

THE WEATHER.

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TAFT RETURNED FROM MAINE TRIP

President Back at Summer Capital With Busy Time Ahead of Him.

PLEASED WITH OHIO NOMINEE

Sent His Congratulations to Harding Yesterday—Large Number of Engagements at Beverly—A New Office.

Beverly, Mass., July 28.—President Taft's ten day's vacation cruise along the Maine coast ended at 3 o'clock this afternoon when the Mayflower dropped anchor in Beverly harbor.

The President thoroughly enjoyed the cruise despite the mishap to his ankle which ended his golf playing. The ankle is nearly well now.

Immediately after coming ashore Mr. Taft sent for all of the morning papers available and read the details of the Ohio State convention's proceedings on yesterday and the full text of the platform adopted.

It is not likely that Mr. Taft will make any formal comment on the situation in Ohio or upon the platform. He sent tonight the following wire telegram to Warren G. Harding, the Republican nominee for Governor of Ohio:

"I sincerely congratulate you on your nomination and earnestly hope that you may be elected."

The statement was reiterated here today that President Taft did not take any active part in the shaping of the Ohio platform.

The President has a busy time ahead of him. A large number of engagements already have been made and it is said there will be a continual stream of prominent visitors to Beverly from now on. William L. Ward, Republican National Committeeman for New York, will be one of many political leaders who will see the President.

The executive offices are to be moved from the board of trade rooms in the center of the city to the water front, where an old colonial mansion has been leased for the purpose. The new offices will be much nearer the President's cottage and he may decide to spend the working hours there instead of in his own library.

LUMBERTON AFFAIRS.

Republican County Convention—Johnson City Excursion—Notes.

(By Long Distance Telephone.) Lumberton, N. C., July 28.—The Republican county convention for the purpose of selecting delegates to the different conventions held here today.

Chairman S. A. Edmunds presiding. The convention is said to have been the most largely attended of any Republican meeting held in this county for several years and was harmonious throughout.

For getting full of booze and raising a disturbance about 12 o'clock last night, Jake Rogers, colored, was today fined \$15 by the Mayor.

The young men of the Commercial Club entertained a number of young ladies in the club reading rooms tonight. Vocal and instrumental selections were rendered, refreshments served and an evening of much enjoyment was spent.

Mr. John Musselwhite, of Howellsville, 65 or 75 years of age, was painfully injured here this afternoon as the result of his mule's taking fright at an automobile and attempting to run. Mr. Musselwhite was knocked down and badly bruised, but Dr. McPhaul, who gave him necessary surgical attention, does not think any bones were broken.

About 150 people went from here on the Johnson City excursion today. They will return, leaving Johnson City at 3:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

COTTON SAMPLES SENT OUT

Comprises Nine Standard Grades Approved by Exchanges.

Washington, July 28.—Sample boxes of Government standard cotton samples, which comprise nine grades, are being sent out by the Department of Agriculture. The standards have been adopted by the Memphis Cotton Exchange and have been approved and probably will be adopted by the New York and New Orleans cotton exchanges.

The trade recognized a grade between each of those adopted by the Government and three grades above and three below the government scale. The original standard samples have been placed by the Department of Agriculture in vacuum tubes, so that they will neither deteriorate or change color.

JEWELERS NAME OFFICERS.

Convention Held at Detroit—Next Year at Richmond.

Detroit, Mich., July 28.—At today's session of the convention of the American National Jewelers Association, the following officers were elected:

President, Steel F. Roberts, Pittsburg, Pa.; first vice president, T. L. Tombs, Omaha, Neb.; second vice president, George H. Tucker, Chicago; Mo., and treasurer, Charles Artes, Evansville, Ind.

In an exciting contest for the 1911 convention, Richmond, Va., won over Denver, Pittsburg and St. Louis. The convention will adjourn tomorrow.

MINNESOTA GLANS HAVE WARM FIGHT

Clash Over Nominee For Governor and County Option Resolution.

WILD DISORDER PREVAILED

Democrats Denounced Republican Issues and Condemned the Administration—Weakness of Taft Deplored—Details.

Minneapolis, Minn., July 28.—Democratic storm signals which were flying when the State Democratic convention met here today were torn to shreds by the tempest of feeling which was let loose late this afternoon over the nomination of John Lind, for Governor, and the attempt to introduce a direct resolution in the party platform favoring county option.

For more than three hours there was no let-up to the scene of disorder except for a few moments when Chairman Michael Daly managed to make himself heard after terrific bawling with a piece of two by four scantling.

The ticket named is: Governor, John Lind, Minneapolis; Secretary of State, Fred W. Johnson, New Umm; Attorney General, J. M. Freeman, Olivia; State Treasurer, Charles F. Ladner, St. Cloud.

Mutterings of the trouble were heard early in the day and an unusual condition existed. The entire delegation was as a unit in declaring that John Lind was one of the best Democrats in Minnesota. The delegates were all his friends, but divided into two factions. One insisted that Lind must be nominated despite his repeated refusal to be a candidate and his final flat declaration in a telegram from Portland, Ore., yesterday, that he would not accept the nomination while the other faction argued that he had been Governor of Minnesota, and had nothing to gain by the nomination, and that he was of sufficient importance to have his wishes heeded by the convention.

The latter faction shook fists at the chairman and at the other side while those bent on nominating Lind howled, hissed and completely blocked the proceedings, until by sheer force of noise and enthusiasm they won their point and secured the nomination.

Even then the friends opposed to the nomination took advantage of a motion to make the nomination unanimous to argue. They wanted to submit the nomination to Mr. Lind by telegram and wait his answer. To take recess till 8 o'clock tonight if necessary—but this failed, and finally the nomination was made unanimous and the convention adjourned at 6:33.

Other nominations were made by acclamation. On the matter of resolutions there was no contention except for a plank on county option. The anti-county optionists were in the saddle in the committee on resolutions. This committee heard the resolutions offered by the county optionists and then voted them down and inserted a plan declaring for the initiative and referendum, which the committee declared would answer the same purpose.

On the other resolutions in the platform there was no fight. On National issues, the platform says: "We deplore the weakness and timidity of President Taft, who with his own campaign promises still fresh, but dominated by the predatory interests, weakly failed to use the tremendous forces of his high office to force a recreant Congressional majority to do its duty and to reform. No subsequent effort to fulfill party promises can atone for this supreme failure to restore public confidence."

"We condemn the National administration for its initial failure to prevent the conservation of natural resources and have nothing but contempt for its insincere efforts to appear to support conservation after public disapproval of its course was manifested."

"We condemn the retention of Richard A. Ballinger as Secretary of the Interior after the exposure of his methods of conducting the affairs of that office relating to conservation and declare it to be a National scandal."

"We deplore the discharge of Gifford Pinchot from the office of Chief Forester as a National crime."

"The Democrats of Minnesota commend the Republican insurgents of Minnesota for their vote on the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill."

"We demand the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people."

"We strongly commend the course of Winfield Scott Hammond, the Democratic Representative of Minnesota in Congress and urge the people of his district to re-elect him."

Lind Will Not Accept. St. Paul, Minn., July 28.—Former Governor John Lind will not accept the Democratic nomination for Governor of Minnesota, according to a dispatch received here tonight by the Pioneer Press from Everett, Wash., where Mr. Lind has been visiting his son, Norman.

The son is quoted as saying that his father would not accept the nomination.

MERGER OF MILLS IN COTTON TRADE

Combine Represents 22 Companies and 35 Principal Brands.

LARGEST IN UNITED STATES

Concerns in Merger Have Annual Output of Approximately \$18,000,000—Myron C. Taylor Head of Big Corporation.

New York, July 28.—New England, New York and Baltimore mill owners, bankers and capitalists incorporated today the International Cotton Mills Corporation, under the laws of New York, with an authorized capital of \$10,000,000, seven per cent, cumulative preferred stock, and \$10,000,000 common stock.

A statement, issued this afternoon by Myron C. Taylor, president of the new corporation, says that textile mills, sales and distribution agencies in this country and Canada, which manufacture and sell 3,000 varieties of cotton fabrics are included in the merger. The properties consolidated represent 22 mills and 35 principal brands, owning 10,000 acres of land part of which is under cotton cultivation, and employing 10,000 hands, with an aggregate annual output of approximately \$18,000,000.

Among them are the Stark Mills, of Manchester, N. H.; the Mount Vernon Woodbury Cotton Duck Company, the Consolidated Cotton Duck Company, the Boston Yarn Company, the Bay State Cotton Corporation, the Eastern Mills and the Maryland mills. President Taylor is president of the American Commercial Corporation and a director of the Bay State Cotton Corporation, the Boston Yarn Company, the Lowell Weaving Company, the Mercantile Corporation and other interests in the trade. Other officers are:

Charles M. Warner, New York; Thomas M. Turner, New York; and P. T. Jackson, Boston, vice presidents; J. D. Armistage, Boston, general manager; Augustus P. Loring, Boston, treasurer; David H. Carroll, Baltimore, secretary and S. Davies Warfield, Baltimore, chairman of the board of directors. All the officers are named as directors in addition to a number of prominent men in New England, New York City and Baltimore.

Largest Merger of Kind. Boston, Mass., July 28.—The proposed consolidation of cotton mills is said to be the largest of the kind ever undertaken in the United States. The Consolidated Cotton Duck Company which is to be absorbed by the International Cotton Mills Corporation, is a combination of duck mills including the Stark Mills, of Manchester, N. H., and the Mount Vernon Woodbury Cotton Duck Company, of New Jersey and Maryland. The Consolidated Cotton Duck Company is controlled largely by Boston capital.

The other mills to be taken over include yarn mills in this State, and New York and two mills in Canada. The properties represented number 22 mills, employing from 10,000 to 12,000 operatives.

EXPEDITION HAS FAILED.

Party Turned Back Without Reaching Summit of Mount McKinley.

Seward, Alaska, July 28.—The Portland Oregonian-New York Herald Mt. McKinley Expedition, headed by C. E. Cerke, of Cheelan, Wash., which sailed on the revenue cutter Tahomna April 24th and which followed Dr. Cook's route up the Susitna and Chulitna rivers failed to reach the summit of Mt. McKinley and is now on the way back to Seward.

The climbers ascended the peak alleged by Cook to be the summit, but it is ten miles from the topmost point of the mountain. They were unable to see the flag which the Thomas Lloyd party is alleged to have planted on the summit last April, and the members are disinclined to believe the story told by the Fairbanks Expedition.

The party headed by Prof. Herschel Parker, of New York, and Belmore Brown, of Tacoma, is still endeavoring to ascend the mountain.

This news was brought to Seward today by W. McDaugh, president of the Cache Creek Mining Company, who met the Cerke party a few days ago at Susitna station.

TO OBTAIN GOOD ROADS.

Co-Operation of Federal and State Governments Advocated. Niagara Falls, N. Y., July 28.—Co-operation between the Federal and State governments in the good roads movement was advocated today by the speakers at the opening session of the third annual convention of the National Good Roads Congress.

B. F. Yoakum, of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, and Congressman William Sulzer, of New York, favored the idea of Federal government loaning money to the State for road building. In the general discussion which followed, Martin Dodge, of Washington, spoke in favor of the National government making appropriations equal to the amount expended by the States for road construction.

Warren G. Harding Leads Republicans of Ohio

Warren G. Harding, who has received the Republican nomination for Governor of Ohio, has a reputation of being a successful business man, politician, and editor. He began his newspaper labors when but nineteen years of age, when with only \$100 of borrowed capital he and two partners secured control of the Marion (O.) Star, which was then in a very unprosperous condition. After he had made a success of his newspaper venture he entered politics and was elected to the Ohio Senate, of which body he soon became a very influential member. He was born in Morrow county, O., in 1865, and comes of sturdy Pennsylvania stock.



WIDER'S THEFT IS SMALLER

Losses of Chinese-Russo Bank Will Not Exceed \$500,000—Youthful Cashier Still a Fugitive—Statement Issued.

New York, July 28.—The New York office of the Russo-Chinese bank issued a cheerful statement tonight, lightening by \$100,000 the gigantic stock and bond theft with which its youthful cashier, Erwin Wider, now a fugitive, stands accused. The bank's loss, says the statement, will not exceed \$500,000. Heretofore the most conservative estimates placed the value of missing securities at \$600,000. With the grand jury investigation of the case now under way, Wider's whereabouts is still a mystery, although it was reported today that he was under surveillance at White Plains, N. Y., only 22 miles from New York City. This could not be confirmed.

Witnesses including representatives of stock exchange houses with which the erratic young speculator had dealings were examined by the grand jury today, and it was rumored tonight that an indictment had been found. If so, it had not been handed up in court.

Whether Wider was at any time pronouncedly successful in his stock market plunges is a matter of debate. At any rate his operations were on no mean scale. During a 12 month, it was learned today, one firm bought \$300,000 of stock, for his account and it is assumed that he must have been on the right side of the market at times although he is said to have lost heavily as a bear during one of the great bull movements in cotton.

The statement issued tonight by the bank says in part: "A full examination shows that the loss cannot in any event exceed \$500,000 and of that amount a large sum is certain to be recovered by the bank. The robbery cannot in any way either affect the normal course of business of the bank nor exert a bad influence upon the bank's dividend."

OUTLINES.

A big merger of cotton mills into the International Cotton Mill Corporation represents 22 companies and 35 of the leading brands. The aggregate output approximates \$18,000,000.

Factious clashes occurred in the Minnesota Democratic convention yesterday over the nomination for Governor and an attempt to introduce a resolution for county option. It was a warm fight and a strong platform was adopted.

The Chinese-Russo bank issued a statement yesterday which places the theft of Cashier Wider at \$500,000. President Taft arrived at Beverly, Mass., yesterday from his Maine trip and has a busy time ahead of him. He is satisfied with the nominee in Ohio.

Associate Justice Lurton addressed the joint session of the Maryland and Virginia Bar Association at Hot Springs, Va., yesterday. It is believed that the murderer, Dr. Crippen, is aboard the steamer Montrose, bound to Montreal. New York markets: Money on call easy 1-1/2 to 2 per cent, ruling rate 1-3/4, closing bid 1-1/4, offered at 1-1/4. Spot cotton closed quiet, 20 points higher, middling uplands 16.05, middling gulf 13.30. Flour quiet and a shade easier. Wheat spot easy. No. 2 new red 1.08 elevator to arrive and 1.09 1/4 f.o.b. Corn spot easy. No. 2 78 1/2 nominal elevator, domestic basis to arrive. Oats steady. Rosin and turpentine steady.

DR. H. H. CRIPPEN ON THE MONTROSE

American Dentist Sought in Connection With Disappearance of Wife.

WIRELESS FROM ON BOARD

Incontrovertible Evidence That Much Sought Man is in Company With Miss Leneve—Detectives Are Vigilant.

New York, July 28.—Plugging tonight through the Labrador fogs, the dispassionate engines of the steamer Montrose are bringing momentarily nearer to identification two passengers on board, supposed to be Dr. Hawley H. Crippen and his fugitive companion, Ethel Leneve, who are wanted by the London police in connection with the disappearance of Crippen's wife.

Their fellow passengers know nothing of the suspicion that attaches to the couple. They also are ignorant of the wireless messages of inquiry and conjecture that are flashing over their heads from police headquarters thousands of miles remote.

The most important of these messages were the communication to the Associated Press, directing wireless operator on the Montrose, presumably sent with authority of the captain, in which it was flatly stated that two suspects agreeing with the police description of Dr. Crippen and Ethel Leneve were on board.

Other messages fished out of the air were addressed to Quebec, Montreal and Ottawa. The authenticity of some of them was denied, but all were in the same tenor—indicating a growing conviction that the worldwide hunt for Dr. Crippen is at least nearing its end.

The Montrose is a slow ship. At her best she should do about 15 knots an hour. Baffled by the fogs she will be held back for an indeterminate time. Granted that when her message time, Associated Press was sent she was 150 miles east of Belle Island on the coast of Labrador, she is still approximately 850 miles east of Father Point, fully 56 hours of steaming. It seems possible, therefore, that she will not reach her first stopping point before Saturday morning.

In the meantime the Laurentic, bearing Inspector Dew, who knows Dr. Crippen personally, has passed the Montrose and should reach Father Point tomorrow. The trap is sprung but it is not certain yet that it has closed on the quarry.

Father Point, Que., July 28.—The captain of the steamship Montrose, nearing this port, after a voyage across the Atlantic, flashed to the Colonial government at Ottawa today a wireless message which he said, according to apparently authoritative reports here, that he had incontrovertible evidence of Dr. Hawley Harvey Crippen's presence aboard.

It is the first wireless communication received from the Montrose on this side of the Atlantic. If correctly interpreted, Scotland Yard's guess thus becomes a reality, for since leaving English ports it has been suspected that the Montrose carried the American dentist sought in connection with the disappearance of his actress wife, Belle Elmore, formerly of Brooklyn, N. Y.

After the receipt of the message here the wireless operator at once began sending messages to the Montrose. They are supposed to have been instructions coming from Ottawa, but nothing of their text could be learned. Quebec, July 28.—The following wireless message was received tonight by the Chronicle from Point Amour:

"7:31 P. M. Crippen on board Montrose inward bound 200 miles east." The dispatch is presumed to be a wireless message from the steamer Laurentia. A second wireless message received this evening was from Inspector Dew. It was addressed to Detective Walsh, and asked him to obtain leave from the immigration and marine authorities here for the landing of Dew at Father Point. The necessary permit was granted.

On board the steamship Montrose, at sea by Marconi Wireless, via Father Point, Quebec, July 28.—"Associated Press, New York: Suspected persons answering the police description of Crippen and Miss Leneve on board. No arrests made. Other passengers, who are all Continentals in ignorance of the situation."

"Montrose at 4 P. M., Thursday, 150 miles east of Belle Isle. Weather foggy. "LLEWELLYN JONES, "Marconi Operator."

The foregoing message from Llewellyn Jones, the Marconi operator on the steamship Montrose, was received in New York late tonight in response to an inquiry sent by wireless earlier in the night. It confirms apparently the belief of Scotland Yard that Dr. Hawley H. Crippen, and his stenographer are aboard the vessel.

Washington, D. C., July 28.—Owing to the discovery of the foot and mouth disease among cattle in Yorkshire, Eng., the importation of cattle from that country into the United States has been prohibited until the extent of the disease can be determined.

FORM NEW PARTY IN PENNSYLVANIA

Will Fight Democratic and Republican Nominees in That State.

REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE TEDDY

After He Had Been Proclaimed Greatest Citizen—Old Parties Denounced as Under Domination of Liquor Industries.

Philadelphia, July 28.—William H. Berry, of Delaware county, for Governor; D. Clarence Gibbons, of Philadelphia for lieutenant governor; Cornelius D. Schuly, of Allegheny county, for State treasurer, and Joan Casey, of Luzerne county, for secretary of internal affairs, is the ticket nominated by the Keystone party formed here today to oppose the nominees of both the Republican and Democratic parties.

The convention composed of 177 delegates from 52 counties in this State denounced both the old parties as being under the domination of the liquor industries, but refused to incorporate in its platform any reference to former President Roosevelt, who was proclaimed by some of the delegates as "the greatest American citizen."

The nominee for governor was formerly State treasurer, to which office he was elected by the combined Democratic, prohibition and independent votes in the political upheaval of 1905. While in office he uncovered the State capital scandal.

In the recent Democratic State convention he was defeated for the nomination for governor, but received 109 votes. Many delegates subsequently bolted their party and took part in today's convention.

D. Clarence Gibbons, the nominee for lieutenant governor, has headed the reform ticket in nearly all the recent reform movements in this city. He has been one of the local law and order society for 20 years.

Cornelius D. Schuly, a young banker and lawyer in Pittsburg, where he has been active in reform politics. John Casey, the fourth name on the ticket, was elected to the State Legislature by the labor vote of Luzerne county and is the author of the Casey employers' liabilities bill.

The name Keystone was adopted by the convention as the party name. The preamble to the platform adopted by the independents begins with the following language: "Pennsylvanians are face to face with the necessity of a desperate battle for the preservation of representative government."

"A political trust managed by cunning politicians threatens the commonwealth. "Some of the conspirators are labeled Republicans and some Democrats; but they are all in league against the people and act in harmony with one treasonable purpose and under the orders of one head of the illegal and unwarranted use of property and office; upon force, fraud and election crimes."

"Police protected dens of vice are made to furnish enough illegal votes to overwhelm respectable citizenship. "Both of the tickets nominated and both of the platforms adopted, it is well understood, were dictated by the same authority and were intended for the delusion of the voters and the further confirmation of the power of the political machine."

The preamble calls upon citizens to join for the defeat of the "political partnership of the boss and the saloon. The platform among other things advocates local self government in the matter of the liquor traffic; advocates the election of United States Senators by popular vote and calls for a Public Service Commission similar to the one in New York State.

WESTERN UNION CHANGES

Unofficial Announcement Comes Out From Atlanta—New Positions. Atlanta, Ga., July 28.—Important changes in the organization of the Western Union Telegraph Company, effective September 1st, are expected to be officially announced within the next few days. It is said that all territory south of Washington and east of the Mississippi river except Louisiana, will be embraced in the Southeastern Division, with headquarters at Atlanta, and an administrative system similar to that of the Bell Telephone Company is to be put into operation. E. F. Dillon, now general superintendent of the Atlanta office, is to be superintendent of the Southeastern Division, and will have under him district superintendents at Nashville, Atlanta, Richmond and Jacksonville.

RAWN INVESTIGATION.

Taking of Testimony in Murder Mystery Concluded. Bloomington, Ill., July 28.—The taking of testimony regarding the death of Ira G. Rawn, late president of the Monon route, was concluded at the Winkeba village hall at 12:15 o'clock tonight. The members of the coroner's jury immediately retired to consider their verdict.