

DECREE FAVORS COMPLAINANTS

Judge Pritchard Today Signed Decree in the Harris-Woodbury Lumber Boundary Case.

78,000 ACRES OF LAND IS INVOLVED IN THE CASE

The Report of Mr. Parker, as Special Master, Is in Every Respect Affirmed.

Judge Pritchard this morning in United States Circuit court signed a decree in favor of the complainants in the suit of the Harris-Woodbury Lumber company against E. G. Coffin and D. Samuel White. In the judgment signed, it is decreed that the Harris-Woodbury Lumber company is owner and is entitled to the peaceable and quiet possession of the 78,000 acres of land lying in Swain county and involved in this controversy.

This litigation has attracted considerable attention, as it involves very valuable timber lands in Swain county. It will be recalled that Coffin and others brought suit against Charles E. Flint of New York for alleged breach of contract which Coffin had to cut timber of certain boundaries and obtained a judgment for \$80,000 against Flint. His supposed interest in the property was sold by a United States marshal for \$100, and bid in by White, and it is this deed from the marshal that is declared void.

A HERD OF ELEPHANTS STAMPEDES; BIG DAMAGE

Danville, Ills., Has Exciting Times as Pachyderms Run Riot—Several People Are Hurt.

Danville, Ills., April 28.—Several persons were injured and much property was damaged yesterday afternoon by nine elephants that stampeded just after they had been unloaded from a car after several hours' ride from Chicago. A large bull elephant made a break for liberty, bowling over the keeper and escaping.

For several hours the elephants were at large, hunted by all attaches of the circus, the city policemen and the more venturesome citizens. The elephants at first moved in a bunch, then separated. They stopped for nothing except brick and stone buildings. Such small frame structures as coal sheds, fences and trees as came in their path were pushed over, trodden down, uprooted and thrown to one side.

At the home of William Miller three elephants found insufficient room to pass between the summer kitchen and house so they pushed the kitchen aside, frightened the persons therein from the table but injuring no one. At the home of Joseph Peebles, after overturning a shed and killing a horse, one of the animals attacked Peebles and hurled him against the side of his house. Peebles is in a critical condition. Barney O'Neal, livestockman, was thrown from his wagon by the elephants as they dashed down a side street in front of his team. P. Krabbe, one of the keepers, while assisting in shackling three of the bulls after their capture, was hurled against the side of a barn and injured. Several other persons were slightly injured, mostly because of horses frightened by the pachyderms or through their own fright during the stampede.

More than 100 homes were damaged to some extent by the elephants, but the total loss will probably not exceed \$10,000.

Stock Increased To \$100,000,000

B. & O. Stockholders Authorized an Issue of \$37,000,000 20-Year 4 1/2 Per Cents.

Richmond, April 28.—The stockholders of the Chesapeake & Ohio railway in special session today authorized an increase of the capital stock to \$100,000,000. This is an increase of \$36,739,700 in the capital stock. The stockholders authorized an issue of \$37,000,000 20-year, 4 1/2 per cent, convertible bonds. The bonds issued, it was stated, are to provide funds for acquisition of a majority of the common capital stock of the Hocking Valley Railway company and of a substantial interest in the capital stock of the Kanawha and Michigan Railway company, and for general improvement purposes.

A GREAT CROWD CHEERS ROOSEVELT

The Former President Went to Brussels Today and Was Warmly Welcomed.

Brussels, April 28.—A great crowd cheered, and a band played, when Col. Roosevelt's train drew in from Paris today. The American minister, Mr. Bryan, burgomaster Max and other officials, welcomed him. He was escorted to the Palace Royal, and later a luncheon was given at the American legation.

ANARCHISTS AFTER HIM?

Paris, April 28.—Theodore Roosevelt's visit to Paris, during which he was showered with honors, terminated today. Accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt, Miss Ethel and Kermit, he took a morning train for Brussels. The Roosevelt family were given an enthusiastic send-off at the railway station. It is reported that the French anarchists have been considerably alarmed for Colonel Roosevelt's safety. According to an evening newspaper the police are advised from Naples that American anarchists were following him and a most rigorous surveillance has been instituted here. The ex-president has been accompanied everywhere by two officers of the anarchist brigade in plain clothes. The American embassy has been guarded day and night by six officers in the boarding house and by police officers. Several suspects have been shadowed continuously. There is no official confirmation, however, of these reports.

IT WAS NOT HIS WIFE, BUT AN UNKNOWN WOMAN

Mystery Seems to Surround the Killing of Smith by the Collapse of a Folding Bed.

New York, April 28.—Henry Wellington Smith, the millionaire paper manufacturer of Lee, Mass., delegate to the national republican convention of 1908, who was crushed to death in a folding bed here, had with him in the boarding house at the time an elderly woman who was slightly injured and who has since disappeared, leaving behind a case of mystery. She was known at the boarding house as his wife, but investigations showed that Mrs. Smith had not left her home in Lee.

Dr. W. H. Weston told the story of what happened in the boarding house of Mrs. Benjamin Walsh, in West Third street, where Smith met his death. Mr. Weston said that when he was called to the house he found Smith's body on the floor, while his woman companion was walking wildly about the room, talking in a hysterical manner. The physician saw at once that Smith was dead. The legs which supported the folding bed had given way, and the heavy weight of the bed crashed down on Smith and his companion, breaking the man's neck. The woman was uninjured except for a slight wound on the shoulder.

When she learned that Smith was dead, Dr. Weston said, the woman ran down stairs to the basement. Dr. Weston and an ambulance surgeon followed her and found her sitting there, dazed. She refused to say a word. Later she departed for the home of a friend, whose name she did not mention. The undertaker who took the body from the house declared that he had been instructed by the family to observe absolute secrecy. The police have no report of the case beyond the fact that Smith was killed accidentally.

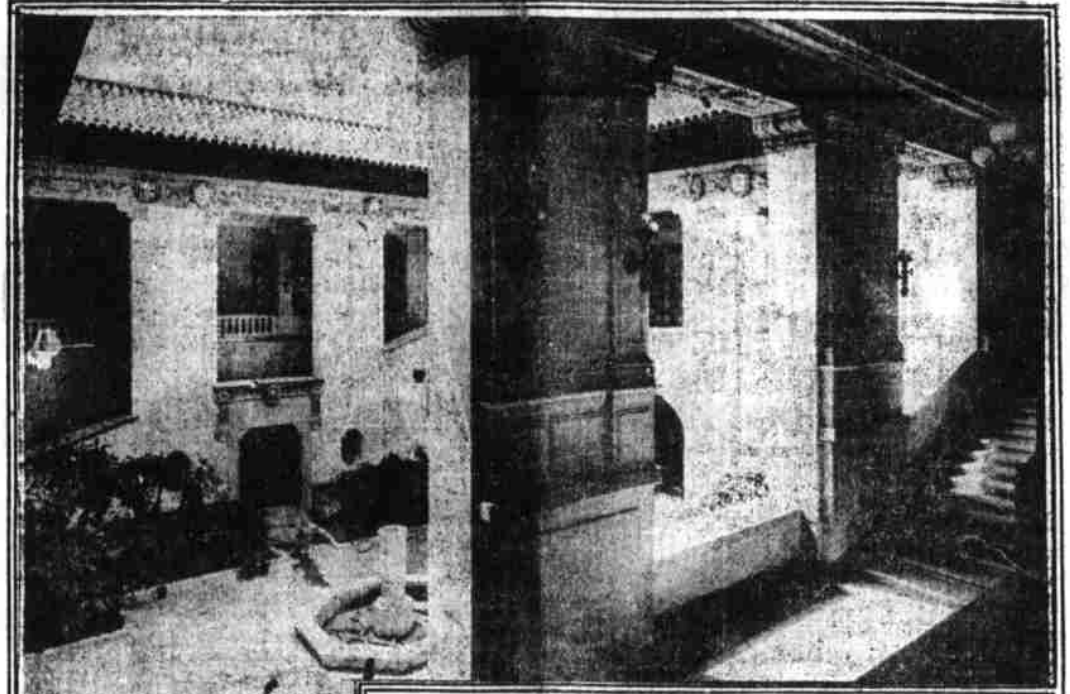
\$100,000 Fire Loss in Brooklyn

New York, April 28.—The J. H. Harris company's factory in Brooklyn, and two adjoining buildings were damaged by fire today with a loss of \$100,000. Several firemen were overcome by smoke.

Will Make Another Matrimonial Venture

London, April 28.—The engagement is announced of Lieut. Reginald Altham, Ovens of the Royal Engineers, stationed at Jamaica, to Ruth Bryson, daughter of William Jennings Bryan, who was formerly Mrs. W. H. Leavitt.

Bureau of American Republics Now In Its Beautiful New Home



VIEW OF PATIO OR COURTYARD

EAST FACADE OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF AMERICAN REPUBLICS, WASHINGTON, D. C.

REPUBLICANS ARE WITH BALLINGER

They Will Not Permit the Pinchot Side to Prove Anything That Might Embarrass the Attorney General.

Washington, April 28.—The Republican majority on the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation committee today blocked an attempt by counsel for the so-called "prosecution" to prove the contention that the attorney general was guilty of misrepresentation in authorizing the summary of the Glavin charges, prepared for President Taft.

NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS HEAR REPORT ON PAPER

Hope Held Out That Adjustments With Canada Will Relieve the Paper Crisis.

New York, April 28.—Interest at the session of the American Newspaper Publishers association today centered in the report of John Norris, chairman of the committee on paper. Mr. Norris' report reviewed the pulp wood situation and tariff complications with Canada. Hope was expressed that the coming conference arranged for by President Taft and the Canadian authorities would result in an adjustment of trade relations between the two countries and permit a full and free supply of pulp wood, which will relieve the paper crisis.

MARSHALL'S PLAN ADOPTED BY DEMOCRATS OF INDIANA

And the State Convention Will Therefore Endorse a Candidate for United States Senator.

Indianapolis, April 28.—The Indiana democrats convention today adopted the proposition presented by Governor Marshall, that the convention endorse a candidate for the United States senate.

Woman's Body Found; Husband Arrested

Pittsburg, April 28.—Her neck slashed from ear to ear and her clothing soaked with blood, Mrs. Emily Millg, aged 28, a restaurant keeper, was found in a rear room of her place of business. Sidney Mills, her husband, has been arrested.

Nominations for Consulate

Washington, April 28.—President Taft today sent to the senate the nomination of William P. Kent of Weymouth to be consul at New-Chwang, China, and W. Henry Robertson of Richmond, Va., for consul at Cullao.

The beautiful new home of the International Bureau of the American Republics at Washington was formally dedicated Tuesday in the presence of a most distinguished company. Two years ago President Roosevelt laid the cornerstone of this building, which has been described by Andrew Carnegie as a "Temple of Peace, Commerce, and Friendship" and which Secretary Root has called a "Temple in the Capital of the United States of all the American Nations."

The new home of the bureau represents the expenditure of one million dollars, of which sum Mr. Carnegie contributed \$750,000 and the 21 American republics the remainder. It is described by the best critics of architecture and construction as one of the most artistic official buildings in the world. Its style of exterior and its arrangement of interior are entirely different from the conventional architecture of Washington and yet it is adapted to its environment. It occupies one of the most commanding sites of the capital overlooking the Potomac park and river, facing the open grounds below the White House, and near the Washington monument. It will afford a commodious home for the Bureau of American Republics, which has been developed with remarkable rapidity within the last few years, and is doing much to strengthen the ties that bind together American republics and to encourage commerce, friendship and peace.

KILLS TWO, WOUNDS OTHERS. IS KILLED BY TRAIN ACCIDENT

A West Virginia Miner, Drink-Maddened, Dies After Many Bloody Exploits.

PRINCE TAO IN WASHINGTON

Brother of China's Regent, Uncle of the Emperor, Is Given Honors in Capital of the Nation.

Gen. E. P. Alexander Dead

Savannah, April 28.—Gen. E. P. Alexander, the noted Confederate soldier and writer, died here today.

Yes'm, You Have a Right To Search His Pockets

Chicago, April 28.—A wife has a right to rob her husband, according to Judge Gemmill's decision in the municipal court. Gustave Dekelkey had his wife arrested for rifling his pockets by force. The court held that it was a plain case of robbery and was perfectly justifiable.

PAULHAN WINS \$50,000 PRIZE

He Flies from London to Manchester, 186 Miles, Winning First English Aerial Derby.

FRENCHMAN WAS FLYING WHILE ENGLISHMAN SLEPT

White, English Aviator, Also Struck Several Streaks of Hard Luck—Gave up the Race.

Manchester, April 28.—The first aerial derby for a prize offered by an Englishman is won by a Frenchman, and handsomely. Louis Paulhan, the French aviator, won the \$50,000 prize for the first flight from London to Manchester, making the trip almost exactly 12 hours after leaving London. Graham White, an Englishman, met with several streaks of hard luck, being obliged to descend at Poleworth, abandoning the race after covering about half the distance. But for the Englishman's ill luck and lack of experience there would have been a close finish.

Paulhan traveled by aeroplane from London, a distance by railway of more than 186 miles, with only a single overnight stop at Lynton. The prize of \$50,000 was donated by Lord Northcliffe for the first aeroplane flight from London to Manchester. White was doubly unsuccessful in this having victory snatched from his grasp inasmuch as the wreck of his machine delayed the renewal of the flight and believing that Paulhan would not start until this morning, he went to sleep, thus allowing his opponent to gain a great advantage. The winning of the prize involved one of the most successful contests that has ever occurred in Great Britain. White a few days ago attempted the trip but was compelled to descend at Litchfield after covering 155 miles. Paulhan then appeared on the scene and the two aviators made hasty preparations for the flight, each striving to be first at the start. Paulhan stole a march on the Englishman, ascending from London at 5:29 p. m. while White was sleeping peacefully. When White was apprised of this fact he made a quick start from Perth Royal at 6:29 a. m. Paulhan, flying high and fast, covered 117 miles before he landed, making that distance in two hours and 50 minutes. He descended at Litchfield at 8:16 p. m. and re-ascended at 4:59 a. m. to complete the journey.

MOB AND TROOPS CLASH; TWO PERSONS ARE HURT

The People Anxious to Get Hold of Harris, a Negro Charged With Criminal Assault.

Thomasville, Ga., April 28.—Two more companies of state militia were ordered out today to protect Howard Harris, the negro, brought here for trial on a charge of attempted assault on Mrs. Dutton.

FIVE KILLED BY EXPLOSION ON FREIGHT STEAMER EL ALBA

The Explosion Disabled Vessel and She Was Picked Up at Mouth of Mississippi.

SLAYDEN RESOLUTION PASSED

Secretary of War Will Be Called Upon to Tell About Sales and Leases of Philippine Land.

Confesses; Sentenced to Die

After the sheriff and soldiers succeeded in getting Harris safely to the court house, the trial proceeded orderly. The prisoner was identified by his victim. Immediately after he confessed the crime. No defense was made, and the court at once passed the death sentence. The mob dispersed and orders for two additional companies of troops were countermanded.

Jewelry Thief Gets Four Years

Washington, April 28.—Clarence Howlett, the butler who stole jewelry valued at \$16,000, belonging to Mrs. Frederick Fugher, wife of New York's deputy police commissioner, is sentenced to four years in Leavenworth penitentiary.

TO BE ACTIVE IN STATE CAMPAIGN

Republicans Think Mr. Roosevelt Will Take Lead in New York Political Affairs.

HUGHES APPOINTMENT WILL OBLIATE FRICTION

Col. Roosevelt's Friend Will Probably Be Made Chairman in the Empire State.

Washington, April 28.—Republicans of the New York congress delegation, including Senator Root, are counting on Col. Roosevelt taking an active part in the New York State campaign next fall. In fact it would be difficult to find a single republican in the New York representation here who does not believe, now that Gov. Hughes has eliminated himself, that Mr. Roosevelt will dominate the republican affairs of the state in the coming contest. Several members of the delegation declared that Col. Roosevelt would be consulted not only in regard to the selection of a candidate for governor but that he would participate actively in the campaign, probably delivering at least one speech.

HE WILL BE ACTIVE

Several members of the New York delegation said that the Colonel had made plain to them before he left the White House that he did not intend to surrender his right to engage actively in the political affairs of his own state and that they might expect him on his return to this country to take a live interest in all of the party's doings.

Representative Herbert Parsons, who for many years was Roosevelt's right hand man as president of the New York county committee, is one New Yorker who expects to see Mr. Roosevelt assert himself in New York State politics as soon as he returns to this country. Representative Parsons is confident that Mr. Roosevelt will not allow the fact that he has once been president to deter him. It is believed here that Senator Root and other members of the New York delegation were convinced they could rely on Mr. Roosevelt's efforts in New York state in the fall before they urged Gov. Hughes' name upon President Taft for the Supreme court appointment. The New York State here believe that the withdrawal of Hughes will be conducive to party harmony in some ways, while at the same time they look for no retrogression from the political standards that have been established by Gov. Hughes.

THE HUGHES APPOINTMENT

Several of the New York republicans here express the opinion that the elimination of Mr. Hughes had avoided a very real possibility of friction between the governor and Col. Roosevelt in regard to party affairs in the Empire state. It is well known that Gov. Hughes and Col. Roosevelt have never hitched very well together. The governor insisted on hoisting his own row at Albany with considerable indifference to the views of President Roosevelt. Mr. Roosevelt in consequence said some disparaging things about Gov. Hughes and apparently had no very great concern about keeping his sentiments from the Governor's ears.

PREPARING FOR MANEUVERS

Detail of Army Officers at Gettysburg Planning for Encampment Next July.

Gettysburg, April 28.—A detail of army officers is here completing arrangements for the encampment next July of the regular army and militia of the middle Atlantic states. Twenty thousand acres have been leased for maneuver purposes.

THE WEATHER

For Asheville and vicinity—Fair tonight, with a possibility of light frost; Friday fair and warmer. For North Carolina—Fair tonight, possibly light frost in low places in central and western portions; Friday fair, warmer. Light to moderate northerly winds. Shipper's forecast—Temperatures will return to normal conditions.

Ten Thousand Get Wage Increase

Galveston, Tex., April 28.—Ten thousand men are affected by a six per cent. increase given unorganized railroad employes by the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe lines in Louisiana, Texas and Oklahoma.