



E. R. THOMAS INJURED AUTO RAMS A CARRIAGE. Former Banker's Leg Broken at Long Branch.

Long Branch, N. J., Aug. 14.—E. R. Thomas, former banker and racehorse owner, whose financial troubles have appeared in the public print more or less of late, was seriously injured to-night in this town, when the automobile in which he was riding struck and wrecked a carriage containing several New Yorkers, who were driving at Cedar and Ocean avenues. The horses attached to the carriage were both instantly killed, the occupants of the carriage thrown in all directions and Mr. Thomas and his chauffeur hurled twenty feet to one side of the roadway.

Horace Johnston, the chauffeur, quickly got to his feet, but Mr. Thomas lay stunned in the roadway, and on examination it was found that his left leg was broken at the knee and that he was suffering from many contusions.

The occupants of the carriage all escaped serious injury, with the exception of Daniel Connelly, the driver, whose collarbone was broken. According to witnesses of the accident Mr. Thomas was driving the car, was traveling at sixty miles an hour. After the accident the chauffeur was arrested and had not been bailed out at a late hour to-night.

The place where the accident occurred is near several of the largest bathing beaches, and a thousand flocked to the scene. The carriage, which is owned by Emiel Seelig, who conducts a boarding stable at No. 238 West 54th street, New York, had been hired by the day by Hyman Cohen, a New Yorker, who is spending the summer here with his family, occupying the cottage owned by ex-Police Superintendent William Murray, of New York.

Mr. Cohen, with Tobias Holman, Mrs. Cohen, Miss Cohen and the driver, had driven to a habitation, and after leaving his wife and daughter had started for a drive and had reached Cedar and Ocean avenues, when the accident occurred. Mr. Cohen and Mr. Holman were sitting in the rear seat of the carriage, which is a two seated affair, and Connelly had turned into Cedar avenue, when the automobile which contained Thomas and his chauffeur struck him.

Cohen and Holman, sitting on the rear seat, escaped the full force of the collision, but were tossed out of the carriage. Connelly was not so fortunate and was jammed in between the horses and the carriage. Both horses were thrown high in the air. The automobile, which is owned by S. P. Lewis, was badly damaged.

When seen later at the police station here Johnston said that Mr. Thomas had been driving the car, and that they were on their way from Lakewood, where Mr. Thomas had transacted some business. He also said that just before the accident Mr. Thomas had complained of having something in his eye, and when the accident happened was removing his glasses and had intended to slow down.

Mr. Thomas has figured in automobile troubles before. On February 12, 1903, while driving his automobile at Convent avenue and 130th street, he ran over and killed Harry Thies, and was sued for \$25,000, a verdict of \$3,125 being awarded against him. On numerous occasions he has been arrested, charged with speeding, breaking the traffic rules, and using and having conflicting numbers on his machine. On one occasion he incurred the ire of Magistrate Crane, who gave him a long lecture about the rights of persons who did not own automobiles.

On February 27 of the last year, when Orlando F. Thomas, he was indicted for manipulating the funds of the Provident Savings Life Assurance Society for their own benefit, in violation of the state insurance laws. He also figured as a defendant in a suit brought by the National Bank of North America to get control of valuable property in Newport, R. I., supposed to be owned by Thomas, in order to liquidate a claim against him, accumulated during Charles W. Morse's administration of the bank.

AUTOS CRASH HEAD ON. Owner Pinned Under Overturned, Burning Car.

With a terrific crash two automobiles, one owned by the American Garage Company and the other by Philip Richard Diamond, of No. 424 East 57th street, smashed into each other at 70th street and Park avenue last evening. The Diamond machine was overturned, caught fire and its six occupants were injured. Mr. Diamond was pinned under the car and received internal injuries which may prove fatal.

Leonard Diamond, a brother of the owner of the wrecked car, was bruised and cut about the body. William J. Finnan, of No. 438 East 51st street; David Drennan, of No. 433 East 51st street; Otto Link, of No. 443 East 54th street, and Walter S. Story, of No. 445 East 58th street, the others in the car, were only slightly hurt.

Philip Richard Diamond was rescued from under the burning car by Patrolman McClellan, of the East 67th street station, and several citizens. He was immediately removed to the Presbyterian Hospital by Dr. Roome.

The other occupants of Diamond's car were buried out of it at the moment of the collision and thus escaped serious injuries. They were able to walk to the Presbyterian Hospital, where their injuries were attended to.

At the time of the collision the Diamond car was going north in Park avenue. As the Diamond car was crossing 70th street it was struck by the American Garage car which was swung around the corner. In the American Garage car were two women, who left it immediately after the accident.

BLINDED BY HER BABY'S FINGER. Mother May Lose Eyesight Permanently as Result of Child's Playfulness.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Eastport, N. Y., Aug. 14.—Clutching tenderly in her arms her year old baby which she could not see because the child had blinded her by sticking its little fingers in her eyes, Mrs. Clifford Barker, the wife of an evangelist, was brought in a salibout to the mainland to-day.

Mrs. Barker, who was visiting at the Moriches life-saving colony on the beach opposite here, was playing with the child when it suddenly pressed a finger into the left eye. The organ immediately swelled, the inflammation extending to the other eye, and producing total blindness.

It is hoped that under proper treatment the woman's eyesight may be restored.

MINNESOTA COUNTIES FOR JOHNSON.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Minneapolis, Aug. 14.—Democratic county conventions were held throughout the state to-day to select delegates to the state convention. Many delegates were instructed for Johnson as Governor. This (Henneke) county stamped for him. Bryan workers were prominent in the conventions.

GOV. GUILD OPERATED ON. Vacation in Maine Cut Short by Attack of Appendicitis.

Boston, Aug. 14.—Following closely on his recovery from a protracted illness that nearly proved fatal, Governor Curtis Guild, Jr., was today operated on for appendicitis at the Charlesgate Hospital, a private institution in the Back Bay district. The operation was pronounced successful by the surgeons, and the Governor's condition following it was said to be most satisfactory.

The Governor had been spending his vacation at a camp on Sebago Lake, Maine, but on account of his illness he was obliged to cut short his sojourn there, and he returned to Boston yesterday.

Dr. E. P. Joslin, who attended the Governor during his last illness, was summoned early this morning. He did not like the symptoms, and immediately called in consultation Dr. James G. Mumford. The case was diagnosed as appendicitis, Dr. S. J. Mixer concurring in this view, and it was deemed best that the Governor submit at once to an operation. Governor Guild was then taken to the Charlesgate Hospital, Mrs. Guild accompanying him. The operation was performed by Dr. Mumford.

THREE BALLOONS RACE. North Adams No. 1 Wins Point-to-Point Contest.

North Adams, Mass., Aug. 14.—The balloon North Adams No. 1, with A. D. Potter, of Greenfield, as pilot, and A. Holland Forbes and daughter Natalie, twelve years old, as passengers, owned by the North Adams Aero Club, won the cup offered by A. Holland Forbes in the first point-to-point race ever held in this country, which was started from North Adams this afternoon. The North Adams No. 1 landed at 2:50 o'clock on the farm of Lyman Sanderson at West Whately, about five miles from its previously declared destination, Haydenville. This was the first balloon to get away, starting at 1 o'clock.

The Greylock, owned and piloted by Dr. Roger M. Randall, of North Adams, and having Clarence Wilman, of this city, as passenger, landed at 2:30 o'clock at the Bryant farm in Ashfield, fully twelve miles from its desired destination at Leeds.

The third balloon to start, the Heart of the Berkshires, owned by the Aero Club of Pittsfield, was also the last to land, coming down at 3:20 o'clock in Amherst, within six and one-quarter miles of Whately station, its destination.

TO PROSECUTE HUNDREDS. Illinois Democrats Held to Have "Knifed" Deneen Illegally.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Chicago, Aug. 14.—A move was made to-day which it is expected will result in the wholesale prosecution of Democrats who signed Democratic primary petitions and then voted Republican ballots last Saturday in an effort to defeat Governor Deneen. Criminal prosecutions of men who are alleged to have committed forgery are also included in the move.

Harry L. Shaver, an attorney, left Chicago for Springfield to-day to make a card index of the names on the Democratic primary petitions filed from the 6th and other Congress districts, in which it is alleged hundreds of Democrats voted at the Republican primary. These names will be compared with the pollbooks in procuring evidence to prove that Democrats violated the provisions of the primary law by voting Republican tickets. Under the new law the penalty is a fine of \$100 or imprisonment in jail for one year, or both.

Twenty-five thousand names, it is estimated, are attached to Democratic petitions from which it will be possible to get evidence, and hundreds of prosecutions are expected to follow.

ERIE TRAIN LEAVES THE RAIL. Mountain Express Runs Several Hundred Feet on Ties—Passengers Shaken Up.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Middletown, N. Y., Aug. 14.—Running fifty miles an hour, train 42, the Mountain Express on the Erie Railroad, left the track at Arden this morning. The train was due in New York at 10:27 and was well filled with New Yorkers and commuters.

After leaving the rails the train ran several hundred feet on the ties and then stopped, the cars being strewn in all directions. Passengers were thrown from their seats and many were bruised, although few needed medical attention. It is said spreading rails caused the accident.

Passengers on an express train of the Ontario and Western Railroad that had stopped at South Fallsburg station to-day were thrown into a panic when a milk train crashed into it. Several of the cars on the milk train were wrecked, but the passenger train was not damaged and none of the passengers was injured.

BREAKS OUT OF RICHMOND JAIL. Prisoner Escapes from County's New Structure in Broad Daylight.

Although the new jail at Richmond, Staten Island, was supposed to be an up-to-date prison and so safely guarded as to make the escape of a prisoner impossible, a man succeeded in getting away yesterday afternoon, and search is being made for him all over the island. The police, with the aid of Sheriff Joseph Barth and his deputies, are looking for Frederick Collins, whose home was at No. 135 West 33rd street, Manhattan.

Collins was arrested last June on a charge of stealing a motor boat belonging to John Schmidt, of West New Brighton. It was alleged that he sold it and he was indicted for grand larceny. He was tried before County Judge Stephen D. Stephens and remanded back to jail to await a new trial as the first jury disagreed.

COLONEL J. W. VROOMAN IMPROVING. Washington, Aug. 14.—Democratic county candidate for Lieutenant Governor in 1891, who has been suffering from ptomaine poisoning since last Monday, went to his old home at Herkimer yesterday in charge of a nurse. Although his condition has improved, he is still a very sick man.

Colonel Vrooman's sickness, his physician says, was caused by eating some contaminated cans.

CADET DECISION NEXT WEEK. Washington, Aug. 14.—Secretary Wright announced to-day that he would make no statement concerning the status of the eight West Point cadets whose dismissal for hazing has been recommended until next week. He has not yet received from Colonel Scott, superintendent of the Military Academy, the information on which he expects to act, and it probably will not be received by him before Monday.

TO FIGHT RAILROAD LEGISLATION. St. Paul, Aug. 14.—Railroad employees of St. Paul and Minneapolis in all branches of the service will hold a mass meeting Sunday afternoon to organize all employees to fight hostile railroad legislation.

ILLINOIS RACE RIOT. TROOPS IN SPRINGFIELD. Mob Surges Through City, Beating Negroes—Result of Assault.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 14.—A threatening mob, bent on wreaking vengeance on the negro inhabitants of Springfield because of an assault committed to-day by a negro on a white woman, is raging through the streets to-night, beating negroes and disregarding the soldiers of Troop B of the 1st Cavalry, ordered out by Governor Deneen to preserve order.

The Governor by telegraph to-night ordered out two companies of militia and one troop of cavalry from Peoria, a troop of cavalry from Bloomington and also one from Pekin. These soldiers are rushing to Springfield on special trains to assist the local troops in maintaining order.

Negroes in various parts of town have been attacked by the mob, and in two instances the negroes have turned with considerable effect upon their assailants. In one mix-up a trooper attempted to separate the combatants and was nearly overwhelmed. A call for help brought other cavalrymen to the scene, but they were disarmed and their guns carried away by the rioters.

Most of the members of Troop B, of Taylorville, are on guard around the jail, whence George Richardson, the negro who assaulted Mrs. Hallam at her home to-day, was removed early in the evening to Bloomington. The rioters who gathered in front of the jail following the incarceration of Richardson were enraged by the ruse practised by the Sheriff in removing Richardson from the jail. A company of firemen was sent down the street in front of the jail in a spectacular run, attracting the attention of the crowd, while Richardson and another negro, charged with murder, were stealthily taken from the jail, across the Sangamon River, and placed in a train bound for Bloomington.

Finding that the negroes were gone, the mob amused itself for a time by looting negro resorts in East Washington street. The amusement of the rioters was tragedy for the negroes, many of whom were roughly handled and beaten with pieces of their own furniture.

TWO WHITES SHOT. A white man and his son, whose names were not ascertained by the police, were shot and injured, supposedly by negroes. This encounter further enraged the members of the mob, and they began a general search for negroes wherever they could be found.

The situation became so serious that Governor Deneen sent hurried orders for extra troops. The local militia had been called out earlier in the evening to prevent trouble that was feared at that time.

The Springfield militia, after the shooting of the two white men to-night, seemed powerless to control the rioters, and when the automobile which had taken the two prisoners from the jail to the train across the river returned to Springfield, driven by its owner, Major Harry T. Loper, of the Illinois National Guard, a large number of the rioters assembled around the machine in front of Loper's restaurant.

Despite a guard of police and members of the 5th Infantry with a Gatling gun, the crowd wrecked the restaurant, tearing everything to pieces inside, demolished Loper's automobile and set it afire. The Fire Department was summoned to extinguish the burning automobile, and another struggle ensued when the militia tried to drive back the rabble to allow the firemen to play a hose on the fire. Three members of the Gatling gun squad were injured and the rioters took several guns from the soldiers. These captured guns were used to finish wrecking the restaurant.

When the mob reached the bottom of the stairway leading to the buffet of the restaurant they found the dead body of Louis Johnson, fourteen years old. A doctor, who examined the body hastily, said the boy had been shot in the neck, where there was a wound, but another doctor, who came up later, said that the boy's death was due to a broken neck.

FEAR LYNCHING IN PENSACOLA. Mobile, Aug. 14.—A long distance message from Pensacola says that a posse of deputy sheriffs left that city this afternoon at 5 o'clock on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad to bring back to Pensacola George Croomb, alias George Buttercup, a negro arrested at Milton, Fla., for an assault last night on Mrs. Edward Mocar. It is almost certain that if identified as the guilty man he will be lynched, and perhaps burned. Great excitement prevails at Pensacola.

TETANUS FROM BLACKJACK FATAL. Philip Tully Dies Several Weeks After Thug's Attack.

Philip Tully, of No. 516 East 18th street, who was struck with a blackjack several weeks ago while attending a dance at New Dorp, Staten Island, died in Bellevue Hospital last night from lockjaw. Tully staggered into the hospital on Wednesday, and, being unable to speak, wrote out for the surgeons a statement as to how he had been injured.

His wound was over his right eye. Although the hospital surgeons did everything possible tetanus had set in, and it was impossible to save his life. The Staten Island police were informed, and, acting on information received from Tully before his death, they arrested last night John Callahan, forty years old, of No. 99 Varick street, and held him as a suspicious person.

W. SPENCER CHURCHILL ENGAGED. President of Board of Trade to Wed Daughter of the Late Sir H. M. Hozier.

London, Aug. 14.—It is announced that Winston Spencer Churchill, President of the Board of Trade, will marry Clementine, daughter of the late Sir Henry Montagu Hozier, who for thirty-two years was secretary of Lloyd's.

It is expected that the wedding will take place in about a month at St. Margaret's, Westminster. Miss Hozier is one of the most charming and accomplished girls in London society. Her father was a famous soldier and war correspondent and her mother a daughter of one of the Earls of Airlie.

NO DEATHS; UNDERTAKERS QUIET TOWN. Carver, Mass., Aug. 14.—The last undertaker of this town of 2,200 population moved away to-day to a place where he can make a living. He is the last of six who were here six months ago. In this six months there has not been a death in the town. For 1907 the total of deaths was sixteen.

J. S. SHERMAN'S HEALTH RECOVERED. Utica, N. Y., August 14.—James S. Sherman, Republican candidate for Vice-President, returned to-day from the St. Lawrence society. Her father spent the time in fishing and outdoor recreation, seeing no visitors. His health is now apparently as vigorous as ever.

NEW YORK-PHILADELPHIA VIA NEW JERSEY CENTRAL 2-Hour Train Every Hour, 4 A. M. to 6 P. M. See schedule, Page 8. SLEEPERS ON MIDNIGHT TRAINS OPEN AT 9 O'CLOCK. Adv.

THEATRE "TRUST" CASE. FEDERAL ACTION ASKED. Washington Manager Complains, but Government Wants More Evidence.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Washington, Aug. 14.—For the first time in the history of the American stage, the so-called theatrical trust came under the scrutiny of the United States government to-day, when complaint was made to Acting Attorney General Russell, of the Department of Justice, that the leading theatrical managers of the country had formed a combination in restraint of trade and were monopolizing the amusement business.

The complainant was W. F. Thomas, manager of a company formed to build a large theatre in Washington. He asserted that large New York theatrical interests, including Klaw & Erlanger, Charles Frohman, B. F. Keith and others, had formed a combination which included practically all the theatres in the country, and that the object of this combination was to stifle competition and make it impossible for an independent theatre to operate on a new one to open without restraint. The immediate cause of Mr. Thomas's visit to Mr. Russell grew out of his discovery, he said, that the New York combination was trying to prevent him from opening a new vaudeville theatre in Washington.

Mr. Russell told Mr. Thomas that the Department of Justice could not begin proceedings until further evidence had been presented. He stated, however, that if sufficient evidence was presented the government would immediately proceed against the theatrical managers.

As all the "trust busters" are out of the city, Mr. Russell recommended that the complainant immediately seek a conference with V. M. Roadstorm, of the Attorney General's office, who would hear Mr. Thomas's complaint and, if he discovered sufficient reason, investigate. Mr. Roadstorm is at the Imperial Hotel, in New York, and Mr. Thomas immediately telephoned to William Morris, a New York theatrical agent, to see the agent of the Department of Justice at once. Mr. Morris promised to do so, but up to a late hour to-night no word had been received from him as to the result of the conference.

Mr. Thomas alleges that the theatrical "trust" is sending out word through various newspapers that the new theatre which he purposes to erect cannot get bookings for actors, and that if such actors should appear on his circuit they would be blacklisted. Mr. Russell said he could take no official cognizance of the matter until he had had a report from Mr. Roadstorm, or until evidence was presented to him which showed that the "trust" was really violating the provisions of the Sherman act.

Members of the so-called theatrical syndicate showed no signs of alarm last night when the information reached them that there was a possibility of the government investigating their organization. Marc Klaw, of Klaw & Erlanger, received the first intimation from The Tribune at his home in New Rochelle. He rose from bed to hear the news, and received it with much the same composure as when, earlier in the day, he allowed a barber to remove his whiskers.

"I don't know this Washington manager; never heard of his plans or his theatre," he said. "If I say this it's a trifle early to investigate an organization that does not exist as yet. There is no such organization as this manager has in mind. The preliminary meeting of theatrical managers held recently was to form a permanent organization for the purpose made public at that time. I don't know that that organization has been as yet perfected. This investigation talk is all twaddle. It is especially silly on the eve of a political campaign."

William Morris, head of the independent vaudeville organization that bears his name, said last night that he would undoubtedly join with Mr. Thomas, of Washington, in any action looking to a rigid investigation of the vaudeville section of the so-called theatrical "trust." He also said that with the legitimate managers, and that he felt sure "Abe" Erlanger would not try to prevent him from finding bookings for his attractions.

"It's the United Booking office I am after," he added. "I was to have seen V. M. Roadstorm, a United States attorney, this evening at the Imperial, but both of us had other engagements. I expect to see him to-morrow. I have a cable message from my London office showing one of the numerous tricks of the United office."

Mr. Morris then read a message that was said to have been sent to Harry Lauder, offering him an exorbitant sum to cancel his contract with Morris. That message was said by Mr. Morris to have emanated from the United office. At midnight all of the members of the theatrical "combination" were enjoying needed repose, and not one of them could see in his dreams a vision of an investigation of his secrets. As for Mr. Roadstorm, he was not at his hotel yesterday, and when he arrived there last night he left orders that he was not to be disturbed.

THAW PETITION PASSED. Reported Obstacle in Plans to Take Him to Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Aug. 14.—Because no one entered an appearance for Harry K. Thaw when his petition in bankruptcy was called before Referee William R. Blair to-day, the fixing of a date for the first meeting of creditors was postponed indefinitely, and it is said will not now be considered until some one makes an application to have the time fixed.

Roger O'Mara, the receiver, was not in the city to-day. He went to Poughkeepsie the early part of the week to confer with the prisoner, and was last heard from in Philadelphia, where he is presumed to be detained by some feature of the case.

There is a report to-night that the attorneys have agreed to interfere with the plan to have Thaw brought to Pittsburg. It is said that it concerns the Eastern creditors.

THAW ENJOYS ANOTHER OUTING. Fishkill, N. Y., Aug. 14.—The proceedings in the case of Dr. Wilson, of Poughkeepsie, against Harry K. Thaw were postponed again this afternoon for the eighth time. An adjournment was taken at 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. In the mean time Thaw enjoyed a trolley ride and a five-mile tour over Mount Beacon.

Dr. John P. Wilson was on the witness stand to-day, and gave his direct testimony. He said that Thaw had called him to the jail three times, and each visit occupied about an hour. As a result of these calls, Dr. Wilson asserted, he had been prepared to testify as an expert as to Thaw's mental condition. After Dr. Wilson had given his testimony, which was brief, Charles Morsechauser, attorney for Thaw, desired to cross-examine the witness, but as there was no court stenographer present the hearing was again adjourned until next Tuesday at 10 a. m. Thaw was returned to the jail in Poughkeepsie.

WOMAN'S RECORD CLIMB. Miss Peck Reaches 25,000 Feet on Mount Huascarán.

Lima, Aug. 14.—Miss Annie S. Peck, of Providence, the mountain climber, signalled at 4 o'clock this afternoon her arrival at an altitude of 25,000 feet on Mount Huascarán. The energy displayed by Miss Peck in scaling this mountain has brought forth expressions of astonishment from the natives here. She is accompanied by two Alpine guides.

Miss Peck left New York two months ago to make another attempt to reach the summit of Mount Huascarán, which she believed to be the highest peak in the Western Hemisphere. On an earlier trial she was compelled to give up the attempt after reaching a height of 15,500 feet owing to the cowardice of her guides. By reaching an altitude of 25,000 feet Miss Peck has ascended higher than any man of woman in the world. The previous record was held by W. W. Graham, who reached a height of 23,300 feet in the Himalayas.

Miss Peck began her mountain climbing in 1886, when she scaled the Matterhorn. She ascended Mount Sorata, in Bolivia, reaching a height of 20,500 feet. Huascarán, or Huascaran, towers above a notable group of volcanic summits in the south of Peru, westward of the great plateau in which Lake Titicaca lies.

VENEZUELAN MAY RISE. Strong Movement Against Castro Reported from Panama.

Panama, Aug. 14.—Many members of the Venezuelan colony here express gratification over the turn which revolutionary affairs in their country are reported to have taken. Two special commissioners from the revolutionary camp at Los Andes arrived here yesterday and brought to their countrymen the news that the revolutionary movement in Venezuela is very strong. General Rolando, former President of the State of Guayana and military chief in the recent Matos revolt, the commissioners say, is being joined by influential enemies of President Castro.

General Nicolas Rolando is now staying in this city. When asked last night about the report from Panama, he said: "Say that I am now in New York, and a man of peace. I know nothing about the movement mentioned in the cable dispatch."

CHOATE TALE DENIED. Woodruff Scouts Story of Withdrawing Invitation.

The story was started last night by a member of the new executive, or advisory, committee of the Republican State Committee that it was the intention to turn down Joseph H. Choate for permanent chairman of the convention, and to make Secretary Root permanent as well as temporary chairman.

It was said that Mr. Choate was to be turned down for the proposed convention honor after being invited to speak by State Chairman Woodruff. The reason given is that Mr. Choate in reply to the letter asking him to be temporary chairman, said that he was an ardent Hughes man. This letter was read to the executive committee at the meeting of the state committee on Wednesday. Present were Chairman Woodruff, President Parsons of the county committee, William Barnes Jr., of Albany; William L. Ward, Colonel John T. Mott, of Oswego, and Representative J. Sloan Fassett.

As soon as the letter was read objection was raised to making Mr. Choate either temporary or permanent chairman, on the ground that he would be likely to make some extremely laudatory reference to the Governor, which might be construed as binding the convention to the support of the Governor.

When this story was brought to the attention of Chairman Woodruff last night he emphatically denied its truth. He said the formal selection of a permanent chairman rested with the committee of the convention, but it was customary to pick out a man in advance to give him an opportunity to prepare his speech. He had accordingly asked Mr. Choate and received his acceptance, and had not read slightest notion of any steps being taken which would prevent Mr. Choate from presiding.

BIDDLE CHALLENGED FROM CHICAGO. Windy City Not To Be Outdone by Philadelphia in "Gentleman Pugilist" Class.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Philadelphia, Aug. 14.—Determined that Philadelphia shall not outdo Chicago in the line of society pugilists, George Lytton, millionaire secretary of the Chicago Athletic Club, has sent a challenge to A. J. Drexel Biddle, Philadelphia society pugilist, asking that the championship in the heavyweight gentlemen class be settled. Mr. Biddle is away from home at present. His last fighting in the ring was when he boxed "Jack" O'Brien at the Merion Cricket Club on April 4 and was knocked out in the fourth round.

PLEA TO REMOVE FOREIGN TROOPS. China May Ask Powers to Withdraw Guards—Expects American Acquiescence.

London, Aug. 15.—"The Times" correspondent at Peking says that one of the objects of the mission abroad of Feng-Shao-Yi, Vice-President of the Board of Foreign Affairs, is to request the withdrawal of the foreign troops from Peking. The correspondent adds that, whatever the European powers may decide in the matter, the Chinese expect that the United States will accede to their request.

SCHOOL TREASURER SHORT \$8,800. Bonds of Little Falls (N. J.) Official Cover Entire Loss—Warrant Issued.

Paterson, N. J., Aug. 14.—George H. Peters, an expert accountant of this city, has reported to the Little Falls township committee that the books of William H. Sherman, the school fund treasurer, show a shortage of \$8,800 through misappropriations. Sherman disappeared from the township two months ago, when an examination of his accounts was being asked for by the school board. He has not been heard of since. The loss is covered by Mr. Sherman's bonds.

MONUMENT FOR ELIHU BURRITT. Great Barrington, Mass., Aug. 14.—New Marlboro's sixth annual home day was celebrated by about one thousand people to-day. A monument to Elihu Burritt, the "learned blacksmith," was dedicated. Hamilton Hill, of New York, and others spoke.

GEN. FUNSTON TRAVELS ON FREIGHT. Frederick Funston Arrives Here to-day from San Francisco to Assume Command of the Army Service School. General Funston and his aids travelled on a freight train from Lawrence, forty miles distant, where they left the limited for a brief visit.

HEIR TO DUTCH THRONE EXPECTED. Apeldoorn, Aug. 14.—It is announced here that an interesting event is expected in the Dutch royal family. Queen Wilhelmina is now staying at the royal castle, Het Loo, near here.

SURE OF MARYLAND. JUDGE TAFT PLEASSED. North Carolina Delegation Expects Victory There.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Hot Springs, Va., Aug. 14.—The news that "The Baltimore Sun" had formally announced that, despite its long allegiance to the Democratic party, it felt compelled by a sense of public duty to support William H. Taft caused the utmost gratification at the Taft headquarters to-day, as it is confidently expected that the results will be far-reaching. Not only does the attitude of the leading paper in Maryland insure Maryland's eight electoral votes for Judge Taft, but its influence will be far-reaching in other Southern States, where it has a wide circulation, notably in Virginia and the Carolinas.

Judge Taft expressed himself as deeply gratified to-day, and his advisory lieutenant, Arthur I. Vorys, said of it: "The declaration for Taft of 'The Baltimore Sun,' Maryland's leading Democratic paper, actuated by a sense of public duty, will bring encouragement to the Republicans of the state, who have even previously had much hope of carrying the commonwealth. The attitude of 'The Sun' is indicative of a disinterested conviction upon a dispassionate reflection over the speeches of acceptance and the careers of Taft and Bryan."

While the good news from Baltimore was still under discussion, there arrived from North Carolina a delegation representing the Centennial Association of Greensboro. The members were G. S. Bradshaw, chairman; G. Daniel, both of Greensboro, and J. E. Cox, a banker and manufacturer of High Point. The delegation came to urge Mr. Taft to speak at the centennial which Greensboro will celebrate on October 11 to 17, inclusive. While their mission was not political, these men brought some interesting information to the candidate. Mr. Bradshaw said that the Republicans of North Carolina had strong hope of carrying the state for the Republican national ticket this year.

"All the conservative Democrats of my state and the thirty thousand educated negroes, who are already registered, will vote for Judge Taft," said Mr. Bradshaw. "Our people are sick of Bryan; they fear the result of his election to North Carolina's growing industries, and they have confidence in his work. The attitude of 'The Baltimore Sun' will meet with the approval of and powerfully influence a great number of Democrats who have for some time entertained precisely the views so well set forth in 'The Sun's' editorial announcement."

SITUATION IN NORTH CAROLINA. Mr. Bradshaw later explained somewhat further the details of the political situation in North Carolina. He said that there was intense bitterness among the Democrats, who had just succeeded in nominating a Populist candidate for Governor in the three-cornered fight among Messrs. Craig, Horn and Kitchin, the last-named receiving the nomination on the 150th ballot.

Moreover, there was a feeling among many Democrats that Governor Glenn had broken faith with them. He had called the special session of the Legislature held last summer for the express purpose of repealing the railway law, which had caused the contest between the state and federal courts, and which had been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. But when the Legislature convened the Governor had sent in a vigorous prohibition message, which resulted in the enactment of a prohibition law. This, he maintained, had estranged all "the wet Democrats," of which he said there were a great number.

The radical legislation of the Democratic Legislature had resulted in reducing the wages of the 22,000 employees within the state, and it had prevented the Southern Railway from continuing the proposed double-tracking of its line through the state. It had robbed of employment many laborers, who had expected prosperous times as a result of railway construction.

Mr. Bradshaw said further that there was a strong demand in the party for the nomination of J. E. Cox for Governor, as he would appeal to the business men of the state and would command the votes of many Democrats. Mr. Cox said that more than a thousand Democrats had personally pledged their votes to him if he would accept the nomination. Mr. Bradshaw asked Judge Taft to urge upon Mr. Cox the necessity of his accepting the nomination, and Mr. Taft did so, pointing out how essential it was that clean, upright business men in the South should accept nominations on the Republican ticket, and that it was the duty of every Republican to work for the largest possible Republican vote in every Southern state. Mr. Cox replied that he had never held a public office, that he had never wanted to, and that he could not make the sacrifice which his candidacy would involve. His colleagues seemed, however, to think that they might ultimately induce him to accept.

Mr. Cox said that while four years ago North Carolina gave 41,000 plurality to Parker, because of Bryan's unpopularity the conditions were radically different this year. He expressed the conviction that Parker would have made a far better run in the state this year than the Nebraska.