

THE WEATHER.

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UNDERWOOD WILL NOT BE PRESENT

Refuses to Attend Banquet Where Bryan Will Speak Last.

OLD CONTROVERSY THE CAUSE

Pleads Illness But Many Think He is Adverse to Entering Oratorical Contest With "Peerless Leader"

Washington, January 3.—Democratic Leader Oscar W. Underwood's decision not to attend the Jackson Day banquet here next Monday night, which became known today immediately after the announcement that the managing committee had given to William Jennings Bryan, at his own request, the last place on the speaking programme, threw Democrats in Congress into a flurry.

Mr. Underwood declared he would not attend the banquet because of his recent attack of pneumonia, appendicitis. His physician, he said, had ordered him to attend no banquets, and particularly to make no speeches, nor do anything requiring unusual exertion.

"I will not have any speech to be read at the dinner," added Mr. Underwood. "If I were there to make a speech I should desire to deliver it myself."

Nevertheless, the forecasted absence of the Majority Leader of the House, from a National Democratic affair, at which other leaders of the party and men who are prominent in the campaign for the Presidential nomination are to speak, aroused discussion particularly in connection with the so-called break between Bryan and Underwood.

Mr. Underwood's letter to the managing committee announcing he would not attend, was sent after it became known that Bryan was to speak last. The arrangement did not meet the approval of many leaders, but it will stand. Some of Mr. Underwood's friends pointed out that Mr. Bryan speaking last on the programme would be in a position of decided advantage.

The controversy between Mr. Bryan and Underwood, which developed over the wroten schedule, the secret caucus and other party affairs, at the special session of Congress last year, was recently renewed when Mr. Bryan practically referred to Mr. Underwood as Wall Street's choice for the Democratic Presidential nomination.

BASEBALL COMMISSION MEETS

Ticket Scandal Was Threshed Out, But Findings Not Yet Given to the Public—Expected Friday.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 3.—After almost three months of investigation, the National Baseball Commission, which met here today, has reached a decision in the alleged ticket scalping scandal during the last world's series at New York and Philadelphia, and a finding will be handed down Friday night. Just what this finding will contain, remains a mystery. The reason assigned for the delay is that the document will be voluminous and requires considerable care in its composition.

Chairman August Herrmann, President Thomas Lynch, of the National League, and President Ban B. Johnson, of the American League, labored for exactly eight and one-half hours today and reached the above conclusion. Minor leagues, from all parts of the country, waited for an opportunity to appear before the commission and give their views on the changes in the National peace agreement, but all entreaties proved futile. They were notified that the commission would hear them tomorrow.

Messrs. Barney Dreyfus, representing the National League, and President Johnson of the American League, this afternoon signed-up the schedules of their respective leagues. Both announced that no information regarding the schedules would be given out until the meetings of the leagues in February.

Tomorrow the National Commission will take up the revision of the National agreement, and it is a foregone conclusion that besides many minor concessions which will be granted, a special classification known as class AA, which will include the Pacific Coast League, the American Association and the International League, will be created.

It is expected that the annual meeting will adjourn before tomorrow night. That the game of baseball has shown to an enormous extent was shown in the eighth annual report of Chairman August Herrmann, of the commission. The business done out of the office of the commission during the last year was greater than that of the previous year, when it was \$300,000. The work had increased over \$300,000.

The report also urged the passage of State and municipal laws against ticket scalping.

LIVED BEYOND HIS MEANS. Treasurer Embezzled Large Sums of Money. New York, Jan. 3.—Percy G. Vandover, well known in mercantile circles here, is reported at the principal courts building late today to face charges of embezzlement of approximately \$140,000 from the large wholesale dry goods house of Van Keuren & Thornton Company, of which he was treasurer. He entered a formal plea of not guilty and was locked up in the Tombs for further examination Friday.

CRITICAL MOMENT OF GREAT NATION

Many Serious Disturbances Continue Throughout the Chinese Empire.

IMPERIAL COURT CONFIDENT

Reign of Terror Prevails in Shanghai and Traffic Has Been Seriously Interrupted—Peace Conference.

Peking, Jan. 3.—Three thousand Manchurian Imperial troops, drawn from the garrisons of Pao Ting Fu and Shih Wang Tao have been ordered to Chin Wang Tao and Lanchow to attack the mutineers there if they do not submit.

Chao Hing Feng, formerly viceroy of the province of Sze Chuan, assisted by Manchou soldiers from Tibet, has re-captured Cheng Tu, the capital. Serious disturbances, however, continue throughout the provinces. All foreigners are reported to have left the city of Chung King.

The railroad authorities at Tien Tsin, fearing an attack by the rebel troops, have stopped the Siberian mails. Gen. Li Yuen Hing, commander-in-chief of the rebel troops, who has been made Vice President of the provisional Republic, has apologized to the Imperial authorities for the violation of the armistice at Hankow, and has dismissed two colonels who were responsible for it.

The viceroy of the province of Hu Peih has informed the revolutionary leaders that 1,000 railroads cars will be needed to remove the Imperial troops from their positions and that only 50 cars are available. The troops cannot, therefore, carry out the proposed evacuation in less than a fortnight.

Gen. Li Yuen Hing has approved of a special agreement to meet this difficulty and is arranging for the revolutionary troops to undertake the policing of the evacuated district. Confidence continues to revive among the adherents of the Imperial court. The Chinese revolution is very easily encouraged or discouraged, owing to its trait of timidity.

Nowhere else in the world could 80,000 ounces of gold bars, such as were delivered from the Imperial purse into the hands of Premier Yuan Shi Kai yesterday, seriously affect a great Empire at a critical moment. A belief is current tonight that fighting will be resumed soon. Premier Yuan Shi Kai has not received any reply from Dr. Wu Ting Fang, at Shanghai, whom he informed that he would in future carry on negotiations by telegraph. It is understood that the Republicans object to negotiating by wire.

The Imperial delegates who have returned here from Shanghai say a reign of terror prevails in that city. Nobody dares to venture an opinion in favor of a constitutional monarchy. News From Shanghai. Shanghai, Jan. 3.—"I have done my best for my country and do not desire to embarrass my old chief."

TO INVESTIGATE MONEY TRUST

Representative Lindbergh Tells Congress How the Big Banks Form Companies and Control Business

Washington, January 3.—How the Amalgamated Copper Company was financed; and what speculation has been carried on in the Central of New Jersey and Reading railroads by those controlling the National City Bank, of New York, are some of the things named for specific investigation in resolutions presented to the House today by Representative Lindbergh, of Minnesota, in furtherance of the proposed inquiry into the "money trust."

Representative Lindbergh is the originator of the proposed investigation. The ownership of stocks in other financial institutions by National banks, is to be looked into. Mr. Lindbergh cited the first organization of the first trust and the saving bank of Chicago by the First National Bank there; the formation of the first security company by the First National Bank of New York, and the recent organization of the National City Company by stockholders of the National City Bank of New York.

In the latter case, Attorney General Wickersham has held that a bank's connection with the company is in contravention of the National banking laws. Soon after his decision it was announced that the company had been dissolved, and stockholders, which were criticized.

IN TO THE FINISH. La Follette Will Stay in the Race. Chicago, Jan. 3.—Without referring to Governor Osborn's suggestion in a speech in Lansing, Mich., that Senator Robert M. La Follette withdraw from the presidential race, the La Follette national headquarters today issued a statement denying that Mr. La Follette had any intention of withdrawing.

The statement was given out by Walter L. Houser, chairman of the National Progressive Republican campaign committee, and was as follows: "Once for all I wish to set at rest the reports that Senator La Follette will withdraw, or that his friends will withdraw his name as a candidate for President. The campaign for his nomination will continue until the meeting of the Republican convention for President."

ROBBED A BANK. But a Bucking Broncho Kept Him From Fleeing. Tulsa, Okla., Jan. 3.—Walking into the Bank of Bixby at a small town 15 miles southeast of Tulsa, a man at the point of a gun held up Cashier Lipscomb today, secured \$700, rushed out of the bank and mounted a horse which, however, was a Texas broncho and commenced bucking. The cashier had given the alarm and the man was pulled from his horse by a crowd that had congregated. He was found to be O. C. Brock, dish washer in a Bixby restaurant, and was placed in the Tulsa city jail.

REMARKABLE CASE. Saving the Warrington a Mystery in Naval Circles. Washington, January 3.—The inspection board at the Norfolk yard has reported to the Navy Department that it would cost \$50,000 to replace the stern of the torpedo boat destroyer, Warrington, which was chopped off in a collision with an unknown schooner off Cape Hatteras last week. The case is one of the most remarkable in naval records, and how the little craft escaped foundering during the storm in her damaged condition is a mystery.

MORE TROUBLE EXPECTED IN MEXICO

Large Amounts of Ammunition Being Shipped to the Border.

SERIOUS REVOLUTIONARY PLOT

There is Every Indication of a Serious Widespread Plot to Overthrow the Existing Government.

New Orleans, Jan. 3.—Evidence indicating a more widespread revolutionary plot against Mexico than has heretofore been attributed to the opponents of the Madero administration, has come to light in the discovery of the shipment of at least eight carloads of ammunition and explosives from points in Pennsylvania and New Jersey to New Orleans during the past 50 days.

The fact that these shipments were detained at points north of New Orleans is said to have been clearly established, leading to the suspicion that the real destination was one of the gulf ports between this city and Mobile, from which filibustering expeditions have cleared unobserved in the past.

In addition to the eight carloads, with an estimated total of more than 200,000 pounds of munitions of war, agents of the Mexican government assert that one firm in New Orleans has shipped 150 rifles per week for the past five weeks to points in Texas near the Mexican border.

Secret agents of the Mexican government are working with the agents of the United States and for the past few days have been keeping several steamers, as well as the gulf ports, under close surveillance. Four Mexicans in this city, who are said to have been associated with Gen. Bernardo Reyes in his revolutionary plans, are being shadowed and it is not improbable that arrests may be made within the next few days.

While the government agents and officials here decline to make a statement, railroad employes state the first of the eight carloads left Philadelphia on November 18th and the orders were sent forward at intervals of about a week, with New Orleans given as the destination on each of the consignment bills. The name of the consignee is not given, but it is said that not one of the cars was checked into New Orleans.

It is not denied in Mexican official circles that Emilio Vasquez Gomez is suspected of connection with the revolutionary plot against the Mexican government. While a revolutionary junta has not been formally established here, the Mexican population of New Orleans has been agitated within the past few weeks by the arrival of a dozen or more citizens of that country, who have not been inconspicuous in Mexican political affairs.

INVESTIGATIONS BEGIN SOON

Tariff Board Will Take Up Leather Schedule January 16th—Others Will Soon Follow. Cotton Report.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The tariff board's investigation of the leather schedule will actually begin January 16th, when shoe manufacturers and tanners throughout the country will be given a hearing as to the best method of conducting the inquiry. Shortly after the conference, the board will send its agents into the field to study the industry and gather the statistics upon which the board will base its conclusions.

The investigation of the metal schedule will be undertaken about the same time, as it is the intention to conduct the two inquiries simultaneously. It has not yet been determined whether or not the steel and iron interests will be given a hearing prior to the initiation of the inquiry. The leather men asked for such a conference.

"As the board has only about \$80,000 of its appropriation on hand; and it was threatened by the Democrats at the close of the current fiscal year, it is not known how extensively it will be able to go into the two schedules."

The report on the cotton industry, it is now expected, will not be presented to the President until February 1st.

THE RICHESON TRIAL. Consultation of Attorneys May be to That End. Boston, Mass., Jan. 3.—The fact that attorneys for Rev. Clarence V. Richeson, accused of the murder of Avis Linnell, did not visit him in his cell today, but instead held a consultation lasting most of the day, led to a report that an important definite move is soon to be announced by the defense. While the nature of the plan is only a matter of surmise, it is believed gained ground in court circles that the minister will not be brought to trial on January 15th, the date set.

Attorneys Wm. A. Morse and John L. Lee, the prisoner's counsel, who interviewed him yesterday, reported that he collapsed utterly at one time and showed such mental weakness that he could not follow the matters presented so that in their opinion he was far from being in a condition to stand trial.

As a result of this statement from the defense, there was renewed speculation as to the prospect for a lunacy commission, while the report was also persistent that the defense would ask that physicians be named to examine the prisoner as to his ability physically to face trial on the date set for the trial. One of the attorneys for the defense would make any statements as to the nature or results of their conferences.

ROBLEY D. EVANS DIED YESTERDAY

Rear Admiral Succumbed to an Attack of Acute Indigestion.

THE MOST POPULAR OFFICER

His Death Came as Great Shock to All—President Taft One of the First to Express Grief—Many Tributes

Washington, January 3.—Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, retired, died suddenly tonight of acute indigestion. He had been apparently in the best of health up to the minute he was stricken, and expired before a physician could be summoned.

Admiral Evans, born sixty-five years ago in Floyd county, Virginia, arose today apparently in better health and spirits than he had enjoyed in some time. For years a sufferer from old wounds sustained in the Civil War and from recurrent attacks of rheumatic gout, the aged fighter seemed to have shaken off the burden of his advancing days. He displayed high spirits at breakfast and ate hearty luncheon at noon.

While in his library at 2 o'clock the admiral was stricken. Instantly his family sent for Dr. S. S. Adams, who on his arrival, found the patient in great pain. After treatment, Admiral Evans fell into a restless sleep and it was thought the danger had passed. Shortly after 4 o'clock, however, he awakened and, raising himself with difficulty, announced that he was choking.

"I cannot get my breath," he said, and sank back. At 4:45 o'clock he died, conscious to the end. At his bedside at the time of his death were his wife, his daughter, Mrs. H. J. Sewall, and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Frank T. Evans. The death of the admiral, an ex-lieutenant commander in the navy, now on duty on the torpedo boat destroyer Monahan, at Boston. The only other member of his immediate family who was not present was Mrs. Marsh, wife of Captain Charles C. Marsh, commanding the armored cruiser North Carolina.

The news spread with great rapidity and caused a profound shock in official circles. President Taft was one of the first to express his grief and condolence. He said: "Admiral Evans was one of the most successful squadron commanders we have had in the navy for a long time. He was a rigid disciplinarian, of quick decision and admirably advised in the intricacy of the machinery of cruisers and battleships, and skilled in drilling them. I am very sorry to hear of his death."

Admiral Dewey was so overcome that he could utter but a few words. "I am shocked beyond measure at the sudden death of a friend and comrade, Admiral Evans," was all he could say. Secretary Meyer paid this tribute to the officer's memory: "By the sudden death of Admiral Evans, the country loses one of the most brilliant and able officers. It was an account of his ability that Mr. Roosevelt selected him as commander-in-chief of the fleet that cruised around the world. Although on the retired list, he had kept up his active interest in the service and his unexpected death comes as a shock to the navy."

PRESIDENT TAFT SAYS

Only Death Can Keep Him Out of the Race

Washington, January 3.—"Nothing but death can keep me out of the fight now," President Taft is reported to have made this statement to White House callers today, and to have added that he had no objection to the statement being made public.

It undoubtedly was intended to set at rest all rumors that Mr. Taft might withdraw from the race for the Republican nomination for President in favor of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt. The President is said to be thoroughly aroused to the gravity of the situation in the Republican party and determined to see that his attitude be generally understood. He has declared that under no circumstances will he withdraw his name from consideration by the Chicago convention next June, and has asserted that his position with respect to the nomination has not changed in any particular since he first entered the White House.

JACK JOHNSON TO FIGHT

Negro Champion and Sam McVey to Meet in Paris

Sydney, Australia, January 3.—Hugh D. McIntosh, who has been arranging the meeting between Jack Johnson and Sam McVey, has accepted a tempting offer to change the place where the fight will be held. Johnson and McVey accordingly, will fight in Paris on the night of the Grand Prix, instead of meeting in Sydney on Easter Monday.

CONGRESS IN SESSION.

But No Important Business Has Been Transacted. Washington, Jan. 3.—Both Houses of Congress re-assembled at noon today after a recess for the Christmas holidays, which began December 21st. Most of the senators and representatives had returned. Practically no important business was transacted. The House was in session but 15 minutes. Representative Smith, of California, who had been ill since the beginning of the 62nd Congress, was absent.

CARAWAY PAROLED.

Newbern Bank Cashier Returns to His Home From Atlanta, Ga. (Special Star Telegram.) Newbern, N. C., Jan. 3.—J. R. B. Caraway, who was convicted of embezzlement at the April term of Federal Court in this city and sentenced to a term of five years in the Federal prison at Atlanta, has been paroled and has returned home. It is understood that he will be employed by a local firm and will remain here. Caraway was cashier of the National Bank at the time of the embezzlement, and his shortage is claimed to amount to more than \$100,000. So far he has not been seen in public, but there is no doubt of his presence in the city.

PEACE MESSAGES.

From the East Will be Carried to the President. New York, Jan. 3.—Rev. Dr. John Wesley Hill, president of the International Peace Forum, returned here today from a four months' peace mission to the North Carolina coast, and to China and the Hawaiian Islands, and from the Emperor of Japan and various government officials he brings to President Taft a number of peace messages. These messages will be delivered at Washington next week. Dr. Hill said the Japanese saw in the organization of a branch of the peace forum a method to bring together the leaders of capital and labor and prevent by arbitration strikes and lockouts. Dr. Hill says also that the declaration of international peace commends itself to Japan which, "is essentially a peaceful Nation, and the government is in full sympathy with any movement for the establishment of peace and good will throughout the world. President Taft was frequently spoken of as the "lantern bearer of peace."

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 3.—The three-masted schooner Mary S. Eskridge, bound from Jacksonville, Fla., to Baltimore, sank off Big Knoknock light on the North Carolina coast, and ten day had ten feet of water over her decks. The crew of six men was rescued and no one was aboard. Only the schooner's masts are showing above the surface.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 3.—Mayor J. Davis Reed, of Portsmouth, today discovered in his pipe at police headquarters a 22-calibre loaded shell. How and by whom it was placed in the pipe is unknown.

Nunnally's Candies. Having accepted the agency for Nunnally's candies, we have just received a fresh supply by express and we will receive a fresh lot weekly. Try them when you want something good. E. WARREN & SON.

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"Poisoned Actors". A Pathe Western drama that thrills and interests at The Grand Theatre today.

"My Brother Agostini". A story full of startling and unusual features at The Grand Theatre today.