

'NATIONALS' ELECT ROGERS AS CHAIRMAN

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE WORKS WHILE SPEAKERS TALK

L. M. LEPPER OF PORTLAND MADE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

Brown Admits Many Roosevelt Supporters Are Inactive Because of Personal Reasons Against It — Meeting Comes to Order at 10 O'Clock Today.

Portland, July 25.—The National Progressive state mass convention was called to order at 10 o'clock and George Brown, of Portland, was elected temporary chairman and L. M. Lepper, of Portland, temporary secretary. After the speech of acceptance by Brown, he appointed a credentials committee, consisting of Dan Kellaher, F. E. Taylor, and E. L. Tovey. The time of the convention was then taken up with speeches awaiting the report of the credentials committee.

After the appointment of committees and selection of G. F. Rodgers, of Salem, as permanent chairman, the convention adjourned until 2:30.

Yesterday Bruce Dennis resigned as chairman of the republican state committee.

In his speech of acceptance Brown said:

"The right is not always made up of numbers. Everything of this nature calls for courage. There are in this state supporters of Roosevelt who, though their sympathies are with him have not participated in this movement because of personal reasons."

MIKADO WORSE AGAIN.

Relapse Believed to Spell Beginning of the End.

Tokio, July 25.—A decided change for the worse is reported today in the condition of the mikado, and all hope is abandoned, physicians declaring that death is now a matter of a few hours.

A bulletin issued by the physicians at noon gave his temperature at 98.7, pulse 110. At 8 o'clock tonight his condition is not materially changed.

Ohio Town's Centennial.

Chardon, O., July 25.—Dressed in gala attire and thronged with visitors the town of Chardon today began the celebration of the 100th anniversary of its founding. The celebration will continue three days and will embrace a wide variety of festivities.

WOOL TARIFF IS BEFORE SENATE

DEMOCRATS ADHERE CLOSELY TO HOUSE BILL.

Cummins Backed by Insurgents Would Hit Compromise.

Washington, D. C., July 25.—The wool tariff was made today the special order business in the senate. The democrats favor the bill passed by the house which is identical to the one President Taft vetoed last year.

Progressives are backing Senator Cummins' bill which takes the middle ground and is in the nature of a compromise between practical abolition of duties as favored by the house, and high tariffs demanded by the senate. The vote is expected today.

CLOUDBURSTS SWALLOW 17 MINERS AND FLOOD TOWNS

Dunbar, Pa., Six Feet Under Water Following Storm That Floods Mines and Drowns Workers

Uniontown, Pa., July 25.—Seventeen miners lost their lives in a cloudburst which flooded the Superba mine at Evans station late yesterday, according to Fire Boss Lamont, who maintains that there were more than a hundred men in the mine when the water rushed in and of this number 91 escaped. Hundreds of families are homeless and thousands are destitute in western Pennsylvania and West Virginia as the result of the cloudburst. Thousands of acres are under water.

The streets of Dunbar are under six feet of water. The trolley road beds in the flooded districts are destroyed and suburban traffic is completely demoralized. In the Redstone valley, near here, 600 families were forced to flee to the hills for safety and a number of miners are reported missing near Smock and it is feared they perished in the cloudburst.

The Alleghany river at Pittsburgh is rising rapidly and it is expected the 18 foot stage will be reached.

SACERDOTAL JUBILEE HELD

THOMAS F. KENNEDY RECEIVES CONGRATULATIONS.

Pope Among Those Present When the Jubilee Is Held.

Rome, July 25.—In the chapel where 25 years ago he was ordained a priest the Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Kennedy, the popular and distinguished rector of the American college in Rome, today celebrated mass and received the congratulations of a host of friends and admirers on the occasion of his sacerdotal jubilee. The pope and practically all of the members of the Sacred college resident in Rome, together with a host of other high officials at the vatican were among those who offered their congratulations to Bishop Kennedy, and in addition the American prelate received a bundle of felicitous messages from his personal friends among the clergy and laity of the Roman Catholic church in the United States.

Few churchmen in Rome, outside of the limited circle of high vatican officials, enjoy a wider measure of fame than the rector of the American college, and it is safe to say that none is more highly esteemed. It is now more than ten years since the late Pope Leo XIII, largely upon the recommendation of Mgr. Satolli, called Bishop Kennedy to Rome to fill the rectorship of the North American college.

Previous to his appointment as rector of the college the young American prelate was connected with St. Charles Theological seminary, near Philadelphia. Mgr. Satolli, at that time apostolic delegate to the United States, visited the seminary and was particularly impressed with the work being carried on there by Mgr. Kennedy. The apostolic delegate declared that nowhere in America had he seen a training school for priests so closely approaching the models and high standards established in Rome.

Bishop Kennedy has met with equal success in his rectorship of the North American college, which is now conceded to be the most important of the foreign colleges in Rome. From the beginning of his service he has distinguished himself by his business ability, his governing power, his tact and courtesy in dealing with the large number of visitors from the United States.

The attendance at the college has increased beyond all precedents. The students have been more successful than ever before in their competition with the students of other colleges.

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BOY OF EIGHT RIVER VICTIM

COMPANY OF CHILDREN AT PLAY NEAR RIVER.

Boy Struggles Heroically to Reach the Shore but Fails.

Baker City, July 25.—(Special) — One of the saddest accidents that has occurred in this community for some time was the death by drowning of Ralph Meyers, the eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Meyers, who met death in the Powder river yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock.

In company with several other children, he was playing along the bank of the river at Resort and C streets. The water at this point is quite deep considerably over the head of the boy. The youngsters had a plank, which they were playing with from the bank. It slipped from their hands and in reaching out to grasp it the lad lost his balance and fell in. He struggled in vain to reach the shore and sank to the bottom of the pool in full sight of his playmates. The latter raised the cry and soon brought quite a number to the scene, included some men who were loading gravel a few hundred yards away.

After repeated efforts the body of the child was finally brought from the pool, which was about six feet deep, by Prof. Felix Lochner, violinist at the Orpheum theatre. From the stories of his companions, the body was not in the water to exceed 30 minutes.

The deceased boy was a bright child, having passed from the fourth grade in the public schools at the end of the last term.

Hot in Chicago.

Chicago, July 25.—Two deaths and 25 prostrations resulted from the terrific heat today. The day opened hot but cooler weather is forecasted for tomorrow.

GOMPERS SUBJECTS JUSTICE WRIGHT TO STINGING CRITICISMS

Washington, July 25.—Appropos of the jail sentences meted out to himself as president, John Mitchell as vice president, Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor for contempt by Justice Wright, of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, Samuel Gompers in the Federationist today prints as follows: "Justice Wright discloses a mental

TAFT DEFENSE SPEECH SUBJECT TO RIDICULE

CONGRESSMAN NORRIS ANSWERS MONDELL 'DEFENSE'

STEALING THE SOUTHERN DELEGATES WORST OF ALL

Colonel Bryan Calls Roosevelt Reactionary and Insincere—Colonel Will Be in Chicago August 5 When the National Convention Is Called There.

Washington, D. C., July 25.—Ridiculing President Taft's claim that his renomination at Chicago was regular Congressman Norris (Nebraska) replied today to Mondell's speech in the house. Norris reviewed the contests made by the Roosevelt men from Texas, declaring the unseating of the Lyon delegates was "one of the grossest frauds of the whole Chicago robbery."

Norris said, "The salaries of the southern federal office-holders at the Chicago convention would total a million a year. That is more than the republican organization or the republican party is worth down there."

Lincoln, Neb., July 25.—Roosevelt is a reactionary, according to an editorial in Bryan's Commoner today. The editorial says: "Roosevelt's whole basis is wrong. He is more of a Hamilton than Hamilton was. No public man since the government was formed has treated the constitutional limitations so contemptuously. Did he not show in Chicago that he is more interested in obtaining office for himself than in advancing reforms? Could he not have nominated any one of a number of progressives? Why did he refuse to stand aside?"

Roosevelt Going to Chicago. Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 25.—It was announced today that Roosevelt expects to arrive at Chicago August 5, the opening day of the convention of the National Progressive party. That night he will deliver a declaration of his principles covering his personal views of topics included by his supporters in the call for the convention.

EDITOR IS IN GRIEF.

Denver Post Editor Runs Foul of Circuit Court Judge.

Denver, July 25.—F. G. Bonfils, one of the owners of the Denver Post, appeared this afternoon in Judge Shattuck's court to answer a charge of criminal contempt of court as a result of the Post's discussion of a half million dollar libel suit which William Evans, president of the Denver Tramway company, has filed against the Post.

"I propose to work," Bonfils told the court, "until this damnable power which makes us a nation of serfs is taken out of the hands of the

judges. The law permitting a judge to punish citizens for statements made outside of the courtroom is a reversion to the dark ages."

Minnesota Automobile Tour.

St. Paul, Minn., July 25.—The fifth annual reliability run of the Minnesota State Automobile association started from this city today, with Winnipeg as the objective point. The tourists will leave Winnipeg next Monday on their return trip, which will be made by way of Grand Forks and Fargo, N. D.

Oklahoma Progressives.

Oklahoma City, Okla., July 25.—Roosevelt supporters in Oklahoma, led by former Governor Frank Frantz gathered for a state convention here today to select delegates to the third party convention in Chicago and to take other steps to give Oklahoma due representation in the new progressive party organization. The supporters of the movement are much encouraged by the announcement that seven of the nominees for presidential electors on the regular republican ticket in Oklahoma intend to vote for Roosevelt if elected.

ENEMIES DRAW NEAR FIRE LINE

BIG BATTLE WILL PROBABLY OCCUR FRIDAY.

Short Marches Take Place Today Preparatory to Battle.

Centralla, Wash., July 25.—The Reds broke camp at six o'clock this morning at Porter, and will probably march as far as Elma, four miles west. The Blues have departed from Rochester, three miles east of Gate City and will probably march eight miles coming close to the Blues tonight. The first battle will probably take place tomorrow.

It is possible that either the Reds or Blues plan a night attack as each commander should know the location of the opposing forces tonight. The troops of both armies are in good condition, eager for action. The Blues hold Centralla, Chehalis, Rochester, Gate City, Grand Mound, and Independence, while the Reds hold Aberdeen, Houliam, Montesano, Porter, Elma, Cedarville, Black River and Bridges.

May Be Richest Bachelor's Bride

Newport, R. I., July 25.—A new mark for lavishness and splendor is expected to be set for Newport society by the entertainment Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Andrews will give tomorrow evening, at their summer home here, to introduce formally their daughter, Margaret. The cottage colony is intensely interested in the debut, for Miss Margaret is one of the acknowledged belles of Newport this season. In fact she has almost monopolized public attention, especially since it was noticed that young Vincent Astor, America's richest bachelor, was exceedingly fond of her company. During his visit to Newport before leaving for Europe young Astor paid devoted attention to Miss Andrews. The fact that Vincent Astor's most intimate friends, young Hermann Oelrichs, is also a devoted attendant upon the young lady has added interest to the situation, and it would not be surprising if sporty Newport would soon be laying wagers on the result of the contest between the two "millionaire kids" for the heart and hand of the fair Miss Margaret.

Forger Held.

Greenwich, Conn., July 25.—Stanley Beadle, held under five thousand dollar bonds on a charge of assault, admitted he is wanted at Seattle, Spokane and Los Angeles for passing fraudulent checks. A card held on Beadle showed he was formerly secretary of the Western Sales company of Los Angeles.

DARROW TRIAL JUROR ACCUSED OF PREJUDICE

ATTORNEY ROGERS IS BRINGING CHARGES AGAINST JUROR

OPENLY BIASED IS CHARGED AGAINST JUROR LEAVITT

Darrow Juror Who Has Been Ill for Several Days Claimed to Have Been Prejudiced Prior to Being Picked for Jury Duty—Claimed He Thought Darrow Guilty.

Los Angeles, July 25.—When court convened today at the Darrow trial, Attorney Rogers for the defense, charged in open court that Juror Leavitt, who has been absent from the trial for three days, had expressed opinions on Darrow's guilt before being called for service, and he attempted to cause the juror's dismissal from the case.

Rogers claims he has several witnesses who can prove that the juror was biased when he entered the box. He claimed the juror told his neighbor that he believed Darrow furnished the money to win the Haywood trial at Boise and that he believed him guilty in this case.

"It has come to my notice," said Rogers, "that Juror Leavitt told Jeff Steel, a neighbor, that he believed Darrow used money with a juror to win the Haywood trial at Boise; Idaho, and also that he believed him guilty in the Lockwood case. We demand that this man be relieved from further service on this jury and that the alternate juror, Blakesley, be substituted. Mr. Leavitt is liable to have resumption of stomach aches, and if they be such at any time, and in fairness to my client, I demand that he be excused."

Judge Hutton overruled the motion of the defense and the trial will proceed this afternoon with Leavitt in the box. The court refused to hear defense witnesses in an attempt to disqualify Leavitt.

Pacific Logging Congress.

Tacoma, Wash., July 25.—The Pacific Logging congress began its 4th annual meeting here today with a large attendance of representatives of the logging industry in California, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho and British Columbia. The meeting will last three days. The utilization of electricity and the use of fuel oil in logging operations are the chief subjects slated for discussion. At the conclusion of the sessions the members will pay a visit of inspection to the big lumber camps at Kapowain.

BERGERS PLANS MEET FAVORS

SEATTLE LABOR COUNCIL URGES PROBING.

Northern Pacific Episode Especially in Disfavor.

Seattle, July 25.—Resolutions endorsing Berger's proposal to ask for a grand jury investigation of alleged relations between Hanft, prominent attorney and business interests here, were passed by the Central Labor council and forwarded today to members of Washington's delegation in congress. The resolution calls particular attention to the need of an investigation in Hanft's dealings with the Northern Pacific railroad.