

FIELD IS CLEAR FOR MR. LUTHER

Senators Simmons and Overman Interpose no Objection to Confirmation, Unless Something Happens.

HAVE HEARD NOTHING FROM FRIENDS OF MRS. REED

Attorney for Mrs. Reed Says It Has Not Been Decided Whether Matter Will Be Pursued Further.

Gazette-News Bureau, 46 Post Building, Washington, March 9.

Senators Simmons and Overman will not oppose the nomination of Luther as postmaster at Biltmore, having heard nothing from Mrs. Reed and her friends.

When seen this afternoon Frank Carter, attorney for Mrs. Reed, was not prepared to give out a statement as to whether he would further press the case.

It is believed here, however, that no further steps will be taken to defeat the confirming of Luther as postmaster at Biltmore.

ALBANY SCANDAL STILL GROWING

Ald's Integrity as a Legislator Under Fire and There Are Some Things Conger Must Explain.

Albany, N. Y., March 9.—The character of Senator Ald's and his integrity as a legislator were the target before the legislative artillery yesterday.

When the session ended Attorney Osborne was concentrating his fire upon Ald's ownership of one hundred shares of stock of the New York Transportation company for the purpose of proving that the defendant got possession of this collateral in 1901.

Congress' chief counsel also arraigned the witness for his willingness to follow the whims of the "rascals" United States Senator Platt when the latter was republican state leader, in killing a highway bill which Ald's acknowledged was a good measure.

This letter made too profound a sensation to be ignored and Osborne's hasty attempts to explain it were so unsatisfactory that there is little doubt that he will return to it later.

It was shown that in 1900 the assembly passed a bill permitting the New York Transportation and Electric Vehicle company (which afterward changed its name to "New York Transportation company") to take over the Fifth Avenue Stage company with its valuable street franchise rights.

Chicago, March 9.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, testified on behalf of the switchmen whose wage dispute is now under discussion before the board of arbitration today that the work of the switchmen is the most hazardous of all classes of labor.

TAKES POSSESSION OF THE PEOPLE

Ministers of the City Feel That an Evangelistic Spirit Now Pervades the Community.

VARIOUS MEETINGS HAVE BEEN WELL ATTENDED

Pastors of the Several Churches Met at Y. M. C. A. This Forenoon, When Encouraging Reports Were Received.

The union revival meetings now in progress are gaining in attendance, attention and interest rapidly. The reports from the various pastors at whose churches meetings were held go to show an encouraging condition already present in the community.

The meeting at the Y. M. C. A. this morning was conducted by Dr. Vines who spoke upon the "Conditions of a Revival." He emphasized in a very clear way the importance and relative need of prayer, preaching, personal work and perseverance in the present campaign.

Many others spoke briefly regarding some phase of the campaign. Quite a few made definite requests for prayer. The spirit of the meeting was splendid and it is believed the increasing large attendance will soon fill the hall.

Tonight the same pulpits—Bethel M. E., Haywood Street M. E., Christian and North Asheville M. E., will be used and the public are cordially invited to attend some one of these meetings.

A NEW LINE FOR FARMERS

The Farmers of Henderson County Are Fast Coming to Realize the Advantages of Telephone Facilities.

Gazette-News Bureau, Hotel Gates, Hendersonville, March 9.

An important farmers' telephone line will soon be connected with the telephone exchange of the Asheville Telephone company in Hendersonville. The line will be constructed by Dr. S. E. Greenwood and he has signed a contract with the Asheville Telephone company.

Local Manager J. E. Brown states that there is considerable activity among farmers in the matter of securing telephone service in their homes. He has had a number of inquiries and states that the indications are that several new contracts for connection with the Hendersonville exchange will soon be signed.

The extensions of telephone service to the farmer is valuable to the merchants and business men in the city, placing them in constant communication with an important element of their trade.

FRANK GOULD MAY MARRY ENGLISH DANCER

New York, March 9.—A cablegram received by friends of Frank Gould states his marriage to Miss Edith Kelly, an English dancer, may be an event of the future.

"General Strike Feeling Waning" "Strike Steadily Gaining Ground"



POLICEMEN ON GUARD IN INDEPENDENCE PARK.

Such Are Antipodal Assertions of Official and Leaders of Labor in Philadelphia.

GRIM THREAT MADE BY HOSIERY MILLS

People Can Return to Work by Monday, or the Mills Will Shut Down All Summer.

PHILADELPHIA, March 9.—Despite the excitement created by the "shooting up" of Frankford avenue, one of the principal thoroughfares last night, by a trolley car load of alleged St. Louis strike breakers, there was no serious demonstration this morning.

The action of the Philadelphia Hosiery Manufacturers' association, the shutting down of their mills until Monday, with the threat that if the workers do not then return the mills will be shut down until fall, will likely be followed by a similar move from other industries.

THE CAMDEN JAIL FIRED LAST NIGHT

A Baby Was Burned Before Flames, Started by Negro Prisoner, Could Be Extinguished.

Elizabeth City, March 9.—The Camden county jail was fired last night by negro prisoners, and a baby burned before the flames were extinguished.

MABRAY AND 13 ASSOCIATES ARRAIGNED FOR SWINDLING

Charged With Getting Money by Means of "Fixed" Races, Prize Fights, Etc.

Council Bluffs, Ia., March 9.—J. C. Mabray and 13 associates pleaded guilty to extensive swindling of bankers and other capitalists in different parts of the country, by means of "fixed" races, prize fights and similar methods.

OSLER AND ERSCHELL, BEST SCORES

Detroit, March 9.—Albert Osler and Fred Erschell of Cincinnati rolled the best scores, 1186, of the first three squads of the two-man events in the American Bowling congress tournament today.

Gave Babies Away Today; There Were No Left-overs

New Orleans, March 9.—This was the day they gave babies away in New Orleans. A car load of little tots arrived from the New York foundling and orphan asylums, with an eager crowd of church-worshipers waiting their rival.

MR. GRANT WILL NAME THE MAN

Republican Member Is Expected to Arrive Here Within Next Two Weeks to Select Chairman.

LOGAN, CONFIRMED YESTERDAY, WILL OF COURSE RETIRE

Call Will Be Issued Shortly For a Meeting of the Republican County Executive Committee.

The confirmation by the United States senate yesterday of the nomination of W. E. Logan as marshal of the Western district of North Carolina comes as no surprise to the many friends of Congressman Grant's general campaign manager.

Mr. Logan stated today that he, as chairman, would open the convention and then retire. The question as to who will assume the reins for the republican organization during the coming campaign is causing some speculation today.

Inquiries today failed to elicit information as to whom would be chosen to succeed Mr. Logan. That the republicans regard Buncombe as the strategic point in the coming campaign is no secret, and the consensus of opinion is that headquarters of the campaign manager will be located at Asheville.

ARE HOLDING UP THE PUBLICITY BILL

Democrats Charge That Republicans Do Not Wish to Publish All the Campaign Contributions.

Washington, March 9.—Representative Rucker of Missouri, ranking democratic member of the house committee on election of president and vice president, asserts that despite repeated demands by democrats that the committee be called to consider the measure, the bill requiring the publication of campaign contributions is being held up in committee.

JERE F. LILLIS IS GETTING BETTER

Some Time Must Elnapse, However, Before It Can Be Determined Whether Injuries Are Permanent.

Kansas City, March 9.—Jere F. Lillis, the bank president who was assaulted by John P. Cudahy, the packer, when discovered in the latter's home early Sunday morning, is reported as steadily recovering.

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SENATOR JOHN W. DANIEL STRIKEN WITH PARALYSIS

Attack Occurred in Daytona—Stroke Is Slight—Doctors Say He'll Get Well.

Daytona, Fla., March 9.—United States Senator John W. Daniel of Virginia was stricken with paralysis here last night.

IT EARNED OVER FIFTY PER CENT.

How the American Tobacco Company Has Prospered Is Shown By Its Annual Report.

REPORT SHOWS HOW IT PAYS TO BE A TRUST

The Company Now Has a Total Surplus Larger Than Its Issue of Common Stock.

New York, March 9.—The American Tobacco company, now fighting the Federal suit for dissolution before the United States Supreme court, made public today its annual report, showing that the so-called tobacco trust earned 50 1/2 per cent. on forty million dollars common stock.

Net earnings were \$30,448,384, an increase of \$1,742,979 over last year, which, after deductions, and preferred stock dividends, left a balance of \$20,337,296. The company has a total surplus of \$42,499,140, an amount larger than its issue of common stock.

"FEAR A HUNTER BRINGING GIFTS"

Thus Wrote Col. Roosevelt to President of University of California, Offering an Elephant.

San Francisco, March 9.—"Fear a hunter bringing gifts. I haven't a white elephant to offer you, but have a good bull of the ordinary, African kind, and shall be very glad to give it to the University of California."

Thus writes Colonel Theodore Roosevelt in a letter to President Wheeler, offering a fine specimen of the pachyderm to the university, as a trophy of the hunt.

STOLE MILLION DOLLARS; IT WAS CHURCH MONEY

Funds Derived from Sale of Church Property in France—Duez Was "Official Receiver."

Paris, March 9.—The arrest of M. Duez, following his confession that he misappropriated one million dollars, funds derived from the sale of church property, for which he was known as "official receiver," has created a great sensation.

FUNERAL OF T. C. PLATT

Body Laid to Rest on a Hillside Overlooking the Village of Politician's Birth.

Oswego, N. Y., March 9.—On a hillside overlooking the village of his birth, the body of Thomas Collier Platt, former United States senator, was buried today. Prominent men in public life attended. President Taft sent a floral wreath.

NO COURT OF COMMERCE. Interstate Commission Is Substituted for It in the Administration of Railroad Bill.

Washington, March 9.—The interstate commerce commission was substituted for the proposed court of commerce in the proposed administration railroad bill as a tribunal to receive petitions or applications of railroads desiring to acquire interests in other roads, by the house committee on interstate commerce today.

RIOTING IN BOGOTA CONTINUES.

Bogota, Columbia, March 9.—Rioting, which began with a quarrel between the manager of an American-owned street railway and a police officer on Monday, continues.