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WALL STREET TO GO UNDER PROBE

Governor Hughes Orders Methods Investigated.

HE NAMES A COMMISSION

To Inquire Into the Facts Surrounding the Business of Exchanges in New York and to Suggest "What Changes, If Any, Are Advisable in the Laws Bearing Upon Speculation in Securities and Commodities or Relating to Protection of Investors."

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Governor Hughes has announced the appointment of a commission of nine, consisting of bankers, business men and economists to inquire into the facts surrounding the business of exchanges in New York and to suggest "what changes, if any, are advisable in the laws of the state bearing upon speculation in securities and commodities; or relating to the protection of investors; or with regard to the instrumentalities and organizations used in dealing in securities and commodities which are the subject of speculation."

The commission includes Horace White, author and editor; Charles A. Schieren, merchant, formerly mayor of Brooklyn; David Leaventworth, former justice of the supreme court; Clark Williams, state superintendent of banks; John B. Clark, professor of political economy in Columbia university; Willard V. King, banker, president Columbia Trust company; Samuel H. Ordway, lawyer, New York; Edward D. Page, member of the firm of Faulkner, Page & Co. of New York, and Charles Sprague Smith, director of the People's Institute.

HALF ORPHANS WITNESSES

Will Tell How Father Was Slain With Shotgun.

Monticello, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Six children, their ages ranging from four to fourteen years, will be the witnesses against Michael Noeth, who is on trial here charged with having murdered their father, Phillip Sullivan.

Sullivan and his children were playing ball when the ball was batted on the Noeth grounds. Sullivan went after it, when Noeth, it is alleged, fired at him with a shotgun.

TEST WARSHIPS FOR RACE

Scout Cruiser Salem Will Get Standardization Trial Today.

Rockland, Me., Dec. 15.—The scout cruiser Birmingham was given her standardization trial on the Rockland course in preparation for the competitive tests with the scout cruisers Salem and Chester. The average of the top speed runs was 24.326 knots an hour.

Today the scout cruiser Salem will be given her standardization trial over the same course.

VETERANS AS ARMY RESERVE

Those Who Served in Spanish War May Be Equipped with Mausers.

Washington, Dec. 15.—President Roosevelt is understood to have promised Commander-in-Chief Newton, of the Spanish war veterans, that he would favor a law to equip the 550 camps of the Spanish War Veterans with Mauser rifles now going out of use in the regular army.

This would give the government a large reserve army in case of war.

MOB THREATENS FIRE

Alleged Assailant of School Girl in Danger of Violence.

Danville, Ky., Dec. 15.—Elmer Hill, the alleged murderer of Mamie Wammack, the twelve-year-old school girl, was taken overland from Jamestown and lodged in jail at Monticello. The officers traveled all night through the mountains with the prisoner.

It is rumored that a mob will attempt to take Hill from the Monticello jail and burn him alive.

\$100 Tax on Cigarette Dealers.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The house has passed a bill placing an annual tax of \$100 on all dealers in cigarettes and cigarette papers in the District of Columbia.

Genuine "Quaker Parchment" butter wrappers, blank or printed, for sale at the Democrat office in any quantity desired.

BROWNSVILLE AFFAIR AGAIN

Message to Senate with Report of Investigation.

CHANCE FOR REINSTATEMENT

President Believes That the Discharged Colored Soldiers Who Did Not Participate in the Shooting, but Had Knowledge of It, May Re-Enter the Service If They Aid in Pointing Out the Guilty—Suggestions for Carrying Out Plan.

Washington, Dec. 15.—In submitting the report of the Brownsdale, Tex., shooting, in which negro soldiers of the Twenty-Fifth regiment were accused of "shooting up" the town two years ago, made by Herbert J. Browne and Captain W. J. Baldwin, the president in a message says:

"To the Senate: I enclose herewith a letter from the secretary of war transmitting a report of the investigation made by Mr. Herbert J. Browne, employed by the department in conjunction with Captain W. J. Baldwin to investigate as far as possible what happened at Brownsdale on the 13th, and 14th of August, 1906.

"The report and documents contain some information of great value and some statements that are obviously worthless, but I submit them in their entirety. This report enables us to fix with tolerable definiteness at least some of the criminals who took the lead in the murderous shooting of the private citizens at Brownsdale.

Negro Soldiers Did Shooting.

"It establishes clearly the fact that the colored soldiers did the shooting, but upon this point further record was unnecessary, as the fact that the colored soldiers did the shooting has already been established beyond all possibility of doubt. The investigation has gone far enough to enable us to determine all the facts, and we will proceed with it; but it has gone far enough to determine with sufficient accuracy certain facts of enough importance to make it advisable that I place the report before you. It appears that almost all the members of Company B must have been actively concerned in the shooting, either to the extent of being participants or to the extent of virtually encouraging those who were participants.

"As to Company C and D there can be no question that practically every man in them must have had knowledge that the shooting was done by some of the soldiers of B troop, and possibly by one or two others in one of the other troops. This concealment was itself a grave offense, which was greatly aggravated by their testifying before the senate committee that they were ignorant of what they must have known.

Probably Cowed by Threats.

"Nevertheless, it is to be said in partial extenuation that they were probably cowed by threats, made by the more desperate of the men who had actually been engaged in the shooting, as to what would happen to any man who failed to protect the wrongdoers. Moreover, there are circumstances tending to show that these misguided men were encouraged by outsiders to persist in their course of concealment and denial.

"I feel, therefore, that the guilt of the men who, after the event, thus shielded the perpetrators of the wrong by refusing to tell the truth about them, though serious, was in part due to the unwise and improper attitude of others, and that some measure of allowance should be made for the misconduct.

"In other words, I believe we can afford to reinstate any of these men who now truthfully tell what has happened, give all the aid they can to fix the responsibility upon those who are really guilty, and show that they themselves had no guilty knowledge beforehand and were in no way implicated in the affair, save by having knowledge of it afterward and failing and refusing to divulge it.

Power to Reinstate Men.

"Under the circumstances, and in view of the length of time they have been out of the service, and their loss of the benefit that would have accrued to them by continuous long-time service, we can afford to treat the men who meet the requirements given above as having been sufficiently punished by the consequences they brought upon themselves when they rendered necessary the exercise of the disciplinary power.

"I recommend that a law be passed allowing the secretary of war, within a fixed period of time, say a year, to reinstate any of these soldiers whom he, after a careful examination, finds to have been innocent and whom he finds to have done all in his power to help bring to justice the guilty.

"Meanwhile the investigation will be continued. The results have made it obvious that only by carrying on the investigation as the war department has actually carried it on is there the slightest chance of bringing the offenders to justice or of separating not the innocent, for there were doubtless hardly any innocent, but the less guilty from those whose guilt was heinous.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

Prince Chun's Salary.

Pekin, Dec. 15.—Statutes fixing the official status of Prince Chun, the regent, give him a palace and an annual salary of 150,000 taels (about \$105,000).

WARNING FOR PRESIDENT

Indiana Man Advises Roosevelt to Sleep in Insect Proof Place.

Washington, Dec. 15.—J. O. Thompson of Richmond, Ind., who has spent much time in Africa was introduced to the president by Representative Bede of Minnesota.

Mr. Thompson told the president that his greatest danger in Africa would not come from wild animals or reptiles, but from poisonous insects. He recommended that the president sleep in an insect guarded place.

President Seeks Hunting Permit.

Brussels, Dec. 15.—President Roosevelt has applied to the Belgian government, through the American legation, for a hunting permit in Belgian territory in Africa.

TWO DETECTIVES HELD UP BY LONE ROBBER

Springfield, Ill., Sleuth Shot In Arm by Highwayman.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 15.—Detective Harry C. Schoettler was held up across the street from the state house. Detective Evan Jones went to his comrade's assistance.

Jones was shot in the arm by the highwayman and was taken to St. John's hospital.

Sheriff Werner and Deputy Sheriff Long later arrested a man who was crouching in some bushes near the scene of the holdup and found property evidently taken from the detective. The prisoner gave his name as Earl Ladigar and said his home was in Chicago.

COAL MINERS TO STRIKE

Reduction in Wages to Be Announced Today in West Virginia.

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 15.—The Standard Coal company, the Paint Creek Colliery company, together with all the smaller coal operators on Paint Creek, Kanawha county, have announced that they will post notices to day of reduction in wages.

There are seventeen mines in the Paint Creek territory and more than 1,500 men are affected. The miners have stated that a strike will be called.

Won't Consider Carmen's Demands.

Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—Replying to demands for increased wages and other concessions by the local branch of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees, the officers of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company declared that the company would refuse to recognize the representatives of the men.

FARMERS GET A HEARING

Say Better Teachers Are Needed and Object to Paved Roads.

Champaign, Ill., Dec. 15.—The commission on country life, appointed by President Roosevelt, held a session at the University of Illinois.

One farmer said that country schools should be more consolidated and that better school teachers should be employed. He said that half of the teachers employed in country schools have no better than a common school education.

The hard road question was thoroughly discussed, and it was stated that at least two-thirds of the farmers would oppose paved roads.

\$18,000 REWARD OFFERED

For Men Who Held Up Great Northern Train in Washington.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 15.—The total reward offered by the Great Northern railway officials and the government for the arrest and conviction of the train robbers who held up and robbed train No. 4 near Hillyard, Wash., has been raised to \$18,000.

It is believed that bandits who robbed a Great Northern train of \$40,000 over a year ago near Herron, Wash., Mont., were in the Hillyard hold-up.

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SET FIRE TO MILLION

Tells His Relatives He Saved Them From "Evil of Wealth."

St. Petersburg, Dec. 15.—A dying Moscow millionaire named Petroff had his whole fortune withdrawn from the banks and the bank notes brought to the sick room.

They were piled before him and set on fire.

Petroff summoned his relatives and showed them the ashes, congratulating them on having escaped from "the evil of wealth."

TAFT CHEERED IN THEATER

Audience Shouts and the Orchestra Plays the "Star Spangled Banner."

New York, Dec. 15.—W. H. Taft was the object of a hearty demonstration in the Astor theater, which he attended with a number of friends.

At the end of the first act the entire audience rose and cheered the president elect for a full half minute, while the orchestra played the "Star Spangled Banner."

New Tobacco Association Formed.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Dec. 15.—Representatives of the Planters' Protective Association, a number of Christian county tobacco planters formed the "Farmers' Mutual Tobacco Association," which will operate a "loose" sales system.

NOTICE OF LETTING CONTRACT.

Notice is hereby given that on Friday, January 12th, 1909, the Board of Commissioners of Jasper and Porter Counties, Indiana, will until 12 o'clock noon, receive sealed proposals for the construction of a bridge across the Mononkee River on the Mononkee River Grade, 270x16; consisting of two spans of 135 feet each; superstructure to be of steel and substructure of tubes with concrete backings.

Said bridge will be built according to plans and specifications on file in the Auditor's office of said counties. All bids to be accompanied by bond and affidavit as required by law.

The bridge reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the Boards of Commissioners of Jasper and Porter Counties.

JAMES N. LEATHERMAN,

Auditor Jasper County.

STEPHEN P. CORBY,

Auditor Porter County.

seven (27) North Range Five (5) West in White County, Indiana, and there where the same will have a good and sufficient outlet.

And it is alleged in said petition that certain lands owned by you in Jasper County, Indiana, and in White County, Indiana, are fully described in said petition and will be affected by the drainage prayed for in said petition.

You are further notified that said petition is now pending in said White County Court of Indiana, and that the same has been set for hearing and docketing, and will be heard and decided on in said Court on the 8th day of February, 1909.

Dated this 14th day of December, 1908.

CHRISTIAN STOLLER,

JOSEPH E. EMMOND,

JOHN E. LEADMAN,

JOHN F. LEVY,

JOHN F. LEWIS,

JOHN F. LEWIS,