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Four Weeks to Christmas



And the Shopgirls Will BLESS YOU if You Buy Early

MARTIN W. LITTLETON.

N. Y. Congressman Elect Gives His Wife Credit For Victory.



Photo by American Press Association.

WINS FEDERATION.

Combined Labor Interests to Meet in Atlanta, Ga.

The American Federation of Labor closed its thirteenth annual convention at St. Louis by choosing Atlanta, Ga., as its meeting place for next year.

The entire list of officers, including President Samuel Gompers, Secretary Frank Morrison and Treasurer John E. Lennon, were re-elected.

The contest between Atlanta, Washington and Rochester, N. Y., for the next year's meeting was the feature of the final afternoon's proceedings. Delegations representing the three cities made vigorous fights on the floor, but the southern city won with a vote of 8,739, against 5,337 for Rochester, and 265 for Washington.

Fraternal delegates to the British Trades' Union Congress were chosen in William B. MacFarland (carpenter), of Buffalo, and Daniel J. Tobin (teamster), of Boston; William J. Tracey (plumber), of Philadelphia, was elected fraternal delegate to the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress, while Vice President James Duncan was selected as the federation's delegate to the International Labor Secretariat, to be held at Budapest in August, 1911.

Fighting their way through dense smoke and blinding flame in a burning oil house on the Baltimore and Ohio railway, Howard Vinkendoff and Wilbert Ebery were burned to death at Pittsburg, Pa. The men had worked all Sunday and part of the night and had gone to sleep in the oil house. Sparks from a passing engine fired the little building and they could be seen running around to find the door before they fell.

BATTLE IN A CAVE.

Trapped in Mountain recess. One of Gang is Shot to Death.

Trapped in a mountain cave in which they had sought concealment after breaking jail at West Union, Ohio, three fugitives had a sharp revolver battle with Sheriff C. W. Gibbons, of Adams county, Ky. One of the fugitives was killed and the other two surrendered.

The men broke jail, fled to the Ohio river and crossed to the Kentucky side. The sheriff, with one deputy, followed, and when he caught up with the men in the mountains called upon them to surrender. The answer was a bullet from the revolver of one of the men, James Smith. Sheriff Gibbons' first shot killed Smith, and then John Gaskins and William Burke came out of the cave with hands extended above their heads. They agreed to return to Ohio without requisition.

WHOLE FAMILY POISONED.

Oysters in Turkey Dressing Thought to Have Been Cause.

Five persons in the family of F. W. Gibson, residing in Mobile, Ala., including his negro cook, were poisoned from eating oysters and had a narrow escape from death.

They ate turkey stuffed with oysters left over from the Thanksgiving dinner and soon afterward suffered excruciating agony for several hours, and it was only by heroic treatment that their lives were saved.

Gibson is chief clerk of the United Fruit Company in this city.

11,445,000 BALES.

Final Estimate Made by New Orleans Times-Democrat.

A total of the Times-Democrat for the cotton crop of 1910, as based on reports from correspondents throughout the cotton belt, relates to the actual growth of the year and is exclusive of linters, repacks, etc.

By states the crop is given as follows:

Alabama	1,165,000
Arkansas	700,000
Georgia and Florida	1,825,000
Louisiana	255,000
Mississippi	1,200,000
North Carolina	700,000
Oklahoma	900,000
Tennessee	300,000
Texas	3,200,000

Correspondents say that farmers have hitherto sold freely, as a rule, but are inclined to hold the remnant.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

The district court of appeals of the First district at San Francisco has sustained the conviction of Abraham Ruef, former political boss of that city, charged with having bribed supervisors, and denied him a new trial. The decision is contained in 46 pages written by Presiding Judge Cooper and affirms the lower court on all points. Ruef had been sentenced to fourteen years' imprisonment and was at liberty on bail.

A CHAPTER OF CASUALTIES. J. L. Holsch, 35 years old, was shot and killed by his brother-in-law, J. C. Browning, aged 20, at his home in Wichita Falls, Tex. Browning, who surrendered to the authorities, claimed that Holsch was abusing his sister and had started towards him with a knife before the shooting occurred.

A wholesale raid was made on alleged blind tigers at Gainesville, Ga., when an Atlanta detective, John Williams, turned up ten peddlers. Five of these turned up five others and were set free. Nothing could be gained from the remainder and they were fined \$100 and costs. Williams left town immediately after trial. Threats were made against him, it is stated.

William Green, aged 72 years, was burned to death, when the furnishing of his room was destroyed by fire at Memphis. Green, through mistake, had filled a kerosene lamp with gasoline, an explosion resulting when he applied a match.

The population of the state of New York is 9,113,279, according to statistics of the thirteenth census, made public by Director Durand. This is an increase of 1,844,385, or 25.4 per cent, over 7,268,894 in 1900. The increase from 1890 to 1900 was 1,265,257, or 21.1 per cent. On the present basis of apportionment, New York state will gain eight or nine representatives in the lower house of congress.

PUBLIC SWINDLED OUT OF MILLIONS

Sale of Bogus Stocks Lugged Against Firms.

FRAUDULENT USE OF MAILS

In Raids So Important That Postmaster General Hitchcock Took Charge. Postal Inspectors Fell on Two Big N. Y. Concerns and Made Arrests.

In raids so important that Postmaster General Hitchcock took charge in person, his inspectors fell on two concerns in New York city which they charge with swindling the public out of more than \$40,000,000 by fraudulent use of the mails.

Sheldon H. Burr, president of Burr Brothers; Eugene H. Burr, secretary and treasurer of the firm, and Frank H. Toby, its vice president were arrested in the first raid and held in \$20,000 bail each. The government charged that the firm sold between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000 of mining oil stock worth little or nothing.

Charles L. Vaughan, a director of the Continental Wireless Telegraph and Telephone company, incorporated in Arizona, was taken in the second raid and held in \$10,000 bail. Inspectors say his company has sold to the amount of at least \$1,000,000, which has brought in no return to the investors. Vaughan is treasurer of the Columbia Finance Company, which acts as fiscal agent for the Continental Wireless Telegraph and Telephone Company, and had charge of the Continental office in New York.

Both raids were further evidence that the government, in its warfare against alleged interstate swindlers, means business, and no longer will be content with issuing fraud orders denying them the use of the mails, but will press for convictions on original charges. The present campaign began some months ago, and has resulted in the arrest of Louis Colla and his associates, charged with operating a string of bucket shops; the officers of the nited Wireless company, the United Exchange of Chicago, the Steel-Miller cotton firm of Corinth, Miss., and more than sixty other firms in different parts of the country.

CAUGHT IN QUICKSAND.

Fearful Experience of Gilbert Stephens Near New York.

Gilbert Stephens is under the care of physicians in his home in Silver Lake Park, New York, and may be weeks in recovering from the shock of a long battle with death in quicksand.

Stephens had taken a short cut homeward and stumbled into a depression which was formerly the bed of a small lake. The place is widely known as spotted with dangerous quicksands and Stephens found himself in the grip of one of them. The more he struggled to get out the deeper he went in. For two hours he shouted for help until finally his voice was silenced by the mud which rose above his shoulders and pressed on his lungs so that he could hardly breathe.

The quicksand had reached his chin and was pulling him slowly, but surely, to death by suffocation, when William Piscule, a town constable, who was out duck shooting, saw him and came running to his rescue. Piscule hurriedly picked up an armful of brush and sticks which he threw out on top of the quicksand. This gave him a fair foothold and he reached down to Stephens, tying the straps of his gunbag beneath the helpless man's shoulders. After a long struggle he dragged the prisoner out and laid him down exhausted on the shore of the lake.

Marriage License Clerk Salmonson, of Chicago, was kept busy on Thanksgiving Day. According to report, between 800 and 1,000 marriages occurred in that city on Thursday for which licenses were issued. During his service as marriage license clerk for twenty-nine years, Salmonson has issued more than half a million marriage licenses.

FOREIGN NEWS. A. W. Finch, the London agent of Pearson Dodge & Co., of New York, was remanded for one week in the Mansion house court at London, charged with having defrauded his employers of \$125,000 received in payment of a consignment of copper. Finch surrendered to the police at Liverpool.

John W. Knight, managing partner of the defunct cotton firm of Knight, Yancey & Co., which recently failed for about \$6,000,000, was arrested at Decatur, Ala., by a United States marshal and taken to Huntsville. The arrest is made upon indictments found by the United States grand jury, charging fraudulent use of the mails. Ten leading business men of Decatur accompanied Knight to go on his bond, which it is said has been fixed at \$20,000.

A verdict of guilty in the first degree was returned at New Orleans in the case of Eugene Besancon and Francois Rodin, tried for the murder of F. H. Reidel. The jury was out for only five minutes. The dismembered body of Reidel, who was a watchmaker, was found sewed in a sack, in the Old Basin canal, October 11. Besancon and Rodin, who were arrested a few days later, made confessions, according to police.

Twenty officers and committeemen of the Southeastern Underwriters' Association were found guilty of "maliciously and in wanton disregard of the rights of the public" increasing the rates for fire insurance in the city of Newport News, and fined \$400 each by a jury drawn from Southampton county, in the corporation court at Newport News. The verdict was returned after a trial lasting one month and seven days.

Notwithstanding the precautions that have been taken to stamp it out, typhoid continues to increase among the midshipmen at the naval academy at Annapolis. Eight additional cases have been taken from the midshipmen's sick bay to the naval hospital recently, making the total number of midshipmen now suffering from the malady twenty. The cause of the outbreak remains a mystery.

Three youthful highwaymen at Chicago shot one hold-up victim to death, fired at two others, and allowed a fourth man to go after stripping him of cash and overcoat. The bandit trio committed the series of crimes on the northwest side within the period of an hour, and although seen by a half dozen persons, cleverly escaped.

News was received by telephone of the death, at Fort Dade, of Captain Charles Moore, aged 73, for thirty years keeper of the lighthouse at Eggmont Key, 40 miles from Fort Dade. Captain Moore had been ill for some time with cancer of the throat, which caused him to resign three months ago, and his death was not unexpected.

Corbin W. Mercer, a widely-known druggist, died in All Saints' church at Richmond, Va., during service. He had been in ill health for some time. He was a great-grandson of the famous revolutionary war commander, General Hugh Mercer, to whose memory the national government erected a monument in Fredericksburg a few years ago.

Percy Blake, well-known newspaper man in the south, who served as city editor of Tennessee, Mississippi and other papers and for years an authority on sporting matters, died at Birmingham, Ala., from a lengthy illness with asthma. His remains will probably be taken to Tennessee for interment.

B. F. Dillon, Sr., general superintendent of the southern division of the Western Union Telegraph Company, died suddenly at his home in the Mendenhall apartments in Atlanta on Monday. Death was caused by acute indigestion, followed by a stroke of apoplexy. Mr. Dillon stood high in the service of his company.

A special from Marion, N. C., says: A blackened and charred body supposed to be that of Jim Flynn, a white man, was found on Mount Ida, a mountain just outside the city limits of Marion, by men who were fighting the forest fire which had been raging over that and adjoining mountains for several days.

Five men are dead as a result of a premature explosion of dynamite in a Santa Fe rock cut east of Barstow, Calif. Supt. J. C. Mohler and three Mexicans were seriously injured.

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.
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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, Welch 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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