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CANNON MUST GO, SAYS LONGWORTH

The Speaker Declares He Will Go Into Caucus as a Candidate.

STANDS ON HIS RECORD

Ohio Congressman's Statement Reported to Reflect Administration's Views—He Will Oppose Cannon's Re-election.

Beverly, Mass., Aug. 18.—Reflecting the views of the administration, it is generally believed, Representative Nicholas Longworth, of Ohio, to-day gave out a statement in which he says he will oppose the election of Joseph G. Cannon as Speaker of the House of Representatives, and that he does not believe Mr. Cannon can be re-elected. This is regarded as the actual beginning of the real fight on Mr. Cannon. Mr. Longworth's statement follows:

In view of Mr. Cannon's unequivocal declaration that he intends to be a candidate for Speaker of the next House, I think it is incumbent upon those of us who are candidates for membership in the next House who have made up our minds upon our course of action and have positive views upon the subject to state our position publicly.

Had Mr. Cannon not made this announcement, and had it remained doubtful whether he would be a candidate or not, it was my intention not to commit myself before election as to whom I should or should not support for Speaker. But since Mr. Cannon himself, in his speeches so far in the campaign and in his recent declaration, has made his candidacy for the speakership an issue, I, for one, do not purpose to dodge that issue.

I shall oppose Mr. Cannon's election as Speaker, and I shall do so in the manner that I consider proper and effective in the settlement of controversies in my party, namely, in the Republican caucus. I made up my mind before the adjournment of the last session of Congress that Mr. Cannon could not be re-elected Speaker, and my opinion has been strengthened since through correspondence and talks with my colleagues.

I am not referring to those who have openly opposed him in the past, but to those who, like myself, have supported him.

I am absolutely convinced, if there is a full attendance at the Republican caucus, that Mr. Cannon cannot be again elected Speaker.

I have genuine affection for Mr. Cannon as a man and the highest respect for his splendid fighting qualities. I have supported him five times for the speakership, having voted four times for his election and once against his removal, but I cannot do so again. I repeat that I shall oppose the re-election of Mr. Cannon to the speakership, and that I am firmly of the opinion that his re-election is impossible. I want it especially understood that I say this solely on my own responsibility and upon the suggestion of no one else.

Longworth at Many Conferences.

It had been regarded as a significant fact for several days that Mr. Longworth had been called into all of the recent conferences of a political character held by President Taft. Mr. Longworth was present yesterday afternoon when the President and Vice-President talked together. It was reported then that a statement adverse to Mr. Cannon was being prepared in quarters close to the administration, and it was also intimated that Mr. Sherman who, like Mr. Longworth, has always been a supporter of Mr. Cannon, has become reconciled to the fact that Mr. Cannon must go.

There may be further significance in the fact that Representative Longworth is going to Oyster Bay on Saturday to spend several days with his father-in-law, Theodore Roosevelt. The fact that he was present at the interview between Mr. Taft and Mr. Sherman, and that he is going to Oyster Bay, is taken here to mean that a close understanding between Beverly and Oyster Bay as to recent events in New York is to be had.

Mr. Longworth said to-day that he had hesitated as to whether he should give this statement out here at Beverly, where he is sojourning, or whether he should wait until he returned to his home in Cincinnati. The fact that the statement was given out immediately following the important conference at the summer White House yesterday afternoon regarding plans for the coming Congress campaign is taken here as indicating that President Taft as well as Vice-President Sherman is behind the movement to eliminate Mr. Cannon. That a movement was on foot to this end was indicated by these dispatches a week ago. Since that time it has been believed that sentiment rapidly crystallized and that the fight is fairly on. It is felt here that Mr. Cannon is already eliminated.

Speaker Considerably Nettled.

Danville, Ill., Aug. 18.—Despite the declaration of Congressman Longworth that he will not again vote for Joseph G. Cannon for Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mr. Cannon will continue in the race, according to a statement made to-night.

He said he would go into the caucus as a candidate, no matter how many Republican Congressmen declared they would oppose his re-election. He said that all he asked was that those who went into the caucus abide by its vote, and he promised to do the same. He would not ask any man to pledge himself to vote for his re-election if he believed that pledge would work against him in the election this fall, nor would he want any candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress to repudiate his party by failure to enter the caucus.

That Mr. Cannon was considerably nettled by the dispatch from Beverly was apparent when a copy of it was handed him. Mr. Cannon is usually ready to grant or refuse an interview without a moment's hesitation, but to-day he read and reread the Longworth statement. Then he dictated and redictated half a dozen statements before he got one which finally suited him.

Mr. Cannon evidently believes that the Longworth statement was inspired by President Taft. He did not say so, but he intimated as much when he said: "It is time enough to answer the President of the United States, if he has any statement to make touching on the Repub-

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BOTH COUNTRIES APOLOGIZE

Brazil and Argentina Sign Protocol Regarding Recent Insults.

Rio de Janeiro, Aug. 18.—A proctocol was signed to-day by Brazil and Argentina, in full satisfaction for recent flag insults at both capitals. This is believed to be the forerunner of an offensive and defensive treaty among Brazil, Argentina and Chili.

The President-elect of the Argentine Republic, Dr. Saenz Pena, is expected to arrive here to-morrow, and elaborate preparations have been made for his reception.

GIRL ARRESTED FOR THEFT

Has Reputation of Having Twice Repelled Burglars.

Julia Mardy, eighteen years old, who has the reputation of having twice repelled burglars who sought to enter the house of her employers, was arrested yesterday by Captain Cooley and Lieutenant Mance on a charge of stealing jewelry valued at nearly $1,000 from Mrs. T. F. Byrne, of No. 298 Hawthorne avenue, Yonkers.

When Mrs. Byrne returned from a shopping trip on Wednesday, Julia, with a show of great nervous excitement, related to her the story of a struggle she said she had had with a thief who had entered the house and looted the bureau in Mrs. Byrne's bedroom. Julia exhibited a gold watch which she pretended she had taken from the intruder, but said he had made good his escape with the rest of the plunder. Captain Cooley doubted the story, and told Julia he would place her under arrest if the stolen articles were not returned.

When Mrs. Byrne arose yesterday the jewelry was back in the bureau. Julia was arrested just the same, and is said to have made a complete confession.

Last year Julia, while in the employ of Mrs. Regina Shipman, of Glenwood Terrace, drove away two burglars who were effecting an entrance into the house. She emptied the contents of a revolver at the intruders. The girl game from Pennsylvania, where, it is reported, she also came out victorious in a battle with burglars. Julia made a complete confession when arrested.

Mrs. Byrne is disinclined to prosecute her.

GIRL NINE BEATS BOYS

Losers of Jersey Ball Game Then Swim Fully Clothed.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., Aug. 18 (Special).—On the bet that the members of the losing team were to ride on the top of Hiram Stanhope's hay rigging through the principal streets of this borough sucking "lollypops," after which they were to jump into Cook's Pond with all their clothes on, a baseball nine composed of young women of this place defeated a team composed of boys, and the girls enjoyed themselves to-day by following the procession and poking all kinds of fun at the lads. But the boys were game and went through their ordeal manfully.

The young men were rather surprised at the prowess of the female baseball players, and to-day the fact leaked out that the girls had been practising since early in July, while their opponents thought they could defeat them with ease. The score was 15 to 9. Miss Nellie McIntee, of Ogdensburg, pitched for the winning aggregation, while Miss Eva Lang, of Franklin Furnace, and Mrs. J. P. Madden played a remarkable game behind the bat.

TORPEDO IN RUNAWAY DASH

New York Bathers Have Close Call in Peconic Bay.

A runaway torpedo rushing through the water just missed running into a group of bathers yesterday in Peconic Bay, off Noyac, L. I. The bathers were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Howell, Mr. and Mrs. George Edwards, Miss Lillian Mansir and Miss Nellie M. Wedges, all of Manhattan.

The torpedo was fired from the testing barge of the E. W. Bliss Company, of Brooklyn, which is anchored several miles off shore in Peconic Bay. Leaving the barge, it shot for an instant straight over its course on the proving grounds, but swerved to the right and made for the little group of bathers.

None of them noticed the torpedo until spectators on the shore warned them of their peril in time for all of them to scramble out of its path. It contained no explosive, but at the speed at which it was going it would have played havoc with anything in its path.

The bathers had hardly reached safety when the huge steel shell ploughed through the spot where they had been, sped on up the beach and buried its nose in the sand, from which the crew of the testing barge recovered it. They said that the steering gear had dropped off after it was fired, thus accounting for its erratic course.

LOBSTERS ON PEARSON FARM

Stone, of Winsted, Turns His Attention to Tales of Crustaceans.

Winsted, Conn., Aug. 18.—F. S. Pearson, who has a large estate in Southern Berkshire, was surprised to see a live lobster the other day in possession of one of his employes, who said he had caught it in one of the small lakes on the place.

Interested in the discovery, Mr. Pearson ordered it placed back in the water. Later the pond was drained, at Mr. Pearson's suggestion, and two much larger lobsters were found.

How they got there no one knows. All three were very lively, and were put into another lake of fresher water, but the change killed them.

VICTORY FOR GEORGIA PORTIA

Commission Decides Against Louisville & Nashville Railroad.

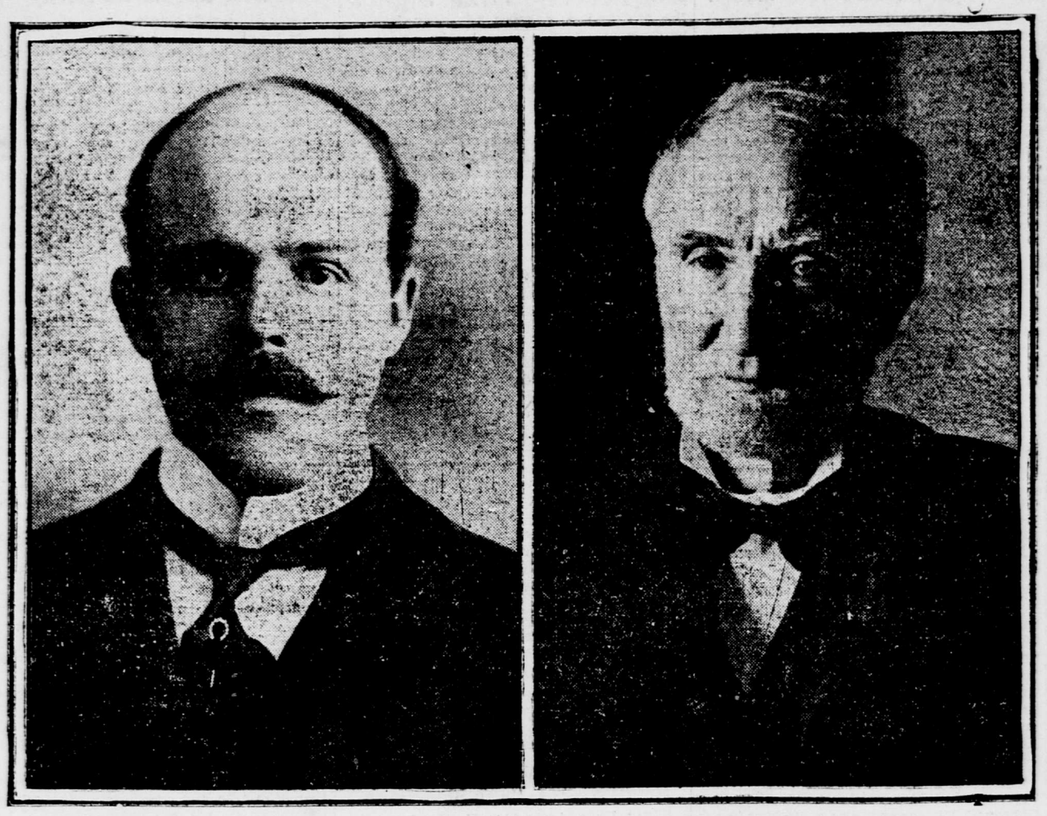
Atlanta, Aug. 18.—Mrs. W. H. Felton, the aged widow of a once distinguished Georgia Congressman, has won her fight against the Louisville & Nashville Railroad to compel the rebuilding of a side track at Feltonia, a small station on her plantation, near Cartersville.

Yesterday Mrs. Felton, opposed by fifteen railroad attorneys, argued her complaint before the Georgia Railroad Commission, and to-day the commission handed down its decision, ordering that the side track on her property be immediately restored.

GREAT BEAR SPRING WATER. Its purity has made it famous.—Advt.

REPRESENTATIVE LONGWORTH AND SPEAKER CANNON.

MR. LONGWORTH, IN A STATEMENT AT BEVERLY, SAYS THE SPEAKER CANNOT BE RE-ELECTED. MR. CANNON DECLARES THAT HE WILL ENTER THE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS AND SEEK RE-ELECTION.



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AUTO CRASHES INTO CARRIAGE; KILLS GIRL

Then Speeds On, According to Witness, Who Gives Chase in Another Machine.

TWO COMPANIONS INJURED

Accident at Dark Place in Pelham Parkway, Big Car Crashing Into Runabout from Behind.

Going at a rate of about fifty miles an hour along Pelham Parkway about 9:45 o'clock last night, a large touring car ran into a one-horse runabout, throwing its three passengers to the macadamized roadway, killing one of them, Miss Grace Hough, twenty-one years old, of 175th street, near Bathgate avenue, The Bronx, and injuring George Fedder, of No. 2262 Bathgate avenue, and Miss Anna McCabe, of No. 425 East 173d street. Miss Hough's neck was broken and she died almost instantly.

Miss McCabe's left arm was severely lacerated, and she was internally injured as well. Fedder's back and head were cut. It was said later at the Fordam Hospital that neither of the survivors was in a serious condition.

The accident occurred at a point opposite Cleveland avenue, where the Parkway swerves slightly from east to west. The runabout, which was without tail lights, was midway on this curve when the touring car came up from behind and crashed into it. Without a stop it continued on its way northward.

James Dean, of No. 947 Amsterdam avenue, who was riding in his automobile close behind the touring car, on his way to City Island, seeing what had happened, gave chase. He told the police later that he had pursued the car as far as New Rochelle, where, finding that all hope of overtaking it was vain, he abandoned the chase and returned to the scene of the accident, where he told Patrolman Coster, of the Westchester station, what he thought the license number of the touring car was.

Tried to Stop the Car.

Coster, who is a mounted man, in a statement made to Coroner Schwanneke, when that official began an investigation of the accident, said that about five minutes before the crash he had seen the touring car speeding along the Parkway. He was then at a point about three blocks below Cleveland avenue. He shouted to the occupants of the car as it whizzed by, but they paid no attention to his command to halt. He put the spurs to his horse, but at the same instant he realized that it would be futile for him to attempt to pursue the racing automobile. He reined his horse and stood in the middle of the road looking after the car.

He was still looking at the dust thrown by the automobile, when a Mr. Doland, who lives on City Island, rushed up to him all out of breath and told him of the accident. Doland was crossing the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad bridge, which is less than one hundred feet north of where the accident occurred, he told the policeman, when he heard a crash on the Parkway.

He turned around hastily and saw the big touring car dashing onward without a moment's pause, and saw Miss Hough, Miss McCabe and Fedder stretched out on the roadway. He ran to the end of the bridge and back to the roadway. By the time he reached the scene of the accident, Fedder had recovered consciousness and was bending over Miss Hough, who was dying. Miss McCabe was lying a few feet away, unconscious.

Girl's Neck Was Broken.

Coster called an ambulance from Fordham Hospital, and Dr. Hoy examined Miss Hough and found that her neck was broken. Before the ambulence arrived, Mr. Dean returned from his vain pursuit. He said that he had seen the accident, and that when he saw the three persons lying in the road he gave chase to the other car.

The police said they were told that the car that hit the runabout bore the number of the license issued to J. T. Rosenheimer, of North Pelham.

At the home of Mr. Rosenheimer it

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BARONESS VAUGHAN WEDS

Large Crowd Cheers and Annoys the Bride.

Paris, Aug. 18.—Baroness Vaughan, the morganatic wife of the late King Leopold of Belgium, and Emmanuel Durieux, a retired merchant living at Neuilly-sur-Seine, were married to-day at Arronville, where the baroness has been living at the Château Balincourt.

In spite of all precautions to keep secret the marriage arrangements, the news leaked out, and a large crowd gathered and cheered and annoyed the bride as she hurried first to the Mayor's office and then to the church. She strove to hide her features from the photographers, while the prospective bridegroom protected her as best he could with an umbrella.

The Mayor and curé succeeded in performing the respective ceremonies in a total of fourteen minutes.

CLEVELAND BOY LOST HERE

Uncle Fails to Meet Him, and Police Take Him in Charge.

A little boy clad in knickerbockers, who said he was George H. Herr, eleven years old, stepson of Dr. Arthur Walter Herr, of Cleveland, was found asleep on a bench in the waiting room of the Grand Central Station last night.

Awakened by Patrolman McNamara, the youngster said he had arrived in the city at noon from Cleveland and had expected his uncle, Charles Kesnig, of No. 126 East 83d street, to meet him and help him on his way to Paris. In the police station he told a pitiful tale about his home life in Cleveland, saying that he was always in the way and was being sent to his grandparents in France.

When a policeman intimated that his story seemed unlikely and accused him of running away from home and telling falsehoods, the boy burst into tears and denied the accusations. He was sent to the Children's Society, after he had a luncheon.

The police sent a telegram to the boy's parents in Cleveland. The police believe the uncle missed the little fellow at the station through some mistake in the time.

LOCKSMITH TOO CLEVER

Showing Burglar Proof Devic:, Taken for Thief Himself.

Charles H. Fogler, an enterprising lock dealer, of Yonkers, got into trouble yesterday by use of what he characterized as a harmless twentieth century method of soliciting business.

For several days residents in various sections of Yonkers have been complaining to the police of the operations of a lockpicker, who was causing the strongest bolts and bars to yield to his subtle touch. The complainants thought the man was a burglar, but on investigating found it was only the enterprising Fogler who has been picking locks to prove to householders the worthlessness bf the bar by which their doors were secured, and at the same time to introduce a device of his own which he says protects a house against the most skilful lock expert.

It was a common thing for Fogler to turn deftly a lock and entering a home tap the surprised housekeeper on the arm and ask her if she didn't think she ought to have a real lock on the door. Fogler was not hostilely received by the astonished women whose homes he entered until yesterday, when Mrs. J. Lyons summoned a policeman who took Fogler to headquarters. Explaining, he was paroled until to-day.

SHE LECTURED THE BURGLAR

Woman Holds Him at Revolver's Muzzle and Then Lets Him Go.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Aurora, Ill., Aug. 18.—Mrs. J. W. Hunt, a leader in Aurora society, held a burglar at bay with a revolver last night while she delivered a rebuke to him on the manner in which he was living and urged him to reform. Then she permitted him to escape, after he had promised to mend his ways.

Mrs. Hunt was alone in her residence, when she saw a man attempting to force an entrance into the house by way of a window. Leaving the room quietly, she got her husband's revolver and returned, finding the man already in the house. Mrs. Hunt calmly raised the gun, covering the man, and began to lecture him.

$2.50 to Atlantic City and Return. Pennsylvania Railroad, next Sunday. Special train leaves 6:15 A. M.—Advt.

"LIKE A 2-YEAR-OLD," MAYOR SAYS HE FEELS

Bulletins Again Reassuring—Last One Says: "All Conditions Favorable."

NO OPERATION IN MIND YET

Physician Says Only Aim Now Is to Make Patient Strong Enough to Permit Leaving Hospital.

Mayor Gaynor told the physicians who were attending him yesterday at St. Mary's Hospital that he felt "like a two-year-old." He expressed a wish to the doctors that he might sit up for a little while, according to Robert Adamson, the Mayor's secretary, and the physicians told him that he would probably be able to do so to-day.

Mr. Adamson said that a decided change for the better was noticeable since the Mayor began to take solid food day before yesterday. He said that the Mayor gained more in strength yesterday and the day before than during all the previous time he has been in the hospital.

"The change from yesterday morning till to-night," said Mr. Adamson last night, "has been almost as much as all the rest put together. The change since yesterday morning has been very marked. His strength has increased remarkably during that time. It is probably due to the fact that he has begun to take more solid food. He had three pieces of milk toast up to noon to-day, as much as he had eaten on any one day before, and he enjoyed other substantial nourishment."

Mr. Adamson qualified his statement by saying that it did not mean that the Mayor was out of danger. He understood from the physicians, he said, that an emergency may still arise to necessitate an operation for secondary hemorrhage which might be caused by the breaking of some of the injured blood vessels in his throat.

Swallowing Not Yet Easy.

There was still some swelling in the patient's throat, and he had to work the food down by manipulating his throat with his fingers, except in the case of liquids. This condition was due also in some measure to a partial paralysis of the muscles on the right side of the neck in the region of the wound. The paralysis was considered to be only temporary, it was said. The Mayor has not yet regained his normal voice, and still speaks with some huskiness. Mr. Adamson said that the Mayor inquired after many of his home friends at St. James, Long Island, yesterday.

Dr. Dowd and Dr. Brewer were with the Mayor most of the time yesterday. Dr. Stewart and the house physician, Dr. Arlitz, were on watch during the night. The usual consultation of physicians was held at 8:30 o'clock last night, and resulted in another encouraging bulletin. Only two bulletins were issued yesterday. The bulletin at 8:30 a. m. was similarly favorable to those of the last few days. It read as follows:

"The Mayor passed a comfortable night and is sleeping soundly. Pulse, temperature and respiration normal."

It was signed by Dr. Arlitz and Dr. Stewart.

Following last night's consultation the physicians issued this bulletin:

"All conditions favorable."

The bulletin was signed by Drs. Arlitz, Stewart, Dowd and Parrish.

There was no bulletin at midnight, but at that time Dr. Arlitz said the Mayor was sleeping quietly.

Dr. Dowd told Secretary Adamson afterward that the physicians were much encouraged by the Mayor's condition yesterday. He said that it had been the Mayor's best day so far.

In view of the reports that it was considered necessary to operate and extract the bullet before the Mayor left the hospital, one of the attending physicians denied yesterday that such was the case.

"We are giving very little thought to an operation," he said. "Our only view is to make the Mayor strong enough to permit his removal from the institution. It would be an unwise move to operate on the man in his present condition. He is still weak, although gaining in strength

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TAFT FOR HARMONY ROOSEVELT CONFERS

President's Friends Surprised at Report That He Had Hand in Roosevelt Defeat.

NO DOUBT OF ACCORD

Congressman Longworth Present at All the Beverly Conferences—Will Go to Oyster Bay To-morrow.

[By The Associated Press.]

Hopedale, Mass., Aug. 18.—Reports that ex-President Roosevelt believed President Taft, who is spending the night here as the guest of Governor Draper, to be working with the "old guard" leaders in New York State were received with great surprise by those close to the President. Officially no attention was paid to them. It was said definitely that there was no truth in a report that the President had been a party to a deal with "old guard" leaders to defeat Mr. Roosevelt as candidate for temporary chairman of the state convention in favor of Vice-President Sherman.

It is known among those close to the President that he always has been desirous of having harmony in New York State. He recognizes that it would be very serious if the Republicans lost that state this fall. He has urged all the New York State leaders who have seen him to "get together."

He has showed that he and Mr. Roosevelt were in harmony by urging that the ex-President's wishes be ascertained and heeded. On one occasion, it is known that he exclaimed fervently to a prominent New York politician:

"For God's sake, avoid a fight."

Before the President left Beverly, it was said that nobody knowing the facts would make the statement that Mr. Taft and Mr. Roosevelt were not in accord as to affairs in New York State.

Representative Nicholas Longworth, of Ohio, Mr. Roosevelt's son-in-law, has been present at nearly all of the recent conferences which President Taft has held at Beverly. He was present through all of the conference with Vice-President Sherman yesterday. Mr. Longworth, it is believed, knows every move the President has made. He will see Mr. Roosevelt at Oyster Bay on Saturday.

President Taft motored down from Beverly this afternoon, making the sixty miles or more in a little over two hours. Governor Draper invited a number of his relatives and intimate friends to meet the President at dinner to-night.

Mr. Taft was accompanied from Beverly only by Secretary Norton and Captain Butt.

To-morrow the President will visit Menden, where his ancestors lived, and return by automobile to the summer capital in the afternoon. His visit here is purely social.

DRISCOLL AT CONEY ISLAND

Commissioner Goes After the "Guess-Your-Weight" Men.

Clement Driscoll, head of the Bureau of Weights and Measures, visited Coney Island last night to investigate complaints against the so-called "guess-your-weight" machines. The result was that two demands were made on the operators of these machines; first, that they show signs stating the charge that would be made, and, second, that they cease the practice of feeling the person that is to be weighed. Mr. Driscoll went over to the police station and told Acting Captain Charles Easom to see that these orders were enforced.

In his visit to twelve of the machines Mr. Driscoll paid out about $1.15, and he found that no two of them weighed him alike. He made the second regulation in answer to a complaint that some of the operators were in league with pickpockets, and that when they felt a person to aid in guessing his weight they just located his purse and then told the pickpocket, who then did his part in securing the purse.

Acting Captain Easom, after a visit to the Bowery last night, forbade the auctioning of prizes at the Japanese "roll-ball" games. He said the proprietors had no license to auction. Another regulation which he made was in connection with the "hoop-la" games, where he ordered the cutting down of the pedestals on which the various prizes were placed, inasmuch as he discovered that in many cases the pedestals were larger than the hoops which were thrown at them, thus preventing the thrower of the hoop from ever getting a prize.

PRICKS FOOT ON $200 PIN

South Jamesport Bather Returns the Diamond Trinket to Owner.

A diamond pin valued at $200 lost in the sand at South Jamesport, Long Island, on Tuesday was recovered yesterday. Thomas M. Haires, of Brooklyn, who was going in bathing, stepped on it and pricked his foot.

Mrs. E. P. O'Hara, also of Brooklyn, owns the pin. She had searched high and low for it along the beach, and then returned disconsolate to her hotel.

After his bath Mr. Haires made a round of the hotels and finally found Mrs. O'Hara, to whom he returned the pin. He declined to accept a reward.

GAYNOR PICTURES BARRED

Acting Mayor of Cincinnati Issues Ukase Against Films.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Cincinnati, Aug. 18.—Moving pictures purporting to be views of the shooting of Mayor Gaynor of New York will not be permitted in Cincinnati theatres, according to Acting Mayor Galvin's announcement today. Galvin said he had never been consulted by the Sheriff or any official of the County Prosecutor's office regarding the Jeffries-Johnson fight pictures now on exhibition at Winton Place, a suburb.

About two years ago when Galvin was acting Mayor during the illness of the late Mayor Markbreit, he would not allow the Jeffries aggregation of athletes to give an entertainment in this city.

MOONLIGHT TRIPS ON STR. 'ALBANY,' Hudson River Day Line last down boat.—Advt.

Most Important Meeting Since He Left White House at Sagamore Hill.

MAY KEEP CLEAR IN STATE

Will Let "Old Guard" Run Matters Unless He Feels It Necessary to Fight for His Policies.

[By The Associated Press.]

Oyster Bay, Aug. 18.—Theodore Roosevelt spent to-day in what was probably the most important political conference he has held since he left the White House. He gathered about him a group of his close friends, and talked over with them the situation, which is best expressed in the reports that relations between President Taft and himself are strained to the breaking point.

William Loeb, jr., Collector of the Port of New York; Lloyd C. Griscom, president of the New York Republican County Committee; Representative William M. Calder, of Brooklyn; Frederick J. H. Kracke, of Brooklyn, and Representative W. W. Cocks, of Mr. Roosevelt's home district, took part in the conference.

From what was said by some of the visitors it was learned that the ex-President and his friends have agreed on a plan of action which will hold until the situation defines itself more clearly. Briefly state, it is this:

Roosevelt to Stand Aside.

Mr. Roosevelt is to stand aside in the New York State campaign and let the "old guard" fight its own fight, and thus shoulder all the responsibility for the conduct and result of the campaign. He is neither to indorse nor criticise the Taft administration. He is to keep out all around if he can.

Through some of to-day's visitors it was learned just why Mr. Roosevelt has decided to keep his hands off. He feels that the Republican State Committee in refusing to indorse him for temporary chairman of the Saratoga convention—a place he had agreed to accept, much against his will, with the knowledge that he would be held responsible for election results—acted in a manner that would make further activity on his part look as if he were leading a factional fight against the administration.

It was said that Mr. Roosevelt does not deem it either wise or proper to permit himself to become involved in such a factional fight, and that his present decision is that he will not go to the convention or take any part which would render him responsible. He has come to no definite conclusion, however.

Will Defend His Policies.

One important proviso was emphasized at to-day's conference. Those with whom he talked were made to understand clearly that Mr. Roosevelt reserves to himself the right to jump into the thick of the fight at any time if he believes that the policies of which he is the exponent are in serious jeopardy.

But he let it be known that he would do so with extreme reluctance, for he feels that in such a contingency he might be led inevitably into a controversy with the Taft administration.

From what was said after the conference it was gathered that Mr. Roosevelt believes the present attitude of men who are influential in the national administration is hostile to him, and that an open rupture may result. In such case he feels that he may be compelled at some juncture to exert his influence against the administration.

Those who are closest to the ex-President believe that he will do everything in his power to avert such a crisis during the fall campaign.

May Wait Until 1912.

It is their opinion that if he should decide to fight, he prefers to postpone the struggle until the campaign of 1912, when the question of the nation's policy for the next four years is to be brought before the entire country and when a successor to William H. Taft is to be elected.

Should such an issue between Mr. Roosevelt and the administration present itself at that time, it is the firm belief of the intimate associates of the former President that he will be in the fight to the end, that he will stake his own future on the outcome and again become a candidate for the Presidency.

It is believed, however, that Mr. Roosevelt regards such a situation as a remote contingency which is not to receive serious attention at the present time.

He has said repeatedly that he can form no plans for the future, for the situation may be changed completely at any time. He has told his friends that he is a candidate for no office, and that he can conceive of no circumstances which would lead him to accept the nomination for Governor or a seat in the United States Senate.

His associates believe that the only reason which might lead him to consider becoming a candidate for the Presidential nomination would be the conviction that he must seek another term in order successfully to carry on the work he began while President.

Goes West on Tuesday.

The conference broke up late to-day without any definite agreement as to when another will be held. Mr. Roosevelt is to start for the West on Tuesday, and Mr. Griscom and Mr. Loeb said they did not expect to return to Sagamore Hill before that time, and probably there will be no more long talks of this nature until after Mr. Roosevelt returns from the West.

Most of the time to-day was spent in consideration of the New York situation, which is regarded as the one thing that may develop in such a way as to force Mr. Roosevelt to make the fight within the party.

From an unquestioned source it is known that he has taken deeply to heart what he considers to be the hostility of men close to the administration, and he