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A GOLDEN BEE-HIVE

Return of Prosperity Sets United States Mint Busy.

EMPLOYEES RESUME PLACES

Renewal of Activity Due to Fresh Orders from Washington for Immediate Coinage—One Order for \$10,000,000 in \$20 Gold Coins.

Philadelphia, March 13.—With the return wave of prosperity the United States mint in this city has again become a golden bee-hive of industry.

Throughout the week employees who had been laid off have been receiving instructions to resume their posts and Thursday a full force was at work, aggregating about 550 persons.

It was stated at the mint that this renewal of activity was due to fresh orders from Washington for immediate coinage. Leading these orders was one for \$10,000,000 more in \$20 gold coins.

FIRE ON BOARD STEAMER.

Prompt Action on Part of Captain Prevents Loss of Hundreds of Lives.

New York, March 13.—Prompt and determined action on the part of Captain Applby, of the Fall River steamer, Providence, prevented what otherwise might have been a serious catastrophe when fire broke out on the craft while she was coming up Long Island sound bound from Providence for New York early Friday.

Three hundred and fifty passengers were asleep on the Providence when the fire was discovered on the freight deck of the steamer which was then off Sands Point, 20 miles from New York. Fearing that if the alarm was permitted to spread over the ship he would have a panic of passengers with which to contend as well as a fire to fight, the captain sent a wireless call to the steamer Richard Peck, of the same line, which he knew must be somewhere in the vicinity.

The Richard Peck also was bound for New York, and while she had not been sighted during the night it was seen that her schedule would bring her at that hour to within a few miles of the Providence.

The call was quickly answered, the predicament of the Providence was explained, each steamer was advised of the other's position and they started towards each other. When they came together the fire was still in progress on the Providence, but the passengers who had been aroused a few minutes before had been told of the coming relief and were quietly waiting to be transferred to the other steamer.

The sea was calm and the transfer was made quickly and with little difficulty.

The officers declare that there was not even a sign of uneasiness apparent among the passengers and that the whole affair was carried through without trouble of any kind.

BLACK HAND LETTERS SENT.

Mayor and Police Captain of Spartanburg Threatened.

Spartanburg, S. C., March 14.—According to threats made in Black Hand letters received by Mayor J. F. Floyd and Police Captain Hall, they have only three more days to live.

The letters are written in red, and signed by members of gang "Number 42."

The police are of the opinion that the letters were written by members of a gang that were recently surprised by the police. The threatening letters have not caused either of the officials any worry.

\$10,000 FIRE IN MILLS.

Pickers' Building of the Coolemees Cotton Mills Burned.

Winston-Salem, N. C., March 14.—The pickers' building, warp and machine room of the Coolemees cotton mills, in Davie county, were destroyed by fire which started in the picker building Friday, entailing a loss of over \$100,000, fully covered by insurance. The origin is unknown.

Cwing to the excellent fire fighting equipment, the other buildings were saved. B. N. Duke, of New York, is president of the company.

Bank President Falls Dead.

Cleveland, Tenn., March 13.—John B. Fillauer, president of the Merchants' bank of this city, fell dead in the bank at 3:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon, a few minutes after the close of the day's business. Heart failure was the cause of his death.

HOUSE STIRRED BY BACON.

Georgia Senator Severely Criticizes President Roosevelt.

Washington, D. C., March 14.—The severest criticism yet directed against the president by a member of the upper house of congress was delivered in the senate Friday by Senator Bacon. With continued aggressions by executives, he argued that this government would soon be as autocratic as Russia.

He declared that executive usurpation had continued unblushingly and even boastfully, for so long that the country had almost become accustomed to it. His words took on particular vehemence. So far did he diverge from his usual self-contained and orderly manner of speaking that he felt constrained to apologize during the latter part of his address for his heated manner. Though he declared that everything he had said was the truth, he thought it might be imprudent.

Senator Tillman protested that the apology was out of place. "If true, why imprudent?" he exclaimed.

Other democratic senators sitting near the Georgian insisted he had said no more than was proper. He then largely modified his apology, and insisted that he meant every word he had uttered.

What brought forth this unexpected and impromptu outburst from the senator from Georgia were published reports that the president had in course of preparation another special message to congress, in which he would reiterate his determination to force through certain legislation at this session of congress.

GRAFTERS FOUND GUILTY.

Sentences Given in the Pennsylvania State Capitol Scandal.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 14.—The jury in the first of the capitol conspiracy cases to be tried gave a verdict of guilty as to every one of the four men who have been on trial here for the last seven weeks Friday night after six hours' deliberation. There were two ballots taken, but the jury did not come into court until two hours after reaching a conclusion, being out altogether eight hours.

The men found guilty are: John H. Sanderson, contractor; William P. Snyder, former auditor general; W. L. Mathues, former state treasurer, and James M. Shumaker, former superintendent of public buildings and grounds. Motions for new trials were made in each case.

Only Sanderson and Snyder were in court when the verdict was given and neither would talk. None of the counsel for the defendants would say anything in regard to the case. The state's attorney when questioned, said that they were pleased with the result of the hard work.

The maximum penalty for each defendant in this case is two years' imprisonment and \$1,000 fine.

The four men were convicted of defrauding the state of about \$12,000,000, instead of \$4,000,000, the figure at which the contract was estimated.

KILLED BY DEPUTY MARSHAL.

Citizens Raised Fund of \$500 for Arrest of Slayer.

Spartanburg, S. C., March 14.—According to a telephone message from Tryon, N. C., R. F. W. Allston, an official of the Lynn Hosiery company, of Lynn, N. C., near Tryon, was shot and killed at the mill Friday by Deputy Marshal Lee Fisher. Fisher escaped. Citizens raised a fund of five hundred dollars as reward for Fisher's arrest.

Allston and Fisher quarreled, it is said, in regard to some work the latter had been doing for Allston.

Gees to Meet Fleet.

San Francisco, March 14.—Bearing a draft of a tentative program for the reception and entertainment of the battleships at San Francisco, Frank J. Symmes, chairman of the committee on reception and parade, will start next Tuesday for Magdalena bay, where he will submit the program to Admiral Evans. Until Symmes' return many of the details of the entertainment and the dates on which the various receptions and parades will take place will be left open.

Defeat Constitutional Prohibition.

Birmingham, Ala., March 12.—Constitutional prohibition was defeated in the Mississippi senate by a vote of 21 ayes to 19 nays, a majority of three-fifths being required. The defeat of the measure was not unexpected.

Lottery for Porto Rico.

San Juan, Porto Rico, March 12.—The house of delegates, by a large majority, passed a bill authorizing the insular government to operate a lottery under the supervision of the insular

WAS IT SUICIDE PACT?

Startling Story of Five Girls Who Died by Their Own Hands.

TOLD BY WOULD-BE SUICIDE

Miss Helen Baxter, One of a Party of Six Young Girls Who Came to New York from St. Paul, Minn., Tells Police Fate of Companions.

New York, March 14.—A startling story of how five young girls who came to New York from St. Paul little more than a year ago died each by her own hand, was told Saturday by seventeen-year-old Helen Baxter after she had made a vain effort to end her own life.

Helen said she was one of the party of six girls who came to New York to make their way in the world after receiving a course of training in a business school in the Minnesota city. She turned on the gas in her room Friday night but was found Saturday morning in time for her life to be saved.

When asked why she had tried to end her life, the girl astonished the ambulance surgeon and others who had crowded around, by her story of the fate of her friends.

"Why should I not be allowed to die?" she asked. "My five girl companions who left St. Paul with me a year ago, after we left school, have all committed suicide. I want to die as they did and join them."

"Was it a suicide pact?" she was asked. "My five friends are all dead and they died as they chose," was her reply.

ANARCHISTS DISAPPOINTED.

Big Crowd Assembled to Hear Emma Goldman, but Police Interfered.

Chicago, March 14.—Nearly two hundred anarchists, socialists and others, assembled Friday night in front of a vacant store building at 322 Dearborn street to hear a lecture by Emma Goldman, but were disappointed. Forty or fifty policemen with Inspector Wheeler in charge, told the crowd to move. The police were there to enforce an order that came to Assistant Chief Schuetzler from the building department warning him to permit no one in the structure, which was declared to be unsafe.

Harold Leclair Ickes, the counselor retained by mysterious persons for the purpose of assuring the removal of the body of Lazarus Averbuch from the potters' field and the performance of a private autopsy, refused Friday to reveal the names of men and women who employed him.

Rumors were current that Attorney Ickes was engaged by prominent social settlement workers and well known Jewish citizens of Chicago.

BANKER WALSH SENTENCED.

New Trial Denied—Five Years in the Penitentiary.

Chicago, March 14.—John R. Walsh, former president of the Chicago National bank of this city, and convicted of illegal use of the funds of that institution, was Friday denied a new trial by Judge Anderson of the United States district court and sentenced to serve five years in the federal penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth.

As soon as the court had announced his decision refusing to grant a new trial, the defense entered a motion in arrest of judgment which they argued for some time. It was generally thought about the court room that they would consume two or more hours in giving their reasons for the granting of this motion but Attorney Hart, who presented it, ceased speaking in about thirty minutes. Judge Anderson then promptly overruled the motion and sentenced the banker to five years in Fort Leavenworth.

TO SAIL ON SECRET MISSION.

Everything Excitingly Busy at Japanese Naval Station at Sasebo.

Hongkong, March 14.—Information has been received here from Formosa that the first Japanese naval squadron would sail Saturday on secret service. The cruisers Yakumo, Akitsushima, Asama and a flotilla of smaller vessels have been coaled ready to sail at a moment's notice since March 7.

At Sasebo, the naval station, everything is excitingly busy. The Tatsu affair has caused a sensation in the navy, and some action in this department is surmised.

Petition for Bankruptcy.

New York, March 14.—A petition asking that Charles W. Morse, former

banker and steamship promoter, be declared a bankrupt, was filed in the United States district court Friday. The petitioners are Charles A. Hannah, receiver of the National Bank of North America, of which Morse was at one time vice president, Frank C. Frigle and Edward B. Shotwell.

Counterfeit Bills in Mobile.

Mobile, Ala., March 14.—The cashier of the People's bank of this city discovered Saturday two \$10 counterfeit bills and the secret service department has been notified. The money is the Buffalo Series A, of 1890 issue.

BRIEF DISPATCHES.

FRIDAY.

Jacob Schaefer, of Chicago, won the billiard match with William Hoppe, of New York, 500 to 423.

It is officially announced that President Fallieres will visit London the second week of May.

Madame Anna Gould, with her three children, has sailed from Cherbourg for the United States.

Fire has destroyed 2,000 native shacks in the Philippine islands. The loss is about \$100,000.

E. J. Watson, immigration commissioner for South Carolina, has been re-appointed for another four years.

The Western Union Telegraph company has declared a quarterly dividend of 1 1/4 per cent, payable in stock.

John C. Peck, late architect of Atlanta, left an estate worth about a quarter of a million. Will has been filed for probate.

The cruiser Yankton has reported that her expedition to indefatigable sea to find Fred Jeffs, American seaman who was abandoned there, had been futile. Jeffs was not found.

SATURDAY.

Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, has accepted an invitation to address the students of the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, on May 26.

There is no change in the situation at Benning, Ark., where 1,000 coal miners are on strike because of the refusal of their employers to employ shot frers.

A detachment of French troops reconnoitering in the Saouri region has had a sharp brush with tribesmen, in which an officer was killed and two men wounded.

James Jeffries, a well known republican, died at Memphis, Tenn., after a lingering illness. Mr. Jeffries had been surveyor of customs at Memphis for the past twelve years.

About 1,500 operatives were affected by the closing down in New Orleans of the Lamb-Magnin cotton mills. The mills only resumed work last Monday after a week's suspension.

General Marceliano Vargas, of Bogota, Colombia, has been given the portfolio of minister of government and F. J. Urrutia that of foreign affairs in the cabinet of President Reyes.

General Giovanni Battista Degiorgis, who for years past has been chief of the international gendarmerie, doing service in Macedonia, died in Rome, Italy, recently. His end came unexpectedly.

Directors of the Southern Railway company held a meeting in New York recently, but took no action on the matter of dividends. The company paid 5 per cent dividends annually on its preferred stock until last October, when a semi-annual dividend of 1 1/2 per cent was declared.

CONVULSED THE HOUSE.

Louisiana Congressman Causes Laughter Among Members.

Washington, D. C., March 14.—Representative Watkins, of Louisiana, convulsed the house by reciting an original poem entitled "What Is to Come." It was in eight stanzas, the first six of which referred to the promise of the republicans to revise the tariff and do other things. Before these things would come to pass, he said:

"A Cannon must be first shot off,
"Fairbanks must then be tunneled through;
"The skies must change their azure Hughes,
"And Billy Taft put up the dough.
"The people must all go to sleep,
"Until Gabriel blows his horn,
"Americans must sure forget
"William J. was ever born."

Alleged Murderer Captured.

Thomasville, Ga., March 17.—Ed Williams, a negro who is wanted in Taylor county for the murder of a white man a week ago, was caught in this city by the police. He was taken back by the sheriff of that county and will be tried at once. Fear of lynching will compel the authorities to take the prisoner to Perry for safe keeping. There was a reward for his capture of \$300.

MEN IN HAIL OF LEAD

Reported Conflict Between Chilean Forces and Strikers.

MACHINE GUNS WERE USED

News of a Great Conflict at the Nitrate Beds of Chile Has Been Received in Which 2,500 Men Were Laid Low, Most of them Killed.

San Francisco, March 12.—Machine guns operated by the government forces of Chile in a great conflict with strikers at the nitrate beds and in the city of Iquique laid 2,500 men low, most of these being killed, according to advices received Wednesday by the Australian steamer Christianopors, arriving direct from Chile.

Business at Iquique, which had never been seriously disturbed by anything but earthquakes, was paralyzed when the great army of workers went on strike. One fracas after another occurred, until soldiers and strikers met in the streets of Iquique and on the outskirts and openly defied each other.

Being ordered to drive the army of men away and disperse them, the police opened fire while they formed and literally mowed down the men. They had little opportunity to fight back, even had they been armed, the assault upon them was so sudden. This took place on Jan. 11, and was followed by two or three days of oppressive gloom in the community while the funerals of the killed were taking place.

A week later, as though by common agreement, the strikers went back to work without the expected advance in wages.

It was reported that the mine owners will voluntarily increase the pay of many of their employees.

NO SHORTAGE FOUND.

Reported Shortage of Alabama Fair in 1906 Explained.

Montgomery, Ala., March 12.—It is found, according to reliable information, that the reported shortage in the management of the state fair at this place in 1906 has been fully explained by a re-examination of the books and that the accounts will be found to work out satisfactorily. This is based on a report of Expert Accountant Haralson, which is said to have been turned over to the officers of the fair association.

The entire matter now promises to be cleared up to the credit of all the officers of the fair of that year.

Certain it is that so far most of the reported shortage of \$20,000 has been accounted for in the regular way.

\$11,431,346 APPROPRIATED.

Agricultural Appropriation Bill Reported to the House.

Washington, D. C., March 12.—The agricultural appropriation bill was reported to the house Wednesday. It carries total appropriation of \$11,431,346, which is \$1,420,000 less than the total amount asked for by the department of agriculture.

The bill carries an increase of \$248,720 for the weather bureau, making a total for this bureau of \$1,662,260. The increase is chiefly due to the provisions for the construction of weather bureau buildings, including one at Richmond, Va., and for the restoration of the building at Mt. Weather, destroyed by fire last October.

Six Peasants Killed.

Voronezh, Russia, March 12.—Six peasants were killed and several others were wounded in an encounter with a detachment of police at the nearby village of Kochetovka. The police went into Kochetovka for the purpose of arresting two members of the peasant revolutionary organization. The intention of the police became known, and the peasants rallied to prevent the carrying out of this plan.

Five Italians Released.

Tampa, Fla., March 12.—Baffled by the secrecy maintained by all Italians, including the victims, the police department has released five Italians held in connection with the shooting of Dr. Crana and two companions from ambush Sunday night.

Charge of Embezzlement.

Glenville, Ga., March 12.—E. H. Baughman, cashier of the People's bank, who was displaced a few days ago, was Wednesday morning arrested on a warrant sworn out by C. C. Padgett, president of the bank, charging embezzlement.

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Having qualified as administrator of Walker McGaha, deceased, late of Transylvania county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 14th day of February, 1909, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This Feb. 8, 1908. J. E. MERRELL, Administrator.