

RACE QUESTION IS DEBATED

Congressman Foster Stands up For Negro

HEARING ON FOREST ISSUE

Judiciary Committee to Consider Whether Bill for Reserves is Constitutional - Taft Campaign to "Open Up" Lively.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—Republicans in Congress were elated Saturday by the racial debate that Congressman Heflin of Alabama in the House precipitated by offering an amendment to the local traction bill providing for Jim Crow cars in the District of Columbia. It was plain that the Democrats from the South were playing politics and the Republicans did not permit the opportunity to slip by without defense of the negro and it was the opinion of many of them that an outcome of the heated debate must be to conserve the negro vote to the Republican party with even Taft as the nominee. The amendment was rejected by a large majority, most of the northern Democrats who had not left the chamber refraining from voting. Bonke Cochran precipitated the fight just before the vote was taken.

When Mr. Heflin offered his amendment providing for Jim Crow cars, Mr. Foster of Vermont protested against the amendment and said it was regrettable that on the birthday of George Washington "such an un-American proposition should be advanced."

"Does my friend believe Washington himself would vote for this amendment if he was here?" inquired Mr. Griggs of Georgia, amid laughter. "Empirically no," responded Mr. Foster.

A Republican senator close to Senator Aldrich said yesterday that while it was not yet an absolute fact that Senator Aldrich had consented to accept an amendment to his currency bill providing for the physical valuation of railroads as a prerequisite in railroad bonds offered as a basis for emergency currency, it was virtually a fact that he would do so.

The House judiciary committee has decided to give a hearing on February 27 on the Bartlett resolution asking an opinion from the committee as to whether the bill creating forest reserves in the White mountains and the southern Appalachians is constitutional or not. It is said that Harvey M. Shepard of Boston, Gifford Pinchot, national forester, and Senator Knox will address the committee from the point of view that the bill is constitutional.

John C. Cobb, chairman of the executive committee of the Massachusetts Taft club was in Washington Saturday to get in touch with the Taft situation, as he said. Congressman Gardner took him to see President Roosevelt and later had him at the capitol, where Massachusetts pro-Taft congressmen conferred with him. Cobb also said that he would try to see Senators Crane and Lodge to procure their assent to some kind of a vote in the state to show how large the Taft sentiment is in Massachusetts, and also that he would see

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Frank Hitchcock to obtain "Taft literature and pictures." He insisted that the Taft program will be to secure Taft men as delegates to the Chicago convention and enforcement of the secretary by the district conventions. "We will certainly open up lively in Springfield," was an additional statement of his.

The talk growing out of the authorization by the House naval committee of eight instead of four submarine boats became more acute and even sensational Saturday when Congressman Lilley on the floor of the House impeached the veracity of a well-known New York paper correspondent absent an article on the naval scandal in a New York paper and put him in the light of being in the subsidy of the Electric Boat company. Three other well-known correspondents, one of them very highly regarded, were mentioned by Lilley as in his understanding being subsidized by the boat company. A scene on the floor of the House between Congressman Lilley and the correspondent, who has access to the floor, was narrowly averted.

WILL CALL EXPERTS TO PROVE SUICIDE.

Defense Expected to Make Persistent Effort For Husband of Dead Woman.

Foxcroft, Me., Feb. 24.—The question of whether Mrs. Maud Woodbury was murdered and then hidden away in room 15 of her husband's hotel, or whether she went there and deliberately committed suicide, as the defense will probably try to prove, seems as far from a solution as ever. Certain it is that every day new facts are being brought out, and two complete exams will, if possible, be offered for the prosecution and defense of Herbert Woodbury, the last person known to have seen his wife alive on or about the 4th of November last.

Detective leader of Lewiston, who is working up the case for the county, is away looking up clues in other parts of the state, and in his absence there are no new developments being produced by the prosecution, while anything that the accused man's counsel is finding is being carefully guarded against the day of the trial.

There is much rumor and gossip on the streets, but little to be verified, and everybody is looking forward to the hearing on Tuesday, anticipating that an effort will be made at that time to secure Woodbury's freedom.

His counsel, Calvin W. Brown, is saying nothing about the case, but it is expected on good authority that experts from out of the state will be called in to the case to determine more definitely the cause of death, which the defense believes was suicide.

Dover and Foxcroft have not been so shaken since the famous defecation and suicide of Judge Hale a few years ago.

The remains of the dead woman were taken to Milly, her former home, where the funeral services will be held in the Baptist church tomorrow at 2 o'clock, after which the body will be returned to the charge of the county authorities in the custody of Undertaker Hall of Dover who will hold them pending any further investigations by the state.

KETCHELL'S IN A MINUTE.

Diopes of "Twin" Sullivan With a Straight Left on the Jaw.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 24.—Stanley Ketchell, a middleweight of Grand Rapids, Mich., made short work of "Miles" ("Twin") Sullivan in his scheduled 25-round fight Saturday. The end came after one minute and one-eighth seconds fighting in the first round. Sullivan scarcely had time to get set before he was sent against the ropes. After fighting for half a minute or so, Ketchell shot straight left to Sullivan's jaw and the Boston man went to the floor. He came up in five seconds, only to be floored again by a left fist to the chin. He took the count of nine and came up dazed. Ketchell then sent his right to the heart with tremendous power, and Sullivan sank to the floor completely out. Ketchell was a 2 to 1 favorite in the betting.

AUTO RACERS ARE SCATTERED.

Roberts Appears to Be Still in the Lead.

South Bend, Ind., Feb. 24.—Meeting and overcoming obstacles which would dishearten any but the most courageous drivers, the New York to Paris auto races were Saturday night being out over several hundred miles of territory.

Montague Roberts, in the Thomas, passed here in the afternoon of that day and is apparently still in the lead.

The Italian car driven by Sartori passed through Kendallville, this state, early in the morning, but St. Clair, with one of the French cars, is still stalled there. He hoped to get away late that night.

The exact whereabouts of the other three racers is not known here.

OPEN DOOR IS THE ORIENT.

No Official Reports or Protests Against Japan's Manchurian Policy.

Washington, Feb. 24.—It was stated with positiveness at the state department yesterday that no official reports or protests from any source have been received regarding Japan's commercial aggressiveness in Manchuria and none is expected. It also is asserted that the American government has no intention of addressing either Japan or any of the other powers on the subject either at this time or when the battleship fleet reaches its destination. It is explained that the open door policy in the Orient, while initiated by this government, is rather the announcement of a principle to guide our own course rather than a doctrine to be arbitrarily applied and enforced in the Orient.

DIED IN CALIFORNIA.

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CARKINS WAS MURDERED

Mrs. Roy Swears, Her Husband Murdered Her Brother

HE HAS FLED TO EUROPE

Sister of Slain Man Informs Authorities of Criminal Act One Month After Her Husband Had Fled—Detective One Day Too Late.

Portsmouth, N. H., Feb. 24.—The mystery surrounding the death of George Carkins of Newington has been solved, according to the sworn statement made Saturday by his sister, Mrs. Paul E. Roy.

Mrs. Roy declares under oath to County Solicitor Charles H. Batchelder that her husband murdered her brother. On the strength of this statement Sheriff Corliss has begun legal process to extradite the body of Carkins for an autopsy. This will be done today. Medical Referee Nutt will conduct this post-mortem examination.

George Carkins was found dead at the home of his sister, Mrs. Roy, in Newington, Jan. 2. A bullet wound told the story of his death. Mrs. Roy is better known as Lillian, or Gladys, Carkins, and has an international reputation as a pretty woman.

It was she who solved the mystery Saturday. In the statement to County Solicitor Charles H. Batchelder she swore that she was tired of shielding her husband from murder. She affirms that Paul E. Roy killed George Carkins on the night of Jan. 2. Immediately afterwards she left home. Not until Saturday did the authorities leave here for New York, it being understood that Carkins was to sail for France that day.

The information was eight days too late. When Deputy Scott reached New York Saturday afternoon he found that Roy had sailed for France eight days ago.

Wireless information will be furnished out of the steamship on which Roy sailed and his arrest upon his arrival in French territory will be made.

The case is one of the strangest that the county authorities have had to deal with for many years, for it has been reported on twice, first by the medical referee as suicide and then by Sheriff Corliss as accidental death.

Saturday evening Sheriff Corliss gave out the following story of the case as it was made to him by Mrs. Roy.

Story of Dead Man's Wife.

On the evening of Thursday, Jan. 2, she was living with her husband at her home in Newington, and they had her brother, George, living with them. He arrived home at 6 o'clock and the three had dinner, and he went upstairs to dress for an entertainment at Greenland. While she and her husband were dressing, Roy got nasty and accused her of dressing with an idea of showing off before a singer who was to appear at the entertainment.

The trouble over what she should wear ended in his refusing to go, and she came downstairs, where she found George in the kitchen, and on his asking her why she was not going she told him that the matter was, and he made the remark that he never did like Frenchmen, but that Count Joe (a former husband of his sister) was a king alongside of this fellow. At this point Paul entered the room and tried to pick a quarrel with George, but he would not respond, and he turned on her and called her a vile name. George protested for her to leave the room, and she went through the butler's pantry to the dining-room, and she had just reached there when she heard several shots.

A few seconds after, George staggered into the dining-room, and she saw that he had a wound in the middle of the forehead, and as he came close to her he said, "I am a dead man, Paul." That being the matter, she immediately reeled and pitched forward on his face.

She then ran out of the house, screaming: "Paul you have shot 'Sonny'; why did you do it? Where are you, Paul?" Without waiting for an answer, she started across the field for her mother's home, about a quarter of a mile away, crying, "Mamma, Paul has killed 'Sonny'."

"No, I Did Not Do It."

When she was more than half way over, she heard her husband following after her, and he reached her just as she went into her mother's home and said, "No, I did not do it." She shook him up and ran in to her mother. Her mother, Mrs. John D. Kelley, and her husband were in bed, but they heard her coming across the field screaming and dressed and went downstairs when she ran into the room, saying, "Mamma, Paul has shot 'Sonny'."

Mrs. Kelley, without waiting to hear any more, seized a lantern and started for her daughter's home, while her husband ran to a neighbor's to telephone for a physician.

Mrs. Kelley outdistanced her daughter and Paul and ran into the house and lifted George's head from the floor and washed away the blood, but he was dead. She said that his revolver was lying under his face and covered with blood, where he had fallen on it.

Mrs. Roy accused Paul of shooting and she admitted it, but claims that it was in self-defense, that if he did not kill George he would have been killed himself. He begged them to save him, and they, after talking it over and before anybody came, framed up the story of suicide, which she is now saying by saying that Paul said it would cause a great scandal in the family, and it would not bring George back to life.

So when Dr. W. G. Jenkins and an aunt of the murdered man arrived, they told the story of leaving George in the kitchen and their starting for Greenland in the automobile, and as they left the yard they heard shots and she ran into the house and found George dead on the dining-room floor with a revolver clamped in his hand.

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IN FAVOR OF MR. BRYAN.

New England Democratic Progressive League Will Meet at Boston.

Boston, Feb. 24.—A call has been issued at New Haven for a meeting next Saturday at the Quincy house, Boston, at 11 a. m. of the New England Democratic Progressive League, at which a proposition will be made that the league change its name to the Bryan Democratic League of New England. The meeting will take measures, according to the call, to bring about the election of delegates to the Denver convention, July 1, who will favor Mr. Bryan for the presidential nomination. The vice-presidents and executive committee will meet prior to the general meeting. The state league of Massachusetts also will be organized at noon in connection with the same meeting.

The dinner will be served in the early afternoon and the speakers will be Senator T. P. Gore of Oklahoma and Congressman Ollie James of Kentucky. According to the program, E. J. Sullivan and Senator will speak for Maine, George Fred Williams for Massachusetts, Governor James H. Higgins for Rhode Island, William Kennedy of Nauvauget for Connecticut, James F. Burke of Burlington for Vermont, and Mr. Janssen of Antrim for New Hampshire. Alexander Troop of New Haven will preside. It is stated in connection with the call that the meeting next Saturday will be preliminary to an active campaign in New England in the interests of Mr. Bryan.

DOOMED FOR MURDER ACCUSER RECANTS.

Bilk Was to Hank For Killing of Six Witnesses Blames The Chicago Police.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Eighteen-year-old Jerry M. Vrzal, whose testimony more than any other person served to convict the Bohemian fortune teller, Herman Bilk, of the murder of six members of the Vrzal family, has, it is announced, recanted, and in an affidavit declares the testimony was simply perjury.

Bilk is under sentence to be hanged March 20. Not only does the Vrzal boy impugn his own evidence, but he declares two of his relatives also lied. In the affidavit, the boy states that all the vital part of the testimony he gave against Bilk at the trial was perjury that was taught him by a high police official and an assistant state's attorney. He specifically names the men whom he accuses.

In the affidavit Vrzal, who is now a student in Valparaiso, Ind., asserts he told the story because the police official threatened him with the charge of murder unless he did as the police wished him to do. The credit for the fictitious narrative he gives to an assistant state's attorney. Vrzal's confession was obtained through the instrumentality of the Rev. P. J. O'Callaghan, head of the Paulist Fathers in this city, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church, who has been working in Bilk's behalf for several months.

Fr. O'Callaghan says that in one of his frequent visits to the county jail he met Sister Rose, who asked him to interest himself in Bilk, as she felt sure he was an innocent man. That was the beginning of his connection with the case.

BLOWN OFF THE RAILS.

Train Wrecked by the Wind While Crossing an English Viaduct.

London, Feb. 24.—The northwest of England and the north of Ireland were swept suddenly Saturday afternoon by a storm of hail which left death and destruction in its wake. In the Mersey river, a schooner was captured and eight men drowned. Several small steamers are reported in distress off Holyhead, while a number of small craft have been driven ashore. At least a dozen grand stands have been blown down with resultant injury to the people who had gathered to witness local football matches.

A train running between Burtonport and Donegal was blown off the rails while crossing a viaduct and nearly crushed into a bog. The passengers escaped injury.

"OVERFLOWING WITH BLOOD."

Gory Report From Sultan of The South Causes Rejoicing.

Paris, Feb. 24.—A letter has come in to Fez, Morocco, from Mulai Hafid, the sultan of the South, announcing a "massacre of the infidels." Its reading was saluted with the firing of 200 guns. Mulai Hafid says among other things that the stream where his men are encamped is "overflowing with the blood of the French."

30,000 HOMELESS IN NEW YORK.

The Most of Them Belong in Vagrant Class.

New York, Feb. 22.—It is the estimate of one of the managers of the association for improving the condition of the poor that there are approximately thirty thousand homeless men in New York today. Of these probably sixty per cent. are non-residents, while it is the society's estimate that about one per cent. would work if they were given employment.

Though the poverty of the deserving unemployed is real and their need of help constant, the society has reason to believe that conditions are improving, the number of men out of work growing smaller, and, finally, that the total of the deserving class of the unemployed has been overestimated. The great majority, a society manager said yesterday, belong to the vagrant class and "work" the organization when they can get a chance to do so.

CLOSELY WATCHING THAW.

Officials of Matteawan Asylum Preparing for a Report.

New York, Feb. 24.—Dr. Ferris, president of the state commission on lunacy, at Albany, N. Y., yesterday closely observed by Superintendent Lamb of the state hospital for the insane at Matteawan. Dr. Ferris said that the procedure in such cases as Thaw's is to observe the patient for the first 60 days of his confinement and at the end of that period if he is regarded by the superintendent as sane a report to that effect will be made to the court. If Thaw is regarded as insane it is unlikely that a report will be made to the court unless required by Thaw's counsel.

CHANGE IN BUSINESS

F. A. Ordway and Son Buy Out Ordway, Holmes & Co

TO TAKE STORE MARCH 1ST

Continued Ill Health of W. C. Holmes Caused Him to Close Out His Interest in Chelsea Business, H. N. Mattison Going Out Also.

Chelsea, Feb. 24.—W. C. Holmes and H. N. Mattison of the firm of Ordway, Holmes & Co. have sold their store to F. A. Ordway & Son. The stock will be invoiced this week and the new firm will assume possession and control on March 1.

The firm of Ordway, Holmes & Co. was formed in July, 1900, when they purchased the stock and business of the late C. P. Dickenson, since which time they have enjoyed a liberal patronage and conducted a successful business under the general management of Mr. Holmes. Continued ill health for several months has led Mr. Holmes to feel the necessity of a change of business and climate and in leaving town he withdraws from a large circle of friends who sincerely and deeply regret his departure.

Mr. Ordway, the senior partner of the new firm, commenced his mercantile life in the same store, some twenty-five or more years ago, in the capacity of clerk for Bacon & Townsend. Completing his apprenticeship, he went to Southern Pines, N. C., where he had a large experience in the mercantile business. His son, Leon C. Ordway, the junior member of the firm, has just completed a course of study at the Albany business college in Albany, N. Y., by means of which he is prepared to assume the book-keeping and correspondence as well as the general routine work of the business. And while the townspeople regret to lose such a young man as Mr. Ordway, it is a source of gratification to have a young man like Mr. Ordway return to his home town after completing his education and engage in business.

Chelsea.

"Gentlemen's Night" at the Reading Circle Last Wednesday.

O. D. Tracy and wife returned from Boston Friday evening and are receiving the congratulations of their many friends.

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Charles R. Corwin of Somerville and his brother, Vinton A. Corwin of Boston, Mass., came Friday to spend a few days with relatives in town.

Herbert Kingsbury with his wife and daughter of West Fairlee spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Kingsbury's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Thompson.

Among those from out of town who were here the last of the week on business were S. W. Armstrong, Richmond; F. H. Prouty, Burlington; Edward King, Barre; R. Trowbridge, Kingston, N. Y.; G. A. Packard, Randolph; F. R. Potter, Burlington; J. O. Waldo, South Royalton.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Goodwin and son, who have been spending about four months in Washington, where Mr. Goodwin has been getting lumber into his mill yard, returned to town Saturday and will reopen their house as soon as it is sufficiently heated to remove the dampness.

Wednesday evening, Feb. 19, was observed as "gentlemen's night" by the Reading circle at the home of Mrs. Alvah W. Whitney. The ladies were invited for the afternoon to review the artists whose work they have been studying during the past year. The gentlemen came in season to share the good things of the table and the social program which followed. Regret over the absence of members who were unable to be present was all that marred the pleasant occasion.

Wheeler Looks to The Pacific.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Benjamin Ide Wheeler, president of the university of California, looks for a rapid shifting of the world's scene from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean. He believes the cruise of the battleship fleet will serve to open the eyes of the nation to the importance of the Pacific not only for the world's affairs, but for the Japanese agitation had subsided on the coast. Dr. Wheeler said at Chicago Friday he looked for much serious trouble with Japan in the near future. He believes the United States has many hard problems to solve with Japan, but he is certain a war will be averted through the efforts of the "best people of Japan."

Pettibone to Go Under Knife.

Boise, Ida., Feb. 22.—George Pettibone, recently acquitted of the charge of complicity in the murder of ex-Governor Steuenberg, will submit to a serious operation at San Diego, Cal., it having been decided that to save his life it will be necessary to remove one of his kidneys.

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LOOKING INTO WORKING OF CANADA'S LABOR LAW.

Dr. Clark on a Tour of The Dominion to Observe How Industrial Disputes Are Settled.

Toronto, Feb. 24.—While MacKenzie King, deputy minister of labor, was in Washington attending the Gridiron club dinner, he had a long talk with President Roosevelt about the new Canadian labor act, whose chief feature is the compulsory setting at work of the board of conciliation and investigation when trade disputes arise.

Canada's sore experience with the act shows it greatly lessening the number of strikes and has better results by far than those attained by strikes.

President Roosevelt has now sent Dr. Clark here to look into the working of the law. Having made inquiries in the department of labor, Dr. Clark intends to go next week to Montreal where he will ask permission to attend sessions of the board of conciliation and investigation, which will then be inquiring into the dispute between the Grand Trunk railway and its car men.

After a short stay in Montreal, Dr. Clark will go to Nova Scotia and follow the trial through Canada of the industrial disputes act, following it to Halifax, Spring Hill, N. S., Sydney, C. B., Montreal, Valleyfield, Toronto, Cobalt, Hamilton, Lethbridge, Taber, Prairie, B. C., Moyie, B. C., and other points where boards have sat and rendered judgment.

Now, this inference is subject to heavy discounts, to important qualifications. It is not true that the losses were "pure" losses. It is sheer assumption that in the absence of strikes and lockouts there would have been no stoppages, no interruptions, no enforced idleness.

However, let us assume for the sake of argument that billions have been lost by employers and employed through strikes and controversies. How are similar losses to be prevented in the future? By making strikes and lockouts illegal, by compulsory arbitration? Neither employers nor organized labor will entertain that idea for a moment. The right to strike and the right to stop producing are fundamental.

By voluntary arbitration labor is ready to accept that method, provided the arbitration is really voluntary and faithfully carried out; provided it is not tricky, and provided the employers put aside childish and antiquated prejudices, recognize the principle of collective bargaining and the interest of labor in the joint product and meet properly selected delegates of labor on a friendly and frank basis for discussion and negotiation.

From excellent authority come the reports that arbitration and conciliation are steadily growing; that many cases are settled peacefully today that would surely have led to industrial warfare ten or a dozen years ago. This is true and as gratifying to organized labor as it is to the public. But arbitration, trade agreements and conciliation would make more rapid and general progress if the employers once for all repudiated the bigots, reactionaries and mischief makers among them, accepted the union shop principle, gave up needless and irritating "suits" to gain improper advantages through perversion of the law and treated workmen as business equals. Let employers organize as much as they please and in any way they please, but let them honestly recognize the same right in labor and deal with it not at arm's length, but under the spur of necessity, but gladly and willingly.

There is no other way to stop strikes, no other way to avert the losses entailed by industrial warfare, but our seditious editors and moralists do not point this moral. They prefer windy and empty exhortations to labor which mean nothing.

Another fallacy of the statisticians is this—in computing losses they forget that many strikes result in substantial increases of wages or in reduction of hours. If a certain number of men lose the wages of one month, say, in two or three years and obtain a 10 per cent increase that is permanent, have they sustained a net loss or have they gained by the strike? It is easy to say that the increase would have come anyway. Perhaps so, perhaps not. In any case, who knows how long it would have come, how long it would have remained in force without the strike and the fear of another strike? And what about other gains by the workers—moral, physical, social gains in health and leisure, in dignity, in independence and in self-reliance? Will these be estimated by statisticians and placed on the credit side of the strike account? Altogether, then, the value of the figures on strikes and lockouts is very small and doubtful at best.—American Federationist.

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