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## 6 MINSTREL MEN TAKEN IN FIRST OF THREE RAIDS

### Three Disorderly Houses Fall Under Police Ban—Three Girls Escape Through Rear Door.

Six members of the Al G. Field minstrels staged their own version of the "Midnight Follies" at police headquarters Thursday night.

One "appearance" not on their 1920-21 schedule of performances was given for the especial benefit of the night police force at headquarters when the black-face entertainers, now showing at the Lyric theater, were arrested in an alleged house of ill-fame and given a brief sight-seeing tour of Memphis in the police "wagon."

The first scene of the strange Al G. Field performance, probably never to be witnessed again in Memphis, was set in the elegant apartment of one Hazel Williamson, also known as Hazel Williamson, 188 Vance avenue. The action was melodramatic in the extreme and stage managed by Capt. Hoyle and Detective Sergeants Heckle and Clark, the latter two remaining in the "wings."

Emergency Patrolmen William and Fleet were the villians in the piece, and their part of the act worked without the aid of burnt cork, called for no encore. They drove the comedians, accompanied by Hazel, playing the role of leading lady, and Juanita White, to headquarters for the headline act of the bill.

While Hazel was cruelly charged with operating a house of ill fame, and the beautiful Juanita booked for being an inmate of the place, the minstrelmen were docketed for being habitues of the Vance avenue apartment.

**Shed Real Tears.**

Telephoning and copious tears occupied much of the action of the second act. The principals pointed forfeits, and Capt. Hoyle ordered the curtain pulled.

The last act was scheduled for 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. The setting was to be Judge H. H. Barker's police court.

Hazel Williams' apartment is said by police to be one of the most notorious places in Memphis. It has been raided many times.

The raid last night was the first of three like performances by Capt. Walter Hoyle and his men in what Capt. Hoyle promises before he is through will be a sweeping cleanup of more than a score of alleged disorderly houses here.

**Said Mulberry Place.**

Shortly following the arrest of the Williams woman and the Al G. Field men, the Bessie Howell place, 76 Mulberry street, also elegantly fitted out, was raided by the same trio of officers.

The proprietress and a man and woman giving their names at Bertha Brown and R. W. Smith, of this city, found in a room at the place, were brought to headquarters. All but the Brown woman were released on bond to appear in police court Friday afternoon.

The Bernice Howard place, 300 Mayburn boulevard, also said by police to be a notorious resort, was the last place to be raided by Capt. Hoyle. The Howard woman and H. O. Beck, whose condition police say did not permit of his giving an address, were the only persons arrested.

Inmates of the three houses gave air imitations of a Broadway "girlie girl" chorus when Capt. Hoyle made rude entry into their "homes."

It is believed that one alleged resort had been "tipped" prior to the arrival of the officers.

The raids follow drives on vagrants and loiterers found on downtown streets, and are but a small part of what is promised by the department in its determined effort to "clean up" Memphis.

Three women inmates of the Hazel Williamson house, escaped from a rear door.

## DRIVER IN SMASH FATAL TO CHAMP; FAILS TO REVIVE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 26.—Eddie O'Donnell, automobile racing driver injured at the Los Angeles speedway yesterday, died this morning without regaining consciousness. O'Donnell was injured when his automobile crashed into that driven by Gaston Chevrolet near the end of the race. Chevrolet, national champion automobile driver for 1920, was killed, as was Lyall Jolls, mechanician for O'Donnell. John Bresnahan, Chevrolet's mechanician, escaped with slight injuries.

The body of Chevrolet will be taken to Indianapolis for burial. Mrs. Chevrolet received a telegram from Louis Chevrolet, his brother, from Savannah, Ga., asking whether he should come here. She replied asking him to go direct to Indianapolis to arrange for the funeral.

Mrs. Chevrolet will leave Sunday with her husband's body, according to present arrangements. No funeral arrangements for Jolls had been made early today. His home was in St. Paul, where he left relatives.

Chevrolet's and O'Donnell's machines crashed on the Los Angeles speedway at the east end of the grand stand near the close of the 250-mile race.

O'Donnell was so seriously injured it was at first reported yesterday he was dead. His skull was fractured and both arms broken.

Roscoe Sarles, driving the distance without a stop, won the race. Eddie Miller finished second and Eddie Hearne third. Sarles led on every lap and in addition to first prize of $10,000 took the same amount in lap prizes. Miller and Hearne won $6,000 and $3,000 respectively. Jimmy Murphy finished fourth, taking $2,000 in prizes, and Joe Thomas was fifth.

Sarles' time was 2:25:20, an average of 103.2 miles an hour. Miller's time was 2:26:14, and Hearne's 2:27:27.

Chevrolet won the national championship for 1920 on a point basis, Roscoe Sarles, winner of yesterday's race, being far behind.

Gaston Chevrolet was the youngest

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## BRITISH ARREST ARTHUR GRIFFITH AND IRISH HEADS

### Griffith Taken From Bed After Midnight, But No Arms Are Found--Members of Parliament Taken Also.

(By the Associated Press.)

DUBLIN, Nov. 26.—Arthur Griffith, founder of the Sinn Fein organization, Professor John MacNeill, Sinn Fein member of parliament for Londonerry City and the National University of Ireland, with a number of others, including Prof. MacNeill's son, were arrested today by the auxiliary police. Mr. Griffith was to have addressed a meeting of the Irish self-determination league at Manchester next Sunday.

A statement issued from Dublin castle, the seat of the government, with regard to the Griffith arrest, read:

"Arthur Griffith was arrested at his residence in St. Lawrence road at 2 a.m. A large quantity of literature was taken from his house. No arms were found. He was in bed at the time and was taken away in a motor lorry. He made no statement. His arrest was effected without trouble."

Among those arrested this morning were: Joseph McBride and E. J. Duggan, Sinn Fein members of parliament, respectively for the west division of County Mayo and the south division of Dublin.

In the absence in America of Eamonn de Valera, president of the Irish republic, Arthur Griffith has been probably the most active spokesman in Ireland for the cause of Irish freedom. Thursday night in an interview he charged the policy of reprisals in Ireland was determined upon by England more than a year ago, and inaugurated last March with the assassination of Lord Mayor MacCurtain of Cork.

Everybody in Ireland deplored the bloodshed, Mr. Griffith said, "but England started it and she could get it stopped in 24 hours if she so wished." He disclaimed any responsibility for the operations of the murder gang, the existence which was charged by Sir Hamar Greenwood, chief secretary for Ireland, in a recent speech. The real "murder gang" was in Dublin castle, Mr. Griffith declared.

LONDON, Nov. 26.—The Irish office, in stating this noon that Arthur Griffith had been arrested in Dublin, at 2 o'clock this morning, said no formal charge had yet been preferred against him. He was taken away in a lorry to a destination not made public.

## *Withhold Martial Law For Present*

(By International News Service.)

LONDON, Nov. 26.—Although violence in all its forms still stalks through Ireland, the British government has decided not to impose martial law at this time. That the advisability of imposing martial law on Ireland has been under consideration by the cabinet since Sunday was revealed today. Premier Lloyd George stated, however, that "it was undesirable" to attempt to force martial law at present.

News of fresh disorders was received during the day. Michael Moran, a Sinn Fein volunteer, was shot while attempting to escape from black and tan policeman in Galway. Martin Lyons, an ex-soldier, was shot and killed. The body of Dennis O'Donnell was found at Mitcheltown riddled with bullets.

A serious clash between civilians and police occurred at Millstreet, in county Cork. Houses were burned and shops looted. While civilians were attempting to put out a fire, bombs exploded in the burning houses. The women and children fled from the village in panic.

The Roman Catholic bishop of Galway has received an anonymous death threat if any effort is made to interfere with the soldiers and police in that district, according to a dispatch from Dublin.

The telegram added that the bishop had notified Sir Hamar Greenwood, chief secretary for Ireland, that he would be held responsible if any attempt were made on his life.

(By International News Service)

LONDON, Nov. 26.—"Russian red forces have been ordered to take up positions on the frontiers of Indiana and Afghanistan," said a Central News dispatch from Helsingfors, quoting a report received there from Moscow. The telegram added:

"George Tchitcherin, people's commissary for foreign afairs, has sent a note to the government of the new state of Georgia, giving warning that soviet Russia intends to attack in the Caucasus."

## FOUR KNOWN DEAD AND MANY INJURED IN DOUBLE WRECK

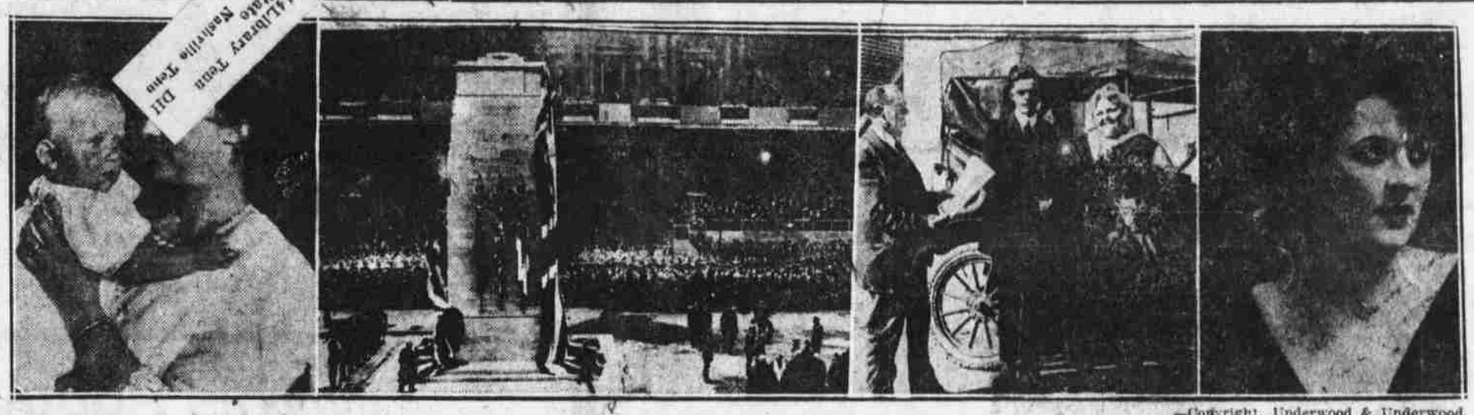
(By International News Service.)

TORONTO, Nov. 26.—At least four persons, possibly seven, are dead, and a score injured as a result of one of the worst train wrecks this section has witnessed in years. Grand Trunk Night Express No. 16, bound from Montreal for this city, was derailed near York, a few miles from Toronto.

While the wreck occurred last night, the rescue wok did not get under way until today and the salvagers still are confronted with great difficulties, for the crash reduced part of the train to splinters. Beneath the mass of debris bodies are buried, but no one knows exactly how many. Two have been extricated and two others are sighted. The rescue workers concentrated their efforts first upon saving the injured, many of whom were pinned under steel and shrieked pitiably for help.

The versions of the cause of the wreck are many. The most reliable appears to be that a freight engine on an adjoining track sideswiped the passenger coaches when the express train passed at a terrific speed. Then, it is said, before danger signals could be set, a westbound freight train plowed into the coaches that had toppled over onto the freight track.

## *At Home and Abroad With the Camera Man*



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No. 1—The treasured jewels of ex-Empress Zita, shown here with her son, Archduke Rudolph, are said to have been sold to aid in supporting her and her husband, ex-Emperor Charles, in their exile.

No. 2—King George of England (right) unveiling the huge cenotaph in London Armistice day. The cenotaph was erected in honor of the unknown dead in the great war.

No. 3—There's little doubt about who'll be boss of this family. John H. Hamilton, weight 155, is the nervy gentleman who took unto himself the dainty bride, Miss Emily Seim. She weighs 725 pounds. They will live in Venice, Cal. The other man in the photo is the justice who married the couple.

No. 4—Miss Georgiana Gardiner, of 187 Riverside drive, who attended Nat Goodwin during his last illness, has sent out photographs autographed "Georgiana Goodwin." Was she wife No. 6?

## "HE'S HERE," CRY THE KIDDIES AS SANTA PARADES

### Holiday Season Opens With Goldsmith's Annual Santa Claus Parade—Real Circus to Please Children at Bry's.

"He's in town! Yessir! I seen him!"

That, and several thousand other similar expressions of childish enthusiasm went up from, as many youthful throats Friday morning, as nearly 10,000 youngsters, irrespective of class or color, trooped in the wake of the big band wagon which bore Santa Claus to the Toy Land and Doll Land of Goldsmith's store, where he will remain until Christmas.

But wait! They were not all people yet in their tender years, who gave vent to their enthusiasm as they fell in line of the big parade, to which a band and a bodyguard lent extra color.

There were grownups as well, who have not forgotten, in all these years, that tugging at youthful hearts, at mention of Yuletide and Santa Claus.

**Circus Comes to Bry's.**

Then, there is an added attraction to the Christmas program this year. Up at Bry's, in the toy department on the sixth floor, Santa Claus is also handing out tickets for the circus which will exhibit four times daily, on the fifth floor.

It's a real, true enough circus—not any imitation, but one with an elephant, horses, ponies, trained dogs, clowns and two "Jazzing Polar bears."

A real enough circus tent has been erected, and there is a big sawdust ring in the center of it. There are real circus seats, the kind that rattle when you walk over them, and the management isn't going to kick if you eat peanuts there, either.

The elephant is "Little Hip," who, along with the other animals, is wintering in Memphis. The whole circus has been transplanted bodily to the fifth floor of Bry's big department store.

"Little Hip" walked right up the steps to the fifth floor, as though that was a regular part of his daily performance. He also does a number of balancing feats, drinks from a wine glass and kicks a football.

He has traveled all over the world and is a life member of the Elks lodge. Sounds funny, doesn't it?—an elephant being an Elk. But his membership card is ample proof of it, and no one can question that.

Then, too, there are eight trained ponies, three white horses and a whole troupe of trained dogs, who erform with the real enough circus clowns. Kiddies, you're missing the treat of your lifetime if you don't get up to see this sometime before Christmas!

About 1,200 children will thus be entertained daily until Christmas at Bry's. Souvenirs are to be given out to those who attend, and there will not be a dull moment throughout the entire four performances.

**Santa Claus Every Day.**

Santa Claus will also be on hand from now on until Christmas in Goldsmith's Toy Land and Doll Land to help the youngsters select their presents, of which over 95 per cent will be American made, according to Mr. Levy, toy expert for Goldsmith's.

Toys this year take on still more of an educational aspect, and not only the youngsters, but their elders as well are buying them.

Toys are either educational, artistic or amusing, states Mr. Levy. And parents are coming more and more to select toys to suit the temperments of their children. The stores of Memphis are presenting, this year, one of the most complete lines of toys to be found anywhere in the country.

During the time from now until Christmas it is estimated that between 20,000 and 25,000 children not only from Memphis, but from surrounding localities as well, will inspect the lines at the various stores.

It's your big opportunity, children,

## *First Goodfellows Display Spirit of "Silent Santa"*

BY A. GOODFELLOW.

The Goodfellow spirit that has characterized the ten years of Christmas cheer work carried on by The News Scimitar Goodfellows' club still is very evident. The opening day contributions showed this. As I glance through these early subscriptions there is but little doubt that this Yuletide season the silent Santa Claus will accomplish equally as good a mission as in the past.

The Kiwanis club early joined the club. In forwarding a check for $136.30, this organization took rank as the largest early contributor. And what's more the Kiwanians intend further subscriptions. This sum was collected at the last weekly meeting of the club. Each week similar collections will be made at the luncheon and meeting.

B. K. Katterhenry was one of the individuals who early adopted the Goodfellow slogan of "Not an empty stocking on Christmas day," and sent me a check for $50. This with other sums sent in by Goodfellows, many of whom have been members for no few seasons, brought the initial list to $278.30.

This is a good starter, but there is a lot of work ahead of us this winter. Not a single moment must be lost. There are hundreds, yes thousands, of kiddies here who are awaiting the Goodfellows' visit this year.

Of course, you remember that old rhyme which starts like this:

"It was the night before Christmas
and all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even
a mouse."

I daresay there is not a kiddie in the world who has not heard that little piece. It goes on to say that old Kris Kringle came dashing up with his prancers, Dancer, Vixen and others of the reindeer team. He left his gifts and went shooting away.

Bear in mind, Goodfellows, old Kris won't stop at every home unless you aid. On my desk now are letters of appeal from numerous children of want. There is one striking communication from a little girl who says that the Goodfellows came to see her last Christmas. This year there is a little baby brother. The family was left fatherless early in the year, and the mother is having a struggle to furnish the necessities of life.

This little girl's appeal is not for herself. She says her heart's desire is to have Santa Claus visit that little brother. What Scrooge is there with heart so flinty to miss that pathetic call? I am sure he is not in the Goodfellows' club.

The silent Santa Claus works in a manner that is typical of the name. He calls at the home with a spirit of Yuletide, leaves his basket of food, clothes, where they are needed, and presents for the youngsters. And never a word of his identity is hinted. In some instances rent is paid. You would be surprised at the amount of clothes annually distributed by the Goodfellows.

Many articles have gone skyward in prices this winter. It is going to take more money than ever. The Goodfellows keep no bank balance. The entire sum collected in 1919 was expended. It is up to you to fill those stockings that, were there no Goodfellows, would be empty Christmas morning.

Remember, just address that contribution to The News Scimitar Goodfellows' club, The News Scimitar. Each day I will make acknowledgement of all subscriptions.

## *Audience At Minstrel Show Boosts Goodfellows Fund*

BY A. GOODFELLOW.

Minstrel fans Thursday joined The News Scimitar Goodfellows club en masse. Subscriptions taken at the Lyric theater totaled $243.66, showing convincingly that patrons of this playhouse intend lining up solidly to prevent a single empty stocking in Memphis this Christmas.

Through courtesy of Frank Gray, manager of the Lyric, and Manager Conners of the Al G. Field minstrel troupe and through the good heartedness of Bert Swor, leading comedian, the collection was taken.

Swor has a monologue which comes near the end of the first part. In this he made jocular references to his "customers" saying that shortly a one-armed collector would pass through the congregation. Swor adds a bit more and calls attention to the Goodfellows club. He steps from his character a moment or so to explain the good of the club and its purpose. Then after the curtain has dropped on the first part he pokes his head from the wings and announces "The Goodfellow is coming: dig deep."

Long has Bert Swor been known as a figure in minstrelsy. Thursday when the Goodfellow broached the subject of his "plugging" this year's campaign, Bert fell in line with the move at once. Between moments of donning burnt cork in his dressing room Swor said:

"You bet we will pull the stunt. There's nothing too good for the kids."

Whereupon Billy Curch, Johnny Healy, Jack Richards, Harry Fridman and others of the troupe promptly said they were strong for the "plug."

The Field minstrels who have been features in Memphis on Thanksgiving day almost since time immemorial, will continue to boost the Goodfellows during their present engagement at the Lyric. The engagement will end Sunday night.

Line up with Manager Gray, Manager Conners, Bert and the rest of the blackface artists in making this one of the best Goodfellow years.

so get into the spirit of it, and get acquainted with Santa Claus. Let the old fellow, who has come so many miles to help you select your presents, be at your service!

He is extending you all an invitation to come uptown and meet him. Bring your parents along with you, and let them see what he has in store for you.

## GEORGE WELCH WILL NOT RUN FOR COMPTROLLER

George N. Welch, member of the state railroad and utility commission, Friday announced that he would not be a candidate for comptroller against John B. Thomason, the incumbent. Mr. Welch made a marvelous race for re-election, being defeated by only a few thousand, while Governor Roberts, his running mate, lost the state by 50,000. After his defeat many of Welch's friends urged him to run for comptroller.

## COPS TAKE CORN WORTH $4,240 IN RAIDS; JAIL TWO

At the present retail Memphis "curb" quotations for corn whisky, liquor confiscated in two raids here Thursday night and Friday morning is worth $4,240. The liquor is at police headquarters.

Robert Calloway was arrested Thursday night at Adams avenue and Lauderdale street following the discovery of eight 10-gallon kegs of liquor at the home of W. T. Gifforth, 1115 Thomas street.

Calloway, according to the statement made, had placed the liquor in his home, carrying it there in an automobile and driving away without [illegible] of its presence.

**"Tipped Off."**

Detective Inspector Will Griffin received a "tip" from a foreign source that Calloway had left the liquor. Accompanied by Capt. Walter Hoyle, Detective Sergeants Joe Hewitt and Jim Taylor and Emergency Patrolmen Emberton and Vaughn, Inspector Griffin raided the Gifforth place.

W. A. Bailey, 28, 631 Adams avenue, was arrested on Beale avenue Friday morning when seven gallons of "corn" was discovered in his automobile. The machine had Virginia license plates, which had not been [illegible] with Automobile Clerk Camferdam.

Both Bailey and Calloway have been charged with violation of state liquor laws, and will probably be charged with violation of federal prohibition violation.

## *EASY MONEY FOR CHRISTMAS*

Well, children, Santa Claus came to town Friday!

Doesn't that remind you that Christmas is barely a month away?

Aren't the windows, filled with thousands of attractive Christmas presents, calling you to buy them?

Yes, you say, but where are you to get the money?

Well, the News Scimitar essay contest on "How I Would Spend a Million Dolars for the Good of Memphis" is still open.

There are a lot of essays pouring in onto the Million Dollar editor's desk daily, but, then, his desk is a big one, and there's no limit to the number it will hold.

The more the merrier! That is the way the Million Dollar editor looks at it, and it doesn't cost you anything to try.

It may mean some Christmas spending money for you, as there are 20 cash prizes, ranging from $10 to $1.00.

All you have to do is write an essay on how you would spend a million dollars for the good of Memphis. Don't write over 400 words, and be sure and write on one side of the paper only!

Then put your name and address, along with the name of your school, at the top of the paper, and send it to the Million Dollar editor.

The essays must be in before midnight, December 4. Then all you will have to do is wait and see who is the lucky one. Even if you don't win a prize you still have the fun of being in a contest and that is a real thrill after all. Isn't it?

## GOODFELLOWS

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| Members of the Kiwanis club | $136.30 |
| B. K. Katterhenry | 50.00 |
| Clyde Koen | 10.00 |
| Dave Katterhenry | 10.00 |
| W. C. Katterhenry | 5.00 |
| George Neely | 5.00 |
| W. P. Ware | 5.00 |
| Roger Stanley | 5.00 |
| I. Foltz & Son | 5.00 |
| J. C. Kincannon, Jr. | 5.00 |
| C. T. Everets | 2.00 |
| F. E. George | 5.00 |
| Berean Class, McLemore Avenue Christian church | 25.00 |
| G. P. Schlocker | 5.00 |
| M. E. Crimm | 5.00 |
| | $278.30 |

## LEAGUE MEMBERS FEAR WILSON NOT TO BE MEDIATOR

(By the Associated Press.)

GENEVA, Nov. 26.—The attitude among delegates of the assembly of the league of nations toward the appeal of the league to President Wilson to act as mediator in the Armenian situation appears to be one of hope without expectation that the United States will relieve Europe and the league of an embarrassing question.

Behind the admitted necessity of doing something for Armenia there is a conflict of European interests involved. Great Britain, it is understood, would look with great disfavor on intervention by any power having rival interests. Action by the United States in Armenia, it is held, would involve no such complications.

In default of action by President Wilson, general opinion here is that France is the country most likely to offer favorable reply to the mediation appeal made by the council of the league yesterday to the various powers at the same time the message to President Wilson was sent. Acceptance by France, however, it is understood, would be on condition of full support by the other powers.

The activities of the assembly have been transferred, for the time being, from the Hall of the Reformation, where the full sessions of the body have been held, to the headquarters of the secretariat. Here the committees and subcommittees were holding sessions throughout the day. They will continue their labors until Tuesday, when the assembly will reconvene, hear the first reports of the committees and take up the resolution of George Nichol Barnes, of Great Britain, asking the council to explain why it did not intervene to prevent the clash between the Poles and Russian Bolsheviki last summer.

Committee No. 6 of the assembly has finally settled upon the principle of its report on disarmament, the French viewpoint prevailing. The recommendation will be that disarmament be imposed only with due regard for the security of the different states. The committee is taking up the question of an economic blockade.

## PRESIDENT RECEIVES MEDIATION INVITATION

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—President Wilson received today the appeal of the league of nations that he act as mediator in the Armenian situation. The message reached the White House last night from Geneva and was delivered to the president this morning.

Mr. Wilson already has consented to fix the boundary of Armenia but there was no information at the White House as to his ideas on the subject of mediation.

## 5-YEAR-OLD BOY PLEADS WITH COPS FOR DRUNKEN DAD

Hardened hearts softened, and eyes were damp Friday morning when a 5-year-old boy Union avenue, pleaded for "my daddy" to Desk Sergeant G. F. Satchfield at police headquarters. "Daddy" was arrested at Second street and Poplar avenue for intoxication.

The boy was trying to lead his father home. When the father was arrested the boy held a $20 bill tightly in his hand.

"Don't take my daddy," he cried to the policemen. But they found the father too far gone to permit the 5-year-old boy—suddenly turned protector for his 6-foot father—to take him home.

Policemen were forced to tear the lad, who hardly reached his father's waist, away from him to take him home.

It was fortunate that another "disdemeanor" was brought to the desk as the door shut out the boy's pitiful cries.

## DEMOCRATS HAVE BIG PLACE WITH HARDING'S PLAN

### Biggest Men of Nation in Minority Party—Underwood, Shields, Pomerene and Lansing To Be Consulted.

In an article entitled "Democratic Salvage," the Boston Evening Transcript prints a full page article by James T. Williams in which it is claimed that Oscar Underwood of Alabama, John K. Shields of Tennessee, Robert Lansing of New York, James A. Reed and Champ Clark of Missouri, and George E. Chamberlain of Oregon, will come to the fore in the era of good feeling soon to start.

It is interesting to note that the Transcript predicts, because of Shields' ability as recognized by Senator Harding, that Senator Shields will stand in the forefront of Southern Democrats who will be considered for the supreme court of the United States should a vacancy occur.

(From the Boston Evening Transcript.)

BY JAMES T. WILLIAMS, JR.

"To seek truth only in the voice of the majority" is a temptation against which that great and good friend of our nation, James Bryce, in his "American Commonwealth," bids us be always on our guard. His warning holds new timeliness since the pendulum of public opinion has swung from one-man power and personal government back to the moorings of our constitutional system. Fortunately for us this swing of the pendulum will put into the White House, on March 4 next a president whose belief in the rule of the majority is bounded by the limitations of the constitution, and is therefore respectful of the rights of the minority.

Even before his inauguration Mr Harding expects to establish friendly contact with leaders of the minority whose party affiliations even under the present regime have not swerved them from their allegiance to the spirit and the letter of the constitution. Especially in the field of foreign affairs will the president-elect welcome the advice of those Democrats who represent in their devotion to the fundamentals of our foreign policy the same spirit of straight

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## OCTOBER EXPORTS GAIN $150,000,000

### Month's Trade Balance $390,000,000 Biggest in 1920.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Exports during October increased by nearly $150,000,000, while imports decreased approximately $1,000,000, foreign trade figures made public today by the department of commerce show. Exports were valued at $762,000,000 against $605,000,000 in September while imports were valued at $362,000,000.

The excess of exports over imports in October, amounting to $390,000,000 is the largest in any month of the present year.

For the ten months ending with October exports were $6,832,000,000, compared with $6,490,000,000 in the same period last year, and imports were $4,720,000,000, or $1,621,000,000 more than during the same period last year. Thus the trade balance in favor of the United States for the first ten months of the year is $2,112,000,000 compared with a balance for the same period the year before of $3,400,000,000.

**OPERATE ON INTERN.**

Dr. R. B. McCormick, well-known intern at General hospital, is reported to be doing nicely following an operation Tuesday for appendicitis. The operation was performed by Drs. E. E. Francis and Battle Malone. Dr. McCormick is the son of Dr. W. S. McCormick of Arlington Tenn. He is a nephew of Grover McCormick, Memphis attorney.

## OKLAHOMA G. O. P. CHIEF SUCCUMBS TO BULLET WOUND

### Authorities Redouble Efforts to Find Woman Charged With Shooting Hamon, Despite "Accident" Claims.

ARDMORE, Okla., Nov. 26.—With the death early today of Jake L. Hamon, Republican national committeeman from Oklahoma, Carter county authorities were redoubling their efforts to locate Clara Smith, of Ringling, Okla., charged with assault with intent to kill in connection with the shooting of Mr. Hamon in a local hotel last Sunday night.

Frank L. Ketch, Hamon's business manager, has insisted the wound resulted from the "accidental discharge" of a gun Mr. Hamon was cleaning Sunday night.

Mr. Ketch this morning issued the following statement:

"Jake Hamon died at 8:20 o'clock this morning from the effects of a gunshot wound accidentally self-inflicted. Funeral services will be held in Ardmore Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock and burial will be made here by request of Mrs. Hamon."

Russell R. Brown, county attorney, today reiterated his belief that Clara Smith had not left the county, but was in a nearby town. A warrant for her arrest was placed in the hands of the sheriff of Carter county Tuesday.

It was at first reported Miss Smith left for California Monday and trunks said by the authorities at Kansas City, Mo., to be hers were found in the union station in that city a few nights later.

The career of Jake L. Hamon is a story of oil and of railroads.

In 1898 he was graduated by the law department of the University of Kansas, and at once came to the Indian territory. His first work was as a clerk in a store at Newkirk, Okla.

When the Kiowa-Comanche country was opened to settlement, Mr. Hamon went with the first rush of new settlers to Lawton, becoming its first city attorney. He was later chairman of the Republican territorial committee, and for many years continued active in the leadership of the party in Oklahoma.

One of the first big ventures of Mr. Hamon was the building of two railroads, one from Lawton to Ardmore, and the other from Wichita Falls, Texas, to Oklahoma City. After futile years of trying to get his paper roads bonded, he concluded to start the job himself.

Backed by John Ringling, of New York, circus man, he built 31 miles of railroad from Ardmore to Ringling, Okla. Later he became owner of the Hamon-Kell road in Texas.

Mr. Hamon made his first venture in oil when the Healdton field came into prominence as a prospective producer. When the first well was brought in, he went to that territory to "look things over." He waited and watched them bring in one well after another. Then, realizing that the men bringing them in were generally short of ready cash, he began to buy production at a very low figure, and by selling it high, amassed a fortune of $5,000,000 within three years.

County Attorney Brown has taken no action since the death of Mr. Hamon as to whether he would change the charge against Miss Smith. When questioned in this regard, he was noncommittal.

## POLITE, BUT FIRM TONE OF COLBY'S NOTE TO ENGLAND

### Says U. S. Does Not Propose To Be Excluded From Rights—Cites Mesopotamia Oil Deal.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Frank representation to the British government that the United States will insist upon strict application of the principle of equal opportunity and treatment for all nationals in territories placed under British or other mandate by the peace treaties was conveyed in a polite but firm note by Secretary Colby to Earl Curzon, the British secretary of state for foreign affairs, made public here following its delivery to the British government early this week.

Discussing the question of British mandate in Mesopotamia, Secretary Colby's note, which was in reply to an unpublished British note of last Aug. 9 the American government finds difficulty in reconciling the "assurances" of equal treatment for all nations in British mandates given therein with the special agreement between France and Great Britain, regarding the petroleum resources of Mesopotamia. Secretary Colby, urging fullest publicity for all proposed mandate agreements and treaties, asserted the right of the United States and all the associated powers regardless of whether they are members of the league of nations to consider such agreements and to "full participation in the rights of privileges secured under mandates provided in the peace treaties."

Mr. Colby says in his note that the American government accepts the statement of the British government that it has refrained from exploiting the petroleum resources of the mandated territories in question and "welcoming your pledges" that it is far from the intention of Great Britain "to establish any kind of monopoly or preferred position in its own interest."

## GULF COAST STORM WARNINGS ORDERED

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 26.—Advisory storm warnings were ordered displayed by the district weather bureau forecaster here today from Morgan City, La., to Velasco, Texas, with small craft warnings for the remainder of the Louisiana and Texas coasts. A disturbance over Southwestern Texas, it was stated, will move eastward, attended by rain and increasing easterly winds.