

THEODORE F. BILBO SEVERELY BEATEN RESULT OF SPEECH

State Senator Involved in Alleged Bribery Case of Senator Leroy Percy

CLAIM AGENT HENRY ADMINISTERED BLOW

Reports of Extent of Injuries Conflicting, Some Say Skull Is Fractured

STARKVILLE, Miss., July 6.—State Senator Theodore F. Bilbo, candidate for lieutenant governor of Mississippi, was attacked and severely beaten here today by T. J. Henry, claim agent of the Mobile, Chicago & New Orleans railroad and former penitentiary warden, the encounter coming as a direct sequel to a campaign speech delivered by Senator Bilbo at Blue Mountain, Miss., recently in which Bilbo is credited with having vigorously assailed Mr. Henry, impeaching his character.

The affray occurred aboard a railroad train in which Mr. Bilbo was proceeding from Columbus to Sturgis, Miss., where he was to have spoken this afternoon.

Henry, it is stated, as he approached Bilbo, who was seated in the smoking car, demanded that the utterances in question be retracted and an apology made. The apology and retraction not forthcoming, the encounter followed. Henry striking the state senator repeatedly about the head and body with the butt of a pistol. Henry surrendered to the sheriff here and was released on his own recognizance. Other than a few cuts and bruises about the face and hands he was not hurt in the struggle. Bilbo concluded his journey to Sturgis, where he was given surgical attention. A special train was made up at Sturgis to convey him to Jackson. Reports as to the extent of Bilbo's injuries are conflicting. A physician who attended the injured man at Ackerman is quoted as saying his skull is fractured.

Mr. Henry was a witness before the legislative committee investigating the charges of Senator Bilbo that he had been paid a sum of money to forsake former Gov. James K. Vardaman in the senatorial caucus of last year which elected United States Senator Leroy Percy as the successor to the late Senator A. J. McLaughlin. Following the legislative inquiry a court

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REPUBLICANS MAY SPLIT AS RESULT OF ALABAMA "PIE"

Tale of Woe Carried to Taft as to Factional Differences in His Own Camp

SECRETARY AND CABINET MEMBER

Hitchcock and Hilles Reported as Strongly Urging Their Man for Place

WASHINGTON, July 6.—Most of the prominent federal officeholders of the state of Alabama invaded the white house today and laid before President Taft such a tale of republican factional war that politicians in the capital promptly affected to see the beginning of a lively row between Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock and C. D. Hilles, the president's secretary, the two leading political advisers of the administration. According to the Alabamians Mr. Hitchcock is behind the candidacy of P. M. Long for republican state chairman. Long has the backing also of P. D. Barker, republican national committeeman, and postmaster at Mobile, an acknowledged friend of the postmaster general. Mr. Hilles is said to be supporting the candidacy of J. G. Thompson, collector of internal revenue for Alabama and for many years republican state chairman. President Taft told the delegation that he expected to settle the question tomorrow. It is understood that for purposes of distributing patronage the state will be divided into two sections, one to be controlled by each faction.

Both Mr. Hitchcock and Mr. Hilles today denied that there had been any trouble between them over the Alabama situation. Mr. Hitchcock reiterated the statement that he is out of politics for good, and Mr. Hilles declared he had had no row with any one about appointments in that state. Politicians here are interested, however, as to how the state chairmanship will be settled. The president may take no hand in the fight over the chairmanship, but it is acknowledged that republicans in the state are entitled to know "who is who" in Washington. It comes to conducting the next presidential campaign. Mr. Hilles has taken a strong interest in political affairs ever since he assumed office last April, and today's developments were not unexpected. An open clash between the cabinet member and the president's secretary is not regarded as imminent.

HOT WAVE STRIKES NUMEROUS PLACES WITH MORE VIGOR

Philadelphia's Toll of Dead Reaches Sixty-Seven, More in Nearby Towns

ELECTRICAL STORMS HELP IN SOME PLACES

Boston's Maximum Temperature Yesterday 103, Other Places as Bad

PHILADELPHIA, July 6.—The hot wave which has overwhelmed this city during the past four days continued today with unabated vigor. Sixteen more deaths were reported to the coroner today, making a total of sixty-seven for the heat term.

Electrical storms were reported throughout the state tonight, accompanied by marked decreases in temperature. At Reading two men were overcome while leading hay, one dead; at Shamokin, a girl died from sunstroke and six deaths are reported from Bethlehem.

WITH INCREASING FORCE BALTIMORE, July 6.—The hot wave struck with increasing force at Baltimore today and the result was sixteen deaths, including that of a heat crazed woman who swallowed carbolic acid, and over a score of prostrations. The maximum official temperature was 93 degrees. Since July 1, there have been 30 deaths attributable to the heat.

THUNDER SHOWERS RELIEF BOSTON, July 6.—Thunder showers in various parts of New England served to relieve for a time at least, the suffering caused by the five days of excessive heat. Today's maximum was 103, half a degree less than that of the fourth. The day added largely to the number of deaths and prostrations. Seven deaths from heat occurred in Manchester, N. H. Widespread damage resulted from heavy electrical showers tonight, growing crops being damaged and fruit trees uprooted.

BAD ELECTRICAL STORM RUTLAND, Vt., July 6.—Central Vermont was visited this afternoon by the worst electrical storm within memory. Telephone and telegraph

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Foolish Question No. 3,854,639



When You Get This. Hand Him This

INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CONVENTION ATTENDED BY 8,000 PEOPLE

Front Auditorium of Million Dollar Pier at Atlantic City Scene of One of Greatest Meetings in History—Organization Has Increased Over One Million Since 1909—World Wide Work on Larger Scale

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 6.—Eight thousand delegates crowded into the front auditorium of the million dollar pier tonight at the opening session of the International Christian Endeavor. The feature was the annual address of President Francis E. Clark.

Dr. Clark said in part: The great advance of recent days which proves that the divine favor rests upon the Christian Endeavor movement, should only be an incentive to make our societies better in every way, that we may be worthy of His continued blessing. As the motto of our increase campaign at the last convention was "Efficiency," I propose that this year it should be "Efficiency."

Let me suggest a few lines of achievement which I think are within the bounds of our accomplishment during the twenty four months to come. They are, you will see, all along the lines of the providential development of Christian Endeavor. I would only ask you to enter the doors of God open to us. We have become in the broad sense, more than ever during these two years past, an international organization. In every land beneath the name "Christian Endeavor" is known, and its principles are acknowledged. Almost without knowing it, certainly without much human guidance, we have become a world-wide brotherhood that embraces every race and religion.

By unions for world, nation, state, city or county are but expressions of our fellowship, and furnish no opportunities for united service. The most important work of the individual Endeavor is done in his own society, under the direction of his own church and pastor.

1. As an international organization, the promotion of world-wide peace.

2. As an interdenominational organization, a still wider fellowship of all young Christians.

3. As class organizations, aid societies who will promote our principles and our fellowship in every section.

4. As a local organization— a. A campaign of education in every society.

b. Campaign of efficiency, promoted by careful rating of faithful service, in every society.

c. A simple form of opening and closing our meetings in every society, which shall emphasize our unity and demonstrate our fellowship.

Never for a moment would I forget, or have you forget, the source of our strength. Ours is a religious society, and it prospers only as such a society. Hundreds of young people's societies have been born, have been loudly trumpeted abroad, have dwindled and died, within the last thirty years. They have never gripped the

hearts of the young people for long, or commended themselves to the church at large, because the religious idea involved in the pledge, the prayer meeting, the consecration meeting and the committees was left out or minimized. They have been young people's societies, sometimes young people's societies of Endeavor; but not young people's societies of Christian Endeavor, and so they have no long life or wide acceptance.

While I believe in the utmost flexibility of Christian Endeavor and its ability to adapt itself to all conditions, and to incorporate within itself everything that young people need for their religious training, let us never lose sight of our cardinal principles.

Let me repeat it. Ours is a religious society. We stand for training the youth along four great lines: outspoken acknowledgement of Christ, constant service for Christ, loyalty to Christ's church, fellowship with Christ's people. Whatever features we introduce or omit, let us not forget or minimize these features, which really spell Christian Endeavor, which for thirty years have made it increasingly successful, and which have caused it to find a home in every land beneath the sun.

There are two dangers to be guarded against. First, a narrow exclusiveness which would make the society merely a prayer meeting, with a very

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DEBATE MAY COME TO A CLOSE AFTER ANOTHER TEN DAYS

Senators Getting Restless With Longer Sessions and Continued Hot Wave

WOOL AND FREE LIST TO HAVE EASY GOING

Senator Nelson Replies to Query of Senator Reed, of Missouri With Heat

WASHINGTON, July 6.—A more general sentiment for expeditious action on the Canadian reciprocity, wool revision and free list bills was apparent today after informal conferences among various groups of senators, and six hours of continuous debate in the upper chamber of the senate. It was the first of the longer sessions under the decision of the senate to meet one hour earlier than usual in order to hasten action on the legislative program. Senator Gronna of North Dakota, an insurgent republican, after a long speech in opposition to the agreement, during which he clashed frequently with advocates of the measure, was forced to give up almost exhausted at 4 o'clock this afternoon and the senate almost immediately afterwards adjourned. The informal discussions among senators indicated that the present feeling doubtless influenced to some extent the existing hot wave, is that debate may be brought to an end within ten days or a fortnight, and that when the reciprocity bill is passed the democrats will be willing to vote on the wool and free list bills without any extended debate and adjourn almost immediately. The insurgent republicans are still holding out, however, for other legislation.

Senator Gronna, who is a new member of the senate, had a cross-fire of questions from democrats during his speech, which was the only set reciprocity effort of the day. Senator Reed, of Missouri, a democrat, asked Mr. Gronna whether he believed the president would sign the reciprocity bill if the house and senate passed it with certain minor amendments attached to it.

"Why don't you address your queries to the president whose banner you are operating?" demanded Senator Nelson of Minnesota with some heat. "You know that this agreement passed the house by a majority of democrats and that if it passes the senate it will be by the same majority. But ask us who are fighting the measure, what the president will do."

Senator Gronna, who will continue tomorrow, opposed the reciprocity measure on the ground that it was unfair to the farmers of the country, a sacrifice of their interests to the manufacturing and transportation industries and a usurpation of executive authority.

OLD LETTERS OF STOKES MAKE SPICY READING IN TRIAL AGAINST SHOW GIRL

Gave Actress Much Advice and Incidentally Told Something of Self

RISKED HIS LIFE

NEW YORK, July 6.—A package of eighteen letters written by some years to Miss Lillian Graham, the show girl, was handed up to the judge's bench this afternoon in the court room where Miss Graham and her chum, Ethel Conrad, were arraigned on a charge of attempting to murder W. E. D. Stokes, the millionaire hotel man. They had been found, said the detective in whose keeping they had been, in the young woman's rooms, and constituted the prize to recover which Stokes declared he had risked his life.

He had been summoned to the apartments, Stokes said, telling the story of the shooting, by Miss Conrad, who told him that Miss Graham had left for Europe. He was angry, he said, when he had been deceived, and declined to sign an alleged statement setting forth that he had set aside Miss Graham and her relatives. He had also declined to pay \$25,000 under threat of death, he added, and thereupon Miss Graham began to shoot. As he gave his evidence the young woman laughed and chatted gaily.

Stokes said that he told the girls that blackmail was a prison offense and that Miss Graham said: "I'll say I'm crazy," while Miss Conrad declared, according to Stokes: "We'll say he came to our apartments and attacked us and we killed him in self-defense. We have three witnesses testifying to all this who never would let him out of jail."

When Stokes declared Miss Graham after examining the package, Miss Conrad, he said, was the only one, and as some news items were

THINGS GOT SO "WARM" THAT QUAKER PRESIDENT SUSPENDED PROCEEDINGS

Case of Destruction of Great Seal Herds Was Being Investigated

STRONG EPITHETS

WASHINGTON, July 6.—A scene suggesting some that has occurred in the Cannorrista trial in Italy today enlivened the proceedings of the committee on expenditures in the department of commerce and labor investigating the charge that the once great seal herd of the Pribilof Islands is being wantonly slaughtered by agents of the United States government.

Prof. Henry W. Elliott, fur seal expert, and United States Fish Commissioner Bowers, who have been in controversy about the seals, confronted each other before the committee, shook their fists and exchanged a series of lively epithets.

Prof. Elliott, concluding the reading of a statement, declared that L. S. Fish Commissioner Bowers had "perjured himself before this committee."

"You are a self-confessed perjurer yourself," retorted Commissioner Bowers, adding that he could prove the charge.

"This is a rotten charge that no man ever dared put his name to," Prof. Elliott responded, shaking his fist in the direction of Mr. Bowers.

"I'll get you on the witness stand for that statement."

"Yes and I'll prove the charge when you do," Mr. Bowers replied vehemently.

Presiding Representative Rothermel, of Pennsylvania, a Quaker, suspended the sitting.

NAVY DEPARTMENT NAMES EXPERTS IN EXPLOSIVES TO STUDY HULL OF MAINE

Necessary Slow Progress of Work Prevents Inspection for Some Time

RENEWED INTEREST

WASHINGTON, July 6.—A board of naval officers, experts in explosives, is being selected by the navy department to study the hull of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor as the water is pumped from the cofferdam now surrounding the wreck. Because of the necessarily slow progress of the work weeks probably will elapse before the experts will be able to inspect the keel of the former warship, but the board will proceed to Havana as soon as its personnel is made known and will remain with the work until it is finished.

The navy department officers are convinced that the examination will prove the correctness of the Sampson board, which decided the destructive explosion which sunk the Maine was caused by a torpedo or mine, and that the explosion of the ship's magazines followed.

In view of the renewed interest attaching to the actual cause of the destruction of the Maine, resulting from the uncovering of the wreck by the army engineers, Gen. W. H. Bixbee, chief of engineers who has just returned from Havana today, issued the following signed statement: "The work of unwatering the Maine so far proves nothing as to the origin of the explosion of the magazines, but already shows such extensive destruction of the forward part of the boat that it is quite probable that fuller unwatering will fail to give any proofs, either way, as to the origin of such explosions. I have so far made no reports or statements as to the origin of the explosion."

HUNT WITH BOWS AND ARROWS

ATCHESON, Kas., July 6.—James M. Chalmers and E. Z. Jackson, lawyers and amateur archers of this city, left today for British Columbia, where they intend to hunt bears with bows and arrows. At Victoria, B. C., they will be joined by Will Thompson, a Seattle attorney, and Harry Richardson, champion archer of the United States.

63,000,000 BARRELS OF BEER SOLD IN ONE YEAR IN THE UNITED STATES

Increase Over Previous 12 Months of Over 6 Per Cent

GREAT WHISKEY BILL

NEW YORK, July 6.—No less than sixty-three million barrels of beer were sold in the United States during the twelve months ending June 30, last or an increase over the previous twelve months of 6.21 per cent, according to the annual report of the beer and whiskey sales made public here today by the United States Brewers' association. Notwithstanding the increase which the reports contend indicates that the country is prosperous, the spread of prohibition has affected the trade considerably, it is declared.

The whiskey bill of the United States for the year, according to the report, is \$146,973,300, an increase of nearly \$8,800,000, or 5.66 per cent over the preceding twelve months.

WILL GET TO WORK IN EARNEST NEXT WEEK

WASHINGTON, July 6.—Democratic members of the ways and means committee held a brief preliminary meeting today and planned work on the cotton tariff schedule revision which will be taken up next week in earnest.

LEAD KITCHENER IN EGYPT.

LONDON, July 6.—The "Daily Telegraph" reviews the report that Field Marshal Lord Kitchener will be offered the appointment of British agent to Egypt and the Sudan. Sir Eldon Gorst, the present British agent at Cairo, the paper says, is seriously ill, which precludes the possibility of his return to that post.

DELEGATION PUSHING GRAHAM'S CANDIDACY

Special Fitness of Judge Graham Asserted for Corporation Commissioner

RALEIGH, N. C., July 6.—A delegation came today from Oxford to urge upon Governor Kitchin that he appoint former Speaker of the House A. W. Graham, corporation commissioner to succeed the late Henry Clay Brown.

They found Governor Kitchin out of the city and will come another day with reinforcements. In the delegation were Gen. B. S. Royster, A. A. Hicks, Col. R. A. Gregory and W. A. Devin. They are pressing the appointment of Judge Graham on the ground of special fitness and equipment for service on the corporation commission through past experience in public service, also that he received the third highest vote for corporation commissioner in the Charlottesville convention when Brown and Lee were nominated last July. It is understood that there are a dozen more applicants now on file.

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Miss Vanderbilt came to Boston from Center Moriches, L. I., about a week ago, and took a room in a Concord Square lodging house. She still occupies it. Her husband is living in another house in Columbus avenue, nearby. They explained being separately lodged by saying it had been their intention to keep the marriage secret until they leave in a few days for Porto Rico, which is to be their future home.

ELECTRICAL STORM KILLS TWO MEN, SHOCKS OTHERS

Funeral Procession Broken Up and Undertaker Stunned in Virginia.

HARRISONBURG, Va., July 6.—Two men were killed, others were shocked and burned and thousands of dollars' worth of damage was done to property and live stock today when an electrical storm of great violence swept Rockingham county, John Cridler and Jacob Wilkins were struck by lightning while riding for shelter, and they and their horses were instantly killed. Lightning set fire to the home of Henry Mattox, near Lacey and it was burned to the ground, Mrs. Mattox and the children barely escaping with their lives. A bolt broke up a funeral procession in East Rockingham, stunning the undertaker and his assistant who were riding on the hearse and throwing the mourners into a panic. More than a score of cattle and horses were killed in the fields.

ANOTHER MAN ENTANGLED IN LIVE WIRE AT SPENCER

G. L. Williams Seriously Burned and in Hospital in Precarious Condition.

SPENCER, N. C., July 6.—Entangled in a live wire twenty-five feet from the ground while at work on a telephone line, G. L. Williams, of Spencer, was seriously burned today. Twenty-three hundred volts of electricity which passed through his body.

MAXINE ELLIOT LURED TO STAGE

LONDON, July 6.—Maxine Elliott will play the Domino girl in "The Garden of Allah," a dramatization of Robert Hitchen's novel, in the New Theatre, New York, under George Tyler's management next winter.

Miss Elliott had contemplated retirement from the stage, having a fine fortune and a desire to remain abroad. But she met Hitchens within a month at the Duchesse of Sutherland's, Mary Anderson de Navarro also was present at a supper. The novelist said to Miss Elliott: "You are the only woman looking and suggesting my heroine."

Miss Elliott answered: "But I'm going to abandon the stage."

A duel of arguments followed: Hitchens agreed to dramatize the novel with Mrs. de Navarro. Miss Elliott consented to the arrangement. Hitchens and Mary Anderson have been working at the De Navarro home, near Broadway, in Worcester, and Miss Elliott agreed to play the tempestuous woman in the dramatic story of the Sahara.



PAIR

WASHINGTON, July 6.—Forecast: North Carolina—Generally fair, except probably local thunder showers Friday and Saturday; moderate temperatures; light variable winds.