

THIS IS JOLLIFICATION DAY.

UNCLE SAM'S BIRTHDAY AND EVERYBODY KEEPING IT.

Major Celebrations and More of 'Em Planned Than Ever Before and Young America Happier Than Anybody—Festivities Some Folks Have Planned.

To-day the American Eagle will spread his wings and screen from dawn to dusk celebrating his own birthday, and everybody will turn in to help him. The small boy, the big boy and the old boy who feels as young as he ever did will join in to make a racket and have a good time. Only the slipping of a cog in the weather machine can put a damper on to-day's celebration and prevent it from being the greatest Fourth that ever was.

Unfortunately, about the weather man does not talk very promisingly. He predicts showers for to-day, but fair weather on Saturday. But maybe this prediction, like others of the same sort, will not come true.

The heavens last night were patriotic enough. When the sun set, the sky over the Jersey shore was striped in broad bands of red and white and blue, with here and there a bright star twinkling in the sunset glow. It was a glorified edition, a little irregular, perhaps, of Uncle Sam's chosen emblem.

Men who sell popping, banging fire-crackers and punk, and the fingers of the younger generation say that there will be more noise than ever before this year, judging from their sales. Excursions are advertised to go to every picnic grove within a hundred miles. Coney Island, which has been laying in a stock of such goods as are commonly used there for celebration, is ready for a crowd which will make the Decoration Day turnout look like that of a ration day.

Men of all trades, except the police, firemen and doctors, will have a holiday. Many business houses and public offices, including the Stock Exchange and the dry goods houses, have taken advantage of the conjunction of the yearly and weekly holidays and shut up shop until Monday morning.

There was an unusual rush for the country yesterday. All of the railroads ran their principal trains in two and three sections. The steamboats were loaded to the gunwales.

It was a busy, go-ready day at Bellevue Hospital, too. All hands there will get up early and go to bed late to-day, meantime taking care of the youngsters who try to pick up giant fire-crackers which go off about a minute after schedule time.

The Holokeneer has notified Chief Croker of the Fire Department to expect a big fire on July 4. The chief is expected to do his best to spoil the astrologer's reputation by tackling all fires in time. He has requested householders to keep their stoves closed to prevent wandering fire-works from setting fire to buildings.

Many diversions are offered for the celebration of the day. The city is expected to have the Fourth street wigwag with eloquence. Grand Sachem James A. O'Grady, Charles A. Culbertson of Newark, and Edna Smith have decreed that no one shall be allowed to celebrate unless in costume. Most of the actors there intend to be Indians.

At Ocean Grove the morning oration will be delivered by the Hon. R. Wayne Parker and in the afternoon the patriotic concert. The State Convention of the Social Democratic party will be held to-day at the Labor Lyceum in East Fourth street, the patients and the employees of the Manhattan State Hospital on Ward's Island will have athletic contests and there will be a Fresh Air Jubilee at the station. Herold's children's home near Nyack.

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BULLET HITS HIS DYNAMITE.

Fate of a Whitecap Who Carried an Explosive in His Pocket.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., July 3.—A gang of Whitecaps, twelve in number, whipped Mrs. Grant, a white woman, at Union, Ark., near Mammoth Springs, yesterday, set dynamite under her house, and blew the building, together with the furniture, into atoms. They threatened to kill Harveo Sexton, a relative of the woman, and when he heard the shots and the explosion of the dynamite he took refuge in a barn built of logs and having cracks through which everything on the premises might be seen.

When the twelve men approached Sexton fired. The bullet struck Pink Gibson, leader of the gang, on his waistcoat pocket and exploded the dynamite which he carried there. The explosion tore Gibson's body into a thousand pieces, and severely wounded nine others of the Whitecaps. The dynamite was carried for the purpose of blowing up Sexton's house after killing him.

BROKERS IN LITTLE ACTORS.

Vernon M. Davis Says the Gerry Society Is Investigating the System.

James Lederer, manager of the "Wild Rose" at the Knickerbocker Theatre, Louise Thompson, the costume designer of the production, and Harry G. Sommers, manager of the theatre, appeared in Jefferson Square yesterday to answer to summonses served on them by agents of the Gerry society. The society objects to the appearance of June Thompson, 8 years old, and Arthur Brown, 10 years old, in songs and dances in the play. Neither was prepared to go with the case yesterday and it was postponed until July 10.

Vernon M. Davis, President of the Gerry society who was in court, said: "I understand that there is in existence a system, which the managers themselves admit, by which the people who act as brokers in securing the children's services hold back illegally, on various pretexts, portions of their wages. I propose to investigate this matter also."

BANKER RUSH ON TRIAL.

Cashier Testifies Against Alleged Stealer of Mississippi Funds.

JACKSON, Miss., July 3.—The trial of Banker Rush of Senatobia, charged with embezzling \$100,000 of State funds, began to-day. Gov. Longino was the first witness. He testified to having found State Treasurer Stowers short \$100,000 last July and as to how the shortage was made good in five days.

The star witness of the day was Cashier Raifer, a relative of Rush, who told how he took funds from the vault and delivered them to Rush and Banker Armstrong of Memphis, and how the money was loaned to the State of Mississippi. On another occasion Raifer had carried \$100,000 to Memphis.

He declared that Treasurer Stowers knew nothing of the embezzlement, but said Stowers was in the habit of lending money to Jackson bankers in large sums.

Raifer's testimony created a profound sensation in the crowded court room.

FIREMAN'S CHILD GAVE ALARM.

First Helped Out Her Grandmother—Father Answered the Call.

Agnes Romer, the twelve-year-old daughter of Henry Romer, a fireman, connected with Truck 19 in Forest avenue in the Bronx, discovered a fire in the flat where she lives at 861 East 166th street last night.

She ran into her apartment, awakened her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Romer, who is 68 and succeeded in getting her out, though Mrs. Romer was partly suffocated by smoke. She then rushed to her mother and the other tenants and turned in an alarm.

Her father was a member of the first fire company to reach the fire, which was put out after it had done about \$500 damage. It was caused by fireworks which were set off in the street and entered a window.

HIS WIFE DIDN'T HELP HIM.

Policeman Insisted and His Fine Was Multiplied by Five.

During the regular police trials yesterday morning, Police Commissioner Thurston announced his intention of imposing one day's fine on Policeman Patrick J. Horgan, accused of being absent from post, when Horgan insisted on calling a witness, an Italian, who had promised to "cover" for him while he went off. The first question put by the Deputy Commissioner brought from the Italian the reply that his "covering" was to consist of "keeping a lookout" for the defendant.

"That's enough," said Col. Thurston. "We'll make it five days instead of one."

HURT BY FALL OF 3-TON STONE.

It Was Being Hoisted Into Place on the New Hall of Records.

A cornice stone weighing two tons slipped from the chains that held it while it was being hoisted up the Centre street wall of the new Hall of Records. It crashed through the sidewalk and broke through to the ground. The only person near was Samuel Giordano, an Italian shoe-maker from Sheephead Bay. One of his legs was broken by a falling beam. It was also feared that he might have suffered internal injuries. He was taken to the Hudson street hospital.

A VETERINARIAN DISMISSED.

Dr. Wellner, a Health Board Employee, Accused of Taking Bribes.

Dr. Henry Wellner of 10 East 115th street, who has been a veterinarian in the Health Department, assigned to Queens, has been dismissed on charges. He had a hearing on Wednesday.

BISHOP TALBOT EXONERATED.

BOARD VOTES 3 TO 4 AGAINST A CHURCH TRIAL.

Most Doubtful Point in the Case Arises From a Letter Which the Bishop Wrote to Mrs. Elliott—Alleged Agreement Between Bishop and Dr. Irvine.

HARRISBURG, Pa., July 3.—Bishop Herbert Talbot of the central Pennsylvania diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church will not be tried upon the charges made by the Rev. Dr. Ingram N. W. Irvine of Huntington. The board of inquiry appointed to investigate the case met this morning and passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of the board, there is not sufficient grounds to put the Rev. Dr. Talbot on trial, and that upon his trial upon the charges in the present case this resolution was adopted after nearly seven hours of careful deliberation upon the charges and after hearing witnesses brought before the board by the Rev. Dr. Irvine. Only nine of the sixteen members of the commission were present and the vote on the resolution was a close one. It stood 5 to 4 in favor of the resolution.

Those voting in the affirmative were the Rev. Dr. William R. Huntington of New York, the Rev. Dr. F. C. Polk of Williamsport, the Rev. W. Reynolds of Bellefonte and U. M. North of Columbia. Those voting against the resolution were the Rev. Dr. W. B. Bostie of Philadelphia, the Rev. Dr. J. S. B. Hodges of Baltimore, the Rev. Dr. J. Lewis Parks of New York and D. W. Thomas of Baltimore.

The finding of the board will be presented to the secretary of the general convention and will be placed on file with the church records. This ends the case.

Dr. Irvine, pastor of St. John's Church at Huntington, was unfrocked after a trial before the church authorities, because of improper language and conduct toward females and scandalizing religion and the civil courts to prevent the church from strengthening its discipline. Talbot appointed the court that tried Dr. Irvine.

It is understood that when Dr. Irvine came into the central Pennsylvania diocese there was an agreement between Bishop Talbot and himself that upon the first sign of trouble of any kind he should, at the request of the Bishop, and without any proceedings whatever, resign and quit the diocese.

A letter written by Bishop Talbot to Mrs. Elliott, to the effect that Irvine was "a slimy fellow" and that he would "unfrock" him was admitted and on this point it was thought that Bishop Talbot should be considered technically guilty of conduct unbecoming a Bishop. The agreement between Bishop Talbot and Dr. Irvine is said to have figured in the case.

The board did not allow either Bishop Talbot or any representative of the Bishop to appear. The trustees of St. John's Church, and Andrew M. Brude of Philadelphia, his counsel, and William T. Haller, W. T. Miller and James Dermothorn of Huntington.

GAMBLER LEFT A HALF MILLION.

Will of Edward N. Marks, Owner of the Pennsylvania Club, Long Branch.

A fortune of about half a million dollars will be disposed of under the will of Edward N. Marks, proprietor of the Pennsylvania Club at Long Branch, a well-known gambling place. The will was filed for probate yesterday with a petition for the probate which valued the estate at "more than \$200,000." At the office of Lawyer Paul M. Herzog, who filed the will, it was said yesterday that the estate would probably be half a million. The will was executed April 2, 1901, and was witnessed by Mrs. Mary Marks, widow, and William H. Halliwell.

To the widow is devised the residence of the testator, which is on Seventh street, with the furniture, plate, paintings and other contents except his jewelry, and \$100,000 in cash, all in lieu of dower. The residuary estate, consisting of real estate in Vincennes, Ind., is to be divided into six parts, one of which will go to each of the following persons absolutely: August Marks, brother, Philadelphia; Isaac Marks, brother, Spokane, Wash.; Edna Marks, sister, Vincennes, Ind.; Edward Kuhn, nephew, Vincennes, Ind.; Fannie Mayer, sister, and Marks S. Mayer, Shawneetown, Ill.

It is supposed by Marks's friends that he derived the bulk of his estate from the Pennsylvania Club. This was the oldest gambling place at Long Branch, and for many years was run almost openly. It is close to the West End Hotel at West End, Long Branch, and for many years its proprietor was Phil Dail. Dail is the proprietor about twelve years ago and leased the property from the Daly estate. The clubhouse was not opened until the summer, owing to a fire which destroyed the gambling places at Long Branch. Marks was interested in bookmaking at race tracks with Eddie Burke.

HERBERT HUSBAND NOT DEAD.

Immigrant Woman Narrowly Escapes Deportation—He'll Be Tried.

Maria Antonia Allica, an Italian immigrant who had been detained at Ellis Island since May 5, was released yesterday. Her husband, who was on the police force of a town near Naples, left her a year ago taking most of her money and jewelry and her two children.

She got a letter from an Italian in Newark, N. J., in March, telling her that her husband was dead and asking her what should be done with the children. Her husband turned up at Ellis Island after she was released and declared that she had abandoned him for another man. The Board of Inquiry ordered her deportation.

Commissioner Williams investigated the case and found her story true. The husband, it is said, has married again. The woman has a small wooden store in the Government certificates which her husband took and which he has been unable to turn into cash. He will be prosecuted for bigamy if found.

No Delay on Blackwell's Island Bridge.

There will be no litigation over the refusal of Ryan & Parker, the contractors for the masonry part of the Blackwell's Island bridge, to comply with the order of Bridge Commissioner Lindsenthal to cease work until he has revised the plans. They will go ahead and finish the piers and anchorages according to the original plans, and the new plans will be adapted to the masonry work.

Mr. Lindsenthal has sent his first quarterly report to Mayor Low which has not yet made it public.

Reward for Conviction of Too Speedy Auto Drivers.

MILLBURN, N. J., July 3.—An ordinance regulating the speed of automobiles adopted by the Union township committee differs from similar measures passed by neighboring municipalities in that it provides that any person "seeing a violation and giving evidence which shall secure a conviction, shall receive half of the fine. The fine is to be \$50. In addition to the fine, imprisonment for five days may be added to the sentence.

TAX ON SAVINGS BANKS.

Dividends Paid to Depositors Not Considered in Fixing the Assessment.

ALBANY, July 3.—State Comptroller Nathan L. Miller gave out an interview to-night in which he denied that it was the purpose of his department in fixing the assessment upon savings banks under the law taxing the surplus of such banks 1 per cent, to tax dividends paid to depositors.

"There is a great misapprehension on the part of the savings bank officials," the Comptroller said, "as to the attitude of his department on this question. The department in fixing the assessment upon which last year's dividends, neither is it the purpose to include such dividends in fixing the assessment this year. The law provides that the State to tax dividends paid to depositors."

"Many savings bank officials have expressed their opposition to the law, not only of hostility to the law itself, but to the fair administration of it. The law was intended to reach for the purpose of taxation only the surplus and undivided profits of the bank, and it is well known that this surplus never reaches depositors."

The total tax last year was \$205,337. The amount of deposits was \$187,821,803. It will readily be seen, therefore, that this tax was considerably less than one-tenth of 1 per cent. However, that many savings banks have made this tax an excuse for reducing their rate of interest from 4 to 3 1/2 per cent."

ILLINOIS CENTRAL JUMPS UP.

Wall Street Has Several Explanations, but Can't Verify Them.

Illinois Central shares advanced a fraction over 4 points in a very short time yesterday morning and closed at 164 1/2, a net advance for the day of 3 1/2. Several large lots changed hands, the aggregate sales being 32,500 shares. Stock Exchange brokers who were particularly active in handling this stock, said that most of the buying orders came from persons related to the Harriman syndicate.

The Harriman syndicate, one rumor was that the Illinois Central had secured control of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois, and another was that the Harriman syndicate had secured control of the Illinois Central in order to merge it into the Union Pacific system. President Stuyvesant Fish of the Illinois Central considered the rumors as "unfounded."

"The story about Chicago and Eastern Illinois is absolutely false. As to what is going on, I know nothing," said J. H. Harriman, Secretary of the Illinois Central. At the office of Mr. Harriman the statement was made that nothing was known about any purchases of Illinois Central stock.

CONTROL OF READING.

Reits Absolutely, It Is Said, With the Morgan, Baker and Pennsylvania Interests.

Recent active buying of Philadelphia and Reading stock by Stock Exchange brokers who frequently act for the Goulds, has given strength to the rumors that George J. Gould was seeking control of that property to add to his knowledge of the Atlantic coast. Friends of the dominant power in Reading affairs have admitted within the last few days that there was evidence of outside buying. The stock of the Reading is now held by Mr. Morgan and his associates.

TRUST FOR MURRAY HILL.

The Windsor, It Is Reported, Will Offer Women Special Facilities.

The latest new trust company is the Windsor Trust company, which, it was said yesterday, will be organized, probably in the Murray Hill district, and will provide special facilities for business with women depositors. John Alvin Young of the Atlantic Securities Company, 26 Broadway, is interested in the formation of the trust. The board of directors are said to include August Belmont, Cornelius Vanderbilt, Ernest Lehman, R. A. McCarney, James Gayley and Mr. Young.

BANKS FINED FOR ERROR.

Clearing House Statement Delayed by a Sheet That Wouldn't "Prove."

The Clearing House statement of bank exchanges and balances was delayed almost an hour yesterday owing to errors made by setting checks, which interfered with the proving of the sheet. One of the errors resulted from what is technically known as a "blind" figure. Two banks were involved and both were fined.

Good Weather in the Grain Belt.

CHICAGO, July 3.—The official weather map this morning showed the best conditions for harvesting in weeks. It was clear generally except in Iowa and Minnesota, and the only heavy precipitation for twenty-four hours was in Iowa and Wisconsin. The temperature was about 70 in the Northwest and in Iowa, and clear in Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, southern Illinois and Missouri. The temperature was 60 to 70 degrees in the Dakotas and Minnesota, 50 to 70 in Nebraska, Missouri, Indiana and Ohio.

Moore's Buying Northwest.

The buying of the Chicago and Northwestern common stock yesterday, accompanied by a rise of 3 1/2 in the price, was generally attributed to purchases by the Moore Brothers. Friends of the Moores and the Armour's in Wall Street assert that these two interests will be able at the next election to outvote the Vanderbilts, promoters of the Erie, and to elect directors by other large holders are not withdrawn. A high officer of the Chicago and Northwestern said that a third is elected each year. It would take two years at least to overcome the Vanderbilt majority in the board.

Buyers of Shoe and Leather Bank.

Rayard Dominick, head of the New York Stock Exchange firm of Dominick & Dominick, and interests associated with him are the purchasers of the controlling interest in the National Shoe and Leather Bank. A member of the firm said yesterday.

"We cannot make public yet the names of the persons who are associated with Mr. Dominick in the purchase, but they represent a large railroad, banking and insurance interest, which will make the bank a much larger institution than it is at present."

CROSS BITTERLY ATTACKED.

BY CHURCHILL'S COUNSEL AT THE WINDUP OF THE TRIAL.

The Accused Sergeant's Conduct All But Ignored by Both Sides—The Prosecution Declares That the Effort to Put It Up to Inspire or Cross Has Failed.

The trial of Sergt. James Churchill, charged with neglect of duty, came to a close yesterday when Assistant District Attorney Sanford and Lawyer Rosalsky summed up the case for the prosecution and the defense. The case is now in the hands of Commissioner Partridge, who probably will take ample time before he renders his decision.

The summing up was marked by a bitter attack by Mr. Rosalsky on Inspector Cross, in which he said:

"If ever there was a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, we have a living example sitting here a villain under the old regime and an angel under the new."

Who charges this defendant with neglect of duty? An officer of police who had the audacity to refer to a man who had sent thousands of young women to solitary confinement as "Poor old John McCarney."

"The character of the man who is certified to the good character of Sergt. Churchill, who was dismissed from the department for neglect of duty, is a man who is now posing as an angel and who peacefully slumbered during the time he was committed under the old regime and who suddenly awakes. The glare of the searchlight is on his conduct. He charges neglect of duty on a man who has not been tried, not a captain of police, not a sergeant, not a private, but a plain citizen. It is a man who has no personal fight between Cross and Churchill."

Mr. Rosalsky concluded by saying that Churchill had done more work as an Inspector than he had done as a sergeant. He said that he had been a captain for many years, and that if he is omitted any duty it was out of inexperience and not out of neglect. Mr. Rosalsky said that he had been a sergeant for many years, and that if he is omitted any duty it was out of inexperience and not out of neglect.

"I am sure that I don't think there is a man of his age or rank in the police department better fitted to command a precinct than he is. It is his duty to do his duty."

"Since this trial began," said Mr. Sanford finally, "we have heard nothing from Mr. Rosalsky but that he was going to 'take the cross' and how has he done it? It seems to me that on the cross-examination of the inspector the tables were turned and the examiner was the one made to explain himself."

BREAK WITH WESTERN UNION?

A Philadelphia Story About the New York Central.

PHILADELPHIA, July 3.—Officers of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company said to-day that they had no knowledge of any break in the Western Union Telegraph Company and the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company. They knew of no reason why such a rupture should take place.

It is generally believed in railroad circles here that a rupture is probable and that the Postal Telegraph Company will succeed the Western Union, on the lines governing the Postal contract between the Postal Telegraph Company and the Postal Telegraph.

President W. H. Newman of the New York Central was asked yesterday morning about the Philadelphia story that the Western Union Telegraph service was to be discontinued on that road as soon as existing contracts expired. He said: "This is the first I ever heard of such a thing. I know absolutely nothing about it."

Another officer of the New York Central declared that very friendly relations existed between the Vanderbilts and the Goulds and that there was no reason for the New York Central discontinuing the service of the Western Union Telegraph Company. The traffic relations between Gould's Washash system and some of the Vanderbilt lines are particularly close. The New York Central is one of the Washash's principal outlets to the Pacific coast.

Pennsylvania-Postal Telegraph Contract Signed.

President Baker of the Postal Telegraph Company said yesterday that the contract between his company and the Pennsylvania-Postal Telegraph Company on the lines east of Pittsburgh has been signed and went into effect on Tuesday. The contract is for fifteen years.

Government Cotton Report.

WASHINGTON, July 3.—The monthly report of the statistian of the Department of Agriculture will show the average condition of cotton on June 25 to have been 84.7, as compared with 86.1 on May 26, 1902, 81.1 on June 25, 1901, 75.8 on July 1, 1900, and a ten-year average of 82.6.

The crop in the cotton belt of North Carolina, where there seems to have been a slight improvement, and Virginia, where there is no appreciable change in condition, every cotton-producing State shows a decline during the month, the decline being greatest in Texas, where it amounts to 22 points, and in Louisiana, Indian Territory, Mississippi and Alabama, where it is 11, 10, 9 and 8 points respectively.

Syndicate Buying Cotton Oil Mills.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., July 3.—H. B. Spaulding has closed an option on three cotton oil mills in the Indian Territory, thus giving a New York syndicate headed by J. B. Beveridge control of all the cotton oil mills in Oklahoma and the Indian Territory, and of eight in Texas. The sale includes the mills at Muskogee, Checotah, Eufaula, Durant, Ardmore, Purcell and Chickasha in the Indian Territory, and at Shawnee, Oklahoma City, Chandler, Stroud and Norman in Oklahoma. The syndicate is headed by J. B. Beveridge, Dallas, Tex., the latter being the largest in the world, having a capacity of 100,000 barrels. The total amount of the sale is \$2,000,000.

National Barrel and Package Co. Incorporated.

The National Barrel and Package Company was incorporated yesterday in Trenton, with a capital stock of \$500