

The Weather

Local showers and thunderstorms Thursday. Friday probably fair and cooler. River stage at Fayetteville yesterday 3.8 feet.

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OLDEST DAILY IN THE STATE.

TRYING TO BRING HARDING NEARER THE PROGRESSIVES

Plans Discussed at Length By Nominee and Floor Manager Brown.

CONFERENCE VIEWED WITH SIGNIFICANCE

General Pershing and Thomas Taggart Are Among Senator's Callers.

Washington, June 16.—(By the Associated Press)—Plans for bringing Senator Harding, the republican presidential nominee, in closer touch with party leaders, particularly those of the progressive wing, were discussed today at a lengthy conference which the senator had with Walter F. Brown, of Toledo, his floor manager, at the Chicago convention.

The conference is understood to have resulted in a decision to send invitations to a number of prominent progressives asking them to meet with the republican nominee to discuss the present situation and the coming campaign. The list of those to be invited will not be made public at present. Friends of Senator Harding said tonight that the proposed conference would be held before the nominee's formal notification, which will be some time after July 15. The senator is expected to utilize the views expressed by the party leaders in the preparation of his speech of acceptance. While some of the meetings may be held before Mr. Harding leaves Washington Monday, the greater portion are expected to take place while he is on his planned vacation.

The visit of Mr. Brown today was regarded by political observers here as significant. In 1912 he was chairman of the Ohio state progressive committee and was active in the campaign of Theodore Roosevelt; he was a delegate to the recent Chicago convention, and after the defeat in the state primary of Harry M. Daugherty, of Columbus, the senator's campaign manager, as a delegate-at-large, was selected as Mr. Harding's floor manager. "I think you will find progressives will be behind Mr. Harding," said Mr. Brown as he left the senator's office.

Senator Harding also gave considerable attention today to Ohio political matters, conferring, in addition to Mr. Brown, with W. L. Farmer, of Lima, Ohio, former state senator. The candidate made public a letter to Secretary of State Smith, of Ohio, withdrawing his petition for re-nomination as the republican candidate for senator at the Ohio state primaries. The petition was filed on the eve of Mr. Harding's nomination for the presidency.

Shortly before the senator left his office for the day General Pershing and Thomas Taggart, republican committee men, called on him for about fifteen minutes. "It was merely a social call," said the general as he departed. "The senator is a very good friend of mine."

Among the telegrams received during the day was one from Thomas Taggart, the Indiana democratic leader and candidate for senator. "I desire to take this opportunity to congratulate you upon your nomination," said Mr. Taggart. "It was certainly a great victory for you. I remember with much pleasure your kindness while in the senate and I have said repeatedly that if we had a republican president that you would be my first choice."

A letter of congratulations also was received from Rear Admiral William S. Sims.

GUARDSMEN SENT TO SCENE OF LYNCHING

Investigation Started Today By County Officials.

Duluth, Minn., June 16.—With the departure tonight of the two companies of guardsmen sent for riot duty, some guards of the militia took over patrol of the district where last night a mob of five thousand lynched three negroes suspected of complicity in an attack on a white girl.

An investigation was started today by county officials, preliminary to the convening tomorrow of a special grand jury. It also was stated Governor Burquist would institute a state inquiry.

There were no untoward demonstrations today and thirteen negroes held in custody were under guard in the county jail, held in connection with the attack on the girl.

SULLIVAN SAYS CRANE FAILED IN ATTEMPT TO HAVE LEAGUE INDORSED

Corrects Description Of Crane As Coming To Leadership—Declares Colonel Harvey Responsible For Harding's Nomination

By MARK SULLIVAN  
Chicago, June 16.—At the beginning of the republican convention your correspondent described it as leadership. During the course of it, Murray Crane, of Massachusetts, was described as apparently coming to a position of leadership. In order to correct the record and complete it, it is now necessary to say that Mr. Crane did not achieve leadership.

Crane Failed  
His effort to make the convention indorse ratification of the league of nations failed utterly. If leadership consisted in imposing your thought on others, then so far as any one person dominated the thought and action of the convention, that person was Colonel George Harvey. He was the leading figure in bringing about the convention's complete repudiation of Mr. Wilson's league of nations, and he

was the leading figure in the conference which resulted in the nomination of Senator Harding.  
Recall Colonel Harvey  
All except the youngest readers will recall that Colonel Harvey, at that time a Jeffersonian democrat, was more responsible than any other one person for starting Woodrow Wilson on his way from Princeton university to the white house, which function of friendship was followed by what Colonel Harvey and his friends considered a conspicuous lack of appreciation on the part of the beneficiary.  
The role played by Colonel Harvey in this republican convention will be a surprise to the public generally. The justification of this fact with the other facts here set down, is so certain to be received with diverse emotions in diverse places as to justify the recording of them as a contribution to contemporary history.

WILL DISCUSS COAL SHORTAGE

N. C. Trade Boards To Meet I. C. C.

Washington, D. C., June 16.—Representatives from the various chambers of commerce in North Carolina have asked through Senator Simmons for a conference with the interstate commerce commission looking to the relief of the situation in North Carolina with respect to the shortage of coal for industrial use.  
In the absence of Senator Simmons, his secretary, Frank A. Hampton, took the matter up with officials of the interstate commerce commission and made an engagement for a meeting of representatives of that body and representatives of the various chambers of commerce in North Carolina at the Raleigh hotel in Washington on the afternoon of June 18.  
The situation as to the coal supply is reported to be serious and this meeting is expected to hasten adequate measures to meet the exigency. There is not coal enough in sight to meet the needs of the industries of the state. When the facts are laid before the interstate commerce commission, which the chambers of commerce contemplate doing, it is hoped the necessary coal will be provided.

"WETS" WILL FIGHT ANY "DRY" PLATFORM

Hot Skirmish Predicted If Bryan Suggest Such a Platform.

French Lick, Ind., June 16.—Democratic party leaders in conference here today declared a platform plank to be presented to the convention in San Francisco, predicted today that a hot skirmish would result if William Jennings Bryan attempted to insert a "dumb dry" plank in the resolutions. As a retaliatory move it was suggested that a "wet" plank might be offered for the convention's consideration.

THREE MORE VICTIMS OF PLAGUE REPORTED

All Vessels Arriving From Mexico Ordered Fumigated.

Galveston, Texas, June 16.—Epidemic of typhoid fever last Sunday at Tampico, according to officers of a tanker which left that port yesterday and arrived here today.  
A private cablegram received here tonight from Vera Cruz reports two more deaths from the plague had occurred in that city.  
Following reports of the plague's appearance at Tampico, Dr. R. L. Wilson, public health officer at this port, received instructions from Washington to fumigate all vessels arriving here from Mexico.

ILLINOIS PRIMARY LAWS FOUND UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Springfield, Ill., June 16.—The state supreme court today held the Illinois primary law unconstitutional. The validity of the primary election law, which was passed by the state legislature in 1919, was attacked by attorney for William Fox, convicted in Chicago of fraudulent voting in the primary election held April 13, 1920. The decision was brought to the supreme court on a writ of error.

DELEGATES RETURNING LOWDEN CAMPAIGN FUND

St. Louis, June 16.—Robert E. Moore, a delegate to the republican national convention from the Twelfth St. Louis district, in a statement today asserted he had returned the \$2,500 of Lowden funds he received. The return was made through an "intermediary" in Chicago last Thursday morning, Moore said.

Nat Goldstein, delegate from the Eleventh district, last night asserted the \$2,500 of Lowden money given him had been returned.

SEARCHING FOR WOMAN IN CASE

Story Of Lady's Clothes In Elwell's Room

New York, June 16.—Investigation of the murder of Jos. B. Elwell, sportsman and whist expert, who was shot in his home Friday, centered tonight upon "the woman in the case."  
In an effort to learn her identity, Mrs. Marie Larson, housekeeper for Elwell, was taken to the district attorney's office late tonight and examined closely. Assistant Attorney Dooling said Mrs. Larson told him she had removed a negligee, slippers and a boudoir cap from Elwell's room after she found him with a bullet hole through his head and that she had hidden these in a wash tub in the cellar.  
According to Mr. Dooling the housekeeper said she did this "to protect the woman."

MORRIS SPEAKS FOR SECRETARY COLBY

Delivers Interesting Address at University of North Carolina.

Durham, June 16.—Substituting in splendid fashion for Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby, who was detained in Washington at the last minute by important business, Roland Morris, American ambassador to Japan, speaking at the annual commencement exercises of the University of North Carolina today told a crowd that overflowed the spacious Memorial hall this morning that the principle of unselfish service applied to America's international relations was the chief hope for the establishment of the friendliest relations between America and Japan.  
"If we are to realize our best national development," Ambassador Morris said, "we must apply the same rules in the development of the individual. Unselfish service is the only principle for the development of the best in an individual and the best in the international relations of this country in the future should be based on that principle."

LUMBER PLANT SHUTS DOWN AT NEW BERN, N. C.

City Light and Water Plant Threatened by Coal Shortage.

New Bern, N. C., June 16.—As a result of a state-wide coal shortage, especially in the eastern section, the John L. Roper Lumber company shut down for an indefinite period, throwing out of work 500 men out of work. Such a step has been anticipated for several days.  
Local public utilities are threatened. The city water and light plant has a supply of coal for only three days in hand with no relief in sight. A call has been sent out for all fuel possible to secure.

HUNTING FOUR MEN FOR WOMAN'S MURDER

Soldiers Escape From Guard House—Posses Now Searching.

Camp Grant, Ill., June 16.—Investigation of the fatal shooting of Mrs. Maude L. Moss, wife of Captain H. Moss at Camp Grant last night, took a new turn today when camp and civil authorities armed with rifles began a hunt for four soldiers who escaped from the guard house yesterday.  
One of the four has faced a court-martial three times on charges, preferred by Capt. Moss, indicating that the escape had been pre-arranged came to light when the authorities learned a car had been stolen at David Junction, just south of the camp, not far from where the shooting occurred.

COMMISSION ASKED TO RESTORE STRIKERS

Union Leaders Prayed For Relief In Present Coal Congestion

Washington, June 16.—A group of striking marine and workers demanded to the interstate commerce commission today as a means of relieving the present coal congestion. The request was made by James Reilly, president of the international coastwise longshoremen association, T. B. Healy, of the marine workers' union of New York and Frank Boland of Jersey City, who spoke for striking railroad employees of New York and other cities.  
While the commission was hearing the representative of the strikers and grappling with employees' freight congestion and coal shortage generally, J. D. Morrow, vice-president of the national association, issued a statement protesting against any embargo on coal exports.  
Mr. Morrow placed the responsibility for the existing coal shortage said to be especially acute in New England, on the commission. An embargo on exports, which government officials have been discussing, he asserted, was "wrong in principle and would not cure the present difficulty." The only remedy, he said, is furnishing of more cars to the mines.  
Mr. Boland told the commission that if striking railroad men were restored to their places, which, he said, now were filled with inexperienced workers, and the seniority rights of the strikers preserved, the freight jam would be relieved immediately. He charged that the railroads were paying strike breakers \$25 and \$30 a day in comparison with the regular rate of \$10 and that the government eventually would have to foot the bill.

MAY RECOVER BABY WITHIN 24 HOURS

Narristown, Pa., June 16.—Revenge, not ransom, probably was the motive for the kidnaping of Blakely Coughlin, the 18-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Coughlin, who was stolen from his crib three months ago, was the statement issued by Major C. T. Larszell, attorney for the family.  
Developments today, he said have led to the belief that the kidnappers will abandon their efforts to buy their baby's freedom and turn again to the police for aid. While he said he was not at liberty to disclose the nature of the developments, the attorney declared that Mr. and Mrs. Coughlin have become convinced that the abductors did not want money.  
Charles Eller, chief of the Narristown police, after a conference at the Coughlin home, said that the police now have a definite clue and that recovery could be expected within twenty-four hours.

College Youth Murdered Over Little Whiskey

Alleged Meades Killed Maroney Because He Stole a Quart—Dead Boy Was a Senior—Murdered at Fraternity House.

Hanover, N. H., June 16.—A student quarrel over whiskey early today resulted in the killing of Henry E. Maroney, of Medford, Mass., a senior at Dartmouth college, and the arrest of Robert T. Meades, of Es Grange, Illinois, a junior, charged with his murder.  
Meades fled after the shooting, which occurred at Maroney's rooms in the Theta Delta Chi fraternity house, but was captured on a Boston train by Sheriff Claude M. Murray, who obtained a warrant in which Meades claimed he fired in self-defense. He waived extradition and was held without bail.  
Harold W. Whittaker of Somerville, Mass., Maroney's roommate said he went with Maroney to Meades room in North Mass. street to purchase a quart of whiskey. Meades agreed to sell them a pint for eight dollars and had gone to get it. Whittaker said when Maroney picked up a partly filled quart bottle, passed it to Whittaker and told him to take it away.  
Whittaker jumped from the window to the ground, twelve feet below and as Maroney followed, Meades fired three shots after them, without effect. Later he said, Meades entered their rooms and when Maroney came out of the bathroom, he approached Meades. Meades pressed his pistol against Maroney's side and fired.  
In his flight, Meades was joined by Edwin E. Wales of Hull, Alabama, who when questioned, later, said he knew there had been a shooting but did not know the nature of it and sought only to aid his classmate in what he thought was a trivial scrape.  
Meades told the sheriff that several students, among them Maroney, had gone to his rooms, overpowered him, and stolen the quart bottle of whiskey. He said, and in a quarrel, fired in what he considered self-defense.  
Both Maroney and Meades were engaged in the navy during the war. Maroney in the transport service and Meades as a flyer at Pensacola.  
Meades was involved in a fatal shooting during his first year at college, a shot gun being discharged while they were playing a game of football. Before his death Arnold made a signed statement that it was an accident.

WOMAN KILLED BY UNIDENTIFIED MAN

Children of Slain Woman Claim Charles Mincie Is Murderer.

Knoxville, Tenn., June 16.—Mrs. Eliza Mincie was shot and killed by an unidentified white man who entered her home today.  
Charles Mincie, a former worker at a manufacturing plant here, has been arrested as a suspect.  
At the indices' children of the slain woman positively identified Mincie as the man, but another eye-witness describes the murderer differently.

SUSPECTED SLAYER OF MISS JAUDON ESCAPES

Police Almost Capture Negro On Outskirts of Savannah.

Savannah, Ga., June 16.—Phillips Gathers, charged with the murder of Miss Anna Jaudon, near Rincon, last Friday, was at Mcdorm, Ga., tonight. He was discovered cooking food in a shack in the outskirts of the town, but made a getaway before officers could arrest him. He is believed to have left the shack after being discovered he left a dress suit case in which clothing and a revolver were found.  
A long distance message from Mcdorm at 11 o'clock tonight stated that Gathers attempted to board the Atlanta train on the Central of Georgia but was so closely pursued by citizens that he was unable to do so and made his escape into the darkness. A posse is pursuing him.

CHARGE WOMAN WITH STEALING YOUNG HUDSON

Doylestown, Pa., June 16.—George D. Hudson, 15 years old alleged to have been stolen from New Haven, Conn., by Mrs. Harry J. Kahn, wife of a former American aviator, now a resident of Junction City, Kansas.  
The painting was kept in Louvre, Paris during the war. It is said to be the first of Da Vinci's masterpieces to leave Europe.

WOMAN TO SECOND PALMER NOMINATION

Little Rock, Ark., June 16.—It was announced here today that Mrs. T. T. Cotnam of this city, one of the Arkansas delegates-at-large to the democratic national convention, has been chosen to address the convention, according to the nomination of Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer for the presidential nomination. Mrs. Cotnam is president of the Arkansas League of Women Voters and has been in charge of the Palmer western headquarters for women in Chicago.

VENUS AT WRIGHTSVILLE

The auxiliary yacht, Venus, bound from Florida to New York, put into Wrightsville Beach, yesterday afternoon for supplies. The Venus is a fifty-foot boat and has auxiliary sails for the gasoline motor. The owner of the craft is not aboard. It is being taken north by the crew.

ROUILLARD KILLED BY UNSUCCESSFUL ROBBERS

Bank On West Side Picked for Robbery for Third Time.

Chicago, June 16.—A. D. Rouillard, owner of a moving picture theatre, was shot and killed when a policeman wounded today when five armed bandits made an unsuccessful attempt to rob the Dressel Commercial and Savings bank on the west side.

Fred Brunka, a patrolman and Rouillard were in the bank when the robbers entered. Brunka opened fire, but his gun was shot out of his hand. Rouillard offered resistance and one of the robbers killed him. The men then fled. Their automobile was pursued by a motorcycle policeman who exchanged more than 100 shots with them. This was the third time the bank had been held up in the last two years.

SAYS RAILROADS STUNTING BUSINESS

Cushing Avers Commerce Being Whittled to Fit Capacity.

Washington, June 16.—National business is being pared down, through embargoes and priorities to fit the capacity of the country's railroads, George H. Cushing, managing director of the American wholesale coal association declared today in an address before the city club of Washington. Mr. Cushing, who is shippers' representative on the local terminal committee appointed by the interstate commerce commission said his remarks should not be construed as a criticism of the agencies now working to overcome freight congestion.  
"Rather than allow the carrier to grow to a size commensurate with the business of the country," the speaker said "it is proposed to whittle business down to a point where the carriers can handle it. This means that having suspended the growth of the railroads it is proposed that we set out deliberately to stunt the growth of business. To my way of thinking no sane nation ever adopted a more insane policy."  
Mr. Cushing said coal production April 1, has increased on an average of \$8,800 tons per week over last year, giving a total increase in that period of 7,700,000 tons.  
"Last year, with a smaller production we accumulated sufficient storage to help tide us over the worst winter strike in history," he continued. "I cannot believe the current statement that we are running headlong into a 'dreadful shortage of coal.'"

SECOND PRIMARY PETITION FILED

Nominations Are Certified—Gardner Makes Formal Request.

Raleigh, June 16.—Judge J. Crawford Biggs, manager for the Max Gardner campaign, today filed formal request with the state board of elections for a second primary between candidate and Cameron Morrison, who led in the contest for governor by eighty-seven votes.  
Requests from a second primary have also come from J. F. Cook, of Concord, candidate for state senator, who ran second in the contest with Baxter Durham, leading candidate; and from Congressman H. L. Godwin, representative of the Sixth district, who will contest the nomination with Justice L. Swain in the second primary. The board of elections today announced that Hallett Ward was the nominee for congressman in the First district, S. M. Brinson the nominee in the Third district. In the Seventh district W. C. Hammer and W. L. Brook will contest in the second primary. A. L. Bulwinkle and J. S. Egan are the leading contestants in the Ninth district congressional contest.

FAMOUS PAINTING GOES TO KANSAS CITY

New York, June 16.—The painting "La Belle Ferroniere," said to be one of the five original works of Leonardo Da Vinci known to exist, was shipped today to Kansas City, Mo., where it will become part of the exhibit of the art museum there. It is valued at more than \$600,000 and is owned by Mrs. Harry J. Kahn, wife of a former American aviator, now a resident of Junction City, Kansas.  
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