

CLANKING CHAINS
FALL FROM LIMBS
OF THE CONVICTS

Final Knell Sounded Yesterday for Georgia's Infamous Lease System

GREETED SUNLIGHT WITH SONGS OF JOY

Traffic in Human Flesh and Blood Now Past History for Georgia.

(By Associated Press.) ATLANTA, Ga., April 1.—At sunrise today Georgia shook off the last rag of her convict lease system. From one end of the state to the other hundreds of human beings were led from the cavernous depths of mines, from the sweaty heat of chinking kilns, from the whirling dark atmosphere of factories, out into God's sunlight, from the control of harsh and often brutal taskmasters, into the service of the state.

OFFICIAL COUNT
CONFIRMS ROUT OF
ADMINISTRATION

Raleigh's Reform Wave Sweeps Clean Leaving only One Little Crumb

FEW BELIEVE IN GUILT OF MULLINS

Stronach, Reform Candidate Burles Badger Under Regular Avalanche.

(Special to The Citizen.) RALEIGH, N. C., March 31.—The board of canvassers at noon today made the official canvass of the "battle of ballots" that was waged so strenuously yesterday in the democratic municipal primaries which terminated in such a sweeping victory for reform movement or good government league, in that all the nominees of the league except one alderman, were elected. J. Sherwood Upchurch, administration candidate for re-election as alderman, defeating J. R. Williams, reform candidate in the fourth ward by 39 votes. J. S. Wynne, reform candidate for mayor, received 610 majority over James I. Johnson, present mayor. Alexander Stronach defeated Thomas Badger for police justice, by 514 majority. The reform aldermen elected are Joseph G. Brown, president of Citizen's National bank; G. L. Womble, Carolina Light and Power Co.; J. C. Ellington, merchant; E. D. Peebles, wholesale grocer; W. A. Cooper, marble and granite works; J. W. Harden, liveryman.

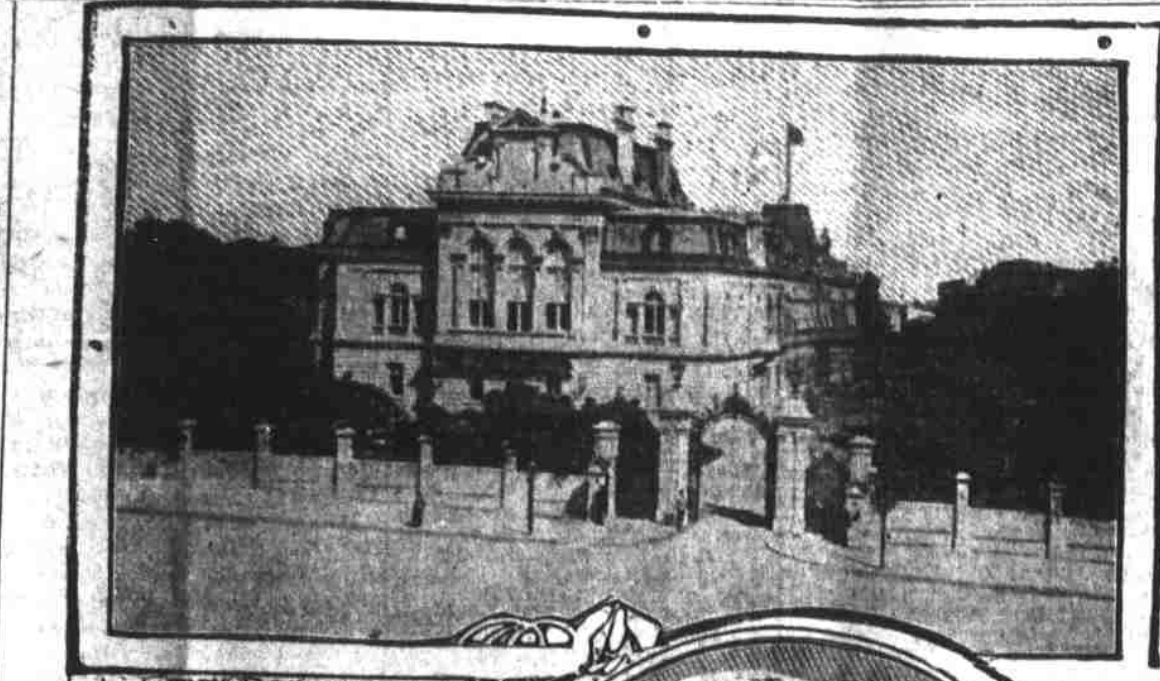
TALK OF UNCLE JOE
FOR SENATOR FROM
STATE OF ILLINOIS

Rumor to the Effect that Cannon Can Wear Toga of Hopkins

JOE, HOWEVER, HAS MADE NO OVERTURES

Tawney, of Minnesota, Is now Being Talked of for Speakership.

(By Sheldon S. Cline.) WASHINGTON, April 1.—Speculation as to whether Speaker Cannon will be elected senator from Illinois is running a close race with the tariff bill in interesting members of the house. A story has come from Springfield that Cannon is the only man in sight who can break the senatorial deadlock in the legislature and that if "Uncle Joe" will say the word he can have the toga which until March 4 last graced the shoulders of Albert J. Hopkins.



No longer prince, but a veritable czar, in title and fact, Ferdinand, of Bulgaria, is now the center of interest in the Balkan situation. His recognition of Austria's claim has it is thought, furnished the finishing blow for Serbia, and the termination of King Peter's reign is now expected at any time.

AIR IS STILL HEAVY
WITH THE FUMES OF
TARIFF DISCUSSION

Bacon Wants Entire Finance Committee to Sit on Payne Bill

SESSION TO DEAL ONLY WITH TARIFF

Senator Hale's Resolution Relative to Saving Time Is Adopted.

(Senate Summary.) WASHINGTON, April 1.—What turned out to be a general debate on the tariff was a feature of the senate proceedings today on Senator Bacon's resolution favoring the consideration of tariff legislation by the full committee on finance instead of by the republican members of that committee only. Senator Aldrich insisted that the procedure adopted in this case was similar to that which had been the practice of the senate for fifty years, and he added that the same method was adopted in handling the Wilson tariff bill for which he said a substitute was framed by a sub-committee composed of democrats.

PROPOSED TARIFF ON HOSEIERY AND CORSETS IS AN INSULT TO WOMAN

Representative Burnett, of Alabama, Makes Sarcastic Attack on Conferees Who Would Send Up The Price of Feminine Apparel. Not An Act of Galantry Says Champion of Womankind.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, April 1.—The plan of the republican leaders to close general debate on the tariff bill today having been abandoned, there was only a slight increase in the attendance when the house met. Mr. Cantrell, of Kentucky, discussed the tobacco and hemp schedules. Because tobacco was the prey of a great trust, he said, it needed protection. Answering a question by Mr. Hardwick of Georgia, if enough had been topped off on refined sugar to affect the sugar trust, Mr. Gains of West Virginia, said that all excess duties on refined sugar had been taken off that could be removed without threatening the American beet sugar industry.

BLOUNT TAKES STAND IN HIS OWN BEHALF

Man Charged With Murder of Entire Family Tells Whole Story

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, N. C., April 1.—A grand jury in the superior court here today found a true bill against the Diamond Match company and its traveling representative, Walter Buoy, of Charlotte, N. C., for alleged violation of the state anti-trust law passed by the North Carolina general assembly and prescribing a fine of \$1,000 on corporations and \$100 for imprisonment in the execution of the court upon individual violators.

NEGRO CHAMPION APPEARS IN COURT

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, April 1.—Complications entered today into the case of Jack Johnson, the negro world's champion heavyweight pugilist, who appeared in court to answer a charge of long standing preferred against him nearly two years ago before Almeda Douglas, a colored girl. Before Johnson's appearance Joseph Netherland, a negro, was arrested, charged with attempting to bribe Almeda Douglas to stay away from court.

DEMOCRATS SAY BILL GIVES THEM A PAYNE

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, April 1.—Drawing itself tediously along, general debate on the tariff was continued in the house of representatives today and tonight. The Payne bill came in for its usual condemnation from the democrats, the reductions being characterized as pretenses and shams and the bill as a whole as a "huge Mephistophelean joker." Messrs. Gaines of West Virginia and McCall of Massachusetts, both members of the ways and means committee, defended their measure, although the Massachusetts member wanted something specific in regard to the route to be pursued towards the Philippines.

"SMOKED BEEF" WAR IS NOW REGARDED MERELY AS MATTER OF HISTORY

Crazy Snake Not Captured But His Name is Little More Than Mud

HAS BUSINESS CALLS

(By Associated Press.) PIERCE, Okla., April 1.—What a Muskogee newspaper calls the "smoked beef rebellion," alleging the same to be considerable of a joke, is all but over. In a day or two the militia, it is expected, will be withdrawn. McIntosh county will feed between eighty and a hundred prisoners, not one of whom resisted arrest, and Chitt Harjo, otherwise Crazy Snake, will exercise all due caution about appearing in public.

EMPTY TANK STEAMER BLOWS UP KILLING 12 MEMBERS OF HER CREW

Supposed That Oil Fumes in Tanks Were Cause of the Explosion.

MANY ARE WOUNDED.

(By Associated Press.) MARSEILLES, April 1.—The French tank bark, Jules Henry, Captain Escoffier, in the oil trade between Philadelphia and Cotte, blew up this morning and was practically totally wrecked. Twelve members of her crew were killed and many others wounded. The bark arrived at Cotte March 22 from Philadelphia.

ELIOT WILL MAKE SOME SORT OF A STATEMENT ABOUT PROFFERED POST

Believed, However, That He has Already Determined To Decline Place

OLD AGE A BARRIER

(By Associated Press.) KASHINGTON, April 1.—Retiring President Charles W. Eliot of Harvard university, it was stated today in receiving from President Taft on yesterday a tender of the ambassadorship of Great Britain expressed to the chief executive both his appreciation of the honor and the belief that he would be unable to accept the post.

TRUE BILL IS FOUND AGAINST DIAMOND CO.

Walter Buoy, of Charlotte, Is Included in the Finding of Jury

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COURT ADJOURNED.

There being nothing on the docket ready for trial the superior court did not hold a session yesterday and the term stands adjourned.

TAPT DRAWS PAY.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—This was President Taft's first pay day as chief executive, the amount of the check which a treasury messenger carried to the white house today being \$6,626.01.

FIRE ON STEAMER.

(By Associated Press.) COLON, April 1.—A fire broke out at an early hour this morning on board the Hamburg-American steamer, Sarnia, which was lying alongside her pier. The fire was in some cotton and kerosene between decks and the quartermaster and five West Indiana laborers were burned to death. The Sarnia later in the day was able to proceed for Greytown.



CLOUDY

KING OF RAILROADS IS BACK IN HARNESS AND GOVERNMENT IS SAFE

E. H. Harriman Recovers Health and Is Now Ready for Hard Work

HAD "PICTURE TOOK"

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, April 1.—E. H. HARRIMAN reached this city today to all appearances a re-invigorated man after his long combination vacation and business trip over the net work of Harriman railroads in the west, the southwest and in Mexico. "I'm all right now," was his terse end expressive rejoinder to a question as to the state of his health.