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PRICE ONE CENT.

Chairman Woods, of Congressional Campaign Committee, Confident of Success.

MUST CHANGE 12 DISTRICTS

Republican Gain in Sixteen Reports Say.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23 .- That the next House is to be Republican by a small but comfortable working majority was the report made to National Chairman William R. Wilcox by Congressman Frank P. Woods, of Iowa, head of the Republican Congressional campaign

committee. The committee has been conducting its own campaign for the election of a Republican House, with offices in this city, Washington and Chicago. Con-

city, Washington and Chicago. Congressman Woods, who puts in most of his time in Washington, conferred with Mr. Willcox and with Senator John W. Weeks of the Senatorial committee, with which the Congressional committee is co-operating.

The fight for the next House of Representatives has been exceedingly bitter in the last few weeks, and it was admitted by Republicans that the number of doubtful districts had increased rather than disminished in this time. It is the labor centers which are causing trouble.

Adamson Eight-Hour Law Argument Reports received by the committee show that Samuel Compers and the American Federation of Labor are at work with speakers and literature in every one of these districts trying to elect Democratic Congressmen, using the Adamson law as their chief argu-

the Adamson law as their chief argument.

The political activities of the federation, according to those in close touch with this situation, exceed anything ever seen, and the labor leaders are making a terrific drive in many districts which ordinarily would be considered safely Republican. The result of this has been to make prognostications regarding the Congressional election difficult.

The Democratic majority in the present House is Twenty-three. To insure a Republican House the Republicans must carry at least twelve of the Democratic districts and hold their present strength. While Congressman Woods and his associates are not ready as yet to give out any figures, they have told Chairman Willcox and other Republicans here that they expect to win the House by at least ten seats.

Estimate Is Conservavtive.

This is a most conservative estimate however, and is based on conditions as they are at the present time. It is the general belief that conditions will improve in the next two weeks, and som (Continued on Second Page.)

Asked One Flower Of Each Mourner

Will of Wiliam H. Beck, Also Stipulated That There Be No Funeral Sermon.

Disposition of an estate valued a approximately \$500,000 is made in the of William H .Beck, filed for probate in the District Supreme Court to

"I wish no more than one single flower from any single person," says the testator: "no music, and no religious services other than those of the Grand Army, but do wish that any of my friends who have anything to say will be allowed to do so, as I prefer this to the perfunctory sermons by clergymen."

A sum of \$1.500 is devised by the will to cover the expenses, traveling and hotel, of three friends of the deceased to the testator's funeral.

Bequests of \$1.000 each are made to Children's Hospital, the Home for Incurables, and the Episcopal, Eye, Ear,

and Throat Hospital.

A dozen or more Government employes, friends of the testator during his life are made beneficiaries of bequests ranging from \$100 to \$1,000 by the terms of the will. Among these beneficiaries are Miss Nina Morse, Miss Mary K. Bates, Miss Isabel Smith, Navy Department; Miss Queenie Smith, General Land Office: Mrs. Clara B. Taylor, Miss Mary R. Wilcox, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Mrs. Nellie E. Fealy, of the Department of Agriculture.

After numerous other similar be-After numerous other similar bequests, the testator leaves \$50,000 to Royel C. Beck, a nephew, of Philadelphia; \$20,000 to Harry C. Beck, another nephew; \$50,000 to Ada B. Myers; and to Mrs. Mary B. McCoy \$5,000 and an annuity of \$200 a year. Veleria R. Myers is left the residue of the estate and is named as executor.

WAR HAS EFFECT ON "MILADY'S LINES"

More Exercise And Less Fattening Food Responsible.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.-War has made German women thin and given them lines," according to Mme. Frieda Hempel, just back from Switz-

Where they formerly only attended to their household duties, they are now doing patriotic tasks, she says, and, what is more, the pinch of food shortage causes them to eat less fattening foods.

Germany wants peace, she declared, and President Wilson has a great op-portunity to be peacemaker.

MAJORITYOF 10 ROUTS ROUMANIANS, TOPUT STOP TO TAKING CONSTANZA

Invading Forces in Dobrudja Capture Most Important Roumanian Seaport and Terminus of Railroad; Hailed by Berlin as Greatest Victory of Campaign.

BERLIN, Oct. 23.—Constanza, Roumania's greatest seaport, Leader of Party, During Stop and only commercial outlet to the Black Sea, has fallen before States Now Seems Sure, Field Marshal Mackensen's armies, it was officially announced this

Capture of the city is the greatest single achievement for the central powers since Roumania entered the war eight weeks ago. The victory is hailed by German military men as of more importance than all the gains made by the allies since the Somme ern cities, arrived in Washington offensive began.

Official dispatches from the German and Bulgarian war offices indicate that the Russo-Roumanians have suffered a disastrous rout. Smashing northward along the Black Sea coast, Mackensen's army occupied first the Roumanian port of Tuzla and then swept onward through strongly fortified Roumanian lines of defense, marching twelve miles to Constanza in a little more than two days.

The rapidity of the Teutonic advance is accepted as an indication that the Russians and Roumanians became demoralized and made an extremely disordered retreat.

BERLIN EXPECTED VICTORY.

An official statement from Sofia earlier in the day, reporting the capture of a village six miles south of Constanza, prepared Berlin for news of a great victory. No surprise was manifested here when it was announced that Mackensen had pushed on through the ruins of the old Trajan's wall and had occupied Constanza, itself.

Since Roumania entered the war, Russian trasports have been bringing Slav troops, munitions, and other war supplies. The Teutonic right wing is now astride that railway at Constanza, white Mackensen's center and left wing are swinging forward to capture the resulting of the aid of the Roumanians. village six miles south of Constanza, prepared Berlin for news of a great vic- the

sian trasports have been bringing Slav troops, munitions, and other war sup-plies to the aid of the Roumanians.

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to Reach Probably Twenty When Rescue Is Over.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Oct. 23.-The tain fifteen and possibly twenty names, urday half-holiday it became known today, when the clerks, twelfth body was brought out by res-

are five other men unaccounted for. The rescue is being directed by Government mine-rescue men, and State Inspector C. H. Nesbitt. Thousands of perons crowded about the shaft throughout the night.

The mines were tested a few previous to the explosion.

Surgeon's Strange Death Causes Stir

Dr. Alexander A. Uhle, Philadelphia, Dies After Injection of Cocaine for Operation.

PHILADELPHIA. Oct. 23.-Medical circles in this city have been stirred to a high pitch by the peculiar death of Dr. Alexander A. Uhle, one of the

of Dr. Alexander A. Uhie, one of the best-known surgeons in this country. Joseph R. Stulb declared Dr. Uhle had died after he permitted Dr. R. F. Ridpath to give him an injection of cocaine Saturday afternon prior to a minor throat operation.

Both physicians are well-known socially, as well as professionally. Stulb is Dr. Uhle's life-long friend, and he accompanied him to witness the operation. Dr. Uhle collapsed immediately after the injection, and died in an ambulance going to the Methodist Hospital. News of the death was kept quiet until late yesterday. Physicians at the hospital declared it is their belief that Dr. Uhle's heart was weak, and the drug brought about a reaction that resulted in death.

Steel Hits New High Record Price

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.-United States Steel, common, set a new high record the company at Thirty-second street price at 121%, making a gain of \$2 a share during a three-quarters-of-a-milion-share-morning on the stock ex-

Wheat Harvest of World

Expect Deaths From Explosion Inform President Wilson of Wishes of Local Business Men in Telegram.

The Retail Merchants' Association todeath list resulting from the gas ex- day wired President Wilson a pressplosion in the Marvel mine, thirty-five ing appeal on behalf of the business miles south of Birmingham, will con- men of Washington to grant the Sat-

The association has always been an cuers. They reported at least three advocate of the extension of the Sat-more bodies to be recovered, and there urday half-holiday to the entire working year. More than a year ago Secretary Charles J. Columbus took up the matter with the heads of the departments, and the association authorized that it be discussed with Presi-

dent Wilson.

Many conferences were held with the heads of the executive departments, but, owing to an opinion of the Attorney General, then on file, the President did not see his way clear to grant the Saturday half-holiday. On his return to Washington this morning President R. P. Andrews directed that a telegram be sent to the President renewing the association's appeal, and adding the assurance that the business men of Washington are in hearty accord with what has come to be a unanimity of sentiment among the heads of the executive departments themselves.

The telegram states:

President Woodrow Wilson.

President Woodrow Wilson, Shadow Lawn, Long Branch, N. J. The Retail Merchants' Association

respectfully renews its appeal of a year ago for the Saturday half-holiday for Government clerks. Its introduction at this time would be a wonderful help for the early Christmas shopping movement and for business generally, which certainly the country MERCHANTS' ASSOCIA-

R. P. ANDREWS, President. CHARLES J. COLUMBUS, Secretary

Inspector For Gas Co. Is Found Dead

Frederick R. Law Discovered In Governor Hole by Fellow-Workers.

Frederick R. Law, twenty-seven years old, an inspector for the Georgetown Gas Company, was found and Klingle road northwest at noon

today. He was found by Charles Donohue change today.

Gains of two or three points were made by many market leaders, while company. who hurried him to George-several specialities moved to new high record prices.

He was found by Charles Donohue and George Jones, employes of the company, who hurried him to George-town Hospital in a gas company automobile. Dr. C. Leidell, at the hostomobile. Dr. C. Leidell, at the hoapital, pronounced him dead, presumably from inhaling gas.

Is 25 Per Cent Below 1915

ROME, Oct. 33.—The total wheat harvest of the world is estimated by the International Agricultural Institute as 7 per cent below that of last year.

The institute's report includes for the first time the crop of European Russia, which it estimates to be 20 per cent less than that of last year.

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Law started out this mornnig with one of the company's automobiles, and when he had not been heard from by noon. Donohue and Jones governor hies cutain the apparatus from which the flow of gas into the houses in the street is regulated.

Law was a son of Policeman James Law, for mapy years a mounted man in the Seventh precinct. He lived in Grant road northwest. Coroner is investigating the circumstances of his death.

Laborers Get Past State Migration to North.

300 PASS THROUGH CAPITAL

Here, Tells How Charges Got Through.

Jacksonville, Fla., consigned to East-Saturday night. The train came over the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, and the negroes have already been sent on to their destinations.

The trainload of negroes The trainload of negroes was in charge of a former Washingtonian, well known in this city, who has made Jacksonville his home for some years. He talked freely about it, telling the methods of getting the negroes past the State guards, and other details.

He kgew of no political purpose to the exportation of negroes from the South, seeing in it only the economic fact of the men going where they could get higher wages.

Visited Labor Department.

The conductor of the 300 negroes paid visits to the Department of Labor and Justice this morning, to see if his activities had violated any laws or regulations. Officials of both departments were much interested in his statement,

lations. Officials of both departments were much interested in his statement, but would make no comment on it.

It was learned that up to a few months ago the Department of Labor had been transporting labor from the South to Northern points, where it secured them employment. It discontinued this practice about August of this year. Several hundred negroes are understood to have been brought North by it before that time. That its operations in Florida were not without friction with the local authorities was the statement of a Florida, man. No reason was assigned by the department for its cessation of the transport of negroes North.

Two conflicting views of the movement of negroes from the South to Northern States have been taken by high officials here. One of these opinions is to the effect that the movement is for political purpose, purely and simply, and that the negroes are wanted in certain closely contested border States to vote the Republican ticket and turn the election.

Another view that has found favor in the minds of officials is that the movement is solely an economic one. Those holding this view point to the Those holding this view point to the Those holding this view point to the need for labor, skilled and unskilled, on Northern railroads and industrial establishments. That these concerns

need for labor, skilled and unskilled, on Northern railroads and industrial establishments. That these concerns are instrumental in importing negroes from the South to take the places of Italians, Ruthenians, Slovacks, and other foreigners who have in the past been employed is urged. Wanted In Trenton.

When we were nearly here," he declared, "a man entered the train and approached me, giving his credentials as company representative. 'I want twenty-five educated negroes, men who can read and write, for Trenton, N. J., he told me. He said that he wanted he told me. He said that he wanted them there to take the place of baggage smashers with a transfer company. He declared that labor was a scarce article in Trenton, as so many foreigners had returned to Europe to fight in the war.

"About 100 of the men I brought with me went to Baltimore. Others went farther North. Most of them went with a certain large Eastern railroad, which has been clamoring for men for some time. I understand that other Eastern roads intend to adopt the same methods to get men."

The labor agent declared that an average of \$2 per head was paid by Eastern employers to agents bringing negroes from the South. He described the difficulty of getting the men out of the South, and the subterfuges employed.

"It is six months in jail in Florida if you are caught," he said.

That 10,000 negroes have been brought North from the State of Florida alone was the estimate of The Times' informant, who declared that the labor market of the South was being sadly depleted by the exodus of negroes. them there to take the place of baggage

THREE ELECTROCUTED IN BETHLEHEM PLANT

Tragedy Caused By Electricians' Mistake, Is Charge.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Oct. 23 .- A searchng investigation into the death of three men, who were electrocuted at the pant of the Bethlehem Steel Company last night, is under way here today. The men were the victims of a mistake by an electrician, it is charged. The victims, all electricians, were re-pairing a high-tension wire. It is said anothe rman turned on the current. Four others near the wire narrowly es-caped a similar fate.

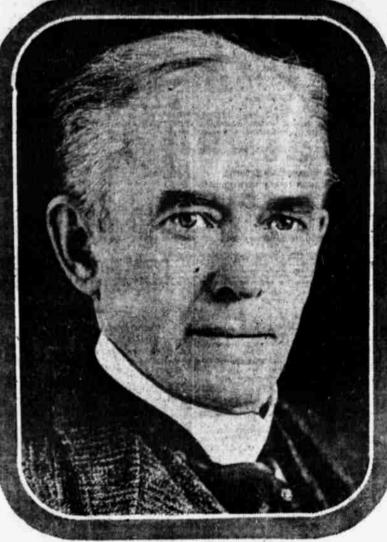
Express Earnings Show Big Increase

Four Hundred Per Cent Rise in Income Is Shown.

A 400 per cent increase in operat. ing income of nine interstate express companies during the fiscal year of 1916 over the fiscal year 1913 was reported by the Interstate Commerce Commission today. The figures wer \$10,560,000, against \$2,556,00. A total of \$175,000,000 was collected

during the year as express charges.

FORESEESG. O.P. MACKENSEN'S ARMY SOUTH UNABLE FIRST OF VALUATIONS OF RAILROADS IN U. S. GIVEN OUT BY I. C. C. MUCH 'WATER' FOUND



JUDGE C. A. PROUTY.

Twenty-five Men.

of three sailors wearing life belts of the

steamer Merida. The Merida was bound

for Buffalo, and was due last Saturday.

The Merida, owned by James Play-

fair, of Midland, Ontario, sailed from

Fort William, Ontario, with a crew of

twenty-five, the middle of last week.

The Merida was last seen Friday morn-

ing at 10 o'clock by the steamer Briton

Matthews off Port Stanley, Ontario.

The Merida, bound for Buffalo, was

under the command of Capt. H. S. Jones, of Buffalo. Fear was expressed today that to the long list of casualties from the lake storm will be added all of the crew of the Merida.

Thirty-four dead is the known toll now

cago. Some unidentified wreckage has been

sighted.
Search was begun today for the fortyone missing, though little hope was
held out that any would be found

Margate, England,

Attacked From Air

And Hotel Damaged by Bombs

from Zeppelins.

LONDON, Oct. 23.-The English

watering place of Margate, eighty

miles southeast of London, was raid-

ed by German air forces this morning,

storm was the most disastrous

The bodies were picked up by the

off the Southeast shoals, Lake Erie.

yesterday morning.

Secretary of War an "Amiable Feared Another Steamer Has Pacifist Unfit for Present Position," Says Colonel.

ALBUOUERQUE N. M. Oct. 23 -Colonel Roosevelt fairly ate his way through Albuquerque. New Mexico's largest city, today. Due for a fivenour stop, he was given a breakfast reception from 8 to 9:30 and a noonday banquet from 12 to 1:30 after he had spoken at 10 a. m.

Secretary of War Baker was the particular target for Roosevelt's campaign darts today.

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It became known today that the Colonel probably will answer the appeals of West Virginians and stop in that State when he goes to Baltimore to speak Monday or Tuesday of next week.

The secret of the unexpectedly long stop at Gallup, N. M., came out today, At Gallup the Colonel got his worst taste of heckling. The Roosevelt special was supposed to stop less than five minutes. It was held up twenty-five minutes. It has since been learned that some one turned a screw which kept the brakes tight until every brake was examined and the trouble remedied. Railroad officials have started an investigation.

Roosevelt's speech was largely devoted to an attack on Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War.

"When men occupy an improper and unpatriotic position and seek to justify themselves by precedents from the (Continued on Second Page.)

Fairfax Man Loses His Life in Wreck

Engineer John R. Francis Loses Life in Crash Near Per-

ryman, Md.

WILMINGTON, Del., Oct. 23 .- Taking closed switch at a high rate of speed near Perryman, Md., early this morning, a Haltimore and Ohio freight train was derailed and wrecked, and Enwas derailed and wrecked, and Engineer John R. Francis, of Fairfax, Va., and Fireman B. R. Randall, of Coakley, Md., were instantly killed.

While the engine and thirteen cars were piled up on the tracks, a light engine crashed into the wreckage, injuring fireman Algard, who was removed to a Baltimore hospital.

Traffic was delayed by the wreck until 10 o'clock this morning. All trains being switched over the Pennsylvania lines between Bay View and this city.

Flier Drops Flowers For Mrs. Wilson's Grave

ROME, Ga., Oct. 23.-A wreath of flag, was dropped from a height of and three bombs dropped, it was offi-1.400 feet by John Green, an aviator, on the cemetery here in which Mrs. Ellen Wilson, wife of the President, is buried. The wreath was placed on Mrs. Wil-son's grave as Rome's tribute to her

British Steamer Sunk. LONDON, Oct. 23.—The British steam-er Fortuna has been sunk. Ten of the crew were landed today, but it is be-lieved the captain and fifteen others were drowned.

sea forces off the Flanders coast Sat-urday afternoon," it was officially announced today. "One hit was ob-served upon a destroyer. All raiders, in spite of heavy shelling, returned unharmed."

cially announced this afternoon.

The Cliftonville Hotel was slightly damaged and a man and woman were slightly injured. BERLIN (via wireless to Sayville), Oct. 23.—"A German seaplane squad-ron successfully bombarded British sea forces off the Flanders coast Sat-

IN CAPITAL OF ONE **BIG ROAD** Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlan-

tic's Liabilities Declared to Exceed Its Worth.

HETTY GREEN ROAD IS O. K.

Texas Midland's Value Placed High Above Its Capitalization-Subject to Review.

The Interstate Commerce Commission today began answering the "Are the railroads of America

overcapitalized?' Tentative valuations of two railroads, as made by the physical valuation division, of which Judge C. A. Prouty is the head, were an-

nounced through the commission. * These roads are the Texas Midland, and the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic, both well-known lines of the South.

FIRST TO BE VALUED.

These are the first roads in the country whose valuations have been tentatively finished, subject to review by the en-

In the case of the Texas Midland, which is known as the Hetty Green road, it is found that its value exceeds its capitalization. But in the case of the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic, Foundered With Its Crew of it is found that the capital and liabilities outstanding are far in excess of When the physical valuation law was passed it was declared freely in TOLEDO, Ohio, Oct. 23.-The steamer Congress that the roads of the United Matthews, Captain Cunningham, ar- States were overcapitalized and their

rived here early today with the bodies security issues badly watered.

No General Rule. It was given as the opinion of officials of the Interstate Commerce Commission today that the valuations of the first two roads in the country demonstrated that no general rule could be laid down and that some roads would be found heavily over-capitalized and some would not.

What the aggregate for the country will show when the valuation is finished several years hence is specula-

The tentative valuation figures, as given out today, ascribe to the Texas Midland, with 111 miles, a value, less depreciation, of \$2,527,417.

This is the cost of reproduction and is exclusive of certain land. The capital stock and mortgage indebtedness is \$2,112,000. Of this, \$112,000 is capital stock at par.

Value More Than Liabilities. Comparison of valuation and of the capital and mortgage liability against the road shows that its value exceeds

Thirty-four dead is the known toll now of the storm, with twenty-one of the Merida's crew unaccounted for.

The report of Capt. Alexander McDonald of the Harvey Goulder that he had found the lake "full of wreekage" which he could not identify, caused the fear that other steamers as yet unreported may have foundered with loss of life.

Capt. Walter J. Grashaw, Cleveland skipper, was the only survivor of the whaleback James E. Colgate's crew of twenty-five. He was picked up from a the paper against it. The Atlanta, Birmingham, and Atlantic, with a little over 633 miles, is given a valuation, with depreciation allowed whaleback James E. Colgate's crew of twenty-five. He was picked up from a raft yesterday off Conneaut.

Captain Cunningham reported the bodies were found fifty miles west of Long Point, Ontario. He said the freighter Charlotte G. Brietung also had picked up four bodies in the same vicinity, believed to have been from the Merida. taking them to Sandwich, Ontario. The Merida's home port is Chicaso. for, of \$18.071,950. This is the cost of reproduction of road and equipment. If depreciation is not taken into con-sideration, the cost of reproduction is

The total outstanding capital and Habilities of the company, as of June 30, 1914, is given by the commission as \$54,-571.176.14 571.176.14.
In addition, there were outstanding \$4,994.000 of receiver's certificates and certain other paper, whose liability the Atlanta company shared with a con-

struction company.

The road has \$25,000,000 common and \$10,000,000 preferred stock, and a total of \$18,533,000 mortgage bonds outstand-ing in addition to equipment notes and receiver's notes.

Results Now Expected.

The storm was the most disastrous Lake Eric has seen since the Great Lakes storm of November. 1912, when seventeen vessels went down. The fixing of the tentative valuations of the two roads named indicates that the operations of the physical valuation division have reached a point where they will show results. Figures on other roads will be announced in the near Man And Woman Stightly Injured

roads will be announced in the near future.

The next question is whether the roads will be able to combat successfully the figures tentatively set forth. In the announcement by the commission today, it is stated the roads will have thirty days from November 1 to file protests to the commission.

If they make a showing in protest, their objections will be heard. Otherwise the commission will order the figures of the physical valuation division to stand.

Surveys Progressing Rapidly.

Such rapid progress has been made in the field survey work in valuing the roads that in round numbers the survey of 100,000 of the 250,000 miles of road in this country has been completed. The survey is going ahead at the rate of 50,000 miles a year and in three years

more will be finished.

It will take a year after that for the valuation division to complete its office work and the fixing of prices.

But in the meantime, prices will be computed on one road after another as