

EXPERTS DECLARE COCA COLA IS NOT AS BAD AS COFFEE

But All Admit That Popular "Dope" Contains Certain Portion of Caffeine... MANY CHEMISTS ARE PLACED ON STAND... Only One of the Whole Number Testifies That Caffeine Is Not Poison

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., March 24.—Although Judge Sanford yesterday ruled in the federal court that the coca-cola people must disclose the composition of the mysterious "merchandise No. 5," the principal ingredient used in the manufacture of coca-cola syrup, the government was not enlightened on that subject today in the hearing of the case of the United States against forty barrels and twenty kegs of coca-cola.

RUSSIA TO FIGHT CHINA IS REPORT REACHING LONDON

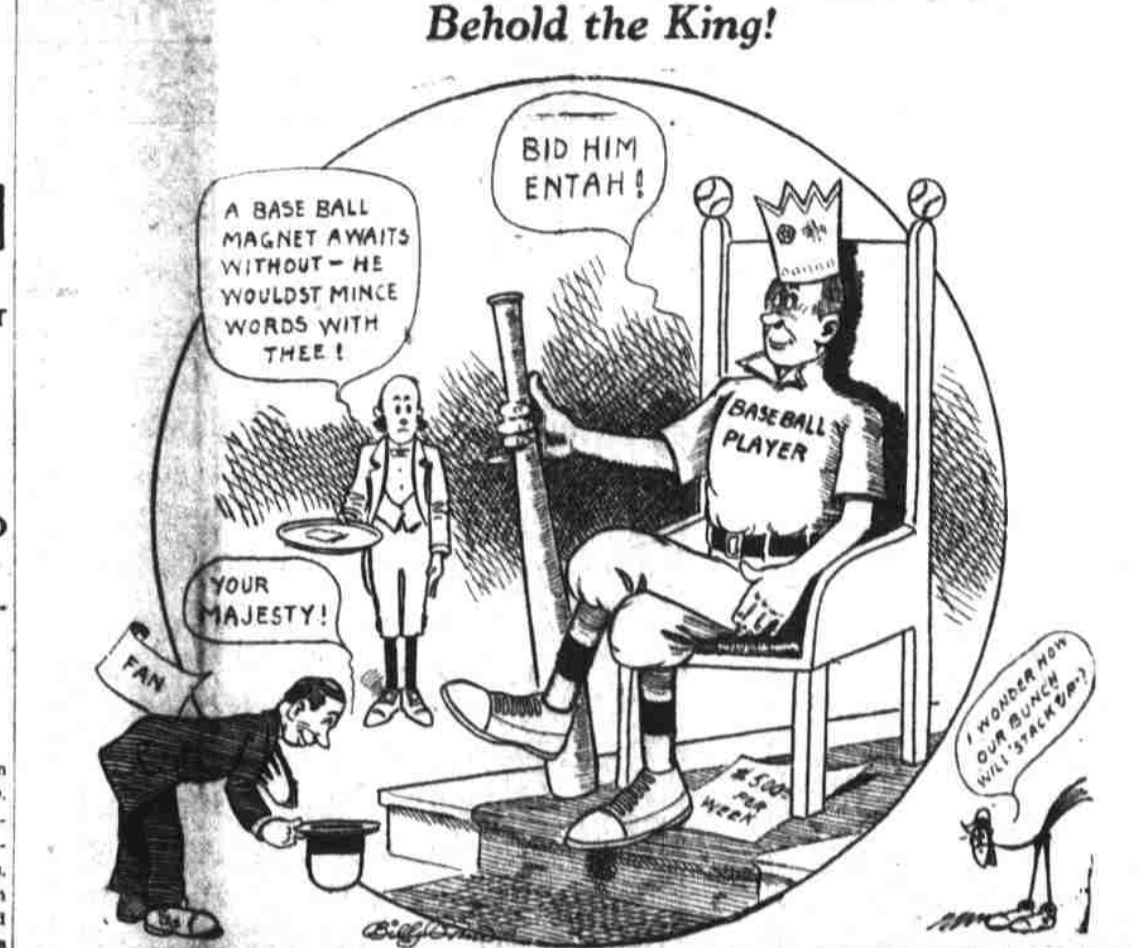
Upon Receipt of Report That War Will be Declared Lloyds Raises Rates... CHINA OBSTINATE OVER CONCESSIONS... Reported That Russia is Preparing for Mobilization of Troops on Border

ST. PETERSBURG, March 24.—Russia is on the point of addressing to China an ultimatum fixing a date for entire satisfaction of her demands. The Chinese reply to Russia's successive notes dealing with the demands of Russia in Mongolia have been described by the Chinese government as conciliatory but the text in each case has been unsatisfactory to Russia because it has evaded the points at issue.

GAYNOR RELEASED MARKING CLOSE OF LONG LITIGATION

Has Served Four Years for Part in Savannah Harbor Fraud Conspiracy... ESCAPES PAYING FINE WHICH WAS IMPOSED... Thus Ends One of Most Sensational Cases in United States Courts

ATLANTA, Ga., March 24.—John F. Gaynor, who, with Benjamin D. Greene, served four years in the federal penitentiary here for participation in the Savannah harbor frauds, was allowed to take the pauper's oath late this afternoon and was released from custody. This procedure clears him of the necessity of paying the \$75,000 fine imposed in addition to the prison sentence.



MEXICAN CABINET COMPOSED OF MEN OLD IN YEARS AND SERVICE RESIGNS

Believed That Action Will Contribute to Re-Establishment of Peace and Facilitate Contemplated Reforms.—President Diaz Postpones Acceptance or Rejection.—All Members Are Old Men.

MEXICO CITY, March 24.—The Diaz cabinet resigned in a body at a special meeting of that board today. The president deferred action upon the resignations. The reasons given for the action in an official announcement is the belief that it will contribute to the re-establishment of peace and facilitate the reforms which are in contemplation.

RUSSIAN CABINET CRISIS IS ENDED BY RETENTION OF STOLYPIN AS PREMIER

Members of Council of Empire Are Suspended by Emperor for Action... DUMA ADJOURNED

ST. PETERSBURG, March 24.—Premier Stolypin, who last Monday sent in his resignation, has agreed to remain in office and the cabinet crisis therefore is at an end. An imperial decree issued today suspends M. Trepoza and M. Dernovo, members of the council of empire from all sittings of the council until January, 1912.

HOYT'S APPOINTMENT TO GEORGIA RAILROAD JOB SHROUDED IN MYSTERY

Becomes Assistant to President of Central of Georgia Railway FROM CHICAGO

ATLANTA, Ga., March 24.—Edward Travis Hoyt has been appointed assistant to the president of the Central of Georgia railroad. He was right hand man of President Markham, of the Illinois Central railroad. This announcement was made for the first time by Mr. Hoyt himself, when he appeared in Atlanta several days ago unheralded by any formal announcement.

ILLINOIS STATE SENATOR IMPLICATED IN BRIBERY CHARGES WAS ACQUITTED

Broderick Found Not Guilty of Giving Money to Holstlaw for Vote IN TWENTY MINUTES

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 24.—State Senator John Broderick was found not guilty by a jury in the Sangamon county circuit court this afternoon. The jury was out twenty minutes. Broderick was charged with bribery in connection with the election of United States Senator Lorimer. Testimony was heard at the trial that he had given \$2,500 to Former State Senator D. W. Holstlaw of Iuka, in consideration of the Iuka senator's vote for Lorimer.

TRANSPORTATION COMPANY FINED... SAVANNAH, Mar. 24.—Judge Emory Spear in the United States Circuit court here today imposed a fine of \$20,000 on the Merchant and Miner's Transportation company for giving preferences in rates. The corporation was convicted here last Friday.

COMPENSATION LAW UNCONSTITUTIONAL... ALBANY, N. Y., March 24.—The workmen's compulsory compensation to workmen injured in certain specified dangerous employment regardless of the employer's negligence, was declared unconstitutional by the Court of Appeals today.

MACK SAYS HE IS RECEPTIVE CANDIDATE... HOT SPRINGS, March 24.—In an interview here today, Norman E. Mack, chairman of the National democratic committee, said to an Associated Press representative: "Let me tell you something. I am like every other man in New York state who has the slightest chance for being selected for United States senator. We are all receptive candidates, but I know that I am not going to be selected for senator. That was all settled before I came to Hot Springs. I am more familiar with the situation there than the fellows that write about me and I will tell you this without hesitation, that I am not going to be chosen senator."

STRIKING FIREMEN REACH SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Railroad Men Will Submit Differences to Arbitration and End Strike

WASHINGTON, Mar. 24.—Representatives of the conductors, firemen and locomotive engineers on the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific railway who have been striking because negro firemen are alleged to have been given preferred runs on the road reached a tentative basis of settlement with the railway through the national mediation board today.

POTASH CONTROVERSY IS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION

American Ambassador Calls at State Department Concerning Matter

WASHINGTON, March 24.—David J. Hill, American ambassador to Germany, today conferred with Acting Secretary of State Wilson and officials of the state department on the potash controversy now the subject of diplomatic interchange between the United States and Germany. The purpose of Mr. Hill's visit to Washington, it was explained at the department, was to permit him to make a full report of the situation from the German point of view, and also to acquaint the ambassador intimately with the official view of Washington as developed by the diplomatic exchanges.

FOUR FIREMEN KILLED IN FACTORY AT MILWAUKEE

Dozen Others Injured as Roof of Building Caved in Under Flames

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 24.—Four firemen were killed, a fifth was probably fatally hurt and a dozen others were injured today when the roof of the Middleton Manufacturing company's hat factory caved in during a fire which burned out the five-story structure. Ten minutes before the roof caved in, Assistant Chief Young ordered the firemen from the roof. Later they were ordered back and again ordered to vacate their perilous position. They failed to respond rapidly enough and went down with the falling roof. The property loss is \$100,000 covered by insurance.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Forecast: North Carolina—Generally fair Saturday and Sunday, rising temperature; moderate and probably brisk north and east winds.

COX PROCEEDINGS ARE AT STANDSTILL... CINCINNATI, O., March 24.—After five days of legal turbulence in the George B. Cox perjury case, the work promises to close peacefully tomorrow. This condition is brought about by the fact that both sides must await the action of Judge T. A. Jones, presiding judge of the circuit court, two of whose members are charged with "bias and prejudice." Judge Jones today announced that he would not be in this city until Monday. As Judge Gorman signified his intention today to obey the injunction forbidding him to try the Cox case the proceedings will be at a standstill until Judge Jones' arrival.

FULL PARDON FOR JOHN BLACK... COLUMBIA, S. C., Mar. 24.—Governor Blease today announced that he had granted a full pardon to John Black, former member of the old state dispensary board, whose prison sentence of five years was recently commuted by the governor to a fine of \$2,000. Black's pardon remits his fine and restores citizenship. Black was convicted at Chester last year of conspiracy to defraud the state.

KITCHIN AGAINST SIMMONS FIGHT ON IN DEAD EARNEST

Present Governor Will Wage Strenuous Fight for Senior Senatorship... OTHER CANDIDATES MAY ENTER THE RACE... E.J. Justice as Progressive Democrat May Enter Lists Against Others

By H. K. C. Bryant. WASHINGTON, March 24.—Tarheel democrats are on the warpath. They are launching one of the liveliest campaigns that North Carolina ever witnessed. Senator Simmons, the game cock of the state delegation here, precipitated this fight by two acts during the closing days of the last congress. His voice for the acquittal of Senator Lorimer, for whom Senator Bailey and others voted so royally, is the red rag to the "progressive democrats" of the Old North state. "Progressive democrats" is what the anti-Simmons men call themselves. The speech of the senior senator against President Taft's reciprocity treaty with Canada is another red rag to the "progressives." I hardly need say when I first got wind of the promised battle between the "North Carolina regulars" and "the progressives."

TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS IN REGISTERED PACKAGE STOLEN FROM MAIL POUCH

Mail Bags Laid at Station Waiting for Late Train and One Was Opened... NO CLUE TO THEFT

TAMPA, Fla., Mar. 24.—Ten thousand dollars in currency was stolen from a mail pouch in transit between Tampa and Clearwater last night. The theft was discovered when the mail pouch reached St. Petersburg this morning at 10 o'clock, having been carried by its destination Clearwater. There was an eight inch slit in the pouch. A registered package had been torn open, the money extracted and the casing pushed back in the mail bag. The money was sent from Tampa at 4:40 o'clock yesterday afternoon by the Exchange National Bank and was consigned to the Bank of Clearwater.

Postal officials decline to give any information until postoffice detectives arrive to make an investigation in search to make an investigation. The robbery is supposed to have been committed while fourteen bags for Clearwater and points south of that city were lying on the platform at Tarpon Springs for over an hour waiting for the Atlantic Coast train which was eight hours late.



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