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GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE ENDS WORK—ADJOURNS.

Next Meeting Will Be Held at One of State Capitals Between Thanksgiving and Christmas, Exact Place and Time to be Later Determined.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 20.—After perfecting concrete plans for future conclaves, the conference of governors adjourned today to meet at one of the State capitals on a date between Thanksgiving day and Christmas of the current year, the exact time and place to be determined by a committee, which was appointed.

The final session of the conference were marked by a divergence of views among the governors as to the wisdom of the State executives as a body passing resolutions for or against any given proposition. Several governors maintained that the greatest good would be accomplished by a courageous and definite stand upon great public questions, while others claimed that the conferences were in the nature of a school for the governors, where each learned the experience of his fellows. Eventually all resolutions calling for a formal expression of opinion by the governors as a body were in abeyance.

A sub-committee of the league of self-supporting women of New York submitted a statement to the conference recommending that the present status of women in the separate States be one of the topics for a full discussion at the next meeting of governors.

The conference unanimously adopted the report of the committee on plan and scope, which was submitted by Governor Hughes, of New York. The report recommended that an annual meeting of governors be held between Thanksgiving day and Christmas at one of the State capitals; that a committee of arrangements, consisting of Governors Wilson of Kentucky, Hadley of Missouri, and Ansel of South Carolina, be appointed to select the place and prepare for the meeting; that this committee be empowered to appoint subcommittees and employ a secretary and that the expenses incurred be apportioned among the States according to population.

Among those who addressed the conference were Governors Ansel, of South Carolina, and Governor Comer, of Alabama. Governor Ansel disensed extradition, and after giving a brief review of the law and decision of courts in regard to the subject of extradition, declared that from these decisions he had concluded that "there is but one question of fact that the executive must pass upon, and that is whether the person charged is a fugitive from justice."

"If that fact appears to his satisfaction," added "and the requisition papers show upon the face of them that the other requirements of the constitution and the act of Congress have been complied with, then I maintain that he has no alternative but to honor the requisition made and issue his extradition warrant to the agent of the State making the demand."

Owing to lack of time a speech Governor Comer, of Alabama, had prepared, was not delivered, but simply presented. In it he discussed a number of problems in which his State particularly is interested. He recommended again as at last year's conference that liberal appropriations be urged for river improvements.

"I view with alarm," he said, "the suppression of State courts, of State control of interstate affairs, and the evident tendency to make interstate business of whatever description a matter of national control and character. By such a policy the States would be stripped of authority and the national government would be put in more intimate relations with our larger properties and separated to a great extent from the smaller properties."

Hoax—There is one place, at least, where man comes before woman. Hoax—Where is that? Hoax—In the dictionary.

Most of us would rather be looked over than overlooked.

MAY RIVAL SUGAR FRAUD.

Undervaluing of Imported Automobiles is Discovered.

New York, Jan. 20.—More trouble in the customs services here came to light Tuesday night.

Everybody around the Federal Building is reticent, but the disclosures may bare a system which will rank with the sugar cases. Undervaluing automobiles is the new game.

Joseph P. McGrath, a young customs clerk, is especially charged with having defrauded the Government out of \$450 by deducting \$1,000 from the value of a car which arrived in New York November 26. The machine, according to the appraiser's certificate, was valued at \$1,850, but McGrath, it is alleged, entered this to read \$850. The duty on automobiles is 45 per cent. and valorem, hence the government stood to lose exactly \$450. If many other cars have been brought in under this alleged fraudulent arrangement, thousands of dollars have been lost to the Federal authorities.

McGrath was arraigned before a United States Commissioner tonight and held in \$1,000 bail for examination for next Tuesday.

Assistant United States District Attorney Walton, who had charge of the prosecution, declined to give out any information concerning the evidence the Government has discovered, other than to say it was "an important matter," and that there would be "sensational developments." He intimated that others would be implicated.

It has not been brought out as yet for whom the alleged undervaluing was done. The car in question was consigned to Alexander Hollander & Co., of this city.

Charles W. Bunn, an assistant appraiser, is credited with having noticed the alteration on the record which brought about McGrath's arrest. Thus, if this new phase of customs scandals becomes as important as predicted, Bunn will be entitled to a reward, as was Richard Parr, the original informer of frauds.

WANTS ROOSEVELT TO GO TO CONGRESS.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 20.—That Theodore Roosevelt has agreed to run for Congress in the first district of New York State, with the understanding that he will be supported among members of the House and Senate. Representative Cook is willing to step aside, it is said, in order to make room for the former President. Several members of the New York delegation are avowedly in favor of his candidacy while others think it would be a good plan to keep him from causing trouble in New York. According to a report, President Taft is aware of the plan and will be present at the reception in New York when Roosevelt returns in June to welcome him.

Uncle Joe Disturbed.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 20.—The latest rumor disturbing Uncle Joe Cannon is that Theodore Roosevelt on his return from Africa will be Speaker of the House of Representatives. According to the rumor Roosevelt will have Taft's support for this position. The story says a magnificent reception is planned for Roosevelt upon his return. The speakership boon will be launched then. Roosevelt is said to have told friends that the speakership is the most important post in the Federal Government.

SOUTHERN MILLS ARE BUYING FUTURES.

It is Said Also That They Will Demand Delivery.

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 20.—Savannah brokers received reports today that Southern mills were buying heavily of cotton future contracts in New York and would demand deliveries. A considerable amount was said to be for January delivery. By this means the mills are enabled to take advantage of the lower prices of futures, spot cotton in the Southern markets having failed to decline to anything like a corresponding degree.

A NEW YORK EAST SIDE TRAGEDY.

A Well-to-Do Italian Barber, His wife and Middle-Aged Woman the Victims.

New York, Jan. 20.—A triple murder was revealed in an obscure flat in the heart of New York's East Side at Nos. 10 and 12 Montgomery street, at dusk today. Two women and a man are victims, and the manner of death was horrible. Gagged with silk handkerchiefs, and their heads crushed with a hammer or an axe, they were left bleeding and fully dressed on the floor with a whimpering bull terrier as companion for the dead. Robbery was the motive or else it is another black hand case.

Sanatore Scalpone, a well-to-do Italian barber, his wife and a middle aged woman, believed to have been Mrs. Scalpone's mother, were the victims. His failure to appear at his shop today started an investigation which resulted in the discovery of the crime. Police summoned by the janitor of the apartment entered the locked flat by way of the fire escape.

In the kitchen Scalpone's body was found. It was tied to the door, the face battered beyond recognition and lying in a great smear of blood. Near his master stood the whining bull dog, cowering and blood splattered. The animal had paced aimlessly from body to body, sniffed one and then the other, staining the floor crimson with his foot prints and waiting for human aid.

In the next room were the bodies of the women, gagged as was the man, the handkerchiefs similarly knotted and the heads battered as if the same instrument had been used on all three. But no weapons with which such wounds could have been inflicted was found in the flat. Inspection by the officers revealed dire confusion; drawers were dumped out, cupboards ransacked, mattresses ripped open and every conceivable hiding place for money or valuables pried open. In a little hallway last traces of the murderer or murderers were found. There concealed under a potato sack was a basin half filled with bloody water, a blood-stained vessel and a pair of overalls, also blood-spattered. The water had probably been crimsoned as the slayer washed his hands before scarcely locking the apartment and making his escape by the fire escape.

Whoever took the three lives worked quietly, else next door neighbors are confused in their statements. It was late last night that the crime was committed, for Scalpone worked as usual in his shop until 10 o'clock.

Joseph Jingle, Scalpone's assistant barber, alarmed at the failure of his employer to appear for work today, gave the first clue to the murder. He called at the flat late this afternoon, found it locked, and summoned the janitor. The two tried the door, but with no avail. Then the police were called, and by the familiar fire escape entrance stood aghast before the three lifeless forms. The police are of the opinion that more than one person took part in the murder, for with the bull dog on guard and three persons to cope with, one man would have been powerless. Also examination showed that Scalpone's body had been dragged from the dining room to the kitchen, where it was tied. There is no direct clue, however, to the murderers.

SERVICES CONTINUING.

Strong and Forceful Sermons by a Most Earnest Man at First Presbyterian Church.

Rev. R. C. Anderson is continuing to preach strong and thoughtful sermons at the First Presbyterian church, afternoon and evenings. The attendance on these meetings is on the increase and the interest grows with each service. Mr. Anderson is one of the most thoughtful and forceful preachers heard in Concord and his sermons are of the kind that do good. The public is cordially invited to attend the meetings. There is preaching in the afternoon at 4 o'clock and again in the evening at 7 o'clock.

FROM THE SEAT OF WAR.

North Carolina Pie Hunters Strike the Home Base.

Asheville Gazette-News.

One by one North Carolinians are returning from the national capital, where they went to get a line on the patronage situation. All are hoping for the best, but few of them appear to know anything for certain. Developments appear to confirm a local news story which was published in this paper a few days ago, which intimated that little violence had characterized the contest in which, from the point of view of the groundings, Messrs. Roland and Rollins have engaged. In so far as this mountain section is concerned the frame-up is still Logan for marshal, Rollins for postmaster and Roland for—if not something equally as good—then for the best thing to be had with all hands pulling together. This, it is pointed out, would insure a fair distribution of balm and the emoluments of office among those who feel that they have reason to expect recognition and, in the event he is able to find safe deliverance from the Biltmore affair, Mr. Grant might find comparatively smooth sledding in the direction of a second congressional nomination. A few outs, it is true, may here and there have the temerity to ask what has become of the Grant no-third-term, battle cry, which won for him the nomination and subsequent election; but that is a detail which may be cared for by time and a judicious distribution of garden seeds.

CAUCUS NOMINEES WERE RATIFIED BY THE HOUSE.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 20.—Ignoring the protests of the Democratic members the Republican majority in the House today ratified their caucus nominees for the Ballinger-Pinehot investigating committee, displacing Representative Rainey, of Illinois, one of the Democratic selections, and naming in his stead Representative Lloyd, of Missouri, who indicated his unwillingness to serve on the committee.

Consideration of the urgent deficiency until tomorrow after three hours debate.

The Senate had a brief session, the only incident of which was a speech by Senator Bradley, of Kentucky, in which he defended Kentucky, and charged that the "tobacco trust" was responsible for the acts of violence which had been perpetrated by the so-called nightriders in that State.

At 1:26 p. m. the Senate adjourned until Monday, but the House remained in session until 5:05 p. m.

Jury in Lange Case Unable to Agree on Verdict.

Lexington, Jan. 20.—After being out since Monday morning, the jury in the case of John A. Lane against the Southern Railway, was discharged this afternoon, unable to agree. The jury stood seven to five against giving damages for alleged personal injuries. No jury in recent years has been hung so long in Davidson county. The case is a Rowan suit.

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