

THE WEATHER.

Partly cloudy, probably local showers Wednesday and Thursday; moderate south to southwest winds.

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LARGEST MEETING ELKS ON RECORD

August Herrman, of Cincinnati, Elected Grand Exalted Ruler at Detroit.

LOWERING SKIES DURING DAY

Showers Failed to Dampen Ardor of Delegates—Exhibition Drills by United States Troops—Other Notes of Reunion.

Detroit, Mich., July 12.—August Herrman, of Cincinnati, was today elected grand exalted ruler at the largest meeting of the Grand Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, ever held. As the last stragglers reached the reunion headquarters, the Grand Lodge went into executive session and a few minutes later the hundreds of delegates by acclamation proclaimed the new leader.



The sharpest election contest centered about the selection of a grand secretary. Fred C. Robinson, of Duquesne, Pa., incumbent, was opposed by David McArron, of Port Huron, and George D. Bostock, of Grand Rapids, Mich. The largest vote ever cast for an officer of the order, it is said, was polled in this contest, completely swamping for a time, the election committee. It was not known whether today's hot would decide the contest.

ARRESTED AT WIFE'S GRAVE

Horse Thief Drew Three Revolvers on Possess. Monroe, La., July 12.—Returning here early today with Phillip Ward, alleged horse thief, Sheriff Parker and his deputies reported that they came upon Ward while he was standing by the half-filled grave of his wife near Chouchea City. Ward drew a revolver, but the deputy knocked it out of his hand. As he was drawing a third revolver, the posse decided it was time to intrude still further upon the obsequies, and they placed him under arrest and handcuffed him.

COLLISION BETWEEN TRAINS

Several Fatally Injured—Passenger Train Split in Two. Detroit, Mich., July 12.—Eight passengers are believed to have been fatally injured and 44 were cut and bruised today when a special car on the Detroit United Railways, Detroit-Flint Electric Line was split in two by a wreck train. The collision occurred on a sharp curve at Wolfs Crossing near Orionville. Both the car and work train were running full speed, it is said. Of the fatally hurt, Willie Hibbard, aged 12, of Flint, is not expected to survive the night. Among the less seriously injured was Howard Henick, of Springfield, O. He was internally hurt.

Come On In. The water's fine. Cool off by taking a dip in the ocean. Cars every half hour.

GERMANY DENIES ANY ANTAGONISM

Sensational Story Concerning Her Relations With The United States.

BERLIN INDIGNANT AT CANARD

Was Rumored That German Government Would Oppose United States Policy in Nicaragua—Nothing Whatever in It.

Berlin, July 12.—Germany has taken no stand in opposition to the United States in the affairs of Central and South America. Germany has issued no statement that could be construed into antagonism to the American government in what the latter has done, is doing, or may do in Nicaragua. This declaration was made at the German Foreign Office this evening.

Special dispatches received here from Washington and other American cities reported that the German foreign office had issued a statement today that "Germany refuses to recognize any right on the part of the United States to supervise her diplomatic relations with other countries, Central and South American countries in general and Nicaragua in particular."

When this report was placed before the Foreign Office it was given an emphatic denial. No such statement, an official declared angrily, had been issued by the department or by any other department of the government. He affirmed that no declaration of such a nature could be made, because there was absolutely no necessity for that, and anything published in such a sense was pure invention.

German Government officials are greatly wrought up by the attempts made to have this country appear in a role of antagonist to the United States, when, on the contrary, there has been the desire of the government to develop both the commercial and the present situation has resulted from the publication of a letter from Emperor William to Dr. Madriz, president of the government of Nicaragua.

TRAIN OVER EMBANKMENT

Engineer Killed and Several Passengers Injured. Salinas, Cal., July 12.—Leaving the rails while traveling at high speed, a special train bearing 100 delegates from the East to the American Chemical Society convention in San Francisco today, plunged off an embankment near Metz, 30 miles south of Salinas, killing the engineer and injuring four women passengers and five train men. One of the victims, Mrs. Charles Lamont, of Detroit, is seriously hurt. All were taken to San Francisco, in a special train.

OUTLINES

The German Government denies a sensational story that the Foreign Office is antagonistic to the policy of the United States in Nicaragua—President Taft yesterday conferred with several leaders concerning the campaign and while recognizing that there is to be a hard fight he is confident of Republican success; the President is worried over a bitter Republican row in Alaska—The embezzlement of Secretary Kopke, of the Fidelity Trust Company, of Louisville, is said to amount to \$500,000—The British House of Commons has passed the woman suffrage bill to its second reading and there is strong sentiment for it—The agreement between Japan and Russia as to Manchuria was given out at Washington yesterday—Captain Rolls, the English aviator, was dashed to death in his bi-plane yesterday—New York markets: Money on call steady 2 to 3 per cent, ruling rate 2 3-4, closing bid 2 3-4, offered at 2 7-8. Spot cotton closed quiet. Flour quiet. Wheat easy. No. 2 red 1.29 1-2 c. l. f. to arrive elevator. No. 1 Northern 1.25 3-8 f. o. b. Corn firm. No. 2, 69 1-4 elevator domestic, export No. 2, 69 1-4 f. o. b. Oats steady, mixed nominal. Rosin steady, turpentine quiet.

Striking Garment Workers Win in Great New York Upheaval



New York, July 12.—A stampede of manufacturers to sign agreements with the 80,000 striking garment workers came today and the officials of the union predicted that the strike would be won within three days. Announcement was made at the union's headquarters that 125 of the employers had already signed the agreements, granting the demands of the employees and that 120 more had signified their intention of doing so before the day ends.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE IS FAVORED

British House of Commons Passed Bill to Second Reading—Strong Sentiment in Favor of Woman's Rights.

London, July 12.—The House of Commons, by a vote of 299 to 190, tonight passed the second reading of the Woman's Suffrage bill, for which David James Shackleton, labor member from the Clitheroe division of Lancashire, is the sponsor. The bill provides for the granting of the Parliamentary franchise to women who are possessors of the property qualification and who already exercise the franchise in municipal elections.

The unexpectedly large majority of 109 gives an important impetus to woman's suffrage, but many obstacles must yet be overcome before the principle is legalized by the necessary majority of 145. The House subsequently referred the bill to a committee of the whole, which means that the bill will be shelved until next year.

The interesting debate showed that many leading men, including Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary for home affairs, and A. J. Balfour, leader of the opposition in the Commons, who favored the principle of woman suffrage, objected to the present bill and contended that the whole country must pronounce unreservedly in favor of women voting before Parliament sanctioned such a change in the constitution.

Premier Asquith in a strong speech against the bill declared that if women had a vote they must inevitably have seats in Parliament and might take the Speaker's chair or sit in the cabinet.

Mr. Balfour contested this view. He said it was not government by consent to exclude a large class of the community from voting. Chancellor Lloyd-George, as a strong supporter of woman suffrage, said that if the promoters of the bill would promise to re-introduce the bill in an acceptable form he would support it. Austen Chamberlain opposed woman suffrage in any shape or form.

AVIATOR FELL HUNDRED FEET

Howard Gill, of Baltimore, Seriously Injured at St. Louis. East St. Louis, Ill., July 12.—Howard Gill, of Baltimore, a novice aviator, fell 100 feet tonight and sustained serious injuries. He was flying outside of the aviation field where the novice meet is to open Thursday. A runaway team of horses beneath him temporarily took his mind from his levers and he lost control of the machine. With a sudden jerk it almost capsized and started for the ground. Gill was thrown several feet away from the machine, which was wrecked. He sustained a broken rib, a broken nose and an injured arm.

NO PRIZE FIGHT PICTURES

Norfolk Prohibits Exhibition of Jeffries-Johnson Films. Norfolk, Va., July 12.—Efforts were made at a meeting of the Board of Aldermen tonight to adopt an ordinance prohibiting newspapers from publishing details of prize fights but the measure was withdrawn after lengthy discussion because it was feared that its legality would be questioned.

The matter came up in the shape of an amendment to an ordinance prohibiting moving picture theatres from exhibiting films of prize fights. The amendment was offered by Alderman Banks and had the support of probably a majority of the aldermen, but for the question of its constitutionality, which was raised by one member. The ordinance as applied to theatres was adopted and no prize fight pictures of any description can be shown in Norfolk.

ROOSEVELT TALKS WITH GOV. HUGHES

They Held Secret Conclave That Lasted Long Into The Night.

REFUSED TO GIVE OUT RESULT

Will Make Fight to Force Direct Nomination Bill on Republican Machine—Speaker Warns Worth Refuses.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 12.—Theodore Roosevelt and Charles E. Hughes Governor of New York, met this evening at Sagamore Hill in their long expected and much heralded conference on New York State politics. They talked in secret and no word of the result was allowed to become known beyond the fact that the entire political situation in this State was taken up. Col. Roosevelt had said frankly on previous occasions, however, that the defeat of the direct nominations bill by the Republican State organization would be one of the main topics of discussion. Whether the question of a Republican candidate for Governor came up is not known.

Col. Roosevelt will have more politicians at Sagamore Hill tomorrow, perhaps the most conspicuous of which will be Timothy L. Woodruff, chairman of the Republican State Committee.

Governor Hughes reached Sagamore Hill from New York by automobile at 6:40 o'clock this evening and received an enthusiastic welcome from Col. Roosevelt. Col. Roosevelt spent the day in New York, motored home, reaching Sagamore Hill only a short time before the Governor. Governor Hughes had dinner with the Roosevelts. Then the men withdrew to the Colonel's library where they talked until far into the night.

A delegation of correspondents went up the hill at 9 o'clock in the hope that Col. Roosevelt or the Governor would have something to say after their talk had been fairly started. But the Colonel sent out word that neither he nor the Governor would be interviewed.

Col. Roosevelt has made it clear that he will fight for the direct nomination bill and J. W. Wadsworth, speaker of the State Assembly, said with frankness, when he called on Col. Roosevelt in New York today that this bill was the thing which loomed up as a rock in the smooth rear ahead as he was pleased to put the picture.

The Speaker's chat with the Colonel gave Col. Roosevelt in advance of his talk with the Governor, a clear view of the attitude of the Republican organization to the extent that the Speaker represents it.

The Speaker said with a broad smile afterward that his position was unchanged and that so far as he was concerned there would be no sacrifice of principle.

When Col. Roosevelt came out of his office a little later, he said: "I talked politics with the Speaker. We discussed direct nominations. That is all I can say." It is supposed, therefore, that the Governor and the ex-President went over this conference with the Speaker in detail tonight, and mapped out tentatively the programme announced in advance of taking steps to force into the platform when the Republican convention is held, a plank declaring without equivocation for direct nominations. The general opinion is that the first tangible result of the meeting between the Colonel and Governor Hughes will not be made known until the initial steps in the programme outlined by them is taken. On the other hand, it is possible that the full plan will not be disclosed until the Saratoga convention has been called to order.

CAPT. CHAS. SPENCER DROWNED

Lost Life While Bathing in Swain County, N. C. Asheville, N. C., July 12.—Word reached here from Swain county today that Capt. Charles Spencer, aged 35, of Lynchburg, professor of mathematics at Woodbury Forest School, was drowned in the Tuckasee river Saturday afternoon while bathing with a party of students. The boat was overturned by striking a rock. All the occupants of the boat with the exception of Capt. Spencer, made their escape. Capt. Spencer was caught in a whirlpool and sank before aid could reach him. The body was recovered this morning. (Special Star Telegram.)

Asheville, N. C., July 12.—A special from Bryson City says that the body of Capt. Charles Spencer, who was drowned Saturday in the Tuckasee river while out with a boating party, was recovered today several miles below Bryson, where it had been washed by the current against a rock. This is one of the most pathetic deaths that has occurred in the section for a long while. Capt. Spencer was one of a party of college men who were spending a while at Camp Cherokee. His home was in Lexington and he was a professor of mathematics at Woodbury Forest School at Orange, Va. He was a graduate of Washington & Lee, 35 years of age and unmarried. The members of the camp will accompany the body home.

PRESIDENT TAFT TALKS POLITICS

Believes The Next Campaign Will Be Hard One For Rbpublicans.

CONFERENCE WITH LEADERS

Republican Row in Alaska Giving President Much Concern—Will Send Wickersham and Nagel to Investigate.

Beverly, Mass., July 12.—President Taft talked politics today with Senator Winthrop Murray Crane, of Massachusetts; Attorney General Wickersham and Secretary Nagel, of the Department of Commerce and Labor. The conference lasted until after 6 o'clock tonight. Extreme reticence was displayed by everybody and no statement other than that the general situation was discussed could be obtained.

Senator Crane was close to the President during the last session of Congress and when the President was hammering away at the programme which he finally induced Congress to adopt, Senator Crane was a daily visitor at the White House. In looking forward to the coming campaign, which it is admitted on all sides will be a hard one, it was natural that Mr. Taft should consult with the Senator from Massachusetts among the first of his advisors.

The President was reported tonight to be well satisfied with general conditions and hopeful of Republican success "all along the line." It was definitely determined that Attorney General Wickersham shall accompany Secretary Nagel to Alaska. The situation there has given the President much concern. Serious factional fights have been in progress there for several years. Extreme bitterness has been displayed.

The fights have been carried to Washington from time to time. The delegate from Alaska, Mr. Wickersham, who by the way is no relation of the Attorney General, is at loggerheads with the administration. The President has found it necessary lately to remove a number of Alaskan officials. Several of the men whom he appointed to succeed failed of confirmation and made it necessary for the President to resort to recess appointments. Mr. Taft wants as much first-hand information as he can get on the situation through Messrs. Nagel and Wickersham so as to shape his future course with reference to Alaskan affairs.

The two cabinet officers will sail from Vanouver on the fish commission steamer Mr. Taft wants as much west through Canada, leaving Montreal next Monday morning.

It has not been determined just how long the two cabinet officers will be away. The trip will consume between two and three months.

BANKER SHORT HALF MILLION

Gambled in Stocks and Dealt in Real Estate. Louisville, Ky., July 12.—Admission that the shortage of August Ropke, defaulting assistant secretary of the Fidelity Trust Company, is "very large" was made at the Trust Company's offices today. At the same time it was announced that the directors of the company had pledged themselves to an increase of \$1,000,000 in the capital stock if such increase be necessary. President John W. Barr issued a statement in which he says in part: "Our securities have been found absolutely intact. The defalcation of Mr. Ropke is very large. The estates are absolutely intact. Not a dollar can be lost to any one other than the stockholders."

Ropke's shortage is placed by current rumor at about \$500,000. His case today was set for hearing before a grand jury on October 5th. The prisoner was returned to jail in default of \$25,000 bail.

The system employed by Ropke is also as yet unexplained, although it is generally supposed that he manipulated individual accounts. Ropke's operations were not confined to the stock market. Several years ago, he bought a building in Evansville and converted it into a theatre and office building at an expense of \$65,000. This venture, it is said, proved unsuccessful and he sold the building last week.

ANONYMOUS LETTERS

Have Been Disturbing Town of Apex, Merchant Is Arrested. Raleigh, N. C., July 12.—Charged with mailing anonymous letters containing insinuations against the wives and daughters in some of the best families of town, W. H. Rounsaville, a merchant of Apex, was bound over in \$1,000 bond to the next term of United States District Court here today by United States Commissioner Nichols. These letters have been disturbing the social and family peace and quietude of Apex and vicinity for a year or more, and efforts to identify the author have failed. Now the citizens are asserting that Rounsaville is guilty. They have letters to indicate the identity of the handwriting. Rounsaville claims to have received similar anonymous letters himself. Ex-Gov. Aycock is retained for the defense.