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LENGTHY TALKS CONSUME TIME OF THE HOUSE

Taft and Bryan are Again Predicted as Winners By Partisans.

A TEXAN IS SURE OF BRYAN

Heflin of Alabama Flays the New York Cotton Exchange—Rauch of Indiana Says Congress Pays No Heed to President's Messages.

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., March 18.—The general debate on the pension appropriation bill continued over four hours in the house today. The subjects discussed took a wide range.

Mouser, of Ohio, predicted the election of Secretary Taft as president, while Hale, of Texas, in an arraignment of the republican party, appeared equally confident that Bryan would be successful.

Messrs. Hardy of Texas, and Waldo of New York, discussed the currency question; Adair of Indiana, spoke against the trusts; Rauch of Indiana, saw no good in the president sending a message to congress, which, he said, refused to act on the president's recommendation, while Heflin of Alabama, made a bitter denunciation of the New York Cotton Exchange.

The house adjourned at 4:30 p. m. out of respect to the late Senator Whyte, of Maryland.

The senate was in session but ten minutes, adjourning in respect to Senator Whyte.

SHIP STRUCK; PEOPLE SAVED

By a Narrow Margin Do the Passengers and Crew of a Vessel Grounded on Pacific Coast Escape—Ship Left to Pound Itself to Pieces on Rocks.

By Associated Press.

San Francisco, Cal., March 18.—With more than eighty passengers and a crew of fifty men on board, the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's big steamer Pomona, northbound, from San Francisco to Eureka last night struck a submerged reef, four miles off the coast opposite Fort Ross and leaking like a sieve, was run ashore and beached to save the lives of those on board.

Not in the history of shipping on this coast has a sea disaster been averted by so small a margin. With the passengers aboard almost in a panic and the water pouring into her hold, the Pomona was run ashore at the top of her speed and beached just in time to prevent her sinking in deep water.

In less than an hour after the steamer had grounded upon the beach, all its passengers had been safely transferred to the shore. The crew followed after saving as much of the most valuable part of the vessel's cargo as possible, leaving the big ship deserted, pounding in the surf.

The passengers spent the night crowded in and about the only house within a mile of the scene of the wreck, the house of the Call Ranch. In the excitement and danger from the moment the ship struck on the submerged reef, Captain Swanson, his officers and men, maintained perfect discipline and their behavior did much to allay the panic of the passengers.

The Pomona landed with such force on the beach as to tear away a large section of the hull. Aboard was a large quantity of Wells-Fargo Co.'s express matter. This will be salvaged this morning.

FOR BETTERING FEMALE COLLEGES

By Associated Press.

Winston-Salem, N. C., March 18.—The North and South Carolina Association of Colleges for Women, in its annual meeting here today, selected Spartanburg, N. C., as the place for holding the next annual convention.

The following officers were elected: president, Dr. D. B. Johnson, Rockhill, S. C.; vice-president, Dr. F. P. Hobgood, Oxford, N. C.; secretary and treasurer, Miss McClintock, Columbia, S. C.

Two sessions were held today at which matters of interest to the delegates were discussed.

PEACE AGAIN NESTS IN CENTRAL AMERICA

Long List of Revolutions and Would-Be Revolutions Are at an End.

U. S. WITHDRAWS HER LAST BOAT

For More Than a Year The American Vessels Have Exercised a Salutary Influence on the Peevish Little Countries—History of the Revolutions.

By Associated Press.

Puerto Cortez, Spanish Honduras, March 1 (Via New Orleans, March 18)—The last of the American war vessels which for more than a year have been continually in the Caribbean Sea helping to preserve peace in Central America sailed away today. The last departure was the collier Lebannon, which went to Hampton Roads.

A summary of the intrigues over which the American vessels have for so long exercised a salutary influence is now available in connected form for the first time, as gained from official sources.

Following the Honduran revolution of a year ago, in which Manuel Cabrea, then president, was driven from the country, Nicaraguan troops used their influence to have General Sierra, of the revolutionists elected president of Honduras. This attempt failed. Threats of war by Salvador and Guatemala if Sierra was chosen were largely responsible for Sierra's defeat. Immediately following this incident Nicaraguan aid was lent to an attempt to overthrow the government of Salvador.

When this incipient revolution had failed Salvador in retaliation joined forces with Guatemala in plans to invade Nicaragua with the object of deposing President Zeleya. This expedition was thwarted by the refusal of the newly-elected President Davila of Honduras to permit the Salvadorean and Guatemalan armies to march through his country.

Thereupon a plot was hatched in Gautemala to re-establish the deposed President Cabrea in Honduras, and an army of 8,000 was collecting to invade Honduras when Mexico and the United States proposed the joint peace conference of Central American republics.

Even the near approach of this conference did not deter the army of 8,000 from continuing its preparations and it is probably that a firm note sent out from the American gunboat Marietta was the deciding factor in preventing war from breaking out anew. This note informed the commanders of the army in case a hostile expedition appeared on the coast the Marietta would capture it, and if the expedition attempted to escape the gunboat would sink the vessels and treat the occupants as pirates.

On the 4th of the present month Honduras, the bone of contention in nearly every one of these uprisings, ratified the articles of the Washington peace conference, and this ratification was the signal for the immediate departure of the gunboat Dubuque which was quickly followed by the sailing of the collier.

FAST TIME IN POWER BOATS

Events in Regatta at Palm Beach Were Marked By Spectacular Finishes During Yesterday's Session—The Winners and Time.

By Associated Press.

Palm Beach, Fla., March 18.—Spectacular finishes marked the second day's racing of the fourth annual Power Boat Regatta today.

The first event, five miles, for boats with less than 30 feet water line, was won by the Limit. The Irene finished in indifferent time.

The second event, five mlies for larger boats, was won by the Dixie, finishing nine seconds ahead of the General.

The ten mile event, open to all boats, was won by the Dolphin.

In the afternoon, the five mile event for short length boats, was won by the Trentesept, while the General captured the five mile race for longr boats.

The fifteen mile race, free to all, was won by the General.

JUMPED UPON AN ELEVATOR

Attempt at Suicide Frustrated in a Miraculous Manner.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, March 18.—George B. McGuire, who said he recently had been manager of the Park and Duval hotels at Jacksonville, Fla., attempted to kill himself by jumping down an elevator shaft from the seventh floor of the auditorium building. He landed on an ascending car at the fourth floor and was not injured seriously. McGuire admitted he had jumped down the shaft with suicidal intent.

He was taken to the Harrison street police station, where he acted so strangely that his hands and feet were strapped to a chair to prevent him from trying again to end his life by butting his head against the walls of his cell.

In explanation of his despondency, McGuire said he had been drinking heavily for a year and his bibulous habits had caused him to lose his good position in Florida. Soon after he arrived in Chicago he became intoxicated. He will be examined by physicians at the police station today.

NEGRO SHOOTS KIN OF SEN. M'LAURIN

By Associated Press

Jackson, Miss., March 18.—An unknown negro shot and mortally wounded Baxter and Rufus Burns, at Burns, Miss., today.

Both are relatives of United States Senator McLaurin, of Mississippi. The people of the vicinity are greatly excited, and a large posse is searching for the culprit.

NAVAL STORES OPERATOR DIES AT GAINESVILLE

By Associated Press.

Gainesville, Fla., March 18.—The body of W. S. Pringle, treasurer of the Alachua Naval Stores Company, was found in the road near Paradise, six miles from here today, death being apparently due to apoplexy. Pringle was prominent, and very wealthy.

ONE OPPONENT FOR HOKE SMITH

By Associated Press.

Atlanta, March 18.—Joseph M. Brown is determined to enter the primary for the democratic nomination for governor of Georgia. He is the only candidate so far announced against Hoke Smith.

ONE WHITE, TWO NEGROES KILLED ON A. C. L. IN WRECK NEAR LAKELAND

By Associated Press

Ocala, Fla., March 18.—A freight train on the Atlantic Coast Line went through a trestle near Lakeland today. Engineer Durbose, of Lakeland, a negro brakeman, and a negro tramp were killed.

Bryan Lectures At Peoria, Ill.

By Associated Press

Peoria, Ills., March 18.—William Jennings Bryan lectured here tonight under the auspices of the social division of the Peoria Woman's Club on "The Prince of Peace."

Bryan was met at the train by Mayor O'Connor, and numbers of others, and hurried to the National Hotel, where a dinner and reception was held. About 600 democrats from central Illinois greeted him before he went to lecture at the Coliseum.

Old Warship Monongahela Burns to the Water's Edge

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., March 18.—The navy department today received word that the old warship Monogahela burned to the water's edge at her station in Guantanho Bay last night.

The Monongahela was originally built as a sloop of war, costing $378,678. It took a prominent part in the operations on the Misissippi river during the year of 1863 and at various times during that period was commanded by the then Lieutenant George Dewey, and Lieutenant Winfield Scott Schley, and for a time was Admiral Farragut's flagship. Following the civil war, the Monongahela was used as a training ship for midshipmen and apprentice seamen.

SEN. LODGE IS FOR ROOSEVELT ANOTHER TERM

If Taft Isn't Nominated on First Ballot, it Means a Roosevelt Stampede.

IT'S POSSIBLE BIG STICK WANTS IT

Anti-Taft Men Say Lodge's Statement Sounds Desire of President and That the Latter May After All Refute His Anti-Third Term Talk.

Special to The Journal.

Washington, March 18.—Senator Lodge, the closest personal friend the president has in congress, is now a rival to Senator Bourne in talking a second elective term for Roosevelt.

A few nights ago Senator Lodge was a guest at a dinner here, and in the smoking room became one of a group of four who discussed presidential politics. One of them, a prominent representative, remarked that ig the Democrats would allow him to write the platform, Bryan could give Taft a hard run and could come very near to defeating Roosevelt.

Senator Lodge observed that people need to be so certain Roosevelt would not be nominated.

"If they keep pounding away at Secretary Taft and succeed in preventing his nomination at Chicago on the first ballot, look out for a stampede to Roosevelt," said he.

"Oh, you are all saying that now in the hope of driving business men to support Taft," said another New England senator, who had been one of the group. "It is a nice political coup but it won't work."

Senator Lodge insisted that there was a decided prospect that the president would be re-nominated. He has been talking it emphatically in other places during the past week, so emphatically that some anti-Taft Republicans are beginning to think the president may want the nomination after all.

NEGRO ROBS SWIFT & CO.

Door Forced Open and the Cash Drawer Robbed of Its Contents.

Th warehouse of Swift & Co., at the corner of Chase and Alcaniz streets, was broken into last night about 11 o'clock by an unknown negro. The police were at once notified by the bookkeeper, who saw the man while in the store. He claims that the negro went up Alcaniz street toward the north. The blood hounds of Sheriff Van Pelt were placed on the track, but at a late hour the man had not been captured.

The bookkeeper, E. Waters, was at the corner of the freight depot building when he heard some noise in the offices of Swift & Co. He looked for a moment and found that there was a man in the place trying to open the cash drawer. He at once went over to the Moore Ice Works and telephoned for a policeman. An officer was at once sent to the scene, but when he arrived he found that the man had escaped. Sheriff Van Pelt was at once notified and blood hounds were put on the track and followed the trial between the track and followed the trail between the freight cars on Alcaniz street.

The manager reported that nothing was stolen with the exception of postage stamps, an overcoat and some small change.

Postal Crook Is Sentenced

By Associated Press.

Philadelphia, March 18.—Frank C. Marrin, alias Franklin Stone, who was convicted of using the mails to defraud in connection with the Storey Cotton Company, of this city, was sentenced today by Judge Holland in the United States court, to four years imprisonment and fined $5,000. He was later released on $10,000 bail, pending an appeal.

PROSPECTS ARE EXCEPTIONALLY BRIGHT FOR THE HERVEY HOTEL

NO DECISION RENDERED IN SCUDAMORE'S CASE—COURT ADJOURNS WITHOUT AN OPINION—TO THE U. S. COURT.

Special to The Journal.

Tallahassee, March 18.—No decision in the case of Geo. C. Scudamore, of Pensacola, has yet been handed down by the supreme court of Florida. The court has adjourned until next Tuesday, when it is possible that a decision will be rendered. Much interest is manifested here, as well as in other sections of the state, owing to the fact that the constitutionality of the act is being tested.

To United States Supreme Court.

It is stated here that should the decision of the court be adverse to Scudamore that it will be taken to the highest tribunal in the country, the United States supreme court.

AUTO RACES AT SAVANNAH

Two Events Pulled Off on First Day of Meet—Both Were for Runabouts, 180 Miles Distance — Second Race is Finished in Slow Time.

By Associated Press.

Savannah, Ga., March 18.—The races under the management of the Savannah Automobile Club, and under the auspices of the American Automobile Association, began here today.

Herbert Lytle won the first event for the Southern Runabout Cup, 180 miles, runabouts with standard stock chassis. Time, three hours, thirty-five minutes, forty-one seconds. Only three of the six cars entered, started in the first race, and only two these finished. Lorimer's car finished one lap behind Lytle.

The second race for the Southern Six Cylinder Cup, 180 miles, was won my Salzman. Leland's car broke a connection rod in the second lap, which left the race to Salzman, who finished in slow time, winning the cup. Leland covered the first lap of 18 miles, in 16 minutes, 55 seconds.

M'DOWELL MEMORIAL

Committee to Raise Fund for Musician's Home Completes Its Work.

By Associated Press.

New York, March 18.—The committee in charge of the Edward McDowell fund announces that it has comformed to raise money to take care of the composer in his life, after his health failed, and also to found a home for musicians at Petersborough, N. H. The total contributions to the fund, with interest, has been $39,712. The expenses of administration, together with the money, paid in behalf of Mr. McDowell, amounts to $10,780, leaving a balance of $28,932. This money, less some minor expenditures, which have yet to be made, will be turned over to the Edward McDowell Memorial Association, which has been formed to carry out the idea of the musicians' home at Peterborough.

GOV. CURTIS GUILD VERY NEAR TO DEATH

By Associated Press.

Boston, Mass., March 18.—It was announced tonight that the condition of Governor Curtis Guild, who has been ill two weeks, is critical. His physician called two other physicians in consultation today.

Iowa Goes for Mr. Taft

By Associated Press.

Des Moines, Ia., March 18.—The Republican state convention today elected four delegate at large to the national convention and instructed them to vote for Taft.

The convention also endorsed Senator Wm. B. Allison, and approved the pliank of the Ohio platform calling for revision of the tariff at a special session of congress.

IS THREE TIMES ELECTED MAYOR

"Honest Jim" Reilly Again Honored in a New York Town—Is a Blacksmith, and His Platform Was "Rid the City of Toughs."

By Associated Press.

New York, March 18.—"Honest Jim" Reilly, the village blacksmith of North Pelham, was re-elected president of the village yesterday for the third time by the largest majority he has ever received.

The women and children of the village made an enthusiastic campaign in his favor, the reason for their activity being that Reilly organized a uniformed police force and rid the village of toughs who formerly congregated on the street corners and made insulting remarks to women. They met every train into North Pelham yesterday and no commuter escaped them before he had been to the polls and cast his vote.

When the result was announced, a great crowd of people, including many women and girls, marched to the smithy and cheered Reilly to the echo.

When Reilly was first elected the village was heavily in debt. He has paid off every cent of it and there is a snug balance in the treasury. He refused to announce a platform or make any promises.

Aristocratic Pelham has been inclined to scoff at the unlettered blacksmith, but his sterling honesty, force of character, and executive ability has been so clearly demonstrated that many of the wealthy residents lined up for him at the polls yesterday. His political success has made no change in the blacksmith.

He works at his anvil every day.

PALM TREES FOR CITIZENS

Those Who Desire Them Can Purchase Cheaply With the City.

Citizens who desire to purchase palm trees to be placed in their yards should call upon or telephone either Mayor Goodman or the members of the palm tree committee representing the various park commissions.

The city is to order a large number of palms, and consequently they will be secured at a low price, and should citizens desire to order at the same time the palms can be secured even cheaper.

PHYSICIANS ARE ENCOURAGED OVER BRYAN'S CONDITION

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., March 18.—Physicians of Senator William J. Bryan, of Florida, are much encouraged over his condition tonight. It is stated that while the case is severe, no complications have set in and no unfavorable symptoms have developed.

Rancher Suicide Invited His Friends to Witness Awful Death

Special to The Journal.

San Antonio, Tex., March 18.—A special to the Dispatch from Guadalajara, Mexico, says: Reports received here state that Joseph E. Maria Moreno, owner of the San Pedro ranch in Composital, committed suicide before 300 relatives and friends by going into the cattle pen and allowing a vicious bull to gore him to death. He had issued invitations to come and see the exhibition.

More Than $35,000.00 Has Already Been Promised by Prominent Men.

This Amount Subscribed Although Soliciting Has Not Commenced

WATERMAN IS VERY SANGUINE

He Says That No Trouble Will Be Experienced in Raising the Amount Needed Before the Expiration of the Time Limit of January 1, 1909.

"How about the hotel?" a Journal man asked Secretary Waterman, of the Chamber of Commerce, last evening, just after the adjournment of a long meeting of the subscription committee.

Now, everybody that knows the secretary knows that he's not given to the sporty forms of slang, so it is with surprise that the scribe heard his answer—at least, the form of answer—"Skinch! It's a bigger 'odds-on' chance than a track-burner would have in a bunch of 'dogs!'" And then, recovering the king's English, he said:

Accepts Suggestions

"Mr. Hervey has accepted the suggestions made by the local committee that he allow them latitude in securing a site other than those first suggested by Mr. Hervey, provided the site selected meet with his approval as the lessee and tenant of the new hotel. Nothing now remains to do except to get the necessary stock subscription of from $150,000 to $200,000."

The newspaper man suggested that sums like that did not grow on trees.

"That's all right," replied Mr. Waterman. "We'll get it long before the time limit of Jan. 1, 1909. The subscription blanks, with Mr. Hervey's letter, printed on the backs of the subscription blanks, and the blank notes for payments, will be ready for distribution tomorrow night, and the solicitors will get busy in earnest on Friday. We haven't begun to solicit yet, for we waited on Mr. Hervey's reply to the suggestions made by the meeting Wednesday. In spite of this, we already have promises of more than $35,000, in sums ranging as high as $10,000. There is absolutely no doubt that all the money needed, and probably more, will be signed for long before the time limit expires, and there is no room to doubt that construction will be under way inside of this year, and probably within six months.

The Agreement.

"The meeting Wednesday requested that Chairman Stillman and Mr. Blount, who is giving his legal services, prepare a formal agreement, to be formally signed by the hotel committee and Mr. Hervey, but this has not been done for the reason that until the hotel corporation is formed, no one has the right to sign for it, and therefore Mr. Hervey's signature to such an agreement would not be any more binding on him that his letter."

Mr. Waterman was asked if he had heard any talk of bonuses, or donations, to Mr. Hervey to induce him to build a hotel here.

Hervey Not Building.

"Hervey is not going to build the hotel," replied the secretary. "He is going to lease it. He has promised to do what he can to assist in floating the bonds, and thinks he can be of assistance in that way, but the plan of action suggested by him and adopted by us is to raise all the money needed for stock in the corporation in this city from either residents here or people who own local interests. The company will be capitalized at the actual face value of the stock subscribed for in shares of $100 par value. We will raise from $150,000 to $200,000, by subscriptions for stock, and the rest of the $350,000 will be raised by a bonded mortgage loan. Hervey will pay in rent 6 per cent. on the full amount of $350,000, besides paying taxes and insurance, and all the 6 per cent. for rent will go to the holders of the $200,000 or less of stock.

"If we get subscriptions for $150,000 of stock, it will be a $150,000 corporation with a $350,000 hotel and a $200,000 mortgage. If we raise $175,000 on stock, we will capitalize at 175,000 and have a $350,000 hotel with a $175,000 mortgage. In any event, Hervey will pay taxes and insurance on the best of both the hotel site and building, and 6 per cent. on the aggregate cost for rental. That $21,000 rent goes to the company, and a part of it will be used, of course, to pay interest on the bonds at 6 per cent., the earnings for the stockholders depending upon what portion of the $350,000 is raised by subscriptions for stock at par and what portion is raised by a bond issue. The more we raise by subscriptions for stock the more of the $21,000 a year rental for 15 years

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