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## PRISONERS ARE KILLED IN CELLS

### WHEREABOUTS OF AMERICAN SOCIALISTS IS A MYSTERY.

Author of Barbarous Mexico Retells Some of the Cruelties Practiced by Mexico on its Prisoners—Does not Believe the Senorita Returned to Mexico on her own Volition—Sex No Consideration in Distribution of Prisoners.

Venice, Cal. Nov. 1.—"If Teresa Villar was thrown into a prison at Torreon, Mexico, a week ago, it would be useless for any one who is familiar with the conditions of prison life south of the Rio Grande to even hazard a guess as to where she may be," declared John Kenneth Turner, the author of the famous book "Barbarous Mexico." "In Mexico," continued Mr. Turner, "the federal authorities make no distinction between the sexes in their cruelty. Of course, the senorita may still be confined at Torreon or she may have been transferred to another prison, where she will in all probability remain undiscovered for years. Very often political prisoners die in these jails, in fact any woman who is sent to a Mexican prison had better die as soon as possible. If, however, they should not happen to die, they always get the opportunity of facing a rifle line with their faces to a mud wall. Where prisoners die any kind of a death in the cells, it saves trouble for the authorities and the conditions of all of their jails is such as to induce this kind of a death which quite frequently happens before execution."

Turner put no faith in the report that the senorita in company with her father returned to Mexico voluntarily, and says bluntly that she was abducted and taken back for the purpose of getting her out of the road.

## BISHOP GOES ON THE WARPATH

### BISHOP WARREN IS ON FIRE AT "KING"

Says Rockefeller's Millions Are Not Wanted

Allanta, Ga. Nov. 1.—Declaring that is an insult to the South, Bishop Warren Chandler of the Methodist church is agitating against the acceptance of Rockefeller's gift of a million dollars for a fund with which to fight the hook worm, for the purpose of exterminating this pest.

He said: "It is to be hoped that our people will not be taken with Rockefeller's million dollar hook worm fund commission. It seems to be the habit of these moneyed men to single out the south for all kinds of reforms, remedies and enlightenment. A too ready acceptance of these funds have done some of our people in a bad light and does not redound to the credit of the south country. Rockefeller would be charge of not only our heads but our stomachs as well. The gift follows publication in one of the magazines a lot of sensational pictures regard the curse of the hook worm to the south. With this million dollars to spend the sensational press of the later states would portray our country as something accursed. We begin wonder what other slander is being circulated against it."

## NEW RATES IN AFFECT TODAY

### COST MORE TO REGISTER MATTER IN POST OFFICE.

Today Sees Higher Registration and More Security.

Washington, D. C. Nov. 1.—The new order of the Postoffice Department of the United States, by which the fee for the registration of mail is increased from eight to ten cents, while at the same time the liability of the government for indemnity in case of loss, theft, or destruction of a registered article in transit is increased from \$25 to \$50, went into effect today. The increase of the registration fee was ordered by Postmaster-General Hitchcock upon the recommendation of the committee which has made an investigation of the registration service and found that this distribution has been conducted at a considerable loss to the government. It is expected that other important modifications of the registry system that should lessen considerably the cost of its operation, will be made in the near future.

## APPLE EXHIBIT WILL EXCELL ALL

### FINEST EXHIBIT EVER SENT OUT.

Entire County Interested in Apple Show.

H. H. Weatherspoon, representing Elgin and its rapidly increasing fruit interests, Robert Withycombe, representing Union and its adjacent territory from an apple standpoint and Fred J. Currey, standing for the apple interests of this side of the valley, met in conference yesterday and this morning in this city to perfect and devise ways and means for a proper representation at the national apple show in Spokane.

Elgin and Union already have their show exhibits ready for shipment, and the commercial club here is going to gather its exhibit between now and the tenth of this month. On the tenth Mr. Weatherspoon and a Union man probably W. J. Townley, and Fred B. Currey will be in Spokane to arrange the exhibits and will remain in charge until the show is over. This world-known Mecca of fine apple growers and apple culture educators, will have the finest exhibit that ever went out of Union county, say the men who are behind it, and as no expense has been spared, this will of course prove true. The fruit is here.

The representatives who gathered here yesterday and today for the final preparation conference are elated over the exhibits which they have in view to put on the shelves of this big show. Union county will have three sections together in the non-irrigated department, and the exhibit will be fully as exhaustive as any there.

The O. R. & N., has announced a rate of one and one-third fare for the apple show from this city. This makes the rate \$10.95 for the round trip and tickets will be sold from the 14th to the 19th inclusive with return limit on the 22nd. No stopovers will be permitted either way.

### Looking For Trouble.

New Orleans, Nov. 1.—Governor Williamson of Kentucky, who has been one of the Taft party, is today enroute for Frankfort, having received the news that he had better be closer to home as trouble is threatening in extra large bunches at tomorrow's election in that state. Upon receipt of the news the governor started north immediately.

## GOV. HUGHES CONTROLS STATE

### HIS STRUGGLES OF THE PAST FOR REFORMATION ENDS.

Hereafter Governor Hughes will hold Whip Hand Over Entire Political Situation—No Longer Necessary For him to Whip his Reform Measures Through the Legislature—The Death of One Man Gives Needed hold On the State.

New York, Nov. 1.—Governor Hughes is today in a position to secure and hold the republican organization of the state of New York solidly at the next national campaign for the first time since he has become a prominent politician he has practically taken hold of the leadership, this is so especially if he appoints a practically loyal man for the comptrollership to succeed Comptroller Gaus who died yesterday while on a hunting trip in Canada.

If he appoints a loyal man the entire state patronage will then be in his hands as the comptroller has much patronage. Such a move will also give Governor Hughes the control of the state legislature and will make it possible for him to put his pet reform measures through the legislature without having to use force. His friends now say that Hughes will be the republican candidate for president in 1912.

Ever since he assumed the leadership of the party machine in the state the leaders of the republican party have been against Hughes and most of his proposals. Every point that he has gained has had to be accomplished by the use of force and good generalship. Hughes Now a Boss.

Hughes as a political boss will be a new figure in the political world. The naming of the new comptroller is awaited here with intense interest and the successful candidate's personality record will be subjected to immediate scrutiny.

## DETECTIVE IS THIEVING KIND

### DETECTIVE ROBS THAT HE GAURDED

Detective Maintains He Is Innocent of Crime

San Francisco, Nov. 1.—James Boynton, a Pinkerton detective, is in jail charged with robbing the California Neckwear Company which he was being paid to guard. The man was captured by two of the sleuths belonging to the Curtis detective agency, who had been employed by the proprietors for the purpose of watching in turn the Pinkerton man. When he was captured last night he had removed his coat, climbed through a window carrying a dark lantern but no weapons. Several days ago the managers discovered that the locks of various receptacles had been tampered with and suspected Boynton of the intention of robbing the company. He then hired the outside detectives for the purpose of watching the Pinkerton man. Boynton declares that he had no thought of robbing the company, but was only looking for possible burglars.

Catholic church will soon be built in Dallas.

## MANY ELECTIONS ON TOMORROW

### NEW YORK CITY ELECTION OVERSHADOWS ALL OTHERS.

Day of Election Comes Tomorrow with the Entire Country Centering Its Gaze on New York Where the Tammany Fight is Waging Fiercely—Philadelphia, Cleveland, and San Francisco among the Cities Taking Action, Too.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 1.—Though full State Tickets are to be voted for in only three states tomorrow, there will be scarcely a commonwealth of the Union without its election of minor officials, municipal or congressional contests or a ballot on proposed constitutional amendments to occupy its attention. The states which are to choose governors and other state officials are Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Virginia.

Politics in Massachusetts and Rhode Island loom up unusually large for an off year. Governor A. J. Potlauer is the republican candidate for reelection in Rhode Island. The democrats have nominated Olney Arnold a Providence manufacturer, who was defeated by a narrow margin a year ago. In Massachusetts Governor Draper and Lieutenant Governor Frothingham head the republican ticket for the second time. Arrayed against them on the democratic side are James H. Vahey, who was unsuccessful a year ago, and Eugene N. Foss, a wealthy manufacturer and a former republican. Alleged extravagance in the management of state affairs forms the chief issue in the Massachusetts contest. In Rhode Island the fight hinges on the question of reappointment and several proposed changes in the system of government.

New York Fight Overshadows All. Of more interest throughout the country than even the state elections is the mayoralty contest in New York City. Again it is the story of Tammany and anti-Tammany. Again there is a three-cornered fight involved in the elemental situation, with William R. Hearst, running as an independent candidate, again a prime factor as he was in the last municipal campaign in the metropolis. The Tammany candidate is William J. Gaynor, who personally has been an opponent of ring organization throughout his career. The republican organization, after vain efforts to work out a fusion program, nominated for mayor Otto T. Bannard, a financier of standing, a man with a clean record, but one who has never been aggressively engaged in politics. The result of the three-cornered fight cannot be forecasted with any degree of certainty. Today on the eve of the election each side is claiming victories by pluralities ranging from 50,000 to 100,000 votes.

### Many Cities to Vote.

Interesting municipal contests will be decided in numerous large cities throughout the country. In Philadelphia a bitter contest is on for the district attorneyship and two minor offices, with a strong independent movement against the dominant republican organization. While the contest is named by the independents as "fight for civic righteousness" it is a fight between the identical elect that clashed in 1905, with State Senator James P. McNichol a political boss, on one side, and D. C. Gibboney, independent candidate for district attorneyship, on the other. As the district attorneyship is regarded politically as the most important office outside the mayoralty, this is regarded as a contest of greater importance than that of four years ago, when the republican organization was defeated by 53,000 majority.

The contest in San Francisco is

## HALLOWE'EN PASSES SANELY

### ONE MINOR FRANK COMES TO THE NOTICE OF POLICE.

Hallowe'en Has Unusually Quiet time Of It in La Grande.

Hallowe'en passed in this city with scarcely a trace of the customary pranks. The police has not been apprised of anything more serious than the laying of a board crosswise on the railroad tracks. In fact, this was the only bit of fun any crowd seems to have had. It is apparent that the fear of serious complications resulting from practical jokes was to blame for the laxity of the boys on that night. It was by far the most sane Hallowe'en celebrated here in years.

similar in many respects to that in Philadelphia. The fight hinges on the district attorneyship, with the continuation of the graft prosecution as the most prominent issue. District Attorney Francis J. Heney who conducted the graft prosecution, is a candidate for re-election. He is opposed by Charles M. Flickert who was nominated on the republican and Union Labor ticket and Dr. T. W. B. Leland as the democratic candidate. The Union Labor party has its own mayoralty candidate.

### Johnson Again a Candidate.

Mayor Tom L. Johnson, of Cleveland, is a candidate for his fifth consecutive term, and is opposed by Herman C. Baehr, the republican candidate. In Cincinnati, an interesting contest is on for the mayoralty between Dr. Louis Schwab (republican) and John Weld Peck (democrat.) Mayoralty contests in other cities of Ohio and in New York and New Jersey present more or less interesting features. Boston does not elect a mayor, but the voters will decide upon the choice of two plans looking to non-partisan government. Topeka will accept or reject a plan for the commission form of government.

In the Second Washington District a Representative in Congress will be elected to succeed the late Francis W. Cushman. The republicans have nominated Judge W. W. McCredie, of Vancouver and the democrats have named Earnest Lister, of Tacoma.

### Tom L. the Issue in Cleveland.

Cleveland, O., Nov. 1.—The voters of Cleveland are to decide tomorrow whether Tom L. Johnson is to have a fifth term as mayor. Since the street car peace clam went through, the issue of the campaign has become purely one of Johnson and anti-Johnson. Today even money is being wagered that Mayor Johnson will win. His opponent for mayor on the republican ticket is Herman C. Baehr, who is serving his third term as recorder.

### Posse on the trail.

Gimli, Manitoba, Nov. 1.—A posse is diligently searching for an unidentified German who is reported to have murdered a woman and two children living on a farm near this city, yesterday. According to reports reaching here, the German was the guest of the farmer. He pounded his guest into insensibility, ran into the house and killed the farmers wife and two children and then escaped into the country.

### Delegates to Convention.

New Orleans, Oct. 1.—The delegates to the waterways convention made up for lost time by rushing their work which was left unfinished Saturday night on account of the lateness of President Taft's arrival. Today's session will be occupied with a report of the committee on resolutions, which if adopted will advance definite plans for the deepening of the Mississippi river and will also include the estimated cost thereof.

Athena after an well down 750 feet and in 1911, 1904 set

## GIVES LIFE TO SAVE CHILDREN

### BELLINGHAM WOMAN FATALLY HURT IN MORNING FIRE.

Lowers Three Children to the Ground And then Falls to the Pavement and Breaks her Back—One Other Known To Be Dead and a Third Body is Missing—Flames quickly Spread to Adjoining Structures—Woman cannot Survive.

Bellingham, Wash. Nov. 1.—Mrs. Josie Kramer, a widow, had her back broken during a fire this morning and has but little chance of recovering. The fire started early this morning and besides the fatal injury to Mrs. Kramer the body of Billy Dawson and Frank Gorman was taken from the ruins. Mrs. Kate Gussim was hurt fatally when she jumped from a second story window to the pavement.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is thought that it occurred in the room that was supposed to have been occupied by a Gorman who recently came here from Dawson. The fire occurred in a row of two and three story frame buildings and they burned so quickly that they were practically a mass of flames within a few minutes after the fire had been discovered.

Mrs. Kramer and her children occupied a room on the third floor of the A. B. lodging house. She was awakened by the smoke pouring into her rooms and with her three babes tried to rush the hallway for safety but had not progressed far before she found that she was cut off by the flames. She then returned with her children to her rooms and with the aid of a cloth line lowered the children from the window to the pavement in safety. She then tried to descend the clothes line herself but lost her grip on the line and fell, striking on the outer side of the curbing and breaking her back. The physicians say that the woman cannot live.

## NEGRO KICKS OLD VET TO DEATH

### POSSE AFTER NEGRO WITH VIM.

If Fellow is Found Will Be Roughly Handled.

Terre Haute, Ind. Nov. 1.—A posse is searching the entire country for a negro by the name of Sam Swope, who last night kicked to death Arthur Smith, an aged civil war veteran. If the negro is caught he will be hung without court or jury.

Smith, who was an old man, was walking down the street past the spot where some negroes were shooting craps on the pavement, and accidentally kicked the toe of his shoe against one of the dice, sending it across the street. He turned and apologized to the negroes but was instantly knocked down and Swope, a big burly negro kicked the old man to death before aid could reach him. Swipe then made his escape into the country and the sheriff and posse are searching for him as well as numerous other parties.

### Hook Worm in Seattle.

Seattle, Nov. 1.—John Hoffinger, a laborer aged 23 years, who recently arrived here from Texas is in the local hospital suffering from a disease which the doctors have diagnosed as "hook worm." This is the only case that has been reported in this city.