

PRESIDENT WINS ON RAILROAD BILL

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FULL AGREEMENT REACHED

Stock and Bond Commission Authorized—Modified Long and Short Haul Clause—The Commerce Court.

Washington, June 14.—President Taft has won a decisive victory for that part of his legislative programme which provides for strengthening the interstate commerce act in the interest of shippers and travellers. A complete agreement on the railroad bill was reached to-day by the Republican conferees of the Senate and House. The report was submitted to the Senate this afternoon by Senator Elkins, who gave notice that he would call it up to-morrow. The Democratic conferees did not sign the report, and Senator Newlands announced his purpose to file a minority report. It was laid before the House early in the day, but under the rule the Senate must dispose of it before the House can act. The conference bill contains practically all the important provisions of both the Senate and House bills and is regarded as a stronger and better measure than either of the two bills from which it was drawn. It retains the long and short haul clause of the House bill and that feature of the Senate bill which authorizes the Interstate Commerce Commission to suspend for eleven months any new rate, fare, charge or classification. The section relating to the power of suspension is to take effect at once. All other provisions of the bill with the exception of that authorizing the President to appoint a commission to investigate questions pertaining to the issuance of stocks and bonds by railroads and the power of Congress to regulate or affect the same, are to take effect sixty days after the approval of the bill. The conference committee eliminated those sections of the House bill providing for the physical valuation of railroads and for the control of railroad capitalization. In lieu of the latter section a clause authorizing the appointment of a commission to investigate the subject was inserted. The commission is authorized to employ experts and to spend \$25,000 in its investigations. Prompt Adoption Expected. The leaders are confident that a vote on the conference report will be taken by the Senate not later than Thursday night. The House leaders believe that to exceed a day will be required for debate in the House and are predicting that the bill will be ready for the signature of the President by the end of this week. On the whole, the bill seems to be satisfactory to both elements of the Republican party. Many Democratic Senators and Representatives expressed themselves as pleased with the report and said they would probably vote for it. A prominent insurgent Senator said to-night that the work of the conference committee was far more satisfactory than he had expected. He wanted to examine the report to-night, he said, before expressing a final opinion as to its worth, although he was inclined to look on it as a measure for which all Republicans could vote. Some of the more radical House members were provoked because the physical valuation provision had not been retained, and one of them said he might offer an amendment covering this provision. This man was one of the most ardent advocates of the programme to adopt the Senate bill without sending it to a conference committee. The Senate bill contained no provision for physical valuation. The agreement on the railroad bill has promoted good feeling in both branches of Congress, and it is now generally believed that final adjournment will be taken next week. Powers of Commerce Court. The bill as perfected and as likely to become law creates a commerce court composed of five judges, the first of whom are to be selected by the President and thereafter by the chief justice of the Supreme Court. This court will have jurisdiction over all suits brought to enforce or set aside orders of the Interstate Commerce Commission. In other words, it centralizes the authority and jurisdiction of Circuit courts in matters affecting interstate commerce. Other sections enlarge the power of the commission over railroad regulations and practices, place under the jurisdiction of the commission telegraph, telephone and cable companies, whether wire or wireless, and broaden the scope of the wire railroad so as to extend the jurisdiction of the commission over bridges, ferries and terminal facilities. This extension of power is regarded as of the utmost importance. General provisions are made affecting railroads to compel them to furnish rates on application and to authorize the commission to institute inquiries on its own motion. By provisions adopted by the House and retained by the conferees the power of the commission to make regulations is enlarged. It is also provided that a consignor of freight shall have the right to designate by which of two or more through routes his property shall be transported to its destination.

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DROWNS NEAR GANG OF MEN

Boys Assert Railroad Workers Ignored Calls for Help.

Although several of his companions cried for help, a score of workmen in the yards of the New Haven road, near East 143d street, ignored them, and as a result Axel Magnusson, of No. 510 East 136th street, sank beneath the surface of a pond in the yard. The boys said that they attracted the attention of the men with calls for help. Young Axel and another boy had made a raft from railroad ties and proceeded to float about the pond, while their two companions looked on. Axel lost his balance and went overboard. A young brother of the drowned boy ran home and notified his mother, and she communicated with the police of the Alexander avenue station. Patrolmen Heany and Heldenreich recovered the body.

OUT FOR AIRING; DROWNED

Baby Boy Was Caring For Runs Back to Tell of His Fate.

Mrs. Richard Rose, who lives in a tenement house at No. 405 East 54th street, sent her son Richard, jr., seven years old, out for an airing last night with his brother Hamilton, three years old. "Take good care of Hammy, little man," said the father. "All right, daddy," replied Richard. Half an hour later Hamilton rushed into the flat. "Mother, mother," he cried. "Richie is in the water, down there."

Mr. and Mrs. Rose and many of the tenants ran to the river, a block away, but they could see nothing.

So far as is known, no one saw the accident except little Hamilton, and when the little fellow was seen an hour later at his grandmother's house around the corner he told the same story.

BIG SISTER CATCHES BOYS

Promising Careers as Showmen Are Suddenly Brought to End.

Eight-year-old David Kornbluth, of No. 246 West 140th street, and thirteen-year-old William Cody, of No. 2683 Eighth avenue—the latter not related to Buffalo Bill—started out Monday afternoon to join the circus. They went up to the show grounds at 155th street and Eighth avenue and diligently sought work about the tents, hoping to gain admission, and to join the show if possible. One man told them if they had 50 cents a piece he would sell them each a pair of overalls and get them a job. Young Cody thereupon bought a supply of evening papers, which he and the other lad sold on the 155th street viaduct on Monday night. They slept under a stand on the circus grounds and then got another supply of papers and started to vend them. By afternoon they had \$107 between them and were hunting for the man who had promised them the job when Loretta Kornbluth, the younger lad's sister, came upon them.

WANTED TO BUY MARRIAGE?

Mrs. Mason Offered Money to Arrange Match, Says Witness.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Pittsfield, Mass., June 14.—Mrs. Harriet M. R. White, of Great Barrington, a witness for the contestants who are seeking to break the will of Mrs. Mary A. Mason, of New York, who died at her summer home at Great Barrington, leaving an estate of more than \$1,000,000, in her testimony to-day told of having received an offer of \$6,000 from Mrs. Mason for using her good offices in bringing about a marriage with Dr. M. T. Cavanaugh, of Great Barrington. This was introduced as evidence of Mrs. Mason's unsoundness of mind, but Dr. Cavanaugh, who was later called to the stand, told the court that he would sooner consider it a proof of the woman's sanity than of her insanity. When Mrs. Mason died she left a will, in which \$50,000 was left to the town of Great Barrington for a library, \$15,000 to her coachman and \$20,000 to her attorney, Frank H. Wright, of New York. The remainder of the estate was willed to both men close nearly the same time to their respective families in almost identical manner. Marvin Truax, nineteen years old, of No. 98 Seventh avenue, Newark, charged with petty larceny, killed himself in his cell in the county jail, Newark. He had made a noose of his belt, tied it to the door and choked himself to death. He had been dependent ever since his arrest. John Liptock, fifty-three years old, of No. 23 Division street, Garfield, who had been arrested on a charge of threatening to kill his wife, was found hanging from the bars of his cell at the Garfield police station. He had been strangled with a leather belt. A year ago a man hanged himself in the same cell.

MRS. "TOM" PIERCE LOSES SUIT

Member of Hunting Colony Must Pay for Furniture in House She Hired.

Minola, Long Island, June 14 (Special).—Mrs. Alice C. R. Pierce, known in the hunting set as Meadow Brook and Warrenton, Va., as Mrs. "Tom" Pierce, was the defendant this morning in a suit before Justice Blackmar in the Supreme Court here. The action was brought by Patrick Jones, who for years has brought polo ponies from Texas and sold them at Meadow Brook. The suit was for \$250 for furniture which Jones alleged that Mrs. Pierce took from him when she left his house at Hempstead, after having leased it, furnished, for the hunting seasons of 1907 and 1908. The jury brought in a verdict for Jones for \$15.

JUROR WEIGHS 435 POUNDS

Has to Sit on Two Chairs Placed Side by Side.

Pittsburg, June 14.—N. J. Huffman, thirty years old, a juror sitting in the present term of Criminal Court, is having a most uncomfortable session. Huffman weighs 435 pounds and has great difficulty in stowing away his bulk in the jury box. The chairs are too small for him, so he has to sit on the edge of two placed side by side. In the passing in and out of the jury box the gateway is so small for him that he can just squeeze through.

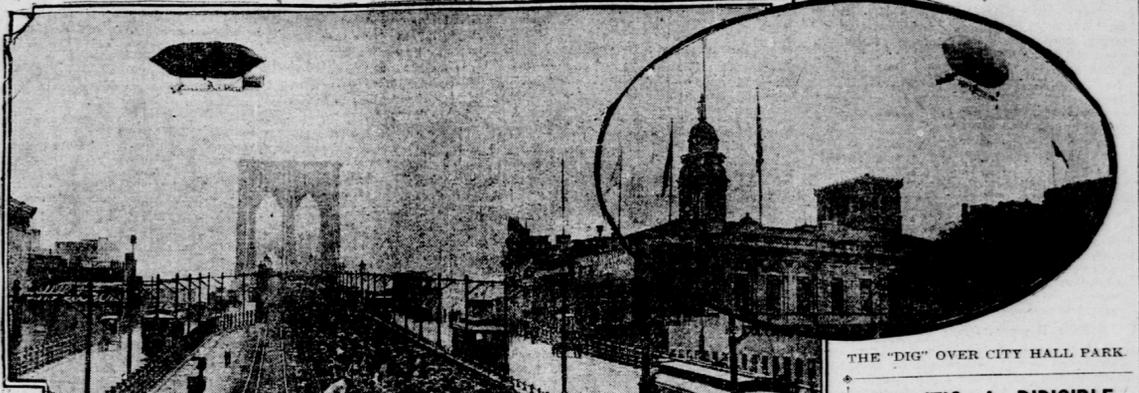
THE FIRST DAY OF SUMMER

Michigan Man Took a Stroll in Adam's Garb.

Pontiac, Mich., June 14.—Birmingham village was thrown into a furor during Michigan's first day of summer yesterday, when Steven Mahavice appeared in the main street arrayed in the garb of Adam. Village merchants seized the man and fitted him with a barrel, pending the arrival of the town marshal. Later Mahavice's clothes were found strewn out along the highway leading into Birmingham. Mahavice said he had started out for a walk and, becoming overheated, had decided to cool off.

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THE "DIG" OVER CITY HALL PARK.



CIRCLING OVER CITY HALL PARK IN EFFORT TO FIND LANDING PLACE.

HUFFMIER FOUND GUILTY

First Verdict in Schenectady Graft Cases.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Schenectady, N. Y., June 14.—Aaron P. Huffmier, former supervisor of the 13th Ward, was found guilty of presenting a fraudulent bill against the county by the jury, which reported at 9:50 o'clock to-night. This is the first case in the graft trials here to go to the jury. Huffmier is charged with having presented a bill for \$42 in the name of W. Clark for horse hire in connection with the county road. He was acquitted on the charge of grand larceny in the second degree growing out of the same transaction. Justice Van Kirk this morning denied the motion for a change of venue in the case of George A. Pepper, former County Superintendent of Road Construction, accused of grand larceny.

CLOUBURST IN BERLIN

Subway and Cellars Flooded—20 Persons Struck by Lightning.

Berlin, June 14.—The worst cloudburst in many years caused hundreds of thousands of dollars' damage in Berlin to-night. Cellars everywhere were flooded and streets, omnibuses and other traffic was stopped. The subway was filled with water. The tables and chairs of outdoor restaurants were swept away. For a time the water was three feet deep in most of the principal thoroughfares. Twenty persons were struck by lightning, but so far as is reported none was fatally injured.

ARTIST SHOOTS HIMSELF

Friend of Leon Guypon Gets Letter Announcing Intention.

Leon Guypon, well known as an artist and illustrator for "Harpers," "Scribners," "The Century," "The Ladies' Home Journal" and other magazines, shot and killed himself in his studio, at No. 330 West 20th street, yesterday afternoon. Warned by a letter which he had received in the afternoon, Guypon's friend, Hiram C. Merrill, of No. 514 West 134th street, hastened to the studio, hoping that he would be in time to dissuade the artist from taking his life. But he was too late. When he threw open the studio door he saw the artist's body on the floor, a revolver by his side. Merrill and the policeman who accompanied him worked over the body, but in vain. Guypon, who was thirty-eight years old, was a native of France. He began his studies in Paris, and when he came to this country he continued them at the Art Students' League, the New York School of Art and finally under William Chase. Three years ago, when he was in Brittany, whither Mr. Merrill said, he had banished himself after a disagreement with the girl he loved, he sought solace and forgetfulness in water color studies of the fisher folk of that country. At the recent water color exhibit in this city three of his best water color works were hung, and one of them was selected from these studies. He carried in his heart, however, a secret which haunted him night and day, and which, as it now transpires, filled his life with horror. It poisoned a romance which began when he fell in love with Miss Agnes Foster, daughter of Albert J. Foster, a banker, of Roxbury, Mass., and she fell in love with him while she was doing settlement work in this city. He was told by physicians that he might die at any time. He feared to marry, unwilling to bring tragedy into the life of the woman who loved him, and so he told her he couldn't marry her.

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Comes from Jersey, Tops the Skyscrapers and Bumps the County Court House.

TO GRIEF IN BROOKLYN

Plucky Youngster Dares the Aerial Tides of Manhattan and Astonishes a Multitude Already Dazed.

Frederick Owens, a headless youth of twenty years, started out yesterday morning from Hillside Park, in Belleville, N. J., with the intention of soaring aloft in his new dirigible balloon, making first a preparatory flight to Passaic, five miles distant, and then ending his trip among the clouds by cutting capers in the air over the City Hall in Manhattan. Standing in the framework of the flimsy air craft, Owens opened the clutch of his motor, adjusted his body so as to gain an upward motion at the start of his trip, and left the earth like a streak of gossamer light. Although the hour was barely 8 o'clock, people from the surrounding New Jersey hamlets, to the number of several thousands, were congregated in the park in closure to see the start of the cigar-shaped gas bag with its sputtering motor and slim helmsman. As soon as Owens was two hundred feet aloft in his buoyant flight he "trimmed ship," adjusted the delicate mechanism of his craft and waved an otherwise unoccupied hand in friendly greeting to the besom of cheers from two thousand or three thousand lusty throats below him. With the coolness of a sailor on the deck of a yacht scudding over the water before a fair breeze, Owens moved about on the perilous frail framework that kept him from dashing to his death on the Jersey meadows, tinkered here and there with a nut or a screw, tested a wire or felt the gas bag above his head. To him, aloft there in the haze freedom of the air, it did not seem hazardous that he should run with nimble feet along the "gunwale" of his air boat or brace his feet when an extra robust puff of air caused his ship to career to one side. Man and dirigible seemed to have been welded into one graceful, buoyant whole, and each seemed equally to share the joy of this journey far from the earth's surface.

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