

FROWNS ON SOCIALISM.

C. F. U. Won't Support Red Flag Unemployed Demonstration.

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Then Morris Brown, a socialist, wanted to know why the central body feared an uprising of the people. He declared that socialism would not down. "Why should you be afraid of the socialists?" he said. "Supposing there is a parade of 100,000 unemployed people. If this body wants to be the kite it can be the kite and the socialists will be the tail."

More socialists talked along the same lines, and then Robinson got the floor again. "There are demonstrations and demonstrations," he said, "but some have been pulled off in the name of the unemployed people that I object to. This body has a committee which is going to wait on the officials regarding the unemployed, but will do it in a legitimate way. I had a perfect right to ask the question whether there was going to be a parade, because I want to know where we stand."

He was finally decided to refer the matter to the conference to let the committee of the central body and the unemployed and another committee which has been in conference with the Public Service Commission.

AT OPERA WHILE DOCTOR WORKS.

Hat Manufacturer Has Broken Wrist Set in Box at Metropolitan.

John Weber, a hat manufacturer, at No. 21 West 4th street, and living at No. 540 West 47th street, slipped on the pavement in front of the Metropolitan Opera House and broke his wrist last night. With several friends he was on his way to the Sunday night concert. He slipped just as he had stepped out of his automobile.

A patrolman offered to call an ambulance, but Mr. Weber declined aid at first. In a few minutes he began to suffer great pain and a call was sent to the New York Hospital. Dr. Halbeck found Mr. Weber walking up and down in the lobby. A crowd gathered around the surgeon, so patient and doctor went to Mr. Weber's box, where the bone was set and the bandages were applied. No one in the audience except Mr. Weber's friends knew that a doctor was at work in the opera house.

ARRESTED FOR BEGGING IN CHURCH.

Man Eighty Years Old Said Drink Had Lost Him Half a Million.

Complaints from members of the University Place Presbyterian Church, at University Place and 10th street, to Commissioner Hebbard of the Charities Department resulted yesterday in the arrest of John Fortie, eighty years old, on a charge of begging in the church and disturbing the services. The old man told the police of the Mercer street station that he was once worth half a million dollars and that he had lost it all by drinking.

Fortie was sent to a municipal lodging house. He said he was formerly engaged in the manufacture of overalls and jumpers and had a store, first at No. 112 Church street and later at No. 212 Franklin street.

WANTS UNEMPLOYED INVESTIGATED.

Dr. Elliott Suggests That Governor Hughes Appoint Commission for Purpose.

The effect of the recent financial disturbances on the laboring classes was discussed at length yesterday morning by Dr. J. L. Elliott before the Society for Ethical Culture at Carnegie Hall. Dr. Elliott demanded that a commission be appointed by Governor Hughes to investigate thoroughly the existing conditions of the unemployed, that the public might know the real facts. Dr. Elliott also condemned the present school system, which he declared did not effectively train the students to earn a living; the school training, he thought, should be more technical.

The public was told, he continued, that the situation was "clearing up." That might be true, he said, but the great mills were not opening their closed doors, and the life of work, which the worker needed, was not "clearing up."

BROTHERS KILLED BY D. & H. TRAIN.

Gloverville, N. Y., Feb. 23.—Samuel O. Sheppard, of West Day, Saratoga county, and his brother, Delbert Sheppard, of Woodbine, Iowa, were struck by a Delaware & Hudson passenger train near Cornish late yesterday afternoon and both were instantly killed.

GAS KILLS BROOKLYN WOMAN.

Mrs. Annie Fitzpatrick, eighty-eight years old, a wealthy widow, living at No. 133 Lafayette avenue, Brooklyn, was found dead in her bedroom yesterday morning by her daughter, Mrs. Charles Otte, when she tried to awaken her mother to go to mass. The valve on the gas jet, to which was attached a gas heater, was found open and the room was filled with gas. It is believed that when Mrs. Fitzpatrick turned off the gas the valve was accidentally opened.

AN OLD NURSE

Persuaded Doctor to Drink Postum.

An old faithful nurse and an experienced doctor, are a pretty strong combination in favor of Postum, instead of coffee. The doctor said: "I began to drink Postum five years ago on the advice of an old nurse. "During an unusually busy winter, between coffee, tea and Postum, I became a victim of insomnia. In a month after beginning Postum, in place of coffee, I could eat anything and sleep as soundly as a baby. "In three months I had gained twenty pounds in weight. I now use Postum altogether instead of coffee; even at bedtime with a soda cracker or some other tasty biscuit. "Having a little tendency to Diabetes, I use a small quantity of saccharine instead of sugar, to sweeten with. I may add that today tea or coffee are never present in our house and very many patients, on my advice, have adopted Postum as their regular beverage. "In my opinion, Postum is a tonic, as well as a refreshing, nourishing and nerve-strengthening beverage, there is nothing equal to Postum. "There is a Reason." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville" in pages.

"BUFFALO BILL" SPEAKS.

Praises President Roosevelt for Protecting Forest and Game.

Colonel William F. Cody was one of the speakers at the fourteenth annual dinner to the guides, trappers, hunters and officials of the Motor Boat and Sportsman's Show at Madison Square Garden yesterday. He said that he was pleased to be among so many sportsmen, as he had been a little of one himself for many years. He praised President Roosevelt for protecting the forests and the game. "I have been a sportsman all my life," he said, "and I have been a little of a sportsman for many years. I still love it. In season I love to go to the country where I can get the game. In the forest reserves in Wyoming you can shoot game from September 15 to November 15. In the fall of the year, when the deer and the elk come down, they should not be killed off too promiscuously for the good of the preserves."

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BOSTON CHURCHES FOR THE POOR.

Eight To Be Used as Lodging Houses for the Unemployed.

[By Telegraph to the Tribune.] Boston, Feb. 23.—Next week will see eight of the fashionable churches of Boston turned into lodging houses for the poor. They will be kept open night and day, they will be warmed and lighted, and the comfortable pews will be turned into cots and beds for the members of the unemployed. That was the agreement of the pastors to-day, and unless the trustees make it impossible the churches will be thrown open next week.

The action comes as a result of the visit of Morrison I. Swift and the army of unemployed and a committee of twenty-five men, who marched on the churches during the morning services, and before they departed received favorable responses from the Arlington Street Church, the Rev. Paul Revere Frothingham, pastor; the First Unitarian, the Rev. C. E. Park; Emmanuel, the Rev. Edward Worcester; First Baptist, the Rev. Francis Rowley; New Old South, the Rev. George A. Gordon; Church of the Advent, the Rev. W. H. Van Allen; Central Congregational, the Rev. John H. Denison, and the Second Unitarian, the Rev. Thomas Van Ness.

F. J. BRINNIER ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Actress Whom He Followed Told Him to "Get Wise," So He Shot Himself.

Philadelphia, Feb. 23.—Frederick J. Brinnier, who says he is a son of William Brinnier, a former law partner of Alton B. Parker, of New York, and lives in Kingston, N. Y., attempted suicide in a hotel here to-day by shooting himself in the abdomen.

Brinnier came here about a week ago and registered at a hotel largely patronized by theatrical people. He told the detectives he followed an actress here, and that she left Saturday with her company, which had been playing at an uptown theatre. The would-be suicide, who is about twenty-four years old, was found unconscious in his room at the hotel, and is in a critical condition. Among his effects were found several postcards addressed to have been sent to him by the actress in the case, which bore the texts "Get wise" and "Don't be a lobster."

NEIGHBOR'S SPITE "KID M'COY'S" GAIN.

Prizefighter Sells South Orange Home for \$40,000 and Quits Village.

South Orange, Feb. 23 (Special).—Norman Selby, better known as "Kid McCoy," the prizefighter, having disposed of his real estate holdings in Centre street, will no longer live in this village. Selby has sold his house to Cyrus W. Currier, a manufacturer. When Selby bought the Taylor mansion for \$40,000 a few months ago the neighbors began to inquire who the purchaser was. Thomas Fenton Taylor, the owner of the place, was criticised by some of his neighbors when it became known that Selby was none other than "Kid McCoy." Selby has now a more honorable club right in the heart of the most exclusive section of South Orange. They tried to buy the place. A figure was named. There was a consultation and \$40,000 was offered as a compromise. "Done," was the slighter's reply. Mr. Currier plans extensive improvements and expects to occupy the place as soon as he recovers from an operation recently performed in Dr. Bull's sanatorium.

MONEY FOR HEBREW CHARITIES.

Committee of 250 Reports \$38,700 Collected More Needed.

It was announced at a meeting of the committee of 250 organized to raise funds for the United Hebrew Charities, held yesterday at No. 356 Second avenue, that the various sub-committees have raised \$38,700 since January 5. The committee of 250 was organized under the auspices of the Council of Jewish Communal Institutions, and the sub-committees are the young people's committee, the women's committee, the United Hebrew Charities committee, of which Judge Rosalsky is the chairman. In addition to the cash fund, \$57,000 has been pledged by older members of the United Hebrew Charities. Many appeals have been received from workmen in the various trades who have been unemployed for some time, and the United Hebrew Charities are endeavoring to raise \$50,000 more to meet the demands for the next seven months.

SMALL CUT CAUSED DEATH.

Prominent Baltimore Surgeon Dies from Blood Poisoning.

[By Telegraph to the Tribune.] Baltimore, Feb. 23.—Dr. Isaac R. Trimble, one of Baltimore's leading surgeons, died at 12:10 to-night at St. Joseph's Hospital from blood poisoning after a remarkable struggle for life. He was infected with the poison on Monday, February 19, while performing an operation on a case of a young girl's kidneys at St. Joseph's Hospital. The edge of the operating knife cut through his glove and inflicted a slight wound on one of the fingers of his left hand. He paid little attention to what seemed to be a trivial cut, for it is not unusual for surgeons to cut their fingers, but the following day he noticed that his finger was slightly feverish. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Margaret Jones, of New York, and five children.

STATION AGENT SHOTS LOUNGER.

Plainfield, N. J., Feb. 23.—Lewis Mulford, eighteen years old, was shot this afternoon at the Grant avenue station of the Central Railroad of New Jersey by Clarence Drake, the agent. The bullet entered the latter's right side, and tonight he had not been found at Mulholland Hospital, where he was removed. His condition is serious. Drake says that Mulford insisted on lounging about the station after being warned not to do so, and that in attempting to put him out of the ticket office he picked up a revolver to frighten him. He says that Mulford was accidentally discharged. Drake is being held to await the result of Mulford's injuries.

ALLEGED BLACK HAND MAN ARRESTED.

Boston, Feb. 23.—As the result of threatening letters sent recently to Benjamin Piscopo, proprietor of a hotel on Fleet street, in the North end, demanding \$1,000 on penalty of death, for his family, the police visited tonight a fruit store at 265 Hoxton street, Dorchester, and placed under arrest Concetto Pazzo and Antonio Mirabito on the charge of attempted extortion. The letters said that the senders belonged to the most powerful secret society in Europe.

LOOT FILLS HOTEL ROOM.

May Connect Baker with Many Robberies, Police Say.

Boston, Feb. 23.—Government inspectors to-day located at the Hotel Essex a quantity of loot in the room formerly occupied by James A. Baker, the alleged postoffice robber who was arrested in New York last week after detectives had chased him across the country.

Footlock inspectors Kinkaid, of New York, and C. N. Perkins, of Brockton, with D. Miles Ripon, chief of the secret service of the Pennsylvania Railroad, searched Baker's room at the Essex. They found a suitcase nearly filled with postal money order blanks from various places, some partly filled out; a number of tickets on Western railroads, several hundred dollars' worth of mileage books and a considerable quantity of wearing apparel. Some of the things were found stuffed into the mattresses, and, in fact, the entire room revealed articles hidden in all manner of places. While here Baker is said to have gone under the names of R. C. Neal, H. G. Wilson and J. A. Cole.

This discovery, the inspectors believe, will furnish evidence for connecting Baker with a long series of postoffice frauds, burglaries and robberies stretching from the Pacific to the Atlantic.

"THE SPIRIT OF '76."

Sons of American Revolution Listen to Sermon on It.

Patriotic services of the Empire State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution were held last night in the Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church, Seventh avenue and 129th street. The services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Charles L. Goodell, chaplain of the society, who selected for his sermon's subject "The Spirit of '76," and declared that what President Roosevelt had called the "Spirit of '76" was never at the common Sunday school virtues of the present day. He also declared that the public was disturbed at the revelations of graft and iniquities, but higher standards than ever before would henceforth be maintained in public and private life. He said in part:

"The Puritans laid the eggs of democracy. They thought to build a new church, but it was America they built. The spirit of '76 had its birth in the three great institutions which differentiated our national life from that of other people—the Home, the Church and the School. The spirit of '76 had its birth in the schoolmaster, but every student of American history knows that the schoolmaster was not the man who in the darkest hours of the revolution was a servant of God, and if you ask why he was not defeated and a nascent nation of liberty, you will find the answer in the blunders of the British not because of the numbers and strength of our ill clad and ill equipped army, but because of God, who could not be stretched His great right hand over our heads for righteousness and freedom, victory came to our noble leader, and to the spirit of '76 which he represented."

We are disturbed at the revelations of graft and iniquities to-day. It was not because of the public weal, it will be no more than our fathers' life have been. The great heart of the nation beats true. The spirit of '76, so far as it is the spirit of God, will never be defeated. It is the spirit of God, who will triumph in the land. Higher standards than ever before will be maintained in public and in private life.

MASONS PAY TRIBUTE TO WASHINGTON

Freemasons met last night at the Metropolitan Temple to pay tribute to the memory of George Washington. More than a thousand persons were turned away, unable even to obtain standing room. On the pulpit with the pastor, the Rev. John Wesley Hill, sat Bishop Potter, Bishop Fowler, Grand Master Townsend Scudder and several others who were filled with Masons, representing the lodges of the city, and members of the Grand Lodge had seats reserved for them near the chancel railing.

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ACTIVE IN PARLIAMENT

Many Important Measures Brought to Fore This Week.

London, Feb. 23.—Parliament, up to the present comparatively uneventful, will begin to-morrow a busy and important week with the introduction of a new educational bill and the publication of the naval estimates, over which there is said to have been much divergence of opinion in the Cabinet. On Tuesday the government will make a statement on the Macedonian situation, and the Congo debate will occupy Wednesday. The licensing bill, one of the government's principal measures, will be taken up on Thursday, and on Friday the women's suffrage bill.

The health of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Prime Minister, is improving, but slowly. There is not the slightest hope that he will be able to resume active leadership before Easter, and the party is beginning to take for granted the advent of Herbert H. Asquith as Premier. This would be an important development in many ways, as Mr. Asquith is the leader of the Imperialist section of the Cabinet, while Sir Henry leads the radical section, which is committed to Home Rule and other advanced measures.

As Mr. Asquith holds the influential post of Chancellor of the Exchequer, his appointment as Premier would give his party enormous strength, which might result in some modification of the policy of the Cabinet as a whole. Rumors that the Premier has already offered to resign, however, are unfounded.

It is understood that the naval estimates will show an increase of about \$5,000,000 over last year's, the shipbuilding programme being a modest one.

ANOTHER CONGO HITCH.

King Leopold Reported Obstructing Plans for Treaty.

Brussels, Feb. 23.—The situation regarding the annexation to Belgium of the Congo Independent State again is assuming a disquieting aspect. It is reported that King Leopold has taken back all his fair promises and now demands that the special fund which was to replace the crown domain be placed under his control, and not under that of parliament, as originally agreed. In addition he asks that \$50,000,000 be placed at his disposal to carry out various plans.

It is understood that the government is firmly resisting these demands and is determined, if it becomes necessary, to resign. It is pointed out that as King Leopold could not under such circumstances find any one to form a new ministry the resignation would mean elections, which would be sure to result in the return of a majority most hostile to the King.

The "Petit Bleu," while admitting that there have been changes in the last few days between King Leopold and Premier Schollaert on the question of annexation, says they have not resulted in a settlement, owing to inability to agree on the use of the revenue from the special fund. The paper, however, denies that a ministerial crisis is imminent.

A BRITISH STEAMER WRECKED.

Turk's Island, Feb. 23.—The British steamer Turk, Captain Pyle, from Halifax on February 14 for Bermuda, Turk's Island and Kingston, was wrecked off here to-day. The crew and passengers were rescued and part of the cargo probably will be saved. The steamer was of 677 tons. The vessel cannot be saved.

HALIFAX, FEB. 23.—PICKFORD & BLACK, of this city, owners of the steamer Beta, received a dispatch to-night reporting the total loss of the vessel. She had three saloons and several second class passengers and a crew of thirty-five, all of whom were saved. The steamer struck about five miles off the island and remained hard and fast on the rocks. She took in water so rapidly that hasty preparations were made to abandon her. The cause of the accident is not known here. The work of salvaging the cargo continued all day, with good results. The steamer was valued at \$125,000 and was insured.

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TO FAVOR BACON BILL?

Hearings on Liquor Measures to End This Week.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Hearings on the various bills to regulate interstate commerce in intoxicating liquors, with a view to preventing shipments of "dry" states or counties, will be closed by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on Saturday next. The arguments are being made before a sub-committee, consisting of Senator Knox, chairman, and Senators Nelson, Fulton, Bacon and Taylor. Probably no question before Congress, excepting the currency problem, has received so much attention during the present session. It is of vital interest to nearly every state of the South and to half of the Northern and Western states.

The indications are that the Bacon bill, its author, being a member of the committee, has incorporated into the measure numerous amendments covering nearly every phase of the subject that has been raised during the extended hearings. It provides that intoxicating liquors within the borders of any state shall be within the lawful police powers of such state, but that the state shall not interfere with the transportation of liquors. It provides that the bill of lading accompanying the shipment shall declare the destination and that the transportation shall not be arrested nor diverted from the point of consignment. In other words, the bill seeks to prevent any transaction in shipment which would tend to defeat the state law in regard to traffic in intoxicants, whatever that state law may be.

The passage of the Bacon bill will give to each state the right to determine whether they shall or shall not be within its borders any traffic in intoxicating liquors. The same power will extend to a county of a state, so that it may be determined whether the restriction shall be wholly or in part. Under this bill the state could entirely exclude liquors from its borders, or if it desired could permit liquor traffic. Furthermore, any state would have the power, if its people so elected, to permit liquors to be received by any citizen for his own use, and at the same time sale to others could be prohibited. It is provided that Congress in the exercise of its powers to regulate commerce between the states shall so control interstate commerce in intoxicating liquors as to leave each state in the free exercise of its police powers in regard to traffic in liquors within its borders.

Senator Bacon pointed out during the hearings that the bill is in no sense a prohibition measure, and if enacted into law would not of itself interfere with the sale of liquors in any place. The purpose of the measure is by Congressional action so to regulate interstate commerce in intoxicating liquors as to remove the barriers created by the operation of the interstate commerce law in order to permit the state to exercise full control of the traffic within its borders. Succinctly stated, it will secure to each state the right and the power to enact and to enforce laws which will regulate and control the liquor traffic in such state in such manner as its people may elect.

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