



PRESIDENCY FIGHT ALREADY TO FORE

Hibernian Convention Formally Opens.

ORDER'S AUXILIARY BUSY

Women Are Guests of Commercial Club at Lunch.

COLLEGE HEAD CANDIDATE

Professor Rohan, of Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis., Would Succeed President Cummings as Chieftain of A. O. H.

Though the 47th annual convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians has but opened, the fight on for president promises one of the most exciting features of the entire meeting. Already there are four candidates in the field, among whom are a college president of Wisconsin, a prominent business man of St. Paul, Minn., the present head of the order, and a Philadelphia.

Irish Folk Aplexy. The convention was called to order in the morning with an immense throng of smiling faces gave evidence of the spirit of the occasion. The principal speakers were Mayor Simon and ex-Senator John M. Gairin, who gave short addresses of welcome.

The convention adjourned at noon and the delegates were given an opportunity to visit about the city and to enjoy themselves in any way they pleased. At 6 o'clock the visitors left the Imperial Hotel in observation cars for a trip to Council Crest. The trolley ride was given under the auspices of the Portland Commercial Club.

At 8 o'clock last night the Hibernians and the Women of the Auxiliary were guests of the Commercial Club. At a buffet lunch. The affair was considered one of the most successful ever given in honor of visitors to Portland. The decorations were elaborate and were done in the official colors of the order. During the evening a number of addresses were made.

The music of the mass, at the opening of the convention, was Killwade in A, splendidly sung by St. Mary's Cathedral choir, augmented by members of the chorus of the Holy Rosary, St. Lawrence, St. Mary's of Albina and Holy Redeemer churches. The solo parts were well handled by Mrs. Raymond A. Sullivan, Mrs. George Farrah, Miss Elizabeth Kissella, Mrs. Charles Yielding, Miss Mae Breslin, W. Conley and R. A. Cairns. An orchestra, with Waldemar Jand as principal violin and Carl Denton as organist, furnished accompaniment for the mass. Frederick Goodrich, organist of the Cathedral, was in charge of the music.

Talk of Officers Begins.

Among the most prominent delegates mentioned yesterday as a candidate for president is Professor M. G. Rohan, president of the Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis. Mr. Rohan is held in high esteem in the Middle West and it is understood he has the unanimous indorsement of the delegates from many of the states.

Joseph McLaughlin, of Philadelphia, is also understood to be an aspirant for the office of president. His friends say he is well qualified for the duties of the office.

President Cummings will be a candidate to succeed himself and, as he has a large following, he hopes to be retained as head of the order. The election will be held Friday.

McGinnis Has Clear Field.

For the office of National secretary there will be no candidates in the field against James A. McGinnis, of Scranton, Pa., the present secretary. It was announced yesterday. Mr. McGinnis probably will receive the unanimous vote of the convention for re-election.

No candidates for officers in the Women's Auxiliary were mentioned yesterday and it is probable that the names of some of the prominent workers will receive attention today.

At the opening of the meetings at 9 o'clock yesterday morning with Pontifical high mass at the Catholic Cathedral the services were attended by a large number, the spacious temple being crowded to the doors. Rev. Alexander Christie, Archbishop of Oregon, officiated and the convention sermon was delivered by Rev. John P. Carroll, of Helena, Mont.

Rev. Mr. Carroll spoke on the purposes of the organization of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the work it was doing and what it hopes to accomplish for the future.

MAN OF 75 SUBDUES VICIOUS PANTHER

ANIMAL BELIEVED DEAD SUDDENL Y ATTACKS HUNTER.

"Old Man" Ramsey Wounded in Battle in Wild and Isolated Perdue District.

ROSEBURG, Or., July 19.—(Special.)—To be attacked by a large and ferocious panther that he thought was dead and to have his clothing literally torn to shreds before the animal could be subdued was the experience of "Old Man" Ramsey, who lives in an isolated section of Douglas County, 70 miles north of Roseburg.

According to Ramsey's story, he was walking through the dense thicket, a short distance from his home, Thursday afternoon, accompanied by a friend and followed by three dogs, when he suddenly noticed a large female panther, perched in the crotch of a tree, 50 yards to the left of the trail. With a Winchester rifle, Ramsey took aim and fired. The panther fell to the ground, bleeding.

Thinking the animal dead, Ramsey approached and as he was about to lean over to determine where the ball had taken effect, the panther grasped him in its claws. Unable to extricate himself, Ramsey called to his companion, who was then some distance behind. In the meantime, however, the suffering animal had fought viciously, and by the time help came Ramsey was naked and bleeding from scratches and bruises upon his body. Securing Ramsey's gun, the companion was not long in killing the animal. "Old Man" Ramsey is over 75 years old. For many years he has resided in the Perdue district, which is considered wild and unsafe, but never did he encounter a panther of such a vicious disposition as the one killed by him Thursday.

JAPAN BUYS FOUR AIRSHIPS

French Builder to Furnish Military Equipment by August.

VICTORIA, B. C., July 19.—News was brought by the steamship Suveric, which arrived from the Orient today, that the Japanese government has ordered four military airships in France. They are to be built in accordance with French design, and certain alterations suggested by the Japanese airship investigation committee. They are expected to be delivered in Japan later in August.

ZEPPELIN GASWORKS RUINED

Nine Employees Injured When Fire Reaches Inflating Cylinders.

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, Germany, July 19.—The gas works of the Zeppelin Airship Company were demolished by an explosion today. A roundup of employees showed that nine persons had been injured, several dangerously. It also was discovered that there were two explosions. A boiler burst, causing a fire, which quickly reached the inflating cylinders of hydrogen gas with which the Zeppelin airships were inflated. A second explosion occurred and the roof of the gas works was torn to bits.

WIRELESS MAN RELEASED

Indicted Stock Salesman Is Freed From Wasco Jail.

THE DALLES, Or., July 19.—(Special.)—F. E. Mills, formerly representative of the United Wireless Telegraph Company, was today released from Wasco County Jail, where he has been held since the May term of court. The indictment for which he was held was for selling stock in the wireless company to a local man who never received the stock.

LABOR FIGHT ENDS AT LAST

Peace Pact Made Between Gompers and Buck Stove Company.

CINCINNATI, July 19.—A peace agreement was reached today by the Stove Founders' National Defense Association and President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor. This, it is believed, will end the prosecutions by the Buck Stove Company against officers of the American Federation of Labor.

WOOD NOW CHIEF OF STAFF

Doctors Now Hold Two Most Important Army Positions.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—With the assumption today by Major-General Leonard Wood of the duties of Chief of Staff of the Army, two doctors now occupy the two most responsible positions in the Army of the United States. The other doctor who has risen to such powers in the Army is Major-General Fred C. Ainsworth, Adjutant-General, who entered the army as assistant surgeon in 1886.

NEGRO GETS APPOINTMENT

Taft Shows Recognition of Black Race for Federal Office.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—Whitfield McKinley, a negro real estate agent, of this city, has been appointed Collector of Customs here, the technical designation of the office being the port of Georgetown, D. C. It is stated that the appointment signifies the recognition of negroes in important Federal positions.

CANNON READS HIS FOES OUT OF PARTY

Insurgents Really Democrats, He Says.

TARIFF IS REVISED ENOUGH

No Room for Adjective Republicans, Declares Speaker.

FOSS HELD UP AS MODEL

La Follette, Bristow, Cummins and Their Followers Seek to Lead Republicans Into Fold of Democratic Party.

HERRINGTON, Kan., July 19.—Speaker Cannon's second speech today, delivered here this afternoon, was a tariff argument and an attack on insurgency. He said: "I am a Republican, just a plain, simple Republican. I am not a progressive, not an insurgent Republican. Whenever it is necessary to use an adjective to describe my Republicanism, then, before God, I will leave the Republican party and climb a tree or join the Democrats."

Speaker Cannon then took up the tariff, and said he had enough of revision for a long time. "They call me 'Old Standpatter,'" said Mr. Cannon. "And I think I had as much to do as any other man in convincing ex-President Roosevelt the time had not come to revise the tariff."

Revision in Demand. "But the demand for revision grows, and in 1908 the Republican platform pledged itself to revision of the tariff. I did not want that kind of a platform, but there was only one of the two things to do. As a Republican I was in honor bound to abide by the platform or leave the party."

"We carried the country. We saw the trend of events and we prepared to revise the tariff. For 12 months the committee on ways and means studied the schedules. "The greatest economist in the country, so far as tariff matters are concerned, is Seneca Payne, and he is chairman of that committee."

Beveridge Called Democrat. Discussing the various schedules of the Payne-Adair bill, Speaker Cannon referred to the attitude of "Bristow and Beveridge, and all of those Democrats."

"The publishers association demanded that the print paper schedule be lowered, and Herman Kidder, the president of the association, told us that if we did not reduce that schedule right away, on the eve of a presidential election, they would pitch the Republican party, as I phrase it, into hell, and they have been trying to do it ever since."

"The Payne bill, as it passed the House, reduced the duty on print paper from six to two dollars a ton, but when the bill got to the Senate the Senators from the paper manufacturing states objected and it was necessary to compromise."

La Follette Is Criticised. "Even LaFollette, that flaming light (concluded on Page 3.)"

COUPLE HELD FOR SWINDLING BRIDE

DENTIST WEDS WIDOW, THEN TAKES HER SAVINGS.

Tale of Trouble With Federal Authorities Induces Her to Part With \$13,500.

DETROIT, July 19.—Charged with swindling a Brooklyn, N. Y., woman out of \$13,500 cash and several valuable bonds, after marrying her, Dr. Henry Keeler, said once to have been a prominent New York dentist, was arrested in Detroit today. In company with him is held at police headquarters a woman, who, it is alleged, posed as his sister and assisted him in getting the money from Mrs. Wilhelmina Lynch.

According to the police, the authorities of America and Europe have been searching for the pair. Mrs. Lynch charges that during her courtship with Keeler he now and then told of a fortune he possessed in Mexican lands.

On the day after their marriage Keeler mentioned to his bride that he was in trouble with the Federal authorities over his Mexican lands. He is alleged to have told her that it would take considerable money to straighten the matter up, and Mrs. Lynch says that she went to a bank with the doctor and his "sister," that he might get \$13,500 of her savings. She waited outside, and finally investigated, to find that the doctor and "sister" had gone out another door.

PULP WOOD IS IMPORTED

Big Raft Towed Across Lake Superior Into United States.

ASHLAND, Wis., July 19.—The first raft of pulp wood to be towed from a Canadian port across Lake Superior, comprising about 3000 cords of spruce, reached Ashland today. The pulp wood was cut on Pe Island, 50 miles or more east of Port Arthur. American capital is behind the movement, and the theory of detectives working on the shooting is that the shot that killed Rigdon was fired during this struggle.

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WIDE TURNS ANEW IN RIGDON TRAGEDY

Fourth Person Enters Shooting Affray.

RIGDON FATHER OF CHILD?

Dying Woman Mentions Baby, Center of Legal Battle.

LETTERS TELL LOVE TALES

Mrs. Young, Who Gave Up All to Be With Rigdon, Writes of Disgust With Self, Declaring Herself "Rat Among Doves."

CHICAGO, July 19.—(Special.)—A mysterious fourth person—a man—in a struggle with whom Charles W. Rigdon is said to have been killed, came into the Loop office tragedy today.

Attorney J. H. Lewis called at St. Luke's Hospital to confer with Mrs. Annie Young about a report that two men and two women were in the office of John C. Felzer when the attempted murder of Mrs. Young and the alleged suicide of Rigdon took place.

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HEN BUILDS NEST HIGH UP IN TREE

BROODY BROWN LEGHORN FINDS COMFORT IN ISOLATION.

Two Families Survive and Freaky Mother Is Preparing to Bring Forth Another One.

ALBANY, Or., July 19.—(Special.)—A Brown Leghorn hen, which builds her nest in a big maple tree, 30 feet above the ground, is a curiosity on the farm of E. D. Jones, three-fourths of a mile northwest of the town of Shelburn, Linn County. This hen has hatched two broods of young chickens in her aerial nest thus far this season, and is now laying eggs for a third hatching.

The tree stands on bottom land adjoining the North Santiam River. It is close to a bank 20 feet high and from the top of this bank the hen flies only two feet to reach the limbs of the tree. She then walks along the limbs to the center of the tree and reaches her nest, 30 feet above the top of the bank. The nest rests in a natural moss-filled hollow formed by four limbs. She has added more moss and leaves.

Though the hen can reach the tree easily from the top of the high bank, the limbs on which she alights are too small to permit egg-searchers to follow her by that route and to disturb her nest a person must climb the big tree, the lowest limb of which is 15 feet above the ground. It would require so much labor to gather the eggs regularly when they are fresh that the old hen is not disturbed and is allowed to hatch out her offspring in peace.

When the young chickens became big enough to crowd the nest they fell out and were picked up on the ground below and given to another hen to raise. The height of the nest, as well as the fact that there are rocks beneath the tree, makes it remarkable that the young chicks live after their fall to the ground.

GOLDENDALE HAS BLAZE

Early Morning Fire Destroys Business Block—Loss \$10,000.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., July 19.—(Special.)—Fire which started in W. F. McDowell's plumbing shop on East Main street at 2 o'clock this morning, destroyed that structure, the Young block, a brick structure, and Ryan's restaurant, causing \$10,000 damage.

At 2:30 the fire was still burning, but as no wind was blowing, the firemen expected soon to have it under control and prevent further damage. The Young block, which was occupied by A. C. Chapman's furniture store. Most of the stock was saved before the flames reached the building. Mrs. Patrick Ryan's restaurant, next door, is practically a total loss.

The firemen are exerting their energies to saving East End Livery, and adjoining buildings. The fire was discovered in the plumbing shop by a night watchman. The cause is unknown.

SANTA HURRIES TO ARCTIC

Congress at Last Sends Christmas Chief to Little Folk of North.

SEATTLE, July 19.—Santa Claus is reported to make his home in the Arctic Circle, but the pupils and teachers of the Government schools of Northern Alaska would have fared ill next Christmas if presents, food, clothing and fuel had not been shipped today on the steamer St. Helens, which sailed for Nome and other Arctic ports as far north as Point Hope.

Congress was so late this year that it was impossible to send the school supplies north on a sailing vessel and there was danger that some remote schools might get no supplies at all the season of open water in the Arctic is brief and there are no overland express lines.

TWO GO DOWN WITH BOAT

Fisherman Sees Little Craft Sink, but Cannot Save Occupants.

ASTORIA, Or., July 19.—(Special.)—While making a drift in the lower harbor, a short distance below Sand Island, on last Friday evening, Matt Alslog, a fisherman, saw a motor fish-boat capsized and then sink. Two men were struggling in the water a short distance away, but before Alslog could reach them both went down.

A few minutes later a credit coupon check book was found floating on the surface. It had been issued by Joseph Grinnin to Nick March, of Point Ellice, and the latter is supposed to be one of the men who were drowned.

JOHNSON ARRESTED AGAIN

Champion Says New York Police Are Out to "Get Him."

NEW YORK, July 19.—Jack Johnson, the heavyweight champion pugilist, was arrested today charged with reckless driving of his automobile. Johnson characterized his arrest as an outrage, and said he had been injured and then sunk. Two men bicycled all over the city had made the declaration they were out to "get him." He gave \$100 bail for his appearance in court tomorrow.

TWO KILLED, ONE WILL DIE

Result of Collision Between Automobile and Train.

CHICAGO, July 19.—N. J. McEvilly, of Dysart, Ia., and his 12-year-old daughter were killed, and Mrs. McEvilly was probably fatally injured when their automobile was struck by a Chicago & Northwestern passenger train near Lombard, Ill., today. (Concluded on Page 2.)

PINCHOT PLANNING TO HAMPER TAFT

St. Paul Conservation Congress Packed.

SINGLE IDEA TO DOMINATE

Enforced Modification of Programme Will Be Offset.

GARFIELD IN CONSPIRACY

Rule or Ruin Policy of ex-Forester Manifest in Selection of Speakers—Democrats Will Be Aided When Possible.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 19.—It is evidently intended that the conservation congress at St. Paul in September, like that at Spokane last year, shall be a trouble-breeder. That much is guaranteed by the fact that the programme for the congress is being made up by Gifford Pinchot and James R. Garfield. Trouble is what these men are looking for and what they are planning to give the Taft Administration, and this conservation congress affords them a golden opportunity.

While it is true that Pinchot has been obliged to modify his original plan and placed on the list of speakers the names of some men friendly to the present Administration, and while he has been forced to invite President Taft to address the congress, yet the bulk of the speakers will be men antagonistic to this Administration; men who will advocate Pinchotism rather than practical conservation.

New Features Added. The forthcoming congress will be made up of substantially the same men who attended the congress in Spokane. The principal movers, of course, will be Pinchot and Garfield, but new features like Louis D. Brandeis, Francis J. Heney, Senator Dolliver and Representative Madison have been added, and of course the old stars who showed their antipathy to Taft and to Secretary Ballinger at the last congress will again be in evidence.

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Senator Dolliver is the man who was instrumental in bringing about Pinchot's dismissal for it was he who asked for and read in the Senate the insubordinate letter of Pinchot on which his dismissal was founded. All through the special and the last session, Dolliver showed his antagonism to Taft and lost no opportunity to attack or to embarrass the President and the regular Republican organization. That is why he is invited to Pinchot's congress.

As to Representative Madison, he is little known, except as an insurgent. However, he was a member of the Pinchot-Ballinger committee, and throughout that investigation showed his marked partiality for Pinchot and his equally marked enmity towards Secretary Ballinger. Therefore he is a qualified speaker at Mr. Pinchot's little gathering.

Among the other speakers, when the full list is made public, will be found the names of other men who are decidedly antagonistic to the Administration, many of them men who addressed the last congress and sought to make trouble for Taft.

Congress Will Be Packed.

The rank and file of delegates will be chosen with great care. The Spokane congress was packed. So will be the approaching congress at St. Paul. Mr. Pinchot knows who is coming and he knows how the delegates will stand when they reach St. Paul. They will be men who can be relied upon to furnish the overwhelming applause for the remarks of the enemies of the Administration, and they will be as carefully silent during the addresses of the few friendly speakers who may be invited to address the congress "just for the looks of the thing."

It is a foregone conclusion that the congress will indorse Pinchotism, and label it "conservation." The facts and theories of this man will be written into the resolutions to be presented to the congress for adoption and will be written by or under the direction of Pinchot himself. The deposed Forester will have the congress under complete control and it will do his bidding from beginning to end. It is his little party, and it will be used by him as a means of attack upon the President.

Roosevelt to Be There.

Pinchot was just shrewd enough, when he went abroad last Spring, to exact a promise from Colonel Roosevelt to address this conservation congress. It was to be expected that invitation would be accepted, for under the Roosevelt Administration Pinchot and his theories had full sway and had the indorsement of the President. The Colonel will make a speech at St. Paul entirely in accord with Pinchot's views, the demonstration that will follow will be accepted, for under the Roosevelt Administration Pinchot and his theories had full sway and had the indorsement of the President. The Colonel will make a speech at St. Paul entirely in accord with Pinchot's views, the demonstration that will follow will be accepted, for under the Roosevelt Administration Pinchot and his theories had full sway and had the indorsement of the President.

Advertisement for STATE TAX COMMISSION GETS BUSY. Includes a large illustration of a man holding a sign that says 'STATE TAX COMMISSION GETS BUSY' and a smaller sign that says 'SMALL HOME-BUYER FOR BORROWMENT PURPOSES.' The background features a large thermometer-like scale labeled 'RATE OF INTEREST TO BORROWERS' with numbers from 10 to 100.