

MORE FACTS ABOUT PRIMARY CASH ARE GIVEN AT HEARING

Manner in Which Towns Were Organized After Money Was Given Disclosed to Committee.

EFFECTS OF THE SYSTEM SHOWN

In One City Where Mayor Was Given \$200 the McKinley Forces Lost Only Six Votes at Polls.

Chicago, Aug. 3.—(AP)—L. E. Fisher, an officer of the Illinois Traction Co., handled the money for Senator William M. McKinley's campaign in East St. Louis during the Illinois primary, Rufus Shepherd, U. S. Deputy Marshal, testified today before the Senate campaign funds committee.

Shepherd said he and Walter Wickes were given \$2,500 for organization and general campaign work in 21 precincts of the city, and some precincts in the country, while E. Crump had charge of the other 40 precincts of the city.

The deputy marshal could not say how much money Fisher had for the campaign, nor what source it came from.

"Is the Illinois Traction Co., an Insull or Studebaker corporation?" Senator Reed asked.

"It's a Studebaker corporation," the witness replied.

Shepherd said he gave \$200 to Bert Washington, mayor of Brooklyn, Ill., for campaign work.

"Did he deliver?" Reed asked. "Yes, sir," the witness replied. "Out of 686 votes cast, McKinley got 680."

"About six went astray?" "Yes, sir."

"You don't think there was any corruption in the count that you lost 6 votes, or was it an accident?"

"There was no corruption so far as I was concerned?"

Shepherd said he gave Washington the \$200 in cash.

After less than a half hour on the stand Shepherd was permitted to return home.

The recalling of Samuel Insull, Chicago public utilities executive, again was deferred. He may take the stand tomorrow.

Insull spent \$103,733.19 in the campaign of which \$125,000 was contributed to the successful candidacy of Frank L. Smith, chairman of the Illinois Commerce Commission, who defeated Senator McKinley for the senatorial nomination. The committee wants to know if he spent any other money in the primary.

William Hale Thompson, former mayor of Chicago, was the second witness of the day. He came from California to give his testimony. It is of record that Allen F. Moore, Smith's campaign manager, gave Thompson \$25,000 and he in turn gave it to the Crow-Barrett republican faction in Cook county.

Thompson said he supported Smith because of his opposition to the world court, and that he helped Smith all he could.

The former mayor disclosed that the Crow-Barrett leaders had promised to support him for mayor if he helped them in the recent primary.

"I told them I did not think the people of Chicago were interested in political alliances, but that I was very much interested in the candidacy of Col. Smith."

Thompson said the Lakes-Gulf Waterway was supported by the Crow-Barrett group, and that also the wet and dry issue for Cook County came up and it was decided to declare against prohibition for that county.

"With these understandings in our minds," Thompson said, "this had much to do with assisting in the nomination of Col. Frank L. Smith."

Asked about campaign finances, Thompson said "this campaign was no different from any other. We were short of money and always needed a little more."

"I don't know how the money was raised, except that I encouraged my friends to contribute."

"I asked Allen F. Moore, Colonel Smith's campaign manager, if there was any way to secure funds. He said he would try to raise some. In a couple of days he called me. I went to see him and he gave me \$25,000. Beyond that I had nothing to do with the financing except to pay some bills myself."

Pitching, in the opinion of most baseball experts, constitutes from 50 to 70 per cent. of a club's effectiveness.

AT NO TIME WILL YOU FIND IT HARD TO BUY GOOD LUMBER AT THIS YARD.

GO AND BUY GOOD LUMBER

LIQUOR WARFARE BRINGS DEATH TO ANOTHER MAN

Chicago, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Joseph Saldo, 28, nephew of Joseph Lambert, bootlegger-jeweler, who was murdered with a woman, Degby, in a rooming house, was riddled by bullets from a passing automobile today as he stood in front of his cigar store. He died two hours later. Police laid the shooting to a continuance of liquor warfare.

PRESIDENT STARTS ON ANOTHER YEAR

Has Completed Third Year as Chief Executive and This Morning Began His Fourth Year's Work.

Paul Smith's, N. Y., Aug. 3.—(AP)—Calvin Coolidge today began his fourth year as President of the United States.

The anniversary found him enjoying his long vacation at White Pine Camp in the luxuriously appointed Adirondacks estate that contrasts sharply with a simple country farm house in Plymouth, Vt., where three years ago he took the oath of office.

The President finished the third year as chief executive without commenting on the anniversary. He remained quietly in camp receiving two luncheon guests and enjoying a fishing trip in Osgood Lake in the afternoon.

BEATEN WITH REVOLVER BUTT AND A FENCE RAIL

Buncombe Farmer Fearfully Injured; Crime Laid to Liquor Dealers.

Asheville, Aug. 2.—Gus Harwood, Barnardsville farmer, is in a serious condition in a local hospital, his skull fractured in three places, as the result of an attack upon him in the front yard of a neighbor, Tom Maney, Sunday night at 10 o'clock.

Harwood told investigating officials Monday that the assault was made upon him by a band of six men who lured him to the neighbor's house upon pretext of forming a quartet and engaging in singing.

The assault, the result of a quarrel over a liquor still, is being investigated by Sheriff Mitchell.

Harwood says that he was struck over the head with the butt of a revolver and beaten about the body with a fence rail. He lay unconscious in the front yard of the neighboring home from 10 o'clock Sunday night until 3 o'clock Monday morning, when he regained consciousness and made his way to the home of J. B. Deener, a former prohibition enforcement officer, where he asked aid.

CHANNEL WINS AGAIN

Miss Clarabelle Barrett Forced to Give up Two Miles From Her Goal.

Dover, England, Aug. 3.—(AP)—The grim English Channel again has succeeded in defeating the efforts of a woman to conquer it.

Beaten by fog rather than the swift current, Miss Clarabelle Barrett, of New Rochelle, a swimming teacher in New York's high schools, today was forced to give up her attempt to swim the channel after a gallant struggle lasting 21 hours, 30 minutes.

When at length she was taken from the water exhausted, she was but two miles from her goal, and had established what is claimed as a record for women for the length of time of a Channel attempt.

With Our Advertisers.

There is now going on at the Park-Belk Company's a final clean-up of all summer goods. Some are being sold even cheaper than during the big Anniversary Sale last week.

The Yorke & Wadsworth Company handle tires that you know are reliable. They put on the tires for you, too. Read ad. today.

Watch for Nip and Tuck every week. They will appear in the ad. of the Ritchie Hardware Co. These elephants will do lots of funny stunts. Read the ad. today and see about them.

Specials in shoes, clothing, ready-to-wear and all kinds of summer dress goods at Efrid's.

A wonderful comfort shoe at Ivey's for only \$5.85.

If you want the best perfume, you can get them at the Gibson Drug Store.

Tub fabrics in full designs at J. C. Penney Co.'s 10 to 49 cents.

Beautiful bed room furniture at a price you can afford to pay at the Concord Furniture Co.

Pond Hearing Postponed.

Houston, Tex., Aug. 3.—(AP)—Hearings on habeas corpus application of Charles Pond, wanted by the State of Massachusetts to serve a seven to nine-year term as a "common and notorious thief" was postponed till tomorrow morning when called in district court here today.

"Little Gray Home West"



Aimee Semple McPherson, evangelist, was to appear before the Los Angeles Grand Jury to explain evidence unearthed by John Ryan, assistant district attorney. Ryan is shown holding clothes he found in the cottage above, at Carmel, Cal., where a man and woman, identified as Kenneth Ormiston, radio man, and Mrs. McPherson stayed during her disappearance.

PEACH SEASON NOW NEARING ITS HEIGHT

Indications Are That 2,000 Car Loads Will Be Shipped.

Raleigh, Aug. 3.—The peach season in the sandhills section is nearing its height and by the last of this week or first of next, the luscious fruit will be moving by the carload, according to the division of markets of the State department of agriculture. Last week 231 carloads were shipped, with the season not yet in full swing, and 2,000 carloads will be shipped before the season is over.

The fruit is most luscious, beautiful in appearance and has the best keeping and preserving qualities, it is reported. However, the fact that the Georgia crop is tremendous, already having surpassed in shipments those of last season, is keeping the prices down and the sandhills peaches are not commanding the prices which they should, the market men say.

KILLS SELF TO KEEP FROM BEING ARRESTED

Raymond Ross Committed Suicide Before Being Arrested for Dual Murder.

Cincinnati, Aug. 3.—(AP)—A dual bullet left in a pistol which authorities claim was used in the midnight killing of Otto Itin, 19, and Mamie King Metzger, 30, twice a divorcee, today ended the life of Raymond Ross, 20, farmer, of near Felicity, Ohio, just as he was about to be arrested for the dual murder.

Ross, a suitor for the affections of Mrs. Metzger, shot himself through head as Sheriff Fred Crosswell of Clermont County and Marshal B. Edward Colvin of Felicity approached his house.

PRESIDENT READY TO AID ARMS CONFERENCE

Desirous of Doing All Possible for Success of the Geneva Conference.

Paul Smith's, N. Y., Aug. 3.—(AP)—President Coolidge was said today to be desirous of doing all possible to insure the success of the Geneva conference for arms limitations.

Asserting that his position was unchanged in favoring arms reductions, officials said he would consider unfortunate any action that might be taken now looking toward any other limitation conference which might become a detriment to the success of the Geneva conference.

Earthquake Shakes Tokio.

Tokio, Aug. 3.—(AP)—An unusually severe earthquake shook this city at 6:25 p. m. The populace was badly frightened and everyone indoors ran into the streets. Thus far no damage had been reported.

The quake seems to have affected the Tokio district principally. Several bridges were damaged, and were numerous landslides. Communications also were interrupted.

Prominent South African Dead.

Capetown, South Africa, Aug. 3.—(AP)—John Xaver Merriman, one of South America's leading statesmen, died today.

The Rt. Hon. John X. Merriman was born in England in 1841, and went to South Africa in 1849. He was prime minister and treasurer of the South African government in 1908 and 1910.

PEACE MANEUVERS IN MEXICO HAVE NOT BEEN HALTED

First Proposal by Catholics Rejected But Hope of Settlement Has Not Yet Been Announced.

OBREGON STATES CALLES IS RIGHT

Former President of Republic Gives His Support to New Regulations of the Government.

Mexico City, Aug. 3.—(AP)—The proposal of the Catholic archbishop for a truce in the religious situation has been declined by President Calles, but peace maneuvers continue behind the scenes. Considerable hope exists that they will result in some progress toward ending the deadlock now existing between the government and the Catholic Church in Mexico.

"President Calles in rejecting the proposal of the archbishop declared 'the federal government will only limit itself to act with the required energy to enforce the laws of this country.'"

Added strength to the hands of President Calles in enforcing the new religious regulations was seen in the statement given to the Associated Press in Nogales, Arizona, by former President Obregon in support of the government in the religious controversy.

No Protest Made.

Washington, Aug. 3.—(AP)—No mention of a protest was contained in a state department statement made public today summarizing the report of consul general Waddell in Mexico City on the taking over by Mexican police of the 'Church of England, of San Jose,' which belongs to the American Episcopal Church. Other dispatches have indicated that something approaching a protest was made to the consul general by Bishop Creighton in Mexico City.

"Bishop Creighton informed the consul general that immediately after the occupation of the church by the police, the authorities began taking an inventory of the property in the church," the department's statement declared. "The police stated in explanation of the seizure that a declaration concerning the church had not been filed with the municipal court, but with the minister of government, and also that a list of responsible members of the church which had been submitted, did not contain the names of ten men, but the names of eight men and two women only."

The consul general said the church was open on Sunday for private worship in control of a committee appointed by the municipal authorities. He added that the title deed to the church has been held by the Episcopal board of Missions in New York and that taxes on the property had been paid since 1858.

The department gave no indication as to what its attitude would be. Presumably the embassy in Mexico City is fully advised and will do whatever it can practically.

Calles Rejects Offer of Truce by Episcopate.

President of Mexico Says Laws Will Be Carried Out.

Mexico City, Aug. 2.—President Calles has rejected the proposal for a truce in the religious controversy made by the Mexican episcopate.

In a statement to the Associated Press, the president says: "This executive has already made known its opinion regarding the religious situation. Replying to the episcopate statement, I will say that the federal government will only limit itself to act with the required energy to enforce the laws of this country."

Although President Calles has rejected the truce offer of the episcopate, which was made in a statement to the Associated Press yesterday, gestures for peace are still under way.

Definitive steps, it is learned authoritatively, are being taken which are expected to result in informal personal negotiations between Attorney General Ortega and a high dignitary of the Mexican episcopate whereby a settlement of the religious situation may be reached.

Overtures also are understood to have been made for a prominent layman, who is close to the episcopate and also persona grata with President Calles, to attempt as intermediary to bring about an exchange of view in a conciliatory spirit.

Although a sense of uneasiness is indicated in many sections of Mexico, the tranquility which has prevailed in Mexico City since the flare-up on Saturday night which accompanied the suspension of services in Catholic churches as a protest against the new religious regulations, continued today. Reports from other parts of the nation showed a similar quietude.

Chief Justice Taft Improving.

Murray Bay, Quebec, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Reports today from the summer home of Chief Justice Wm. H. Taft of the U. S. Supreme Court, said he was greatly improved. His indisposition was the result of a cold, it was said.

Persons bearing the same surname, although they may not be related in any way, are forbidden to marry in China.

SIXTH OCCUPANT OF TRUCK DIES OF HER INJURIES

Gastonia, Aug. 3.—(AP)—The final chapter of the gruesome grade crossing tragedy near here Sunday was written this afternoon when the sixth victim, Ida Best, 17, was buried in Bessemer City following services at the Baptist Church there. Four girls were killed instantly, the other two dying of injuries received.

POINCARÉ SYSTEM IS BEING DEBATED

French Senate Will Debate Measure During the Day and Vote Is Likely to Follow Before Night.

Paris, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Premier Poincaré's financial measures by which he seeks to rehabilitate France's badly stricken financial conditions, was on the senate program today and possibly may be voted upon before adjournment is taken tonight. The bill already has passed the chamber of deputies.

Approval has been given by the cabinet to the Premier's desire that an independent sinking fund be created to redeem the state's obligations and handle the national defense bonds which form the greater part of the floating debt of the country.

It is proposed to endeavor to have the sinking fund plan approved by both houses of parliament before the end of the week.

COTTON FRUITING HEAVY

The Damage in State From Insects is Almost Negligible.

Raleigh, Aug. 3.—Cotton is fruiting heavily, the color is excellent, soil moisture good, except a bit too moist in some areas, and the damage from insects and plant diseases almost negligible, although stands are very irregular and vary from 75 to 90 per cent. normal, and the crop is late, according to Frank Parker, the crop statistician of the State Department of Agriculture, who has just returned from the seven days trip through the cotton belt of Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, with Dr. A. S. Jones, secretary of the U. S. Crop Reporting Board, of Washington. During the trip 1,042 miles were covered and thousands of cotton fields were inspected.

Wherever the crop is from two to three weeks late, but otherwise is in excellent condition.

But Mr. Parker made it clear that he was making no predictions, and was commenting on the crop only as it appeared during his trip through the belt. The rains of the last few days have caused excessive moisture in some localities which is extremely favorable for the propagation of the boll weevil, although so far crop damage by the weevil has been almost negligible. But if the present wet weather continue, there is much danger of weevil damage.

The crop is very late, and while there are many squares, very few actual bolls have developed so far. The number of squares and bolls is unusual for the size of the plants. The recent dry weather has caused the plants to be steeple, short jointed and abundantly fruited in squares. Whether all of these squares will produce bolls remains to be seen, as considerable shedding is expected.

The poorest stands are found in Cumberland, Robeson, Johnson, Hoke, Scotland and Marlborough counties, while the best crop outlook is in the northeastern counties of the State.

Many farmers, however, are pessimistic, because of the lateness of the crop, and the present increasing food conditions for both insects and man. They say the recent rains have prevented the bloom from setting.

Road Condition Report.

Greensboro, Aug. 3.—(AP)—The August bi-weekly road condition report of the Carolina Motor Club is off the press here today.

The report shows road conditions and other information for motorists. Information is given on a total of thirty-two routes.

In addition to routes between cities in North Carolina, and between cities in this state and adjoining states, there are routes from Asheville to Louisville; to California; to Chicago, and five main routes north.

Turtle Dated 1815.

Thompsonville, Conn., Aug. 3.—(AP)—A turtle ambling through the underbrush on the farm of William McCracken, was recognized as the same one which had been a free tenant for the last hundred years.

Mr. McCracken first saw the turtle fifty-two years ago and noted on its shell "NW" and "1815." Record showed that a Mr. Warwell had lived on the farm in 1815. The turtle is thought to be about 150 years old.

Bank Consolidation Announced.

Tampa, Fla., Aug. 2.—(AP)—Three bank consolidations which bank officials say will bring about a strong financial situation in Tampa, were announced today.

Under the plan as announced by J. A. Griffin, president of the Exchange National Bank, the Merchants & Mechanics Bank and Trust Co.; The Bank of Sulphur Springs affiliates with the Exchange National; and the Latin American Bank has been absorbed by the First National.

The combined capital of three banks taken over is approximately \$200,000, it was said.

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PROHIBITION AND KLAN BIG ISSUES IN KANSAS TODAY

In Other States Farm Relief, World Court and Other Questions Enter Into Primary Voting.

SENATE RACES TO BE DECIDED

Senatorial Candidates Are to Be Chosen in Three States—Many Minor Offices in Four States.

Kansas City, Aug. 3.—(AP)—A haze of campaign oratory on prohibition, the Ku Klux Klan, world court, farm relief, and varied sectional issues lifted today over four western and one southern state, as voters invaded the primary election polling places to select national, congressional and state office nominees.

In Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas nominations will be made for United States senatorship. The three incumbents, all Republicans, Geo. H. Williams, Missouri; John W. Harreld, Oklahoma, and Charles Curtis, Kansas, seek re-nomination. With no senatorial contests slated, Montana voters will make nominations for the six congressional posts.

Oklahoma and Kansas parties have complete state tickets, more than 1,000 office seekers being registered under five banners for the sooner state races. In Missouri there are but a few of the lesser state offices to be filled. Montana and Virginia states call for election of half the membership of the state senate, and the entire lower house personnel as well as numerous county and district offices.

With the wet and dry debate the outstanding issue, several candidates are out for the long and short term Missouri senatorial nominations.

OBREGON TAKES SIDES WITH PRESIDENT CALLES

Former President of Mexico Declares Roman Catholics Provoked the Conflict.

Nogales, Ariz., Aug. 2.—Former President Alvaro Obregon, considered a potential presidential candidate in the 1928 Mexican election, late today threw his support to President Calles in the nation's religious controversy by declaring that "the high dignitaries of the Catholic church provoked this conflict." The statement was contained in a signed declaration given the Associated Press.

Cotton Consumption in State.

Raleigh, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Restrictions in operating time at textile mills in the fifth district did not spread further during June, if cotton consumption during that month is indicative of the rate of operations, says the Fifth Federal Reserve Bank in the current issue of its Monthly Review.

"Cotton consumed in the three textile manufacturing states of the district during June this year totalled 212,338 bales, of which North Carolina mills used 117,256 bales and South Carolina mills, 85,476 bales and Virginia mills, 9,606 bales. In the first month of May the district mills consumed 209,294 bales and in June, 1925, used 197,998 bales."

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THE WEATHER

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