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## MRS. JETTA LEE IS BADLY HURT

Falls Down Concrete Steps at M. E. Church, South.

### CHEEK BONE FRACTURED

Postmistress of Newport Meets With a Most Unfortunate Accident, the Bone Being Broken at Such a Place Where Surgery is Uncertain.

Mrs. Jetta Lee, postmistress at this place, was seriously injured Monday night as the result of a fall on the concrete paving at the M. E. Church, South. Her cheek bone was fractured, and in such a manner that little assistance can be given from surgery, so it is said. The molar bone is fractured on the right cheek, the bone being driven slightly over the eye, and in order to reduce the fracture it would require an operation, which would leave a scar from the point of the nose entirely across the cheek, and then it is stated that there is no assurance that such an operation would be a success.

Mrs. Lee, accompanied by Mrs. H. W. Huff was leaving the church on the Peck avenue side, and as they approached the series of steps on the concrete paving, the heel of Mrs. Huff's shoe caught on one of the steps, she stumbled, and Mrs. Lee who was holding her hand tried to balance her companion, but the weight was too much and both were precipitated to the ground, Mrs. Lee pitching forward headforemost, landing directly on her cheek bone against the edge of the bottom step.

Friends saw the fall but were unable to reach the steps in time to prevent the accident. It was realized at once that Mrs. Lee was seriously hurt, and a carriage was borrowed and she was hurriedly taken to her home on Main Street, being attended by Dr. R. C. Smith.

## WIFE AND MOTHER ENDS HER LIFE WITH BULLET

Sweetwater, Dec. 4.—Mrs. Samuel Frank, aged twenty five years, yesterday dressed her two children, seated herself in a chair and fired a bullet in to her brains. Her husband returning home found his wife dead and the two little ones playing about the corpse. Powder had set fire to the woman's clothing and her body was badly burned. No cause of the deed is assigned.

## SEVIERVILLE POSTAL SAFE IS BURGLARIZED

Sevierville, Dec. 4.—The Sevierville post office was robbed Wednesday night. Between \$200 and \$300 in cash and about \$25 worth of stamps stolen. Deputy Sheriff J. S. Remine and Post Office Inspector Horace G. Reese, of Knoxville, with bloodhounds failed to trail the robbers. The post office was entered and the safe blown with nitroglycerine. The burglar proof compartment of the safe remained intact, and only the funds and stamps stored in the outer compartment were taken. An explosion was heard by residents at about 2 o'clock Thursday morning, tools were taken from a local black footing the burglary. It is believed that this clue will lead to the arrest of the thieves.

## PRIMARIES TO NAME PRESIDENT

Congressman Hobson Proposes a Law for the Selection of Chief Executive.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Representative Hobson, of Alabama, introduced in the house today in joint resolution amending the constitution so that the president and vice president shall be nominated and elected by direct vote of the people. Captain Hobson expects soon to make a speech on his resolution. The third section of the Hobson resolution reads:

"No person nominated by any political party shall be elected president or vice-president unless such nomination has been made by primary elections held in the several states, at which election the person nominated shall have received a majority of the votes cast."

## JOB HARRIMAN.

McNamara Counsel Hopes to Be Mayor of Los Angeles.



## ROBBERY AT WATERVILLE

\$180 Stolen—Four Brothers Are Arrested Here But Were Released.

Last Friday night while they slept, two men were robbed at Waterville of about \$180 in money. The best part of this came from Mr. Gudger the foreman at Waterville and the rest came from the blacksmith employed by the Tennessee & North Carolina railroad at that point.

As a result of the robbery the local officials were notified and four brothers by the name of Godfrey were arrested here Saturday and were put in jail, but subsequently were released and they left toward Knoxville on Train No. 11. A short time later word was sent from Waterville to re-arrest them and as a result the local officers got busy and learned that the four men had left the train at Rankin and that they had purchased tickets at that place, two for Asheville and the other two for Craggy. When Train No. 102 came through the local station they were nabbed and again placed in jail, where they were held until Monday morning when they were again liberated as sufficient proof had not been gathered against them to hold them in jail, and as a result they left here for Asheville Monday, the hat checks which had not been taken from their hats serving as a ticket.

## BROTHER OF MRS. MARY L. BLACKBURN DEAD

New Market, Tenn., Dec. 5.—William B. Minnis died at his home here Saturday morning at 12:30 o'clock. He had been continuously in the merchandise business at this place since 1835, a period of forty-six years. Some years ago a branch store was also opened at Jefferson City. He was well known in Knoxville and throughout East Tennessee. He was a son of Rev. William Minnis, a well known Presbyterian minister of this section before the war.

Mr. Minnis was always interested in everything pertaining to religious and educational work and gave freely of his time and means for the furtherance of these causes. He had been an elder in the New Market Presbyterian church for forty-four years and superintendent of the Sabbath school for over thirty years.

He served as secretary and treasurer of New Market academy for many years and was also a director in Maryville college. He was also interested in the active of the Anti-Slavery league in Tennessee during the past few years and was an active member of the state executive committee of that organization. He had been in failing health nearly a year.

Besides a wife he leaves the following children: Mrs. John G. Newman, Oxford, Ohio; Mrs. S. W. Sherrill, Johnson City; Misses Etzel and India Minnis, W. E. and S. P. Minnis; also a brother, Col. John B. Minnis, of Knoxville, and sister, Mrs. Mary L. Blackburn, of Newport.

The funeral services were conducted from the Presbyterian church at New Market Sunday at eleven o'clock by Rev. C. A. Duncan, D. D.

Mrs. G. W. Snoddy is niece of the deceased and she as well as the members of her family attended the funeral services.

## CONGRESS IS IN SESSION

Sixty-second Session Convened Monday at Noon.

### LITTLETON MAKES SPEECH

Was a Sensational Opening—A Flurry Created When Pamphlet Attacking Representatives Littleton and Young Was Distributed Before House Convened.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Both houses of the sixty-second congress convened today at noon.

Practically every member of each house was in seat. The galleries were crowded and hundreds of people were unable to gain admission.

The speech of Congressman Littleton, of New York, regarding the steel trust question, was the sensational feature of the opening day of congress.

There was a flurry in the house just before it was called to order, caused by the distribution of copies of a local newspaper which featured news of a mass meeting at which Representatives Littleton and Young were attacked by Henry B. Martin, of so-called American Anti-Trust league.

A copy was laid on the desk of each member of the house.

Instantly Mr. Littleton indignantly rushed to the speaker's office and demanded to know by what right these copies had been allowed distribution in the house chamber.

The copies were ordered immediately gathered up and taken from the chamber.

## INDUCEMENTS TO COME SOUTH

Tennessee Will Have Two Exhibits Make Invasion of the North.

Nashville, Dec. 5.—For the purpose of inducing immigrants from the congested sections of the north and northwest to come to the sunny clime of Tennessee, two exhibits of the resources of this commonwealth will be sent out on the first day of January on an invasion of the territory north of the Mason & Dixon's line. It is proposed to rent halls in the various town visited, and by means of the local press attract crowds to hear free lectures. Stereopticon slides will illustrate these lectures, and there will be two speakers with each exhibit.

The exhibits will be under the direction of Commissioner of Agriculture Peck, but the state immigration commissioner will also be definitely behind the movement to advertise the state, and will give in their endorsement and co-operation.

The old method of advertising has been to send advertising cars into a given section, but as these have not reached the masses it is believed that the new method will be more satisfactory.

## BIG OFFERING FOR BAPTIST ORPHANS

Local Baptists are proud of their showing this year, as Rev. J. W. O'Hara who is a member of the Board of Managers of the Soldiers' Home has announced that the offering here was \$175., which is three and one half times the size of the offering of last year.

## SOLDIERS' HOME BOOKS FOUND O. K.

Auditor From Washington Checks Out Retiring Treasurer Hicks.

Johnson City, Dec. 5.—Major Gordon, of the war department, and an expert accountant, has been at the Mountain branch Soldiers' Home, looking over the records. The books of the retiring treasurer, O. L. Hicks, were found to balance, not one penny being missing. About \$300,000 annually are placed on the books at the home, and a great part of this amount comes into the channels of trade in Johnson City.

## CONFESSION HALTS TRIAL

Labor World Shocked by Los Angeles Developments.

### M'NAMARAS' PLEAD GUILTY

Planted the Dynamite Which Blew Up the Building of the Los Angeles Times and Caused the Death of Twenty-one Employees of That Paper.

After dragging along for weeks, while endeavoring to secure a jury, and while sensations were being exposed in the arrest of detectives on the charge of bribery, the great labor trial, that of the McNamara brothers at Los Angeles for the blowing up of the Times building which occasioned the death of 21 persons in the building of the Los Angeles paper, came to a sudden halt when the McNamara brothers pleaded guilty, one to the blowing up of the Times building and the other to the blowing the Littlewellyn Iron works at Los Angeles, in which no lives were lost.

The confession created the greatest sensation ever known in organized labor circles. The labor men of the entire country had been imposed upon and upon the belief that the men were innocent and had been made the victims of some sort of a plot, these labor men raised a defense fund of over \$100,000 and had more in sight and the confession of guilt on the very eve of the trial, after that money had mostly been expended, has created such a stir that labor bodies throughout the United States have taken action, some demanding that the two men who confessed be not given mere life sentences but that death should be the penalty of their crime.



ORTIE M'MANIGAL. The Man Whose Confessions Wove Net About the McNamara's.

By some it is said that the new invention of Detective Burns whereby he can attach a wire to the window sill of a cell, and in an adjoining room take down every word of a conversation which takes place in the cell is said to have given the prosecution so much information that the confession of the two men, John J. and James B. McNamara was all that could save a great exposure, and subsequent developments do not seem to give much hope that the great exposure has been prevented as it is declared that the prosecution has other labor leaders under surveillance and that while the two men are under sentence, that the ends of justice are not yet satisfied and that more prosecutions will follow.

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## SEND-OFF FOR A PRISONER

Knoxville People Give Carty Much Attention As He Leaves for Pen.

## BEGGAR HAS THOUSANDS

Man Arrested in Paris Had Hump Made of Gold Coins and Much Cash.

Paris, Dec. 2.—A Spaniard, who has only one hand, was arrested by the police for begging outside the Gare de Lyon this week.

He was taken to the police station and found to have a cuirass or bank notes worth \$10.00 under a very dirty shirt, a sham hump made of a piece of sacking in which was \$4,000 in gold, a considerable sum in silver in a bag slung over his shoulder, and a cheque for \$100 in one of his pockets.

## MRS. C. S. DARROW.

Wife of Principal Attorney in the McNamara Dynamiting Case.



## TWO HOUSES ARE BURNED

Fire Apparatus Has First Run But Arrives Too Late for Good.

Two frame dwellings belonging to Henderson McMahan and occupied by George James and Jim Smith, on River street, Eastport, near the S. R. McSween store, were totally destroyed by flames, Friday and Newport's fire apparatus had its first run. George James lost the entire contents of his home, while the household goods belonging to Jim Smith were saved. A third house located about forty feet was saved.

The flames were discovered about noon, having originated near the flue. The fire wagon was sent to the scene, being hauled by a drayman, but it did not get there until the two houses were beyond redemption. Hose was attached to a nearby plug and a good heavy stream was secured and this stream played on the ruins until the fire had been extinguished.

## AFRAID OF KNIFE BREAKS A LEG

Knoxville Negro Running From Ben Bynum With Knife Falls Down Embankment.

Running, as he alleges, from Ben Bynum, who he claims had a knife, a negro from Knoxville, who had been in New York since the beginning of the work on the water system, fell down an embankment on Jones Hill Saturday and broke his leg. He was taken to his home in Knoxville for treatment and Bynum is reposing in the county jail.

## ROCKEFELLER HAS RESIGNED

Complete New Re-Organization of the Great Oil Trust.

New York, Dec. 4.—John D. Rockefeller resigned today as president and director of the Standard Oil Co., of New Jersey.

John D. Archbold was elected president in Mr. Rockefeller's place. A majority of officers and directors who for several years have been associated with Mr. Rockefeller in the control of the Standard Oil Co., of New Jersey, also handed in their resignation. These included: William Rockefeller, as vice-president and director; C. M. Pratt, as vice president; William G. Rockefeller, as assistant treasurer; H. C. Folger, Jr., as secretary; Assistant Treasurer and Directors H. M. Flagler, L. J. and E. T. Bedford.

Mr. Archbold, the new president, also resigned as vice-president. The board of directors is reduced from fourteen to nine members.

## DROWNS IN LOG POND

Young Man Loses His Life at Crestmont Sunday.

### WAS CROSSING ON LOGS

When He Lost His Balance He Was Precipitated Into the Deep Waters Where He Was Unable to Swim Out—Other News of Crestmont.

Crestmont, N. C. Dec. 6.—While walking across the logging pond here, on the logs, Will Wagner a young white man fell into the water, Sunday and was drowned.

The young man who apparently was between the age of 18 and 20 years had come here from Greene county and was well liked by the friends he had made.

Sunday afternoon he essayed the difficult feat of crossing the pond by jumping from one log to another, and when he lost his balance he was precipitated into deep water. He apparently was unable to swim and gave up after a very brief struggle, so soon that assistance which was endeavoring to reach him did not arrive in time to aid him.

Mrs. James Coggins was shopping in Newport Friday.

Homer Vinson of Runion, N. C. was seeing Crestmont, Sunday.

Prof. Henry was visiting homefolks in Sevier county, Sunday.

Misses Iva Hannah and Laura Woody went to Catalonnes, Friday. Horace Henry of Maryville college spent Thanksgiving here with his father. Harrison Jenkins who has been in West Virginia for the past eight months has returned.

Will Laymon who has been running a boarding house here since April 1906 will leave in a short time to live on his farm near Wilton Springs.

Miss Viola Bryan of Newport is visiting homefolks here.

The Sunday School Christmas tree will be a great event here. Jack Kerby has moved his family here from Hot Springs, N. C.

## PREVENT MANUFACTURE OF LIQUOR IN U. S.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Representative Hobson introduced a bill in the house today proposing an amendment to the constitution to prevent the manufacture or sale of any alcoholic beverage anywhere in the United States.

## THREE HUNDRED HORSES LOSE LIVES

Jersey City, N. J., Dec. 4.—Fire early today swept the plant of the United States Express Co. here. Stables and other buildings occupying nearly a full city block was burned, two hundred wagons and automobiles trucks were destroyed and 300 hundred horses perished.

Two firemen were seriously injured before the blaze was under control at 4:45 o'clock. The loss probably will reach \$400,000.