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DURHAMITES OFF TO CONVENTION

Led by Manager Foushee of Manning Camps

DEATHS FROM PELLAGRA

The Alarming Number of Cases of Pellagra is Causing Much Anxiety—Six Deaths in One Week from the Fatal Malady—Tuberculosis Exhibit at Durham—Equalizing Taxes and Other Developments of the Day in the Bull City.

HIS HEFTINESS TALKS POLITICS

With Two of His Cabinet Officers and Others

WICKERSHAM TO ALASKA

President Taft Held a Conference With Senator Crane, of Massachusetts, Secretary Nagel and Attorney General Wickersham—Then Expressed Himself to Be "Well Satisfied With General Political Conditions All Along the Line" Why Wickersham Goes to Alaska With Nagel.

HERRMAN ELECTED EXALTED RULER

Largest Elk Grand Lodge No Interference With U. S. in Nicaragua

ROBINSON IS SECRETARY

Edward Leach and P. B. Shields Both Re-Elected Grand Treasurer and Grand Tiler, Respectively—The Contest Over the Secretaryship Between Three Aspirants Was So Close That It Could Not Be Accepted Until the Vote Last Night Was Decisive Till Late.



NEW GRAND EXALTED RULER.

GERMANY DENIES THE UGLY REPORT

No Interference With U. S. in Nicaragua

THE DENIAL IS OFFICIAL

German Government Much Concerned Over Attempts to Make Kaiser Appear Antagonistic to Uncle Sam's Program in South America—Letter Written by Emperor William to Madrid, Which Was Only a Formal Acknowledging Receipt of Notice from Madrid of His Election to Presidency, Was Misinterpreted and Caused the Erroneous Report.

GREAT CROWD AT ATLANTIC HOTEL

Many People Prominent Socially Are There

AND PLEASURES GALORE

Largest Number of Guests in the History of the Famous Resort and Exuberantly Having Lots of Enjoyment in Various Ways—Dr. Battle's Splendid House-Boat Party—Sailing Parties—Military Ball Last Night—Mrs. Morton's Euche Party—Views to Camp Glenn—German Saturday Night.

WASTE OF SMOKING RUINS FOR MILES

Overwhelmed by Wind-Driven Holocaust

FIVE THOUSAND HOMELESS

Blaze Raged for Ten Hours—Two Acres Known to Have Been Burned Alive and the Property Loss Amounts Up to Over Two and Half Millions—On this There Was \$1,000,000 Insurance—Gravest. Fire in History of New Brunswick—Traffic Interrupted for 24 Hours Resumed.

ALABAMA REPUBLICANS

MEDDLERS WITH LIQUOR QUESTION, FAVORING A COMPROMISE—FEDDY IS WELCOMED BACK HOME AND TAFT IS "TRAISED," BUT FOR WHAT?

(By the Associated Press.) Birmingham, Ala., July 12.—The Alabama Republican convention here tonight nominated a full list of candidates for State offices, except for Justice of the Supreme Court. The ticket is as follows: Governor, J. O. Thompson, of Birmingham; Lieutenant-Governor, G. O. Chenail, of Lawrence county; Treasurer, J. F. Suterer, of Cullman; Attorney-General, Alexander C. Birch, of Birmingham; Auditor, John B. Shields, of Walker county; Secretary of State, Thomas Bingham, of Montgomery; Commissioner of Agriculture, B. B. Cox, of Mobile; Superintendent of Education, J. C. Walker, of Randolph; Railroad Commissioner, J. T. McHenry, of Houston, and Frank Lathrop, of St. Clair. The platform endorses the Chicago national platform and praises the administration of President Taft. It extends a warm welcome to Theodore Roosevelt to America once more. On State issues a compromise on the liquor question was inserted endorsing the action of the Montgomery conference and favoring repeal of the present laws if they are found unsatisfactory. Foolish Girl and the Bad Man. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., July 12.—Senator Robertson, aged 35, and Tom Wheeler, aged 30, of Petersburg, Va., who the police of this city were asked several days ago to look out for, were arrested today at the Union station here. The girl was sent to the House of Detention, and the man held at police station pending the arrival tonight of a detective from their home city, who took them back with him. They said they had not been married.

MIMIC BOMBS HIT MARK

GLENN CURTISS TOSSED ORANGES ACCURATELY FROM 200-FOOT ALTITUDE—WHAT NAVAL OFFICIALS SAY—PRIZES PAID.

(By the Associated Press.) Atlantic City, N. J., July 12.—Glenn H. Curtiss tossed oranges as mimic bombs within three feet of the decks of the yacht John B. Meherer II, on the water at Atlantic City, during the sham battle arranged this afternoon to demonstrate the utility of aeroplanes in coast defense. The mock "bombs" were dropped from a height of 190 feet, and Curtiss purposefully failed to strike the deck of the yacht for fear of injury to the officials and passengers gathered on her decks. Visiting experts agreed that the experiments showed that a fleet of aeroplanes armed with bombs of high explosives could wreck any warships before guns could be trained on them. The Meherer was offered as a mark for the trials after government officials had refused to assign a gunboat which would have been armed with cameras mounted on the gun sights to photograph the "hits" made when the guns were fired at the aeroplanes. Curtiss was flying about a hundred feet above the water, and he declared that he was within accurate distance for rifle fire less than a half minute. Walter Brookley's last flight here today was sensational, the aviator gliding his machine toward the ocean until his runners were submerged in a breaker. He rose safely and glided to the beach. Both Curtiss and Brookley also made exhibition flights over the ocean. Today's flights ended the meet. The prizes of \$5,000 each were presented to Brookley for breaking the altitude record and to Curtiss for establishing a fifty-mile American record over the sea course yesterday. Twenty-two flights were made during the ten days of the meet. PLUNGED OVER EMBANKMENT WITH 100 PASSENGERS. Baltimore, Cal., July 12.—Leaving the rails while traveling at high speed, a special train bearing 100 delegates from the East to the American Chemical Society Convention in San Francisco today plunged over an embankment near Metz, 30 miles south of Baltimore, killing the engineer and injuring four women passengers and five men. One of the women is severely hurt. All were taken to San Francisco in a special train.

PALLAGRA'S FIRST VICTIM IN RHODE ISLAND

By the Associated Press. Providence, R. I., July 12.—The dreaded disease Paliagra has claimed its first victim in this State in the death today of Wm. Riley, aged 55, an inmate of the State Alms House.

DEMOCRACY OF THE TENTH DISTRICT

CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION No Nomination Appeared to Be Possible at Midnight But Gudger Won Later By Majority of One

Democracy from the thirteen counties of the tenth congressional convention assembled here today to nominate a candidate for Congress, but so far their efforts have been unsuccessful. After taking three ballots in which E. M. Gudger, Jr., was in the lead, the convention adjourned at 8 o'clock to meet again at 9 o'clock tonight. Gudger, who lacked only about three votes of a nomination on the first ballot, lost on the succeeding two. This led here in years, and at times the utmost pandemonium and lack of order prevailed. With 143.1 votes necessary for a choice, the vote stood on the first ballot, Gudger 147.59, W. J. Cooke 5.42, Frank R. Hewitt 12.71, Walter E. Moore 25.14, Solomon Dallery 24.28. The second ballot resulted: Gudger 148.19, Cooke 64.27, Moore 24.15, Gallett 31.55, Hewitt 16.97. The third ballot resulted: Gudger 144.36, Cooke 86.25, Hewitt 11.74, Moore 24.17, Gallett 37.97. Gudger's loss was accounted for by Jackson going solid on the second and third ballots for Moore and Rutherford throwing more strength to Gallett. Early in the day it became evident that the convention would be long and that it became known that a contest would be brought in some of the counties and that ex-Congressman Crawford's interpretation of the Democratic plan of organization differed materially from the views held by Gudger and for that reason would not preside.

SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF ONE AND HALF PER CENT DECLARED—CONDITIONS UNDER PRESENT MANAGEMENT CONSIDERED SATISFACTORY

(Special to News and Observer.) Atlanta, Ga., July 12.—The directors of the A. & N. C. Railroad met here today at the Atlantic Hotel and declared a semi-annual dividend of one and a half per cent, payable on the 15th of the month. Besides President Forebee, the directors present were Messrs. Wood, Foy, Chadwick, Bagley, Tapp, Granger, Creech and Richardson. Resolutions of respect to the memory of the late director and former president, J. W. Granger, who was succeeded by his son, W. H. Granger, were adopted. Conditions under the Norfolk Southern management were considered satisfactory. OPTIMISTIC LABOR LEADER. Says He Believes Next Congress Will Be Favorably Disposed Toward Labor Legislation. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., July 12.—"I believe the next Congress will have a majority of members favorably disposed toward the legislation advocated by organized labor," said Secretary Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor today in discussing the political program of that body. He said the Federation was in touch with every State in the union, and in response to requests from local central labor bodies was furnishing information as to the attitude of candidates on the labor measures. This record, he said, shows how members of Congress who are up for reelection voted on legislation in which labor was interested. New men entering the field are asked how they stand on the proposition, and their replies are incorporated in the information furnished the Central Labor bodies. The voters are apprised of the views of the candidates by the local unions and then, he said, the question as to how their ballot shall be cast is up to the voters. The Federation is advocating the election of members of labor unions to the State legislatures, he said. Such candidates, receiving the endorsement of the Federation, promise to attend the meetings of a labor group to consider measures of interest to the workman and to abide by the decisions of this group, irrespective of party. The labor group will be composed of labor members of the State senate and houses.

MUCH HERALDED CONFERENCE TOOK PLACE LAST NIGHT—ALSO TALKED WITH SPEAKER WADSWORTH ABOUT DIRECT NOMINATIONS.

(By the Associated Press.) Chester Bay, July 12.—Theodore Roosevelt and Chas. E. Hughes, Governor of New York, spent the evening at Sagamore Hill in their long expected and much heralded conference on the question of direct nomination. The Speaker of the New York Assembly, who was present, said that the defeat of the direct nomination bill by the Republican State organization would be one of the main topics of discussion. Whether the question of a Republican candidate for Governor came up is not known. Col. Roosevelt will have more politicians at Sagamore Hill tomorrow, perhaps the most conspicuous of whom will be Timothy L. Woodruff, chairman of the Republican State Committee. Col. Roosevelt has made it clear that he will fight for the direct nomination bill, and J. W. Wadsworth, Speaker of the State Assembly, said with frankness when last called on by Col. Roosevelt in New York today that this bill was the one thing which loomed up as a rock in the smooth seas ahead, as he was pleased to paint the picture. The Speaker's chat with the Colonel gave Col. Roosevelt in advance of his talk with Governor Hughes 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 far as he was concerned there would be no "sacrifice of principle." When Col. Roosevelt came out of his office a little later, he said: "I talked politics with the Speaker. We discussed direct nomination. 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 tonight and mapped out tentatively the program announced in advance to taking steps to force into the platform when the Republican State Convention is held, a plank declaring without equivocation for direct nominations. Mr. Woodruff's visit tomorrow is awaited with interest, for he is of the men whom the Colonel must reckon if he is to carry to a successful issue his fight for a direct nomination bill.

A. & N. C. DIRECTORS MEET HUGHES AND ROOSEVELT

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