

General News.

Congress will convene next Monday.

Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, is seriously ill.

The estate of Joseph Pulitzer, late proprietor of the New York World and the St. Louis Post Dispatch, is valued at \$18,525,116.

Mrs. Laura Appold, of Washington, D. C., is suing for a divorce. She says her husband beats her daily after the family prayers.

Five thousand steel workers are idle at Braddock and five thousand at Homestead, Pa., as a result of the engineers' and firemen's strike.

The Progressive National Committee filed a statement Monday showing that contributions to the Roosevelt campaign amounted to \$688,869.

The Union Sulphur Works of New York were swept by fire Monday morning and eight persons are believed to have perished in the flames.

The Farmers' Manufacturing Company's plant at Norfolk, Va., one of the largest makers of barrels in the South, was practically destroyed by fire.

Fifty women and children were trampled to death in a moving picture theatre in Bilboa, Spain, Sunday afternoon when one of the picture films caught fire.

Secretary Wilson's annual report shows that during the last year the Department of Agriculture at Washington has mailed 34,000,000 pieces of mail to farmers.

The American Federation of Labor Saturday decided to call on affiliated unions to render financial aid to the defendants in the "dynamite conspiracy" trial at Indianapolis.

The official estimate of the dead in the hurricane and tidal wave which swept the western coast of Jamaica a few days ago places the number of dead at more than one hundred.

The American Woman's Suffrage Association in session at Philadelphia Monday re-elected practically all of the present officers and adopted resolutions favoring a non-partisan organization.

Three subsidiary lines of the New York Central system and a Chicago coal corporation were indicted Saturday by the Federal grand jury in Chicago, charged with giving and receiving rebates.

The Gondorf gang of wire-tappers and other swindlers of their kind in New York have fleeced persons out of over \$750,000 during the year, according to persons in touch with the situation.

Senator Isador Raynor, senior United States Senator from Maryland, died early Monday morning at his apartment in Washington. Senator Raynor had been in failing health for several months.

An explosion which wrecked the dry starch plant of the Corn Products Company at Waukegan, Ill., Monday, killed between three and twelve workmen and severely injured twenty-seven others.

Richard Sparks, a negro, was shot and killed at Peak, S. C., Friday by a posse of men. Sparks and another negro had robbed a magistrate of \$20 and escaped with the magistrate's horse and buggy.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has begun an investigation in Washington into the rates and practices of express companies relating to the transportation of bread and bakery products.

With the hard coal receipts in Boston for the month of October, 25,000 tons less than the supply for the same period last year, that city, according to local dealers, faces the greatest coal famine in years.

France has notified the Turkish Government she would hold Turkey responsible for any violence against Christian and asked the Ottoman Government to adopt rigid measures to prevent any outbreaks.

Sidna Allen, leader of the Hillsville outlaw clan, was Saturday found guilty of murder in the second degree and his punishment fixed at fifteen years in the State penitentiary. He will be tried on another indictment.

Gideon C. Bantz, assistant treasurer of the United States, resigned Saturday at the request of Secretary MacVeagh. This is the third official in the Treasury Department to resign within the past few months on account of friction.

The bodies of 200 persons killed in the earthquake in Mexico a few days ago have been recovered from the ruins of the little town of Acambay, in the northern part of the State of Mexico. News from other towns and villages report loss of several lives.

The Census Bureau states cotton ginned prior to November 14th amounted to 10,291,431 bales. North Carolina's ginning is 627,045.

Sixty barrels of whiskey and sixty barrels of beer consigned to Tulsa, Okla., as car-load of bran were seized a few days ago at Kansas City, Mo., by officers of the Department of Justice.

Widespread agitation against the white slave evil in England has resulted in the introduction of a bill into Parliament to check the traffic by enacting a law providing for flogging the offenders.

A Washington, D. C., dispatch says forty-one thousand eight hundred gobbling turkeys passed through Washington Saturday on a "Thanksgiving Special" from East Tennessee points and were bound for Baltimore and New York.

Mrs. John Layman, aged forty, and her three boys, aged one, two, and three, respectively, were burned to death Tuesday in a fire that destroyed their farm home in Warwick County, Virginia. Several others were injured severely.

Oscar King Davis, former Washington correspondent, who was identified with Colonel Roosevelt's campaign, will have charge of the new permanent headquarters of the Progressive party to be opened in Washington at the beginning of the new year.

Two plants of the Corn Products Company, owned and controlled by Standard Oil interests, were destroyed by an explosion and fire Monday. One was in Brooklyn, N. Y., and one in Waukan, Ill., but the blasts that wrecked them came within a single hour.

A primary is to be held at Marion, Ky., January 18th to determine the community choice among several aspirants for the postmastership. Senator-elect Ollie James, whose home is there, agreed to endorse the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes.

A rule compelling all the elementary and high schools of Greater New York to establish savings banks for the pupils will go into effect next week if the Board of Education accepts the report on this subject of the joint committee on finance and elementary schools.

The issue of peace and war in Europe hangs on a slender thread and hostilities are likely to break out between some of the powers at any time. The peace envoys of Turkey and Balkan allies met Monday, but it has not been learned whether an armistice was arranged.

That more than 1,000 persons are killed at grade crossings and over 5,000 trespassers on railroad property lose their lives annually, was the statement of John A. Jones, railway commissioner of Maine, before the National Association of Railway Commissioners at Washington.

Ortie E. McManigal testified at the dynamite trial that he was commissioned to destroy the Los Angeles Times' auxiliary plant, the second explosion being planned to avert suspicion from McManigal, but the building was too well guarded, and he blew up a steel plant instead.

Dragged from her horse, her head and legs cut off and the body cut in two by persons as yet unidentified, was the fate of seventeen-year-old Mary Barnham, the daughter of a prominent farmer residing near Pleasant Ridge, Ark., whose dismembered body was found near her home Saturday.

Pick-pockets posing as delegates to the North Georgia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Carrollton, Georgia, robbed several ministers attending the Conference. Dr. J. Magath, of Oxford, a missionary to the Hebrews, was relieved of a wallet containing \$20, and several other thefts have been reported.

Will Thomas, a negro accused of killing Spurgeon Johnson, a white farmer, near Newberry, S. C., several weeks ago, was lynched by a mob of masked men near that place Friday night. The negro was being taken to jail by a constable when captured by the mob. He was chained to a tree and his body riddled with bullets.

Montana has adopted the initiative referendum measure providing for party nominations for State offices by direct vote and limiting the campaign expenditures of candidates to 15 per cent of the office salary for year. The measure also provides for the direct election of United States Senators and for a Presidential primary.

The Board of Health at Hampton, Va., Tuesday, closed the public schools, moving picture shows and other public places, and issued an order that no Sunday-schools be opened Sunday. The order is effective until December 4th, and came as a result of the prevalence of diphtheria and scarlet fever. The drastic action resulted from a failure to obey quarantine rules.

President Taft has informed the Atlanta, Ga., Chamber of Commerce that engagements will prevent his presence at the Panama Canal Conference, to be held in Atlanta December 10 and 11.

Thirty-two prisoners, several of whom were serving life terms for murder, were released from the State penitentiary and the county jails in South Carolina Tuesday by order of Governor Cole L. Bleasde. Three prisoners were granted full pardons and the remainder were paroled.

The press was scored by President Madero of Mexico a few days ago as being largely responsible for the ills of Mexico. It created disrespect for authority, he said, and encouraged the Government's enemies. He declared that a new law was necessary to curb and punish offenders.

An addition of \$2,000,000 to the endowment fund of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching was announced by Andrew Carnegie at a meeting of the trustees of his foundation in New York. The endowment now stands at \$14,000,000, with a \$1,000,000 surplus.

Fire, the origin unknown, destroyed the Union Envelope plant at Richmond, Va., Saturday. The damage exceeds seventy-five thousand dollars. An electric meter blew out, exploding a motor and fring the paper stock. Twenty-five girls, working upstairs, fled down the fire-escapes, but lost all their belongings in the cloak-room.

Three new counterfeit notes have been unearthed by the United States Secret Service, and Chief Wilkie has issued a warning to the public. The counterfeits are a ten dollar National bank note on the First National Bank of Ashley, Pa.; a ten-dollar gold certificate and a twenty-dollar gold certificate.

The men arrested on five indictments returned by the Federal grand jury at Cincinnati and alleged by Government officials to be members of a "get-rich-quick" ring of operators that obtained from five hundred to one and a half million dollars from the public, will face the Federal Courts in the February term.

The old wooden frigate Independence relic of the Mexican and Civil Wars, and for many years a receiving ship at the Mare Island, Cal., Navy Yard, has been stricken from the list of naval vessels. Built in Boston in 1837, she formerly carried a complement of 129 officers and men. The vessel has been replaced by the cruiser Cleveland.

After many Cabinet sessions at Washington it was decided to apportion equally among all the States, the five hundred thousand dollars Congress appropriated for improving roads. The amounts will be allotted among the States on a basis of ten thousand dollars to each State that agrees to spend twenty thousand of its own funds.

Discharge of a flagman because he sent in a bill to the Georgia Railroad for 50 cents for two lunches, which he testified were necessary to make him a meal, instead of 25 cents for one, was one of the two indictments that recently caused the employees of that system to strike, and cost the State, the railroad and the employees combined a total of \$350,000, according to testimony in the arbitration hearing at Atlanta, Ga., Saturday.

Two suffragettes in London were sentenced a few days ago to long terms of imprisonments for window-smashing. Isabella Irving was sent up for six months and Ethel Slade for four months on the charge of damaging shop windows in Bond and Oxford Streets on November 6, when they participated in a raid with other women as a protest against the rejection by the House of Commons of an amendment providing for woman suffrage in the Home Rule bill for Ireland.

J. A. Wayland, founder and owner of the "Appeal to Reason," a Socialist weekly newspaper published at Girard, Kansas, shot and killed himself in his home a few days ago. Mr. Wayland was to have appeared in the Federal Court in Fort Scott, Kansas, the day of his death, to answer to a Government charge against the editors and the owners of the "Appeal to Reason," of circulating through the mails defamatory matter concerning an official of the Federal prison at Leavenworth.

Judge McCall in the Federal Court at Memphis, Tenn., Saturday sentenced D. C. Wynne, former president of the All Night and Day Bank at Little Rock, Ark.; E. L. Hendrey, former president of a similar institution in Memphis; J. H. Brooks, Memphis lumberman and former director of the Memphis Bank, and Abner Davis, former president of the All Night and Day Bank of Oklahoma City, to five years in the Federal prison and fined them each \$2,000. The sentence was based on two counts in the indictment charging them with using the mails in a conspiracy to defraud in connection with the failure of their banks.

The shorter ballot is gaining in favor, but more citizens with longer memories is what is really needed.—Washington Herald.

State News.

There was a light fall of snow in Asheville last Sunday.

Fire in the Bellevue Cotton Mill at Hillsboro last week caused a loss of \$8,000, which was covered by insurance.

The Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, for Eastern North Carolina is in session in Fayetteville this week.

Mr. John McDuffie, of Fayetteville, died early Thursday morning of diabetes. He had been engaged in the insurance business for a number of years.

The W. T. McCoy Furniture Company, of Charlotte, suffered a heavy loss by fire Tuesday. The damage to stock and building is estimated at \$4,000.

The colored Baptist church of East Spencer was burned a few days ago and there is suspicion that the fire was the result of a row in the congregation.

Samuel Pierce, employed by the Southern Chair Company of High Point, was caught under a falling elevator in the company's factory a few days ago and crushed to death.

Sam Morgan, of Concord, was shot and probably fatally wounded Saturday morning by Manly Morris while the latter was fring at Bob Armstrong. Morris made his escape.

George Pollock, superintendent of Farm Valley plantation at Falling Creek, Lenoir County, was horribly burned by fire which destroyed the big gineries on the place Friday.

The roller mills at Goldston, Chatham County, owned by the Goldston Milling Company, was burned a few days ago. The loss is estimated at \$10,000 or more, with only \$5,500 insurance.

A pay train on the Atlantic Coast Line ran into the end of a freight in Bertie County Wednesday night killing the porter and fireman on the extra and injuring Engineer Weatherers of the same train.

Peter Jones, an old colored man, was killed in Hamlet and two negroes are in jail to answer a charge of murder. The old man sold a bale of cotton, got drunk, and displayed considerable money. It is believed he was murdered and robbed.

A convention in the interest of the fish industry of Eastern Carolina will be held at Washington, this State, December 4th, and recommendations will be made to the Legislature in regard to fish legislation.

A large barn and stables belonging to Judge A. W. Graham, of Oxford, were burned early Saturday morning. Two mules, a horse and valuable cows perished in the flames. The fire is thought to be of incendiary origin.

The Union Republican says it is reliably informed that one of the manufacturing plants of Winston-Salem has a weekly pay-roll of \$34,000. This does not include office force, heads of departments, traveling men, etc.

E. M. Howell was struck by a freight train at Rocky Mount Thursday night receiving injuries that caused his death Friday night. His remains were taken to his home at Margarettsville, Northampton County, for burial.

Chief of Police Kennedy, of Asheville, Saturday arrested John Tanner and Myrtle Tanner on a charge of forgery and check flashing. They were bound over to Superior Court. They claim to hail from Greensboro.

Before the grand jury adjourned for the November term of Rowan County Superior Court, sixteen true bills had been returned against the larger clubs of the county. These cases will come up at the February term of Rowan Superior Court before Judge Whedbee.

Mrs. A. B. Cox, of Sanford, Lee County, was seriously and probably fatally burned Monday morning. When her screams had summoned assistance, she was enveloped in flames and her hair was burned off and arms and body badly burned before the flames were extinguished.

The Union Republican says at Elkin the past week, Mrs. Isom Burchett, aged about eighty years, was burned to death. She went out into the yard and gathered an apron full of chips to replenish the fire. While placing the fuel on the fire her clothing became ignited and she was fatally burned. An aged husband survives.

Miss Ella Wheeler was arraigned in federal court at Asheville Saturday on the charge of tampering with a letter and she was required to furnish bond in the sum of \$250 for her appearance at the preliminary hearing which was set for Friday afternoon. The arrest was made by postal authorities who had been working on the case.

John Z. Brooks, prominent citizen of Lenoir County, died at his home in Grifton of blood poisoning, which was caused in an unusual manner. A small bone of an opossum lodged in Brooks' system while he was partaking of a meal and remained some time. The blood poisoning followed soon after its removal causing his death.

What is said to be the biggest damage suit ever instituted in Forsyth County has been brought by Kerner Brothers, of Kernersville, proprietors of the American Hosiery Mills, against the Southern Railway for \$95,950. The complaint alleges that the Hosiery Mills was burned by a fire caused by a spark from an engine of the Southern.

Wiley P. Black, of Asheville, who has served two years or more on the Buncombe County roads for selling whiskey and who, while serving a term was pardoned by Gov. Kitchen on account of ill health, the pardon being revoked when Black was arrested and convicted on a new charge of retailing, was sentenced to the roads Friday for four years on two charges of selling whiskey, receiving two years in each case. Black appealed to the Superior Court and was released under a bond of \$3,000.

A general 10 per cent advance in furniture from manufacturer to dealer will be a result of conference held in High Point Friday by about one hundred representatives of furniture manufacturing plants in the Southern, Northern, New England and Middle Western States, according to a statement given out after a five-hour executive session. Representatives of both the Southern Furniture Manufacturers and American Furniture Manufacturers Association were present.

George Hairston and Gertrude Drain, negroes, are in Rowan County jail charged with burning Shady Grove Baptist Church in East Spencer last week, and also suspected of fring two other buildings in the town.

Mr. Wiley J. Eason, of Stauntonburg, committed suicide Tuesday by drinking wood alcohol. He had been ill from pellagra for some time and had grown despondent, and drank the poison during the few minutes his wife was absent from the room.

A barn containing 1,500 bushels of corn, a lot of farming machinery, etc., was destroyed by fire Friday on the Grimesland plantation owned by Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes, and Colonel Alston Grimes, of Pitt County. The loss is about \$1,000, with little insurance. This was one of the largest barns in Eastern North Carolina.

A. Knight, employed in the Southern shops at Spencer, was operated on at Salisbury Friday night for the effects of white swelling. One leg was amputated at the knee. Sympathizing with him in his bad plight, fellow-workmen in Spencer made up a purse of \$67 and presented it to the family to help bear the expenses incident to the operation.

Fearing the introduction of the potato wart disease into this State, the North Carolina State Department of Agriculture has recently issued an order prohibiting the importation of potatoes for seeding purposes from Newfoundland, England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Germany, Austria-Hungary. It is claimed that the disease is contagious, and this action is taken to prevent its spread in this State.

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