

THE GRAY EAGLE WITH GOVERNORS WENT ASHORE

Taft Ahead of Fleet The Boat Carrying Twenty-Six Governors Goes Aground on Mississippi—Both Behind the Schedule on Trip.

PRESIDENT VERY HOARSE

Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 27.—The steamer Gray Eagle, of the presidential fleet, carrying a party of governors, went aground tonight on a bar in the Mississippi.

Helena, Ark., Oct. 27.—President Taft's river schedule went all to pieces today, owing to the inability of the vessels following his flagship, the Oleaner, to maintain the designated speed.

Leaving Memphis an hour and a half late this afternoon, the Oleaner had to go forward at top speed to reach Helena at 8 o'clock, two hours behind schedule time.

It had been intended that the President should be welcomed to Arkansas by Gov. Donaghey, but the governor's boat was an hour behind.

J. R. WALSH SELLS ROADS

Chicago, Oct. 28.—Facing the possibility of being placed behind prison bars tomorrow, John R. Walsh today made final arrangements which will not only insure the payment of his debts, but will leave a handsome competence for himself.

With the money paid for this option, said to be \$100,000, Mr. Walsh tomorrow will pay the interest on the note of \$7,121,857, held by the clearing house banks, which amounts to \$71,121, and will then have three months to close up the details of the transfer of his properties.

Government officials were alert when they discovered that Mr. Walsh had practically closed the deal, and redoubled their efforts to prevent his possible escape.

They Saw Man Whirl in Air

New York, Oct. 28.—Two men standing at the base of the Sedwick avenue arch of Washington Bridge saw a man's body turning in the air as it sped downward from the bridge to the roadway shortly after 5 p. m. yesterday.

Peter Ward of 1121 Lind avenue and James Gallo, who keeps a fruit stand under the arch, caught sight of the body after it had fallen more than half the total distance of about 145 feet from the bridge to the ground.

The man had removed all papers from his pockets which led to identification, but his watch lob was smashed with the fall.

MEMORIAL SERVICE BY RED MEN

Takes Place Sunday Afternoon at Opera House—All Invited.

Next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock the improved Order of Red Men will hold a memorial service in memory of their dead that have passed away during the past ten years.

Invocation: Choir. Roll call of deceased members. Tribute: By Sachem. Music: Quartette. Eulogy of deceased members. By Chief N. L. Simmons. Selection: Choir. Exercises: Stump chiefs and members.

OYSTER ROAST JUDGING DAY

Tuesday, November 10, to Be Memorable in Washington.

The committee on ways and means for providing barbecue on Corn Judging Day, met at the Chamber of Commerce hall yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mr. Jean Potter, representing the Norfolk and Southern, came from Norfolk to meet with the committee to let them know what the Norfolk and Southern were expected to do.

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MCCARREN ESTATE \$50,000

New York, Oct. 27.—State Senator Patrick H. McCarrren's will, signed October 15, on his deathbed, has not yet been filed for probate, but close friends said tonight that it leaves the entire estate to his mother, who is 84 years old.

In Charge of the Young Men

The Young Men's Christian League will have charge of the services at the First Methodist Church this evening. The subject for discussion will be "What Can I Do to Help?"

Caused Them. His fall was much enjoyed. All are cordially invited to be present this evening.

OWN SISTERS VICTIMS OF HIS TRIPLE MURDER

Crime Was Planned McMahon Admits He Killed Two of His Kin and His Brother-in-Law—Shot All of the Victims Repeatedly.

HELPED POLICE IN SEARCH

Kansas City, Oct. 29.—After having worked side by side with the police for seven days in their hunt for the slayer of Miss Rose McMahon, Mrs. Alonzo Van Royen and Alonzo Van Royen, victims of an atrocious murder, James McMahon, a brother of the two women, confessed yesterday afternoon that he himself was the murderer.

While the murder was unique in its exposition of feuds and the victims being shot repeatedly after they had fallen dead—the behavior of McMahon during the week since the discovery of the triple tragedy on the little farm five miles from this city has been extraordinary for a man tortured with the thought of the crime.

Time and again he has gone over the scene of the crime with the detectives, never faltering in his original story that a strange man dressed as a laborer whom he saw the night of the murder scurrying away from the house must have done the shooting.

The first suspicion attached itself to McMahon when it was discovered that the Van Royen homestead showed no signs of having hurriedly been searched, although \$500 and more jewelry was stolen. A further deduction to his victims was drawn from the fact that Mrs. Van Royen was shot three times, her sister six times and Van Royen six times.

When McMahon offered a reward of \$500 for the murderer suspicion pointed toward him more strongly. He had never possessed \$500 before. In his confession today he admitted that he had stolen the money from his dead sister's cupboard savings.

"Yes, I killed my two sisters and my brother-in-law, and I was crazy when I did it," he finally confessed today. "It took me three months to plan it."

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SMALL SUPPER PARTY

Mrs. Nathaniel Harding gave a small supper party.

Mrs. John G. Hoag, Jr. A dozen or so members of the family and friends only were invited.

PRINCE ITO'S BODY GUARDED

Will Be Given a State Funeral November 4—Honors of the Highest.

Tokyo, Oct. 27.—The body of Prince Ito, the murdered elder statesman of Japan, will be taken aboard the Japanese warship Iwato at Dairen, the coffin covered by a simple white pall. Guards surround the hotel.

The warship will arrive at Yokosuka November 2, when the body will be removed to the prince's late residence. A state funeral such as, with three exceptions, has never been given for other than a prince of the blood, will be held on November 4.

Emperor Amazed by Crime. Those closest to the throne say that the emperor is deeply affected by the assassination of the prince. He has asked for every detail, and apparently is unable to understand why the murder was committed.

The assassin probably will be tried at Dairen. Nine alleged accomplices have been arrested, and it is believed that the investigation will show that the plot was hatched at Seoul.

No Change in Policy. The leading statesman of Japan asserted that the death of Prince Ito will not affect the avowed policies at home and abroad.

Honolulu, Oct. 27.—The Korean Patriotic League has issued a circular expressing satisfaction at the assassination of Prince Ito. It says: "Now is the time for our 20,000,000 people to secure their independence. It is dead. He brought to our country the rule of the Japanese and enslaved the people."

National Chairman Picks Out Gaynor

Washington, D. C., Oct. 28.—Norman E. Mack, of Buffalo, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, who arrived in Washington yesterday, after a short stay in New York and a careful sounding of the relative chances of the major candidates, says that it looks more and more like a Gaynor victory.

According to Mr. Mack, Hearst will draw outside of his personal support, largely from the Republican vote, and little, if any, from the Democratic party.

Mr. Mack denied the report that, by the publication of Gov. Harmon's recent speech in Texas in his paper, the National Magazine, he had repudiated Bryan as a future candidate of the party.

"It is too early in the game to make any prediction," he said, "and as chairman of the national committee, I can hardly go on record as a supporter of any prospective candidate. Harmon and Marshall are both big men in the party, and their names undoubtedly will come up for the consideration of the next convention."

The Chain Gang Is Composed of 37 Convicts

Deputy Sheriff C. E. Ricks returned from Plymouth yesterday afternoon on the Norfolk and Southern with two prisoners, convicted in Washington county. They are to join the chain gang of this county.

When a man will write long letters to a woman they aren't married yet.

THE RIVER STILL RISING AND POOR ARE STARVING

Damage \$5,000,000 Dispatches From San Juan, Batavia, Says the Grijivlia River is Still Rising and Villages Are Being Destroyed.

MANY HOMES ARE LOOTED

Mexico City, Oct. 28.—A special dispatch from San Juan Batulista says that the Grijivlia river at that point is still rising and the poor in that city and throughout the flood region are starving owing to the impossibility of sending out provisions.

Reports from Huima Guillo are to the effect that the Mesacalapa river is slowly receding, but the north part of the town is yet inundated.

Tenosique, Usamacinta, Estapilla, Cerro and Carmen are all flooded and the inhabitants have taken to high lands in boats. Crops are a total loss in this region.

Petty thieves have taken advantage of the situation and many homes have been looted.

Timber Decay Costs Millions

Millions of feet of timber and finished lumber rot every year in railroad ties, bridges, trestles, piers, farm buildings, fences, poles, and mine props.

Wood decay is caused by fungus, a vegetable growth sometimes so small that it can be seen only with the microscope.

The United States government considers the investigations of the preservative treatment of timber of such importance that the business of one office of the United States Forest Service, that of Wood Preservation, with new headquarters at Madison, Wis., is given over entirely to the work of experiments in co-operation with railroad companies and other corporations and individuals in prolonging the life of railroad ties, mine props, bridge timbers, fence posts and transmission poles.

The lengthening of the life of timber means the savings of thousands of dollars annually through doing away with the heavy expense of labor and cost of material for renewals.

Opening Meeting Woman's Society Held Yesterday

Yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock the first meeting of the Women's Missionary Society, Roanoke Association, was held in the Baptist Church on Market street.

On motion, the visiting sisters were given full privileges as members of the convention—committees were appointed, officers elected, and other matters of importance transacted.

The meeting adjourned until 3:30 with song and prayer by Mrs. Sullivan.

HER AMERICAN HUSBAND COMING

Will Be First Attraction of Lyceum Course Next Tuesday Night.

The first attraction of the Lyceum course at the school auditorium will be next Tuesday evening, November 24, being the Cluxton Musical Comedy in the famous musical comedy, "Her American Husband."

Supported by a group of good players and singers, Walter Cluxton, who has starred in a number of leading plays on the American stage, will present at the school auditorium next Tuesday night, the musical comedy, "Her American Husband," written especially for him by George Totten Smith and Richard Legrand.

Cluxton is probably the most prominent man in his line that has ever appeared in Washington. He has played leading parts in New York and other large cities with Miss Nance O'Neill, Miss Margaret Wycherly and Miss Henrietta Crossman, and sang the principal baritone role in the all star cast of the celebrated "Piff, Paff, Poff," the big Casino success in New York city.

The management of the season's course of attractions have used the utmost care in the selection of an unusually fine series, the finest given in any town in the South of this size, and their efforts should be appreciated, and our people avail themselves of this opportunity to see and hear the best things ever brought to Washington, for the price usually charged for ordinary attractions.

By purchasing a season ticket, a reserved seat is secured for each of the attractions, at the low cost of fifty cents, whereas those who fail to take season tickets must pay seventy-five cents or one dollar for one performance, and fifty cents for general admission.

None of those who are members of Cluxton's company are amateurs of cheap artists—His own prominence insures the merit of his supporting company, as one who has made a national reputation as he has, would not now risk that reputation by an inferior production under his name.

Reserved seats must be secured and will be ready at Brown's drug store on next Monday morning, at 3 o'clock. Holders of season tickets have only to produce their tickets in order to reserve their seats, and those who wish seats for this particular attraction, and who have not bought season tickets, can procure seats at seventy-five cents.

Season tickets can still be obtained from any of the teachers or the superintendent of the graded school.

THE GREATEST SEA FIGHTER FOR THE U. S. NAVY

Ready For Commission Battleship Delaware, the Original Dreadnaught's Superior—In Appearance She Differs From Ordinary Type.

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The Delaware is the most powerful fighter afloat, outclassing the British Dreadnaught. In appearance she differs from the ordinary type. The forward deck is uncommonly high and broad, calculated to keep the heaviest seas from dashing over the bows and making it possible to fire the guns in the forward turrets when the ship is running at full speed in a storm.

Two-axle skeleton masts set off her superstructure in place of the steel tube masts in use in other ships. The new type is made of small steel tubes and steel wire cables. Tests in Hampton Roads proved that it was impossible to shoot the masts away. She is equipped with two submerged torpedo tubes. She has a water line armor belt from stem to stern eleven inches thick along the engine room, fire room and magazine spaces and stepped down at bow and stern.

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A. G. ALLEN'S MINSTRELS HERE. A genuine old-fashioned Southern minstrel show by real Southern darkies. Allen's big minstrel under canvas tonight.

This is the first minstrel company in the United States to appear under canvas. Mr. Allen is the originator of the idea. The interior of his tent is arranged with a mammoth stage and scenery, the same as an opera house, but of course on a much larger scale.

NOTICE. All firms and others from whom purchases may be made by any municipal department of the City of Washington, are hereby notified to only furnish such supplies upon presentation of regular form of requisition from heads of such departments or officials of the city.

NO SERVICE SATURDAY NIGHT. There will be no preparatory services at the Methodist Church Saturday evening, but Sunday the Union services will begin in earnest and will continue through next week and possibly longer.

New Advertisements in Today's News. W. M. Kear—Real Estate. Jas. E. Clark Co.—Hostery. J. K. Hoyt—Comets. J. H. Harris Plumbing & Supply Co.—Coke's Hot-Blast Stoves.

Union Grocery Co.—Oysters. H. B. Mayo & Co. Wm. Bragaw—Insurance. Ricks' Candies. Gowans' Preparation. Paul-Gale-Greenwood Co., Nor. Folk-Jewelry. Lorraine Hotel, Norfolk.

J. L. O'Quinn, Florist, Raleigh. The meeting adjourned until 3:30 with song and prayer by Mrs. Sullivan.