

SCIENTISTS FACE GRAVE CRISIS IN STETSON AFFAIR

Possibility That First Church of New York May Secede From Mother Church

MUST EITHER DO SO OR SUBMIT ENTIRELY

Committee of The Church Will Report on Charges Against Their Leader

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—The Christian Science cult faces a crisis in the outcome of Thursday's meeting of the 1,800 members of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Ninety-sixth street and Central park, west, in this city.

To this meeting a committee of inquiry representing the church and composed of seven trustees, headed by E. F. Hatfield, will report the result of an elaborate investigation into the charges upon which the directors of the Mother Church at Boston have disciplined Mrs. Stetson and her leading practitioners.

To acknowledge the truth of the charges and yield obedience to the Boston edict which must compel the repudiation of Mrs. Stetson and her discredited practitioners; or

To repudiate the charges as untrue, the action of the Mother Church as unwarranted, and its assumption of authority to superintend the spiritual affairs of the New York church as false and futile.

Among well informed Christian Scientists the prevailing belief is that Mrs. Stetson will triumph in the vote to be recorded on Thursday afternoon.

It is equally well known that she

TO RECEIVE THEIR SENTENCE AT BAR OF SUPREME COURT

Unusual Proceeding Soon to be Witnessed in Highest Court of U. S.

IS SEQUEL OF THE CHATTANOOGA "BEE"

Charged With Contempt of Supreme Court Men Called For Sentence

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—The unusual proceeding of an arraignment for sentence at the bar of the Supreme court of the United States will be witnessed two weeks from today in accordance with the announcement made today in the cases of Joseph H. Shipp, of Chattanooga, Tenn., and five co-defendants, charged with contempt.

The cases originated in the courts deciding in March, 1906, to consider the appeal of a negro named Ed. Johnson from a verdict of the Tennessee courts, holding him guilty and sentencing him to be hanged on a charge of criminal assault.

Court Incensed. The court was much incensed over the lynching, and at its instance the attorney-general instituted proceedings against Shipp, who was the sheriff, and the jailer, and twenty-five others supposed to have been implicated in the lynching, charging them with contempt of the Supreme court.

The finding of the court was announced in May just before the close of the last term of the court, but all the defendants entered motions for a

MR. TAFT, CIRCUS, BALLOONS GAVE JACKSON GALA DAY

"Uncle Joe" Was Billed But Failed to Appear at The Show

RAILROADS WERE REALLY IN CLOVER

Thirty Thousand Pleasure Seekers Take Day Off From The Grind

JACKSON, Miss., Nov. 1.—President Taft, a three ring circus, a gala day at the state fair, a balloon ascension and a thrilling parachute leap gave Jackson today a share of honors unique and unparalleled in the history of the city.

The railroads handled thirty thousand excursionists in to Jackson today and they were fairly saturated with pleasure. It was an event of most of their lives to see a president of the United States for Mr. Taft is the first one ever to visit Jackson.

The president had a long but pleasant day. He seemed to enjoy the big crowds that choked the streets and gave him a demonstrative welcome wherever he went.

In Noel's Ark. He lunched with Gov. An. Noel and met a number of the state citizens. He spent an hour going through the various exhibits at the fair and was particularly interested in the agricultural displays.

A Letter From Son John!



GOTHAM'S CAMPAIGN CLOSES AND EVERYBODY CLAIMS THE EARTH

Gaynor, Bannard and Hearst Are Busy Fitting the Laurels to Their Noble Brows. All the Campaign Managers Making Sweeping Boasts. Heavy Wagers Offered and Taken.

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—New York's triangular political campaign ended tonight. William J. Gaynor, the democratic candidate for mayor, made his final speech in Harlem.

Herbert Parsons, the republican leader, said: "Our fight against Tammany misrule has won. Reports from every assembly district in the greater city show that Bannard will be elected by fifty thousand plurality.

Charles H. Gehring, for the Hearst forces, said: "Hearst will get more than three hundred votes, winning by over one hundred thousand plurality over the Tammany candidate. I look for a landslide to Hearst."

Confidence Everywhere. In each of the rival camps complete confidence in the result was expressed. Charles F. Murphy, the Tammany leader, said: "We are well satisfied with the result of the democratic campaign. Gaynor will receive more votes than both the other candidates for mayor and he will carry the whole demo-

cratic ticket with him in every borough."

There were big round ups of alleged repeaters as a result of the investigations of the registration rolls by the state superintendent of elections and his men. One man, convicted of illegal registration, was sentenced to three years in Sing Sing, while two others got indeterminate sentences of from six months to four years.

THINGS ARE SETTling DOWN IN THE REGIONS OF TURBULENT KAIN'UCK

Now Authorities are Trying to Explain Why the Soldiers Were Called

MAKE A STATEMENT

JACKSON, Ky., Nov. 1.—Jackson and Breathitt county are quiet on the surface tonight after an exciting day which witnessed among other incidents the arrival of militia from Lexington and its departure later for Crockettville, the stronghold of former Sheriff Edwin A. Callahan.

Circuit Judge J. P. Adams, republican candidate for re-election, who made the request on Governor Wilson for militia to preserve order in Breathitt county during tomorrow's election made the following statement tonight: "In requesting the troops of the governor, I was heeding the earnest appeals of the good people to take immediate action to prevent a conflict and loss of life and to preserve peace and good order among the people."

ALL-ROUND "SHOOTING BEE"

MERIDIAN, Miss., Nov. 1.—In an affray today between M. L. Atwood, a white man, and Julia Woodward and Liza Henderson, two negro women, Atwood was shot and instantly killed. Liza Henderson was shot through the right arm. Julia Woodward was badly cut on the head by a pistol in the hands of Atwood. The fight started over a bill of \$5 which it is alleged the negroes owed Atwood.

NEAR BEER LICENSES.

RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 1.—The board of aldermen today granted licenses to seven places to sell near beer and cancelled all other licenses. One of the aldermen declared several drug stores sold whiskey without a license.

SIX NEGROES MAKE BREAK FOR THE FRESH AIR AND MAKE GOOD THEIR ESCAPE

Extra One Got Away With the Crowd But Is Later Taken Back

CHOSE SUPPER HOUR

GREENVILLE, S. C., Nov. 1.—Six negro prisoners, including John Curfio, under sentence for the murder of his wife, broke jail here early tonight and made good their escape. A seventh, Will McCallough, also gained his freedom but was recaptured before he got out of the city.

Jailer Phillips had gone up to the third story, where the negroes were confined, to give the prisoners their supper, and as he opened the big door leading into the cage one of the negroes knocked him down and the others rushed out. The negro who dealt the blow also attempted to escape, but the jailer held to him until help arrived.

LASSITER'S PALL BEARERS.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—To represent the house of representatives at the funeral of Representative Francis B. Lassiter of the fourth Virginia district, at Petersburg, Va., eleven obituary Wednesday morning, the sergeant at arms today announced the following committee: "The entire Virginia delegation in the house, together with representatives Graham of Pennsylvania; Thomas of North Carolina; Lewis of Georgia; Krommiller of Maryland; Goulden of New York and Austin of Tennessee and Assistant Sergeant at Arms Weber.

FATAL QUARREL.

DANVILLE, Va., Nov. 1.—Edward Powell, white, was shot and fatally injured in an altercation with William Dudley S. Smith, of Alta Vista, Va., Sunday night, in the northern part of Pittsylvania county, and is dying this afternoon. The shooting occurred at a general row at a negro's place, where liquor is alleged to have been unlawfully sold. Powell was a farmer aged thirty-five and leaves a widow and five children.

FEMALE COLLEGE CLOSED BY A STRANGE DISEASE WHICH PUZZLES EXPERTS

Authorities Say that They Are Totally Unable to Assign Cause

GIRLS GOING HOME

LAGRANGE, Ga., Nov. 1.—Following the strange epidemic of sickness which developed last week in the study body of the Lagrange Female college with an attendance of more than two hundred, the board of trustees decided today to close the institution for three weeks. Besides the many girls in the school who were stricken, almost all of the others left for their homes.

In a statement issued tonight by the board of trustees it is stated that "it is impossible to say what the cause of the sickness was, whether general or local." They announce that every precaution will be taken in the matter of sanitation, fumigation, and improvement of the hygienic conditions of the college.

Five local physicians issued a significant statement in which they declare that there is no further danger from the cause which resulted in the illness, and saying that reports sent out greatly exaggerated the conditions at the college.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

BRISTOL, Tenn., Nov. 1.—A special from Bentonington Gap, Va., states that A. J. Deaton was instantly killed and William Carroll seriously injured by a boiler explosion at Pursell, Lee county, Va. Deaton who recently resided in Breathitt county, Kentucky, is survived by his wife and one child.

RATIFY ACTION.

LYNCHBURG, Va., Nov. 1.—A meeting of the stockholders of the Southern Fire Insurance company here today, ratified the action of the directors in September to take steps to dissolve. The business has been re-insured without loss to policyholders.

MARCH COTTON PASSES THE FIFTEEN CENT MARK

Big Advance Follows Weak Opening and Prosperity Looms for the Farmer

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—In spite of enormous realizing sales today's cotton market showed a strength that surprised the bull leaders and sent all deliveries to high records for the season with March selling at 15.10 and May at 15.15, the highest figures ever reached at this season of the year since the Civil war. The big advance followed a weaker opening. There was little shown of aggressiveness on the part of the recognized leaders but Chicago houses were buyers and there was a big public business on the advance from 14.85, the lowest point of the morning, to 15.15 for May. The market closed high within two or three points of the highest for the day.

VICTORY CLAIMED BY BOTH PARTIES

BALTIMORE, Nov. 1.—Leaders of both parties claim victory in the election tomorrow and quote widely different figures. With chief interest in the proposed amendment to the state constitution designed to disfranchise the negroes, the republicans say the measure will be defeated in the city and state by 15,000 while the democrats assert that the amendment will be adopted by 8,000 or over in the whole state.



WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—Forecast: North Carolina: Fair in east, showers and cooler in western portion Tuesday, winds.

WILL PROBABLY SAY THAT PEARY REACHED THE POLE

Report of the National Geographical Society Will be Favorable

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—Commander Robert E. Peary practically was endorsed as a discoverer of the north pole by the National Geographic society today. Every indication points to the fact that Peary's personal statements before the sub-committee of the society today convinced its members that he had set foot on the top of the world. The explorer has been invited to deliver the first of his public lectures before the society here on November 12 and it was pointed out tonight that had the proofs been open to the slightest question he would not have been asked to appear.

It was announced tonight that a public statement of the findings of the society would probably be forthcoming on Wednesday. This rapidly in determining the genuineness of Peary's claim that he reached the pole on April 6 last is taken to mean that there is no difference of opinion among the three experts who are delving into his arctic data and that they are convinced of his honesty.

WORKING TO GET PRICES TOGETHER

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Nov. 1.—For the purpose of ascertaining if a parity cannot be established between the price of cotton and the selling price of yarn a committee representing the North Carolina cotton manufacturers will leave for New York city Thursday to hold a conference with the yarn commission men. C. E. Hutchinson, of the Nims and Woodlawn mills of Mount Holly is chairman of this committee and he will select the other members. The mill men believe that the commission men, who hold a strategic position between the manufacturers and the buyer, can aid the southern mills in putting yarn on a more profitable basis, the selling price at this time being ruinous to the manufacturer.

CONDUCTOR SHOTS A NEGRO ON HIS TRAIN

After Altercation in Which Conductor is Wounded He Fires at Fleeing Negro

AUGUSTA, Ga., Nov. 1.—Conductor Leck Montgomery of the Augusta Southern tonight at Keyville, twenty-six miles below here, shot and killed John Williams, a negro passenger on the train. The conductor and the passenger had an altercation, and the conductor received a flesh wound in the side, before the negro jumped from the train and ran. The conductor's aim was good, however, and the negro was dropped. This is the second shooting on this road during the past two years, in which the conductor and a negro passenger had fights, the last time being when Conductor James Mason was killed by a negro who was never apprehended. Conductor Montgomery tonight was not incapacitated for the duty as the flesh wound was not very deep.

ANOTHER GUN PLAY.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Nov. 1.—Edward Jackson, switch engineer for the Georgia railroad tonight shot in the right eye and killed John D. Hudson, switch freight conductor for the Charleston and Western Carolina railway as a result of a dispute between the men over track rights.

HOW HE FLEW.

HAMMONSPORT, N. Y., Nov. 1.—Charles K. Hamilton, a pupil of Glenn I. Curtiss, flew twenty-five minutes and twenty-five seconds today in the Curtiss Hudson-Pulton aeroplane encircling the aerodrome nineteen times. "His is within a few minutes of equaling the longest flight that Mr. Curtiss has made."

HEAVY RECEIPTS.

ROANOKE, Va., Nov. 1.—At the general office of the Norfolk and Western railway company today it was said the gross receipts of the road for the month of September were the largest in the history of the company, the figures being \$3, 175,000.

TO SHOOT AERIAL WANDERERS WITH THE HEAVY CANNON

Department Devising Ways And Means Against Aerial Invasion

EXPERIMENTS DUE AT SANDY HOOK

Three Balloons of Small Size Will be Bought For Target Practice

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—To devise some means of defense against aerial invasion, the bureau of ordinance of the war department, it was learned today is about to begin a series of experiments of shooting at air craft with cannon.

The experiments will be carried on at the Sandy Hook proving grounds in New Jersey. Captain Charles De F. Chandler, of the signal corps, left Washington today for New York to make arrangements for the balloons to be used in the tests.

To Buy Balloons. Three balloons of small size will be purchased, and it is for the purpose of inspecting and preparing for the care of them that Captain Chandler was ordered to New York.

At the beginning of the work, only gas bags will be used but later the field of operation may be expanded. No one will occupy the baskets of the balloons when firing is in progress.

No tests of this nature have ever been made in America and as far as is known here, the only experiments of this character have been carried on by gun manufacturers in Germany. The knowledge gained thereby has resulted in the manufacture of balloon cannons.

The tests at Sandy Hook will be made with cannons now in use and such new designs will be drafted as the experiments show may be wise. Signal Corps' Work. While ordinary officials are endeavoring to devise means to reduce the effectiveness of an enemy's balloons and aeroplanes, the signal corps will be engaged in solving the problems of navigating the air with greater assurance against successful attack from the land. Experiments will shortly be conducted in refilling the motors of the Wright aeroplane owned by the government so that flights may be made as frequently as possible. Attempts to communicate by wireless telegraphy from an aeroplane will also be made.

GOVERNMENT PUZZLES OVER LARGE INCREASE OF THE BONDED WHISKEY

Internal Revenue Department Wonders What is Being Done With it

CONSUMPTION GROWS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—Government officials in the internal revenue department are puzzled to know what is being done with all the whiskey that is being taken from bond. Although it is the common opinion of those who have observed life in the large cities that public drunkenness is not near as prevalent as it used to be, the strange fact remains that the consumption of whiskey is steadily on the increase, and that, too, at a rate out of proportion to the growth of population.

Inasmuch as the farmers are not using whiskey as a liquid fertilizer for their crops, and inasmuch, also, as there is no record of the substitution of whiskey for gasoline as a motive power for automobiles, the suspicion is strong in the minds of government experts that the American people are not paying any too much attention, privately, to the prohibition wane that was supposed to be sweeping over the country. Whether the actual per capita consumption is much larger than usual cannot yet be accurately determined, but certain it is that Bradstreet's and other commercial agencies report a substantial increase in the revenue of sales made by whiskey dealers.

Curiously enough the annual report of the Distillers Securities corporation for year ended June 30 last, published this week, shows that despite the activity of the prohibition propagandists, the withdrawals of whiskey for the period covered in the report largely increased. Other statistical facts are added to prove this. Returns made to the commissioner of internal revenue show that the average annual withdrawals of whiskey from bond for the last eleven years were 112,333,110 gallons, whereas the withdrawals in the fiscal year just passed were 133,801,408 gallons—the largest ever recorded. The

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