

PRESIDENT SAVED FROM INSULT BY PLEA OF FRIENDS

Waterways Delegates Finally Vote Down Resolution Rebuking Him

BOARD OF ENGINEERS DOES NOT PLEASE THEM

Bitter Debate on Floor of Convention After Committee Had Reported

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 26.—An attack on President Taft was thwarted today at the final session of the Lakes and the Gulf Deep Waterways Association convention here this afternoon after the resolutions committee had asked approval of its report.

The section which caused the heated debate follows: "And in bitter disappointment and in sorrow we are compelled to deplore the course of the executive in delaying the creation of the board provided for in the last rivers and harbors act, and in finally appointing a board which proved unfriendly to our policy and our project, despite our patriotic effort to aid him by information concerning these physical and commercial conditions better known to us than others."

As soon as Alexander Y. Scott of Memphis, chairman of the committee completed the reading of the resolutions, R. R. Broland of Peoria, Ill., moved to strike out the section. After some debate, Broland withdrew the motion and Congressman Richard Bartholdt of Missouri, renewed it.

Congressman Bartholdt said that the section did an injustice to the president, as Mr. Taft by the wording of the act was compelled to name the chief engineer of the army as one of the board. He appealed to the convention to eliminate the harsh and untrue words.

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PANIC STRICKEN GIRLS LEAP FROM FLAMES TO DEATH

Caught in Burning Factory, Twenty Four Perish Either in Fire or in Their Frantic Leap to Pavement Sixty Feet Below.

NEWARK, N. J., Nov. 26.—In ten minutes 24 girls were burned alive this morning or crushed to death on the pavement in leaping from the windows and fire escapes of the four story brick factory at the corner of Orange and High streets. The latest count tonight shows that 16 of the 24 bodies recovered have been identified, and that six girls are still missing. They may be among the unidentified dead or they may be in the ruins.

The collapse of a wall tonight interrupted further search. Fifty were taken to hospitals of whom two may die. Among the injured is Joseph E. Sloane, deputy fire chief, who was overtaken by the falling wall and buried in bricks and rubble. He is badly hurt, but may recover.

The rush of the flames was so incredibly swift and threw such unreasoning terror into the huddled working girls on the top story, that the body of one was found still seated on a charred stool beside the machine at which she had been busy when the first cry of "fire" petrified her with fright.

Horrible as must have been what went on in the smoke of that crowded upper room, what befell outside in the bright sunlight was more horrible yet. The building was furiously inflammable, and the first gush of flames had cut off all possibility of escape by the stairways. The elevators made one trip, but took no passengers and never came back.

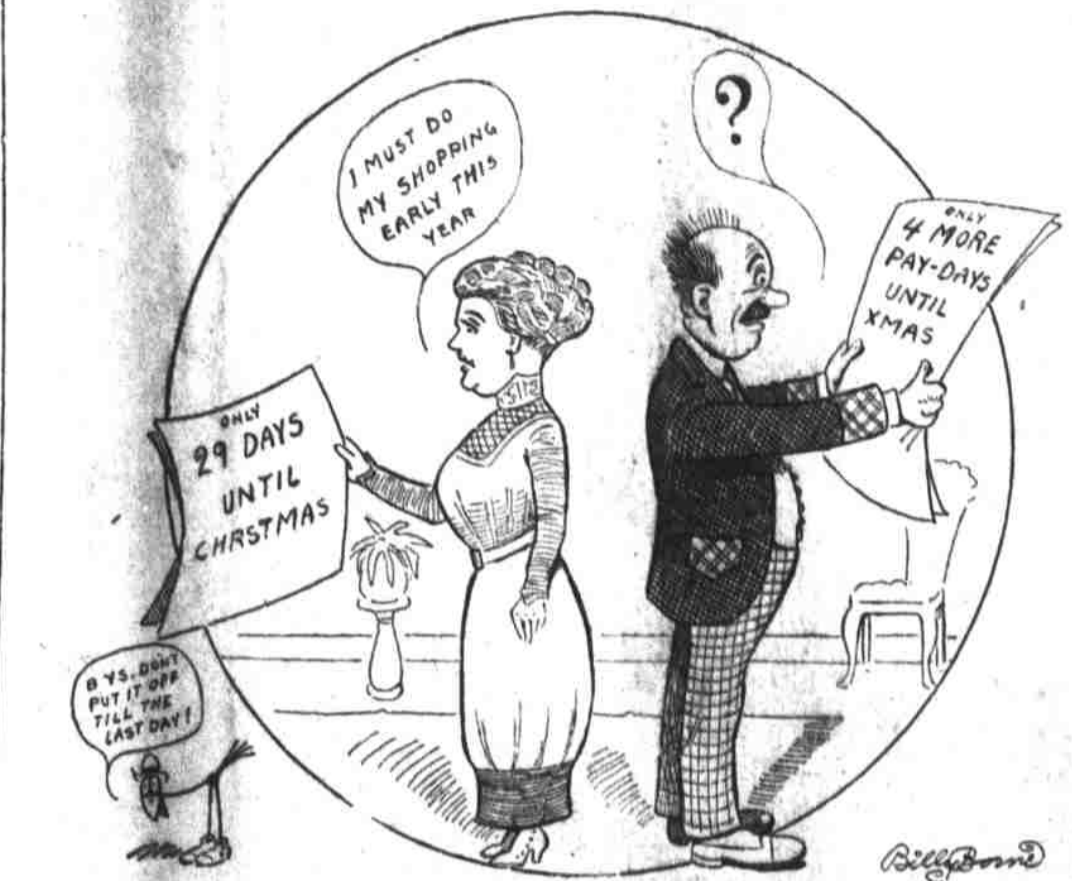
The only exit was by two narrow fire escapes, the lower platform of which were 25 feet from the street.

On to these overcrowded and steep ladders, scorched dancing hot by the jets from lower windows, pressed forward a mob of women, blind with panic driven by the fire and the others behind them.

A net had been spread beneath the windows and the girls began to jump. "Like rats out of a burning bin" was the way a fireman described the pell-mell descent. They boiled out of the window like a thick treacle, rolling up on the heads of those below them and cascaded from the fire escape to the sidewalk 60 feet below.

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"Coming Events Cast Their Shadows Before."



ONE GOAL FROM FIELD WINS FOR NAVY; NEITHER SIDE CROSSED OTHERS' LINE

In One of Neatest Games of Season Middies Succeed in Scoring After Six Futile Try's From Placement.—Franklin Field in Brilliant Array of Color.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 26.—That old rule which teaches that if one fails to succeed he must try, try again, was forcibly brought to mind on Franklin Field today when the Navy in a hard and clean game of football defeated their old rivals, the Army, by the score of 3 to 0.

After six attempts to boot the ball from placement over the West Point goal line, Dalton, the sturdy half back of the Midshipmen's team, succeeded on his seventh effort and the three points which he had been striving for, looked good to the Navy and proved to be sufficient to win the game. It was a pretty kick, which began between the goal post and was made toward the end of the last period of play.

The kick almost broke the Army's heart, but true to the traditions the Army stuck to it and did not show the white feather.

The Navy deserved the victory for the Midshipmen put up a sterling game and outplayed the cadets from the initial kick-off down to the instant when Field Judge Fultz declared the contest at an end.

Of Dalton's seven attempts at goal from the field, three were made from the thirty yard line. The last which succeeded was from the 25 yard line there was one from the 35 yards and one mighty effort 51 yards from the Army goal. All but three of his kicks carried to the goal line, but the stiff wind from the northwest which blew across the field carried the ball to one side of the posts. Dean, the star punter of the Army made two attempts at field goals, one from the 41

yard line and the other at 45 yards, but neither kick came near a score. Distinguished Spectators. The game will go down in the football annals of West Point and Annapolis as one of the cleanest and best ever played between the two institutions. It was fought before one of the largest crowds that ever gathered in Franklin Field and for brilliance the great crowd has never been outshone by any crowd attracted to the annual battle of these two arms of the national service.

In the boxes, were many figures familiar in society circles of Washington, New York and Philadelphia. Secretary of the Navy Meyer was present, and he rooted hard and successfully for the Navy. Secretary Meyer was ably assisted in pushing the Navy on to victory by Assistant Secretary Winthrop and a long line of rear admirals, captains and other officers, active and retired.

On the south stand opposite there was an equally large number of Army officers. In the absence of Secretary of War Dickenson, because of the death of his son, General Leonard Wood, chief of staff, upheld the honor of the Army.

The weather was almost perfect for football and the vast crowd bedecked in the black, gold and gray of the Army or the blue and gold of the Navy with a generous sprinkling of large yellow chrysanthemums made a brilliant and animated picture. The six companies of cadets in their long gray coats and caps and the twelve companies of Midshipmen in their navy blue uniforms made a fine appearance as they marched with true military bearing across the field prior to the beginning of the game.

Looked Evenly Matched. The two teams appeared to be evenly matched so far as weight was concerned as they ran on the field. The Army boys won the toss and elected to take the field with the stiff wind at their backs giving the Navy the kick-off. Much of the play in the first quarter was in the Army territory and twice during the period Dalton of the Navy failed to kick a goal from placement. The only military play of the period of any note was a fumble by Fullback Rodde of the Navy, which, however, did no damage, as it occurred in the middle of the field.

The nearest that either side came to scoring a touchdown was in the second period when Hyatt of the Army fumbled one of Dalton's long punts, and Gilchrist, the Navy "pibe," fell on the ball on the Army's ten yard line. "Put it over, put it over," came the cry from the frantic Midshipmen in the north stand, but just as the team set themselves for a mighty effort up went the timer's hand and the period was over.

Navy's Clever Trick. The third period showed some excellent football and incidentally brought out several plays that could be classed under the head of new football. One was a wing shift by the Navy directed sometimes at the right side of the Army line and sometimes at the left. Occasionally it was

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"BATTLING" PUT UP GAME FIGHT, AND WAS DOWNED 5 TIMES BEFORE COUNT

Moran Easily Had Better of Mill From the Beginning of Second Round

NELSON FORCED PACE

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 26.—Batting Nelson of Hegewisch (Chicago) Illinois, will no longer menace the light weight belt. For the first time in his fighting career the "Durable Dane," a shell of the once great pugilist, was knocked out today beyond all dispute. Owen Moran, from Birmingham, England, did the feat.

Moran knocked Nelson out in the 11th round of a scheduled 20 round event, his victory being clean and leaving no room for argument as to his complete mastery over the one time champion.

One second after the final round had been tolled off and Referee Benjamin Selig above the din shouted, "You're out; Moran wins." Nelson was on his feet blood streaming from his mouth and nose, loudly importuning the referee to allow him to continue.

The eleventh and final round opened with neither fighter perceptibly in distress. Moran who apparently had been biding his time for a finishing blow, got his chance when Nelson, with head bowed, rushed into close quarters. Moran flung his right forward catching Nelson flush on the jaw. Down the Dane went to his haunches for the count of nine.

Nelson tottered to his feet, bleeding and dazed. Moran stood back waiting for him. Again in the Briton's powerful right shot out and Nelson dropped to the mat once more. The performance was thrice repeated, Moran each time reaching Nelson's unprotected jaw with his right. With the last knockdown, the referee and the timekeeper counted the fateful ten.

When Referee Selig declared Moran the winner, Moran turned a handspring into the arms of his seconds and dashed from the ring without a mark to indicate that he had been in a fight.

MEXICO LIFTS EMBARGO ON TELEGRAPH LINES; INTERIOR NOW QUIET

Sensational Rumors are Still Plentiful, But Cannot be Confirmed

TROOPS ON GUARD

LAREDO, Texas, Nov. 26.—Barring the many sensational rumors which seem to almost hourly gain currency, there have been no new developments in today's news regarding the revolution.

General Villar has received advice covering his entire district and that of Colonel Pena from Colombia to Ciudad Parfiro Diaz, and the reports show general quiet at all points along the border and in the immediate interior.

According to the American officers the same quiet conditions exist at all places along the American side of the river.

The United States troops are still encamped at Minerva, 39 miles above Laredo on the line of the Rio Grande and Eagle Pass railroad for the purpose of maintaining observance of the neutrality laws.

The Mexican government at 7:45 o'clock tonight lifted the embargo on the use of all telegraph wires and furnished The Associated Press with its leased wire to the City of Mexico.

For the first time in five days a full press report is going into the republic. The fact that the government finds it convenient to do away with one of its few direct circuits is taken as an indication that the situation is now well in hand there and that there is no further fear of an outbreak, especially in the interior.

RAIDING FOR FOOD MEXICO CITY, Nov. 26.—The only news to reach this city today indicating activity on the part of the revolutionists was that of the raiding by a band of 25 or 30 half starved men early today of Retona ranch near Sacramento, 30 miles north of Torreon.

The ranch store is said to have been stripped of provisions. Nothing else was molested.

GOV. KITCHIN GIVES SIX THANKSGIVING PARDONS

Prisoners' Applications Backed by Strong Endorsements from Homes

RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 25.—Six pardons granted by Governor Kitchin on recommendation of court officers, citizens and others and on account of previous good character, exemplary deportment as prisoners, or because of failing health, are to Geo. Gay, Wilson county, after serving ten years of a thirty year sentence for manslaughter; Nelson Stamey, Rutherford county, let off with three years of a five year sentence for manslaughter; James Branch, McDowell county, serving nine years for highway robbery; having been a youth under the influence of a bad man; C. W. Nash, Anson county, serving six months for trespassing; Tom Thacker, Rockingham county, serving 18 months for selling whiskey; R. H. Pinkerton, Cherokee, serving 18 months for assault with deadly weapon on his brother in law.



WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Forecast: North Carolina: fair, warmer Sunday; Monday rain. Light variable winds becoming south.

CRIPPEN PROTESTED HIS INNOCENCE TO THE LAST

Letters to LeNeve Girl Filled With Passionate Protestations of Love

LONDON, Nov. 27.—The last statement of Dr. Crippen, who was hanged on November 23 at Pentonville prison, is published in a Sunday paper in the form of two final letters, written to Ethel LeNeve one of which is dated November 22. The letters are not reproduced in their entirety. It being explained that they contained certain personal confidences but nothing in the nature of a confession. Crippen throughout declared his innocence to Miss LeNeve and hoped that his innocence one day would be revealed.

The letters, which are printed as one, begin with protestations of passionate love for the girl and repeat constantly the phrase: "God help us to be brave in the face of the end now so near."

Crippen continues: "How can I endure to take a last look at your dear face? What agony must I go through at last when you disappear forever from my eyes. I am comforted in thinking that throughout years of friendship, never have I passed one unkind word or given one reproachful look to her whom I love best in life, to whom I have given myself, heart and soul, wholly, entirely forever."

He expresses the hope that Miss LeNeve will go to Mrs. "H." where she will be free from the lying tales of the newspaper men and concludes: "Tomorrow I will be in God's hands. I have perfect faith that He will let my spirit be with you always."

The papers print a fac simile of Crippen's will, bequeathing everything to Miss LeNeve.

MOB QUIETLY STRINGS NEGRO INTRUDER ON POLE

Had Been Caught Prowling About Room of White Woman in Night

MAYO, Fla., Nov. 26.—Richard Lowe, a negro was quietly lynched several miles outside the city before noon today for entering the bedroom of the daughter of R. M. Cobb in the heart of Mayo late last night. The crime of the negro and the subsequent lynching was a secret until this afternoon.

Cobb was awakened late last night by his daughter's screams and went to investigate. As he entered the room the negro jumped through the window.

A searching party was sent out and arrested the negro, who was later identified by a portion of his hat. A crowd of some forty men gathered quietly this morning and easily effected an entrance into the jail.

DEMOCRATS WILL CELEBRATE THEIR GLORIOUS VICTORY

National Rally of all Factions Will be Held at Baltimore on Jackson Day

WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO FORMULATE POLICY

Will Likewise Avoid Being Drawn into Discussion of Booms For Presidency

BALTIMORE, Nov. 26.—The movement to bring to Baltimore the representative democrats of the country, in and out of the congress in a gathering that will present an opportunity to rejoice over the recent democratic victory and to interchange views as to the future, was placed on a definite foundation today when the committee in charge, headed by Governor Crothers, after a long conference with Norman E. Mack, chairman of the democratic national committee and Champ Clark, of Missouri, adopted the form of an invitation which will be sent to the leading democrats in all the states.

Acting upon the advice of Mr. Mack and Mr. Clark, the conference idea originally considered was dropped and it was determined to make the idea a national Jackson day celebration of democratic achievements. The plans endorsed by Chairman Mack and Mr. Clark, contemplate a big mass meeting at the Lyric theatre in the afternoon, at which speeches will be made by leading democrats of the country to be followed by a banquet. It is thoroughly understood that at the meeting that the Baltimore celebration will not be in the nature of a conference, the result of which will bind or commit either the democratic party or the individuals participating therein. It was further understood that there are no resolutions to be adopted, no personal boom for the presidency, or for other offices and no resolutions passed indicating or outlining a platform.

Country-Wide in Scope. Likewise it was made plain that no section of the country, and that no element of the party is to be overlooked or left unrepresented, but that the gathering will be open, free and solely to the promotion of the party unity and harmony. It is proposed to send invitations to every democratic member of the present congress and of the next congress on both the house and the senate side, to invite every conspicuous leader of the party in the country, regardless of their differences in the past, and to extend a welcome generally to democrats who desire to keep alive and vibrant the present triumphant spirit of the national democracy.

Both Chairman Mack and Mr. Clark pledged themselves to attend the afternoon gathering which will be in the nature of a national democratic mass meeting, and also to be among the guests at the banquet at night. It being understood that Mr. Clark will be among the orators of the evening.

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LOPS FEW THOUSAND OFF NORTHWESTERN CITIES

Seattle Loses Eleven Thousand and Portland Fiftee Thousand in Revision

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—In announcing tonight the correct population of Seattle, Wash., and Portland, Oregon, as 237,154 and 207,214, respectively, Census Director Durand issued statements giving the results of the renomination made necessary in certain districts of the two cities by evidence of padding of the original figures.

"The original returns from Seattle contained 248,352 names, or 11,198 more than the final figures," says Mr. Durand. "This difference represents names eliminated from various districts as not entitled to enumeration. Corrections were made in the enumeration of fifteen districts out of a total of 170."

Make a Guess on Asheville's Population

What is the population of Asheville? Who can guess it? The Citizen offers a prize of five dollars to The Citizen reader who can come nearest to making a correct estimate. Fill out this blank and address it to Population Editor, The Citizen, and either mail it or leave it at the Citizen office. The winning guess will be published after the announcement of the real population from Washington. This announcement may come any day, so it will be well for you to hurry up your guess. You can guess only once.

Name Address My guess is