

## SATIRISTS ARE TAKEN TO TASK

President Orders Investigation  
of Satires on Philippines  
Policy at Officers'  
Banquet.

## THOSE RESPONSIBLE MAY GET REPRIMAND

Daniels Suggests to Admiral  
Howard That He Decline  
Presidency of Order  
Of Carabao.

Washington, Dec. 15.—President Wilson today ordered an investigation by the war and navy departments of the satires on the administration's Philippines policy which featured the annual banquet last Thursday of the Order of Carabao, an organization of army and navy officers who serve in the islands. President Wilson suggested to Secretaries Garrison and Daniels reprimands for those responsible.

Secretaries Daniels and Garrison conferred early today and called for a statement of explanation from Rear Admiral Howard and Quartermaster General Aleshire, the highest ranking officers at the dinner.

Secretary Daniels at the same time suggested to Admiral Howard that he decline the presidency of the order to which he was elected last Thursday and informed him that the song "Damn, Damn, Damn, the Insurrection," which was sung at the banquet, would never be sung again under the present administration with officers of the navy present.

## STATE PENSIONS BEING DISBURSED

Confederates and Widows to  
Receive Pensions From  
Superior Court Clerk.

The state pensions for Confederate soldiers and their widows, which is distributed annually, has been received by Marcus Erwin, clerk of Superior court, and will be disbursed by him at once. The pensions are divided into classes and those who come under the fourth class will receive an increase of \$2 per month over last year, all the others remaining at the same figures as heretofore.

There is only one soldier who draws a pension under the first class and he gets \$12 annually. Four receive pensions under the second class, which is \$60 per year; six under the third class at \$45 per year and 232 under the fourth class at \$25 per year. There are 169 widows of soldiers who receive pensions under the fourth class, the amount being the same as their husbands received.

Every year a large number of the soldiers die and others are granted pensions, who heretofore have not received them, therefore keeping the average about the same every year. When a soldier dies, if his widow makes application and it is passed upon favorably, she draws his pension during her life, but at her death it stops.

Some of the soldiers, it is said, do not come to the city except on the days that the pension is distributed and always they like to linger around the city and talk over again for those stirring scenes of '61-'65, for those who participated in the war of the states never tire of telling of what happened then.

## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS LEARN TO BUILD BOATS

A ship-building ship is maintained in connection with the high school at San Pedro, Cal., where, under the practical instruction of a nautical architect, the students learn how to craft. Classes in boat-building and marine commerce make trips to the wharves and aboard ships to study ship-construction, engine-acton, and the character of the various. Ship-building law is also part of the course.

## AWAKENED TO FIND HIS WIFE WITH THROAT CUT

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 15.—Awakened by the crying of a small son, Norman H. H. Godfrey of this city discovered at 2:30 yesterday morning his wife had cut her throat with a razor, severing the vessels on both sides of her neck. A note left in the parlor announced her condition and she was found by her husband, who called a doctor and a nurse to attend to her.

## MILITANT STARTS NO SLEEP STRIKE

Miss Sylvia Pankhurst Adopts This Method in Addition to  
Hunger Strike to Force Release From Jail—Young  
American Militant Liberated

London, Dec. 15.—Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, the militant suffragist agitator, since her arrest on December 10, has adopted the more drastic method of adding a "no-sleep strike" to her "hunger and thirst strike" in order to force the prison authorities to release her. She accomplishes this by walking continually. Her condition is already aggravated and her friends expect her release shortly.

The police, however, plan to keep both Miss Pankhurst and her mother in jail until after today's weekly meeting of the Women's Social and Political Union.

In the meantime the militants continue their violent tactics. The arson squad last night burned down an empty mansion near Bristol. Another party broke every window in the Richmond police station.

Miss Zeila Emerson, the American suffragist, was brought up at the Police court today charged with disturbing the peace last evening in the Bow district of East London. She entered the prisoner's enclosure with one arm in a sling. It had been badly wrenched in the scuffle with the police.

The police testified that Miss Emerson had smashed a policeman's helmet with the pole of a hammer she was carrying. The magistrate remanded her for a week on bail, after she had promised to keep the peace until the conclusion of the case.

## Cause of Eye Weakness Charged to Barbershop

New York, Dec. 15.—The New York committee on the prevention of blindness sounds an alarm today by the report that more than half of the cases of eye weakness among men of this city may be traced to barber shops. It is alleged that bay rum and other face lotions used in some shops contain wood alcohol and that the inhalation of the fumes or drops of the liquid in the eye causes serious trouble.

## BIG GUNS SHIPPED TO FORTIFY PANAMA CANAL

Christobal Sails With Fourteen  
Large Mortars—Artillery-  
men Also Sailed.

New York, Dec. 15.—The steamer Christobal, operated by a government steamship company between New York and Panama, left port today heavily loaded with the first of the big guns to be sent to the isthmus for the fortification of the canal.

The ship carried fourteen large mortars whose carriages are already in place at the Atlantic and Pacific entrances of the canal. Within two weeks the guns will be mounted and ready for use. A detachment of coast artillerymen sailed with the guns today on the Christobal.

The largest gun in the Panama fortifications will be a 16-inch rifle, which will be installed at the Pacific entrance. It will be carried by the Christobal on her next trip about the middle of January.

In addition to the forts at the entrances of the canal, inland defenses will be constructed along the shores of the canal. The headquarters for the army, navy and marine corps on the isthmus are at the Pacific entrance of the canal but several posts will be maintained elsewhere, including the Atlantic entrance.

## FAST WORK ON TRYON AUTOMOBILE ROAD

Special to The Gazette-News.  
Tryon, Dec. 15.—Work on the automobile road that is being built from Tryon to Rutherfordton is progressing very fast, and it is stated that about 50 men with as many teams are engaged on the job. The work is being supervised by Will Olsen, an expert road engineer, and J. D. and J. F. Blankenship have charge of the actual construction of the road.

It is expected that Tryon will be visited by a large number of winter tourists when the holidays are over and preparations are being made to receive them.

W. P. Swann, for 13 years superintendent of the Tryon Hoistery mills at Tryon, has resigned, owing to ill health.

## POLICE SAY CALZARO WAS VICTIM OF THE BLACK HAND

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 15.—Frank Calzaro died in the hospital at Bradock, Pa., early today another victim of the black hand. The police declare, of the black hand, that has been waged in the suburb for almost a year. The shooting occurred within a few feet of a black hand murder three months ago. The man, like his predecessor, escaped.

## PRESIDENT WILSON'S COLD IS "DOING VERY NICE"

Washington, Dec. 15.—President Wilson, ill with a cold, was declared today to be "doing very nice." The president remained in his room but took up his work for the first time in several days, dictating a number of letters and reading official papers.

## EVEN DIVISION OF COMMITTEE

Forces Against Republican Ex-  
traordinary Convention

To Fight Reduced  
Representation.

BY TOMORROW MAY  
BE THE DIVISIONS

Odds Said to Favor Conven-  
tion—Hilles Says He Is

Not Using Power  
Of Position.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Such members of the republican national committee as had arrived here today indicated almost an even division of sentiment on the questions of party reorganization which are to be taken up in conferences beginning tomorrow.

The forces opposed to an extraordinary convention were lining up against the proposed reduction in southern representation. Some committee members regarded it as probable that before the actual work of the committee begins tomorrow there will be three divisions of opinion. In the first will be found the national committee members who favor the calling of a convention immediately; in the second will be those who are opposed to any convention at all and in the third will be others who are willing to have a national convention but who do not see any pressing need for it.

The first and third groups are expected to join against the second, and the odds are said to be in favor of a convention. According to predictions of Chairman Hilles, the convention probably will throw out its differences in open session and the advocates of all proposals will have an opportunity to give their arguments in public.

In addition to the members of the committee who expect to speak, Ormsby McHarg has asked for a hearing. Mr. McHarg is understood to have prepared a brief against the right of the national committee to call an extraordinary convention. Chairman Hilles said today that he was not attempting to use the power of his position for either contention and holds to the view that it is a question to be settled by a majority of the committee.

## TRAIN IS BURIED IN TUNNEL BY EARTHQUAKE

Four Persons Killed and 34  
Injured—Hurricane Im-  
peded Rescuers.

Chemnitz, Germany, Dec. 15.—Four persons were killed and 34 seriously injured early today by the crushing of a passenger train in a tunnel which collapsed during a slight earthquake. The train was bound from Roswitz to Chemnitz. The tunnel which collapsed pierced the Harz cliffs, eight miles from here. The locomotive and six cars were buried beneath heavy rocks.

A relief party with doctors and ambulances from Chemnitz was brought quickly to the wreck by the signal men at the mouth of the tunnel who saw the collapse and telegraphed at once to headquarters.

A hurricane accompanied by snow hindered the work of the rescuers. The earthquake shock was plainly felt here.

## WORK BEGINS TONIGHT

Informal conferences between committee members marked the day, but the real work will begin tonight when the entire committee will be gathered at dinner of Chairman Hilles. All factions are expected to have a clearer understanding of the situation when it is over.

If the committee decides tomorrow to call a convention, it is highly probable that there will be some discussion of how best to reduce southern representation in future conventions. The republican congressional committee has drawn up several tentative plans for presentation to the national committee.

## PRACTICALLY DECIDED TO RENAME CLEMENTS

President Thinks Georgian  
Eminently Qualified to  
Stay in Office.

Washington, Dec. 15.—President Wilson has practically decided to reappoint Judson C. Clements of Georgia as a member of the interstate commerce commission. He will soon announce the name of those to succeed the late John H. Marble and Charles A. Prouty. The latter will become director of physical valuation.

Persons close to the White House say the president not only did not wish to interfere with the composition of the commission which is hearing the application of the eastern railroads for a five per cent increase in freight rates, but notwithstanding Mr. Clements' advancing years, believes him eminently qualified to continue in office.

## DECEMBER BASEBALL IN ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 15.—Nearly 1500 men, many of them in white slippers, yesterday witnessed the first game of outdoor baseball ever played in this city after December 1. Several of the city's prominent citizens, including Mayor Keller, participated in the contest and the gate receipts were added to St. Paul's "community Christmas" fund.

## EMPLOYE RETIRES

Washington, Dec. 15.—Edward S. Handberg, for two years an employee for the American association, has announced his retirement from baseball. He has accepted a position with a Washington law firm.

## MESSRS OWEN AND HIT COCK CLASH

Recalcitrant Democrat Charges Currency Bill Author Mis-  
represented Facts and Falsified Record—Senator  
Burton Offer Six Amendments to Bill.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Verbal hostilities between Senator Owen in charge of the currency bill and Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, the only democrat, who has stood out against the administration measure, broke out again in today's currency debate. At the conclusion of the senate, on motion of Senator Hitchcock, struck from the record references to him printed as a part of Mr. Owen's speech last week.

Senator Hitchcock charged that Senator Owen, in revising his speech, had withheld the original copy made by senate reporters, and had inserted sentences and paragraphs which were a "misrepresentation of fact as well as a falsification of the record."

Senator Owen said he had placed in the record to make his meaning clear "following senate customs." He expressed his willingness to have the matter stricken from the record but immediately read it into the record anew, with another attack on Senator Hitchcock for his course in connection with the currency bill.

Senator Burton today presented six amendments to the bill. One would prevent the use of the new currency as cash reserves, and another would eliminate the power of the federal reserve board to suspend the reserve requirements. The others proposed minor changes.

Senator Smith of South Carolina made a brief speech supporting the bill. He declared that the measure would replace the present "inflexible, arbitrary currency," which an elastic medium of exchange.

Senator Vandaman of Mississippi presented telegrams from Mississippi bankers protesting against government control of the regional banks if the banks were to supply capital for the system.

## Chicago Headquarters Of Beggars Association

Chicago, Dec. 15.—This city is the headquarters of a national association of beggars, according to officials of the police department. Lieutenant James V. Larkin of the detective bureau last night announced that the organization maintains a school in one of the poorer neighborhoods of the west side where recruits are taught the tricks of the trade.

"The Day Cats" is the official name of the organization, say the police. Although headquarters are in Chicago, "camps" are said to be maintained in other large cities of the country.

Methods of deception are part of the curriculum of the training school, according to the police. Recruits are taught how to "make up" as cripples and invalids. They are shown the use of acids in making healthy hands and arms appear scalded.

## FIFTEEN KILLED IN 1913 IN PLAYING BASEBALL

All of Victims Were Unskilled  
Pitchers.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Fifteen persons were killed while playing baseball during the 1913 season, according to figures compiled and published here today. Three of the deaths occurred in this city.

Twelve of the victims were killed by being hit in the head by the ball direct from the hands of the pitcher. Four tips were responsible for the other three deaths. The report points out that all of the players killed were unskilled in the game and that none of the major league players received fatal injuries. Following is a list of the fatalities:

May 18.—B. Parrot, Chicago.  
May 23.—V. Fought, Cozad, Neb.  
May 26.—J. Brushkewitz, Baltimore.  
May 30.—F. Greenwald, Holland, N. Y.

June 1.—C. Brown, Chicago.  
June 2.—W. Wiggins, Kearney, N. J.  
June 2.—P. Smith, Anacostea, Wash.  
June 2.—F. C. Whittemore, Jr., New Haven, Conn.

June 3.—J. G. Gillespie, Chattanooga, Tenn.  
June 18.—R. H. Black, Charlotte, Pa.  
June 17.—J. Whetstone, New Orleans.

June 25.—M. Rutli, Jacksonville, Fla.  
June 25.—F. W. Reed, Harvey, Ill.  
June 25.—M. McCoy, Chicago.  
August 10.—L. Roberts, Philadelphia, Pa.

## ASHEVILLE PHYSICIANS WILL BANQUET TONIGHT

Members of the Buncombe County Medical society will enjoy their annual banquet at the Battery Park hotel tonight. Preparations for the event, which is always a banner one for the medical profession here, have been going forward for some time and it is expected that the banquet will be bigger than ever before. Drs. A. W. Calloway, G. A. Tennent and Paul J. Ringer compose the committee on arrangements and they have been working hard to make the event more unique and enjoyable than ever before.

It is understood that there will be several prominent physicians present as guests of honor on this occasion, although the names of speakers and the responses to toasts assigned to them, have not been assigned, following the custom of the society. The program is always a source of much pleasure on account of the novel manner in which it is compiled, and no one is allowed the privilege of seeing it before the banquet assembly.

## COTTON CONSUMED IN NOVEMBER 482,590 BALES

Washington, Dec. 15.—Cotton consumed during November amounted to 482,590 running bales compared with 432,584 bales in November last year. The census bureau announced today. Cotton on hand in manufacturing establishments on November 30 aggregated 1,474,160 bales, compared with 1,341,012 bales last year, and in independent warehouses \$288,167 bales, compared with 2,370,715 bales last year.

Imports during November were 8089 equivalent 500-pound bales, compared with 9463 bales last year. Exports during November were 1,051,124 running bales, compared with 1,734,473 bales in 1912.

Cotton seedlings active during November numbered 33,947,721, compared with 35,972,579 in November last year.

## FIRST GOVERNMENT FUR AUCTION IN U. S.

Limited Number of Seals and White  
and Blue Foxes May  
Be Killed.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 15.—The first government fur auction ever held in the United States will take place here tomorrow. Scores of buyers from European and Canadian markets will attend the sale.

Japan, England and the United States have entered into an agreement to protect fur bearing animals. A limited number of seals and white and blue foxes, therefore are permitted by the United States government to be killed in Alaska. Heretofore the skins from these animals were sent to London to be sold at auction and the finished products were returned to the United States.

The department of commerce recently ruled that seal and fox skins which were the property of the government should be sold in this country. Being the largest fur market in the United States, St. Louis was awarded the auction.

## LEAPED OR FELL TEN STORIES TO HIS DEATH

New York, Dec. 15.—Dere Hall, described as a lawyer of Detroit, Mich., either leaped or fell ten stories to his death today from a room in the hotel Marie Antoinette. He was about 40 years old. His body was found by servants in a court yard.

## REBELS CLOSE IN ON OJINAGA

Impossible to Tell Whether  
Advance Will Result in  
Battle or Drawn  
Siege.

REPORT ISSUED OF  
FLETCHER DISPATCHES

Attacking Forces Have With-  
drawn From Tampico—  
Damage By Villa May  
Be More Good

Ojinaga, Mex., Dec. 15.—Only Americans with special passes were permitted to cross into Mexico today because of the closing in of the rebel forces and the prospect of an attack on General Mercado's 4000 federal troops garrisoned here. Whether the advance of the rebels will result in an immediate battle or a prolonged siege is impossible to tell.

Ojinaga, in the opinion of military men, is virtually impregnable. The town, about which the federalists have built strong fortifications, is on top of a plateau which rises abruptly 50 feet from surrounding ground. The river forms a half circle around it on the east and north while on the south rises a series of hills, all of which may be commanded by artillery located on the plateau.

There are three points from which an attack might be delivered. Two of these are rather difficult to maneuver cavalry across so that the other would be useless, as the rebels will rely mainly on cavalry for the offense. The natural opening for an attack would be along the river bank to the southeast.

The importance of the ultimate result here lies in the fact that should the federalists win they then would be in a position to attempt to recapture Juarez, opposite El Paso, Tex. If the rebels win, General Mercado's forces either would have to surrender or cross into the United States.

Rebels Cease Firing.

Vera Cruz, Dec. 15.—Firing has ceased this morning in the vicinity of Tampico, the Mexican rebels having retired evidently to avoid the continuous cannonade of the federal gunboats.

This was the report sent here by wireless today from Rear Admiral Frank F. Fletcher, commander of the American war vessels in the Gulf of Mexico. The distance to which the rebels had withdrawn was not stated.

Military men here regard it as probable that the rebels discontinued firing on the outskirts of Tampico pending the arrival of artillery from Victoria.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The latest messages from Admiral Fletcher regarding the battle between Mexican federalists and rebels at Tampico were summarized in the following statement made public by the navy department:

"A dispatch from Admiral Fletcher on board the Tacoma, dated 3 p. m. Saturday, December 13, advises that the constitutionalists have shut off the water supply of the city.

"At 10 p. m. he advised that H. M. S. Hornet was in the river carrying the flag of Rear Admiral Craddock.

"Writing at noon on Sunday, December 14, Admiral Fletcher advises that conditions have not changed and that the Ward Line North Castle has arrived. There is a north wind blowing and until the weather moderates it will not be possible to transfer refugees to the steamer. He advises that the constitutionalists have withdrawn from the immediate vicinity of Tampico.

"At 1 a. m., December 15, Admiral Fletcher advises that conditions have not changed since he sent his last despatch.

Brigadier General Bliss, commanding the United States border patrol, reported to the war department today that he had reason to believe that any losses to foreigners in Chihuahua City caused by General Villa's Mexican rebel troops would be made good.

General Bliss added that General Carranza, the head of the rebels, had dispatched an agent, Felix Sommerfeld, to Villa with despatches directing respectful treatment of foreigners and if necessary would visit Villa himself.

Inasmuch as there has been difficulty in communicating by telegraph with Chihuahua City, American Consul Edwards at Juarez has sent a messenger by automobile to get details of events there from Consul Fletcher. Until a report is received from the latter no formal comment is expected here.

## EMINENT DIVINE AND BOTANIST HAS PASSED

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 15.—Rev. Ren-  
den D. Nevius, D. D., 50 years old,  
who founded more than 30 Episcopal  
churches in the Pacific northwest died  
here yesterday. He was a botanist  
and a plant named in his honor. The  
"Neviusia alabamica" is grown exten-  
sively in England.