

BOSSES PLAN DEAL WITH GAMBLERS

Sell Out Democracy in New York.

SCANDAL A MENACE TO BRYAN

Connors and Murphy Barter Governorship for Coin.

REMOVE BAN ON BETTING

Scheme of "Practical" Politicians Would Insure Hughes' Re-election and Inevitably Lose State to Bryan.

By Walter Wellman, to the Chicago Record-Herald.
 NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—(Special.)—There is grave danger that the Democratic National ticket will become involved in an ugly scandal in this state—a scandal which will make Democratic success in New York an impossibility. This is the scandal of the deal which "Fingy" Connors, the Democratic state chairman, and Charlie Murphy, the boss of Tammany Hall, are about to make with the race-track magnates and poolroom and faro gamblers.

These worthies, who are now supreme in the councils of the Democracy in this state, propose to make a bargain with the gamblers, giving the sporting fraternity a candidate for Governor who will secretly agree to "protect" them, and in return the gamblers are to put up an enormous campaign fund with which to elect their friend to sit in the executive chair at Albany.

Hughes' Success Assured.

With Governor Hughes as the candidate of the Republicans—his nomination is already practically assured—and with an issue like this raised for the people of New York to decide, what chances will Mr. Bryan have to carry the state? None at all. If he leaves his campaign in the hands of Connors and Murphy, the decent people of this state will bury the Democratic ticket, state and national, under an avalanche of Republican ballots.

At today's meeting of the Democratic State Committee, in which Connors and Murphy were the whole show, and at which it was decided to hold the state convention at Rochester, September 25—the very day the Republicans will be naming their candidate at Saratoga—it accidentally leaked out that negotiations with the gamblers are already under way.

Bryan Alone Can Interfere.

This is the political measure of Connors and Murphy. It is just their size and style. Their dominant idea in politics is to make a deal with somebody, and so much the better if it is with a "party" that will put up a rich campaign fund for "Fingy" and Charlie to handle. Unless Mr. Bryan interferes—and he is the only man in the country who has the power—there is little doubt that the proposed bargain and sale will be consummated.

Hughes is Bitter Pill.

It also develops that the Republicans have virtually decided to renominate Governor Hughes. They will do it with a wry face. Responsibility for the decision rests upon President Roosevelt. He does not like Hughes, and if there was a chance of success with any other candidate, would gladly reject him. But Roosevelt is the shrewdest politician in this country. He is also one of the best informed. He knows that if at his order the picture of Hughes is turned to the wall, Taft will have to suffer for it. He knows that Hughes is a two-edged sword—that there is danger in nominating him again, but greater danger in not renominating him.

More important still, he knows that all the danger that lies in the nomination of Hughes disappears in an instant if the rapid Democratic leaders fall into the trap set for them and sell the party and the Governorship out to the gamblers.

RICHARDS IS FREE AT FIFTH TRIAL

END OF REMARKABLE MURDER CASE IN VIRGINIA.

Once Sentenced to Gallows for Shooting Rival—Both Parents and Brother Killed by Trial.

ROANOKE, Va., Aug. 14.—The fifth trial at Floyd Courthouse of John Richards, the Floyd County teacher charged with the murder of his rival in love, Marion K. Francis, of Roanoke, ended today in acquittal. The first, second and fourth trials resulted in disagreements. The



Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall.

third resulted in conviction of murder in the first degree and Richards was sentenced to be hanged. The Supreme Court granted a new trial.

Francis was killed while on his way to see Miss Grace Link, his fiancée, to set a date for the wedding. Richards had been a suitor for her hand and was suspected of the killing.

Immediately after the third trial of Richards, his father, mother and eldest brother died of pneumonia within the period of a week, as the result of exposure in attending the trial. The parents were buried on the same day, but the prisoner was not allowed to attend the funerals for fear of lynching.

The case is one of the most remarkable in the history of Virginia courts.

PORTLAND MAN IS LOST

J. M. Parker Drops Out of Sight in Depot at Tacoma.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—J. M. Parker, of Portland, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. N. T. Ziegler and her daughter, reached Tacoma Wednesday morning at 5:30 o'clock on his way to attend the Eagles convention at Seattle.

While waiting at the Northern Pacific depot for the Seattle train he told his sister that he was going to get a shave and would be back in a few minutes. Mrs. Ziegler waited at the station all day, but Parker did not return.

She went to a hotel Wednesday night and returned to the depot yesterday morning to wait for the train. At last she went on to Seattle this morning, hoping that her brother had missed her here and gone on alone.

SPARKS SCENTS VOLCANO

Pall of Sulphurous Smoke Arouses Fear of Nevada Town.

RENO, Nev., Aug. 14.—Reports were received at the dispatchers' office at Sparks late last night from Mina that the residents of that little desert town are greatly perturbed over what they thought to be a volcanic eruption close by. Shortly before 8:30 o'clock the town became deeply wrapped in a heavy pall of smoke with a strong odor of sulphur. The smoke continued until after midnight when a rainstorm dissipated it.

An investigating party will be sent to determine whether it was the result of a forest fire or came from a fissure in the earth.

RULED OFF TURF FOR LIFE

Penalty of Amateur Horseman Who Rides to Lose.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 14.—Daniel Hoffman, an amateur driver, was ruled off the turf for life today at the Oakland track by the judges officiating at the meeting of the Alameda County Fair Association.

The offense of Hoffman was the pulling up of Mary K almost directly under the judges' stand, when she was winning from Topsy, and allowing the latter to take the heat and race. The action of Hoffman was observed by all the spectators and many of them surrounded the stand, causing a demonstration.

Hoffman hurried off the track when he heard the outburst of disapproval and the officials were prompt in ruling him off.

FISHERMAN FIGHTS DEATH

Swamped in Icy Water, Strips and Swims Ashore.

EUREKA, Cal., Aug. 14.—While attempting to cross Humboldt bar early this morning, Alfons Beckstrom, a crab fisherman, was swamped in his boat and for over an hour he struggled in the icy water until he gained the shore over 1000 yards away. The bar was very rough and Beckstrom, while in the water, divested himself of his clothing and boots and swam ashore. He was exhausted and nearly dead when found on the beach.

CITY IS IN HANDS OF VENGEFUL MOB

Military Powerless at Springfield, Ill.

TWO DEAD, FOUR MORE WILL DIE

Assault by Negro on Woman Enrages People.

MANY TROOPS CALLED OUT

Bullets Fly and Mobs Rage Through Streets, Burning Houses and Driving Away Firemen—Negroes Rushed to Safety.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Springfield is helpless tonight in the hands of her frenzied citizens. With two men already dead and probably two more or less seriously injured, tumultuous mobs are sweeping through the streets, wreaking vengeance upon every one in their way.

The local military organizations, police and Sheriff's forces and members of the Fire Department are impotent before the maddened crowds.

Governor Deneen has ordered additional troops from Bloomington, Taylorville, Quincy, Danville, Delavan, Peoria, Decatur and other nearby cities.

Two Dead, Four Will Die.

The dead: Scott, G. J., shot by a stray bullet. Johnson, Louis, shot through abdomen. The fatally injured: Albert Byerline, shot through the left hip during street rioting; Harry O. Parviz, member of Galling gun section of 15th Infantry, shot in the head while defending Loper's restaurant; Robert Dahkamp, colored, beaten by mob; Will Stuart, Chicago & Alton station porter, colored, beaten by mob.

Assault on Woman Is Cause.

The rioting was precipitated by an atrocious assault committed early this morning by George Richardson, a negro, upon Mrs. Mabel Hallam, wife of a street railway employe. While the woman slept alone in her home on a populous residence street, awaiting the return of her husband, the man broke into the house, dragged her into the rear yard and assaulted her.

To avoid lynching, Richardson was first taken to Bloomington, McClean County, and later in the night to Peoria, 100 miles distant. Troops are being sent to Peoria to guard Richardson and another negro, who murdered Clergy Ballard, State Mine Inspector, while the latter was defending his daughter from assault.

"Nigger-town" Fired, Negroes Beaten

Tonight the mob has fired "nigger-town," the section inhabited exclusively by negroes, and is beating the occupants as they are driven out by the flames.

The riots started when it was learned that Richardson had been spirited out of the city. Loper's restaurant was the first point attacked. Loper had loaned his automobile for the purpose of helping the negro away. His restaurant

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SPONGE SEWED UP IN WOMAN'S BODY

EXPERIENCE OF MRS. S. H. ELLIOTT OF LEBANON.

Absorbent Overlooked by Physician Who Performed Operation 14 Months Ago.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—For the past 14 months Mrs. S. H. Elliott, of Lebanon, has carried in her body a sponge which was left there by surgeons performing an operation. She has successfully survived another operation necessitated by the presence of the sponge and physicians today announced that she will recover. Her experience is unique in the medical annals of this state and there are only a few other cases of the kind in surgical history.

An operation was performed upon Mrs. Elliott in Oklahoma, 14 months ago, and after she recovered she moved with her husband to Lebanon. She has recently suffered severe pains and physicians reasoned correctly that they were caused by some obstruction. The nature of the obstruction could not be learned, however, as no natural growth could have formed so quickly as in this case. An operation was determined upon and it was performed in St. Mary's Hospital in this city, last Saturday evening by Dr. W. H. Booth and J. C. Booth, of Lebanon; R. C. Coffey, of Portland, and W. H. Davis, of Albany. When the surgeons encountered the foreign substance, it was found to be a sponge, which had evidently been used in the former operation and had been overlooked by the physician performing the operation.

CALLS ALASKA WHEAT FAKE

Agricultural Department Denounces Discovery as Very Old.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 14.—The Agricultural Department brands as a fake the story recently printed broadcast over the country about wonderful "Alaska wheat" grown at Juliattia, Idaho, which was declared to yield 100 bushels per acre.

Notwithstanding the statements of the grower and seller of this wheat, with whom the department has had much correspondence, the department decries that this is a new or even valuable variety of wheat, and asserts that it is nothing more nor less than "mummy wheat" which caught many suckers years ago. The fact that the wheat is selling at \$30 and \$35 per bushel leads the department to brand the story as a clever advertising scheme.

The so-called Alaska wheat has been known to the department for years and schemes similar to the present have been practiced at intervals for many years.

DAMAGE DONE BY SUICIDE

Hotelman's Claim Against Estate Allowed by Court.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 14.—A judgment rendered today by Judge Graham of the Superior Court and Public Administrator M. J. Hynes in the matter of the estate of M. N. Nelson brought to light one of the most peculiar claims ever allowed in the probate department of this city.

Nelson committed suicide last June in a hotel conducted by J. J. Donovan. When Nelson's estate was brought into the Probate Court, Donovan presented a claim containing the following items:

Damage to carpet by blood and brains, \$5; damage to wall by bullet and brains, \$5; for removing contents from room and some cleaning, \$5; total, \$15.

The claim, approved by the public administrator, was duly allowed by the court.

BALLOON RACE ON AGREED COURSE

Pilots Steer for Definite Point.

NOVEL CONDITIONS ARRANGED

North Adams No. 1 Comes Closest to Target.

LANDS WITHIN FIVE MILES

Cup Is Prize for Contest in Skill at Steering Balloons Over Berkshire Hills—Winner Is Open to Challenge.

NORTH ADAMS, Mass., Aug. 14.—The balloon North Adams No. 1, with A. D. Potter, of Greenfield, as pilot and A. H. Holland Forbes and daughter, Natalie, aged 12 years, as passengers, and owned by the North Adams Aero Club, undoubtedly won the cup offered by Mr. Forbes in the first point-to-point race ever held in this country. The race was started from North Adams this afternoon. The No. 1 landed at 2:50 o'clock on a farm at West Whattley, about five miles from its previously-declared destination, Haydensville.

Second and Third Racers.

Starting at 11 o'clock, the Greylock, owned and piloted by Dr. George M. Randall, of North Adams, and with Clarence Wildman as passenger, landed at 2:30 o'clock at a farm in Ashfield, fully 15 miles from its destination, Leeds.

The third balloon to start, the Heart of the Berkshires, owned by the Aero Club, of Pittsfield, was the last to land, coming down at 2:30 o'clock in Amherst, within six and a quarter miles of Whattley station, its destination. A. R. Hawley, of New York, was its pilot, and William Van Sleet its passenger.

Conditions of Race.

The conditions were that previously to the race the occupants of the balloons should designate some place at least 30 miles from North Adams where they would attempt to land, that they should land within ten miles of the Postoffice of the place and that the balloon landing nearest the announced destination should win the cup. Further, the winner should hold himself open for six months to a challenge for the defense of the cup.

As each balloon got away, it ascended to about 3000 feet without veering much from a vertical line, and then floated lazily away eastward.

TRAIN MEN IN AERONAUTICS

Baldwin's Balloon to Be Used by Signal Corps.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—With everything indicating the acceptance of the Baldwin military dirigible balloon by the Government, interest centers in the uses

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ROOSEVELT MAY ENTER CAMPAIGN

EXPECTED TO SPEAK IN MOST CRITICAL STATES.

Wind-up of Contest Will Draw Him Out—Wright Will Make Fight in Tennessee.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Close friends of President Roosevelt and W. H. Taft have let drop some hint within the past day or two that the President is more than likely to get into the campaign in a most active manner close on to election time. That he will appear personally in some of the states where the fight assumes its most critical phases and talk directly to the people is regarded as one of the logical sequences of the decision of Mr. Taft not to make any stumping tour.

Information from a reliable source is that Secretary Luke Wright, a former Democrat, will take the stump for Mr. Taft in Tennessee and that being the case, Tennessee, more than otherwise would be the case, will become interesting territory. If the plan is carried out, it will be a more serious attempt than any yet made to break up the solid South and secure a political alignment on a new basis.



Luke E. Wright, Secretary of War, Who Will Try to Win Tennessee for Taft.

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MEETS HERE NEXT YEAR

American Association of Mutual Fire Insurance Companies Decides.

DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Portland was today selected by the American Association of Mutual Fire Insurance Companies as the meeting place of the 1909 convention. The 18th annual convention adjourned today. Two hundred and fifty delegates attended the sessions.

The value of the O. R. & N. Company's series of Columbia River photographs in securing National conventions for Portland has been demonstrated again. William McMurray, general passenger agent for the Harriman lines in the Pacific Northwest, yesterday received a telegram from General Agent J. W. Tuttle, of the Harriman system at Des Moines, Ia., advising him that the American Association of Mutual Fire Insurance Companies had voted to hold their 1909 convention in this city. This decision was expedited through the exhibition at the Des Moines convention of the views that have served several times before to attract such gatherings to this city.

None of the delegates to the Des Moines convention is from Portland, though there are three from Oregon. They are: W. C. Hagerty, of McMinnville, secretary of the Oregon Fire Relief Company; John Pemberton, of Salem, representing the Portland Mutual Fire Relief Company, and E. L. Barry, of Dayton, representing the Oregon Merchants' Mutual.

DIE IN BALLOON EXPLOSION

Two Killed by Accident in London; Six Injured.

LONDON, Aug. 14.—Two persons were killed and six injured by the explosion this morning at the grounds of the Franco-British Exposition of the envelope of the balloon owned by Captain Lovelace, of the New York Aero Club.

Preparations for an ascension were being made when the accident occurred. The cause is supposed to have been the throwing down of a lighted match. Miss Hill, aged 18, secretary to Captain Lovelace, was one of the persons killed. She was burned to a crisp.

SHOT CAUSE APPENDICITIS

Prosper Man Pays Heavy Penalty for Eating Duck.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—A peculiar case of appendicitis developed when James Nowlin, a well-known citizen of Prosper, Or., submitted to a surgical operation at the Mercy Hospital, at North Bend. Several small gun shots were found in the appendix and these proved to be the cause of the disease.

The doctors declare that the shot found their way to the man's stomach as a result of his eating wild duck, which had been killed with a shot gun. Nowlin will recover.

EDITH LUDWIG IS MRS. FITZGERALD

Eludes Vigilance of Angry Mother.

SECURES HELP OF FATHER

Meets Professor at Sacramento and Marries Him.

SILENT ABOUT KIDNAPING

Flight Across Continent Ends in Methodist Church and Shower of Rice—Couple Will Now Be Californians.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Aug. 14.—The romance of Edith Ludwig, formerly of Morris, Ill., but lately of Palo Alto, Cal., and Professor Fred Fitzgerald, of Stanford University, had a happy climax in this city this evening, when Miss Ludwig arrived from the East on the overland train and was joined by Professor Fitzgerald, to whom she was a few minutes afterward married, thus overcoming maternal objection.

The fellow passengers of Miss Ludwig had learned her story and, as "all the world loves a lover," she left the train in a shower of rice and good wishes.

Lover Waiting at Station.

Professor Fitzgerald was waiting at the station and immediately he went to the County Clerk's office, where a license was obtained. Accompanied by a few friends, the contracting parties went to the Central Methodist Episcopal Church, where they were united by Rev. Dr. Hodges.

The love story of Miss Ludwig and Professor Fitzgerald is an interesting one. Their troth was plighted some time ago and a few days ago Professor Fitzgerald went east for the marriage ceremony. To his surprise, when he reached Morris, his bride had been taken away by her mother, and Professor Fitzgerald was unable to communicate with her. After remaining in Chicago a short while, he, disappointed, returned to Palo Alto.

Cheers Up Disconsolate Lover.

The girl's mother, Mrs. Ola Ludwig, and her aunt, Mrs. A. J. Wright, of El Paso, Texas, arrived in Morris Tuesday evening with the young woman marching between them. Wednesday morning they started again for Chicago, the girl seemingly meek and subdued. Since then the Morris house has been quiet and deserted.

Professor Fitzgerald reached Palo Alto

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EMPTY, HOLLOW AND RESOUNDING, THIS BIG STICK IS JUST RIGHT FOR BRYAN



News Item—Otoe County Farmers Present Bryan With a Big Gourd, Looking Like a Big Stick, but They Take Pains to Inform Him That It Isn't the Real Thing.