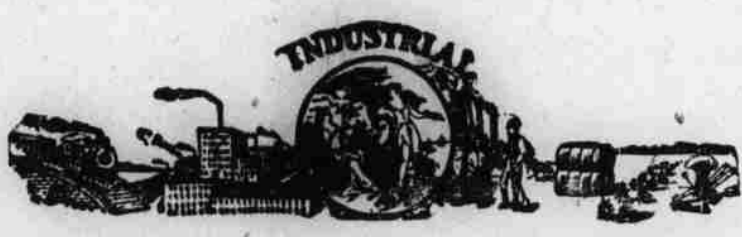


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WEATHER
Partly cloudy and warmer today, Saturday fair and cooler; variable winds.

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MIDDLE WEST IS AWAKE TO NEEDS OF CONSERVATION

Renewed Activity Is Shown Since Return of the Delegates From Washington

CHRISTMAS JOINS FOURTH AS MENACE TO PROPERTY

Has Acquired No Little Odium Among Underwriters Because of the Burning of Santa Claus' Whiskers and Other Forms of Gayety.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Since the return of the governors and delegates to the conservation conference at Washington early this month, renewed activity has been shown in the movement, especially in the middle west. The next important step, which is now awaited with keenest interest, is the transmission of the report to Congress by President Roosevelt with whatever recommendations he may see fit to make. The entire report will then be made public. At the time of the conference only the general conclusions were announced and it is understood that some of the papers which accompany the full report contain new and sensational information regarding the state of the country's natural resources. At the conference resolutions were passed by the governors and representatives of big national organizations endorsing the conclusions of the commission, particularly as to the necessity of the creation of a permanent conservation commission with at least a small appropriation from Congress to enable it to continue investigation along the lines already laid out.

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THORNTON HAINS SAYS HE'S SURE OF ACQUITTAL

State's Case Against Him Is Practically Closed—Defense Begins Saturday.

PROSECUTION CALLS DEFENSE'S WITNESS

Surprise on Hains' Counsel and Evidence Goes Against Him—Cabmen Called, Testified That He's Been Lying.

Flushing, L. I., Dec. 24.—With the exception of one or two witnesses who will be heard on minor points, the state's case against Thornton J. Hains is practically closed. The defense will outline its case to the jury on Saturday after the prosecution rests. When the defendant returned to the Long Island jail tonight he knew all the vital evidence that the prosecution had obtained to prove its charge that he was one of the principals in the killing of William E. Annis. Before leaving the courtroom Hains declared that he felt that his acquittal was only a matter of days. District Attorney Darrin surprised Hains' counsel by calling Henry L. Jesperson, a former real estate agent, whom the defense had planned to call as one of their principal witnesses. Jesperson's testimony developed many points favorable to the defendant. He said he had several conferences with Hains over water front property at Douglaston, near Bayside, and that Hains had made an appointment with his partner, Mr. Luggs, about some property near the

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CHRISTMAS WAS EVE MORE QUIET THAN THAT LAST YEAR

Fire Cracker Ordinance Being Enforced and Few Explosions Are Heard.

MERCHANTS HAVE ANOTHER BUSY DAY

Trains All Late and Traffic Is Heavy. Santa Claus Comes Through, Brings Gifts for Little Tots—Beggars Were Active, Too.

There was a striking contrast in Christmas eve this year and Christmas eve one year ago. The streets last night were crowded, but the people were orderly and little noise out of the ordinary was heard. A year ago the fire cracker ordinance was suspended and until after midnight there was a fusillade of explosions that deafened the ears and soon drove in doors most of the women and many of the men and boys. This year the fire cracker ordinance is being enforced and everything is comparatively quiet, except the tramp of busy feet and the clatter of thousands of tongues. A few big fire crackers were exploded, but not where the policemen could detect who was setting them off. The stores were crowded all day and many were the purchases for the children as well as grown ups. Some time during the night, nobody knows when or how, Santa Claus passed through, leaving toys for the little tots and this morning there is probably more happiness in the homes of Greensboro than there has been since the visit of Santa Claus a year ago. At the passenger station there was a continuance of the rush. Trains were all late and the passengers crowded about the station as they do every year about Christmas time, except there seems to be more of them this year than ever before. Yesterday was also a busy day for the street vender. Mistletoe and holly was brought in by the country residents and for the last day of the season with them they were especially active. The Salvation Army contribution solicitors were at their pots all day ringing for coin in an energetic manner. The blind and the cripple were on the sidewalks with their tin boxes and chin music, begging for a few pennies to help them be happy on Christmas. Packages by express and mail kept the expressmen and letter carriers busy. One Killed; Four Hurt in Fire. New York, Dec. 24.—One man was killed and three other men and a woman were seriously burned while the lives of many others were saved only by prompt and heroic work by firemen and the tenants themselves in a fire that wrecked the 12-story apartment house at 122 West 127th street, early today. Death of Mrs. Caviness. The wife of the Rev. C. H. Caviness, of Asheville, died yesterday and will be buried today at Pleasant Grove church. The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. W. R. Ware. Mrs. Caviness is survived by a husband and four children. No Pythian Meeting Tonight. There will be no meeting of Guilford Lodge, No. 69, Knights of Pythias, tonight. The next regular meeting will be held next Friday night, when the newly elected officers will be installed. Steamer Scrippled by Storm. Norfolk, Va., Dec. 24.—The British steamer Aureole, with cargo from Galveston to Europe, made Hampton Roads this afternoon in a crippled condition. In the battle with the storm the machinery was disarranged. She will be repaired here. Prof. and Mrs. W. H. Price have gone to Rock Hill, S. C., to spend a few days.

Labor Leaders and the Judge Who Imposed Sentence



JUSTICE DANIEL THEW WRIGHT. FRANK MORRISON.

GOVERNOR MAKES DAY FOLLOWING CHRISTMAS ALSO A DAY OF REST

Various Business Institutions Requested This Action Says the Governor.

OBSERVE DAY WITH PRAYER

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 24.—A proclamation issued today by Governor Glenn designates Saturday, December 26, as well as Friday, 25th, legal Christmas holidays. He urges the people all over the state to enter heartily into appropriate observance of the birthday of the Savior. The proclamation is declared to be at the earnest request of various business institutions throughout the state. The proclamation by the governor follows: At the earnest request of various business institutions throughout the entire state, I, R. B. Glenn, governor of North Carolina, in addition to declaring Friday, December 25, a legal holiday, do earnestly request that Saturday, December 26, be also regarded as a holiday, and that on these two days that the people observing their usual Christmas custom, will not only meet in their accustomed places of worship, but also in their hearts render thanks to God for the great mercies that He has bestowed upon them during the year just past. The observance of Christmas is a beautiful custom, and coming as it does this year at the last of the week, it is but meet and right that two days instead of one should be set aside for kind remembrance of friends, and for thankfulness to God for what we have received.

R. B. GLENN, Governor.

WITNESS, THREATENED WITH DEATH, TESTIFIES AGAINST NIGHT RIDERS

Told Before He Went on Stand That if He Made Revelations He Would Pay For Them With His Life—State Offers Further Evidence.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 24.—Instead of resting with the testimony it had submitted, the state decided today to offer more evidence against the night riders, and summoned Thomas H. Clear as its first witness. Thomas H. Clear is no relative of the defendant, Arthur H. Clear. Thomas H. Clear was summoned to join the night riders by Arthur H. Clear early in October. The witness was cool, but careful for on last Sunday a friend of one of the men on trial approached Clear and told him if he testified he would be killed before he left the stand. He was missing for an hour or two last night and the state feared he had been abducted or killed. An armed party found him at his home in Clayton, however. On the day of Captain Rankin's murder, Clear went to Reelfoot Lake for fish and met Bob Huffman and Bud Morde, two of the defendants. Huffman told him they had wanted him to join in order to get information as to how Union City was guarded, as they wanted to visit that place and "attend to" Judge Jones, Attorney-General Caldwell, the latter's father, a man eighty years old, Judge Waldell, and a number of other prominent men who were urging the extermination of the night rider band. The witness was told that the night riders were going to "get" Rankin and Taylor that night, and he was urged to ride with them. He told them he had no gun; that his child was ill, and that he could not go. Prior to this hour he had burned his mask and told his wife he would never go with the riders again. He was not present when Rankin was killed. He talked with Arthur H. Clear, the defendant, a few days after the killing. The latter told the witness all the details of the murder, and said that he was committed. Dr. E. M. White, while visiting near the lake the night of the Rankin murder, was approached by a masked rider who was armed with a revolver. The man demanded guns and got an automatic pump gun belonging to Dr. White's host, John Moore. The gun was returned the next day. The doctor did not recognize the man as he spoke in a falsetto tone. William Roberts, a Reelfoot Lake man, was solicited by Arthur H. Clear to join the riders; proposed to "get" Judge Harris, whip him and cut off his head, "and

LABOR LEADERS KICK AGAINST JAIL SENTENCE

Punishment of Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison Raises a Storm of Protest.

BRYAN JOINS IN THE MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY

Condolences From All Parts of the Country Sent to Men Who Were Sentenced in the Buck's Stove Case on Wednesday Last.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—William J. Bryan was chief among nearly two score of men, the majority of whom are leaders in the labor movement of the country, who today sent messages expressive of their cordial sympathy to President Gompers, Vice-President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor. The messages, which came from every section of the country, and voiced the sentiments of persons in almost every avenue of labor, convey feelings of regret over the court's decision, extend moral and financial support, and in some instances, express indignation. Mr. Bryan in a telegram dated Pittsburgh, Pa., addressed to Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, says: "Sorry to read decision. You did your duty in testing law. Glad you are taking appeal." "What action on the part of organized wage-earners will, in your opinion, be most useful to reestablish freedom of the press and of speech?" asks H. B. Perham, president of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, in a telegram from St. Louis, addressed to Mr. Gompers. Perhaps one of the most unique among the messages is that from J. S. Barry, of Oklahoma City, Okla., after expressing regret over the decision, declares: "Stay with the baggage. Right must prevail." W. D. Mahon, president of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees, expresses sincere regret at what he considers, "an unjust and un-American sentence" upon the labor leaders. He says: "You are clearly the victims of a judge-made-law, which is wholly unconstitutional. It should be carried to the highest court and contested to the bitter end, and we pledge you the united support of our association to that end." That history will place the names of Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison on the roll of honor, with those men who have made real sacrifices for human uplift, is the declaration of John B. Lennon, treasurer of the American Federation of Labor, in a message from Bloomington, Ill. "No court decision," Mr. Lennon says, "can make you criminals at the bar of public opinion." "Two hundred union farmers of Texas sympathize with the three labor leaders," declares D. J. Neill, president of the Farmers' Educational and Cooperative Union of Texas, in a message from Fort Worth. "Advise us how to aid you," concludes Mr. Neill. "Victory of greed is but temporary; justice will yet prevail," is the way John F. McNamee, editor of the Locomotive Firm and Engineer's Magazine, states it in a telegram from Indianapolis. J. A. Sankline, president; William G. Giltherpe, international secretary-treasurer, and A. Hinman, of the International Brotherhood of Boiler Makers, at Kansas City, sent a message declaring that Judge Wright's sentence is "unjust." "The evidence proves that you obeyed Judge Gould's order," says the message, "but human judges retain and reflect the environment in which they live. This judgment throttles free speech and free press, and tramples on the principles of the American free man."

M'CLELLAN REVOKES LICENSES OF ALL MOVING PICTURE SHOWS IN N. Y.

Preachers and Fire Department Combine and Mayor Issues Order.

ROME MAY OPEN AGAIN

New York, Dec. 24.—Moved by the protests of ministers of every denomination who complained to him that the great majority of the 580 moving picture show establishments of Greater New York were exhibiting pictures detrimental to the morals of the youths of the city, Mayor McClellan today issued a drastic order revoking every picture show license issued by the bureau of licenses. The order of the mayor intimates that this revocation is only temporary, but the conditions under which new licenses will be issued are such that it is doubtful that more than a third of the licenses revoked will be reissued. In addition to the representation made to him by the clergy of the city, the mayor had a report from Battalion Chief Beggins, of the fire department, which stated that almost without exception the halls where such shows are given are only partially equipped with safeguards against fire and fire panic. In making public his order of revocation, Mayor McClellan declares that his action is taken, "on personal knowledge of existing conditions and with the firm conviction that I am averting a public calamity." The reissuance of licenses will only be made to those showmen who agree in writing to comply with all fire and Sunday closing regulations and further to omit from their programs all pictures detrimental to public morals. The order has caused consternation among the moving picture show people, and preparations are being made by them to contest its validity in the courts.

U. S. COURT REFUSES TO SETTLE QUESTION OF GEORGIA PROHIBITION

State Prohibition Not a Question For Settlement by That Body Says Judge.

DISMISSES THE PETITION

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 24.—State prohibition won a victory in the United States Circuit Court here today when a decision was handed down by Judge W. T. Newman, dismissing a petition attacking the constitutionality of the Georgia prohibition law. Judge Newman did not pass upon the constitutionality of the law, but dismissed the petition on the ground of nonjurisdiction, holding that it was a matter for the state courts, and could reach federal courts only by a writ of error from the State Supreme Court. The suit was a petition for injunction by the Christian Alcohol Brewing Company, of Cincinnati, O., and the Chattanooga Brewing Company to enjoin Atlanta city officials from prosecuting alleged violations of the law. The petition attacked the constitutionality of the law on three grounds. First, that the prohibition bill contained a duality of subject matter, in violation of the state constitution; second, that the legislature exceeded its authority in destroying a thing (the sale of liquor) which the state constitution specifically recognizes as taxable; third, that the identical bill did not receive a constitutional majority in both houses of the legislature. In his decision Judge Newman says: "The subject matter of this case is peculiarly for the courts of the state. It concerns the internal policy of the state. The legislation was in pursuance of what was believed to be the proper ex-

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PROXIMITY WAREHOUSE HAS HEAVY FIRE LOSS

Spontaneous Combustion Starts Stubborn Conflagration Which Lasts Several Hours—Several Thousand Dollars Damage.

Fire in one of the storage warehouses at Proximity last night did several thousand dollars damage. The fire started about nine o'clock and is supposed to have originated from spontaneous combustion. The cotton where the fire started had been stored away for three or four months. About two o'clock this morning the Greensboro fire department was called out to aid the private department of the Proximity Manufacturing Company, and by 2:30 the fire was thought to be under control. The fire burned furiously and it required heroic effort to keep it from spreading. Superintendent Campbell said that the building would be saved and that the fire was under control. He could not make an estimate on the damage, but said it would be several thousand dollars. Fires in cotton mills are frequent, but it is seldom that they do any considerable damage. This is probably the heaviest loss by the Proximity mills have sustained since their erection in 1896. A private water system, one of the best in the south, is kept ready to fight a fire at any moment. A sprinkling apparatus is attached which will wet goods and raw material and prevent the fire from spreading.

GRIEF STRICKEN FARMER TAKES OWN LIFE

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 24.—Bennett Wall, an aged and highly respected farmer, took his own life by blowing off the top of his head with a shot gun at his home, two miles from Raleigh, this morning. He was beside himself with grief over the conduct of two drunken sons, who had brought three gallons of whisky to the house the night before and were making a "rough house" in their intoxicated condition. Mr. Wall was advanced in years and in poor health. J. Hampton Rich, of Atlanta, passed through the city last night to spend Christmas with his family in the western part of the state.

OVERDUE STEAMSHIP LOST IS THE BELIEF

IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE SUNK WITH ALL ON BOARD SOMEWHERE AT SEA.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 24.—With the passing today of an even month since the Norwegian steamer Stichelstad left Glasgow, Scotland, November 24 for this port, the mariners interested in the vessel gave up nearly all hope of ever again seeing her. It is generally believed that the steamer sank with all on board during the terrific gale of early December. Ordinarily the passage across oceanic about a week.

STEAMBOAT INSPECTOR TO BE REINSTATED

CAPTAIN RICE DISMISSED FROM SERVICE FOR ALLEGED PERNICIOUS ACTIVITY IS RESTORED.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 24.—The many friends of Capt. Fred B. Rice, of this city, government inspector of steamboat hulls for the district including Wilmington, will be interested and pleased to know that he was successful in his effort for a revocation of the recent order of the United States civil service commission, dismissing him from the service for alleged pernicious activity in politics during the recent campaign. Instead of the peremptory dismissal of the inspector, the department in Washington has made a mere order of suspension for ninety days, which will

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GREENSBORO PATRIOTS COMMAND ATTENTION

BASEBALL PENNANT WINNERS WILL BE HERE AGAIN—IMPROVEMENTS AT THE PARK.

Before the opening of the next baseball season considerable improvement will be made at Cone Athletic park. The bleacher extending down the first base line will be converted into an addition to the grandstand, while additional bleacher accommodations will be added, extending down the third base line. Manager McKivitt is expected to arrive some time in January, when he will get his men in line for the race to keep the pennant in Greensboro. He has already been communicating with a number of new players and has signed Jake Merzeman, a pitcher of Grand Rapids. Nearly all of the old players will be with the team again.