

THOMPSON IS INDICTED

Head of Champion Fibre at Canton and President of Coated Paper Co. of O., Charged With Attempted Bribery.

GRAND JURY AT NATIONAL CAPITAL RETURNED BILL

Action of Grand Jury News to Officials at Canton—Indictment in Connection With Furnishing Paper for Postal Cards.

WASHINGTON, June 16.—The Federal grand jury today returned an indictment against Peter G. Thompson, president of the Champion Coated Paper company, of Hamilton, Ohio, charging him with attempted bribery in connection with furnishing the government paper for postal cards.

Peter G. Thompson, indicted today, according to an Associated Press dispatch, for attempted bribery, is also president of the Champion Fibre company at Canton. Inquiry of officials of that company today brought forth information that the action of the grand jury was news to them and that if such an indictment was returned, it had only to do with the plant at Hamilton. Renben B. Robertson, Mr. Thompson's son-in-law, who resides in Grove's park, is out of the city, having gone to New York on a business trip. The news of the indictment will come as a surprise to the people here. Mr. Thompson has often visited here and Canton, looking after his vast business interests in this section.

FIGHT ON RULES MAY BE AVOIDED

Rules Committee Makes Concessions—Committee Adjourns to Meet Later and Decide Question.

Washington, June 16.—The projected fight on the rules, which was expected to occur in the house next week, may be averted by concessions by the rules committee. After a lively session, in which the advisability of reporting a rule based on that proposed by Minority Leader Clark, was freely discussed, a committee adjourned to meet later in the day to decide the question.

Clark's proposed amendment to the rules would make it possible for one member of the house to give notice that he would demand a discharge of a committee after a week elapsed; such motion would be in order any Monday after the completion of a unanimous consent of the calendar.

Increase in Engineering Corps.
The house all to increase the engineering corps of the army, carrying with it provisions which would permit the president to supersede Army Engineer Director Newell of the reclamation service, was reported to the senate today from the committee on military affairs. The minority report will be filed by Senator Dixon.

MEXICO MINING TOWN WIPED OUT BY FIRE

Town of Moveebai and Ten-Stamp Mill Entirely Destroyed—Miners Had a Narrow Escape.

Naco, Mexico, June 16.—The entire mining town of Moveebai, in Sonora, Mex., including a ten-stamp mill, has been destroyed by a forest fire that is sweeping the Ojo and Bacomchi mountains. The miners had a narrow escape.

Montana Good Roads Congress.

Billings, Mont., June 16.—Delegates from every section of Montana came to Billings today for the opening of the State Good Roads congress, the sessions of which will continue until the end of the week. The convention is one of the largest of its kind ever held in this part of the country, and the speakers who will be heard during the three days' session will include some of the foremost good roads experts of the United States.

TEACHERS TALK ABOUT SALARIES

Committee on Teachers' Salaries and Pensions, After Thorough Investigation, Makes Interesting Report.

PROF. HOBBS DELIVERS FINE ADDRESS ON "CAUSATIONS"

Recommendation Made That Constitutional Amendment Be Adopted Providing Six Months School Term—The Sessions.

This has been a busy day with the teachers attending the sessions of the North Carolina Teachers' assembly. Following the work of the various departments earlier in the morning the teachers assembled in the Auditorium at noon for the address of President L. Hobbs of Guilford college and the report of the committee on teachers' salaries. Prof. Hobbs made an interesting address, the general subject of which was "causations." He discussed some of the problems of teachers and believed that one of the things that the teachers should do was to teach pupils not to violate the laws of health. He believed that educational work in schools should be well balanced. The coupling of educational institutions and the church, which widely prevailed in the south, was a factor in building up a strong element which would preserve the country.

He thought that one of the evils of the present system of education was that people were trying to do too many things and not doing any of them as thoroughly as they should be held to the doctrine that a few things well done was the best, particularly along educational lines. Some of the teachers, he said made the mistake of supposing that they knew everything. He would advise a willingness to observe and learn and a sympathetic nature for a teacher.

It is not so much in teaching people how to make a living, he said, was the aim of education, but it was to teach them how to live lives of usefulness; lives which would count for something to themselves and the community.

The report of the committee on teachers' salaries and pensions; R. J. Tighe of Asheville; H. B. Smith of Greenville; Z. V. Judd of Raleigh, fra

T. Burlington of Smithdale and Miss Nettie Allen of Raleigh, was read by Prof. Tighe. This committee had investigated the salaries of teachers in 16 of the leading southern states, including Richmond and Atlanta with the following results: The minimum average, \$572; with a general average of \$475. The general average paid principals in the elementary schools was \$1320, and to principals of high schools, \$1460.

He called attention to the fact that Asheville would be able to make an approximate increase in teachers' salaries of ten per cent next year.

Methods of Increasing Salaries.
To obtain a general increase of salaries of all teachers, the committee gave two methods, one raise the standard of the profession; and the other increase the length of the school term. To increase the standard, the committee would have the legislature establish a board of examiners under direction of the state board of education which should examine all teachers who apply for positions in public schools. The committee also recommended that the legislature

THE CAPITAL MUST REMAIN AT GUTHRIE

Court Holds That Enabling Act Preventing Removal of Capital 'Till 1913, is Valid.

Guthrie, Okla., June 16.—Judge Huston, in the County District court here, over-ruled the demurrer of Governor Haskell to the petition of County Attorney Hepburn for an injunction preventing the removal of the capital from Guthrie to Oklahoma City. The temporary injunction was continued in force.

The court held that the enabling act was valid in imposing the condition that the capital should remain in Guthrie until 1913; and that the court had jurisdiction over the person of the governor in matters where he had no discretion.

THE WEATHER.

For Asheville and vicinity: Fair weather, with moderate temperature tonight and Friday. Partly cloudy tonight and Friday; light variable winds.

Lodge Bill Reported.

Washington, June 16.—The lodge bill to retire Associate Justice Moody of the Supreme Court of the United States, was reported to the senate as a result of the unanimous favorable vote by the judiciary committee. The house judiciary committee also favorably reported the bill.

CAN GOVERNOR STOP THE BIG PRIZE FIGHT?



JEFFRIES AND BOB ARMSTRONG SPARRING. (SAM BERGER IN THE CENTRE)

Chief Executive of California Has Given State Attorney General Webb Instructions to Act Promptly.

IN CASE FIGHT PULLED OFF PROSECUTIONS WILL FOLLOW

Governor Says Supreme Court of State Has Never Defined Prize-Fighting—Fraternity Cast Down.

BEN LOMOND, Cal., June 16.—"I don't care where we go, as long as we fight," declared J. J. Jeffries today, as he appeared for his usual training work. The fighter received the message from "Tex" Rickard early today in which the promoter declared the battle possibly would be held in San Francisco after all, but failed to state why he thought so. Jeffries was in high spirits after reading it.

"Any old place suits me," he declared. "Sooner than miss the chance to meet Johnson, now after all the trouble I've gone to, I'd box him privately."

San Francisco, June 16.—Stirred to action by insistent protests from all parts of the state and country, Governor James N. Gillette last evening took steps to prevent the championship fight between James J. Jeffries and Jack Johnson scheduled to be held in San Francisco on July 4.

In a letter to State Attorney General Webb, the governor expressed his disapproval of prize-fighting in unmeasured terms, and directed that the aid of the courts be invoked to prevent the match. He concluded with a positive order, that, in case the plea for a restraining order be not granted and the fight be held, the attorney general proceed to gather evidence and prosecute the principals and those interested in the fight for violation of the penal code of the state.

Will Be Tested in Courts.

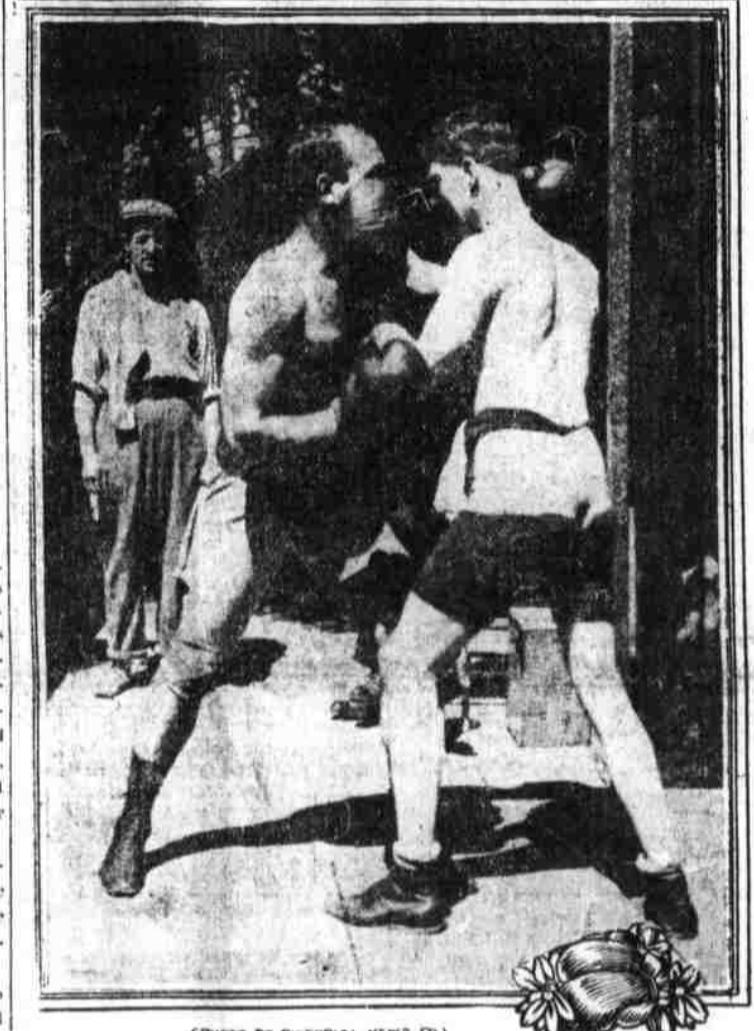
The governor declares that the Supreme court of California has never defined a prize fight and suggests that an opportunity be given it to do so. This is taken by those interested to indicate the governor's intention to press his opposition to the end. The sporting fraternity is much cast down and it is generally believed that the death knell of prize fighting in California, the "mecca of prize fighting," according to the governor's letter has been sounded.

This belief is borne out by the fact that the governor telegraphed to Attorney General Webb later in the day to take some action as to the fight scheduled for June 1 in San Francisco between Sam Langford and Al Kaufman.

Promoters Texas Rickard and John Gleason said that they had heard no whisper of the governor's intended action. When the news reached him, Rickard rushed to the office of Attorney General Webb and asked what that officer proposed to do. After a conference with Webb, Rickard said he believed the fight would be held in San Francisco on the advertised date, despite the governor's order.

Rickard Will Not Give Up.
Rickard would not say what his course of action would be until Webb handed in an opinion, but Rickard has no intention of giving up the idea of holding the fight. He and Gleason devoted much time today in conference with their attorney.

The course of the defense decided probably will not be given out until Mr. Webb has made a statement. Rickard said Webb had promised him because of the great amount of expense of effecting the arrangements and other matters connected with the fight that his opinion would be forthcoming without delay. Rickard expects it within two days. In the meantime, Rickard says he would prepare to take the fight to Nevada or Utah, if compelled to leave California.



Scenes at the training quarters of Jeffries and Johnson. In one picture Jeff is shown sparring with big Bob Armstrong, while Berger looks on smiling. Another has his trainer boxing it with the big bulldozer, while the third shows Jack Johnson in his fighting pose ready for an opponent.

REV. S. A. TUCKER HAS GONE HENCE

Much Married Colored Parson Had Interesting Assortment of Things When Arrested.

Richmond, Va., June 16.—Rev. S. A. Tucker, pastor of the flock of Negro Christians at Scuffletown, near Richmond, has jumped his bail and disappeared, and his husband, Americus Dudley, was called upon today to pay \$500. Seven women have come forward claiming Tucker as husband, and two more have written to the same effect from North Carolina.

When Tucker was arrested for prowling around the house of still another colored woman, a rabbit's foot, a bottle of gin and a bottle of cologne were found in his pockets.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK IS FELT FOUR THOUSAND MILES AWAY

The Shock, Reported at Washington, Was of Considerable Intensity—Continued Two Hours.

Washington, June 16.—An earthquake of considerable intensity and duration occurred this morning, approximately four thousand miles from Washington, according to the Seismological observatory of the Georgetown university. The shocks began at 1:43 a. m., and continued two hours and twenty-three minutes.

The observers are unable definitely to locate the disturbance. It is considered probable it was in Italy. Shocks Felt in Madrid. Madrid, June 16.—Earthquake shocks varying in duration from four to ten seconds were felt here this morning and simultaneously at Cordova and Almeria in Andalusia. No casualties are reported, but in Almeria some houses were damaged.

CANDIDATES ARE OFF IN A BUNCH

Time for Entering for Democratic Primary Ended at 10 O'Clock Last Night—57 Candidates in Field.

SHERIFF'S CONTEST WILL BE THE MOST INTERESTING

Ticket Will Show New List of Candidates for County Commissioners and Educational Board—The Legislative Aspirants

The candidates for nomination before the democratic county primary June 25 are "off in a bunch." The time-limit for entering as a candidate for nomination for any of the several offices ended last night at 10 o'clock and a perusal of the official ballot—rather what will be the official ballot—shows that a total of 57 gentlemen are willing for the "lightning to strike 'em." The list of candidates before the primary June 25 will be the largest in the history of the county since the official primary system was adopted by the democrats. With the exception of officers, namely, auditor and coroner, there are from two to six aspirants for each and every office.

The sheriff's race furnishes the greatest abundance of material with the tax collector's nomination a close second and register of deeds not far behind. There are six applicants for the nomination for high sheriff of Buncombe county, incidentally, including the present sheriff, his three deputies, Messrs. Williams, Jordan and Mitchell, former Deputy Sheriff D. H. Penland and former Sheriff J. Henry Reed. All these gentlemen are seeking the nomination for sheriff. They have all had experience in their particular line of work and any one of them would make an acceptable officer.

In the tax collector's contest are found the present tax collector, R. C. Crowell, former Tax Collector J. E. Chambers, former Chief of Police N. A. Collins, E. D. Weaver of Reems creek and Jason Ashworth of Fairview.

For register of deeds J. J. Mackey seeks renomination, while contesting with him for the nomination for the office are Marcus L. Reed, J. Berkeley Cain and J. M. Carver.

There are three aspirants for clerk of the Superior court including Marcus Reed, who has held the office most acceptably for several years, E. B. Atkinson and Willie Lee Baird.

The contest between four gentlemen for place on the legislative ticket bids fair to be interesting. It has been agreed among the four contestants that the two highest shall be declared the nominees. Those who are running are G. Spears Reynolds, formerly police justice of Asheville; Robert Ransom Williams, a member of the law firm of Jones & Williams, and a grand-nephew of the late United States Senator Ransom; Gallatin Roberts, the "boy from the country," who comes from north Buncombe and who, for a time, was county attorney; and O. R. Jarrett, one of the best known and most prominent members of the labor unions of Asheville.

The list of candidates for nomination for members of the board of county commissioners presents an interesting political contribution. Not one of the present democratic members of the board is seeking renomination. J. E. Rankin, who has been chairman for two years, has declined to enter again, while R. C. Clayton and C. P. Weaver, who have been on the board for the past several years, are likewise not seeking renomination. Erwin W. Patton and D. G. Noland are the two candidates for chairman of the board, while John W. Rutherford of Hominy, Dallas Buckner of north Buncombe, S. M. Meares of the Leicester section, John E. Patton of Swannanoa and A. L. Bright and C. L. Moffitt are aspirants for place on the ticket as members of the board of county commissioners.

In the congressional contest all five of the candidates were entered in apt time. They are William Johnston (Sike, J. M. Gudger, Jr., and Frank R. Hewitt of Buncombe; Walter E. Moore of Jackson and Solomon Gallert of Rutherford.

In the contest for nomination for county treasurer there are three aspirants: T. M. Duckett, the present treasurer; H. L. King and J. E. Brookshire.

There are three candidates for nomination for state senator including Zebulon Weaver, who for two terms has represented Buncombe most acceptably in the lower house; Julius C. Martin, for several years chairman of the board of county education, and Emerson A. Eve.

The names that will go on the ticket for place on the board of education will be all new. Mr. Martin and Mr. Ashworth, the present democratic members, will retire and the primary will name three candidates. Those who are seeking place on the educational board are J. E. Merrell, J. H. Sams, J. P. Edwards, T. P. Gaston and George S. Yawell.

There are three candidates for town constable including J. R. Herndon. (Continued on page 2)

MR. ROOSEVELT SENDS REGRETS

Former President of U. S. Unable to Attend Sends World's Missionary Conference Message of Sympathy.

BELIEVES THAT CHRISTIAN CHURCHES WILL BE UNITED

First Time in Four Centuries, Says the Colonel, That Christians of Every Name Come Together, Without Renouncing Convictions.

EDINBURGH, Scotland, June 16.—A letter from Theodore Roosevelt expressing sympathy with the movement and regret of his inability to be present was read at today's session of the world's missionary conference. The communication was addressed to Silas McBee, American delegate and aroused much enthusiasm. "For the first time in four centuries," the former president wrote, "Christians of every name have come together, without renouncing their several convictions or sacrificing their several principles, to confer as to what common action may be taken in order to make their common Christianity not only known to, but a vital force, among two thirds of the human race to whom, as yet, it is hardly a name."

He expressed the belief that the Christian churches may yet find way to cordial co-operation and friendship as regards "the great underlying essentials upon which, as a foundation, all Christian churches are built." He said that such a unity in a spirit of Christian brotherhood would tend not to do away with differences of doctrine, but to prevent the laying of too much stress upon these differences.

Dr. Campbell Presents Report.
Rev. Dr. J. Campbell Gibson of the English Presbyterian church presented the report of the commission on "Church in the Mission Field."

BILL WASN'T DESIGNED "FOR" THE RAILROADS

President Was Misquoted Last Night in Regard to Reference to Railroad Bill.

Chicago, June 16.—Through an error in the transmission of President Taft's Parkersburg speech last night the president was made to comment on the railroad bill as designed, "for" the railroads. The preposition "for" changed the sense of the statement, for what the president really said was that the bill was being enacted into law "Not to attack the railroads, but to secure justice from them, and to do justice to all interests."

President at Parkersburg.
Parkersburg, W. Va., June 16.—President Taft and the 100 Rough Riders who are on their way to New York by special train to participate in the Roosevelt reception next Saturday, passed through Parkersburg last night.

"I travel so much," said the president, "that I feel like a railroad man myself and I want the men engaged in that work to be as safe as possible, for when they are safe, the passengers are safe."

The president referred to the fact that President Harrison began the safety appliance reforms and that Colonel Roosevelt did much to carry on the work. The mention of Roosevelt's name was the signal for cheering from the crowd.

Mr. Taft referred to the new railroad bill, saying it had been enacted not to attack the railroads but to secure justice for them and to do justice to all interests.

DIVING IN LAKE COMO FOR CHARLTON'S BODY

American Consul Insists Upon This Course—Police Believe Carlton is Still Alive.

Como, Italy, June 16.—Professional divers began operations today in Lake Como, in the hope of finding the body of Porter Carlton. The divers were engaged by the government upon the insistence of American Consul Canby, at Milan, who holds to the theory that Carlton was murdered. The police do not incline strongly to this view. Many, including the police, believe Carlton is now on board a steamer bound for New York.

President Returns.

Washington, June 16.—President Taft returned at 2:30 this from Marietta, Ohio.