

Fair, cooler to-day; to-morrow probably fair. Temperature yesterday—Maximum, 63; minimum, 50.

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GANGSTERS AT ZELIG FUNERAL FLOUT POLICE

Gunmen and Miscellaneous Collection of Crooks Rampant During Services. THREATEN PHOTOGRAPHERS Detectives Unable to Prevent Disorder, Thfts, and Flashing of Revolvers.

New York, Oct. 7.—The body of "Big Jack" Zelig was put to rest this afternoon in Washington Cemetery, Brooklyn, after scenes of turbulence in and around the house at 36 Broome Street, where the funeral services for the remains of the murdered gang leader were conducted by Rabbi Spiegel.

The thousands who crowded the streets in the vicinity of the house in which the body lay contained almost every unprincipled member of gangland not actually at war with Zelig. An historian of the underworld would have recognized among the merely curious many hardened faces seldom seen by daylight.

There were members of the Paul Kelly gang, the Sam Paul Association, the Johnny Spanish gang, Zelig's own gang, his former enemies among the Torti crowd, Kid Twist's erstwhile cronies to summarize, all the pickpockets, procurers, cadets, and other outcasts who assemble around the avenue. A large detachment of police reserves and detectives had a busy time preserving order.

Police Powerless. Even then many pockets were picked, scarves stolen, and a number of assaults perpetrated. There was an utter failure of the police to cope with this situation, and refused to protect newspaper photographers from the open threats and display of revolvers of the gangsters when they tried to take pictures of the throngs.

Three newspaper men were "covered" by six gangsters every moment of the time they were in the neighborhood of Zelig's residence. One of the thugs even pulled his pistol to intimidate a photographer more daring than his colleagues who he disregarded the gunmen's warnings and essayed to "snap" the crowd.

After persistent effort the three camera men obtained the permission of a woman living diagonally opposite the Zelig house to place their machines on her window sills. Intimidate Photographers. As they waited for the casket to be carried out, several of Zelig's gangsters spied the small battery of cameras and quickly made their way to the apartment.

HEADS CONFERENCE FOR NEXT FIVE YEARS

James D. Richardson, Sovereign Grand Commander of Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States.

SCOTTISH RITE MASONS GATHER

Second International Conference of Supreme Councils Urge World-wide Peace.

Bringing the felicitations of their countrymen, 150 prominent Free Masons, representing twenty-three countries, yesterday opened the Second International Conference of the Supreme Councils of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, sounded the keynote of a world-wide peace.

It was largely through the efforts of James D. Richardson, sovereign grand commander of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite, that this country and city was honored with what Masons know to be one of the most important Masonic conferences in the world. Certainly never before in this country has there been so important an assemblage of its kind.

Richardson Opens Meeting. The conference was opened yesterday morning by James D. Richardson, sovereign grand commander for the southern jurisdiction of the rite in this country. In his address of welcome he said that the conference of the various supreme councils to renew and strengthen the ties of friendship and good will, which unite the supreme councils of the world wherever it is in existence.

Officers Are Elected. The election of officers of the international conference to serve for the next five years until the meeting of the next convocation, resulted in the choice of James D. Richardson, thirty-third degree, sovereign grand commander, Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, president; Sir John M. Gibson, thirty-third degree, sovereign grand commander of Canada, vice president; Manuel S. Castellanos, of Cuba, Jose Castellor, of Mexico; Dr. Paul Elier, of Switzerland, and Sir John M. Gibson, governor general of the province of Ontario, as well as sovereign grand commander of Canada.

Proceedings in English. One of the notable features about the deliberations of the conference was, despite the large number of countries represented, all of the proceedings were conducted in English. Another feature was that it was developed that for the first time in the history of the rite, eight sovereign grand commanders attended a conference.

PROMOTER HELD AS SWINDLER OF POOR WIDOWS

John W. Willson, Accused of Collecting Premiums on Canceled Policies. ARRESTED IN BALTIMORE Score or More of Charges Will Be Lodged Against Him, the Police Say.

Accused by the police of being a "mean" thief because he is alleged to have robbed poor widows and children, John W. Willson, formerly local representative of two insurance companies, and well known in Washington as a realty operator and promoter, was arrested last night on two charges of false pretenses and one charge of embezzlement.

It is alleged that Willson has been collecting premiums on policies which have been canceled leading husbands and fathers to believe that they were paying for the protection of their loved ones, and putting the money in his own pocket. It is charged that Willson has swindled scores of persons, and the police believe they can show he has collected more than \$50,000 fraudulently.

Willson was the local agent for the Union National Accident Company, which has headquarters in the Lafayette Building, Philadelphia. Lewis E. Blie-don, auditor of the company, procured a warrant for the arrest of Willson, charging embezzlement. It is alleged that Willson collected \$75 for the company and failed to account for it, disappearing from the local offices on July 12 last.

Discharged by Officers. Willson also was agent for the National Protective Legion of Waverly, N. Y. He was discharged by the concern in December, 1910, the police say. Prior to his dismissal, it is alleged, Willson collected a hundred dollars in premiums and failed to turn the money to the company. As a result, the company canceled on the policies.

It is also charged that Willson continued to collect on policies. George W. Ingham, superintendent of insurance for the District, learned of Willson's alleged frauds, it is said, and notified the police. April last, since then, Detectives Evans and D'Annunzio searched for Willson. Ferdinand Hopp, of 1246 Sixth Street Southwest, charges that he gave \$20 to Willson as premiums on a policy which had been canceled. Edward Callow, of 27 Four-caded-hair Street Southwest, alleges that he gave \$50 to Willson on a cancelled policy.

Willson was captured in Baltimore last night and escorted to this city by Detective Messer. The prisoner said he is fifty-seven years old. He gave his address as Pittsburgh. He said he is not married. Willson was placed in a cell at the First Precinct station, according to the police, at least a score more of charges will be lodged against Willson.

THE HERALD STARTS ITS SEVENTH YEAR

The Washington Herald to-day begins its seventh successful year with the largest morning circulation in the Nation's Capital.

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The Herald on this, its seventh birthday, extends its thanks to its thousands of readers. POPE WILLING TO ACT AS MEDIATOR Rome, Oct. 7.—After a hurriedly convened session of the Sacred Congregation, the Vatican announced that the Pope is prepared to offer the use of his influence as mediator in the Balkans in behalf of peace, should such an action be deemed necessary or advisable.

HIS LOVE SPURNED. PITTSBURGH MAN KILLS GIRL AND HIMSELF. Pittsburgh, Oct. 7.—Because pretty Grace Mapleson, aged 15, spurned the advances of Joseph Kellerman, 22, the loveliest swain shot and dangerously wounded her and then committed suicide in the presence of the girl's mother early today, Kellerman had called to renew his pleas that the girl marry him and upon repeated refusal began shooting.

HAMLIN GARLAND, AUTHOR, LEAPS FROM BURNING HOME TO SAVE LIFE. Lacrosse, Wis., Oct. 7.—Hamlin Garland, noted author, was forced to jump from a second-story window at his home at West Salem to-day to save his life, when fire, which broke out in the kitchen, spread to the second floor and cut off his exit by means of the stairs. Mr. Garland escaped without sustaining injury. A servant was badly burned when a gasoline stove in the kitchen exploded, causing the fire. The kitchen and dining-room were completely ruined, but the fire was extinguished before the house became a total loss.

GEN. ESCOBOSA, ANOTHER MEXICAN REBEL LEADER, QUILTS WITH FIFTY MEN. Another Mexican revolutionist leader has surrendered, according to State Department advices yesterday. Gen. Escobosa, who has been operating in Sonora, gave himself up, with fifty of his soldiers, at Cananea, Sonora.

Great wadded destruction of property on the ranches of the American Mormon colonists is reported from Chihuahua. It is stated that the colonists are in serious plight and a rescue has been asked. A number of Americans in southwestern Mexico are also said to be in grave danger.

BECKER BEGINS FIGHT FOR LIFE; PROTESTS FAIL

Judge Goff Refuses Request for Postponement and Begins Selection of Jury. ONE TALESMAN ACCEPTED Nephew of Otis Skinner Fills Requirements and Will Be the Foreman.

New York, Oct. 7.—Police Lieut. Charles Becker was forced to go to trial over the protests of his counsel to-day on the charge of having instigated the murder of Gambler Herman Rosenthal, a daring, revengeful crime, which precipitated the greatest police scandal Greater New York has ever known.

The sum of results accomplished before Justice John W. Goff announced a recess at 5:30 o'clock was the selection of one juror out of a total of fourteen examined. He is Harold R. Skinner, a square-jawed, dark-haired young man about thirty-five years of age, whose features an artist might describe as classical because of their even and forceful proportions. He is manager of one of the Edison electric plants and is a son of former State Superintendent of Education Skinner and a nephew of Otis Skinner, the actor.

Skinner to Be Foreman. By virtue of having been the first talesman who was acceptable to both the District Attorney and counsel for the defense, Mr. Skinner will be foreman of the jury. The juror who will decide upon the innocence or guilt of Becker, District Attorney Whitman and John F. McIntyre, for the defense, both agreed at the close of the day that the remainder of the week probably would be occupied with the work of selecting the eleven additional men necessary to complete the jury.

Becker Not So Jaunty. Of the thirteen talesmen refused, four were promptly challenged by Attorney McIntyre and three by the District Attorney. The remaining six were excused by Justice Goff after he had satisfied himself that they could not qualify.

Becker came into court with his head erect and a quick, even step, but the carefree attitude which has characterized his several public appearances since he has been an inmate of the Tombs was gone. The glow of health with which his face was tinged at the time of arrest, nearly two months ago, had changed to a jaundiced yellow. Shortly after the trial began the nervousness that had been noticeable in the beginning disappeared and Becker began to seriously consider every detail of the proceedings, and when the lights were turned on that the newspaper men might see to write, late in the afternoon, the prisoner's forehead was corrugated with five deep lines that had not been discerned early in the day.

Mrs. Becker in Court. The wife of Lieut. Becker did not appear until after the noon recess. But when the talesmen, reporters, and court officers hurried back, at 2:30 o'clock, she was seen in the courtroom, in a blue walking skirt and jacket, which was not unlike a school girl's costume, was sitting by the entrance to the courtroom. Nobody recognized Lieut. Becker's wife as Mrs. Becker. Lieut. Becker was seated with his counsel almost on the opposite side of the room, and if he knew of the presence of his wife in the courtroom, gave no sign of it for nearly an hour. Then he turned and nodded with a smile.

MILLIONAIRES NOW AUTHORESS

Miss Helen Miller Gould, possessor of many millions, has become an author. She is now engaged upon a volume that might be called a "Book of Memoirs," but isn't. The name of the book has not been chosen. The discovery was made when Miss Gould received reporters for the first time since her arrival from the West, where she was engaged in a number of philanthropic enterprises. When the reporters asked for an interview, Miss Gould said: "You know I am engaged in writing a book, and whatever views I may have shall be embodied in my first literary effort."

SAYS TRUST IS BACKING T. R. Wilson Charges that Steel Corporation Is Pushing Third Party Campaign.

Denver, Colo., Oct. 7.—In five speeches to-day, one at Pueblo, two at Colorado Springs, and two at Denver, Gov. Wilson made the specific charge that the United States Steel Corporation is behind the Roosevelt third party movement, and desires that that party should succeed in order that the system under which private monopoly has thrived shall be continued without interruption.

The governor said he would not say that the gentlemen of the Steel Corporation were acting by vicious motives. He excused them on the ground that the system was one in whose atmosphere they had grown up; that they were naturally opposed to any plan which would destroy the things they had built up, and that it was quite reasonable that they should want to perpetuate a government which would perpetuate private monopoly.

To Legalize Monopoly. The former method of the corporations of controlling the government was by campaign contributions. Now, he said, they proposed to control it by legalized monopoly. "Is there a new deal?" he asked. "Those gentlemen may intend to do the United States no disservice, but my point is that they are not intending to change in the least essential particular, the system of control which has already been established, but are seeking to establish it by a new method. The old method was campaign contributions, the new method is legalized monopoly."

The Governor's reception in Pueblo and Colorado Springs was cordial, but there was no such enthusiasm as was accorded him in Indiana and Nebraska. There were brass bands and automobiles to greet him, but little cheering on the streets. The local leaders declare that Gov. Wilson is certain of carrying Colorado by not less than 2,500 plurality. The People's Leader, where the Governor's special arrived about 5 o'clock gave him a splendid reception, and the local committee entertained him in true Democratic fashion. At the Hotel Alton there was a warm reception, at which the Governor met several thousand voters. The candidate was entertained at dinner, and finally was escorted in a procession of automobiles to the two hotels, where he spoke.

All the meetings were crowded to their capacity. Governor Wilson delivered practically the same address at all of to-day's meetings.

DIFFERENCE IN TESTIMONY OF TWO FINANCIERS

J. Pierpont Morgan and Wayne MacVeagh Have Conflicting Stories. WASHINGTON MAN ON STAND Judson C. Welliver Tells of Conversation with MacVeagh—Latter Will Be Recalled.

Fresh fuel was furnished the already overfed Harriman fund controversy yesterday through a sharp difference in testimony between John Pierpont Morgan, the financier, and Wayne MacVeagh, as reported by Judson C. Welliver, political writer for a local newspaper. The difference came about through investigation of the story spread by Charles Edward Russell, the New York socialist, detailing an alleged interview between Mr. Morgan and Col. Roosevelt. Mr. Morgan denied that he ever talked with the White House over the phone. Also, he denied emphatically that Mr. Harriman ever asked him for funds; said his \$50,000 contribution was paid either to Odell or the late Cornelius N. Bliss, and he did not care to this day whether or not it was a part of the so-called Harriman fund.

The details of the interview given on the stand yesterday by Mr. Welliver, who reported that former Secretary Wayne MacVeagh told him several years ago, are decidedly in conflict with Mr. Morgan's testimony on several points. In the first place, Mr. Welliver says MacVeagh told him that it was Harriman, not Roosevelt, on the other end of the line; that the financier when he returned from the telephone conversation was decidedly angry at Mr. Roosevelt because he had placed \$50,000 worth of the story, MacVeagh told Morgan that the request for additional funds was the direct result of Harriman's decision to make the White House. Moreover, according to the version given for the first time yesterday, Mr. Morgan sent his check to Harriman at once. According to Morgan's story, he decided to make the \$50,000 contribution at a conference at which Messrs. Odell and Bliss, and some others, but not Mr. Harriman, were present, and the money was handed over in currency either to Mr. Bliss or to Mr. Odell, with the distinct understanding that it was to be turned over first to the national committee, and thence to the state committee to aid the state ticket.

MacVeagh to Be Called. Mr. MacVeagh undoubtedly will be called to tell what he knows of the story. Mr. Welliver said yesterday that he could not remember the details of the story as told him distinctly, but that he had given it substantially as it was given him. Russell, who took the stand before Welliver, said that the latter had told him the story which he made public last summer connecting Roosevelt's name instead of Harriman's with the conversation.

Louis Hammerling, who Senator Dixon told the committee last Wednesday, is engaged in "buying up" the policy of nearly 200 foreign language newspapers in this country in behalf of the Taft candidacy, at \$1,000 per "buy." It was on the stand for about four minutes yesterday morning. Mr. Hammerling was not questioned about the Taft campaign since the convention, as the authority of the committee does not reach beyond the primary fights. Hammerling told the committee that he had placed \$2,000 in advertising for the Roosevelt people before the convention.

Charles R. Crane, of Chicago; J. J. Hannan, the La Follette campaign treasurer, and other witnesses yesterday. Mr. Crane was questioned as to the \$100,000 he was said to have distributed evenly between La Follette and Wilson in the recent election. He denied that he had given such amounts, saying that his contributions to the La Follette fund Continued on Page Two.

THREE KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK Passenger on Western Maryland Road Crashes Into Freight at Kobeen, Pa. Shippensburg, Pa., October 7.—Three are dead, one fatally hurt and several injured, after a collision early to-day between a dead-end passenger train of the Western Maryland Railway and a freight train of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad. After the crash, which occurred at Kobeen, Pa., five miles west of Shippensburg, two of the passenger coaches caught fire and were consumed. The engines locked at 5:10 a. m.

DR. HENRY J. RHETT DEAD. Former Washington Physician Expires in Newport Hospital. Newport, R. I., Oct. 7.—Dr. Henry J. Rhett, a prominent Washington physician, died at the Newport Hospital to-day.

ARMY AVIATORS RESUME FLIGHTS Lieuts. Arnold and Milling Carry Passengers Aloft—Hugh Robinson Circles the Monument. The army aviators yesterday resumed flights at College Park, Md., and at the War College.

BLAME EXTINGUISHERS. Faulty Fire Apparatus Cause of Lost Lives in Westport Wreck. Bridgeport, Conn., Oct. 7.—That loss of life have been prevented in the Westport wreck, in which seven persons lost their lives, had not the fire extinguishers upon the train been absolutely useless, was the testimony of two of the witnesses to-day.

Shot for Burglar. Youngstown, Ohio, Oct. 7.—James Sullivan, of Hubbard, mistaken for a burglar, was shot and killed last night by Robert Howay, the son of a neighbor.

Timber Trial Postponed. Lake Charles, La., Oct. 7.—The Timber Workers' trial was halted this afternoon by a motion to postpone the trial two weeks, giving the Supreme Court time to pass on a mandamus asking for a collective instead of a separate trial for the accused.

Noted Educator Dies. London, Oct. 7.—Professor W. W. Skeat, of the chair of Anglo-Saxon in Cambridge University, and the greatest modern authority on the English language, died this afternoon, aged 71. He was the author of more than a score of textbooks, and among his degrees were Litt. D., LL.D., D. C. L. and Ph. D.

Schooner Goes Ashore. Chatham, Mass., Oct. 7.—The four-masted schooner Charles A. Campbell, loaded with coal for Boston, went ashore on a bar in a fog to-day and is doomed, according to the life-savers. The crew of eight men refused to be taken off by life-savers.

CUPID LEADS WAY TO PRISON CELL AND SOLDIER FOLLOWS Derby, Conn., Oct. 7.—Returning to this city with his bride of less than a month, with whom he blessing, to receive the forgiveness and blessing of her parents, Reuben Kelly, corporal of Company A, Signal Corps, was arrested Saturday, charged with being a deserter from the United States Army. It is probable that a charge of bigamy will also be lodged against him, as he is said to have a wife in Leavenworth, Kan.

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