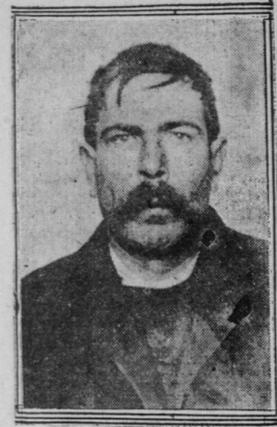


PRESIDENT OF UNION KILLED IN STRIKE ROW

Pitched Battle Between Rival Workmen at Iron Works Ends Fatally

Labor Official's Slayer Says He Was Beaten by Victim and Shot in Self-Defense

Aguitin Aravalo, Who Shot and Killed Domingo Navarro



FARM PRODUCTION TOLD IN BILLIONS

Corn Is King, as Value Exceeds That of Any Other American Grown Crop

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Nothing short of omniscience can grasp the value of the farm products of this year, is the statement of the secretary of agriculture in his annual report for 1910, published today. At no time in the world's history has a country produced farm products within one year with a value reaching \$8,926,000,000, which is the value of the agricultural products of this country for 1910. The corn crop of 3,121,381,000 bushels exceeds that of the record year 1906 and is greater than the average crop of the preceding five years by 14 per cent. While the value of this corn crop is below that of 1909 and also of 1908, its amount is \$1,500,000,000. The cotton crop may be worth in lint and seed \$900,000,000 at the farm. The value of the hay crop is about \$720,000,000. The production of spring and winter wheat is 691,767,000 bushels, valued at \$625,000,000. The fifth crop in point of value is oats, the value of which is \$380,000,000, and the volume of which will exceed 1,000,000,000 bushels. The year's potato crop is 328,787,000 bushels. Other crops are valued by the secretary as follows: beet/sugar, \$51,000,000; cane sugar, \$28,000,000; tobacco, \$25,000,000; barley, \$97,000,000; flax seed, \$33,000,000; rye, \$23,000,000; rice, \$18,000,000. The farmer receives hardly more than half of the consumer's price in the case of poultry; 69 per cent in the case of eggs; cabbage 48 per cent when bought by the head and 65 per cent when bought by the pound; celery, 60 per cent when bought by the bunch. The California ground squirrel is costing the country millions of dollars because of its destruction of grain, fruits and nuts, and its tunneling in irrigation bankments. In May, 1910, it caused a break in the Turlock canal in Stanislaus county, which cost \$25,000 to repair, in addition to the loss of the use of the water, estimated at over \$500,000. The most effective means of destroying the ground squirrels has been found to be whole barley coated with a starch solution holding strychnine in suspension.

TRIAL TO BE HARD FIGHT

The trial of Aravalo on the murder charge promises to be bitterly fought, as the members of the scalers' union, to which the dead man belonged, will furnish funds to conduct a special prosecution, while the labor contractors for whom the accused murderer worked are determined to defend the man to the end, to prove that he acted in self-defense and that the shooting was justifiable. Navarro was a man about 35 years of age and lived with his wife at 31 Bauman street. He had no children. Little is known of Aravalo, who is a Porto Rican and does not speak English, having been in the United States but a short time.

JUDICIAL OFFICES WORRY PRESIDENT

Taft Faces Problem in Filling Vacancies in Supreme Court

Regular and Insurgent Republicans Differ as to Qualifications of Judgeships

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—President Taft is reported by persons who profess to know something of his views to be disappointed and somewhat chagrined over the situation that has arisen in connection with the pending supreme court appointments.

The president's consultations with the regular and "insurgent" republicans and with the democrats of the senate have developed a difference of opinion among the members of the upper house which promises to make the president's already difficult task a much harder one. The president has consulted as many senators as possible in order to be sure that the nominations he makes will be acceptable to the confirming body.

The "insurgent" senators, it is said, are insisting that the new judges shall be men of sufficiently advanced ideas to decide questions of the day along broad lines and not be bound by mere legal technicalities. The regular republicans, on the other hand, are not willing that these theories as to judgment qualifications shall be the determining factor as to the fitness of candidates.

Tariff Talk Begins

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Invoking the rules of the senate, Senator Hale today forced a delay of at least 24 hours in the introduction of Senator Cummins' resolution regulating the consideration of tariff legislation and providing that when an amendment to any schedule of the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill is under consideration, no amendment relating to any other schedule shall be in order.

The first effort made in the present session of the house to have a change made in the tariff law was by the introduction today by Representative Sulzer of New York of a bill "to repeal the duty on meats and cattle."

Rivers and Harbors

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The rivers and harbors appropriation bill probably will be put in final shape tomorrow. The bill, carrying approximately \$22,000,000 of cash funds and \$5,000,000 in continuing contracts in addition to the \$7,500,000 likely to be included in the sundry civil appropriation bill, probably will be reported to the house Friday.

Treaty Approved

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The senate committee on foreign relations voted today to recommend to the senate the approval of the treaty between the United States and Mexico, by which the dispute over the Chamizal zone at El Paso, Texas, will be submitted to arbitration.

INDICTED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT—San Diego, Dec. 7.—Daniel North, former deputy sheriff and assistant assessor of Esmeralda county, Nev., voluntarily left San Diego this morning in company with an officer, for Nevada to answer an indictment charging him with the embezzlement of \$400 of public funds. He denies his guilt.

LASS TRAVELS 6,000 MILES TO ALTAR

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

FRESNO, Dec. 7.—A. E. W. Purchas, superintending engineer of the California oil fields limited at Coalinga, arrived in Fresno today and met Miss Ethel Horsfall of London, Eng., who has just completed the 6,000 mile journey from her home to become the bride of the Coalinga engineer. The couple will be married tomorrow.

WHIST TO BE PLAYED—Squidra parlor of the Native Sons will entertain Tuesday night with a progressive whist party in the Swedish-American hall.

SHIPMENT OF FINE ORANGES TO EAST

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

RIVERSIDE, Dec. 7.—The first car of oranges ever shipped from below sea level went east tonight from Riverside. The fruit was grown at Mecca, 200 feet below sea level, on the Oasis ranch. There are 80 acres of navels in the groves. The fruit is finely colored, and fully six weeks more advanced than the Riverside navels. It is shipped under the Oasis brand, and will be especially advertised for the Christmas trade in New York.

MEXICO RETURNS COIN GIVEN AS BAIL

GUADALAJARA, Mex., Dec. 7.—The case of James A. Cook, the American railroad conductor accused of complicity in freight car robberies on the Guadalajara division of the National railways has been finally closed by the return of the cash bond of 4,000 pesos under which Cook was released from the state penitentiary February 22 last. The money was originally provided by local members of the order of railway conductors.

AGED WRITER DIES IN FLAMES OF HOME

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Mrs. L. H. Jenkins, a writer, 72 years old, was burned to death, and her daughter, Miss Eva Jenkins, aged 40, narrowly escaped the same fate today when fire partly destroyed the boarding house of Caleb S. Thompson in Montgomery street.

S. F. SUE FOR LAND—El Paso, Tex., Dec. 7. Suit has been filed against the Southern Pacific railway here to recover 23 acres of land in the heart of the city, valued at \$1,000,000. Suit was brought at the instance of the Hague and Hills estates and W. W. Mills, a resident.

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GOOD SIR! What could be more appropriate, what will be more appreciated by your fair lady than a really good FUR-LINED COAT such as we sell? Doubtless you are meditating what form your Christmas gift to her shall take. Could ANY gift be better than the one we suggest? You would be able to give her a far more handsome coat than she has ever anticipated because we have made great price reductions—the purchasing power of your dollars is vastly increased in our Ladies' FUR-LINED COAT Department—almost doubled.

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What shall it be? Something in silk—\$10 will buy for him two handsome Sleeping Robes in fine silk, or two suits of Silk Pajamas. Exquisite Silk Scarfs, from the most celebrated French and English looms, make excellent gifts for men; they are priced from \$1.50 to \$4. Our men's Silk Hose at prices ranging from 50c to \$7.50 always give unbounded satisfaction.

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KNITTED SILK REEFERS for men, in gray, pearl or white, make dainty gifts. They are priced FROM \$3.50.

SILK DRESS MUFFLERS always give great pleasure as a man's gift, PRICED FROM \$1.50.

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A "MARK CROSS" Dressing Case fitted complete makes a choice gift.

OTHER LEATHER GIFTS are Necktie Cases at \$6.50; Glove, Tie and Handkerchief Cases at \$5.50; Shirt Cases at \$14.50; Collar, Boxes at \$1.25; Necktie Hangers at \$1.75; Travel Slippers in Leather Case at \$3.50; Address Books at 65c.

OUR TWO-TONE Smoking Jackets are always popular with the men. This year they are better value than ever, and a far greater range of choice. Our special at \$4.95 is most attractive.

BUY HIM one of our Eiderdown Robes at the same time.

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WE HAVE A SPLENDID ASSORTMENT OF CHOICE AND USEFUL GIFTS FOR CHILDREN, IN HANDSOMELY EMBOSSED CHRISTMAS GIFT BOXES. WE MENTION A FEW, BUT THERE ARE MANY OTHERS.

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COLORED BORDER Handkerchiefs for children. Set of six, in very dainty box, for 50c.

INITIAL Handkerchiefs, white, of superior quality, initials daintily worked, four handkerchiefs in a box, 50c.

BOYS' SUSPENDERS of extra quality and dressy appearance, in very dainty gift box, for 50c.

"EVERWEAR" Hosiery, children's sizes. SIX pairs guaranteed for SIX months, packed in Christmas box, \$2.

FOR A SHAVER

WE SUGGEST one of our imported un-tarnishable Shaving Stands, with plain or magnifying Mirror, fitted complete with holders for razors, brush, etc. PRICES FROM \$2.50.

FOR AN AUTOMOBILE

ONE OF OUR very handsome Auto Rugs for landaulet or limousine at prices starting from \$5. Or, one of our perfectly equipped Lunch Baskets, of which we can give you a marvelous selection at all prices.

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WE HAVE a magnificent stock of very handsome and very durable Gift Umbrellas. Every one of these most excellent Umbrellas was specially selected for our Gift Trade. The leading lines are priced at \$5, \$6, \$7.50 and \$10. We are exclusive agents for the celebrated "MARTIN" Umbrella, of London, Eng.

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\$200.00 Gowns	Now \$100.00	\$85.00 Tailored Suits	Now \$42.50
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\$50.00 Dresses	Now \$25.00	\$50.00 Tailored Suits	Now \$25.00
\$75.00 Evening Coats	Now \$37.50	\$45.00 Tailored Suits	Now \$22.50
\$45.00 Evening Coats	Now \$22.50	\$35.00 Street Coats	Now \$17.50

Alterations Charged for If Necessary

No Goods Charged or Sent on Approval or Exchanged During This Sale

Come Early