

PARIS BANDITS FOUND GUILTY

Eighteen of Ban... Found Guilty by Jury of Murder, Arson or Robbery.

ONE KILLS HIMSELF WHEN CONDEMNED

Conclusion of Long Trial of Gang Which Terrorized French Capital Is Dramatic.

Paris, Feb. 27.—The trial of the gang of 22 automobile bandits who held Paris in terror for months ended today.

Among the indictments were charges of no fewer than 22 murders, the victims being motor drivers, bank messengers, freight agents and policemen.

Even the conclusion of their trial was accompanied by tragedy, for Carouy, the "anarchist bandit," when he heard that he was condemned to imprisonment for life, committed suicide in his cell by taking poison which presumably was passed to him as he left the court room.

The jury remained out from 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon until nearly 7 o'clock this morning. They had to consider nearly 400 questions submitted to them.

When they returned into court their written verdict was so incoherent, contradictory and lengthy that it had to be explained to the presiding judge by the foreman.

Four of the 22 bandits were sentenced to death by the guillotine. The condemned men are Dieudonne, Clemis, Soufy and Moneir, against whom a number of murders were proved.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS BILL IS PASSED BY SENATE

Washington, Feb. 27.—The senate after a long and turbulent session passed the public buildings bill at 3:50 o'clock this morning and adjourned until 11 o'clock today.

WILLIAM WILSON LABOR SECRETARY?

Former Mine Workers Official May Be Given New Cabinet Portfolio.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 27.—The pleas of union labor for representation at the council table of the president of the United States may be recognized in the selection of Representative William B. Wilson of Pennsylvania to be secretary of the newly created department of labor.

From the same sources it was learned that William C. Redfield of Brooklyn might be a member of the cabinet. Just what portfolio he is being considered for was not divulged, but it is known that the President-elect holds the highest regard for Mr. Redfield's views on the tariff and has for some time hoped to have him as one of his close advisers.

About three portfolios—agriculture, interior and war—little information is known and it is hinted that they will be filled by men whose names have not been generally mentioned heretofore.

Though William A. Glasgow, a Philadelphia lawyer, and Edgar Farrar of New Orleans, former president of the American Bar association, are reported still to be under the consideration of the President-elect, the most reliable information obtainable today is that James C. McKeogh of New York, will be the new attorney-general.

Confirmation comes from every side that the President-elect has picked William J. Bryan for secretary of state; William G. McAdoo for secretary of the treasury; Josephus Daniels for secretary of the navy, and Representative Albert Burleson of Texas for postmaster-general.

It is said that Mr. Wilson from the first was anxious to place a progressive republican in his cabinet and the selection of Mr. Brandeis is believed to be a result of that desire.

PILGRIMS ARE NEARING NYATTSVILLE, MD., TODAY

Male Suffragist Who Invades Quarters of "Antis" Gets Rough Treatment.

Washington, Feb. 27.—With the invading army of "hikers" from New York under the command of "General" Rommie Jones within a few hours of their goal, militant suffragettes connected with the burning of buildings in public parks are liable to "penal servitude for life."

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"I make my charge," said Mr. Humphreys, "under the malicious damage act, which makes it a felony punishable by penal servitude for life for any person to fire a building belonging to the king or devoted to public use."

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In addition to plans for the reception of the "hikers" suffragist leaders were busy preparing for the procession of March 3. Sixteen young women today are practicing the quickest way to prepare egg sandwiches and are taking lessons in the drawing of coffee. They are to "man" four lunch wagons that will keep pace with the procession for the refreshment of the weary.

Mexico City Outwardly Calm; in Coahuila the Revolt Is Growing



Prominent figures in the Mexican disturbance; 1. American Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson; 2. Francisco de la Barra, who is rumored to have been chosen by the Diaz insurgents as successor to Madero; 3. Ernesto Madero, former secretary of finance; 4. former President Madero; 5. Arnold Shanklin, U. S. consul general in Mexico.

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Huerta Insistent that United States Accord Him Full Recognition

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TURKEY READY TO CEDE ADRIANOPE

Porte Asks Good Offices of Russia in Bringing About Peace.

Sofia, Feb. 27.—Turkey has at last signified her readiness to negotiate for peace with Bulgaria on the basis of the cession of Adrianople.

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Among the more important amendments adopted was the bill by Senator Hoke Smith creating a bureau of markets in the department of agriculture. The bill, as it passed the senate, carried \$12,990,000, an increase of nearly one million over the house bill.

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COURT RULING IS ATTACKED

Senate Commerce Committee Denounces "Rule of Reason" as Applied to Sherman Act.

FEDERAL CORPORATION COMMISSION FAVORED

With Power to Supervise Corporations and Pass on Mergers and Agreements.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 27.—The Supreme court's so-called modification of the Sherman anti-trust law to invoke "the rule of reason" in decisions on restraint of trade is attacked in vigorous terms in a report presented to the senate by the interstate commerce committee.

The report is the result of the commerce's long investigation into operation of the anti-trust law. The committee recommends new laws to define exactly what combinations are unlawful, so that both the business interests and the courts will have a standard upon which to proceed.

It recommends a federal interstate corporation commission with power to supervise corporations, pass on and approve combinations and agreements and take over the work of dissolving illegal corporations, such as the Standard Oil company or the American Tobacco company.

Commenting upon the decision of the Supreme court in the Standard Oil case, in which "the rule of reason" was called in, the report written by Senator Cummins says: "The committee has full confidence in the integrity, intelligence and patriotism of the Supreme court of the United States, but it is unwilling to repose in that court or any other court the vast and undefined powers which it must exercise in the administration of the statutes under the rule which it has promulgated.

It substitutes the court in the place of congress, for whenever the rule is invoked, the court does not administer the law, but makes the law. If it continues to force the federal courts will, so far as restraint of trade is concerned, make a common law for the United States just as the English courts have made a common law for England.

"The people of this country will not permit the courts to declare a policy for them with respect to this subject. If we do not promptly exercise our legislative power the courts will suffer immeasurable injury in the loss of that respect and confidence so essential to their usefulness. It is inconceivable that in a country that is governed by a written constitution and statute law that the courts can be permitted to test each restraint of trade by the economic standard which the individual members of the court may happen to approve.

"As the anti-trust statute is now construed," adds the report, "it is impossible for any association of men, however diligent they may be in seeking advice and however willing to follow it to know whether what they are doing or what they are about to do, will be ultimately found by the Supreme court to be a due or undue restraint of trade."

Refers to Steel Trust Suit. In the further criticism of the Supreme court's rule of reason," the Cummins report directs attention to the fact that the government's suit for dissolution of the United States Steel corporation will ultimately come before the Supreme court.

"In the end, nine justices of the Supreme court will be asked to say whether the restraint of trade brought about through this combination is a due or undue restraint," says the report, "and the answer each justice makes to that question will depend upon his individual opinion as an economist or sociologist, the conclusion of the court being an act of legislation passed by the judicial branch of the government to fit a particular case."

"If we do not speedily prescribe, insofar as we can, a legislative rule by which to measure the form of contract or combination, in restraint of trade with which we are familiar, or which we can anticipate, we cease to be a government of law and become a government of men; and, moreover of a very few men, and they appointed by the president."

REASSESSMENT IS PROVIDED

Williams Introduces Measure for Listing Real and Personal Holdings at Cash Value.

LOWER TAX RATE IS AIMED AT IN MEASURE

Full Assessment This Year Shall Not Exceed 1912 Levy by More Than Five Per Cent.

Special to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, Feb. 27.—A bill introduced by Chairman Williams of the house finance committee provides for the reassessment of all real and personal property beginning May 1, 1913. This is to be at its actual money value. It is stipulated that the aggregate taxes levied for 1913 under the full value assessment shall not be over five per cent more than the aggregate for 1912 and the levy for 1914 not more than eight per cent over the 1912 levy. The bill prescribes that the present assessment is inadequate and unjust, that the tax rate is too high and must be reduced so property owners will freely list their property at its full value, giving a business-like basis for state revenue with all classes of property under the system.

A favorable committee report is given the Kellum bill for the people vote on establishing a state rural credit bank; also a bill incorporating the Wilmington & Northeastern Railroad company.

The revenue bill is being considered in the house committee of the whole very few changes being made on second reading.

In the senate Phillips introduced a bill to authorize county commissioners to levy a special tax of \$100 on manufacturers and dealers in narrow-track vehicles.

Raleigh, Feb. 27.—"Senatorial courtesy" resumed business at the old stand yesterday. It was his first appearance at this session of the general assembly, and he came to assist Senator Evans of Pitt who is not in accord with one of the representatives from that county. The representative in question, Mr. Clark, early in the session, had some uncomplimentary things to say about the senator from Pitt in a signed article in the Greenville daily paper and some open resentment from the senator was looked for at that time, but he held himself well in the bounds of dignity. He was probably just waiting for his inning to come. It came yesterday. Mr. Clark had secured the passage through the house of a bill to allow Farmville (ownership to vote on the question of issuing bonds to build good roads in that

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WIND AND RAIN STORM IN SOUTH

Tornado Strikes Sour Lake, Tex.—Extensive Damage Done at Birmingham.

By Associated Press. Sour Lake, Tex., Feb. 27.—A tornado struck this place early today, blowing down 150 oil derricks, damaging houses and scattering debris over the city. No one was seriously injured.

The total damage is estimated at \$75,000. Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 27.—A big wind and rain storm passed over Birmingham and this district between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning, doing much damage to property, delaying and suspending traffic on street and steam railway lines, telephone and telegraph wires and overhead trolleys.

The roof of the Jefferson county court house was damaged several thousand dollars worth, and many rooms in the building soaked. No personal injuries have been reported. Savannah, Ga., Feb. 27.—The local weather bureau this morning received advice from Washington to hold a storm warning. The message ordered storm warnings from Jacksonville to Atlanta City because of a storm over Tennessee, moving east and northward, which will probably reach South Carolina and probably will strike and shift its path and perhaps strike

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