

A FATAL DASH FOR LIBERTY

Tragedy of the Immigration Laws Is Enacted in the Schuylkill, in Which Four Chinese All Drowned.

CHINESE ON ENGLISH SHIP SICKENED OF CONFINEMENT

The Captain Would Have Been Heavily Fined, Had He Allowed Shore Leave—Men Mutiny and Leap into the Water.

Philadelphia, June 17.—As the British steamship Highland Monarch was proceeding down the Schuylkill river today, bound for Auckland, New Zealand, seven members of the Chinese crew leaped overboard in an endeavor to escape. Four were drowned and three captured.

A dozen Chinese members of the crew made a dash for liberty. The men rescued are in the police station, while the remainder are in irons aboard the ship.

The trouble started last night. The Highland Monarch had been lying in the Schuylkill river at Point Breeze for three weeks loading cases of oil for New Zealand. As the United States immigration laws place a fine of \$500 on the captain of a steamship for every Chinese member of the crew that escapes, the twenty Chinamen aboard were not permitted to leave the vessel, while other members of the crew, all Englishmen, were given liberal shore leaves.

Knife Was Drawn. The confinement grew irksome and last night one of the Mongolians asked the first mate to allow him a few hours on shore. Being refused, he drew a knife, chasing the first mate.

He was tripped by a white member of the crew, cutting himself in falling. He was placed in irons and about an hour later nearly all the Chinamen made a break for liberty. A hand to hand struggle ensued, with the result that the Chinese men were overcome.

The Vessel Under Way. Shortly after 7 o'clock this morning the vessel got under way with the Chinese in the stockhold firing the boilers. Shortly afterwards about a dozen Chinese appeared above the deck, and without an instant hesitation seven leaped overboard. In the struggle for liberty the men had to fight a strong tide and four sank.

A FINE RACE IS LOOKED FOR

The Turf Classic of the Year, Suburban Handicap, Will Be Run Today.

New York, June 17.—Although the promise of fair weather was lacking everything else pointed to a brilliant contest at Sheepshead Bay this afternoon, when the turf classic of the year, the suburban handicap, will be run.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR BILL REPORTED TO HOUSE

Ways and Means Committee Act Favorably on Bill for Completing Reclamation Projects.

Washington, June 17.—The house ways and means committee favorably acted upon the bill authorizing the issuance of certificates of indebtedness for the completion of existing projects for the reclamation work after amending by making the amounts of the certificates for \$20,000,000 instead of \$25,000,000.

The house committee on labor decided to report favorably the bill creating a department of labor with a seat in the president's cabinet.

Director of Negro Institution. Washington, June 17.—President Taft this afternoon attended the first meeting of the board of directors of Marion institute, a negro school at Marion, S. C. The president was made a director of the institution some time ago.

The Emperor's Bad Knee. Potsdam, Germany, June 17.—Emperor William was tossed up in the right knee today, but received visitors and transacted business. The affection is said to be taking its normal course.

REFORM RULE NOW FAVORED

Mr. Cannon's Committee Makes Concession That May Head Off the Expected Fight.

THE CLARK-SHERLEY PLAN HAS BEEN AGREED UPON

And, It Is Said, the New Rule Closely Resembles That Favored by Democratic Conference.

Washington, June 17.—The decision of the House Rules committee today to report a "reform" rule, designed to prevent legislation being "smothered" in committee makes another fight on the rules in the house at this session improbable. The rule is practically that prepared by the democratic conference, known as the Clark-Sherley resolution.

After a session of the rules committee which lasted throughout most of the day and two sessions of the "insurgent" republicans of the house it looked as though there might evolve a plan upon which practically all parties and factions of parties can unite in adopting a "reform" rule.

The rules committee argued, wrote and drafted for hours over the Clark-Sherley resolution which seeks to pave the way to bring into the house a measure being "smothered in committee."

Chairman Dalzell and other regular republican members of the committee joined with the democratic members in attempting to formulate a rule which would work out the end desired and be acceptable to the house.

The fact that the regular wing of the party exhibited a willingness to join in a "reform" movement was generally commented upon as indicating that it was practically conceded that a rule would be adopted before adjournment and that they had decided it the better part of valor to join in making it rather than resisting its adoption. It is believed the rule drafted by the democratic leaders and known as the Clark-Sherley rule will be adopted by the rules committee in substance practically as originally drawn. The "insurgents" assembled about 2:50 p. m., and discussed the sort of rule they would vote for. It was the general disposition that they would await the action of the rules committee and nothing decisive was done. It is stated that the dethronement of Speaker Cannon was discussed at the "insurgent" gathering but that no definite decision on this subject was arrived at. Many of the "insurgents" are opposed to the attempted removal of the speaker although if the matter is forced on the floor they admitted they would vote that way.

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THE WEATHER. For Asheville and vicinity. Fair weather, with somewhat warmer today; Saturday fair.

For North Carolina. Fair tonight and Saturday; warmer in extreme western portion tonight. Light west winds.

Rumor That Mediation Has Failed. Lima, Peru, June 17.—It is rumored that the attempted mediation between Peru and Ecuador has failed, owing to the conditions imposed by Ecuador as a base for peace negotiations.

Motor Car Racing at Memphis. Memphis, June 17.—With noted drivers participating, Memphis had its first taste today of motor car racing, under the direction of the American Automobile association. Seven events, ranging in distance from five to 50 miles, are scheduled.



New York Herald and The Gazette-News.

LIKE FINDING MONEY

Whole School System Made by City People, For City Children, and to Make City People

"Adaptation of Education to Rural Life" Subject of Stirling Address by Clarence H. Poe to the Teachers—Assembly Adopts Platform, Elects Officers and Adjourns.

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he would have it the supreme court. Superintendent Reynolds explained that he and Mr. Coon were of the same opinion but that it was a difference in going about it. After stating that he did not believe that the first section as incorporated in the platform really meant anything, he stated that he would let those on the platform have their way—he had simply expressed himself.

Resolutions Adopted. The committee on resolutions brought in a report thanking the board of trade, Asheville Electric company, the churches, Superintendents Tighe and Reynolds and their assistants for entertaining the convention; showing approval of the recognition accorded the state in the selection of J. Y. Joyner as president of the National Educational association and according him their support by a rising vote; appointing a committee on nomenclature composed of M. C. S. Noble, P. E. Seagle and R. E. Boger; endorsing the North Carolina Journal of Education; showing appreciation of the services of the secretary, R. D. W. Conroy; approving the proposed appropriation by congress of \$75,000 for the United States bureau of education for to hold instructors to work in various parts of the country. The committee on the course of study, submitted a verbal report through Superintendent Joyner and the committee was continued to make a written report next year.

The woman's association for the betterment of public school houses in North Carolina elected the following officers: Mrs. W. H. Hollwell of the Asheville board of education; Mrs. C. L. Stevens of Newbern, vice president; Mrs. R. E. Little of Wadesboro, treasurer; Mrs. Mary Applewhite Killian of Newton, recording secretary. The selection of a field secretary was left to the executive committee.

The teachers' session last night was addressed by two well known educators, Dr. L. D. Harvey, former president of the National Educational association and president of Stout institute, Menomonee, Wis., and Prof. H. H. Williams of the University of North Carolina.

Dr. Harvey, speaking on "new developments in education to meet new demands," made a splendid address advocating the introduction of agriculture in the courses of the county high schools. He believed that it was entirely feasible in any agricultural country like the south to make the high school courses adapted to the needs of the pupils. In one of the high schools in Wisconsin where agriculture is taught, he said 95 per cent of the students go back to the farms. A school which meets the needs of five out of six students of the rural communities and which invites them back for one or two years longer than they ordinarily would go is a school which is needed in every agricultural community. He pointed out that many were making a mistake to assume that the present high schools were doing all that is necessary for the boys and girls. He said that many do not continue in school because they do not get the kind of instruction they desire. He pointed out that many of those now in high schools have no intention of returning to the farms, they would want to go into the cities or towns, he wanted the schools so organized as to give the country boys and girls an equal opportunity with those of the city. He urged that this be not delayed too long.

Wherever agricultural schools were established, he said, it revolutionized the farming in that section. It is a course which appeals to the farmer, his wife and daughters and gets them established.

The North Carolina State Teachers association adjourned at 1:40 o'clock this afternoon, after selecting the officers and adopting a resolution leaving with the executive committee the advisability of changing the time of meeting from June to some time in the spring, preferably about Easter.

Following the officers chosen: President, Charles L. Coon, superintendent of the Wilson city schools; vice president, E. C. Brooks of Trinity college; secretary and treasurer, R. D. W. Conroy. Members of the executive committee: Miss Mary Graham, and H. B. Hall of Gastonia.

Committee on Platform. The report of the committee on platform was adopted; favoring the establishment of an auxiliary board to work in conjunction with the state board of education on all matters pertaining to educational work; favoring a constitutional amendment changing the terms of public school from four to eight months; the uniform selection of county superintendents and boards of education; uniform examinations of teachers and the establishment of farm schools in the counties. After this report was presented C. L. Coon arose and entered a protest against the present method of selecting the text books for the schools; he denounced the board of education as the proper ones for this to be left to. He wanted it in the hands of the teachers. He did not want the teachers committee to be a sub-committee;

PATTERSON NAMED FOR A THIRD TERM

His Tennessee Followers Condemn the Compulsory Prohibition Law.

Nashville, June 17.—The state convention which assembled in the auditorium yesterday in response to a call from the state democratic executive committee nominated Governor Malcolm T. Patterson for a third term as governor and former Governor Benton McMillan for the United States senate in opposition to Senator James B. Frazier. Nominations were also made for other state officers, including Supreme and Civil Appeal court judges.

The so-called independents, or anti-administration democrats, have already put a judicial ticket in the field, and it is expected that candidates for the other offices will be announced shortly. Senator James B. Frazier, who refused to enter the primary ordered by the state committee, has not yet announced whether he will run as an independent.

The convention was a largely attended and demonstrative one. Governor Patterson accepted his nomination for a third term before a crowd that packed the immense auditorium to suffocation, in a lengthy speech that evoked the wildest enthusiasm.

Resolutions adopted condemn the compulsory prohibition law, and declare for an amendment "wherein it affects the communities of Nashville, Chattanooga, Memphis and Fayetteville, and further pledge our party to the restoration to the people of these particular communities the right to control their own local affairs as they existed prior to the passage of that measure."

They declare against the unrestricted liquor traffic in the communities mentioned, and say "in the event these cities affected should conclude to take any action upon the laws adopted we favor the enactment of laws strictly regulating and controlling such traffic and we are unalterably opposed to the return to the open and unrestricted saloon in Tennessee."

The law prohibiting the manufacture of liquor in the state is condemned and its repeal pledged.

SCOTT'S ANTI-OPTION BILL SOON TO COME UP

Debate on the Measure Designed to Prevent Futures Trading Cotton May Begin Tuesday.

Washington, June 17.—It is expected the Scott anti-option bill, prohibiting futures transactions on the cotton exchange, will be called up in the house next Tuesday.

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CHURCH PROBLEMS AS TO EDUCATION

"Education in Relation to Christianization of National Life" Report Read.

A CATHOLIC BISHOP SENDS MESSAGE TO THE CONFERENCE

"Let There Be But One Flock and One Shepherd," He Quotes to the Members.

Edinburgh, June 17.—Today's features of the world missionary conference were the reading of a letter from Monsignor Monomelli, the Roman Catholic bishop of Cremona, Italy, and the presentation of the report of the commission on "Education in Relation to the Christianization of National Life." The communication from bishop was in response to a request for him to contribute a message. His reply was addressed to Sibus McBece, an American delegate.

"From the various churches and religious denominations into which you Christians are divided," the bishop said, "there arises a new unifying element, a noble aspiration, restraining too great impulsiveness, leveling dividing barriers and working for the realization of the one holy church through all the children of redemption. On this common ground, gentlemen, having your minds liberated from all passions or sectarian intolerances, animated on the contrary by Christian charity, being together into one focus the results of your studies, the teachings of experience, whether individual or collective, calmly carry on research and promote discussion. My desire for you is but the echo of Christ's words, which have resounded through the centuries: 'Let there be one flock and one shepherd.'"

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INDICTMENTS RUMORED AND MARKET DECLINES

Cotton Case, Pending Before the Grand Jury Several Weeks, May Develop Some News Soon.

New York, June 17.—Rumors that indictments had been found in the cotton case, which has been before the Federal grand jury here some weeks, caused a general liquidation in the cotton market this afternoon and old crop months broke to a net loss from 29 to 30 points from last night. The new crop eased off 10 to 11 points in sympathy but upon their renewal of support from bull leaders the market recovered several points of loss during later trading.

Judge Portlock Dead. Norfolk, June 17.—Judge William N. Portlock, for nearly two decades judge of the courts of Norfolk county, and a member of the last Virginia constitutional convention, died today.