

murder. Gov. John M. Parker of Louisiana caused the arrest of McKoin. He telegraphed to the Baltimore police.

Important! Arrest Dr. McKoin for murder. Hold him for the Louisiana authorities.

The former Mayor was found at Brady Institute, Johns Hopkins Hospital, where he had been working during the day and attending Johns Hopkins School in the evening.

Dispatches from Louisiana had said McKoin was a post graduate student at Johns Hopkins, but officials said last night they had no record of a student of that name.

Traced by Hospital Report. This morning Patrolman Burroughs was assaulted, robbed and left unconscious on the sidewalk.

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ORGANIC EVOLUTION

American Association Representing 11,000 Scholars, Is on Record.

THEORY IS NOT A GUESS Public Schools Combating It Denounced and Publicity Deplored.

EVIDENCE IS INCREASING Progress of Knowledge Promoted by Search for the Truth in Many Fields.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 26.—The Council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at its opening meeting to-day at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology adopted a resolution upholding the theory of organic evolution and condemning efforts to prohibit its teaching in public schools.

The resolution, which stated that no scientific generalization is more strongly supported by thoroughly tested evidence than that of organic evolution, read as follows:

"Inasmuch as the attempt has been made in several States to prohibit in tax supported institutions the teaching of evolution as applied to man, and since it has been asserted that there is not a fact in the universe in support of this theory, that it is a mere guess which leading scientists are now abandoning and that even the American Association for the Advancement of Science, at its last meeting in Toronto, Canada, approved this revolt against evolution and

"Inasmuch as such statements have been given wide publicity through the press and are misleading public opinion on this subject.

"Therefore the council for the American Institute for the Advancement of Science has thought it advisable to take formal action upon this matter, in order that there may be no ground for misunderstanding of the attitude of the association, which is one of the largest scientific bodies in the world, with a membership of more than 100,000 persons, including the scientific authorities in all branches of science. The following statements represent the position of the council with regard to the theory of evolution.

Not a Mere Guess. "1. The council of the association affirms that, so far as the scientific evidences of the evolution of plants and animals and man are concerned, there is no ground whatever for the assertion that these evidences constitute a 'mere guess.' No scientific generalization is more strongly supported by thoroughly tested evidences are increasing in number and importance every year.

"2. The council also affirms that the theory of evolution is one of the most potent of the great influences for good that have thus far entered into human experience; it has promoted the progress of knowledge, it has fostered unprejudiced inquiry and it has served as an invaluable aid in humanity's search for truth in many fields.

"The council of the association is convinced that any legislation attempting to limit the teaching of any scientific doctrine so well established and so widely accepted by specialists as is the doctrine of evolution would be a profound mistake, which could not fail to injure and retard the advancement of knowledge and of human welfare, by denying the freedom of teaching and inquiry which is essential to all progress."

The resolutions were drafted by a committee consisting of Edwin Grant Conklin of Princeton University, chairman; Henry Fairfield Osborn, president of the Board of Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History, and Charles B. Davenport, director of the Cold Spring Harbor station of the Carnegie Institution.

The convention of the scientists with 2,000 delegates attending, representing eighty-three affiliated societies, are held in the Technology Buildings and as a body independent of any university will be going on simultaneously. The divisions of the society are mathematics, physics, chemistry, astronomy, geology and geography, zoology, botany, anthropology, psychology, sociology and economics, history and philology, engineering, medicine, agriculture and education.

The formal opening was last evening with a large meeting at the Walker Memorial. Prof. Samuel C. Prescott of Massachusetts Institute of Technology introduced in turn Mayor Quinn of Cambridge, Mayor Curley of Boston, Dean H. P. Talbot of Technology and President Lowell of Harvard, who gave a pleasant welcome to the visitors in behalf of the cities and respective institutions.

BAY STATE REAR LIGHT LAW MAY BE STANDARD Readable Plates at Sixty Feet Required.

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—A new law regulating rear lights on motor vehicles in the State, which becomes effective January 1, will be considered as a possible standard for all States at a joint meeting in New York, December 29, of the lighting division of the Society of Automotive Engineers and the motor vehicle lighting committee of the Illuminating Engineering Society.

The laws in most States now provide that rear number plates be so illuminated at night that they may be read at fifty feet, but it is asserted by Registrar of Motor Vehicles, Frank A. Goodwin that no lamps manufactured until recently would make it possible to comply.

The Massachusetts law requires that plates be readable at night for a distance of sixty feet, and the registrar has approved fifty-five makes of lamps that comply with that condition.

\$100 FINE FOR COLD FACTORY. A fine of \$100 was imposed by Magistrate John E. McGeehan yesterday in the Morrisania court on Edward Holtz of 219 West 144th street, landlord of a five story factory building at 134 and 440 East 145th street, The Bronx, who was charged with having failed to provide adequate heat. There are 125 persons employed in the factory building, most of them women.

\$500,000 Bonus Is Given to Loyal Railroad Men

BALTIMORE, Dec. 26.—Bonus checks aggregating \$500,000 were given as Christmas presents to those employees of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad who remained loyal during the railroad strike. Employees of the heavy repair shops of the company laid off during the holidays will resume work January 2.

A month's extra pay was granted to those who served the company during the full time of the strike, with a graduated scale for less than the full period.

In a recent letter to the stockholders of the corporation Daniel Willard, president of the railroad, said that losses incurred during the shopmen's strike last summer would approximate \$10,000,000.

KAHN CAN'T SEE RED IN MOSCOW THEATER

Denies Defense Society Charge That Organization Spreads Soviet Propaganda.

The charge made by the American Defense Society that the Moscow Art Theater, which is to come to this country under the direction of Morris Gest, is connected with Soviet propaganda, was denied yesterday by Otto H. Kahn, chairman of the committee of patrons of the American season of the company, and by the press agent, who has been traveling with the company in the capitals of Western Europe.

"I sympathize with the motives and aims of the American Defense Society," said Mr. Kahn, "but Americanism is not so frail a growth that it needs to be protected from contact with the Moscow Art Theater. The visit of the organization cannot, by any remote stretch of the imagination, be connected with Soviet propaganda. No people has been, and is, more opposed to Bolshevism than the French people. Yet, the French Government not only permitted the visit of the Moscow Art Theater to Paris, but the artists composing the troupe were treated with distinguished consideration in official quarters."

Mr. Kahn said that he did not know whether a part of the earnings of the company is payable to the Soviet Government, but he added that even if that were the case it is no different from the practice prevailing here under which the earnings of artists are liable to income taxation. "Should we cease to eat French bread," he asks, "because the Soviet Government derives a revenue from its production?"

The press agent's statement, told of the special investigation that the French Government ordered when the manager of the theater company applied for a French visa in Berlin. This investigation, she said, so clearly proved that the artists had no connection with Soviet propaganda that at a special session of the French Council of Ministers permits were issued to allow the artists to enter France as special guests of the French Government.

Frank Gilmore, executive secretary of the Equity Association, said last evening:

"The action of the American Defense Society in protesting to the American Government against the Moscow Art Theater play is deeply deplored by the Actors' Equity Association. We cannot believe that they have any political affiliation and we hope that the Government will have no importance in their way. Our sentiment can be best understood from our action in making them all honorary members of our association during their visit to America."

Port Authority Farewell. The Governor-elect has finished his inaugural address, but apparently has not completed his list of appointments. He saw few political visitors yesterday. The other members of the cabinet had luncheon with their retiring associates and gave him a traveling bag. Dr. Charles W. Berry, who is to be Adjutant General, went to Albany to muster his staff and confer with the outgoing Adjutant General, Leslie J. Kincaid, in arrangements for the ceremonies of Monday.

Mr. Smith has declined to discuss his salutory in advance of its delivery. Those who have studied the Democratic platform and his campaign speeches before the players at Washington against the repeal of the Lusk anti-seditious law and the movie censorship law, restoration of the direct primary, simplification of the State Government along the lines urged by him in 1921 and repeal of the Miller transit and public utility legislation and substitution of home rule legislation. Everybody is wondering what he will do in the inauguration and he mentions it at all in the inaugural speech. One guess is that he will defer this topic for special consideration.

KAHN'S LETTER FAILS TO IMPRESS CONGRESS Banker's Views Conflict With Law on War Debt.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The solution of America's foreign debt problem proposed by Otto H. Kahn, the New York banker, failed generally to strike a responsive chord to-day in official circles in Washington.

Members of the American Debt Fund-Commission took note of Mr. Kahn's proposal that the United States differentiate between the seven and a half billion dollars loaned to European countries before the armistice and the two and a half billion dollars loaned after the armistice and arrange differing methods of repayment, but pointed out that the act of Congress creating the commission would permit no such differentiation even if considered advisable.

Kahn's views drew particular fire from Representative Frear (Wis.), a Republican member of the House Ways and Means Committee, who sent a letter to Senator Smoot of the Debt Funding Commission.

Mr. Frear referred to Mr. Kahn's German birth, his subsequent British naturalization and to his membership in the Kahn, Loeb & Co. banking firm, and said "the frequency of his advice for cancellation of foreign debts in whole or in part" and the publicity attending his efforts to that end suggest a propaganda tending to embarrass the commission and to mislead foreign governments as to the sentiment in this country on the subject."

PRESENT CLUB WOMAN WITH FRENCH MEDAL Gaston Liebert Pins It on Mrs. Gibb at Calder Luncheon.

The Medaille d'Honneur of the French Republic was awarded to Mrs. Walter Gibb yesterday at a luncheon given in her honor at the Hamilton Club in Brooklyn by Senator William M. Calder. The medal was bestowed upon Mrs. Gibb in recognition of her services as chairman of the National League of Women's Service, Kings County Division, during the war.

SMITH REAPPOINTS HIS OLD SECRETARY

George R. Van Nance Named and May Again Advance to Higher Post.

AL LEAVES TO-MORROW Agrees to Bring Monkey to Albany So Son Waives Veto on Inauguration.

George R. Van Nance will be Gov. Smith's secretary. This appointment, predicted since election, was made known by the Governor-elect yesterday. It may be the last to be announced before he goes to Albany to-morrow.

Mr. Van Nance had the same job for the first year and four months of Gov. Smith's former administration, but on April 1, 1920, he became a member of the Public Service Commission for the Second District. There is a belief that he may be shifted again to a higher salaried post when Gov. Smith knows just how his executive program is coming out.

Mr. Van Nance, now a New York lawyer associated with William Church Osborn at 170 Broadway, formerly lived in Waterbury and has been living here since the latter was elected as chairman of the Jefferson county Democratic committee. He was assistant clerk of the Assembly in 1911 and Clerk in 1913. Thereafter he was for several years a member of the State Bar Association. He was also secretary of the Democratic State committee. He is a graduate of Cornell and is 44 years old.

Measured by his holding of the office of a governor and the political fortunes of the man who holds it, the post of secretary is of great importance. It pays \$7,000 a year.

Smith Menagerie to Travel. Al Smith's mind was relieved of another problem yesterday. Means were found of transporting to Albany a monkey which a woman friend gave to Walter H. Huggins, the State's attorney for Christmas. This monkey had to be in Albany or there'd be no inauguration—such was Walter's ultimatum. The Baltimore, Md., menagerie, which he had, had no monkey containers in stock. The monkey is too lively to be at large, even at the end of a cord. Time was flying; the Governor-elect had to think fast. He asked a policeman for assistance. The policeman went away rubbing his head, but presently came back with a cage and no questions asked. The monkey fitted the cage, and there'll be an inauguration after all.

The rest of the menagerie consists of two dogs and six goldfish. The dogs are a police dog, Captain, and a Pekingese, which they have partly taken the place of Cesar, the Great Dane of Oliver street, most excellent of pets who went to Albany with the Smiths in 1919, but did not survive through the first term of the Governor.

Mr. Smith and his family will turn over the Executive Mansion to them at 4 o'clock. Judge Hogan of the Court of Appeals will privately administer the Governor's oath before January 1, probably on Saturday afternoon. He will be repeated by James A. Hamilton, the new Secretary of State, on Monday.

Wife Seeks to Convert His Stand Into Alimony Mine. Nicholas Loprete, who has a bootblack stand in front of the Mechanics Bank Building on Montague street, Brooklyn, has been accustomed to spend two or three days at a time at the Saratoga races, has bought a home at 1129 East Thirty-sixth street, Brooklyn; has a substantial income and a car about worth \$75 a week net, according to his wife, Katherine Loprete of 425 Forty-eighth street. She is suing for separation. Mrs. Loprete, charging cruel and inhuman treatment, has obtained an award of \$35 a week alimony in the Brooklyn Supreme Court pending trial of her suit. A decision was reserved on the question of alimony. Loprete denied his wife's charges.

OPULENT BOOTBLACK SUED. Carpenter Picked It Up in Home of B. M. Baruch. John O'Brien, a carpenter, was held for the Grand Jury in a bond of \$3,000 yesterday, charged with having stolen a gold mesh hand bag from the home of Bernard M. Baruch at 6 West Fifty-ninth street last Friday while at work on other carpenter's in the house. O'Brien waived examination after admitting that he took the bag from a dresser.

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BOOTLEGGERS VIEW DEAD. Forced to Gaze Upon Corpses of Victims. SHELBY, Ohio, Dec. 26.—Philip Weiganott and Lester Elston to-day were forced by police to gaze for five minutes at the bodies of Robert Longley, who died from the effects of moonshine liquor they admit having sold him. Weiganott and Elston are held on charges of murder. Two other men, whose names were alleged to have sold liquor are totally blind, with little hope for recovery of their sight. Chemists said the liquor sold by the two men contained wood alcohol.

HOLD MAN FOR GIRL'S DEATH. SOMERVILLE, N. J., Dec. 26.—John Zenita, 35, of Franklin Township, is being held in the county jail in connection with the death of Stella Wolka, 3. The little girl was killed Sunday by a revolver bullet in the home of Zenita, which is not far from the Phillips farm that figures in the Hat-Mills murder mystery. Zenita said the little girl had called to see him and was killed by the accidental discharge of a revolver which he had left on a table.

WOMAN DIES AFTER DANCING. Mrs. Nettie Deutsch, 69, of Fleischmanns, N. Y., who came here to attend the wedding of her nephew, Sol Pinkowitz, to Elizabeth Isaacson, was seized with a heart attack at the dance, while dancing at Mansion Hall, 57 St. Marks place, where the wedding ceremony was performed, and died as she was being removed to Bellevue Hospital. Mrs. Deutsch and her husband, Louis, own the Empire Hotel at Fleischmanns. They came to New York Monday and were guests at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Sarah Hanover, of 1605 Bryant avenue, The Bronx.

HAWAII HEARS ATLANTA RADIO. HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 26.—Music, broadcast by radio station "WSP" of Atlanta, Ga., December 15 and 16, was heard distinctly at Waikuku, Island of Maui, according to advices received here.

Berwind Gets \$376,984 in Jewels Left by Wife

JEWELS worth \$376,984, owned by the late Mrs. S. V. Herminie Berwind, have passed to her husband, Edward J. Berwind, coal mine owner, according to a transfer tax report filed yesterday.

The appraisal shows that her estate was valued at \$479,719 gross and \$462,379 net. In addition to the jewelry were securities worth \$80,574 and \$17,322 cash.

HARDING TO ATTACK WORLD PARLEY PLAN

Continued from First Page. ing this is to be held anywhere in the United States is the last country in which it should be held. Beyond all question the sentiment of this country is opposed to the cancellation of the debts owing us by these foreign Powers and it would be impossible to bring the Powers' representatives here for a consideration of general conditions without injecting into the deliberations the time and the method for the payment of the indebtedness to us. The whole thing would take on the appearance of an assembly called by the United States in order that we might dun its members."

Senator Watson said that while he does not pose as a spokesman for the White House he had no hesitancy in saying "the Administration has been conducting conversations for the last three months with European Powers for the purpose of trying to settle the economic chaos there."

The letter written by Otto H. Kahn, New York City, Secretary Smoot (Utah) has not caused much stir among Senators and Representatives. Senator Smoot, who is a member of the Finance Committee, has, however, regarding the letter as largely beside the point because it overlooks the fact that the allied war debt is established by act of Congress.

CHARITY GETS \$100,000 BY SAMUEL HIRD'S WILL

Manufacturer Leaves Remainder of \$1,000,000 to Family. The will of Samuel Hird, president of Samuel Hird & Sons, worsted manufacturer, who died in his home in Passaic on December 11, age 72, leaving an estate of about \$1,000,000, was filed yesterday. It directs that one-tenth of the estate shall go to charity. What is left is to go to his widow and to his eight children—S. Almsworth Hird, Lew A. Hird, Henry E. Hird, Robert C. Hird, John A. Hird, Miss Mary Eva Hird, Miss Martha Hird and Mrs. Selman H. Merrens. The five sons will manage their father's mill and business.

MAN, AGED 73, KILLS HIMSELF IN TAXICAB

Berringer Sends Bullet Into Head as He Nears Home. Emil T. Berringer, aged 73, retired, engaged Louis Stillman, a taxicab driver, to take him from Lenox avenue to his home at 312 West 170th street last night. When the cab was within a few yards of his home Stillman heard the report of a revolver and found the man lying on the floor of the cab with a bullet wound in his right temple.

It had been inflicted with a twenty-two caliber revolver. Mr. Berringer was removed to Columbus Hospital, where he died an hour later.

CAT ATTACKS WOMAN. Police Finally Kill Feline That Terrorized Family.

Three policemen battled last night with a big black cat that had attacked Mrs. Anna Johnson, 48, and her daughter, Mrs. Margaret T. in their home at 5402 57th avenue, Brooklyn. They were in the kitchen when the cat sprang at Mrs. Johnson and bit her repeatedly.

Not until the little girl had struck it several times on the head with a dinner plate did it release its hold. Then Charles Johnson, the husband of Mrs. Johnson, who is ill, attacked the cat with a broom and chased it to the front of the house and closed the door.

Patrolmen Frank Ledwith, Martin Trell and James Quilevan of the Fourth avenue station were summoned to the house and chased the cat, firing at it and striking it with their night sticks. Eight shots were fired and most of them had penetrated the cat's body before it gave up the ghost. Mrs. Johnson and her daughter were attended by Dr. Fitzgerald, of the Norwegian Hospital.

NEW ZEALAND QUAKE LIMITED. Shook Upper and Middle Parts of South Island.

WELLINGTON, N. Z., Dec. 26.—The earthquake and cascading memories of the quake in Cheviot county 1, 1901. The shock was especially severe in North Canterbury and cascading memories of the quake in Cheviot county 1, 1901.

RYAN INVESTIGATES PART TIME SCHOOL

Can't See Why More Children Don't Get Seats After Spending Millions.

PROBLEM IN ARITHMETIC 40,000 Additional Sitings, 19,198 New Registrations, 26,752 More on Part Time.

A lively meeting of the Board of Education is promised for this afternoon, when George J. Ryan, president, is to urge members to take action in making a rigid inquiry into the causes and responsibility for the "abnormal increase in part time pupils." In a letter to members of the board yesterday Mr. Ryan asked them to give careful consideration to the action to be taken to hold to strict accountability those responsible for the conditions.

Since 1921 more than \$2,000,000 has been spent to provide about 40,000 additional sittings, Mr. Ryan said. But despite these new facilities and the fact that the increase in registrations during the period amounted to only 19,198, the number of pupils placed on part time increased 26,752, he said.

"In the light of these cold facts, it would seem that there is some explanation due," Mr. Ryan said last night. "If the additional sittings furnished have not changed the situation but, on the other hand, there is a decrease, there must be something back of it."

Mr. Ryan said he would not charge that the trouble lay with the school administration. He said there might be several reasons for the discrepancy. In his letter, however, to the members of the board he said:

"Having ascertained these facts (the 26,752 increase in part time pupils), I requested the Superintendent of Schools to furnish me with a statement of the total sittings of record September, 1921, and October, 1922. These figures disclose a net increase in sittings of only 23,728. This is 16,104 fewer than the number of new sittings reported as provided in our new schools, additions and temporary buildings.

"At such rate of progress it is never going to be possible to eliminate part time. Approximately half of all the sittings provided at a cost of \$2,135,834 have been lost. Furthermore, the sittings provided have not resulted in any reduction in the total number of children on part time in the city."

Mr. Ryan said the investigation he would urge was to have two ends: The question of new facilities needed to care for the part time pupils and the question of improvement in the administrative organization of schools. He expected the investigation to be taken up by the superintendents and their executive head to probe further.

William L. Ettinger, Superintendent of Schools, declared the letter of Mr. Ryan to the members of the Board was not a logical presentation of facts. He said the figures given were accurate, but that it was not right to compare a month in one year with another month of another year. Before presenting figures, he said, there should be careful investigation of every single school.

"That's a nice sort of Christmas present," Mr. Ettinger declared, pointing to the letter. He criticized Mr. Ryan for making public his criticisms before they had been submitted to the board. He was asked if he considered the letter a personal attack on him. He replied that it seemed to be an attack on everybody connected with the administration of schools.

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GIVES GOLD TO PRISONERS.

George F. Johnson Also Remembers Other Unfortunates. Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. BRIMHAMTON, Dec. 26.—George F. Johnson, rich manufacturer and philanthropist, with a party of friends, made a Christmas call at the Broome county jail yesterday. He greeted each prisoner with a handclasp and when the prisoner opened his hand he found a ten dollar gold piece in his palm.

Mr. Johnson then visited the Bro