

GOTCH SAYS THAT JEFFRIES WILL WIN IN 15 TO 20 ROUNDS

TEX RICKARD ANNOUNCES FINALLY THAT HE'LL REFEREE THE FIGHT

The Promoter Thinks the Match Will Net \$50,000—Practically All the \$50 and \$10 Seats Are Sold.

EVERYTHING QUIET TODAY AT THE TRAINING QUARTERS

Training Has Ostensibly Ceased—Bet-ting not Very Strong, but is Expected to Come up by Tomorrow.

RENO, Nev., July 2.—Training ac-tivities having ostensibly ceased in both the Johnson and Jeffries camps, Reno has settled down to await the big battle next Monday.

Large Bets Expected. At Tom Corbett's today it was announced that \$15,000 was placed on Jeffries 10 to 6.

Looks for Big Profit. Rickard believes the profits from the big battle will aggregate \$100,000.

All at Sea Over the Betting. New York, July 2.—Fred Brooks, who has placed thousands on previous championship fights, and handles the bulk of Wall street wagers on elections and flite events, says he is all at sea over the betting situation of the Jeffries-Johnson contest.

The biggest wager made locally so far is \$2,500 to \$1,400 on Jeffries.

Some Wagers are Being Placed at Even Money that Johnson will stay 18 rounds, but betting is reported not brisk.

Negress Will Pray for Johnson. Hutchinson, Kans., July 2.—A negro Holiness church has arranged for special services Monday afternoon to pray that Johnson may defeat Jeffries.

Three Others Injured in Fire Which Does Damage of \$200,000 in Oil Co. Store House.

St. Louis, July 2.—Captain Michael J. Lyons of the fire department was killed, and three other firemen were injured today in a fire destroying part of the Waters-Pierce company's store house.

THE WEATHER. Forecast until 3 p. m. Sunday for Asheville and vicinity: Continued unsettled weather, with probably showers tonight or Sunday.

RATE LAW IS NOT INTENDED AS CLUB

President Taft Has a Long Talk With Chairman Knapp Regarding the Railroad Rate Law.

POWER TO SUSPEND RATES TO BE USED ONLY IN EXTREME CASES

Knapp Went to Beverly at Request of President, Who Feels That Law is in Conservative Hands.

Beverly, Mass., July 2.—President Taft had a long talk yesterday with Chairman Knapp of the Interstate commerce commission regarding the administration of the new railroad rate law.

The Interstate commerce commission will not attempt to fix definite rates for the railroads and the power of a suspension will be applied only to rates when a preliminary hearing gives indication that they are excessive.

It can be authoritatively stated that it was never intended that the new law should be a club or that it should be the means of profit taking by "bears" in the market.

The new law is being "tried out" in the hands of a conservative body of men. It was at his request that Chairman Knapp came to Beverly yesterday.

MILITARY CAREER ENDED BY A CHEWING GUM FIB

Cadet Crear Tells Officer on Guard he is Not Chewing Gum, and is Dismissed.

Washington, July 2.—Chewing gum is responsible for the premature ending of the military career of Everett Charleston Crear of Albany, N. Y.

Late King's Esquary Weds Queen Mother's Maid.

London, July 2.—Count Albert Gleichen, one of the esquires of the late King Edward, and Sylvia Edwards, maid of honor to the queen mother Alexandra, were married today.

Dr. A. R. Chapman Dead.

St. Joseph, Mo., July 2.—Dr. A. R. Chapman, a widely known preacher of the Southern Methodist church, died today at his home, aged 84.



New York Herald and The Gazette-News.

HAS A LITTLE SHADOW OF HIS OWN

THEIR CONVENTION SATURDAY, JULY 30

Republican Precinct Meetings July 23 Some Wanted County Convention Later.

At a meeting of the Buncombe county republican executive committee in the republican congressional headquarters this afternoon it was decided to hold the county convention for the nomination of a complete county ticket and members of the general assembly Saturday July 30.

This decision was reached after some discussion among the members of the executive committee. Some of them, notably Col. Lusk, desired the convention to be held after the state convention, which meets August 10 in Charlotte, as they believed that then they would be in a better position to decide upon a county ticket in sympathy with the platform of the state convention.

Chairman Roland assured them, however, that the action of the state convention in all likelihood would be perfectly agreeable to all concerned.

BUSH FIRE LOSSES HEAVY

Canadian Northern Has Lost Many Cars and Buildings and Farmers Are Abandoning Homes.

Winnipeg, July 2.—The Canadian Northern railway announced that its loss this week by bush fires in the Itainy river district was 125 box cars, 30 depots, a station house, freight sheds and water sheds.

Norwegian Minister Dead.

Washington, July 2.—This government's condolences to the government of Norway over the death last night at White Sulphur Springs, Va., of O. G. G. Norwegian minister to the United States, were transmitted by Acting Secretary of State Wilson.

Restive Train Ditched.

Grand Rapids, July 2.—A Port-Macquette passenger train locomotive jumped the track today and the entire train was derailed. The baggage car was demolished and a baggage man injured.

Strike To Be Averted It Is Reliably Stated

Situation Between Southeastern Roads and Men More Favorable Than at Any Time Since Negotiations Began—Both Sides Made Concessions.

Washington, July 2.—At no time during the negotiations between the mediators, under the Erdman act, and the railway conductors and trainmen of the southeastern territory, has the situation been so favorable for an amicable adjustment as today.

After July 4 No One is To Be Permitted To See Him On Any Business At All.

Beverly, July 2.—After the celebration of a safe and safe Fourth of July a great silence will fall over Beverly. For ten days no one is to be permitted to see President Taft on any pretext of business.

HONORS AT OXFORD. Laurels Won Last Collegiate Year by Several American Holders of Rhodes Scholarship.

Oxford, England, July 2.—The following American Rhodes scholars were awarded honors for the past collegiate year: F. D. Metzger of Washington, first class honors in the school of jurisprudence; F. D. Griffiths of California; F. E. Hohnan of Utah; W. T. Stockton of Florida, second class; R. E. Blake of Tennessee and S. H. Bialock of Washington, third class; R. W. Burgess, third class in the school of mathematics.

Congressman Brownlow Reported Dying.

Knoxville, July 2.—Congressman W. P. Brownlow, representative of the first congressional district of Tennessee is reported dying at his home in Johnson City, Tenn. He has been ill several weeks.

Bank Closed, Incident.

Washington, July 2.—The First National bank of Birmingham, Mont., is closed by direction of the comptroller of the currency, because insolvent.

Martin Walsh Arrested.

Pawtucket, July 2.—Martin Walsh, wanted in connection with both the National City bank of Cambridge, Mass., was arrested this morning.

Military Aeronautic Maneuvers.

Ponza, France, July 2.—Military aeronautic maneuvers begin today. All types of dirigibles, aeroplanes and special balloons will be utilized.

TO OPEN CAMPAIGN FIRST OF AUGUST

Son of Judge Pritchard Among Those Who Will Speak in Behalf of Republicans of This District.

The republicans of the Tenth congressional district, will formally open their campaign about the first of August, and they expect some very prominent speakers, including Representative McKinlay of California, Representative Johnson of Ohio, and many local speakers of prominence among whom is George Pritchard, of Greenville, S. C., son of Judge Pritchard of this place.

Mr. Pritchard is a young lawyer, and has made quite a reputation as such. He will make a thorough canvass of the district in the interest of Mr. Grant's election.

WIROGRAPHS

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

Jefferson City, Mo., July 2.—Prosecuting Attorney Slate has developed no definite clues as to the persons who murdered Miss Anna Wendler and threw the body into the Missouri river Tuesday.

New York, July 2.—One woman died, and a man and woman are in Hackensack hospital seriously injured as a result of an automobile accident at Arcota.

F. J. Furnivall. London, July 2.—Frederick James Furnivall, eminent scholar and leader in the Christian socialist movement, is dead, aged 85.

General Robe Dead. San Diego, Cal., July 2.—Brigadier General Charles Franklin Robe, U. S. A., retired, died today suddenly of acute indigestion, aged 65.

Minnesota Prohibition Convention. Minneapolis, July 2.—J. F. Halberg is named candidate for governor by the Minnesota prohibition convention, and a partial list for other officers selected.

Appointed Department of State Solicitor. Washington, July 2.—J. Reuben Clark, Jr. of Utah is appointed solicitor of the department of state.

Twelve Hundred Section Men Strike. Savannah, Fla., July 2.—Twelve hundred section men with their families, covering the Delaware & Hudson system, have struck for more wages. The foreman want \$14 per month more and the section men 25 cents more per day.

Textile Association Concerned. Augusta, Ga., July 2.—With the largest attendance in its history, the Southern Textile association convened today. Prominent mill men from all sections of the south are attending. Charlotte and Greensboro have sent strong bids for the next convention.

Clericals and Aged Clericals Blaming. Morris, Spelt, July 2.—One man is killed and many are hurt the result of a collision between a passenger train and a freight train.

JUDGE ALLEN IS GIVEN MAJORITY

Democrats of Buncombe Held Their Convention Today, Good Feeling Prevailing Throughout Proceedings.

17.47 VOTES FOR JUDGE ALLEN AND 6.48 FOR JUDGE MANNING

Judge Merrimon Receives Complimentary Vote—County Instructs for W. T. Lee.

The Buncombe county democratic convention held at the court house here today got down to business shortly after 11 o'clock and organized with the selection of Haywood Parker as permanent chairman, and J. E. Swain as secretary.

In accepting the temporary chairmanship of the convention Haywood Parker made a short address in which he expressed the commendation of the spirit in which the candidates who were defeated in the primaries last Saturday took their defeat, and said the unsuccessful ones would work for the nominees of the party in November.

Convention in Detail. "Our republican friends," said Mr. Parker, "do not seem to understand the democratic party spirit, and attempted to give advice. Mr. Roland understood it to the extent that he knew that they were honorable men and would abide by the results and support the nominees."

"I tell you we have not got a waaking to contend with—the republican party in general in national offices and thoroughly organized in the county."

"If men who voted in the primaries are as enthusiastic in support of the candidates as they were in nominating them, they will be elected."

Mr. Parker in concluding said that he approved of the decision of the leaders in the Allen-Manning fight to cut out all speeches.

On motion the members of the democratic press were made secretaries of the convention, admiring in, and esteem for, Chief Justice Clark and Associate Justice Platt D. Walker, and instructing the Buncombe delegation to cast the solid vote of the county in the state convention for these two to succeed themselves.

Chairman Parker on motion of Judge Charles E. Jones appointed a committee on resolutions composed of Judge Charles E. Jones, L. M. Bourne, and R. M. Wells.

When the question of casting the vote for Judge Allen and Judge Manning for associate justice of the Supreme Court was taken up, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Buncombe county democratic party, in support of the nominees of the party in November, do hereby instruct their delegates to the state convention to vote for Judge Allen and Judge Manning for associate justice of the Supreme Court.

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