

## WILL AMEND STATE CHILD LABOR LAWS

### Dr. Flannagan Will Soon Present Bill to General Assembly.

## NEED CERTIFICATES.

### Proposed Measure Would Make Necessary Stronger Evidence of Age Limit For Night Work.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 9.—The Virginia child labor committee of which Dr. Roy K. Flannagan, of Richmond, state superintendent of health, is chairman, expects shortly to present to the legislature a bill for the better protection to Virginia children.

There seems to be pretty general agreement among those who know the child labor situation in Virginia, that the purpose of the present child labor law is defeated by the weakness of its provisions. The experience of R. Randolph Jones, superintendent of schools in Petersburg, and of other superintendents, who tell the same story, is believed to be typical of the State. Mr. Jones finds that children under fourteen frequently "play hooky" from school in order to work, especially textile mills and tobacco factories.

It is also common, he says, for the smaller children to carry lunch to workers in the tobacco factories and to "help" with the work during their parents' lunch hour. Teachers who go to the factories to look for truant pupils often find one whose age on the school record is ten or twelve years entered among the wage-earners as fourteen years old.

Therefore R. C. Stearnes, state superintendent of education, said the school men throughout the state are especially interested in the child labor committee's proposal that no child be allowed to work until he has obtained a work permit based on definite documentary proof of age. They agree with the child labor committee that without such a provision the fourteen year age limit cannot be enforced.

James B. Doherty, commissioner of labor, officers of the Danville cotton mills, Howard G. Colvin, secretary of the State Federation of Labor, and the Rev. Dr. Steinmetz, of the Episcopal Social Service Commission of Southern Virginia are among those who have expressed themselves strongly in favor of abolishing the present exemptions which in another way will nullify the fourteen-year age limit for those very children who most need the protection of the law.

They agree with Dr. Flannagan and other members of the Virginia child labor committee that it is not civilized for society to allow young children to bear the economic burden of a destitute family. This view is held by persons who are held in closest touch with the problem of relief and the Associated Charities of Lynchburg was one of the first organizations to endorse the child labor committee's bill.

The committee proposes certain other equally important amendments, such as extending the fourteen year age limit to include other common occupations not now regulated by any law, raising the limit for night work from fourteen years to sixteen, a provision now in force in thirty-three states and the District of Columbia, and limiting the working day of children under sixteen years.

## TAKEN TO PENITENTIARY.

### Negroes Who Sent Black Hand Letters Leave This Morning for Moundsville.

J. E. West, chief deputy U. S. marshal, of Norfolk, with David E. Robey, of this city, as guard, left this morning with Edward Black and Charles Tines, both colored, in custody for Moundsville, W. Va. The prisoners were sentenced a day or two ago in the U. S. District Court to serve one year in the penitentiary for sending threatening letters to T. H. Maddox, at Marshall, Fauquier county.

Mr. J. Matthews is confined to his home on Prince street, by sickness.

## NEWS OF THE DAY

### Cardinal Deacon Cagiano Azevedo has tentatively been selected by Pope Pius X as the successor of the late Cardinal Rampolla, archpriest of the Vatican basilica.

### Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, former governor of Kentucky, and candidate for Vice President on the gold Democratic national ticket in 1896, died yesterday at his home in Lexington, Ky. Simon Bolivar Buckner was born on a farm in Hart county, Ky., April 1, 1823. He was graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1844. At the beginning of the civil war he was made brigadier general in the Confederate army, and rose to the rank of lieutenant general in 1864. He was governor of Kentucky from 1887 to 1891 and a member of the Kentucky constitutional convention in the latter year.

### With a Bible clasped in her hands and finger marks on her throat, the body of a well-dressed woman was taken yesterday from the waters of the Harlem river in New York. The body had been in the water only a few hours. Bible was expensively bound. It was one published in Stockholm, and on the fly leaf was the inscription, "Anna Marie Lundberg, May 20, 1907." In the woman's purse was a fine lace handkerchief, with the initial "L" embroidered in one corner, and a lock of hair, apparently clipped from the head of a child. The woman was about 30 years old. Her features showed refinement, and her carefully tended hands proved her unused to hard work. Her hair hung in a single, heavy, golden brown braid almost to her heels. The clothing of the woman was of expensive quality and stylish cut.

### United States naval designers have in preparations plans for a battleship so vast in size that even the term "dreadnaught" will be insufficient to describe her. She will be, if authorized, 6,500 tons larger than any warship now being built anywhere in the world. The principal dimensions of the proposed vessel are: length, 750 feet; breadth, 100 feet; draft, 2 feet 6 inches; displacement, 3,600 tons; armament, 12 4-inch guns and 21 6-inch guns; thickness of belt armor, 17 inches; thickness of barbette armor, 16 inches, total cost of vessel \$21,000,000.

### People of western France were startled last night by the passing of an enormous meteor, which was first seen at Tours. The phenomenon took the form of an immense train of intense white flames, rushing across the sky at terrific speed. It was accompanied by frequent and deafening explosions, which broke windows. It was also observed at Montlucon, Chelet, and other places, and appears to have fallen into the sea beyond Brest, on the English Channel, causing disturbances in that district which were mistaken for an earthquake.

### David Hillhouse Buell, former president of Georgetown University, who left the Jesuits and married, has sent his wife to a Catholic home and he has secluded himself in the Trappist monastery at Gethsemane, near Bardstown, Ky. The trappist maintain among themselves a silence that is broken only by religious chants, and the morning greeting, "Memento mori," meaning "remember death." Each day they remove a little of the dirt from the hole that is to be their grave.

### Because Charles P. Webber, 64 years old, of Brookline, Mass., hugged Mrs. Harriet E. Lambertson, 62 years old, he will have to pay \$13,500. Mrs. Lambertson brought suit to recover for injuries sustained while at the Webber home in Brookline, alleging that on January 18, 1903, she was embraced by Mr. Webber, and in trying to elude him fell down stairs and broke her leg. Mrs. Lambertson died on June 11, 1913, and the suit was prosecuted by her daughter.

## Stockholder's Meeting

The annual meeting of the stockholders of Dulin & Martin Company will be held at the offices of said company, Rooms 1 and 2, Alexandria National Bank Building, Alexandria, Virginia, on Tuesday, January 20th, 1914, at 2:30 o'clock P. M., for the election of directors and for the transaction of such business as may legally come before said meeting.

## PLANNING TO HOLD BALANCE OF POWER

### Workingmen's League For Progressive Politics in State of Virginia

## CONTROL 30,000 VOTES.

### Want Clean Politics—"Will Offer Solid Opposition to Any and All Reactionary Legislation."

Richmond, Va., Jan. 9.—The Workingmen's Political League, formed by the workingmen of Virginia recently, "will stand for absolutely clean politics and will offer a solid opposition to any and all reactionary legislation." It is estimated that the league would control not less than 30,000 votes in the state. The following officers of the new league have been chosen:

- E. C. Davidson, of Richmond, president.
- S. C. Priddy, of Roanoke, vice-president.
- A. C. Kooztz, of Newport News, secretary-treasurer.

## POPE BLESSES CHURCH.

### \$500,000 Structure of St. Jean Baptiste Built by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Ryan.

New York, Jan. 8.—Pope Pius X sent his blessing, and bishops and priests from this country and Canada took part a day or two ago in the dedication of the new Church of St. Jean Baptiste, at 76th street and Lexington Avenue, built by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Ryan, for the Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament at a cost of \$500,000. The edifice is not finished, but will be used while artists are decorating the interior. The work and the furnishings which will be in accord with the architectural beauty of the structure, is expected to bring the total close to a million dollars.

The ceremony of dedication was performed by Cardinal Farley, assisted by Auxiliary Bishop Cusack of this city; Bishop Maes, of Covington, Ky.; Bishop Colton, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Bishop Gauthier, of Montreal, Can.; and Bishop Forbes, of Joliette, Can. Bishop Maes celebrated the pontifical mass which followed the dedication. Cardinal Farley made a brief address, during which he praised the Ryan family for their generosity and then imparted the papal benediction.

In the afternoon Bishop Colton was the celebrant of solemn vespers. The ceremonies were concluded with solemn benediction in the evening by Bishop Forbes, of Joliette.

The famous relic of St. Anne has been transferred to a new shrine in the church. The Architect, of St. Jean Baptiste was N. Serracino; the pastor is the Rev. A. Letellier. The Ryan family was represented at the dedication by Mrs. Allan Ryan. Pictures of the new church show to be strikingly similar in general architectural appearance to the Sacred Heart Cathedral, in Richmond, which was the gift of the Ryans. The cost is about the same.

## COURT OF APPEALS.

### Cases heard in the Supreme Court of Appeals yesterday were as follows:

- Stephen Putney Shoe Company vs. Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railway Company. Argued by A. G. Collins and S. A. Anderson for appellant, and by John S. Eggleston for appellee, and submitted.
- Oh Dominion Iron and Nail Works Company vs. Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company et als. Argued by H. W. Anderson for appellant, and by Henry Taylor for appellee, and continued until tomorrow, No. 27.
- The next cases to be called are: Campbell vs. Alsop's administration, No. 28. Hospital of St. Vincent of Paul vs. Thompson, No. 26. Williams vs. Commonwealth et rel, et c. Smith, No. 25. Ashby et als vs. Roles.

## MAY REDUCE TAX RATE.

### Finance Committee Likely to Make Recommendation to Legislature.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 9.—It has become known that the Senate finance committee, in session here framing the general appropriation bill, has been seriously discussing the advisability of recommending a reduction of 5 cents in the tax rate. It is also positively stated that there has been no discussion of the proposition to make any increase whatever, in the tax rate in case the people of Virginia determine to vote liquor away.

There is, according to one of the safest of the members of the Senate, no intention of creating a reserve fund with which to meet the possible deficiency because of the loss of the liquor revenue. The general question of taxation and other matters came up in the consideration of the appropriations asked by the several State institutions, and all at once the suggestion was made that it would be better to deny some of the increases and to make a reduction in the tax rate, letting the people get a bit of the prosperity of the State by lessening their burdens of taxation.

It is believed that if the appropriations are kept within the estimates the tax rate can be reduced and a small emergency balance left for next year the reassessment of lands will be made, and it is believed that the increase from this source will not only offset the reduction in rate but that there will follow an increase in taxes that will put the treasury in the position of being able to make proper provision for some of the institutions which are demanding money in sums aggregating more than \$2,000,000 in excess of the estimated revenues of the State.

## TRIO OF SWINDLERS OBTAIN \$1,000,000

### "Bankrupt Trust" Nabbed in Philadelphia After Six Years' Career.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 9.—How three young men swindled manufacturers, importers and jobbers out of a million dollars in six years by obtaining goods in at least 25 cities and then suddenly leaving town, was the amazing tale unfolded yesterday by Chief Postal Inspector Cortelyou, after the three men had been held in \$32,000 aggregate bail by United States Commissioner Edmunds for a further hearing on January 19.

The alleged members of the "bankrupt trust" are Charles H. Greenfield, 32 years old, Samuel Brown, 26 years old, and Meyer Rotman, 33 years old. Greenfield, who is said to be the brains of the combinations, was held in \$12,000 bail and the other two in \$10,000 bail each. They were unable to furnish bail and were sent to Moyamensing prison.

The three leaders are said to have accomplices all over the country, to whom they sell the goods they get on credit or send them to be sold. Postal inspectors have been on the trail of these "fences," and yesterday in Baltimore, Inspectors Smith and Nichols, of Philadelphia, accompanied by C. D. West, of St. Louis Credit Men's Association, entered the store of A. J. Steinhart and arrested Abram Corak, whom they brought to Philadelphia last night. Steinhart is reported to have left the city immediately after the arrest of the three alleged leaders became known. A number of empty boxes which had contained merchandise was found in the store.

The specific charge against the three men is using the mails to defraud, and the action is based upon only one of their transactions, which took place in St. Louis. Operating as the Great Western Jobbing House, in St. Louis, it is charged, the three men obtained goods valued at \$250,000 from Eastern manufacturers, sold the goods, placed the money in their pockets and then left St. Louis without paying their bills.

## CASE OF OLIVER DURANT.

### Taking of Testimony Concluded in U. S. District Court and Arguments Begun.

The taking of testimony in the suit of Oliver Durant against Charles E. Tinsley, commissioner of revenue, E. L. Slaughter, treasurer of Culpeper county, Va., and C. Lee Moore, State auditor, in which Mr. Durant asks a permanent injunction to restrain the county authorities from collecting from him about \$85,000 alleged to be in back taxes, begun yesterday before Judge Edmund Waddill, in the United States Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, was concluded today, after which John S. Barbour, representing Culpeper, began his argument.

It is said that this is the first time in open court that witnesses have been heard under the equity rule. There is no jury, and the case will be decided by Judge Waddill.

## FOG IMPEDES NAVIGATION.

### Steamers Delayed And Trains Operated Cautiously.

A thick fog spread over this city and vicinity at an early hour this morning, rendering it impossible to discern objects half a square away. The steamer Newport News, from Norfolk for this port, ran into the Fog at Indian Head. She managed to reach her wharf in this city, but was compelled to lie here several hours before leaving for Washington. The operation of railway trains was also rendered difficult during most of the morning.

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

### A called meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held in the Lyceum Hall at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

### The officers of Osceola Tribe of Red Men were installed last night, after which there was a banquet at the Hotel Rammel.

## FIND JERSEY ELOPERS.

### J. M. Foster And His Pretty Stenographer Arrested in Mobile.

Pemberton, N. J., Jan. 9.—When it became known here yesterday that J. M. Foster, lately manager of the immense poultry farm at Brown's Mills-in-The-Pines, and Miss Delilah Bradley, his young stenographer, had been arrested in Mobile, there were deep mutterings against Foster and threats of treating him to tar and feathers if he should come back. The couple disappeared a few days before Christmas, Foster leaving a wife and two small children behind. Miss Bradley is a member of an estimable family, and all the residents here place the blame for her departure upon Foster. The man will find that he is in a serious predicament, as his arrest was made under the Mann White Slave act. Government agents having been placed on his trail and tracing him to Mobile. He is 45 years old, and the girl but 19.

## Muddled Passenger Leaps From Trestle to Creek.

Catawissa, Pa., Jan. 9.—Naked and leaning against a Pennsylvania railroad telegraph pole, with his saturated and frozen clothes at his feet, young Stephen Gracichak, of Cleveland, was found Wednesday night, almost unconscious from exposure. He said he had been enroute to visit a brother at Edwardsville, near Wilkesbarre, but at South Danville, 10 miles below where he was found, he had been put off the train, because he could not make the conductor understand that he wished to pay cash and had no ticket. Bewildered and friendless, he started to walk, and was on a trestle when a train came along, when he sprang into Catawissa Creek, a sheer leap of 35 feet, and when he crawled out, stripped off his wet clothes, thinking to get warm. His clothing was of good quality. He had a considerable sum of money and carried a gold watch.

## John Lind as Senate Candidate.

### Minnesota Democrats are booming John Lind as a candidate for the U. S. Senate. Mr. Lind has not yet said he would run, and National Committeeman Fred B. Lynch does not believe he will do so. Senator Clapp will be a candidate for re-election.

## "Cy" Cummings Married.

Andrew Jackson Cummings, better known as "Cy" Cummings, former Georgetown football player, member of the Maryland legislature, and Miss Zolpha L. Contner, well known in this city, were married in Rockville late Thursday afternoon. They will live in Annapolis until the close of the present legislative session. They left for a honeymoon trip through the South.

## Plans \$1,000,000 Sea Wall.

Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 9.—A concrete sea wall costing \$1,000,000 is to be erected here to hold back the waters and protect this section of the coast from the repetition of the damages amounting to \$500,000 as a result of the storm last week, according to tentative plans of the city commissioners announced today. The wall will extend to the inlet of Longport.

## J. M. PTTIT, JR.

Stall No. 1, S. E. corner City Market. Has a complete stock of early Spring Vegetables, new Potatoes, Florida Tomatoes, Cymbalings, Green Peppers, French Endive, Spring Onions, Cauliflower, Lettuce, Mushrooms, etc. Apples, Oranges, Grape Fruit and fancy Malaga Grapes. He respectfully invites you to inspect his stock, or telephone him No. 719. Your order will receive prompt and personal attention.

## REBELS READY TO ATTACK OJINAGO

### Villa Announces Readiness to Lead Followers Into Besieged City.

## U. S. NAVY ON WATCH.

### Constitutionalist Has Joined Forces With Herrera, and Ortega, and Now Has 9,000 Men to Renew Siege.

Presido, Tex., Jan. 9.—Escorted by 2,500 troops under General Huerta, General Pancho Villa early today reached a point south of Ojinaga and effected a junction with the rebel army under General Ortega. He brought many wagon trains of provisions and ammunition, and half a dozen big guns.

Villa immediately took command of the besiegers and indicated he would order the attack on Ojinaga resumed before night. With his own and Huerta's troops and those under Ortega, Villa will have 9,000 soldiers. This should be sufficient to overwhelm the federal garrison now cooped in Ojinaga or awaiting in the trenches at the base of the hill on which the town is situated.

The presence of Villa inspired the army with renewed confidence, and some of the higher officers predicted that they would dine in Ojinaga Saturday night. Villa brought word that several wagon trains of ammunition are coming down the Rio Grande from Juarez, and should reach the rebel camp by Saturday.

Despite the overwhelmingly superior force of the enemy, the 4,000 federal defenders at Ojinaga are far from discouraged.

Their showing in the recent eight days' battle has given them new courage, and Gen. Pascual Orozco today declared that during the five-days' defense in better condition than ever. It will take more than 9,000 rebels to carry the works, said Orozco.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Within two weeks almost the entire naval and marine corps strength of the United States will be concentrated within striking distance of Mexico. Five of the biggest ships of the navy will be set forth from the yards on the Atlantic Coast Saturday morning and sail southward to Culebra. For a period of six weeks they will cruise about Porto Rico and Cuba, co-operating in maneuvers with a force of 2,000 mariners, or all marines available for such duty on the Atlantic coast. Within a few days, should they be needed, the ships and marines are to move to Mexico.

## AVIATOR SMASHES ROOF.

### Dive of 1,000 Feet Ends In Plunge Into Tile Factory.

Paris, Jan. 9.—Eugene Gilbert, the French aviator, narrowly escaped death or serious injury while flying over Paris yesterday, when he descended on a roof, through which his aeroplane broke and was wrecked. Gilbert was making a trial trip in a new army monoplane, carrying a heavy load with which he had ascended from the aerodrome at Issy-Les-Moulineux. He fled to Paris where he circled the Eiffel Tower at a height of 1,000 feet. He then shut off his motor in preparation for a glide to earth.

The aeroplane descended so rapidly that the aviator found he would be unable to avoid the buildings, and as he could not restrain his motor, he picked out the most promising landing place, the roof of the tile factory in the southwestern suburb of Grenelle.

## RELIEF HOOK AND LADDER.

Captain R. M. Latham has requested all active members of the Relief Hook and Ladder Company to appear at the truck house tonight in full uniform for annual inspection. The annual election of officers will take place also tonight, and after the meeting it is expected that a demonstration of the efficiency of the large ladders on the truck will be given on King street.