

CHAMP CLARK IS CONFIDENT

"Sure as You're Living the Next House Will Be Democratic," Minority Leader Says.

HE DISPOSES OF REPORT AS TO HIS ASPIRATIONS

Says He Wishes to Be Speaker, and Thinks He Has a Good Chance —Does not Wish to Be Senator.

Washington, May 30.—"I would rather be speaker of the house for two years than to be United States senator for 18 years," said Champ Clark, the democratic house leader, today.

"Of course, there is nothing certain but death and taxes; but the democrats will control the next house as sure as you are living, and I think I have a good show for the speakership," he went on. Mr. Clark thus disposed of a report that he would be a candidate for the senate to succeed Senator Warner, republican.

Continuing, Mr. Clark said: "Speaker Cannon will be the republican nominee for speaker next time. It is too early to predict majorities."

VERY LITTLE CYANOGEN IN THE COMET'S TAIL

Dr. Lowell Issues Statement as to Spectrum Observation of the Tail and the Nucleus.

Flagstaff, Ariz., May 30.—Dr. Percival Lowell, head of Lowell observatory here, issued a statement last night in which he said spectrograms of Halley's comet have produced conclusive evidence against previous conceptions as to the composition of the comet's tail. "Cyanogen in the tail is weak," the statement says, and "extends but a short distance. Hydrocarbons ditto. There is no hydrocarbon emission visible anywhere. The main body of the tail is formed of unidentified constituents and some reflected light. There are cyanogen, hydrocarbon and still other unidentified emission constituents in the head of the comet. The head emission is strong, while the tail is weak."

"The spectrum series were extensive. Spectrograms were taken almost continuously with the 40-inch reflector and other instruments. The aspects of the nucleus of the comet was variable. There were six striking spots visible May 24."

"These appeared elongated May 25—No division was observed or photographed May 28. Fifty degrees of the tail was visible May 28."

HARRON'S CAR WRECKED BUT HE IS NOT INJURED

Blew a Tire While Going at a Speed of 90 Miles an Hour on Indianapolis Track.

Indianapolis, May 30.—A tire on Harroun's Marmon, Yellow Jacket, with which he won the 200 mile race Saturday, burst while going at 90 miles an hour in a tryout turn, turning over.

Harroun was not hurt, but the car was wrecked. The car, out of Harroun's control, moved, tearing a deep furrow in the cement, and slid along the top of the wall 50 feet. Harroun clung to his seat until the car dropped to the track and turned turtle, when he was thrown clear of the wreckage.

Bragg (Flat) and Kirscher (Darracq) fought for the lead for the first five miles of the ten miles free-for-all. Then Darracq, going at full speed, cast a tire and Bragg drew off safely. Time, 7:21.3.

The ten mile race for cars 161 to 218 cubic inches piston displacement started with four entries, Burman (Bulck), L. Chevrote (Bulck), Frayer (Preston), and Miller (Warren-Detroit). Chevrolet jumped into the lead at the start with Burman second. They finished far ahead of Frayer, who was third and Miller fourth; time, 9:05.6. This was the first of the national championship races.

MRS. TAFT'S AGED FATHER IS ILL; SHE VISITS HIM

Arrived in Cincinnati Today to Be with Him—He Is John W. Herron, and Is 92 Years Old.

Cincinnati, May 30.—Mrs. William Howard Taft, the president's wife, came to Cincinnati today, to be at the bedside of her father, John W. Herron, 92 years old, who is seriously ill.

CURTISS WINS \$10,000 PRIZE

Flew from Albany to New York, 137 Miles, in Two Hours and 32 Minutes, Making but One Stop.

WEATHER WAS SUPERB; ALL CONDITIONS RIGHT

This Feat Pronounced the Most Wonderful Aerial Exploit in the History of Aviation.

New York, May 30.—Glenn H. Curtiss' marvelous feat of aviation, flying from Albany to New York yesterday, a hundred and thirty-seven miles in one hundred and fifty-two minutes, has compelled the attention of the entire world. The flight breaks all speed records in aviation distance contests.

Curtiss was showered with congratulations at his hotel today.

The start was made from Albany at 7:02 o'clock a. m. under weather conditions as near perfect as the most fastidious aviator could demand. One hour and 20 minutes later he had made his stopping place near Poughkeepsie, where there was an hour's intermission. Resuming his flight at 9:26 he sped southward and landed within the boundary of Manhattan Island at 10:35.

Followed the River.

Paulhan's flight from London to Manchester—136 miles—exceeded the Curtiss feat in distance but not in speed and danger. The Frenchman's average was 44.3 miles and hour, and below him lay English meadowland. Curtiss followed the winding course of the historic Hudson with jutting headland, wooded slopes and treacherous palisades. He swung high over the great bridge at Poughkeepsie, dipped at times within 50 feet of the river's broad surface and jockeyed like a falcon at the turns. Only once did his craft show signs of rebelling. This was off Storm King, near West Point, where at a height of nearly 1000 feet a treacherous gust struck his plane. The machine dropped like a rick for 40 feet and tilted perilously. But Curtiss, always cool, kept both his head and his seat and by adroit manipulation of his levers brought renewed equilibrium to his steed.

The Start.

Curtiss was up before dawn and went with his mechanic and a handful of spectators to Van Rensselaer Island, in the Hudson, three miles south of Albany, from where he was to make the start. Waiting at the river brink was a special New York Central train for Mrs. Curtiss and her party, who had not accompanied the aviator to the island. From the train they could see the actual start, but those on the island witnessed a remarkable scene.

Curtiss rose from the ground like a rocket. There were no preliminary maneuvers—there was no trial flight. The aeroplane ran hurriedly over the surface of the island and darted straight for its goal to the southward, turning only for a moment to the westward so that Curtiss might comply with the terms of the competition under which he was flying and technically cross the Albany city line.

Straight up soared the aeroplane to a height of about 700 feet. In three minutes it was a minute speck in the distance. In seven minutes it had vanished from sight. The whole performance was over in a twinkling.

With the signal that Curtiss was off the special train, five cars and a locomotive, crowded with spectators, followed. But so quickly had Curtiss flown that for 21 miles southward the locomotive, running nearly a mile a minute, remained a laggard. At 7:26, however, the train came abreast of the aeroplane and thence to New York those on board kept the aviator in sight.

At Poughkeepsie, Curtiss turned westward and then came to earth with the precision of a bird. He had flown 137 miles from Albany in 85 minutes. The landing place, known as the Gill Meadows, had previously been selected, but because of last week's postponements Curtiss was not expected yesterday and there was no gasoline awaiting him, but fortunately.

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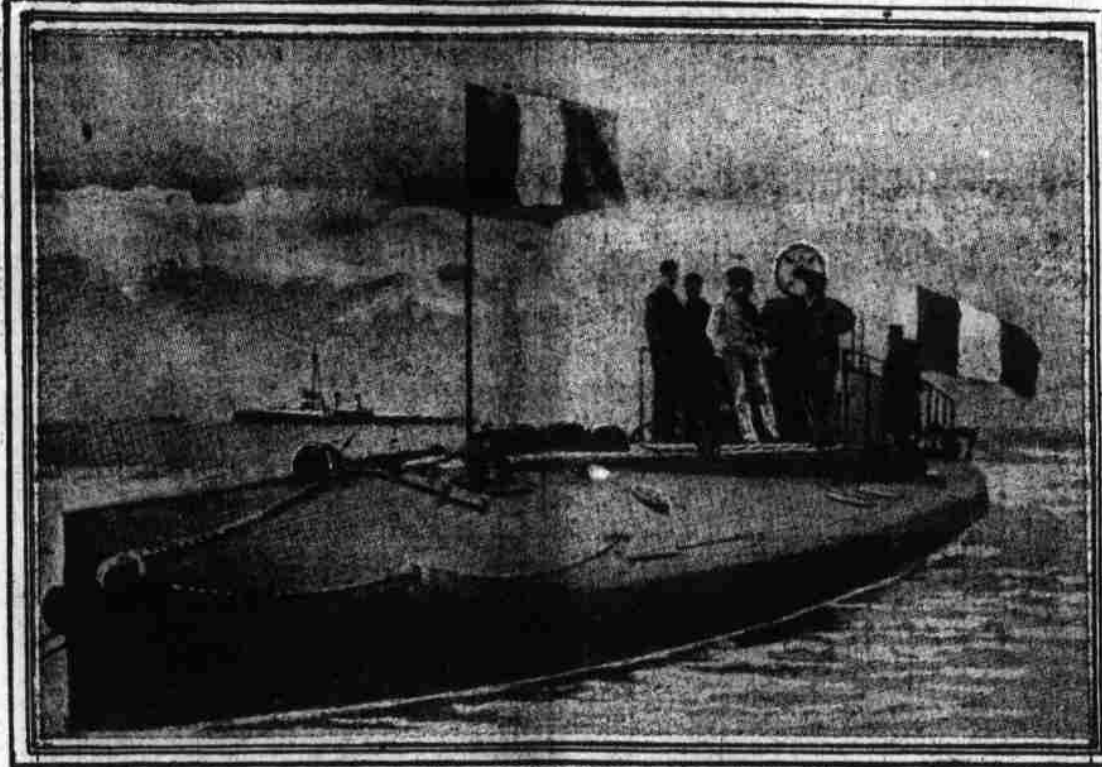
MANY HOUSES DESTROYED; SEVERAL PERSONS INJURED

Tornado Passes up Elk Valley, in West Virginia—Much Livestock Killed—Other Damage.

Charleston, W. Va., May 30.—Many houses in the village of Guthrie were destroyed by a tornado which passed up Elk Valley yesterday. Several persons were injured and much live stock was killed.

Several hundred thousand dollars worth of property belonging to the Coal and Coke railroad was destroyed.

Hull of the Pluivoise Was Crushed And All of Her People Drowned



THE FRENCH SUBMARINE BOAT PLUIVOISE.

CLALAS, France, May 30.—Inspection by divers of the sunken French submarine Pluivoise, which was in collision with the cross channel Steamer Pas De Calais, shows that the hull of the submarine was crushed and all her crew of 27 men drowned. The heavy undertow and great depth where the wreck lies is retarding operations.

PRESIDENT TAFT REVIEWS PARADE

Ideal Weather Conditions, and Enormous Crowds in the Streets of New York.

New York, May 30.—New York observed Memorial day not merely with traditional ceremony but with the unusual honor of the presence in the city of the president of the United States, who reviewed the parade of veterans. Ideal weather conditions prevailed. An enormous crowd was drawn to the streets and avenues through which marched the rapidly thinning ranks of blue.

Monument President Taft reviewed the Grand Army men and kindred organizations. The day was observed as a general holiday. President Taft arrived early from Washington and was driven to the home of his brother, Henry W. Taft. Later this afternoon the president took a train returning to Washington.

Memorial Day in Washington.

Washington, May 30.—The halls of congress and all executive departments were closed today while the statesmen of the nation participated in the annual commemoration of Memorial day. An elaborate program filled the day, including a parade of veterans and soldiers, and impressive ceremonies at various cemeteries about the city. Senator Bradley of Kentucky was the orator of the day at Arlington. Orators at other exercises were Senators Depew, Heyburn and Brown.

In Southern Cities.

Atlanta, May 30.—Southern militia companies today participated in decoration day exercises, held under the auspices of numerous G. A. R. posts throughout the south. At Marietta and Andersonville, Ga., Chattanooga, Nashville, Memphis, Vicksburg and other points where thousands of union soldiers are buried in national cemeteries, the graves marked by tiny American flags and appropriate addresses were delivered by northern and southern speakers.

Dr. Cannon Would Combine All on One Day.

Norfolk, May 30.—Rev. Dr. James Cannon, Jr., a prominent Virginia Methodist and delegate from the General Southern Board to the World's Missionary conference at Edinburgh, Scotland, today advocated the combining of the decoration day of the north with all Confederate memorial days in the south into one celebration.

The day accepted, he said, made no difference. Decoration day was observed here today as a national holiday, business generally being suspended. The principal celebration was at Portsmouth naval cemetery.

G. A. R. Should Work for Peace.

Minneapolis, May 30.—Addressing the G. A. R. posts in observation of Memorial day, Prof. Maria Sanford, professor emerita of the University of Minnesota, urged civil war veterans to work for world peace as being the one great object now before the Grand Army of the Republic. She said Theodore Roosevelt was the one man who could do this work and urged her hearers to commission him as their representative and then secure the co-operation of the Confederate Veterans union for united effort, which could not fail of success.

School for Marines at Fort Royal.

Washington, May 30.—A school for advanced instructions for marines is to be opened at the Fort Royal, S. C., naval station, in charge of Lieut. Col. Eli K. Cole.

COTTON ACREAGE REPORT TO COMMERCIAL APPEAL

Memphis Paper Finds Acreage Increase 3.3 per Cent, and a Good Stand.

Memphis, Tenn., May 30.—The Commercial Appeal today publishes its first cotton crop report of the season.

It follows: "Reports from correspondents of The Commercial Appeal under date of May 25 show that the acreage planted to cotton this spring exceeds that planted in 1909 about 3.3 per cent. It is estimated that 38 per cent of the total area has come up to a stand on this date, planting, except in isolated instances, being completed. Between May 14 and May 22 rains fell in all cotton producing territory and were highly beneficial although accompanied by abnormally low temperatures. What is needed now is warm, dry weather."

The cold weather of late April necessitated considerable replanting in the Atlantic states, Alabama and Louisiana, but this has been completed and most of the cotton is up, although in these states there are a few complaints of irregular stands.

"Although lacking a few days of being as far advanced, the crop and field conditions compare favorably with last year and with an average. "In the states east of the Mississippi river there has been an increase in area planted and a larger use of commercial fertilizers used."

GAVE A DOLLAR APIECE FOR TWO YOUNG GIRLS

Woman Procurer Received That Sum According to Testimony of the Girls in Question.

Philadelphia, May 30.—Asserting that he paid a woman two dollars for them, two young girls were the principal witnesses today against Henry Northstein, 35 years old, who was committed to prison, charged with harboring minors for improper purposes.

Lena Stewart, aged 14, and Ruth Morris, aged 15, testified that they saw the man give two dollars to a woman who brought them to the man's place.

Is a Candidate for Re-Election.

Kalamazoo, Mich., May 30.—United States Senator Julius C. Burrows announces his candidacy for re-election.

Band of Conspirators Probably Sank the Dewey

Manila, May 30.—Further examination of the United States drydock Dewey, which was partially submerged at Olongapo, has strengthened the belief of those in the navy

MENA'S DECISION TO FIGHT IT OUT

He Refuses Terms Offered by Chavarria for Surrender of the Town of Rama.

San Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua, May 30.—General Luis Mena, commanding the insurgent forces at Rama, has refused to surrender the town. General Chavarria had offered to guarantee the lives of the rebels. President Madriz has ordered Chavarria to continue operations until the town falls.

Severe Fighting This Morning.

Washington, May 30.—Severe fighting between the troops of Madriz and Estrada took place early this morning near Bluefields, according to a message from Consul Moffat at Bluefields. Two hundred prisoners were taken by Estrada's troops.

Prairie Ordered to the Scene.

The sailing of the cruiser Prairie from the Philadelphia navy yard yesterday in command of Lieutenant Commander Loomis, was ordered by the navy department in order that the vessel might remain at Colon awaiting developments in Nicaragua. In case more marines were needed in the opinion of this government than are now at Bluefields, the Prairie will hurry on for Panama with them. It was decided to send the Prairie, said a naval official, in case need should arise for a greater force to protect American life and property in Bluefields. According to last reports there were about 800 marines left on the barge after about 1000 had been withdrawn when it was thought the Central American situation had justified their withdrawal.

In a cablegram to Senor Castillo, the representative of the Nicaraguan provisional government here, General Estrada declared that the present situation around Bluefields gave the insurgent arms "complete assurance of triumph." The dispatch did not go into details. It did announce, however, the issuance of an edict transferring the custom house from Bluefields Bluff to the city.

General Estrada declared the Bluff had been given to the Madriz troops voluntarily, for he desired to concentrate his forces in and around the city.

Philadelphia, May 30.—The United States cruiser Prairie, loaded with ammunition and other supplies for the marines now in Central America, sailed from the Philadelphia navy yard yesterday and after a rapid trip down the Delaware, passed out to sea this afternoon. At Colon a detachment of marines will be taken on board and conveyed to the scene of the fighting in Nicaragua.

THE WEATHER.

For Asheville and vicinity: Fair tonight and Tuesday, cooler tonight.

MISSING GIRL'S BODY IS FOUND

Little Louisville Girl Disappeared December 6, Having Left Home to Attend Services at Church.

CORPSE, MUCH DECOMPOSED, IN SCHOOL SUB-BASEMENT

It Had Apparently Been There Several Months—Crude Attempt to Bury Remains Is Evident.

Louisville, May 30.—The badly decomposed body of Alma Kellner, the eight years old girl who mysteriously disappeared from her home last December, was found today in a sub-basement of St. Johns school. The body was lying in three feet of water. It was positively identified as that of Alma Kellner by her uncle, Frank Kehr, a millionaire brewer of Louisville.

The girl disappeared December 6, having left her home to attend church services. The corpse's condition indicated it had been in the hiding place several months and that a crude attempt was made to bury it. The body was wrapped in a piece of carpet.

EMPEROR OF GERMANY HAS ABSCESS ON HAND

It Was Reported That He Was Seriously Ill, but This Is Denied.

Potsdam, May 30.—Emperor William remains at the palace, where the healing progress of the abscess on his right wrist is being closely watched by physicians.

Berlin, May 30.—The abscess on the emperor's hand since it was lanced is taking a normal course, and, according to Doctor Bier, the court surgeon, the emperor suffers no pain. The operation on the hand became necessary owing to a sharp inflammation which developed. A headline in one of the Berlin newspapers gave rise to the impression that the emperor is suffering greatly, but his majesty has not even been obliged to stay in his room.

The crown prince yesterday received in audience Prince Tsai-Tao, brother of the Chinese regent, and his suite, as the emperor was not able to put on a uniform on account of the bandage over his right wrist and thumb. The empress also received the prince.

At Potsdam in the afternoon, however, the emperor entertained at luncheon Marquis San Guilian, the Italian foreign minister, with whom he had a lengthy conversation. The empress, the crown prince and crown princess, Dr. von Bothmann-Holweg, the imperial chancellor and foreign minister, von Schoen, attended the dinner at the Italian embassy this evening in honor of the marquis.

It is expected that his majesty will have sufficiently recovered to enable him to review the spring parade of the Berlin garrison on June 1.

MEMBER OF MERRIMAC'S CREW DIES, AGED 67

Rev. A. A. Jones Was Among the Last to Leave the Ironclad Before She Was Sunk.

Norfolk, May 30.—Rev. A. A. Jones, aged 67, one of the oldest active members of the Virginia conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, died today following a stroke of paralysis.

The deceased was on the Confederate ironclad Virginia (Merrimac) at the time of the Hampton Roads engagement between the Virginia and Monitor, and was in one of the last two boats that left the Virginia when she was subsequently blown up by her own men off Craney Island.

PINCHOT HAS RETURNED.

"Yes, I Saw the Colonel," He Says, and He Was Looking Well—That's All.

New York, May 30.—Gifford Pinchot, the deposed United States forester, was a passenger on the Arabis from Europe, where he met Theodore Roosevelt.

"I met Col. Roosevelt at Porto Maurizio, near Genoa," said Mr. Pinchot, "and he appeared in splendid physical trim. I never saw him looking much better."

LORIMER GONE TO THE WOODS

He Has "Gone West" for a few Days, He Says, and His Destination Is Not Known.

ANOTHER ONE CONFESSES HE GOT THE BRIBE MONEY

State Senator Holtsclaw Says He Received \$2500—He Is the Fourth —He Surrenders to Deputy.

Washington, May 30.—The investigation by the senate of the charges against Senator Lorimer probably will be much more exhaustive than would be possible under the resolution which the Illinois senator introduced. The opinion is expressed generally that the resolution should be broadened.

United States Senator William Lorimer arrived here yesterday. He departed a few hours later and his whereabouts is a mystery. The senator refused to discuss any phase of the senatorial bribery scandal involving his name. He was asked to make a statement regarding state Senator Holtsclaw's confession before the Sangamon county grand jury at Springfield, in which Holtsclaw admitted that he had received \$2500 for voting for Lorimer for senator. Holtsclaw's confession has been catalogued "No. 4," three other confessions having been made before the Cook county grand jury, according to State Attorney Wayman here. The first confession was made by Representative Charles White of O'Fallon, Ill., who said he had received \$1000 for his Lorimer vote. Senator Lorimer in his speech to the senate devoted himself to the denunciation of White, whom he called depraved.

"Holtsclaw is in the same class as White," said the senator yesterday. "I will not discuss him."

Then Senator Lorimer disappeared in his automobile with the parting information that he was going west for a few days. His destination is unknown.

More Witnesses to Be Heard.

Springfield, Ill., May 29.—Starting developments are expected here this week following the confession by state Senator D. W. Holtsclaw of Iuka to the Sangamon county grand jury that he was promised and later received \$2500 from state Senator John Broderick for his vote for William Lorimer for senator and \$700 from Senator Broderick as his share of the "jackpot."

Six legislators, three members of the senate and three members of the house are scheduled to appear. They are:

Senators John Broderick (democrat), Chicago, under indictment for conspiracy to commit a felony in connection with the furniture deal. D. W. Holtsclaw (democrat), Iuka, who was indicted, confessed, was granted immunity and will be questioned for further information. Representatives Joseph H. Clark (democrat), Vandalia, under indictment for conspiracy in furniture deal. Charles L. McMackin (republican), Salem, voted for Lorimer and will be examined as a witness. Harvey D. McCullom (democrat), Louisville, voted for Lorimer and will be examined as a witness.

One other witness to be examined is A. B. Johnston of the Johnston & Fletcher company of Springfield, who acted as local agent for the Ford & Johnston company in the furniture deal and whom Senator Holtsclaw and Otto Freir of the Derby Desk company have implicated by their corroborative testimony. They allege that A. B. Johnston agreed that Holtsclaw should receive \$1500 when the furniture was installed in the state house.

The grand jury does not reconvene until Thursday, but State's Attorney Burke will proceed with the examination of witnesses, having received assurances that Senator Penberton and Representative Clark would be on hand. Bench warrants have been issued for them, making their immediate appearance mandatory.

FORTY PEOPLE INJURED IN TROLLEY COLLISION

Cars Were Filled With Picnic Party—Most of the Injured Are Women and Children.

Oakland, Cal., May 30.—Forty people were injured, some fatally, when two street cars collided today. The cars were filled with excursionists en route to picnic grounds. The injured on both cars are mostly women and children. It was reported that two men had their legs amputated. The scene was about nine miles from the center of Oakland.