

CONCLAVE OF CARDINALS MEETS TO ELECT NEW POPE

Said to be Largest Gathering of High Prelates in the History of the Roman Catholic Church.

Sixty-Two Cardinals, and More Than 200 Clericals Are Imprisoned in the Vatican at Rome.—Much Interest.

Rome, July 31.—Midnight.—The largest conclave in the history of the Catholic church has assembled in the Sistine chapel for the purpose of electing a successor to Leo XIII. Sixty-two cardinals, with over 200 clerical and lay attendants, are to all intents and purposes, prisoners within the vatican.

Dr. Lapponi's duties began immediately after the opening of the conclave, much fear being expressed concerning the health of Cardinals Mocenni, Cretoni and Langenieux, who are already ill.

Tomorrow morning the cardinals will enter upon the solemn duty of choosing the new Pope by ballot. The general impression exists that within two or three days possibly, though not probable tomorrow, a new Pope will be chosen.

The rival claims of the leading Italian cardinals, so frequently ventilated in the local press, are matters which are all important in connection with the decision of the conclave.

More interesting, perhaps in a certain way is the impression which prevails in certain sections that, no matter what the verdict of the conclave may be, great changes are impending in the policy of the vatican and that within a year or two the new Pope will no longer consider himself a prisoner in the vatican.

"I am not so sure," said the cardinal, to the representative of the Associated Press, "that the public attacks on Cardinal Rampolla by the government are not inspired with a view to working up among Catholics and cardinals a spirit of enthusiasm for him which might greatly increase his chances of election."

Before entering the conclave Cardinal Gibbons requested the Associated Press to deny all interviews alleged to have been given out by him while in Rome and also all published accounts of conversations he is alleged to have had with private individuals referring especially to the statements of the Italia yesterday to the effect that he had criticized the policy of Rampolla.

Missing Fisherman's Ring Has An Interesting History.

The ring of the fisherman, which is said to have been stolen from the hand of the dead Pope Leo, and which is nowhere to be found in the Vatican, was the official seal used by the Pope in all his personal documents and private letters.

THREE ARE DROWNED; MANY INJURED

TO SEE AN ARMLESS MAN SWIM ACROSS RIVER

Bridge Collapsed While Hundreds of Spectators Were Watching Clarence Lutz Swim.

Portland, Ore. July 31.—While hundreds of people stood on the Morrison street bridge today to see Clarence Lutz, an armless man, swim across the Willamette river, a section of the bridge collapsed, precipitating more than one hundred people forty feet into the river.

Many fell on two small house boats moored to a pier of the bridge immediately under the spot where it gave way.

Every ambulance in the city, several fire companies and a large force of police arrived within a few minutes and victims with broken arms and legs were hurried to the hospitals.

The bridge is an old wooden structure, having been built 16 years ago, and has been considered unsafe for some time, although it was not condemned.

HERE IS THE PRIZE

La Cross, July 31.—Wm. Renz went fishing last night in the Mississippi and hooked a large catfish. The fish gave battle and Renz, unwilling to let go, was drawn into the river and drowned.

FLOOR TO BE RAISED IN THE AUDITORIUM

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AUDITORIUM CO.

Was Held Yesterday and Contractor Tennent Will Begin Work at Once

Yesterday at noon was held a meeting of the executive committee of the Auditorium company in the office of Secretary Randolph for the purpose of making final agreements as to the work to be done in changing the floor in the Auditorium.

All of the plans were carefully gone over by that committee and after a short discussion Contractor Tennent was asked to get ready as soon as possible to begin the work of raising the floor.

Mr. Tennent did not know exactly what day he could begin the work, but will probably commence on the job next week.

QUARRYMEN STRIKE

Fifteen employes at the rock quarry of the Asheville and Craggy Mountain railway went on a strike yesterday afternoon. Their grievances seem to be of a varied character.



It's An Ill Wind That Blows Nobody Good.

WAS STABBED FOR PIECE OF CHICKEN

JOHN BROWN WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED BY MULATTO WAITER.

Men Quarrelled Over The Proper Disposition of The Feathered Delicacy.

Enraged because a piece of chicken was stolen from him, John Reed, a mulatto waiter at the Battery Park hotel plunged a knife repeatedly into the breast of John Brown, a negro dish washer in the kitchen of the hotel about nine o'clock last night.

A gaping wound opens into one of Brown's lungs and there are other wounds on his body where his assailant had stabbed him with a pocket knife.

After the deed Reed rushed halfway down the back way to Haywood street where he seized a hat from another waiter and went down Walnut street and escaped, although the police went after him as soon as they were notified.

Reed had laid aside a piece of chicken and when he found it gone he accused Brown and because some one laughed he drew his knife and attacked Brown.

BRIEF IN CONTEST CASE IS COMPLETED

BY THOMAS SETTLE FOR THE CONTESTANTS AND IS NOW BEING PRINTED

Thomas Settle yesterday completed his brief on the evidence in the contested election case of Moody against Guderger which involves the right of representation from this district in the next Congress and it is now in the hands of the printer.

TENNESSEE CITIES LEAD IN INCREASE

NASHVILLE IS FIRST WITH A PER CENT OF 49.6

Knoxville is a Close Second With But a Slight Difference, Less than Two Per Cent.

New York, July 31.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet, shows the bank clearings at the cities named for the week ended July 31, with the percentage of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year.

Table listing Tennessee cities and their bank clearings: Nashville (\$1,295,818,317; 49.6%), Knoxville (\$152,949,104; 3.8%), Memphis (\$1,153,723; 2.8%), Philadelphia (\$115,909,662; 2.5%), St. Louis (\$45,096,304; 2.3%), Pittsburgh (\$48,219,128; 2.2%), Baltimore (\$20,335,171; 2.1%), San Francisco (\$3,054,996; 1.9%), Cincinnati (\$21,542,800; 1.7%), Kansas City (\$2,755,133; 1.4%), New Orleans (\$1,338,585; 1.3%), Louisville (\$9,262,558; 1.1%), Savannah (\$2,142,542; 1.0%), Denver (\$4,339,029; 1.0%), Richmond (\$4,471,520; 1.0%), Memphis (\$2,294,351; 1.0%), Washington (\$3,128,361; 1.0%), Fort Worth (\$2,774,369; 1.0%), Atlanta (\$1,852,093; 1.0%), Norfolk (\$1,398,230; 1.0%), Augusta (\$593,968; 1.0%), Nashville (\$2,080,475; 1.0%), Birmingham (\$1,155,108; 1.0%), Macon (\$474,000; 1.0%), Little Rock (\$794,512; 1.0%), Knoxville (\$946,941; 1.0%), Lexington (\$424,641; 1.0%), Chattanooga (\$519,708; 1.0%), Jacksonville (\$298,427; 1.0%), Galveston (\$5,360,000; 1.0%), Houston (\$12,092,504; 1.0%), Totals United States (\$2,058,207,129; 1.0%), Totals outside of New York (\$762,338,812; 1.0%), Dominion of Canada—

WHO STOLE WEBER'S \$5,000 DIAMONDS?

ROBBERY ENTER CHICAGO JEWELRY STORE WHILE IT IS CROWDED

They Raise Flooring and Secure \$5,000 Tray of Shiners From the Window.

Chicago, July 31.—While the jewelry store of Louis Weber at Clark and Harrison streets was full of customers tonight, robbers entered the basement of the place and cutting holes through the floor, raised the platform between the outer and inner show windows and stole two trays of diamonds valued at \$5,000.

The robbery created the greatest excitement. The police who were notified came in large numbers. Every station was watched and telegrams sent to all the neighboring towns to head off the flight of the robbers.

WASHINGTON IS FREELY UPHELD

Tuskegee, Ala., July 31.—A resolution was adopted today by the Alabama State Negro Baptist convention, in session in this city, severely condemning the attack made upon Principal Booker T. Washington, of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, during his address at Boston last night.

BRADSTREET SEES MORE PROSPERITY

New York, July 31.—Bradstreet tomorrow will say: Weather, crop and trade conditions are seasonably favorable, though irregularity and weakness in some staples prices reflect readjustments of consumption to enlarged production.

POST OFFICE OFFICIALS INDICTED BY GRAND JURY

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH CO.

RAISES THE IRE OF THE NEW ORLEANS COTTON EXCHANGE By Requiring Its Signature to a Certain Form of Contract—Strong Resolutions Passed

New Orleans, July 31.—At a general meeting of the New Orleans Cotton exchange held this afternoon the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

"Whereas, the commercial news department of the Western Union Telegraph company has notified this exchange that unless it signs a certain contract for New York quotations by or before July 31st, the service thereof will be stopped; and

"The New York cotton exchange has confirmed the notice of the Telegraph company; and

"The said contracts give the Telegraph company or the New York Cotton exchange the right to stop said quotations without cause and without notice at any time they or either may choose so to do; and

"The New York Cotton exchange requires this exchange to sign an application certifying that we had not and would not countenance bucket shops, or in other words, that we are not and will not become a gambling institution; and

"The New York Cotton exchange refuses to treat with us as an exchange and insists that we must have all negotiations regarding their quotations with the Telegraph company subject to their approval; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That this exchange refuses to sign the contracts offered; That we refuse to negotiate other than with the New York exchange direct;

"That we are willing to co-operate with the New York exchange in any and all measures for the suppression of bucket shops and to sign any agreement in reason direct with said exchange provided it is of a nature that does not require us to forfeit our self respect;

"Resolved, That we ask the New York Cotton exchange as a sister exchange to meet us in this matter and to treat with us as it does with Liverpool, as an exchange direct, and not to place us in a false position before the people of the world.

"Resolved, That we deplore the present situation, but insist that it is entirely due to mistaken views of the New York Cotton exchange which is requiring of this exchange to subscribe to conditions that are impossible, except at the sacrifice of our dignity and self-respect.

Latest Developments of Government Investigation Cause Much Excitement.—Machen Plays Star Role.

Grand Jury Has Not Yet Completed Work and More Indictments May Follow.—Heavy Bonds Furnished.

Washington, July 31.—The postoffice investigation developed more excitement today, the federal grand jury returning seven indictments, involving nine persons for alleged conspiracy and bribery, in connection with postal affairs.

August W. Machen, for many years the head of the free delivery service, was named jointly with others in four of the indictments. The other men were Wm. Gordon Crawford, who was deputy auditor for the postoffice department from June 12, 1893, to September 15, 1897, and is a member of one of the exclusive clubs of Washington; Leopold J. Stern of Baltimore; George E. Lorenz, of Toledo, formerly a prominent government official, and Martha J. Lorenz, his wife; John T. Cupper, mayor of Lock Haven, Pa.; Wm. C. Long, an Ohio man, who is an intimate friend of Machen; Maurice Runkel, of New York city, and Thomas W. McGregor, a protégé of Machen, who was a messenger at the beginning of Machen's administration of the free delivery service, and in recent years has been in charge of supplies for the rural free delivery service.

Crawford voluntarily appeared in court soon after the indictments were returned and furnished \$10,000 bail, and McGregor likewise gave \$5,000 bail. Long was arrested at his home, where Deputy Marshal Springman found him in bed. He was released on \$10,000 bail. His was the only case in which a bench warrant was issued, owing to the voluntary action of the others indicted. Machen was not re-arrested under new indictment, as he gave bonds in \$20,000 under his indictment several weeks ago, and the authorities felt that this was sufficient to insure his appearance.

Warrants have been issued for the out of town parties indicted and their arrest expected within the next 24 hours. The grand jury has not completed the work laid before it by the postal investigators, and other indictments may be expected later on, possibly within a week or two. It is understood that two additional cases against one of the parties indicted today, a former prominent bureau official, are being inquired into by the grand jury and that the acts of another former high official of the postoffice department already under indictment by the Brooklyn grand jury are being investigated.

CONTRACT TO PAINT Y. M. C. A. BUILDING

The contract was yesterday given Bean & Guy, painters, to do the painting on the new Y. M. C. A. building.

The contractors will begin work by finishing in antique oak and outside works to be painted and finished with ivory white.

COMPLAINT MADE ON ASSESSMENT

(Special to The Citizen) Raleigh, N. C., July 31.—Julius C. Martin and H. W. Phummed today went before the state tax commission concerning assessment of Asheville Electric company properties. It is understood that after this conference an assessment of \$250,000 was fixed on by the commission.

"Asheville Is Good Enough For Me" Says Sheriff Reed.

"I have traveled all over the eastern and western states, and in almost every state of the South," said Sheriff J. H. Reed, last night, "but I want to say that Asheville is good enough for me. Yes, sir, our little mountain city is hard to beat, and very few of those who have settled here have ever shown any inclination to leave it."

trayed by the famous artists Remington. In conversation last night he declared that he knew almost every path and crag of the surrounding mountains. He is a North Carolinian from head to heel, as were all his ancestors before him since the year 1802. One of his forefathers served a term as governor of this state and he was suggested to him that he might some day fill the office, the sheriff smiled in a far away manner and said: "Well, fortune does sometimes hit a man square in the face, but it's hardly probable."