

LONDON BANKS ON JOHNSON

BETTING IN ENGLAND BREAKS ALL RECORDS—FEEL SURE OF THE BIG SMOKE

NEGROES PRAY FOR HERO

Odds in London Are Now Even Money and Most Bets Favor Johnson—Jeff Has Been Neglecting Gloves, Affirms Corbett—Negro Ministers Throughout the Country Pray for Aid in Sunday Services.

London, July 1.—Odds on the Jeffries Johnson fight have switched from 10 to 7 in Johnson's favor to even money today. The betting is the heaviest ever recorded in England. Sporting writers say that no one can lick Johnson.

Reno, July 1.—Jeffries was out early today and left at four this morning on a fishing trip. He will enjoy himself to the utmost today for tomorrow begins the hated drying out process. Life will be miserable for him and his camp followers for he always becomes grouchy. Monday the big fellow will sleep late and lounge about the camp until afternoon and then appear at the ring promptly for the fight.

Ricks Training Camp, July 1.—Jack Johnson is counting on divine assistance to lick Jeffries. His golden smile has disappeared and is replaced by an owl-like solemnity. It is announced today that colored ministers of Denver, Chicago, New York and other cities have joined in systematic prayers next Sunday for the success of the colored man in next Monday's fight. "I am a firm believer in the power of prayer," said Johnson today when asked to discuss the prayer announcement. "I believe my colored brethren will bring me added power through the medium of prayer."

Johnson stayed with the routine work this morning and as usual he is sparring this afternoon.

Corbett Chides Jeffries

Moana Springs, July 1.—Jim Corbett today admitted that Jeffries has been slighting the gloves too much. I have pleaded with him and he has promised to box, but we have only gone seven rounds so far; other times he was not there, said Corbett. Trainer Cornell, however, says Jeff did not need the boxing and Jeff took his advice. Gleason announced today that the fight would start at 1:30 promptly and that there would be no preliminaries.

Jack Jeffries said today that Doctor Porter said Johnson's frame seems unable to stand the strain of a long battle. He said the ale that Jack drank to keep up weight has caused fat inside. If true, Jeff's chances of winning are increased materially.

Mrs. Jeffries is showing signs of nervousness and efforts are being made to keep her away from her husband as much as possible. Neither Mrs. Jeffries or Mrs. Johnson will view the fight. They will get wires direct from the ringside.

Jeffries today picked Farmer Burns and his brother Jack and Armstrong for his corner. Corbett will be chief second and Cornell will attend to cuts and the legs. Articles of agreement do not mention hand bandages and Jeff will not wear any. He may insist that Johnson do the same, or at least put them on in the ring. Jeff said today he would win in an early round if possible.

Child Swallows Poison

Spokane, July 1.—Swallowing a mixture heavily loaded with strychnine under the impression that it was medicine, Florence Beatty, aged 10, died last night. Mrs. John Beatty, aged 50, the grandmother, and also the mother took some but physicians saved their lives.

BLOOD SPILLED IN PARIS.

Socialists Clash With Police During Execution of Liabeuf

Paris, July 1.—Liabeuf of Socialist was guillotined at sunrise in the prison at Sante, thus ending the career of one of the most blood thirsty Apaches Paris ever knew. While he was preparing to ascend the scaffold, several thousand friend and socialists gathered about. The fall of the blade maddened the throng and they attempted to storm the prison. Gendarmes were trampled and beaten prison guards were shot and one policeman killed. Troops rode up and charged the crowd and met them back, leaving hundreds injured in the streets. Some of these will die. More than one threatened the life of President Fallieres and started for his home only to be stopped by the police.

PENDLETON MAN ARRESTED

Held at Vancouver for Horse Stealing at Pendleton Oregon

Vancouver, Wn., July 1.—V. A. Ryther, wanted in Pendleton charged with horse stealing, is under arrest here awaiting action by the Umatilla county authorities. He was caught in the railroad yards while en route to Seattle.

HUMAN EAR SENT THROUGH MAIL

PRESIDENT OF STEAMBOAT CONCERN INTIMIDATED

Assured that he will Soon Lose His Ear Like Steamboat Man

Cleveland, July 1.—A human ear in a box sent through the mail to Harry C. Coulby, president of the Pittsburg Steamship company, was today turned over to the police with instructions to find the sender.

The letter which came with the ear informed Coulby that he would soon lose his ear. Coulby's company is at outs with Union men and the ear was that of a non-union steamboat man who had been attacked previously.

LA GRANDE MAY BE CHOSEN

Eastern Oregon Delegates Try to Bring Convention to La Grande

A letter from Rev. Ford Ellis, who with several other delegates is attending the convention of the Christian church members at Turner, Oregon, says:

The twentieth anniversary of the Oregon Christian Mission is in session at Turner, Oregon. Delegates from state are encamped upon the grounds that border the little town of Turner. The Christian church owns beautiful grounds with a large tabernacle, where the sessions of the convention are held. Two thousand people are estimated to have enrolled at the gates to the grounds last Sunday. The convention goes on record as the largest convention ever held. Workers from all parts of the world are represented upon the program. The delegates of eastern Oregon are making a strenuous fight to bring the convention every three years to eastern Oregon. The convention has met at Turner for the last 15 years. The delegates of the east are complaining of the distance that must be traveled every year. They urge that it would be fair for all if the churches of eastern Oregon should be recognized.

The location of La Grande with its connection with the Wallowa country, Baker City, Pendleton and Milvady, Baker City, Pendleton and Milvady will perhaps be chosen for the place of the convention in 1912. The convention will close Monday evening.

WOMAN'S CLUBS SCOLD TAFT

CALLS HIM ENEMY OF BABIES FOR REFUSING TO GREET DELEGATION OF WOMEN

YESTERDAY'S AFFAIR SECRET

Not Exactly Known What Transpired at Meeting Between Roosevelt and Taft—Hughes Primary Bill Thought to Have Been Endorsed by Conferees Before Adjournment—Ballinger Affair Not Touched.

Sagamore Mass. July 1

Because a delegation from the National Consumers Association was refused a conference with President Taft regarding the proposed legislation for child protection, the president is today termed an enemy of babies.

Taft's alleged opposition is charged in a speech by Mrs. Florence Kelly at the Sagamore society conference. She declared the delegation was informed at the White House that Taft was busy and could not see them. A half hour later Taft was playing golf, she said.

Mystery in Meeting

Beverly, July 1.—There is mystery in just what happened between Roosevelt and Taft yesterday when they met. It is believed the men agreed the Hughes primary bill should be endorsed. Ballinger-Pinchot affairs were not mentioned. It is said. Probably, the men will not meet again for some time. Some politicians concluded that Roosevelt didn't endorse the Taft administration or the regulars would have published it.

PIPE DELAYS WORK

Failure of Shipments to Reach La Grande Delays Mains

Shortage of pipe is delaying the construction of the Second Street water main considerably. With the exception of a few rods, the ditch from the reservoir to Adams avenue down Second street has been completed, but about two carloads of pipe is all that has been laid thus far. There are several carloads of pipe overdue here but seemingly the contractors are having trouble to receive the shipments as they should.

Hot Lake Items

Hot Lake, July 1.—(Special)—"Cap" Alexander, who was formerly located at La Grande but later moved to Portland when appointed field agent for the land office department, visited friends here today. He is on his way to Boise.

Mrs. J. J. Carr will be able to return to her home in about ten days. Mrs. H. F. Anderson of Ontario is her guest today.

L. Garick of La Grande arrived here today to take treatment for rheumatism.

Col. H. E. Newport, the contractor, whose home is at Hermiston but who has been located at La Grande this spring, is here today to visit his wife who has undergone a delicate operation. She is improving.

H. L. Slaughter of Baker City has gone to Los Angeles to take charge of the clerk's desk in the Victoria hotel. He was chief clerk here while Mr. Wallington was away.

Justice Moody Ill

Nahant, Mass., July 1.—Roosevelt and Lodge left in an auto, steering for Brooklyn to visit Chief Justice Moody, who is ill at the hospital. Roosevelt appointed Moody Attorney General in 1904. They are close friends.

Wabash Train Wrecked

Montgomery Mo., July 1.—One man was killed and four fatally injured when the Wabash passenger was wrecked near here today. A grating truck on the baggage car caused it.

VAST ARMY PLANS WAGE WARS

TEN THOUSAND CONDUCTORS AND BRAKEMEN READY TO QUIT JOBS TONIGHT

NO MORE NEGOTIATIONS

Conductors and Brakemen in Vast Area Agree to Strike, Tying up Traffic in Dozen States of the Southwest—Railroad Operators Discredit Danger of the Strike—Increases Likely to be Refused.

Washington, July 1

Representatives of the conductors and trainmen on all Southeastern roads, announced today that a strike involving 50,000 men will probably be called this afternoon. The men demand a wage scale and working hours the same as granted by the Chesapeake & Ohio. It is believed the demands will be refused.

The union sub-committee has issued an ultimatum declaring no more conference after today. They have endeavored to effect a satisfactory settlement for a month to avoid a strike, the leaders say.

Trainmen assert that 10,000 conductors, brakemen and other employees are ready to strike when they do. Should they do so traffic will be blocked throughout North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and portions of Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana.

The increases demanded range from 15 to 30 per cent. Southern railroad operators discredit the danger of a strike.

Students in Bloody Fight

Lemberg, Austria, July 1.—A thousand and Lithuanian students of the University of Lemberg engaged in a free for all fight on racial lines today. The rioting continued until the police interfered. Many shots were exchanged and hundreds were taken to hospitals seriously injured.

Increase in Wages

New York, July 1.—Between 5000 and 6000 structural iron workers today received a voluntary increase in wages of 20 cents a day, bringing their daily income to \$5, the highest the workers at the trade have yet received.

Contest Cases Heard

Two contest cases were heard at the land office today. One is the case of George F. Hagey against Hugo A. Beck, and the other is Mr. Hagey against James O'Brien. The land involved is a homestead near Starkey. Land Attorney Brischoux appeared for Hagey.

Japs to Dash South

Tokio, July 1.—Lieut. Shirase of the Jap. army, will race Captain Scott of the British army to the South Pole. Early in August he heads a party of 12 men who hope to plant the Jap. flag the farthest South before Scott can reach there.

New Weather Maker

St. Louis, July 1.—Montrose Hayes commenced making the weather for St. Louis and vicinity today, succeeding J. Warren Smith who returns to Columbus, O., as forecaster and professor at Ohio State University.

Number Seven Late

Passenger train No. seven, west bound, was several hours late today, for the first time in many weeks. Trouble beyond Huntington delayed its arrival here until 7:30.

Mortuary Benefit

New York, July 1.—Collection of the per capita tax for the new mortuary benefit system established by the last convention of Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers national convention commenced today.

MORE LANDS WITHDRAWN

President Has Signed Proclamation in Regard to Western Lands

Washington, July 1.—Proclamations eliminating nearly half a million acres of land from the national forest lands and adding about 100,000 to reserves, have been signed by Taft. The lands eliminated were found suitable for agriculture. From the Beaver Head National Forest reserve in Idaho, 106,875 acres are taken. About sixty thousand are to be taken from the Targhee reserve in Idaho and Wyoming, also.

Want Ruel's Pulse Made Known

San Francisco, July 1.—Abe Ruel, once political boss and head of a grafting ring, convicted of bribery, must appear before the superior court tomorrow and show cause why he should not be remanded into the custody of the sheriff. Since December he has been out under \$300,000 bonds on plea of his health being poor. The court wants to see how healthy he is.

Regulars Lose Ground

Bluefields, July 1.—Insurgent operations against Managua are being carried forward vigorously today, according to reports which state that the Madriz forces are not prepared for a long siege.

AN EXPLANATION IS GIVEN

NO PUBLIC CELEBRATION PLANNED FOR JULY FOURTH

Reason for Charging Admission Set Out in Communication

To the Public—At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Chautauqua Association held last evening, complaint was made that a number of people were objecting to the Chautauqua making a charge on the 4th of July, and in order to explain the situation that the board of Managers hold upon this matter, we desire to announce:

That the Chautauqua is not a public celebration. The Chautauqua has not received public subscriptions in order to put on the attractions that will be given that day. The expense of putting the attractions on for that day will amount to over \$300.00 and they must be met by our gate receipts, whether season tickets or single admissions. It is a well known fact that La Grande could have none of the attractions here that the Chautauqua affords unless the people were willing to support the same by purchasing season tickets and attending the meetings held. Viewing the matter in this light, we cannot see how the public in general can ask for something for nothing, and they should be willing to give us their support and boost our town and county toward greater things.

Yours very truly,
T. A. RINEHART, President.
GEORGE T. COCHRAN, Secretary.

A band escort for the parading Sunday School children next Sunday morning when the mobilized Sunday School forces of the city will commence a march from the Baptist church to the Chautauqua grounds, was provided for at a meeting of the Chautauqua committee last evening. All children of Sunday School affiliation are to gather at the Baptist church before nine o'clock, and at that hour, the march will commence toward the park where the first event of the thirteen day celebration will commence.

Hour Near at Hand

As Sunday approaches, Chautauqua committees are steeling themselves to the hardest sort of work in preparation for the opening day. Every structure on the grounds will be finished and every detail will be at-

BRAKEMAN ENDS HIS GRIEF

ATTEMPTS TO KILL DIVORCED WIFE IN PORTLAND GRILL LAST EVENING

SUICIDES BEFORE DINERS

O. R. & N. Brakeman Attempts Murder and Then Blows Own Brains Out in Stylish Grill Before Large Crowd of Diners—Has Been Divorced for a Month and Had Threatened to Kill Former Wife.

Portland, July 1

I. T. Bowen, an O. R. & N. brakeman, is dead, a suicide, and his wife whom he shot last night in a Portland grill, evidently intending to finish her life and then take his own, is in the Good Samaritan hospital in a serious condition.

Domestic Trouble is Fault

It was all the result of Bowen's determination to end domestic trouble. The couple was divorced a month ago. Since then he has threatened to take her life. Last night he followed her on the street and she took refuge in the grill. He followed and shot her through the neck and then blew out his own brains before a large crowd of diners.

Bowen left a note saying he had had lots of family trouble and was tired of it.

tended to at the proper moment.

The Chautauqua is vying with the prize fight in Eastern Oregon when it comes to public discussion. The venture is new here and is being freely talked of as the day for the opening approaches.

The program for Sunday and Monday is published herewith again:

- Sunday, July 3.**
(Program in charge of the La Grande Ministerial Association)
10:00 a. m.—Sunday School Rally—Conducted by Rev. C. A. Phipps, State S. S. Worker
1:30 p. m.—Sacred Concert by La Grande Band.
2:30 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. G. L. Powell, of Minneapolis, Minn.
7 to 8 p. m.—Concert by the Band.
8 p. m.—Lecture by Rev. G. L. Powell, of Minneapolis, Minn.
- Monday, July 4.**
10:00 a. m.—Band Concert.
11:00 a. m.—Oration of the Day—Hon. Stephen A. Lowell
Noon—Basket Picnic.
1:00 p. m.—Band Concert.
1:30 to 3:00 p. m.—Special Athletic Program.
Land sports—50-yd. dash, free for all; 50-yd. dash, under sixteen; 50-yd. dash (exhibition); half mile (exhibition)
Water Sport—
20 yard swim (free stroke)
40 yard swim (free stroke)
80 yard swim (free stroke)
40 yard swim (back stroke)
80 yard swim, free stroke (juvenile event)
Jump for height from spring board
High diving three heights, 15, 25 and 30 feet solid take off.
Endurance test, under water (not distance).
Single manned canoe race for men
Same for women.
Double manned canoe race for men.
Same for women.
Four-oared women's canoe race—(Special)
Relay race, four entries.
Relay race, juvenile entries, same as above.
3:30 p. m.—Patriotic Program—A reproduction of the Continental Congress of 1776. In charge of special committees.
7 to 8 p. m.—Band Concert.
8:00 p. m.—Lecture "Livingstone in Darkest Africa," Dr. Davidson Buchanan.
- Plunger Patten Retires.**
Chicago, July 1.—J. A. Patten grain and cotton king, today severed his connection with Bartlett, Patten & Co.