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VICTIMS OF TRUSTS

Awful Results Follow Increased Cost of Living.

DEATHS IN NEW YORK

In New York There Has Been Forty Per Cent. Increase in Suicides—Over 100,000 Persons Seek Shelter in Free Lodging Houses.

New York.—The climax in the fight against high prices not only of food-stuffs, but other commodities as well, is expected in the east soon with official action against the "beef trust" and "cold storage trust," and with individuals aiding in the battle with their boycott of prohibitively high-priced foods.

Statistics show general effects from high prices which are astonishing. One-sixth of those dying in Greater New York are buried in the Potter's Field. The ratio of suicides in the environs of New York has increased 40 per cent. More than 102,400 persons are seeking shelter in free lodging houses, an increase of 100 per cent. More than 50,000 persons are seeking relief from charitable organizations, an increase of 82 per cent. More than 2,500 persons have been sent to the almshouses, an increase of 15 per cent. More than 1,300 husbands have been placed under bonds to support their families, an increase of 13 per cent.

Charged to Food Trusts.

These figures have been compiled over that period of time in which the "food trusts" and other combinations were gradually increasing prices. With the climax reached within the past few weeks interested persons began to inquire into statistics. Some of the figures cover the period of a few weeks; others go back to the end of the 1907 panic, when prosperity burst forth and the trusts began to take advantage of the opportunity to edge up prices a few cents at a time.

Nothing Has Escaped.

Perhaps there is nothing that has escaped. It costs more to die than it did a few years ago, for medicines, revolvers, cemetery lots and burial clothing have all gone up. There is even agitation for higher rates for physicians.

The outlook is fearful, even in considering the grewsome subject of death. From the slogan of "high cost of living" it may eventually be changed to the "increased cost of dying."

BOLD TRAIN ROBBERY.

Three Unmasked Men Relieve Passengers of Valuables.

Pittsburg, Kan.—Three unidentified men held up and robbed the passengers on an eastbound Missouri Pacific passenger train 5 miles east of here. They were unmasked. About \$400 and a small amount of jewelry were taken from the passengers.

The robbers boarded the train on the outskirts of Pittsburg. They took seats in the chair car and rode quietly along until the train was near Cornell, Kan. There they leaped from their seats, backed Conductor Garrity into a corner and, drawing revolvers, warned him not to call for assistance.

One of the robbers then covered the passengers with two large revolvers. "You will now prepare to give up your valuables," he said. "My partner here will pass among you. Please be quiet."

The "partner" thereupon produced a gunnysack and started on his collecting tour. From each passenger he took everything of value. Money, watches, diamonds and rings all went into the sack.

ONE KILLED, FOUR HURT.

Rear-End Collision Occurs in South Jacksonville.

Jacksonville, Fla.—One man was killed outright and four others seriously injured in South Jacksonville, when train No. 36, from St. Augustine, crashed into the rear end of train No. 40, the New Smyrna express, which was standing at the station. Train No. 36 was known as the "Over Sea

Limited," from Kight's Key to New York.

Train No. 40 had stopped at the station, then pulled up to take on water, when No. 36 came bounding along at a 40-mile-an-hour speed, striking an empty private Pullman, literally tearing it into kindling wood.

Flagman J. L. Baker, who was on train No. 40, was instantly killed; Conductor L. C. Edwards, seriously injured.

ALL GUILTY, SAYS FITE.

Superior Court Judge Talks of the Cureton Distillery Case.

Trenton, Ga.—That Collector of Internal Revenue Rucker and every other official of the government who upheld Stegall in declining to divulge the operations of the Cureton distillery is guilty of a violation of the prohibition law, is the latest edict of Judge Fite, of the Dade county superior court, so it is claimed.

Judge Fite opened court here and the United States Storekeeper and Gauger Thompson was brought before him, charged with, it is reported, obstructing legal process in his arrest, and upon his valving committal, required him to give bond in the sum of \$500 for his appearance at the next regular term of the Dade county superior court.

From the evidence, Judge Fite, it is said, held that Thompson was guilty of violating the prohibition laws of the state.

Judge Fite, it is reported, said: "There are no accessories in misdemeanors and all persons connected therewith are equally guilty. There are no exceptions on account of race, color or previous condition or of official position. The court takes the position that Collector Rucker and every other person aiding in the manufacture of whiskey is guilty of violation of the law of Georgia."

Judge Fite left here for his home in Cartersville.

Thompson furnished the required bond and goes free.

MYSTERIOUS MURDER.

Prominent Augusta Physician Found Dead on Streets.

Augusta, Ga.—Dr. Charles W. Hickman, one of the most prominent physicians in the south, brother of Tracy I. Hickman, president of the Graniteville Manufacturing Company, was found dead from gunshot wounds on the streets in Summerville, the fashionable suburb of Augusta.

The Hickmans live in Summerville and Dr. Hickman had been at his brother's home, leaving there shortly after 8 o'clock. It was recalled by residents of the neighborhood that three shots were heard about that hour. There were two wounds, one in the head and one in the body. The pockets had been rifled, and Dr. Hickman's watch had been torn from his vest.

It is not known by the family whether Dr. Hickman had valuables or money in any extent on his person. There is no clue to the murder.

KILLS ENTIRE FAMILY.

Insane Man Says He Received Divine Command to Slay Loved Ones.

Fergus Falls, Minn.—William Ruckheim, aged 35 years, murdered his wife and four children and shot himself at Barker's Prairie. Ruckheim is believed to have been temporarily insane.

Ruckheim declared that he had received a divine command to proceed to a certain graveyard, where he and his family were to exhume several bodies, using only their bare hands. Unless this command was carried out before Easter, Ruckheim said, he and his family would be dragged to death. After examining the graveyard and finding that it would be impossible to perform the task on account of the frozen ground, Ruckheim said he killed his family to escape divine vengeance.

Woman Hangs Herself.

Paris.—Mme. Elizabeth Effron, for thirty years a prominent Russian revolutionist, hanged herself upon the discovery that her 14-year-old son had committed suicide after being reprimanded in school. Mme. Effron was the daughter of the former governor general of Moscow.

NO TARIFF BATTLE

Mr. Taft and the Kaiser Settle Things Amicably.

MATTER IS ADJUSTED

Negotiations Have Been Concluded Between the United States and Germany Which Have Averted the Threatened Tariff War.

Washington.—Concessions by both the United States and Germany have averted a threatened tariff war. Negotiations have been concluded between the two countries which settle the question of minimum and maximum rates with the exception of the cattle and dressed meat issue, which was eliminated from the present negotiations and which will be pursued hereafter in separate diplomatic representation.

The result of the negotiations agreed to is to exchange American minimum rates for the entire and unqualified minimum list of Germany. The result is considered just and advantageous to both countries.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

College for Teachers Comes into Active Possession of \$2,000,000.

Nashville.—George Peabody college for teachers will come into active possession of about \$2,000,000. James E. Caldwell, president of the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph company and one of those who have been more active in the matter in securing the money, will turn over to the board and others deeds for stocks, bonds and other securities, actual cash and deeds for real estate, to the face value of \$1,800,000.

At a meeting of the trustees of the Peabody fund, held in Washington, orders for this vast fund were turned over to Mr. Caldwell, who in turn was instructed to give such orders and deeds to the Peabody college trustees.

WHOLESALE MURDERS.

Arrest of Man in Tacoma May Unravel Mystery of Many Deaths.

Tacoma, Wash.—In the arrest here of William Gohl, agent of the Sailors' union at Aberdeen, charged with the murder of Charles Hartberg, the police think they have begun to unravel the mystery surrounding the deaths of more than 40 men, whose bodies have been found in sloughs and streams near Aberdeen during the last few years.

A series of crimes exceeding the horrors of the Guinness murder farm is connected in the mystery now believed nearing solution. Gohl is the agent supplying ships with men. The theory of the authorities is that he robbed returning sailors of their money and murdered them to conceal his crimes.

KILLS GIRL HE LOVES.

Unrequited Love Due to Religious Beliefs Led to Tragedy.

Baltimore, Md.—Miss Marie Lewsen, of Portland, Maine, a member of the third year class of dentistry of the University of Maryland, was shot and instantly killed by Elijah Baba Badal, a Persian Mohammedan, a second year student of medicine of the same school, who committed suicide by firing a bullet into his breast.

The double tragedy was the result of unrequited love due to religious beliefs.

DEATHS AMONG LABORERS.

Half Million Killed or Wounded in 1909, It is Said.

Chicago.—"A conservative estimate of the killed and wounded in America's industrial army in 1909 is 500,000. In addition to the needless waste of life and limb, there is an annual economic loss of \$250,000,000 in wage-earning efficiency."

This was the assertion made by Dr. William H. Tolman, director of the Museum of Safety and Sanitation, in an address before physicians at the Turk sanitarium.

NEGRO CONFESSES.

Tells of Killing of Three Women at Savannah in December.

Savannah, Ga.—Mystery surrounding the murder of three women, Mrs. Amanda Gribble, her daughter, Mrs. Ohlander, and Mrs. Maggie Hunter, on December 10th, last, has been cleared up by the confession of Benjamin Bryan, a negro, arrested last month and held on suspicion of knowing something of the crime. Bryan, it is said, made his confession to Judge Albert Wylie, member of the board of commissioners, and G. R. Butler, clerk of the board.

He told of how he had been working about the Gribble home, and upon suspecting that there was money about the place, gained an entrance and began a search for valuables; how the women discovered his presence and how to prevent their giving the alarm and preventing his escape, he attacked one after another, the weapon he used being a hammer.

At the time the awful tragedy created a sensation at Savannah and numerous arrests were made by the police in the effort to find the murderer.

It is expected a speedy indictment by the grand jury will follow and Bryan will be tried at once.

SWOPE SLANDER SUIT.

Legal Clash Developed in Sensational Kansas City Case.

Kansas City.—A legal clash developed in the sensational Swope case. It came when Frank P. Walsh, attorney for Dr. D. B. Hyde, dismissed the slander suit brought recently by the physician against John G. Paxton, executor of the Swope estate, for \$100,000 for alleged slander.

Mr. Walsh's move was made, it was stated, to prevent the opposition attorney's from obtaining the deposition of Dr. Hyde.

Counsel for Mr. Paxton thereupon promptly petitioned the circuit court to restrain Mr. Walsh's notary from taking depositions in Dr. Hyde's second suit, which was for \$600,000 damages against Mr. Paxton and Drs. Stewart and Hall. The suits were on account of Hyde's name being connected with the alleged Swope poisoning.

The restraining orders were granted and served upon Mr. Walsh.

BROKAW DIVORCE CASE.

Wife of Millionaire Gets Separation and \$15,000 a Year Alimony.

New York.—Mrs. W. Gould Brokaw, wife of the millionaire yachtsman, has been granted a separation and \$15,000 a year alimony by Justice Putnam in the supreme court at Mineola, L. I., as a result of her suit against her husband for a limited divorce and \$30,000 alimony.

Neither Mrs. Brokaw nor her husband was in court when the decision was handed down.

Atlanta Man Kills Self.

Atlanta.—In a state of despondency, caused by ill health, James A. Wicker, aged 54 years, a cabinetmaker employed with the Willingham-Tift Lumber Company, committed suicide at his home, 36 Elm street, Capitol View. The wife and seven year old son of the deceased heard a pistol ring out and rushed in to find Mr. Wicker with a bullet wound through the right temple.

Will Retire Bonds.

Birmingham, Ala.—The announcement has been received here that the United Steel Corporation will within a few weeks retire the \$2,718,000 bond issue of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company, known as the DeBardeleben six per cent first mortgage bonds. It is understood the bonds will be paid in full and retired, no new bond issue being made.

Heavy Mardi Gras Travel.

Montgomery, Ala.—Mardi Gras travel is running high and taxing the Louisville and Nashville road to its utmost to handle it. Three crews, two freight and one extra, have been added to the regular train service, which, with doubling up in sections, is enabling Trainmaster Mizell to get the people over the road. New Orleans is catching the bulk of it.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

Operating the Transylvania Railroad. Effective 12:01 a. m. Sunday, Sept. 26, '09. Time Table No. 6

No. of Daily	Eastern Standard Time	No. of Daily
STATIONS		
P M		A M
4 35	Lv. Hendersonville, Ar	10 10
14 40	Yale	9 48
34 51	Home Shoe	9 44
14 56	Cahoon	9 39
34 51	Etowah	9 35
15 11	Blounts	9 28
35 17	Pearse	9 21
15 25	Davidson River	9 13
35 30	Pisgah Forest	9 10
15 40	AT. Brevard, Lv	9 05
35 35	Selma	9 00
16 01	Cherryfield	8 43
16 04	Calvert	8 40
16 10	Rosman	8 35
16 25	Quebec	8 22
16 35	Red's	8 10
6 40	AT. Lake Toxaway, Lv	8 00

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Treasurer—Z. W. Nicholls. Register of Deeds—B. A. Gillespie. Coroner—Dr. W. J. Wallis.

Surveyor—A. L. Hardin. Commissioners—W. M. Henry, Ch'n; G. T. Lyjay; W. E. Galloway.

Superintendent of Schools—T. C. Henderson. Physician—Dr. Goode Cheatham. Attorney—R. L. Gash.

Town Government.

Mayor—W. E. Breeze, jr. Board of Aldermen—T. H. Shipman, J. M. Kilpatrick, T. M. Mitchell, F. L. DeVane, E. W. Carter.

Marshal—J. A. Galloway. Clerk and Tax Collector—T. H. Galloway.

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Entry No. 2558.

North Carolina—Transylvania County. C. W. Hunt enters and claims 100 acres of land more or less lying in Dunn's Rock Township, adjoining the lands of Ed Batson and others. Beginning on a black oak on the north side of Wolf Pen Mountain, in the old Candler line, marked corner, and runs various courses and distances, so as to take all the vacant land. Entered Dec. 21st, 1909. B. A. GILLESPIE, Entry Taker.

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