

FRITCH TRIAL IS POSTPONED

Case Against Detroit Physician Goes Over Until Sometime in April

JUDGE PHELAN TAKES ACTION

Court Says It Isn't Right to Tie a Jury Out Over the Holidays—Much Interest in Case Involving Death of Girl.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 12.—The trial of Dr. George A. Fritch, for manslaughter in connection with the death of Mabel Millman, will not begin tomorrow, as contemplated, but goes over until sometime in April. Judge Phelan said it was not right to tie a jury out over the holidays.

No criminal in high has stirred Detroit to such a high pitch of interest as Dr. George A. Fritch, who faces a charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of Miss Maybelle Millman, the Ann Arbor girl whose body was fished from Ecorse creek last October.

On the morning of Sept. 7 last the body of the Millman girl was found sewed in a sack floating in Ecorse creek. The following day the head of the victim was found about ten yards up stream from the place where the body had been found. The head was sewed in the same kind of a burlap sack as the one containing the trunk. Several days elapsed before the remains were finally identified by Miss Martha Henning as those of her former schoolmate and chum, Maybelle Millman of Ann Arbor. The scene of the investigation was then shifted from Detroit to the university city where the Millman girl had lived with her widowed mother.

The police found that on August 14 the girl had left her home, telling her mother that she was coming to Detroit to visit her former schoolmate, Miss Henning. The latter, when questioned by the police admitted that she knew that Miss Millman had wished to undergo an illegal operation and had mentioned the name of Dr. Fritch.

Joseph W. Leach, a chauffeur, was taken into custody and according to his alleged confession he was the man who assisted Dr. Fritch in conveying the remains of the dead girl from the physician's office to the spot where they were subsequently discovered. In a signed statement he declared that Fritch called him to his office about 9 o'clock the night the Millman girl disappeared, and related in detail how he was shown three sacks and asked to indicate a place where there was a deep body of water into which they might be thrown with no danger of their being found.

Dr. Fritch, according to Leach's confession, fearing that the contents of the bags might permit them to float and so be discovered, went to his home and obtained an armful of bricks, which he thrust into the bags to their capacity. The bricks were found to contain the same manufacturer's marks as other bricks that were found on Dr. Fritch's premises when he was arrested.

Based on the evidence at hand the police formed the theory that Dr. Fritch had performed an illegal operation upon the girl and that it had proved fatal, either as its direct effect or through the administration of an anesthetic.

PAINESDALE MAN BIT BY TRAIN; NARROW ESCAPE

Henry Holopka of Painesdale had a narrow escape from death at noon today by being struck by a Copper Range passenger train at the South Range depot. Holopka, in a cutter, was driving into South Range at the time of the accident. The train from Trimmont was just pulling in when Holopka was noticed coming towards the track and the flagman and others motioned him to stay back. He urged his horse, however, and tried to get across, with the result that the engine hit the cutter. Had it not been for the fact that the train was nearly at a stop at the time the man undoubtedly would have been killed. The cutter was smashed and Holopka, who was caught by the cowcatcher, was thrown to the other side of the track. He was picked up and carried into the depot where Dr. Whitten of Baltic, who was called, dressed his injuries. Beyond a few cuts on his face and head, and a bad shaking up, Holopka apparently was all right.

DENVER KNIGHTS BUSY.

Knights of Columbus Dedicate New Building With Big Ceremony. Denver, Colo., Dec. 12.—Supreme Knight James A. Flaherty of Philadelphia has arrived in Denver to officiate at the dedication of the new Knights of Columbus building in this city. The ceremonies incident to the dedication will extend through the greater part of the week and will include addresses by Bishop N. C. Matz and others of prominence.

BOXING BOUT POSTPONED.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 12.—The ten-round bout scheduled to take place between Frank Picato and Ad Wolgast in this city tomorrow has been postponed until December 31. Picato's manager asked for a postponement, asserting Picato is suffering from la grippe. He forfeited \$200, which he put up to insure Picato's appearance.

TAFT APPOINTMENTS.

Washington, Dec. 12.—President Taft has sent the name of George H. Carpenter, of Chicago, as district judge to succeed the late Judge Bethen, to the senate. The name of Judge Horace H. Lurton of Nashville, for supreme court judge, succeeding the late Justice Peckham, has also been sent to the senate.

WILL SPEAK AT JUBILEE.

President Taft Will Be One of Principal Speakers at Rally.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—President Taft went to New York today to fulfill his promise to speak on the "African Methodist Diamond Jubilee" rally, which takes place in Carnegie Hall tonight. The occasion marks the fiftieth anniversary of the beginning of organized missionary work in Africa, and in commemoration of which a fund of \$300,000 is being raised for the extension of the work. In addition to the President, the chief speakers at the Carnegie hall meeting are to be Bishop Joseph Hartzell, Methodist missionary bishop in Africa, and Bishop Isaiah B. Scott of Liberia.

SUGGESTS CITIZENSHIP FOR ISLAND RESIDENTS

Would Be Act of Justice for Porto Rico Inhabitants Declares Edwards.

PHILIPPINE COMMERCE GROWS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—Citizenship, without serious inconvenience to the individual, should be extended to those who desire it in Porto Rico, according to General Clarence R. Edwards, chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, in his annual report today to the Secretary of War.

Whether this be done by an act conferring in itself United States citizenship on the whole body of citizens of Porto Rico, or by an act enabling them by the performance individually of some simple preliminary acts to become American citizens, without delay, is a more matter of detail for Congress to work out, said General Edwards.

"It is hoped that the grant of citizenship may be regarded simply as an act of justice and performed in an open and unequivocal manner," concludes the Chief of the Bureau.

The commerce of the island shows on the whole a continuous and encouraging growth, it is pointed out in the report. The exports for the fiscal year just passed amounted in value to over \$20,000,000 and the imports to over \$25,000,000. The imports from the United States amounted to over \$23,000,000.

General Edwards comments at length upon the recent tariff legislation of the United States, whereby goods from the Philippines, except rice, may be shipped to the United States free of duty under certain limitations. "It is believed that the people of the Philippines have every reason to be content with the new tariff, and that there will result from them that prosperity in the islands which should be the result of their relation to the United States," says General Edwards.

"The net result so far has been to increase the price paid to the grower for his leaf tobacco ten per cent. The price received by the producer of sugar has increased twenty-five per cent. These are increases which may be attributed wholly to the true trade relations, fluctuations in the world's markets having been eliminated."

General Edwards says the rate up to date of the importation into the United States of Philippine cigars has been at the rate of about 75,000,000 per year, or one-half the limit for free admission. The effect on the American industry, he adds, of this importation may well be judged by the fact that these cigars may be found only with the greatest difficulty.

BOATS BRAVING GALES AND ICE

Twenty-Five Vessels on the Last Trip Now, Which Will End Navigation.

NINE BODIES ARR PICKED UP

Remains of Twenty-Nine Others of Car Ferry Marquette and Bessemer No. 2 Not Yet Found—Heroism of Victims.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 12.—With twenty-five vessels today braving the gales and ice of the great lakes, nearly all upon their last trip, the shipping season of 1909 is practically at an end. It is believed that within 24 hours the lakes will be cleared of boats and that the end of wreck and loss of life is at hand.

Only one boat is now known to be in peril and that is the car ferry Ashabula, which is on a sand bar at the entrance of the harbor at Port Burwell, Canada, but the crew is not in danger. Somewhere upon Lake Erie, nearly fifty bodies of sailors are floating. Of fifty-nine drowned last week only nine have been found.

Nine Bodies are Recovered. Erie, Pa., Dec. 12.—A gale is blowing over Lake Erie today, the storm having reached such proportions that it was impossible for Captain Driscoll, who yesterday picked up nine bodies from an open yawl boat of those lost from the ill-fated car ferry Marquette and Bessemer No. 2, to start in search for the other twenty-three men.

Believed to have perished in the terrible storm that swept the lake region Tuesday. The bodies of those found will be sent to their homes in Connecticut and at the moment the storm subsides the search for other missing sailors will be resumed.

Self Sacrifice and Heroism. A story of self-sacrifice and simple heroism was told in the attitude of some of the bodies of the nine men picked up yesterday. Manuel Sours, the smallest man in the yawl, was without a life preserver. Little Sours, the weakest, probably succumbed first to the bitter cold and had crawled partly beneath the seats. Four other men had lain down in the bottom of the boat over his legs and lower part of his body, apparently to lend a portion of the fast falling warmth of their bodies to preserve the lad. The heads of Harry Thomas and O'Hagan were badly bruised and clogged with blood. They were sitting upright in the bottom and the fury of the waves dashed the corpses this way and that, battering their heads against the sides. The life boat found was No. 4, which Captain Driscoll says, would be the last launched. There were four life boats on the car ferry and they would be launched in rotation according to their numbers.

Six More Victims. It became known today that thirty-eight persons, instead of thirty-two left Conneaut last Thursday morning aboard the car ferry Marquette and Bessemer No. 2, which met disaster. Only nine of this number, all frozen, have been picked up. The fate of the remaining twenty-nine is not definitely known, but there is little doubt all perished.

BRINGS HER GOOD LUCK. Billiken, After All, Will Prove a Benefit to Its Creator.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 12.—Pretty Florence Pretz, creator of Billiken, "God-of-Things-as-They-Ought-to-be" little dreams that the idol she banished from her modest home at Kansas City because he proved an ungrateful wretch to his maker, meanwhile bringing luck to scores of thousands of worshippers at his shrine, has a pleasant surprise in store for her. The ridiculous, grinning fetish will bring recognition of a substantial kind for her, if the movement to be launched in Spokane is as successful as its promoters expect it to be.

Arthur W. Jones, secretary of the One Hundred and Fifty Thousand club of Spokane, which will disband and be re-organized as the Quarter Million club on the evening of January 13 is planning a small assessment on the 3,000 members of the organization, also 1,000 candidates to be initiated that night, as a nucleus of a Billiken fund. A committee of 250 will then make a canvass of the homes and offices of lumbermen, mine operators, railroad builders, bonanza wheat ranchers, apple growers, land owners and others to levy an assessment of not more than nine cents for every clay idol found on the premises.

"We expect to raise not less than \$1,000 before the close of the campaign," said Mr. Jones in outlining the plan. "And every penny of it will be forwarded to Miss Pretz, in the event she desires to resume her art studies. The brave girl belongs to us as much as if she were a native daughter of 'The City Beautiful,' and we hope to be able to change her keen disappointment over losing control of her creation to a joyful realization of things as they should be, and prove that after all, Billiken, now repudiated, is indeed her god of good fortune."

HOPKINS GETS OVER 4 YEARS

Convicted Former Broker Sentenced to Leavenworth and Also Fined.

ALLEGED ROBBERS CAPTURED

Quartette Under Arrest in Illinois Town for Blowing Up Safe at Iola—Body of Girl Found in Well on Ohio Farm.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Wallace H. Hopkins, former broker, convicted of using the mails to defraud, was sentenced here today in the federal district court to four years and three months in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kas., and to pay a fine of \$1,500. It is alleged Hopkins got \$500,000 from customers.

Four Alleged Robbers Captured. Flora, Ill., Dec. 12.—Three men are under arrest here, and one at Xenia, Ill., as the result of safe blowing at Iola, Ill. Saturday night, and the subsequent pursuit of the robbers by citizens, aided by bloodhounds.

The Xenia prisoner resisted arrest and was shot and dangerously wounded. The town was aroused by a telephone operator who heard the explosion and pursuit was immediate. Three robbers were caught here. The fourth later was overtaken at Xenia, and after a brief fight taken to jail.

Beaten Woman Dies. Savannah, Ga., Dec. 12.—Mrs. Maggie Hunter, who was beaten and left for dead at the same time that Mrs. Eliza Gribble and Mrs. Carrie Ohlander were murdered here last Friday, died today. J. C. Hunter, her husband, whom she accused in an incoherent statement last Saturday of having assaulted her, is being held by the police.

Body of Girl is Found. Sandusky, O., Dec. 12.—The body of an eight-year-old girl was found in an abandoned well on the farm of J. P. Harrington near Sandusky today. It is thought the girl may have been a member of a band of gypsies encamped near the Harrington farm last summer. The coroner is investigating.

CORPORATIONS REQUIRED TO MAKE HONEST RETURNS

Secretary of Treasury MacVeigh Issues Comprehensive Statement on Law.

WILL PROSECUTE EVASIONS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—More than 400,000 corporations in the United States will have to make their returns in conformance with the new corporation tax. Secretary of the Treasury MacVeigh has issued a very comprehensive statement for the government of those corporation officials.

The statement is calculated to cover any questions of classification and distinction which might arise in the making of the reports and it sets forth in terse language what the government expects. Secretary MacVeigh's statement plainly begins with the statement that the government expects returns to be made to conform with the intent of the law and that the law had two intents—First that it should be a revenue producer for the government and second to levy a tax of one per cent on the net income of corporations as provided in the law. After a concise definition of what is considered net income with the law the statement says: "It is clear that the purpose of the law was not to put a tax on receipts, but a tax on profits and that the terms 'net income' and 'gross income' are used because while they are practically identical with gross profits and net profits, they are yet more embracing and consequently permit a more comprehensive administration of the law."

For convenience and facility in classification, corporations have been divided into six classes. They are: Insurance companies, mercantile companies and miscellaneous corporations. The statement makes detailed explanations of what can be considered gross income, net income, and defines what other terms used in the statements are held to be within the law. Inaccuracy is expected in some of the returns, the statement says, and it is expected they will be from two causes. The first is honest error and the second is intent to defraud the government. Honest errors will be corrected, but any attempts at fraud will be met with vigorous prosecution.

The regulations do not call for specific methods of keeping accounts or any other particular method of book-keeping. The requirement is simply that the business transactions be so recorded that accurate returns can be made and verified when necessary.

Ell Jackola is expected back from Copper Harbor shortly, and will take a position in the office of his brother, Justice Jackola.

NAGEL SUBMITS ANNUAL REPORT

Interesting Data Bearing on the Habits of Seals is Given to Public.

BOUNDARY LINE ESTABLISHED

Shows Increase in Immigrant Population of United States of More Than 500,000—Foreign Commerce Shows Big Increase.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—About this time every year there comes from the government printing office a host of rather dry-looking documents—annual reports, setting forth the ramifications and results of the activities of hundreds of government officials in every corner of the national territory. Between the lines of the bare and often cumbrously written official statements lie stories which, if one had time to dig them out, would be as interesting as any of the famous tales of adventure.

Take, for instance, the report of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, Charles Nagel, addressed to the President and first made public tonight. The following paragraphs indicate the scope of the activities of this department, and some of the entertaining material with which it deals.

For example, who in the world east of the Rocky Mountains would have suspected that some seals are married and some are bachelors, and so recognized officially by Uncle Sam? Yet it seems that there are at least 2,000 "bachelor" seals on St. Paul's and St. George's island. Some two thousand of the seals there are bachelors of a polygamous temperament and have among them about 50,000 wives, classified by the government experts into "harems," and spoken of that way when they are officially talked about. It also appears that there are only 140,000 seals left, now on the Pribilof Islands, and the deduction must follow that at the rate of decrease in the last ten years, the seal will be a question of time when the seal will be a memory.

Off the coast of Florida, a series of experiments have proved that we can produce our own sponges. They have discovered that in 23 months a sponge can be coaxed to grow so big it will weigh an ounce and a quarter when it is empty.

Upon the coast of Alaska at Afognak there is a new salmon station which has liberated more than 3,000,000 young fish to the rivers, and during the year, all over the United States, the government deposited in various waters more than 3,000,000 fish. On the northern edge of the United States a band of explorers has cut its way through the forests to the peak of the Rocky Mountains, marking the boundary line of the United States with Canada. The old stone monuments, placed years ago and haphazardly buried in the tangle of mountain undergrowth, have been recovered and new ones set in their places. Wherever the line runs through wooded sections, a lane of clearing has been chopped up one side and down the other.

The bureau of immigration shows in cold figures that the longer the stranger stays in the United States, the more unlikely he is to go away. There has been during the year an increase in the immigrant population of the United States of more than 500,000.

The effectiveness of the immigration limitations agreed upon between the government and Japan is demonstrated in the reports which show that of 2,664 Japanese who applied for admission to the country, 2,432 had the proper passports from their home government and 212 were debarred. In the division of naturalization, it is shown that 143,212 aliens applied for citizenship papers, which was more than 6,000 over the number of applicants during the fiscal year preceding.

The magnitude of the foreign commerce is amazing. The total value of imports was more than \$1,300,000,000. The value of exports was more than \$1,600,000,000. During the year more than 3,000,000 bulletins from the bureau of information carried the news of business opportunities from the corners of the earth to American capital and labor.

The bureau of navigation shows that we build fewer steel ships for foreign trade than we did ten years ago, because our shipbuilding is confined to the needs of coastwise and domestic transportation. During the fiscal year 1909 our shipyards built only 1247 merchant vessels with tonnage of 228,090, the smallest product since 1858.

Of 252 steamships that carry steerage passengers to and from the United States, half have been equipped with wireless, and the proportion un-equipped is a small figure. The mainland of Alaska, the United States, Hawaii, Porto Rico and the Panama Canal Zone have been equipped with wireless land stations and a vessel at sea within 500 miles of shore can communicate.

TOYS FOR CHRISTMAS.

Gotham Dealers Anticipate Exceptionally Large Toy Business.

New York, Dec. 12.—The dealers in toys in this city evidently believe in the prosperous condition of the people and expect to do a land-office business during the two weeks between now and the holidays. They have laid in a record-breaking stock of goods and display in their show windows a wonderful selection of toys, more tempting and, in many respects, more interesting, than in former years. Although it is still comparatively early—the majority of people having scarcely begun to make their purchases, business is reported to be excellent, with a prospect of beating all previous records.

Toys have become more scientific, more substantial and more true to nature. It may also be added that in a general way the quality of toys is superior to that in former years and the proportion of expensive toys greater.

The world's progress and achievements in mechanical inventions, methods of locomotion, physical discoveries, etc., and the most striking events of the years history are reflected in the toys. Toy airplanes, that really fly, propelled by fan propellers driven by springs or other means, are among the most striking toy novelties this year. Some of these aeroplane toys, most of which come from France, are quite expensive, costing from ten to fifteen dollars apiece, but there are others, of a more primitive construction and smaller in size, which may be purchased for fifty cents or less.

LABOR LEADERS CONFER TO FIGHT STEEL TRUST

Propose to Make War on "Open Shop" Policy of This Giant Corporation.

DEMAND UNION MADE STEEL

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 12.—Results of the greatest importance to the industrial world are expected to follow the conference which was begun here today by officials and leaders of the American Federation of Labor and the various organizations affiliated with it. The purpose of the conference, as outlined in the official call which was issued by the "Toronto convention" last month, is to plan a course of action against the alleged "open-shop" policy of the United States Steel corporation, commonly known as the steel trust.

The threatened conflict promises to develop into one of the greatest fights in the history of the labor movement in America. A victory over the steel trust, which, according to the declaration of the recent federation convention, is "the most formidable enemy" of the organized labor movement would have a tremendous moral effect in labor warfare elsewhere and for this reason those who will conduct the campaign are preparing to expend every energy to make the fight successful.

As one of the steps in the campaign to be waged against the big industrial combination it is proposed to have the building trades department of the American Federation of Labor refuse to engage in any building operations where the steel used is not made in union mills. It is admitted that this would result in a serious tie-up of the building industry.

A 31-STORY N. Y. BUILDING.

\$8,000,000 Structure Covering 21 City Lots Will Be Built.

New York, Dec. 12.—New York's largest skyscraper will soon cast its shadow over the Battery.

Towering thirty-one stories above the ground, it will contain 11,000,000 cubic feet with a rentable area of 553,500 square feet. In it will be ten miles of plumbing, twenty miles of steam pipe, sixty-five miles of conduits and wiring, and 3,000 electric fixtures.

From curb to roof it will measure 416 feet. In building it will be used 14,000 tons of structural steel, 7,500,000 common bricks, 500,000 face bricks and 45,000 barrels of cement. The structure will be an addition to the twenty-five-story Whitehall building. It will front 307 1/2 feet on Washington street and 160 1/2 feet on Battery place, covering 31,515 square feet, or twenty-one city lots. It will cost \$8,000,000.

The United States Realty & Improvement Co. has announced that it has purchased the stock of the Battery Place Realty Co. which will build the skyscraper at once.

RAYNER SCORES ZELAYA TODAY

Designates President of Nicaragua One of Worst Criminals of the Age.

TYRANTS MUST BE PUNISHED

Declares That American Flag Follows Citizens Wherever They Go—Zelaya Ruling With Iron Hand, Says Dispatch.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Speaking on his resolution, offered in the senate last Friday, authorizing the president to take all necessary steps to apprehend Zelaya, of Nicaragua, and bring him to trial on the charge of the murder of two American citizens, Senator Rayner today addressed the senate at length. Rayner's speech was an unsparring arraignment of Zelaya, whom he designated as one of the worst criminals of the age. Speaking of the killing of the Americans Rayner said: "If Zelaya had a right to sentence these men to death and execute them in cold blood, then we must acknowledge that right and recognize it before the nations of the world. If he did not have that right, no matter how petty and insignificant he may be in the eyes of diplomacy, or upon the sphere of the world's action, no matter how trivial and unimportant the station of his government may occupy, this government is his accuser, and if he is guilty he must be awarded the doom and fate that he deserves, that every tyrant on this earth, in every nationality under the sun, and in every government, large or small, and especially these dictators in several of these Central American states who have received every favor and consideration at the hands of the U. S. and to whom have been extended the official hospitality of our land, and who in return therefor have exhibited to us at times bitterest hatred and visited upon our citizens most cruel indignities and outrages, shall be told once and forever our flag follows our citizens wherever they go, and that when assassinations like these occur the malefactor must take his place like any other culprit at the bar of criminal justice and must answer for the deed with his liberty or his life."

Mexico Co-operating With U. S. Washington, Dec. 12.—A Mexican gunboat is en route to Ciproto, according to an official dispatch from Managua, received here by the state department today. In the absence of specific information on the subject this fact seems to indicate Mexico is actively co-operating with the U. S.

REIGN OF TERROR AT MANAGUA.

San Salvador, Salvador, Dec. 12.—A reign of terror continues at Managua, the capital of Nicaragua. Zelaya is ruling with an iron hand. Political offenders, real and suspected, crowd the jails and many of them are half starved. The routine of their prison existence is broken by beatings which the authorities order from time to time for such prisoners as have incurred the special displeasure of the ruling powers.

DOBBINS GETS FIVE YEARS.

Council Bluffs, Iowa, Dec. 12.—In the district court today, John R. Dobbins, convicted of fake horse racing, was given an indeterminate sentence of not more than five years.

KING LEOPOLD IS IN A DYING CONDITION TODAY

Brussels, Dec. 12.—King Leopold was reported dying today, but the report lacked confirmation. It is known the condition of his majesty is critical, but death may not be at hand. A consultation of physicians was held this morning when it was decided that if there was no change for the better by tomorrow, an operation will be performed. Another consultation will be held tonight. Following the consultation this bulletin was issued: "Although the night was passed calmly, the king's condition is not improved. Unless an immediate change occurs, an operation will be necessary. Royal Chaplain Laeken remains at the palace prepared to administer the last sacraments."

STEAMER FOUNDERS.

Port Huron, Mich., Dec. 12.—In the opinion of local marine men, the steamer Jense Spalding, which passed here Saturday night, has foundered.

GIRL SHOTS HERSELF.

Danville, Ill., Dec. 12.—Eletha Edwards, aged nineteen, shot and fatally wounded herself last night after a quarrel with her lover.

HILL'S PUBLIC BEQUESTS.

Saginaw, Mich., Dec. 12.—Public bequests, aggregating a half million dollars, are made in the will of the late Arthur Hill, regent of the University of Michigan. The university gets about half.