

PRISON BARS SLAM ON MORSE

Ice King and Bank Wrecker Issues Scathing Denun- ciation of the Courts.

DECLARES HE HAD NO JUSTICE

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 3.—Charles W. Morse, the convicted New York banker, sentenced to serve 15 years in the federal prison at Atlanta, arrived here this morning from New York.

He was met at the station by deputies and taken to prison.

He declined to make any statement to reporters.

At prison, Morse gave the information necessary for his prison record. He will be put into a striped prison garb this afternoon.

Before coming here Morse gave out a statement in New York. It was bitter and dramatic.

"I am going to Atlanta to begin penal servitude under the most brutal sentence ever pronounced against a citizen in a civilized country," is his opening sentence.

"I have hoped," the statement continues, "with that hope which comes from a consciousness of my innocence, that I will not have to close out forever the light and liberty of this world under such an inhuman sentence. I had felt that the fact that I had paid a fine of \$7,000,000 and served a year in prison would satisfy the cry for a victim and I have steadily believed that the courts would be compelled to give me a new trial. When I learned that the private detectives of the prosecution were the keepers of the jury, that the jury drank like men on a jaunt or a holiday, rather than citizens engaged in serious service, and that as a result two of them were rendered unfit, I naturally hoped that I would be allowed another trial by another jury free of these hostile influences.

"A Government Gone Mad."
"It seems, however, that the courts intend to establish the practices which make rum drinking a part of a jury service and private detectives as the custodians of a jury a permanent institution. By this sentence and judgment I may be brought to ruin; but the damage done to me is not half as important as the injury to the administration of justice. I am now up in years and must, with the passing of time pass also; but the record of my conviction and the way it was brought about will remain a lasting and dangerous example of government gone mad in search of a victim."

Looks to Washington for Help.
"Whether I shall serve my full sentence I am not able to say, much depending upon how much the government at Washington will look at it. I have great faith that all right thinking men and women who know of me and my case and who realize the inhumanity of my sentence will make known their feelings to the president. Whatever the future may hold in store—liberty or imprisonment—I shall endeavor to meet it the same way I have struggled against the misfortunes of the past two years.—C. W. Morse."

A few moments before the train left, Harry and Benjamin Morse, appeared for another farewell to their father. He gave them a fond embrace and wept as they left him.

OKLAHOMA ROADS
FIGHT TWO CENT FARE
St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 3.—The Oklahoma railroads today began a fight in the federal circuit court against the two cent fare, which are enforced in that state as well as against freight rates. The railroads are trying to knock out the corporation commission of Oklahoma by finding an act creating it unconstitutional. Many Oklahoma attorneys are here.

POLICEMAN IS RELIEVED.
B. Monroe has been appointed motorcycle policeman to take the place of policeman L. Duke, who was on probation and who was relieved of his duties Saturday.

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Sister M. Eulalia, director of the Loretto academy at Las Cruces, who has been the guest of the Loretto sisters at St. Joseph's academy on North El Paso street, has returned to Las Cruces to resume her duties at the head of the Loretto school for girls.

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TAFT UNMOVED BY RAILWAY LEADERS

Appeal in Vain to President to Let the Interstate Com- merce Law Alone.

MESSAGE WILL BE UNCHANGED

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—President Taft had an extended conference today with the presidents of six leading railroads of the country, who had requested a hearing before the special message, dealing with the interstate commerce law amendments should be sent to congress.

Those attending were president Melan, of the New York, New Haven & Hartford; president McRea, of the Pennsylvania; president Lovett, of the Harlan lines; president Baer, of the Philadelphia and Reading; president Finley, of the Southern railway, and president Brown of the New York Central. Attorney-general Wickersham was also present.

It is understood the railroad presidents sought to convince the president that further legislation at this time would upset conditions in the railway and industrial world, which generally have been righting themselves for the last two years.

The railroad men seemed rather dejected when they left the white house.

President Taft said after the conference that he still expected to have his interstate commerce message ready for congress Wednesday noon.

It was learned today that B. F. Youkm, head of the Frisco railroad, will come to Washington soon and every conference of railroad legislation and will confer with president Taft.

BEEF PROFITS DO NOT GO TO FARMER

Wilson to Probe for Truth Regardless of Who It Hurts.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—"We have already discovered that the farmer is not getting exorbitant profits out of the beef he raises," said secretary of agriculture Wilson in discussing the high prices of food supplies today.

"I have no doubt," he continued, "the same conditions prevail in many other lines of farm products.

"The department of agriculture has agents in every state and every county, and we intend to bring out the truth, irrespective of whom it hurts or benefits.

"I am convinced that the public pays a great deal more for everything it eats than it should. There is, however, ample excuse for some of the increase in the cost of living. Farming is not keeping pace with the demand for foodstuff. The cities seem to have more attraction for the laboring men than the rural communities."

ROOTS OF TREES STOP UP SEWERS

City sewer commissioner Hadlock has encountered several hard problems recently while investigating causes of sewer stoppage and in four instances he has found that cottonwood trees had forced their roots in through the pipes and had grown into them stopping them up.

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DR. COOK IS LOCATED BY WEE

Brother of Missing Explorer Says the Doctor Will Be Vindicated Finally.

WILL MAKE HIS ENEMIES SQUIRM

New York, N. Y., Jan. 3.—William L. Cook, brother of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, declared today that Mrs. Cook had joined her husband and that he was in communication with them.

Mrs. Cook is believed to have the explorer's original records of his north pole quest in her possession.

"Dr. Cook has by no means abandoned his intention to prove conclusively, despite the verdict of Copenhagen university, that he reached the north pole," said his brother, "and his detractors will have a pretty bill to pay."

"I have positive information that Dr. Cook and his wife will publicly appear together and there will be a great change of feeling. It may be only a few weeks and it may be months before they will appear publicly again. That will depend on how long it requires Dr. Cook to fully substantiate his claims."

Mr. Cook declined to say whether Dr. and Mrs. Cook are in this country or abroad.

TO SOUTH POLE IN DIRIGIBLES

Russians Expect to Make the Dash to the Pole in the Air.

Paris, France, Jan. 3.—Messrs. Mathiessen and Voitschok, officers of the Russian army, today purchased two dirigible balloons with capacities of 1400 and 2000 cubic meters respectively with which they will undertake an expedition to the south pole.

The explorers will convey the apparatus by ship as far south as the ice will permit and thence proceed in balloons southward.

They will keep in touch with their base of supplies by wireless.

FORT WORTH MAN WOUNDS ROBBER

The Intruder Escapes But Leaves Blood on the Window Sill.

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 3.—Charles Dunklin, a dry goods clerk fired at and slightly wounded a robber who entered his home early this morning.

The burglar had secured a gold watch, diamond ring and \$20 and was crawling through a window when Dunklin fired. He escaped, though he left blood on the window sill.

SCHOOLS REOPEN
AFTER HOLIDAYS
Public and Private Schools in Session
Today—Military Institute to
Open Tuesday.

School children, with their books under their arms, were seen hurrying through the streets this morning for the first time in two weeks. The holiday vacation is over so the students are once again at work and are counting the days until Washington's birthday, which is the next holiday.

The public and private schools of the city opened this morning with a good attendance and the teachers, many of whom had gone home to spend Christmas and New Years were back in their classrooms ready to take up the work of the second session of the year.

The Military Institute boys are the only ones who are still on vacation as that school will not open until Tuesday morning.

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TAMMANY IS LEFT OUT IN COLD

In Making Appointments Mayor Gaynor Praises Murphy, But That's All.

POLITICIANS HAVE A GROUCH

New York, N. Y., Jan. 3.—Chill comfort was found by Tammany Hall and other political organizations today in the appointments which mayor Gaynor has made to his municipal family, and there were writings on the wall of the city hall which indicate that the horde of place-seekers may expect little if their claims for office depend only on political backing.

Of the nine appointments yesterday, but one went to a Tammany man, Rhinelander Waldo, selected as fire commissioner.

The mayor in making known part of his list had some kind words for leader Murphy, which caused one district leader to remark: "We don't want any verbal bouquets; what we want is offices."

Herman Ridder, editor of the Staats-Zeitung, today declined the office of park commissioner.

Mayor Gaynor gave out last night through his secretary, Robert Adamson, his list of appointments so far as he has been able to make them and on account of his relations with Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall.

His letter follows:
"The mayor Gaynor was seen last evening by the editor of a little library deep in the perusal of a little book called 'Wisdom of Benjamin Franklin.' When asked if the political leaders had been consulted in making appointments he said:
"I feel that there is one great act of justice which I should do. I was nominated without even a suggestion being adopted as to what I should do. Since election C. F. Murphy has called on me three times, each time asking me to appoint the best man to be found. His suggestions were few; he urged nothing and kept saying to me that the responsibility was solely with me."

Defends Boss Murphy.
"I fear there are a good many people in this town who do not know Charles F. Murphy. Some of them seem to think he has horns and hoofs. I can only say of him what I have seen. He fully realizes that a political organization cannot survive and grow broader on patronage alone without political ideals and virtue but must strive up and die of worse than dry rot. I would advise some good women and clergymen who are writing to me about Charles F. Murphy and what they call the white slave traffic to go up and see him and say a kind word to him. They may be surprised.

"They shall not bear false witness," also one of the commandments. There are many virtues in this man."

Gives Sketch of Appointees.
The mayor in naming his appointees appends also a brief personal and political biography of each.

Some of the names of them are waggish, some naive. Some of them are conspicuous in a formal statement.

For instance, of Rhinelander, Waldo, appointed fire commissioner, it is noted that "he is a bachelor and a great catch for a girl."

Of Herman Ridder, publisher of the Staats Zeitung, who the mayor offered the position of park commissioner for the city, it is noted that "he has refused to accept, the statement says that on account of Ridder's connection with the press, 'He feels delicate in this matter as his work as a public official would have to be commented on by the press and should not be under constraint. The spectacle of a newspaper proprietor running for office or in office and being puffed up by his own newspaper is nauseous to Mr. Ridder.'"

All Are Democrats.
Most of the mayor's appointees are in the wool Democrats and the statement is careful in giving the biographies not only to those that are married but also to specify that they have children. The mayor himself has seven children.

Among the appointments are: Corporation counsel, salary \$15,000, Archibald R. Watson, about 40 years old, married, Democrat.

City chamberlain, salary \$12,000, Charles H. Hyde, 40 years old, married, Democrat.

Commissioner of docks, salary \$7500, Calvin Tomkins, married, Democrat.

Commissioner of charities, salary \$7500, Michael J. Drummond, married, politics not given.

Commissioner of water, gas and electricity, Henry S. Thompson, salary \$7500, single, Democrat.

With him is appointed professor Edward Bonis as first deputy, salary \$5000, who was formerly at the head of the water department of Cleveland, O., "which it is conceded has made the model water department of the country."

Commissioner of bridges, salary \$7500, Kingley Martin, 32 years old, Democrat.

Sited for the Ax.
The seven commissioners, the statement concludes, "will be appointed in a day or two. The appointees will be all high class men who will banish graft and favoritism from the department, street cleaning and health department are to be dealt with hereafter. It is not believed that any of the incumbents will be retained permanently."

MEXICAN SHOT.
Austin, Tex., Jan. 3.—Juan Saucedo, a Mexican, was shot in the face and badly wounded six miles north of here Saturday. Clarence Steffox, white, was arrested charged with doing the shooting. The Mexican was also arrested, although taken to a hospital.

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ROCKEFELLER ON GRAND JURY

Son of Oil King Heads Jury Empaneled to Probe the "White Slave" Charges.

ASKED TO BE EXCUSED FIRST

New York, N. Y., Jan. 3.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., was today sworn in as foreman of the grand jury, the special mission of which is the investigation of "white slave traffic."

When Judge O'Sullivan observed Mr. Rockefeller's name among those drawn, he immediately asked him to assume the foremanship. Mr. Rockefeller begged to be excused, pleading ill health and stress of personal business matters.

"We have a very important matter to pursue," said Judge O'Sullivan, "and I believe you owe the community this duty."

Mr. Rockefeller withdrew his excuse and was sworn in as foreman.

JUAREZ FIESTA IS BROUGHT TO CLOSE

Said to Have Been a Success From Touche Point of View.

It is all over—the Juarez fiesta. When daylight broke this morning they were still turning the wheels of the whole-sale gambling establishment. But today marks the end of the 1909 fiesta.

Already gambling apparatus is being loaded on wagons, and the pavilion was fairly dismantled by noon. Gamblers are leaving on every train, only chief promoter Touche, the Chihuahua gambler, remaining to attend to unfinished business.

From a Touche point of view the fiesta was a success, it is said. But many of the concession holders have complained bitterly that high prices paid for booth rights did not agree with the use of gambling.

On the claim that the races would stimulate gambling, large sums have been paid this year for concessions in the pavilion.

ARIZONA COURT GETS A REVERSAL

Supreme Court Turns Down Territorial Supreme Court Decision.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—The supreme court of the United States decided that the supreme court of Arizona had no right to discharge Eduardo Ramirez, charged with forgery against Mexico.

Roy Guild has been named postmaster at Red Rock, Ariz.

The confirmation of Foraker as marshal in New Mexico, goes over to next week.

There are many candidates for judge, vice Pope. The fight is raging here.

From the white house, Mark Smith, delegate Andrews and Delegate Cameron made a round of New Year calls, including the speaker, vice president and cabinet.

ILL HEALTH THE CAUSE OF MURDER

Man Then Commits Suicide After Killing His Em- ployer.

Pueblo, Colo., Jan. 3.—Despondency from ill health is supposed to have caused a murder and a possible suicide at Pueblo, 30 miles from here, this morning.

Mr. Lettie Walker was shot and instantly killed by John Bolton, who then shot himself through the head. His wound was probably fatal.

The shooting occurred at the Walker home, where Bolton had been employed by Mr. Walker, Bolton was a consumptive and came from Joliet, Ill., two weeks ago.

ARIZONA ELOPERS PLAN TO LEAVE JUAREZ

James Daley Declares His Intention of going to South America With Rhoda Bebes, of Mesa.
Cupid has flown from Juarez, a certain cupid at least.

Rumor had so many things about extradition on the charge of kidnaping that James Daley and Rhoda Bebes, both of Mesa, Ariz., decided to jettison the border no longer. A warrant awaits Daley at Phoenix. It is alleged, and a wife is said to await him at Mesa. The girl is alleged to be 16 years of age, and that started all the trouble.

"We are going to South America," said Daley when he left Juarez. To carry out his plan he bought tickets to Parra, Mexico. The couple were arrested once by the Mexican police but soon released, no extradition action being taken.

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE IS
CROWDED WITH TAXPAYERS
Poll taxes are not being paid as fast as had been expected, only 200 or 400 tax bills issued by the county collector to date. However, it is expected that with the sheriff's fight on there will be many more taken out during the next week or two.

CALLER LAR IN CHURCH; SHOOTS

Man Fills Body of Ex-Con- vict With Shot When Called a Name.

WENT HOME FIRST FOR HIS WEAPON

Nacodoches, Tex., Jan. 3.—Will Parker has been arrested, charged with killing Charles McCruter, at Mayo late last night. It is alleged that McCruter was intoxicated and interrupted Parker while making a speech at a church and called him a liar. After the services Parker went home, secured a shotgun, returned and poured a volley into McCruter's body.

COLD WAVE IN NORTH TEXAS

Big Drop in Temperature All Over Northern Part of the State.

Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 3.—A drop of 50 degrees in six hours was recorded by the United States weather bureau today. The city experienced summer weather yesterday, the thermometer showing 80 degrees.

Today the mercury stands at 30 and a cold norther is blowing with a promise of snow.

A big drop in temperature is general in north Texas.

Steepest and Cold.
Children, Tex., Jan. 2.—Childress county is in the grasp of a severe norther today, the temperature dropping at least 50 degrees since last night. A slight drizzle formed a coating a quarter of an inch thick over all objects and it is feared the wire service will be crippled.

Cold Wave General.
Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—Out of the northwest is coming another cold wave, which weather bureau officials promise will spread over the entire country east of the Mississippi river with the exception of Florida.

Arctic-like waves are attended by the coldest weather of the season in the extreme northwest. Forty-four below is reported from Saskatchewan, Prince Albert, early today, and zero temperatures from northern plains states, and the northern Rocky mountain region.

MANY CATTLE FROM MEXICO TO TEXAS

Laredo, Texas, Jan. 3.—Five hundred head of cattle passed through today bound to Fort Worth packing houses. The shipments of cattle from the states of Nuevo Leon and Chihuahua to the United States have greatly increased during the past two months. Representatives of Swift and Armour are encouraging Mexicans to raise more live stock.

NEGRO UNDER ARREST FOR KILLING ANOTHER NEGRO

Austin, Tex., Jan. 3.—Napoleon Taber is under arrest here following the killing of Melvin Teague at Creedmore late Saturday night. Both are negroes. They had quarreled and Taber went after a shotgun and on returning sent a load of buckshot through Teague's head, killing him instantly.

GOVERNOR HARMON FAVORS THE INCOME TAX MEASURE