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Sugar Trust Has Underweighed for Twenty-Five Years.

GOVERNMENT PROSECUTING

Alleged That Trust Corrupted Customs Officials and Stole 5 to 10 Per Cent On Every Cargo.

New York City.—New facts have been revealed in the case of the sugar trust, which has been underweighed for twenty-five years. The government is taking cognizance of this fact and is prosecuting the case. The trust has been found to have underweighed sugar for twenty-five years, and to have paid the difference to customs officials. The trust has also been found to have corrupted customs officials, and to have stolen 5 to 10 per cent on every cargo. The government has now taken steps to prosecute the case, and to recover the money that has been stolen. The trust has been found to have underweighed sugar for twenty-five years, and to have paid the difference to customs officials. The trust has also been found to have corrupted customs officials, and to have stolen 5 to 10 per cent on every cargo. The government has now taken steps to prosecute the case, and to recover the money that has been stolen.

CAUSE OF ANDERSONVILLE DEATHS.

Dr. Kerr, Surgeon at Prison, Says It Was Pellagra.

New Orleans, La.—That hundreds of deaths which occurred at the Confederate prison at Andersonville, Ga., during the summer of 1864 were due to typhoid fever, as then supposed, but were caused by pellagra, was the opinion expressed before the Southern Medical Convention here by Dr. J. W. Kerr of Corsicana, Texas. Dr. Kerr, who was surgeon at the Andersonville prison, described the symptoms of the disease which attacked the inmates so fatally at that time, and in nearly every particular were recognized as being characteristic of pellagra.

HARD TIMES IN ENGLAND.

Labor Conditions Going From Bad to Worse.

Washington, D. C.—Labor conditions in Great Britain are going from bad to worse, judging from the report of John L. Griffiths, consul general at London, to the department of commerce and labor. Wages are being lowered and the hours of work are decreasing, while an alarmingly large increase in the number of those who are registered as unemployed is being given concern. Last year, during the entire twelve months, the wages of 464,000 persons were reduced because of the bad times. In the six months of 1909, from January to June, or just half the time, 1,008,275 were compelled to submit to reductions in their earnings. The gravity of the situation is vividly set forth by the statistics of the unemployed, prepared and compiled by the British government. These show that in the first three days of registration in London last month 2,590 persons applied for work than in the corresponding three days of October, 1908.

LET TARIFF ALONE.

Manufacturers Want No Further Agitation.

New York City.—The country should let well enough alone, as regards the tariff, says the National Association of Manufacturers, in a statement disseminating certain announcements that have been sent out of late, indicating that the association was keeping up agitation on the subject. "Some one has been issuing circulars in our name," says the statement, "that we are planning a crusade of agitation for further tariff revision. This is untrue. We feel that the tariff question has been disposed of by congress, and that any attempt to revive the subject will only injure business and retard the return of prosperity."

QUEEN JOINS MOTHERS.

Helena of Italy to Work for Welfare of Children of World.

Atlantic City, N. J.—Queen Helena of Italy is to become a member of the International Congress of Mothers, according to letters received from the Italian embassy at Washington by the board of managers of the National Congress of Mothers at their session here. In expressing a desire to join in the work for the welfare of children of the world, Queen Helena declared her intention of sending a special envoy to the meeting of the organized mothers of the land to be held at Denver next year. It is expected that other European sovereigns will follow suit.

Longshoremen on Strike.

Jacksonville, Fla.—Demanding an increase of 5 cents an hour between 800 and 900 longshoremen struck this week, and as a result twenty or more ships cannot be unloaded at this port. Stevedores declare they will not grant the increase and will fight to a finish.

14 Persons Killed in Wreck.

Vancouver, British Columbia.—A runaway car crashed into a crowded passenger car on the British Columbia Railway Company's Interurban line. Fifteen persons were killed, including the motorman and conductor of the freight car. The passengers were mostly workmen, bound for New Westminster. Seven were injured, two seriously.

\$500,000 From Tips.

New York City.—Tipp and his savings were a windfall for James P. Smith, waiter at a restaurant, that when he died recently he left an estate valued at half a million dollars.

State Receives "Conscience Money."

Columbia, S. C.—The dispensary commission has recovered \$9,500 more in conscience money from twenty-one other firms, one \$9,000 and the other \$500. The money is in the hands of the state treasury. This makes \$47,000 altogether received in this manner. Attorney Felder says more is coming, and he will bring the total up to a quarter of a million dollars before the investigation closes.

NORTH HAS HOOK WORM

Hygiene Expert Has Been Investigating the Disease.

NOT CONFINED TO POOR

Observations Have Shown Ten Times as Many Sufferers in New York as in Southern Factory Districts.

Nashville, Tenn.—Miss Susan Lawrence Davis, a hygienic expert of New York city, is here en route east from a trip through the south, where she has been investigating the hook worm disease. She is in position to speak authoritatively concerning only certain sections, but her investigations thus far tend toward the conclusion that there are no more, if any, hook worm victims in the south than in the north. She declines to make a positive assertion until she has carried her investigations further.

EDEN A MYTH.

Isaiah, Ezekiel, Jeremiah Called Muck-Rakers.

Lawrence, Kan.—The prophets Isaiah, Ezekiel and Jeremiah were classed as muck-rakers and many of the stories of the old testament were termed myths by Dr. Charles Foster Kent in his address before the students of the University of Kansas here. "The prophets of Israel were the social reformers of their times," he said. "They were muck-rakers, to use a modern term. They were earnest in their methods, notable Isaiah, Ezekiel and Jeremiah. While Professor Kent believes that many of the stories in the old testament are myths, he sees good in them. He says the prophets were teaching simple people and were forced to use extraordinary means to drive home the points. In discussing the story of the Garden of Eden, the speaker said he believed it to be a legend that served the child-like minds of the people to whom it was first related."

MILLION TO FIGHT DISEASE.

Of the Sum of \$700,000 Will Be Used to Save Tubercular Children.

New York City.—For fighting disease separate gifts totaling nearly a million dollars were announced in New York. Of this sum \$700,000 is to be used for the establishment of a tuberculosis preventorium for children, while \$150,000 was given by Mr. and Mrs. William C. Sloan for a 7-story addition to the Sloane Maternity Hospital.

"SQUIRREL HUNTERS" PAID.

Forty-seven Years After They Served Soldiers Get Wages.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—Forty-seven years after they served as volunteer soldiers to protect Cincinnati from a threatened raid by Confederate troops, the "Squirrel Hunters" of Cincinnati have received their pay. In the mail received by a number of Cincinnatians were checks for \$13, a month's pay for a private soldier in the United States army.

WILL REORGANIZE NAVY.

Meyer's Plans Have Been Sanctioned by President Taft.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Meyer's plans for reorganization of the navy have received presidential sanction. The secretary went to Richmond, when the "Taft Day" was ended and the members of the presidential party were comfortably fixed in their cars. Secretary Meyer went to the president, according to a long arrangement, and outlined to him his scheme for improving the efficiency of the navy. The president approved of Mr. Meyer's plans and this will form the basis for the report of the secretary of the navy to the coming session of congress.

NEW GOVERNOR OF PHILIPPINES.

Manila, P. I.—W. Cameron Forbes assumed the office of governor general of the Philippines. The formal inauguration will take place November 24. Among the responsibilities left with his successor by the retiring governor general, James P. Smith, is an investigation which the latter ordered of charges of corruption at the polls filed by candidates disappointed at the recent general elections.

INFANTS' LIVES WASTED.

About 200,000 Die Annually From Preventable Causes.

Washington, D. C.—American race waste—more serious than race suicide—is pointed out in Census Mortality Bulletin No. 104, in which it is estimated that annually in the United States from 100,000 to 200,000 babies under 5 years of age die from preventable causes. The great loss of life among the little ones at the period when they are most loving and most lovable could be prevented. Such is the opinion of Dr. Cressy L. Wilbur, chief statistician for vital statistics of the census bureau, who prepared the bulletin on the basis of present day knowledge of sanitary measures. For the accomplishment of effective preventive work in this direction, Dr. Wilbur holds that the prompt registration of all births and the mere careful and precise statement of causes of death by physicians are essential.

LATE NEWS NOTES.

General.
Edward William Bedford, the Canadian who was arrested in London, England, charged, on his own confession, with the murder of Ethel Kirland, Hamilton, Ont., has now admitted that there was no truth in his story. On being brought up in the Bow street police court, however, he was again remanded in order to allow the police to make more complete inquiries.

FOUR HUNDRED MINERS DIED

Terrible Disaster in Illinois Coal Mine.

Explosion in the St. Paul Coal Company's Mine May Prove One of the Greatest Tragedies in the List of Mine Horrors.

Cherry, Ill. Special.—Many officials of the St. Paul Coal Company mine where an explosion occurred Saturday say that four hundred men are dead in the mine. Twelve bodies have been taken out. Six of these were heroes not employed in the mine, who gave their lives in a futile effort to save the imprisoned workmen. Mine Superintendent James Steele stated five hours after the explosion that it was almost impossible that any of the miners still imprisoned could escape death.

WANTONLY SHOT BY NEGROES

Young Man Fares Roughly at the Hands of Negro Boys.

Asheville, Special.—Dock Atkins, a young white man of the town 23 years of age, is at the Mission hospital seriously hurt as a result of an attack made on him Saturday night a little after 11 o'clock by two negro boys at the corner of Southside avenue and South Main street. It appears from statements of witnesses that the attack was unprovoked; that Atkins in passing simply spoke to the negro boys when one of them with an oiled whip cracked a revolver and saying something about "Don't come on me," began shooting. Atkins was shot in the breast and while at first his wound was not thought serious later there were symptoms that became alarming and Sunday the young man was removed to the hospital for treatment.

Our Orphanages at Thanksgiving.

The Orphanages of North Carolina are performing a valuable service. They deserve our interest and support. Many of our people generously contribute to the maintenance and extension of the work of institutions so worthy. Thanksgiving Day is special "Orphans' Day" in our State. At this season a people greatly blessed and grateful to God for His mercies express their thanks in a fitting, practical way by offerings to aid the work for needy, homeless little ones, a work for the kingdom of God. At the Thanksgiving season, which is approaching, may even a larger number of our people unite to do greater things for this cause than ever before. The demands upon our orphanages have increased. The cost of living has advanced. These institutions are endeavoring constantly to do a more efficient work. Their needs are greater.

To Extend Railway Lines.

Asheville, Special.—The pleasing news was given out Wednesday that the Asheville & East Tennessee Railroad Company, the company that built and is now operating the interurban electric line from Asheville to Weaverville, is making rapid preparation for an extension of the line on to what is known as the Forks of Ivy, a distance of a little more than seven miles beyond Weaverville and a total distance of about sixteen miles from Asheville. It is understood that the surveys are all complete; that rights-of-way have been given the company for quite a distance toward the Forks of Ivy and that probably the contract for the extension work will be let this fall or inter with actual construction of the line undertaken early in the spring.

Oyster Crop Very Low Owing to Dry Weather and Low Water.

Newbern, Special.—The supply of oysters in this market is pretty good but the quality very inferior. Few fat oysters have been brought here so far. Most of them are very poor and watery and the price is around 50 cents a tub—at times 75 cents and as low as 35 cents. The past few days has seen the price drop considerably as they can now be bought on the streets for 15 cents a quart and the best for not over 25 cents a quart. It is said that so much dry weather and low water is responsible for the poor quality of the bivalves.

Dread Pellagra Claims a Victim at Wilmington.

Wilmington, Special.—Mrs. Leah R. Duke, aged 32 years, died at the James Walker Memorial hospital Friday after a long illness of pellagra. She is survived by her husband and one child.

Would Mob Motorman.

Greenville, Special.—A small mob of nearly a hundred people held a street car Sunday afternoon just outside of the city limits and some threats were made against the motorman, who had run over a girl about 16 months old. The girl was not seriously injured by the mob spirit seemed rising and county officers were sent for to quiet the crowd. There were no arrests made.

Valuable Old Furniture Destroyed in Buncombe County by Fire.

Asheville, Special.—It is learned here that as a result of a fire in Limestone township Thursday night which destroyed the residence of Miss Delia Yeaton many valuable heirlooms and much old and rare mahogany furniture were burned. It means that the origin of the fire is unknown; that Miss Yeaton spent the night with a nearby friend leaving a boy in charge, that when the fire was discovered it had gained such headway that very little was saved from the structure. The loss of the furniture is irreparable.

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THREE DIE IN A FIRE.

Pittsburg, Pa., Special.—Three unidentified men, all foreigners, are dead; five others are seriously injured, and twelve men and women are suffering from bruises and shock, the result of an early morning fire in a Polish lodging house on the river front Sunday. When the fire broke out at 4 o'clock, about thirty persons were asleep in the building. Firemen aroused the occupants of the place and carried the women and children to safety.

Death From Football.

Washington, Special.—Football has claimed another victim in Archer Christian, the 18-year-old left-half-back of the University of Virginia team whose injury in the game with Georgetown University Saturday afternoon was followed by his death at Georgetown University hospital Sunday morning. The body was taken to Richmond Sunday afternoon for burial.

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