good reasons.

2. Most of our churches have given little or less than in former years.

Only one church has given liberally. Please ask our good people to give money to our treasury and we will continue to use it with scrupulous care and economy.

Yours for the work, A. D. McCLURE, Pres.