

STATES INVOLVED IN CASES BEFORE SUPREME COURT

Five Commonwealths Parties to Suits in Which Laws Are to be Tested

UNITED STATES IS ALSO PARTY PLAINTIFF

Many Questions Involving Constitutionality of Statutes to be Heard

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Four states in addition to the United States are to appear this week before the Supreme court of the United States in defense of rights asserted or laws enacted.

Once again the controversy between the state of Kentucky and a national bank over the taxing of the latter's shares of stock has come to court.

Arkansas comes into the court in defense of her anti-drumming act.

Minnesota has complained of illegal cutting of timber on her school lands.

She is seeking in a suit against the Shevlin-Carpenter company to recover thousands of dollars for timber

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CUDAHY SLASHES UP WIFE'S GUEST FOUND IN HIS HOME

Bound Him With Ropes and Carved Him up With Knife Till Police Came

SON OF MILLIONAIRE PACKER OF CHICAGO

All Parties to the Affair are Prominent in Society in West

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 6.—Finding Jere E. Lillis, a millionaire local banker, in his home when he arrived unexpectedly at an early hour today, John P. Cudahy, a wealthy packer and son of Michael Cudahy, the Chicago millionaire, is alleged to have committed an assault upon the man which led to his arrest on a charge of disturbing the peace.

Lillis is in St. Mary's hospital. His condition is said to be critical. Cuts said to have been inflicted with a knife are on his face, legs and one arm. The cuts have been made in criss cross fashion. If he recovers he will be discharged for life, it is averred by physicians.

Before cutting Lillis, Cudahy is said to have bound him with a strong rope. A woman heard Lillis screaming and screaming in the Cudahy home and called the police. Her identity has not been established.

A patrolman hurried to the Cudahy residence which is in a fashionable residence section. The front door was open so he did not ring the bell.

Three men were in the room. Prostrate on the floor lay Lillis, partly nude, and bound with a rope. His legs were bare and his few remaining clothes were bloody.

He's ruined my home," he replied making no resistance to arrest. I allowed him to telephone to his at-

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EVENTFUL CAREER OF SENATOR PLATT CLOSED BY DEATH

End Came Suddenly After he Had Been In Feeble Health For Week

HAS BEEN POWER IN NATIONAL POLITICS

Outlived His Era and Has Seen His Prestige and Power Wane

NEW YORK, March 6.—Thomas Collier Platt, formerly United States senator from New York and for many years a national figure in republican politics died at 3:45 o'clock p. m. today in the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Abele on West Eleventh street, from whom he had rented three rooms for the last four years.

Dr. Paul Auerbridge, his physician, said tonight that the cause of death was chronic and acute Bright's disease. The body was removed tonight to the home of Frank H. Platt, his son, and will be taken on Tuesday to Oswego, N. Y., the senator's birthplace, where it will be buried. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at the Presbyterian church in Oswego.

The end was startlingly sudden. An hour before the senator died his two sons, Frank and Edward, with their families, and his widowed son Harry and the latter's daughter, Charlotte, and son Sherman, had left the house, after their usual Sunday visit. The senator said at that time that he felt very well and thought he would read the Sunday papers. At three o'clock he was taken with a fainting fit, and Dr. Auerbridge was hurriedly called. The family was notified and returned in haste.

Mr. Platt recovered from his first lapse but sank into unconsciousness again at half past three and died fifteen minutes later.

Only last week Senator Platt was at his office downtown. For several years he had been in feeble health and latterly the use of his legs had almost deserted him but his condition until today was not looked upon as more serious than usual, although

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TRAMP INHERITS NICE LITTLE FORTUNE BUT IS NOT OVERLY ELATED

Likes Tramp Life in America and Will Return After Settling Estate

ROAMED MANY LANDS

NEW YORK, March 6.—After a search lasting nearly two years, Charles Bolling, a tramp, who is heir to \$50,000, left to him by his parents in Germany, has been found.

Bolling is thirty-seven years old and was born in Rottenburg, Hanover, Germany. Twelve years ago he left his home in Germany and started out to see the world. His first trip was to Yokohama. In Japan he spent what money he had. He worked his way to San Francisco. Then he tried work as a farm hand. From farm to farm and from city to city, he wandered. Summer nights he slept in hay stacks or on a bench in a park.

Bolling's parents owned the hotel and summer park at the railroad station at Rottenburg. When they died, two years ago, search was made by administrators of the estate for the son, who had not been heard from for a long time.

Next door to the Bollings in Germany lived the Ehlermanns. After the Bollings died Mrs. Ehlermann wrote to her son, Charles, who is a prosperous grocer at No. 787 Amsterdam avenue, that a faithful search was being made for Charles Bolling.

From the earliest childhood Charles Bolling and Charles Ehlermann had been friends. Ehlermann was grieved that his old chum could not be found and started a search. He learned that Bolling had taken up the life of a tramp. For almost two years after he closed his grocery business for the night Ehlermann wandered from lodging house to lodging house on the Bowery, and from saloon to saloon, looking for Bolling. He found him last January in the Bowery. Ehlermann took Bolling home with him, dressed him in new clothes and wrote to the administrator of the Bolling estate.

Another brother, Lieut. George Bolling of the German infantry, was notified, and as soon as he got leave

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WILL GIVE PRACTICAL HELP TO TUBERCULOUS PEOPLE IN EVERY TOWN

President Joins Movement to Provide Ill With Necessary Treatment.

NATIONAL IN SCOPE

ALBANY, N. Y., March 6.—President Taft and Governor Hughes will send the slogan "no cure for tuberculosis in 1917" at a conference of the local committees of the New York state charities aid association to be held in Albany March 18 and 19.

The conference will celebrate the beginning of a new period of constructive work by the state and local committees on the prevention of tuberculosis which has for its end adequate provision for every tuberculous by 1915 and a marked reduction in the tuberculosis death rate by 1920. The conference will be followed up on April 24 by sermons in every city of the state on national tuberculosis.

The Albany conference will emphasize the fact that the reduction in the death rate of the state and the several communities will demand a county hospital for every county; at least one visiting nurse for every city and village; a free dispensary in every city or village of 5,000 people or over; the reporting of every living case to the health authorities, and adequate care in a sanatorium or hospital or at home of every tuberculous case, and disinfection after every removal or death of a tuberculous patient of the rooms in which he lived.

The conference will be held in four sessions March 18 and 19, closing with a public mass meeting on Saturday at which the speakers will be President Taft, Governor Hughes, Dr. E. L. Trudeau, Dr. Simon Flexner, Robert W. De Forest and Homer Folks.

VESUVIUS ACTIVE.

NAPLES, March 6.—Vesuvius has suddenly become active again. There has been a continuous eruption for the past twenty-four hours of red hot stones and ashes, this being accompanied by internal detonations. Several fissures have opened, from which gas and lava are emerging in great quantities.

RAGE WAR FOLLOWS THE KILLING OF TWO WHITE MEN BY NEGRO LABORER

After Killing Employer Barricaded Himself and Shot Sheriff.

POSSE IN PURSUIT

TAMPA, Fla., March 6.—A serious clash between the races is threatened at Palmetto, a small town forty miles south of Tampa, as a result of the killing of two prominent white men this afternoon by negroes. The last message tonight from the scene of the crime states that two hundred whites with blood hounds are pursuing several negroes and if they are caught a lynching is probable.

Sam Strubling, superintendent for a prominent contractor of this city, had a dispute with a negro employe about wages, resulting in the negro drawing a pistol and killing Strubling instantly. The negro escaped.

Telephone messages brought Sheriff Wyatt from Bradenton with a posse and bloodhounds and later the negro was chased into the house of another negro, who had Winchester rifles and a supply of ammunition. In an exchange of shots which followed Deputy Sheriff Matthews, who led the chase, was shot and killed.

As the posse was a small one, the officers left for reinforcements and the negroes escaped from the house. Tonight the chase is being continued and if the negroes are apprehended, it is almost certain that they will be lynched. Sheriff Wyatt telegraphed to Tampa at 10 o'clock for additional blood hounds.

COLON STILL CHAMPION.

NEW ORLEANS, March 6.—Johnny Coulon, bantamweight champion, scored a knockout in the nineteenth round of his battle with Jim Kendrick, the English claimant of this title, late this afternoon. This was Coulon's second victory over Kendrick within three weeks. In the first match he was given the decision at the end of the tenth round.

Budding.



DISORDER BREAKS OUT AFTER DARK ON SECOND DAY OF GENERAL STRIKE

One Woman Fatally Wounded by Shot Fired by Temporary Policeman. Labor and Employers Make Different Estimates of Number of Men Who Have Quit Work. Crucial Test Today.

PHILADELPHIA, March 6.—Philadelphia's first Sunday under the general sympathetic strike, beginning peacefully, ended turbulently with a fatal shooting of a woman by a police officer as a climax to an evening of many disturbances.

The labor leaders declare that 125,000 men are out under the general strike order, but give no detailed figures. Heads of the police give figures which they declare show that not more than 20,000 persons obeyed the general strike call.

Labor Watching Conflict. The committee of ten in charge of the labor end of the situation issued a statement declaring that the fight of Philadelphia's workers was a crucial one for labor in the entire country. They claim that the industrial workers of the city, organized and unorganized, realize this and will rally in even greater force tomorrow in support of the striking traction men and the general labor cause.

Employers seem to believe that the trouble will be short lived. Tomorrow is expected largely to point to the probable outcome, when the number of men on strike are more completely calculated after the opening of the shops.

Despite the disorders of the night the Sunday was a quiet one as compared with the two previous Sundays since the carmen's strike began.

Cars in Operation. The traction company, which operated some 800 cars during the day, left 200 more of them in operation tonight—the first Sunday night during the strike on which it has taken this step.

This fact probably had much to do with the disturbances of the evening. These began early after dark at Eighth and Christian streets, an Italian settlement, where an unruly mob stoned passing trolley cars. A riot call was sent out and four automobiles loaded with officers speeded from the city hall. The force was effective and after a sharp attack, in which clubs were freely used and a number of heads broken, the disturbances were dispersed and more than a half dozen prisoners taken, including the police say, the three ring-leaders of the trouble, caught with bricks in their hands.

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tian street at Fourth street. During a disturbance there, a fireman doing police duty fired on the crowd, and the bullet struck Beanie Weiner, a woman of twenty-three, fatally wounding her. The fireman was guarding a car which the crowd attacked. A shot was fired during another disturbance at Twenty-sixth street and Lehigh avenue, one man being slightly injured when a bullet struck him in the arm. The trouble there was quickly quelled.

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VALUABLE OLD LETTERS FOUND DUST COVERED

Include Letters from Washington, Jefferson and Other Colonial Statesmen

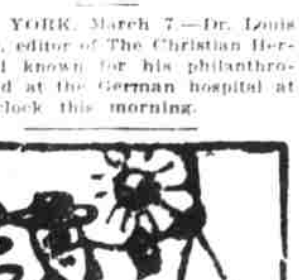
WASHINGTON, March 6.—In an unlighted and cobwebbed corner of the attic of the house of representatives, covered with dust and yellow and falling to pieces from age, the house committee on accounts has rescued a large number of letters and documents of the early days of the republic which are of the greatest historic value.

Among them are letters from Washington, Jefferson, Lafayette, Jay, Monroe and many others. To two of them a peculiar sentimental interest attaches. These are letters written by Martha Washington and Mary Todd Lincoln, the former concerning the proposed removal of the body of her husband from Mt. Vernon to a crypt in the capital, and the other applying to the government for a pension. Both are addressed to the speaker of the house.

The house, yesterday, voted an appropriation of \$1,500 to have these historic papers saved for and deposited in the library of congress as "the house of representatives' collection."

DR. KLOPCH DEAD.

NEW YORK, March 7.—Dr. Louis Klopch, editor of The Christian Herald, and known for his philanthropic work, died at the German hospital at 2:50 o'clock this morning.



WASHINGTON, March 6.—Forecast for North Carolina: Fair Monday, cooler in the interior; Tuesday fair, moderate to brisk west winds.

COLUMBIA MAY TRY NEW FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Will Vote April 2 on Adoption of the Commission Form of Government

COLUMBIA, S. C., March 6.—Whether or not the city of Columbia shall adopt the commission form of government will be decided at an election, to be held on April 2, according to a proclamation issued yesterday by Mayor Reamer.

The proclamation was issued in accordance with the terms of the act passed at the last session of the general assembly, and has the necessary number of petitioners enrolled. According to the terms of the act 25 per cent. of those who voted at the last city general election should have presented the petition. This would be 550 according to the vote of two years ago, but the number signed to the petition was 426. The committee in charge thought it that it was best to present the petition at once, and have the election ordered, according to law.

At the meeting was Mayor Reamer, who had been notified that the petition would be presented and he was in his office when the signatures were shown. The special committee consists of Christie Benet, chairman; J. B. Penland, W. W. Abbott, H. N. Edmunds, W. M. Otis and J. W. H. Duncan. Mr. Duncan was not present, being detained on account of illness. There were several other persons present when the proclamation was signed and since the election has been ordered, those interested will continue the canvass. Over 2,000 voters have been placed on the books and as a result a very heavy vote will be cast.

REFUSES DEMANDS.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., March 6.—President Charles W. Schwab, of the Bethlehem Steel company today refused all of the demands of the striking steel workers. Instead of sending a reply to the executive committee of the strikers he had his decision published in a special edition of a local newspaper.

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BEEF PACKERS' CASE TO BE LEFT TO GRAND JURY

Government Officials will Turn Over Evidence and Leave it to That Body.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—"It is now for the federal grand jury to decide whether a probable case has been made out against the so-called beef trust or not and the government officials will not attempt by any unfair or unusual means to influence the jury's action one way or the other. The case is in the jury's hands and the responsibility is with them."

This statement, in effect, was made at the department of justice today at the conclusion of a conference on the beef packers' case, which was participated in by Wade H. Ellis, recently assistant attorney-general in charge of trust cases, United States Attorney Sims, of Chicago, his chief and James H. Wilkerson, and Oliver E. Pugin, of the department of justice. The whole case, including the law points involved, the evidence submitted to the grand jury, and questions of policy, was thoroughly considered and the statement was made that the conference was in every way satisfactory.

One of the participants in the conference emphasized the fact that practically every bit of evidence the law officers of the government have been able to secure from any source had been presented to the grand jury. Witnesses had been brought from all parts of the country and every material fact that was possible to obtain, was in their possession and it was for them to determine what action should be taken.

The jury, it was believed, would be able to make its report within the next few days. Mr. Sims returns to Chicago tomorrow.

REV. MR. SIDES DIES.

SPENCER, N. C., March 6.—Rev. F. A. Sides, aged sixty-three years, dropped dead at Albemarle last night. He was in a drug store, in apparent health, when the sudden summons came without warning. He was a well known minister of the Methodist Protestant church, and is survived by three sons and four daughters.

POWELL'S MOTIVE GENERAL GROUCH AGAINST WORLD

Failure of Senator Travis to Answer Letter Two Years Ago Only One Known

SCOTLAND NECK MAN TALKS OF THE CRIME

Says Powell is Sullen Man Who is Perfectly Sane But Morose

SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., March 6.—The mystery surrounding the letter which formed the motive for the shooting of Senator Travis, Representative Kitchin and Chief of Police Dunn here Friday was cleared today through the good offices of United States Congressman Claude Kitchin, who talked to Travis and then gave out a statement of the matter.

Two years ago Powell's son engaged in deadly affray for which he was bound over to the Superior court. Powell wrote Senator Travis with a view to retaining him as counsel and Travis, having been employed by the other side, did not answer the letter. Travis does not recall the letter which Powell claims he did not reply to.

Powell Taken Away. Intimations that Powell is insane are denied by the authorities, who say he is cool, stoical and indifferent.

As a measure of precaution Powell was today removed to state's prison at Raleigh though the town is quiet, and there are no evidences that violence might be done by the prisoner. Chief of Police Dunn was alive at 8 o'clock tonight though reports of his death at noon were widespread. His condition is critical, but he is making a game fight for life. Representative Kitchin is recovering nicely, but Senator Travis is not doing so well and physicians believe his wound may affect his power of speech. The preliminary trial waits upon the condition of the wounded man.

Resident Tells of Powell. Mr. J. B. Brown, a resident of Scotland Neck, who came to this city last Monday and is stopping at the Swannanoa hotel, talked interestingly last night of the crime which has stirred the Eastern part of the state. Mr. Brown is a cotton mill man and will make his home here for some time. He is well acquainted with all parties to the shooting, and knows Powell, the man who committed the crime, well.

He attributes Powell's rash act to the general moroseness of his disposition. Powell is about sixty-five years of age, is a Confederate veteran, and had been an invalid for five years until nearly a year ago when he got well enough to attend to business. His son, Quiller Powell, is a wild young man and has given his father and the community a great deal of trouble and this, Mr. Brown thinks, has embittered the old man. Powell is perfectly sane, he says, but is of a very sour and sullen disposition, and has for a long time had a general grouch against all the world.

Admired Kitchin. Only a few months ago, Mr. Brown says, Powell told him that there was not a man in Scotland Neck who was a real man except Paul Kitchin, and that Kitchin

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WILL SEND IMMIGRANTS TO SUPPLY FARM LABOR

Planned to Have Federal Government Co-operate With State Authorities

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Co-operation between the federal government and the several states in the matter of placing immigrants on farms was urged by Secretary Nagel, of the department of commerce and labor, at a conference held at the home of Representative Dwight, of New York, in which Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and others participated.

Secretary Nagel declared that the time had arrived for states to establish responsible bureaus or agencies with which the National Bureau of Immigration could deal. At present government officials are compelled to deal directly with individuals, the reliability of whom they have no means of ascertaining. In order to encourage desirable immigrants to leave the cities and get on the soil either as farm owners or farm laborers by being able to assure those they could better their conditions, Mr. Nagel urged the necessity of a system whereby they might be more satisfactorily placed.

Mr. Nagel struck the keynote when he declared for state and federal co-operation generally and although no definite plan was outlined, it was agreed that the idea should be developed and further conferences probably will be held to that end.