

BOOSTER BUNCH, RESIDENTS AND FRIENDS OF NEW ORLEANS, IN WASHINGTON

Urging New Orleans as Logical Place for Panama Canal Exposition to Be Held When It Is Finished.

FOURTEEN CAR LOADS; THE WHOLE LEGISLATURE

Governor Sanders and Many Mayors, Presidents of Board of Trade, etc., in the Party.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Fourteen carloads of enthusiastic men, boosting New Orleans as the logical place for the exposition to celebrate the opening of the Panama canal in 1915, arrived today headed by Governor Sanders and the entire Louisiana legislature, which specially adjourned to come to the capital and present their claims to congress.

Delegation from Vicksburg, Miss., headed by Mayor Hayes and Mayor Maclean of Wilmington have joined the party.

Sensors McEney and Foster and the Louisiana congressional delegation met the special train. A hearing before the house committee on foreign affairs occurred this morning.

SEYLER IS ACQUITTED OF CHARGE OF MURDER

He Tells His Story of the Tragedy, Making a Complete Denial of Guilt.

Mays Landing, N. J., May 25.—William Seyler, charged with the murder of Jane Adams on a pier at Atlantic City last February, was last night acquitted. The jury was out a little more than five hours.

The feature of the closing day of the trial was the testimony of the prisoner. His story was a complete denial of the charge of killing the girl.

As he was closing his argument, the defendant's two year old daughter, Beadie, ran to her father, crying, "I want to be with papa."

Prosecutor Goldenburg was on his feet in an instant objecting to what he said was an attempt to influence the jury improperly.

Judge Trenchard in his charge reviewed case from the moment that Jane and Alice Adams left their home in company with Orville Seyler and later met William Seyler, who joined them with their mother to the pier. He told them that after listening to the testimony of the physicians on both sides regarding the wound on Jane Adams' head, that they must determine whether it had been inflicted by a blow before or after death.

The defendant is corroborated in his narrative by the testimony of his brother Orville. He is also corroborated by Walter, the engineer of the hotel where he applied for work," stated the court, outlining Judge Trenchard said that it remained for the jury to decide upon the credibility of the witness. He informed the jurymen that a deliberate taking of life, no difference how short the time for deliberation, made it murder in the first degree. He told the jurymen that he could recall no evidence to show that the alleged crime was manslaughter. He warned the jury that a reasonable doubt of the defendant's guilt entitled him to freedom.

Court of Geodesic Survey Under Fire.

Washington, May 25.—Charges that the coast and geodesic survey charts have been wholly inefficient and that the survey has been guilty of gross extravagance and misappropriation of funds were made before the senate committee on commerce today. Investigation by a sub-committee was ordered.

Attorneys General in Convention.

St. Paul, May 25.—Attorneys general and their assistants from more than half the states in the union are attending the fourth annual convention of the National Association of Attorneys General, which opened at the state capital today.

BROKERS VIOLATED THE REGULATIONS

As Result Firm of Hutton and Company Is Suspended from New York Stock Exchange.

New York, May 25.—Announcement is made by the brokerage firm of E. F. Hutton & Co. that the firm had been suspended from the privileges of the New York stock exchange for one year, following the submission of charges that the firm was guilty of violating exchange regulations regarding the sharing of commissions.

MARKET IS DEMORALIZED; WHEAT PRICES TUMBLE

Huge Line of September Option Unloaded, and Private Settlement of a May Deal.

Chicago, May 25.—There were sensational declines in the wheat market at today's session of the board of trade.

Following private settlement of a May wheat "squeeze" that option declined 5-8 cents from last night's prices.

September declined 4 1/2 cents on the unloading of some 5,000,000 bushels. Patten is reported to be a seller of the September option.

SAVANNAHIAN ON TRIAL FOR MURDERS OF WOMEN

The State Has so far Failed to Connect J. C. Hunter With the Killing of Three Women.

Savannah, May 25.—At the trial of J. C. Hunter, charged with murdering his wife and Mrs. Amanda Gribble and her daughter, Mrs. Ohlander, Lizzie Gribble, today identified John Coker, a negro under indictment with Hunter, as the man she saw in the Hunter house yard the day of the murder.

So far the state has failed to connect Hunter directly with the murder.

TOWNSEND-GERRY WEDDING OCCURS IN WASHINGTON

A Distinguished Company, Including President and Mrs. Taft and Mr. Sherman, Present.

NOT TO MEET ROOSEVELT WHEN HE REACHES HOME

President Taft Has an Engagement in Villa Nova, Pa., the Eighteenth of Next Month.

HORSE SELLS FOR \$45,000; FORMER OWNER PURCHASER

A. C. Hildreth, Who Sold Fitz Herbert to K. E. Madden for \$35,000, Has Bought Him Back.

THE WEATHER

For Asheville and vicinity: Continued fair weather tonight and Friday.

For North Carolina: Fair tonight and Friday; moderate temperature. Light north winds.

Loan Broker Convicted of Fraud.

A Royal Hunter Visits New York

Uncle of Portugal's King Shoots Big and Little Game and Talks Moving Picture Machine.



THE DUC DE MONTPENSIER.

New York, May 23.—Royalty at the wheel of a moving picture machine which was making photographs of the harbor as the Touraine, of the French steamship line, came up the bay, greatly interested the first-cabin passengers, who already had identified the tall, distinguished looking young man so employed as the Duc de Montpensier, uncle of the King of Portugal, brother of the Duc d'Orleans, grandson of Louis Philippe and himself an officer of the Spanish navy.

The royal tourist, however, is no stranger to New York, having made a visit here two years ago. Shooting everything from rhinoceros and elephant down has taken Duke Ferdinand into many lands, but he is growing fonder of sport with the camera than with the rifle, he said yesterday. Although his very large collection of luggage includes 20 cases of sporting arms, he seemed most interested in the machine for making moving pictures which he intends to seek living dramas of the wild things of Canada and Mexico.

CAMBRIDGE PUTS L.L.D. TO THEODORE ROOSEVELT

He Journeys from London, With Wife and Daughter, to Receive Honorary Degree.

Cambridge, Eng., May 25.—Theodore Roosevelt today received the honorary degree of doctor of laws from Cambridge university. The former president was accompanied from London by Mrs. Roosevelt and his daughter, Mrs. Nicholas Longworth.

Mr. Roosevelt yesterday received a deputation from the British group of the inter-parliamentary union. This was composed of Lord Werdliff, T. P. O'Connor, Sir Edward Sassoon and Arthur H. Crossfield, M. P., who presented him an address setting forth the aims of the union and the hopes of the British group for universal peace.

Mr. Roosevelt in reply expressed his sympathy with the cause represented by his visitors. He spoke briefly as his throat is still bothering him somewhat and his voice is not normal.

The Royal Society of Arts elected Mr. Roosevelt a life member. The first American member of the society was Benjamin Franklin. Mr. Roosevelt began the day by breakfasting with Sir Edward Grey, foreign secretary. Then with R. J. Cunningham, Leslie A. Taylor of Nairobi and Seth Rutlock he proceeded to the zoo. Other visitors learning of Mr. Roosevelt's presence soon gathered around, but kept at a respectful distance.

Several big game hunters, whom the former president met in Africa, joined him at Lieut. Colonel Lee's. A committee of the Hamilton club of Chicago, before which Mr. Roosevelt will make an address in autumn next, paid their respects and assured him of the great reception that awaited him in Chicago. Among his afternoon callers were Lord Avebury, Rudyard Kipling and several members of parliament. Mrs. Roosevelt's call was made at the suggestion of her majesty who, when she received Mr. Roosevelt, expressed the hope that she might see the former president's wife. Mrs. Roosevelt remained for more than an hour at the palace, and the conversation between the two had a wide range. The queen mother was especially interested in her visitor's description of the place occupied by women in the life of the United States.

BROCK-BOYDE INQUIRY.

South Carolina Assistant Attorney General Takes Witness Stand in His Own Behalf.

Columbia, May 25.—The Brock-Boyde court of inquiry resumed taking testimony this morning with Assistant Adjutant General Brock on the stand.

He explained alleged excessive entries for hotel and carriage bills in his expense accounts by stating that in instances where an entry covered "hotel bill" it in reality included incidental expenses.

Philad., Pa., May 25.—The general assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America is holding its fifty-second annual convention.

FRAUD SPRINGS HIS INVENTION

But Spitzer, the Inventor of the Stealing Device, Says He Got Nothing for It.

New York, May 25.—Oliver Spitzer, former superintendent of the docks of the American Sugar Refining company in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, who recently was pardoned from the penitentiary by President Taft, explained yesterday afternoon why he did not confess during the trial which ended last February with his being sentenced to two years at Atlanta. Such a confession, he declared on the stand, "would have carried him to a cemetery." In other words, he would have implicated a dead man—Henry O. Havmeyer, late head of the sugar trust.

Confessed for Conscience Sake. Spitzer was under cross-examination by the defense at the trial of Charles H. Heike, secretary-treasurer of the American Sugar Refining company who, with five subordinates, is charged with conspiracy to defraud the government by underweighing sugar. He gave his direct testimony for the prosecution on Monday. He repeated that he had made his confession not with the hope of pardon but to ease his conscience, and added that after his conviction his attorneys, now appearing for several of the defendants, had urged him to tell all he knew.

"What did you say when advised to confess?" asked Clarence Lexow for the defense.

"Into a Cemetery." "I said the only confession I can make will carry me into a cemetery, and Mr. Stinson, the government prosecutor, doesn't want that."

"You are referring to Henry O. Havmeyer?" asked the lawyer.

"Yes, I am," answered Spitzer. This closed the court indictment, but Spitzer talked more freely after leaving the stand. He said he had met with H. O. Havmeyer two or three times, and that Ernest W. Gerbrach, former refinery superintendent, another of the defendants, had made his reports direct to Mr. Havmeyer. The fraud, he insisted, had begun this time, although he worked on the docks 20 years. He admitted that the steel springs used to manipulate the scales on the docks were his invention.

What He Sees in Mirror. "Why did you not tell the truth in the first place?" he was asked.

"Every time I look into the mirror I see a damn fool," was the answer. "I was a fool not to do it, but I was ashamed to let anyone know that I did these things. My credit was good; I could get anything and I did not want people to know that I was fool enough to do these things for nothing. I got nothing out of it."

"Another reason why I committed perjury was because I thought nothing could happen to the sugar trust. We all thought the trust was so strong that the government could do nothing with it."

Aside from Spitzer's confession, the government attaches most importance in its cause to the testimony given by Miss Viola C. Mertens, stenographer employed by the sugar company. She said that she made three copies of the so-called technical statements concerning sugar weights which have disappeared, and that one copy went to Heike and another to Zebrauch. The government has eight or ten witnesses who, it is said, will confirm her statement and attempt to prove that Heike received these statements.

TROOPS ARREST MINERS, AT DURHAM, GA., MINES

Soldiers Ordered There on Reports of Disorder—All Quiet on Their Arrival.

Durham, Ga., May 25.—The Lindale Rifles arrived here this morning and a detail was left on guard around the offices and commissary while Lieut. Marshall took the majority of his men to the mines. The soldiers were ordered out by Governor Browne on reports of trouble at the mines.

All Italian miners were arrested by the soldiers under orders of Captain Melkhan of Lindale, who assumed charge of the military on his arrival. There was no disorder while the arrests were made.

JEWISH FAMILIES' EXODUS FROM KIEV BEGUN TODAY

The Explosion of Many Proscribed Families Is Attended with Harrowing Sights.

St. Petersburg, May 25.—The enforced exodus of Jewish families from Kiev has begun. The total departures already has been 300 proscribed families.

The expulsion was attended with harrowing sights.

Earthquake Felt in Switzerland.

Berne, Switzerland, May 25.—An earth shock was felt throughout Switzerland this morning. Household furniture in some instances was overturned.

FRENCH WOMEN'S AERO CLUB HOLDS ITS FIRST SPRING-FETE



STELLA BALLOON FETE. MRS. A. LEBLANC AND MRS. ALBERT IN THE BASKET OF THE "ROSE".

Paris, May 18.—The first of the spring fetes organized by the women's aero club, the Stella, suffered somewhat from the weather, which, however, improved sufficiently to allow the event to take place. The Aero club enclosure at Saint Cloud was thronged all the afternoon, the company being received by Mme. Surcouf, president of the Stella club, assisted by the stewards and the committee. Souvenir fans were given to the women and toy balloons and aeroplanes to the children. Among those present were Henri Deutsch (De la Meurthe), Comte De La Vaulx M. and Mme. Jacques Pollakoff, De Savignac, Besancon, Gerceron, Andre P. de Saint-Gilles and Mme. Bleriot.

While awaiting the start of the six balloons in the competition for cups offered by Mme. Jacques de Pollakoff the tea room in the club house was the popular rendezvous. A thunder storm, with rain and hail, delayed the start, and the rain and hail, delayed the start, and the first balloon, the Wpered (600 cubic metres) did not get away until 40 minutes after the time fixed—4 o'clock.

Twenty-Three Drowned In a Submarine Vessel

London, May 25.—A telegram received at the Admiralty says a French submarine was rammed and sunk in the English channel by a mail boat running between Calais and Dover, and all aboard were drowned.

The foundered submarine's name was the Pluviose. Her crew numbered 23, and all were lost.

The submarine was sunk by the ferryboat Pas De Calais, two miles northwest of Calais. The Pluviose sank in 160 feet of water. The crew had no chance for escape as their craft plunged to the bottom in the moment of collision. The submarine's length was 160 feet and her displacement 398 tons.

Aged Bishop Wright Flies up With His Son

Dayton, O., May 25.—Orville Wright made five flights yesterday afternoon, once reaching an altitude of 2700 feet. For the first time in his 87

years Bishop Milton Wright, the father of the aviators, Wilbur and Orville, left earth yesterday with Orville in a six minutes flight, going 300 feet into the air.

POLICE CHIEF KOHLER DISMISSED BY MAYOR

Charged With Gross Immorality, Drunkenness and Disobedience—Will Fight It Out.

Cleveland, O., May 25.—Chief of Police Frederick Kohler, known throughout the country as the "Golden Rule chief," and lauded by President Roosevelt as the best chief of police in the country, was suspended yesterday by Mayor Baehr on charges of gross immorality, habitual drunkenness and disobedience of orders.

The tentative date of Tuesday had been set for Chief Kohler's trial by the civil service commission, and statements by Kohler and his accusers point to the development of sensational testimony which may involve many of the city's prominent men.

Mr. Kohler has intimated that he intends to fight the charges against him to a finish, and that if he is disgraced he will not be the only one to fall.

Among the charges brought against Kohler is one that during the seven years which he has been at the head of the police department he has utilized the detective force for the collection of facts concerning prominent officials and others to be used in the event that he was attacked.

The present charges are the culmination of a long series of attacks on the police chief.

These charges are the work of the same crowd of character snatchers, grave robbers and blackmailers who have been after me for years," exclaimed Kohler.

Chief Kohler joined the police force as a patrolman 14 years ago.

Disastrous Mine Explosion. El Paso, Tex., May 25.—One man was killed and several were injured as the result of an explosion at Dolores mine in Chihuahua, Mexico. The explosion started a fire which destroyed 100 houses rendering 500 persons homeless.

DISSENTIONS OVER POLITICS

Prohibitionist Gets Northern General Assembly into Disorder Which Continues for Hours.

NEW YORK HERESY CASE WAS ARGUED AT LENGTH

Both Yesterday and Today Liquor Question Came up and Animal-ed Discussion.

Atlantic City, May 25.—The general assembly of the Presbyterian church was today torn with dissension over the effects of Homer Castle, the recent prohibition nominee for governor in Pennsylvania, to force the convention to adopt a resolution declaring itself politically against the liquor traffic, amid hours of disorder. The assembly finally passed a resolution eliminating political references.

The judicial committee of the general assembly yesterday afternoon completed the hearing of the committee of ministers in the New York York presbytery heresy case.

The ministers heard were the Reverends John Fox, Frederick Shearer and Walter D. Buchanan of New York, representing the minority of the New York presbytery, who are appealing to the assembly against the action of the presbytery of New York city in licensing Steen, Black and Piche, students of Union theological seminary after they had admitted that they did not believe in the immaculate conception, the raising of Lazarus from the tomb and certain other Biblical miracles. They also are appealing against the action of the synod of New York state in sanctioning the licensing of the students after the minority of the presbytery had filed a protest against such action with that body.

The synod is represented by Revs. Homer Halloway and Forbes. They uphold the licensing of the students. Dr. Buchanan was the first speaker. He said the students had failed to affirm their belief in the virgin birth of Christ, and asked if the church was to submit to doctrines that were contrary to its teachings. He contended that the belief of the young men was agnostic. Dr. Fox said the trouble is that the young men have no Bible and added that their minds may have been twisted by the teachings of "High Bible philosophy."

During the afternoon session a resolution touching upon the temperance question was introduced by Homer L. Castle of Pittsburg.

The Rev. D. H. Sharp of Red Bluff, California, said while discussing the resolution.

"I know some excellent Presbyterian ministers and laymen who drink wine and they are as good as we are."

There was a chorus of "No, no," from the commissioners followed by hissing.

"Well, any way," Dr. Sharp said, "they would not hiss a man who has courage enough to stand in the open and give his opinion."

The Rev. J. W. McGowan of Montana, asked what were the limitations of sales of books by the book stores conducted by the church. He concluded by saying:

"I would rather teach my boy, if I had one, to drink beer, or whiskey than let him read some of the books sold."

The assembly voted down a plan for that body to hold meetings every two or three years.

75 PER CENT. LOST TO PROTESTANT CHURCH

That Proportion of Boy Sunday School Pupils Do not Join Church, It Is Asserted.

Washington, May 25.—Seventy-five per cent. of all the boys over 13 in the Protestant Sunday schools of the United States are lost to the church and never make professions of faith. Such a statement, spoken by Eugene C. Foster of Detroit, in one of the workers' conferences which followed the World's Sunday School convention, astonished Sunday school workers from all parts of the earth.

"That is the most astounding statement I have heard in this country," exclaimed an English delegate, who said he was a Sunday school worker in Haverhill, Suffolk. "There must be some mistake and something wrong with the system which permits it. In England we do not lose more than three per cent."

"I have made that calculation after study, observation and experience," replied Mr. Foster. "Practically all the delegates in the meeting agreed with him."

Town Practically Destroyed. Ft. Smith, May 25.—Practically the entire business portion of Wister, Okla., is destroyed by fire. Twenty-eight business houses were burned, causing a loss estimated at \$1,000,000.