

Palatka Daily News

Good Morning—

When men are easy in their circumstances, they are naturally enemies to innovations.—Addison.

Weather Forecast

Thunder showers Friday and probably Saturday

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

SLIN OF KUKLUX KLAN REGES 700,000 MEMBERS IN U. S.

Information When He Hears of An Investigation

MONS HAS PITTANCE

Wizzard Draws a Salary of Only \$100 Per Week

(By Associated Press.)
O., Sept. 29.—There are approximately 700,000 members of the Ku Klux Klan in the United States, according to a report by Charles W. Love, of Indianapolis, Grand Goblin of the order, with jurisdiction over Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Kentucky and West Virginia. County Prosecutor Stander and Chief of Police Smith today in conference with the officer for more than four hours, during which he explained the constitution of the order, how much various fees received as commission on new fees, which he called "dues," who is barred from the order, "disqualified," as he prefers to call it, and withheld only in regard to membership, and to produce the books of the local branch to the office of Imperial Wizard Love, stated, is \$100.

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BELCHER ATTEMPTS TO ESTABLISH AN ALIBI IN TUNNER DEATH MYSTERY

Witnesses Introduced to Show Miss Turner Not at His Home

(By Associated Press.)
Clearwater, Sept. 29.—Hearing of testimony in the case of Dr. I. J. Belcher, on trial for manslaughter in connection with the death of his cousin, Miss Virginia Turner, with the defense offering six witnesses in an effort to show that the Tarpon Springs physician was not responsible for the young woman's death. Arguments will be heard tomorrow and it is expected the case will go to the jury before the end of the day. The state will have the opening and closing argument.

Two defense witnesses today Mrs. Hattie Cleveland and Mrs. Vernon M. Long, both of Tarpon Springs, were introduced in an effort to establish an alibi as to Dr. Belcher's movements on the night the state contends the body was placed in the creek. These women testified to accompanying him on a professional visit to a nearby village.

Miss Mattie Meyer, a telephone operator at Tarpon Springs, testified in contradiction of state charges, that Miss Turner visited Dr. Belcher's office on the day before the finding of her body. A young woman attired in black called at the office, Miss Meyer said, but left without seeing the physician, who was absent from his office. Mrs. I. Strait and Mrs. D. Golden testified that they saw a strange woman enter the physician's office on that day, but they did not identify her as Miss Turner when shown a photograph of the young woman.

Harry Coleman, a detective, was the last witness of the day. He related the details of conversations between the accused and Detective Thomas who investigated the case.

ENEMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE COMPLETES ITS PROGRAM

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Sept. 29.—Groundwork for an emergency program to meet the needs of the country's involuntary idle, found to number between 3,700,000 and 4,000,000, exclusive of agriculture, was completed today by the national conference on unemployment.

Reports of most of the committees were completed and turned over to the steering committee which is to wield the various recommendations into one definite whole for action by the full conference, when it reconvenes tomorrow afternoon. Quick action upon the general emergency scheme is expected by the conferees.

HUSBAND AND WIFE CHARGED WITH MURDER

(By Associated Press.)
Albany, Ga., Sept. 29.—Glen Moore Hudson and his wife, Mrs. Bennie Hudson, were indicted by the grand jury here today for the murder of Mrs. Hudson's two sons, Isiah and Robert Temple, the morning of July 12.

Trial of the cases is expected to begin Monday, the husband to stand trial first.

BLACKSMITH FIXED HIS ARM

(By Associated Press.)
Melbourne, Sept. 29.—John Gallagher, sawyer at a mill at Hopkins, is convalescing after an unusual accident and an unusual bit of patching up done by Surgeon Bean, of this place. Gallagher had his right arm mashed six inches below the elbow. Both bones were cut all the way through and one of them was smashed into splinters, complicating treatment. The muscle, however, was not cut, nor was the artery severed. Dr. Bean had a blacksmith construct an iron frame in such a manner as to pull from the ends toward the center, set the bones and trussed the injured arm in it. The surgeon declares the injured limb will heal and that Gallagher in all probability never will suffer any ill effects from it.

MIAMI ASKS FOR A SPECIAL SESSION TO HELP SCHOOLS

Will Have to Close If Legislature Does Not Provide Relief

WANT TO ISSUE BONDS

Half Million Can Be Made Available If Authorized

(By Associated Press.)
Miami, Sept. 29.—Governor Hardee will be asked to call a special session of the state legislature to authorize the board of public instruction of Dade county to issue \$500,000 of school bonds, the board decided this afternoon.

The issue, if authorized, will be taken by a Toledo, O., bond house at 86 cents on the dollar. The board took this action following long conferences with the trustees for the nine Dade county districts and the bond company's Florida representative.

Arbuckle Trial Is Hardly Probable Before Late Oct.

(By Associated Press.)
San Francisco, Sept. 29.—Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle, free on \$5,000 bond after eighteen days imprisonment, spent today in seclusion at the residence of his brother, Arthur Arbuckle, here.

Meanwhile, District Attorney Brady held a conference with his assistants today to plan for the speedy prosecution of Arbuckle on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of Miss Virginia Rappe.

It was announced that the earliest date open on the superior court calendar is October 3, but that formalities might delay opening of the case until later than that time.

British Commoners Found Prohibition In America a Joke

(By Associated Press.)
London, Sept. 29.—"The suppression of the saloon is an achievement for which the American people cannot be too thankful," declares a point report of Charles H. Fitzhugh, and John E. Davison, labor members of parliament, who recently visited the United States to investigate the operations of prohibition.

"Prohibition, however, as we in this country, were led to believe it prevailed, does not exist," adds the report, which also notes the development of home brewing, wine making and illicit liquor.

The labor members continued: "We are of the opinion that the American people will demand facilities for the purchase of light wines and beers and had the anti-saloon propaganda been in the direction of eliminating the more disgraceful features of the saloons, securing change of management and more effective control concurrently with the provision of facilities of obtaining the simple beverages, the bitter animosity aroused by its more drastic efforts would not have been provoked."

Jacksonville Men Back At Work

(By Associated Press.)
Jacksonville, Sept. 29.—Three hundred and seventy five employes of the local shops of the Seaboard Air Line railroad returned to work today after having been laid off September 1 because of insufficient work.

DISGRACEFUL TREATIES MAY BE RATIFIED IN A FORTNIGHT BY SENATE

Agreement Reached For Vote—Watson Makes a Sharp Attack

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Sept. 29.—Ratification by the senate in a fortnight of the administration's peace treaties with Germany, Austria and Hungary loomed as a prospect tonight after Republican and Democratic leaders during the day had discussed a proposed unanimous consent agreement drafted by Senator Lodge, the Republican leader, to take the final votes October 14 and 15. Both expressed hopes of obtaining a formal order of the senate tomorrow providing for such a program and all factions express the opinion that the agreement would be reached.

Announcement of the negotiations was made in the senate late today by Senator Lodge and with the discussions showing evidence of success, the Republicans dropped their plan for a session tonight. Senator Lodge intimated however, that should the agreement be blocked he would return to the night session drive for ratification. Mr. Lodge said he had "every reasonable hope" of reaching an agreement and Senator Underwood, the Democratic leader, also said an agreement had been "practically reached" and was ready for confirmation tomorrow.

The only speech today was by Senator Watson, Democrat, Georgia, who opposed ratification because he said he believed they would drag the United States into the League of Nations and European entanglements.

He also contended that the treaties failed to provide for release of American citizens who had violated the espionage laws. Referring apparently to Eugene V. Debs, he said a man was serving a ten year sentence in the Atlanta penitentiary for repeating his, Mr. Watson's words.

"Because he repeated a part of a speech I made," said Senator Watson, "that conscription was unconstitutional, shouldn't he be in the senate and I in the penitentiary, he did not say a thing more than I have said here in the senate, and I think I'm in better company than he is. That is my opinion."

REPUBLICAN FALTER IN FORGING CLOTURE RULINGS IN SENATE

Townsend Introduces a Resolution But It Draws Fire

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Sept. 29.—A resolution embodying the new Republican plan to curb senate debate was introduced in the senate late today by Senator Townsend, Republican, Michigan. He and other Republicans, however, said the cloture plan would not be pressed immediately and certainly not during consideration of the tax revision bill.

The new cloture proposal met with instant and bi-partisan opposition. Senator Reed, Democrat, Missouri, inquired if it was proposed to adopt drastic house rules, and Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, asked Senator Townsend if he would be willing to add a proviso requiring all senators to be present when the senate was in session.

The Townsend resolution, which was referred to the rules committee, provides for investigation of cloture by majority vote instead of the two thirds vote now required.

TAMPA JUDGE PAYS A FINE FOR FORGETFULNESS

(By Associated Press.)
Tampa, Sept. 29.—Judge H. B. Pasco, of West Tampa city court, did not call court this morning, but instead appeared in the Tampa city court to plead guilty to the charge of violating the city traffic ordinance by leaving his car parked in a downtown street for a period beyond that allowed by law. He was fined \$5. "Absent mindedness has its penalty," he observed, as he left the court room after paying his fine.

SECRETARY HART IS GREETED BY LARGE AUDIENCE

Chamber of Commerce Holds Open Meet At Mellon School

VOICES PALATKA'S AIMS

Mayor Fearnside, Former Mayor Merriam and Others Talk

At the open meeting of the Palatka Chamber of Commerce last night at the High School auditorium several hundred Palatkans were formally introduced to Secretary J. W. Hart, who spoke of the aims and ambitions of the Chamber in furthering the interests of Palatka.

The Palatka band contributed no small part toward the success of the meeting, and the several hundred visitors testified to an awakening interest in plans for furtherance of proposed plans.

President Merriam introduced Mayor H. M. Fearnside, following an invocation by Rev. J. D. Sibert. Mayor Fearnside referred to the Chamber of Commerce as the clearing house through which all civic effort should be expended. He said that Palatka should have 500 members of the Chamber of Commerce, and he hopes to see the day when there will be that many members. He introduced Mr. Hart, who spoke, in part as follows:

"In a recent article of my contribution to the press these lines appeared: 'There is no time like the present to belittle our future—or inversely—no time like the present to praise it.' It is difficult to controvert my arguments for or against what the future has in store because none of us know. We can hope. We can plan. We can work. But what can we accomplish?"

"In my estimation Palatka can accomplish only what we set out to do and providing we keep at it. Palatka is better off never endorsing any movement, never aspiring to any betterment, never entering into any worthy endeavor with which there is not coupled a will; a determination to attain the coveted goal. This is continuity of effort. Better by far never to start anything you do not finish, and better to accomplish good in a few endeavors than to spread your efforts over many with divided interest and lacking general support."

"Now, what does Palatka need? Palatka wants to grow. I hope I will not be opposed in that. How can Palatka grow? New industries will provide growth and capital. More fruit and truck farmers will provide increased population and capital, and as these come to us, what follows? More stores, more hotels, more visitors, more banks, more trains, a larger business section, a larger residence section, greater investments, diversified labor, parks, playgrounds and a name in the annals of Florida that all of us can take pride in having helped establish."

"Now, how can this be done? Of course the Secretary can't do it all. Let me point out that if the Chamber of Commerce is to be instrumental in these matters every member must sacrifice his immediate business interests to the gain there must be for him in the future. Some are too busy to actively participate in the Chamber's work because they are busy. That isn't fair to Palatka."

"You are not in business because you have the capital, but because the City of Palatka patronizes you. Now the City asks for their patronage, your help and your continued help, and then some more help to build a greater Palatka. I think you all will, in fact you've got to play a part. When I call on a man to do his duty on a committee and he says he is 'busy—get some other member,' I feel that that man has little interest in Palatka. He cannot see that it needs his efforts, and yours and mine, to work now for a bigger business. If you can't get that viewpoint, Palatka must stand still."

"We believe that Palatka should have good roads. Do you suppose that with one third of the population of Putnam county right here in Palatka that we cannot have good roads in Palatka? We can avail of it. We

SWEEPING AMENDMENTS TO TAX BILL OFFERED BY DEMOCRATIC WHIPS

Tilt Between Penrose and Simmons Feature Of Session

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Sept. 29.—Senate consideration of the Revenue Bill, consideration of the Republican tax revision bill was featured today by the introduction of sweeping amendments from the Democratic side, a row between Chairman Penrose, of the finance committee, and Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, ranking Democrat on that committee, and a charge by Senator LaFollette, Republican, Wisconsin, that features of the bill dealing with foreign traders and trade corporations constituted a device "to enable individuals of great wealth to escape taxation."

Behind the scene there were some efforts to bring about an agreement among opponents of the committee bill on the more outstanding tax features, but apparently there were no final conclusions. Republican senators in the agricultural bloc were confident, however, that with the aid of the Democrats they would be able to defeat the committee plan to continue the taxes on freight, passenger and Pullman accommodations for another year at half the present rates.

Repeal of these levies was one of several proposals put forth by Senator Simmons on behalf of the minority members of the finance committee. The others included a maximum sur-tax rate of 52 per cent. in place of the proposed 32 per cent. retention of the corporation capital stock tax which the committee would repeal next year, repeal of the \$2,000 exemption allowed corporations and of the special taxes on brokers and proprietors of theatres and other places of amusement and on owners of automobiles operated for hire. Another amendment would provide that persons having net incomes in excess of \$20,000 would not be eligible for the normal exemptions now allowed by law to single men, married men and to heads of families, on account of dependents.

Ford-Newberry Case Now Up to Senators

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Sept. 29.—The Ford-Newberry contest over the 1918 senatorial election in Michigan was submitted for decision today to the senate, in majority and minority reports from the privileges and elections committee which heard the contest. It remains for the senate to vote on the question of whether Senator Newberry will be seated with the prospect that several weeks will elapse before final decision.

all directions if we are organized to compel their construction. But organizing is only a trivial thing. Will you work?"

"We want a more beautiful city and that is where the ladies may help. I will guarantee to make the men folks respond to your calls if you will organize a CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE and will come to the Chamber with your plan. I don't need to ask the ladies if they will work."

"We want parks and playgrounds and amusements. Everyone in Palatka cannot afford to motor to St. Augustine or Anastasia Beach. Why can't we have satisfying amusement here? Don't you think the whole city would be more proud of Palatka if greater amusements were to be had right at home? What is the matter with building Palatka so that other cities would send people here instead of our going to them. Let us show some regard for all the citizens of Palatka."

"I think Palatka should improve the eyesore across the St. Johns river that taxes auto tourists to come to see us and then makes them pay to leave. You must face the situation that the bridge is the only outlet to our main highway, to the only good road we boast, and without it we are cut off from good roads."

"Palatka also wants to take advantage of the great asset she has in the St. Johns river. Everyone in Florida knows more of the greatness of the stream than those along its shores, it seems. Do you know that the St. Johns is worth millions to Palatka that we cannot have good roads in Palatka? We can avail of it. We

RAILWAY MEN MAY BE CALLED STRIKE BUT MAY NOT OBEY

Lee Admits He Will Issue Order If He Is So Instructed

WILL COUNSEL WORKERS

Already Has Called Attention to Depressed Conditions

(By Associated Press.)
Chicago, Sept. 29.—If the 186,000 members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, more than 90 per cent. of whom have voted to strike, are supported in their demands by the grievance committee a strike will be ordered.

With this parting declaration President W. G. Lee dispatched 57 general chairmen of the unions to their homes tonight with written instructions to call their grievance committees, get their approval or disapproval of the strike vote and report back here next week. That the grievance committees will approve the strike was predicted at headquarters.

Lee expects to act on the committee instructions before the Brotherhood of Engineers, Conductors, Enginemen and Trainmen, and the Switchmen's Union of North America have completed the count of their 259,000 strike ballots, which will start here Monday. The strike call however, he indicated today, will provide for a walkout of the trainmen when, and if, the other unions strike. A walkout of one union unsupported by the others will not be undertaken.

May Never Take Place

That the strike, even if ordered, will never actually take place, continued to be the prevailing impression in union circles today. While Lee has promised to call the walkout if the committees so direct, he bluntly told his men in a general letter on September 12, that he would be remiss in his duty if he failed to point out to them that wages are, and working conditions established since 1918 were the result of a world war such as was never known before; that government reports indicate 5,000,000 men out of work; that nearly all classes of labor have been forced to accept some wage reductions; that the pay increases granted them last year by the United States Labor Board was based on the increased cost of living and that government reports show a reduction of more than 16 per cent. in such living cost.

will. (Mr. Hart here read from a speech of Congressman Newton, of Missouri.)

"But most of all, Palatka wants boosters. If you don't believe in Palatka move some place you can believe in. If you can't find anything good in Palatka but want to find it, ask someone. Boost, don't write letters unless you put in a good word for your home city, its people, its advantages, its facilities. See if you can't outdo your neighbor in finding something better about Palatka than your neighbor can find. Tell someone about what you find anyway; and be a booster. And remember these two things: First, Arthur Bresbone, the great newspaper editor says, 'If you want to make a name for an article, advertise it. If it isn't worth advertising, then advertise it for sale and get something worth while advertising.' Second: To the complainers be it always said, 'It isn't your town, its you.'"

"I believe that if the Chamber of Commerce can know that there are 3,000 people here writing 5,000 letters every day, stating that Palatka is a wonderful city, that in one week we would have 30,000 people who knew more about us. Now in a month of 25 working days with 5,000 being told daily of Palatka's advantages there are 125,000 who know it; in one year 1,500,000. If only one percent are convinced, that's 15,000 and if one half of one percent locate here Palatka would double its population in a year. Why can't we do it? There are 5,000 letters leaving the city every day I know. Will you do your part?"

"There isn't any city in Florida (Continued on Page 4)