



## FIND VOTE—GETTER ADVISES PRESIDENT

### Party Leaders Discuss Hughes at Oyster Bay.

## HITCHECOCK AND OTHERS MEET

### Anxious to Settle New York Governorship.

## SHERMAN AMONG VISITORS

### Vice-Presidential Candidate Goes to See Roosevelt—Prominent Republicans Participate in Conference.

OSTER BAY, N. Y., Aug. 20.—"Ascertain who is the man—the best vote-getter—and not who is not the man," was the substance of President Roosevelt's advice to the Republican party leaders who met in conference at Sagamore Hill to discuss the New York Governorship.

Prominent among the Republican leaders who gathered here today was James E. Sherman, the Republican candidate for Vice-President. Among the others were Chairman Hitchcock, of the Republican National Committee; Representatives W. E. Bennett and W. W. Cocks, W. W. Youngs, United States District Attorney for the Eastern New York District; George J. Smith, formerly a member of Congress, and recently appointed treasurer of the state committee; Robert Bacon, Assistant Secretary of State, and Michael Reedy, of Brooklyn, Captain Cameron McR. Winslow, commander of the battleship New Hampshire, also was at Sagamore Hill.

Being interviewed at the railway station, Mr. Hitchcock said the Hughes Governorship question would be considered at the conference, and he expected some announcement could be made later showing the sentiment voiced at the gathering. Since Chairman Hitchcock's visit to President Roosevelt a fortnight ago he has spent considerable time in consideration of the National situation. The Governorship question for New York has been uppermost in his mind, for he has realized that it was one of the first important matters that must be settled before the National campaign can be opened in this state. To all of his callers he told that the National organizers have no disposition to dictate who shall be the nominee of the New York state convention, but at the same time it is his duty to inquire into and determine what is for the best interests of the National ticket.

President Roosevelt approved of the policy of Chairman Hitchcock and made a number of suggestions intended to further bring out the sentiment of a majority of the Republicans of New York State.

To this end Chairman Hitchcock has listened to party leaders and prominent Republicans of the state whether they are for or against the renomination of Governor Hughes. He has examined his state correspondence and has settled from his letters such expressions as bear upon the Governorship question. The indications today are that some conclusion has been reached in the mind of Mr. Hitchcock and that he is ready to recommend to President Roosevelt what action he believes should be taken. The preponderance of the evidence which he will submit to the President is thought to be in favor of the renomination of Governor Hughes.

Mr. Sherman said he did not care to be interviewed concerning the Governorship at this time, as his visit was solely for the purpose of paying his respects to the President.

Mr. Sherman was warmly greeted at the railway station and again when he arrived at the President's home. President Roosevelt thanked Mr. Sherman for the declaration in his speech of acceptance, that the question of the hour was "shall the administration of President Roosevelt be approved?"

The President assured Mr. Sherman that he was very anxious that his administration shall be approved, and that was his reason for desiring the election of Mr. Taft as his successor.

National issues were taken up at the conference and it was agreed that attention must be paid to the currency and banking questions. It was said the Democrats intended to make an issue in the West of the plank of the Democratic platform which declares for a guaranty by the Government of National bank deposits.

## CONFERENCE RESULTS SECRET

### Hitchcock Back to New York, but Makes No Statement.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Contrary to expectations, no announcement was made tonight by Frank H. Hitchcock, chairman of the Republican National Committee, as to the sentiment developed at the Oyster Bay conference for or against the renomination of Governor Hughes.

Mr. Hitchcock and James S. Sherman, (Concluded on page 3.)

## PLAYS CRUEL JOKE ON MONEY GETTERS

### TEXAS MAYOR DONATES YEAR'S SALARY TO BRYAN FUND.

### Chairman of Finance Committee Reads in Last Line of Letter Stipend Is \$1.

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—(Special.)—There was joy at the Democratic headquarters today. It lasted part of a minute, then news came from the publicity department that the Mayor of Timpson, Tex., had agreed to give his entire year's salary to the National campaign fund.

Colonel Wetmore, chairman of the finance committee, was pleased. Visions of an amount ranging anywhere from \$500 to \$2000 danced merrily before his eyes. He never had heard of Timpson, Tex.; neither had anybody else around headquarters, but in these days when cooperation gifts are receiving the "get-thee-behind-me" signal from National treasurers, he thought that the salary of even a village Mayor would look attractive, considered as an individual contribution.

The Colonel's face was fairly radiant until he reached the last sentence of the report, which read:

"The Mayor's stipend is \$1 a year."

## IN HARMONY WITH M'CREA

### Pennsylvania Railroad Board Denies Rumor of Dissension.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 20.—The first official denial of the reported dissension of President M'Creia with the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad was made today in the following statement, made by the directors:

"The recently published statements as to dissensions between Mr. M'Creia, president of the Pennsylvania, and members of the board of directors of that company are not true. There never have been and there are not now any dissensions between President M'Creia and any member of the board, nor have there been, nor are there any differences in the board as to the policy of the board as carried on by Mr. M'Creia.

"Every member of the board of directors has the greatest respect for and the most thorough confidence in Mr. M'Creia."

## URGES WAR ON RATS

### Tacoma Health Commissioner Suggests Action by Coast Cities.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Health Commissioner Dr. Spiro Sargentich will soon issue invitations to the health officers of all Coast cities to attend a conference in Tacoma, when the subject of fighting bubonic plague and other diseases will be discussed.

Dr. Sargentich has already conferred with numerous health officers in Washington, Oregon and California, and his idea has met with the approval of all. A number of leading physicians of the Coast cities, as well as the health officers, have signified their willingness to attend the conference. It is believed the conference will result in the boards of health in all Coast cities uniting in a vigorous campaign against rats.

## GIRL ENDS HER LIFE

### After Suffering From Toothache for Three Weeks, Takes Poison.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Cecelia Marcuson, 21 years old, after suffering from toothache for three weeks, drained a vial of carbolic acid and died an hour later. The girl had suffered a great deal and at times was despondent. Her two sisters, who were going to a dentist to have their own teeth treated, asked her to accompany them, but she declined. Not long afterward her mother found her in her room with the vial that had contained the acid lying beside her.

## TURKEY WILL WITHDRAW

### Agrees to Evacuate Positions Proven to Belong to Persia.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 20.—The difficulties between Persia and Turkey are about to be laid at rest. The grand vizier has promised to withdraw the Turkish troops from all positions that are indisputably Persian.

## SIX CHILDREN PERISH IN FIRE

### House Burns During Absence of Parents.

## MOTHERS ATTENDING THEATER

### Little Girl Fatally Burned Trying to Save Victims.

## TRAGEDY NEAR PALOUSE

### One Child Escapes to Give Alarm, but Help Arrives Too Late. Charred Bodies Mutilated Beyond Recognition.

PALOUSE, Wash., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—While their mothers attended a theater six small children were roasted alive and two others so horribly burned that one will probably die, in a fire that destroyed the farmhouse of H. W. Schultz, near this city, late last night. The little victims of the awful tragedy are the four daughters of Mrs. W. W. Fix and the son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Schultz. The parents were all absent from the farm at the time of the tragedy, the mothers, who are sisters, being at a theater in this city, and Schultz and Fix on a neighbor's farm.

Eleven-Year-Old Heroine.

Little 11-year-old Rose Schultz proved herself a heroine and at the same time probably gave her life to save her smaller sisters and cousins. She rushed into the burning building to rescue them and sustained injuries from which she will probably die.

The six little corpses were brought to an undertaking establishment here, and the wounded children are in a local hospital. The charred corpses bear no resemblance to human beings, so completely were the children cremated.

Schultz lives on a farm near Palouse, and the family of Fix was visiting at his home. There were four children in the Fix family, whose home is in Walla Walla, and five in the Schultz family.

The dead children are: Arthur Schultz, aged 8; Gladys Schultz, aged 5 months; Esther Fix, aged 5 years; Lucille Fix, aged 4 years; Mira Fix, aged 2, and Celia Fix, aged 2 months.

May Schultz, aged 14, was severely burned about the head, but will recover. Alma Schultz, aged 12, escaped injury.

Awakened With Bed on Fire.

Rosa Schultz, the 11-year-old heroine, discovered the fire. The children were all in the house and, according to her story, several of them, herself included, were lying on the beds.

When she was awakened her hair was on fire and the bed on which she was lying was burning fiercely. She sprang quickly from the bed, and, frightened, ran out into the yard. Others ran out also and then she remembered those left inside the building. With her hair still burning she rushed back into the building and tried to save her baby sisters and cousins.

The cause of the fire is unknown, though it is generally believed that one of the children, in playing about the

climax of his eccentric career by writing a book called "Little Brothers of the Rich."

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Young Patterson's career, however, has amply prepared the world to expect anything from him. He has furnished it with one sensational episode after another all through his strenuous young life.

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## SOCIETY SECRETS BARED BY NOVEL

### JOSEPH MEDILL PATTERSON'S LATEST BID FOR FAME.

### Fashionable Folk Brutally Scourged by Erratic Son of Famous Chicago Editor.

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Joseph Medill Patterson, the brilliant, though decidedly erratic son of the editor of the Chicago Tribune, related to a dozen of the richest and most socially prominent families in the United States, has capped the



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## LEOPOLD'S REIGN OF BLOOD AT END

### Belgian Deputies Adopt Congo Treaty.

## DESPOTISM OF YEARS TO END

### Annexation of African State to Kingdom Assured.

## KING WILL LOSE LITTLE

### Allowed \$10,000,000 in Cash and 40,000 Hectares of Land at Matumbi—Retains Life Interest in All Concessions.

BRUSSELS, Aug. 20.—After a bitter struggle of several months, the Chamber of Deputies today adopted the Congo annexation treaty by 88 votes to 55.

Although today's action will probably insure the solution of the great Congo problem and put an end to King Leopold's reign of blood, there still remains open the important question of Belgium's financial responsibility. This action on the part of the Chamber had not been expected, and at the last moment nearly caused the collapse of the Cabinet.

During the first reading of the colonial bill, which provides for the administration of the Congo Independent State, and which, with the treaty, was adopted today, Herr Wootter, leader of the Right, secured the adoption of an amendment relieving Belgium of the responsibility of guaranteeing the payment of the interest on the Congo debt, but yesterday the government made a determined effort to secure the restoration of the stipulation that Belgium would make advances to Congo in case of necessity.

Swallow Bitter Pill.

The government was defeated in this, however, and it was generally believed that the Ministers would be forced to resign. They determined, however, to swallow the bitter pill.

The passage of the treaty by the Chamber means that the annexation of the state to Belgium is now practically assured, as the Senate and King Leopold are ready to endorse the bill.

The personal rule of King Leopold in Africa is now drawing to a close. In the future he will have nothing to do with the state, which is to be administered by Belgium—and the hope is widespread that there will now be an end to the atrocities and misadministration in this part of the world, which for years past has been a subject of investigation and bitter complaint by humanitarians all over the world.

The government became deeply interested in bringing about the introduction of reforms in the Congo, when it became known last year that Great Britain and the United States had about decided to interfere in the Congo administration unless conditions improved.

The members of the Cabinet and King Leopold held a long conference (Concluded on page 5.)

## SHE SAYS HUSBAND TRIED TO KILL HER

### SAN BERNARDINO PLANTER'S WIFE FILES SUIT.

### Society Circles Startled and Husband's Attorney Says He Will Have Story, Too.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Mrs. Edith Sheldon today sprung a sensation in society circles by bringing an action for divorce against Herbert Sheldon, a wealthy planter of the Coachella Valley, charging that he chloroformed her and that he had plotted to take her in a yacht and far out to sea and throw her overboard.

The Sheldons have always stood high in this community. Some months ago Mrs. Sheldon returned here from India, but no

## PRISON CHARGES FACING WOMEN

### Alleged Smugglers May be Indicted.

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### Claim She "Duped" Mrs. Chadbourne in Deal.

## NO FUNDS TO PAY DUTY

### Boston Woman Declares She Has Spent All of Her \$1,000,000.

### Relatives Not Likely to Recover \$70,000 Loan.

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Mrs. Emily Rockwell Crane Chadbourne, daughter of Richard T. Crane, who, with Mrs. Jack Gardner, of Boston, engaged in an alleged attempt to smuggle \$80,000 worth of art goods through the United States Customs Office, will face charges of conspiracy before the Federal grand jury which will convene in Chicago in September. It was asserted today in the Federal building.

Mrs. Gardner, to whom the art collection belongs, and the mysterious third woman who acted as intermediary between Mrs. Chadbourne and the Boston dilettante, may be accused of conspiring to defraud the United States Government. Acting upon the advice of special agents of the Treasury Department, the District Attorney's office will take up the matter soon.

Victim of Boston Woman.

Friends of Mrs. Emily Crane Chadbourne are becoming more than ever convinced that she was, to put it mildly, the dupe of Mrs. Jack Gardner, of Boston, in evading the customs laws by bringing in \$80,000 worth of art objects as household goods.

The relatives of Mrs. Chadbourne, who paid the "Government" the \$70,000, intend to force Mrs. Gardner to reimburse them and to hold her responsible for any other claims that they may have to settle in connection with the case.

## "I'm Broke," Says Mrs. Gardner.

If stories from Boston are true, there is a possibility there may be some trouble in securing the case from the eccentric Eastonian. Special Agent Webb, of the Treasury Department, who, in the course of his investigation visited Mrs. Gardner in Boston, says that she admitted to him that she practically is at the end of her resources.

"I am dead broke," she declared, "and I couldn't pay the Government a dollar. I had only \$1,000,000 clear in my own name and I spent all that for art. Now I am living on the interest of the principal that was left in trust, and I am spending every cent of it."

## MRS. GARDNER IS INDIGNANT

### Denies Attempt to Smuggle in Valuable Art Treasures.

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## POPE GREATLY IMPROVED

### Grants Audience to Cardinal Gotti and Other Visitors.

ROME, Aug. 20.—The Pope, who has been suffering with a cold, was feeling quite well today. He granted audiences to several persons, including Cardinal Gotti, who reported the reasons for delaying the discussions before the congregation of the Propaganda of the appointment of a Coadjutor Bishop of San Francisco, for which office Rev. Edward J. Hanna, Rochester, N. Y., is one of the candidates.

## STEP ON DOCK; ARRESTED

### Six Hungarians, Accused of Murder, Hounded by Detectives.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Six Hungarians were arrested today as they were about to step ashore at Hoboken from the steamship Deutschland. The specific charges are the alleged murder of a merchant at Vax, Hungary, and the robbery of his home of \$800. It was said that detectives had followed the band all over Europe.

## TEN KILLED; MANY HURT

### Overloaded Excursion Train Is Wrecked in West Virginia.

GRAFTON, W. Va., Aug. 20.—Ten persons are reported to have been killed and many others injured tonight when an overloaded passenger train on the Pennsylvania & Harrisville Railroad, bearing excursionists from the Ritchie County Fair, one mile from Pennsylvania, broke down.

## CANNON TO TAKE STUMP

### Speaker Will Make Tour of Country in September.

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—It was announced at Republican headquarters that Speaker Joseph G. Cannon will make a speaking tour of the country, beginning in September.

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