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FIRST "TEETOTAL"
MAYOR OF LONDON

London, Nov. 9.—Sir Vezev Strong, the first "teetotal" chief magistrate of the metropolis in the 700 years' history of the office, was formally inaugurated as Lord Mayor of London today. New mayors were installed today in all the cities and towns of England, and many quaint ceremonies and revivals of ancient customs marked the ceremonies.

Exercises of the usual character, including a pageant, marked the induction into office of Sir Vezev Strong. A banquet "to entertain His Majesty's ministers" will be held tonight, at which the new Mayor will drink the health of King George—in ginger or lemonade.

The new Lord Mayor is fifty-three years of age and is a self-made man. He was knighted while occupying the office of sheriff of the city of London. He is famed throughout the empire for his opposition to liquor and is director of the United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution. The Lord Mayor will figure prominently in the ceremonies attendant upon the coronation of King George next June.

Sir Vezev was asked to pledge himself to refrain from attending in state any but Protestant religious services, but refused to commit himself, declaring that, although personally a Protestant, he is as much the official representative of the Catholics as of the Anglicans. He explained that it was quite conceivable that during the term of his mayoralty a foreign king might die, and that Catholic services for the monarch might be held in the Embassy at London. Under such circumstances, he declared, it would be absurd to refuse to attend such services because they were conducted by a clergyman of another faith.

"If circumstance rendered such attendance desirable," declared Sir Vezev, "I would attend any service, from one in a Roman Catholic cathedral or Buddhist temple to one in the barracks of the Salvation Army. All religions are true to their worshipers, and, if I think they are wrong, I will never convert them to my way of thinking by treating them with scorn and disrespect."

This argument was considered sufficient by the councilmen, and the demand for the pledge was withdrawn.

CENTENNIAL OF
SILK INDUSTRY

Paterson, N. J., Nov. 9.—At last the lowly worm, long the synonym for everything that is vile and mean, has turned and a great exposition has been reared in its honor. Paterson, the "silk city," today donned its gala attire and paid joyous tribute to the tiny silk worm which is the basis of its industrial wealth. The big exposition opened today commemorates the centennial of the beginning of the silk industry in this country.

It was just a century ago that the first power plant for the manufacture of silk was established, and since then the city has become the great silk center of the western hemisphere. The displays at the exposition illustrate this progress and demonstrate the evolution silk from the cocoon to the dainty fabric which delights the eyes and heart of Milady.

The exposition and celebration has another purpose, which is to prove to the world that Paterson is a clean, law-abiding and moral city of intelligent and patriotic people, and not the "colony of reds" supposed to be located here exists only in the imagination of yellow newspaper writers.

An interesting historical feature of the exposition is a reproduction of America's first silk factory. It was located at Marshfield, Conn., and was opened in 1819 by Rodney Hanks. Three decades passed before John Ryle, an Englishman, started the first silk mill in this city, utilizing the old gun factory, made historic by the fact that the first Colt gun was manufactured there.

This factory was successful, and was soon followed by others, until today Paterson does 95 per cent. of the silk printing and 75 per cent. of the silk dyeing of the nation. Nearly 300 concerns are engaged in the business here, with an annual product valued at \$30,000,000 and employing about 40,000 men and women. Practically every man, woman and child of the city is directly or indirectly dependent upon the silk worm for a livelihood.

Women visitors to the exposition are delighted by the Court of Fashion, where are displayed silken products of the local mills transformed into works of art by the genius New York, London and Paris modistes. The exquisite gowns and wraps are displayed on the forms of some of the most beautiful models of the country.

STEAL MARCH
ON THEIR FRIENDS

Edward Mittendorf received a wire last night announcing the marriage yesterday afternoon of his daughter Miss Edna and Mr. M. O. McKinney in Cincinnati at home of Mr. Mittendorf's brother Charles. It came as a complete surprise to the parents, as they had been given no intimation of the marriage, though there was no objection to the union. The young people simply stole a march to the surprise of their friends, though they knew they contemplated something serious.

Mr. McKinney has been employed for several years in Mr. Mittendorf's jewelry establishment and is not only a thoroughly efficient workman but is exceedingly popular in the city. Miss Mittendorf is a charming young woman and is a favorite among the younger set.

The parents have wired their forgiveness and the couple will return and make Bluefield their home.

FRIENDS CONGRATULATE
HON. D. E. FRENCH

D. E. French, the successful candidate for the state senate on the Democratic ticket is receiving congratulations from his many friends today. Telegrams by the score from the coal fields and in Virginia have been received.

GRAND PRIX ONLY
FEW DAYS OFF

Savannah, Ga., Nov. 8.—With the Grand Prix only a few days away the last contingent of racers that will compete in it arrived today from Atlanta. From now on Grand Prix course will be covered daily with practice dashes.

Judge J. C. Herndon of Welch, accompanied by his stenographer J. S. Clark, passed through the city this morning going to Union to hold court. The Judge stated there was a heavy vote being polled at Welch.

SALE OF SEATS.

Sale of seats for the "Cat and Fiddle" will open at White's Pharmacy Thursday morning at 10.

THE DEMOCRATS
SWEEP THE STATE

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Dix's plurality 278. In 1908, Hughes 2,200, Chandler 2032, Buffalo 105 districts out of 115. Dix 29691, Stimson 25354.

Election Conceded.

New York, Nov. 8.—New York with three quarters of the vote in Dix's apparent plurality in greater New York was 103,700. Stimson's apparent plurality up the state was 39,000. This would give Dix a net plurality of approximately 74,000.

However, the up state figures may be changed some from the remote district. Flash, New York, 825. Stimson concedes Dix's election.

New Jersey Democratic.

Trenton, N. J., Nov. 8.—Figures available indicate Woodrow Wilson Democratic, has carried New Jersey by about 20,000. Returns indicate a plurality of between 10,000 and 12,000 for Wilson in Essex County. Hunterdon County is Democratic by nearly 2,000 and Warren by 1,500.

Alabama Democratic.

Montgomery Ala., Nov. 8.—M. W. Howard, Republican and John L. Burdett, Democratic, ran very close for Congress. All the other Democratic Congressmen were elected.

Montgomery, Ala.—For governor, Emmett O'Neal is elected by about 40,000 majority. He is the Democratic and local option candidate.

House Democratic.

New York, Nov. 8.—At the Democratic headquarters in this city it was claimed at 8:30 that the returns at hand on the congressional fight in New England, New York and New Jersey indicates that the Republicans had lost enough congressional candidates to warrant belief that the next House of Representatives would be Democratic.

Baldwin Elected.

New Haven, Nov. 8.—Baldwin, Democratic candidate for governor carries New Haven by 3000. This indicates his election by about 10,000.

Dix Carries Teddy's District.

Roosevelt's own election district by a plurality of sixty.

Carries Ohio.

Columbus, Nov. 8.—The Ohio State Journal concedes the election of Harmon for governor by 75,000 majority.

French Carries Summers.

Hinton, W. Va., Nov. 8.—From incomplete returns it is conceded that D. E. French, Democratic candidate for the State Senate has carried Summers county by a majority of at least 600.

Harmon Gains.

Columbus, O., Nov. 8.—Returns are slow coming in. Both parties are claiming a victory. Harmon's gain in Hamilton and Cuyahoga Counties and the thousands of the Socialists into the Republican ranks have made Democracy here confident.

Payne Loses Out.

Auburn, N. Y., Nov. 8.—Congressman Sereno E. Payne, author of the tariff law, lost his home city by 417.

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 8.—Thirty-five precincts in Omaha gives Hitchcock, Democrat, a majority of 3000 over Senator Burkett.

Hartford, Conn., Nov. 8.—Thirty of 168 towns in Connecticut give the Democrats a plurality of 28,036 or a net Democratic gain of 8,300.

Win in Chicago.

Chicago, Nov. 8.—The Democrats have won every office on the county judicial and municipal tickets. They have carried it at least by twenty out of the thirty-six wards in Chicago the total may go as high as twenty-three wards. Michael Zimm, Democrat, has been elected sheriff by a majority of 25,000.

Beveridge Ahead.

Indianapolis Nov. 8.—Early returns from Marion county in which Indianapolis is situated show Beveridge running stronger than anticipated except in Democratic strongholds. Returns are coming very slowly.

Claims Stuart's Election.

Pulaski, Nov. 8.—Special—Payton St. Clair claims Stuart's election by 500 majority. Tazewell county gave 350 majority for Stuart. Giles county will give about 400 for Stuart.

CRIPPEN'S WIFE IS
VERY MUCH ALIVE

Philadelphia, Nov. 8.—Francis Tracy Tobin, the local attorney who started the world yesterday by declaring that Belle Elmore Crippen is alive, notwithstanding the fact that her husband, Dr. H. H. Crippen, has been convicted for her murder, and now is simply waiting in a London prison to be hung for the alleged murder, today asserted positively that Belle Elmore is in a sanatorium in or near Chicago. He refuses absolutely to otel the name of the sanatorium, but does declare that he will produce Belle Elmore before the British ambassador at Washington before November 23, the date set for Crippen's execution.

"The English authorities, on the evidence produced by me," said Tobin, "have granted Dr. Crippen a reprieve of two weeks. This is something unprecedented under the English law and the authorities there are aware that my statements are not pure buncombe when I declare that I can produce Belle Elmore in flesh and very much alive."

"Belle Elmore today is in a sanatorium within fifteen miles of the business centre of Chicago. She is said to be there for her health. Up to date we have been unable to get into direct communication with her, but expect to within the next twenty-four hours."

Another element entered into the search for Belle Elmore today when it became known that a detective agency, a local concern, has been employed for the last six weeks in an effort to get track of the Elmore woman.

Walter M. Carter, superintendent of the agency, this afternoon at first denied that he was interested in the case, but later acknowledged that his operatives had been working for some time.

"What Mr. Tobin says about Belle Elmore being in a sanatorium in or near Chicago is absolutely true," said Carter. "We have had men stationed near this sanatorium for days in hope that they could get a word with the woman and request her to fathom the reason for her silence and if possible to ascertain the identity of the powerful influence anxious to send Dr. Crippen to his death."

"We expect to get her very shortly, and, if necessary, we will appeal to the Illinois courts to force the sanatorium to open its doors."

Lawyer Tobin was to have gone to Washington late last night for the purpose of conferring with the State Department, but as he was boarding the train he learned that a reprieve had been granted to Dr. Crippen. He also was informed that if he would produce Belle Elmore before the British ambassador at Washington a request immediately would be cabled to London asking that Dr. Crippen be released as soon as the usual legal forms could be followed.

Tobin declares he will produce the Elmore woman in Washington and cause Dr. Crippen to be freed.

TEXAS BAPTISTS
HOLD MEETING

Houston, Tex., Nov. 9.—Preparations have been made to care for 5,000 people during the next six days, that number of delegates and visitors being expected to attend the Baptist general convention of Texas. Several hundreds are in the city today and more are arriving on every train. The city's new auditorium has been turned over to the convention.

The Texas Baptist Association is the largest religious body that meets in the South, the attendance usually exceeding that of the Southern Baptist Conference, which represents all the southern states. The Texas organization has a church membership of 350,000, and expends annually \$125,000 on state mission work, an equal sum on associated mission endeavor or about the same amount for home and foreign missions making a total of over \$400,000, besides the expenditures on education, orphanages, sanitariums and other benevolent objects.

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WORSE THAN WAR.

Infernal Regions of the Buddhists and Mohammedans.

The infernal regions of Buddhism are horrible. They comprise a great hell and 126 lesser hells. In these hells, according to the sculptures of the Buddhist temples, men are ground to powder and their dust turned into ants and fleas and spiders. They are perished in a mortar. The hungry eat red-hot iron balls. The thirsty drink molten iron.

Islamism says of the infernal regions: "They who believe not shall have garments of fire fitted for them. Boiling water shall be poured on their heads and on their skins, and they shall be beaten with nares of iron."

In the Scandinavian mythology, the mythology of Odin and Thor, we are told that "in Nastrand there is a vast and dreadful structure, with doors that face the north. It is formed entirely of the backs of serpents, wadded together like wickerwork. But the serpents' heads are turned toward the inside of the hall, and they continually send forth floods of venom, in which wade all those who commit murder or forswear themselves."

HEARD ON
THE
STREETS

L. E. Tierney of Powhatan is in the city today.

G. T. Blankenship of Matewan was in the city last night.

H. O. Mosher of Roanoke is here on business for a few days.

Elmus Bailey of Matoaka was in the city on business today.

Dr. L. H. Clarke of Elkhorn is among the visitors here today.

L. A. Gillispie and daughter of Lynchburg are visiting in the city.

Mrs. B. H. Lusk, of Radford who has been visiting relatives in the city for several days returned to her home today.

Mrs. E. T. Spencer who has been quite ill for some time is not improved and it is feared she will have to go away for treatment.

The Covenanters and East End met this evening on South Bluefield gridiron for first game of season. The East End was defeated by the score of 12-0. A feature of the game was tackling of Hamilton.

LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Rev. C. R. W. Kegley returned today from Tazewell where he preached Monday and Tuesday. He will conduct services here tonight at 7:30 p. m. Come.

SERMONS APPRECIATED.

In spite of the election excitement the people of Tazewell attended in large numbers the services by Rev. C. R. W. Kegley Monday and Tuesday nights. He was invited to preach on the "Passion Play" and give his observations in the Lands of the Reformers. He returned today for services here tonight.

LADIES' AID.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church will meet at the home of Mrs. McCauley on Raleigh Terrace Thursday, Nov. 10 at 3:30 o'clock.

Get in The Leader Contest.

LOW CASTE MANGS.

Hindus Not Only Despise Them, They Fear and Hate Them.

By his fellow Hindu the Mang, one of the lowest of all Indian castes, is not only despised, but even feared and hated. A writer in the Times of India says: "To be cruel is to be 'Mang' hearted; to die into a passion may be expressed in Marathi idiom as having a Mang within one. When on the occasion of an eclipse fears are awakened for the safety of the sun or moon, it is the Mang whose help is sought. He goes among the people claiming their propitiatory gifts, saying: 'Give your gifts that the grasp may be removed. For are not Rahu and Ketu, the enemies who have laid evil hands on the heavenly bodies, themselves Mangs? Similarly, to their recognized relation with 'dark' worship and with subterranean and demonic influences is to be traced the making of offerings to Mang women on Dasera day and the sinister fact that there are few great buildings erected in pre-British days in this part of India that have not—whether they be temples or forts or palaces—Mang victims built into their foundations."

"The peculiar place that these popular superstitions have given to the Mang community is seen especially in the ceremonies that are sometimes performed for the removal of disease."

Frequently when some one has fallen ill a Josthi is consulted and explains the illness as due to the influence of some evil spirit. The one effective prescription in such a case is to call a Mang and give him a dinner. This is not by any means an act of friendliness toward a despised community, but has as its object apparently the propitiation of the demonic power and the removal of the source of the disease from the sick man to its proper habitation.

"With this end in view practices of sympathetic magic, which can be paralleled in the folk lore of many peoples, are employed. Portions of the finger nails or, it may be, fragments of hair of the invalid are secretly mixed with the food to be given to the Mang, and before the sugar water of which he is to partake is given to him the sick man must see his face in it. In this way the evil is supposed to be passed back to where it properly belongs and the disease removed."

A Frank Reply.

A kind local lady went to Columbus to distribute helpful literature to the convicts in the penitentiary.

"What are you in for, my poor fellow?" she inquired of the first prisoner she saw.

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