

RENO DRAWS MEN OF LITERARY FAME

John L. Sullivan, Dean of Letters, Leads All.

VAST ARMY OF FANS GATHER

Rex Beach Sees Them Come in Hosts to See Fight.

TWO CHAMPIONS COMPARED

Jeffries and Johnson Form Strong Contrast—Vast Sum Will Be Won Even by Loser of Titanic Battle on July 4.

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RENO, Nev., July 2.—(Special).—In my last story I dwelt at length upon the tremendous public interest displayed in the coming battle. The longer one remains in Reno the greater becomes his wonder at it.

That this is expected to be the greatest heavyweight struggle in ring history has something to do with the ravenous hunger of the public, of course; likewise the fact that it bids fair to be the last real championship battle most of us will live to see, but back of this there is a greater, deeper curiosity on the part of the public.

In order to satisfy this curiosity there is a veritable army of correspondents here, and more are coming by every train. Tex Rickard told me that he had received more than 2000 requests for press seats, and while not all of these men intend to write about the battle, most of them do, and the number of scribes who will assemble here on Monday in the interests of the American reader will be greater than reported in the Russo-Japanese war or the last Republican convention.

Literary Lights Are Gathered.

And what a gathering it is! Not even at the famous banquet tendered to the late Mark Twain on his 70th birthday, when the literary army of the world moved down to Delmonico's in solid phalanx, has there been gathered such a glittering array of talent as in Reno today. At that time it was my privilege to be present in an obscure, hidden corner, peer forth with awe-distended eyes upon the scintillating galaxy of brains assembled, but in Reno today my obscurity is ten times greater. I am overwhelmed and blotted out by the brilliant literary glare that surrounds me.

Reputations of such high-stepping, blue-ribbon authors as Alfred Henry Lewis and Jack London, who are here to do their modest best at 10 cents a word and traveling expenses, are lost utterly in the shadow of such celebrities as John L. Sullivan, the dean of American letters. Mr. Sullivan represents a mammoth syndicate of newspapers and outweighs any other in the land.

Robert Fitzsimmons, who will write for a great New York daily, gained his myriads of bay and laurel in this very state some 13 years ago, when upon the rostrum at Carson City he demonstrated the value of an Australian education and the "right shift." Since then he has been one of our very best sellers, and his "Life and Struggles of a Retired Blacksmith" has proved an inspiration to the youth of many lands. Then there is James J. Corbett, whose keen analytical essays, written within the shadow of his former conqueror and distributed daily to the homes of rich and poor alike, have secured for him the title of "the Boswell of the prizefighter."

Even Tommy Burns Is Writing.

Every literary heavyweight in the world will be here, including Tommy Burns, late of Australia. For the benefit of a group of newspapers, Mr. Burns has traced his lineage back to a less-famous but well-advertised Scotchman of letters by the same name. Tommy did not need to boost his reputation as a litterateur by such a subterfuge, for any editor would have taken his account of the fight on its own inherent merits, as on the reputation of its author. It showed a weakness in the ex-champion to drag in the name of his progenitor; he should have stood upon the record of his own accomplishments.

Representing the rugged, hand-to-hand, catch-as-catch-can style of literature we have with us three of the brightest stars in the firmament—Frank Gotch, William Muldoon and Farmer Burns. Mr. Gotch is a master of Rudyard Kipling toshoid; Mr. Muldoon is a patron of millionaires; Farmer Burns is 51 years old and has never been sick. Then, among the lighter weight literati, we have Battling Nelson, whose powers of entertainment delighted thousands up to the time he collaborated with Ad Wolgast. Space forbids me to mention all the vast array of talent that is here prepared by the mere magic of its pen to transport the American reading public to the ring-side on the glorious Fourth, when Jeffries or Johnson, as the case may be, gets his.

But in looking it over I am seized with regret when I think that the

GASOLINE CRAFT WRAPPED IN FLAME

MEN WITH BLAZING CLOTHES LEAP INTO RIVER.

While Speeding Under Morrison Bridge, Bear's Engine Backfires. One Man Fights Fire.

Terror-stricken and enveloped in flame, N. T. Woods and Sigrid Christofferson, both machinists, leaped from the motorboat into the water below the center span of the Morrison-street bridge when their craft took fire at 6:30 o'clock last evening. The boat was owned by Groeger brothers, boiler-makers, and was partially consumed.

The accident followed several speed trials of the Bear, which was to be entered in the motor-boat regatta July 4. John Groeger, part-owner of the craft, and Christofferson were manipulating its engine while it was plowing through the water at a speed of 25 miles an hour. Suddenly one of the pipes leading from the gasoline tank burst and flooded the bottom of the boat with the inflammable fluid. An instant later the engine "back-fired" and ignited the gasoline.

Immediately the trio of occupants in the boat were enveloped in a sheet of flame. Woods dived over the stern; Christofferson, whose trousers and clothing were afire, crawled to the prow and dropped overboard. Groeger gamely stuck to his post, and after several minutes succeeded in stopping the inflow of gasoline and preventing the total destruction of the boat, badly singeing his face and hands. He subdued the flames by scooping water from the river with his hat.

The crew of a passing scow picked up Christofferson and Wood. The Bear, which had shifted considerably down stream, was hooked up by a skiff and towed to its moorings at the foot of East Yamhill street. The Bear is valued at \$600 and owing to the damage it sustained will be withdrawn from the entries in the regatta.

EDISON TALKS AIRSHIPS

Famous Inventor Thinks Aeroplane's Future Depends on Helicopter.

NEW YORK, July 2.—Thomas A. Edison is watching the development of the aeroplane with the keenest interest. In an interview given out here today he said that he follows on Glenn H. Curtiss' recent experiments at Hammondsport in attempting to drop bombs onto a target resembling in shape and size a modern war vessel.

"The experiments are very interesting and give us an insight into the big problems which must be solved by the aeroplane inventor," he said. "A method of making the aim of the operator more exact should not be difficult to devise. I do not think that a gun would be the ideal plan. I rather think that some way should be invented by which the missile would be released down a tube as soon as the object to be aimed at is sighted and the aim properly regulated.

"On the other hand, a question arises as to the destructive efficiency of such a gun. It is actually struck the deck of a heavily armored battleship. Simply striking the deck would not, to my mind, do any serious damage, unless a special explosive were used. Experiments along this line will now be in order.

"Another thing, the aeroplane such as Curtiss uses is very delicately poised in the air. Traveling at great speed, their ability to remain in the air is dependent solely on the maintenance of speed and their equilibrium. I cannot help thinking that the dropping of a missile weighing say 25 pounds, unless managed with the greatest care, which again might tend to offset accuracy of aim, would seriously jeopardize the equilibrium of the plane. But I am positively convinced that the future of flying lies in the perfection of the helicopter machine, which will not be under such a handicap."

GORE CHARGES CAST OFF

Oklahoman Sends Disclaimer to Investigation Committee.

WASHINGTON, July 2.—Ex-Indian Inspector J. George Wright, now one of the Commissioners to the five civilized Indian tribes in Oklahoma, was asked in a letter despatched today to co-operate with the House committee created to investigate contracts of attorneys with these Indians.

Mr. Wright was asked to give his views as to the meeting places more likely to produce light on the subject of investigation. The committee today received from P. J. McMurray, of Oklahoma, a disclaimer of all the charges made by Senator Gore in connection with the contracts.

MICHAEL MILLER IS KILLED

Horse Takes Fright and Drags Him Before Oncoming Train.

PENDLETON, Or., July 2.—(Special).—Michael Miller, a young man concerning whom absolutely nothing is known, was run over and killed by a freight train at Coe, 14 miles west of Pendleton, this morning. He was employed by Twoby Brothers, who are rebuilding the main line of the O. R. & N. Railway between this city and Yoakum.

SOUTH BEND IN DARKNESS

Light Plant Breaks Down and Many Wheels Are Idle.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., July 2.—(Special).—The South Bend electric light will be out of business for a few days through the breaking of the governor on the steam engine at 12 o'clock last night.

The big weight was sent crashing through the wall of the power house and big chunks of iron went hurtling among the machinery. The city will be in darkness and much machinery throughout the city will be idle while the damage is being repaired.

INSURGENTS WIN PRAISE FROM T. R.

Kansans Pleased After Their Visit.

RAILROAD BILL COMMENDED

Colonel Recalls Past Services of His Supporters.

SECRET OF FIGHT TOLD

Some Members of Congress Afraid of Secret Service Inquiry, Says ex-President—Cobb Bill Fight Is Not Ended.

OYSTER BAY, July 2.—Three Kansans—all Republican insurgents of the deepest dye—talked with Theodore Roosevelt for three hours at Sagamore Hill today and went away satisfied. When they had gone Colonel Roosevelt called them "fine fellows," and said they did great work "in the recent session of Congress." All agreed that the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy was not broached.

The visitors were Senator Joseph L. Bristow and Representatives Victor Murdock and E. H. Madison, all of whom fought hard for Roosevelt policies when he was in the White House. That he appreciated their services he made known with emphasis today. The insurgents were more emphatic in their praise of Theodore Roosevelt.

All Loyal Supporters.

When the 4 o'clock train had pulled out of Oyster Bay and the correspondents trailed up the hill, Colonel Roosevelt was pacing the veranda garbed in a crash riding suit and riding boots. He plunged into an explanation of the conference at once.

"These three Kansans," he began, "are among my most loyal supporters and were during the seven years I was in the White House." "Can you tell us what was discussed?" "The method of making the aim of the operator more exact should not be difficult to devise. I do not think that a gun would be the ideal plan. I rather think that some way should be invented by which the missile would be released down a tube as soon as the object to be aimed at is sighted and the aim properly regulated.

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"I owe an special debt of gratitude to Representatives Madison and Murdock for the stand they took at the time when Representative Tawney offered a resolution providing that none of the appropriations for the secret service might be used in investigating the conduct of members of the Senate and the House. At that time also a resolution of censure aimed at myself was offered in Congress, and Madison and Murdock fought it to the end. Madison and Murdock were right in that fight—the provisions for the

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UNION STIKERS ARE FIRED UPON

DRIVEN OFF BY MACHINIST WITH THREE PISTOL SHOTS.

George Garber, Strikebreaker, Is Hounded Until He Turns on His Many Tormenters.

A killing was narrowly averted when George Garber, a strikebreaking machinist employed by Smith & Watson, whipped out a .38-caliber revolver and fired three shots into a crowd of striking machinists who attacked him at Front and Madison streets at 6 o'clock last evening. None of the bullets found a mark.

Garber was taken into custody by the police, and after relating his version of the affair at police headquarters was released. He will issue warrants against his assailants.

According to Garber's statement, his life had been previously threatened by the strikers. A few nights ago he was confronted by several of them as he left his place of employment at 411 Front street. They demanded that he give up his work at the cost of his life. He refused to meet the demands of the strikers. They permitted him to go his way after they had sworn vengeance upon him.

Last evening, just as he left his work, he was again approached by a gang of 25 strikers. Anticipating that they were determined to do him bodily injury, he ran from them and boarded a streetcar. A number of the strikers followed. When Garber attempted to reach his lodgings in the Ohio Hotel, near the scene of the shooting, he was set upon by several of the strikers' pickets. In a mixup with three of the pickets Garber's nose was broken and his right eye discolored.

Observing that his assailants were reinforced by those that followed him, Garber drew his pistol and fired point blank into their midst. The bullets went wild, one shattering a window of a saloon across the street. No one was struck by the missiles.

GUM CAUSE OF DOWNFALL

West Point Cadet Prevaricates; Military Career Ends.

WASHINGTON, July 2.—Chewing gum is responsible for the premature ending of the military career of Everett Charlton Grear, of Albany, a cadet at West Point. He denied that he was chewing gum when asked by the officer of the guard.

Exposés, which have just been received at the War Department, show that he was tried and found guilty of making a false statement and was dismissed. He was a member of the fifth class.

FRANCHISE AGAIN ASKED

Ashland Voters Present Initiative Petition in Allen's Behalf.

ASHLAND, Or., July 2.—(Special).—John R. Allen will try again for a railroad franchise over the streets of Ashland. A petition to bring the proposed franchise up for a vote again, with amendments to meet objections raised against it originally, has been filed with the City Recorder, with the signatures required under the initiative law, and the City Council will, at its meeting next Tuesday evening, order a special election to be held, probably within the minimum time of 15 days.

Fire Fought in Lner's Hold.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., July 2.—Opening of the hatches of the American-Hawaiian freighter Alaskan, which was discovered on fire two weeks ago, was deferred today until next Tuesday morning. In the meantime the work of pumping chemical and carbonic liquid gas into the hold goes on uninterruptedly. It is believed the flames have been completely smothered and that the fire will not again break out.

EUGENE ASSEMBLY IS ENTHUSIASTIC

Lane County Republicans in Harmony.

STATE DELEGATES SELECTED

Recommendations of County Candidates Deferred.

SESSION ENDS AT BANQUET

Gathering Is Attended by 150 Representative Delegates, Listens to Rousing Speeches and Conducts Work Smoothly.

EUGENE, Or., July 2.—(Special).—The most representative assembly of Lane County Republicans since the enactment of the primary law was called to order at the County Courthouse here at 10 o'clock this morning, effected an organization, carried out the wishes of the delegates in the afternoon by the selection of delegates to the State Assembly, and the members attended a banquet at the Hotel Osburn this evening and adjourned to meet again the first Saturday in September for the purpose of recommending candidates for the county offices.

Today's assembly or convention, for frequently the delegates referred to the meeting by both terms, is quite generally regarded as satisfactory, because of its representative character and because the party's interest was the paramount issue from the time that Temporary Chairman Friendly sounded the keynote as "harmony" to the disposal of the question of the nomination of a county ticket.

Chairman Comes From Sick Bed.

The meeting was called to order by John M. Williams, who stated that it was called in compliance with a resolution passed two years ago when the delegates to the state and district conventions were chosen. When nominations for temporary chairman were called for, S. H. Friendly was chosen unanimously and took his position amid applause. He stated that he had just come from a sick bed, and that his physician had said that he could not stay for all the proceedings but that he was glad to be asked to preside over a meeting of old friends assembled for the common good.

George Drury, of Coburg, was unanimously chosen secretary and a temporary organization was, at once effected by the appointment of committees on credentials with J. M. Williams as chairman, on resolutions with Allen Eaton as chairman, on order of business with D. A. Paine as chairman. Upon motion of S. L. Moorehead, of Junction City, the 66 delegates to the state convention were to be divided proportionately among the 50 precincts of the county and in case of any precincts failing to make their elections the executive committee was empowered to appoint enough delegates at large to make up the full number. Adjournment was taken until 1 o'clock.

At 1 o'clock the assembly was called to order by S. H. Friendly, who at once asked for the election of a permanent chairman.

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Cheering Fan Falls Dead, and Second One Is Overcome.

LOS ANGELES, July 2.—(Special).—The tenth inning in today's 13-inning game with Sacramento was fatal to one man and nearly proved so to another.

The bases were full, and the game had been closely contested between the Angels and Sacramento. It was the first extra inning. Mourning, Spelman and Raymer, of the visiting team, were on bases, Baum fanned. The interest was intense. Thomas lined out a hot one and the baserunners started their triple sprint. Deimas gathered in the liner and threw to Roth on third, it completing a double.

The fans roared. M. Goldwater, of 11324 South Grand avenue, was sitting in the front of the grandstand and the strain was too great. He rose to his feet, shrieked a cheer and dropped dead. While attendants were carrying out his body another man a few seats away was seen doubled forward. He was picked up unconscious and carried out, but revived later and went home declining to give his name.

EUGENE'S SUMMER IS BUSY

Building Expenditure Is \$25,000 to \$50,000 Monthly.

EUGENE, Or., July 2.—(Special).—Most emphatic of the indications of the growth of Eugene and the stability of its business enterprises is the confidence of capital which is directing the expenditure of large sums in all kinds of construction. The building record of 1910 bids fair to equal, if not outdo, the million-dollar record of 1909. The building permits for the first half year will disclose an outlay of nearly \$250,000.

Beginning July 1, the disbursements of the Northwestern Corporation recently purchased by the Bytlesby Company, of Chicago, will total \$7000 monthly in and around Eugene. Toward the first of next year this amount will be greatly increased as work proceeds upon the hydro-electric plant at Martins Rapids. The new construction record in Eugene, includes \$25,000 to \$55,000 monthly as cost of new business blocks, residences, etc., and \$35,000 on the new streetcar loop. The regular industrial payroll of Eugene is now in the neighborhood of \$55,000 a month. Several more important building enterprises, including \$150,000 for two modern church structures, are in immediate prospect.

LIEUTENANT TO WED

GIRL MET ON CRUISE

SISTER OF MARGARET ANGLIN TO BECOME BRIDE.

Announcement Recalls Romance That Began When Fleet Was in Australian Waters.

NEW YORK, July 2.—(Special).—A marriage license was issued today at the City Hall to Lieutenant Charles Thomas Hutchins, Jr., United States Navy, stationed at the Washington Navy-yard, and Miss Eileen Mary Warren Anglin, of 23 West Fifty-ninth street.

Miss Anglin is a sister of Margaret Anglin, the actress. Lieutenant Hutchins said he was 36, and Miss Anglin 27 years old. They told the City Clerk that the wedding would take place July 11.

The engagement of Lieutenant Hutchins and Miss Anglin is the result of a romance associated with the cruise of the Atlantic fleet around the world. When the fleet reached Australia in August, 1908, it became known that Margaret Anglin was playing in "The Thief" at Melbourne.

While the battleships were at Sydney, a rivalry arose among officers as to who should be the first to entertain Miss Anglin on shipboard when the fleet reached Melbourne. Officers of the Louisiana, on which Lieutenant Hutchins was stationed, won out.

Miss Anglin accepted willingly, and asked that she might bring her sister, who was her companion. At the luncheon Lieutenant Hutchins first met his prospective bride.

BANK AT BILLINGS FAILS

Insolvent First National Owes \$1,692,425 to Depositors.

WASHINGTON, July 2.—The First National Bank of Billings, Mont., was closed by the direction of the Controller of the Currency, the bank having been reported by the examiner to be insolvent. R. Goodhart has been appointed receiver.

On March 29 last, the date of the report to the Controller of the Currency, the bank included among its resources \$1,382,349 in loans and discounts and \$134,408 in cash and cash items. The liabilities include: \$150,000 in capital stock, \$21,618 in surplus, undivided profits and \$1,692,425 in deposits.

SUBSIDIARY CONCERN CLOSED

State Institution Has \$450,000 Deposits—Resumption Predicted.

BILLINGS, Mont., July 2.—With the closing of the doors of the First National Bank of this city the business of the First National Savings Bank of Billings, a subsidiary concern, also was suspended. The latter institution was managed independently of the First National, the officers of both institutions were the same. The trust and savings bank has a capital stock of \$100,000, and an official statement places its deposits at \$450,000.

The officers of the First National Bank are: President, P. R. Moss; vice-president, L. N. Goodwin; cashier, Robert N. Newton; assistant cashier, L. B. St. John. None of the seven other banks of Billings appears to be affected by the suspension. There had been no run on the suspended bank and the officials of the other financial institutions declare there is comparatively little uneasiness manifest. The feeling is general that the failures are not serious and that both the banks will soon be able to resume business.

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Thousands Sleep on Roofs.

Thousands of Chicagoans spent the night on the roofs of buildings and on the back porches of their homes to avoid the heat and the great humidity that persisted throughout the sleeping hours. In the congested districts men, women and children took refuge in backyards and slept on the ground.

In the streets and on the streets men carried their coats on their arms or traveled without them entirely. During the early morning the parks were crowded and thousands of those who were able to do so fled for the country in the hope that they would find cooling breezes until after the Fourth.

Five Die in New York.

In New York five deaths are reported. In Philadelphia there were three, in Pittsburgh five, Cincinnati two, St. Louis four, Cleveland three, Indianapolis three. The maximum temperature along the Atlantic seaboard was near 88 degrees.

Various smaller cities report from one to three deaths and many prostrations. An unusually large number of drownings are reported in each case being attributed to a desire to escape the intense heat.

At Hammond, Ind., the father of a boy killed by the heat, while returning from the funeral, was himself killed by a sunstroke.

Unusual precautions are being taken in Northwestern states to prevent fire. All stoves or other inflammables are strictly forbidden July 4 or at any time until drenching rains fall.

Minnesota Prohibitionists Busy.

MINNEAPOLIS, July 2.—The Minnesota Prohibition convention today nominated part of a ticket headed by J. F. Heiberg of Twin Valley for Governor,

HEAT KILLS TWO SCORE IN 24 HOURS

Chicago Alone Suffers 16 Dead in Day.

MANY PROSTRATE, WILL DIE

Horses Stricken Lifeless, Tying on Streets.

SUN PLAYS GENERAL HAVOC

Entire East Suffers by Hot Wave, Many Drownings Being Reported. Dogs Go Mad and Bite—Dust Storm Adds to Misery.

CHICAGO, July 2.—(Special).—Sixteen persons were killed in this city today by the heat, among the total dead since the present siege set in above 70.

There have been in excess of 100 prostrations, many of which will terminate in death. Five persons were badly bitten by dogs which suddenly went mad in the streets.

Horses fell dead in the streets as they toiled. The humidity was intense, greatly increasing the suffering.

Dust Storm Adds to Suffering. What was mistaken for a thick haze in the atmosphere is said by weather forecasters to be a veil of fine dust, which has been rising for many days and which makes breathing exceedingly difficult. Experts say there has not been breeze sufficient to dispel this blanket of dust, which is now about 15 to 20 feet in height. Today's death list:

- ANTON BENSON, aged 25.
- JOSEPH CLINTON, aged 39.
- CHOW LOW LIN, aged 60.
- WILLIAM EISHAM, aged 61.
- MICHAEL KUHN, aged 71.
- DANIEL SIEBA, aged 41.
- MRS. A. KONSELKE, aged 41.
- MARGARET KOHLWY, child.
- MRS. JENNIE COPPOTT, aged 47.
- STANISLAW SZCZOREK.
- HENRY TRELINGER, aged 35.
- HENRY RUBACH, aged 66.
- SVEN NILSSON, aged 85.
- MICHAEL LINEHAN, aged 70.
- FRANK BRIND, aged 46.
- T. M. COFFEY, aged 35.

No Relief in Sight.

No relief is in sight, according to the forecasters. Thunder storms, which threatened, did not materialize. With the mercury constantly rising, fears are entertained that July 4, with all its excitement and carelessness, will bring an unusually large number of deaths. Within half an hour after sunrise the reports of prostrations began to come in. The police and ambulances were busy transporting the sufferers to the hospital.

Many of those overcome were laboring men employed in outside work that brought them directly into the sun's burning rays. In the poorer sections of the city suffering was almost without precedent and despite the labors of the charitable organizations there were scores of prostrations. Young children were stricken in large numbers and lack of ice and improper food and drink increased the hardships of the poor and the ignorant.

Heat that prostrated men and women played havoc in the animal kingdom. From every part of the city the police received reports of dogs driven mad by the heat and running loose in the streets. Policemen were instructed to be particularly diligent in the killing of dogs when there was any reasonable suspicion of rabies.

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