

URGENT CALLS FOR ABSENTEES

Leaders Send for House Members, in Anticipation of Contest Over Railroad Bill Tomorrow.

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Washington, June 6.—Hurry calls went out today for all absent members of the house, republicans, and democrats, to come back post haste, prepared for a contest tomorrow over the question whether the house shall concur in the senate amendments to the administration railroad bill, or send the measure to conference.

No one was willing to prophecy what disposition would be made of the bill. It was difficult to make an accurate prediction whether there would be immediate agreement on the bill or whether the measure would drag along in conference for a fortnight or longer.

Chairman Mann of the interstate and foreign commerce committee will insist upon the bill going to conference. It is expected that he will be backed by a majority of the republicans. Democrats were not decided whether to vote to accept the senate bill, because they consider it better than the house bill, or help send it to conference in the hope, that it would be further amended.

The house bill authorizing the disposal of surface coal lands for agricultural purposes passed the senate. The measure requires only the president's signature to make it a law.

The senate considered without passing the house bill amending the bankruptcy law. Senator Dolliver denounced the bankruptcy law as a "gross injustice."

Minority Reports on Savings Bank Bill.

When the postal savings bank bill is reported to the house this afternoon before adjournment two minority reports will be submitted by democrats.

Representative Finley of South Carolina will present one report which is expected to have the support of the majority of democrats. Representative Moon of Tennessee will present the other report.

Forty-two additional army officers are provided for in a bill passed by the senate.

OVER 70 CARS IN LINE, AND OVER 300 PEOPLE

Atlanta to New York Tour of New York Herald and Atlanta Journal Is Begun.

Atlanta, June 6.—With more than 70 cars in line, the Atlanta Journal-New York Herald Atlanta to New York automobile tour began this morning.

There are over 300 individuals in the tour, including a score of women and many men prominent in business and professional life in the south.

It is expected the party will arrive in New York in a week.

Midshipmen on Summer Cruise.

Annapolis, Md., June 6.—Bound on the annual summer practice cruise for instruction of midshipmen, the battleships Iowa (flagship), Indiana, and Massachusetts, with Captain Clark as commander, sailed this morning.

After a short stay at the Chesapeake capes the squadron will head for Plymouth, England. The cruise includes stops at many foreign ports.

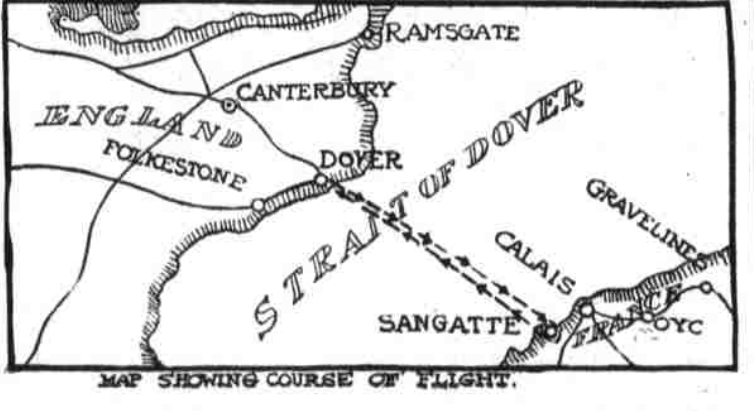
Dies From Bullet Wound.

Philadelphia, June 6.—John J. McGovern, aged 34, died today from a bullet wound received while in an apartment house with Mary Klumpff, aged 23, who had also been shot. The police say the motive is found in the discovery by Miss Klumpff that McGovern was a married man.

All England Is Happy Over Mr. Rolls' Feat



HON. CHARLES STEWART ROLLS IN WRIGHT BIPLANE.



MAP SHOWING COURSE OF FLIGHT.

Dover, England, June 6.—England is happy, as all the world's aviators must be, over the Hon. Charles Stewart Rolls, son of Lord Llangattock, accomplishing the feat of flying across the English channel from Dover to Calais and back without a single stop on French soil, thus making the first round trip ever accomplished.

In addition to the flight over the sea, Mr. Rolls manoeuvred over French soil for about ten minutes before directing the machine on the return trip, and on again reaching Dover he encircled Dover castle before descending.

COTTON MARKET BULLISH AGAIN

The Staple Went Up in Sensational Manner During Early Trading, July Standing at \$2 a Bale Above Saturday's Closing, and August 30 Points Up.

New York, June 6.—A scare among operators for July and August cotton in New York sent cotton up in a sensational manner during the early trading. July cotton stood at 15.20 or \$2 a bale above the closing figures of last week, while August advanced to 14.60 or 20 points net higher, this big gain having been secured in a very excited market, with advances of from 3 to 4 points frequently noted between sales.

There appeared nothing particularly bullish in the general news, as Liverpool was rather lower and weather conditions were favorable, but there seemed to be one one to sell old crop cotton aside from the big bulls and these traders were unwilling to supply the demand except on a sharply advancing scale.

The market was somewhat reactionary during the early afternoon, the result of realizing, and a less urgent demand from spots, with prices holding a net advance about 24 points on the old crop and of 5 to 7 points on later positions.

Southern spot markets were unchanged to half a cent higher.

TWO VESSELS WRECKED DURING A HEAVY FOG

Their Crews Escape—A Dangerous Wreck Is Discovered in Track of Navigation.

St. Pierre, Miquelon, June 6.—When a thick curtain of fog which prevailed for many hours lifted today, two vessels were discovered ashore on the west coast of the island of Langlade. The three-masted fishing schooner Winfred of Mahone Bay, N. S., will be a total loss. The other craft is a small vessel hauling from Burnin, which went aground near Winfred. The crews are safe.

Protests Against the Big Prize Fight.

New York, June 6.—Governor Gillette of California will this week receive several hundred letters protesting against the holding of the Jeffries-Johnson prize fight. Forty Brooklyn church organizations are banded together, opposing the big match.

Much Gold Coming In.

Dawson, Y. T., June 6.—The steamer Schwatka has arrived from Fairbanks, bringing \$900,000 of Tanana gold, for Seattle. The next steamer will bring a million dollars in gold.

Large Lumber Mill Burned.

South Matland, N. S., June 6.—The Anthony mills, one of the largest lumber mills in Nova Scotia, is destroyed by fire; the loss is estimated at \$100,000.

RAILROAD MEN VISIT MR. TAFT

Representatives of Western Traffic Association Talk to Him About That Federal Injunction Suit.

COMPANIES ARE NOT READY TO COMPLY WITH LAWS

All Roads Affected by Recent Safety Appliance Acts Will Ask for an Extension of Time.

Washington, June 6.—President E. P. Ripley of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe; President F. A. Delane of the Wabash system; President S. M. Felton of the Chicago Great Northern and President Marvin Hughelt of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad visited the White House this afternoon, having an extended conference with President Taft regarding the federal injunction suit against the Western Traffic association's increased freight rates.

Shippers Are Busy.

Chicago, Ill., June 6.—J. M. Glenn, secretary of the Illinois Manufacturers association, declares that the shippers are prepared for a busy time this week. Tomorrow commercial associations of 19 cities will be represented at a meeting of the conference committee appointed at the shippers convention on May 17.

Will Ask for More Time.

All railroads affected by the safety appliance laws passed by congress during the last year or so are preparing to ask for extensions of time in which to comply with the new regulations. Such laws as require ash pans on locomotives, which make it unnecessary for firemen to crawl underneath the engine, and other acts regarding the use of various safety appliances would become effective next month.

WIROGRAPHS

Late Afternoon News Stories in Condensed Form of World's Big and Little Events.

Yonkers, N. Y., June 6.—Several hundred machinists of the Otis elevator works today went on a strike for a raise of 25 cents a day and a 50-hour week.

Demand for Convention of Parliament.

Peking, June 6.—A formal demand will be made on the throne Wednesday for a convocation of the national parliament.

Prominent Prohibitionist Killed by Train.

Marshalltown, Ia., June 6.—W. D. Elwell, former chairman of the state prohibition committee, widely known in prohibition circles, was killed by a Chicago and Northwestern passenger train last night, while walking to LaMolle.

B. L. F. Meet in St. Paul.

St. Paul, Minn., June 6.—Delegates to the twelfth biennial convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen met in the St. Paul auditorium this morning. The convention will continue three weeks.

Latonica Club's Spring Meet Opens.

Cincinnati, O., June 6.—The spring meeting of the Latonica Jockey club opened this afternoon. Society was out in force to witness the classic derby.

Assassinated as He Slept.

Lexington, Ky., June 6.—Mrs. Alfred McIntosh was assassinated as she slept last night. The body, with a bullet through the head, was found this morning.

American Medical Association.

St. Louis, June 6.—Delegates from every state in the country arrived today to attend the national convention of the American Medical association, which opens tomorrow. The hookworm and pellagra are special subjects the convention will "probe."

Lady Fined \$5000 for Smuggling.

Trenton, N. J., June 6.—A \$5000 fine is imposed by Federal Judge Helstab on Mrs. Matilda M. Chesborough, wife of a wealthy Boston ship owner, recently convicted of the charge of attempting to smuggle personal property into this country.

British Barkentine Wrecked.

Charlottetown, N. B., June 6.—The British barkentine C. R. C., bound from Barbadoes for Charlottetown and Pasphebiac, is wrecked at Port Daniel. The crew escaped.

Disastrous Explosion of Alcohol.

Boston, June 6.—One man is dying and many persons were thrown into a panic as the result of the explosion of a barrel of denatured alcohol in the basement of the drug store of John Kershaw in the south end, causing several thousand dollars damage.

Suspected of Murder Of 8 Years Old Girl



JOSEPH WENDLING IN UNIFORM OF SOLDIER OF FRENCH ARMY

This is the man who has been indicted for the brutal murder of little Alma Kellner in Louisville, and who is being sought by the police and sheriff's officers everywhere.

SUMMER VISITORS ARRIVING IN CITY

And Several Important Conventions Will Be Held During the Present Month.

During June Asheville will have several important conventions. The first will be the meeting of the State Nurses' convention, June 8, 9 and 10.

This will be followed by the meeting of the Grand Lodge, Order of the Eastern Star, June 13. The most important gathering of the summer, however, will be the North Carolina Teachers' assembly, which convenes here June 14 for a session of four days.

Many of the prominent educators of the state and a number of speakers of national reputation will be present. The Y. W. C. A. of the southern colleges will hold a ten days' conference at the Normal and Collegiate institute beginning June 17.

It is expected that the attendance will reach at least 400. July 1, the Young People's Missionary Movement will hold a ten days' conference at the same place, with a probable attendance of 300.

The summer visitors are already coming to the city. The new trains, making the first trip yesterday, brought in a number of people, and the Southern Railway company confidently expect the greatest crowd of summer visitors this summer that was ever in this section.

LIVERPOOL MEN REFUSED TO MEET ACCEPTANCES

To Test in Court Banks' Responsibility in Matter of Knight, Yancey & Co. Bills of Lading.

Liverpool, June 6.—With a view of determining in the courts the responsibility of banking houses in connection with the defective bills of lading alleged to have been issued by Knight, Yancey & Co., of Decatur, Ala., some of the local cotton men refused to meet their acceptances falling due Saturday, on the ground that the collateral security was fraudulent.

TWO FIREMEN KILLED.

A Score Overcome by Flames, While Fighting a Warehouse Fire in New York City.

New York, June 6.—Two firemen were killed and a score overcome by stifling fumes in fighting a stubborn warehouse fire near the North river front this morning. The Free Storage bonded warehouse was practically destroyed. The loss is \$75,000.

King and Queen Entertain the Roosevelts.

London, June 6.—Former President Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt were entertained by King George and Queen Mary at Marlborough house today.

Dangerous Wreck Sighted.

Newport, News, June 6.—The Merchants and Miners steamer Junia reported today having passed a dangerous wreck this morning seven miles from Smith Island, right in the track of navigation between Cape Charles Lightship and Cape Henry. The wreck is believed to be the capsized two-masted schooner Arrol.

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WM. S. PORTER FALLS ASLEEP

The Versatile Story Teller, Admired by Thousands, Died Yesterday in New York, Following an Operation.

PHYSICIANS NOT AGREED AS TO NATURE OF MALADY

His Interesting Career Has Created Much Friction About Himself—Remains Will Be Brought to Asheville.

The sad intelligence came yesterday afternoon to friends in Asheville of the death in New York of William Sidney Porter, known to literary fame as "O. Henry." The messages stated that Mr. Porter had succumbed during the morning following an operation performed Friday. While the announcement of the death of Mr. Porter shocked and grieved his many close friends and admirers here the information was not entirely unlooked for. It had been known for a week or ten days that he was a very sick man, but strong hopes were entertained that the ailment was not so grave as some of his friends feared.

Mr. Porter was well and favorably known in Asheville. He was known by his works all over the country and greatly beloved by hosts of admirers. He was recognized as the foremost short-story writer in the country and his pen-work never failed to interest and entertain. He was married to Miss Sarah Coleman of Asheville and Weaverville a few years ago and spent last fall in Asheville and this section. He was a welcome and charming visitor to The Gazette-News office during his stay and those connected with the paper always delighted in his appearance in the "shop."

His Last Story.

Mr. Porter was a great, big-brained man; a whole-souled chap; a prince of good-fellows. He was not only a short-story writer, he was a newspaper man; a native Tar Heel; a reporter. His newspaper experiences would fill a volume. Referring with sadness to the death of Mr. Porter, Judge Thomas A. Jones yesterday, in the presence of a few friends, spoke of his last visit to Mr. Porter. Judge Jones and Mr. Porter had been close friends for some time. Judge Jones was in New York ten days ago and Sunday, one week before Mr. Porter's death, took dinner with his friend. He spent a most enjoyable day but painfully realized that Mr. Porter was a sick man. In fact, Judge Jones said, Mr. Porter realized that his condition was grave and referred to some length to his ailment and to his belief that the several physicians and experts who had been called in did not really know what was the matter. The Saturday night before, the two visited the theater and witnessed the production of one of Mr. Porter's plays. The short-story writer and playwright was in a happy frame of mind and appeared well pleased at the reception accorded his play. Sunday Mr. Porter told Judge Jones that a few nights previously he had written a short story and mentioning that several years ago it was hard to dispose of his writings for any great profit, referred to the fact that the short story of a few days ago had been sold to the Cosmopolitan Magazine without hesitation for \$750 and that it would appear in the July number of that magazine. It is probable that the story was the last Mr. Porter wrote. In fact he wrote that story, sick man as he was, to meet the financial strain of doctors' attendance. While Judge Jones was at the home of Mr. Porter the latter spoke pleasantly and interestingly about his work; his love for novels and stories; plans for the future; how he expected to come to Asheville June 13 and spend the summer here, and how he looked forward with much pleasure to his visit. From the library Mr. Porter selected a volume and handed it to Judge Jones to read en route from New York to Asheville. The last thing that Mr. Porter said when Judge Jones took his leave was "Well, Judge, I'll see you in Asheville in a few days."

The Man and His Work.

Recently Peyton Steger, writing of O. Henry, "who he is and how he works," had this to say: For the last six or seven years O. Henry has been, perhaps, the most popular short-story writer in America. He has a large audience of readers to him most of all for a satisfactory and entertaining interpretation of the life of "The Four Million," a title of his own that expresses his aloofness from a sympathy with the "four hundred."

Sydney Porter, which happens to be the baptismal name of O. Henry, is a flat-dweller in Manhattan. The reasonable desire of Mr. Porter to share none of O. Henry's fame has brought into existence a vast quantity of O. Henry legends. When a man's work deeply interests people, and there are no facts at hand to illumine his personal business and trivia, rumors come in from the world of fables. So it is that a career of O. Henry has been pieced together out of marbled bits of gossip, told and retold by the friends of a friend. (Continued on page 4)

NEGRO STRUCK GIRLS ON HEAD WITH PISTOL

He Is Dead; Shot by an Unknown Man While Waiting in a Store, in Officer's Custody.

Krebs, Okla., June 6.—Grubbs Batson, a negro, wanted for striking two white girls on the head with a pistol yesterday, was shot and killed today by an unknown man, who, while Batson was in a drug store pending his removal to jail, poked a shot gun through the door and fired.

The girls are not seriously hurt.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast until 8 p. m. Tuesday for Asheville and vicinity: Partly cloudy weather, with moderate temperature, tonight and Tuesday.

For North Carolina: Showers this afternoon and in eastern portion tonight, Tuesday partly cloudy. Light to moderate variable winds.

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