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To-day, showers and cooler. To-morrow, fair; not cooler.

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TEN DEATHS FROM HEAT RECORD DAY FOR 10 YEARS.

City Wilt Under Sizzling Sun, with No Relief in Sight.

New York City sweltered and suffered yesterday under a sizzling sun, which made life almost unbearable, drove several persons insane, prostrated nearly a hundred and killed half a score.

When the weather man began to sum up the case for the people last night he merely repeated in figures what every one knew by reason of wilted collars. For to-day, however, he promises "showers and cooler."

New York awoke yesterday—or the few persons who were able to sleep at all—and found that the sun was going to make the town as hot as a sugar refinery in August.

At 4 o'clock the temperature was up to 78 degrees and the humidity was 82. As the day wore on the humidity began to decrease, but the thermometer kept going up until at 3:45 o'clock it registered 93 at the Weather Bureau.

From 92 at 4 o'clock onward, however, the temperature began to decrease slightly, until at 9 o'clock last night it was only 84. On July 6, 1908, the thermometers here climbed up to 93. The list of deaths and prostrations follows:

- THE DEAD. CASHIN, Michael, sixty-six years old, died at his home, No. 127 Astor street, Brooklyn.

SNAPSHOTS TAKEN AT DENVER.



A GROUP OF NEW YORKERS. Left to right: William F. Sheehan, Colonel George Harvey, Alton B. Parker.



JOHNSON BOOMERS. Left to right: C. H. Day, F. A. Day, F. S. Lynch.

DELEGATES BUSY ON EVE OF CONVENTION

MANY CAUCUSES HELD AND CONTESTS DECIDED.

McCarren and Tom L. Johnson Crushed—Guffey and Sullivan Win.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Denver, July 6.—The twentieth national convention of the Democratic party will assemble at noon to-morrow, when it will be called to order by Thomas Taggart, chairman of the national committee.

Chairman Bell, having been accepted by the convention, will deliver the keynote speech of the campaign. The roll of the convention will be called by states, and each chairman will name the choice of his delegation for the committees on organization, rules, credentials and resolutions.

A resolution deploring the death of Grover Cleveland, twice President of the United States, and eulogizing his career will be offered and unanimously adopted. As a further mark of respect the convention will then adjourn for the day.

The events of to-day may be summarized as follows: The exposé and denunciation of Bryan and his methods by Colonel Guffey, national committeeman from Pennsylvania, has fallen flat in the face of an overwhelming Bryan sentiment and the silence of the "Commoner," but the Pennsylvania delegation has again chosen Guffey as its member of the national committee.

Tom L. Johnson, Mayor of Cleveland and Bryan's erstwhile friend, has been defeated for national committeeman from Ohio. He is replaced by Harvey D. Garber, his political enemy. The McCarren delegates from New York have been ruthlessly thrown out by the national committee. The Roger Sullivan delegates from Illinois have been seated and the Burke men rejected.

The national committee completed its work, with the exception of the Pennsylvania and Idaho cases, and the sub-committees reported in favor of seating the Guffey delegates from Pennsylvania and the Dubois anti-Mormon delegates from Idaho.

Senator Newlands, of Nevada, is being seriously discussed for second place. The Vice-presidential stock of Kern, of Indiana, and Towne, of New York, took an upturn to-day. Most of the delegations caucused in the course of the day and evening.

DANCE TO BRYAN MUSIC

Nebraskan Dictator at Denver—Shrewder Democrats Hopeless.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Denver, July 6.—William Jennings Bryan so completely dominates the Democratic National Convention that he will permit the national committee to seat only delegates agreeable to himself; will dictate every line, comma and period of the platform; will name the Vice-presidential candidate, and will choose his own chairman of the national committee.

The absolute hopelessness with which a large percentage of the leaders—if such a term can correctly be applied to Mr. Bryan's lieutenants in Denver—look forward to the election, with its almost inevitable defeat for their party, has probably never before been equaled in a convention of one of the great national parties.

With fully 80 per cent of the delegates on the ground, the two facts mentioned stand out with ever increasing prominence. Wild eyed Bryanites of the type of "Alfalfa Bill" Murray, of Oklahoma, and "Jim" Dahlman, Mayor of Omaha, harangue the crowds with vituperative denunciations of Roosevelt and Taft, make speeches to open-mouthed crowds in the hotel lobbies, and predict the election of Bryan on the ground that he is the "anointed of the Lord," but, aside from certain district delegates of their own states, there is none who takes them seriously. Local success is the end and aim of the Tammanyites, headed by Charles F. Murphy, who are willing to stand for anything as long as they gain strength in New York County, and a similar selfish ambition inspires the majority of the men hitherto regarded as Democratic leaders.

BETS A DINNER; ARRESTED.

The danger of making a bet of any kind and then recording it was emphasized at the Sheephead Bay racetrack yesterday, when a man, who gave his name as James Hertz, was arrested by a deputy sheriff for betting a dinner that Creation would beat Dreamer in the second race, and then making a memorandum of it after the race was over.

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FUND TO ENTERTAIN ATHLETES.

London, July 7.—The efforts of "The Daily Mail" toward raising a fund for the entertainment of the visiting athletes who are to take part in the Olympic games have met a fair measure of success. \$2,500 already having been subscribed, including a gift of \$2,500 from Alfred G. Vanderbilt. The government has undertaken to give a dinner for the official representatives of each foreign group, to which the ambassadors of the respective countries also will be invited.

LAND SCANDAL OUT THE CITY LOSES \$50,000.

Purchase of Property from Hurley Back of Byrnes's Suspension.

Back of the suspension by Controller Metz of Thomas F. Byrnes, real estate appraiser in the Department of Finance, announced yesterday, is the story of the sale of some property to the city on the recommendation of Byrnes at a price 90 per cent higher than was paid for it two days before by William S. Hurley.

As a result of this transaction the friendship of years standing between Controller Metz and Mr. Hurley has been violently broken, and bitter words passed between the two when the remarkable realty deal was under investigation before Mr. Gallaher, Commissioner of Accounts, and Mr. Bruere, of the Bureau of Municipal Research, a week ago yesterday.

Byrnes, who is the Democratic leader of the 11th Assembly District in Brooklyn, was suspended on Friday night, after the Controller had gone over the preliminary report of the investigation. The suspension is pending the completion of the investigation, which is to be carried to the limit when the Controller and others get back from Denver.

There were twenty-two and one-eighth acres in the parcel, which lies in North Hempstead township, between Jamaica and Flushing, and the city paid \$105,000, or \$4,746.19 an acre.

STATEMENT BY BUREAU OF RESEARCH. The Bureau of Municipal Research in a statement issued yesterday said: The Bureau of Municipal Research is not interested in whether or not Mr. Byrnes profited financially from this transaction. It does believe it of the utmost importance to make clear to all taxpayers that Mr. Byrnes made an unnecessary high appraisal of this property, that as a city official he entered into negotiations with a man who had not yet bought the property, while refusing to deal directly with a man who was trying desperately to sell it, and who during negotiations did sell the property at \$55,000; and that Mr. Byrnes, in advising its purchase at \$105,000, was either guilty of conspiracy to defraud the city or was innocent of an infraction of value so flagrant that his innocence proved him grossly unfit to protect the city in purchasing property.

It is said that so far no competent evidence of conspiracy has been brought out. Some of the witnesses before the Commissioner of Accounts, who was called into the case because he has the power of examining witnesses under oath, did not tell any more than they were obliged to. Just at present G. N. Klemeyer, a real estate broker, who gave some interesting testimony regarding the negotiations for the property prior to its sale to the city, is said to be visiting a sick relative in Canada. He was not put under subpoena, because he had promised to appear whenever wanted. One afternoon he left his house to go to the hearing, but never arrived. Later the Bureau of Municipal Research heard that Klemeyer had been called to Toronto. He is still there, so far as is known by them. Mr. Klemeyer's sister-in-law said last night that he had gone to Canada on a business trip and would be back in a few days.

ARTHUR J. O'KEEFE DRAGGED IN.

Commissioner Arthur J. O'Keefe, of the Civil Service Commission, was dragged into the investigation. It was he who, as Deputy Police Commissioner in charge of Brooklyn and Queens, was asked by Commissioner Bingham to pick out a site for a training farm. Formerly he was Superintendent of Sewers in Brooklyn. The Bureau of Municipal Research, in its preliminary report, says:

The conclusion is almost irresistible that when Mr. Hurley invested \$35,000 in the purchase of this property from Mr. Logan and the people who were interested with Mr. Logan he did so only after making arrangements with city officials whereby he knew that he would be able to turn the property over to the city at a profit. He never knew of the property until Mr. Logan offered it to him. That Mr. Hurley should make a profit of \$50,000 in the course of a few days is in itself no offence, but that he should be able to make such a profit through information and assistance given and rendered to him by city officials can only be characterized as a positive outrage.

The city officials most intimately connected with the purchase of a site for the training farm were Deputy Police Commissioner O'Keefe and Appraiser Byrnes. It may be interesting as furnishing a motive for the refusal of these officials to purchase from Mr. Logan and their subsequent purchase from Dr. Porter to note that on August 21, 1906, Mr. Hurley gave to Deputy Commissioner O'Keefe his note for \$5,000. Deputy O'Keefe explained that this was simply a personal loan, for which he took Mr. Hurley's note.

Mr. Hurley said that the loan and note were a part of an older transaction. He explained that in order to save the Borough Bank from loss for advances made to Harry A. Rutan, contractor, on the security of certain sewer contracts obtained by Rutan during the administration of Mr. O'Keefe as Commissioner of Sewers of Brooklyn, for which advances Mr. Hurley considered Mr. O'Keefe in some manner responsible, he (Mr. Hurley) had taken over the contracts and assumed responsibility for their completion. Mr. Hurley took these contracts over in February, 1907, and lost on account of them about \$40,000. He testified that in the summer of 1906 he had reached the point where he could not put any more money into these contracts, and that he had turned them over to Mr. O'Keefe and said to him: "You have got to come in and help. You ought not to have passed their bills (Rutan vouchers) at all." Mr. O'Keefe responded with an August 21, 1906, and it is at least significant that Mr. Hurley should become the owner of a piece of property which had been selected by Deputy O'Keefe for the Lutheran church.

MR. TAFT PLAYS BALL CAUGHT OUT BY HIS SON.

Statesmen Defeat Newspaper Correspondents at Hot Springs.

Hot Springs, Va., July 6.—William H. Taft, the Republican candidate for the Presidency, distinguished himself to-day on the diamond, when a game of baseball was played between the statesmen sojourning here to confer with him on sundry matters relating to the coming political campaign and the newspaper men who are endeavoring to keep the public informed of the candidate's daily actions.

The game was the result of the activity of Senator W. Murray Crane, who has had long conferences with the Republican candidate while here. Mr. Crane had no sooner finished his breakfast to-day than he began planning for a contest of skill between the statesmen and the correspondents.

The statesmen's team was made up of Senator Crane, pitcher; Representative Burke, of Pennsylvania, catcher; John C. Eversman, secretary to Representative McKinley, first base; Representative Burton, of Ohio, second base; Representative Lawrence, of Massachusetts, third base; Representative McKinley, centre field; Senator Beveridge, left field, and William H. Taft, right field.

When the game began Mr. Taft was having a talk with Senator Beveridge on Indiana politics, and they gave their proxies to two negro boys who gained them more glory in the matter of fielding and batting than they themselves scored after they finally finished their talk and assumed the responsibility of the game.

The game was hotly contested, but for some reason the correspondents fell behind in their score and lost out after eight innings by a score of 14 to 11. The correspondents went outside of their own numbers for a second baseman, placing "Charlie" Taft in that responsible place. "Charlie" distinguished himself when his father went to the bat and struck the second ball delivered to him. The ball went whizzing toward second base, and it looked as if it would give Mr. Taft a home run, but the alert "Charlie" nipped his father's hopes by catching him out.

The game was played on the local ball grounds just after a heavy rain, and as the players sprawled in the mud in their frantic efforts to run the bases the entire party was rather the worse for wear when the eighth-inning had been played. Mrs. Taft came out to see the game, which was witnessed by a large number of spectators from the hotel.

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SAYS INDIANA IS SAFE.

Senator Beveridge Has Conference with Mr. Taft.

Hot Springs, Va., July 6.—Senator Beveridge, of Indiana; Representative McKinley, of Illinois, and Representative Burke, of Pennsylvania, arrived here to-day. Senator Beveridge and Representative Burke were delayed by the breaking of an axle of the engine on the spur that connects the main line with Hot Springs, and they devoted a couple of hours to a study of the wild scenery of the region. When they reached here they found that Mr. Taft had disposed of a large amount of correspondence, and had gone on the golf links with Frank B. Kellogg. After his return he was closeted with Senator Beveridge for a couple of hours, and they went over conditions in Indiana and elsewhere with great detail. Mr. Beveridge told Mr. Taft that he did not consider the affairs of the party in Indiana in any condition to endanger the state next fall.

Mr. Taft will have a talk with Representatives McKinley and Burke to-morrow. Senator Hemenway and Representative Watson will be here then to take part in the conference. Senator Beveridge and Senator Crane left to-night for their homes.

FOREIGN CARS BARRED RULING ON RACES HERE.

American Automobile Association Not Recognized Abroad.

[Special by French Cable to The Tribune.] [Copyright, 1908, by The Tribune Association.] Dieppe, July 6.—After long deliberation of its racing committee this afternoon here, the Automobile Club of France remains absolutely firm in its refusal to recognize any automobile institution or organization in the United States other than the Automobile Club of America. Consequently, it declines to recognize the Vanderbilt Cup race or the American Automobile Association unless they are explicitly approved and indorsed by the Automobile Club of France.

Exactly the same question came up some years ago before the Automobile Club of France in regard to Italy and Belgium, and was settled by the amalgamation of the rival associations in that country. The Automobile Club of France feels that eventually the problem will be solved in the United States in the manner that has proved satisfactory to all parties in Italy and Belgium.

[By The Associated Press.] Dieppe, July 6.—The efforts of William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., and G. Batchelder, representing the American Automobile Association, to induce the international committee of the recognized automobile clubs to reverse the action recently taken in Paris, involving the disqualification of any French automobile manufacturer who participates in the Vanderbilt Cup race in the United States next fall has ended in failure. The committee has ratified the action of the sporting committee of the Automobile Club of France in supporting the American Automobile Association, under the auspices of which the Vanderbilt Cup race will be run.

Dave Hennen Morris, the special representative of the Automobile Club of America, was present at the meeting of the international committee to contest the question, and was accompanied by W. S. Hogan and George Heath, the latter one of the drivers in the Grand Prix race to-morrow. Neither Mr. Vanderbilt nor Mr. Batchelder was admitted to the meeting.

Count Adalbert Sierstorff, president of the German Automobile Club, presented the case on behalf of the American Automobile Association, which, briefly, was that this association is the larger and more powerful organization, and, in addition, never had been properly notified of the adoption of the Ostend rules, under which the races of the Automobile Club of America will be run and which were not adopted by the American Automobile Association for the Vanderbilt Cup race.

The discussion was heated, but in the end the committee practically was unanimous in the decision that it would be impossible to recognize more than one club in any country or have more than one set of rules to govern international races.

DELANGE AUTO VICTOR.

Guyot First in Voiturette Race—To-day's Grand Prix.

[Special by French Cable to The Tribune.] [Copyright, 1908, by The Tribune Association.] Dieppe, July 6.—The victory of the Delange voiturette, driven by Guyot, in the international race of automobiles weighing six hundred kilograms, which can be placed on the market at prices varying from \$1,200 to \$1,500, indicates a popular wave in favor of these light, cheap motor cars, which proved to-day that they can attain a prolonged average speed of close to fifty miles an hour. Experts, however, of exceptional experience, such as Baron de Zuylen, president of the Automobile Club of France; the Marquis de Dion, vice-president; René de Knyff and MM. Luyse and Lavaleite, members of the racing committee, are unanimous in saying that this is a dangerous tendency for persons who want a good, safe car for touring purposes on average roads. William S. Hogan, the representative of the American Automobile Club, is very emphatic on this point, and told our correspondent that these light, cheap cars that make splendid records on a race circuit, such as that near Dieppe, where every yard of ground is known to the drivers, can never on the open road attain either the safety or speed of the heavier and more powerful cars, which must still retain their present supremacy for all around work.

Louis Strang, the driver of the only American car in the big race to-morrow, expresses the hope that he will be able to win. Continued on third page.

PAUL'S TONE OFFENSIVE NOT TO BE IGNORED.

Interest in The Tribune's Publication of Venezuelan Correspondence.

[From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, July 6.—At the State Department and among diplomats who have not left Washington for the summer great interest was manifested in The Tribune's publication this morning, for the first time, of the full text of the diplomatic notes exchanged between Dr. José de Jesus Paul, Venezuelan Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Jacob Sleeper, American chargé d'affaires, at the time of the latter's recall and the transfer of the American interests to Brazil, about three weeks ago.

This interest was heightened by the fact that officials of the government now in Washington possessed no knowledge whatever of the notes exchanged at Caracas, and copies of them have not reached this capital except through the columns of The Tribune. Acting Secretary of State Robert Bacon was especially interested in the sharp retort of Castro's Prime Minister. Immediately after his arrival at the department to-day he read both notes as set forth in The Tribune. When seen later in the day he said there was no comment he wished to make, for the reason that he was wholly without advices from Mr. Sleeper, beyond the several perfunctory cable messages nearly two weeks ago.

At Willemstad Mr. Sleeper and Major Ruggles had hoped to make transfer from the American gunboat Marietta to a passenger steamer bound for New York, but failing connections they called for permission to have the Marietta take them to Guantanamo. This request was granted, and they reached that port on June 30. The Marietta awaits orders at Guantanamo, while the steamer to which Mr. Sleeper and Major Ruggles were transferred is expected to land them at New York to-morrow.

Acting Secretary Bacon said positively this afternoon that absolutely nothing had reached the department from Mr. Sleeper since his departure from Caracas except the unimportant dispatches concerning his itinerary to the United States. Mr. Bacon said no report had been received about the closing of the legation or the exchange of the notes, and that he knew nothing more about them than what he saw in The Tribune this morning.

It is not known here this evening whether Mr. Sleeper and Major Ruggles, upon their arrival in New York, will come direct to Washington to confer with Acting Secretary Bacon, or whether Mr. Sleeper will first report to Secretary Root, who sent formal instructions for the closing of the legation and the diplomatic rupture with Castro just before he left Washington with President Roosevelt on June 20. That was the day the suspension of relations occurred, and Acting Assistant Secretary Adee, who was then Acting Secretary of War, said at the time that he had absolutely no knowledge of the recall of the American officials, for the reason that he had only returned from Europe the previous night and had not become acquainted with what Mr. Root had done.

At that time Señor Veloz, the Venezuelan chargé here, hurried to the State Department for information, but, in the absence of Secretary Root, who had handled the matter himself, the Venezuelan diplomat could officially learn nothing more than that Mr. Sleeper was departing on a "leave of absence."

Naturally no official or diplomat whose opinion would be valuable will permit himself to comment on a condition so grave as that created by Dr. Paul's reply to Mr. Sleeper's request for his passports, and the offensive tone he adopts in endeavoring to place the United States and President Roosevelt in an equivocal light. It is believed, however, that this communication will not be ignored after its official receipt, and that a statement setting forth all the facts which led to the rupture will be forthcoming from the State Department within a week or ten days.

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SHERIFF CONSIDERS IT EQUIVALENT TO BETTING MONEY UNDER NEW LAW.

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