

EVERYTHING FIXED AGAIN FOR FIGHT AT SHELBY, MONT.

Fight Was Suddenly Called Off Last Night at Mid-night, But All Differences Have Been Settled.

LAST \$100,000 HAS NOT YET BEEN PAID

Dempsey and Manager Agree for Fighter to Enter Ring and Take Chance on Getting Money Later.

(By the Associated Press.) Great Falls, Mont., July 3.—The Jack Dempsey-Tommy Gibbons heavyweight championship fight, suddenly called off at midnight last night was put back on its feet again today and will be decided in Big Pin bowl at Shelby tomorrow as scheduled.

Jack Kearns, manager of the world's heavyweight champion at a conference which broke up at 2:45 today, agreed to send Dempsey to Shelby, today, to fight the final \$100,000 installment, due to the promoters tomorrow and gamble for the final \$100,000 guarantee. The promoters guaranteed the preliminary expenses of the show, which includes the payment of the boxers of the preliminary bouts, \$5,000 to the referee and other incidental expenses which probably will amount to \$30,000.

Major E. J. Lane, of Lewistown, Montana, who resigned as trustee for the promoters yesterday, after failing, to raise Dempsey's \$100,000, decided to continue as trustee, and assist the promoters in unfastening the muddled finances. Kearns will have jurisdiction over all gate receipts until the champion's \$100,000 is obtained. Gate receipts then will revert to the promoters.

Loy J. Moulbury, of Great Falls, who signed the articles assuring the championship bout for Shelby, today is back in control as promoter, assisted by his assistants who originally conceived the idea of having Dempsey risk his title in the boom town of the plains. Mayor Jim Johnson, of Shelby, who personally sank \$150,000 in the venture, also is back.

The fight was actually called off at 12:30 this morning after an angry argument between Jack Kearns, the champion's manager, and Stanton in a room crowded with newspaper correspondents. Stanton appeared to tell Kearns that the \$100,000 which the champion's manager had demanded was not available, and he saw no prospect of raising it.

FRANCE TO PUNISH WIFE BEATERS NOW

Right of Correction is Denied, Husband Beaten.

Paris, July 3.—Feeling now has won yet another victory in France. Wife-beating now is classed as a misdemeanor. The Criminal Chamber has just annulled a judgment of the Police Court, which released a husband who struck his wife, the magistrate having viewed the affair as an "exercise of the right of correction." The high court, in reversing that decision, said: "Not at all. The husband employed means of coercion which constituted an infringement of the penal law."

This also reverses a court judgment handed down in 1872 denying a plea for separation brought by a wife. That court, admitting that the husband had beaten his wife, decided it was the "duty of a husband to direct his wife, to complete her moral education when she was young and take with love but with firmness the necessary means of doing so."

TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT SOUGHT BY JAPAN

That Nation Wants to Ratify Washington Naval Agreement With America and England.

Tokio, July 3 (By the Associated Press).—Japan has decided to approach America and Great Britain with a view of reaching a tri-party agreement to enforce the provisions of the Washington naval treaty without awaiting ratification by France; it was asserted confidently today in Japanese newspapers which print statements believed to be reliable.

Says Weevils Didn't Invade Berry Patch.

Salisbury, July 2.—Reports that the boll weevil had got into blackberries and made them unfit for human consumption, gained such headway in parts of this county that Dr. W. A. Armstrong, county health officer, has issued a denial. W. G. Yeager, who calls himself the weevil's most uncompromising foe in the county, also has come out on the weevil's side in this case to say that no pest-like blackberries and to advise human to eat and preserve all they can.

Everything Becomes Petrified in River.

Burlington, July 2.—J. D. Payne, a former Burlington man, and well known to many of our people, recently purchased a place on the Cape Fear river, near Elizabethton, says the Burlington News. A few days ago his nephew found a perfectly formed peanut in the shell that had been petrified. A peculiarity of the water in the river at that place is that nearly everything left in the water for a definite length of time petrifies—logs that have been in the water become petrified and are used as grindstones and whetstones, making the finest kind of whetstones. Mr. Payne says he is thinking of starting a whetstone factory at his homelands.

TAX ON BILLBOARDS AND SIGNS WANTED BY SENATOR CURTISS

Kansas Senator Thinks Signs Which Are Springing Up Like Mushrooms Should Bring in More Revenue.

WILL BRING THE MATTER UP LATER

When Congress is in Session, and May Ask for Tax Based Upon the Square Feet of Each of the Signs.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, July 3.—A new source of revenue probably will be proposed at the next session of Congress by Senator Curtis, of Kansas, republican whip of the Senate.

While he has not perfected details of his bill, Senator Curtis said today he had given much thought to the billboards and signs which are springing up like mushrooms along the highways of the country as a legitimate subject for Federal taxation and he virtually had decided to place a tax upon them based upon the square feet of each.

In the opinion of Senator Curtis such a tax would prove a fruitful source of income without imposing a burden upon the public at large. It is not his intention to suggest a tax upon signs exposed by dealers upon their own property.

DECLARES TRIAL MARRIAGES ARE ALREADY IN FORCE

Tells Methodist Social Conference That American Family is in Danger of Destruction.

Lake Junaluska, July 2.—Asserting that through the alarming increase in the divorce rate the American family is in danger of destruction, Dr. Gus Dyer, professor of political economics and sociology of Vanderbilt University, stated in a lecture on the "Family, the Child and Divorce" before the social conference of the M. E. Church, South, here today that America is virtually living in a state of legalized polygamy and that trial marriage already is in force, sanctioned by law through the divorce evil.

He pleaded for a return to the old fashioned home, standing to itself away from crowded centers and with its own industrial system through which every member of the family was a producer. The average man cannot produce enough to support a wife and several children under modern city conditions, he declared.

The speaker took a rap at much of the modern education and said that there had never been such a mania for going to school, and so little interest in education, and he declared colleges are filled up with people who have no interest in education and said they are blocking education. He contended that the average girl graduate is all dressed up and has nowhere to go. The professor thought it took an optimist to become enthused over the results of education today.

The speaker protested against the tendency to turn all of education over to the schools, declaring that a child's parents were primarily its best teachers. He declared it is a day of big problems and little men and will be until we return to God's system, which had its center in the home.

Various aspects of the home, the child and the family will be discussed further during the progress of the conference.

Full Stop Law Being Flagrantly Violated.

Raleigh, July 2.—If all the drivers of automobiles who failed to obey the law by coming to a full stop at the Seaboard-Southern railway crossing between Raleigh and Cary yesterday were hauled into court and convicted their fines would amount to \$19,600 and the gross imprisonment of the entire docket would be slightly more than 543 years, according to estimate of two reporters who watched the crossing to see how well the law was being observed. The law requiring drivers to bring all vehicles to a full stop at railroad crossings became effective yesterday.

Charlotte Gives Governor Ovation At Informal Meet.

Charlotte, July 1.—Governor Morrison's daughter, leave Tuesday morning for Asheville where they will spend the summer. During his stay in Charlotte the governor has been shown many courtesies.

He spoke by special invitation to-night at an informal gathering of citizens, receiving an ovation. He spoke of matters vital to the state's interests, its present and future.

He is in fine spirits and pleased with the progress of the program mapped out by his administration.

He expects to spend about two months at Asheville, returning to Raleigh petitions for clemency by prisoners.

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Memorial to Nathanael Greene and Officers and Men Who Participated in the Battle of Guilford Court House, North Carolina. The Monument is Erected on What is Now Known as the Guilford Court House Battle Ground.

MOST BUSINESS HOUSES TO BE CLOSED TOMORROW

The Postoffice, Banks, Library and all Grocery Stores of City to Be Closed. Most of the business houses in Concord will be closed tomorrow, July the Fourth. A few stores will be open, but in most instances the day will be a holiday for the business houses of the city.

The postoffice will observe holiday rules. That means there will be no city delivery, and the general delivery window will be open only from 8 to 11 a. m.

All of the banks of the city will be closed as will the library. All grocery stores will be closed, also, and the two hardware stores will also observe a holiday.

As many people probably will be out in their cars, the garages will be open to offer gas, oil and repair work. There will be no issue of The Tribune, the Fourth of July being one of its five days of suspension when the Tribune force is given a holiday.

A celebration has been planned for the city. Many members of the country club expect to spend the day on the golf course, and at the gun club a shoot will be held, with barbecued meat an added feature.

THE COTTON MARKET

Selling Movement Which Started Yesterday, Was Continued Today.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, July 3.—The selling movement which followed the publication of yesterday's government report was continued in the cotton market this morning.

Cables were lower than due while early weather news was favorable, and after opening fairly steady at a decline of 15 to 28 points active months soon showed net losses of 30 to 40 points with July selling off to 26:15 and October to 23:75, or into new low ground for the movement.

Cotton futures opened fairly steady, July 26:35; Oct. 23:90; Dec. 23:30; Jan. 23:12; March 23:10.

GASOLINE TANK BLOWS UP, KILLING TWO

Accident Occurred in Maryland When the Tank Exploded While Being Refilled.

(By the Associated Press.) Frederick, Md., July 3.—Two members of an automobile touring party from Watertown, N. Y., were burned to death and three injured near here early today when a gasoline tank exploded while being refilled.

The dead are Mrs. Andrew Miller, aged 26, and her daughter, Viola, aged 5.

The accident occurred at 3:30 this morning near Urbana, five miles south of Frederick while Mr. Miller was filling the tank from an emergency container. The explosion sprayed the occupants of the machine with gasoline and quickly enveloped the Miller family in flames.

The Summer Capital at Asheville. (By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, July 3.—With the removal for the summer months of Governor Morrison to Asheville, the executive office of the state temporarily will be in that city.

Governor Morrison's office here will of course remain open and will be in charge of Secretary Richardson. The present office force also will remain in Raleigh. However, the interest which usually attaches to the presence of the executive will go to the mountain city.

Governor Morrison plans to have a stenographer at the Grove Park Inn where he will maintain the summer capital and he will be in close touch at all times with his Raleigh office. He plans it is said officially, to return to Raleigh once or twice during the summer, the first visit to be the first Monday in August when he will be here for three days to hear petitions for pardons and commutations of sentences of prisoners now in the custody of the state.

\$45,000 OF PROPERTY BURNED TO GET \$270

Eldred's High Point Store is Robbed. Fire Following—Left Big Sum in Safe.

High Point, July 2.—Cracking open the rear end of the safe in Eldred's department store, Main Street, near Washington Street, in the heart of the business section of this city, robbers at about 3 o'clock this morning made their getaway with about \$270 in silver, which was located in a bag in the safe, overlooked about \$2,100 in paper currency, \$1,100 in liberty bonds, \$715 in war saving stamps and \$37,000 of insurance policies which were tucked in a cigar box.

After their safe breaking the robbers evidently set fire to the store as a means to cover their crime. In a short time enveloped in flames, the loss to stock and building being about \$45,000, practically all of which is covered by insurance.

The entire stock goods in the store had either been burned or water soaked beyond any salvage. All that remains standing of the building, a two-story brick structure, owned by Mrs. Bruce Carraway, are the walls. The fire evidently started in the rear of the building and spread quickly to the front.

Firman Honeycutt stated today that he heard a loud noise about 3 o'clock this morning, awoke from his slumbers and notified another firman of the incident. Shortly afterwards the alarm of fire was turned in and when the fire department arrived the store was in a mass of flames, which were rapidly eating the stock and fixtures in the department store.

W. A. Scott, deputy insurance commissioner of North Carolina, was here today investigating the cause of the disastrous fire. He stated that it was his opinion that the floors of the store and goods had been soaked with kerosene. He based this belief on the fact that the fire made too great a headway, the store being enveloped in flames at practically the same time.

Some have advanced the opinion that the fire was caused by the explosion in the cracking of the safe. However, the firman discount this belief, stating that such an explosion would not start a fire even if very inflammable materials were in the immediate vicinity of the explosion.

M. F. Crooks, manager of the local department store, this afternoon refused to give any indication of the damage to the stock. He also refused to state the exact amount of money which was lost untouched by the robbers. All money of the Saturday night business was locked in the safe. Mr. Crooks yesterday afternoon stated that nothing definite could be given until appraisals of the Eldred chain stores arrived in this city. Asked if \$50,000 would cover the loss, he stated that he did not believe it would be that high.

He was unable to advance any reason for the burglary. Robbers gained access to the store, it is believed, through a skylight or by prying open a fire-door opening from the side of the storeroom to the roof of several store building on Washington Street. Once inside the building, the yegmen, who left all the earmarks of being professionals, tied a rope from the window in order that they might quickly slide to safety, had they been interrupted.

The cracking of the safe appears to be the work of professional crooks rather than amateur burglars. The robbers drilled a small hole in the rear of the safe, which was located in the rear of the building and on the second floor. Once the small hole was drilled, it is believed that the robbers inserted some high explosive in the safe, which caused the blowing of a large hole in the rear center of the safe. The hole was just about large enough for a hand to be inserted in the safe.

Belgium Reply to British.

(By the Associated Press.) Brussels, July 3.—The Associated Press.—The Belgian answer to the British questionnaire on the Franco-Belgian reparations policy has been sent to the Belgian ambassador in London who is expected to deliver it to Lord Curzon, the British foreign secretary, later in the day.

Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Bessley and family are joining a party of friends for the week-end on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Venable at their summer camp, "Camp Rest a Bit," near Charlotte.

Calls For Bank Statements.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, July 3.—Comptroller of the Currency today issued a call for the condition of all National Banks at the close of business on Saturday, July 30.

MARSHAL FOCH SENDS MESSAGE TO LEGION

Says France is Fighting for the Same Principles as Are Upheld by the American Legion.

(By the Associated Press.) Indianapolis, Ind., July 3.—France at the present time is fighting for the same principles as are upheld by the American Legion, Marshal Foch declared in an Independence Day message received at national headquarters of the Legion here today.

The message from the French war hero follows: "I am happy to repeat to the American Legion on the occasion of Independence Day my sentiments of sincere attachment. The Legion has demonstrated that it remains faithful to the principles that governed its foundation. These principles are those for which France is fighting at this time. The Legion has recognized this fact, and our common action as in the days that have passed for defense of right in the world cannot fail to continue to work for the highest welfare of our two countries."

Miss Sallie Alexander, of Charlotte, Apoplexy Victim.

Charlotte, July 2.—Miss Sallie Alexander, daughter of the late Dr. Amzi Alexander, of Mecklenburg county and sister of Dr. Charles L. Alexander, noted dentist, died today at the home of her sister, Mrs. George B. Hanna, Tenth avenue.

Miss Alexander suffered a stroke of apoplexy several days ago and regained her speech yesterday and was generally better. The second stroke came today and she never rallied.

Miss Alexander was born in Charlotte and was one of six children, the others being Dr. Alexander, Mrs. George B. Hanna, Mrs. Essie Alexander Patterson, John B. Alexander, of Spartanburg, and Mrs. John Springs, of Hickory. She was 44 years of age. Since girlhood she had been a devoted member of the First Presbyterian Church. She was widely beloved. All the family were here at the time of her death.

Shoot at Concord Gun Club.

The Concord Gun Club will have a shoot at the trap tomorrow, July the 4th. The first event will be staged at 10 a. m. Members and their friends will be able to purchase a barbecue lunch on the grounds.

All spectators are asked to be very quiet during the shooting. Laughing and talking handicaps the shooters.

A large number of trap shooting fans are expected to attend the shoot, which will be the biggest the local club has yet held.

Mr. W. F. Hall, an expert rifle and pistol shot, will be at the shoot at four o'clock in the afternoon and will give an exhibition in rifle and pistol shooting.

New 'Cone Formula' Stirs Paris, But Professor Disavows.

Paris, July 3.—The new formula attributed to me, "Oh, hell, I am well, is a canard, and I beg you to deny it," Professor Emile Cone telegraphed from Nancy today.

"I still use my old formula, 'Every day in every way,' etc., and I do not think it can be improved upon."

Despite Professor Cone's disavowal, the new formula has taken popular fancy in Paris, and people on the street can be heard muttering in every known language.

NEW YORK ASSEMBLY AND GOV. AL SMITH ASSAILED BY BRYAN

Bryan Declares Their Action Showed the Wet Forces Are For Unbridled and Open Lawlessness.

SAYS ACTION WILL HELP DRY FORCES

For It Shows the Free Spirit of the Wets and Will Make Drys Work Harder in the Future.

(By the Associated Press.) Richmond, July 3.—Breaking his silence on the action of Governor Smith and the New York assembly in removing the New York state prohibition enforcement law, William Jennings Bryan declared here last night that the wet forces have thrown off the mask and are for unbridled and open lawlessness with-out restraining of any sort.

Mr. Bryan said he believed the ultimate effect of this flat repudiation of the law will be to the advantage of the dry cause. "The wets have abandoned their hypocritical assertions that they are not against reasonable prohibition," he said. "They make no further pretense in New York of limiting the sale of intoxicants to light wines and beer."

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MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN FOR MEMBERS GOING FINE

Many Showing Much Interest in Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association.

The membership campaign of the Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association is going fine and not only the members, but those who do not belong yet, are showing much interest and we have no doubt but that the association will market this year the greater part of the cotton grown in Cabarrus county.

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Thursday evening, July 5th, at 8:30 o'clock the local members of Rocky River will give a delightful program. Refreshments will be served and a worth while prize will be given the lucky one. Come, you may get the prize.

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LEVIATHAN WAS NOT DAMAGED BY GERMANS

Engineers Who Reconditioned Vessel Tried to Cripple Ship.

New York, July 3 (By the Associated Press).—Announcement today by engineers who reconditioned the Leviathan that wartime tales of German attempts to cripple the liner were false has left the shipping board in a quandary as to what to do with \$15,000 worth of elaborate souvenir booklets containing a detailed account of the alleged sabotage which were to have been distributed tomorrow on the ship's first voyage as an American liner.

F. H. Gibbs, of Gibbs Bros., engineers, who prepared the giant liner for service as an American passenger vessel, said that damage to the vessel originally supposed to have been the result of German sabotage, had been found to have been the result of an accident in docking the vessel on her last trip to this country under the German flag of 1914.

BOK WILL OFFER BIG LEAGUE ENTRY PRIZE

Retired Editor Plans \$100,000 Award For Best Plan to Get United States In.

New York, July 3.—Edward Bok, of Philadelphia, who ended, in 1919, 30 years of service as editor of the Ladies' Home Journal, and has since that time devoted himself to public service, has agreed to offer a prize of \$100,000 to the author of a formula that will bring the United States into the League of Nations.

Announcement of the prize and of the terms under which it will be awarded will be made within a fortnight by a board of trustees now in process of organization.

Half of the prize will be awarded, it is understood, when a plan shall have been accepted by the trustees. The remaining half will be awarded when, and if, the United States Senate shall have ratified entrance into the League on the basis of the plan.

HIGGINBOTHAM SAYS TABERT ACCORDING TO LAWS

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Memorial tablet to late ambassador Page unveiled in Westminster Abbey by former foreign secretary Viscount Grey.

Strenuous day for President Harding. President to attend Oregon Trail celebration to be held in village of Meacham.

Names receiver for Peoples National Bank. Samuel E. McLean, of Illinois, appointed receiver of the defunct Salisbury Bank.

Francis may ratify naval program. Paris, July 3.—In order to make certain that the Washington naval treaty will be ratified by the Chamber of Deputies before the close of the present session, Premier Poincaré has decided to keep Parliament sitting until July 13, according to Echo de Paris.

Bessemer steel was first made in the United States in 1864 at an experimental plant at Wyandotte, Mich.