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**SAMUEL GOMPERS IS FORCED BY ILLNESS TO RETURN TO HOME**

**President of American Federation Became Ill While Visiting the Labor Leaders in Mexico City.**

**CONDITION NOW MUCH IMPROVED**  
Atmosphere in Mexican Capital Not Suited to Him—Travelling Now on a Special Train.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 11.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, will arrive here Friday morning from Mexico City, accompanied by other labor leaders. They will depart on a special train for New York by way of Chicago.

Gompers from Mexico City are that the high altitude, and that his condition one time was serious. He was taken out of the city on a stretcher, and a special train speeded him into a hospital.

Condition Now Improved.  
New York, Dec. 11 (By the Associated Press).—President Gompers is doing better than expected, said a spokesman in the early hours this morning from the special train on which Gompers, head of the American Federation of Labor, is traveling home.

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**JUSTICE PITNEY OF SUPREME COURT DEAD**  
Deceased in Early Morning, Hours. He Was 66 Years of Age.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Former Justice Pitney, of the Supreme Court, died in the hours immediately after midnight. Justice Pitney was 66 years of age and retired from the bench because of ill health on December 2, 1924.

Justice Pitney was born in New York. He was admitted to the bar in 1875 and served in the army during the Civil War. He was a member of the Supreme Court from 1909 to 1922.

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## AGED MAN SHOTS AT MAN WHO LURED WIFE

Harkey Saves Himself by Leaping Behind a Tree; Warren Under Influence of Liquor.  
Statesville, Dec. 10.—There was considerable excitement on a Statesville street Tuesday when John Warren, of Bethany township, drew his 32-caliber pistol and fired twice on John Harkey, of Turnersburg township. A slight cut in Harkey's forehead was the only injury inflicted in the affray.

Warren, who is about 65 years of age, claims that Harkey, aged 30, was instrumental in causing Warren's young wife, about 19 years old, to leave his home. It is charged he met Harkey on the sidewalk, greeting him with, "I'm going to kill you," and fired once at close range.

Harkey jumped behind a tree just in time to save himself. A second shot was discharged as Harkey was running. It is said that Warren was under the influence of liquor at the time of the shooting. He was immediately arrested by local policemen and carried before Mayor Bristol for a hearing. Warren stated in court that his reason for attempting to take the man's life was that Harkey had lured his wife to leave him.

Not being able to give bond amounting to \$1,000 Warren was placed in the county jail.

## MOONSHINERS IN ROBESON STARVE TWO JERSEY MEN?

Governor Morrison Asked to Act to Save the Jersey Citizens From Threatened Death.  
Newark, N. J., Dec. 10.—The police of Newark today wired Governor Cameron Morrison, of North Carolina, for aid in rescuing Frank Williams and Robert Schully, both of this city, from a gang of moonshiners who, the men told the police, suspect them of being federal revenue agents and have threatened them with death.

George Christian, of this city, today received from Williams a note scribbled on a brown paper bag and postmarked "Lamberton, N. C." saying "we have been prisoners for two weeks and they are going to kill us. We're being starved to death, but they may get lucky and kill us right off."

The two alleged victims left here two months ago to spend the winter touring the south. They were in North Carolina the last time their friends heard from them.

## JUDGE G. S. FERGUSON DIES AT WAYNESVILLE

Eminent Jurist and Confederate Veteran Passed Away Tuesday Night.  
Waynesville, Dec. 10.—Funeral services for Judge Garland S. Ferguson, eminent jurist and Confederate veteran who died last night at home here will be held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the local Methodist church and interment will follow in Green Hill cemetery.

Judge Ferguson was one of the emergency judges of the Superior Court and his death came after a lingering illness. Two daughters and seven sons survive. The deceased served in company E, 25th N. C. volunteer infantry, in the war between the states.

Attorneys of the Buncombe county bar will attend the final rites in large numbers and memorial services will be held in Asheville at an early date.

## Wheat, Corn and Oats Soar to High Levels.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—In face of immense selling to realize profits, wheat, corn and oats today established new high price records for the season. It was the third successive day of record-breaking advances in wheat and corn. A new upturn in wheat quotations at Liverpool and a decrease of 6,011,000 bushels in the world's available supply. Wheat among the stimulating factors. Wheat closed unsettled at 1-1/8 cent higher, May 1-1/8 to 1-3/8 3-8 and July 1-1/8 1-4 to 1-4 1-4, corn one-fourth to three-fourths cent up, oats unchanged to one-fourth cent up and provisions varying from 12 cents decline to 25 cents gain.

Throughout the day, fluctuations were rapid in the wheat market. Trade was of such large volume that individual orders counted for little. It was current gossip, however, that Europeans were active buyers of future deliveries here and there also were estimates that new export business had been done amounting to 1,000,000 bushels. At the highest point today, wheat showed 7 3-4 cents to 12 cents gain compared with last week's lowest level. In some quarters this fact was taken as explaining a reactionary trend apparent in the late dealings. Earlier and huge selling realized profits had been toward the last by new sets of buyers but some of the volume of offerings was something of a weather in Argentina continuing to injure the corn crop there largely responsible for the upward swing of values here for corn and oats. Rural offerings of corn remained small.

Trotsky Reported Ill.  
Moscow, Dec. 10.—It is announced that War Minister Trotsky has been suffering for four weeks from a fever following an attack of influenza and that it is imperative that he depart for a water cure at some resort situated in a milder climate.

Ten Pages Today Two Sections

## CANDLER DROPS HIS DIVORCE SUIT AND JOINS WIFE AGAIN

Announcement Made in Atlanta That Coca Cola King and Wife Have Become Reconciled During Week.

## MRS. CANDLER IS BACK AT MANSION

Mrs. Candler's Mother Told of Reconciliation—Divorce Suit Started Some Months Ago Will Be Dropped.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 11.—Proceedings leading to reconciliation yesterday of Asa G. Candler, capitalist, and his wife, Mrs. May Little Ragin Candler, from whom he has been estranged since early this year, were underway "about two months," Mrs. Thos. M. Little, mother of Mrs. Candler, stated today.

The reconciliation was completed yesterday morning and during the day Mrs. Candler returned to the home of her husband which she first entered as a bride in June, 1923, Mrs. Little said. A suit for divorce alleging cruelty filed by Mrs. Candler already has been withdrawn, she stated.

While Mr. Candler's attorney declined to be quoted on the status of divorce proceedings, legal authorities pointed out that Mrs. Candler's return to her husband's home yesterday had automatically cancelled the suit.

Mr. Candler filed the suit several months ago after Mrs. Candler and two men had been arrested in an apartment house here.

One of the men and Mrs. Candler were executed in the police court and the other man was held on a prohibition charge.

"Mr. Candler himself approached my daughter regarding a reconciliation," Mrs. Little said. "All the proceedings or conferences leading to the return of Mrs. Candler to her home were conducted between the two, and not through lawyers."

Mrs. Candler's two children by her first husband, also returned to the Candler home.

## MEETING OF FARMERS UNION CLOSURES TODAY

President Stone in Annual Address Says Farmers Will Be "Crushed" by Taxes.  
Sanford, N. C., Dec. 11.—The North Carolina Farmers' Union which convened in annual convention here yesterday afternoon in executive session today. Following the opening of the convention, the president, R. H. W. Stone, and the welcoming speeches delivered, committees were appointed.

In his address President Stone declared that the North Carolina farmers continued to bear the burden of increasing taxation. He declared that millions and hundreds of millions of tax free bonds had been issued, and that "we exempted from taxation all sorts of stocks, whether in foreign or domestic corporations."

"On the other hand," he continued, "we have greatly increased the volume of public expenditure. All that the farmers have is subject to these increased taxes. Sooner or later they will either be crushed by the load, or they will rise, unite and throw off the load."

The convention is expected to close this afternoon.

## Berlin Ministry Decides to Resign.

Berlin, Dec. 10.—The cabinet at a meeting today decided to resign. The date of its resignation will be fixed by agreement between Chancellor Marx and President Ebert.

Unless Ebert requests the Marx-Stressman cabinet to continue in office until after the holidays, it is probable that the affairs of Germany will in the course of the next week be entrusted to a new ministry. This would be composed of bourgeois parties, in which the German nationalists, by virtue of their preponderance of reichstag mandates, will play a decisive role.

## Ship Goes Ashore in Fog.

London, Dec. 11 (By the Associated Press).—Lloyd's Shipping Agency reports that the British liner Arcadian, bound from Malta for Southampton, is ashore on The Shingles, in a dense fog. Three tugs have gone to her assistance. The steamer had on board between 200 and 300 passengers, mostly British, who had been touring the Mediterranean.

## Quashed Indictment Against Publishing Company.

New York, Dec. 11.—Federal Judge John C. Knox today quashed the second indictment returned against the New York Tribune, Inc., publisher of the New York Herald-Tribune, for the publication of income tax returns. U. S. Attorney Hayward announced that an appeal would be taken immediately to the Supreme Court.

## Snowstorm Sweeps Upper Lake Region

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 8.—Navigation was at a standstill on upper Lake Superior today while a heavy north-easterly gale and a driving snowstorm swept the district. Vessels lying off Rock of Ages, Slate Rock and in the lee of Isle of Royal reported the storm one of the worst of the season.

## Heads Swiss Confederation.

Berne, Dec. 11.—The federal assembly today elected Dr. Jean Marie Musy president of the Swiss Confederation for the year 1925. He is a lawyer. The outgoing president is Dr. Ernest Chuard.

## Baby With Parents on Flight



Two-year-old Virginia Arnold (seen here in her mother's arms) is believed to be with her parents in their flight to escape arrest for murder. The parents, W. M. and Mildred Arnold, are wanted in Kansas City, Mo., for the slaying of Lawrence L. Hatfield, a Pinkerton detective. But police do not think the couple on account of the baby, can evade capture very long.

## DUKE NEVER DREW SALARY

Has Turned Every Cent of Money Back Into Southern Power Company Development.  
Charlotte, Dec. 9.—James B. Duke, last night announced creation of the Duke trust fund of approximately \$40,000,000 for educational and charitable purposes in North and South Carolina never personally realized a cent from his vast investment in the Southern Power system, according to statements credited to Mr. Duke today. Every cent of profit made from his investment of around \$20,000,000 has been returned to the system for development purposes, he is quoted as saying.

Mr. Duke included in the trust three-fourths of his holdings in the Southern Power system. The income of the trust is to be divided between Trinity college, which must change its name to Duke university to obtain the funds; Davidson college, Furman university and Johnson C. Smith university, the latter a negro school; hospitals in North and South Carolina and for building and maintenance of churches of South Carolina and for building and maintenance of churches of the Methodist, Episcopal church, south, in rural districts and pensioning aged ministers of that church.

"I have never made any money for myself out of the \$20,000,000 which I have put into the power company interests," Mr. Duke told newspaper men in making the preliminary announcement of his intention to form the trust. "I have never drawn a cent of salary. I have never even charge traveling expenses to the company when I came down here and returned to New York. What the company has made has gone right back into it, multiplying the capital with which to do other bigger things and that is the way it is going to be run in the future when I have given it over to this endowment fund."

"The power development will not stop. It is going on. We have not reached the end yet. The trustees of this fund will determine when the program of development of water courses shall be finished."

Mr. Duke founded and developed the American Tobacco company and for years was the head of that concern and an officer of the British-American Tobacco company.

He retired from the American in 1911. Some people's idea of taking life easy seems to be making it hard for the rest of us.

Assembly Commission Meeting.  
Asheville, Dec. 11.—A meeting of the North Carolina assembly commission, named by the legislature for the purpose of looking over sites in the state for a proposed national park of the Southern Appalachian mountains, will be held here today. State Senator Mark Squires is chairman of the commission of seven.

Heal of Wake Forest Congratulates Duke.  
President W. L. Poteat Also Congratulates Beneficiaries of the \$40,000,000 Foundation.  
Raleigh, Dec. 10.—Concerning the announcement of James B. Duke, of Charlotte, in constituting a trust fund of \$40,000,000, the income from which is to be used in educational, benevolent and religious work, Dr. William Louis Poteat, the president of Wake Forest College, said to your correspondent, this morning:

"The training of young people is one of the fundamental phases of all Christian work and should be taken more seriously by churches and individuals. The Baptist denomination, along with other great religious denominations, is striving to secure better equipment and better teaching in the schools they foster. The Baptist State convention is urging all of the churches in the state to contribute regularly to Christian education. Individuals who have been blessed with prosperity in a large way are coming to realize their prosperity imposes a special burden of civic responsibility. The recent establishment of the great trust fund by Mr. James B. Duke is an outstanding example of his recognition of this obligation. I congratulate him and the institutions that will profit by his generous action. His example should be widely followed."

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## THE 1925 UNIFIED PROGRAM PRESENTED TO STATE BAPTISTS

Program Presented After Reports Had Been Made on \$75,000,000 Campaign to Delegates at Convention.

## UNIFIED PROGRAM STARTS NEW YEAR

Goal Is \$15,000,000 and Baptists of State Are Expected to Raise \$1,000,000—Meeting Closes Tomorrow.

Raleigh, Dec. 11.—Reports on the \$75,000,000 campaign to be followed by the presentation of the 1925 unified program, and discussions of the Sunday School, board and home missions were the chief problems for consideration before the Baptist State Convention at its biennial session today.

As the \$75,000,000 campaign is practically completed, chief interest among the delegates, is centered on their 1925 unified program for the Southern Baptist Church which has a set goal of \$15,000,000, of which North Carolina is to raise \$1,000,000. The unified plan will cover educational, missionary and social service work, but in addition the Baptist Campaign has been allotted \$200,000 to be raised during the coming year.

Ceremonies for the laying of the cornerstone of the Greater Meredith College will occupy the time of the delegates this afternoon, and tonight the program will be given over to discussion of the B. Y. P. U. and Meredith College.

The meeting will come to a close tomorrow morning after the Baptist Foundation, ministerial relief and annuity and historical commission has been discussed and the memorials presented.

## THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at Unchanged Prices to Advance of 11 Points on Covering and Buying.  
New York, Dec. 11.—The cotton market opened steady at unchanged prices and advanced 11 points on covering and Liverpool buying, promoted by steady ruling of the English market. January sold up to 22.90, and March to 23.35, or 8 or 9 points net higher on the early demand, but prices soon turned easier under commission house realizing or liquidation. The latter was supposed to be partly due to disappointment over the failure of demand to develop more rapidly in the cotton goods market.

Selling was restricted, however, by claims of the firm spot situation in the South. January sold off to 22.77 and March to 23.15, active months ruling about 2 to 6 points net lower at the end of the first hour.

The opening prices were: Dec. 22.75; Jan. 22.83; March 23.25; July 23.60; July 23.68.

## COMMUNISTS IN PARIS WILL MAKE PROTEST

Against Arrests and Expulsions of Their Foreign Comrades—Will Meet Tonight.  
Paris, Dec. 11.—The union of communists whose members are employed in various public services, has announced a street meeting near the Gare Saint Lazare tonight, to protest against the arrests and expulsions of their foreign comrades which continue to be made at the rate of two or three daily. The government has notified the organizers that the meeting will not be tolerated because it would be likely to lead to disturbances.

Says He Gave Forbes \$10,000.  
Chicago, Dec. 11 (By the Associated Press).—Elias H. Mortimer, chief government witness, began his fourth day of cross examination in the trial of Chas. R. Forbes and J. W. Thompson on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with letting contracts for the veterans bureau hospitals. His testimony today again touched upon the alleged bribery payments to Forbes in August, 1922.

The witness repeated his charge that he gave Forbes \$10,000 in cash on August 11th, as his share of a bribe paid for a hospital contract at Tupper Lake, N. Y. The money was given to Mortimer by William McCauley, of Washington, representative of the Southernland Construction Company.

To Make Inaugural Arrangements.  
Raleigh, Dec. 11.—One of the first things the legislature is expected to do after it convenes next month is to hold a joint session of the two houses and appoint a committee to make arrangements for inauguration of Angus Wilton McLean as governor and to fix the date of the inauguration. The inauguration is expected to take place about January 15th.

For the past few inaugurations, the ceremonies have been conducted at the city auditorium and it is thought the inauguration ceremonies will take place there this year.

University of Jassy School.  
Bucharest, Dec. 11 (By the Associated Press).—Anti-semitic demonstrations by students have caused authorities to order the closing of the University of Jassy. Attempts yesterday by students to stage manifestations in Bucharest were checked by the intervention of military.

President Will Attend Jitney Funeral.  
Washington, Dec. 11.—President Coolidge, several members of the cabinet, Chief Justice Taft, and associate justices of the Supreme Court attended the funeral services today for former associate justice Mahlon Pitney, who died here on Tuesday.

## ONE OF WORST FOGS OF RECENT TIME IS BOTHERING ENGLAND

Fog Descended on London Tuesday Night and So Far Has Shown No Signs of Lifting.

## MANY PARTS OF EUROPE AFFECTED

Shipping Has Been Halted at Many Points and Travel is Partially Halted by the Fog Now.

London, Dec. 11 (By the Associated Press).—London today still was in the grip of one of the worst fogs in years. It descended upon the city Tuesday night and continued throughout yesterday and this morning.

Thousands were delayed in going to work because of the burlesque of the subways, and the virtual paralysis of the omnibus and tramway services. Yesterday was a daylong night, during which several persons were injured in collisions.

The weather gives little hope of a speedy lifting of the fog which telegraphic reports indicate extends to a large degree over half of Europe. The cost to the city through the atmospheric damper on its activities, is estimated at \$5,000,000. Much shipping is being held up and the crews of many vessels fog-bound in Thames river, are short of food. Main land railroad services throughout the country were plunged into chaos. Race meetings in many places have been abandoned, the ferry services across the River Thames stopped, and all continental air services suspended.

Southampton Also Affected.  
Southampton, England, Dec. 11.—The densest fog in years is holding up shipping in and around this port. Eleven liners due this morning are fog-bound outside this port. Cross channel steamers have been unable to get further than the outer harbor.

## THOMAS H. INCE LEFT FORTUNE OF \$4,000,000

Virtually All of the Estate Goes to the Widow and Her Three Children.  
Los Angeles, Dec. 11.—Thomas H. Ince, motion picture producer, who died here last month, left an estate of approximately \$4,000,000, it was revealed by Charles Foul, of counsel for the executors. Virtually all of the estate goes to the producer's widow and three children under the terms of the will which will be filed for probate this week.

Woodleaf Boy Dies of Excessive Nose-Bleed.  
Salisbury, Dec. 10.—Robert Thompson, a 24-year-old Woodleaf boy, died here following an unusual experience. His nose began to bleed and when local friends could not check it he was rushed to Salisbury but in the several hours before the blood flow could be stopped he had become so weakened that he died. The body was taken to Woodleaf for burial. The body was an orphan and made his home with his grandfather, T. L. Thompson, of Woodleaf.

Churchill Statement Considered "Logical."  
Washington, Dec. 11.—The treasury has accepted the statement of Winston Churchill, chancellor of the British exchequer, yesterday an allied debts as "obvious and logical," and has no intention of making any further comment.

This official expression was made today after a conference between Secretary Mellon, under Secretary Winston, and Assistant Secretary Wadsworth at the treasury.

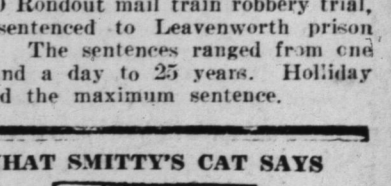
Big Christmas Sale at Fisher's.  
Starting Monday Fisher's will be open nights until Christmas. You will find at this store all kinds of toys, and there you can get something to please every child. Besides this, there are hundreds of useful and needed gifts for the group-up. Every section of the store is a gift shop. Real full page ad. in today's paper.

Naval Construction Bill Authorized.  
Washington, Dec. 11.—The Senate today approved the naval construction bill authorizing a program expected to cost \$110,000,000.

The bill provides for construction of eight light cruisers, six gunboats to be used on the Yangtze River, in China, and the conversion of six battleships from coal to oil burners.

Mail Train Robbers Sentenced to Prison.  
Chicago, Dec. 11.—Herbert Holliday, Brent Glascock and the four Newton brothers who pleaded guilty in the \$2,000,000 Roundout mail train robbery trial, were sentenced to Leavenworth prison today. The sentences ranged from one year and a day to 25 years. Holiday received the maximum sentence.

## WHAT SMITTY'S CAT SAYS



Fair tonight and Friday, slightly warmer Friday and in the west and north central portions tonight.