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## GEORGIANS FAVOR J. H. LEWIS FOR SECOND PLACE AT DENVER

Native of Peachtree State, Now Living in Illinois, Strongly Favored By Chatham County Delegation, Which Will, However, Vote for Uninstructed Delegation.

### CONVENTION COMES TOMORROW AT ATLANTA

Joseph M. Brown, Who Downed Boke Smith in Primaries, Will Be Named for Governor, Savannah's Judge Twigs Making Speech for Him.

Atlanta, Ga., June 22.—Twenty-five strong, the Chatham county delegation arrived this morning from Savannah with a well-developed vice-presidential boom up their sleeves. The man the Savannahs will spring on the democratic party for vice-president is James Hamilton Lewis, of Illinois, a Georgian.

It is the purpose of the Chatham delegation to vote for a non-instructed delegation to Denver, either in the choice of a candidate for president or for vice-president, but an effort will be made to boost Mr. Lewis's cause at Denver.

Judge H. D. Twigs, a member of the Savannah delegation, will place in nomination Joseph M. Brown for governor.

#### Convention Comes Tomorrow.

Atlanta, Ga., June 22.—The democratic state convention will be called to order here at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning at the Grand opera-house to nominate a candidate for governor, Joseph M. Brown, who carried the state in the recent white primaries, will be named, also delegates-at-large to the national convention at Denver, a United States senator—Hon. A. S. Clay, of Marietta, who was nominated in the recent primaries—and other state officials. Col. J. R. Pendleton, editor of the Macon Telegraph, will be in the chair.

## Taft's Train Comes Near to Being Wrecked By Smashed Piston in Ohio Early Today

Accident at Coshocton Averted By Prompt Action of Engineer, Who Gets Busy With Brakes—Candidate Happy, But Won't Discuss Bryan's Criticism of Platform.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, June 22.—Happy and smiling, Secretary William H. Taft arrived in this city today over the Pennsylvania road after a narrow escape from being in what might have been a serious train wreck. At the station in Jersey City he met Mrs. Taft and their son Charles. They will go direct to New Haven for the Yale commencement exercises and the reunion of the class of 1878, of which Mr. Taft was a member.

After conferences in Cincinnati following his nomination for the presidency on the republican ticket, Mr. Taft left his home to go to New Haven for the celebration. As his train was nearing Coshocton, O., at a speed of 50 miles an hour, the piston rod on the left side of the locomotive broke off short. Instantly the cylinder was smashed, but before any further damage was done the engineer threw on the emergency brakes and brought the train to a full stop.

After another engine had been secured, the secretary calmly went into the dining-car, little thinking of the narrowly-averted wreck. It was not until he heard the engineer say that, had the broken rod fallen a few inches further in, the train would have been derailed, that he even learned what was the trouble. Then he smiled and declared that, as nothing serious had happened, he for one refused to worry about it. When seen at the station Mr. Taft said: "I'm feeling bully and we're going to win. The platform is a good,

sound document, and with that back of us there should be no trouble. "I expect the campaign will be very interesting and we'll get it to now before long. There is plenty of time to present all the issues to the people."

Questioned concerning the Roosevelt policies, Secretary Taft refused to make any statement, nor would he say whether or not he would continue them should he become president. He also declined to discuss Mr. Bryan's attack on the platform, in which the latter arraigned the republican convention for leaving out several planks and called the anti-injunction plank a "transparent fraud."

Secretary Taft does not know yet when he will be formally notified of his nomination by the committee appointed by the convention, but he said this ceremony usually follows the opposition convention within ten days, and that the notification would probably come about July 17. No definite plans have as yet been made for it.

Asked if he had made any arrangements for the conduct of the campaign, he replied that at the present time matters were in the hands of his brother, Charles P. Taft, and that he knew little of what was contemplated.

#### TAFT WILL WORK FROM HOT SPRINGS.

Washington, D. C., June 22.—Five hundred letters of congratulations (Continued on Page Seven.)

## SUMMER DAYS AT SAGAMORE HILL

President Planning to Take Life Easy During Hot Spell.

Will Work Two Hours Every Day at Temporary Executive Offices, After Which Outdoor Life Will Be in Order—Riding, Fishing, Tramping and Tennis Program For Afternoons—Loeb Says There's Nothing in Japan Flurry.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, June 22.—President Roosevelt was outdoors early this morning. He went for a brisk gallop about Oyster Bay.

Sunday was spent quietly at Sagamore Hill, although there was a flurry among the Oyster Bay citizens when the president and his family attended church. Dressed in a white duck outfit, topped by a broad-brimmed Panama hat, the president drove with Mrs. Roosevelt in a double phaeton to attend services by the Rev. Henry H. Washburn at Christ Episcopal church. Secretary Loeb spent two hours at the executive office over Moore's provision store, setting things to rights for opening the offices today. The president will devote two hours each day to official work, after which he will go horseback riding, walking, boating or swimming with the members of his family, or will play tennis on the court at the bottom of the hill, below the cottage.

Secretary Loeb said today, on behalf of the president, that there was nothing to give out concerning the statement of Congressman Hayes, of California, that sharp letters had been written to Japan. Mr. Loeb said he personally knew nothing about any such letters having been written, either to Japan or to Mr. Hayes.

Invites Taft For a Week. Oyster Bay, N. Y., June 22.—Having put the executive offices over Moore's (Continued on Page Seven.)

## SUMMER CYCLING WILL OPEN IN NEW YORK CITY

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, June 22.—The summer cycle racing season in New York opens tonight at Madison Square Garden with a big program of professional and amateur events. The great success of cycle racing at the Newark velodrome this season makes the outlook for the garden exceptionally bright. In fact, cycle riding as well as racing has taken on a big boom this summer. Bicycle manufacturers throughout the country all report a tremendous increase in the number of orders.

The national circuit championship meets will be inaugurated at the garden Monday night, and every night following there will be races.

#### HARD NORTHWESTERN STORM.

Hits Wisconsin and One City Is Damaged \$300,000 Worth.

Prairie du Chien, Wis., June 22.—A terrific rain, hail and wind storm late last night ruined all the crops, unroofed buildings, smashed all windows in buildings facing the west and northwest, demolished trees and put the city lighting plant out of commission, blew the telephone systems all down, and flooded the streets with water and mud. The loss in this city alone is \$200,000.

The big tent in which the Chautauque is being held at the La Gross interstate fairgrounds was blown down, burying 1,500 people underneath. None were seriously injured.

The wake of the storm has left hundreds of thousands of dollars of damage. Crops in the vicinity of Prairie du Chien were practically destroyed, buildings were unroofed and wrecked and glass fronts, trees uprooted or broken down.

In McGregor, across the Mississippi, the loss will reach \$300,000. Teams hitched on the streets at McGregor were drowned.

J. C. D. Atkins Dead. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Paris, Tenn., June 22.—J. C. D. Atkins, who was a member of the confederate congress, is dead at his home here, aged 84.

## TORPEDO BLAZE MAKES A PANIC

Chemicals Explode in U. S. Station and Cause Uproar.

Thought By Novices Who Gathered to Help Regular Firefighters That Powder Explosion Would Follow and Most of Them Expected to Be Blown Into Eternity—Big July Job Must Be Cancelled.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Newport, R. I., June 22.—Fire broke out at the government torpedo station here today, and before it was gotten under control it had created a panic among the residents of the vicinity and tarred to do unlimited damage by the explosion of the magazine. Sharp explosions of chemicals in the laboratory of the plant caused the rumor to spread that powder explosions would follow, and some of those who gathered to assist the firefighters fled in confusion. The heavier ones stood their ground and gradually extinguished the flames.

The station is located on an island in the harbor and the scene of the fire was a most spectacular one. Many explosives are stored upon the island, and the danger attached to fighting the flames was great. However, the men managed to keep the flames confined to the laboratory, which was the only thing to save the day. The manufacture of a large consignment of torpedoes, which was to begin on July 1, will have to be discontinued, owing to the damage done by the conflagration.

## NEWMAN IS HELD FOR BIG RANSOM

Friends May Have to Pay \$10,000 to Get Him From Captors.

Letters Demanding This Amount Received By Missing Man's Employers, Who Believe He Was Lured to Lonesome Spot and There Drugged or Beaten Into Insensibility—All Evidence So Far Bears Out This Theory.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, June 22.—Meyer Newman, a diamond salesman who mysteriously disappeared from his home, No. 1555 Fulton avenue, the Bronx, with \$10,000 worth of jewels in his possession, on Tuesday last, today is a prisoner in a den of blackmailers, who threaten to kill him if \$10,000 ransom is not paid. Two threatening letters demanding ransom have been received, and Newman's employers are convinced Newman was lured from his home to a lonesome spot and drugged or beaten unconscious and made a prisoner. All the evidence so far obtained bears out this theory.

The two threatening letters which were received by Stern Bros. & Co., jewelers, of No. 33 Gold street, were in different handwritings. They were written in pencil, on ordinary note paper. The first letter read: "This is to let you know that Meyer Newman is held captive for the ransom of \$10,000—money to be placed in a tin can at the entrance to Bronx park. Money to be obtained from Mr. Kappelman and friends. (Signed) 'BLACK HANDS.'"

The Bronx detectives who had charge of the case are convinced Newman has been kidnapped, but up to the present time they have been unable to obtain any clue.

Newman's family consists of a wife and three children. The wife is grief-stricken.

The missing man is 32 years old, only five feet in height, slender, and threatened with consumption. In a hand-to-hand conflict he would be an easy victim. A Baltimorean, he has lived in this city two years, making a good living selling diamonds and watches to the officers of the various steamship lines.

Newman's credit was excellent. His brother-in-law, Louis Kappelman, of Baltimore, is a wealthy man, and Newman was empowered to buy whatever he wanted from Stern Brothers & Company, of Nassau street, and other big concerns.

## MRS. MILLER IS BURIED AT LAST

Interment of Woman Whose Relatives Fought Over Money.

Body Had Laid in Receiving Vault Seven Years, Three Months and Twenty Days While Great Contest For Estate Worth \$250,000 Was Being Pressed in Courts—No Trouble At Grave.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, June 22.—The body of Mrs. Charlotte Miller today was buried in Woodlawn cemetery, after having been in a receiving vault seven years, three months and 20 days while a battle for an estate of a quarter of a million was waging. Trouble was feared at the grave, and the cemetery authorities made provisions to avert it.

Among the mourners were women who represent the opposing sides in the contest for Mrs. Miller's wealth. These were Mrs. Henry P. Lewis and Mrs. William P. Hoelzel, nieces of Mrs. Miller, who were cut off in her will, and Mrs. Schultze, widow of a former police captain, who was the dead woman's principal legatee.

That Mrs. Miller's burial had been delayed so long was due to the continual wrangling between the heirs-at-law and the heirs under her will.

#### MRS. MCCORMICK BETTER.

Rockefeller's Daughter Won't Have Appendicitis, and She Is Going On Visit to Europe.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, June 22.—Mrs. Harold McCormick, daughter of John D. Rockefeller, who became suddenly sick on the Twentieth century limited Saturday on her way from Chicago, is greatly improved at the Hotel Plaza, where she is staying with her husband and children. What was at first thought to be a serious case of appendicitis developed later to have been an attack of severe nausea. Mrs. McCormick had so far improved yesterday that it was said the family's plan for the trip to Europe will be carried out. They will leave tomorrow on the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm II.

## LIGHTNING STRIKES DOWN COUPLE AT CHURCH

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Greenville, S. C., June 22.—During services at a country church near here Sunday afternoon a bolt of lightning instantly killed Wilton Lenderman, a young planter, and his wife. Mr. Lenderman held in his arms their young baby, which was unharmed by the bolt.

## Twelve Sunday Drownings In Waters About New York

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, June 22.—In the waters near New York 12 men met death by drowning. One lost his life while trying to rescue three men who had capsized as they tried to change seats in a light boat in the East river off Sixty-eighth street. This rescue was attended by dramatic features, six men imperilling their lives to save the three struggling in the stream. One victim, an expert swimmer, struggled in the water of the East Side Y. M. C. A. pool, after he had broken his neck by a dive. The victims are:

John Milton, drowned in rescue of men capsized in East river; Frank Kritz, broke his neck in Y. M. C. A. pool; August Theodore Landman, captain of the New York Central steam lighter "Samson," fell from a ladder into the Hudson at the foot of 16th street; Robert Roper, 17, lost in Harlem river off Washington bridge while in bathing; George Williamson, 19, taken with cramps while bathing at North Beach and sank; unknown man, drowned in North river off 160th street, body recovered; unknown boy lost while swimming in Lake Hopatcong, N. J.; Frank Donohue, 18, of Elizabeth N. J., drowned in Staten Island sound,

## WILSON IS DROWNED IN THE NEUSE RIVER

HARD WORK OF COLLEGE CREWS IS AT AN END

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New London, Conn., June 22.—The hard work of the Yale and Harvard rowing squads on the Thames has ended and the warm wave will give the coaches little worry, for the men can take matters easily until Thursday. There will be short daily rows but no gruelling spins or long distances. The varsity eights are in excellent condition physically and full of courage.

There is little choice between the eights, in spite of the change made recently in the Harvard boat, when Cutler was moved from the four oared crew to take the place of Fish, recalled to Cambridge.

#### FAIR BUILDINGS AND DEPOT FALL BEFORE ELECTRIC FLUID.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Chicago, Ill., June 22.—The electrical storm caused havoc in Lake county, Ill. The village of Libertyville was the greatest sufferer, lightning striking the Lake County Fair association building and burning both to the ground, also the depot of the Chicago & Milwaukee Electric railroad at that place.

## Illinois Trade Union Men Indorse John Mitchell and Score Republican Straddle

Say Gompers Anti-Injunction Plank Should Have Gone In Platform Way Gompers Wrote It—Executive Body Looking Up Legislative Records of Candidates.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Springfield, Ill., June 22.—Indorsement of John Mitchell's candidacy and a resolution condemning the republican national convention for failure to insert the Gompers anti-injunction plank in the platform were the features of the first political convention ever held in Illinois by trade unionists.

The delegates were not a unit on the proposition of endorsing candidates, and heated debates lasting until late last night were indulged in before the report of the committee on resolutions was adopted. The resolution carried with it a clause that any candidates who have not yet announced them-

Playmate Carrying Kinston Boy on Back Lets Him Fall Into the Water.

### SEARCHERS SEEK BODY

But Up to Night It Had Not Been Brought to the Surface.

(Special to The Times.)

Kinston, June 22.—Charles Wilson, son of Mrs. Christopher Alpha, was drowned Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The boy was 10 years old. It seems that another boy was swimming in Neuse river with young Wilson on his back. Wilson slipped off at a point near the middle of the river. The older boy says he was unable to rescue him.

Parties were at work all Sunday afternoon, diving and dragging a seine for the body, but had not succeeded in finding it at 7 o'clock at night.

themselves or have not been indorsed, if they deserve it, may secure such indorsement from the executive committee of the state. Amendment to the resolution provides that no candidate shall be indorsed by the executive board unless he secures the indorsement of the central labor body of the district he desires to represent.

President Wright, of the state federation, pointed out that the executive body was preparing a list of all members of the legislature with records on labor legislation in the last general assembly. This will be sent out into their districts in the form of campaign documents to be used either for or against them, as the case may be.

## OUT OF JOB, MAN TRIES CARBOLIC

Doctor and Police Keep Him Alive, for All His Effort.

Two Bluecoats, Called When Rash Act Is Discovered, Make Him Drink Whiskey and Milk Until Ambulance Can Arrive From Hospital in Harlem—His Recovery Anticipated.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, June 22.—Despondent because he could get no work and with his wife and four children facing hardship and misery in consequence, Chas. Schumburg swallowed a whole bottle of carbolic acid solution at his home, No. 1887 Second avenue, today. His life was saved only through the quick work of two policemen.

Patrolmen Feller and Miller were called into the house. While they waited for an ambulance from Herlem hospital, they forced Schumburg's mouth open and made him drink whiskey and milk. He recovered sufficiently to fight the two patrolmen until the ambulance arrived. He was taken in a semi-conscious condition to the hospital, where it was said he would recover.