

EMBEZZLEMENT OF TWO MILLIONS IS CRIME OF SHELDON

Fugitive From Canada Is Arrested in Financial District in Pittsburg Pa.

SENSATIONAL ATTEMPT TO MAKE HIS ESCAPE

Operated A Get Rich Quick Scheme and Dissappeared When Investigated

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 27.—Charles D. Sheldon, alias Chas. D. Washburn, of Montreal, Canada, who is wanted in that city on charges of embezzlement, said to involve nearly \$2,000,000, was arrested in the local financial district here today by a private detective from the East.

The information received by the local authorities charge him with embezzlement and receiving money by false pretenses in the sum of \$500,000. When the detectives approached Sheldon he made a sensational attempt to escape, and was captured only after an exciting chase.

Get-Rich-Quick Operations. Sheldon, according to the police tonight, disappeared from Montreal last October. His get-rich-quick operations there are said to have excited the suspicions of the authorities. Sheldon maintained that he was doing a legitimate business, and offered to submit his books to the crown attorney for complete investigation.

TRAFFIC SUPERINTENDENT RESIGNS

ATLANTA, Ga., Mar. 27.—Announcement was made here tonight of the resignation of D. M. Therrell, division traffic superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph company.

DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE ON RULES TO HAVE SESSION EVERY DAY

Will Formulate Its Report in Time for Consideration at Caucus

MAY HAVE NEW RULES

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27.—Democratic members of the new committee on rules of the house of representatives headed by Representative Henry of Texas, the chairman, met today and will be in session daily until congress convenes April 4.

COLLEGE STUDENT DIED SAVING THREE

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The body of Duncan McRae Jr., who was drowned in the Potomac river yesterday while canoeing with fellow students of George Washington university, was recovered today.

SCIENTISTS WHEN ON WITNESS STAND BECOME CONFUSED

College Professors Admit That Statements in Their Books Are Far Wrong

IS CAFFEINE POISON IS MOOTED QUESTION

Some Say Yes and Others No in Telling of Coca Cola and Effects

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., March 27.—The testimony of well known medical and scientific writers contrary to statements contained in their own works was a feature of today's proceedings in the trial of the United States against the Coca Cola company.

Dr. Horatio C. Wood, pharmacologist and professor of medicine in the Philadelphia Theoputical college, had also written a book in which he stated that caffeine was a powerful muscle poison. He stated on the stand today that he had experimented with caffeine on the muscles of frogs, and that in one case poison was present in the muscle of one leg of a frog and in the other there was no poison.

Dr. John Marshall, professor of chemistry and toxicology of the University of Pennsylvania, declared that the text books did not treat caffeine as a poison. Government attorneys presented several of these and cited several cases of caffeine poisoning.

POSTOFFICE INSPECTORS RAID BROKERAGE OFFICE ARRESTING THREE OWNERS

Alleged That They Were Selling Stock in Non-Existent Oil Company.

DOING BIG BUSINESS

NEW YORK, March 27.—In a raid today on the stock brokerage offices in Fifth avenue, occupied by Wisner and company and the Standard Securities company, postoffice inspectors charged that irregularities amounting to more than \$2,000,000 had been brought to light.

RED CROSS FURNISHES FUNDS

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27.—In response to appeals from Brigadier General Bliss at San Diego, Cal., for relief for the destitute refugees of the Mexican revolution in lower California, the American National Red Cross today telegraphed \$2000.

DEMOCRATS IN NEW YORK FAIL TO NAME A CAUCUS NOMINEE

But All Hope is Passed That Sheehan Will Continue as Candidate

PROLONGED DEADLOCK ABOUT TO GIVE WAY

Calling of New Caucus Relieves Situation and Man Will be Named Soon

ALBANY, N. Y., Mar. 27.—The second democratic legislative caucus failed tonight to select a candidate for U. S. senator and was called to reconvene tomorrow night. Twenty-five candidates were voted for, Wm. F. Sheehan leading with a vote of 28—less than a third of those taking part.

Several of the members tonight scored the insurgents for their failure to attend the caucus. The general opinion in both the democratic camps was that a democratic senator would be elected in time to take his seat when the extraordinary session of congress convenes a week from tomorrow.

PREPARING FOR CONVENTION

ATLANTA, Ga., March 27.—President Sampel Gompers and the officers of the American Federation of Labor arrived in Atlanta today to make preliminary preparations for the national convention which meets here next November.

COMMERCE COMMISSION MAKES DECISION WHICH WILL GOVERN MANY CASES

Georgia Lumber Road Not Entitled to Reparation From Railway.

INTERESTING POINTS

WASHINGTON, March 27.—A principle that is likely to govern in many cases was laid down today by the interstate commerce commission in a decision of the complaint of the Kaul Lumber company of Alabama against the Central of Georgia railway and other carriers.

HARD FOUGHT GAME

ATLANTA, Ga., Mar. 27.—The New York Americans won in a hard fought game with the Atlanta Southern leaguers here today 10 to 8.

COLUMBIA DEFEATED

COLUMBIA, S. C., Mar. 27.—The world's champions today defeated Columbia by a score of 7 to 3. Lord and Baker made home runs.

Sh—, Don't Get Excited!



CRIMINAL CARELESSNESS WAS CAUSE OF NEW YORK'S HORRIBLE HOLOCAUST

One Fire Escape Blocked by Iron Shutters.—Doors Swung Inward.—Water Tank Was Empty.—Never Had Fire Drill.—Death List is Now 142.—Thirty-Three Crushed and Charred Bodies Yet Unidentified.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Fixing the blame for the loss of 142 lives in the Washington square fire of Saturday drew to a focus today the energies of the district attorney's staff, the fire marshal, the coroner, the state labor department and Borough President McAneny of Manhattan.

What they found. What the proper found—evidence that doors at exits swung inward; the crumpled fire escape in the air shaft; the one fire escape blocked by iron shutters when opened; an empty water tank on the roof, and the practice prevalent among cutters of lighting cigarette a few minutes before quitting time—all this, and what is yet to be ferreted out, will be placed

speedily before the grand jury for action, District Attorney Whitman announced. Fire Marshal Beera summoned the proprietors of the Triangle Waist company and several employees to testify at a public hearing.

FAMOUS FERRER CASE IS BEING DEBATED IN SPAIN

For Execution Two Years Ago Likely That Spanish Ministry Will Fall.

MADRID, March 27.—The debate on the trial of Prof. Ferrer, the founder of the modern school at Barcelona who was executed in October, 1909, opened in the chamber of deputies today and attracted unusual attention.

MANY REFORMS ENACTED

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Mar. 27.—The California legislature adjourned tonight after enacting into laws nearly all the reforms on which Governor Johnson made his campaign as a progressive.

KANSAS CITY LOST

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Mar. 27.—Joe Birmingham's squad of the Cleveland American league baseball team defeated the Kansas City American association team tonight 12 to 5.

DUMA PRESIDENT RESIGNS

ST. PETERSBURG, Mar. 27.—A. J. Guchkoff has resigned as president of the duma.

VIRGINIA ANTI-BETTING LAWS MUST BE OBSERVED

Spring Meeting of Jamestown Jockey Club Receives Official Warning.

RICHMOND, Va., March 27.—Gov. Mann today declared that the Virginia anti-betting law must not be violated at the Jamestown Jockey club spring meeting, which is scheduled to open April 5.

WILL OBEY ALL LAWS

NORFOLK, Va., March 27.—Regarding the statement of Gov. Mann that he would not permit any violation of the state anti-betting law during the spring meeting of the Jamestown Jockey club, which opens April 15, Manager Bob Levy, of the Jockey club, tonight said.

REBEL LEADER WAS SHOT

MEXICALI, Mex., Mar. 27.—General Simon Berthold, the American socialist leader of the rebels in Lower California, was shot in the leg and one rebel was killed in a skirmish with Mexican federals at Alamo Pass 75 miles south of Mexical, according to a courier from Berthold to General Leyva here. Berthold claimed he killed four federals.

ALDRICH CURRENCY PLAN UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSED

Currency Committee of the American Bankers Association Takes Action.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The currency committee of the American Bankers association, an organization representing 12,000 of the 22,000 banks of this country, unanimously approved the Aldrich plan of monetary reform today.

DE LA BARRA BREAKS JOURNEY

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Mar. 27.—Francisco de la Barra, newly chosen minister of foreign affairs of Mexico, on his arrival here at 5:25 p. m. today decided to pause in his journey to Mexico City until 8:30 o'clock tomorrow night.

AT THE PALACE

Professor Foster, whose travel lectures made a decided hit last season, opened the week's bill at the Palace theatre last night to a large audience.

CHAIRMANSHIPS OF ALL COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN FIXED

North Carolina Will Show Up Bad in General Assignments Scheduled

OTHER STATES WILL MAKE BETTER SHOWING

Did Bryan Lose Out in Attempt to Dictate Some of Chairmanships?

By H. E. C. Bryant. WASHINGTON, March 27.—Unless something unexpected comes to change the plans of the ways and means committee of the house, which is also the committee on committees, the following named will be appointed committee chairmen: agriculture, Lamb of Virginia; appropriations, Fitzgerald of New York; banking and currency, Palo of Louisiana; District of Columbia, Johnson of Kentucky; education, Lever of South Carolina; election of president and vice president and representatives in congress, Tucker of Missouri; foreign affairs, Flood of Virginia; immigration and naturalization, Burnett of Alabama; Indian affairs, Stephens of Texas; industrial arts and expositions, Heflin of Alabama; insular affairs, Jones of Virginia; interstate and foreign commerce, Adamson of Georgia; invalid pensions, Sherwood of Ohio; irrigation of acid lands, Smith of Texas; judiciary, Clayton of Alabama; labor, Wilson of Pennsylvania; manufacturing, Johnson of South Carolina; military affairs, Hay of Virginia; naval affairs, Padgett of Tennessee; patents, Sulzer of New York; pensions, Richardson of Alabama; post office and post roads, Moon of Tennessee; printing, Finley of South Carolina; public buildings and grounds, Shepard of Texas; revision of laws, Watkins of Louisiana; rivers and harbors, Spatsman of Florida; rivers, Henry of Texas; war claims, Sims of Tennessee; claims, Goldfogle of New York; public lands, Robinson of Missouri; territories, Lord of Missouri; library, Hayden of Texas; railroads and canals, Kertoy of Indiana; reform in the civil service, Godwin of North Carolina.

There is some doubt as to who will be chairman of the census committee, as Hay the ranking member will have military affairs and Robinson, next in rank, public lands and Wilson, labor, and Godwin, reform in the civil service, leaving Hamlin of Missouri, the only democrat on the committee. The task of the committee is not yet completed but this is the program to date. Some of these may be changed. Captain Lamb is being opposed for the committee on agriculture by Southern farmers' organizations because of his defiant stand against the anti-gambling bill introduced at the last session of congress. At one time it looked as if Lever of South Carolina or Bell or Burleson of Texas would defeat him, but within the last few days, he has gained the upper hand. Lever was opposed by grangers in the north and west because he favored the removal of the direct tax of ten cents per pound on colored oleomargarine and Captain Lamb favored by them for the reason that he thinks the tax should remain. Bell was looked up.

AUTOMOBILE RACES WILL BEGIN AT JACKSONVILLE TODAY WITH MANY ENTRIES

Feature of Today Will Be World's Record Trials for One Mile.

WEATHER CLEARING.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Mar. 27.—Everything is in readiness for the opening of the automobile speed carnival on the Atlantic beach which was scheduled to start this morning but postponed until tomorrow on account of unfavorable weather. Rain fell in torrents last night and this morning, but the sky cleared this afternoon and reports from the beach tonight were that the course is now in excellent condition for racing. Among the drivers who will compete here during the four days racing are Burnan (Mercedes, Benz, Buick); Merz and Wilcox (National); Disbrow (Pope-Hartford); Strang (Case); Edmunds and Tucker (Cole); Evans and Tower (Warren-Detroit); Hughes (Mercer); Ferguson (Lancia). There are twenty-eight scheduled events with four extra events for the four days, for a total cash prize of \$3,000 and \$7,000 in trophies and medals. The feature event of tomorrow's program will be the world's record trial for one mile, open to all cars with a flying start for a cash prize of \$1,000 for the fastest mile, and a speed king crown providing the present world's record of 27.1 seconds, held by Barney Oldfield, is lowered.

