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THE BATTLESHIP FLEET HAS ROUGH PASSAGE

Tossed and Buffeted by the Waves. WORST WEATHER SINCE FLEET LEFT NORFOLK

Supply Boat Arrives at Auckland and Brings News of the Atlantic Fleet—Fleet Will Arrive Sunday. Great Preparation is Being Made for the Reception to Sailors—Official Visits Will Fill Sunday's Program—Parade, Monday.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Auckland, N. Z., Aug. 7.—The Atlantic battleship supply boat Culgoa arrived here today, the forerunner of the fleet which will arrive on Sunday. The supply boat encountered heavy weather and today received a wireless message from the fleet, 360 miles away, stating that the sea was rough and that the ships were tossing about, buffeted by wind and wave. The weather is the worst that has been encountered since leaving Hampton Roads. The message further stated that the weather precluded the possibility of daily evolutions.

All the plans are now complete for the reception of the fleet in the harbor and the entertainment of the officers and crews. The fleet will anchor in two lines off the town, with the Australian flagship in the center flanked by the consorts Encounter and Pioneer. Official visits will fill the program on Sunday and there will be no public demonstration of any sort. The prime minister, Joseph Ward, will publicly welcome the visitors on Monday. A large grandstand has been erected upon the harbor front at the Queen street quay. Members of the cabinet and prominent residents of other towns will be present to take part in the official ceremony. Already the town is gayly decorated in bunting and flags. Arrangements have been made for a grand fireworks display and accommodations have been provided for hundreds of visitors. A parade will be held on Monday at the conclusion of which the mayor of the city will welcome the visitors on behalf of the citizens. The principal officers of the fleet will lunch with the mayor. Many social diversions have been planned during the stay of the fleet.

RAIN SAVES \$50,000,000.

Corn Crop of Nebraska Gets Rain Just When Most Needed—Yield of 300,000,000 Bushels Expected.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Omaha, Neb., August 7.—All Nebraska is smiling over the effect on the corn crop of the rain, which fell practically over the entire state during yesterday. The rain fell just where it was most needed. However, not enough fell to make the corn crop and there must be at least one more good rain before the crop is assured. This next rain can hold off two weeks without the corn being damaged in the least. Grain men are talking a corn yield for Nebraska of from 250,000,000 to 300,000,000 bushels. An average Nebraska yield is about the first figure or even a little less. The general effect of the rain is that it has added \$50,000,000, which would have been lost to the state if no rain had fallen during the next week or ten days.

OLYMPIC TEAM RECEPTION.

Arrangements About Completed But Funds Short.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, August 7.—While the arrangements for the reception of the members of the American Olympic team which is to take place on August 29, are rapidly nearing completion there is a sad lack of funds to carry out the plans of the committee.

As the city has no fund to cover the expenses of the reception, the committee on plan and scope of the reception has appointed a financial committee and appealed to the general public for contributions to defray the expenses of welcoming the home-coming athletes.

The committee is an extensive one, and every profession is represented on it.

WOMAN DIES FROM BITE OF PET CAT

Terrified in Last Moments by Vision of Feline.

VICTIM OF HYDROPHOBIA

Bitten by Pet a Month Ago and Disease Developed Two Weeks Ago. Suffered Horribly But Bore Her Agony Bravely.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Aug. 7.—Haunted during her last hour by a terrifying vision of the white cat that had attacked her a month before, her death and inoculated her with the germs of hydrophobia, Mrs. Jane Trumbull, wife of a professional golf player, died at her home in Baldwin, L. I., after her final lucid moments settling her business with deliberation and courage equal almost to that displayed by the late William H. Marsh, of Brooklyn, who died of rabies after having received his death wound twenty-four hours before the end.

The composure of Mrs. Trumbull in the face of the horror of her startling vision of the cat and the convulsions which grew more frequent and violent at the final stages of the disease, was the more remarkable as opiates were not, as in the case of Mr. Marsh, administered in sufficient quantities appreciably to ease her agony. The horror of the situation was increased, to her husband and friends, by her repeated supplications to them to kill her. Strangely enough, for several hours before her death she was conscious and calm. She directed the disposal of her effects and then kissed her husband farewell.

Mrs. Trumbull about a month ago while alone and fondling a cat which she had owned for years, was attacked by it. The animal leaped at her throat, missing it, and for a part of a second clung to the woman with its teeth buried in her nose. When Mrs. Trumbull had torn the animal away from her it reared through the cottage, snarling.

The woman drove the animal outdoors, finally, and when her husband returned that evening told him what had happened. He assumed at once that the cat was mad but did not tell Mrs. Trumbull for fear of alarming her. Mr. Trumbull ran across the cat several days later and killed it. No symptoms of danger from the cat's bite developed until two weeks ago, when Mrs. Trumbull was stricken with nervous prostration. Just at dawn on Sunday last Mrs. Trumbull, who had been sleeping only fitfully, aroused her household with a scream. She became hysterical and gradually grew worse.

STATES DEFY THE PURE FOOD LAW

A Serious Clash Between State and Nation.

WILL DRAFT NEW LAW

State Pure Food Department Oppose Federal Law and Will Try to Defeat Some of Its Provisions—Dr. Wiley Guiding Convention.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Mackinac Island, Mich., August 7. A serious clash between the state and the nation over the pure food law was foreshadowed by yesterday's proceedings of the convention of the association of state and national pure food departments. The action taken practically amounts to a defiance by the states of the national pure food act.

By a unanimous resolution the convention decided to draft a model food law which all the states in the union would be urged to adopt and which would contain only such provisions of the national law as the state officers deem best adapted to the requirements of the different states.

It was decided to draft a uniform state sanitary inspection law, calling for strict sanitary regulation of all food factories of all the states represented in the convention.

This action is the outcome of the charges against Secretary of Agriculture James S. Wilson, and the recently appointed referee board, to the effect that they were permitting themselves to become parties to a scheme to defeat the ends of pure food legislation and allow chemical preservatives to be used in the preparation of food products.

The states in their opposition to the federal methods appear to be guided by Dr. H. W. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry, who is in practical control of the convention, and who also is the controlling power of the board of food and drug inspection, which up to the time of the appointment of the referee board was regarded as the most powerful authority in national food control affairs.

Dr. Puryear Acquitted.

(Special to The Times.) Oxford, August 7.—The trial of Dr. Puryear was concluded yesterday. The jury after five minutes' consultation rendered a verdict of acquittal, pronouncing the defendant insane at the time the murder was committed. Dr. Puryear was set at liberty. Able speeches were made by Solicitor Jones Fuller, W. P. Shaw, A. W. Graham, W. A. Devin, B. S. Royster, and B. K. Lassiter.

GREAT POKER GAME PLAYED ON ATLANTIC

SERIOUS POISON FROM FLY BITE

OPERATION PERFORMED

Bite of Fly Causes Dangerous Illness.

Mrs. M. E. Proctor, Bitten by Fly on Arm at Ocean City Suffering Seriously From Bite—Taken to Hospital For Surgical Treatment to Prevent Death.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Philadelphia, August 7.—Mrs. E. Proctor is in a critical condition in the Jefferson Hospital, where she was taken last evening, following an operation at her home for streptococci poisoning, the result of a fly-bite on the arm received at Ocean City ten days ago. Such headway had the poison gained before serious attention was paid to the injury that ordinary methods of relief, such as poulticing, proved ineffectual and an operation was necessary to prevent the spread of the infection and probable death.

Her son-in-law, Dr. T. E. Longshaw, called in Dr. W. J. Roe, and the arm was incised and the bone cut and scraped. As the patient's temperature did not immediately subside from the alarming point of 101 degrees, where it had remained for several days, it was thought best to take her to the Jefferson Hospital for treatment.

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ELECTION FRAUDS CHARGED.

Cowherd, Democratic Nominee For Governor of Missouri Said to Be Elected by Fraud.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 7.—Convinced that the nomination of W. S. Cowherd for governor, was accompanied by gross election frauds perpetrated by the Cowherd leaders and bosses in many wards of St. Louis and Kansas City, David A. Ball, defeated candidate for the democratic nomination for governor, announced last night that he would come to St. Louis immediately to conduct personally an investigation of the alleged jobbery used against him in this city. Ball said that a contest of the state primary was possible.

Gentlemen of Leisure Throw Dice on Liner.

WONDERFUL THROWS; ASTONISHING HANDS

Money Changes Hands Rapidly and it Develops That Lambs Have Been Fleeced by Card Sharps. Nothing Was Thought of Phenomenal Hands at Time of Game. However—Sharps Are Quick Enough to Get Away When Boat Reaches Pier in New York.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Aug. 7.—Twelve gentlemen of leisure, with a fondness for card playing, all travelling incognito, for obvious reasons, arrived on the White Star liner Adriatic. Not one of them was aware at first of the identity or profession of the others, and it took a day's sailing before they were revealed to each other. The Irish coast was not yet out of sight when some one suggested a small game of dice throwing. Another suggested a game of cards, and to the wonder of both there were ten eager volunteers.

Some wonderful throws were made at dice, and hands were held in the smoking room, which were astounding at first. Then came a "getting acquainted" and until the uninitiated got into the play the games seemed to lose interest. It is recorded that two of the card sharps sat down to play poker. There was no attempt to win at first, but as the game progressed it grew warmer. Finally, the man known to his friends as "the wealthy Bronx contractor," dealt the cards. His opponent, "a mining man from the west, travelling for his health," got a queen full. He looked immensely pleased, and bet the limit. There were raises and counter-raises, and then "the Bronx contractor" laid down an ace full, and raked in the pot.

Not a word was said, but the other man leaned over the table presently and extended his hand. "I'm on," was all he said and drinks were ordered. One Englishman, it is recorded, lost \$1,000 in a few minutes' play with the dice; another lost \$500 on "odd and even" and another dropped a good-sized roll on the day's run. One player won on some phenomenal hands, but nothing was thought of the matter at the time. Later it began to be suspected that he was a card sharp. When the ship reached her pier the card sharps lost no time disappearing.

GEORGIA IS SOLID.

No Chance For It to Go Republican. Will Vote for Bryan Overwhelmingly.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Aug. 7.—"What's the use of talking about Georgia going republican? There is no more chance of that than there is of Taft losing Vermont," said Representative Gordon Lee, of Chickamauga, Ga., at Shoreham.

"Georgia will go for Bryan overwhelmingly, as will all other southern states. They say Roosevelt could have carried Georgia. That's absurd. Georgia is a democratic state, and it will be a democratic state in November."

Representative Lee was one of the delegates-at-large to the Denver convention from Georgia.

WILD MAN AT HIGH POINT.

Claims to be One of the Chosen People and His Every Utterance is a Passage of Scripture. (Special to The Times.)

High Point, August 7.—A man with impaired mind, wandering the streets, begging for bread, with breeches rolled up to his knees, bare-footed and shabbily dressed, with a long growth of hair on his head and face, was picked up here late last night by officers. After much questioning his name was learned to be McDonald of Davie county. He claims to never have been in the asylum. He imagines he is one of God's chosen people and every utterance almost is a passage from the Scripture.

GERMANY TO THE RESCUE OF COUNT

Great Purse Being Subscribed to Zeppelin Fund.

ARE GIVING GENEROUSLY

More Than \$270,000 Already Subscribed to Fund to Aid Zeppelin to Construct Another Airship—More Than Half Million Will be Raised.

(By Cable to The Times.) Berlin, Aug. 7.—A national committee has been formed at Stuttgart, under the presidency of Prince Von Hohenlohe-Langenburg, to raise a public subscription for Count Zeppelin. Already more than \$273,000 has been raised and the promises received reach double this amount. The subscription list of the Berlin Borse totals over \$25,000.

Senator Possel, of Lubek, and the Essen Mine Company each have given a similar sum and an anonymous subscriber to the fund at Heidelberg has contributed \$5,000. The total of the list, which is being circulated at Cologne, has reached \$8,500, of which amount the city council voted \$2,500. From every city in the empire comes the announcement of the opening of subscription lists in addition to the government grant of \$125,000 to Count Zeppelin for the construction of another airship.

Stick to Zeppelin.

(By Cable to The Times.) Good authority here that Herr Deur, Count Zeppelin's chief engineer and his collaborator in the construction of his airships, has refused an offer of \$500,000 from a group of American capitalists to come to New York and build an airship in the United States.

Brock and McFarland Fight.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Los Angeles, Cal., August 7.—Tonight before the Pacific Athletic Club Packy McFarland will be given an opportunity to demonstrate that he is a knock-out fighter and Phil Brock will have a chance to show cause as to why he should be seriously considered as a topnotcher. The men are scheduled to fight 10 rounds.

FALLING WALL KILLS WORKMEN IN TUNNEL

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, August 7.—Two men were crushed to death and a third so frightfully injured that he begged his rescuers to shoot him, in the collapse of a tunnel being built in the main building of St. John's orphan's home, at St. Mark's and Albany avenue today.

The dead men are William McLaughlin and Thomas Roche. William Finlayson, the third man, was dying when he was finally taken from the huge pile of debris. The men were workmen employed in the tunnel construction. They were working together when the walls collapsed and they were buried. An alarm of fire was sent in and police and firemen began the work of rescue. Two bodies were quickly taken out and the upper part of Finlayson's body was uncovered.

With the lower part of his body crushed Finlayson moaned in terrible agony. "For God's sake, shoot me and put me out of this agony," he cried to the men. Ambulances were called from St. John's and St. Mary's hospitals. Finlayson, as soon as he was gotten out, was hurried to the hospital.

London Bar Silver.

(By Cable to The Times.) London, August 7.—Bar silver, steady at 24 1-16d, decline, 1/4d.

CARDINAL GIBBONS MUCH BETTER TODAY

(By Cable to The Times.) Rome, August 7.—Cardinal Gibbons is much better today. The fears which were entertained yesterday have vanished. However, despite the fortunate turn for the better in the cardinal's condition his physician has given him strict orders that he must rest for several days. He has also prescribed a diet for him.

Many Americans called at the official residence of the cardinal today to express their gratification that Cardinal Gibbons is recovering. Pope Plus inquired today concerning his condition and upon learning that he was convalescent expressed deep pleasure.

Looting Homeless People.

(By Cable to The Times.) Paris, Aug. 6.—French troops are being massed in Algeria to protect the homeless people from the looting of the brigands. Since Tuesday's earthquake when houses were tumbled down and the people were compelled to flee from the towns, the brigands have been busy, in great bands, looting the remaining houses and carrying off what pleased them. The minister of war this morning issued the order for the amassing of the French troops in the province of Constantine.

WHITE MAN KILLED INSTANTLY AT DURHAM

(Special to The Times.) Durham, August 7.—Isaac Cooley, a white man, 65 years old, was killed instantly by the eastbound Southern train at noon in an attempt to cross the track, the train running rapidly.

The old fellow deliberately stepped in front of the train coming into the yards and was knocked 50 feet. Only the slightest external wounds were made. Cooley, it will be remembered, is the man who had the same experience crossing a street car track. He was hit the same way. He sued the traction company for \$62,000 and was awarded \$50. He was partly deaf and wholly reckless. He leaves a wife and one daughter.

DELIRIOUS MAN AMUCK.

Stripped of Clothing He Causes Consternation on Car and Streets. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 7.—A man, attired in a suit of summer under-clothing, jumped on a passing street car, rode half a block and then ran into the crowded square at Twenty-seventh and Jefferson streets, where he took off the little clothing he had been wearing.

Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, Mrs. Maggie Cummings and Mrs. Clara Mann, who were passing through the square, were pounced upon by the man, who threw his arms around them, declaring he was an angel.

THE CHARTER MILL GETS BUSY TODAY

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) The following new charters were granted today:

Rich-Baggett Co., of Wilmington, N. C. Object, wholesale and retail groceries. Authorized capital stock of \$25,000, divided into \$100 shares. Company to begin business when \$3,000 has been paid in. Incorporators: A. D. Rich, and J. F. and M. E. Baggett.

Mt. Ida Hosiery Mill, of Marion, N. C. Object, the manufacture and sale of hosiery. Authorized capital stock \$25,000. Corporation to begin business when \$13,700 has been paid in. The incorporators are: R. L. Greenlee, H. A. Tate, W. A. Conley, and others.

The Sawyer Grocery Co., of Belhaven. Object, wholesale groceries. Authorized capital stock \$25,000. Company to begin business when \$8,000 has been paid in. D. W. Sawyer, C. C. Smith, B. F. Sleam, C. P. Aycock, and others, incorporators.

Marion Knitting Mill, of Marion. Object, the manufacture and sale of hosiery, yarns, textile fabrics, etc. Authorized capital stock \$100,000. Corporation to begin business when \$11,500 has been paid in. The incorporators are J. Yancey, W. W. Neal, G. S. Kirby, and others.

Mr. J. T. Sharpe, of the United States marshal's office, has returned from Ocean View.