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GEORGIA COTTON GROWERS URGE STATE MORATORIUM TO RUN FOR 12 MONTHS

Agriculture Commissioner's Report of Many Farm Foreclosures Causes Alarm.

GOVERNOR WILL ACT.

Belief Expressed That Other Cotton States Are Likely to Follow Example.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 2.—Gov. Hugh Dorsey to-day had under advisement a request from Commissioner of Agriculture J. J. Brown for an extra session of the Legislature for the purpose of enacting a State law of moratorium to run for a period of twelve months.

The Governor has requested Commissioner Brown to prepare a written memorandum on the subject. In a conference with the Governor Mr. Brown called attention to numerous cases where livestock and implements of farmers had been sold under foreclosure proceedings to pay for farm supplies, and expressed the opinion that the general foreclosures should they be resorted to, would deprive farmers of the means of producing a crop next year, would benefit creditors very little and bring on complete agricultural demoralization. The Commissioner expressed the belief that it would be necessary for similar laws to be enacted by all of the cotton States to get the full benefit of such an expedient.

DROP IN COTTON FROM TEN TO THIRTY POINTS

Other States in Bad Shape as Georgia, New York Brokers Say.

There was a sharp break in the cotton market today. During the morning profit taking became general and at noon cotton showed losses of from 10 to 30 points. Spot cotton sold as low as 15.

Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, North and South Carolina are suffering with Georgia in the decline in the price of cotton. Of these States perhaps Mississippi is the hardest hit, according to cotton brokers here.

Whereas cotton in most of the States has declined from 40 cents a pound to the neighborhood of 10, cotton in the Delta section of Mississippi, where the long staple variety is grown, has declined from \$1.15 to as low as 52 cents.

\$60,000,000 FARM LOANS, IS PLAN OF SENATOR HITCHCOCK

Would Use Government's Share in Profits of Federal Reserve Banks.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Immediate loans of \$60,000,000 from Government funds to aid farmers in the (Continued on Twenty-first Page.)

DIES OF SLEEPING SICKNESS.

Miss Corn Belle Redfield of Middletown, N. Y., a Victim. MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Dec. 2.—Miss Corn Belle Redfield is dead of sleeping sickness, the first case to develop here. She is supposed to have contracted the disease in October while on a visit with relatives at New Bedford, Mass., where there had been an epidemic of the disease for a year. The young woman had been ill for six weeks. Her case was diagnosed by Dr. Nicholas Dobbin of the Post Graduate Hospital, New York.

AINSWORTH VELIE DEAD IN L. I. HOME, BULLET IN HEAD

Prominent Polo Player, Captain in A. E. F., Gassed in France, Was Ill.

Tom Ainsworth Velie, Vice President and General Manager of the Vulcan Steel Products Company of No. 136 Liberty Street, was according to an announcement made to-day, found dead of a bullet wound in the head in the bedroom of his home on the Shore Road, Great Neck, L. I., yesterday afternoon. A revolver lay at his side.

At the office of his company it was said this afternoon that he had been there one day last week, but had not been seen since by any of the office staff. Mr. Ray, receiver of the company, said that he saw on the dead man's desk a telegram addressed to H. A. Velie from some one in Malone, N. Y., in which the writer expressed sympathy and sorrow. Thereupon Mr. Ray called Mr. Velie's home by telephone and learned that he had died yesterday.

Mrs. Velie said to-day that she had played cards with her husband and her two sisters on Tuesday evening and that at about 10 o'clock he went to bed. As he frequently slept through the greater part of a day, she did not disturb him when he failed to arise in the morning. But at 1 o'clock a telephone message came for him and she went to his room. She found him fully dressed lying on the floor dead.

Mr. Velie, who was a prominent polo player, was gassed and shell-shocked in France while serving as Captain in the artillery of the 99th Division. He had not been well since his return to this country. Up to two weeks ago, when he moved his family to Great Neck, he lived at No. 993 Park Avenue. He had been connected with the Vulcan Company since February, 1919.

WILL HARDING PAY A VISIT TO WILSON?

President Would Be Glad to See Him, Says White House Announcement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—President Wilson will be glad to see President-elect Harding when Mr. Harding comes to Washington Monday for the opening of Congress. It was said to-day at the White House.

There was no suggestion that the President-elect planned to call at the White House during his stay in the capital.

Mr. Harding will come here from Bedford, Va., where he will speak at the Elks' Home Sunday, and it is the expectation that he will visit the Senate.

WILSON MEDIATES AS PRESIDENT

"Not Woodrow Wilson Personally," Says State Department Explanation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The representative to be chosen by President Wilson to mediate between the Armenians and the Turkish Nationalists will not be the President of the United States and not Woodrow Wilson personally, it was said to-day at the State Department.

SAYS MESSENGER ADMITS PLANNING \$466,000 ROBBERY

Antonio di Gregoria Gave Confederate Tip on Bond Delivery, Asserts Prosecutor.

NAMES HIS ACCOMPLICE.

Brothers Held on Charge of Assault and Theft—No Trace of Securities.

Antonio Di Gregorio and his brother Joseph, were arraigned this afternoon before Magistrate Short in Brooklyn, and were held without bail for examination Monday on a short affidavit charging assault and robbery in connection with the \$466,000 Liberty bonds robbery.

Prior to their arraignment Antonio was said by District Attorney Lewis to have confessed to Assistant District Attorney Snyder that he, as head messenger for Kean Taylor & Co., No. 5 Nassau Street, Manhattan, had given a tip of the proposed delivery of the bonds to the Brooklyn wire factory of Igoe Bros., No. 75 Metropolitan Avenue, which led to the robbery in front of the factory Tuesday afternoon.

William P. O'Connor, counsel for the accused brothers, claimed oppression in their having been detained forty-eight hours without a court hearing and asked that bail be fixed at not more than \$1,000. But Magistrate Short was impressed by Mr. Snyder's argument when the latter pointed out the serious nature of the crime charged, the amount of money involved and the fact that no trace of the stolen bonds had been found.

Mrs. Joseph Di Gregorio, a bride of three months, wept throughout the court proceedings as she sat near the accused brothers, with her mother and sister, Lena Teresa, and Miss Jennie Teresa.

"I'm sure my husband is not guilty," Mrs. Di Gregorio said, as her husband and his brother were being taken to Raymond Street Jail.

Mr. Lewis said that in his confession Antonio implicated a young man whose name was recognized by the police and for whom Acting Inspector Coughlin's men are now searching.

The messenger's statement to Assistant District Attorney Snyder, as given out by Mr. Lewis, was as follows:

Antonio explained the rattiness of his attire, somewhat out of keeping with the pay of his humble position, by stating that he frequently won from \$20 to \$30 in crap games in an (Continued on Second Page.)

CONVENT "PEEPER" SPYING ON NUNS ESCAPES IN CHASE

Jumps Fences and Eludes Nine Policemen, Some of Whom Fire Shots.

The nuns in the Sacred Heart Convent at Bayview and Jackson avenues, Jersey City, were dressing this morning in a big room on the second floor when someone glanced at the window and screamed.

On the fire escape was a man. He was not a burglar, the sisters are convinced, for instead of running away when he heard the scream and saw the frightened nuns scrambling for the door he tried to open the window.

There was such a chorus of outcries that the intruder turned away just as Patrolman Slebert of the Ocean Avenue station looked up to the fire escape.

Other peepers his whistle and the other policemen saw. The man on the fire escape jumped to the yard and went over the high fence.

He found himself in an alley with cops waiting for him at both ends. So he jumped another fence. Then there was a chase over half a dozen similar hurdles, several of the policemen firing shots at the constantly dodging intruder. After a while the policeman all went back and reported that the fugitive had "escaped in the direction of Bayview."

SLIPPED IN \$41,360 IN SALARY GRABS ON 1921 BUDGET

Figures Were Added Secretly in Offices of the Kings County Courts.

JUSTICES DISCOVER IT.

Amount Is Stricken Out and Hunt Is Begun to Find the Culprit.

Some mysterious person slipped into the 1921 budget salary increases of \$41,360 for the staff of the Kings County Courts in addition to about \$25,000 that the Judges, out of the goodness of their hearts, had already given them.

That discovery was made when Justices Crosey and Manning appeared before the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen this afternoon to give their advice in the reduction of the budget. The Justices were deeply incensed that such a condition in the city's affairs existed that it was possible to slip in such increases. It was discovered that the increases were added in pen and ink in the offices of the Court and not in the Board of Estimate.

Justice Crosey asked the budget examiner if it were possible that he might have changed the figures. The examiner replied by pointing to the receipt stamp placed on the margin showing the paper to be as he received it from the Brooklyn court, and said: "If I undertook such a trick I would be fired immediately."

"Yes," replied Justice Manning, "if we can find out who changed it in our office there will be some firing done there."

"Somebody has evidently put one over on us," interjected Justice Crosey. "We must go to the bottom of this."

They ordered the \$41,360 eliminated. The Judges alone have power to fix such salaries.

Justice Manning and Crosey then gained consent of the committee to take the original documents to Brooklyn to identify the handwriting of the person who wrote in the figures.

3 NEAR DEATH FROM GAS.

Pulmotor Revives Mother and Two Children Found Unconscious.

John McMulfull, No. 78 Underhill Avenue, Brooklyn, made his breakfast coffee this morning and went away before his wife and two children were awake. He left the gas stove burning. In some way the flame was extinguished. Neighbors smelled gas and summoned help. Mrs. McMulfull and the children, John, two and Mary one, were found unconscious. A pulmotor revived them and they were taken to the Jewish Hospital. They will recover.

BANK EMPLOYEE ARRESTED

Charged That Manager of Safe Deposit Vaults Stole \$5,000.

Charles R. Carter, forty-five years old, of No. 47 East 57th Street, manager of a safe deposit vault of the Manhattan Bank Company, No. 21 Union Square, was arrested before Magistrate Prothingham in the Yorkville Court to-day on a charge of stealing \$5,000 from the company. He was held for examination to-morrow.

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Eva Luscomb, English Dancer, Who Died in Apartment Fire



BUILDERS' BOOKS MISSING; SOME RECORDS DESTROYED

McCarthy, Associate of Murphy, Again Bobs Up at Inquiry.

What Samuel Untermyer, named to the Lockwood committee, styled the "pestiferous and pernicious pertinacity" of Martin Conboy, counsel for several trade organizations of building supply dealers and for individual contractors, caused an angry controversy between counsel and Chairman of the committee on the one hand and Tammany members of the committee on the other at to-day's session.

Mr. Untermyer demanded that Chairman Lockwood eject Mr. Conboy from the hearings. Assemblyman Hammill, who has always raised his voice when the proceedings have seemed derogatory to the present city administration or any member of Tammany Hall, demanded that the Chairman force counsel to "give Mr. Conboy a fair show."

The committee counsel holds Mr. Conboy responsible not only for delays due to interruptions in the meetings, but for the court proceedings which have six times caused the committee to resist injunctions directed against its powers of subpoena. Mr. Untermyer does not hesitate to emphasize the disappearance of records and papers dealing with the affairs of Mr. Conboy's corporate and individual clients. Mr. Untermyer's most emphatic demand that Mr. Conboy be suppressed came to-day when the former Director of the Draft from his seat made an objection which Mr. Untermyer resented as spoiling his carefully worded effort to draw from an unwilling witness information regarding the missing papers of the Builders' Supply Bureau.

This afternoon Mr. Conboy was revealed as counsel also for the Mason's Supply Bureau, the Brooklyn Federation of Supply Dealers. It was also revealed that some of its records had been put into Mr. Conboy's hands months ago. The record (Continued on Page Twenty-four.)

3 MORE INDICTED IN BUILDING GRAFT

Names Not Announced—Brindell Comes in for Another Indictment.

The additional November Grand Jury which has been investigating the findings of the Lockwood committee returned a number of indictments this morning to Judge Mulqueen in General Sessions.

The names of the persons indicted were not announced, but it was intimated that one of the indictments was a superseding one against Robert P. Brindell for extortion and that three of the others were against persons named in the proceedings but not yet arrested.

FIRST JERSEY JURY OF WOMEN AND MEN

Agree on a Verdict, but One Woman Was Hard to Convince.

New Jersey's first "mixed" jury—men and women—met to-day in Montclair to-day to adjudicate a hardware bill. It was a \$75 claim of the Grant Pulley and Hardware Company against Austin J. Walter of Belleville.

The women members of the jury, who were treated with elaborate politeness by the lawyers and the court attaches from the bench down, were Mrs. Mabel M. Stone, Mrs. Florence H. McNelly, Miss Margaret J. Dodd and Mrs. Ethel Carson, all of Montclair. The case is being tried before Judge Harry N. Brindell in the District Court.

The jury returned a verdict in favor of the hardware company for the full amount of the claim.

Violent S. Mullin, foreman of the jury, said there had been some difficulty in convincing one of the women jurors to join in the verdict. The case stood eleven to one for one hour.

Pooling Marriages, Their Sixth. LIVERMORE, N. J., Dec. 2.—John Dugan and Mrs. Matta Hayes, both of Riverwood, took out a marriage license to-day. Both have been married four times before, all of their respective wives and husbands having died. Dugan was 60 and Hayes 62 years. Mrs. Hayes said she was six-ty-five years.

FOUR WOMEN AND MAN DIE IN WEST 57TH STREET FIRE; ONE VICTIM NOT IDENTIFIED

English Dancer, Two Sisters and Dr. Potter, Hippodrome Veterinary, Perish in Flames That Sweep Apartment Early in Morning.

Five persons were burned to death early to-day in a fire that swept through a five-story studio apartment building at No. 29 West 57th Street. The dead are:

- POTTER, DR. F. M., veterinary of the Hippodrome and noted trainer of animals for the movies.
- LUSCOMB, MRS. EVA, English premier danseuse.
- REED, MRS. HAROLD BROSSELL, vocal student, formerly of California.
- JENKINS, MRS. JESSIE, sister of Mrs. Reed.
- Unidentified woman, believed to have been a friend who was spending the night with Mrs. Luscomb.

BARGE IS SUNK BY FRENCH LINER; FOUR SAVED IN BAY

Fifth Victim Reported Lost After Crash Off Staten Island.

The Greenwood, a three-masted barge from Boston, reported to have sunk off St. George, S. I., this afternoon by the steamer France of the French Line, outward bound.

Conflicting reports of the number of persons rescued were received by the police. Of two men, two women and child, it was reported that four had been rescued. One man was taken to the Battery and from there to Broad Street Hospital, and three other persons were said to have been taken to Staten Island on some of the tugs that rushed to the rescue. The man taken to Broad Street Hospital was David Klein, No. 18 Newark Avenue, N. J. He was suffering from submersion and exposure and his condition was said to be serious.

The Greenwood was being towed by the tug Nathaniel B. Light, and was above Robbins Reef Light when the France struck the barge amidships. It sank almost immediately while the tug was circling around the France to reach the barge.

Charles Albert, No. 634 Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn, a passenger on the ferryboat Brooklyn, said the accident was seen by passengers on the ferry.

"Two men and two women, one of the latter with a child in her arms, were on the deck of the barge when we saw the France strike the barge," he declares. "Apparently the tow rope broke, for the tug that was towing the barge circled around the France to rescue those on board."

"A rope ladder was flung out from the France but the wind was high and blew it out of reach of those on the barge. Before the tug could reach the spot, this barge suddenly plunged under the water and the surface was covered with oil. A moment later I saw two people swimming. 'The others did not appear.'"

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The fifth body was found on the third floor shortly after 9 o'clock by Deputy Chief Ross. The body was so burned that identification was impossible, but Mrs. Coyie said she was convinced it was that of a girl friend of Mrs. Luscomb who had spent the night in her apartment. Mrs. Coyie said all the other occupants of the building had been accounted for.

Mrs. Luscomb, it was learned from a friend, Dr. Jacques O. Evedon, No. 8 Rutgers Street, had appeared as premier danseuse in several big pro-

The blaze started about 5:30 o'clock in some manner not yet determined in the basement of the building, which is in a neighborhood occupied chiefly by artists and other professional people of prosperous means. It roused about 200 tenants in nearby houses, who fled to the street scantily clad. Police reserves were called out to maintain order.

The bodies were identified by Mrs. Ocea I. Coyie, who lives at No. 27 West 57th Street and is the lessee of both buildings. After the blaze was extinguished she went through the ruins with Deputy Fire Chief Ross. Mrs. Coyie was positive in her identification of Dr. Potter, despite an early report that he was believed to be in New Orleans. She based her identification on several gold teeth, Dr. Potter's mustache and other distinguishing marks.