

LIQUOR QUESTION AGAIN ONLY ISSUE IN ALA. PRIMARIES

State Wide Amendment Defeated Once Is Forced to Front Again
WHOLE STATE TICKET IS TO BE SELECTED
Fine Question of Prohibition vs. Local Option Only One at Issue

MONTGOMERY, Ala., May 1.—Democrats of Alabama in a primary election tomorrow will nominate a state ticket and members of the legislature, one United States senator and nine congressmen. Nominations are equivalent to election. One congressman only has opposition. In the fifth district Mr. Hefflin is opposed by A. J. Driver, probate judge of Chambers, the home county of Mr. Hefflin. Senator Bankhead is opposed by John B. Knox, of Andalusia, and Frank S. White, of Birmingham. Both are lawyers and both were members of the last national constitutional convention over which Mr. Knox presided.
The contest for governor has been heated between Emmett O'Neil, of Florence, and H. S. D. Mallory, of Selma. Both are lawyers. The issue is the constitutional amendment for prohibition, which was defeated in an election last November by 27,000 majority. Mr. Mallory led the fight for the amendment and Mr. O'Neil was the leader of the opposition.
The Present Issue.
Mr. Mallory stands for the present prohibition laws while O'Neil is a local optionist. It is contended that while the prohibition amendment was defeated by 27,000 majority, this was accomplished in a general election where party lines were not drawn. It is argued that thousands of democrats have been able to qualify since the amendment election and that their votes will more than offset the votes cast in the amendment election by republicans and prohibitionists.
Due to these conditions, the contest is popularly regarded as one between the extreme prohibitionists and those who favor modification of the prohibition laws.
Will Nominate Judges.
A chief justice and two associate justices of the Supreme court are to

TAFT ECONOMIES NOT SO APPARENT IN LAST ANALYSIS

Steadily Increasing Expenditures Eating Up The Small Surplus Left
SENATORS HAVE MANY EXTRAVAGANT HABITS
Personal Wants Cost Public Treasury Goodly Sum In Course of Year

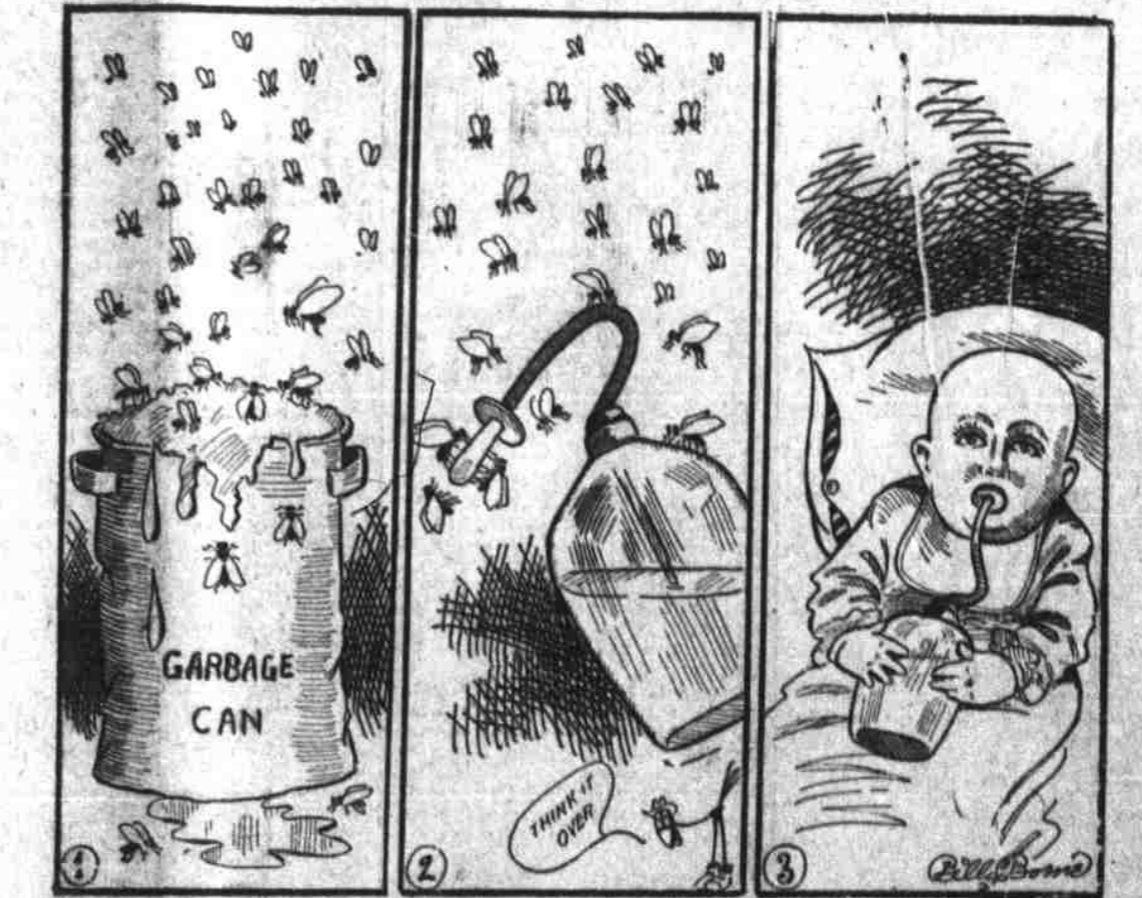
(BY TAV.)
WASHINGTON, May 1.—A deficit of four million dollars for the first twenty-six days of April!
A deficit of more than nineteen million dollars so far this fiscal year!
A deficit of \$190,057,887.86 since June 30, 1907!
These are features of Taft "cut-to-the-quick" economy, about which so much is heard everywhere save in Washington.
Here are more illustrations of a republican "business" administration: Marble baths for senators; autos to carry them 100 rods between their offices and the capitol; touring cars for the president, vice president and "Uncle Joe."
Another group of "cut-to-the-quick" economies includes:
More than \$2,500 for apollinaris water for the senators.
Hundreds of thousands of dollars to keep the senators in vaseline, castor oil, olive oil, kummo quinine, hair tonic, costly perfumes, glycerine, bergamot, nail brushes, clothes brushes, traveling expenses in attending funerals, etc.
Horde of Office Holders.
Then comes this item which stands by itself:
In addition in the last eight years of 99,225 federal office holders to the pay rolls of the republic, at an increase of expense to the people of more than seventy million dollars. This item helps to explain why it is costing the Taft administration more than twice as much to run the government than it did Cleveland.
How does this riotous extravagance affect the treasury? These figures tell:
Since June 30, 1907, the total balance in the general fund has dropped from \$272,061,445.47 to \$82,003,557.61 With an average daily deficit eating its way into this remaining eighty-

INSURGENTS MAY ATTEMPT TO SINK FILIBUSTERER

Have Sent Out Three Vessels to Capture Ammunition Ship
TALES OF CRUELTY FROM MADRIZ CAPITAL
Inhuman Tortures Resorted to to Make Prisoner Tell of Conspiracies

NEW ORLEANS, May 1.—That a determined effort will be made by the Estrada forces on the east coast of Nicaragua this week to either capture or sink the steamship Venus which sailed from here late yesterday, destined to Greytown with munitions of war for the Madriz army, is the impression in New Orleans. Following their unsuccessful efforts to detain the Venus at this port by legal action, it is reported here that the insurgents have fully armed and equipped three small vessels to attack the Venus before it reaches Greytown.
It was indicated that those in charge of the Venus anticipated a possible encounter. Captain Hyland being quoted to the effect that he apprehended that the trip would be attended with more or less danger.
An added degree of interest to a possible attack on the ship attaches to the fact that it is of British register and flies the British flag. That international complications might ensue in case of an encounter, is the possibility presented out here.
TALES OF TORTURE.
WASHINGTON, May 1.—A letter written to the American consul at Managua, Nicaragua, by Narciso Arellano, a citizen of Nicaragua detailing incidents of cruelties in the Isthmian republic has been forwarded here by Senator Castillo, representative of the Estrada forces in Washington. In his letter Mr. Arellano says:
"I think it best that you should know that these people are at their old work again. They are torturing men and even boys at Nandaimo and at Granada, whipping them, suspending them by their thumbs with cords, all this to wrench out confessions from them as to who carried provisions to Calixto Talavera's guerrillas beyond Nandaimo. I will state as an example the case of Octavio Mareno,

A Story Without Words.



GIRL PLUNGES FROM GALLERY OF THEATER TO PIT AND TO HER DEATH

Stumbles at Top of Steps and Falls Headlong Into Crowded House Below Fracturing Her Skull.—Breaks Down Slender Brass Guard Rail in Her Violent Fall.

NEW YORK, May 1.—Fifteen hundred persons were laughing at the antics of the hero of a moving picture comedy at 6 o'clock last night in the Lincoln Square theatre, at Sixty-sixth street and Broadway, when a shriek sounded from the top balcony and a little girl broke through the rail and fell head first forty feet to the orchestra.
The child was Louise Lester, thirteen years old, of No. 195 West Sixty-sixth street, daughter of Titus Lester, head waiter in an uptown restaurant. She is in the Elber hospital and will die.
Yesterday afternoon Louise asked her mother if she might go to the theatre to see the vaudeville and moving pictures. Mrs. Lester opposed any of her girls going to moving picture places without the escort of some adult, so she refused permission.
She Went Just the Same.
Louise went out, it was supposed, to play with girls in the neighborhood. Instead she met Beulah Allison of No. 24 Columbus avenue and Ida Cough-

BASEBALL AND ART FILL PRESIDENT'S DAY IN SMOKY CITY

Will Assist in Celebration of Founders' Day at Carnegie Memorial
WILL ROOT WITH FANS IN THE AFTERNOON
Elaborate Arrangements Made For Comfort of Presidential Party

PITTSBURGH, May 1.—Anticipating a strenuous day tomorrow in attending the celebration of Founders' day at Carnegie Institute, President William H. Taft, who arrived here early this morning from Buffalo, spent the day quietly in the seclusion of the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Thomas K. Laughlin.
Mayor William A. Magee, heading a committee of the American club met the president's train at an outlying city station and after the greeting Mr. Taft was driven to the Laughlin residence. Later in the morning President Taft attended the Unitarian church and during the afternoon he went for a long automobile ride through the city parks.
Tomorrow the president will attend the annual Founders' day ceremonies of the Carnegie Institute which celebrates the dedication of the \$5,000,000 benefaction of Mr. Carnegie. These ceremonies are at 10.30 in the morning. Previous to that hour he will formally open the fourteenth annual international art exposition in the institute.
Will See the Game.
In the afternoon the president will attend the game between the Chicago and Pittsburgh ball teams. This game was especially arranged as the president could stand when it was learned that he would be here for the Carnegie founders day celebration. Forbes Field has never seen a more elaborate arrangement for the comfort of his party. A section has been arranged in the midst of the fans, where the president declares he likes to sit. It was on last Memorial day, May 30, that the president saw the same teams play in Pittsburgh. The old exposition park was the scene of the battle. At that time Secretary of State P. C. Knox, Chas. F. Taft, the president's brother, and President Arthur Hadley, of Yale university, were with the president at the game.
The president today discussed the appointment of Governor Charles E. Hughes to the bench of the Supreme court of the United States and expressed his satisfaction and pleasure in the acceptance of his choice. The manner in which his tribute to the governor was received as well as his reply to criticisms of the possible attitude of the governor on the income tax bill at the reception of the republican business men last night in Buffalo was a source of especial gratification.

MILEAGE TICKETS ARE UPHOLD BY COMMISSION, BUT WITH RESERVATION

Holders Entitled to Only Such Privileges as Carrier May Give Them
STRAIGHT TICKETS
WASHINGTON, May 1.—In an order just issued by the interstate commerce commission, in which the commission by unanimous action upholds the opinion of Commissioner James S. Harlan in the case of Bernard Eschner versus the Pennsylvania railroad company et al., the principle of the mileage ticket exchange regulation now in effect on the railroads in the southeast is upheld. The order is of great importance to railroads issuing interchangeable mileage tickets and to purchasers of such tickets.
In this order the commission says: "The right to use exchange orders and mileage tickets is in the nature of a privilege voluntarily accorded by carriers under their tariffs, and must be accepted by those who use such special fares with all lawful and non-discriminatory limitations that may be attached to them."
Three important points made by the commission are that the issuance of mileage tickets is in no sense compulsory, but is permissible and voluntary on the part of the carriers, that purchasers of mileage tickets may not lawfully be constituted into a special class, but must come under the general law common to all passengers, and that purchasers of mileage tickets are bound by the lawful contract features of that form of reduced rate transportation.
The commission goes so far as to hold that purchasers of special reduced rate transportation, such as mileage tickets, have no legal right to demand the same privileges and advantages that are accorded to a passenger who has paid the regular fare at a higher rate. The carriers have never gone to this extent, but while making the mileage ticket regulation for their protection, have afforded the same privileges and advantages to the purchasers of mileage tickets as are given to purchasers of other forms of transportation.

MYSTERIOUS WOMAN'S NAME MAY BE MENTIONED IN MILLIONAIRE'S WILL

Believed That He Has Made Provision for her Support After His Death
HAS DISAPPEARED
PITTSFIELD, Mass., May 1.—Another sensation will grow out of the tragic death of Wellington Smith, the aged millionaire paper manufacturer of Lee, Mass., whose neck was broken in a folding bed last Tuesday in a New York boarding house, where he was with a woman not his wife.
It was told confidentially here today that Smith left certain legal papers in the hands of a local attorney in which he made ample provision for the woman. The nature of this provision will be disclosed when Smith's affairs are settled and it is hard to see how the revelation of the woman's name can be prevented then.
It was said also that the manufacturer had made a will in which he provided for her.
Efforts have been made by acquaintances of the woman to get into communication with her. She is a resident of New York, it is understood here, but she maintained a summer home at Lee. Telegrams directed to her have not been delivered.
Articles that Smith carried when in New York were received at Lee today, but they contained no clue to the woman's identity. The only thing they did was to strengthen the belief that she was an old acquaintance of his.
In his efforts to obtain the papers, known to have been in his father's missing waistcoat, Augustus Smith had a man go to New York and convey the information that if the papers and keys were returned no questions would be asked. The papers were valuable only to the family. No request was made for the dead man's watch and money.
This afternoon an express package came addressed to the Smith Paper company. It contained the waistcoat, keys, papers, money and watch. There

"AFFINITY EARLE" HAS ANOTHER SOUL MATE ON LIST, AND WAITS DECREE

Courts Cannot Divorce Wives Fast Enough to Keep up with His Ardor
THIS ONE IS NO. 4
NEW YORK, May 1.—Ferdinand Pinney Earle is again busy letting his soul out of prison. Every little while his soul troubles him like that. He is being true to himself once more and that means he has a new affinity. She is down as No. 4. And he is waiting impatiently the call of the divorce which will shed the fetters of matrimony from his second soul-mate.
The first woman who really understood him divorced him; to the second a decree is expected, and the third parted from him in scorn before the wedding bells had rung. The fourth is yet to be.
Since his last vibratory escapade, Ferdinand has entered once more upon his role of the dreamy, imaginative artist, musician and poet. In his studio the unfinished head of a slender, dark-eyed Frenchwoman stands on an easel. It is the portrait of the fourth affinity.
Earle's ostensible mission in returning to Paris several months ago with his mother was to appeal to Emile Fischbacher, his first wife, to let him see their child more often. Under the decree of divorce which she obtained in May, 1908, Earle is permitted to see the child once a week, but Madame Fischbacher, as she is now known, has sole custody of their offspring. Earle, heedless of the son Affinity No. 2, has borne him is anxious to see more of his first born. The Fischbacher are afraid he will kidnap the child. He has asked a court to grant him the right to a share of his first born's company.
The boy Miss Kuttner bore him four months after their marriage, which is about to be annulled, was christened Edmund Erwin Earle. By the decree Referee Foley has recommended this boy may be declared legitimate. The second Mrs. Earle insisted on that as part of her prayer

USED DAUGHTER AS BAIT IN MATRIMONIAL SCHEME

Advertised for Husband and Money Came in so Fast Could Not Send it Back
JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., May 1.—J. A. Campbell, aged sixty-two, a wealthy farmer of Morgan county, and his daughter, Mrs. Mabel Addison, were held to the federal grand jury here today under \$1,000 bonds to answer a charge of conducting a fraudulent matrimonial scheme.
Search of Mrs. Addison's rooms by postoffice inspectors brought to light more than 400 letters from men in all parts of the United States, Canada and Mexico. Several of the letters had contained sums of money ranging from \$5 to \$50 for a wedding outfit. Campbell inserted an advertisement in a matrimonial paper about six months ago, giving the name of Nora Johnson. He confessed today, but said he inserted the advertisements "just for fun," and that the replies came so fast he was unable to return the money as fast as it came in.
"Nora Johnson" was supposed to be seventeen years old, an orphan and heiress to \$17,000 in a year.
DR. BREWSTER DEAD.
ATLANTA, Ga., May 1.—Dr. T. T. Brewster, for a number of years superintendent of a local hospital and a well known physician died here today of bright disease. He was a graduate of Jefferson college of Philadelphia.

LAYMENS' MOVEMENT CULMINATES IN CHICAGO

Four Religious Organizations Will Meet in Windy City This Week
CHICAGO, May 1.—Three meetings of national and international conventions or religious affairs will be opened in Chicago this week. Coming from all parts of the country 400 delegates will open the Mens' Missionary Congress Tuesday for a four days session. On Friday the Northern Baptists will begin a seven days convention in connection with the Women's American Baptist Home Mission society, which will hold its annual meeting.
The Mens' Missionary Congress will mark the close of the campaign conducted by the laymen's missionary movement, which has held conventions in seventy cities since October 15, last, when the first convention was held in Buffalo. The object of the campaign is the evangelization of the world in this generation and more than 77,000 business men have registered as delegates to these meetings. In the morning hour all the protestant churches of America will be represented. Ambassador James Bryce, of England, will be one of the speakers. Another visitor will be the archbishop of West India. Bishop Chas. P. Anderson, of Chicago, will open the congress.
ARRESTS IN JEWEL CASE.
MONTGOMERY, Ala., May 1.—James H. and Daniel H. Shreve, arrested in San Antonio, Tex. were brought here today and released upon bonds of \$10,000 each. They are charged with being implicated in alleged jewelry swindles. Another man, Charley Spicer, wanted chiefly as a witness has been caught in Florida after secret service men chased him 130 miles in an automobile.

WARD, NOTED AMERICAN SCULPTOR, IS NO MORE

Designed Many Famous Statues of Public Men Throughout Country
NEW YORK, May 1.—John Quincy Adams Ward, one of America's greatest sculptors, died at his home here in his eightieth year. He had been ill for three months. He is survived by his widow, who was at the bedside, and by a brother, Edgar Melville Ward, a painter, who was in Chicago at the time of the sculptor's death. Funeral services will be held Tuesday and the body will be sent to Urbana, O., where he was born, for interment.
Mr. Ward spent practically his entire life in New York city, having come here from Ohio in his youth. His first teacher in the art of sculpture was Henry K. Brown, with whom he collaborated on the famous equestrian statue of Washington in Union square. Among his other well known works are the equestrian statues of Sheridan and Hancock in Philadelphia and in New York city the statues of an Indian hunter, the Pilgrim, Shakespeare, all in Central park; Henry Ward Beecher, in Borough Hall park, Brooklyn; also statues of Commodore Perry at Newport, R. I., and Israel Putnam at Hartford, Conn.
He completed shortly before his death a statue of Hancock for the Smith memorial in Philadelphia which will be unveiled there next autumn.

FARMERS CONVENTION TO BE PERFECT TALK-FEST

Many Applications Received for Places on Program at Farmers' Convention
ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 1.—With ninety speakers on the program each with a speech probably to expand, the joint convention of the Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union which begins here tomorrow is expected to be an oratorical marathon that will set a new mark for future conventions in number of words and variety of ideas. More than 150 applications for places on the program were received, but only ninety could be accommodated during the six days of the convention through lack of time. Between 10,000 and 15,000 delegates, representing more than seven million members of more than 400 farmers organizations are expected to be present. The list of speakers includes many prominent men, among them being President Taft, who speaks on Wednesday, and William Jennings Bryan, who comes Saturday.



WASHINGTON, May 1.—Forecast for North Carolina: Fair, Monday and Tuesday, light to moderate south to southwest winds.

The Asheville Citizen:—
I have reason to believe that I have been missed by the enumerator in the recent census, and am desirous of having my name enrolled as a permanent resident of this city:
NAME
Street and Number
(Fill in and Mail to The Citizen.)

THE COMET TODAY.
May 2: Halley's comet rises today 2.48 a. m.; tomorrow 2.46 a. m. Sun rises 4.52. Comet's speed 1,753 miles per minute.