

## PRESS DRIVER CONFESSES TO \$22,000 THEFT

AROLD BOY STOLE KEY LAST NOVEMBER, INSTITUTIONS PAPER.

Has Been Recovered and Is Thought \$22,000 Will Be Found in All.

(By Associated Press.) Charles La. July 21.—Mel Pierce, aged 17, an ex-wagon driver, confessed today he stole twenty-two thousand dollars from the Wells-Fargo Co. November. The police say he hid the money from a chest at Broad station and substituted a piece of paper, a piece of which he affixed to a chicken house they unearthed nearly \$7,000. A thousand dollars was found in the garage. The boy was arrested and confessed to city. About fourteen thousand dollars is expected to be recovered.

## MER BEACHES WITH BIG HOLE IN BOTTOM

(By Associated Press.) Gloucester, N. Y., July 21.—Steamer *Tramper* beached on east side of the Hudson river today with water pouring in a big hole in the bottom. A man on a raft at Saopus Island, where were panic stricken. Boat had settled very low beaching the mainland, and it is exciting two mile race for

## POLICEMAN MURDERED BY BURGLARS

(By Associated Press.) York, July 21.—John Cappollesman, was murdered by burglars whom he surprised attempting to break into the bank of St. Matthew's church in Brooklyn.

## AVIN BEGINS ASTORATE OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Friday morning and evening at Baptist church was filled with congregations who gathered to welcome the new pastor, Dr. R. S. Gavin, who was heard in two double sermons. The church was tastefully decorated with ferns, palms, and cut flowers, and these, with the congregation seemed to breathe a cordiality which could not but make sister feel that she was in the arms of her friends. And that the pastor's hospitality and good cheer which characterizes Lake-Kingship, was accorded him in measure. Gavin's family consists of his wife and one son, Withers Gavin, who are already comfortably settled at the Baptist parsonage. The members of the Baptist



DR. R. S. GAVIN.

and those of all denominations in the Lakeland Telegram welcome the new family and feels that they will prove a great addition to the city's church life. Gavin is one of the South's best preachers, and besides being a fluent and able speaker is also a writer. The combination of these gifts makes him a man in the eyes of the right man in the

JAMES MANAHAN



James Manahan, congressman-at-large from Minnesota, is a Republican, and never before held a public office. He resides in Minneapolis, is forty-seven years old and married.

Frank M. Cooper, of Punta Gorda, has been a visitor to Washington for the past few days.

## ASPHALT NOW BEING APPLIED TO STREETS

Work of Putting Down the Top Dressing of This Material Was Begun Today.

Today the work of putting down the asphalt on the streets which are to be paved with that material was begun, the initial work being done on North Florida avenue. This work will now proceed rapidly, and in a short time all the streets to be thus treated will be covered with this material.

Mr. J. N. Hazlehurst, the city's able engineer, states that every precaution has been taken to get the asphalt coating prepared in exactly the correct proportions, so that the city will be assured of the most durable and satisfactory work. Expert chemists have been engaged to supervise the mixing and nothing has been left undone that would tend to produce the best results.

Owing to the fact that the mixture is being put down at the very hottest time of the year, it is necessary to make it of a consistency suitable to such weather. Otherwise in lower temperature it would become hard, brittle and subject to cracking. Owing to this necessity, it may seem to the uninitiated to be too soft, but at first the imprint of horses' hoofs and wheels of vehicles may show plainly. These, however, in a short time, will "iron out," leaving a surface entirely smooth and free from indentations, and giving a street which will be in prime condition at all seasons of the year.

## NOVEL PLAN TO REDUCE HIGH COST OF LIVING

Washington, July 21.—A novel attempt to reduce the high cost of living by eliminating the middlemen in meats and green groceries through direct dealings with farmers, is to be tried here by a concern in which several office holders under the Taft administration are officials. Plans for the movement have been under way for some time but actual operation began only today. About 1,000 local housewives, many of the women of standing in social circles, are associated with the movement in a co-operative and advisory capacity.

A preliminary survey of market conditions in Washington has been made, and the published statistics seem to place the responsibility for the soaring prices upon the middleman. Tabulation of prices taken in all corners of the capitol allege profits ranging from 100 to 33 per cent. These admittedly are offset by waste and business costs.

The new movement proposes to gather provisions from the countryside with a fleet of motor trucks and deliver them to the kitchen doors in sealed boxes upon order given the day before. The leaders of the movement say they will pay the farmer 20 per cent more than he now gets and sell directly to consumers for 40 per cent less than they now pay.

## FRANK WILL BE TRIED FIRST FOR PHAGAN MURDER

GRAND JURY DECIDES TO POSTPONE ACTION IN CASE AGAINST NEGRO

Leon Frank Will Have To Stand Trial Before Action Is Taken Against Conley.

(By Associated Press.) Atlanta, Ga., July 21.—The grand jury today decided to postpone action in the case of Jim Conley, a negro charged with complicity in the Mary Phagan murder case until after the trial of Leon Frank, who is accused of the murder. Solicitor Dorsey protested against the action now.

## CRISIS IN MEXICO IS APPROACHING

(By Associated Press.) Washington, July 21.—Alarming reports that a crisis in Mexico is approaching were received here by high officials. The reports stated authoritatively today that developments are coming within two weeks fraught with tremendous importance to the Huerta government.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, July 21.—President Wilson has asked Congress to decide whether Admiral Robert Peary may accept a decoration as grand officer of the Legion of Honor which France wishes to confer. A naval officer can not accept a decoration from a foreign nation without permission of Congress.

## Florida & Georgia Land Co. Will Develop Fine Tract of 900 Acres

Having disposed of the major part of its subdivision holdings in and near Lakeland, the Florida and Georgia Land Co. has purchased a 900-acre tract of what is regarded as particularly choice land for residential, grove and truck farming purposes adjoining the city limits of Auburndale on the west and touching on the shores of Lakes Ariana, Lena and Walsler.

This tract, which is being subdivided by the local surveying firm of Brush & Selmscyer into five and ten-acre tracts, has something more than a mile of excellent lake frontage and lies on both sides of the Lakeland-Auburndale road which is soon to be graded and surfaced with Bartow rock, as a part of the general road building program agreed upon by the board of county commissioners.

The lake frontage property has been cut into lots of approximately five acres each, with a shore line of 165 feet and with title running to and including the shore line with all shore rights. The Florida and Georgia Land Co. is opening a sixty foot boulevard along the shore of Lake Ariana, which boulevard will become part of what is known as Lakeside Drive, already opened, clayed and in use along the north and east shores of this lake, which has an area of 900 acres and is one of the most beautiful in Polk county.

In addition to this lake shore boulevard, the Florida and Georgia Land Co. is clearing seven miles of road through the tract and has a large crew of men in charge of D. McCraney, of Lakeland, engaged in clearing the entire tract of all palmetto, underbrush, small second oak growth, dead and down and dead standing timber, and in parking the lands which this company believes will be one of the most attractive subdivisions ever put on the market.

Auburndale Lakeside park is the name given to this new subdivision and its opening is being greeted with practical enthusiasm by the people of Auburndale since it opens for settlement and development a choice piece of land, lying close to the city and, up to this time, kept off the market by the desire of the owners to sell in bulk. Auburndale has had \$10,000 worth of concrete walks, \$3,000 worth of hard clay roads, built three new brick business blocks and some two dozen dwellings during the past year and is making preparations to bond for

## THOUSANDS ARE SUFFERING IN ALBANIAN HILLS

MISSIONARY SAYS POPULACE HIDE IN MOUNTAINS FOR SAFETY.

Are Living On Roots, Herbs, Twigs and Are Without Any Shelter

New York, July 21.—An American missionary in Albania, has sent a message to Dr. Henry Otis Dwight, secretary of the American Bible Society, that the Servians are apparently attempting the extermination of the population of the Albania districts. He Servians are patrolling the territory thus preventing the ingress or egress of thousands of refugees in the mountains who are without shelter and are eating roots, twigs and bark.

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Atlantic City, N. J., July 21.—The executive council of the American Federation of Labor is holding a meeting here today at the Strand hotel. President Gompers presides over the sessions. While it is understood that the Erdman act and the Mulhall confession will be discussed, no statement will be issued until after the sessions.

The Pensacola navy yard, which was closed several years ago by order of the Taft administration is to be reopened and made a marine base. One thousand marines will be quartered there. They will be brought from Philadelphia and Brooklyn.

MRS. EDWARD E. BROWNE



Mrs. Edward Everts Browne, wife of the new congressman from Wau-paca, Wis., takes an active part in society affairs in Washington. She has four children.

## FARMERS CLUB HAD INTERESTING MEETING

Met Saturday at the Home of Mr. Maharg, Large Number Present.

The Lakeland Farmers' Club met Saturday at the residence of Mr. A. S. Maharg on South Florida avenue with a good attendance. The meeting came to order by the following address by President Con-bear:

"Ladies and Gentlemen and Members of the Lakeland Farmers' Club: I wish to thank you for the honor you have bestowed upon me in electing me to be your president. But I assume the duties with some misgivings as to the wisdom of your choice. But will do my best to preside with fairness and for the best interest of the club. For I feel that this club has a great work to do in the future by bringing its members more closely in touch with the extension work of the experiment station at Gainesville.

"You are all aware of the fact that the general government has been expending large amounts of money to maintain an experiment station there for the benefit of the agriculturists of the State. They have been many things by actual experiment under standard rules which go far toward making perfect knowledge, which it is very necessary to disseminate among the people. Through the regular meetings of such an organization as this is one of the best ways of doing so is by the circulation of their bulletins and the discussion of them and the explanation of their findings and deductions by some of their workers. One of the popular methods throughout the northwest is the holding of farmers' institutes at which some of the university teachers deliver lectures on different subjects according to a previously arranged program, which has been widely advertised some time previous to the meetings. In all it has been found to be able to arouse more interest and draw a larger number of farmers together to have in connection with it something of an exhibition of farm products with the awarding of prizes.

"Prof. Spencer has written me a letter on this subject which will be presented to you for your consideration and action later."

Letters were read from Prof. A. P. Spencer, of Gainesville, in reference to planning a two or three days' farmers' institute meeting here some time in January, and there was a committee appointed to look after this, and take the matter up with the Board of Trade.

Mr. B. L. Hamner, of Tampa, was present to explain the plan of organization of the Florida Growers and Shippers' League. After which a very sumptuous repast was partaken of.

On being called to order after dinner the discussion was on the fall management of citrus groves. Meeting adjourned.

F. J. JULIAN, Secretary

## TERMS OF PEACE AGREED TO BY THE BULGARIANS

WILL CEASE HOSTILITIES AT ONCE IF SERVIA AND GREECE WILL.

Bulgarians Agree To Conditions Made By Roumania, Servia and Greece

(By Associated Press.) London, July 21.—The new Bulgarian cabinet under M. Radoasavoff formally notified the European powers today of their readiness to order a cessation of hostilities immediately if the powers can induce Greece and Servia to take a similar course.

## Accepts Conditions (By Associated Press.)

Bucharest, July 21.—It has been officially confirmed here that Bulgaria has accepted the conditions imposed by Romania and has also agreed to terms with Servia and Greece.

## EXAMINATIONS FOR RAILWAY VALUATION

Washington, July 21.—The first examinations for men to help the interstate commerce commission in its stupendous work of putting a physical value on the railroads of the country, are being held in all the States and in the Territories of Hawaii and Porto Rico today. So great is the interest among those seeking employment that over 25,000 inquiries have been received by the commerce commission regarding the examinations.

Not only will a large force be required to complete the initial work of appraising the valuation of all of the railroads of the country, but after the final figures are obtained it is probable that a considerable number will be required to keep the information up to date. Thus it will be seen that the work about to be undertaken will be permanent for a great number of employes under the civil service. Those who are appointed when the work starts and make good naturally will have the best chance for advancement. As long a task it will be. The salaries range from \$1,000 to \$4,800.

## PLUMBER DIED AT SUNNYSIDE HOTEL FROM INJURIES

From the effects of a fall on the stairs of the Sunnyside Hotel, while in a state of intoxication last night, Wm. Ahearn, a plumber, died at an early hour this morning. A coroner's jury rendered a verdict to this effect at noon today, and the body will be shipped this afternoon to Tampa, where Ahearn's wife has been for sometime an invalid in a hospital of that city.

Ahearn had been drinking more or less last week, but had, through the kindness of friends sobered up pretty well yesterday. Last night, however, he visited a companion at Sunnyside, and it seems considerable liquor was disposed of. In coming down the stairs Ahearn stumbled and fell. It was not thought he was seriously hurt, but as he soon showed that he breathed with great difficulty and developed other alarming symptoms, Dr. Groover was called and did what he could to relieve him. Death ensued about 3:30 this morning. There were no visible injuries that would likely cause death, which was probably due to internal hurts.

From papers in his possession it was learned that the deceased formerly resided at Kingsville, Nueces county, Texas. He was a member in good standing of the Old Fellows at that place and of Plumbers' Union. Both these organizations promptly wired funds, the former \$30 and the latter \$100.

Ahearn was aged about 40 years, and was well liked by his associates. He was employed by the Model Hardware Co., and had been working on the Kibler hotel building. He seems to have had no serious fault except the one which was the indirect cause of his death.