

## WATERWAYS MEN AFRAID OF TAFT

avor Mississippi as Basis of Play; Say Taft Wants to Begin With Ohio.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 25.—With an attendance of senators, representatives, governors, industrial leaders and heads of commercial organizations, the annual convention of the Lakes-of-the-Gulf Waterway Association was opened at this city today with the assurance that it will go on record as one of the most notable gatherings ever assembled in the history of this country in the interest of waterway development.

President W. K. Kavanaugh called the meeting to order at 10 o'clock this morning. Governor Hadley and Mayor Kremlmann welcomed the delegates. Reports of committees and officers completed the business of the initial session. This afternoon the delegates inspected the new McKinley bridge across the Mississippi as guests of Congressman W. B. McKinley. The business of the convention will be concluded tomorrow.

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St. Louis, Nov. 25.—The charge that President Taft's alleged partiality for his own river, the Ohio, resulted in serious differences over the Lakes-of-the-Gulf waterways project, was the feature of President Kavanaugh's address at the fifth convention of the Lakes to the Gulf Waterways association here this afternoon.

"It is a bitter disappointment," he said, "that we at least, a partial failure of congress favorable intent, to the official partiality first noted by us during last year's river trip, when President Taft postponed many weeks the appointment of a waterways board, thus making it apparent that the board's report in conformity with an act of congress must necessarily be hastily arrived at. Also that he appointed men who, the people feared, were unfriendly to the project."

Twenty governors, 60 members of congress and 700 or 800 mayors are in attendance at the convention, which is the largest in the history of the organization. It is estimated that nearly 1000 delegates are present. Practically every state in the union is strongly represented.

It is probable, taking President Kavanaugh's speech as a criterion, that the convention will adopt resolutions calling upon congress to recognize the Mississippi river as the main trunk line of the waterways project, and not the Ohio, as favored by the people along the Ohio's banks.

Among the speakers on the program are Governor Hadley of Missouri, Mayor Kriesman of St. Louis, Governor Philsted of Maine, Governor-elect Le Crone of Oklahoma, Governor Harmon of Ohio, Governor-elect Wilson of New Jersey, Governor-elect Dix of New York, Governor-elect Ross of Massachusetts, General Luke E. Wright, former secretary of war and ex-governor of the Philippines, Isham Randolph of Chicago, chairman of the Internal Improvement company; Arthur Hooker, Pueblo, Colo., chairman of the National Irrigation congress; Lyman E. Cooley, engineer of the Lakes to the Gulf association; and E. A. Halsey of the real estate exchange, Chicago.

(Strong delegations from San Francisco and New Orleans are in attendance and every effort will be made by them to secure an indorsement of one or the other cities as a site for the Panama exposition in 1915. The California delegation prepared today for a reception to Governor-elect Johnson, who will arrive soon.)

**JEALOUS HUSBAND LAYS IN AMBUSH ON STREET OF CITY**  
(Continued From Page One.)  
Joined Police Judge Taxwell. Because Judge Taxwell let him go without bond when the evidence that Hanning had threatened to kill his sister was before him, I hold him responsible, in part, for my sister's murder.—Statement of Elio Hedman, today.

William Hanning, electrical worker, met his beautiful wife, from whom he had been separated five weeks, at the corner of Fourteenth and Columbia streets about 8:30 o'clock last night. Without a word of warning he drew a revolver and with it blew out her brain, one shot entering her left temple and the other entering the brain from the back of the left ear. Hanning then turned the gun on himself, firing two shots, one ranging upward from under the chin, the other entering the left side of the face. Mrs. Hanning dropped to the pavement with a wild scream. Hanning fell across her body.

When Archie Pettys, 525 Clay street, ran to the spot, Hanning had the revolver pressed against his wife's body, his nerveless fingers feebly trying to pull the trigger. Mrs. Pearl Wilson, of 28 Market street, was eye witness to about the same sight. Drs. Roy C. and E. B. McDaniel heard the shots from a nearby house, where they were being entertained. When they reached the place they heard Hanning mutter, "My God, I've killed my wife."

**Died in Hospital.**  
Mrs. Hanning lived but a few minutes after being taken to the surgery of St. Vincent's hospital. Hanning will live, it is reported today.

Before an inquest can be held over Mrs. Hanning's body, the charges of her brother, Elio Hedman, against Police Judge Taxwell will be investigated. "My sister with Hanning was in hell," declared Hedman this morning. "He tried to make out that she was not a good woman. I would stake my life

that she was good. He was cruel. He was a devil. They were married about four years ago. He was never good to her. He kicked her out of the house when they lived in San Francisco. Then he advertised that she had been lost in Chinatown. Their pictures were in the papers there.

"They came to live in Milwaukee in Portland. He kicked her out again. Their little Jane was born. She came to me for protection, where I live as janitor in the Keeler apartments. He came there. He knocked her down on the floor. My wife saw him do it. He picked up little Jane and ran in a rage to the street, where he started to lurch him on the pavement. Does that look like he love the baby like he say?"

"We had him arrested November 10. The judge was when he is tried, 'Have you \$500?' He say, 'No.' Then the judge say, 'You go to jail for a month.' But the next day Judge Taxwell let him out without bond.

**Child Was Abducted.**  
"Hanning come then and steal the baby. He take it to his sister in Denver. They wouldn't keep it and he come back. Then he plan to kill my sister and he did it. Oh, it is horrible!"

Hedman's story was substantiated by statements made by his brother, Elio Hedman, 785 Pacific street, and by Mrs. Hedman, who declared there were many other times when Hanning struck and abused his wife, although she was trying to do her best for him and the baby.

Hanning had been doing work at the Cornellus hotel under the direction of James O'Leary, the engineer. Hedman never saw him so happy as he was yesterday, said O'Leary this morning. "He went whistling and smiling around his work as though he had happy thoughts. I know him now for a cold-blooded villain. I don't know where he got the gun that he used, but it seems to me he must have had it ready."

**Influenced His Release.**  
O'Leary said that he had had something to do with Hanning's release from imprisonment. The night before Hanning was arrested, O'Leary had employed him to do the work at the Cornellus hotel. When Hanning did not show up for duty he investigated. Then he telephoned the judge, he says, asking if Hanning was or was not to be released, as he wanted either him or he got the gun that he used, but it seems to me he must have had it ready."

William Norfolk, another electrical worker, who was well acquainted with Hanning, said this morning that he was in the clearest-headed, smooth-talking man he had ever known. Elio Hedman declared that it was Hanning's smooth talk and "crocodile tears" about being separated from his baby that had softened Judge Taxwell's heart.

Hanning after leaving her husband secured work as a waitress, then she got a position at Alexandra Court. She was returning from her work at Alexandra Court last night to the Keeler apartments, where her brother had given her and little Jane shelter, when Hanning met her at Fourteenth and Columbia. The Keeler apartments are one block south of the spot where the shooting occurred.

**Brother Is Mystical.**  
Soon after Mrs. Hanning was removed to the hospital her brother burst in on the doctors and nurses, declaring that the clearest-headed, smooth-talking man he had ever known, due to the action of the police judge in letting the murderer go.

"He say, 'Oh my God, after he kill my sister,'" said Hedman. "But he never think of God before. He was happy playing on the floor in the Hedman flat, all unaware of the tragedy that had been enacted partly because of him."

O'Leary said, too, that Hanning received a letter from his sister in Denver yesterday, beseeching him to leave both wife and baby and come to them, where he could forget all.

**Attorney Abandons Him.**  
Attorney L. C. Mackey represented Hanning for several months, but shortly before his wife had Hanning arrested in the municipal court, he told him he could no longer be his attorney. The attorney refused to act for him on account of his quarrelsome nature, and did not care to have such a client. He appeared for Hanning in two cases at Milwaukee, in which Hanning was charged with assault and battery. Shortly before Hanning and his wife moved from Milwaukee, the wife stated she was beaten on the head and over the shoulders by Hanning so badly that she was unable to be out of bed for two days. In the opinion of Attorney Mackey, Hanning was a bad man.

Early this month Hanning began to complain to Chief Probation Officer Teuschler of the juvenile court about the treatment of his baby, alleging that little Jane, 18 months old, was not being properly cared for by Mrs. Hanning. He insisted on making formal complaint, and the case was heard by Judge Gantenbein in the juvenile court on November 15, when Hanning's complaint was dismissed.

Miss Emma L. Butler, a probation officer, investigated the case. Mrs. Hanning was living with the child at the Keeler apartments, Fourteenth and Clay streets. Hanning had alleged they were living in a basement, and that the child was neglected by its mother. Miss Butler found the "basement" was merely the first floor of a modern apartment house, and there was no evidence to show the mother was unfit or abused

the child, as Hanning had alleged. Judge Gantenbein decided the case was one of a family quarrel, and as a divorce suit had been started by Mrs. Hanning, declined to interfere.

**Valley Interested in Development League.**  
J. J. Sayer, of the Portland Commercial club, returned this morning from a tour of the Willamette valley in the interest of the coming convention of the Oregon Development League. Mr. Sayer found tremendous interest in the convention, every community that he visited having arranged to send delegates.

"The people are fully aware of the importance of the coming convention," said Mr. Sayer, "and have prepared to be well represented. In some communities interest in the commercial organizations had been allowed to lag, but they are getting new life and realize that Oregon is just on the verge of an era of its greatest development."

"The people of the valley are much interested in the coming of James J. Hill and Howard Elliott, and other prominent speakers whose names have been announced."

The convention opens November 25, to continue three days.

ing to the municipal court for selling milk that had been entered. He pleaded guilty to the charge which was made by E. D. Smith, city milk sherman. Wyatt explained that he recently purchased the dairy, and that the former owner had represented that it would produce 48 gallons a day. On the first day he had charged the dairy did not produce that amount. When the new proprietor asked the old owner what he could do in such a case, he was advised to water the milk.

Within the territory of the proposed "Ole county" itself, only 15 voters voted for it.

**Court Fines Another for Watering Milk.**  
E. F. Wyatt, proprietor of the California dairy, was fined \$25 this morning.

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