

## MR. ROOSEVELT WAS TOUCHED

Was Received in Paris Degree of Warmth That Called for the Reserves. CALLED "HELLO BOB," TO AMBASSADOR BACON

Official Calls Will Be Made to Today and Presidential Box Will Be Occupied at the Theater.

Paris, April 21.—Theodore Roosevelt, ex-president of the United States, entered Paris at half past seven this morning, and was received with all the honors of a reigning sovereign, traveling incognito. A cordon of troops surrounded the railway station and held back the multitude which congregated, despite the early hours.

Gathered upon the platform to formally welcome Mr. Roosevelt were American Ambassador Bacon, M. Jusserand, the French ambassador to the United States, who came from America to be present during Mr. Roosevelt's visit, Commandant Hellet, President Fallier's personal aide, and other representatives of the cabinet and official circles.

He was Touched. Colonel Roosevelt appeared greatly touched by the character of the reception. Leaning out of the car window as the train came to a standstill, he called to Mr. Bacon, "Hello, Bob," a moment later he greeted Jusserand and others effusively. Representatives of the government and the municipality then extended a formal welcome.

Mr. Roosevelt Cheered. These formalities over, Mr. Roosevelt, Kermit, with Bacon and Jusserand, entered an automobile and were driven to the American ambassador's residence. During the passage of the automobile through the streets, Mr. Roosevelt was frequently cheered. Mr. Roosevelt spent the morning quietly at the embassy, lunching with Bacon and several friends.

This afternoon the official part of Mr. Roosevelt's program began with calls upon President Fallier's and Foreign Minister Pichon, both of whom later paid return visits to the embassy.

Makes Statement. Mr. Roosevelt issued a statement relative to the Rome dispatch, printed in the United States last week, quoting him as saying that, upon his return to America, he would do his utmost to drive from Rome, "Methodists who disgrace any religion."

Mr. Roosevelt says the statement was an unqualified falsehood, which must have been known as such when published. He says he never publicly or privately said anything remotely resembling what the dispatch said.

TESTIFY BEFORE THE GRAND JURY Men Who Know About Bull Pools at the New York Federal Building Today.

New York, April 21.—Cotton traders who supposedly know something of bull pools said to have been formed several months ago, went to the Federal building today to testify before the grand jury, which began its investigations Tuesday. One of the witnesses, it is said, admitted he had a copy of the bull pool agreement, on which the government bases the case against William P. Brown, Frank B. Hayne and the leaders of the bull movement.

TWO LIFE CONVICTS ESCAPE FROM THE FEDERAL PRISON Leavenworth, Kan., April 21.—Two life convicts, armed, made a daring escape from the Federal prison this morning. It is possible that others escaped, and officials are checking up on prisoners in the effort to learn how many got away. The men who escaped, reportedly took possession of the switch engine, and dashed away at high speed. Later they deserted the engine and went into the forest.

## AN EXPLOSION AT THE HULGA MINE

Between Forty and Fifty Men Entombed Near Birmingham—The Shaft Was Closed Today.

THE POINT OF THE EXPLOSION PROBABLY FAR BELOW SURFACE

Several Corpses Found—Flames Shot Out of Shaft Mouth to Height of 100 Feet.

Birmingham, April 21.—At 2 o'clock this morning the Hulga mine was closed up for fear of fire. Between five and 40 men, all except 15 of them being negroes, are entombed as the result of an explosion which occurred at 9 o'clock last night. The explosion was of such force that the flames shot to a great height from the mouth of the shaft.

The cages in the mouth of the shaft were so badly sprung by the explosion that they cannot be used. The cause of the explosion has not been determined. Hulga is located about six miles northwest of Ensey. Word has been received here that 25 of the entombed men in the Hulga mine were killed by the explosion.

Ambulances were hurried to Hulga from Ensey soon after the news of the explosion reached that city. Hulga is connected with Ensey by one telephone wire over which it is almost impossible to communicate.

Shortly after midnight a hospital car of the Tennessee company was rushed to the scene, equipped with helmets and other necessary paraphernalia for entering the gaseous mine. Ambulances were also sent from Ensey and Birmingham to the scene, twelve miles northwest of Birmingham. The only list of the miners at work at the time of the explosion was held by the foreman, who is also among the entombed men.

It is believed there are fifteen white men and fifteen or twenty negroes. The mine has been in operation two years. The shaft is three hundred and fifty feet deep. The fact that flames shot from the mouth of the shaft to a height of a hundred feet leads to the belief that the explosion occurred near the bottom of the main shaft.

Tru Corpses Found. When the first crew of rescuers reached the bottom of the shaft this morning the corpses of two miners were found. The rescuers returned to the surface, expressing the opinion that the imprisoned miners were dead. Around the mine entrance, in addition to the families of the entombed men, hundreds from the surrounding mine districts swelled the crowds until it was with difficulty that the rescue work was carried on. An attempt was made to enter shaft No. 1 but this was found impracticable and it was sought to drive a way through shaft No. 2, 300 feet from the first opening.

After penetrating a short distance it was learned this shaft was also wrecked by the force of the explosion in No. 1. Nothing was heard from the entombed men.

SMITH'S HOTEL TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE With This End in View an Early Meeting Will Be Held of Those Interested.

Commissioner W. R. Whitson of the Smith estate, stated today that within the next ten days he hoped to call a meeting of all of those interested in the sale of the incomplete concrete structure, which is located at the corner of North Main and College streets and known as "Smith's hotel," at which time a date for the sale of the property will be set. Mr. Whitson stated that the property could be sold under the order of sale made about two years ago by Judge Peebles and affirmed by the Supreme court, and a new order of sale would not be necessary.

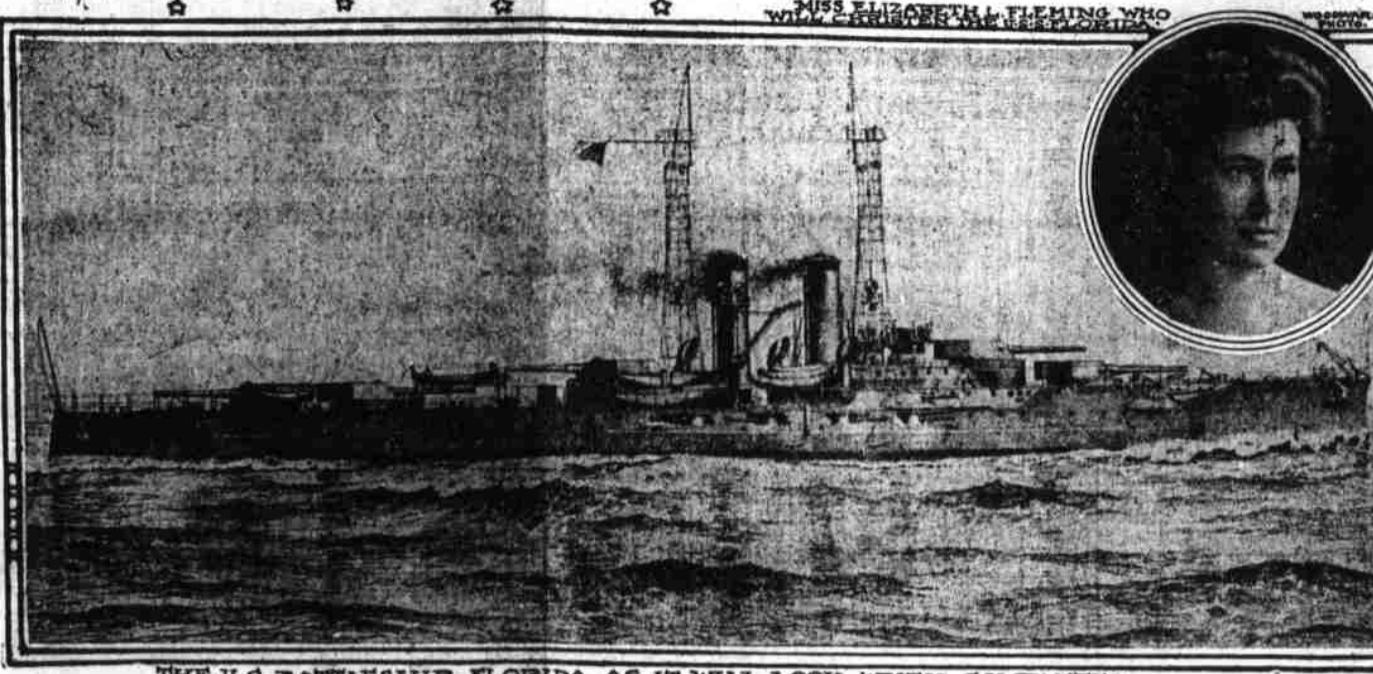
Recently the Supreme court handed down a decision denying the application of the creditors for a rehearing in the Smith hotel case. The court in an opinion said that it had not passed on the exceptions as to C. H. Miller or any of the claimants nor would it do so until how much is sold and it is found out how much will be derived. The claims of the Smith heirs will be cared for before any of the creditors come in for a share in the property.

Warship Drake Tested. Philadelphia, April 21.—The battleship Indiana returned to the Philadelphia navy yard today, after a five days test of a brake which it is claimed will help the quick stopping of warships.

Ten-Hour Law Constitutional. Springfield, Ill., April 21.—The Supreme court today declared to be constitutional the law prohibiting employment of women in factories and stores over ten hours a day.

Lawn Tennis. Pekin, April 21.—The lawlessness of the natives, which began at Chang-ching, is reported to be spreading. At Ning-shan, the site of the Protestant mission, 39 miles west of Chang-ching, the mission school at Yi Yang was burned. All foreigners escaped.

## Next Addition to Navy; Girl Who Will Christen



THE U.S. BATTLESHIP FLORIDA AS IT WILL LOOK WHEN COMPLETED

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., April 21.—Miss Elizabeth Levere Fleming, who is to christen the Florida upon the occasion of its launching at the New York Navy yard, May 12, is one of the most charming young women of the south, and a member of one of the most prominent Florida families.

It was in reference to these facts that gallant Governor Gilchrist, when he named her to preside at the christening, said that he might not be able to be present at the ceremony, but that the presence of Miss Fleming would more than compensate for his absence.

Miss Fleming's ancestors, on both sides of the house, have long played a part in the history of her native state. Her great-grandfather, Captain George Fleming of Ireland, was granted a large tract of land on the St. John's river, now known as Fleming's Island, by the king of Spain in recognition of military services when Florida was a Spanish province.

## "FLYER" WRECKED; ONE PERSON HURT

Three Cars Turned Over, Near Bessemer City—Accident Caused by a Broken Rail.

Washington, April 21.—The Southern railway's through train No. 29 from New York, which left here at 4:15 yesterday afternoon for Atlanta, was derailed by a broken rail near Bessemer City, not far from Charlotte, at 4:15 this morning. Three cars were overturned, and the track was badly damaged.

Except for a slight bruise to Mrs. Jones, a passenger whose address is unknown, no casualties are reported. The train was the Birmingham special. According to reports received at the Southern's headquarters this morning, the day coach, tourist car and Birmingham sleeper were thrown from the tracks and turned completely over. When the train left the rails the trucks tore up 300 feet of track.

Passenger train No. 29 is known as the New York-Birmingham "flyer." The accident occurred at 4:15 o'clock this morning. The derailment of the "flyer" was remarkable from the fact that but one person was injured, and she but slightly, although the coaches, tourist and sleeping cars and private car that composed it, all were overturned with the exception of the private car. It was expected that the track would be open and ready for use by noon today.

Train No. 29 is a fast train operated from New York to Birmingham. It goes from the southern city to the metropolis at a lively clip, and the fact that running at good speed and being derailed and the cars overturned, only one was injured, is almost miraculous.

## BONES OF HUMAN IN WOLTER'S ROOM

Coroner Testifies He Found 25 Fragments, Also Hat Pins and Corset Steels.

New York, April 21.—When the trial of Albert Wolter for murdering Ruth Wheeler in the former's flat opened today Coroner Holshouser offered sensational testimony, declaring that he picked out of the fire place in Wolter's apartments 25 pieces of human bones, including legs, arms, toes, and pieces of skull bone. He also found, he said, hat pins and corset steels.

Detective Devine told of a conversation he had with Wolter after arresting him, Wolter declaring that he sent postal cards asking girls to come to him for employment. He denied writing the card to Ruth Wheeler. Wolter stoutly maintained that he knew nothing of the Wheeler girl.

THE WEATHER. For Asheville and vicinity—Fair weather tonight and Friday; warmer Friday.

Large Fire Loss. Lynn, Mass., April 21.—Fire destroyed several tenement buildings this morning and caused a loss of a hundred thousand dollars.

## BANGOR BILLY IS NOW ON TRIAL

He and His Pal Charged With Killing Leonard, Who Robbed the Raleigh Postoffice.

New York, April 2.—The trial of William Barnes, alias Bangor Billy, has begun in the county court in Brooklyn with the selection of a jury to determine whether he had to do with the violent death of Jack Leonard, reformed crook and happily married man. The indictment charges Barnes and his pal, Joseph Anderson, with murder in the first degree. They elected to take their chances in separate trials.

The killing occurred early on the morning of February 22 last, and the facts might have remained secret had not a good woman clogged the machinery that metes out the so-called justice of the crook's world. In this code there are some offenses that call for summary punishment, and "squealing" is the worst of these. Of this offense Leonard had been convicted, and two agents drawn by lot went to his home at 266 South Fourth street, Williamsburg, and shot him to death in the presence of his wife in the bedroom.

The wife had lifted Leonard from the depths and was helping him along by letting furnished rooms. She was not prepared for a visit from the men who deal out summary punishment. But she did not know the stealth with which these agents work, and her husband was dying before she fully realized the meaning of it all.

The murderers were gone when Mrs. Leonard screamed for help but she followed and two policemen stopped to ask no questions when they saw a woman in her night dress pursuing a shabby looking man. The man was overtaken in the plaza of the Williamsburg Bridge while trying to shake off pursuit by dodging between the surface cars. He was thrown and captured before he had time to use the pistol that he carried in his hand. The man was Barnes. He was identified by Mrs. Leonard and her dying husband. The weapon he carried held five empty shells. Joseph Anderson was captured later.

It is generally believed that Leonard met his death because of an agreement made with government secret service men. At one time he had been a yeggman in standing. Then he came to Brooklyn and decided to reform. It was unfortunate that a postoffice robbery in Raleigh, N. C., was hanging over his head, for he was captured after marriage and sentenced to the Federal prison in Atlanta, but President Taft pardoned him in January last largely because of the efforts made in his behalf by his young wife.

Following the pardon Leonard came to Brooklyn and his wife let furnished rooms while he was looking for a job. His old pals became suspicious, however, when they found that Jack Leonard had really turned a "good" up. Finally they suspected that he had agreed to "peach" on the gang and they killed him.

Murder and Suicide. Lancaster, Pa., April 21.—Following a quarrel Edward J. Dolan shot and probably fatally wounded Harry F. Hiden, a furniture dealer, and then committed suicide. Dolan accused Hiden of having been too friendly with Mrs. Dolan, who died last December.

Diamond Ornament Stolen from Image. Moscow, April 21.—A diamond ornament valued at hundreds of thousands of rubles has been stolen from a greatly revered image of the Virgin in Ustjenki cathedral in the Kremlin.

Oil Reservoirs Caught Fire. Point Richmond, Cal., April 21.—Receiving reservoirs of the Standard Oil company's pipe line from the Bakewell all district caught fire today, a heavy loss resulting.

## ROUGH TIME AT SHOW GROUNDS

Trouble Between Negroes and Employees of Carnival Company Is Given Consideration in the Police Court

There was a rough time for a while last night at the Smith's Greater shows, the street carnival aggregation that is here this week under the auspices of the Confederate veterans, when, according to the management and some of the employees, several negroes, attempting to get free rides on the merry-go-round and being ejected, started a fight with knives and rocks. In the fight, H. Maunder, one of the employees, was struck in the left eye with a rock, it is said, and painfully hurt, while Charles Morris, one of the negroes in the disturbance and the man alleged to have struck Maunder, was being handled rather rough when Patrolman Glenn put in an appearance and ended the trouble.

The affair was aired in city police court this morning when it became evident from the testimony that the negroes tried to raise a rough house. One of the negro witnesses said that the show men all had black-jacks; that there were some ten black-jacks in the bunch. No other evidence, however, was had relative to black-jacks and at the conclusion of the hearing the three showmen, H. Maunder, Frank Williams and Albert McKinnon, were all found not guilty; Ed. Williams, a negro, who threatened to carve-up "anyone who messed with him," was fined \$10 and costs, while Charley Morris was given six months on the county roads.

The manner in which the court dealt with those causing the disturbance last night will doubtless have a healthy effect the remainder of the week and no further trouble is expected at and around the show grounds.

## MISS SWOPE SUFFERED MUCH LIKE HER FATHER

Startling Feature of Day in Hyde Trial Was Testimony of the Nurse, Miss Keller.

Kansas City, April 21.—Dr. B. C. Hyde's trial for the alleged murder of Col. Thomas W. Swope, the millionaire philanthropist, by poison, was continued today. Miss Keller, the nurse, furnished the startling feature of the day's testimony, asserting that convulsion suffered by Margaret Swope, December 18, was similar to the attack that preceded Colonel Swope's death. Prosecution charges that on this day Hyde poisoned Margaret Swope.

Attorney Walsh for the defense proceeded with the cross-examination of the nurse this afternoon.

MR. CLEMENS PASSED A COMFORTABLE NIGHT Redding, Conn., April 21.—Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), passed a comfortable night and awoke this morning after a refreshing sleep feeling better, although still very weak. Mr. Clemens, called for pad and pen and half reclining in bed spent a short time writing.

Election Disorders in Martinique. Port de France, Martinique, April 21.—Serious disorders have occurred at several points, the result excitement attending the elections. During the disturbance last night eight voters were shot. Business houses in the interior have been closed.

## VERY FEW CASES ON THE DOCKET

As Result It Is Unlikely That May Term of Court of Appeals Will Be Held Here.

As there are very few cases on the docket of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals from North and South Carolina, it was learned today that it is highly improbable that the regular adjourned May term of the court will be held in Asheville this summer. The May term will meet in Richmond May 3, and continue in session for about a month. Judge and Mrs. Pritchard will leave April 29, going to the Daniel Boone celebration out from Salisbury, and thence to Richmond.

## D. A. R. ELECTION COUNT VERY SLOW

Took Tellers All Night to Figure Result as to One Vice President-General.

Washington, April 21.—Mrs. Virginia Randolph Shackelford of Virginia was selected as one of the vice presidents-general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, as shown by the teller's report today, after an all-night count of ballots.

The election of ten vice presidents-general and one honorary vice president-general culminated the congress of the daughters yesterday. The polls did not close until 9 o'clock last night, the election being delayed by a printer's error in leaving off the ballot the name of one of the nominees.

When late in the afternoon the ballots were received at Continental hall it was discovered that the name of Mrs. John H. Masquerey of Massachusetts, one of the nominees for vice president-general, had been omitted. There was a storm of indignation. The omission precipitated a long discussion which was finally ended by the action of Mrs. William Cummings Story of Massachusetts, who rushed to the platform and urged that the matter be left to the Massachusetts delegation for suggestion as to what should be done. Mrs. Story was greeted with applause and it was decided to leave it to Massachusetts. The delegation urged that the only thing possible would be to have the ballots re-printed. This was ordered and was 8 o'clock before actual voting began.

The nominees for honorary vice president-general were Mrs. Charles H. Deere of Illinois, Mrs. Sarah G. Kinney of Connecticut, Mrs. Althea R. Beadle of New Jersey. For vice presidents-general there were 15 nominations and among them were Mrs. Esprit Jones of Mississippi, Mrs. Virginia Randolph Shackelford of Virginia, Mrs. C. H. Teabault of Louisiana, Mrs. Edmund Randall of Texas, Miss Anna C. Benning of Georgia, Mrs. Milton J. Durham of Kentucky.

## ROBBERS OF POSTOFFICE ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR GUILT

Fay and Harris Are Sentenced to Ten Years in Penitentiary and Fined \$5000 Each. Richmond, April 21.—Pleading guilty to the robbery of the Richmond postoffice the night of March 27, when \$25,000 was taken, Eddie Fay and "Little Dick" Harris today were sentenced to ten years in the Atlanta penitentiary and fined \$5000 each.

## ASKS FOR CHANGE IN HOUSE RULES

Insurgent Introduces Resolution Providing for Election of Committees of the Body.

SENATOR SMITH PROTESTS AGAINST WICKERSHAM PLAN

Thinks Attorney General Is One Victim of Plot of Foreign Bear Interests.

Washington, April 21.—Further change in the rules of the house was proposed today by Representative Fowler of New Jersey, "insurgent," who introduced a resolution providing for the selection of house committees by election. Representative Hardwick of Georgia called for a quorum, in view of the importance of the subject.

President Taft's two-battleship program is accepted by the house as part of the naval appropriation bill, to be considered by the senate naval affairs committee. It is believed Senator Hale will advocate only one battleship a year.

Says Wickersham Is Victim of Plot. Incidental to the discussion in the senate of the resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$65,000 to extend the work of the special committee on the cost of living, Senator Smith of South Carolina referred to the indictment of cotton speculators in New York. He declared that the attorney general had been the victim of a plot with the end in view of depressing the price of cotton in the interest of the foreign markets. He said that the bears had sold the cotton at a lower price than cotton was bringing in the south. They would have to go to the planters to get the cotton and they would find that they could not get it there because the farmers were looking after their own interests. Conceding that every American citizen is interested in the price of cotton because so much of it is exported, Mr. Smith asserted that the attorney general was not dealing fairly in taking any steps that would play into the hands of those who were depressing the price. That cotton, the chief commodity of a section which is politically unfriendly to the administration, had been selected for the prosecution.

Investigate Foreign Bears. "Instead of investigating those who are trying to put up prices why in the name of God don't you investigate the foreign bears," demanded Mr. Smith. Admitting that he had assisted in organizing the farmers of the south for their own protection, Mr. Smith dramatically asked: "Why don't you investigate me?"

A Congressional Inquiry. Chairman Mann of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce sent to the department of commerce and labor for information relative to a resolution introduced by Representative Hardwick (democrat) of Georgia which sought to ascertain if there had existed within the past 12 months "any combination or conspiracy between one or more individuals, firms or corporations for the purpose of unduly and unnaturally lowering or advancing the market price of cotton in violation of the laws of the United States. Mr. Hardwick's resolution directs the secretary of that department to conduct an investigation and ascertain whether any such circumstances exist and report the result to congress. The house is expected to consider the anti-option bills about the end of the present month, and Mr. Hardwick stated that his resolution was designed to supply information which would be valuable in framing laws to prevent the selling of cotton futures.

A bill authorizing the president to make withdrawals of public lands for purposes of conservation was passed by the house. The entire session was devoted to the consideration of this measure, which it was stated met the approval of the president.

ARBITRATORS' MEETING REACHED NO CONCLUSION The First Thing is to Name a Third Man, in Dispute of Southern and Telegraph Operators.

Washington, April 21.—In an effort to adjust the differences between the Southern railway and the telegraph operators, arbitrators met in Washington today. The arbitrators are J. E. B. Thomason of Atlanta, representing the railway, and J. J. Dermody, vice president of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, representing the operators.

Under the Erdman act they are required within five days to select a third arbitrator. The arbitrators met informally but at today's session no conclusion was reached.

Nottaway River Overflows. Norfolk, April 21.—The Nottaway river, between Branchville, Va., and Margaretsville, N.C., on the Seaboard Air Line, has overflowed its banks the result of heavy rains much territory is submerged. Many houses are half filled with water.