

SLUMS CARE TAX BURDENS RICH ESCAPE

STARTLING DISCLOSURE MADE BY HOUSE COMMITTEE

CITY OF WASHINGTON IS TAXED ON PECULIAR BASIS

Valuation of Millionaire's Home Not Sufficient to Buy Stone Wall in Front of the Property—Building of Small Homes Discouraged by Preposterous Method of Taxation.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Denunciation of the system by which the poor of the Washington slums are made to bear the heavy burden of taxation while the millionaires escape, was made to the house today in a report by a special investigating committee. The report asserted over-assessing of the small homes discouraged laboring men and resulted in paralysis to building operations.

Assessments Deemed a Joke. The report alleged that the homes of August Belmont, Louis Letter, William Boardman, Lars Anderson, John R. McLean, former United States Senator William A. Clarke—all millionaires—are under-valued. Referring to John R. McLean's country home the report says it is assessed at \$3,500 an acre, adding that the land could not be bought for \$25,000 an acre. The improvements are assessed at \$20,000 which amount wouldn't pay for the stone wall in front of the property.

Leaders Oppose Howard.

Seattle, Aug. 20.—A special to the Star here from Washington says that Senator Poindexter of Washington and Borah of Idaho, with Cummins of Iowa will oppose the confirmation by the senate of the appointment by President Taft of Clinton Howard to succeed Former Federal Judge Hanford. It developed today that Taft's Seattle advisers were not consulted in the selection of Hanford's successor.

New Mikado Greeted.

Tokio, Aug. 22.—An extraordinary session of parliament was held today to hear the new mikado's initial address and adopt resolutions of grief over the death of Emperor Mutsuhito. The parliament has pledged itself loyalty and support to the mikado.

CALIFORNIAN CAPTAIN ANGRY

DENIES HE DISREGARDED TITANIC'S SIGNALS.

Injuries Have Been Done Him Says Captain Lord of Californian.

Liverpool, Aug. 20.—Hoping to show that injuries have been done by the accusation that he disregarded distress signals from the sinking liner, the Californian, just before the ship sank, Capt. Lord of the steamer Californian, gave a public explanation today of all that happened on board his vessel the night of the disaster.

"The evidence is conclusive," Lord says, "that no officer of the Californian was aware that such a calamity had occurred. The second officer who did see the signals was the only officer who saw them. I think I am justified in relying on his judgment. Had the Californian been the steamship seen by those on the Titanic, it would have also been sighted by the Carpathia. It is unthinkable that any seaman would wilfully disregard what he knew to be signals of distress."

Near-Giant

PERRY FAMILY ARE PARENTS OF LARGE BOY.

WEIGHT TIES RECORD

Counsel Baby Weighed Same—County Sets Novel Record.

Union county is coming to be the birthplace of abnormally large babies. About a year and a half ago, a 11½ pound son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Counsel; then a few weeks ago were born the Newlin twins which weighed 8½ pounds each, and now is born another 14½ pound baby.

Perry Family Ties Record. Yesterday Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Carter of Perry became ranked in the "big family" class. A son weighing 14½ pounds was born to them, but the youngster is light for his size. He is said to be much larger, apparently, than the Counsel baby was, yet he weighed exactly the same. Mr. Carter, Jr., is hale and hearty and his mother is doing well. The big little fellow is very robust and is said to be larger than even the abnormal weight would lead one to imagine.

Greek Kills, and Flees.

Redding, Cal., Aug. 20.—Spera Kestakis, a Greek who shot and killed George Kenomar in Delta, a little railroad town 38 miles from here, is at large in the hills today.

RARE FEATURES ENLIVEN BALL

BUTTERFLIES AND DOVES ARE TURNED LOOSE.

Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish Is Scored by Debs Following "Blowout"

Terre Haute, Ind., Aug. 20.—Bitter denunciation of Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish's ball at Newport last night, when live butterflies and white doves were freed in the reception hall, was voiced today by Eugene V. Debs, the Socialist nominee for president. "Sedey dinners and monkey parties," he said, "foreshadow the doom of modern aristocracy by the latest exhibition of morbid self conceit and heartless defiance of the social misery of the masses has been given by Mrs. Fish.

"A description of this riotous affair is well calculated to impress on the minds of thoughtful people that there is something radically wrong with the country where such a display of luxury can be made in a stone's throw from where hundreds and thousands of men, women and little children are struggling for a mere existence."

EUGENE GIRL MURDERED.

Eugene, Ore., Aug. 20.—Mildred Green, aged 12, was murdered early today in her bedroom here. The murderer slashed her throat clear across. According to the coroner he did not molest the body. The girl lived alone with her father, Rev. H. A. Green. There is no clue to the slayer.

Rebels Surround American.

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 20.—Pushing to the aid of a dozen American-English miners besieged by rebels in the Tomlin mining camp, 80 miles from the coast, Mexican federals are en route from Mazatlan. The American cruiser Denver is expected to arrive at Mazatlan today. Marines may be landed and rushed to the scene. The country surrounding the Tomlin mining district is overrun with rebels.

One Battleship Bill Passes.

Washington, Aug. 26.—The naval appropriation bill providing one battleship, was passed this afternoon, the conference report being approved by a vote of 151 to 10. The measure now goes to Taft for approval.

MARSHALL IS INFORMED OF NOMINATION

FORMAL AFFAIR OCCURS IN INDIANAPOLIS AT NOON

PROMINENT DEMOCRATS

HEAR ACCEPTANCE TO SPEECH

Close Allegiance to the Democratic Party Is Keynote of Speech Delivered by Governor Marshall in Accepting Nomination—Alton B. Parker Introduces Candidate to the Crowd.

Indianapolis, Aug. 20.—In the presence of hundreds of prominent Democrats, Governor Thomas R. Marshall, of Indiana, was today formally notified here of his nomination for the vice presidency of the United States. Marshall replied briefly, pledging support to the Democratic platform.

Governor Wilson, the Democratic presidential nominee and William F. McCombs, chairman of the Democratic national committee, were unable to attend.

Governor Marshall was formally notified by Judge Alton B. Parker of New York, the temporary chairman of the Baltimore convention. The ceremonies were held on the platform in front of the Democratic club and Parker was introduced to the gathering by Samuel Ralston, Democratic candidate for governor of Indiana.

After the ceremonies, the notification committee and other distinguished guests attended a reception at the home of Mr. Marshall.

ROOSEVELT CLUBS FORMED WITH MUCH SUCCESS LAST EVENING

COLONEL'S COMING VERIFIED

- Original reports giving La Grande a place on the Roosevelt itinerary later contradicted, are partially verified by National Committeeman Coe of Portland who contemplates that Roosevelt will go by a regular or special train direct from Portland to La Grande. Telegrams forwarded from La Grande to Campaign Manager Dixon asking for a definite statement on the itinerary phase, have not been answered late this afternoon.

Perfection of two new, strong, healthy Progressive clubs in Union county—that of Union and Imbler—and the election of a county central committee in a third town—that of Covingshand in hand today with a called meeting of delegates from all precincts of Union county to meet in La Grande Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. All the three organizations were perfected under direction of leaders sent out from their mother clubs at La Grande and invariably the emissaries returned with glowing accounts of the Roosevelt prospects in Union county.

UNION MEETING HUMMER

Prominent Democrats Align with Progressive Causes at Union.

Union, Aug. 20.—(Special)—With over 50 in attendance, and the meeting marked by the presence of four prominent Democrats who threw their strength with the Roosevelt forces, declaring allegiance to the third party cause, the Progressives of Union perfected an organization last night. Practically every man present took some part in the speeches and the Progressives cause got off on the right foot. The president is Mr. Rohrig.

GENERAL BOOTH DYING; FAMILY QUARREL LASTS

MIND WANDERS AND VETERAN WILL DIE IN FEW HOURS

WILL IS TO ESTABLISH SUCCESSOR TO THE CHIEF

Ballington Booth Has Expressed No Word of Regret at Father's Illness and No Reconciliation Has Been Offered in the Family—Bramwell Booth Gives up Hope.

London, Eng., Aug. 20.—General Wm Booth, head of the Salvation Army, is worse today. His physicians say his death is a matter of a few hours.

Booth's mind is wandering this morning. He is weakened by a night of restlessness. In the event Booth dies it is believed to be practically certain that his son, Bramwell Booth, will succeed his father in command of the Salvation Army. This will not be definitely known until General Booth's will is opened.

Referring today to his father's illness, Bramwell Booth said:

"Father is undoubtedly dying; he is beyond speech now, but his last message to the members of the Salvation Army were 'His promises are sure if you believe in them.'"

There is general grieving because no reconciliation has been effected with his son, Ballington from whom no word of sympathy or interest has been received.

Engine hits W. Harrison

INJURIES NOT OVERLY SERIOUS—DIDN'T SEE ENGINE.

HEAD, LEGS ARE HURT

Wesley Harrison, Veteran Engineer, Is Hit by Locomotive Today.

Stationary Engineer Wesley Harrison, for many years in charge of the round house engine room, was hit by Engine 304, the locomotive just bringing No. 17 into the station at noon today, and Mr. Harrison is quite badly injured but not thought to be fatally so or even critically. He was on his way to lunch as No. 17 was pulling into the yards, and the engine was backing into the round house at a rate of 8 or 10 miles an hour, when it hit Mr. Harrison, who apparently did not notice its approach. Engineer H. V. Denny, and the fireman on 304 say the bell was ringing and the whistle was blown just before Mr. Harrison was hit as the fireman discovered his close proximity to the tracks, but too late. He was hit a glancing blow and thrown over to where the engineer saw him and the locomotive immediately stopped. Mr. Harrison was hurried to the hospital. His hands and fingers are lacerated, he has cuts on his head and one leg is injured. Hasty examination disclosed the fact that he is not in a critical condition.

JURY FINDS 7 INDICTMENTS

BECKER'S CHARGE SUPERCEDES ALL OF THEM.

Sam Schepps Tells His Story to the Grand Jurors Early Today.

New York, Aug. 20.—Seven indictments, each charging murder in the first degree, were returned by the grand jury today in connection with the murder of Herman Rosenthal. Superceding the indictments is the one returned against Police Lieutenant Becker, who is alleged by District Attorney Whitman to have ordered the death of Rosenthal and paid the money for the killing and other indicted were White, Lewis, Lefty Louis, Roesberg, Harry Horowitz, alias Gyp the Blood, Jacob Reisch, alias Jack Sullivan, alleged to have been Becker's agent, and William Shapire.

Police Lieutenant Becker today was denied permission of Judge Mulqueen to inspect the notes of the grand jury indicting him. He was indignant when informed his motion was denied, declaring he had been discriminated against.

Sam Schepps today told the grand jury his story of the death of Rosenthal in connection with which he is under arrest. It is reported that he admitted that Police Lieutenant Becker gave him the money to pay the gamblers for killing Rosenthal.

Georgia Gubernatorial Contest.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 20.—The Democrats of Georgia tomorrow will name a governor and other state officers, members of the judiciary and representatives in congress in primaries in which nomination in all cases is considered equivalent to election. Interest is confined almost wholly to the contest for the gubernatorial nomination, in which the candidates are John M. Slaton of Atlanta, Joe Hill Hall of Macon and Hooper Alexander of De Kalb county. A number of the present state officers have no opposition for re-nomination. The majority of the present congressmen likewise will be re-nominated. A preference vote is to be taken for the choice of a United States senator, but as Senator Bacon is assured of re-election the voting will be of a purely perfunctory character.

KANSAS MAN MUCK, KILLS TWO, SUICIDES

ATTEMPTED KIDNAPING OF FARMER GIRL STARTS TROUBLE

FATHER PROTECTING HIS DAUGHTER, IS SHOT DEAD

Younger Son Spared Only on Threats of Death Unless He Assisted in Escape—Posse of Farmers Surrounds Wounded Man Who Is a Farmer of the Bell Plain Section of State.

Bell Plain, Kas., Aug. 20.—After attempting to kidnap Ethel Manahan, aged 22, shooting and killing her father, Matt Manahan, and James Thompson, aged 16, near here today, Samuel W. Wood shot himself in the breast and now is said to be dying in the hospital.

Wood went to know where Miss Manahan lived. The girl, seeing him approach, hid herself in a closet. Thompson refused to reveal the whereabouts of the girl. Wood then shot him dead. The girl's father, hearing the shot, rushed on Wood. Wood fled to the yard seizing an iron bar, and beat Manahan into unconsciousness.

Wood then began a search of the house for the girl. A young son of the elder Manahan fell on his knees and prayed the slayer to spare his sister. Wood attacked him but promised to spare him if he would help him escape.

Wood was surrounded by a posse of farmers near his own farm. He ran from a cornfield into the road and fired three bullets into his breast.

Montana Pioneers Held Reunion.

Deer Lodge, Mont., Aug. 20.—This being the 50th anniversary of the discovery of gold in Montana, the annual meeting of the Montana Pioneers, which opened here today for a session of three days, partakes of a double importance as the commemoration of an interesting event in the history of the state and as a friendly reunion of the surviving pioneers who, in the early days of the present commonwealth, laid the foundation for its future greatness and prosperity. Deer Lodge played a rather important part in the early history of this state and many of the visiting pioneers at some time resided here during their early experiences. The citizens have arranged an elaborate program for the entertainment of the visitors.

WAR AIMED AT ALL GAMBLERS

FIRST ARREST OF CAMPAIGN WAS MADE YESTERDAY.

Rumored Spread of Gambling Is Being Fought by Police Officers.

The first of what will probably prove to be a series of arrests on gambling charges was made yesterday when A. J. Pipes, proprietor of a pool room on Depot street, was arrested and pleaded guilty to a gambling charge. He was fined \$20. The police dragnet has been set for other places in La Grande where it is rumored something akin to gambling is going on and it would not be surprising if several were arrested shortly on a similar charge. That gambling has of late been making inroads on the city is admitted and the arrest yesterday was the first step, it is said, in a series of wholesale arrests pending the moment the always difficult to obtain evidence is secured.