

## LAWSON WILL GIVE IT BACK

### Says He Will Not Keep Money He Got Wrongfully From American People

## "ROCKEFELLER GOT ALL HIS MONEY UNFAIRLY"

### Will Make People Sell Their Stock and They Will Not Want to Buy Again

Minneapolis, Minn., July 13.—Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, was the guest of the Minneapolis Commercial Club today. Mr. Lawson spoke before 200 members of the club after luncheon. He said in part:

"I have several millions myself, and I wronged the American people in getting it, but I did not know it at the time. When the time comes I will give that money back to them."

John D. Rockefeller is worth \$500,000,000, and I can sit down and show you in a week's time how he got every penny of it. There is no secret about it. Every dollar that John Rockefeller has got dishonestly.

"If I live I'm going to make the American people sell every dollar's worth of stock they've got, and by that time they'll know better than to buy back."

Mr. Lawson secured the Equitable Life Assurance Society heavily.

## LAWSON TELLS WHAT HIS REMEDY WILL DO

St. Paul, Minn., July 13.—Thomas W. Lawson gave a talk to a large audience at the Peoples' Church tonight. Mr. Lawson declared that should his so-called remedy, which he did not make public, be put into effect there would be a great financial revolution; there would be no more stock inflation; the money stolen from the people by the "system" would be returned to the people, and because railroads and industrial corporations would have only to earn a fair percentage on the true value of their investments, the cost of living would be reduced and wage earners would be able to enjoy greater luxuries and pay by a greater portion of their earnings.

"My friends," said Mr. Lawson, "Wall street is nothing but a trick machine. Every year Rockefeller, Rogers, Morgan and others of their class run the American people through that machine from one end to the other, and as they pass through the money in their pockets falls into the 'system's' bucket. What I propose to you is simply to reverse the operation; run the 'system' through the other way and in that manner separate them from their ill-gotten gains and return their stolen millions to the rightful owners, the American people."

## AMNESTY BILL IS TO BE WITHDRAWN

Paris, July 13.—Parliament adjourned for the summer recess tonight after an exciting scene in the Chamber of Deputies over the clause in the amnesty bill relating to those convicted of drawing up secret reports concerning the conduct of army officers, during which M. Lasies (anti-Semite) violently attacked General Andre, former minister of war, calling him a "reptile."

The sitting was suspended and at an impromptu ministerial council it was decided to withdraw the bill.

On the resumption of the sitting Premier Rouvier announced the prorogation of the chamber, thus annulling the amnesty bill. The amnesties will be granted by presidential decree.

## CLERKS' CONVENTION VOTES CHANGE IN RATE

Galveston, Tex., July 13.—At today's session of the National Convention of Retail Clerks the report of the committee on laws was presented, and brought about much discussion. By a two-thirds vote the per capita tax of members was changed from 40 cents per quarter for men and 20 cents per quarter for women to 25 cents per month for all members. The old law of \$100 funeral benefit was eliminated and a national sick benefit of \$5 per week for twelve consecutive weeks with graduated scale of death benefits of \$50 to \$500 for membership of one to ten years was adopted.

## THIRTEEN DEAD, A SCORE OVERCOME, IS RESULT OF HOT SPELL IN NEW YORK

New York, July 13.—Thirteen deaths attending the present hot spell in this city.

John McCarron, complaining of illness induced by the heat and sent to his home in Third avenue, lost consciousness as he was ascending the stairs and fell backward, breaking his neck.

Stricken suddenly by the heat as he was working on a roof in the Bronx, Samuel Schultz, a painter, fell five stories to the ground and was instantly killed. Many children were included in the death list.

## RAINS WORK HAVOC IN OLD VIRGINIA

### Bridges Washed Out, Low-lands Flooded and Traffic Delayed In Many Sections

Roanoke, Va., July 13.—The heavy rains during the past ten days have caused the mountain streams to rise very high, in some instances higher than since the freshets of 1878. Reports today show that great damage was done. Many bridges have been carried away. At Radford a new iron bridge being built across New River for the Norfolk & Western railroad was badly damaged, two spans being swept away. A big force of men, including railroad officials, worked all day to save the structure. The river at that point rose 19 feet and traffic was delayed eight hours.

At Pulaski Peak creek is higher than for years and great damage has been done to the roads and streets. At Wytheville the precipitation in 12 hours was three inches and Reed river is higher than it has been in 20 years. At Irving Goose creek is sweeping everything clean. At Roanoke the rainfall for the past 12 days has been 7.38 inches, while the average monthly rainfall for this section is but three inches. Roanoke river rose after midnight, and families in the Pecker bottoms were endangered and freed to the hills. Trains have been greatly delayed by washouts, but tonight traffic is better.

## TAR HEEL MAN IS VICE-PRESIDENT

Morgantown, N. C., July 13.—This, the last day of the convention of the instructors of the deaf, was a busy one. Papers were read in the morning by Prof. Percival Hall of Gallaudet college on "Speech Teaching in Gallaudet College"; by Mrs. J. S. Anderson of New York on "Practical Methods of Developing Hearing; Its Scope and Limitations"; by Miss Euford Joiner of Alabama on "Letters and Journals in Five and Second Years of Oral Instruction."

A deaf and blind North Carolina boy identified sprigs of shrubbery, the names of which he had been told only once before, while pupils from Ohio also showed the result of careful training. The formal sessions of the convention adjourned tonight to meet three years from now at Ogden, Utah. The present officers were all re-elected with the exception of the vice president, E. McK. Goodwin of North Carolina was elected vice president.

## AMERICANS NOT MONEY LOVERS

### Attorney J. M. Beck Declares "Moneyphobia" Is Not a Trait of American People

Frontenac, N. Y., July 13.—At the annual convention of the New York State Bankers' Association here today R. H. Flynn, president of the National Live Stock Bank of Chicago, and former Assistant Attorney General James M. Beck, of New York, delivered addresses. Mr. Beck's subject was "Moneyphobia."

He said in part:

"No charge is more false than that we are a money-loving people. No people of any time or clime ever cared less for money than we. Prodigious wealth is the distinguishing characteristic of the average American. If he has a strong purpose and an earnest desire to amass wealth it is in most cases because money is the necessary material for further constructive work. To achieve rather than to acquire is his ambition."

## SLIDE DETAINS THE MIDNIGHT TRAIN

A small landslide occurred late last night at Graphite, N. C., a few miles east of this city. Fortunately the slide was discovered before the arrival of the midnight train, No. 23, and this train was detained at Old Port while the dirt was removed from the track. The train arrived here at 3:40 this morning.

## WITTE MADE PEACE ENVOY

### President of Committee of Ministers Receives Formal Appointment

## RUMORED THAT JAPAN ASKED FOR A CHANGE

### Peace Party Overjoyed at lection; but Grand Dukes are Furious

St. Petersburg, July 13.—12:55 p. m.—Emperor Nicholas has signed the appointment of M. Witte, president of the committee of ministers, to be chief plenipotentiary representing the Russian government in the peace negotiations to be conducted next month in the United States. The appointment, which was signed after midnight, clothes M. Witte with plenary powers.

Official notification of the designation of M. Witte to head the mission was forwarded to Washington this morning. M. Witte will take passage on the North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, which sails from Cherbourg July 26.

It has been intimated that Japan officially objected to certain utterances attributed to M. Muraviev reflecting upon the Japanese nation, but inquiries made here have failed to obtain any confirmation of the rumor.

The peace party is overjoyed at the fact that negotiations have been placed in M. Witte's hands. It is the firm belief that this not only insures a successful termination of the negotiations, but that M. Witte will secure the best possible terms from his country. Some of the grand dukes and courtiers of the emperor's entourage, however, are reported to be furious at M. Witte's selection.

## COTTON MARKET SHOWS WEAKNESS

New York, July 13.—The cotton market showed weakness during the entire day, with trading fairly active and some excitement during the late afternoon session, as the decline caught stop-loss orders. The closing was within a couple of points of the lowest and barely steady at a net decline of 30 to 35 points, with October quoted at 10.58, or \$3.75 a bale below the high level of last Monday. Good crop weather and reports of liberal offerings for spot cotton were factors encouraging the bears.

## EMBRACERY NOW ADMITTED BY TWO

### Raleigh Men Say They At-tempted to Influence Jury In Duke-Kilgo Libel Case

Raleigh, N. C., July 13.—Rowan Rogers and L. P. Sorren, who are now in jail serving a sentence of thirty days for contempt of court in influencing jurors in favor of President Kilgo, of Trinity college, and B. N. Duke, of the American Tobacco company during their trial on the charge of malicious libel against T. J. Gattis, Methodist minister, today pleaded guilty in open court to embracery. They will be sentenced tomorrow. The entire jury in the case against Duke and Kilgo has been summoned before the grand jury to see if other parties are involved.

## CONCORD MAN IS KILLED IN FIGHT

### Quarrel Over Cigarette Mak- ing Ends in Death of R. V. Stough—Assailant Escapes

St. Louis, Mo., July 13.—Raymond V. Stough, a bricklayer, who came to St. Louis from Concord, N. C., a few months ago, was shot and instantly killed during a quarrel over cigarette smoking in a rooming house. John Freese, a painter, who witnesses declare, fired the shot, escaped after a long flight through the street, pursued by a roommate of Stough's.

## ATTENDANTS AT ASYLUM STRIKE

### KARSAKORSH SET ON FIRE BY JAPS

Chattahoochee, Fla., July 13.—The attendants at the insane asylum here today walked out as a result of a failure of the management to discharge D. W. Yarbrough, bookkeeper, and his wife. The trouble grew out of a real legislative investigation of the affairs of the asylum, the legislative committee bringing in a report charging a condition of gross immorality existing there. The report set out no names of the attendants but that it reflected on them. The report is said to have been founded on testimony given by Yarbrough. The superintendent was out of the city when the petition was drawn up. When it was presented on his return Superintendent Whitmer asked for four hours in which to consult with Yarbrough, and when this time expired without a decision from him the attendants left.

## TWENTY-FOUR ARE HANGED

### Leaders in Odessa Riots Pay Penalty on Scaffolds In Prisons

## SEVENTEEN MORE TO BE HANGED IN PUBLIC

### Fight Against Government Is Shown In Action of Judges at the Trials

Odessa, July 13.—Twenty-four leaders of the recent disturbances here were hanged today in various prisons. Another batch of seventeen will be publicly executed upon the arrival here of Gen. Ignatieff, president of the special conference for the revision of the exceptional law designed for safeguarding public order.

The battleship Georgi Bobelodonski has arrived here with a fresh crew for the purpose of taking 67 miles to a Subotopol for trial by court martial of 202 persons arrested and charged with robbery or incendiarism in connection with the recent riots here. 74 were acquitted today owing to a lack of evidence and 25 were sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment, the time to include the two weeks which they have already passed in prison. The extraordinary outcome of the trials has aroused much comment here. It is openly asserted that it is a political demonstration against the military government and furnishes evidence of the conflict going on between the municipality and the government, as the judges are elected by the people.

## INVESTIGATION TO BEGIN TODAY

### Plan Is Adopted Whereby Of- ficials Will More Readily Consent to Give Evidence

Washington, July 13.—The investigation by the United States district attorney into the cotton leak case with the view of evolving sufficient evidence upon which to secure an indictment or indictments will be begun here today or tomorrow. A room has been set apart for his use in the department of agriculture and the employe of the division of statistics again will be put through a rigid examination.

District Attorney Beach will be aided by officers of the secret service. It is stated that if the previous investigation of this employe of this division, under the ledge of the secretary of protection in their positions should they divulge any information which would throw light on the subject, talked freely and frankly. The officials are feeling some concern as to whether or not the New York parties whose names already have been published and others whose names have not been made known can be prevailed upon to speak out.

## SAVANNAH SAYS "I TOLD YOU SO"

Savannah, Ga., July 13.—At a special meeting of the directors of the Savannah Cotton Exchange today a resolution was passed asking the president to insist upon a full investigation and calling for the punishment of those guilty of selling information of the department of agriculture in regard to the cotton crop. The Savannah exchange last September called upon the secretary of agriculture for an investigation of an alleged leak in his department, and received a reply emphatically declaring that there was no manner in which the information could be secured in advance. This entire correspondence has been forwarded to the president.

## HENDRICKS MAKES AN EXPLANATION

Syracuse, N. Y., July 13.—State Insurance Superintendent Francis Hendricks was asked as to why reference to the Depey Improvement company and its exorbitant loan from the Equitable Life Assurance society was not contained in the preliminary report of his investigation of the society's affairs. Mr. Hendricks said:

"That was ancient history. We had gone into that before. We told them (the society) to call the loan. We marked the valuation of the property down to \$150,000. They kicked on that, and we told them that if we made any change it would be less. They then foreclosed the mortgage on the property, bidding it in for \$50,000, and they have it yet."

Mr. Hendricks said Mr. Jerome had never asked for a copy of the Hendricks report.

## ARMY SYSTEM IS UNSATISFACTORY

### London, July 13.—In the House of Commons tonight Premier Balfour referred to the speech of Field Marshal Lord Roberts in the House of Lords Monday last, in which the latter said that the armed forces of Great Britain as a body were absolutely unfitted and unprepared for war, and declared emphatically that the choice lay between conscription or some practical system of universal training. The premier said he could never be led to believe that conscription could be successfully adopted in England. He maintained that the government's scheme of army reform was the best solution of the problem.

## JORDAN GOES NORTH TO SEE ROOSEVELT

New York, July 13.—Harvey Jordan, president of the Southern Cotton Association, and Secretary Cheatham, who recently made the charges of leakage in the bureau of statistics of the agricultural department, which resulted in Secretary Wilson's report, went to Oyster Bay tonight to try to see President Roosevelt. On behalf of cotton operators here and in the South they will ask the president to make certain changes in the manner of publishing the cotton reports, particularly in regard to the acreage figures.

## BROTHER OF DEAD BANK OFFICIAL WATCHED

### BROTHER DRINK THE DEADLY POISON

Columbia, S. C., July 13.—The coroner's jury in the case of Keith Dargan, who was president of the Independent Cotton Oil company, of Darlington, who committed suicide Monday, returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death by taking carbolic acid. It was developed at the coroner's inquest that Mr. Dargan Dargan, brother of the dead man, was present at the time of Dargan's death.

This brother was placed on the stand and said that the note left by Dargan would explain all. This note was read, and in it the dead man said that although he had mismanaged he was not a coward. The par-ents of the suicide are ill from the shock.

The physician who was called to the dead man's aid testified that Dargan Dargan said he bought the acid and saw his brother drink it. Dargan gave no reference to this, however, in his testimony.

## SWEEDEN MAY FIND AN ALLY

### German Emperor Holds a Long Conference With King Oscar

## BIG DEMONSTRATION OF NAVIES PLANNED

### Stockholm, July 13.—The Associated Press is able to state on good authority that a German-Swedish alliance is seriously contemplated.

The question, it is said, was discussed at conferences between Emperor William and King Oscar on board the imperial yacht Hohenzollern at Gette today. The conferences lasted from two to three hours.

King Oscar and his party will remain with Emperor William until he departs from Gette Friday afternoon.

Besides Emperor William's personal visit, Germany will soon make the greatest naval demonstration in its history in Swedish waters. On July 29 six battleships will arrive at Gothenburg and eight cruisers at Uddvalva, while August 3 seven battleships, ten cruisers and a torpedo boat squadron is due at Stockholm and Norrkoping and five battleships at Karlskrona.

The government has granted the squadrons permission to enter war ports.

## JEROME REFUSED COPY OF EVIDENCE

### Hunter Will Not Let Him Have the Record of Equit- able Life Investigation

New York, July 13.—District Attorney Jerome today made an unsuccessful attempt to secure from the office of First Deputy Superintendent of Insurance Robert H. Hunter, in this city, a copy of the detailed evidence on the affairs of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, taken before Superintendent of Insurance Hendricks. This is the report which already has been printed and of which Mr. Jerome said yesterday it was "funny" that he could not obtain a copy when a newspaper secured and printed it.

Mr. Hunter refused to deliver it unless Mr. Jerome agreed to return it, but the latter said he would not agree to "return on demand to a subordinate a copy of evidence directed to be furnished by the governor of the state of New York."

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