

GILLETT BILL PUTS GREAT HARDSHIP ON FEDERAL WORKERS

Sacrifices Good of Many to Better Few, Says Miss Smith.

AIDS ONLY EMPLOYEES NOW READY TO RETIRE

Offers At Best Nothing That Any Clerk May Not Do Better Himself.

Striking Defects in Gillett Bill

Gillett bill shoulders the Government's responsibility on the employee.

Sacrifices good of greatest number to better condition of a few.

Life insurance policy offers greater benefits at less cost than contributory plan.

Bill confiscates opportunities for better investments of employees' money.

It would inflict hardship on 16,000 out of 30,000 employees in the District.

By MISS ETHEL M. SMITH, Bureau of Fisheries.

Any attempt to solve the problem of superannuation in the civil service should acknowledge the beginning of the matter.

The Government finds itself today in difficulty as a result of its own system and certain inevitable laws of nature. It seeks to relieve itself of this difficulty and its embarrassed condition by a humanitarian sentiment and plea in behalf of aged employees who are past usefulness, but need their salaries.

Some action must be taken in the interests of the service. But the employees of the civil service are individuals of diverse private circumstances, and no general rule reaching so materially into their personal affairs could be by any possibility be just to all. The Gillett bill sacrifices the good of the greatest number in order to better the condition of a few.

Good of Many Is Sacrificed.

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Most employees do not expect to serve the Government all their lives, and in fact recent figures show for a single year 1,100 resignations in the District of Columbia and 11,000 in the entire country.

Resignations, dismissals, and deaths in the past have left at present in the District only about 700 employees who are seventy years old and over, 3,300 who are sixty years and over. That is to say, 2 1/2 per cent of the whole 30,000 of the civil service are 65 years of age and over, and the Gillett bill, by making the beneficiaries of a plan which would be a handicap to the remaining 97 1/2 or 83 per cent. Yet they call this plan of retirement equitable.

Compulsory Saving Not Equitable. The argument in support of the term equitable is, of course, familiar. The bill is "in effect a compulsory savings account for each employee." "All that is contributed is returned with compound interest." Our reply is that no compulsory

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WEATHER REPORT

The weather will be much colder tonight throughout the Eastern and Southeastern States, and it will be warmer Saturday in the upper lake region and the Ohio and Mississippi valleys.

Storm warnings are displayed on the Atlantic coast from Jacksonville to Eastport, and on the Pacific coast from Eureka northward.

Cold wave warnings are displayed in New England, New York, western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, Delaware, interior of Virginia, the District of Columbia, Georgia, eastern Tennessee, and Michigan.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT. Cloudy and much colder with a cold wave tonight. Saturday fair, continued cold; lowest temperature tonight about 20 degrees; brisk and high northwesterly winds.

TEMPERATURES. 8 a. m. 42. 9 a. m. 42. 10 a. m. 42. 11 a. m. 41. 12 noon 41. 1 p. m. 40. 2 p. m. 40.

TIDE TABLE. Today—High tide, 7:38 a. m. and 7:20 p. m. Low tide, 1:32 a. m. and 1:27 p. m. Tomorrow—High tide, 7:57 a. m. and 8:02 p. m. Low tide, 2:12 a. m. and 2:08 p. m.

SUN RISES. SUN SETS. 7:15. 4:46.

CONDITION OF RIVERS. HARPERS FERRY, W. Va., Dec. 30.—Both rivers clear.

Argument for Clerks' Salary Increase to Appear Tomorrow

In response to a large number of requests from Government employees The Times has changed its program of debate on retirement and pension plans.

Originally it was the intention to publish an article on Saturday in favor of, and an article on Sunday against, the "compromise plan," whereby the Government would furnish half and the employe half of a retirement or pension fund.

Instead of this, The Times will yield to the demand, which seems to be extensive, for the publication of an article in favor of a general salary increase as preliminary to any legislation providing retirement, and to be urged for the immediate future, independent of the retirement question.

An article on this phase of the case of the Government clerk will be published in The Times tomorrow. It will be written by Joseph W. Buck, who has devoted several years to an effort to have the pay of employes increased.

MOTOR CAR RAID IN COUNTY PLANNED

Unlicensed Ones Under Surveillance of Maryland Officials.

The county jail at Rockville will have many prominent Washington society people within its confines Sunday and Monday if John E. George, the motor vehicle commissioner of Maryland, carries out his threat to arrest all members of the Chevy Chase and Columbia Country Clubs whose automobiles are not equipped with Maryland license numbers.

Commissioner George paid a quiet visit to the Chevy Chase Club the other afternoon and found nearly one hundred automobiles lined up in front of the club house, the great majority of them being without the yellow license number issued to all motorists who use the Maryland roads.

The fact that all fines collected from those who neglect to take out the license number go to the State of Maryland instead of to the various counties has tended to keep down the activities of the county officials charged with the enforcement of the automobile law. Commissioner George has determined to take action on his own account.

Sheriff Veit, of Montgomery county, an several deputies will receive orders from the motor vehicle commissioner to sweep down on the two automobiles to be granted by the State to Rockville whose machine is not equipped with a license tag.

At mid-night tomorrow night, and any automobile not supplied with the new number plate is liable to get its owner in the county jail.

Rockville is getting ready to entertain the expected hosts of society folk who forget to take out new automobile licenses.

NEW DISTRICT LAW WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED AFTER HOLIDAY ABEYANCE.

Beginning January 1, the regulation requiring lights on all horse vehicles in the District will be strictly enforced. It has been in effect since December 18, but business men and horse owners obtained its abeyance until after the holidays.

The fact that a number of extra teams are employed in handling the Christmas trade in the District has caused the Commissioners of a temporary respite.

The regulation provides that every private vehicle between one-half hour after sunset and 1 a. m. shall display a white light, visible for a distance of at least 30 feet from the front, sides, and rear.

The regulation will not apply to vehicles belated by accident not more than one and one-half hours after sunset, and en route to their stables at a pace not faster than a walk.

Business wagons will also be required to have a metal tag on the right side with the license number three and one-half inches high, visible at least twenty feet. The tag must be purchased from the clerk of the District of Columbia at a cost of 50 cents each.

The regulation was adopted, the Commissioners say, for the protection of life and property. According to the records of the Police Department there were twenty-nine collisions between automobiles and horse vehicles from November 1, 1909, to October 31, 1910. The number of collisions between horse-drawn vehicles exclusively, was four. Three persons were taken to the hospital as the result of automobile collisions with horse-drawn vehicles, but none were seriously injured.

Ecuador and Peru Face Hostilities

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 30.—War is imminent between Ecuador and Peru. It is believed here today that the former country will reject the advice of the United States, Brazil, and Argentina to submit the boundary dispute between the two countries to the Hague Tribunal. The Government is preparing for hostilities and the Peruvian authorities are acting similarly.

Mrs. Martin Held Safe; To Face Murder Trial

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 30.—Mrs. Caroline E. Martin stood trial for the murder of her daughter, Mrs. Oscar V. M. Snead, the East Orange "bathtub victim."

BANK PRESIDENT RUN DOWN BY CAR

E. Quincy Smith Badly Injured While In New York.

Fearing that he had received internal injuries as the result of being struck by a street car in New York Wednesday night, E. Quincy Smith, president of the National City Bank and the Union Savings Bank, returned to Washington this morning, and is now at his residence, 324 E street.

After an examination today it was announced that it is not believed Mr. Smith is internally injured. His right arm was sprained, his lip badly cut, and he received numerous bruises.

Mr. Smith attributes the accident to negligence of the motorman, but this morning said he had not decided whether he would bring suit for damages. The accident occurred at Fifty-third street and Seventh avenue. According to Mr. Smith, he was crossing Fifty-third street, when the car, which struck him, suddenly turned the corner from Seventh avenue. He was not aware of its approach until it was too late to escape. The car struck him below his knees, throwing him to the ground. He was not rendered unconscious and was able to make his way to his home unaided.

The motorman and conductor were engaged in a conversation, Mr. Smith said, and, apparently, did not see him. At least the motorman did not give any warning of the car's approach. Had it not been for the fact that the car was turning the corner, which had the effect of throwing him to one side, Mr. Smith said the car probably would have passed over his body, as it was traveling with considerable speed.

BURNS ARE FATAL TO LITTLE GIRL

Lived Two Weeks After Inhaling Flames From Burning Clothes.

Death this morning put an end to the suffering of twelve-year-old Josephine Little, who was burned about the head and body on December 17, when her clothing caught fire from a gas stove in the kitchen of her home, 85 Fifth street northeast.

In spite of the fact that she was so severely burned that the doctors in the Children's Hospital held out practically no hope for her recovery, the girl made a heroic struggle to get well, and the physicians say it was only her remarkable vitality that kept her alive for the two weeks, as she had inhaled the flames.

"I want to get well, so that I can go back home and help mamma," she said to the nurses time and again. "Mamma needs me, and I want to go to her." It was the child's endeavor to be of assistance to her mother that caused her death. Alone in the apartment, which is on the first floor of the Fifth street building, Josephine went to the kitchen to light the gas stove and make preparations for the evening meal. Mrs. Little is employed during the day, and it had been the custom of her daughter to have the supper started when she got home.

The child attempted to light the gas stove, but one of the burners was not in working order. She turned on another burner and struck a match. The gas which had escaped exploded, setting fire to her clothing.

Attracted by the child's screams, E. A. Klock, who lives on the second floor, rushed to the kitchen, and succeeded in smothering the flames. Mrs. Klock wrapped the child in a blanket and cared for her until the arrival of a physician, who had her sent to the hospital.

Army Aviator Hurt When Monoplane Falls

PARIS, Dec. 30.—Lieutenant De Caumont, an army aviator, was probably fatally injured today in the 150-foot fall of a monoplane, which he was testing, in a flight over the maneuvering grounds at St. Cyr. Both legs were broken, his hip crushed, and serious internal injuries inflicted.

BIG BANK OFFICIALS FACE INDIGMENTS IN NEW YORK CRASH

Arrest of Half a Dozen Predicted As Investigation of Failures Goes On.

CITY MAY SUFFER LOSS OF \$50,000

Joseph G. Robin Reported to Be Physical Wreck By Alienists.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The indictment of at least half a dozen men, including high bank officials, was predicted today while the investigation into the frenzied financial methods of Joseph G. Robin, the young bank official, was continued by State, county, and city officials.

As the investigation progresses into the closing of the Northern Bank, of New York, and the Washington Savings Bank, the looting of the two institutions assumes staggering proportions.

In addition to \$1,000,000, and probably more, obtained from the Northern Bank, the Washington Savings Bank is a heavy loser. Though up to today it had been believed that small salaried working people were the chief losers in the Robin's concerns, it now develops that the city of New York, probably, will suffer a loss of \$50,000 or more by the collapse of the Robin enterprises.

Guarded in Home. Robin was guarded all last night and today by detectives at the home of his sister, Dr. Louise Robinovitch, 2 West 12th street. An official examination as to his insanity will determine as to whether he will appear to answer to an indictment returned against him yesterday charging grand larceny.

An exhaustive examination by two alienists today resulted in the declaration that Robin is a physical wreck. This was the announcement made by Dr. William A. Mason, superintendent of the Manhattan Hospital for the Insane, and Dr. Austin Flint. The two alienists reached no determination as to his mental condition.

Dr. Mason's examination of Robin was made for District Attorney Whitman, while Dr. Flint's was made for Former District Attorney Jerome, counsel for the prisoner.

Under the care of Miss Adele Friedman, a trained nurse, and is constantly taking medicine. He is said to be suffering from a chronic ailment that is likely to result seriously.

Case Not Delayed. District Attorney Whitman angrily denied today that he had delayed bringing action against Robin when notified that the Northern Bank had been wrecked.

"I acted as soon as I could get enough evidence against the man to warrant me proceeding against him," he said. "I have acted promptly in this case and I refuse to be drawn into any controversy with the newspapers or Superintendent Chevrolet in getting Robin leave the sanitarium and go away, he was a ward of the court, and I could not touch him until he was indicted and a warrant issued."

ALL WHEELS TURN CLEANING STREETS

Street, Fire, and Water Departments Unite In Assault on Dirt and Slush.

Aided by the Street Cleaning Department, the Fire, and Water Departments today made considerable progress in cleaning the streets.

With hose loaned by the Fire Department and operated by laborers from the Water Department, the task of washing the thoroughfares in the neighborhood of the White House, was begun. Six bands of six men each, under the supervision of an inspector of the Street Cleaning Department began work in the territory between Fourteenth and Eighteenth streets, Pennsylvania and Dupont circle.

Howe was attached to the fire plugs and the streets received a thorough drenching. No attempt was made to dislodge the blocks of ice which mar the thoroughfares in certain places, the efforts of the men being directed toward the removal of the dirt and slush. In the event of a freeze, the flushing of the streets will be discontinued.

The announcement is made by Superintendent James M. Wood that "everything on wheels in the Street Cleaning Department" has been brought into requisition. Seventeen machine sweepers are in operation in addition to the flushers, a type of the old-fashioned water wagon. To these are added the help of white wagons.

Troops Sent to Quell Rioting in Barcelona

BARCELONA, Spain, Dec. 30.—Rioting broke out today in the strike of 15,000 dock helpers.

MOTHER IN AEROPLANE TO RIDE WITH HOXSEY



ARCH HOXSEY, Daring Aviator, Whose Mother Says She Will Fly With Him at Los Angeles Meet.

Not Afraid, She Declares, After Son's World Record for Altitude and Perilous Flight Over Mountains.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 30.—Mrs. M. E. Hoxsey, mother of Arch Hoxsey, the Wright aviator, who recently broke the world's altitude record, is planning to fly with him during the aviation meet here.

"I am anxious to experience the sensation of flying," she said today. "I have absolute confidence in my son's ability to manage his machine, and I have no fear."

SEES QUICK CHANGE AHEAD FOR WEATHER

Forecaster Bowie Believes It Will Be Cold Tonight and Tomorrow.

A few quick-change stunts by the weather are scheduled for the immediate future. Last night was the beginning. When the temperature soared yesterday toward summer heat, wise old residents were not fooled a bit and not one of them put away his overcoat.

Today's drop to the freezing point, therefore, was no surprise, and all during this afternoon the mercury will continue to fall until some time tonight, when it will touch 20 above, if the Weather Man is correct.

The present cold snap is coming south and east from the Great Lakes region. When Duluth, Minn., awoke this morning and scraped the frost from the window panes to see the thermometers, it was 20 below zero. This was the coldest spot in the United States. Up at the end of Lake Michigan at White River, Ontario, just across the Canadian border, it was 40 below zero.

Breaks World Record By Flying 362 Miles

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 30.—By remaining in the air eight hours and five minutes, Maurice Tabuteau, flying in an aeroplane constructed by Maurice Farman, today broke the world's record for distance, covered in one flight, flying 362 miles and taking the lead in the contest for the 1910 Michelin cup, and prize of \$4,000.

TOWNSHIP WITHOUT AN ADMINISTRATION FOR NEXT 5 YEARS

Every Voter In Ohio District Indicted for Accepting Bribe.

NOT AN OFFICIAL TO CONDUCT AFFAIRS

Ministers Are Among Those Who Have Fallen Into Law's Clutches.

WEST UNION, Ohio, Dec. 30.—For the next five years, Jefferson township, one of the most populous centers of Adams county, will be without a voter, absolutely every voting citizen in the township having been indicted on charges of selling his vote, and Judge Blair having already begun the task of disfranchising them.

As a result, Jefferson township residents today took up with attorneys the question of how they will provide for their government and the carrying on of township affairs until it will again be possible for them to vote.

The situation, the attorneys say, has never had a parallel anywhere in the United States.

Others May Be Affected. Although the canvass of the 1,156 indictments returned up to date, show that this is the only township in which every voter has been indicted, it is believed that several other townships will be left in the same predicament.

Others at least will be left with so few votes that it will be impossible to conduct township affairs or find enough eligible voters to serve as township trustees. Judge Blair is expected to later take this matter up, and arrange some form of government for such townships until the periods of disfranchisement he is imposing have expired.

Ministers on the List.

Two more ministers were today added to the list of members of their profession who have been indicted for selling their votes. Evidence showed that they received \$5 each for their votes. Judge Blair, however, has announced that he will permit them to confess in private and their names will not be divulged.

The main purpose of his investigation, he declares, is to make a betterment of the moral conditions of the country, and to make public the names of the ministers who are implicated would only lessen, he declares, their power for doing good where they are most needed.

Among others brought before Judge Blair today was a son who gave his vote to his father for \$10. He said he had no other interest in the election and otherwise would not have voted.

Takes Pity on Mother. Mrs. Sallie Inlow, the only woman indicted in the investigation, and who sold her son's vote, was given leniency by Judge Blair after a pitiful plea of poverty. He fined her \$10 and remitted the fine. The son, upon whom she is dependent for support, was fined \$5 and disfranchised.

Another resident, eighty-four years old, and the oldest voter in the county, was also disfranchised by Judge Blair. With tears in his eyes he told the court he could not hope to live to be able to vote again.

The work involved by the investigation has become so great that the new county officers-elect, who have yet taken office, have given the services free of charge to the men whom they are to succeed, and they began the day working together to get all of the indicted people into court as soon as possible.

DENY DISRUPTION EXISTS IN CHURCH

Christian Science Leader Brands As False Statements By Mrs. Stetson.

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—Directors of the Christian Science Mother Church today took up the challenge hurled at them by Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson of New York, and branded as "absolute falsehood" her statements that there is dissatisfaction and disruption in Christian Science churches throughout the country, and that Mrs. Eddy will arise from the dead.

John Dietmore, was the spokesman for the board of directors. He scored Mrs. Stetson in the following words: "You cannot hold the Christian Science Church responsible for anything Mrs. Stetson says and the public should not hold it up against the church. Mrs. Stetson is excommunicated—outside the church. She has nothing at all to do with its affairs. When she says there is dissatisfaction and disruption in the Christian Science Church throughout the country and that Christian Scientists hold their views she is not telling the truth, her statements are absolutely false. They are preposterous. They are not representative of Christian Scientists in this country. The resurrection of the dead is contrary to the precepts of the faith. The key to that may be found in 'Unity of God.' Mrs. Eddy did not claim for herself the power to overcome death during life nor afterward."

ANNAPOLIS IN ARMS OVER INCENDIARY FIRES

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 30.—The people of this city are today thoroughly aroused to the necessity of energetic measures for the apprehension of the incendiary whose activity has resulted in four fires, all in unoccupied buildings, during the present month, the last of which occurred early this morning.

The citizens will make an appeal to Mayor Strange this afternoon to offer a reward for the capture of the fire fiend, and several of them have pledged themselves to assist in getting up another sum of money to be also used for the arrest of the man.