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Five Weeks to Christmas



And HIGH TIME to Buy Gifts the Children Pray For--- and Avoid the Late Rush

COUNT TOLSTOI IS CALLED TO BEYOND

Great Russian Author Answers Last Call.

FAMILY WAS AT HIS BEDSIDE

Tolstoi, Seeking Solitude, Was Overcome by Fatigue and Passed His Last Days at Small Railway Station on Shores of Black Sea.

Count Leo Tolstoi died peacefully Saturday. Dr. Makovelsky and the other attending physicians and Countess Tolstoi were at his side when the end came. It was recognized long before his case was hopeless, and at 5 o'clock in the morning, after the countess had been summoned and the other members of the family had gathered in an adjoining room, the physicians issued a bulletin, announcing that the activity of the heart had almost ceased, and that Tolstoi's condition was extremely dangerous.

Several of the physicians were greatly overcome by the approaching death of Russia's great writer.

Tolstoi, accompanied only by Dr. Makovelsky, left his home at Yasnaya Polyana for the purpose of ending his days in solitude, to which he more and more inclined during his later years. His pilgrimage led him to the monastery at Shamardino, in the province of Kaluga, where he remained as the guest of his sister, Marie.

Learning that his retreat had been discovered, he insisted upon proceeding on his journey to the Caucasus, where he hoped to spend his last days close to the Tolstoln colony, on the shores of the Black sea. But, during the railroad journey, he was overcome with exhaustion and the cold, and Dr. Makovelsky was compelled to have him transferred to the flag station at Astapova, where he was made as comfortable as possible in the rude wooden building.

For five days he had lain there, suffering first from bronchitis and later from inflammation of the lungs.

Specialists were called from Moscow and other places, but, notwithstanding their efforts, the heart of the great Russian responded but feebly to the restoratives and stimulants administered. On Saturday the attacks of heart failure increased alarmingly, and many hours prior to the end the physicians had given up all hope.

The plant of the Fairmont Creamery Company, a five-story building located in the wholesale district of Omaha, Neb., has been destroyed by fire. President Rushton, of the creamery company, estimates the loss at \$600,000. The company was engaged in a general creamery and cold storage business.

ANOTHER TARIFF SCANDAL.

Gross Frauds Said to Have Been Perpetrated on Government.

United States District Attorney Wise is seemingly determined to cover for the government all the money it is claimed to have been defrauded out of during the past five years by means of alleged false invoices for importations made by Joseph Brooke & Co., manufacturer of woollens, worsteds and linings, of Bradford, England, and New York city. Assistant District Attorney Whitney, who has direct charge of the case, said:

"This is the biggest case of its kind the government has ever had. The frauds involve several woolen manufacturing companies in England. The total amount of the duties which the government has lost through these importation frauds is much greater than in the sugar under-weighting cases."

After filing of preliminary papers in a suit to recover \$200,000 damages because of the alleged under-valuation frauds, Assistant District Attorney Whitney obtained a writ of attachment, upon which Marshal Henkel seized the entire stock of Brooke & Co. Further, to protect the interests of the government Mr. Whitney obtained from Judge Hazel twenty-six additional writs of attachment, which have been served on certain banks and firms to prevent the collection of sums on deposit and accounts receivable.

Mr. Whitney said that the Brooke case was the initial one of a series of cases which the government expects to conduct against other importers. These new cases, said the federal officer, will involve claims against importers amounting to upwards of \$10,000,000.

POLITICAL UPHEAVAL.

Republicans Oust Democrats From Many Offices.

Probably few counties in Georgia have ever witnessed anything like the political upheaval or revolution that has just taken place in Fannin.

Democratic officials who had held office for years were ousted and republicans put in their places. Offices held by democrats for a quarter of a century were turned over to republicans.

In fact, the republicans made a clean sweep of it, turning out every democratic official in the county, and Fannin's political complexion has taken on new and startling hues.

Only the senator from the forty-first was saved by the democrats from the otherwise complete wreck; but J. R. Kincaid, democrat, won out for the senate with the aid of the other counties in the district.

Following it all has come quite a crop of indictments, charging vote-buying; it is claimed votes were bought right and left, and, as the result of the grand jury's investigations, many true bills were found.

POISON IN COFFEE.

Drug Placed in Drink Believed to Have Caused Death of Two.

William Sprayberry, aged 90 years, one of the richest planters of DeKalb county, Ga., and his wife, Mary Sprayberry, aged 85 years, are dead from the effects, it is believed, of drinking poisoned coffee. Three servants employed on the plantation are dangerously near death from drinking the coffee.

The Sprayberry plantation is located on the Flat Shoals road, one and a half miles from the Cedar Grove church. It is said to be one of the largest plantations in the county and is modernly equipped in every respect.

It is believed of neighbors that William Sprayberry, in a fit of temporary insanity, placed the drug in the coffee. Dr. B. M. Sprayberry, a nephew of the dead couple, stated that he had believed William Sprayberry to be insane for the past ten years. He believes Mr. and Mrs. Sprayberry died from the effects of arsenic or rough on rats placed in the coffee.

Eight Christians, one an American and two Chinese, have been killed and much property belonging to foreigners destroyed by rebellious Manobo tribesmen in the Philippines, according to a report from Brigadier General Pershing to the war department at Washington.

OIL TRUST AGAIN WINS BIG VICTORY

Trial at Jackson, Tenn., Results in an Acquittal.

IMPORTANT CASE SETTLED

Efforts of the United States to Have Assessed Against Oil Company Penalties of \$30,000,000 Have Proven Futile.

In a ruling which required just twenty minutes to read, Judge John E. McCall, in the United States circuit court at Jackson, Tenn., wrote finis to the efforts of the government to have assessed against the Standard Oil Company of Indiana penalties aggregating \$30,000,000. The rulings of the court, instructing that a verdict of not guilty be returned, came with the conclusion of the case in chief of the prosecution, and in substance holds with the contentions of the defense, that after four years the United States had failed to build its structure of evidence other than on sand.

The suit at issue was probably the most important litigation against the greater corporations ever fought out in the south.

The Elkins law, regarding interstate commerce, was violated, it was alleged, through "scheme and device" the specific offense charged being the receiving of freight rate concessions.

COSTLY CUP OF TEA.

One Thousand Dollars Paid for Same at Charity Bazar.

One thousand dollars was paid for a cup of tea in Chicago.

The mark was set at the Charity bazar at Orchestra hall, the proceeds of which, \$10,000 at a rough estimate, will be for the Home for Destitute Crippled Children.

Thomas Griffin, wealthy manufacturer, stepped into the tea room conducted by Mrs. Graeme Stewart, and two dozen pretty debutantes and ordered a cup of tea.

Griffin took a sniff. "Great, isn't it?" commented the young woman who served it.

"Yes, indeed." Then Mrs. Stewart came along. Mr. Griffin drained the last drop, then put the cup down and filled out a check.

"I want to pay for my tea." Mrs. Stewart took the check and scrutinized it.

One thousand dollars. "Never mind the change," said Mr. Griffin.

ROBIN COOPER ACQUITTED.

Final Chapter in Celebrated Case in Tennessee Courts.

Robin J. Cooper, charged with the murder of Senator Edward Ward Carmack, was given a verdict of not guilty in the criminal court at Nashville, Tenn., on recommendation of Attorney General A. B. Anderson. This was brought to a close the final chapter in one of the most celebrated cases known to the annals of the courts of Tennessee.

In striking contrast to the scenes marking the first trial of this case when the court room was packed almost to suffocation by those eager to hear every word of the evidence there were only a few persons present. Counsel were probably the only persons there particularly on account of this case.

FOREIGN NEWS NOTES. It is believed the throne has decided to accede to the demand of the senate and the provincial delegates for the early convocation of a popular parliament, says a cablegram from Peking.

A religious procession held at Calcutta, Saragossa province, Spain, resulted in a collision between clerical and anti-clerical partisans. Shots were exchanged and several persons were wounded.

Roy Buchanan, a barber, who killed J. M. Robinson last February because Robinson had kissed Buchanan's sweetheart, was convicted at Pawnee, Okla., of murder in the first degree and sentenced to a life term in state prison.

W. O. BRADLEY.

United States Senator From Kentucky Seriously Ill.



GREAT BALLOON VOYAGE.

Flight Across American Continent is Now Proposed by Aeronauts.

A balloon flight from the Pacific coast to the Atlantic coast, as proposed by the International Association of Aeronautical Pilots at its annual meeting in Boston a few weeks ago, will be attempted next year, as the result of an offer made by A. Chester Thompson, of New York, to give \$100,000 to finance the trip, besides a property valued at \$1,000.

The offer from Mr. Thompson was received today by Charles J. Glidden, president of the association, and was immediately accepted.

H. Helm Clayton, who was aid in the balloon Pommern, which won the international balloon race of 1908, will be the pilot for the coast-to-coast trip, and is confident that the trip can be made in four days.

A rubber-silk hydrogen balloon of from 160,000 to 200,000 cubic feet capacity will be immediately ordered.

Mr. Thompson makes no condition as to the trip other than that the start shall be made at some place on the Pacific coast and the landing within 50 miles of the Atlantic coast.

GENERAL ITEMS

Believing that thousands of acres of public interest lands containing oil in California have been improperly acquired by railroads, corporations and individuals, Attorney General Wickersham, it was learned at Washington, was instructed by President Taft shortly before he left for Panama to conduct a searching inquiry into the case. Specifically, the department of justice wishes to ascertain whether 6,000 acres of oil lands were patented by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company several years ago with a knowledge on the part of certain government agents that the lands contained oil. The fact, it is said, has caused President Taft, Attorney General Wickersham and Secretary Ballinger to regard with suspicion the number of entries that have been made in the oil lands of California by individuals.

Pensions for all employees of national banks and protection for their families in case of death has been proposed to the treasury department by several mutual life insurance companies. Several representatives of the companies, headed by W. C. Beers, of New York, had a lengthy conference at Washington with the comptroller of the currency as to the legality of the plan. Their proposal is to have the treasury department interpret the national bank law to permit the banks to take out a special form of policy for employees.

A London dispatch says that Lieut. Siegfried Helm, the German army officer, who was arrested, charged with having made sketches of the fortifications of Portsmouth harbor, pleaded guilty and was placed under bonds of \$1,250 not to repeat the offense.

George Gientat, aged 39 years, a truck farmer in the suburbs of Mobile, Ala., committed suicide by shooting himself in the breast with a double-barreled shotgun. He sat on one side of the bed with the muzzle to his body, and supposedly pulled the trigger with his great toe, dying in five minutes. The cause of the suicide is a mystery.

County Government.

Representative—G. W. Wilson.
Clerk Superior Court—T. T. Loftis.
Sheriff and Tax Collector—C. C. Kilpatrick.
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. Lyday; W. E. Galloway.
Superintendent of Schools—T. C. Henderson.
Physician—Dr. Goode Cheatham.
Attorney—R. L. Gash.

Town Government.

Mayor—W. E. Breese, 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.
Treasurer—T. H. Shipman.
Health Officer—Dr. C. W. Hunt.
Regular meetings—First Monday night in each month.

Professional Cards.

R. L. GASH,
LAWYER

11 and 12 McMinn Building

Notary Public.

H. G. BAILEY

Civil and Consulting Engineer and Surveyor

CITY ENGINEER HENDERSONVILLE, N. C.

NOTICE OF EXECUTRIX.

Having qualified as executrix of the last will and testament of Washington E. Galloway, late of the county of Transylvania, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said testator, to present their claims to the undersigned on or before the 9th day of July, 1911, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will make immediate settlement. This July 9th, 1910.

SARAH LUCINDA GALLOWAY, W. E. Galloway, atty. *Executrix.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of J. C. McGaha, deceased, late of Transylvania county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at office of R. L. Gash, Esq., Brevard, N. C., on or before the 27th day of May, 1911, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 20th day of May, 1910.

V. B. MCGAHA, Adm'r estate of J. C. McGaha, deceased.

Entry No. 2568.

W. J. Owen enters and claims six hundred and forty (640) acres of land, lying in Hogback Township, on the waters of Indian creek. Beginning on a white oak, E. D. Owen's corner, and runs thence north 66 deg. east sixty (60) poles to a hickory stump on top of the Blue Ridge; thence south 24 degrees east with S. A. Owen's line to a stone, S. A. Owen's corner, on top of the Blue Ridge; thence south with the top of the Blue Ridge to a black oak, John Kizer's corner; thence west, running so as to include all the vacant land on Indian creek.

B. A. GILLESPIE, Entry Taker.

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