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FARMERS AND MERCHANTS BANK AT STANLEY ROBBED LAST NIGHT

Yeggmen Crack Safe and Vault in Bank at 2:15 Early Thursday Morning and Make Safe Getaway With Approximately \$10,000 in Cash and Liberty Bonds — No Clue as to Identity or Whereabouts — Bank is Fully Protected.

The Farmers and Merchants' Bank of Stanley, in this county, eight miles north-east of Gastonia, was robbed Wednesday night of approximately \$10,000 in cash and bonds. There is no clue as to the identity of the robbers.

According to information reaching Gastonia this morning, the robbery happened at 2:15 early Thursday morning. People living near the bank were awakened by the noise of the explosion when the safe was cracked. The majority, however, thought it was the noise of a gun being fired. Mr. John Wallace, of Stanley, who lives across the street from the bank, heard the explosion, and did not go back to sleep immediately. He reports that a few minutes after the noise he saw three men come out of the bank and start down the street with bundles under their arms, and that they quickened their steps to a trot when down the street a short distance. He immediately gave the alarm. Sheriff Carroll and Messrs. O. B. and M. A. Carpenter, of Gastonia, were notified and were soon on the scene. Deputy Sheriff Vic Fesperman, of Mecklenburg county, was notified and came with his bloodhounds. The dogs were put on the track and trailed the men to a point near a negro church on the Belmont-Stanley road where an automobile had been standing. The indications are that the robbers went toward Charlotte.

Mr. Howard R. Thompson, of Stanley, who was in Gastonia early this morning, states that as yet the officials are unable to tell how much was stolen. Both the vault and a big iron safe were cracked. Estimates of the amount taken run from \$8,000 to \$12,000. Some reports say that \$6,000 in cash and \$6,000 in Liberty bonds were taken. The sum of \$240 in small change was left untouched. A big chest in the vault containing private safety deposit boxes was also rifled.

Theory is that the work was that of amateurs, as a very bungling job was done, according to Sheriff Fesperman.

Mr. M. A. Carpenter, of Gastonia, is president of the bank. Mr. J. M. Reinhardt, active vice president, and Mr. Fred Rhine, cashier.

The bank is fully protected by insurance and depositors and patrons will suffer no losses.

It is reported by those who went to Stanley and witnessed the scene that the work showed evidences of professional skill, although others who were present last night say that amateurs did the job. It is a well known fact that at this time of the year professional yeggmen come to this part of the country.

MILLERAND ELECTED PRESIDENT OF FRANCE

VERSAILLES, Sept. 23.—Alexandre Millerand was today elected president of France by the national assembly in session here. He succeeds Paul Deschanel, who resigned because of ill health.

M. Millerand received 695 votes out of a total of 892.

The complete vote was:
Alexandre Millerand, 695.
Gustave Delorrey (socialist deputy from Lille department Du Nord), 69
Scattering, 20.
Blank, 108.

At 4:57 o'clock M. Millerand was proclaimed by Leon Burgeois, presiding officer of the senate and chamber of the assembly, as the eleventh president of France.

Alexandre Millerand has long been one of the foremost figures in the political life of France, his entry into parliament dating back to 1883, and his cabinet experience to 1889, when he became a member of the Waldeck-Rousseau cabinet. His early affiliations were with the radical socialists, and he always has been keenly interested in labor questions and has fathered numerous measures for the betterment of the working world, notably the old age pension act, which became operative in 1906.

It was M. Millerand's services to his country during the great war, however, as minister of war in the Viviani cabinet, and his notable conduct of France's foreign policy as the successor of Clemenceau in the premiership after "The Tiger's" retirement last January, that raised him into pre-eminent eligibility for the presidency, compelled his reluctant consent to quit the premiership and stand as a candidate to succeed President Deschanel.

M. Millerand was born in Paris, February 10, 1859, and was educated for the bar.

To enable motor trucks to run over soft ground a Los Angeles man has invented broad steel flanges to be attached to their wheels in such a way that they do not prevent use on hard roads.

ROTARY CLUB HEARS BOYS' WORK PLANS

Committee on Boys' Work Reports Progress — Six New Members Received — Will Have Ladies' Night Early in November.

The reception of six new members and the report of the Boys' Work committee, John L. Beal, Dr. J. H. Henderlite and J. H. Kennedy, and the announcement that the first meeting in November, to be held on the night of November 9th, would be Ladies' night, featured the Rotary luncheon at the Lory Cafeteria Wednesday. The following new members were received into the Rotary club: Charles Loftin, printer; Edward T. Switzer, cotton yarns; Hugh A. Query, newspaper; I. H. Gantt, life insurance; E. G. McLure, building and loan; and A. J. Kirby, pianos. Rev. J. H. Henderlite, D. D., delivered the charge to the six new members. Dr. Henderlite briefly outlined to the initiates the meaning of Rotary, its aims and purposes, its unselfish motives and ambitions and carefully emphasized the motto, "He profits most who serves best." The response for the new members was made by Hugh A. Query.

For the committee on the boys' work program recently outlined by the club, Mr. J. H. Kennedy speaking for the committee announced progress. The committee is in correspondence with a man to take charge of the boys' work. Plans looking to the establishment of a boys' summer camp at or near some of the Gaston county summer resorts were also announced. The committee also announced that in this work they expected the cooperation of churches, Sunday schools, mills, Boy Scouts, Y. M. C. A. and kindred organizations. It is hoped, said Mr. Kennedy, that out of this Rotary Boy's work a fully organized Y. M. C. A. sentiment will develop. Preliminary plans for the inauguration of the work are being pushed as rapidly as possible by the committee.

hort talks were made by guests present, Hon. John G. Carpenter and Chief of Police Joe Orr. Chief Orr urged that more cooperation be given the police and fire departments of the city by the representative business men of the city. He said that both police and fire departments would appreciate any suggestion looking to the improvement of both departments.

President A. G. Myers and Secretary J. W. Atkins were named as delegates to the meeting of Rotary club executives of the Seventh District, comprising North and South Carolina and part of Virginia, meeting today in Greensboro. Hugh A. Query was named assistant secretary.

A committee composed of W. L. Balthis, W. Y. Warren and W. E. Haynes was appointed to arrange for Ladies' night, a meeting at which the wives, mothers and friends of Rotary members are to be guests. This meeting was announced for the second Tuesday night in November.

GREENVILLE FUEL DEALERS SEEK RELIEF FROM SHORTAGE

GREENVILLE, S. C., Sept. 23.—Fuel dealers are meeting here today with representatives of municipal and state government with a view to securing some relief from the acute coal shortage in this state. A committee has been authorized to go to the mines of Tennessee and Kentucky to obtain, if possible, an early shipment of domestic coal to this city. John W. Arrington, cotton mill executive, and president of the local chamber of commerce, and coal dealers stated at a meeting last night that the greatest obstacle in the way of relieving the coal shortage is the unwillingness of the mines to accept orders.

WHO WILL HEAD THE AMERICAN LEGION NEXT?

CLEVELAND, O., Sept. 23.—Who is to head the American Legion the coming year is receiving attention in anticipation of the second annual convention of the Legion opening in Cleveland September 27.

Among those mentioned here for the office of commander are Milton J. Foreman, of Illinois, Emmett O'Neill, of Kentucky, Hanford MacNider, of Iowa, and P. W. Galbraith, of Ohio.

Foreman was a colonel and state commander. When he took charge of the Illinois department it was 21st in legion membership. Now it is first. Foreman, who is more than 60 years old, served also in the Spanish-American war.

Kentucky is boosting O'Neill for the leadership because of his activity in legion affairs, especially as an organizer and leader.

MacNider is said to have more decorations than any other American with the exception of General Pershing. Nine of them are for valor. He is a bank president in Mason City, Iowa, and vice commander of the Department of Iowa.

Galbraith was a colonel and state commander like Foreman. He was commander of the Ohio department until the Ohio convention at Youngstown elected his successor last month.

Colonel C. C. Chambers, of Cleveland, convention executive chairman, predicts that the convention will surpass in numbers any ever held in the country, not excepting the great gatherings of the Grand Army of the Republic.

CLYDE R. HOEY AT COURTHOUSE TONIGHT

Cleveland County Orator Will Open Campaign in Gaston County Tonight at 7:30 o'Clock — Record-Breaking Crowd Expected to Hear Him.

Hon. Clyde R. Hoey speaks tonight at the courthouse at 7:30 o'clock. Mr. Hoey is making an active campaign for the Democratic party in North Carolina. A record-breaking crowd is expected to be present tonight. Many ladies have signified their intention of coming.

Concerning Mr. Hoey's appearance in Lincolnton, The Lincoln County News says:

"The opening speech of the 1920 campaign in Lincoln county in behalf of the Democrats was made Thursday night at the courthouse. The orator of the occasion was Congressman Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby.

"About the time for the speaking one of those good old summer time thunder storms came along and many failed to venture up to the courthouse, thinking because the lights were off that possibly the speech would be postponed. But a large crowd had assembled from the county before the rain started, including a number of ladies, and the seats in the auditorium of the courthouse were all taken before the folks in town got there. Candles and kerosene lamps were put in working order and there was plenty of light. Mr. Hoey made the kind of a speech that was of an educational nature, discussing many issues of the day. Perhaps the most stress was laid on revaluation, taxation, and the league of nations, the latter issue being declared by Mr. Hoey to be the big issue of the campaign."

COUNTY FAIR WILL HAVE CATTLE AND HOGS

Mr. A. U. Stroup, of River Bend Will Send Cattle and Poultry — Leading Citizens Lining up Exhibits — Hog Show Premiums Increased.

Ten head of cattle of high class and four fine ponies will be entered in the Big Gaston County Fair by A. U. Stroup, one of the leading men of River Bend Township, according to assurances received from Mr. Stroup by County Agent C. Lee Gowan Thursday. This is simply a sample of the manner in which the progressive citizens of the county are lining up to head the fair this year.

Announcement was made today by the Fair Association that open to the world sweepstake premiums in the Hog Show at the Big Gaston County Fair next month have been increased. Under the new ruling the premiums for any breed, any age, open competition, will begin at \$25 instead of \$10, this applying to both sexes, the two classes being affected.

NEGROES CHARGED WITH POISONING HOTEL GUESTS

GREENVILLE, S. C., Sept. 23.—Five negroes, Joe Washington, Jesse McWhorter, and his wife, Texana McWhorter, Katie Mae Sanders and Less Goldsmith, were arrested by Sheriff King Murphy last night and are held in the county jail on suspicion of being responsible for the poisoning of 24 guests at the Wilkinson hotel here Tuesday night.

An investigation was made as soon as the guests of the hotel became ill and it has been determined that arsenic was in the biscuits served at the evening meal. Joe Washington is a negro preacher of the "Do Right" denomination. A package of rat poison was found at the house of one of the negroes. A full investigation of the poisoning is under way.

THOUSAND DEMOCRATS WILL MATCH THE PRESIDENT WITH SUM OF \$500, EACH

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—George White, chairman of the democratic national committee, announced here today that the committee would raise a \$500,000 national "match the president" campaign fund.

Mr. White said that a thousand friends of the league of nations would be asked to follow the example of President Wilson and subscribe \$500 each to assure the success of the Cox-Roosevelt ticket and the league itself.

GRUESOME WARNING.

DUBLIN, Sept. 23.—"Spies and informers beware" was the label pinned to the clothing of a man found dead in a field today in county Carlow.

A motor lorry containing six policemen was ambushed near Lahinch by a hundred men today. Four of the police were wounded. Two military lorries came to the rescue. The attacking party fired and two soldiers are reported to have been killed. Thirty arrests were made.

Two houses in an adjoining village were burned as a reprisal.

N. Y. BOYS REGISTER

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—Approximately 300,000 boys in New York state were required to register today under the provisions of the state's military training law. The ages for registration are between 16 and 18 years.

THURSDAY WILL BE SCHOOL DAY AT FAIR

Third Day of Fair, Thursday, October 14th, Will be Day on Which White School Children Will be Admitted to County Fair.

Thursday, October 14th will be the big day for the white school children of Gaston County at the Big Gaston County Fair next month, this date having been agreed to by County Superintendent of Public Instruction F. P. Hall. Free tickets for that day will be sent to the school committeemen over the county for distribution to the children. Attractions of special interest and of high educational value have been arranged for the children this year and they are going to have a big time at the fair.

CLOTHING AND SHOES FALL ON CHICAGO MARKET

CHICAGO, Sept. 23.—Two of the largest mail order houses in the world, Sears-Roebuck Company, and Montgomery Ward & Co., today announced price cuts of from 10 to 20 per cent in many lines of merchandise.

Food prices, as a whole, were not affected, although sugar was quoted at \$17.95 a hundred pounds and the representative of one company predicted it would drop to from \$12.50 to \$10 after the canning season.

Cotton staples, such as muslins, cambrics, sheetings and poplins, led the list with 20 per cent reductions. Men's and women's ready to wear clothes, shoes and corsets were other items affected. Silks have already been reduced from 33 to 50 per cent and furniture prices are 25 per cent below the scale of a few months ago.

One of the companies reported a very heavy sale of sewing machines, which, it was said, indicated more women were making the family clothing.

CHICAGO WORKERS URGED TO GARRY OWN LUNCHES

CHICAGO, Sept. 23.—Managers of one of the largest hotels in the city today urged workers to carry their own lunches to explain their restaurant prices to the council committee on living costs.

Simultaneously, Russell Poole, secretary of the city food bureau, urged all downtown workers to carry their own lunches until prices come down, and announced that milk would be delivered to the city hall and sold direct to employees for 10 cents a pint.

Investigation of restaurant prices showed profits of several hundred per cent, Mr. Poole said. Among the items he listed, the first figure showing the restaurant price and the second figure the cost, are:

Corn	15 to 20 cents	2 to 4 cents
Tomatoes	25 to 50 cents	2 1/2 to 3 cents
Coffee	5 to 25 cents	3 cents
French pastry	20 to 30 cents	8 cents
Potatoes	15 to 45 cents	3 cents
Bread and butter	15 cents	3 cents
Tea	5 to 20 cents	3 cents

John R. Thompson, owner of a chain of restaurants, replied to Poole's statement today by declaring that his restaurants last week served 964,308 meals at a profit of one and three-quarters cents each. This (is substantially the same profit made on 50,000,000 meals served last year, he said.

On the basis of Mr. Thompson's figures, his restaurants earned \$16,875,39 last week, and approximately \$875,000 in 1919, which, he said, was his personal profit after all expenses were paid.

PRESIDENT WILL BE ON HAND WHEN THE TIME COMES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—President Wilson will actively participate in the democratic presidential campaign when "the proper time comes," it was stated today at the white house. He probably will not make any speeches, officials said, but will confine himself to statements on campaign issues, particularly the league of nations.

The president is keeping in touch with the campaign through the newspapers and party leaders. While he has not received a formal invitation from democratic headquarters to take part in the campaign, white house officials said he considered it his duty to do so as a member of the party.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CUTS EXPENSES TO \$400,000

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 23.—The new era committee of the Presbyterian church, criticized at the last meeting of the general assembly for spending too much money on expenses in connection with its work, reported to the legislative committee of the Presbyterian church in session here today that it had reduced its expenses from nearly one million dollars to about \$400,000 for the ensuing year.

The new era movement is entrusted with the task of raising and distributing the \$22,000,000 budget for the church decided upon for the present year. Of the total about one third will be spent on foreign missions.

PRESENT SYSTEM TAXATION REASON FOR HIGH PRICES SAYS THEODORE H. PRICE

"RUBE" BENTON EXPECTED TO FURNISH EVIDENCE OF ATTEMPT TO FIX GAME

New York Giant Pitcher Was Offered \$800 to "Throw" Game — Says He Won \$3,800 in Bets on World's Series Last Year From Tips by Hal Chase.

CHICAGO, Sept. 23.—Direct evidence of an attempt to fix a game between the Chicago National League team and the New York Giants was expected today when Jacob "Rube" Benton, pitcher for the Giants, appears before the Cook county grand jury investigating alleged major league baseball gambling. He is said to have been offered \$800 by a former Cub player to "throw" a game.

Charles "Buck" Herzog, second baseman of the Chicago Cubs, admitted in a statement today that he had been accused of offering an \$800 bribe to Benton to "throw" a game and declared that President John Heydler, of the National League and President William Veeck, of the Cubs, knew that he was accused before he knew it himself. He said that they did not want to give him a hearing, "fearing publicity."

Herzog denied that he had ever been involved in an attempt to "throw" a game, and produced affidavits by Arthur E. Wilso and Norman Boeckel, of the Boston Braves, declaring that they heard Benton declare he had won \$3,800 by betting on the Cincinnati Reds in the world series contests last year with the Chicago White Sox.

The Wilson affidavit, as announced, said that Benton had told Wilson and Boeckel that "he, Benton, had received a telegram from Hal Chase, in which Chase had advised Benton to bet on the first two games of the world series; that Cincinnati would win the series, or in substance that he, Benton, had taken the advice of Chase and had bet all the money he could scrape together, and as a result had won \$3,800 on the series." The Boeckel affidavit made a similar statement.

In a statement issued following yesterday's session of the grand jury, Harry Roplog, prosecutor in charge of the investigation, declared that evidence had been presented to the effect that Benton's world series was "trumped" by the players are involved but that no Cincinnati players were implicated.

Besides Benton, others who were expected to testify before the grand jury today were Charles A. Stoneham, president, and John J. McGraw, vice president, and manager of the New York Giants; John Seys, secretary of the Cubs; Ray Schalk, White Sox, catcher; Harry McCormick, umpire; Samuel W. Pass, a fan; Hugh Fullerton, Joseph Vilas, and William Busch, baseball writers and William Birch, former baseball writer.

In addition to the affidavits, Herzog produced a letter from President Heydler, in which the latter stated he was convinced Herzog did not have any connection with gambling in baseball. This letter was dated June 25, after Heydler, according to Herzog, had thrashed the matter out with Benton and Herzog, finally declaring the whole thing should be dropped and kept quiet.

FAIR IS GIVEN BOOST IN DALLAS TOWNSHIP

Secretary Allen and County Agent C. Lee Gowan Speak at Friday's Schoolhouse — Book Number of Exhibits.

The Big Gaston County Fair was given a big boost at a meeting held at the Friday school house in Dallas township Wednesday night when a representative crowd of the men and boys of the community gathered to hear about the fair.

Both County Agent C. Lee Gowan and Executive Secretary Fred M. Allen, of the Fair Association, spoke. Much interest was shown by those present and a number of exhibits in both live stock and field crop departments not previously booked were promised.

1,000 SCHOOL CHILDREN SEE MOVIES FOR FIRST TIME

ZION CITY, Ill., Sept. 23.—One thousand Zion school children and nearly as many of their elders saw their first moving pictures last night.

They packed the Zion tabernacle when Governor Wilbur Glenn Voliva lifted the church ban on the movies to permit exhibitions of local pictures taken with equipment purchased by the church.

MAPLEWOOD, N. H., Sept. 23.—The present system of federal taxation was declared to have created an "intolerable situation" and to be responsible for the continued high prices of many articles, by speakers at the opening session of the semi-annual meeting of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers. Suggested substitutes included an employers' privilege tax, outlined by Theodore H. Price, editor of Commerce and Finance, of New York, and, a gross sale tax, explained by William E. Cornwell, of New York.

The people of the country, Mr. Cornwell said, are becoming educated to the fact that the whole system of taxation in the United States is wrong, adding that the system was "founded on class and sectional bias."

"The present method of taxation is wastefully destructive," he continued, "but it is only during the past year or so that the public has become alive to the fact. Today a vast number of people of all classes, not only bankers and business heads, but those in the rank and file of all occupations, are impressed. This widespread knowledge is mainly due to the fact that the public is beginning to see that prices are being kept high in many articles because of the present excessive taxes."

Two important sources of the country's progress are being dried up by operation of the excess profits tax and heavy surtaxes on incomes, the speaker said. These sources were surplus capital and intelligent enterprise.

"As to the first," he continued, "the high taxes are driving people with large incomes to invest as much as possible in tax exempt securities instead of furnishing capital for new business and general commercial and financial development.

"And as to the second, extra profits in business are being appropriated by the government instead of being used to strengthen business concerns and to provide against losses in lean periods which are bound to come."

The requirements of a good tax system, Mr. Cornwell said, were: That it be fair to all; that the burden be universally distributed, and that the collection be simple and easy instead of being complicated and irritating.

"A tax on gross sales is an ideal development of these requirements," he added. It is passed along in very small fractions and added through the various processes from the producer of raw material to stage after stage during manufacture, the tax almost collecting itself, accumulating automatically as it proceeds, and is finally paid by the consumer practically without his knowledge, and the additions are so trifling as not materially to affect prices."

Mr. Price, in his address, declared the present surtaxes penalize success and compel an enterprising man to pay the government an immoderate share of his gains in a profitable year, leaving him to bear the losses of an unprofitable year alone.

Explaining the employers privilege tax which he proposed as a substitute for the present system, Mr. Price said, in part:

"By and large, the great mass of things mankind consumes are the product of work on the farm and in the mines, factories and offices. Therefore, if the labor cost of these things was taxed we should approximate an equitably distributed consumption tax and if it were supplemented by a reasonable income tax plus moderate surtaxes, we would, it seems to me, be coming about as near as we can get to a painless and fairly apportioned tax."

"A manufacturer or merchant whose monthly disbursements for wages, salaries, or piece work totalled \$100,000 would at the end of the month send a statement to Washington with a check for the amount of his tax. If the tax were five per cent, his check would be \$5,000, which he would include in his overhead charges and add to the selling price of his product.

"The price paid by the manufacturer of an entirely finished or marketable product for the raw or partially finished material that he used would have been correspondingly increased by the employers privilege tax paid upon the wages paid to those employed in its production, and thus the price at which the article was sold for consumption would include all the employers privilege taxes that it had to bear in its progress from the first producer to the ultimate buyer."

FIND THAT 150 POUNDS DYNAMITE WERE STOLEN

CHICAGO, Sept. 23.—Department of justice agents and police seeking clues here in connection with the New York bomb explosion speeded up their inquiry today following discovery that 150 pounds of dynamite had been stolen on September 5 from the Aetna Explosives Company warehouse at Lambert, Ill.