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DEMOCRATS JOIN IN PLUNDER

SECOND TIME HOUSE MEMBERS PLAY POLITICS WITH CLARK HELPING AND PASS \$1.00 DAY PENSIONS.

TEXANS OPPOSE THE BILL

Republican Leader Mann Offers Amendments By the Score, Carrying Out Tactics of Delay.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—For the second time, House Democrats last night played politics with the pension grab and helped put through \$1 a day service pension which the Republican party, while charged with responsibility of Government, steadfastly refused to do for its old soldiers. The vote on the bill was 229 ayes and 92 noes.

The first time the Democrats helped to put through the service pension bill was in the last Congress when the Suloway bill was pending and was passed only because Champ Clark, then minority leader, led enough Democrats to join the Republicans to adopt the bill. The bill was opposed by several of the old guard Republicans, but President Taft considered it so unfavorable that he intimated he would veto it if it passed in the Senate. The bill, however, did not come out of the Senate.

Ninety-nine Democrats voted for the bill and eighty-five against it. With a few exceptions the Democrats who voted "aye" came from Northern States. Two Oklahoma Democrats, Davenport and Ferris, voted for the measure. Every Texas Representative voted against it. Republicans in every way his citizenship has been up to the fullest measure. He is a citizen that Wichita Falls cannot well afford to lose, but his many friends here will wish him abundant success in his future home and in his return to the mercantile business.

Fifty Years an Editor.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 13.—The St. John Globe issued a special fifty-page edition today to mark the completion of the fiftieth year of the editorship of John Valentine Ellis. Mr. Ellis is believed to be the oldest daily newspaper editor in America in point of continuous service. He was born in Halifax seventy-seven years ago and at the age of twenty-six became editor of the Globe. He was appointed to the Senate of Canada in 1900, after having served for some years as a member of the Provincial legislature of New Brunswick and later of the Dominion House of Commons.

HOUSE BURNED THIS MORNING

From Wednesday's Daily.

This morning at about 5:30 o'clock an alarm of fire was turned in from 307 Austin street, and the department rushed on the scene as soon as possible, but too late to save the house or any of its contents, although effective work in preventing the spread of the flames was rendered. Both the house and its contents were a complete loss, only partly covered by insurance.

The fire originated when Ed Williamson, who with his family, occupies the house, arose this morning and lighted a gasoline stove preparatory to getting ready for breakfast. In some manner, when Williamson was absent from the room, the stove became enveloped in flames and set fire to the house, and so rapidly did the flames spread, that it was scarcely given for the family to escape to a place of safety. Mr. Williamson, after warning the occupants of the house of the danger, did not even have time to snatch his hat, and almost none of the household effects were saved.

The house was owned by J. M. Davis, who carried some insurance, and Mr. Williamson's loss of household goods and furniture is also partly covered by insurance.

STILL HOPES THAT SOME MAY BE RESCUED

Believed That Veteran Led Entombed Miners to Place of Possible Safety.

By Associated Press.

Irjocville, Tenn., Dec. 13.—The bodies taken hereafter from the Cross Mountain mine will be buried in work clothes as decomposition has reached a state that makes it impossible to prepare them for burial. Today traces of the men who had wended their way into the thistle mine were found. No hope is held out for the two men. The rescuers believed they could hear knocking on the walls of the mine yesterday, and believe they have died from exhaustion.

It is also pointed out by some that they have hemmed themselves up inside the entries. They are the men who were reported yesterday running through the mine as if demented.

Officials state that the main channel of the Cross mine and its entries cover a territory of 1600 acres. That coal in 1000 acres of this has been removed and that the entries have been abandoned.

Hopes of finding more men alive were again expressed this morning by the rescue party, headed by Dr. Holmes and J. J. Rutledge. The theory upon which they base their hope is that Sam Miller, a veteran of 18 years experience, is probably at the head of the party, that as it was expected more dead bodies would be found in the parts of the mine visited by the rescue work and as these bodies have not been found, it is believed the men have been led by Miller to some place of safety. Experts believe the men have some chance of being saved.

J. M. BLAND WILL GO TO CARLSBAD

Resigns Position as Cashier of the Wichita State Bank and Will Re-enter Mercantile Business.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Mr. Bland yesterday tendered his resignation as cashier of the Wichita State Bank to become effective January 1, when he will leave for Carlsbad, New Mexico, to become manager for the Joyce-Pruitt Company, wholesale and retail dealers in groceries and general merchandise. His successor in the bank here has not yet been named.

Mr. Bland has purchased stock in the Joyce-Pruitt corporation. This company operates a chain of big mercantile establishments having stores at Roswell, Carlsbad, Pecos, Artesia, Hope and Hagerman, New Mexico. Mr. Bland will have the management of the Carlsbad store which next to the Roswell store is the largest owned by the corporation.

Mr. Bland has been a resident of Wichita Falls for eight years and it is with genuine regret that the citizens of Wichita Falls will learn that he and his estimable wife and their family will move from the city. Mr. Bland with his former partner, S. E. Trevathan began business here in a small way and their industry and integrity won for them a large increase in business. A little more than a year ago Mr. Bland sold his interest in the firm of Trevathan and Bland and a few months later became associated with the Wichita State Bank in the capacity of cashier where his reputation for integrity and fair dealing has been one of the bank's assets.

Mr. Bland has been a member of the city council, one of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce, has been active in the work of his church and especially for his Sunday school and in every way his citizenship has been up to the fullest measure. He is a citizen that Wichita Falls cannot well afford to lose, but his many friends here will wish him abundant success in his future home and in his return to the mercantile business.

TAFT CAN NOT CARRY INDIANA

REPUBLICAN DECLARES SENTIMENT NOW ONE OF PRONOUNCED DISSATISFACTION.

FIGHT IS ON IN OHIO

Supporters of Senator La Follette Assert Situation Can Not Continue Without Blowing Up.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—The meeting of the Republican National Committee yesterday is described as a victory for President Taft. Everything that Mr. Taft's managers had agreed upon was put through as Mr. Taft wanted it.

No strife was permitted to mar the proceedings, and even the attempt of Senator Borah to have the call for the convention specifically sanctioned in advance primary elections for delegates to the National convention, was snowed under. Senator Borah getting but seven votes for his proposal.

That, however, seems to have been the extent of the Taft victory.

In the lobby of the Willard Hotel, upon the adjournment of the meeting of the National committee, were gathered State committeemen and other Republican politicians, among them Edwin M. Lee of Indianapolis, chairman of the Indiana State Republican Committee. Mr. Lee dictated to the newspaper men the following statement:

"Mr. Taft can not carry Indiana. If he is the Republican nominee, our fight is lost before a gun is fired. As one of his original friends, who labored for him day and night, I have been driven to this knowledge with extreme reluctance.

"I had hoped he would be the man to lead us next year, and I have personally declared for him three separate times. I have spent the last eight months traveling over Indiana; have visited each county in the State and some counties many times.

"For a time it looked as if we might pull Mr. Taft through, and I have fostered favorable sentiment to him wherever I could, because I am his personal friend and it seemed logical and good party policy that he should succeed himself. From the first, however, I found no earnest, enthusiastic sentiment for him. The feeling of the precinct workers and of the rank and file seemed to be one of surferance, that he had the 'solid South' and would be nominated, and we might as well make the best of it.

"In the last two months sentiment has changed to pronounced dissatisfaction with Mr. Taft as our leader. A few days ago I sent a letter to our precinct committeemen (there are over 4,000 of these) asking for a statement of political conditions in their precincts. I had received nearly a hundred replies. Four out of five of these letters state there is dissatisfaction with Mr. Taft among the voters.

"This proves to me what my personal contact with our voters, and I have personally interviewed literally thousands of them in the last eight months, has led me to fear, that there is not the slightest chance to carry Indiana for Mr. Taft."

It should be said that Mr. Lee is a progressive Republican, who became State chairman when Beveridge carried the day and drove the standpat element out of power within the party in Indiana.

No sooner was this attack on President Taft's availability as a candidate launched by Chairman Lee than Walter Brown, chairman of the Ohio State Central Committee, gave out a statement of his own, deploring that the National Committee had refused to authorize a primary for delegates and adding significantly that the Republicans of Ohio, after all, are not so much concerned about who can be nominated as who can be elected.

Thus the Republican National Committee has met and adjourned, leaving in its wake a fight between the Taft and the combined anti-Taft forces in the President's own State. The warring forces are going back to Ohio determined to fight it out in the primaries for district delegates and in the convention for delegates at large. Added to the Ohio row is the outbreak from Indiana, in which it is declared by the existing head of the Republican State organization that Mr. Taft can not carry that State, and can not win the election. Then there are the mutterings from New York and from certain quarters in New England, together with the uncertain attitude of some of the Western and Southern committeemen who are looking to Oryster Bay for a political savior.

The important thing is that, after the adjournment of the committee, it is left wide open for a confidence-inspiring Presidential leader, and that it will remain open until the roll is called at Chicago, unless Col. Roosevelt can succeed in eliminating himself, if he still so inclined.

The La Follette people are putting on a cheerful front, asserting that Col. Roosevelt will not be a candidate

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He denied in strong terms that Socialism taught infidelity and charged that the Christian people of all denominations were insincere in that they did not vote as they prayed. He wanted to see the day come when the Socialist party would come into control of the government, and that all officers, from the humble policeman to the supreme judges would be Socialists.

He was frequently applauded and from the applause it could be observed that fully two-thirds of the audience was in sympathy with his views.

As for the McNamara incident, the speaker only touched on that point lightly, explaining that the labor unions had believed them innocent until they pleaded guilty, and that for reason all or nearly all labor unions had contributed to the defense fund, and wound up by asserting that both Jas. H. and John J. McNamara were Democrats, and not Socialists. There was no one present who dared to take issue with the speaker on any assertions he made, and he had every thing his own way.

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CARPENTERS' UNION ELECTS OFFICERS

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At the regular meeting of Local 977 of the Carpenters and Joiners of America, Monday night officers for the ensuing term were elected. The regular weekly meetings were also changed from Monday to Thursday night, the change to become effective on the Thursday following Christmas. The officers elected were as follows: President—W. L. Wells. Vice President—J. J. Williams. Recording Secretary—W. H. Redmond. Financial Secretary and Treasurer—W. D. Moore. Conductor—M. E. Carter. Warden—E. E. Stipes. Auditor—J. J. Williams. Trustee—E. E. Stipes.

WANT A FEDERAL PARK BOARD

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—A country-wide campaign to urge upon Congress the creation of a bureau of national parks, to have charge of all national parks and reservations, with a view to preserving and adding to their beauty, is to be launched by the American Civic Association at its seventh annual convention which began in this city today. The movement already has received the endorsement of President Taft and Secretary of Interior Fisher. The convention will remain in session over tomorrow and Friday. City planning and neighborhood improvement are the chief subjects to be dealt with in the papers, addresses and discussions, in addition to the national park matter. In the city planning sessions both experts and business men will speak from their own experience on the wisdom of applying a system to the development of the aesthetic as well as the practical city of today. Experts from Minneapolis, Dallas and other cities will tell of the successful work done in their communities in the way of neighborhood improvement. J. Horace McFarland of Harrisburg, Pa., is the president of the association and the presiding officer at the convention sessions, which are being held at the New Willard Hotel.

ENGLISH PRINCESS IN SHIPMENT

By Associated Press.

Gibraltar, Dec. 13.—The steamer, Delhi, from London to Bombay, carrying Princess Louise Victoria Alexander Dagmar, a sister of King George V with her husband, Duke of Fife, and daughters and other passengers on their way to Egypt, has gone ashore on Morocco coast at the entrance to the straits of Gibraltar. The British cruiser, Weymouth, has been ordered to leave for the scene with a life-saving apparatus.

Disturbers Not Arrested.

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 13.—No arrests have followed the disturbances which broke up the peace meeting in Carnegie Hall last night. The police say they could have put out the disturbers, but that they acted on the committee's orders to let everyone present have his say.

MORE COTTON FROM CHARLIE COUNTRY

From Wednesday's Daily.

W. R. Bush arrived here this morning from his home near Charlie, and while in the city disposed of fifteen bales of cotton grown on his farm two miles west of that place.

Mr. Bush planted over one hundred acres of cotton this season, and has already ginned forty-five bales from his field, besides which there is some left yet to be picked. He says that the farmers in his neighborhood have raised almost half a bale to the acre, and Angus Bevinger and W. W. Lindville, two large cotton planters of the Charlie neighborhood, together planted over one thousand acres, and that they have picked from this acreage an average of over one-fourth of a bale.

Ahlens Man Appointed

Austin, Texas, Dec. 13.—C. M. McCauley, of Ahlens, was today elected president of the State Board of Dental Examiners.

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DAMAGE SUIT STILL ON TRIAL IN DISTRICT COURT

From Wednesday's Daily.

The suit of G. E. Boyd et al vs. Dr. J. F. Reed et al, was resumed at 9 a. m., with Doctor Mike Walker on the stand.

The regular jurors for the week, not employed in this case, were excused until 1:30 p. m.

During the trial the defense used as expert witnesses, Doctors W. A. Durringer of Fort Worth, S. H. Burnside, J. M. Hill, M. M. Walker and Wade Walker, of Wichita Falls.

Doctors J. F. Reed and A. A. Jones, defendants in the case, were on the stand in their own behalf.

The plaintiffs, G. E. Boyd and Mrs. Bertie Boyd were used in direct examination to establish the facts relative to the accident that caused the fracture, and the subsequent service of Doctors Reed and Jones, as attendant physicians and surgeons, who were called in to set the fractured arm.

Both sides have relied on depositions and medical authorities, as auxiliaries in the way of corroborative evidence, and as precedents established by learned authors, who have become authority for practicing modern surgery, consequently this case stands out as an exception to the regular order of damage suits tried in the district court.

Beyond the facts that Mrs. Bertie Boyd fell down stairs and sustained a fractured elbow joint, and employed Doctors Reed and Jones to set the fracture and give her proper attention, the legal battle between the lawyers has resolved itself into producing X-Ray photographs, samples of human bones taken from the arm, and numerous books containing the diagnoses of eminent surgeons who made it a specialty to treat fractures similar to the one sustained by the plaintiff, Mrs. Bertie Boyd.

The plaintiffs summoned this morning by way of rebuttal to the testimony of the defense, Dr. G. R. Yantis, Dr. Everett Jones and Miss Ethel Wright.

During the cross examination of defendants witnesses by plaintiffs' lawyers, Mrs. Bertie Boyd was called on to exhibit the fractured elbow joint to the jury in contrast to the X-Ray photographs taken while under the care of Dr. George A. Peck of San Antonio.

The jury have patiently and carefully followed every detail of testimony in the case, notwithstanding much of the evidence was necessarily tedious.

Afternoon Session.

When the court convened at 1:30 p. m., the regular jury for the week were excused until tomorrow at 9 a. m.

The entire time of the court during the evening hours, was taken up with the progress of the Boyd-Reed case.

ANOTHER OIL FIRE AT ELECTRA

DERRICK AND RIG OF BROWN AND CROSS NO. 1 DESTROYED BY FIRE.

OIL TANKS ARE BURNING

Flames Communicated to Tanks Containing About 35000 Barrels of Oil, Which Are Still Burning.

Special to The Times.

Electra, Texas, Dec. 13.—The derrick over Brown and Cross No. 1, owned by the Corsicana Petroleum Co. at Electra, was burned this morning at about two o'clock or at about that time, as the fire was discovered then. After destroying the derrick the fire spread to adjoining oil tanks which were full of oil at the time and up to noon these tanks were still burning, but it is believed the flames would not be communicated to other tanks and rigs in the field. One of the burning tanks had a capacity of 1200 barrels, another 1600 barrels and the third 250 barrels.

The fire broke out when the watchman or engineer left the rig a few moments early this morning. It is suspected that the fire was of incendiary origin.

The burning oil gave rise to a dense pall of smoke which could be seen for many miles.

Cheaper Cable Messages.

London, Dec. 13.—The long agitation for cheaper cable messages has finally reached a successful culmination. Today the various cable companies put into effect a fifty per cent reduction on all press messages from the British Isles to Canada, Australia and the United States. Ordinary messages in plain language subject to deferral will also be accepted at half the present rates, beginning the first of the coming year.

BASEBALL WAR CLOUDS DISPELLED

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 12.—Preparations have been completed for the annual convention of the National Civil Service Reform League, which is to be held in this city tomorrow and Friday under the auspices of the Philadelphia association. Delegates from every part of the country will be in attendance, and civil service questions will be discussed at the sessions by men of national prominence.

PROBING INTO THE SHOW GIRLS' PAST

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 13.—The district attorney, who is trying to discredit the testimony of Ethel Conrad and Lillian Graham, charged with attempting to murder W. E. D. Stokes, resumed his task today. The defense is encouraged by the manner in which Miss Conrad met the prosecutor's attack. Her story is supported by Miss Graham, and she has never lost an opportunity to express her opinion of Stokes.

Having told the jury that she still loved her accuser, Miss Graham could not freely attack his motives, but her friend labored under no such handicap. In an effort to discredit Miss Conrad's testimony, the prosecution today planned to continue probing into her past. The story of what happened to her one year ago at Plattsburg was given out to the jury. This statement she promised to have in court today if she could find it. Mr. Stokes, the physicians say, is very sick and they do not even discuss when he will be able to finish his testimony.

The statement Miss Conrad said she got from a man at the point of a pistol in Plattsburg was given out to the jury. It goes on to say that that man made an insulting proposition to Miss Conrad, that she repulsed him, was a perfect lady in her conduct and he was ashamed of himself for having caused a lot of untruthful gossip "as to my relationship with Miss Conrad." It was signed "Chas. L. Miller."

A circumstance unknown to the average voter of today is that Pennsylvania was almost as reliably Democratic previous to 1860 as it has been robustly Republican ever since that year.

DRAGGING BAYOU FOR BODY

By Associated Press.

Houston, Texas, Dec. 13.—Officers are dragging White Oak Bayou this morning in an effort to recover the body of an unidentified man, who leaped into it yesterday from a Pullman car.

Lorimer to Go On Stand.

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Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—Judge H. Haney, counsel for Senator Lorimer, said this morning that he expected to put Lorimer on the stand as his last witness before the first of next week.

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The statement Miss Conrad said she got from a man at the point of a pistol in Plattsburg was given out to the jury. It goes on to say that that man made an insulting proposition to Miss Conrad, that she repulsed him, was a perfect lady in her conduct and he was ashamed of himself for having caused a lot of untruthful gossip "as to my relationship with Miss Conrad." It was signed "Chas. L. Miller."

A circumstance unknown to the average voter of today is that Pennsylvania was almost as reliably Democratic previous to 1860 as it has been robustly Republican ever since that year.

DRAGGING BAYOU FOR BODY

By Associated Press.

Houston, Texas, Dec. 13.—Officers are dragging White Oak Bayou this morning in an effort to recover the body of an unidentified man, who leaped into it yesterday from a Pullman car.

Lorimer to Go On Stand.

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—Judge H. Haney, counsel for Senator Lorimer, said this morning that he expected to put Lorimer on the stand as his last witness before the first of next week.

150 MINERS ENTOMBED IN EXPLOSION AT BRICEVILLE, TENNESSEE, TODAY

RESCUE PARTIES FIND SHAFTS BLOCKED WITH CAVE-INS AND MINE AFIRE AND FILLED WITH SMOKE—AT NOON ONLY THREE HAD BEEN RESCUED— BELIEVED THE OTHERS HAVE PERISHED

By Associated Press.
Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 9.—Dust explosion imprisoned about 150 men in the coal mine of the Knoxville Iron Company at Briceville this morning.

President T. I. Stephenson, of Knoxville Iron Co., who went to the mine said: "My foreman stated that the explosion occurred back in the mines some distance, but how far he did not know. The first any one knew of the explosion, he said, was from a slight commotion and smoke which was seen coming out of an air shaft. I think there were very few men in the mine at the time of the explosion. A large number of the employees, who total two hundred, come from other sections around Briceville, and I understand several of the work trains that bring them in were late this morning. I do not believe the explosion was serious from the fact that there was no disturbance whatever at the mouth of the mine. Had the explosion been very serious the mouth of the mine would have been shaken up. The mine extends about two miles back into the Cross mountain. I understand that the suction fan was not working and I believe that the cave-in, if there was one, has been upon the fan."

Another suction fan was taken this morning from here to Briceville. On

account of the indefinite distance of the scene of the explosion from the mine entrance it was difficult to determine just where the disaster occurred. Up to ten o'clock nothing had been heard from the rescue parties who went into the mine. Men, women and children, meanwhile packed about the mine entrance in great masses on the verge of hysteria. At that hour it seemed there was no doubt that at least one hundred men and boys were imprisoned by the explosion.

A ten thirty, two hours after the explosion, flames suddenly issued from the openings of the mine. Up to that time not one person had come out of the mine either dead or alive. Even from rescue parties nothing had been heard. It was then known that the entombed would probably not exceed one hundred.

Shortly before noon the rescuers emerged from the mine reporting they had proceeded about a mile in each of two different shafts where they had encountered cave-ins, also smoke and heat which drove them back. The rescuers will not re-enter the mine until the government helmets and mine apparatus arrives early this afternoon.

Three survivors were taken from the mine unhurt, but they were in a dif-

ferent portion from the majority of the men. It is believed the explosion occurred about two miles back in the mine and eight hundred feet below the surface of the earth.

The mine had been free from gas and damp, it is stated by the officials who therefore feel certain that dust and not gas caused the explosion. The three men rescued so far were in one of the lateral shafts. They reported that no unusual conditions were caused in their part of the mine by the explosion.

The number of men in the mine is variously estimated at from 125 to 268. One of the miners who is believed to know about how many men entered the mine this morning said the number would not exceed 140. Hope is still entertained at noon that the entombed men may be rescued alive.

Smoke and heat at point of cave-in makes the use of mine helmets necessary.

Most of the work in the mine was being carried on at the ends of the shafts penetrating about two miles into the mountain. From these points coal was transported about a mile by mule tram cars and the balance of the distance to the main shaft by electric cars.

PLEDGES TEXAS FOR HARMON

COMMITTEEMAN JOHNSON PROMISES TEXAS DELEGATION TO THE OHIO CANDIDATE.

NEW YORK IS IN LINE

Littleton, Fitzgerald and Redford Assurance Governor of Empire State Solid Support.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—The friends of Gov. Harmon have taken new hope from the size and character of the reception which he has received on the occasion of his present visit to Washington.

Among his callers was R. M. Johnson, National committeeman from Texas, and Gov. Harmon's friends joyfully announced that Col. Johnson pledged the Texas delegation to the Ohio Governor, and then offered the suggestion that the Democratic National convention should be held in advance of the Republican convention, on the ground that the country is looking to the Democrats to take the lead all along the line.

It was also stated by Gov. Harmon's friends that among the secretaries of Democratic Senators who called to make engagements for visits was Mr. Journey, secretary of Senator Culberson. Among the Senators to call in person today were Messrs. Hitchcock of Nebraska, Bryan of Florida, Lea of Tennessee, Smith of Georgia and Bacon of Georgia. With the exception of Messrs. Hitchcock and Bacon, the Democratic Senators named are generally considered anti-Harmon Democrats and are usually classed as either Wilson or Clark men. The fact that they called upon the Ohio Governor has given his adherents keen satisfaction.

This arises out of the fact that the last time Gov. Harmon visited Washington his break with Mr. Bryan was acute, and when he and Bryan were visitors to the House of Representatives on the same day Democratic statesmen in the lower House were shy about showing too much cordiality to the Ohio Governor for fear that they might incur the suspicion of being against what Mr. Bryan stands for in political life. The situation is different now, and with the other harrier away, Gov. Harmon's reception is more general and more cordial. The Harmon men construe this as a meaning that their candidate has won the country since his last visit.

There is one incident that is not likely to be misinterpreted. At 10 o'clock last night Representative Fitzgerald, accompanied by Representatives Martin Littleton and W. C. Redford, all of the New York delegation, came to Gov. Harmon's room to keep an engagement. He was assured by the New Yorkers that their delegation to the National convention would be solidly in line for the nomination.

Letters to Santa Claus

KARIN THINKS OF OTHERS.
Dear San to Claus, please do not miss a single girl or boy; Come turn their waiting into bliss, Bring each the asked for joy.
Go all around about our town And seek-out every sock That waits for you, up stairs or down, You need not stop to knock.
For if on Christmas eve we hear, After we've gone to bed, Some one come slipping, slipping near, We'll play like we are dead.
And you may trust us not to peep, And not to be afraid, We'll lie like possums till we sleep, So do not be dismayed.
So come prepared for Bill and Jo, For Kitty, Ruth and Sue, And all the others that you know Besides those who are new.
The new ones, Santa, are so sweet, With stockings just so small, You'll wonder if there are such feet Upon this earthly ball.
So let me tell you, Santa Claus, They are the babies dear, That you've heard of just because They only came this year.
Now go to all and don't miss one, Get all the stockings filled, And when your mighty task is done, Go home before you're chilled.
I'll bring my letter to an end, And sign my name—I am, A little girl who is your friend, And nicknamed "Jelly Jam."
Karin Yeager.
Wichita Falls, Texas.

NINON TELEPHONES TO SANTA CLAUS.
Hello! Christmas Gif! Santa Claus, Get your pencil and pad And write my list yourself, because I'm such a little tad.

I'm glad you have the telephone So I can talk to you; Say, Santa, are you quite alone, And will you tell me true?
Is it "hard times" up where you are Because it will not rain? And do you mind to come so far? My mind's in such a strain.
I know you've never failed me yet No matter what's to say; Yes, yes, I thought I was your pet—I don't care what folks say.
What do I want? Why, Santa, dear, A new doll with a head That I can drop without the fear That probably she's dead.
And then a go-cart, nice and new, That will the new doll fit; Yes, Santa, that one trimmed in blue, Yes, I have broken it.
I expect you'd better bring some chairs, And a tiny table— Yes sir, bring them right up stairs, That is, if you're able.
Now 'bout some 'lectionery, say, Do you suppose you could Bring most a peck on Christmas day? I'm being awful good.
It takes a lot of choc'late creams To fill me up inside; You think that's funny?—well it seems My stomach's awful wide.
Oh, I forgot, you'd better look Around and find for me A great big picture primer book With big and little B.
Yes, I'm most through; one other thing, Save your strings and baggin', Just pile up every thing you bring On a new red wagon.
What did you say? A goodbye kiss? Well, there, and there, and there, Now 'member me, and don't you miss, The first door up the stair.
—Ninon Yeager. (Age 5)

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a good boy and I want you to bring me a gun, tool chest, horn, drum, and a wagon. I will save you some money in my stocking Xmas Eve. From your good boy, GEORGE C. TAYLOR (Better known as FRIZZIE).

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little Houston boy visiting my dear grandma. Cecil and I will write and tell you what I want. Bring me a gun, tool chest, a ball, a horn, and anything else you have for me. From your little Houston boy, OSCAR V. MCCURDY.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a box that has a doll that is 7 1/2 inches high and that has a nursing bottle in it. And a doll hot water bottle and a doll parol, and a doll feather fan and baby doll set, and doll toilet set. I expect you will think this is a lot but this is all. So lovingly yours truly, DOROTHY HANDLER REDD.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a train, and a foot ball too, and a Irish mail; and I want some nuts and some nuts. Good-bye dear Santa Claus. FRED GRAVES.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a racer train and a magic lantern and some track and an engine. I want it to suit my track, and I want the new track to fit the old rack. With lots of love, your friend, —LYLES.

Dear Santa Claus: This is what I want. I will send you the picture of it. I want a watch and my little toy you would like to give me. And I will take his little. Good-bye Santa Claus. —JALWYN WHITTEN. (Editor's Note)—The picture enclosed Santa, is that of a miniature railway.

Dear Santa Claus: You certainly have been away a long time. Please bring me a small doll, some books and work-box. One of those work-boxes that have those little spools of thread. Please bring me some nuts, fruit and candy. Don't forget my brothers and sisters. Your loving friend.—MANETTE BRIGHTWELL.

Dear Santa Claus: I will be a good little girl and what I want for Christmas is a Bible, cap, and please dress my doll pretty. A merry Christmas, Santa.—EDITH YOU-LEWIS, 1203 Burnett St.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a doll and some clothes. My last year's buggy is all right; my little sister, Dorothy, wants a doll and a doll trunk. She has a good baby buggy. I want some candy and some fruit and anything that you want to give me. I want my doll dressed in blue and white. Dorothy wants her doll dressed in blue, and I want my doll shawl white. Dorothy wants her doll shawl white. Charles Hines wants a pretty red ball, and he wants a rubber and a rattler. This is for a little baby. Bring a box of candy for him and his aunt, Adelyne.—RUTH NOLEN.

Dear Santa Claus: As it is near Christmas I will mention what I want. I want a pair of pink shoe slippers and a little ring, and a box of candy. And Santa, bring all the poor lots of nuts and candy. And Santa, bring mamma a bracelet. And that is all for this time. Wish you enjoy a merry Xmas.—MARY THORNTON.

Dear Sir: I want you to bring me a little white dresser, a little side board, a little washstand and a piano and a set of dishes, and a baby bumps and a

EXPERTS SOLVE MAINE MYSTERY

AFTER THOROUGH EXAMINATION BOARD OF ENGINEERS REPORT SHIP DESTROYED BY EXTERNAL EXPLOSION

NO ACCUSATION IS MADE

Aside from Setting Forth That Magazines Were Ignited by Bomb Report is Silent.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—The United States battleship Maine, which sank beneath the waters of Havana harbor in February, 1898, as the result of an explosion, was blown up from the outside. This was announced yesterday by the naval board which has been examining the wreck. The finding confirms the report of the original investigators who made a superficial examination after the wreck. The statement given out is brief. Secretary Meyer does not believe it necessary for extending the report of the board beyond the flat statement that an exterior explosion was responsible for the loss of the warship and the lives of many men. The statement follows:
"The board finds that the injuries

CHAOTIC CONDITIONS IMPERIL FOREIGNERS

Sian Fu Missionaries Succeed in Getting First Word of Situation to Peking.

Peking, Dec. 9.—The first direct and uncensored news received from Sian Fu since the recent outbreak there was brought here today by messengers. It consists of letters to the British and American legations and the director of posts. The letters say 3,000 Manchus were slain by Chinese and that there was much looting. Several mission houses in the province were destroyed and eight foreigners, some of them children, were killed. Four of the dead were Americans.

"We apparently are safe now," says one of the letters, "but the lawless are in the majority. We had hoped to escape down the Han river, but the road was dangerous. The Kan Su missionaries may have a hard time. Twenty-two of them, including children, are Americans. Money cannot be sent them as all the mails have been stopped and the banks here robbed and burned."

This letter is signed by W. J. Plymire, of the Christian and Missionary alliance at Tuo Chow, province of Kan Su. It is dated Nov. 16.

The terms which the imperial delegates will go to Shanghai or Nanking in an endeavor to settle the questions in dispute between the government and the revolutionists are believed to provide, first, that the emperor shall be retained though he will be entirely without power; second, that a president and cabinet shall be elected by the nation and the president shall possess the same authority as the president of the republic, and third, if the foregoing conditions are accepted, the government will grant provincial autonomy. These terms are considered largely a bluff.

There is slight difference between these terms and those demanded several days ago by the revolutionary leaders, who offered to leave the emperor titular sovereign.

There was a fire late last night near the forbidden city which is believed to have been of incendiary origin.

to the bottom of the Maine were caused by the explosion of a charge of low form of explosives exterior to the ship, between frames 28 and 31, Starke B, portside.

"This resulted in igniting and exploding the contents of the six-inch reserve magazine A-14-M, said contents including a large quantity of black powder. The more or less complete explosion of the contents of the remaining forward magazine followed in the destruction of the vessel."

Secretary Meyer announced that there might be another statement by the board. One member of the board was of the opinion that the report never would be published in full, but would be kept in the confidential archives of the navy department.

The declaration that a "low form of explosion" was used in the outside explosion, indicates a belief that a mine and not a dirigible torpedo was the instrument of destruction.

This only deepens the mystery of the destruction of the Maine. A mine charged with sufficient gunpowder to blow in the bottom of the ship must have weighed several hundred pounds. To plant such a mine and lay the electric connections necessary for its discharge would have required the services of a number of men.

Actual construction of lock and dam No. 8 on the Brazos River seven miles below Waco will begin by January 1st. The lock and dam will cost \$325,000.

The Southwestern Poultry Show will have its annual show in Dallas, January 18-23.

THE BEST RAIN IN 30 MONTHS

PRECIPITATION AT NOON WAS 3.22 INCHES AND THE DOWNPOUR CONTINUES.

LAKE IS RISING STEADILY

Wichita Valley Passenger Train Delayed by Small Washout—Whole State is Soaked.

The heaviest rain in thirty months is now falling in Wichita Falls and over the entire Northwest Texas and Southwest Oklahoma. Up to noon the precipitation since six o'clock Friday evening had been 3.22 inches and the rain was still falling steadily at 2 o'clock with no signs of cessation. After several days of light misting rains the downpour started in earnest late yesterday afternoon and fell steadily throughout the night. It soaked into the ground as it fell, but this morning the earth seemed to have absorbed all it could hold and the surplus started to run through the streams.

At 11 o'clock this morning a five-inch rise had been registered at Lake Wichita. The level of the lake is steadily rising and it is expected that it will be filled before Holiday Creek quits running.

This rain will be of great benefit to the growing wheat and oats crop and will put a good season in the ground for spring, the first in three years.

The rain has been general over the entire state, according to Associated Press reports received here today and a precipitation of from two to four inches is reported from all points in West Texas and from the Panhandle and Southwest Oklahoma.

The rain has been heavier at some points along the Wichita Valley than here. Abilene reported a four-inch rainfall early this morning and the streams in that section were out of the banks. The southbound Wichita Valley passenger was held up at Havelly this morning by a washout at mile post 147. Water was pouring over the tracks at that point, but it was believed the train could be gotten across within a few hours.

The river is beginning to rise and may get out of its banks before tomorrow noon.

The rain is welcomed not only by the farmers and the business men but by the oil men as well. Drilling operations in many wells have been badly handicapped on account of the scarcity of water. An abundant supply is now assured for many months.

Myron Barwise, who runs in over the Wichita Valley at noon today, says the whole country is soaked from Abilene to Wichita Falls. He says Holiday Creek is booming and believes the lake will be filled.

LANE REPLIES TO COLQUITT'S LETTER

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 9.—Comptroller Lane replying to Colquitt's Hopkins letter, declares the governor is tyrannical and autocratic and that he, Lane, was forced to apply to the governor like a "cringing supplicant" for the necessities of his department, which is operated cheaper than it was twenty years ago.

Says Lane: "There has been no administration in the history of Texas since the 'Carpet Bag Reign' of E. G. Davis to compare with this one and even Gov. Davis in his palmy days could not have excelled O. B. Colquitt in his tyrannical disposition and autocratic efforts."

Lane says he issues this statement to counteract the recent letter written by the Governor, charging the comptroller, attorney general and J. J. Ramsey with a conspiracy to harass Colquitt's administration. He says the Hopkins letter is a "misrepresentation" either showing "lack of information or maliciousness and in either case such representation is unworthy of any man occupying the great seat which he now holds."

GOOD SEASON IN THE GROUND

Farmers Preparing to Break Ground and Are More Optimistic Than Last Three Years.

The gauge in the Big Wichita river this morning showed a half foot of water in the channel, showing that the rains have been heavy on the watershed of the river. Lake Wichita has risen over three feet and is still rising. A rise of six inches was reported last night and it is probable that Holiday Creek will run at least a week without another drop of rain so that the lake will be fuller than at any time in the last three years.

Farmers who have sown wheat are rejoicing. In many places the crop was beginning to need rain and Friday night and Saturday's down-pour will keep the crop growing at least two months. If cold weather does not set in there will yet be good pasturage.

Hardware men are already receiving calls for plow shares and other farming implements and many will begin plowing as soon as the ground can be worked.

For the first time in three years there is a splendid season in the ground and the farmers are consequently more optimistic than they have been at any time during these three years.

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SUPT. FITZPATRICK PAINFULLY INJURED

R. G. Fitzpatrick, superintendent of the Wichita Valley Railroad suffered a most painful accident a few days ago when he sustained a broken ankle, and has since been confined to his home, an Austin street.

Mr. Fitzpatrick was leaping from one car to another, when in some manner, he slipped and fell, the result being a severe fracture of the left ankle. He was removed at once to his home, where the injury received medical attention.

Although the injury is now somewhat less painful, it will still probably be a number of days before he will be able to return to his work.

DANCING AND ITS FREAKS

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(St. Louis Globe-Democrat)

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Wichita Falls, Tex., 11-28-1911.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a doll bed and pretty, big doll, and a set of dishes and a little telephone and some candy, nuts, oranges, bananas and apples. Your little friend, Fay Douglas Layne, 2411 9th street, in Floral Heights.

Wichita Falls, Texas, Nov. 29, 1911.
Dear Santa Claus: Care Editor Wichita Times, City. I am a little boy nine years old and in the fourth grade, I am studying hard to be promoted. Please remember me with toys and candy and the rest of the good little girls and boys in town. From your little friend, Clarence Hammond.
P. S. I live at 501 Lamar street.

Wichita Falls, Tex., Nov. 27.
Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a doll and a shifftonr and a Christmas bow and riddle, a doll, high chair and I will be a good girl all the time and mind mamma and papa, and I want some doll clothes and a fork, just like you brought me last Christmas.—Allen Alleen Haynes, 512 Lamar.

Wichita Falls, Tex., Nov. 22, 1911.
Dear Santa Claus: I surely am glad you are coming back. Please bring me a work box, a small doll and a story book. I don't want much this Christmas. And oh! I forgot to tell you that I want some fruit and candy and nuts. Please don't forget my brothers and sisters. I have four sisters and two brothers, so please bring them all something. Your loving friend.—Cloise Brightwell.

Wichita Falls, Nov. 22, 1911.
Dear Santa: I am five years old and cannot write so I am getting my sister to write this for me. I am telling her what I want. Please bring me a doll; a doll table. Put the doll on the Christmas tree and the table under it. Fill my stocking with nuts and candy. Your loving, little friend.—Grace Brightwell.

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News From the Oil Fields

On the Oklahoma Side. (Lawton News)

So many partial statements have been made regarding oil and gas in this country that a full and comprehensive view of the present status might be appreciated by most readers. More or less spasmodic efforts at oil and gas development have been made near Lawton for the last ten years. Most residents of this section of the state believe that oil in paying quantities will be found somewhere between the Wichita mountains and Red River. This belief has been maintained by the old residents ever since the opening, but as wildcatting or sinking deep wells incur enormous expense it has never been done.

The discovery of oil at Electra last spring attracted considerable attention to this locality. Development there has proceeded during the spring and summer but was confined to a contracted area. The strong oil men and companies suspended judgment and investment on a large scale until it was proven whether Electra was an oil field or only a pool. About September development had spread to such an extent that the deposit of oil at Electra proved to be a field of extraordinary richness, then the big oil men began to take notice and proceeded to secure holdings somewhere in the field or in contiguous territory. The trend of the field from Electra is supposed to be northeast or directly toward Lawton, Electra lying about fifty miles almost due southwest from Lawton. The Texas about nine miles from Red River.

Arrangements have so far progressed that it is safe for the News to say that thorough prospecting of the entire field from Lawton southwest to Red River will have been accomplished within the next six months. There is considerable interest in the work also around Randlett and Deval and Cache, but as to the progress made the paper is not fully informed. In the line directly southwest from here of which Chattanooga is the center definite projects about which there is no guess work or surmise beginning at Lawton, are as follows: The Beckett and Cunningham company are on the ground, have secured leases and are at present securing more. These people are oil developers; that is their sole business. They have the money and experience. Mr. Beckett is here with his family to remain during the winter and perhaps much longer, if as he hopes an oil field is developed. Mr. Cunningham will be here within a couple of weeks and will bring with him a Standard drilling outfit. They will sink the first well east of Lawton, the second a few miles southwest from town.

The next well close to Lawton is the Robertson project. They have a regulation derrick eighty-four feet high already completed five miles west of town on the Kuntz farm. Their drill was delayed in transit, but Mr. Robertson yesterday received a wire that the drill had been trans-

ferred to the Frisco at Denison, so it will doubtless reach here today or tomorrow.

Between the Robertson project and Chattanooga two or three other propositions are being worked up, but have not proceeded to such a stage that anything definite may be said of them.

About Chattanooga perhaps the greatest interest of all will center, because that field is occupied by the largest independent oil and gas company doing development work in America. The Benedum-Trees Oil & Gas Company are rated at some forty million dollars and when they enter a field it means they are the first place that the field holds great promise and that it will receive a thorough testing out. The first car load of machinery for this company was received at Chattanooga yesterday. It will be unloaded there and hauled to the location for the first well, which is southeast of Chattanooga and near Alpestone. If necessary to thoroughly test that country the Benedum-Trees people will sink ten, fifteen or twenty wells two thousand feet or more.

Going on southwest from Chattanooga two or three other propositions are under way, which promise development but are as yet incomplete.

At Grandfield a home company organized under the presidency of Mr. Harrington, the wealthy mule man of Kansas City, has the money on deposit in Roy Smith's bank to the amount of fifteen thousand dollars. This company will drill on one of Mr. Harrington's farms a mile or two southwest of Grandfield.

Electra Oil Field.

Conditions in the Electra Oil Field have been seemingly quiet which is invariably the case in any oil field as the preparations while progressing toward development fail to attract notice. In fact more work is now going on than has ever prevailed both in the defined and outside fields.

The "Field Oil Journal" of Nov. 20th details over 60 rigs, drilling and derricks at Electra since augmented probably 20 per cent. The same journal credits the field with 12,000 barrels daily output but other wells coming in since then have increased the production to almost 15,000 barrels daily.

The Magnolia Petroleum Company has 17 tanks in and ordered for its present tank farm. They have ordered 16 more tanks to erect on another farm purchased by them. Evidently they are going to take the oil if they can get it.

Up to the present time this company has been the principal purchaser.

However, now that large production is certain and more production being brought in constantly, with an almost certainty of the field broadening and extending to the southeast, other companies have entered the field and will get their share of the business.

The Pierce-Fordyce Association has purchased land south and east of Electra on the Fort Worth and Denver Railroad for a tank farm and shipping site and are shipping oil and erecting tanks.

The purchase by them of 10,000 barrels alone from the Producers Oil Company puts them in business at once.

The Texas Company is building an 8 inch line from Electra to Dallas connecting with their refinery at the

latter point. The Magnolia Petroleum Co. is going to pipe from Electra to Corsicana. The activity of the three named concerns alone determine once and for all the persistency and magnitude of the field. Building and permanent improvements in Electra has been rapid and reflects investor confidence. The day of vacant lot selling and boom prices for city property is over for the reason everything has been sold to those who succeed the speculator and try to build a house or build for investment. Electra is now enjoying city water and new granite sidewalks. A costly new brick school house is under contract; a three story up to date brick hotel is nearing completion; a whole block of business brick has just been finished and many other business houses.

Notwithstanding an apparent ill feeling there is much dealing constantly going on where anything can be obtained. Everything is leased right by producing companies far out on the north, west and south. The northman does not seem promising. The present trend is east and southeast and the whole oil crowd that spends money for leases are

working so heartily for a piece of land he will never so small at what seems high prices, as far south as the Big Wichita River, 10 miles from Electra. The belief in the field is evidenced by the fact that several tests are being put down in this direction. W. G. Skelley is putting a test down immediately southeast of Electra on the Waggoner land. A rig is up on section 12 south and east of the Benedum well, about one mile from the Benedum well. The rig is over a mile and east of the defined field. Bernard No. 1 one-half mile east of Denison in section 14 is still going down. Flanagan & Russell are rigging up in section 10.

It is authentically reported that a 30 acre lease in section 11 was paid over for \$25,000 cash; also that \$21,000 cash was paid for a lease on an Electra bank to be paid the owners for a lease one 320 acres land in section 10, this lies just south of Honaker & Russell lease. The land in the vicinity is held in large blocks which insulate the speculator of small pieces to even get a chance to later annex comfortable little fortunes from a small investment which was had by

some prior to developments in other sections of the field in earlier days. For instance one party recently sold 1 1/2 acres in fee for \$1750.00 an acre. He paid \$200.00 an acre and the fellow that sold at that price had originally paid \$25.00 an acre. The parties now owning it have a 200 barrel oil well thereon and they have a good thing. This land was at the time of the \$200 an acre over a mile from the field. Some Electra people cut up 40 acres, 1 1/2 miles east of the city limits, in lots 16x170 feet and readily disposed of them at \$150.00 each. Small acreage such as 5 or 10 acres, as in former fields can not be obtained here. The spirit and money in this field to face anything offered because they know and realize the present and future magnitude of this field. It is not so much a question of selling as getting stuff offered. 54 oil lots 60x150 feet in Electra that was put on the market Sept. 20th, at \$200.00 each was whole taken and paid for inside of 24 hours. \$500 each has since been refused, so if goes and that doesn't seem to be all. A non-fraternal conviction exists among the old fellows in the game that the blow off and boom has not arrived. This is not openly admitted but the

big money is going in every day just the same.

Wholesale Releases.

On last Monday, the Lone Star Gas Company and the Texas Bank and Trust Company of Galveston, filed in the county clerk's office 375 releases to as many tracts of land in various portions of the county. These are some of the original Treat & Crawford oil and gas leases that were taken under the direction of C. Hartor in 1909, and the parties named in the releases are the assignees Treat & Crawford.

The instruments filed, it is said, do not include any lands in the oil and gas field proper, but cover lands lying as far away as Windthorst—Henrietta independent.

The machinery has been shipped for the well on the Avis ranch. The derrick for this well has been completed and drilling will start within ten days.

The Ogbelson well on the Douglass lease is reported on the 1600 foot sand and will probably be drilled in Monday. The developments are being watched with great interest.

Howard Robson of the Carlisle Illinois field, a prominent operator and contractor, came in last night and was welcomed by the fraternity by whom he is well known.

It is reported the Culberson well at Bacon Switch north of this city, is drilling at about 250 feet. The foundation shows similar to the Electra field.

C. W. Bean, J. Markowitz and others have organized the Developers Oil Company and will sink a deep well about a mile and a half southwest of Petrolia. They will bore 2000 feet or even deeper and expect to strike the big pool. Local capitalists are interested with them in the project.

This is the first genuine rain that the oil men have seen since they have come to Texas and some of them are expressing grave concern over aged frogs in these parts which they fear have forgotten or have never learned to swim. The rain has brought all the fraternity into the hotel lobbies and they are a jolly congenial crowd. The scarcity of water has been a serious drawback to operations at many places, but to day's rain assures an abundant supply for many months.

Oil Derrick Erected.
The Producers Oil Company have their derrick erected about 3 miles southwest of Newcastle and are busy this week installing the machinery. This derrick can be seen from No. 1 Tipton, and it looks good to see it. Newcastle Register.

Rumors that cannot be verified, yet which are so persistent that they give ground for the belief that there must be something in them, have been in circulation today to the effect that the Honaker well four miles east of Electra has been brought in. This well was being holed Monday, but whether oil in paying quantities was found remains to be learned. Rumor has it that a good flow was struck at a depth of about 1700 feet.

It is reported that the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railway Company has filed application with the Public Utility Corporation of Kansas to secure authority to issue \$20,000,000 in gold bonds to continue railroad building in Southwest Texas.

On December 16th, proclat. No. 4, Limestone county, will vote on the issuance of bonds for road improvement.

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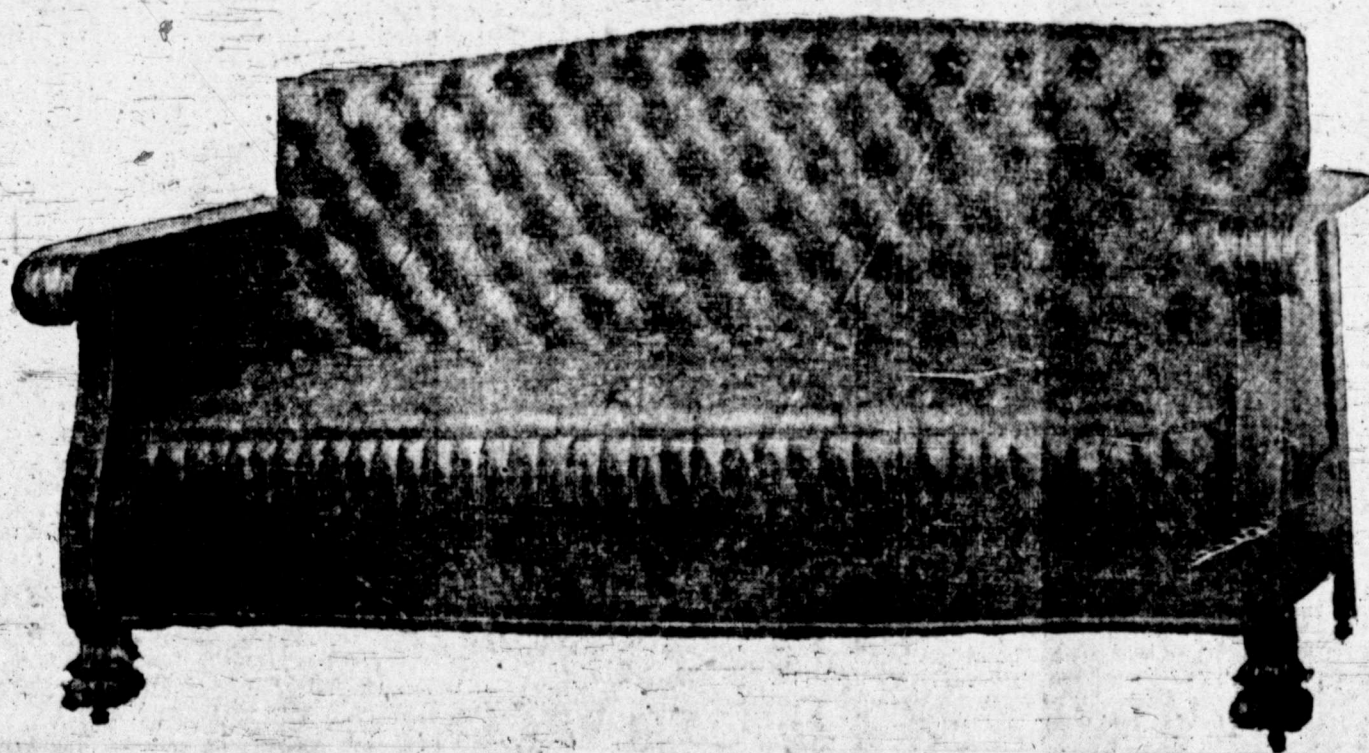
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It is only three weeks until Christ-
mas, and the earlier you do your shop-
ping the better it will be.

An exchange suggests that the beef
trust might be benefitted by removing
some of its bone-heads.

If Mr. Burns does not indulge in too
much talking his fame is assured.
There is such a thing, you know, as
even a detective doing too much talk-
ing.

Congress is now in session but as
yet the Congressional Record has
failed to put in its appearance. There
are lots of things it can be used for
besides wrappers with which to send
newspapers through the mails.

The extreme penalty that can meet
the law be given to the Chicago meat
packers now on trial for violating the
Sherman anti-trust law is a fine of
\$5000, or one year in jail, or both.
Here's a prediction that they don't get
either.

While the price of cotton goods is
steadily advancing, the price of cot-
ton is going lower and lower, until it
has reached that point where much of
it will be left in the field. When con-
ditions are like that, a change in the
administration of the government is
needed.

The Times is not and has never been
a sensational newspaper, and for that
very reason it has steadfastly refused
to "play up" feature, or even take
passing notice of some rotteness that
has been pulled off in this city. The
Times wants to keep its columns as
clean as possible, and in order to do
that it is necessary to submit to cen-
sure from some sources.

In the opinion of an expert sixteen
sticks of dynamite properly distributed
is sufficient to blow to kingdom come
several such buildings as that of the Los
Angeles Times, and yet J. B. McName-
mara, in his plea of guilty, says he
did not intend to take human life, but
merely wanted to shake things up a
bit and scare the proprietors of that
paper.

Mr. Rockefeller has retired from
the Standard Oil Company, but if
there are any more soft things like
the Merritt brothers still in the coun-
try it might pay them to keep away
from the pious old fellow, who doesn't
usually go fishing and after catching
a sucker throw him back in the
stream just for the pleasure of see-
ing if he can catch him again.

The world will ring with denuncia-
tion of the McNamaras for the killing
of men by dynamite, but there are
men with tremendous fortunes and
reputations for philanthropy who have
slain, by the slow process of starvation,
their hundreds and even thousands.
The men who pay starvation wages
and compel young girls to sell them-
selves in order to live are as guilty
as Cain and of far meaner crimes.
Before the bar of God they cannot
plead the right to buy service at the
lowest market rate. And the time
will come on earth when they will be
given their just dues. And men who
compel people to live where the salu-
tary conditions are such as to cause
them to die will get justice, too, some
day.—McKinney Courier-Gazette.

If you wonder why Texas has so
many "freak" laws, just look around
and see how many "freaks" you have
voted for to make those laws. Occa-
sionally a very able man can be found
who is willing to sacrifice his time to
do a service for his state, but more
often than not the people send men
to the legislature who seek those po-
sitions in order to make reputations
for themselves. They have none worth
speaking of before they are elected.
Texas could better afford to cut the
number of legislatures down to half
or one-fourth what it now is, rather
than stand for the blundering, misfit
laws enacted by immature men, who,
in many instances, are anxious to make
both reputation and money, and are
sometimes are not over particular
how they make it. The state pays
dearly for laws that are enacted by
law-makers of that calibre, and there
seems no hope of ever bettering con-
ditions in that respect. A man who can't
earn more than \$5 per day by staying
at home and attending to his private
business is not the kind of a man the
people of any representative or senator-
ial district should elect to make
laws for grand old Texas, and so long
as we continue the habit of using those
important offices as a kind of stepping-
stone for young hopefuls we may ex-

pect to reap what we have sown—
freak laws.

A few days ago it was announced in
the press dispatches from Austin that
the funds of the State were running
low, and on that account the warrants
issued Confederate pensioners could
not be cashed. The First National
Bank of the city took notice of the con-
dition of affairs, and through its pres-
ident R. E. Huff, authorized the Fort
Worth Record to state that it would
cash the checks for all Confederate
pensioners in Wichita and adjoining
counties. The wide publicity given
that notice has brought many letters
to the bank from old soldiers residing
in different portions of the state of
which the following is a fair sample:

Bonham, Texas, Dec. 7, 1911.
First National Bank,
Wichita Falls, Texas.

Sirs: It brought tears to my eyes,
when I saw your announcement in the
"Record" tonight that you will cash
the Confederate warrants of my year
neighboring counties without discount.
There are so few of us left and those
few of course far down the hill, near
the valley, and 'tis said, great
loves and deep griefs age one. Our
youth began in one and is ending in
the other, and we admire such acts
of kindness.

A PENSIONER.
So far as the Times is aware the
First National of this city is the only
bank in the state that has signified a
willingness to cash these warrants
without discounting them. It was a
most generous offer, and one that will
be greatly appreciated.

This is the season of year when the
enterprising tobaccoist manages to
get rid of the brand of cigars his
smoking patrons would not dare buy.

The Chamber of Commerce of Wich-
ita Falls has launched a movement for
the erection of an auditorium having
a seating capacity of about 3000.—
Weatherford Herald.

That auditorium has already been
built. It was put up in less than a
week by a large force of skilled and
unskilled labor, most of whom contrib-
uted their work. That is the old-time
Wichita Way of doing things. The
building is by no means a handsome
structure, but it is roomy and com-
fortable, and affords a place in which
all large gatherings can be held.

Owing to the fact that the merchant
and shop-keeper are taking up so much
space in the Times telling the busy
Christmas shoppers what they have
that will please those whom they wish
to remember, there is not much room
left for the editorial department, but
those who escape the editorials are in-
vited to read the very interesting ad-
vertisements which will do them good. This
is a predicament, however, of a highly
pleasing nature, and the more often we
get into them the better we like it.

The press of the state is having
much to say about the picture of Hon.
Clarence Duseley appearing occasion-
ally in the Fort Worth Record. Sir
Clarence is one of the greatest stu-
dents of political economy in the great
and only Lone Star State, and one of
the deepest thinkers, but his photo al-
ways put in mind of one with a
chronic cough or who had been eating
green persimmons. Duseley is really
a lovable character and we like him
for his many virtues, but really be-
lieve if he has any intention of enter-
ing politics with a view to copping out
a piece of the pie for himself, he should
take a look at the picture of that pic-
ture. It really doesn't do him justice.
Ouseley himself is both a Chesterfield,
a Beau Brummell and a Christian gen-
tleman all in one, while that hideous
picture gives him the appearance of a
first-class crook.—Weatherford Her-
ald.

It is sometimes the case that a man's
picture does him an injustice.

The candidacy of Judge Ramsey is
not meeting with the hearty response
that was looked for by his closest
friends. Judge Ramsey is a mighty
fine man, a Christian, a man who is
loved by those close to him, but we
are afraid that he is jumping in at
the wrong time. Governor Colquitt
has made a good business governor,
has fulfilled his pre-campaign prom-
ises, and the thinkers of Texas will give
him what he deserves, a second term.
—Richmond Echo.

There can be no doubt but the peo-
ple will give the governor what he de-
serves, but as to what that is there is
a difference of opinion. Judge Ramsey
will make Texas a mighty good govern-
or. He will, if elected, not be the gov-
ernor of a faction, but of the whole
people, and for that very reason the
chances very much favor his election
in this neck of the woods. In Zapata
county it may be different. Those who
are acquainted with the political situa-
tion in that neck of the woods are con-
vinced that Judge Ramsey will be
gooseheaded, and if, per chance, the
contest should be a close one, it would
be no trick at all for a few counties
like Zapata to furnish all that might
be required to wipe out an adverse ma-
jority. That is the kind of government
some people stand for, and say is good
government. Judge Ramsey is not that
kind of a man, and is he a candidate, which
in all probability he will, be elected
governor, those Democrats in Texas
who believe in honest elections and a
fair count will have in the governor's
chair a man who will exhaust every
resource at his command to punish
those who make a practice of ballot
box stuffing, which is about the worst
disgrace Texas has to put up with un-
der present conditions.

ONE OF THE UNFORTUNATES.

It makes one sad to see a man under
the influence of liquor, staggering
around in a semi-demented condition,
making himself ridiculous in the eyes
of his fellow men. This has become
so common a sight on the streets,

that it causes no more attention than
a casual remark.

But it is not only very sad, it is
extremely pathetic when a woman ap-
pears on a public street under the in-
fluence of intoxicating liquor, using
profane language and disturbing the
peace. Such a sight shocks the sensi-
bility of hardened men, and causes
them to stop and gaze with astonish-
ment and and pathetic, in such an
exhibition when the victim is old and
deserit.

Unfortunately, such an example of
human depravity was witnessed by our
citizens last evening, when an old
woman staggering around with a
crutch in her hand, appeared on a
down town street, and proceeded to
enliven the atmosphere with utter-
ances that would have made the cheeks
of her sex blush with shame.

It became necessary for the police
officers to take the poor old unfortu-
nate woman in charge and escort her to
the lockup.

This morning she appeared before his
Honor, Judge T. B. Noble, and acknowl-
edged her sin of commission, and was
sentenced to ten days as jailness of
the city hall.

She informed the police officers that
she came from New York, but it is
evident from her condition and con-
duct, that she is a female tramp; a
part of the driftwood of humanity; a
derelict on the sea of life.

Fortunately, such examples are rare
in this community, and our people are
not called on to witness scenes that
are said to be common in large cities
of the East.

BROADENING FEDERAL CONTROL

(Saturday Evening Post)

In April last the United States cir-
cuit court at St. Paul invalidated a
railroad rate schedule prescribed by
Minnesota, one reason being that,
though the rates applied only to
business within the state, they would
necessarily impose burdens upon the
railroads in respect of their inter-
state business as well; and this
amounted to a regulation of interstate
commerce, control of which is vested
exclusively in the federal govern-
ment. The idea obviously was that
the railroad system must be regard-
ed as a whole; for, even though a
state regulation purports to touch
only that part of the system lying
within the state's boundaries, it may
and usually does affect the entire
line.

This idea has been carried still
farther by the supreme court in de-
ciding an equipment case. The
equipment in question was in use be-
tween points within the state of Ala-
bama. The court held, however, that
it must conform to federal regula-
tions, not only because a car that is
used today in the state traffic may
tomorrow be used in interstate traffic
but because "the several trains on the
same railroad are not independent
and whatever brings delay or disaster
to one, or results in disabling one of
the operatives, is likely to impede the
progress and imperil the safety of
other trains."

This decidedly views the railroad
system and railroad traffic as a whole
of which the part that lies within a
state's boundaries can hardly be
touched without some effect upon the
remainder. The logical deduction
from this view is, of course, that
though the states may retain some
local police jurisdiction, control of
the railroads in all more important
matters lies exclusively with the fed-
eral government. This view, we
think, will finally prevail—to the
benefit of both the railroads and the
public.

CONFESSION OF McNAMARA BROTHERS.

The formal plea of guilty which
came so unexpectedly to the public
Friday afternoon from James B. Mc-
Namara and his brother, John J., the
former acknowledging his guilt in
blowing up the Los Angeles Times,
and the latter the destruction of the
Lively, Iron Works, brand the two
brothers "as being among the most
dangerous characters the world has
ever known. When men bring them-
selves to commit murder in an effort
to carry their point, they become a
menace to society and should be
promptly hanged. Hence there is no
longer doubt as to the guilt of the
parties, we feel that the sentences
suggested in the press dispatches are
far too light for such dastardly deeds.
This paper has no fault to find with
those who belong to Unions—it is
their right—but no man has the right
to interfere with another's business if
he chooses to run it as he pleases. It
was a grave mistake when the Mc-
Namaras resorted to destroying human
life in an attempt to destroy an open
shop printing office, and one that or-
ganized labor will suffer from.—Abe-
lone Reporter.

The sooner labor union organiza-
tions free themselves of such charac-
ters like the McNamaras the better it
will be for them, but it is hardly possible
that the McNamaras are the only ones.
There is a belief—the brothers were
persuaded to plead guilty in order to
stop further investigation into the af-
fair. While one of the brothers was
secretary-treasurer of a great union
labor organization, it does not seem
that he could have converted the gen-
eral headquarters of the National or-
ganization into a hiding place for high
explosives and infernal machines with-
out the consent, knowledge and ap-
proval of officers higher up? It may
be well to spare the lives of both the
McNamaras if, by doing so the others
who are equally as guilty can be exposed
and brought to justice. In fact, it
would not be justice to allow the case
to stop with the plea of guilty made
by the two men.

ANYTHING TO BEAT WILSON.

The following is from the Sioux
City (Iowa) Tribune:

Democratic politics is assuming the
aspect of "anything to beat Woodrow
Wilson." Eight months in advance of
the national convention it is evident
that every artifice known to politics
will be employed by big business and
its agents in the Democratic party
to prevent the nomination of the pro-
gressive governor of New Jersey. Al-
ready the tactics which will be used
to accomplish this result have been
disclosed.

It is the ancient "favorite son" game.
Local and sectional pride are to
be appealed to in an effort to elect
delegates, who can be handled for a
reactionary candidate in the national
convention. In any contest where men
are elected for a "favorite son" as
against Wilson, the very fact that they
have lent themselves to an anti-Wilson
movement will be a guaranty that they
could be voted as desired by those who
would foist on the party some other
candidate satisfactory to Wall Street.

Big business is vitally interested in
the selection of the Democratic nomi-
nee because of the general belief that
President Taft, even if renominated,
will not be re-elected. The New York
Sun, faithful mirror of Wall Street's
views, shows that it is under no delu-
sion as to his failure on his present trip
to win back the lost confidence of the
Republican rank and file.

The possibility, therefore, that a
Democrat will be elected, renders it
certain that privilege interests, which
are fighting for life, will resort to ev-
ery known means to control the Demo-
cratic nomination. Governor Wilson,
of all Democratic possibilities, is the
one man whom they wish to keep out
of the presidential chair. If he is to
win the nomination, it will be because
public sentiment shall be able to force
his nomination.

THE TEXAS POLITICAL GAME.

Waco Times-Herald.

We are printing on this page some
political gossip from Frank Putnam.
We do this for two reasons: First, our
readers are entitled to information
from any and all sources, and, second,
Putnam is never dull.

It seems to be the impression of
Mr. Putnam that Senator Bailey wishes
to retain the leadership in Texas po-
litical concerns. That may be true,
if so, it implies a desire on the sena-
tor's part to return from exile and
once more challenge his enemies, a la
Napoleon Bonaparte. But there is
nothing on the surface to show that
the senator is more than a passive
spectator; apparently he is as far re-
moved from political activities as was
Roger Q. Mills when he had quit pub-
lic life.

As to Mr. Ouseley, it is manifest that
he "agrees with Senator Bailey." Mr.
Ouseley is an incidental protectionist;
as such he would cheerfully enter into
an agreement with all other protection-
ists to continue the present tariff pol-
icy.

But, that same is also true of Mr.
Walters. We are puzzled to know how
Ouseley and Walters can profess to be
democrats, unless, of course, they con-
sider it possible to cause the national
democracy to declare for protection,
as was done at Galveston by the state
convention.
We may be mistaken; certainly we
have no desire to throw cold water
on the Randall candidacy. But it
seems to us that Mr. Randall is right
before Bob Davidson was last year
The prohibition issue put Davidson out
of the running. The prohibition issue
will likely do as much for Choice Ran-
dell. It will be found that Ramsey
and Sheppard are pulling together;
that Colquitt and Walters have a thor-
ough understanding. This will cause
Randell to be forgotten just as David-
son was forgotten.

Mr. Putnam points out that Tom
Campbell has a deep desire to defeat
Colquitt for a renomination. It strikes
us that no one contributed more to
Colquitt's triumph last year than this
same Tom Campbell. And why do
we say that? Because in great political
crises he failed to reveal his hand.
When the Bailey question was up,
Campbell found delight in fishing, and
not until after Colquitt's election did
the Palestine man make known his
position as to state-wide prohibition.
Fearing Cone Johnson might further
push Tom Campbell away from the
limelight, the Palestine man goes to
Austin, induces Ramsey to run, possi-
bly treats with Sheppard, and is today
the governor general of the prohibi-
tion forces in Texas. We say this in
no spirit of complaint or hostility; we
merely note conditions, as does Frank
Putnam.

Colleen Thomas correctly takes
Lightfoot's measure when he says that
"Lightfoot takes the line of least re-
sistance." Mr. Lightfoot can never be-
come a leader of men; he has no ag-
gressive quality. He wears gum shoes,
politically speaking. But for Colquitt's
run on him, the probabilities are that
he would now be starting defeat in the
face.

We boast of the people's rule, and
yet the fact remains that the people
must choose from among self-elected
candidates, which means in many
cases a choice between evils.

VALUE OF DEEP PLOWING.

To those who are interested in scien-
tific agriculture, E. P. Elrod, special
agent of the United States Depart-
ment of Agriculture, located in Gray-
son county, has given our some valu-
able and timely suggestions as to break-
ing land for crops of 1912.

Every suggestion made by Mr. Elrod
applies to the land and conditions of
Taylor and surrounding counties, with

as much force as the section in which
he is located and there is no reason
why the people of the Abilene country
should not profit by his advice:

"Now that the cotton crop is nearly
all out and in view of the good results
from the deep fall plowing on this
year's crop during the drouthy sum-
mer, I feel it incumbent upon me to
urge every farmer to immediately deep
break the land for another crop, if
possible. The earlier the plowing is
done the better it will be, and care
should be taken that the land is, in
the average case, broken a little deep-
er than in former years. A deep, well
pulverized seed bed, plowed long
enough before planting, is one of the
essentials in all good farming.

There are several good reasons for
deep fall plowing (now, mind you, I
do not say deep plowing, just before
planting), and the good results of the
deep fall plowing on the demonstra-
tion plots in Grayson county should
be sufficient to anyone who is skepti-
cal. In several instances I can mention
the fall broken land made light ears
of corn this year, while that in the
adjoining fields, where the land was
broken just before planting did before
tasselling. In some cases the corn was
divided only by a cross fence, and that
on the fall broken land made pretty
good ears of corn, while not more than
ten feet away, where the land was not
fall plowed, but prepared just before
planting, the corn died for the want
of moisture in the hope to have enough
rain in the spring and summer to make
the crop. Usually we have rain enough
during the winter to wet the ground
well if it is prepared so that all the
rain that falls will be caught and held
until it soaks in and none of it allowed
to run off.

Plants take their food in a liquid
form only, and it follows that water
must be stored so that any temporary
deficiency of surface water may be
supplied by capillary action from the
subsoil. It follows also that land
should have plenty of humus to hold
the water after being caught. Humus
you know is simply decayed vegeta-
tion, which forms a spongy substance
which gives the land a light loamy
texture and retains the moisture much
longer than does the land deficient
in humus. Land deficient in humus
will run together and become hard
after each rain and dry out quickly.
Bearing this in mind, it behooves us
to plan a rotation of crops and plant
leguminous crops as often as possible,
so as to replenish the supply of hu-
mus and thereby keep the land in the
best condition. Never burn off the
grass or rake up and burn the stalks
if you can, plow them under long
enough before planting to allow them
to rot unless it is necessary to burn
them to destroy some damaging in-
sects. Then the fall plowing of the
land will destroy more insects than
the usual way of allowing the land to
lie unbroken until planting time and
then burning all the trash. The fall
plowing catches the insects in the hi-
bernating stage and disturbs and ex-
poses them to the severe cold of the
winter, which usually kills most of
them.

The antiquated idea that the land
does not need deep plowing for cot-
ton has proven to be so erroneous that
it is not worth while to discuss it here.
Then again, the statement by some
that the cotton tap root has to strike
hard ground before it will make good
cotton is disproven in many ways. It
is a well known fact that some of the
best cotton in the country is raised on
the deep sandy land, where the sand
is so loose that you may take a spade
and dig down twenty to thirty feet
without finding any hard ground. In
fact, there is no known crop of this
section of the United States that does
not make a larger yield or stand the
drouth in the summer better by having
a well pulverized, deep sand bed, if
the preparation is done at the right
time and long enough before planting
to allow the seed bed to become firm.

Land on which Kaffir corn, milo
maize or sorghum has grown this year
should all be plowed before Christmas
if it is at all possible to get the work
done. These crops survive the drouth
because they have the property of
drawing the moisture out of the ground
in a dryer state generally than any
other crop. It becomes important then
that you get the land broken up early
to catch all the winter rains and let
the frosts pulverize the soil and let
the roots of the crops mentioned de-
cay. Unless you heed this advice you
will find next year that the land these
crops were grown on will not produce
as well as before.—Abilene Reporter.

Newton D. Baker, who recently was
elected mayor of Cleveland by the
large plurality of 18,900, is now being
discussed by the Ohio Democrats as
a candidate for governor to succeed
Governor Harmon. To make the race for
governor he would have to resign as
mayor, since his term in the latter of-
fice does not expire until Jan. 1,
1914.

Of the several Democratic leaders
who are being discussed for the pre-
sidential nomination the oldest in point
of years is Governor Harmon of Ohio,
who will be 66 next February. Repre-
sentative Underwood is in his 50th
year, Woodrow Wilson is 52 and Speak-
er Champ Clark will celebrate his 61st
birthday next March.

The Texas and Pacific has let the
contract for \$110,000 worth of build-
ing at Marshall. The improvements
consist of new station, office build-
ings, a 36-stall roundhouse and a
large oilhouse.

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SHALL THE BOSSES RULE?

Now that Col. R. M. Johnston, the
National Committeeman, has delivered
Texas' convention vote to Gov. Har-
mon's campaign managers, the need of
holding a state convention would seem
to have been removed. Of course all
discussion of holding a State primary
has been relegated to the domain of su-
perfluous and impertinent affairs.
What, in the circumstances, could a
convention do except to ratify the de-
cision of Col. Johnston and a small
coterie of his advisers to deliver the
votes of Texas to accomplish the wish
of the Murphy, the Taggarts, the Sul-
livans and the other bosses of the Na-
tional Democracy? It may be that the
convention to be held next spring will
ratify that disposition of the Texas
vote; but, if it should, it would be a
ratification having no greater author-
ity than can come from the will of a
few self-constituted bosses. Such a
disposition of the Texas convention
vote would not reflect the wish of a
majority of Texas Democrats, unless
between now and then there should
be a revolution of popular sentiment;
for it will not be seriously contended
that Gov. Harmon is the choice of
Texas Democrats for the Presidency.
We feel quite confident that if a pri-
mary would receive a clear and decisive
majority of the votes cast, but it will
hardly be denied even by those oppo-
sed to him that in such a primary he
would receive a plurality of the votes
cast. At this time Gov. Wilson is un-
doubtedly the choice of Texas Demo-
crats, and if this deliverance by Col.
Johnston shall be ratified, we will only
grope that in Texas we have a rule of
the people by and for the bosses.—Dal-
las News.

PROTECTIONISM GROWING IN TEXAS.

(Velasco World)

A North Texas paper says there is
a conspiracy on between a number of
Texas democrats to send a high pro-
tection statesman to the United
States senate. No doubt of it. The
free traders in Texas are much on
the order of other people. We find
thousands of people who would like
to be socialists, but they are too
cowardly to come out squarely for
the principle. Thousands upon thou-
sands of democrats in Texas are high
protectionists, but they lack the nerve
to say so. Too many of them expect
to get office, and another crowd,
which is entirely too many, think it
is the wise thing to trim your sails
to the biggest breeze, without heed-
ing the trend of events. Already the
wool men are organizing to fight a
reduction of the tariff on wool, and
the sugar men and the rice men are
getting hot in the collar. Protection
is growing in Texas.

Seven steel bridges, ordered by the
commissioner's court of Lamar coun-
ty last summer, have arrived and
will be placed at crossings over
streams in different parts of the
county.

Stray Topics From Little Old New York

New York, Dec. 12.—The first year
in the history of the new Pennsyl-
vania Station, which ended a few
days ago, was one of remarkable
activity and success. Since the new
station was opened to trunk line busi-
ness and to regular train service
through the Pennsylvania Hudson
River tubes, a great traffic has pas-
sed through the station and, according
to the statements of the officials the
result has been highly satisfactory.
Of the 111,942 trains operated in and
out, 92.59 per cent made schedule
time over the New York Division,
and there was not a single serious
accident on the entire division.
There were 1,225,320 tickets sold
in the year. It is estimated that
1,500,000 pieces of baggage were
hailed, besides the thousands of par-
cels which were checked at the sta-
tion during the year. In the Bureau
of Information, with its battery of
telephones, the calls number 377,714
an average of more than 1,000 a day.
All sorts of information has been
sought at the Information Bureau
about the city. One which was about
the limit for the year, it is said, came
when a stranger wanted to know
where he could buy a dog.

The one hundred and twenty-sixth
anniversary of the founding of St.
Peter's Church in Barclay street, the

Right Rev. James H. McGeen's com-
pletion of thirty years as pastor, and
the twenty-sixth anniversary of the
consecration of the present church
building were celebrated on the same
day recently. The church is one of
the oldest Catholic churches in the
lower part of Manhattan and has an
interesting history. When the first
church was built it stood in what was
then a fashionable residence district.
If the police authorities and courts
should continue the same promptness
and severity in dealing with members
of the "black hand" which was dis-
played by them in a few recent cases,
it would undoubtedly lead many mem-
bers of the Italian colony in and
around New York to seek a safer
field for their criminal operations.
One black hander, who had threatened
of a priest in Poughkeepsie and had
tried to obtain \$3,000 from him by
blackmail, was sentenced the other
day to at least seven years and six
months in prison. He may remain
fourteen years and six months in
prison. When the priest received the
blackmailing letter, he turned it over
to the chief of police of Poughkeepsie.
The latter wrote an answer saying,
"When you get this you will be in
the hands of the Fishkill police, here
the Marfa is not recognized."

A few days later the blackmailer
called at the post office and received
his letter. He was just reading the
note contained therein, when the
chief of police himself arrested him.
At first the prisoner denied all
knowledge of the plot, but later he
admitted his guilt. Just before
trial last week he changed his plea
to one of not guilty. It did not take
the jury more than a few minutes to
agree upon a verdict of guilty.

The Rev. William Milton Hess, who
dedicated a new church building in
the Bronx the other day, has his own
ideas concerning the best method
of bringing men, young and old, into
the church. He left a \$4,000 place
to preach the Gospel in New York at
\$1,400 a year. His new building cost
\$10,000 and is a part of Trinity Con-
gregational Church, Tremont. To at-
tract the men Rev. Hess has opened
bowling alleys and a moving picture
show in the church building, where
performances are given every Sun-
day night. In the near future he ex-
pects to add a big swimming pool and
other attractions to his decidedly
modern church. His success has been
remarkable and his congregations in-
cludes Catholics, Jews, Episcopalians
and members of other churches.

Statistics show a remarkable in-
crease in the number of commercial
automobiles in use in this city and
State. More than eight thousand
auto trucks and delivery wagons are
at present registered in the State of
New York and

Fads and Fashions

New York, Dec. 8.—The vogue of waists or blouses still continues undiminished a fact which is really not surprising if one considers the important part which these garments play in a fashionable woman's toilette.

The tailored and semi-tailored waists of wash materials are developed in linen, cotton flannel, dotted Swiss, cross bar lawn and marquisette, and show inserts of Irish and Cluny lace, as well as effective patterns worked out in hand embroidery.

Net is a frequent favorite for the dainty side pleats. A narrow hem of black net is used as an edge finish to the white frills made wholly of net.

Soft finished satins, messalines, crepes and chiffons make very effective waists for wearing with the two piece suits.

Among the fancy silk taffetas in tailored style are plaids and striped effects. Fine ribbed corduroys and striped or plain velveteens appear in tailored styles also, as the nature of the material will not admit of fancy designs.

A new idea in waists is arousing considerable interest owing to the fact that it does not require a hook or button in its adjustment to the figure. It is made in regular waist form in the back, with gathers at the waist line and tape, which is fastened in the front, holding the waist securely.

MUCH MYSTERY ABOUT REYES

REPORTS FROM AS MANY SOURCES HAVE HIM IN THREE WIDELY SEPARATED POINTS. STEAMER WAS SEARCHED. Uncle Sam's Officials Are On the Look-out for Filibustering Expeditions Into Mexico.

Believed Near Brownsville, Mexico City, Dec. 8.—More mystery has been created about the movements of Reyes by a San Antonio report that he had passed through St. Louis. It is believed that Reyes is still in the vicinity of Brownsville as the secret agents report. Small uprisings are reported in the States of Tlaxcala, Puebla and Zacatecas.

REYES IN ST. LOUIS. Mexican General on Way to National Capitol. San Antonio, Dec. 8.—Gen. Bernard Reyes passed through St. Louis Thursday on his way to Washington where in all probability he will see President Taft, Secretary Nagel of the department of commerce and labor and others.

SIXTEEN BODIES HAVE BEEN RECOVERED. Fraternal Organizations Hard Hit by Mine Disaster—17 Members of One Lodge Killed.

Briceville, Tenn., Dec. 11.—The morning of the second day following the fatal explosion in the Cross Mountain mine, brought little change from the scenes of last night. The list of the known dead stands at sixteen, eight being found by night workers of a volunteer rescue corps.

Work will begin at once on the construction of the big Pearson industrial plants at El Paso. The cost will approximate \$3,000,000. The Fort Worth Light & Power Company boasts the highest smokestack in the Southwest. It is 256 feet high; 40 feet at the base and cost \$20,000.

RECREANT TO LABOR'S CAUSE

WELCOME INVESTIGATION. Declare First Knowledge of Brothers' Guilt Was Conveyed by Press in Confession. Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—Branding James B. and John J. McNamara as "recreant to the good name and high ideals of labor," and expressing the "satisfaction of organized labor that the 'culprits have been criminally punished for their crime," the McNamara ways and means committee of the American Federation of Labor, after a two days' conference here, late yesterday issued a statement vigorously condemning the McNamara brothers for their "inhumanity" and declaring that organized labor should not be held "either legally or morally responsible for the crimes of an individual member."

WACONIC GRAND LODGE ENDS ANNUAL SESSION. Waco, Texas, Dec. 8.—The Masonic grand lodge closed its session Thursday afternoon, after the installation of officers. The session has been a pleasant one and the attendance was surprisingly large. Except for Wednesday and Thursday, the weather has been ideal.

FROM THE OUTSET we assured laborers and the public generally that we would publish an accounting of the money received from whom received and to whom paid. A report in full will be made first to the executive council of the American Federation of Labor at its meeting to be held at Washington, Jan. 9, 1912.

RAACON APPOINTED POSTMASTER AGAIN. Washington dispatches announce that President Taft has appointed the nomination of Otis T. Bacon to the Senate as postmaster at Wichita Falls.

10 POUNDS OF DYNAMITE FOUND. Los Angeles, Dec. 11.—Ten pounds of dynamite with two hundred feet of fuse was found today by two boys in a doorway to the engine room of a laundry.

SNOW REPORTED AT DALHART. Dalhart, Dec. 11.—Snow has been falling here since 3 a. m. Texline reports snow. Reyes Supporters Leave. San Antonio, Dec. 11.—All Reyes supporters have disappeared from their haunts here. Reyes has not been located but reports from Mexico confirm the statement that he was seen in Carmargo.

12,814,832 Bales Had Been Ginned in U. S. Up to Dec. 1

Table showing cotton ginning statistics by state for 1911, 1910, 1909, and 1908. States include Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Alabama, and All Other States.

14,885,000 BALES IS THE ESTIMATE. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ISSUES ESTIMATE OF THE TOTAL COTTON CROP. WE'VE FOUR MILLIONS. Texas Crop Placed at 4,280,000 Bales. Market Breaks 15 Points.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Prison for girls is the remedy for divorce suggested by Assemblyman Richard F. Horn of Buffalo. Mr. Horn said he would introduce a bill to the effect that a woman who is guilty of adultery in prison.

BORDER GUARDS HAVE BEEN DOUBLED. San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 12.—A special from El Paso says the border guards were doubled when the U. S. Army officers were notified of the reports that an attack on Juarez is expected today.

MRS. MCGILL BROKE DOWN. Gives the Real Facts in Regard to Her Case and Tells How She Suffered. Jonesboro, Ark.—"I suffered a complete break down in health, some time ago," writes Mrs. A. McGill, from this place. "I was very weak and could not do any work. I tried different remedies, but they did me no good.

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What the Y. W. C. A. Is Doing TRACT ON NORTH SIDE OF RIVER CHOSEN FOR INDUSTRIAL SITE

DIRECTORS OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VOTE TO PURCHASE BEAN, MARKOWITZ, DUTTON AND POWELL SITE OF 452 1-2 ACRES FOR \$77,952.50— INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION CORPORATION WILL BE FORMED

Miss Stafford, state secretary of the Y. W. C. A. delivered an inspiring appeal in behalf of the Y. W. C. A. at the First Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon. As many could not be present who ought to know of this work her address is reproduced here with in part:

The scripture reference given by Miss Stafford was the 11th chapter of John, the incident where Jesus raised Lazarus, the brother of Mary and Martha, from the dead. He called for Mary and she arose quickly and with gladness of heart to answer his call.

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believeth thou this? She saith unto Him, yes, Lord I believe that thou art the Christ the Son of God, which should come into the world.

"This scripture brings before us the character of Mary and of Jesus' call to her and her prompt response as she went to Him with gladness and no reluctance. She did not say, 'I wonder what he wants with me?' or 'I hope he doesn't want me to do anything hard or in foreign fields.'

"Have we, as women of the 20th century, the same spirit in Christ as Mary had a thousand years ago? How could we work for Christ, if our love was as pure as Mary's? I am sure we all wish we could have known Mary personally, but she will never be forgotten. She is an inspiration to us; she, whose highest and holiest love was given to Christ and who responded so promptly to his call.

"No matter what other pressing duties she had, she was ready and willing to go when Christ called.

"This is a day and age when women have much more to do and think about than when Mary lived. The women of today are interested in so many more things. There was never a day when women of America knew so much about women in foreign lands as they do today.

"This great jubilee which has swept over our country has brought us the realization that we are all sisters and can clasp hands and know we can all love the Lord. We realize that this call to service is of vital importance."

Miss Stafford stated that she had had the pleasure of attending the great jubilee at Houston about three weeks ago. There were seven speakers of the party who were going only to four of the cities in Texas. They presented the needs of the whole world and made an appeal. Girls came on the platform dressed to represent different nations of women who do not have the privileges and freedom that we do. This pageant was called the appeal of the nations. They represented the Chinese, Japanese, Spanish and the other women of foreign lands who were appealing for this pure love and for the open Bible. In India there are 300,000,000 who do not know Christ. They had an "angel chorus" of girls dressed as angels who sang "Hark, Hark, My Soul." We do not appreciate our knowledge of the Bible until we begin to think of these women who never have an opportunity to even see a Bible. Oh, how willing we should be to give what we can. It makes us feel that we would like to go into far away countries and work for Christ and devote our lives to helping these people. Of course, we all cannot go. Women of today are interested in big things. They are interested in national and world movements.

"When we feel an interest in foreign things it deepens and broadens our lives and it makes us more competent to deal with our own family and church work. We almost feel bewildered sometimes, when we think how much we could do and have to do. We have duties to our home folks, to our children, husband, neighbors and church and then when the Young Women's Christian Association work comes in we find we are too busy to take the work up. I have found in all the states, that this is the excuse everywhere.

"This Y. W. C. A. work grips the hearts and lives of everyone. It is a supplement to the church. We are sending out our best secretaries and workers in this work as the best are needed for this work.

"The Y. W. C. A. work is a great national movement. Miss Grace Dodge and Helen Gould are pouring thousands of dollars into this work to make it a success. If these women are willing to put their thousands into the work, we ought to be willing to put in our 50 cents and dollars.

"The Young Women's Christian Association originated in England and spread rapidly to America. It is forty years old here in America and is growing so rapidly that I can hardly keep up with it myself. Five years ago when I had to give up the work for awhile on account of my health, it had only six national secretaries and now it has nearly fifty. The Y. W. C. A. is sending special workers all over the states and country everywhere. Every state or group of states has its field secretaries; Texas has two. This organization, outside of the church, is doing the greatest work in the world. From three to four thousand of our secretaries and special workers are going from place to place in this work. While these

are the best workers they are also the busiest. This is a Christian work—how we love this name of Christian. The first word in our Young Women's Christian Association is "young." A woman is young until she is 75 years old if she feels that way. Next is the word "women." We just love that name because we love our own sex. The word "Christian" is the grandest word in the whole English language. It is based upon the word "Christ."

"We are seeking to develop the highest type of womanhood. The woman who does not know Christ has not entered into her life fully. With the help of the church it is our purpose to win women to Christ, and send them out to work for Christ. Now, I want to ask you a question, 'Can you think of any thing bigger than this?' We are home builders, church workers and winners of souls and workers for Christ."

"When I was at the mass meeting of the Sunday schools this morning and saw all those splendid young women and heard the minister's appeal, I thought that next to that work, the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. came next, and was the grandest work in the world. If all of these churches work with us and each one of us will do our part in Wichita Falls in our Y. W. C. A. work, we can't imagine what a great work we will accomplish. We must not think that this work belongs to our President and other officers, alone. We each have a work of our own and must help these officers. What we do here in Wichita Falls will count for the entire district, of which Wichita Falls is the center. I have been here a few days studying the principles for the work in this town. We must first know the needs of our own town and then form our basis to work on. With every woman here doing her best, it will mean a strong organization for this city and it will do a tremendous work for it, and for Jesus Christ. I will only have time to touch upon a few points of this great organization, as it is in our State, of which you can be proud. One of these points I wish to emphasize is that of our protective work, and our great need for this work. A little incident was told that brought the necessity of the Y. W. C. A. work in our own home town and the need of a Y. W. C. A. boarding house. One of our Y. W. C. A. workers went on a short time ago in this work and was talking to a woman in one of the low boarding houses here. While talking to her a young girl of about 15 came into the room, and she was introduced to her. The girl gave her barely a decent greeting and soon left the room. Upon being questioned as to who the girl was, the woman told our worker that she was a stranger who came here looking for employment and as she had no money or friends here the woman took pity on her and was going to keep her in her house until she did find work. Here was an innocent young girl having to stay in this house of temptation for an indefinite period of time until she could find work. There are things like this happening every day and if we had a Y. W. C. A. boarding house for the girls that come here as strangers, they would at least be saved from the temptations of the world and kept safe and constantly with good Christian workers."

Miss Stafford asked if we were aware of the fact that 50,000 girls disappear from railway trains every year. "This statement comes from good authority and is a very conservative one," said said. "They are not killed in railway accidents, that is not the idea, but they disappear through deception of some kind and are taken and forced into lives of shame. In the great cities this Y. W. C. A. work helps to lessen this awful work. We ought all read the 'House of Bondage.' We ought all know about this great White Slave Traffic that is going on in our country, here girls are lured into the large cities by all kinds of false promises and deception which is practiced upon them. This is carried on more in our railway stations than anywhere. Girls who are strangers come into a strange place and having no friends to meet, them are so often deceived by kind-words and acts of some stranger. This is where the great need comes in for the Traveler's Aid of the Y. W. C. A. at every rail way station to direct our girls. San Antonio is the greatest White Slave Traffic city in Texas. These things are going on right in our midst and we are shutting our eyes to them. The girls that these things happen to are not the ones that we would not have anything to do with—they are off times girls which come of the very best families in our state. For instance, there was a bright, young lady whose parents were one of the best families in Chicago and they were sending her to school in New York City. They bought her a Pullman ticket and she was to be met by a friend when she reached New York. On the train there was a nice motherly-looking, well-dressed old lady who met the girl in the dressing room and they began talking. The girl was naturally lonesome as she was traveling alone and they immediately became very friendly. They went to the dining car together and upon arriving in New York City, her friend, failing to meet her, the lady insisted that she go with her in her

automobile and see where she lived so that the girl could come to see her while she remained in New York. They did so and the girl was not found for months and months after.

"When girls become restless at home and want to go away, they should consider all this. All girls, though, do not go away from home of their own accord. Some are sent away. Most girls think that just as soon as they reach a large city, they will find work; but when they do not find any and have to go to a house of prostitution until they do find work, it is a terrible thing and that is why we are so anxious to establish our work everywhere. I could talk on his for hours. We know that our girls are in danger and this work must be done. The need gets greater as the city grows larger.

"I want to come back soon to organize this work and in order to do this we will have to have a travelers aid—a Y. W. C. A. boarding house and a trained secretary for this. The travelers aid will be at our Union Station ready to meet these girls and direct them to a good place to stay while they look for employment. We should have an emergency room where girls can be cared for while they find employment. If we keep these girls in our sight and care until they get started out and able to take care of themselves, then they are usually able to resist temptations better when they know that there is someone that really is interested in their welfare. Sometimes when a girl can't make enough money to take care of herself and has to wear old patched shoes and never has any new clothes, she is subjected to great temptations. This Y. W. C. A. work is a great protective organization. This work travels all around the world. Our work is to save women from falling—not to bring her up after she has fallen. It is not rescue work, but a great protective work. We ought to be willing to support financially and also to pray constantly for it. We also have another work to do besides the protective work. We have 36,000 girls which we are training so that they will be able to make a good living for themselves. We also help girls who want to get along in their studies. We do work for all ages. There is the junior work for the girls from 12 to 16. This is very important as they are just starting out in the world and they need so much help. We help the younger girls, older girls, and also have our Mother's Clubs. They also have the spiritual work in helping the church and we want to emphasize that the Bible in a woman's life is the grandest thing in the world and her life is not full until she possesses knowledge of this book. We have Bible classes for this purpose. One girl needs help as much as another. We make no class or distinction whatever. We can help these needs by getting in closer touch with Christ. We reach women in mines, factories, stores, offices and colleges. This work is for all and every woman who is big-hearted ought to want a share in it. We help physically and spiritually. In their efforts to have good times, girls often do things that are wrong. In order to prevent this we plan entertainments for the girls at our Y. W. C. A's.

"I am so glad that you all came out this evening. I just want to thank you for I know this shows that you feel interested in this work. I have only to a summer wheat crop this year, but to good crops in everything, said of our most important phases of work. So much must be done to build this up. We should all pledge to do our best. Some of us have so much work to do. Some have almost more than they can carry. When we see what a great work is to be done, we ought to be willing to make any sacrifice. We ought all want to come on the front seat. There is no reason why Wichita Falls should not have the best organization in Texas. Only five of our cities have undertaken on the city work. I know the State Executive Committee will be glad to give you as much of my time as they can. There is only the question of who is willing to do their very best in this work. That is all we need. There are three classes of things that occupy our time: (1) The Thing that count for a moment. (2) The things that count for time. (3) The things that count for time and eternity. We only have one life to live and we cannot afford to waste it on the things that count for only a moment. Put it all together, and we will have things that count for time and eternity. I want to ask every woman who is willing to do what she can in the eyes of God for this work in Wichita Falls, Texas to rise. If we give our time and use our influence and pay our dues promptly and take a real interest in this work, with God's help we will do a great work. Consider this as a personal call from God and do your best."

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NEGOTIATING FOR A GLASS FACTORY

The manufacturers committee of the Chamber of Commerce is negotiating with a manufacturer from Oklahoma for the establishment of a factory here for the manufacture of glass bottles. He asks a five cent gas rate for a period of five years or for the life of the field, and a bonus of ten thousand dollars to be used in defraying the expense of moving his plant here. The plant is now in active operation in another city and is claimed to be worth \$40,000 at a very conservative estimate. It employs over 100 operators with an annual payroll of more than \$80,000.

FARMERS AROUND ELECTRA OPTIMISTIC

Tom Barwise, a prosperous farmer and an old settler of this county, was here on business yesterday from his home near Electra. Mr. Barwise says that the recent rains have placed the ground in better condition than it has been for the last three years, and that as a result he thinks that next year's crops will prove to be better than any yield during the last several years.

Farmers in his neighborhood have sown an unusually large acreage of wheat this fall, and it is probable that as soon as the ground becomes sufficiently dry for plowing purposes, even more wheat will be sown, as the season is not yet considered too far gone, and Mr. Barwise says that he has known of many cases where farmers raised a good crop of wheat which had been sown at an even later stage of the season than the present one has advanced.

All of the farmers in the Electra neighborhood are looking forward not only to a bumper wheat crop this year, but to good crops in everything, said of our most important phases of

Less operating expense \$5 per lot \$55,047.50; balance \$7,000.00. Less sales commission \$20 per lot \$48,047.50; balance \$28,000.00. Balance capital stock \$20,047.50; balance \$2,047.50. Total \$18,000.00. Net profit 25 per cent or a yearly profit.

With the improvement fund of \$70,000, Mr. Day has suggested the following distribution of funds: Side walks 4 feet and curbing \$12,300. Grading streets \$5,200. Sewerage \$8,400. Water, electric lights, natural gas, trolley extension and bridge \$34,000. Survey \$700. Total \$70,000.

The vote on the acceptance of the proposition was taken after a very earnest discussion of the merits of the three propositions. A motion to postpone a decision was voted down and the vote on the three propositions was as follows:

For the Anderson site—G. D. Anderson, J. G. Culbertson, J. B. Marlow, T. H. T. Orth and Wiley Blair. For the Kemp and Kell site—Dr. J. M. Bell. For the Bean, Markowitz, Powell and Dutton site—C. W. Bean, A. H. Carrigan, Fred Gates, N. Henderson, T. P. Hickman, J. L. Jackson, Lee Moore, T. B. Noble, Myles O'Kalliey, J. C. Tandy and T. J. Taylor.

Lot sales less cost of land \$202,049.50; balance \$70,000.00. Less industrial fund \$50 per lot \$132,047.50; balance \$70,000.00. Less advertising \$5 per lot \$62,047.50; balance \$7,000.00.

TAFT MEN WON FIRST SKIRMISH

SELECTION OF COL. HARRY S. NEW AS CHAIRMAN OF CONVENTION ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE FAVORABLE TO TAFT.

GOVERNOR HILL CHAIRMAN

Maine Man Chosen to Succeed Hitchcock as Head of Republican National Committee.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—With their program almost agreed on in advance, the Republican national committee met today. It is conceded that Chicago would win the convention city honor, although others are contesting. The last week in June is favored as the time for the convention, although the date has not been fixed.

The Taft forces won the first serious fight of the committee meeting, when it was agreed that Col. Harry S. New of Indiana, be named chairman of the sub-committee to take charge of the convention arrangements, and that the four other members be National Committeemen.

The committee accepted the resignation of Chairman Frank H. Hitchcock dated March 5, 1909. Former Gov. John F. Hill, of Maine was elected chairman by acclamation.

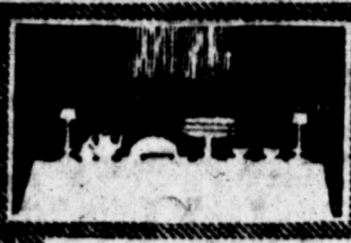
Hostilities Develop. (Dallas News) Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Hostilities of an unexpected character and from an unlooked for quarter developed today among members of the Republican National Committee and other prominent party leaders who are here in connection with the meeting tomorrow to fix the time and place for the Presidential nomination next summer.

Opposition to Col. Harry S. New, the Administration's choice for chairman of the powerful sub-committee on convention arrangements, was responsible for the ill feeling engendered.

The situation, however, cleared considerably late in the evening. At the President's dinner to the committeemen there was no open discussion of politics, but it became known immediately after the dinner had adjourned that Secretary Hilles and other supporters of President Taft had won a complete victory and that Col. New undoubtedly would head the sub-committee on arrangements.

It also was evident that the Taft forces would control the entire membership of the sub-committee and that the slate for the sub-committee of five included in addition to Col. New, National Committeemen Mulvane of Kansas, Ivorys of Ohio, Murphy of New Jersey and Williams of Oregon. All of these men are known to be friendly to President Taft.

Committeeman N. C. Duncan of North Carolina may be added later as a sixth member of the sub-committee. Only less interesting than the unlooked for controversy over the control of the sub-committee in charge of the convention was the explication throughout the day of Col. Theodore Roosevelt as the possible candidate



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for the Presidential nomination. The advocacy of Col. Roosevelt, but thinly veiled yesterday, was openly and prominently proclaimed today. The advocates of Col. Roosevelt's nomination apparently based their arguments in his behalf upon the fact that at no time had the former President announced that he would not accept the nomination if tendered to him.

It was recognized that he would not openly become a candidate, they said, but they were busy sounding members of the national committee and prominent Republicans as to their sentiment in regard to "forcing" the nomination upon the Colonel.

There were many who connected the open advocacy of Col. Roosevelt's nomination with the opposition to paying a committee of arrangements dominated by Administration men. It was apparent throughout the day that friends of Col. Roosevelt were endeavoring in every way possible to postpone action by the national committee which would definitely commit anybody to any man's candidacy.

The Roosevelt enthusiasts frankly stated their hope lay in working up a demand for Col. Roosevelt to be expressed in the convention itself. Friends of Roosevelt also declared they were making no attempts at this time to force the issue. Their object was, they said, to leave matters sufficiently open to permit of his candidacy at the psychological moment.

Many conferences were held during the day, and continued until the White House dinner tonight, when President Taft was host to the body. In the executive state dining-room, however, it was realized that animosities would have to be laid aside, for the dinner was arranged in formal honor of the committee, the guests including both the ardent supporters and the lukewarm friends of the President.

One of the most sensational features of the day was the fact that Secretary Hilles, who is the active leader of the Taft forces in the campaign for the renomination of the President, and Postmaster General Hitchcock who managed the campaign three years ago, seemingly were arrayed against each other. The rumors that the two were working at cross purposes, flew thick and fast. Finally Mr. Hitchcock issued a statement in denial, but it did not entirely set the reports at rest. Mr. Hitchcock's statement follows:

"Statements which would indicate that there is friction between Mr. Hilles and myself are absolutely unfounded. My resignation as chairman of the national committee was tendered in good faith on the day that I was confirmed as Postmaster General, and from that time to this I have refrained from participation in the affairs of the committee. I have all I can do at present to look after the business of my department, and do not wish to be drawn into controversy respecting national politics."

Friends of President Taft entered upon the work of the day preliminary to the meeting tomorrow thoroughly confident there will be no opposition to Mr. New. Strangely enough, the opposition came from members from the Southern States, where the Administration was supposed to be in undisputed control.

Members of the committee from the Southern States met early in the day, ostensibly to take measures of self-protection against any attempt in the next convention to reduce their representation. A motion was adopted authorizing Gen. Powell Clayton of Arkansas, who acted as chairman, to name a committee of five to devise the method and provide the means to fight any movement made to curtail the Southern delegations. At the conference also C. Duncan, the member from North Carolina, was honored for membership of the executive committee.

OFFICERS' ACCOUNTS WILL BE AUDITED

At Suggestion of Finance Committee Exprt Will Be Employed by County Commissioners.

The members of the commissioners' court in a body went down to the Big Wichita river this morning, to examine the new bridge, the construction of which is now completed.

When the commissioners returned from the bridge, which will be finished and turned over to the county this week, the court took up the regular routine of business.

Messrs. W. L. Robertson, W. M. McGregor and T. C. Thatcher, members of a finance committee, hereafter appointed by the district judge to examine, check-up and report the conditions of the finance and of the books of the county, report to the commissioners court, that they find it utterly impossible to go through the books, check-up and examine them in the time prescribed by law.

"Owing to the vast amount of detail work that will be necessary, to do the work in a satisfactory manner," they said, "we find that it will be impossible for us to do this work, and we suggest, that if the county will employ a competent auditor to go through and check up the county affairs, that we will act as a committee, in going through with this auditor, as the work progresses."

The commissioners agreed to the proposition of the committee, and authorized them to employ a competent auditor and an assistant to do the work, under the supervision of the committee.

Relative to accepting the bridge when completed, the court requested County Surveyor H. M. Snoddy to make a written report based on the contract, plans and specifications, and on the filing of this report the court will be ready to accept the bridge.

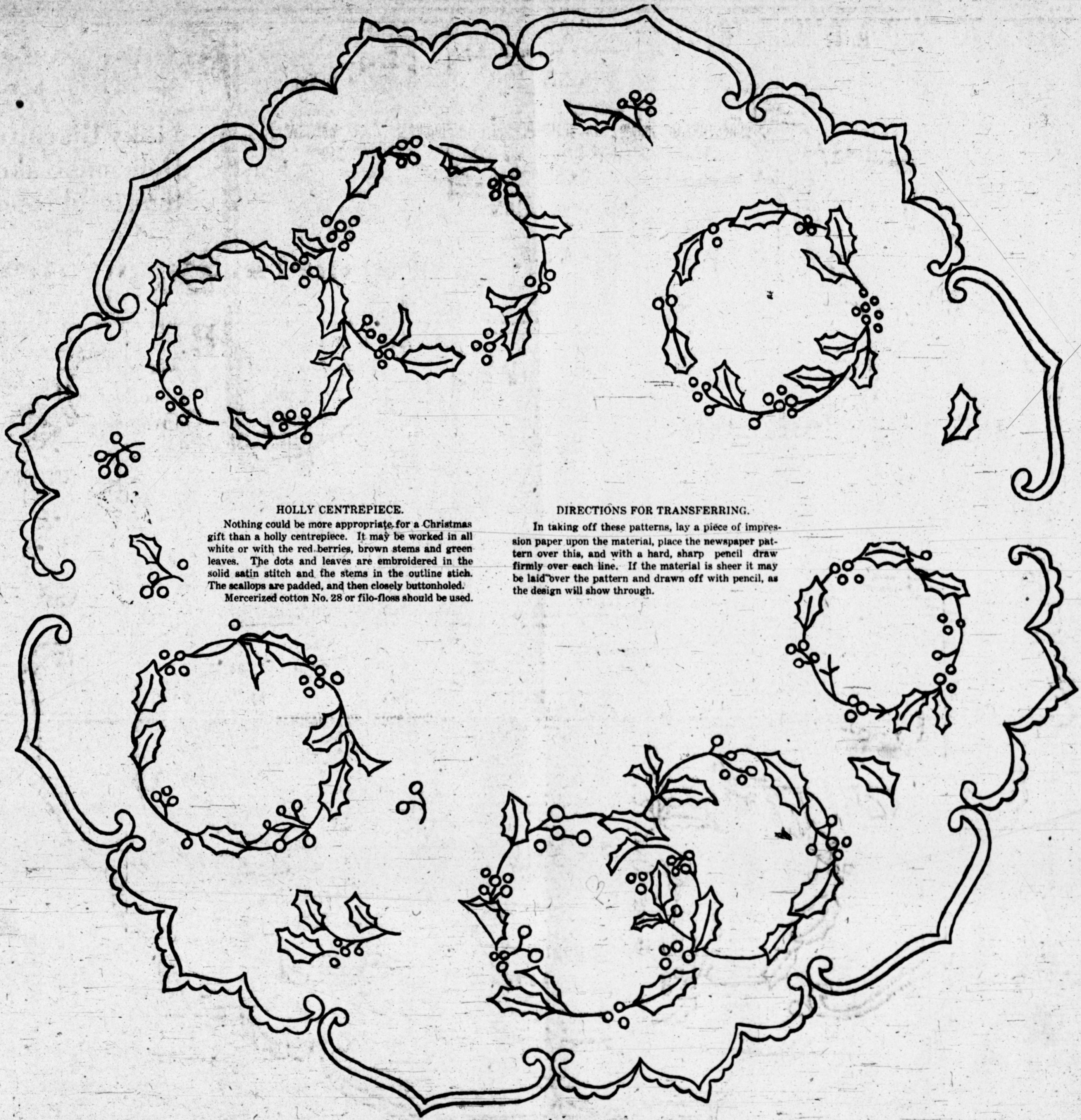
In the matter of making the bills for the approaches to the bridge the court authorized Commissioner Dave Thomas to enter into a contract with some one to make the necessary bills. Regarding the service pipes attached to the bridge, the court directs that the new gas company be notified not to connect up with their line and that the old gas company and water company be notified to appear at the next term of the court.

The court then adjourned for the term.

SOME RED CROSS SEAL FIGURES

Few people have any conception of the magnitude of the Red Cross Christmas Seal Campaign. The following figures will show what a gigantic movement this is. Already \$5,000,000 seals have been printed, and practically that entire number distributed to agents. Probably 15,000,000 more will be needed. Advertising circulars, posters, cards, etc., to the number of several million have also been distributed. It is estimated that the army of paid and volunteer workers engaged in selling the seals will number over 100,000. The advertising and publicity donated to the campaign will amount to several hundred thousand dollars. Every effort is being put forth to sell 100,000,000 seals, or about one for every man, woman and child in the United States.

A number of prominent business men of Fort Worth will organize a Mercantile Club. A plan is proposed to erect an eleven-story building; lower floor for the Board of Trade, second for the Mercantile Club, other floors for offices.



HOLLY CENTREPIECE.

Nothing could be more appropriate for a Christmas gift than a holly centerpiece. It may be worked in all white or with the red berries, brown stems and green leaves. The dots and leaves are embroidered in the solid satin stitch and the stems in the outline stitch. The scallops are padded, and then closely buttonholed. Mercerized cotton No. 28 or filo-floss should be used.

DIRECTIONS FOR TRANSFERRING.

In taking off these patterns, lay a piece of impression paper upon the material, place the newspaper pattern over this, and with a hard, sharp pencil draw firmly over each line. If the material is sheer it may be laid over the pattern and drawn off with pencil, as the design will show through.

Sarah Hale Hunter

REDUCTION OF COTTON ACREAGE

MASS MEETING OF FARMERS AND BUSINESS MEN CALLED TO CONVENE SATURDAY, AT 11 O' A. M.

CO-OPERATION IS URGED

W. C. Myers Calls Meeting to Discuss Plans Suggested for Betterment of Cotton Growers.

W. C. Myers, of Burk Burnett, appointed by Governor Colquitt to call a meeting of the farmers and business men of Wichita county for the purpose of taking steps of reducing the cotton acreage next year, has called a meeting for that purpose to be held at the city hall in this city at 11 o'clock Saturday morning, December 16th.

His call follows:

To the Farmers, Merchants and Citizens and Business Men of Wichita County in general:

By authority vested in me by Governor Colquitt, I hereby call a mass meeting of the citizens of Wichita county to be held in the city hall in the city of Wichita Falls at 11 o'clock a. m., Saturday, December 16th for the purpose of discussing the proposed reduction of the cotton acreage and such other steps for the betterment of the cotton growers as may be deemed advisable. The appended letter from Governor Colquitt explains the purpose of the meeting in more detail. I wish especially to urge the attendance of merchants and business men at this meeting.

W. C. MYERS.

Gov. Colquitt's letter to Mr. Myers follows:

Austin, Texas, Dec. 9, 1911.

Dear Sir:

I have sent you a letter tendering your appointment as chairman of your county to represent the Governor's Cotton Conference. Where I have been able to secure co-operation

and agreement to serve I have appointed a Farmers Union man and a non-union man to act together, as it is very desirable to have all farmers co-operate in the movement to reduce the cotton acreage next year. I have suggested to the governors of other cotton producing states, and their representatives, that mass meetings be held in each county on December 16, for the purpose of perfecting county organizations and to begin active work to organize by precincts and neighborhoods, and to raise funds to bear the expense of canvassing the situation to secure agreement on the part of all farmers to reduce the cotton acreage for next year.

It is needless for me to say that with good cultivation of a smaller acreage and better price, you can make more money out of cotton than can be obtained under present conditions with large yield and large acreage. If all farmers can be induced to raise a living at home and let cotton be their surplus crop, I am convinced that it will be for their best financial interest.

I trust that you will issue calls

without delay for mass meetings in your county for Saturday, December 16. I have already sent you a copy of the address issued by the Governor's Conference recently held at New Orleans, where the governors of such other states have furnished me with a list of their appointees.

It is very desirable that the farmers, bankers, and other business men of all the cotton producing states co-operate with each other. Ask your merchants and bankers to help you. Advise me the result of your meeting.

Yours truly,

O. B. COLQUITT, Governor of Texas and Chairman of the Governor's Cotton Conference.

A Sure Sign of Christmas.

(Kansas City Star)

We always know when gentle spring is at hand by inevitable signs. The sign of the goat telling of the foaming rock is the first indication. The rubber plant set on the back porch ready for a sponging is another. In fact, there are many and certain signs of spring as sure as the turning of a young man's fancy.

We also have the signs of Christmas approaching with sure and relentless tread. Is it mistletoe, hung in shop windows, that tells of the approach of Merry Christmas? It is not. Is it evergreen and holly and gaily decorated Christmas gift boxes? Again it is not. Is it the air of worried depression that settles over your friend? Is it that insistent questioning that comes from our dearly beloved acquaintances endeavoring to find the price you are going to spend on them so they can do likewise? Again it is not.

There is a sign that Christmas is at hand, as inevitable as Fate. It is the sign of the necktie. Ah, yes, you have yourself no doubt, been one of the struggling, pushing, scuffling bands of femininity tearing at the masses of gaily colored neckwear displayed in all our leading department stores.

Read it not in the stars, long suffering mankind, but in the department stores. Your doom is sealed. There are bargain sales all over town of men's neckties. Ladies, women, females, are buying them up in job

lots—the 25 cents apiece kind.

Is it a mean, catty thing to say? Indeed it is not, for then the man who receives a necktie he can't wear won't feel half so badly about it as he throws it into the discard when he knows it cost but twenty-five cents.

There is a well authenticated observation that no woman can buy a necktie a man will wear. There are also in the same school of philosophy those who maintain that the great unsmoked cigar supply may be laid at the door of feminine givers.

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That indication is given in the examination of every juror called in the case this afternoon, County Attorney J. A. Fain requiring each man to say whether or not he has conscientious scruples against inflicting the death penalty for murder, where the law and the evidence justifies it. At least three jurors examined this far have so disqualified.

Although the defense in the Fletcher case last week played for delay in knocking out the old jury panel, when the case was called this afternoon they announced ready for trial and the work of securing a jury commenced.

It is expected that at least four days will be consumed in the trial and that the entire regular jury panel will be exhausted before a jury of twelve men has been secured.

This fact made it necessary to continue all other cases assigned for those four days. They were set for the same days of next week. The assignment for Friday and Saturday of this week was allowed to remain.

J. R. Jordan returned last night from a short business trip to Vernon.

DEATH PENALTY WILL BE ASKED

(Lawton Constitution)

The death penalty will be asked at the hands of the district court jury which shall decide the fate of Jesse Fletcher, accused slayer of Jesse Barklow, young husband of Fletcher's own niece, near Randlett last spring.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Recommend Abrogation of The Treaty With Russia

Iowa Park, Texas, Dec. 9.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me an auto, a street car, and a rubber eraser. I am eight years old. From your friend, Paul Sisk.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a muff, and a fur, and a doll dressed in pink. A merry Christmas. With love.—Bernie Walker, 1504 11th street.

Dear Santa Claus:
How are you? I want you to bring me a thousand air gun shot, and a thousand shooter air gun. I also want you to bring me some candy, nuts, and fruits. That is all.—Louis Bell Hardeman.

Dear Santa Claus:
How are you? I want you to bring me an air gun, and some candy and nuts, and oh, yes, I want you to bring me some shot in my air gun.—Fay Hardeman.

Itasca, Texas, Dec. 11.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl from the orphan's home. I hope that you will visit us this Christmas, as we are always glad to see Christmas come. I hope that you will please send me the following: A red crocheted cap, a pair of gloves, some ribbon and a manicuring set. My address is Itasca, Texas Rural Free Delivery Route No. 1, box 20. Your friend.—Ruby Shaver.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a girl nine years old. I am in the third grade. I am a very good girl. I study very hard. Now I will tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a bicycle and that is all.—Marvel Harris.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll and a buggy too, and I want a Bible also, and a ring. From Virgie Lee McGan.

Dear Santa Claus:
Won't you please bring me a doll buggy, and a doll trunk, and if you have my Daisy doll, bring her back with a pretty dress and don't forget "Son."—Elizabeth Cole, 1404 Burnett street.

Dear Santa Claus:
I will write you a few lines to tell you what to send. I want you to send me a doll buggy and a little broom and a little doll and a little doll dress and that is all I have to say. Yours truly.—Vallie F. Lowry, Holliday, Texas.

Dear Old Santy:
I will drop you a few lines as I think it is getting close to Christmas now. I want a thousand shot air gun, lots of shot and a good horn that will bring me a good price, and bring me a little knife with two blades. Well Santy, be sure and send these things and I will sure be glad, so yours truly.—Wallace Lowry, Holliday, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me some dishes, a doll, doll clothes, some paints, a little stove, and anything else you want me to have. Fill "Mike's" stockings too, please. Lovingly yours.—Judith Sherrid.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring Edward a tool box, and a fire wagon, and engine, a horn, a fiddle and a drum. Also some candy, oranges and nuts.—Edward Anderson, 905 Scott avenue.

Dear Santa Claus:
I will send you a few lines telling you what I want. I want you to send me a bicycle, and some tires, and everything that belongs to it. If you will do so I will be pleased, and I want you to send me some other things with it. I will send you something if you will. Well, that is all I have to say this time. Your best friend.—J. B. Lowry, Holliday, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good little boy, and I don't want you to forget me this year. I want a tool box with lots of tools, a big air gun, a drum, and if it isn't asking too much, I would like to have an Indian suit, and don't forget to visit the poor little boys and girls.—Norman Adams.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am glad Christmas is almost here, and hope that every little girl and boy will be made happy by you. Please stop at 1106 Burnett street, and leave me a nice doll and buggy, a doll bed, a table, and some dishes. And my little brother wants a train on a track, a little negro doll, a horn and some nice things to eat.—Eula Mai and Floyd Cook.

Dear Santa Claus:
I hope that you will be sure to give me for Christmas a small doll and doll cloth to make a dress, a basket lined with pink silk, a papkin ring. I want in my stocking some candy and licorice, and a box of dates, and a story book, and Santy, bring all of the little children nice toys. Santa Claus, I am too big to get little things like little children do. I am nine years old. From 1109 13th street.—Vashti Bennett.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a football and a sled. I want a good horn, an automatic pistol (of course you know that I will have to have caps) one that shoots easy, not hard, for then I couldn't shoot it, a real good engine, and a tool chest. I live in Wichita Falls, but will be at grandfather Felder's, so you must miss my stockings because there sure will be a great long string of them. I'll get them home alright, for I will bring them in mother's trunk. If you haven't all those things, don't worry. Just give me all you can for I sure try hard to be a good boy. Lovingly.—Elton Felder.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy two years and eleven months old. I have tried to be a good little boy. Will you please bring me a toot toot train, and track, an auto, a drum, some candy, nuts and fruits of all kinds. Be sure and remember little Claud Cook, 1501 Bluff street.

Dear Santa Claus:
It is most Christmas, and I am going to tell you what I want. I want a little doll and some cloth to make her some clothes, a story book, and a napkin ring, a cake of Peter's chocolate, and candy, and licorice and a box of dates. I hope that you will bring us a Christmas tree, and I want a swing basket lined with blue silk, and a ball. My little brother is four years old, and can not write. He wants a bicycle, and train, a picture book, and some candy. My brother's name is Jimmy.—From Vivian Bennett, 1109 13th street.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll and doll buggy, and a muff and furs, and my cousin, Robert, wants a locket. Your loving friend.—Crystal Wagner. You will find me at 1500 11th street.

Dear Old Santa:
Please bring me a bicycle and a watch that can run, also an engine that runs like papa's. Also a story book, some candy and fruits, and nuts. Please Santa, and oblige. Good-bye.—Riley Hawk, 412 Burnett.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a ring, and a doll, and a go-cart. My little brother, Kenneth, wants an engine and a tool box full of tools, and my little sister, Louise, wants a doll and a little

By Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—The House Committee on foreign affairs today unanimously agreed upon the Sulzer resolution directing the immediate abrogation of the 1832 treaty between the United States and Russia because of the discrimination by Russia against the American Jewish citizens in the recognition of passports. The committee will urge quick action by Congress.

The Sulzer bill states that in the judgment of congress the treaty should be terminated at the earliest possible moment. It directs the

President to give the usual notice to Russia that the treaty will cease to be in force upon the expiration of a year after such notification.

There is a large acreage of wheat sown in this section of county, and most of it is up and looking splendid. A splendid season, the best in a period of 30 months is in the ground, and with conditions that now look so favorable the wheat farmer is optimistic and is looking forward to 1912 as the year that will bring with it a great wheat crop.

WORK OF RESCUE IS STILL PROGRESSING

Two Victims Raving Mad Running Amuck in Mine—Thirty Bodies Have Been Recovered.

By Associated Press.
Brieville, Tenn., Dec. 12.—When the rescue party entered the mine this morning the screams of two men running amuck could be heard. All attempts to catch them were futile, but it is hoped that they may be taken before they end their lives or suffocate. It is believed they have been driven insane.

Seven additional dead bodies were brought out of the mine this morning, making a total of thirty dead recovered. "We have gone to 23" was found inscribed with chalk on the wall within the entry of cross section No. 23. The rescuers directed there by chalk marks, found no miners there, however, but additional directions showing the route taken by the miners presumably compelled them to move on account of the conditions in the mine. The rescue party also found empty dinner pails. Government and state officials who entered the mine this morning, hope to find others alive.

A party headed by Dr. J. A. Holmes, chief of the Bureau of Mines, and Dr. J. J. Rutledge, of the mine rescue station, entered the mine this morning. They were accompanied by 12 men. It is thought they will not return before dark.

There is a Tennessee law which prohibits miners or others from riding on "bumpers" between tram cars into the mines, but Dr. Holmes entered the mine riding on bumpers this morning.

Officials going in the mine have had much trouble keeping relatives of the imprisoned men from entering with them. Some are frantic over the tragic misfortune and many have threatened to tear up the mines if not allowed to enter and engage in the hunt for their friends and loved ones. This morning a few miners were permitted to accompany the officials. The finding of those alive made the people more anxious to scour every entry in the mine in the hope of finding living men.

The five men removed last night alive protested against precautions taken in caring for them. Blankets were wrapped around their bodies and plaster masks placed over their faces by physicians, who stood ready to administer to them.

George P. Chandler, who has been directing the rescue work, and who has been made head of relief, made an earnest appeal to the miners yesterday afternoon to volunteer to take care of the grave digging. Some difficulty has been experienced in this regard, brave miners preferring to risk their own lives in entering the mine in quest of the missing. Chandler's appeal met with instant response, for the work of digging the graves.

It is necessary to have many graves open and ready because of the condition of the bodies making burial urgent as soon as they are brought out. Farm wagons, backs and other improvised hearses silently march

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Atlantic Coast Line Train Held Up By Two Robbers

By Associated Press.
Savannah, Ga., Dec. 12.—The Atlantic Coast Line train, northbound which left Savannah for New York this morning at 12:45, was held up by two robbers near Hardville, S. C., just before day light. Several sacks of registered mail were taken. The robbers, who were on the train, and forced the engineer to stop the train, covered the baggage man and conductor with revolvers and made the baggage man open the mail car. After it had been detached, the robbers disappeared.

The train was running in two sections. The express car which the robbers were believed to be after, was carried on the second section and escaped. D. H. McRoy, night operator at Hardville, cleared the train from that station. Before the train was out of sight it was stopped. A few minutes later the second section arrived and the operator advised the crew to go ahead and see what the trouble was. By the time the crew arrived the robbers had escaped.

away from the morgue as soon as the bodies can be prepared for burial. Seated on the white pine box containing the coffin and lifeless form, may be seen the widow and children and other loved ones.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE DISTRICT COURT

From Tuesday's Daily.

The court resumed the taking of testimony in the case of G. E. Boyd, et. al., this morning at 9 a. m.

The regular jurors summoned for the week not employed in this case were excused until tomorrow morning at 9 a. m.

The morning hours of the court was taken up reading the deposition of Dr. Paul M. Peck who treated Mrs. Bertie Boyd in San Antonio, Texas, after Doctors Reed and Jones operated upon her for a fracture of her arm. The deposition was in the nature of a diagnosis of the fracture and expert testimony of treatment in such cases.

After a prolonged examination and cross-examination of the witnesses, the plaintiffs closed their testimony and rested their case before noon today.

When the court convened for the afternoon session the defense called their witnesses and began taking testimony.

Dr. O. Durlinger, a famous surgeon of Fort Worth, appeared as an expert witness, and, with the aid of bones and X-Ray photographs, Dr. Durlinger's testimony proved to be a very interesting feature of the trial.

Many leading physicians and surgeons of the city were interested spectators during Dr. Durlinger's examination.

The taking of testimony is still in progress as the Times goes to press. The case of the State of Texas vs. Alex Sanders charged with rape was set for trial on the 20th day of December, and a special venire of sixty men ordered, summoned in the case.

The other criminal cases on the docket for this term of the court are set for trial on the 8th day of January, 1912.

The case in which Judge P. A. Martin is disqualified, by reasons of prosecuting while district attorney is set for January 15th, 1912, at which time he will exchange benches with Judge Jo A. P. Dixon of Seymour.

Iowa Park Notes.

Iowa Park, Dec. 12.—Mrs. J. C. Ralston's Sunday school class of girls presented a Japanese wedding last night at the Methodist church for the benefit of the parsonage. They were assisted in their program by the Conklin orchestra.

Frank Lochridge, Reeves Overby and Ralph Birk are home from A. and M. until after the holidays.

Mr. J. C. Ralston went to Corsicana last Saturday night taking with him the three little boys of Mrs. Mollie Benham to place in the Odd Fellows orphan home there. Mrs. Benham is very low with tuberculosis.

Mrs. Ramsey wife of the superintendent of the school left Saturday morning for Benbrook for a visit with her parents.

Miss Lida Roberts of Burkburnett is visiting Mrs. Younger and other friends here.

Mr. William Bowman of Beaumont was a visitor in the Park Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. McGregor of Dallas is visiting Mrs. L. N. Lochridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Law left Monday for Bowie where they will make their future home.

Mr. Dismuke came up Saturday from Mineral Wells to see about the well being drilled on the Overby place. Traces of oil have been found but work has been suspended on account of the recent rains.

Mr. Homer Winfrey and bride from Ellis county are expected to arrive tomorrow for a visit with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Holt who have been visiting their uncle Mr. J. B. Winfrey and family left Saturday for their home in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Tuttle and little daughter, Dixie and sister, Miss Ida Southern came down from Electra Saturday.

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United States Senator George P. Wetmore of Rhode Island, who is to retire next year on account of failing health, has been a member of the senate since 1894, with the exception of one year—1907—when his seat was vacant because of a deadlock in the legislature.

The Massachusetts Socialists just succeeded in getting at the November election the three per cent that entitles them to be called a party and to have a place on the official ballot.



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