

THE WEATHER.

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N. Y. SENATORSHIP FOR W. F. SHEEHAN

Former Lieutenant Governor Makes Formal Announcement of Candidacy

TO SUCCEED CHAUNCEY DEPEW

Defines His Attitude on Several Public Questions—"Trust in God But Keep Your Powder Dry"—Tariff.

New York, Dec. 29.—William F. Sheehan made formal announcement of his candidacy for the United States Senate tonight in a letter addressed to Mayor Louis F. Furrmann, of Buffalo, who, with other prominent Buffalo Democrats recently endorsed Mr. Sheehan for the seat which will become vacant when the term of Senator Depew expires on March 4th, 1911.

In defining his attitude toward National questions, Mr. Sheehan declared his belief in the letter and spirit of the platform adopted at the last Democratic State convention. He declares himself in favor of a bona fide downward revision of the tariff. After declaring that trusts and combinations that control the necessities of life and increase the cost of living are largely the result of excessive protective duties, Mr. Sheehan says that if the occasion should arise for Congress to further legislate on the subject, he will, if a member of that body, approach the "solution of the question in the spirit of the broadest patriotism with no master to direct and no purpose to serve, the welfare of our common country."

Mr. Sheehan says that though he rejoices in the world-wide effort to bring about universal peace, until this time comes he would heed the old saying "Put your trust in God and keep your powder dry." "I have no patience," he continues, "with the Senators and Representatives who have repeatedly submitted to legislative dictation, and I expect and hope the people will have no patience with me, in case I become their representative. If at any time I should surrender one iota of legislative independence because of legislative command or favor. If the people's representatives are true to party principles, and courageously perform their duty, and if the courts remain faithful to the great traditions of the past, New Nationalism will continue a futile and innocuous cry." He concludes: "If I am called to service in the National Senate, my motto will be 'Upward and Onward, but Steady, Always Steady.'"

AGREE AS TO FOOTBALL

Game as Played Last Season Received Endorsement.

New York, Dec. 29.—Football as played last season received tonight the endorsement of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association, gathered here for its annual meeting. The association was instrumental in bringing about a drastic revision of rules, and with the adoption of the report presented by its committee on football rules, went on record as well pleased with the results obtained.

Capt. Palmer E. Pierce, U. S. A., president of the association, reported that its membership had increased from 25 in 1906 to 81 this year. Because of this growth, he favors a change of name to the National Collegiate Athletic Association. This was voted.

Prof. A. A. Stagg, of the University of Chicago, chairman of the track rules committee, recommended the appointment of a special committee to supervise this branch of athletics, pass on records, modify rules, etc. His committee was empowered to carry out the plan.

COTTON CROPS IN MEXICO.

Experiments Successful and Planters Are Enthusiastic.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Experiments in cotton growing in the State of Tamaulipas, Mexico, have resulted so satisfactorily that planters there are very enthusiastic over the prospects of cotton becoming one of the most profitable crops of the State, according to United States Consul Clarence A. Miller, at the Tampico.

In the vicinity of Columbus, Tamaulipas, cotton was grown this season for the first time. Special seed was imported from Georgia. The production was one bale and in some cases more, per acre. No trouble was experienced with the boll weevil, but some damage was done by the army worm.

Plans are being made for planting a much larger acreage next year and more seed will be imported from the United States. Experienced cotton planters from Oklahoma and other States express great faith in the prospects for the successful cultivation of cotton in this district.

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LIVES OF SIXTEEN ARE SNUFFED OUT

Result of Boiler Explosion in Ice Plant Near Pittsburgh, Massachusetts

TWELVE MORE WERE INJURED

Causes of Explosion a Mystery—The Boiler Was Reported in Good Condition—Help for Fatherless.

Pittsburg, Mass., December 29.—The lives of sixteen men were obliterated today by the explosion of a boiler at the plant of the Fore-Wood Lake Ice Company, at Moeewood lake, two miles south of this city. Twelve men were instantly killed, one died shortly after the accident and three others died in the hospital.

In addition, 12 men were injured and it was stated tonight at the House of Mercy, the hospital to which they were removed, that it was feared that two of the patients would die.

State Officer A. H. McNeill was assigned by the Massachusetts district police officials to make a thorough investigation of the cause of the explosion.

At a special meeting of the city council resolutions were adopted calling for immediate action to supply the wants of the fatherless and injured. Upon the suggestion of Mayor William H. Maginnis, a subscription paper was started and in a short time \$3,000 had been subscribed. United States Senator Wherry Murray Crane, whose home is in Dalton, near here, headed the list with \$500.

Gathered this forenoon in and about the little boiler building which was some distance from the ice houses were about 125 men, mostly Poles and Italians, awaiting the chance to earn a few dollars by cutting ice. With a crash, heard for miles around, the boiler burst. Bodies of men, and fragments of iron and tin were hurled through the air. Those of the workmen who were not killed outright were either seriously injured or dazed by the shock. Physicians, ambulance and automobiles were rushed from this city to the lake and the injured men were hurried to the hospital here.

Then the dismembered bodies were carefully gathered together and removed to the homes of the families of the dead. The entire monetary loss will not exceed \$500.

Officials of the ice company are at a loss to account for the disaster.

Owing to the rainy weather of the past few days, harvesting the crop was delayed until this forenoon. In response to advertisements a large number of men reported for work at the lake today, although all of the company's regular employees were on the scene.

Work was not begun immediately as tools had to be prepared and taken given instructions as to their duties. While waiting for the summons to begin active operations on the ice and while most of the men were either inside the boiler house to keep warm or near the building, the boiler burst with a terrific noise, and a shock which was noticed for miles.

The boiler house was demolished and pieces of the boiler, timbers and human bodies were hurled through the air. One body was blown a distance of 200 feet and another 150 feet. The cylinder of the boiler was found in a tree on the edge of the lake more than 100 feet away.

The ice is about two miles outside of Pittsburg. Consequently, it was before word of the disaster reached this city. Doctors were rushed to the scene at once to give first aid to the injured and all of the ambulances were dispatched to the lake. The ambulance service, however, was totally inadequate to care for the dead and injured and automobiles were used to aid in the work of assisting the injured and removing them to the hospital.

The Moorewood Lake Ice Company is owned by Shand & Leshure. Mr. Shand said today that the boiler was inspected during the summer by an inspector of the State police, who ordered certain changes. These changes were made, according to Mr. Shand and yesterday a test of the water gauge showed that instrument to be in perfect condition. William Dunn, one of the men who was killed, was in charge of the boiler today. He was an experienced engineer.

The boiler was used in furnishing the power to drag the cakes of ice up the inclines into ice storage houses.

RURAL DELIVERY CHANGES.

Two Lumberton Men Are Assigned to Routes.

Washington, December 29.—The following changes in the rural delivery letter carrier service were announced today:

North Carolina—Lumberton, route 5, Edward F. Parnell, carrier; vice Francis Jesse Meares; substitute, Berry E. Parnell.

Lumberton, route No. 6, John B. Meares, carrier; vice Luther C. Davis.

Grand Theatre. Illustrated Song, Mr. Banks.

Wm. F. Sheehan Would Succeed Chauncey Depew



W. F. SHEEHAN

AFFAIRS AT STATE CAPITAL FLEET ON HOMEWARD VOYAGE

Requisition Issued—Many New Charters—Mr. Joyner III—Getting Ready for Legislature—Other Raleigh News.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 29.—Governor Kitchin issued today a requisition on the governor of Maryland for L. M. Hunter, who is wanted in Charlotte for obtaining money under false pretenses. He is now in jail at Havre de Grace, being held for the North Carolina authorities.

Wake Superior court for the trial of criminal cases will convene January 9th for a two weeks' term, Judge W. H. Wheedbee presiding. This will be Judge Wheedbee's first term in Raleigh. There will be not more than an average number of cases and no notable cases at all.

There is a considerable New Year's rush in the office of the Secretary of State in the issuance of charters for new corporations. Seven were issued today. The Scott Brokerage and Commission Co., Charlotte, capital \$10,000, by J. L. Scott, J. L. Everett and others; The Salisbury Supply Co., of Hassell, N. C., capital \$50,000, by R. W. Salisbury and others; The Warrenton Electric Light Co., Warrenton, capital \$20,000, by W. G. Rogers, J. Wilber White and others; The Plymouth Light & Ice Co., of Plymouth, capital \$25,000, by A. L. Owens and others; The W. H. Hampton & Son Co., of Plymouth, capital \$50,000, by W. H. Hampton and others; The Standard Garage Co., of Raeford, Cumberland county, capital \$5,000, by J. W. Johnson and others.

Hon. J. Y. Joyner, State superintendent of public instruction, has been forbidden by his physician to go to his office at all this week owing to a considerable debilitation from a series of bilious attacks. He was able yesterday to walk a part of the way from his home to Rex Hospital, where physicians made a microscopic examination of his blood in order to better diagnose his case. This morning, however, he was unable to leave his room. He is suffering especially from excessive weakness.

The annual report of the State Board of Charities recommends to the General Assembly that the appropriation for the maintenance of the three State hospitals for the insane be increased from \$545,000 to \$685,000 and insists that there should be additional room provided at the Raleigh Hospital for negroes. The board also wants a \$50,000 receiving building provided where special cases can be received and treated specially by experts. The board recommends a parole board to relieve the Governor of the pardon burden.

The board of directors and Superintendent Jno. E. Ray, of the State School for the Blind here, in their annual report to Governor Kitchin and the General Assembly, asks for an increase of the general maintenance from \$65,000 to \$80,000. The salaries paid in this institution, they complain, are lower than those for any other State institution. For the past year the attendance was 350.

The school authorities are anxious for the institution to be moved to larger quarters, where there can be ample exercise grounds that they insist that the children are suffering for. The report suggests that the Soldiers' Home property on Newbern avenue, be taken for the school for the Blind and that old soldiers be moved to the main building of the present School for the Blind and that the fine new auditorium there be converted.

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BANK DISCLOSURE MAKES NEW ORDER

National Institutions Must Adopt Uniform System of Bookkeeping

MUST KNOW TRUE CONDITION

Action Following Recent Failure in Texas—Government Strict on Banks and Examiners—Methods to Pursue.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Disclosures following the forced liquidation of the Qnanah National Bank, of Qnanah, Texas, ten days ago, caused the Comptroller of the Currency today to issue an order directing everyone of the 7,200 National banks in the United States to install what practically amounts to a uniform system of bookkeeping.

Investigation of the Qnanah Bank disclosed that it had been doing business for the last two years, although undoubtedly insolvent and although inspected at regular intervals by National Bank examiners; that during that time the examiners were unable to learn the bank's true condition, largely because the management refused to keep a proper record of its business transactions and that the entire capital of \$50,000 and probably some of the \$28,000 surplus was paid out to stockholders as dividends.

In a statement issued today Comptroller Murray coked that his examiners were hoodwinked for two years by the way the bank handled its notes.

Reports to headquarters show that an examiner finally did become suspicious shortly before the bank's closing and insisted that a new set of books be installed. This the officials did under protest, the report says, but they abandoned the new system to return to the old two days later, after the examiner had left town. Returning to Qnanah unexpectedly, the examiner found the change and reported it by telegraph to Washington.

"At the end of that period," says the Comptroller's order "the examiner will return to the bank at its expense to determine if instructions have been complied with, and if the necessary books have not been installed, he will remain in the bank at its expense until such books are installed under the instruction and supervision of the examiner."

To insure a system of bookkeeping which the true condition of a National bank can be determined at any moment, the order issued today directs examiners on finding a bank whose exact condition they cannot determine, to report the fact by telegraph to Washington and give the management of the bank 30 days to install the necessary books.

No criminal proceedings to fix the responsibility for the Qnanah National's condition has been taken.

EARTHQUAKE DISASTROUS.

Two Villages Reported Destroyed in Greece—Deaths.

Athens, Greece, December 29.—There was a violent earthquake in the Province of Elis today, causing heavy damage to buildings. The government has dispatched help.

London, December 29.—Special dispatches from Athens say that earthquakes in the Elis district have been continuous for five days. The villages of Lechaena, thirty-six miles from Patras, and Andraivda, about 33 miles from Patras, have been destroyed. The inhabitants of these villages, who number about 2,450 and 1,800, respectively, have fled to Pyrgos. Their distress has been increased by heavy rains. The shocks continue tonight and the full extent of the damage is not now known.

OUTLINES.

A new bank order was issued yesterday by the Comptroller of Currency requiring all National banks to adopt a uniform system of bookkeeping. This action followed the recent failure of a Texas bank.—Arch Hoxsey at the Los Angeles meet yesterday flew over Mount Wilson, the highest peak of a mountain range.—Joseph G. Robin, who caused the Northern Bank of New York to be closed Monday, was yesterday indicted for larceny of \$90,000 from the Washington Savings Bank, of which he was president and which has also passed into the hands of the State bank officials.—William F. Sheehan has announced his candidacy for the United States Senate to succeed Senator Chauncey Depew.—The Atlantic battleship fleet, which has visited ports in England and France, will start today on the homeward voyage.—New York markets: Money on call firm 3 1/2 to 4 3/4 per cent, ruling rate 3 1/2, closing bid 4 1/2, offered at 4 1/2. Flour was steady to firm with a fair jobbing trade.—Wheat firm. No. 2 red 98 3/4 elevator and 98 1/4 f.o.b. float. Corn firm, new No. 2, 52 3/4 f.o.b. float. Oats firm, standard white 38 3/4. Turpentine firm. Spot cotton closed quiet, middling uplands 14.95, middling gulf 15.20.

FOR GREATER PITTSBURG.

First Issue of Ten Million Bonds Are Sold.

Pittsburg, Pa., December 29.—City improvement bonds to the amount of \$4,878,000 were sold today by Comptroller E. S. Morrow and Mayor McGee to the National City Bank of New York, and N. W. Harris & Company, of New York, their bid of 102.4591 being the highest of six received for the entire amount. The bonds are to be delivered within eighteen days.

This is the first of the issue of \$10,000,000 authorized by a vote of the people at the November election in an effort to carry forward extensive ideas and plans for a new and greater Pittsburg.

TRIP FOR PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Carolians Accept Invitation by Charleston and Florence.

Greensboro, N. C., December 29.—The committee on arms for the mid-winter meeting of the North Carolina Press Association, to be held in Winston-Salem January 25 and 26, today unanimously decided to accept the invitation of Charleston and Florence, S. C., to visit those cities, the trip to be made over the recently completed Southbound railway. The trip will be a side feature to the annual gathering.

Hoxsey's Flight FEATURE OF MEET

Famous Young Aviator First to Circle Highest Peak of Mountain Range

A WAY TO TRANSPORT ARMIES

Thousand Aeroplanes Could Carry 10,000 Men Across in a Day—Accident Thrills Many Spectators—Details.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 30.—Arch Hoxsey, of Pasadena, Cal., holder of the world's aeroplane altitude record—11,476 feet—today flew over Mount Wilson, the highest peak of the mountain range that rims the valley in which Los Angeles, Pasadena and the towns of the orange belt lie. Under ideal weather conditions he soared 10,905 feet in the sky and cleared the crest of Mount Wilson with 4,200 feet to spare.

Lieutenant Vernon Boller, of Fort Whipple, Ariz., and several other army officers, who are here to see the flights, asserted Hoxsey's performance pointed a new way of transporting armies across mountain ranges. He said that a thousand biplanes could transport an army of 10,000 men across mountains as high as the Alps in a day.

Hoxsey used a Wright biplane, equipped for passenger service and he made the journey from the field to a point beyond the mountains in one hour and 28 minutes. The distance is estimated at 34 miles.

News of his success was flashed to the aviation field by telephone from the Carnegie Solar Observatory, on Mount Wilson, directly above which the aviator soared.

Hoxsey said that it was fearfully cold and is certain that if he had a recording thermometer with him it would have shown the temperature of the upper altitude to be far below zero.

Just before the close of the afternoon's events, the crowd got another thrill by an accident which nearly resulted in the death of Hubert Latham, the French aeroplane expert, who made a valiant attempt to save Glenn Martin, a California novice, when the latter lost control of his machine and was blown into a fence by a 20-mile wind.

After successfully negotiating the course once Martin was blown far to the south of the field where he narrowly escaped disaster several times among the high wires and trees. By skilful maneuvering of his machine, he finally tacked back to the course and the crash came as he was trying to make a landing.

Two or three thousand men and women were within a few feet of him when he dashed into the wire fence just in front of the grand stand. Latham was in front of the judges' box when Martin brought his machine to earth.

Latham saw the danger and rushing out, caught hold of the machine and desperately tried to turn it away from the fence, but miscalculated its speed and was dashed to the ground. The running gear of the machine, which weighs 900 pounds, missed Latham's face only by a few inches and Martin and his biplane sped into the fence with force enough to break the iron posts upon which the wire was stretched. Martin was hurried over the fence, but was unhurt.

VIRGINIA BANK CLOSED.

Corporation in Hands of Receivers—Has Eight Branches.

Alexandria, Va., Dec. 29.—The Virginia Safe Deposit & Trust Corporation of this city, which has eight branches scattered throughout Virginia. It is said the depositors will not lose anything by the closing.

GOLFING AT PINEHURST.

Travis Won Qualification Trophy Yesterday.

Pinehurst, N. C., Dec. 29.—Walter J. Travis, of Garden City, won the qualification trophy in the seventh annual holiday week golf tournament here today, with a low score of 69. His nearest competitor was Robert Hunter, intercollegiate champion of the Midlothian Country Club, who made the round with a score of 77.

Other low cards were C. L. Becker, of Woodland, 80; P. W. Whittemore, of Brookline Country Club, 82; Homer Boyce, of Southboro, Mass., 82; Julian P. Bishop, of Brookline Country Club, 85; and H. M. Adams, of Nassau Country Club, 85.

A Mexican Legend, a beautiful drama. Bijou today.

Grand Theatre. Comet solo tonight. Mr. LaBarre.

ROBIN TO ANSWER CHARGE OF THEFT

Man of Numerous Banking Operations Arrested For Larceny of \$90,000

WASHINGTON BANK IS CLOSED

Passed Into Hands of State Banking Department—Robin Was President of Institution—Gave Bail for \$25,000.

New York, Dec. 29.—It took the grand jury just an hour today to indict Joseph G. Robin on a charge of the larceny of \$90,000 from the Washington Savings Bank, of which he was president. The bank passed into the hands of the State Banking Department today, there to keep company with the Northern Bank of New York, of whose executive committee he was chairman, and with which his name has hitherto been more prominently connected.

The district attorney explained that out of a mass of evidence drawn from the records of both institutions he had chosen the charge that he thought could be presented most simply to a jury. He was immediately placed under arrest at the home of his sister, Dr. Louis Robinovitch, but his arraignment was postponed until tomorrow, when he must give bail in \$25,000 or go to jail, pending either a trial or determination of his sanity.

Technically, Robin is insane now. The order of commitment signed by Justice Amend, at the request of Dr. Robinovitch and on the certification of three other physicians, still stand, although the private sanitarium to which Robin was taken refused to receive him.

An agreement was reached between District Attorney Whitman and William Travers Jerome, counsel for Robin, whereby physicians should make a physical examination of Robin.

Accordingly Robin drove up tonight in his automobile to his sister's home a bench warrant was immediately served on him and Austin Flint, one of the physicians who signed the certificate for his commitment and Dr. William B. Mabon, superintendent of the Manhattan State Asylum for the Insane, began an examination into his condition. It was not expected that his findings would be made known until presented to the court tomorrow. The indictment against Robin was based on information sworn to by Frederick K. Morris, formerly his confidential employe. It charged that the Washington Savings Bank, of which Robin was president, was induced by his representation to draw to his order two checks aggregating \$90,000 in consideration of two participation agreements purporting to give the bank an equivalent interest in a mortgage executed by the Fidelity Development Company.

The Washington Savings Bank went into the hands of the State Banking Department today to keep company with the Northern Bank of New York, and further indictments are expected to follow this new development.

THE ALPHA TAU OMEGA.

Scholarship Requirement for Initiation in the Future.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 28.—A scholarship requirement as a qualification for initiation into the Alpha Tau Omega was recommended today by Paul R. Hickok, of Washington, D. C., worthy grand chief of the fraternity, in his address at the annual convention of the order. His recommendations reads:

"That it be required of all chapters in the future before initiating a man, that the president of the chapter shall procure a statement from the college officers that the man is in good standing."

After the admission to the fraternity standing in studies is not to affect membership.

FUGITIVE KILLED SELF.

Theory in Case of Willis Rhoades Following Petersburg Murder.

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 28.—While a posse for two days searched the Dinwiddie woods for Willis Rhoades, the negro who Sunday killed Sherman Steward, colored, for saving the life of E. Y. Cox, a merchant at Darvills from Rhoades' anger, Rhoades lay dead in the bushes a short distance from the home of his aunt, a victim of his own gun. Corporal Hurlie believes Rhoades accidentally shot himself while fleeing from the sheriff's officers. The body was found last evening by two boys hunting.

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