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FIVE AVIATORS

ERBSLOEH, THE GERMAN, AND COMPANIONS

DASH TO DEATH

A Quintet Victims of Ae- PROMPT DENIAL rial Experimentation-The Erbisloeh Dirigible Balloon Collapses.

CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT IS MATTER OF CONJECTURE

Bag Believed to Have Burst, on Account of Expansion of Gas in Sun -Bodies Were Badly Mangled.

collapsed today after a half an hour's flight, killing all its five cities reported that the German forfour companions were killed.

of several hundred feet and is denial. No such statement, an omdrooped to earth, a crumpled by that department or by any other

List of the Dead,

The dead are: OSCAR ERBSLOEH, Inventor. HERR TOELLO, manufacturer. ENGINEER KRANZ. ENGINEER HOEPPE. MOTORMAN SPICKE.

The craft was of the non-rigid type, 176 feet in length, its motors ere 125 horsepower and drove the almhip at a speed of 28 1/2 miles an

The war department recently pur chased one of Erbsioch's balloons. cture. It is believed the bursting of the bag was due to ex-The wreckage fell so heavily that the gondola was broken to bits. The

RULES FOR NEGOTIATING COTTON LADING BILLS

pose That Bills Be Guaranteed in This Country.

London, July 13.-The bankers appointed to inquire into the cotton trade situation have decided to propose that commencing in November American cotton bills of lading shall be negotiated only when guaranteed by an American banking institution. It is expected the proposal will be adopted after consideration at a gen-eral meeting of English and Continental bankers.

The committee made an investigation as a result of discovery at Liverpool last April of irregularities in bills of lading of American cotton.

ADVANCES IN FREIGHT RATES ARE NOT ALLOWED

Commission Orders Suspension Until an Inquiry into Reasonableness

Can Be Made.

Washington, July 13.-A suspension of the recent general advances in freight rates has been determined upon by the interstate commerce com-mission. These tariffs were to become effective August 1.

The proposed rates will be suspended until formal inquiry into their reasonableness is made.

GOTCH BELIEVES JEFFRIES WILL NEVER FIGHT AGAIN

As for Himself, the Weestling Champion, Is Satisfied With Honors Won on the Mat.

Dodge, In., Frank Gotch, the cham pion wrestler, to a reporter today em-phatically declared that he would not fisht Jack Johnson, the heart heavy-weight champion. He is satisfied, he mays, with the mat honors he has

Gotch gave the opinion that James. Jeffries would never fight again.

Compulsory Wireless Equip

MADE BY GERMANY

Emperor's Letter to Madriz Is Made the Basis, It Appears, of a Sensational Fiction.

Berlin, July 13-Germany has taken no stand in opposition to the United States in the affairs of Central and South America. Germany has issued no statement that could be construed into antagonism to the American government in what that government has EICHLINGEN, RHENISH done, is doing or may do in Nicaragua. PRUSSIA, July 13.—The This declaration was made at the Erbsloch dirigible balloon German foreign office yesterday afternoon. Special dispatches received here passengers. Oscar Erbsloch, eign office had issued a statement that the German aeronaut who won right on the part of the United States the international balloon race with other countries, Central and at St. Louis in 1907, and his South American countries in general and Nicaragua in particular."

When this report was placed before The balloon burst at a height the foreign office it was given emphatis denial. No such statement, an offilepartment of the government. He affirmed that no declaration of such a nature could be made because there was absolutely no necessity for that and that anything published in such a ense was pure invention.

German government officials ar greatly wrought up by the attempts nade to have this country appear in role of antagonism to the United States when on the contrary it has been the desire of the government to develop both the commercial and diplomatic relations with America. The present situation has resulted from the publication of a letter from William to Dr. Madriz, president of the de facto government of Nica-ragus. In several quarters apparently the significance of this letter has been misjudged and it became necessary in order that wrong construction might not be placed upon it, to issue a state ment through the foreign office, explaining that the letter was merely formal acknowledgement of a notice received of Madriz of his election to the presidency. This explanation was ac companied by the statement that Ger many had no intention of interfering in any way in Nicaraguan affairs and that the reported offer by Madriz of the coaling station to an European power if it would intervene in Nicara gua was not made to Germany.

COMPETITIVE DRILL FEATURE OF THE DAY

August Hermann of Cincinnati Elected Grand Exalted Ruler of the

B. P. O. Elks.

Detroit, Mich., July 13 .- Competiive drill of various lodge teams featured today's session of the grand

August Hermann of Cincinnati was elected grand exalted ruler. As the and evening. There were seven Gudlast stragglers reached the reunion headquarters the grand lodge went into executive session and a few minutes later the hundreds of delegates by acclamation proclaimed the new leader. Edward Leach, New grand treasurer, and P. H. Shields, Clarksburg, W. Va., grand tiler, were re-elected. The sharpest election test centered about the selection of a grand secretary. Fred C. Robinson of Dubuque, In., Incumbent, was opposed by David McArron of Port Huron and George D. Bostic of Grand Raylds, Mich. The largest vote ever east for an officer of the order, it is said, was polled in this contest, completely swamping for the time the lection committee. It resulted in

Robinson's election.

Additional elections are announced Additional elections are announced this afternoon, as follows:
Grand esteemed leading night—
James H. Keily of New Haven, Conn.;
grand estremed loyal knight, L. M.
Lively of Tallahassee; grand trustee,
Charles C. Schmidt of Wheeling, W.
Va.; grand inner guard, Joseph T.
Weish of Long Branch, N. J.

SHARP EARTHQUAKE SHOCK

Movement Continued Three Secon thoroughly Terrifying the Peo-ple of Munich, Bavaria.

Munich, Bayaria, July 13 .- A shar clock this morning. The movement ontinued for three seconds, thoroughly terrifying the people, who field The shock was felt in surrounding

Edward's Funeral Cost \$202,500

July 13 The clab

STORMY CONVENTION THE INDICTMENTS NOMINATES MR. GUDGER

He is Declared the Choice of 10th District Democrats on 5th **Ballot After Many Hours of** Noisy Wrangling.

RUTHERFORD COUNTY VOTE WAS CENTER OF THE STORM

Chairman Morphew Unable to Handle tne Convention-Disputes as to Parliamentary Proceedure a Feature of Gathering.

DOWDYISM and disorder-former Haywood county in bold, clarion tones termed it a "mob"-marked the closing hours of the Tenth district democratic convention which this from Washington and other American morning about 1 o'clock nominated J. M. Gudger, jr., of Asheville for

The most charitable thing that could be said about that convention and its chairman, Morphew of Mc Dowell county, would be to say nothing. The whole truth of the thing, however, is that neither the conven tion nor its chairman reflected any credit upon the democracy of the Tenth Congressional district. Crawford said in effect during his talk that the conduct of the convention was a disgrace, and many delegates on the floor of the convention pro nounced a similar verdict with reference to the chairman.

On the streets today there is little being talked save the convention. Men, grown gray in the service of the democratic party in western North Carolina; men who have voted the ticket for 40 years or more, declare without hesitation, regardless choice, that never before had they witnessed such an unruly, such a stubborn, such a disorderly conven-tion as that which adjourned this morning. They evidently spoke the truth. The state convention at Char-They evidently spoke the lotte two years ago, when several hundred delegates voted and shouted and sweated in an effort to nominate for governor their choice, was as child's play compared to that convention which assembled here yesterday at noon.

Made on the Fifth Ballot. The nomination of Mr. Gudger was made on the fifth ballot after the convention by a majority of several had sustained the chair that Rutherford county had no right to act as it pleased. In short, the convention sustained the ruling of Morphew, the although it was declared that the delegates were uninstructed, must and should vote the strength of the candidates as taken in the precinct meetings. That was a victory for the its vote and each time Mr. Gudger had lost. The chairman ruled that the delegation could not change its 40 votes of Rutherford county for Hon. Solomon Gallert, Rutherford county's choice for congress, and the finish was at hand. Mr. Gudger received his 17 and a fraction of a vote

from Rutherford and he was nomi-

Incidentally it is said that there were stirring scenes in the Rutherford section during the late afternoon ger delegates among the delegation for Mr. Gudger. They were in the minority but they stood to the rack. also some show of force. In fact one member of the delegation is today tion stood by what Mr. McBrayer said, carrying an arm in a sling. It is said but the chair was against their conthat a fight occurred and that he was tention and ruled that the vote could struck with a chair. All these things be changed only by a two-thirds vote occurred in the caucuses—behind closed doors—and the absolute facts are hard to get at. The convention hody was not acquainted with all that

took place.

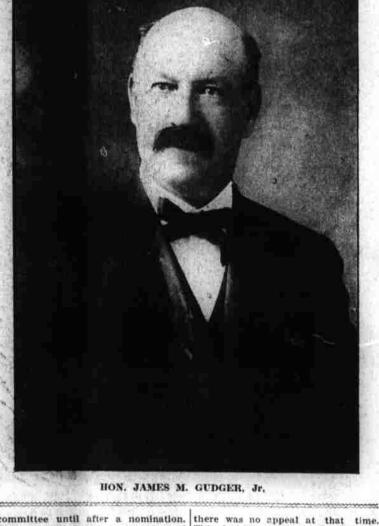
Mr. Gudger Lost on Early Ballots.

The convention after three unauc ballots adjourned near clock last night to meet again at 5 ock. Mr. Gudger had lost from first ballot until and including the third. The Hewitt and the Moore and the Cocke men were for continu-ing the balloting. A Gudger delegate moved that the convention adjourn, An aye and nay vote the put. There was a decided division. Many voted "aye" and many others voted "no." The delegates naturally thought that would be had and a vote taken. Not so. Chairman Morphew after advis-ing with some of the Gudger dele-gates declared the convention ad-journed until 9 o'clock and the "field"

and no recourse.

Convention Reassembles.

With the reassembling of the convention shortly after 8 o'clock it was



This suggestion was acceptable and This decision brought Judge Thomas for time, which was

The fourth ballot was taken amid great confusion. Many republicans were on hand to watch the proceedings and they appeared immensely pleased. Congressman Grant's private ascretary. Mr. Valentine, was in the convention as a looker-on and he the convention as a looker-on and he The convention simply resolved certainly secured much evidence that itself into a howling mob. That is will help Mr. Grant in the approaching campaign. In fact, Mr. Valentine took the proceedings, as far as he louder became the yells and the cat could, at least, in shorthand. There calls. were times when no man could be table demanding the right to be heard, much less the proceedings heard, was not heard. There were taken.

With the fourth ballot taken and Rutherford county casting 111/2 votes for Mr. Gudger instead of the 17 votes and s fraction on the first ballot, the vote was announced. Mr. Gudger received 144 and a fraction of a vote, Mr. Cocke 70 and a fraction and the other candidates a smaller vote.

The fifth and the last ballot of the convention was called for and during that ballot, in street parlance, "hbroke loose," The vote was taken with little change until Rutherford Gudger forces. Twice before the county was called, Rutherford de-Rutherford delegation had changed sired, according to its delegation, to cast 40 votes for Mr. Gallert. Scroop Styles, on the floor for Mr. Gudger, protested, The chair ruled that the protest must come from a and after a few seconds commanded member of the Rutherford delegation quiet. He roasted the action of the Seven members of that delegation then moved to the front and presented their contention. They were for Mr. Gudger and they protested against the casting of Rutherford's solid vote for Mr. Gallert. They claimed that as-representatives of Mr. Gudger they had the right under the plan of organization to vote Mr. Gudger's strength—17 votes and a fraction and said they proposed to do it. It vate secretary was taking just what was contended by other members or the delegation, however, including Mr. and they were here to cast the vote McBrayer, a white-haired citizen of that county, that Rutherford had gent no instructed delegation, that the con-There were heated discussions in that vention had simply selected delegates Rutherford delegation; there were and that Rutherford demanded the York, Rutherford delegation; there were and that Rutherford demanded the shields, caucuses and many votes. There was affairs. Other members of the delega-

> of the delegates representing Mr. Gudger or any other candidate. A State of Chaos. This ruling by the chair put the invention in a state of chaos. Therewere gladsome shouts from the Gudger supporters and hissed and cat-calls It was recognized of course that if this ruling was austained Mr. Gudger would unquestion-ably be nominated. Vigorous and hairman appeared absolutely bewil-

but the chair was against their con-tention and ruled that the vote could

"star chamber" sessions. "Let's have no whispered consultations," came from delegates on the floor. "If you have snything to say to the chairman address the chair from the convention floor." "Let's have a square deal": floor." "Let's have a square deal"; "clear the platform"; "tewer vice-chairmen" and other similar remarks were buried by delegates from the convention floor. The convention was in an uproar. The republicans in the

demand as a delegate to be heard. He claimed that an appeal from the chair to the convention was always in order; that the convention was the supreme body and that an appeal could lodged. The chair persisted in his ruling and denied to Rutherford delegates their demand of appeal. The noise and confusion became greater The what Mr. Crawford a few minutes la ter said about it. Louder and still Judge Jones, standing on the cries of "sit down;" "get out of the way;" there were other cries of "go "you have a right to be heard;" "they can't ram this thing down out All the time Mr. Valentine, Mr. Grant's secretary, was siter republicans in the hall looked on and smiled.

Mr. Crawfo "Bill" Then the giant form of crawford loomed large. The former representative of this district in congress moved toward the platform. The confusion if anything became greater. Mr. Crawford attempted to say few words from the platform on which the chairman was seated but his words were drowned. He was helped to the desk in front of the platform convention to a nice brown turn. He termed the convention a howling mob; a crowd of rowdies. He begged for peace and quiet in the name of God Almighty, the democratic party and common decency. He said that John Grant would give \$100 for every minute that such disorder continued and that Washington would pay the bill. In the meantime Mr. Grant's pri-Ar. Crawford said-and taking it in

Mr. Crawford spoke for several min utes. He said that the delegates had no right to break up the convention and to play into the hands of the 'enemy;" that such conduct as was going on in the convention hall was said that the convention was organcratic party and that if the chair did for direct nominations. wrong then the action of the chair was subject to appeal; that an appeal could be taken to the conven-

At this point Judge Jones arose and said that with all due respect to the chairman chair had refused an appeal and that it was on this poin that the delegates insisted that they had some right. Judge Jones declared that the chair in refusing to allow Vigorous and an appeal was Joe Cannon personi-

Mr. Crawford continuing said that dered. Several friends of Mr. Gudger Mr. Crawford continuing said that John Grant would give \$100 or minute for every minute of such proceeding and that Washington would pay the chairman. There were calls from the convention for a fair deal and no rolling of the chair but what could be the bill. He said that there was no ruling of the chair but what could be reviewed by the convention body. "Let me ask you in the name of God." said Mr. Crawford, "and In the name of the democratic party, and in the name of common decency that you get back to your places and transact the business of this convention in an orderly manner."

When Mr. Crawford had finished he would allow an appeal from the chair on the Rutherford vote, but that a ballot was then in progress. The chair ruled that the vote could not be changed except by a two-thirds majority of the delegates rep-iceenting any one of the candidates. The chair took occasion to call par-ticular attention to this ruling. J. C.

FOUND DEFECTIVE And Set Aside, in the Cases of Patten New Orleans Saloon Keeper Is Sho

et als.-Another Grand Jury Has Been Drawn.

New York, July 13,-Indictments by the federal grand jury in the United States Circuit court June 18, in the cases against James A. Patten, William P. Brown, F. B. Hayes, S. T. Harmon, C. A. Kittle, E. G. Scales, Morris Rothschild and R. M. Thompson, accused of conspiracy in restraint of trade in their cotton operations, it was learned today, have been found defective and were set aside as the result of pleas in abatement failed July 5 by each of the defendants sep arately, claiming that the indictments were not valid on the ground that the grand jury was not legally convoked. Another grand jury has been drawn

ROOSEVELT AND HUGHES HOLD LONG CONFERENCE

The Entire Pelitical Situation in New York Discussed, but no Details Are Divulged.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 13 .- Theodoore Roosevelt and Charles Hughes governor of New York, spent last evening at Sagamore Hill in their conference on New York state politics. They talked in secret and no word of the result was allowed to become known beyond the fact that the entire political situation in this state was taken up. Colonel Roose-A. Jones to the top of a table with a veit had said frankly on previous occasions, however, that the defeat of the direct nomination bill by the state republican organization would be one of the main topics of discussion. Whether the question of a republican candidate for governor came up is not known. Colonel Roosevelt will have more politicians at Sagamore Hill today, perhaps the most conspicnous of whom will be Timothy L.

Woodruff, chairman of the republian state committee. Refuses to Be Interviewed. Colonel Roosevelt, after a hard day n New York, motored home, reaching Sagamore Hill only a short time before the governor. Governor Hughes had dinner with the Roosevelts. Then he men withdrew to the colone!'s library, where they talked until far into the night. A delegation of corespondents went up the hill at 9 o'clock in the hope that Colonel Roosevelt or the governor would have something to say after their talk. The colonel sent out word that neither he ed. The colonel has made it clear that he will fight for the direct nom-

inations bill and J. A. Wordsworth, speaker of the state assembly, said with frankness when he called Colonel Roosevelt in New York that this bill was the one thing, which loomed up as a rock in the smooth sens ahead as he was pleased to paint the picture. The speaker's chat with the colonel

gave Roosevelt in advance of his talk with the governor a clear view of the attitude of the republican organization to the extent that the speaker represents it. The speaker said with a broad smile afterward that his position was unchanged and that so as he was concerned there would be no "sacrifice of principle,"

When Colonel Roosevelt came out of his office a little later he said: "I talked politics with the speaker. We discussed direct nominations. That is all I can say." It is supposed

therefore, that the governor and the ex-president went over this conference with the speaker in detail and mapped out tentatively the program announced in advance of taking steps unbecoming Christian gentlemen. He to force the platform when the republican state convention is held, a plank declaring without equivocation

The general opinion is that the first tangible result of the meeting between the colonel and Governor Hughes will not be made known until the initial steps in the program outlined by them is taken. On the other hand it is possible that the full plan will not be disclosed until the Saratoga conven-tion has been called to order.

Mr. Woodruff's visit today is awaited with interest, for he is one of the men with whom the colonel must reckon if he is to carry to a successful end his fight for a direct nominaidentified closely with Wadsworth and William Barnes, jr., leader of the republican organization of Albany county, and was opposed to the direct nominations bill. He will be the second of these three staunch organiza-

Fraternal Insurance Scandals.

Rock Island, Illa., July 13 .- Thirtech men, including several promi-nent politicians, were indicted today in connection with fraternal insur-ance scandals which were the subject of grand jury investigations.

Four Firemen Injured in Richmond

Richmond, July 13 .- Lieut, Reign

to Death, and His Daughter Kills His Slayer.

New Orleans, July 13.-Joseph Manzella, the Italian proprietor of a saloon and grocery at St. Philip and Decatur streets, today fell victim to so-called "Black Hand" society, but his death was avenged a few see ater when his 17 years old daughter shot and instantly killed the assassin as he attempted to escape.

Manzella has recently received many letters signed "Black Hand society," lemanding money. Shortly before noon an Italian called at the store demanding money as the society's representative. When ordered to leave the place he shot Manzella in the breast. As Manzella fell he drew a evolver firing at the assassin. Young Josephine Manzella rushed into the store and gave chase to the assassin, firing at him as she ran.

When the police arrived the girl was bending over the body of her father, weeping. The slayer lay in a gutter near the entrance, with three bullet wounds near his heart. The assassin was identified as Guiseppe Spennazzio, who came from Sicily re-

ROPKE AGAIN IN JAIL, HELD FOR \$25,000 BAIL

long expected and much heralded System of His Defalcation not Explained-He Probably Manipulated Individual Accounts.

> Louisville, Ky., July 13.-Admission that the shortage of August Ropke, defaulting assistant secretary of the Fidelity Trust company is "very large" was made at the trust company's offices yesterday.

Ropke's shortage is placed at about 150,000. His case was set for hearing before the grand jury October 6. The prisoner returned to jail in default of \$25,000 bail. The system employed by Ropke is also as yet unexplained, although it is generally supposed that the manipulated individual accounts. Ropke's operations were not confined to the stock market. Several years ago he bought a buildng in Evansville and converted it into a theater and office building at an expense of \$65,000. This venture, it is said, proved unsuccessful and he sold the building last week

TELEGRAPHS FOR A TENT

Only a Few Houses Are Left Standing in Fire Devastated Town of Campbellton, N. B.

Washington, July 13 .- With the entire town of Campbellton, N. B., swept by fire United States Consul Bolkins has telegraphed to the state department requesting that a tent be sent him for use as a temporary office. He said only a few dwellings were left standing in the devastated city of 5000 people.

A waste of smoking ruins extending for two miles and seven isolated build-ings, represented the town of Campbeliton and the near by village of Richardsville. Two lives were lost during the ten hours the fire raged. Five thousand residents of Camp-

beliton and 400 of Richardsville are homeless. One thousand buildings in Campbellton and 75 in the village were destroyed. The combined loss in both places is estimated at \$2,500,-000. The total insurance is \$1,000,

HOPLESS DEADLOCK; **CONVENTION ADJOURNS**

Special to The Gazette-News.

Newton, July 13.—The thirteenth district judicial convention became hopelessly deadlocked and adjourned 25. The 481st and last ballot for solicitor was Cline 43, Finley 55, Jones

THE WEATHER.

For Asheville and vicinity: Partis cloudy, with probably occas showers tonight or Thursday. For North Carolina: Partly cic with local showers tonight or Thurs day. Light to moderate south to southwest winds.

Strike Majority Espected.

Philadelphia, July 12.—The co-ing ballots cast by conductors trainmen of the Pennsylvania road east of Pittsburg, Eric and falo, on the strike propertion, continued today. It is said it votes have been cust. The