



ALEXANDRIA, VA. TUESDAY EVENING, DEC. 13.

ANNOUNCING the broad rule that a conspiracy under the Sherman anti-trust law may be a "continuing offense," instead of an offense limited to the formation of the conspiracy and, possibly, overt acts thereunder...

ALL records of Congress will be broken by the expedition of the appropriation bills in the House at this session. The passage of the Indian appropriation bill on Friday, was followed by the passage of the rivers and harbors appropriation bill on Saturday.

The government attorney at New York has filed in the district court a petition asking for the dissolution of the American Sugar Refining Company and twenty-nine other corporations, which with it, compose the sugar trust...

The subcommittee of the Senate committee on privileges and elections which investigated charges against Senator Lorimer of Illinois, yesterday voted unanimously to report to the full committee that the charges had not been proved.

The estimate of expenses of the various executive departments for the fiscal year 1912, which was submitted to Congress last week by Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh, amounts to \$748,414,861.

Mr. Louis Dolme, president of Sharp & Dolme, manufacturing druggists, died last night at the United Protestant Infirmary in Baltimore.

FROM WASHINGTON

In the House of Representatives on Saturday, during the consideration of the rivers and harbors bill which was passed on that evening, Mr. Carlin made an unsuccessful effort to have appropriated the difference between the \$116,000, the amount recommended by the engineers' original report for the improvement of the harbor at Alexandria, and the \$100,000 appropriated last year.

Ice coated sidewalks, which the city authorities are unable to clean properly, and which property owners refuse to clean, are keeping the hospitals here busy today. Twenty-two persons have required medical attention for fractured arms, and legs, or badly cut heads, within 24 hours.

Surrounded by all the luxury that millions can produce and in the midst of plenty, Senator Stephen B. Elkins is slowly starving to death, according to a story which spread rapidly in Washington today despite an official denial from the family and physicians.

A report was today received by a Mexican revolutionist here that General Bernardo Reyes had left Paris on his way to Mexico, there to become a presidential understudy to Diaz, whose health according to word from spies in his palace, has been shattered.

President Compters of the A. F. of L. will leave Washington today for New York city where he will deliver a lecture Thursday evening in behalf of the cigar makers of Tampa, Fla. The Central Federation Union has called a mass meeting for the occasion.

As the result of a race riot in D street, between the Ninth and Tenth streets northwest, this afternoon, Limstrong, a street car conductor, is dying while Charles Gault, also a conductor, was badly bruised and beaten about the head.

When the House took up the third big appropriation measure, the pension bill, to lay, it was planned to dispose of the measure as fast as it pushed through the first two—the Indian and rivers and harbors bills.

Triplett, convicted of conspiracy to defraud the government out of valuable Nebraska lands, were allowed to choose their own place of incarceration and to fit up their cells like club rooms, was made by Attorney General Wickham today in a statement declaring the charges "absolutely false in every particular."

The question of reporting a bill for the creation of a permanent tariff commission was considered today at a meeting of the Senate committee on finance, of which Mr. Aldrich is chairman. A subcommittee was decided upon to draw up a bill. The members of that committee have not been appointed.

Postal reforms, including an extension of the parcels post, is the platform upon which James L. Cowles, a familiar figure about the national Capitol today announced his candidacy for United States senator from New York. Cowles has been appearing before congressional committees in behalf of postal reforms for several years.

Railroads scored a notable victory today when the Interstate Commerce Commission decided that they have the right to impose such demurrage charges on private cars as they see fit. A case reached its owners private tracks yesterday. The commission ruled that railroads, not being forced to use private cars might impose such conditions as it saw fit in return for consenting to use them and that any demurrage charges imposed must be paid.

Recognition at the White House in the matter of patronage has at last been extended in some degree to Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin. In accordance with a recommendation made by the senator President Taft today submitted to the Senate the nomination of G. Edward Schulz as customs collector for the Milwaukee district. La Follette also received an invitation today to name the postmaster in his home town, Madison, Wisconsin.

An increase in the salaries is proposed in a bill introduced by Dewey, (R., N. Y.) in the Senate today. He would make the scale, Chief Justice of the United States, \$18,000; associate justices, of the Supreme Court, \$17,500; circuit judges, \$10,000 and district judges, \$9,000 a year.

A monument to the memory of Abraham Lincoln will be erected in this city at a cost of \$2,000,000, if a bill introduced in the Senate today by Cullom, (R., Ill.) becomes a law. It has been decided by the Navy Department to accept the investigation of Glenn Curtis to detail an officer at the Curtis aviation school to be established at Los Angeles, Cal. Within a few days the secretary of the navy will send a formal communication to Curtis accepting the invitation and asking at what stage it will be proper to send an officer to Los Angeles.

President Taft today personally presented the congressional medal of honor, the highest gift within his power for bravery, to chief electrician William E. Snyder, of U. S. S. Birmingham, while U. S. S. operator on the Birmingham, Snyder last year made a thrilling rescue of an enlisted man from drowning in the icy water of the Roades, jumping overboard fully clothed. In the presence of his entire cabinet, and Captain Wiley of the navy, the president today presented the medal of honor.

talk on the pension bill and Representative Smith, (Dem., Tex.) who was given two hours of this time at once opened upon the subject of a tariff for revenue only. The irrelevancy of Representative Smith's theme was lazily noted by the House and most of the members then strolled out to the lounging-rooms to wait until the word was passed to vote for the passage of the pension. It will undoubtedly be put through without question this afternoon.

Conditions in Brazil. Liverpool, Dec. 13.—A serious and widespread revolt will almost inevitably be the culmination of the arbitrary governmental methods now employed in Brazil, if private advices received today by the English agents of large Brazilian houses are to be credited. These advices say that the naval mutiny of last month and that which has just been quelled are symptomatic of the general discontent felt throughout Brazil over the government's methods and that there are sure to be recurrences of such outbreaks.

In Rio Janeiro the disaffection is said to be particularly manifest, and involves not only the navy but the army, the loyalty of which, in the event of a crisis is seriously doubted by Brazilian merchants. "We have suppressed two revolts," one of today's messengers read, "but we all fear that another and far more serious demonstration is being hatched."

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Thirty days in jail for Mrs. Aileen Christopher, chief witness for the government in its "brick trust" investigation here and seventy days for John A. Brown, her attorney, were the sentences handed out today by Federal Judge Landis as a punishment for contempt of court. The sentences came as the refusal of Mrs. Christopher and her attorney to produce for the federal grand jury certain checks which are alleged to show civic graft in Chicago as well as to contain hints of the alleged rebating to the "brick trust" by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad. Mrs. Christopher's counsel after she had declared that federal secret service men here were "leaking" these checks of the grand jury to corporations being investigated.

Miss Le Blanc Waiting for the Verdict Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 13.—The knowledge that before night she may know whether she is to be acquitted of the murder of Clarence F. Glover or go to the electric chair, caused no perturbation in Hattie Le Blanc, the French-Canadian girl, as she herself was both arraigned and defended in the final speeches of opposing counsel today. It is possible that, following the speech of District Attorney Higgins this afternoon, Judge Bond will adjourn court until tomorrow.

The opinion is still generally held that the girl will be acquitted. Attorney Johnson finished his summing up at 12:35, having spoken about four hours. District Attorney Higgins then commenced the closing argument for the prosecution. Marriage Engagement. New York, Dec. 13.—New York's operatic colony was not surprised today at the announcement from Paris that the "artistic attachment" between Mme. Emma Eames and Emilio de Gorgorza had resulted in a marriage engagement. The term "artistic attachment" was the creation of De Gorgorza's first wife, Elsa, when in the spring of 1909 she sued Mme. Eames for \$50,000 for alienation of her husband's affections. The suit was never brought to a conclusion.

Mme. Eames obtained a divorce from Julian Story, the artist, in 1907. For the past two years she and De Gorgorza have been doing concert work. Will Absent Himself from Dinner. New Haven, Conn., Dec. 13.—Governor Baldwin, former chief justice of Connecticut, who was characterized by Mr. Roosevelt on the stump during the last campaign as a "retrogressive judge," is expected to be conspicuous by his absence from the Chamber of Commerce dinner here tonight. Mr. Roosevelt will be the guest of honor, and will make the principal address. Judge Baldwin has been invited but has intimated to the committee that it cannot expect him inasmuch as his demand for an apology made to Roosevelt has not been complied with.

Plot to Poison Jailers. St. Petersburg, Dec. 13.—Revelations of a revolutionary plot to free all political prisoners in Russia by means of the wholesale poisoning of jailers were made by the government today. It was officially announced that the stories of prison cruelty throughout Russia, alleged to have resulted in numerous suicides, are inventions of revolutionists, to aid their work of raising funds to be used in the jail delivery. It is admitted by the authorities, however, that they ordered the punishment of a number of prisoners involved in the conspiracy and that several suicides of prisoners followed. One of those reported to have committed suicide was Sazonoff, assassin of Minister of the Interior Von Plehvie. His death is announced at the Zaratius prison, where there have been half a dozen deaths of prisoners within the last few days. The government points out that the unprecedented number of suicides in Russia is largely due to stagnation in industrial circles resulting from numerous strikes, which has doubled the army of the hungry and dejected.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Lexington was yesterday given a clean bill of health after the typhoid by the State board. Channing Moore Newton, son of the late Bishop Newton, of the Episcopal Church of Virginia, died in Richmond yesterday of pneumonia, aged 30 years. Mr. Newton was a native of Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Day, of lower Fauquier county, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Alma Day, to Milton Smith, of the same place, in Washington on Thursday, December 15. It is reported that thousands of shad are at the head of the Great Wicomico river, in Northumberland county, and fishermen are making great catches. More than 4,000 shad were caught in a seine at one haul a few days ago. It is stated that the shad are making for fresh water in the upper part of the river.

Dr. J. S. DeJarnette, superintendent of the Western State Hospital at Staunton, has typhoid fever, and so have some of the attendants and members of their families, all the cases thus far being of a mild character. Strange to say, none of the patients has it. The water supply has been thoroughly tested and has been found to be pure. In reference to the curtailment of the power of the speaker of the House of Representatives the following is said to be the standing of the Virginia delegation Messrs. Lamb and Glass are opposed to taking the power of committee appointments from the next speaker. Messrs. Carlin, Flood, Saunders and Hay favor taking this power from him and Messrs. Jones and Holland were non-committal at this time.

Dr. James H. Harris, 79 years old, a well-known dentist of Baltimore, died yesterday in that city. Death resulted from pneumonia. Dr. Harris was born in Alabama, moved to Baltimore shortly after the civil war. For many years he was connected with the University of Maryland. During the civil war he was connected with the hospital corps of the Confederate army and took part in practically all of the campaigns in the northern section of the southern states. Miss Emma Howard Wright, dramatist and novelist, and Miss Bertha Von Hillern, retired artist, who have lived for years at Middletown, Frederick county, claim their home was set on fire Saturday night and that they lost over \$12,000 worth of rare paintings, jewelry, china and silverware, portraits and other valuables. Their Scotch colts, which is said to have given alarm at night when similar attempts were made to burn the house, was poisoned on Friday. Miss Wright yesterday she believed certain interests had conspired to oust both women in order to get their land.

A BORN POLITICIAN. In one of the New York papers a few days ago appeared the following: In yesterday's prints I saw the picture of an old friend, Claude A. Swanson, of Virginia, who has been elevated to United States senatorship. He takes the seat of the late John W. Daniel. Would that Theodore Roosevelt were back in Washington in some capacity to furnish Swanson with a good walking mate. Swanson is some walker. I recall an anecdote of one of his walks along a country road in Virginia. He had traveled many miles afoot and sat down by the roadside to catch his breath. A farmer drove by and courteously invited the stranger to have a seat beside him and drive into town. Being a bit fatigued, Swanson accepted. To gether they drove in silence for half a mile. The guest's silence puzzled the farmer. "You ain't a lawyer, for you don't talk enough," said the farmer by way of an opening. "No," said Swanson. "And you ain't a doctor?" came next, and there were explanations why he couldn't be a member of half a dozen other professions. Finally, Swanson said: "I'm a politician."

"Huh!" said the primitive Virginian, "that ain't a profession. That's a disease." And if it is a disease Swanson has it, I can assure you. I have heard people say in the south when discussing someone: "She's a born actress" or "He's a born lawyer." Applying the bit of verbal sarcasm, I can assure you Claude Swanson is a "born" politician. PLEDGED TO CHAMP CLARK. Several state democratic delegations formally have endorsed Champ Clark of Missouri, for the speakership of the next House, and his friends now claim that his nomination will be unanimous. The Virginia delegation is among those that are holding aloof by reason of the attitude taken by Mr. Hay, who is for Mr. Clark if he will pledge himself to the naming of a committee on committees. The democrats of the Texas delegation yesterday signed a statement favoring Mr. Clark. The signers included Mr. Henry, of Texas, who was at one time a prospective candidate for the speakership but formally withdrew from the fight. The democrats of Kentucky, where Mr. Clark was born; Missouri, his home state; Illinois, Georgia, Arkansas and Tennessee already have so far pledged themselves for the Missourian.

Commercial Value of Babies. Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 13.—The commercial value of babies is less than cost. This statement is contained in a bulletin issued by the California State Board of Health distributed today. The document declares that the cost of the average child, from birth to the time it reaches the age of 20, is \$4,150, and that the actual commercial value of the child at the age of 20 is only \$4,000, a net loss of \$150 on the 20 years' work. It states further that the average citizen of 30 has a commercial value of \$16,000, earnings up to \$4,000 value and \$12,000, made up between the ages of 20 and 30, while his actual cost is only \$10,150. The figures are based on a report by the state labor commissioner showing the net earning capacity of the average citizen of the state of California, capitalized at 6 per cent interest.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

An imperial order has been issued in Russia permitting Jews of the First Guild to reside in the city and province of Moscow. John Rogers Maxwell, a leader in finance for many years and one of the best known yachtsmen in the country, dropped dead in his home at Brooklyn Saturday evening. Secret Service men headed by R. H. Taylor, raided a house in Astoria, New York, on Saturday and arrested two men charged with making and passing spurious gold eagles and half eagles.

Mrs. Adela Berry Snowden, wife of Mr. Wilton Snowden, Sr., the financier and attorney, died yesterday at her home, in Baltimore, after a lingering illness. Death was due to a complication of diseases. She was a daughter of the late Horatio N. Vail and was 49 years old. Despite the repeated denials of Senator Aldrich that he owns any stock in the United States Rubber Company, the New York Herald says that it has positive proof that he owns 340 shares worth \$36,400. It also states that Aldrich and his son own 36,450 shares of the Intercontinental stock.

Michael Missourick, a striking miner in the Irwin field, near Latrobe, Pa., attacked the homes of nonunion miners with a pick at Bradenville early yesterday, beating down doors and threatening those within. Deputy sheriffs protecting the houses promptly opened fire on him and he fell with seven bullets in his body. He died before the hospital could be reached. Dispatches from Valdez, Alaska, say all the passengers of the Alaska Steamship Company's steamship Olympia, which went on the rocks at Bligh Island, Prince William Sound, Saturday night, were taken off the ship at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, together with the mails and baggage, and were conveyed to Valdez and Ellamar. The Olympia lies on Bligh Island reef, surrounded with ice. The prospects of saving the vessel is not good, nor is it likely that any of the cargo can be saved. The vessel was valued at \$250,000 and the cargo at \$50,000.

Since the beginning of the strike of 40,000 garment-workers, in Chicago a month ago 500 babies have been born among the strikers, according to records kept by the relief committee. The committee now furnishes a supply of milk daily to 7,500 babies whose parents are on a strike. Every day there are 9,500 loaves of bread and 3,500 pounds of pancake flour distributed to the hungry idle. Because of the different nationalities of the strikers the rations at the various relief stations differ according to their location. The Italians must be supplied with tomatoes, spaghetti and macaroni, while the Poles desire barley, lentils and codfish.

SENATOR ELKINS' CONDITION. It is learned from reliable sources that Senator Elkins, who has been ill since the adjournment of the last session of Congress, is in a precarious condition. It is denied that there is any immediate danger, but his condition is regarded as very grave and as not warranting any hopes of his recovery. Since last Wednesday he has been slowly losing ground, and his family and physicians have been apprehensive. A short time ago it was decided by the family that if an examination disclosed the presence of pus in either liver or kidneys and if an operation would remove the cause of his illness, an operation was best for him, but through the use of the hollow needle it was found that there was no pus and the idea of an operation was abandoned for a few days. Senator Elkins seemed to be improving, but last Wednesday his condition took a turn for the worse, since which time there have been no favorable symptoms.

GROWTH OF METHODISM. The entire membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church increased 63,047 last year according to a statement made yesterday to the Chicago Methodist Ministerial Association by Rev. David G. Downey, corresponding secretary of the Board of Sunday Schools. The secretary further surprised his hearers by saying: "We have ceased to expect accessions from the regular church and Sunday school meetings. We find that we can increase our membership only by occasional spectacular and sporadic meetings. We will have more spiritual character building work in our Sunday schools. We find we are getting no where by grading our classes and following the methods of public schools."

Burning of Children's Home. Springfield, Mo., Dec. 13.—As a result of a fire that completely destroyed the Children's Home here, Ralph Barnes, aged 7, is dead and several others of the 43 inmates are extremely ill from exposure. The flames were discovered when the children were kneeling at prayer in the home chapel. The charred body of the Barnes boy, who was confined in a sick ward, and had been forgotten by the attendants who carried out the other children, was not found until after the building had been burned. Commercial Value of Babies. Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 13.—The commercial value of babies is less than cost. This statement is contained in a bulletin issued by the California State Board of Health distributed today. The document declares that the cost of the average child, from birth to the time it reaches the age of 20, is \$4,150, and that the actual commercial value of the child at the age of 20 is only \$4,000, a net loss of \$150 on the 20 years' work. It states further that the average citizen of 30 has a commercial value of \$16,000, earnings up to \$4,000 value and \$12,000, made up between the ages of 20 and 30, while his actual cost is only \$10,150. The figures are based on a report by the state labor commissioner showing the net earning capacity of the average citizen of the state of California, capitalized at 6 per cent interest.

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INCREASE IN BANKING.

A vast increase in national banking business in the United States since September 1, 1909, in which 114 new banks have been established and the net aggregate resources have increased \$252,227,075, a record-breaking figure, is shown in the annual report of the comptroller of the currency, Lawrence O. Murray, which was given to Congress yesterday. Resources reached the maximum during the year on June 30, totaling \$9,896,624,696.78. The September 1 call showed a decrease of \$70,443,244.37.

A new record has also been established in national bank loans, the total aggregating \$5,467,160,637. Approximately one-sixth of the loans were made in New York city. From September 1, 1909, to September 1, 1910, the individual deposits in national banks increased \$135,765,287. The maximum was reached June 30, 1910. The comptroller declares that the Treasury Department is making every effort possible to put all weak banks out of the national banking system.

SCENE IN A CHURCH. Although Rev. Charles W. Robinson has tendered his resignation as rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Evangelists Seventh, and Catherine streets, Philadelphia, at the request of Bishop Condit McKay Smith, peace has not yet come to that congregation. Rev. John Cook, who had been Rev. Mr. Robinson's assistant officiated at the communion service Sunday. He had taken the sacred gold vessel used in the administration of the sacrament and had placed them on the altar. He was just about to kneel before them in prayer when George A. McLearn, one of the vestry, left his seat and marched inside the chancel rail and seized the vessels. Brushing aside the astounded clergyman, Mr. McLearn, with the gold vessels in his arms, walked to the credence table beside the altar and deposited them there. During the rest of the service he stood beside them. When the offering was taken and the collectors were about to hand the basins in which the offerings were contained to Rev. Dr. Cook, Mr. McLearn again interrupted and took charge of the offerings himself. During these interruptions Mr. Cook made no protest, but continued the service.

CONGRESSIONAL. In the Senate yesterday important amendments to the Rockefeller foundation bill were offered yesterday by Mr. Gallinger. Mr. Aldrich admitted that a bill creating a permanent tariff commission would be favorably reported this session. The omnibus claims bill, carrying an appropriation of more than \$2,000,000 to pay claims which have been adjudicated by the court of claims, was read at length, but was not acted upon. The bill covers almost 200 pages and Senator Brewster insisted upon the reading of every line of it. It opposes the French spoliation claims, which are included in the measure. The Senate ratified a protocol changing the date fixed for the arbitration with Mexico of the Chamizal case. The session of the House was devoted to the consideration of an inheritance tax law for the District of Columbia. The bill was passed. The pension appropriation bill, carrying a total of \$163,638,000, was introduced. It will be taken up today.

SERVICE PAY FOR MILITIA. Service pay for members of the National Guard is provided in a bill introduced yesterday by Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania. All men in the ranks who attend 48 drills during the year, or such equivalent duty as is prescribed are to be entitled to 25 per cent of the pay of a man in the regular army. No allowance will be made when less than 20 drills have been attended, and between that number and 48 the pay is to be a proportionate amount of the 25 per cent. All officers below the rank of general officers are to have 15 per cent of the pay that goes to a regular army officer of like rank. General officers are to receive 5 per cent of the pay of like grades in the regular army. "SANTA CLAUS ON STRIKE." Santa Claus has gone on a strike, and there isn't going to be any Christmas this year," is a story being spread systematically among eleven thousand children of the five thousand coal miners in the Irwin, Pa., bituminous field, who have been on a strike for months and who refuse to give in although they are now living in tents and are almost destitute. When charitable people of Pittsburgh visited the miners Saturday and asked what they could do in the way of helping the children to enjoy Christmas, the miners said there would be no celebration in the camps. Questions put to the tented towns, showed that all the mothers have been telling the children that Santa Claus is striking and there will be no candy and no turkey.

Result Practically Unchanged. London, Dec. 13.—With the results in 536 constituencies out of 670 now known, the position of the conservative and the liberal labor combination in this afternoon precisely the same as it was at the time of the dissolution of parliament. The nationalists, however, have made a net gain of one seat each over the conservatives and the independent nationalists or O'Brienites. Today's returns gave the conservatives a gain of two, the liberals a gain of one and the nationalists one. The totals now are: Conservatives, 240; liberal labor, 229; nationalists, 59; independent nationalists, 8.

Oxford Wins Football Game. London, Dec. 13.—Oxford won the annual Rugby football game with Cambridge today by a score of 23 to 18. Do the right thing if you have Nasal Catarrh. Get Ely's Cream Balm at once. Don't touch the catarrh powders and snuff for they irritate the membrane. Ely's Cream Balm releases the secretions that inflame the nasal passages and the throat. Whomsoever medicines made with mercury merely dry up the secretions and cause you no better than you were. In a word, Ely's Cream Balm is a real remedy, not a delusion. It is made by Ely Bros., 24 Warrington Street, New York.

Death of Mrs. Taft's Aunt. Decatur, Ill., Dec. 13.—Mrs. Hannah H. Taft, an aunt of Mrs. William H. Taft, died at the home of her daughter here today following a continued illness of pneumonia. She was in her 90th year.

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