

GETS SECOND NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT OF CUBA



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CREDITORS ASKED TO DEPOSIT CLAIMS

Thompson Committee Secretive After New York Meeting

New York, Jan. 26.—The meeting of the J. V. Thompson Creditors' committee in the offices of Samuel Untermyer, counsel for the committee, was so secret that it was even impossible to find out afterward what happened there. All questions were answered by the following statement, dictated by Mr. Untermyer with instructions that it be not used as an interview: "At a meeting held at the offices of Samuel Untermyer, counsel for the committee, the form of the agreement of deposit was decided upon and it was determined forthwith to call upon the unsecured creditors for the deposit of their claims with the committee. "A number of other matters affecting the administration of the estate were taken up. No further information concerning the action of the committee was obtainable. "The only point on which Mr. Untermyer would speak was the report that he had undertaken to finance the liquidation of the estate of Mr. Thompson. He denied it absolutely. "My only connection with the affair is as counsel for the committee," he declared. "I never made any such statement. "He added that Mr. Thompson was not at the meeting. When asked if the action of the United States department of justice in calling a grand jury to investigate the First National bank of Uniontown, of which Mr. Thompson was president, would have any effect on their plans of financing, he declared that he knew nothing about the "sheet. "I do not even know that such a grand jury has been called," he said.

TRY TO CORNER MARKET

Cold Storage Poultry Said to Have Been Bought Up

New York, Jan. 26.—The state department of foods and markets received from Chicago what it believes to be authoritative information that the beef packers, included in the so-called "beef trust," have bought up 40,000,000 pounds of cold storage poultry in an alleged scheme to corner the market. This amount, equivalent to 2,000 carloads, is in addition to the usual stock of frozen poultry that the packers store away each year. "It is said they have paid as high as 23 cents per pound for roasting chickens, 28 cents for broilers and 18 cents for extra heavies, which are considered most unusual prices. The prices are said to be 20 per cent higher than prices paid last year, and it is understood that when the time for profit taking comes, the packers expect to clear from 33 1/2 to 40 per cent."

RING MAY BE FAKE

Authenticity of Pledge Said to Have Been Luther's is Questioned

New York, Jan. 26.—It is by no means certain that the betrothal ring of Martin Luther now on exhibit at the New York Historical society is genuine. The question as to the ring's authenticity was raised by a well known man. "Martin Luther's betrothal rings are always turning up, and one of them, some few years ago, was sold in this city at auction for an insignificant sum," he said. "According to the author of 'Finger Ring Lore' these fake Luther rings were made for a jubilee at Leipzig in 1825. It seems a pity that the historical society should display one of them."

EXPORTS REACH HIGH MARK

Last Year's Foreign Trade Exceeded by a Billion Previous Record

Washington, Jan. 26.—The exports of the United States for the year 1915 were about a billion dollars more than ever before in a like period, according to a statement of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. The December exports exceeded those for any previous month in the country's history, the total value being \$559,361,214.

Bits of Byplay

By Luke McLuke

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Huh!
"I do not like this book," said I.
"I find there's nothing to it."
In fact, I found this book so dry
That I just waded through it."

Paw Knows Everything.
Willie—Paw, what is philanthropy?
Paw—That is when a man who took
too much time to give back a little of
it, my son.

Fact!
"To be a sage I don't pretend,"
Said wise old Mr. Hubbles.
"But you can always lose a friend
By telling him his troubles."

Taking After Father.
"Tommy takes after his father," said
Mrs. Naylor as she proudly patted her
son on the head.
"Yes, I see he does," replied Mrs.
Catty. "I was just looking at the
pans he is wearing."

Quest!
This boarding house serves food that's
prime;
It's run by Mrs. Hash.
She'll let you have your meals on time,
And yet she wants spot cash.

The Wise Fool.
"Women feel where men think,"
quoted the sage.
"Maybe that's the reason why there
are so few baldheaded women," re-
plied the fool.

You Know Them.
Some people I find to my sorrow,
Would rather be sneaky than say;
They never get off till tomorrow,
The mean things they can do today.

Brevity.
"Brevity is the soul of wit," remark-
ed the old fogey.
"Then there are mighty few witty
preachers in the world," said the
grouch.

It's a Thin Excuse Anyway.
We have been thinking of writing
Luke McLuke and asking him if the
correct definition of a corn fed is "a
fast chance."—Hillsboro (O.) News-Her-
ald.

But She Wouldn't Do It.
A lady much given to laughter
Each day, her friends thought, became
laughier.
For when she'd begin
She could raise such a din
It was seldom from laughter to laughter
(Her physician finally said he could do
nothing for her unless she'd quit reading
Luke McLuke.)

Names Is Names.
A hero runs a confectionery shop in
Long Island City, N. Y.

Is That So!
Dear Luke—A real corn husking is
when a corn fed who has a No. 6 foot
tries to take off a No. 3 shoe.—Green-
ville, O.

By Gosh, You're Right!
Dear Luke—When you have read the
Inclosed business card you will have
discovered that L. E. Sisterhen runs a
shoe store in Logansport, Ind.

Things to Worry About.
You can't tie a live eel to a knot.

Our Daily Special.
Have more confidence in yourself
and less in others.

Luke McLuke Says:
Lots of men remind you of an old
horse that never tries to get up any
speed until it knows that it is on its
way home to eat.

What has become of the old fashion-
ed hammer who used to die of a fatal
disease known as "five o'clock"?
Any old time a boy leaves the house
without slamming the door you had
better send him to a doctor and see
what ails him.

Most of the men who brag that they
are self made give you the impression
that they got tired before they finished
the job.

Love may make the world go round,
but it can't make both ends meet.
Some men spend half their lives try-
ing to kill time and the other half try-
ing to save it.

Even the woman who wants to shine
in society is always powdering her
nose.

A woman may have some secrets
from her husband. But what she really
thinks of him isn't one of them.

A young man spends most of his
time trying to show his knowledge.
An old man spends most of his time
trying to conceal his ignorance.

The man who can't quit without the
ceremony of sweating off isn't going
to quit long.

A fool single man imagines that it
takes two to make an argument, but a
married man knows better.
The trouble with a wife is that she
either believes too much or not enough.
Man will always be regarded as wo-
man's superior as long as he has sense
enough to wear clothes that button up
the front.

Wireless telegraphy will flash a mes-
sage around the world in a few min-
utes. This is a great age. But a dog
fight still attracts as big a crowd as it
did in the days when it took two
months to send a letter to England.

'PORK BARREL' HURTS DEFENSE

\$110,000 Public Building Used Four Days a Year

UTAH TOWN, 836, CARED FOR

Building Costing \$150,000 Erected in
Town Where Rent Had Been \$1 a
Year—Utah Town That May Re-
quire Four Clerks Ten Years Hence
Has Appropriation For Grounds and
Building.

New York, Jan. 26.—Congress
"gilded pork barrel," which threatens
to interfere seriously with the coun-
try's preparedness plan, is the subject
of a vivid article by Burton J. Hen-
drick in the February World Works
magazine. Calling the contents of the
barrel the "pork that smells to high
Heaven," Mr. Hendrick displays them
for anybody's edifying nerve.

The article is particularly timely in
view of this year's public buildings
bill, now in congress, and the recent
statements of such men as Representa-
tive Clark of Florida, who said last
week in the house that "I am in favor
of reasonable preparedness, but if it
means that we must stop work on public
buildings, I am against preparedness
tooth and nail."

Texas, Tex., five years ago secured
a courthouse costing \$110,000. A
separate building serves as post-
office. According to Mr. Hendrick, this
building is open only three or four
days a year. The rest of the year the
building stands silent, majestic,
vacant, unused. He continues:

"Meanwhile, in New York city,
where the federal courts are situated,
by sitting, and are overcrowded with
business, the federal government
leases courtroom space in the Wool-
worth building.

"On the one hand Texas, with an
elaborate courthouse used three or
four days in the year; on the other,
the busy court in New York city,
forced to hold its sessions in a com-
mercial skyscraper; here we have the
beginning and end of the great Ameri-
can pork barrel system of legisla-
tion."

New York Court in Skyscraper.
Congress, in its last public building
bill, cut out an appropriation to pur-
chase a courthouse site in New York
city but insisted upon appropriations
for postoffice sites at Paintsville, Ky.,
with a population of 842 souls; and
New Castle, in Wyoming, which has a
population of 975. Chicago, which has
paid receipts of \$13,000,000 a year,
could not get money enough to buy a
site for a badly needed postoffice, but
Vernal, Utah, which consists of 420
people and has annual postal receipts
of \$6,000, obtained an appropriation
for both a site and building.

Austen of Tennessee "believes in
putting money into circulation." Clark
of Florida thinks public buildings
"mitigate the afflictions of the people all
over this glorious land." Senator
Sutherland of Utah thinks it stir-
patriotic "to have a flag flying over
a building in every small town."

The postoffice in Chickasaw, Okla.,
is being built at a cost of \$150,000.
Previously the department rented
quarters at a cost of \$1 a year.

It is calculated that Dark City,
Utah, will have grown so large in the
next ten years that four postoffice em-
ployees will be required. Meantime
the government is putting up a \$23,000
building to have plenty of room for
them, when and if they are required.

Jackson, Ky., has brighter pros-
pects. Ten years hence (unless the
probabilities fail to develop into ac-
tualities) Jackson will have to have six
postoffice employees. To make ready
for them, when and if they come, a
\$90,000 building is being erected.

Wisconsin Sheriff Killed.
Duluth, Minn., Jan. 26.—Sheriff
Malotson of Barab county, Wis., south
of here, was shot and killed by Wenzel
Baroneck, a farmer, while serving
papers on him, according to word re-
ceived from Barab.

Mr. Bryan Going to Sweden?
Stockholm, Jan. 26.—Word is re-
ceived here that William J. Bryan
has accepted membership on the
American delegation at the Ford
permanent peace tribunal and is pre-
paring to come here shortly.

Night Riders Plead Guilty.
New Madrid, Mo., Jan. 26.—Thirty-
three defendants in the night rider
trials here pleaded guilty, thus bring-
ing the trials to a sudden end.

WEATHER EVERYWHERE.

Observations at United States
weather bureau taken at 8 p. m.
yesterday follow:
Temp. Wind. Weather.
Pittsburgh..... 50 Clear
New York..... 52 Clear
Boston..... 52 Cloudy
Buffalo..... 53 Cloudy
Chicago..... 52 Rain
St. Louis..... 56 Cloudy
New Orleans..... 62 Cloudy
Washington..... 62 Clear
Philadelphia..... 54 Clear

The Weather.
Rain tonight; Thursday, rain
or snow and colder.

THE DAVISES GO TO CHURCH

Congressman "Amens" One Remark of
Pastor; His Wife Another.

Washington, Jan. 26.—Members of
the congregation of the Vermont Ave-
nue Christian church were stirred at
the morning services Sunday last by
an incident in which Representative
"Cyclone" Davis of Texas figured.

Rev. Earl Willey, pastor, was praising
the president for going to the peo-
ple to learn their wishes of prepared-
ness. "Keep close to the people," was
the admonition of the pastor to all
public servants.

"Amen" a voice rang out clearly
from the congregation, and turning
their necks, the audience recognized
the familiar whiskers of the new con-
gressman from Texas.

Toward the close of his remarks the
pastor discussed woman suffrage, and
remarked that a good woman was
quite as well equipped for the ballot
as some men.

"Amen, Amen" piped a shrill sim-
ultaneous voice with great fervor, and
looking in the direction whence it
came, the audience discovered Mrs.
"Cyclone" Davis as the one who had
voiced approval of the suffrage com-
ment.

GERMAN NOTE DISAPPOINTS

Berlin Wants to Pay Damages, But
Still Balks at Apology.

Washington, Jan. 26.—Germany has
again failed in express terms to meet
the demands of the United States for
a settlement of the Lusitania contro-
versy.

Count von Bernstorff was so in-
formed at a conference with Secre-
tary Lansing. While the ambassador
expects to confer again with the sec-
retary, it is not now expected that
anything approaching a definite un-
derstanding can be reached until after
the embassy has received further in-
structions from Berlin.

The stumbling block consists in the
unwillingness of the German govern-
ment to admit that the course of her
submarine warfare at the time the
Lusitania was destroyed was illegal.
Though willing to pay, the United
States indemnity for the lives of the
Americans who were lost, the German
government wishes to pay this in-
demnity as an act of grace rather than
that upon an admission of wrong-
doing.

To this view the United States has
refused absolutely to defer.

WOOD IS INDICTED

New York Public Service Commission
Charged With Soliciting Bribe

New York, Jan. 26.—Former Public
Service Commissioner Robert Wood
was indicted on a charge of having
solicited a bribe for his influence in
swinging to the United States Switch
and Signal company of Skewisville, Pa.,
the contract for installing a signal
system in the city of New York. He
pleaded not guilty to the indict-
ment and was released in \$7,500 bail.

LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN

Pittsburgh, Jan. 26.

Butter—Prints, 35 1/2@36; Jan. 26.
34 1/2@35. Eggs—Fresh, 34@35.
Cattle—Choice fat steers, 34@35; prime
\$3.00@3.40; good, \$2.75@3.15; city
butchers, \$2.50@2.95; fair, \$2.25@2.75;
common, \$2.00@2.50; choice heifers,
\$2.00@2.50; common to fair heifers, \$1.50
@2.00; common to good fat bulls, \$1.50@2.00;
7; common to good fat cows, \$2@2.50;
fresh cows and springers, \$4@5.50.
Sheep and Lambs—Prime wethers,
\$3.25@3.50; good mixed, \$2.50@3.15;
fair mixed, \$2.25@2.75; culls and com-
mon, \$1.50@2.00; heavy ewes, \$2@2.50;
\$1.75@2.25; real calves, \$1.50@2.00;
11.75; heavy and thin calves, \$1.50@2.00.
Hogs—Prime heavy, heavy mixed
and mediums, \$7.50@7.75; light Yorkers,
\$7.50@7.75; pigs, \$7@7.15; roughs,
\$6.50@7.00; stags, \$5.50@6.75.

Cincinnati, Jan. 26.
Cattle—Choice fat steers, \$7.50@8.00;
\$1.00; good to choice butcher steers, \$6
@7.50; fair to good butcher steers, \$6
@7; good to choice heifers, \$6@7;
good to choice butchers bulls, \$6@7;
good to choice cows, \$5.25@6; fair to
good cows, \$4@5; common cows, \$3@4
@5.

Calves—Good to choice calves, \$11
@11.50; fair to good, \$9@10.75; heavy
and common, \$6@9.
Sheep and Lambs—Good to choice
lambs, \$10.60@10.85; fair to good, \$9
@10.25; good to choice ewes, \$4.50@7;
mixed ewes and wethers, \$6.75@7.15;
bucks, \$6@6.50; culls and common,
\$4.50@6.

Hogs—Yorkers, \$7.60; mediums,
\$7.70; mixed, \$7.45; pigs, \$6.75@7.7;
roughs, \$6.85; stags, \$5.25@5.50.
Chicago, Jan. 26.
Hogs—Bulk, \$7.40@7.70; light, \$7.10
@7.65; mixed, \$7.25@7.75; heavy,
\$7.30@7.80; roughs, \$7.30@7.40; pigs,
\$5.50@6.80.

Cattle—Native beef steers, \$4.30@
\$7.75; cows and heifers, \$3.15@3.20;
calves, \$7.25@11.
Sheep—Wethers, \$7.60@8.25; lambs,
\$8.50@11.
Wheat—May, \$1.26. Corn—May,
75c. Oats—May, 53 1/2c.

East Buffalo, Jan. 26.
Shipping—Prime steers, \$8.50@8.75;
\$8.25; heifers, \$5.75@7.50; cows,
\$3.25@5.00; bulls, \$4.50@7; stockers
and feeders, \$5.75@6.75; stock heif-
ers, \$4.50@5.50; fresh cows and
springers, \$5@10.
Hogs—Heavy and mixed, \$7.25;
Yorkers, \$7.25@7.90; pigs, \$7@7.25;
roughs, \$6.75@6.90; stags, \$4.50@6.50.
Sheep and Lambs—Lambs, \$7.50@
11.25; yearlings, \$6.50@10.25; wethers,
\$8.25@8.50; ewes, \$4@8; sheep,
mixed, \$8@8.35.

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Advice.
Your every hour you should enjoy,
Make use of moments as they fly.
Don't waste your time today, my boy,
You'll need it all before you die.

Huh!
"You say you are a moving picture
hero?" exclaimed the wise guy. "What
company do you work for?"
"I don't work for any company," re-
plied the grouch.

"Then how are you a moving picture
hero?" demanded the wise guy.
"My wife makes me take her to a
movie show every night," replied the
grouch.

Isn't This Crazy!
There was an old fellow named Vase.
Who had beer stains all over his clothes.
Every glass that would fill
He would wobble and spill
For the foam always tickled his nose.

Ouch!
"That's queer," observed Mr. Gabb.
"What's queer?" asked Mrs. Gabb.
"It says here that my husband is un-
der the impression that he is a
never knows who his husband is until
after she has married him."
"Aid why is India mentioned espe-
cially?" demanded Mrs. Gabb.

Good Deeds.
Do not give away advice.
Keep it and demand your price.
And, if it will bring you no profit,
Then just save it for yourself.

The Wise Fool.
"It must be a great hardship to have
a wife who can't cook and won't do it,"
observed the sage.
"I'll bet it's a greater hardship to
have a wife who can't cook, but insists
on doing it," replied the fool.

Wufl!
I tried to borrow from Friend See.
But he had not a cent.
He was so weak financially
He could not stand a loan.

Names Is Names.
Among the immigrants in the Hooder
State is John Sandinger of Paradise,
Ind. Short (son of Midway, Ind.; I
O. You of Chandler, Ind. and R. A.
Destinias of Boonville, Ind.

Is That So!
We understand that Editor W. D.
Eaton of the Chicago Press Club
Scop, Colonel Judd Mortimer Lewis
of the Houston Post and Major Luke
McLuke of the Cincinnati Enquirer are
violently opposed to our "Flowers For
The Living" club. It is alleged that
the reason is that all flowers received
must be worn in their hair. Their hat
crop is short—their pates gleam and
glister beyond any hope of ever being
replished by the flowers. — George-
town (Tex.) Commercial.

Modest.
We are so modest, merry men!
At limbs we dare not glance.
The eagle on our currency
Now wears a pair of pants.

Pin 56, for shame to speak of things
That shock our modesty.
I've bet Luke has his table limbs
Draped right down from the knee.
—Cleveland, O.

Things to Worry About.
About 70 per cent of the ocean floor
is entirely devoid of vegetation.

Our Daily Special.
It is a wise man who knows when to
cash in.

Luke McLuke Says:
A whole lot of men are so busy argu-
ing about the war in Europe causing
hard times in this country that they
haven't time to hunt for a job.

What has become of the old fash-
ioned man who used to shine his
boots with stove polish every Sunday
morning?

Women like to build castles in the
air because when the structures are
completed the pipes never freeze, the
furnace never goes out and there are
no dishes to wash.

Once in awhile you will find a girl
who is so fond of lobsters that she
marries one.

One reason why there isn't any fun
in gambling with your wife is be-
cause it keeps the money in the fam-
ily.

If you have a great idea and make
money out of it you are a genius.
But if you do not make any money
out of it you are a crank or a plain
nut.

One half of the world has too much
education and too little experience, and
the other half has too little education
and too much experience.

The player piano in the front room
seldom needs it, but the family Bible
on the table near the piano often needs
dusting.

And there is such a thing as a man
being so public spirited that he can't
let other people's business alone long
enough to attend to his own business.

There are some GOOD business men,
but there are more good BUSINESS
men.

Why is it that a philanthropist al-
ways draws the line at his poor rela-
tions?

It would save a lot of people a whole
lot of trouble if we reversed the order
of things and let them so that it
would cost \$200 to get married and \$2
to get a divorce.

WANTS GOVERNMENT ARMOR PLATE PLANT



Photo by American Press Association.
SENATOR BENJAMIN R. TILLMAN

STEEL MEN OPPOSE GOVERNMENT PLANT

Offer Reduction In Price of Armor Plate

Washington, Jan. 26.—After several
representatives of the armor plate in-
dustry had been heard before the sen-
ate naval affairs committee an ad-
justment of a week was taken at the
suggestion of Senator Penrose to per-
mit the private manufacturers to con-
fer with the secretary of the navy and
try to reach an agreement on the
price of armor plate that will "dis-
suade" the government officers from
the plan to build a government plant
at this time.

At a former meeting of the commit-
tee E. C. Grace of the Bethlehem Steel
company testified that if the govern-
ment could assure private manu-
facturers of a definite program of con-
struction covering a period of years
that would keep the plants reasonably
active a substantial reduction could
be brought about in the price.

Representatives of the Midvale
Steel company were heard before the
committee on the bill to appropriate
\$11,000,000 for a government plant to
manufacture armor plate. Alva C.
Dinskey, president of the Midvale com-
pany, and Wm. F. Barba, manager,
were present and toward the close of
the hearing Rear Admiral Joseph
Sirauss, chief of the ordnance bureau
of the navy department, was on the
stand.

It is likely that at the next meet-
ing of the committee, unless there is
an agreement between the secretary
and the armor plate manufacturers, a
vote will be taken on the bill au-
thorizing the plant, and it may be had
even in that case. The sentiment of
the committee appears favorable to
the bill and under a resolution put
through by Chairman Tillman, six
members of the committee are even-
tually may constitute a quorum for
business and a favorable vote or five
members can report a bill.

STEEL RESUMES DIVIDENDS

Last Three Months' Earnings Are
Largest on Record \$51,222,728.

New York, Jan. 26.—The directors
of the United States Steel corporation
have declared a quarterly dividend of
1 1/2 per cent on the common stock,
payable that issue on a 5 per cent
annual basis. This action marked the
resumption of payments on the com-
mon stock after a year's suspension.

Net earnings of the steel corpora-
tion for the three months ended Dec-
ember 31 last aggregated \$51,222,728,
the largest on record. They compared
with \$38,710,644 in the preceding
quarter; \$19,935,635 in the corre-
sponding quarter of 1914 and \$23,084,
320 in the same quarter of 1913. The
previous record net was \$45,563,708,
earned in the June quarter of 1907.

This is the first dividend declared
on Steel common since October, 1914.
The usual dividend was passed Jan-
uary 21, 1915, during the depression fol-
lowing the outbreak of the European war.
The 1 1/2 dividend calls for about
\$6,350,000 on the \$508,302,000 common
stock outstanding. The regular
quarterly disbursement of 1 1/2 per
cent was declared on the preferred
stock.

TOLEDO FIRM BUILDS SHIPS

Norwegian Company Contracts For
Four Steamers at Ohio Lake Port.

Toledo, O., Jan. 26.—Four steamers
are to be built by the Toledo Ship-
building company for Norwegian inter-
ests at a cost of \$1,200,000.

The vessels will cost \$300,000 each.
They are to be delivered in April,
June and July, 1917.

General Manager Charles B. Calder
of the shipbuilding company says the
Norwegians wanted the company to
take options on two more ships for
1917 delivery, but he did not care to
book more orders so far ahead. The
company now has contracts for eleven
ships, nearly all of which are for
ocean-going trade.