

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP OF TELEGRAPH LINES FAVORED

ANOTHER BATTLE TO BE FOUGHT SOON

In a Small Mexican Village on the Border Opposite Presidio, Texas.

JUAREZ, Dec. 10.—Events today indicate that Ojinaga, the small Mexican village on the border opposite Presidio, Tex., would be the scene of the next important move in the Mexican revolution.

HANS SCHMIOT

Sits Unmoved While Counsel Tells Jury about His Plans of Murder.

NEW YORK CITY, Dec. 10.—Hans Schmiot, once a priest, now a self-confessed murderer, sat unmoved today while counsel for the state told the jury that he had careful plans to kill Anna Amuller, cut up her body and throw the pieces into the Hudson river.

OPINIONS

Are Handed Down by the State Supreme Court in a Number of Cases.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 10.—Opinions have been handed down by the supreme court of appeals in the following cases:

Thomas and Moran vs. Traction Company, from Kanawha county. Reversed. New trial awarded.

Dillon vs. Suburban Land Company, from Cabell county. Judgment reversed. New trial awarded.

Resener vs. Watts Ritter and Company, from Cabell county. Judgment reversed. Motion overruled; judgment here.

Wallace vs. Railway Company, from Cabell county. Affirmed.

Mitchell et al vs. Davis, from Lincoln county. Affirmed.

Douthat et al vs. Roberts, from Cabell county. Affirmed in part; reversed in part.

McCleavy vs. Knight, from Cabell county. Affirmed.

FINED FIVE DOLLARS.

George DeLowe has confessed in criminal court to a misdemeanor and been fined \$5 and costs.

AMERICANS WILL GO ABOARD BOATS

GOVERNOR TENER

Of Pennsylvania is Formally Inaugurated National Baseball President.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Governor John K. Tener of Pennsylvania, was formally inaugurated president of the National League of baseball clubs at a meeting of the club owners this afternoon. In his inaugural address President Tener announced that he would work unceasingly to place baseball on a higher plane if possible than it is today, asked for and said he expected to receive the co-operation of the club owners and added that instead of announcing his policies now he would attempt to do so by the progress of his work.

BIG FIRE.

MARTINSBURG, Dec. 10.—Fire at midnight broke out in the big John W. Bishop grain elevator here and did damage to the amount of \$20,000. Fifteen thousand bushels of cleaned wheat was ruined by fire and water. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

MAN ACQUITTED.

In the criminal court Wednesday Judge James W. Robinson directed a verdict of acquittal in the case of "Christmas," charged with a felonious assault on Joe Bonnell some time ago. The evidence of state witnesses showed that "Christmas" acted in self-defense.

CERTIFICATE GRANTED.

The county court Wednesday granted Robert A. Lear a certificate upon which to obtain a notary public commission from the governor.

By President Wilson Who Also Favors That of the Telephone Lines Too.

BURLESON TO EXPLAIN

Position of the President on This in His First Annual Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Government ownership of telegraph and telephone lines throughout the country is being seriously considered by President Wilson. Conference between the president and Postmaster General Burleson have led to a gathering of information about the practical workings of government ownership in those nations where such a system is in operation. The situation will be discussed in the postmaster general's annual report soon to be made though it is by no means assured he will make any positive recommendations.

BRYAN BOOST

For President is Indulged in by the Ohio State Grange at Lima.

LIMA, O., Dec. 10.—A boost for William Jennings Bryan for president in 1916 was started last night at the meeting of the Ohio state Grange and was endorsed by the 600 delegates present. A sensation was sprung when State Grange Secretary Freeman, of Tippacanoe City, O., offered resolutions condemning Secretary of Agriculture Houston for his failure to receive and address the Ohio corn boys on their visit to Washington. The resolution read that "the shock to the National Grange when President Wilson appointed Houston to his present position."

GAUGES

Of Some Oil Wells in This County Show Them to Be Good Producers.

In Sardis district, this county, the Hope Natural Gas Company's No. 2 on the H. M. Garrett farm is holding up at 110 barrels. The Big Elk Oil Company's No. 1 on the Alva Robinson farm is producing 120 barrels, and Grove and Parrish's No. 1 on the K. W. Ogden farm seventy-five barrels.

On Big Elk creek, Sardis district, the Barnes Run Oil and Gas Company is due in the sand at a test on the J. R. Wallace farm. The West Virginia Oil Company is starting a test on the Thomas Dye farm. The South Penn Oil Company will be due to get the sand this week at a second test on the S. M. Stewart farm.

INSTITUTE

Closes in the City of Charleston with Election of Its Officers.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 10.—The twelfth semi-annual meeting of the West Virginia Coal Mining Institute closed a two days' session last night with a banquet. The executive board will decide upon the place of holding the June meeting. The following officers were re-elected: President, Nell Robinson; Charleston; vice presidents, George T. Watson, Fairmont; John Laing, Charleston; R. S. Ord, Mayberry; J. E. Healy, Elkins; J. C. McKinley, Wheeling; secretary-treasurer, E. N. Zern, Morgantown; executive board, Lee Ott, Charleston; Clement Ross Jones, Morgantown; Daniel Howard, Clarksburg; J. J. Lincoln, Elkins; J. B. Hanford, Morgantown; and Frank Haas, Fairmont.

SENTENCED TO ROAD WORK.

C. R. Haney, of Bristol, was sentenced to work for twelve days and George Hurst, of Sardis, for six days on the county roads Wednesday in Justice T. G. Niewarner's court in default of paying fines for being drunk at the Baltimore and Ohio railroad station. They were arrested and prosecuted by Captain J. A. Campbell, of the railroad police force.

LEAGUE MEETS.

The Clarksburg Business Men's League held its regular meeting Tuesday at its office, 210 Goff building. Much business was transacted and many subjects were discussed to the interest of Clarksburg. The league adjourned until the next regular meeting which falls on the first Tuesday in March.

MINE PAY DAY.

Saturday the various coal companies in this district will observe pay day. The pay will be for work done during three weeks and it will be of more than the usual size.

SMITH ON TRIAL.

Henry Smith, colored, was on trial in the criminal court Wednesday afternoon, charged with feloniously stealing a watch.

At the White House Disappears But No One Seems to Know in What Way.

MINT BED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—What has become of the historic White House mint bed? No one seems to know nor who gave the order that led to its disappearance. Andrew Jackson is said to have planted it and no president since that time has touched it except to pull the richly flavored twigs and leaves from the branches of the plants. During all the changes in the White House it has survived but the place where it grew is covered with fresh earth and there is not a twig or root of it in existence.

SPECIAL MESSAGE

Will Be Sent to Congress by the President on Trust Legislation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10.—President Wilson's trust legislation program was discussed today at a conference at the White House between the president and Chairman Clayton, of the House Judiciary committee, and several of its members. The committee already has begun hearings on a number of bills and the president will later send to Congress a special message on the subject. Today's conference was intended to be an informal discussion for a development of views.

PEACE PRIZES

Are Awarded to Senator Root of New York and to a Brussels Senator.

CHRISTIANA, Norway, Dec. 10.—The noble peace prize for 1912 was conferred today on Senator Root of New York, and that for 1913 on Senator LaFontaine, of Brussels, Belgium, who was formerly president of the permanent international bureau of Berne, Switzerland.

INJURIES PROVE FATAL

Richard Smith Passes on in Hospital after Suffering from Injuries.

Richard Smith, aged 63 years, track foreman for the Corona Coal Company at its Northview mine died at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening in a local hospital from injuries received at 9:30 o'clock the same morning when he and three fellow workmen were caught under a fall of top coal.

MINIMUM SCALE

Of Wages of Women Employed in Industrial Occupations in Oregon.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 10.—A ruling made by the state welfare commission last night effective in sixty days prescribed a minimum scale of \$8.25 a week for all women employed in industrial occupations in the state of Oregon and fixes fifty-four hours as the maximum they may be employed in any one week. The time of employment before a woman shall be considered an experienced worker and entitled to the minimum wage is fixed at one year and the wage for the apprenticeship period is fixed at \$6 a week.

HOSPITAL BURNED

At the Town of Burnsville and Residences There Are Damaged by the Blaze.

BURNSVILLE, Dec. 10.—A very destructive fire visited Burnsville last evening, breaking out in the Leech hospital at 8:30 o'clock. The hospital was destroyed, also the residence of John W. Davis, a traveling salesman. The homes of the cashier of the Burnsville grocery were damaged by the fire.

Late last night the flames were gotten under control. The loss to the hospital and the Davis residence will reach about \$10,000.

Mr. Woodruff, a local jeweler, in making an effort to save some of the household belongings in the burning building, had a hard fall and sustained a broken arm and probably internal injuries.

RECORD PRICE

Is Paid for An Orchard in This State by a Virginia Fruit Grower.

CHARLES TOWN, Dec. 10.—The highest price paid to be paid for orchard land in this section was paid by a Frederick county, Va., fruit grower for an orchard of four-acre which was sold last week. The price was \$75 an acre. While there was a failure of the apple crop in this section this year, the prices obtained have been extremely high, and practically all of the apples are now in cold storage and will be shipped out this month to the city dealers, most of them going to the large southern cities and towns.

ONE MARRIAGE LICENSE.

One marriage license was issued Wednesday at the county clerk's office. It was granted to Pasquale Collo and Micolino Scollino.

POLITICS POINTING TO NEXT CAMPAIGN

With West Virginia Congressmen Grooming Themselves for the Next Race.

[By Charles Brooks Smith.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Every political preparation looks to the congressional campaign of next year. The leaders of all parties are astir. The Congressional Record of this section will be worth reading, as from day to day the party leaders in Congress lay the foundation in it for the struggle next year. Both Senate and House are at stake. The Democrats will work with might and main to hold both branches for their own, while the Republicans will put forth their efforts to the utmost to wrest Congress from their victorious adversaries. Both sides are confident.

SCANTY ATTIRE

Only Have Forty School Girls Hurried into Street Because of Fire.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 10.—Forty girl pupils at a fashionable boarding school in the east side section of the city were hurried in scanty attire to the street when fire was discovered early today in a new and unoccupied addition to the school. Although the girls, who are from 16 to 18 years old, were badly frightened there was no serious panic and no one was hurt. The blaze was confined to the section of the building where it originated with a loss of \$5,000. About twenty rooms were damaged by smoke and water. School sessions were held today as usual.

HOME FROM COAST.

Attorney J. E. Law, of this city, and Ernest Randolph, of Salem, arrived home Tuesday night from the Pacific coast. They went to Nevada on a professional trip and then to Los Angeles, San Francisco, Sacramento and other places.

NEALE IS CAPTAIN.

BUCKHANNON, Dec. 10.—At the annual banquet of the West Virginia Wesleyan football team last night, Earle Neale, of Parkersburg, and for the last two seasons a member, was elected captain for the 1914 season.

MRS. ROBBER QUALIFIES.

Mrs. Clara M. Robby qualified before the county court Wednesday as administratrix of Asbury S. Robby's estate with Thomas J. Parrish surety in bond of \$500. J. W. Agnew, T. H. Williams and A. J. Findley were named as appraisers of the estate.

REBELS THREATEN AN EARLY ATTACK

On the City of Tampico, Mex., with a Force That is Overwhelming.

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 10.—An overwhelming force of rebels threatens to attack Tampico at any moment according to advices received by wireless this morning from Clarence Miller, American consul there. A messenger from General Villareal, the rebel commander, reached the American commander in Tampico last night with the information that 4,000 rebels commanded by General Villareal and Castro, were approaching the city.

The rebel advance guard, it was said, was at Puerite, nine miles from Tampico. General Villareal declared his intention of assaulting the city with the least possible delay. He said he had given his followers strict orders to refrain as far as possible from the destruction of property and to protect the lives of foreigners, but he feared they would be gravely imperiled in the attack on the city and the consequent fighting in the streets. For this reason he earnestly requests the American authorities to take immediate steps to remove all foreign residents from the place.

WATER FAMINE

In Sections of City of Cincinnati, O., is Now a Matter of History.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 10.—Repairs on the sixty-inch water main on Eastern avenue, which broke last Saturday and caused a serious water shortage in this city, were completed early today. A water was immediately turned into the main and it was stated by the city officials that a normal supply would be available before night. Some of the schools remained closed today.

OFFICER HOWE OFF DUTY.

George Howe, of the police force, is off duty this week suffering from blood poisoning. While helping to put a sick woman on a train at the local station several days ago he injured his hand and blood poisoning set in and his hand is very sore.

GILL FOUND GUILTY.

Richard Gill, tried in the criminal court on a charge of horse theft, was found guilty by jury, but the clemency of the court was recommended. A motion for a new trial was made.

NATIONAL LAW FOR PROHIBITION

Is Demanded by 2,000 Men and Women Who Gather in the City of Washington.

AND MARCHED TO CAPITOL

Anti-Saloon League and Woman's Christian Temperance Union Forces.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10.—Under the dome of the capitol, 2,000 men and women representing the Anti-Saloon League of America and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, assembled today for a demonstration against the liquor traffic in two plinths the men and women marched to the east front of the capitol. Each bore petitions demanding national prohibition by constitutional amendment. On the steps of the capitol the petitions were received by Representative Hobson, of Alabama, author of such a proposed amendment, and Senator Sheppard, of Texas.

The legislators also received from a special committee of the anti-liquor forces a copy of another resolution suggesting to forever prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors except for sacramental purposes.

In their march to the capitol the forces were led by Brigadier General Dagget, Mrs. Lillian Stevens, of Maine, president general of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, marshaled the women who waved banners as they paraded down Pennsylvania Avenue.

Following the presentation of petitions, which were filed in the Senate and House, prohibition speeches were made. On the speakers' program were Ernest Cherrington, of Westville, O.; former Governor Patterson, of Tennessee; Mrs. Ella Boole, of Brooklyn, president of the New York Woman's Christian Temperance Union; and Mrs. Mary Armer, of Georgia.

ATTEND CONVENTION

University Man and the State Road Engineer Are There to Learn Things.

MORGANTOWN, Dec. 10.—Professor Russell L. Morris and State Road Engineer A. D. Williams are in Philadelphia where they will attend the fourth annual Good Roads Congress which is being held in that city. Prof. Morris went as a representative of the university and Mr. Williams is especially interested in the discussion of the topic "Details of Arrangements for the Use of Convict Labor," which will be discussed by men of national reputation. Mr. Williams and Prof. Morris expect to return Saturday by way of Pittsburgh spending Saturday in that city.

BOYS ESCAPE

From the Industrial School at Pruntytown When Last Seen Were Coming This Way.

The local police were this afternoon in receipt of telephone communication from the officials of the Industrial school at Pruntytown, stating that two boys had escaped from the school this morning and when last seen were headed in this direction. The names of the boys were not given but they were described as being 15 and 16 years of age and both were wearing uniforms at the time of their escape. One of the boys was said to stutter badly, while the other was described as wearing a smile on his face most of the time. The police are on the watchout for two boys answering the description.

POULTRY CLUBS

Are Being Organized at the Instance of Department of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—How the department of agriculture is fighting the high price of eggs was told a House committee today by Dr. Romel, chief of the animal industry division. While the department is experimenting to increase the egg laying capacity of the American hen, boys and girls poultry clubs are being organized throughout the states to foster poultry breeding and egg production.