

NEW STATUTES NOW IN EFFECT

Changes in Government of Buckeye State.

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Columbus.—With the beginning of the new year important governmental changes became effective throughout the state. Among these are:

The present optional form of workmen's compensation was superseded by the drastic Green law, under the provisions of which every employer of more than five persons is compelled either to contribute to the state insurance fund or compensate their employees for injuries, directly under supervision of the state.

The establishing of a state-wide civil service, applying the merit system to the employees of all public offices, municipal, county and state.

The abolition of the convention method of nominating candidates for public offices and the substitution of the primary system under the new state primary law.

The first construction of good roads under the inter-county and main market roads plan, made possible by the funds collected from the half-mill state levy for this purpose.

Five Ohioans Are Arrested.

Sandusky.—State Dairy and Food Department, Inspectors S. H. Hower and A. C. Johnson swore out warrants for the arrest of five Sandusky citizens, doctors and druggists, on charges of trafficking in drugs contrary to the provisions of the Duffy law. The warrants were served later. Hearings have been set for Jan. 13.

Those served with warrants and the charges are: Dr. Carl R. Knoble, Erie county coroner, selling 200 one-fourth grain morphine tablets; Dr. James S. Hanson, writing a prescription for morphine tablets; O. A. Ohl, proprietor of the Central drug store, selling two bottles of one-eighth grain morphine tablets, 100 to a bottle; Ira C. Wade, pharmacist at the W. A. Graham drug store, selling 12 one-quarter grain heroin tablets; Herman Kugel of Kugel Bros., dealers in fancy goods and sundries, selling 100 Dover powder tablets, said to contain one-fourth of a grain of morphine each.

Robbers Get \$122 in Loot.

Cleveland.—Postoffice inspectors and the police are searching for robbers who early in the morning broke into the postoffice at Willow Station, Newburg Heights, and stole stamps worth \$20 and \$102 in cash.

The robbery was not discovered until some hours later when G. W. Vocke, postmaster, went to open the general store in which the postoffice is located. He found the back door had been broken open and the place ransacked. The cash drawer was smashed and drawers and showcases broken open. Numerous articles of wearing apparel also had been taken.

Vocke notified the postal authorities and police as soon as he discovered the robbery.

Vocke does not live in the building and was ignorant of the robbery until he went to open his place for business. The door had been shattered with a bar.

Poison Needle Victim.

Newark.—Elizabeth Hillery, aged 26, daughter of M. D. Hillery, is recovering from effects of a drug which she says was administered by a poisoned needle by a stranger. An automobile drove in front of the Hillery home, Miss Hillery's brother, returning home, was requested by the man in the machine to send his sister out for a package, and when the girl came out she says the man in the automobile urged her to take a ride. She had her arm on the machine and states she felt a sharp pain above the elbow. She ran into the house and fell in a faint.

Well-Known Physician Dies.

Akron.—Dr. Irvin C. Rankin, one of this city's best known citizens and physicians, died here after several months' illness. Dr. Rankin was born in Akron in 1871. He received degrees from Syracuse university and was graduated from the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Rankin was surgeon for several large industries here. He had been city physician three years. He was a member of the Ohio State, Cleveland and Northeastern Medical societies, of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and of the Masonic order.

False Alarm Causes Panic.

Canton.—Several hundred persons rushed for the exits at the Lyceum theater here when a cry of "Fire," resulting from a tussle between two men in the lobby, was mistaken for "Fire." No one was injured in the stampede.

New District Is Christened.

St. Clairsville.—The new Eighteenth congressional district was officially christened at a banquet of Carrollton and Carroll county business men Friday evening.

Family Fires Flare.

Toledo.—George Adamore, a farmer, his wife and their four children, ranging in age from one to eight years, narrowly escaped losing their lives in a fire which destroyed their two-story frame home.

Takes Poison by Mistake, Dies.

Salem.—A large dose of arsenic taken by mistake from a bottle which he thought contained a preparation for stomach trouble, caused the death of Clement G. Herron, 27, at his home north of this city.

GIVE OPEN VERDICT

CORONER'S JURY BLAMES PERSONS UNKNOWN FOR "FIRE" CRY AT CALUMET, MICH.

WILSON IS ASKED TO AID

Miners' Lawyer Telegraphs the President Urging Mediation Under the Erdman Act—Strikers Threaten Governor Ferris With Recall.

Calumet, Mich., Jan. 3.—The coroner's jury here returned an open verdict on Wednesday including a finding that the Christmas eve panic which cost the lives of 72 persons in Italian hall was caused by an alarm of fire raised within the hall by an unknown person. The jury was in session for three days hearing witnesses.

Every allegation that enemies of the Western Federation of Miners were responsible for starting the panic or in any way hindered the work of rescue were rejected by the six jurors in unanimous verdict.

The jurors deliberated six hours. The verdict was as follows:

"By the evidence of the witnesses we find that the cause of death was suffocation, the same being caused by being jammed on the stairway leading to the entrance of the Italian hall, where a Christmas celebration was being held under the auspices of the Women's auxiliary of the Western Federation of Miners. The stampede was caused by some person or persons, unknown to the jury at this time, raising an alarm of fire within the hall."

Editors and other employees of the paper, Tyomies, who were arrested earlier in the week on charges of publishing statements calculated to incite riot, were released on bail and the paper circulated again.

Federal intervention under the amended Erdman act has been asked as a means of settling the copper miners' strike by the Western Federation of Miners in a telegram sent by O. N. Hilton, attorney for the miners, as a sequel to a talk between himself and Mr. Denmore.

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 2.—In an effort to bring to an end the labor troubles in the copper country, representatives of the various state labor unions will draft a plan for a settlement which they will ask Governor Ferris to forward to President Shaw of the Calumet & Hecla Mining company at Boston.

TRAIN WRECK CALLED PLOT

Railroad Officials Find Switch Lock Tampered With After Big Smashup.

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 2.—What railroad officials say was a deliberate attempt to wreck Mobile & Ohio passenger train No. 2, bound for St. Louis, 12 miles north of here, resulted in the ditching of the engine, express and baggage cars and the death of the fireman and serious injury to three other persons. The engineer threw on the emergency brakes as the train struck the switch and saved the passengers from injury. Railroad officials who investigated said the lock which held a switch had been sawed through and the switch opened.

MONTREAL SWEEP BY FIRE

Loss Estimated at \$1,000,000—Lack of Water Prevents Firemen From Checking Blaze.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—Fire which threatened the destruction of this city on Monday was finally brought under control when water was obtained by running a mile of hose to the river. This city has had a water famine for several days. The loss is placed at \$1,000,000.

The water famine that has prevailed here since the breaking of a main several days ago, compelled the firemen to fight the blaze with only one stream from the hydrants and their chemical extinguishers.

Schmidt Jury Is Discharged.

New York, Jan. 2.—The jury which held in its hands the fate of Hans Schmidt, who has been on trial for the murder of Anna Ammiller, after deliberating for more than 32 hours, was discharged on Tuesday by Judge Foster after Lawrence Ottinger, the foreman, had informed the court that the 12 men were unable to agree upon a verdict. When the jury was discharged they stood ten for conviction of murder in the first degree.

Judge O. W. Powers Is Dead.

Salt Lake, Utah, Jan. 5.—Judge Orlando W. Powers, prominent in the Democratic party, many times candidate for the senate from Utah, for years a noted lawyer, died here of pneumonia at the age of sixty-three.

Castro Aids Die in Feud.

Coro, Venezuela, Jan. 5.—A family tragedy resulted in the death of the leaders of Cipriano Castro's unsuccessful revolutionary army. General Urbina killed General Gonzales. Senora Gonzales killed General Urbina.

Girl Loops Loop in Air.

London, Jan. 5.—The honor of being the first woman aviator to loop the loop in an aeroplane falls to Miss Trahacks Davis. She was a passenger with Gustave Hamel when the pilot done a series of somersaults.

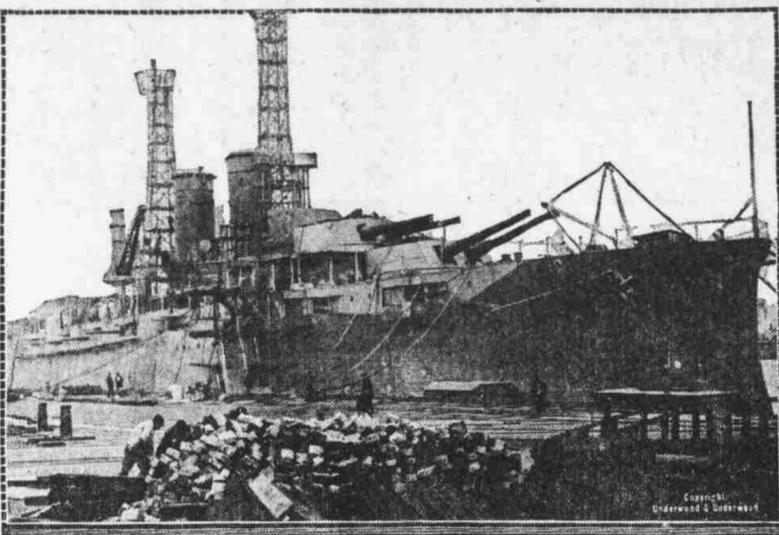
George F. Baker Expected to Quit.

New York, Jan. 5.—George F. Baker, chairman of the First National bank of New York, and one of the dominant figures in the financial world of America, is expected soon to withdraw from the board of corporations.

Seeks Four Vice-Admirals.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels announced Friday that he would advocate the appointment of four vice-admirals of the United States navy as soon as congress reconvenes.

HURRY WORK ON DREADNOUGHT NEW YORK



The Dreadnought New York, now in the Brooklyn yard, New York, which is being rushed to readiness for any possible trouble with Mexico. The New York was launched October 20, 1912. The 14-inch guns which she carries are the largest guns carried by any of our fighting fleet. Her dimensions are 565 feet length on water line, 95 feet 2 1/2 inches her extreme breadth, and her displacement is 27,000 tons. She has a speed of 21 knots, and 65 officers and a crew of 1,000 men are necessary to man her.

SET NEW CROP RECORD

WASHINGTON REPORT SHOWS INCREASE IN PRODUCTS.

No Reduction in Cost of Living Despite Ten Billion Dollar Season—Middlemen Profit.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Ten billion dollars' worth of products, \$5,000,000,000 of cash income—a bumper year in spite of droughts and other setbacks—is the 1913 record of 6,000,000 American farms.

The value of the 1913 crops is twice as great as that of 1889; more than \$1,000,000,000 in excess of 1909, and substantially greater than in 1912, although the quantity of production has fallen. Fourteen principal crops average about 20 per cent. higher in price than a year ago, and 4.6 per cent. higher than two years ago. Their total values average about 3.8 per cent. higher than a year ago.

Of all the crops, it is estimated that 52 per cent. will remain on farms where they were produced, and that 20 per cent. of the animal production will remain. On that basis the cash income is estimated by the department of agriculture at \$5,847,000,000, in a discussion of the subject made public.

But despite a record year of crop values and the fact that the number of farms has increased 11 per cent. since 1910, the department does not believe a lower cost of living will follow as a consequence.

SMITH KNOCKS OUT PELKEY

Canadian Loses World's Heavyweight Championship Title to Gunner in the Fifteenth Round.

San Francisco, Jan. 3.—There were no knockdowns in the Gunboat Smith-Arthur Pelkey fight of the heavyweight championship title until the fifteenth round, and then two in succession brought victory to Smith.

The round was still young when Smith, after breaking from a clinch, let fly a full sweep right for Pelkey's jaw. The Gunner reached the mark squarely, and the Canadian sprawled under the ropes. He tried to gather himself together and directly he arose he lurched toward Smith, intent on clinching. Smith dealt him a downward chop with the right on the back of the head and Pelkey measured his length on the floor for a second time. Game to the last, Arthur tried to run a race with the timekeeper, but was not properly on his legs before the fatal word "out" sounded. Pelkey announced his weight at 205 pounds and Smith said he weighed 180 pounds.

WILSON AND HUERTA MEET?

New Orleans Rumor Purports to Explain Mysterious Trip of President.

New Orleans, Jan. 5.—A report was current on Friday that President Wilson conferred in the Gulf of Mexico, the Mississippi sound or the Mississippi river with President Huerta of Mexico. It was impossible to trace the report to its source, but those who believed it cited the fact that President Wilson left Pass Christian in a small boat in rough water to meet John Lind, his envoy, instead of having the envoy come to him.

Ex-Shah Hides in Berlin.

Berlin, Jan. 3.—The former shah, Mohammed Ali of Persia, has been in hiding in Berlin for the last nine months. This became known when the shah requested a physician to address him as his majesty.

Nordica Suffers Shock.

Brisbane, Australia, Jan. 3.—The steamer Taaman, which went aground off Bramble bay, arrived at Thursday island. Mme. Nordica, who was a passenger on board the steamer, is suffering from shock.

Air Boat Line Opened.

Tampa, Fla., Jan. 2.—Aeroboot transportation is to be begun on a commercial scale between Tampa and St. Petersburg January 1. Three hydroplanes will be put in operation by a private corporation.

Thirteen-Year-Old Child Weds Man.

Davenport, Ia., Jan. 2.—Saying good-bye to her dolls, Ethel Taylor, thirteen years old, daughter of Samuel Taylor, proprietor of the Sherman hotel, was married to Roy Skaggs, thirty-one years old, a laborer.

DIRECTORSHIPS MORGAN FIRM DROPS

New York, Jan. 5.—The withdrawal Friday of J. P. Morgan & Co. from more than a score of great corporations, and the statement shortly afterward by George F. Baker, an almost equally dominant figure in American finance, that he soon would take similar action, gave Wall street generally a thrill which almost brought trading on the stock exchange to a halt.

While it is probably true that many of the prominent bankers had information foreshadowing this momentous move toward ending interlocking directorates, the public and brokers had no advance knowledge of what was taking place in the inner councils of the greatest of all American houses of finance. Wherever telephone and ticker flashed the news about the street groups of men gathered to discuss what was the all-absorbing topic.

Following is list of directorates dropped by J. P. Morgan & Co.:

- J. P. MORGAN & CO.
- New York Central and Hudson River Railroad company.
- West Shore Railroad company.
- Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railway.
- Michigan Central Railroad company.
- New York, Chicago and St. Louis railroad.
- Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis railway.
- New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad.
- Central New England railway.
- New York, West Chester and Boston railway.
- Harlem River and Portchester railroad.
- Millbrook company.
- New England Navigation company.
- New England Steamship company.
- Rhode Island company.
- Rutland Railway company.
- Hartford and Connecticut Western.
- New York, Ontario and Western railway.
- Western Union Telegraph company (Henry P. Davidson still is a director).
- CHARLES STEELE.
- Jersey Central Railroad company (Edward T. Stotesbury remains on board).
- United States Steel Corporation (J. P. Morgan still is a director).
- H. P. DAVIDSON.
- American Telephone and Telegraph company.
- Astor Trust company (W. H. Porter is a director).
- Guaranty Trust company of New York (T. W. Lamont is on board).
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- Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company.
- Utah Copper company.
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SIX BIG FIRMS FAIL

SIEGEL STORES CORPORATION IN HANDS OF RECEIVERS.

Chicago Company Not Affected—Concerns Did an Annual Gross Business Estimated at \$40,000,000.

Boston, Jan. 2.—Ancillary receivers were appointed on Tuesday in the United States district court for six corporations in which Henry Siegel of New York is a large owner, on the petition of the Siegel Stores corporation.

The concerns did an annual gross business estimated at \$40,000,000, but it is understood that their Christmas business did not come up to expectations and they found themselves hard pressed by curtailment of banking credit. The failure had been discounted in the financial district and had no effect on the stock market.

The companies for which receivers were named are:

- Fourteenth street store, New York.
- Simpson-Crawford company, New York, a department store.
- Henry Siegel company, Boston, a department store.
- Henry Siegel & Co., bankers, New York.
- Henry Siegel & Co., wholesalers, New York.
- Merchants' Express company, New York.

Efforts will be made to reorganize the chain of stores.

Sattleship Goes to Mexico.

Philadelphia, Jan. 3.—The battleship Minnesota left the Philadelphia navy yard for Vera Cruz, Mex.

Nine Men to Hunt Bandit.

Salt Lake, Utah, Jan. 3.—Sheriff Smith and eight men will enter the Utah-Apex mine at Bingham to find if Rafael Lopez is dead or alive. Lopez has been a fugitive 38 days and killed six men.

Says Father Stole His Wife.

La Crosse, Wis., Jan. 3.—That Albert Rockwell, Nelson, Wis., eloped with his young daughter-in-law, deserting his wife, is the claim of his son, Bert Rockwell, who caused his arrest.

Illinois Editor Kills Worker.

Decatur, Ill., Jan. 2.—Carl Person, editor of the Illinois Central Strike Bulletin, shot and killed Tony Musser, a union workman in the Central shops in Clinton, following a fist fight in the interurban station in Clinton.

Quit Bathing Twenty Years Ago.

Belleville, Ill., Jan. 2.—William Knuss of Chicago, sixty-six years old, who says he stopped bathing 20 years ago when he quit working in jail bathing out a fine of \$100 imposed by Magistrate Underwood.

More Foreign Beef in New York.

New York, Jan. 2.—The South American Elstree Granco reached port from Buenos Aires and Montevideo with 1,750 tons of chilled and frozen Argentine meats, the largest shipment of frozen beef ever imported.

WIRES CUT IN OREGON TOWN

'TIS BELIEVED, BY OFFICER ORDERED BY GOV. WEST TO CLOSE ALL SALOONS.

Col. Lawson's Force Packed Up All Liquor and Saloon Fixtures and Took Them to the Depot.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Baker, Ore.—Indications that Col. B. K. Lawson had carried out his threat to tear out the telephone and telegraph instruments at Copperfield appeared here when it was impossible to get in communication with the little mining town either by telegraph or telephone. There will be another posse sent from Baker, Sheriff Rand having declined all offers by volunteers, Deputy Sheriff Herbert will be the sole emissary.

He will go to the mining town and make personal service on Col. Lawson and others named in the complaints and injunctions in the case. Lawson had been sent to Copperfield to close saloons there, and suit has been brought in an attempt to prevent this action. News was received by a roundabout route from Copperfield of an attempt made by two of the officials under arrest to escape. Councilmen Wiegand and Warner seized a gasoline speeder and were starting away on it when stopped by Lawson's men. Col. Lawson's force packed up all the liquor and saloon fixtures in Copperfield and took them to the depot for shipment to Baker on a train.

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Columbus, O.—Miss Hazel Curtis, aged 20, daughter of Preston G. Curtis, railroad contractor, was perhaps fatally burned in her home here. The young woman was alone in the house when she discovered her dress had caught fire from an open grate. W. G. Benham, treasurer of Franklin county, and members of his family, living next door, hurried to her aid and succeeded in extinguishing the flames. Miss Curtis was taken to a hospital.

Kent.—Miss Bessie Kent, aged 37, public librarian and great granddaughter of Zenas Kent, founder of the town, died of pneumonia.

Chillicothe.—George F. Hunter, aged 55, managing editor and publisher of the News-Advertiser of this city, died suddenly on his way to his home at noon. He was at his office all forenoon and was apparently in good health. Mr. Hunter founded the Weekly Advertiser in 1895. Later this was merged into the Daily News-Advertiser.

Findlay.—Findlay college was in receipt of two checks as New Year's gifts. The first was for \$5,000 from D. M. Bare of Roaring Springs, Pa., and is to establish a chair of religious education. Mrs. A. O. Hamilton gave a check for \$1,000.

ATTITUDE OF THE CROWN PRINCE

Berlin.—Crown Prince Frederick William appears again to have taken an attitude of opposition to the government and the emperor—this time in connection with the Zabern affair. Rumors have been in circulation for some time past that the Crown Prince had sent a telegram to the commander of the Ninety-ninth regiment, who is said to have instructed his officers to act aggressively in case of trouble between the German soldiers and the townspeople.

WOUNDED SENT ACROSS LINE.

Presidio, Texas.—Incessant cannonading marked the sixth day of the siege of Ojinaga by Gen. Ortigas's rebel army. The bombardment ended without results except to increase the dead and wounded on both sides. All the wounded were sent by the attacking rebels and federals to the American side of the river to be cared for by the Red Cross. As neither of the contending armies maintains a hospital service, 150 more wounded were carried to United States territory.

Buckeye Notes

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Lorain.—The first baby born in Lorain in 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Buttle, was showered with practical and unusual gifts. The baby won a race for the prizes offered by a Lorain paper. He was born at three seconds after midnight.

A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Kulos arrived 27 seconds later. Eight children were born in the night. Besides a cab, a \$5 bank account, all manner of clothes and music for the baby's christening, offered by an orchestra, the father received a case of beer and a bottle of wine.

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