

GAYNOR ANGRY AT HEARST PAPERS

Repeated Attacks Against Him Led to the Receipt of Many Anonymous and Threatening Letters.

A DISGRACEFUL CARTOON

Had to Give up His Walk Across the Bridge For Fear That He Would Be Killed.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—Miss Mary U. Gaynor of Utica, a sister of Mayor Gaynor, has given to the Evening Post a copy of a letter written her by the mayor September 3, describing his sensation when he was shot and the conditions that preceded the would-be assassin's attempt.

Though the thing had not entered my head that morning, I was not surprised when I realized I was shot. I had had a feeling for some weeks that I might be assaulted on account of the anonymous threats I was getting by mail. I had not received so many nor so regularly since I was opposing the ring corruptions and the McKane conditions in Brooklyn and Gravesend when I was a young man.

"The matter of the pictures of the Reno prize fight had come up. I had no way as mayor to stop the theatres from showing them. By the city charter their licenses were revokable only by judges of the supreme court, not by the mayor, and the district attorney and corporation counsel decided there was no law forbidding such pictures. They had been shown for years without objection.

"But the Hearst newspapers kept on denouncing me for not stopping them. I suppose you know the way they had belted me ever since I became mayor. "Meanwhile, people of wicked or disordered minds, of whom there are a large number in New York City, would cut these articles out and send them to me with abuse and threats written on the margin, or else with anonymous letters threatening me. Probably they cared nothing about the pictures, but the particular disorder of their minds was inflamed by reading how bad a man I was.

"Finally they printed that terrible cartoon of me, entitled 'The Barker.' I was dressed as a ruffian and standing outside a prize fight ring twirling a cane and barking for people to go in and see the sport. Two men slugging each other, one of them down and bleeding, were exposed in the ring.

"Think of one who has been more of a library student than anything else all his life and who never even saw a boxing match being pictured like that. But the ignorant and disordered minds believed it, and I suppose many others who read no other newspaper did, and were naturally inflamed against such a ruffian being mayor.

"That was the object these newspapers had in view, although they printed all the pictures of the fight in the most revolting form, as they had been doing for years with all such fights. Even some sensational ministers wrote to me as though they believed it.

"It was during this time that I first entered my head that I might be in danger, especially in walking over the bridge, although earlier in the year I had received a few similar threats when these same newspapers declared we were discharging small employes, but taking on expensive ones.

"Such journalism is, of course, in absolute defiance of the criminal law, and it didn't enter my mind to publicly call on the grand juries and the district attorney to protect me from it, but I was weak and feared people would say I was thin-skinned.

"But the time is at hand when these journalistic scoundrels have got to stop or get out, and I am ready now to do my share to that end. They are absolutely without souls. If decent people would refuse to look at such papers the thing would right itself at once.

"The journalism of New York City has been dragged to the lowest depth of degradation. The grossest rallies and libels, instead of honest statements and fair discussion have gone unchecked. One can not help sympathizing with the decent newspapers.

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WILL NOT MIX IN STATE FIGHT

President Taft Believes New York Can Settle Its Own Affairs Without Calling on Him.

LEAVES IT TO FRIENDS

Whether He Will be Candidate in 1912 Is to be Decided by the People and Not Him.

ALBANY, N. Y., Sept. 20.—Col. Roosevelt came to President Taft for aid in his fight against the bosses in New York state. The conference took place in New Haven, where President Taft had gone to attend a meeting of the Yale corporation.

Neither Mr. Taft nor Mr. Roosevelt would discuss in detail what they had to say to each other, but these results can be given as apparent:

(1.) So far as the situation in New York State goes, where there is war between Col. Roosevelt and the old guard, the president stands squarely on his letter of August 20 to Lloyd C. Griscom, in which he defined his attitude at length.

(2.) The president is willing to run again if he is renominated, but he intends to leave that to his friends. He is not hunting delegates.

Col. Roosevelt expressed himself as gratified at the very pleasant interview. He reiterated with emphasis he will not run for governor, and that if the convention is stampeded for him he will refuse the nomination.

The colonel made no specific request for action in President Taft's part, but it was apparent he and his friends had sought the conference for the moral effect it would have in the New York state contest.

The president made it clear to Mr. Roosevelt he is in sympathy with the fight against the bosses, but he also told the colonel plainly that he would not mix further in the New York state situation. He told Mr. Roosevelt he would stand squarely on the letter which he had written Lloyd C. Griscom soon after the meeting of the republican state committee in New York. Later President Taft told the newspaper correspondents that, in his opinion, his sympathy with the Roosevelt forces was clearly shown in this letter.

Although Mr. Roosevelt's supporters who attended the conference continued to declare the bosses would be ousted in the Saratoga convention, the impression prevailed that Col. Roosevelt and Mr. Griscom now find themselves in a tight hole and they had turned to the meeting with Mr. Taft as a possible means of saving the day.

Mr. Roosevelt's followers professed to be entirely satisfied with the outcome of the meeting with Mr. Taft.

The reiteration by President Taft of the sentiment expressed in the Griscom letter was not, however, the only important development that followed the New Haven conference. It is certain now that the Taft administration will be endorsed in its entirety by the Saratoga convention.

On the other hand, however, there will be no endorsement of President Taft by the New York state republican convention for renomination in 1912. The omission of such an endorsement will be in conformity to the president's desire. This will leave the field open, so far as New York state is concerned, between Mr. Taft and Mr. Roosevelt for the republican nomination of 1912, if Mr. Roosevelt has any thought of trying for it.

The action of the Saratoga Convention either toward the endorsement of the Taft administration or of Mr. Taft's candidacy for renomination was not mentioned in the conference between Mr. Taft and Col. Roosevelt, but Otto T. Bannard, who is a Taft man, but is fighting with the Roosevelt-Griscom forces, is authority for the statement the Taft administration will be endorsed at Saratoga, but there will be no action by the convention in reference to Taft's renomination.

Davis County Fair Prosperous. BLOOMFIELD, Sept. 20.—Secretary H. C. Leach of the Davis County Fair association reports the receipts of the fair which closed Friday as \$21,000 above all former fairs held in Davis county.

Iowan Attempts Suicide. BLOOMFIELD, Sept. 20.—Samuel Rawley, aged 30 a former Davis county man, attempted suicide by shooting himself while in Mt. Sterling, Kan. He was brought here in a serious condition.

NORTHERN STATE HOLDS ELECTION

Primary Today in Which Inaugury is Measuring Itself Alongside of The Regulars.

TAWNEY IN DANGER

Pinchot Was Campaigning in First District and is Believed to Have Made an Impression.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 20.—Minnesota is measuring up its inaugury today in a primary election which covers congressional candidates. The weather and sentiment both favor a heavy vote.

In the first district Pinchot, Heaney and other big guns of the progressive movement have campaigned against James A. Tawney with telling effect. He is opposed by Sidney Anderson and early reports indicate a rebuke to Tawney by a largely reduced vote if not by defeat.

In the Fourth district, comprising St. Paul, E. S. Stevens is opposed by H. T. Halbert, whose supporters have not had a great deal of confidence until to last few days. Stevens' renomination is regarded as probable, however.

The Fifth district, Minneapolis, has a hot fight between Frank Nye, the present congressman, accused of close affiliation with the Cannon clique on the one side and Albert H. Fall, progressive on the other. Nye has been on the defensive throughout the campaign, and if he is nominated or defeated it will be by the silent vote. The district is strongly progressive and Nye's personality is all that can save him. Fall's nomination would not be a surprise.

CONVENTION HELD IN NOVEMBER

Lakes to the Gulf Deep Waterway Association Meeting For St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 20.—The Lakes-to-the-Gulf Deep Waterway Association is determined to find out just why the Mississippi river has not been improved and why the lakes-to-the-gulf project has not been started. Each year this association has adopted strong resolutions and presented them to congress, apparently all to no purpose. Even where surveys or other preliminary work has been ordered, it is claimed, tardy and indifferent compliance has been the rule.

The association has just sent out the official announcement of the fifth annual convention in St. Louis November 25 and 26. This convention will be made up of delegates and the announcement is an invitation for governors, mayors, commercial associations and river improvement organizations to appoint delegates to the convention. In addition the governors, mayors, the president and members of the Sixty-second congress are made ex-officio members.

"More than half of the people of the United States live in the valley of the Mississippi, reads the circular, 'and their interests are those of the entire country. The convention is held to combine the common interests in the light of common knowledge.' The circular also recites the work accomplished by the association up to the present in the way of creating interest in a deep waterway.

POLICE HEAD TO LOSE HEAD

Commissioner Baker Will be Discharged Within a Few Days.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—As a result of the recent expose of gambling and wide open conditions in New York's tenderloin, Commissioner W. F. Baker, head of the police department, is to be removed as soon as Mayor Gaynor returns to the city hall.

Announcement to this effect was made today by Acting Mayor Mitchell following a conference last night with Mayor Gaynor.

Lumber Rates High. WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—Freight rates on lumber, established by western railroads in 1908 are the subject of a complaint filed with the interstate commerce commission today by the Ingham Lumber Co., of Kansas City. It is charged that the rates assessed from Arkansas and Oklahoma to Iowa points are excessive. The commission is asked to order a reduction.

TODAY'S OFFERINGS ON POLITICS

Barometer Was Very Low Today in Roosevelt's Office and Correspondents Got no Welcome.

TAFT IS CONGRATULATED

Even Wm. J. Bryan is Heard From For he Has Accepted an Invitation to Speak.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—The barometer was very low in the office of the contributing editor of The Outlook today and there was no "Welcome" on the mat for the scores of correspondents who sought of Roosevelt the opinion of him as to the conference with President Taft yesterday.

COLUMBUS, O., Sept. 20.—On board President Taft's train—From all over the country today President Taft is receiving congratulatory messages over his encounter with the big stick yesterday at New Haven. His friends say that he has earned the right to leadership in the party by his action in refusing to acquiesce to certain plans by Roosevelt.

TRENTON, N. J., Sept. 20.—When the republican state convention was called to order at the Taylor opera house today it was conceded that Taylor would be chosen on the first ballot as the candidate for governor.

PUEBLO, Colo., Sept. 20.—Oratorical pyrotechnics that will greatly interest Roosevelt are promised when Bryan delivers an address before the National Irrigation congress which meets here next Monday. The Nebraskan has accepted an invitation to speak. The Commoner has declined to state what his subject will be but it is thought that he will discuss new nationalism.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—President Taft is unchanged in his attitude toward Secretary Ballinger and is, I believe, as determined as ever to support him until the investigation committee has finished with the case," said E. C. Finney, who acted as Ballinger's private secretary during his entire western trip, in an interview today. Finney had just returned from the west.

CHICAGO, Sept. 20.—Inquiries into the methods by which Senator Wm. Lorimer obtained his seat in the U. S. senate, was commenced today. All the members of the sub committee of the senate are here with the exception of Frazier of Tennessee who wired that he was on his way and Burkitt of Connecticut who will not be here until later.

Chairman Burrows said that conferences would be held today to determine the method of procedure and the scope of the inquiry.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 20.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt will pass a strenuous day here on October 11 if he attempts to fill all the engagements mapped out for him. He will arrive at 7:45 a. m. and leave that night late. The Traffic Club and Business Men's League will have charge of most of the colonel's entertainment. Numerous other organizations will be required to content themselves with having Roosevelt mingle with them on the aviation field. He will make one address at the Coliseum.

Miles Given Hurt. CRESTON, Sept. 20.—Miles Given, an aged man employed by the Burlington railroad here, fell from a car in the yards while attempting to jump from the rear while the car was standing on the track. His foot caught in a piece of gas pipe, throwing him head first from the car. It was thought his neck was broken when he was picked up, but examination proved this to be a mistake.

Auto Scares Team. WATERLOO, Iowa, Sept. 20.—The team driven by Jesse York became frightened at an automobile three miles from Mount Auburn. The animals turned slightly around, breaking the tongue of the buggy and throwing Mr. and Mrs. York and a child into a wire fence. Mr. York was severely hurt. His head was badly cut and it required twenty-one stitches to close the wound.

Drowned at Eddyville. EDDYVILLE, Iowa, Sept. 20.—Guy E. Kissick, aged 37, of Chicago, traveling auditor for the Northwestern railway, was drowned while bathing in the Des Moines river.

ODD FELLOWS ARE IN SESSION

Sovereign Grand Lodge Meets in Southern City With Large Attendance of the Members.

THE ANNUAL REPORT

Total Membership is Close to Two Million Counting Those Who Belong to Rebekah Lodge.

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 20.—The eighty-sixth annual meeting of the Sovereign Grand lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows was called to order in the hall of representatives at the state capitol. It is expected 20,000 to 25,000 visitors will be in Atlanta for the week's convention.

W. L. Kuykendal, grand sire and commander-in-chief of the Sovereign Grand lodge, in his annual report, said at the end of December last, the total membership, including subordinate lodge members and sisters only of the Rebekah lodges, was 1,952,421. The total revenue for 1909, Mr. Kuykendal reported, was in round numbers, \$16,817,000; total relief, \$5,326,000, and total invested funds \$49,551,000.

During the year, the grand sire requested Secretary of State Knox to bring to the attention of the emperor or proper officials of Austria the desire of the Odd Fellows' order for permission to enter Austria. Mr. Kuykendal reported the state department replied it had no authority to fulfill this request.

The grand sire reported against the proposed introduction of the order into Great Britain, saying Odd Fellows would have to change their name in order to be registered in that country.

LOST MEMORY FOR TWO YEARS

Grocer Disappeared and Turned up Out West, Working as Brick Mason.

CONWAY SPRINGS, Kan., Sept. 20.—"James Esler," a brick mason, has thrown aside his trowel and has gone back to Stoughton, Wis., to again become George Becker, ex-mayor, a grocer and contractor, who he was before he suffered a lapse of memory two years ago and wandered away.

Becker was making money in his home town. One day he started to Madison to transact business. He arrived the following day, saw relatives and then disappeared. Four days ago W. H. Gound, of Stoughton, who saw "Esler" on the street here, recognized him. Becker could not identify Gound. Relatives were notified. The afflicted man recognized his nephew and readily consented to go home.

Mrs. Becker heard a year ago her husband had been killed. She collapsed. Since then she has been a paralytic.

WOMAN CANDIDATE FOR TRUSTEESHIP

Contrary to Recommendation of the Alumni Association of the University.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Sept. 20.—Contrary to the recommendation of the alumni association of the University of Illinois, and to the general understanding, a woman will be placed in nomination for election to the board of trustees of the university at the state convention Friday.

Some time ago the alumni association at a meeting, recommended that only men be chosen on the board. It was the general understanding that the desire would be adhered to, but now it is conceded that a woman will be chosen. Mrs. Mary Bussy of Urbana is one of the three retiring members, and she will be a candidate for renomination.

CRIPPEN AUCTION BRINGS BIG PRICES

People Buy Trash From His Home and Pay Fancy Prices.

LONDON, Sept. 20.—London's morbid curiosity in the Dr. Crippen case, resulted in a scramble to buy the doctor's furniture and effects which were auctioned today at a west end sale. Old catalogues and papers of absolutely no intrinsic value, were sold for as high as \$2. Odds and ends of the most trifling value were rarely sold for less than \$1. A number of fashionably dressed women crowded the auction room.

BALLOONS DROP IN THE EAST

Race Started Saturday Evening at Indianapolis When Nine Big Gas Bags Floated Off in Breeze.

SCATTERED ALL OVER

Some in Virginia, Some in Pennsylvania and Two of Them Were Yet Unreported This Morning.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 20.—With two of the nine balloons which started from Indianapolis Saturday in the elimination race for the American team in the international race, which will start from St. Louis October 17, unreported at a late hour last night, America II, Alan R. Hawley pilot and August Post aid, lead in distance and endurance, assuring a place on the team of three for Pilot Hawley.

The hope of St. Louis for a place on the international team remains with H. Eugene Honeywell in the Centennial and S. Louis Von Phul in the Millon Club, standing second and third in distance last night. If the balloons New York and Buckeye, not yet reported down, exceed the distance of 367 miles made by Honeywell in the Centennial the Aero Club of St. Louis will have no representative in the race to be held under its auspices.

William F. Assman, from whom much had been expected, landed with his aid, Paul McCullough, Sunday night far from a railroad in Calhoun county, W. Va., having covered about 280 miles in twenty-five hours and ten minutes.

It took all day for Assman and McCullough to get to a telegraph office, miles away, at Clarksburg, W. Va., where they wired the Globe-Democrat: "Landed last night at 6:10 in Calhoun county, W. Va. Got away in bad shape. Appendix never opened. Aid shook it all night and it opened little under expansion. Rained all night. Had to valve constantly to keep down. Passed over Middletown, Columbus, Athens, Wheeling. Threw out everything and landed with one and one-half sacks ballast."

Hawley lands at Warrenton. WARRENTON, Va., September 20.—The balloon America II, with Allan P. Hawley as pilot and Augustus Post as aid, landed three miles southwest of this place. Mr. Hawley reported the big bag met with little rain and practically no storms, maintaining an altitude of between 16,000 and 20,000 feet in its trip across Ohio and West Virginia into this state. The balloon was in the air forty-two and one-half hours, and the two aviators were practically exhausted.

The American II was the winner of last year's international contest at Zurich, Switzerland. Hawley and Post came near to equaling the American endurance record, which is 48 hours and 26 minutes. Mr. Post declared they could easily have exceeded this mark had it not been for the danger of being carried out into Chesapeake Bay.

Centennial Comes Down.

INDIANA, Pa., Sept. 20.—Balloon No. 6, the Centennial, carrying Pilot Honeywell and Lambert, landed near Heshbon. According to the pilots the trip was made without incident. The air craft was shipped to Indianapolis.

Caught in Rainstorm.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Sept. 20.—The balloon Pennsylvania II, landed near Dexter, Ohio. The balloon was entered in the race by the Aero Club of Pennsylvania, and the following telegram was received at the headquarters: "Left Indianapolis, Ind., Saturday at 5:38, landed one mile north of Dexter, Meigs County, Ohio, Sunday 10:30 a. m. Time, 16 hours, 52 minutes. Approximate air line, 210 miles. Heavy rain during Saturday night."

The balloon carried Arthur T. Atherton and C. B. Graham, both of Philadelphia.

Getting Anxious. NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—Officials of the Aero club of America are alarmed over two missing balloons of the 13 that set sail from Indianapolis last Saturday. Had the balloons landed anywhere in the east, it is considered almost certain that they would have been reported before this even had they crossed into Canada.

The Buckeye Lands.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—The Buckeye, one of the three hitherto unreported balloons landed in Virginia Monday morning according to a telegram received today. The telegram was sent from Christiansburg, Va.,

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AT THE MERCY OF THE WIND

Big Balloon Will be Cut Loose and Sent Across the Ocean in the September Breeze.

DECORATED WITH FLAGS

Result of the Experiment if Successful, Will Probably Result in Some One Trying to Ride.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., 20.—With the expectation that the September winds will carry it clear across the Atlantic ocean Leo Stevens of New York is arranging a 5000 cubic foot capacity balloon here which will be released next Saturday on its long sail.

Its only appendage will be a rope ladder which will be decorated with flags and pennants.

The war department has detailed experts from Fort Meyer to inflate the balloon. It is estimated that it will travel 100 miles an hour and will easily cross the ocean. All of the steamship companies have been asked to watch for it.

TROUSERS COST \$24 AND UNPAID

When Chanlor Wooed the Diva, He Was Absolutely Reckless About Expenses.

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—Whatever else he may have been, the friends of Robert W. Chanlor, are satisfied that he was not a piker in his wooing of the business like enchantress Lina Cavalleria. For proof they point to the bills of various creditors who are now suing "Little Bob." There is one bill for a "shirteeh" at Martin's for \$8.25, including everything from cocktails to raw apples. Everyone on Broadway thinks \$24 ought to buy a dream of a pair of trousers, this being one of the bills.

CO-OPERATIVE STORE FOR THE 400

Evanston Aristocrats Have Plan to Defeat the High Cost of Living.

CHICAGO, Sept. 20.—One hundred and seventy of the 400 aristocrats of Evanston, have declared war against the increased cost of living by starting a co-operative store, the stockholders of which will be given a rebate on the cost of groceries. The date set for the grand opening is October 2. It is believed it will be possible to return to stockholders from 10 to 50 per cent on their groceries.

THE WEATHER.

(Until 7 p. m. Wednesday.) For Keokuk and vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday.

For Illinois, Iowa and Missouri: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday.

Weather Conditions. With exception of local showers in portions of the Ohio valley, Tennessee and New England, the weather has been generally fair in all sections.

Areas of moderately low pressure are in the St. Lawrence valley and in Arizona, and the high area from Montana is moving into the plateau region with decreasing pressure.

Cooler weather prevails over the northern portion of the country, from the Mississippi valley eastward, while high day temperatures have continued on the eastern slope of the Rockies. Conditions indicate generally fair weather for this section tonight and Wednesday.

Daily River Bulletin. Stage, Height, Change, Weather.

Table with 4 columns: Location, Stage, Height, Change, Weather. Rows include St. Paul, La Crosse, Davenport, Galland, Keokuk, St. Louis.

Local Observations. Sept. 19 7 p.m. ... 29.98 67 N Clear 20 7 a.m. ... 30.01 56 N Foggy

Maximum temperature, Sept. 20, 72. Minimum temperature, 80. Minimum temperature, 65.

River Forecast. The river will remain nearly stationary tonight and Wednesday.

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