

CHIEF EXECUTIVES GATHERING IN N. J. FOR CONFERENCE

Vanguard of Thirty-Five Who Are Expected Have Already Arrived on Scene

WILSON AND HARMON ATTRACT ATTENTION

Gov. Kitchin, of N. C., Second to Arrive Despite Having to Pay Own Expenses

SPRING LAKE, N. J., Sept. 11.—The vanguard of thirty-five governors who are expected to participate during the week in the third annual governors' conference, reached here late today. Fifteen state executives with their wives sat down at dinner, while others swelled the number during the night. The convention will open at 10.30 a. m. tomorrow. A special car attached to a Pennsylvania flyer brought eight governors here from the west, at six o'clock. Governor John E. Shafer of Colorado and Mrs. Shafer were not aboard. Governor McGovern of Wisconsin and others said they left Chicago Thursday, but were stopping en route and would reach here tomorrow. Governor Marion E. Hay of Washington was the first of the delegates to arrive, followed by Governor Wm. W. Kitchin of North Carolina. He was not expected as the legislature of his state failed to make an appropriation for his expenses. Governor Thomas R. Marshall of Indiana had notified the secretary, Wm. George Jordan, that he will not be present because of a similar oversight.

Welcome for Harmon While the committee was welcoming the eight western governors, Governor Judson Harmon, of Ohio, accompanied by Mrs. Harmon, drove to the hotel in a hired hack. They had traveled the special car and made their way unescorted from the station to headquarters. Governor Harmon soon was the center of a welcoming group. South Carolina will not be represented as Governor C. L. Blease has written that he has been elected state delegate to the national convention of the Republican party, and because of conflicting dates, could not be present. Blease will delegate Governor Tasker E. Oddie of Nevada and Governor Chas. Deneen of Illinois. Other states whose chairs are expected to be vacant are Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

MISCHIEVOUS SLANDERS SAYS CLARK OF CHARGE OF GENERAL CORRUPTION

Says That Charge That All Public Men Are Corrupt Has Woeful Effect

BAD AND SAD LESSON

LOUISIANA, Mo., Sept. 11.—In a speech in response to a notable welcome given him today upon his homecoming from Washington, Speaker Champ Clark characterized as mischievous slanders statements of marplots that all public men are corrupt. "No doubt, there are corrupt men in politics; so are there corrupt men in every business and profession," said the speaker, "but it is a consolation to reflect that there are not so many corrupt ones either in politics or in any other walk of life this year as there were last year, and there will not be so many corrupt ones next year as there are this year. Corrupt men ought to be scourged out of public life with a whip of scorpions, and they are being whipped out. "But while there is undoubtedly corruption in politics, the malicious marplots who go about proclaiming that all public men are corrupt ought to be restrained from running at large pro bono publico. They are the enemies not only of the republic but of all constituted authority. "In conclusion, Speaker Clark pleaded for more enlightenment on the real political facts and said: "The persistent charge that all public men are for sale and that all government in this country is thoroughly rotten not only puts improper ideas into the heads of our own people and of our own children, but has a woeful effect on the immigrants coming to our shores. "What must be their astonishment and regret then to hear and to read as soon as they land on our shores that all public men are corrupt; that the voters are venal and the government rotten to the core? "As certain as a gun is made of iron, that must have a bad and demoralizing effect upon them. It is a bad and a sad lesson in preparing themselves for the onerous and important duties of American citizenship. "They should be taught that our theory of government is the best ever devised by the wit of man."

SUSPICION POINTS TO BRUTAL MURDER OF HAWKINS GIRL

Police Believe Error of Judgment Will Lead Man to Electric Chair. Theory of Suicide no Longer Regarded in Awful Tragedy.

HENDERSONVILLE, Sept. 11.—The passing hours bring fast following developments in the finding of Myrtle Hawkins' body in Osceola lake. The theory of suicide is now disregarded and the general belief is that the girl was brutally murdered by a man on whom suspicion is fast centering. The trail is being hotly followed and startling revelations are looked for in the immediate future. Myrtle Hawkins left her home Thursday morning and disappeared absolutely. It was her almost daily habit to visit her friend, Mrs. McCall, near the lake and she usually took some book along with her. She would stop at different favorite places along the thickly wooded path which was secluded and but little frequented. She was murdered, but not robbed or assaulted, some time Thursday and the body left until it was taken to Osceola lake, which was undoubtedly some time during Friday or Saturday night.

The condition of the body shows that life was extinct when placed in the water and also shows that it could not have been there many hours. Also it would have been impossible for so large an object to have been on the surface of the lake without almost immediate discovery.

Minute Examination Lake Osceola is but a mile from town, is daily encircled by hundreds of motor cars and carriages and is faced by one of the largest summer hotels here whose guests' favorite walk it is. The path through the woods and through the beautiful Norton estate by which Mrs. Hawkins always walked to the lake, is now being minutely examined. It is hoped that a still more definite clue will result from this close examination. If the girl did disappear from home on Thursday morning, why was not a general alarm given at once, is a question the bereaved family alone can answer. A definite and quiet search was instituted. It is known, but the police were not notified. It is said that some opposition existed to Myrtle's approaching marriage to Mr. Hal Cooper, a young business man of Johnson City, Tenn., a visitor here last, so far as is known, about six weeks ago. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins, it is said, had some idea that their daughter may have eloped with Mr. Cooper and desiring publicity, instituted a search of their own with-

out the aid of the police. The dead girl's home life was ideal. She was devoted to her mother especially, who is so completely prostrated over the tragedy that her recovery is in some doubt. Mr. Hawkins is one of the most substantial business men of this section and his home in Flat Rock is one of the best there. The body was in a most horribly decomposed condition. Identification was possible only by means of her wearing apparel and articles of jewelry.

GOUGHAM WILL NOT STAND FOR MOVING PICTURES OF THE BEATTIE AFFAIR

"Unfit To Be Shown in Places of Public Amusement"

OTHER CITIES OBJECT

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—The exhibition of moving pictures of the Beattie murder trial will not be permitted in this city. After a conference with Mayor Gaynor today, James G. Wallace, chief of the bureau of licenses, addressed a letter to persons engaged in the moving picture business in which he said: "I beg to inform you that any moving picture films or stereoscopic views relating to the Beattie murder case depicting any scene in connection therewith or featuring any persons implicated therein or who are depending for advertising upon their connection with this gruesome tragedy, are condemned for the reason that they are unfit to be shown in places of public amusement."

CHIEF JUSTICE RESIGNS

CHARLESTON, S. C., Sept. 11.—A dispatch from Lancaster, S. C., tonight states that Chief Justice Ira B. Pones has forwarded his resignation to Governor Blease, to take effect in January, 1912. While Justice Jones made no statement as to the cause of this step, it is generally understood that it is for the purpose of making the race against Cole L. Blease for governor next summer. It is known that Justice Jones has been strongly urged by the conservatives in the state, those opposed to the Blease administration, to make the race for governor.

A Suggestion.



TRANSCONTINENTAL AIRSHIP FLIGHT STARTED FROM SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Robert F. Fowler Drove His Aeroplane 126 Miles Yesterday Without Untoward Incident and Expects to Land in New York in Twenty-Six Days—Given Cheering Sendoff by Gov. Johnson.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 11.—With the steady trade winds of the Pacific at his back Robert F. Fowler, the first aviator to attempt a transcontinental flight, sped today up the fertile Sacramento valley, and landed at 5.58 o'clock tonight at the foot of the white ramparts of the Sierras, the conquest of whose heights no man must achieve. With only a brief halt at Sacramento for oil and gasoline, he drove his biplane high over the rolling foothills and landed without an untoward incident at Auburn, Cal., 126 miles from his starting point. Fowler rose from the stadium in Golden Gate park at 1.37 p. m. Sweeping first in broad winging flight over the surf of the Pacific his air craft quickly swung eastward and sped off toward the snow line of the Sierras. With the cheers of thousands following up to him, he sped over the warships at anchor in the bay, following the trail first worn by the Argonauts of '49.

Steady Progress, Over Berkeley, Suisun, Cannons and Elmira he flew with the same steadiness that marked his start. The watches that checked his progress showed that he was making a steady 45 miles an hour. As he swept high over the dome of the state capitol at Sacramento, cheering thousands in Agricultural park directed a haring spiral, he settled easily to the ground, pulled the cotton from his ears, and shouted, "Well, I'm here, boys. What time is it?" "He was told it was 3.47 o'clock. He had covered the 90 miles of the first leg of the journey in exactly two hours. "It was a great trip," he said, "and had not the slightest engine trouble and the 'feel' of the air even over Carquines straits was perfect." He announced that he would continue to Auburn tonight, and his mechanics, who had followed him in a special train, fought their way through the mob about the machine and prepared for the flight continuation of the journey. At 5.55 he rose in the air and was off to the eastward.

Calls on Governor. While his machine was being groomed Fowler sought the capitol and called on Gov. Hiram W. Johnson. "I am delighted to see you," said the governor. "We all hope most sincerely that you will reach your destination safely." "Have you any message for the governor of New York?" asked Fowler. "Only yourself," replied the governor. "You will be our best message from California." After a hurried meal Fowler re-

turned to the Agricultural field, accompanied by the governor. On leaving Sacramento, Fowler made the fastest time of the day. He maintained a speed of 54 miles an hour to Auburn. It began to grow dark as he left New Castle shortly after 9 o'clock and he decided to descend at Auburn rather than risk losing his way in an attempt to reach Colfax, the stopping place originally scheduled. He descended without accident at 9.36 p. m., and announced his decision of starting for Reno at 7 a. m. tomorrow.

A crowd of distinguished persons gathered at the stadium in San Francisco's big park to bid Fowler "bon voyage." Representatives of the army and navy greeted him and after a trial flight, his biplane was christened in water from the Pacific ocean by James Rolph, jr., a director of the Panama-Pacific exposition. Fowler expects to make the transcontinental trip in 26 days. As scheduled tonight he will make stops at Elko, Nev.; Salt Lake City, Utah; Granger and Cheyenne, Wyo.; North Platte, Neb.; Omaha; Rock Island, Chicago, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis and Pittsburg, Buffalo, Albany and New York. He will follow the tracks of the Southern Pacific, Union Pacific and Chicago & Northwestern railway to Chicago. He is accompanied by a special train which carries a full staff of mechanics and parts of three complete biplanes.

DETAIL PLANS ACCEPTED FOR STATE STRUCTURE Commission Advertises at Once for Bids Which Will Be Opened Nov. 1. RALEIGH, N. C., Sept. 11.—The state building commission, in session here today, Hon. Ashley Horn, chairman, accepted the detail plans for the \$250,000 fire proof state administration building, subject to any criticisms that may be passed upon specifications by Consulting Architect Glenn Brown, of Washington, D. C., who was retained in this capacity by the commission. Thornton Mary, of Atlanta, is designing architect. The commission advertises at once for bids to be opened in Raleigh November 1. Commissioners J. A. Long, and J. Elwood Cox have been designated an executive committee to have immediate supervision of the work. They will later procure a clerk who will have charge of the Raleigh office for the commission to keep track of the construction work while the building is in progress.

ERUPTION OF MT. ETNA BECOMES MORE INTENSE Fears of People Augmented by Great Heat and Suffocating Atmosphere CATANIA, Sicily, Sept. 11.—The eruption of Mount Etna has become more intense. The showers of ashes and cinders are heavier than yesterday and the rumbling of earth shocks at short intervals is heard for miles. The shocks are growing in violence and a panic prevails. The fear of the people is augmented by the great heat and suffocating atmosphere. All the country round about is covered with ashes and seems under an immense funeral pall. It is reported that three new craters have opened but so far it has been impossible to ascertain whether they are emitting lava because of their high situation and the thick smoke that lies over them. People of the villages on the slopes of Mount Etna have abandoned their homes. Several houses have been damaged by the earthquakes and hundreds of men, women and children who are without shelter go about from place to place carrying pictures of the Saints, crying and imploring mercy. At Giarre, 16 miles from Catania, the patients were carried out of a hospital by nurses, who feared the building would collapse.

TO JAIL FOR STEALING TWO SUBWAY TICKETS Guilty Man Says He Is Victim of Some Power That He Cannot Resist. NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—"I am a disgrace to myself, to my country and my friends," said Wm. E. Ford today when arraigned before a magistrate for sentence on his plea of guilty of stealing two five-cents subway tickets, "but I am not responsible; I am the victim of some force I cannot resist. I used to be a decent man." Ford graduated from the University of Tennessee and was counsel for the Fort Worth and Denver railroad for 12 years. He served as a lieutenant in the Spanish-American war, was wounded in each of three engagements in the Philippines and following a sunstroke was honorably discharged. His descent dated from this time. On returning to America he worked as a laborer in San Francisco, then Lefort. He secured a commission as re-enlisted under the name of Allen Leutenant and while stationed at Fort Schuyler stole \$500. He was sentenced by court martial to five years in Leavenworth prison, but was declared insane and transferred to an asylum. A nephew then took him to Oklahoma, but he eluded his watchers and came to New York. Ford pleaded to be allowed to return to Tennessee, but to no avail. He was fined \$500 and sentenced to a year in the penitentiary.

SHOULDERS SAVANNAH, Ga., Sept. 11.—For the purpose of consolidating all subsidiary concerns under one head, the Hilton-Dodge Lumber company, with a capitalization of \$1,500,000, fully paid in, has just been organized and a charter was applied for today. Five concerns are involved.

MAINE GOES BACK TO WET COLUMN; SMALL MAJORITY

Unofficial Returns From all But 22 Precincts Show "Wet" Lead 904

LITTLE CHANGE FROM PLACES NOT REPORTED

Rural Communities Voted Dry But Their Majorities Were Offset in Cities

Table with 2 columns: District, For, Against. Rows include First district, Second district, Third district, Fourth district, and Totals.

PORTLAND, Sept. 11.—Unofficial and only partly revised returns from 499 out of 521 cities, towns and plantations in Maine today gave a majority of 904 for repeal of the prohibitory constitutional amendment. This missing 22 towns cast less than 200 votes at the state election three years ago. The vote by congressional districts was as follows:

Although today's vote did not equal that of a year ago when the democrats swept the state which for years had been a republican stronghold, the election was without question one of the most interesting contests the state has ever known. There was not a home in any section of the state which had not been flooded with literature sent out by both sides while the voters were waited upon by personal advocates and harangued at public gatherings to cast their ballot for or against repeal as the case might be. The result was that hundreds of voters who had not visited the polls for years, with the possible exception of last year, were recorded today. Little excitement attended the voting. Although the polls in some of the cities were crowded much of the time it was an orderly crowd and gave the officials little or no trouble.

MAINE LONG TIME DRY PORTLAND, Me., Sept. 11.—Since 1857 Maine has had a statute prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors and since 1884 prohibition has been a part of the constitution. In that year, 1884, the question of placing prohibition in the constitution was put before the people and prohibition

VESSLS OF AMERICAN NAVY BEING ASSEMBLED NEAR SCENE OF ACTION

All Strength Deemed Necessary Will Take Care of Situation in China. CRUISERS ON THE WAY WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—All the American naval strength deemed necessary as a precaution is being concentrated as near as possible to the scene of trouble in China. Admiral McDuck today cabled to the navy department that he sailed yesterday on his flagship Saratoga, accompanied by the cruisers New Orleans and Helena from Shanghai for Nanking. The admiral's report contained nothing regarding the situation in China. Against the strong current of the Yang-Tze-Kiang the three cruisers are likely to make slow headway. They are expected at Nanking tomorrow. At that point they will relieve some of the light draft gunboats which will pick up the river in defense of the viceroys' yamens at Cheng-Tu, which was attacked by a mob. Revolutionists are said to be taking a prominent part in the disorders.

SKIRMISH AT CHENG-TU HANKOW, China, Sept. 11.—A skirmish occurred today at Cheng-Tu, in the province of Sze-Chuan, between Chinese troops and rioters. Several persons on both sides were killed or wounded. A strike is now in progress at that place and the markets are closed.

FORTY REPORTED KILLED ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 11.—A dispatch from Peking says that forty men were killed and many wounded in defense of the viceroys' yamens at Cheng-Tu, which was attacked by a mob. Revolutionists are said to be taking a prominent part in the disorders.

WYOMING BANK BOBBED. COKEVILLE, Wyo., Sept. 11.—The Cokesville National bank was entered by two masked men this afternoon and eight men who were in the bank were lined up along the wall and searched. The robbers secured about \$1,500 and escaped.