

TO GIVE REFORM STERNLY

NEW RUSSIAN PREMIER TALKS

Army is still loyal and reliable, says Stolypin, and he expects the policy of "strong-handed reform" to be carried out by the country...

REPORT ON HAMLET WRECK

OPERATORS VIOLATED RULES

Corporation Commission Makes Public Its Report on the Hamlet Wreck, Commission Operators at That Place and Rockingham for Violating Company's Rules and Says Seaboard Air Line is Responsible for Catastrophe...

BRYAN ON RECEPTION FUND

GIVERS' NAMES TO BE PUBLIC

Writing to Alexander Troup, Treasurer of Committee, Nebraska Expenses, Bryan says that he will be glad to have the names of the contributors to the reception fund published...

THAW GETS HIS OWN WAY

EMOTIONAL INSANITY HIS PLEA

Positive Statement is Made That Prisoner's Mother Has Abandoned Efforts to Secure His Release, and That He Will Rely Upon a Plea Which Will Involve Commitment to Insane Asylum...

PUT ASHORE AND HANGED

MARYLAND MOB IS OUTWITTED

Negro Whom East Shore People Have Been Threatening to Burn, Landed on an Island by the State Vessel Which Brought Him From Baltimore and There, Within County Limits, Duty Executed a Scaffold...

ASSAULT ON MRS. HARTJE

UNKNOWN MAN GIVES FRIGHT

Respondent in Pittsburg Divorce Case is Seized by a Man Having the Appearance of a Mill Worker, Who Said, "Mary Come With Me, Making His Escape After the Broke Loose Screening-Was First Day That She Had Ventured on Street Unprotected by Detectives...

MR. BROWN IS IN THE LEAD

DEADLOCK IN SIXTH DISTRICT

Sixth District Congressional Convention at Fayetteville Last From 3:35 O'clock Yesterday Evening Till Early This Morning—On One Hundred and Twelfth Ballot Vote Stood: Brown 70, Patterson 47, Godwin 43 and Cook 35—More Long-Drawn-Out Than Convention of 1902—Col. N. A. McLean Chairman and C. G. Rose Secretary—Adjournment for 30 Minutes at 3:10 This Morning...

TRYING TO BOOST SECURITIES

The government's sudden access of optimism is traceable to the consternation over the endorsement of Russian securities at home and abroad. The one thing which the government cannot do without is money, and whatever the response to the outwaded Parliament's appeal to the people to refuse to pay taxes or furnish recruits to the army...

COMMISSION'S REPORT ON HAMLET WRECK

Basing its announcement on findings as a preventive in further rail wrecks, the corporation commission this afternoon rendered a decision of the wreck of two trains last Sunday evening on the Seaboard Air Line Railway near Hamlet. This is an endorsement of the block system and recommends such installation. The commission ordered that a report of its findings be mailed to President Walters of the railroad company...

EDWARD VII RECEIVES BRYAN

Cordial Private Audience at Buckingham Palace, Ambassador Reid Being Only Other Person Present—International Peace the Chief Subject Discussed. London, July 26.—Mr. Bryan was received in private audience by King Edward at Buckingham Palace. The visit was paid at the King's special request, his majesty having notified Ambassador Reid that he desired to meet the American statesman...

EDWARDS ON THE RACK

Union City Man Says He Never Made Love to Lola Walker Nor Did He Propose Marriage—Tells of Relations With Her at Asheville—J. D. Porter Tells of Trip to New York. Special to The Observer. Union City, Tenn., July 26.—The cross-examination of Col. Dick Edwards, in the Walker-Edwards case, promised a next day speaking to-day. He said he never saw Lola Walker that he loved her or made any proposition of marriage to her...

CHILD BORN TO LIFE-TERMER

Mrs. Brennan, Recently Committed to Minnesota Penitentiary for Murder of Her Husband, Has a New Mother—Child Sent to Grandmother. St. Paul, Minn., July 26.—A daughter was born to-day to Mrs. Stella Brennan in the State prison at Stillwater. Mrs. Brennan, serving a life-term for the murder of her husband, James Brennan, who was sentenced to prison for life. Her husband, James Brennan, stood by his wife during her trial. An effort was made to secure an acquittal for her, but the jury returned a verdict of guilty...

JORDAN ACTS ON CHARGES

President of Cotton Association Names Committee of Association Officials to Investigate the Claim That Association Officials Are Concerned in Speculation. Atlanta, Ga., July 26.—Harvie Jordan, president of the Southern Cotton Association, has named a committee to investigate the charges that certain officials of the Georgia Association of stock in a well-known brokerage firm, which makes a specialty of handling cotton futures. The charges were made on the floor of the lower house of the State Legislature yesterday by Representative Anderson of Chatham county. Mr. Anderson, while failing to name the officials included in his charges, alleged that he has information connecting certain officials with a speculation in cotton futures, while managing the affairs of the association. President Jordan has requested M. L. Johnson, president of the Georgia division; John D. Walker, of Spartanburg; and W. L. Peek, national committee man, to make the investigation, and has requested Mr. Anderson to present his charges before that committee next Monday.

ALARMED BY ACCIDENTS

Citizens of Pittsburg, in Mass Meeting, Call on Corporation Commission to Investigate Causes of Recent Wrecks on Pittsburg Road. Special to The Observer. Pittsburg, July 26.—The citizens of Pittsburg and vicinity are becoming alarmed at the frequent accidents on the Pittsburg Railroad. A public meeting was held in the court house this evening and the following resolution was passed, with the request that it be published in the paper: "Resolved, That we, the citizens of Pittsburg and vicinity, in public meeting assembled at the court house, do respectfully petition and urge the corporation, commission of North Carolina, to investigate the causes of accidents on the Pittsburg Railroad yesterday and the day before, by which the train on said road was derailed and the lives of passengers thereon endangered. The accidents, it is alleged, were caused by rotten cross-ties on said railroad, the condition of which endangers the lives of all persons who travel on the road."

SHOULD HAVE ARRESTED MEMBERS

It is quite apparent to disinterested observers of the situation that the government in entering on its present policy made a serious mistake in lacking its hindhand to arrest the members of the outwaded Parliament. In its desire to "save its face" it feared to go further than prohibiting publication of the proceedings of the Parliament to the country and preventing the members from giving public accounts of their stewardship to their constituents. But this decision left the members free to conduct a conspiracy against the life of the government. When the plot is complete and the signal has gone forth, the government will again find that it acted too late in closing the political clubs, which has been followed by the closing of all the workmen's unions and suspected of houses.

CHARTERS GRANTED

The State today chartered the Shelby Insurance and Realty Company, Shelby, with \$5,000 paid in out of a total authorized capital stock of \$10,000; incorporators, R. I. Ryburn, J. T. Gardner, J. E. Roberts, C. J. Woodcock, W. F. and G. Williams, Red Springs; A. L. Butler, Richmond, Va.; and W. G. Butler, Red Springs. A meeting of the Farmers' Protective Association was held in Raleigh today to consider the matter of the organization of the tobacco growers of the State along such lines as are observed by the Cotton Growers' Association. Speeches were made by President John S. Cunningham, J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State, J. J. Ragsdale, Fuquay Springs; J. W. Grayley, Rocky Mount, and A. F. Olive, Apex. Secretary J. W. Sharpe, of Independence, was unable to attend. Governor Glenn today resumed his work in the executive offices. He reports his condition greatly improved in all respects and says he is ready for hard and actual work in the office.

WELCOME MR. BRYAN HOME

Governor Glenn this afternoon announced that he had been asked to welcome home William Jennings Bryan, returning from an extended tour. Governor Glenn is an original Bryan supporter and enthusiast, and will most likely make an address in New York on this occasion. He will head a committee of six to invite Mr. Bryan to attend the State fair in Raleigh next October.

HEARST FOR GOVERNOR

Will be Nominated by His Independence League in Carnegie Hall on Sept. 11th or 12th—Complete State Ticket to be Made—The Press to-morrow will say: "William H. Hearst will be nominated for Governor in Carnegie Hall on Tuesday, Sept. 11, or on the following day. At the close of the convention the nomination will be tendered to Mr. Hearst at a mass meeting in Madison Square Garden and then the campaign of the Independence League will be formally opened. Justice William J. Cannon will not be candidate against Hearst. "The Hearst programme was finished last night after a conference of the leaders. It will be ratified on next Tuesday at a meeting in this city of representatives from every county in the State. A complete State ticket will be named by the delegates."

GIRL'S BODY FOUND IN POND

Result of Search for Young Woman Who Disappeared at Belchertown Mass. Was Probably Accidental. Belchertown, Mass., July 26.—The body of Miss Wilma M. Goodell, who disappeared from her home on July 5, and for whom search has been made continuously since, was found to-day by the young woman's father in the pond which had been dragged so many times fruitlessly. A superficial examination of the body indicated that the girl was accidentally drowned, but it will remain for the inquest, which will be held to-morrow, to settle fully the question whether the young woman was the victim of an accident or of foul play. The girl's father, Wesley M. Goodell, and the police, believe that her death was purely accidental, and this opinion seems to be confirmed by the finding of a handkerchief tightly clutched in the dead girl's right hand.

CLERK'S BIG PROFIT ON BONDS

New York Express Company Employee Who Bought \$27,024 by Marketing His Bid. New York, July 26.—It was learned to-day that J. S. Bache & Co., bankers, had purchased the \$5,000,000 of Panama Canal bonds which were recently allotted by the Treasury Department to Samuel Blyden, an express company's clerk, of this city. Bache & Co. have in turn disposed of the bonds to Fisk & Robinson, who were the successful bidders for the greater portion of the issue. The price of the bonds already has advanced to 104.40, which means a profit of \$7,024 for the clerk. In conversation with Secretary Shaw over the long distance telephone, Blyden said he was to receive his allotment of the bonds. He was told that he would if he deposited the \$5,000,000 by Aug. 1. The clerk said he would.

AGED ALABAMIAN MUST HANG

Gov. Jelks Finally Declines to Interfere in Cullman Homicide Case. Birmingham, Ala., July 26.—Governor W. D. Jelks to-night ended one of the dead-end cases which have marred his State to save a man from the gallows, by deciding that he will not interfere in the execution of the death sentence of John Williams, aged white man at Cullman, Ala., who was convicted and sentenced to hang for the murder of State Senator R. L. Hipp, about two years ago, while Hipp was trying to serve an outer document on the old man, which was never been hanging in Cullman. It was announced late to-night that Company K, Third Regiment, A. N. G., had been detailed to accompany the prisoner to Cullman to-morrow morning and be present at the execution. The sheriff of Cullman county made the request, as he feared that the strong sentiment in favor of Williams might bring about some action to interfere with the execution of the sentence.

FIERCE STORM HITS ST. LOUIS

Seven Fires Started by Lightning and Heavy Damage Done by Wind—Negro Blown From Wagon and Killed. St. Louis, Mo., July 26.—A terrific wind and rain storm struck St. Louis and vicinity this afternoon. Lightning started seven fires in different parts of the city. A negro, name unknown, was blown from his wagon, and another a passing fire engine was killed. Electric wires were blown down, sheds and a few frame houses were demolished and a number of people were hurt by debris. Hope Mills Strike Ends. Special to The Observer. Fayetteville, July 26.—The trouble in the Hope Mills of the Hope Mills Manufacturing Company, which have been shut down for a day or two because the operatives refused to work with imported Italian laborers, was settled this morning and all the operatives are at work.

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THE NOMINATING BEGINS

On a motion by C. J. Cooper the convention proceeded and took the start for the nominating of delegates for Congress. Dr. L. B. Evans, of Bladen, put in nomination Joseph A. Brown, of Columbus. The speaker was momentarily interrupted by the entrance of a bearded and lipsed delegate repeating, "Where is Harnett county?" Dr. Evans said Columbus had no representation on the congressional floor. Bladen, or Bladen, was the name of the delegate. Hon. L. McBride named Henry Lidly Cook, of Cumberland, who had once seconded Bryan's nomination. From Harnett Dan Hugh McLean was greeted with cheers, noting Harnett's son fall to use their lusty lungs through a speech. "We have never had a representative in Congress, though we have had some who were always willing to go, and I am known by 90 per cent of the district, of blood kin to half of them" were expressions that waked warm applause. A beautiful tribute was paid to a Confederate soldier, likewise his son. "Our district's Democratic majority will be 6,341. Next election if Hannibal L. Godwin is nominated," Col. McLean called. Hon. B. Shaw rose to his feet and walked to the front of the stage. The applause was deafening. He made a word of explanation and named the present incumbent, as follows: "I have not only learned the ropes but he has pulled them," said the dean of Robeson. On the second roll-call Bladen made no response. Brunswick yielded to Harnett. For Cumberbund Homer Lyon seconded Brown's nomination. For Cumberland, W. D. Gaster spoke for Cook. George H. Bellamy of Brunswick, spoke for Godwin. A. McKeithan, Robeson, seconded Patterson's nomination. Speaking of "pulls," W. A. Stewart, of Harnett, said Godwin was born pulling a ball cord near the rear of a Pop-sars to mule. Stewart's eloquent scolding speech was well received.

DOVE MUST PAY \$1,000

California Supreme Court Upholds Judgment Obtained for Money Adversely Affecting Revival in 1888. San Francisco, July 26.—The California Supreme Court handed down a decision on the appeal made by John Alexander Dove, from the judgment of the Supreme Court ordering him to pay to Hugh Craig \$1,764 with interest from 1888. Craig advanced the money for Dove to conduct revivalistic meetings in the city of Los Angeles, for which Dove agreed to reimburse him from the proceeds of the collections. The proceeds did not come up to his expectations and Craig brought suit to recover his money.

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