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INEFFICIENCY OF LEGISLATIVE BODIES A WORRY

COLORADO SPRINGS CONFERENCE SHOCK AT ATTACK ON CONSTITUTION.

BETTER RESULTS WANTED

McGovern, of Wisconsin Sends Governors Home in Excited State by His Attack on Legislatures of the Country—Wants Them Reduced in Size and Increased in Efficiencies.

Colorado Springs, Aug. 29.—The governors' conference here came to an end with a majority of the members greatly perturbed over the attack by Governor McGovern of Wisconsin, on the federal constitution. Utterances followed the discussion as to the desirability or undesirability of reducing the size of the legislatures and abolishing a dozen chambers, thereby making the legislatures more responsive to the people's will. Several executives defended the present system, Governor Spry saying that he believed that the framers of the constitution were inspired and that the constitution was divine.

"I do not," broke in McGovern of Wisconsin, "It is the most beautiful scheme ever invented to enable legislatures to do nothing. I am in favor of the small, well paid legislatures with members so directly responsible that they dare not disobey instructions. The supporters of the present system virtually say they are willing that the people should be poorly armed for war between the masses and organized capital."

Governors Hodges, Hunt and Dunne agreed with McGovern but the others admitted that the seat of legislation is inefficient but they are opposed to the reduction of size.

Lindley M. Garrison Still Busy.

St. Paul, Aug. 29.—Lindley M. Garrison, secretary of war, today inspected Fort Snelling with a view to ordering changes that will mean either the enlargement or abandonment of the oldest fort in the northwest. Secretary Garrison is "getting in" on the problem of what to do with the fort where Secretary Henry Stimson, under President Taft "got off."

The old question of whether Fort Snelling is to be abandoned or enough of the Minnesota river bottom land acquired to make a brigade post was up again today. Secretary Garrison inspected the old army building on the Mississippi river levee here. It was reported again today that the headquarters of the Fifth brigade will be moved from Omaha to St. Paul.

Deciding Lincoln Highway Today.

Grand Junction, Colo., Aug. 29.—The route to be taken through Colorado by the proposed Lincoln National Highway which will extend from the Atlantic to the Pacific, probably will be decided today at the meeting of the Midland Trail association. The meeting today is to fight the proposed route through the Overland trail which passes through the southern portion of Wyoming and does not touch Colorado. The Indiana "pathfinders" who recently traveled by automobile from Indianapolis to the Pacific took the Midland trail through Denver, over the great divide and through Grand Junction into Utah. They declared the roads were in excellent shape and are expected to aid the Coloradans in their fight to have the Midland trail chosen.

The Hague Peace Palace Dedicated.

The Hague, Aug. 29.—Representative F. C. Stevens, of St. Paul, Minn.; Representative Richard Bartholdt, of Missouri, president of the American group of interparliamentary union, were present today at the dedication of the Carnegie peace palace here. Many other prominent Americans interested in international peace movements were among those present. The dedication ceremonies were preliminary to the formal meeting of the peace conference which will open September 2 and continue through September 4.

AUGUSTUS BIRRELL

Chief Secretary of Ireland
Directs Land Purchase Act.



ELGIN RACES DRAW CROWDS

THOUSANDS LINE COURSE OF A LONG RACE.

At Eleven o'Clock Racers Start Over 300 Mile Course—Eight Starts Try.

Elgin, Ills., Aug. 29.—With splendid weather, thousands of spectators gathered here today to witness the first big event in the Elgin race meet for the \$5,000 trophy. There were eight starters and the start was made at promptly 11 o'clock. The distance is 301 miles and 4040 feet.

Four bombs, set off simultaneously, their roar making the staccato pop-pop of high power automobile engines, signaled the start at 11 a. m. today of the first of two events in the big Elgin race meet—the 305 mile dash for the \$5,000 trophy hung up by the Chicago Automobile club.

Cheering thousands in the grandstand saw the squadron of low built racing cars, the finest products of American and foreign factories, dash away from the starting line piloted by the pick of the race drivers of this country. They heard the sput-sputtering of the engines as the cars disappeared in the dust; heard the crowds in the distance cheer the racers, and when the first turn was made and intervening trees and hills cut off the view and muffled the noise, settled back in their seats to wait until the racers sped past the stands again to begin the second lap of the long grind. Today is a big day in the automobile calendar and one of the momentous importance also to the otherwise quiet farming district that just about this time every year, shuts up its eight miles of roadway, neglects its business of dairying and raising corn, and joins the great crowd of Chicagoans who line the winding course. Farmhouses that offered a good view of the track were converted into hotels and hundreds of persons afflicted with the speed mania slept within fifty yards of the course last night. No long Island Vanderbilt cup race ever drew a greater or more cosmopolitan assemblage.

"Hairpin curve" where speeders in former races so often met mishap, lost interest this year and the throngs that in former years fought with militiamen to stand at the point of vantage at this dangerous turn, today were widely scattered along the eight-mile course. The "hairpin" was practically eliminated when the course was improved this year, and a straight-away stretch of smooth pike was cut through the turf and woods at this point decreased the chances of danger to a minimum, and increased the chance of new records for the course.

Ralph DePalma, winner of last year's race, when he set a new record; Joe Dawson, Mulford, Hughes, Haupt and Pillette, the Belgian, and a dozen other noted drivers are piloting cars in the two days' race meet. All the

BRYAN DROPS MEXICO AFFAIR FOR LECTURES

SECRETARY OF STATE OFF ON CHAUTAUQUA TOURS, EASING RUMORS.

LIND IS AT VERA CRUZ

Emissary Will Remain at Seaport to Be in Convenient Communication With Washington—Huerta Willing to Concede Most of the Lind Letters of Peace Negotiations.

Washington, Aug. 29.—Indications that the Mexican crisis is passed were seen in the departure of Secretary Bryan from Washington to lecture at the chautauquas at Doylestone and Kennet Square in Pennsylvania. He will return tonight, and tomorrow will leave for Texas Ford in Pennsylvania at Mare Island.

Vera Cruz, Aug. 29.—United States Special Ambassador John Lind, has decided to make his headquarters here because it is easier to communicate with Washington. Huerta's latest message said that he is willing to resume conferences with Lind and is now disposed to accept most of President Wilson's proposals to secure peace with Mexico.

William Bayard Hale, the President's special investigator, has sailed for the United States, carrying the originals of the correspondence between Lind and Huerta.

"Kelly Sets Mark"

Baker, Aug. 29.—Anyone, whoever doubted that Dan Kelly, Jr., is the amateur 100-yard sprint champion of the world, would have had their disbelief shattered last evening had they been at the Natorium. Dan with some companions had just come from the bath house and were in the office when lightning struck one of the wires leading into the "Nat" while a thunderstorm was rattling about the heavens between 8 and 9 o'clock. The transformer cracked a mighty crack, the lights went out and those in the office were momentarily stunned. That is all but Kelly. An instant after the shock fell his companions saw him by the front gate, he having negotiated the 25 or 30 yards in nothing flat. "Believe me," said Dan, "I broke my own record. I thought the end of all things had come."

Aside from putting the lights out of commission at the "Nat" for a short time, no damage from the heavy electrical storm last evening was noted.

Entrants have tested out on the Indianapolis speedway and in several other meets of lesser importance this year.

DePalma and Spencer Wishart were entered weeks ago. They are here with four Mercers, including the two cars that competed in the Memorial day races at Indianapolis this year. Wishart is driving the same car he and DePalma piloted to second place in that event.

CHICAGO WOMAN EDUCATOR TO APPEAR BEFORE TEACHERS

A woman is to be one of the most important speakers before the annual convention of Eastern Oregon teachers, who meet in La Grande Thanksgiving week. Mrs. Stella Ingle, president and Mrs. F. S. Ivanhoe, county school superintendent and secretary of the association, today held an important conference on the program question and announced that they have finally secured Miss Jessie Lee Newland, of the University of Chicago, has consented to come to La Grande to attend the convention. For the past four years, the teachers' associations of Oregon have tried to get Miss New-

JEROME FAILS IN EFFORTS TO GET THAW BACK

THAW'S CHAUFFEUR IS UNDER ARREST ON CHARGE OF WRONG DOING.

INSANITY TEST IS DODGED

When Thompson, the Man Who Helped Thaw Enter Canada Is Arrested, He Is First Accused of Bringing Insane Man to Canada But That Charge Is Changed to Befuddle Defense.

Sherbrooke, Aug. 29.—Former District Attorney Jerome returned today admitting that his trip to Quebec, at which place he hoped to induce Sir Homer Gouin, provisional premier, to turn Harry Thaw over to the New York authorities, had been a flat failure. Thaw's lawyers are jubilant and say that Thaw will now remain in jail until they are ready to release him, which will be when they have established his right to go where he pleases.

The New York lawyers scored a point over Thaw here today when the case of (Educated Roger) Thompson, the chauffeur with whom Thaw fled from Mattewan, was brought to the court and charged with bringing a lunatic into Canada. Thaw's lawyers consented to manage Thompson's defense, asserting that Thompson had brought no lunatic into Canada and would proceed to test the sanity issue immediately. The prosecution refused to be trapped to the issue and formally charged Thompson himself with entering Canada in a stealthy manner. Thaw's lawyers asked adjournment to consider development.

Thompson's bail was fixed at \$500 and was furnished by the Thaw party.

Socialist Soldiers Now Want Medals.

Rome, Aug. 29.—Six soldiers who refused the gold medal offered them by the government for unusual military valor in the Turkish-Italian war and who later repented of their action, today were allowed to formally retract their refusal and put in application for the prizes. At the time of the presentation when several other soldiers were given medals for valor, they remained away, declaring that, as socialists, who did not believe in war they could not accept the medals. In their petitions presented today they declared they were forced to take that action by their socialist friends and that if the government will give them the medals they will accept them and prize them highly.

Moving Tool House Today.

The city tool house which has been the object of more legislation in the council than any one thing for months, was today started from Fourth and Spring towards the end of Eighth street, where it is to have a last temporary home.

Woman Jury Tact Faulty

PSYCHOLOGIST POINTS OUT THREE FAULTS.

STUBBORNNESS ONE

Woman Went Listen to Argument Says Noted Psychologist.

Boston, Aug. 29.—Three reasons as to why women are unfit for the jury duties were advanced here by Hugo Munstberg, following a series of psychological experiments. "In the first place," said Munstberg, "women are not willing to listen to argument, they want change their opinions, and then, too, they are mentally stubborn."

WARRINGTON TAKES STAND

FATHER OF MARSHA TESTIFIES AGAINST CAMINETTI.

Affirms He Knew Nothing About His Daughter's Escapades at First.

San Francisco, Aug. 29.—Thomas Warrington, father of Marsha Warrington, was the first witness to take the stand today, when the trial of Drew Caminetti, the white slaver, was resumed. Mr. Warrington is the man whom Diggs testified he had held in deadly fear, for the father of the girl would have killed him had they met. He remained on the stand but a few minutes and testified that Caminetti had been introduced to him as a jobbing solicitor. When asked if he was aware that his daughter had stayed out all night with the man in the case, he replied that he did not know it.

"If the girl tells the truth I am unalarmed, I'm not afraid but that I shall get out alright," said Drew Caminetti a few minutes before Lola Norris, his companion in the Reno escape prepared to take the stand. Marsha Warrington was again called upon and rehearsed the incidents of illicit relationships of the four. At two o'clock she is expected to finish and at the most not later than three. She was preceded on the stand by her father, Thomas Warrington.

Baker Chinaman Hurt.

Baker, Aug. 29.—Tung He, familiarly known as "Humpty", an aged Chinaman, 75 years old, was the victim of an assault by a Jap at a Japanese rooming house on lower Center street, yesterday noon. "Humpty" says a woman called to him to come in, as she wanted to buy some vegetables. A few moments after he came out he was attacked by the Jap, knocked down and badly beaten, although not seriously hurt. The Jap was arrested and put up cash bail of \$15 for his appearance in police court at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He failed to appear, however, and his bond was forfeited. He claimed, when arrested, that the reason for his attack on "Humpty" was because the latter had stolen something from the rooming house. He did not know what was supposed to have been taken, and in fact all he knew was that the woman had accused the aged Celestial.

Four Generations Gather.

Mrs. M. Gentry of Spokane, has returned from her home after visiting her daughters, Mrs. McHargue and Mrs. Frank Chatas of South La Grande. Mrs. McHargue accompanied her mother as far as Walla Walla, and will visit there. While here Mrs. Gentry had the pleasure of having four generations of the same family at her side. A daughter, Mrs. Pherson, was a guest in the city at the same time and is the daughter of Mrs. McHargue. She had three children with her, they being great grandchildren to Mrs. Gentry and grand children to Mrs. McHargue.

REPORTS PUT CONFERENCE IN CHEERY MOOD

GOODING COLLEGE PRESIDENT ATTENDS CONFERENCE WITH REPORT

PACIFIC ADVOCATE IS BEST

Clarence True Wilson, Noted Portland Preacher, in Attendance Today—Many Men of Importance Presented to Conference—Reports Show Pacific Advocate Growing Rapidly.

That there are now about \$300,000 available for the construction and maintenance of the Gooding college—official sectarian college of the Methodist churches in Eastern Oregon and Idaho, and that the Pacific Christian Advocate is the best publication of the several Advocates published all through the country, and that the circulation is growing rapidly, were two stirring reports heard by the conference assembled here today. G. W. Padgham, chairman of the Gooding college trustees, brought word to the conference today that the institution is in a condition that should and does enthruse every Methodist. Enough money to carry construction and introduce its active work is rapidly being obtained. The school was ordered created only a few years ago.

Clarence True Wilson who for several years ranked as one of the greatest preachers of the Northwest, while pastor of the leading Portland church, and who is now at the head of the Methodist Church Temperance society having jurisdiction over the entire United States, was one of the principal speakers at the Friday morning session of the Methodist conference in session here this week. He delivered a brief address at the conclusion of the business session which followed the ride over the valley this morning. It was rather a brief session for business but much of importance was gone over.

New faces are daily being added to the list of prominent men in attendance, among them today the face of Editor Hughes, of the Pacific Christian Advocate. In a brief report he told how the publication at Portland has been growing, and the conclusion of the church book concern, who knows all about the church's publications in the country, assured the conference that the Pacific Advocate ranked as the best of all sectional advocates that are printed throughout the United States.

Rev. Martin of Summerville, voluntarily withdrew from the conference ministry and his request was granted.

G. W. Padgham, chairman of the board of trustees of Gooding college, was presented to the conference during the morning session. H. C. Sheldon of the anti-saloon league in Oregon, was likewise presented. C. E. Todd, vice president of Willamette university, appeared before the conference today.

The executive session was held yesterday afternoon and the matter in hand was disposed of. These meetings are veiled in secrecy and the outcome of the session is never made a public matter. It is said, however, to have dealt with a situation east of La Grande.

Last evening Rev. Ezra Clemans, of Chicago, and Dr. E. R. Fulkerson, formerly vice consul in Japan, held a large audience intensely interested. The last named spoke on the Chinese and Japanese situation with great effect, basing his statements and statistics on figures he had himself helpfully verified. Dr. Clemans, who represents the church board of claimants, is a true wit and his address sparkled with keen humor and wit throughout.

This afternoon the program calls for a foreign missions program. The outline is as follows:

Anniversary service—Mrs. P. L. Thornton, presiding.

Hymn No. 644.

Scripture—Mrs. H. Davis, La Grande.

Prayer—Mrs. H. W. Parker, Twin

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