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KEATING PROVOKED

Proceedings Almost Devoid of Interest

MEMBERS TERMED EMPLOYES

Contests From Florida, Georgia and Kentucky Will be Heard Today—Total Number of Seats Affected Being Thirty-four.

CHICAGO, June 5.—Without roll-calls, the Republican national committee tonight decided on contests from Alabama and Arkansas involving 24 seats in the Republican national convention in favor of delegates instructed for Taft. Contests from Florida, Georgia and Kentucky will be heard tomorrow, the total number of seats affected being 34. The proceedings today would have been devoid of interest had it not been for the effort to prevent Frank H. Hitchcock, Taft's manager; Arthur F. Stratter, former assistant secretary and treasurer and Charles G. Phelps of Washington, both assistants to Hitchcock, from sitting in judgment on the contests. These men held proxies of the members of the national committee from New Mexico, Alaska and North Dakota, respectively.

Their entrance into the executive session provoked Joseph B. Keating, United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, manager for Fairbanks and Representative James Francis Burke of Pennsylvania who acts for Knox to make vehement protests. After a hurried conference the anti-Taft forces protest was reduced to writing. The recited fact that Hitchcock is directly interested in the management of one of the candidates directly involved in the case and "Therefor was disqualified to sit in judgment" upon it. A similar protest was made in the cases of Stratter and Phelps who were termed "employees" instead of "manager" for one of the candidates. After considerable debate, protests were laid on the table and the Alabama cases was taken up.

Look out for the big 50-vote coupon in Sunday's paper.

DRAGGED 12 BLOCKS
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Crosby street, a distance of 12 blocks.

At the hospital this afternoon it was said that Mays might recover.

During the time Mays was being dragged along, a large number of persons endeavored to stop the frightened animal in its flight, in order to rescue him from his horrible position, but this was not accomplished until Crosby street and Holladay avenue had been reached.

For the entire distance the victim of the accident, his foot caught securely in the harness, was dragged along with his face, head and shoulders pounding the pavement or side lines of the bridge. His cries for help were stilled before the horse had run a great distance, owing to his being knocked insensible. Unable to stop the horse, men stood and groaned in horror at being forced to witness anything so frightful without being able to lend any assistance.

TRAIN DITCHED.

ASPEN, Colo., June 5.—Eleven were seriously injured in a wreck at Aspen branch of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad, two miles below this city late today. The train ditched owing to the spreading of the rails.

DREYFUS SHOOTING

The Press All Deplore Attempt on His Life

HAVE DIFFERENT OPINIONS

The "Rappel" Says That Gregori's Revolver Did Much More Damage to Nationalist Than to Dreyfus—Newspapers Express Opinions.

PARIS, June 5.—The press of all shades of opinion deplore the attempt yesterday on the life of Major Dreyfus, although the various newspapers see widely different causes for the shooting.

The Gaulois, a paper with which Gregori was connected, blames parliament for re-opening by yesterday's ceremony, an era of discord which was beginning to disappear. It also disapproves of Dreyfus who calls himself a soldier, gracing the triumph of the author of the "Debauché." Ernest Judet in the Nationalist Eclair writes in a similar vein. He regrets "the culpable diversion which saved the official manifestation from ridicule and odium in which it was foundering," but adds: "Dreyfus is a most uncouth Caesar but Gregori is far from being a Brutus."

Government and Socialist organs stigmatize the attempt which they attribute to the violent campaign carried on by the Nationalist and Royalist press.

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The Aurore understands that Gen. Piesuart, the minister of war, will submit to President Fallieres for signature a decree nominating Major Dreyfus as an officer of the Legion of Honor.

FLOODS GROWING WORSE
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be very little left of the 150 miles of the most expensive road on the line. A serious feature is the fact that the high water has not extended west of Missoula attacking the trackage between this city and the west end of the state. Idaho division has sent a big force of men over to help fight in the west end. A big wagon bridge in Missoula went out at 11 o'clock tonight and two steel railroad bridges were washed out, but are not believed to be destroyed.

NEW BATTLESHIP.

WASHINGTON, June 5.—Work of construction on the new 20,000 ton battleship to be built at the New York Yard will begin shortly.

OFF FOR DENVER

WASHINGTON June 5.—Announcement is made that a special train has been chartered to convey the District of Columbia delegates to the democratic national convention at Denver next month. The train will leave the Union station, this city at 4 p. m. on July 3.

BANKERS IN SPECIAL CAR

SAN FRANCISCO, June 5.—A party of 25 bankers from New York, Boston, Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis and other eastern cities has arrived in San Francisco in a private car.

These men have come primarily to see San Francisco and to judge for themselves whether or not the stories and pictures are true, and then to see the interior valleys that are the great agricultural source of supply behind this metropolis.

CHICAGO, June 5.—A syndicate of alms gatherers, said to have collected hundreds of thousands of dollars on the plea that the money would be used for the voluntary support and care of feeble old men and women, in a series of alleged fictitious "houses of hope" in the various cities of the United States, is being investigated by detectives of the Chicago police department. Last night it was discovered that the syndicate had launched a system of soliciting in Chicago with "crews" of 100 men and women operating a house to house canvass wearing the red cross symbol of mercy and collections have been as high as \$1,200 a day. The syndicate is said to have operated in various parts of the U. S. for the past six years. The police expect to take action in connection with the concern to-day. The women in charge of the Chicago concern said the money collected would be used in supporting the following named institutions:

The House of Hope, 21 East Seventh street, Grand Island, Neb., 80 inmates; the Beulah Home for the Aged, 333 Curtis street, Denver, 70 inmates; the House of Hope, Northwest tract, Shreveport, La., 25 inmates.

Another telegram from Denver stated that the house at 333 Curtis street, Denver, was a vacant dwelling. There is no Beulah home for the aged in Denver. A third telegram from Shreveport declares that there is no House of Hope on the northwest tract, nor within the limits of the city of Shreveport.

PERSONAL MENTION

Frank Sweet, a resident to Ilwaco, is in the city registered at the Occident.

G. S. Barsons of Snohomish, Wash., is at the Occident.

Nicholas Sargent is up from Seaside stopping at the Occident.

E. R. Watters from Seattle is at the Occident.

R. A. Hawkins of Ilwaco is at the Occident.

Mrs. Carl Patzlf of Tillamook is in the city registered at the Occident hotel.

Gei. O. Sanborn, a resident of Seattle is in Astoria living at the Hotel Occident.

W. J. Leonard of San Francisco is in the city registered at Occident.

H. R. Lacy of St. Joe, Mo., is at the Occident.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Johnson of Oakland, Cal., are at the Occident

MAGICIANS MEET.

NEW YORK, June 5.—All sorts and kinds of magicians to the number of 150 attended the fourth banquet of the society of American Magicians held in the Hotel Marlborough last night. It took the form of a farewell banquet to Harry Kellar, dean of the profession who has retired from the stage. When the perfunctory part of the program was completed the magicians mounted the stage to perform tricks. Mr. Kellar was presented by Francis J. Werner toastmaster. He performed a table trick and then with ease and celerity released his hands from behind his back after two men had tugged at the rope.

EXPERT JUMPER INJURED

NEW YORK, June 5.—Daniel J. Kelly, who is credited with having run 100 yards in 9.34 seconds at Spokane, Wash., two years ago, and who was expected to show record form in the tryouts at Philadelphia tomorrow, neither compete in any of the sprints nor contest in a running broad jump, so the report came from Philadelphia. Kelly has been

for some time in the hands of the University of Pennsylvania trainer, but in practicing a day or two ago he is said to have sprained a tendon in his leg which will throw him out of the try-outs. Kelly is now a member of the Irish American Athletic Club of this city.

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED.

CHICAGO, June 5.—The resignation of John C. Hatley receiver of Zion City accepted by the Federal court today N. B. Thomas of Zion City appointed the successor binds fifty thousand.

OFFICERS ELECTED

CHICAGO, June 5.—The following officers were elected unanimously by the American Medical Association today:

Vice-president, Dr. Thos. Jefferson Murry of Butte, Mont.

General Secretary, Dr. H. Simmons re-elected.

Treasurer, Dr. Frank Billings, of Chicago, re-elected.

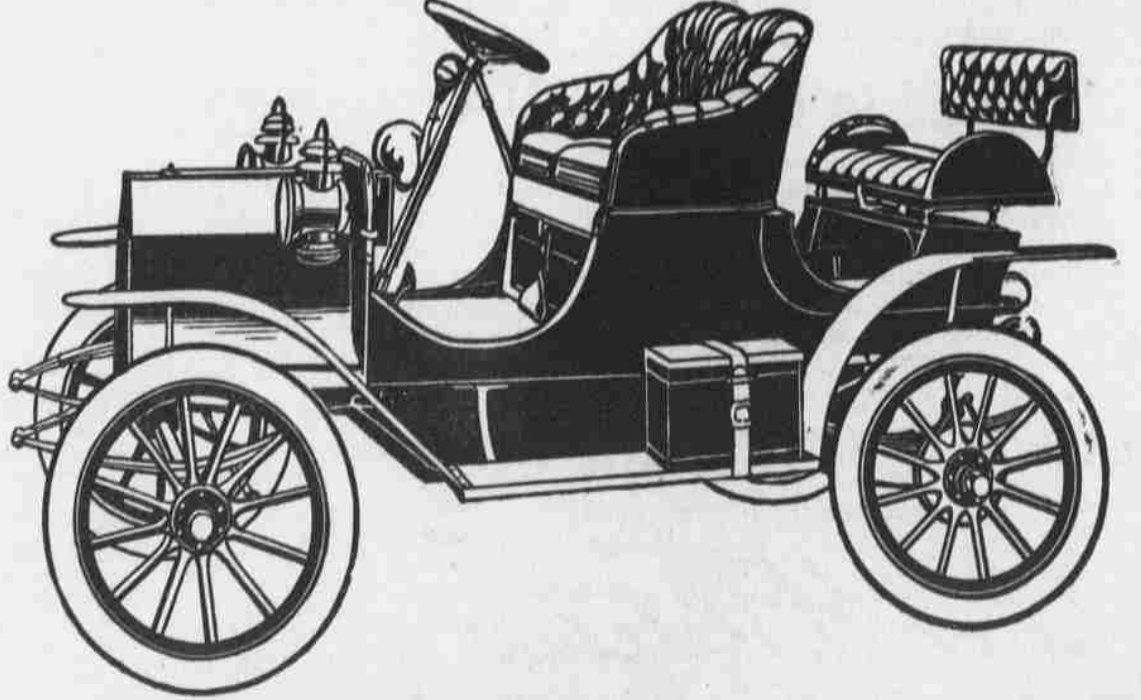
ROOSEVELT'S TRIP

WASHINGTON, June 5.—Since the close of Congress President Roosevelt has been giving attention to his plans for a trip to British East Africa next summer, on which it is understood, Kermit, his son, will accompany him. The president will carry a complete hunting outfit and will devote much of his time to the study of the habits of animals, collecting material for a book, which it is believed he will write upon his return.

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