

CHARLES KOHLSAAT MAY BE APPOINTED MINISTER TO CHINA

Chicago Man Likely to Get the Important Post at Peking.

MUCH EXPERIENCE IN WORLD'S AFFAIRS

At Present He Holds Position As Director of South American Expositions.

By JAMES HAY, Jr.

Charles W. Kohlsaat, business man, traveler, student of foreign affairs, and promoter of expositions, may be the next American minister to China.

His friends are out hard at work to land the job for him, and among his friends and relatives there may be found an imposing amount of political influence and pull. Mr. Kohlsaat is a cousin of Herman H. Kohlsaat, of Chicago, who at one time owned the Chicago Times-Herald, and who is of great importance among the business men and politicians of Chicago. He is a cousin of Judge Kohlsaat, of Chicago.

EXPOSITION DIRECTOR.

Charles W. Kohlsaat is at present director general of the American National Export Expositions in South America, an organization which has for its object the holding of many expositions in South America. His offices are in the Union Trust building here. He was director general of the Jamestown Exposition and foreign commissioner of the St. Louis and Portland expositions. He has traveled all around the world, and has spent much time in the Orient, familiarizing himself with the situation in the Far East.

Moreover, he is not as talkative a person as was Charles R. Crane, of Chicago, who was fired from the service a few days after he bought his steamboat ticket for China. Friends of Mr. Kohlsaat say that in addition to his ability he will be perfectly able to maintain that cloister-like reticence which goes with the Chinese mission.

Friend of Rulers.

This is not the first time that he has been on the threshold of the diplomatic service. During the Roosevelt Administration he was prominently mentioned for the post of minister to Stockholm, now held by Charles H. Graves, of Minnesota.

His travels and foreign work in connection with expositions have given him a wide acquaintance among the rulers of the world, and he is a close friend of King Oscar of Sweden. Earlier in life, Mr. Kohlsaat had a thorough business training in the importing business in New York and later was a member of the New York Stock Exchange.

Among his backers for the post of minister to China have been mentioned former Gov. David Francis of Missouri, several United States Senators, and the friends and followers of H. H. Kohlsaat of Chicago. These men have made strong representations of the fitness of their candidate for the place, although he himself has not yet come out for the post.

He refused today to discuss the matter. Nothing regarding it could be learned at the State Department, but it is known that he is being considered by the Administration as extremely suitable for the mission, which is regarded as the most important diplomatic post under the United States Government.

The man who goes to China as the American minister will have something to do besides attend dinners and splash in the social pool. He will find his hands full of business problems, not to mention the task of keeping up with what Japan is doing in the way of hitting off all the cracks of China's powers that are lying around loose.

WEATHER REPORT.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT. Fair tonight and Friday; colder to night; moderate northwesterly winds.

TEMPERATURE.

Table with 2 columns: Time (8 a. m., 9 a. m., 10 a. m., 11 a. m., 12 m., 2 p. m.) and Temperature (45, 46, 47, 45, 47, 48).

SUN TABLE.

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TIDE TABLE.

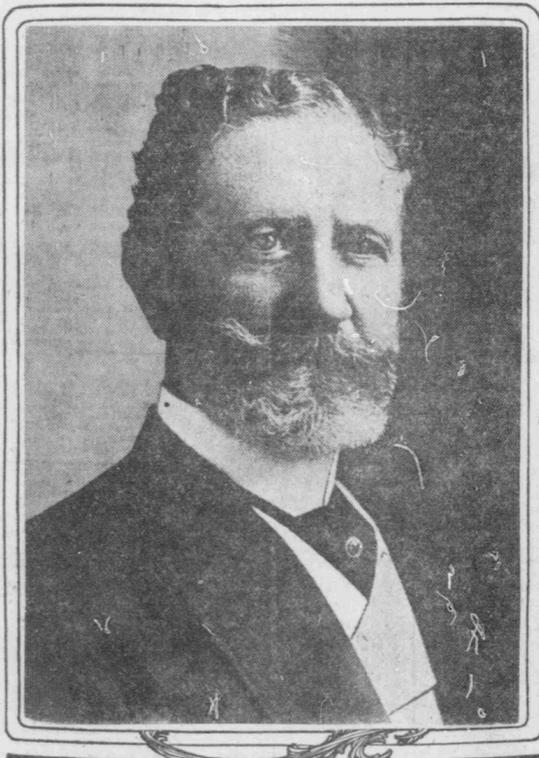
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CONDITION OF THE WATER.

HARPER'S FERRY, Va., Oct. 28.—Both rivers cloudy this morning.

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May Become Diplomat



CHARLES W. KOHLSAAT.

BALTIMORE OFFICER COMMITS SUICIDE

Deputy Ends His Life With Bullet In Sheriff's Office.

BALTIMORE, Md., Oct. 28.—Charles A. Bichy, forty-eight years old, 78 George street, a deputy sheriff, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head in the sheriff's office in the court house this morning.

Less than a week ago his brother, John Bichy, was found drowned in the harbor. The death of his brother, who had been an inmate of Bayview Asylum, preyed on the deputy's mind to such an extent that it is believed to be responsible for the deed.

Bichy fired the fatal shot shortly before 9 o'clock, after he attended to his morning's work. A charwoman heard a sound, but paid no attention to it.

The sheriff's office is across the corridor from police headquarters, and Marshal Farnan himself went to the scene. The man was still breathing, and though the motor ambulance made a hurried run, death came before medical attention could be secured.

Bichy leaves a family. He had a good record as an officer, and had been in the office since December 3, 1907.

WOMAN ATTEMPTS TO STOP VOTING

English Suffragette Tries to Destroy Ballots With Acid.

LONDON, Oct. 28.—With the idea that if women cannot enjoy the ballot, the ballot should be enjoyed by no one, Mrs. Chapin, a suffragette, today attempted to destroy the ballots in a election booth at the Berrymansley election by smashing a bottle of corrosive acid upon the ballot box, and throwing the contents about the booth. The ballots were not injured.

PRESIDENTIAL FLEET IS MAKING UP TIME

Best Speed Being Held, and No Stop Will Be Made Until Vicksburg, So There Is Hope of Getting to New Orleans on Time.

HELENA, Ark., Oct. 28.—President Taft and his party will spend today on the go.

Barring accidents there will be no stop until the fleet, headed by the Oleaner, reaches Vicksburg, 235 miles below Helena. The stop is scheduled for 3 o'clock this afternoon, but the Oleaner left here late and no landing is likely to be made before dusk.

Helena was reached two hours late last night and the program was carried out without Governor Donaghy, whose boat, the Gray Eagle, was beached ten miles above Helena on account of a break-down.

The fleet arrived here in sections. The Oleaner, anxious to keep up the schedule, left the other vessels astern in the down river chase and arrived long before the others.

LAW SHE MENTIONED AS NEXT GOVERNOR

Third Assistant Postmaster May Go to New Mexico.

A. L. Lawshe, Third Assistant Postmaster General, who recently tendered his resignation on account of the condition of his health, is likely to be the new governor of New Mexico.

Governor Curry has finally resigned "in order to be able to give his entire attention to private interests," but, as is well known, following a season of strenuous differences with the Interior Department concerning his administration. It has been understood for some time that Curry would go, and the Lawshe movement has been handled by the Indiana friends of Mr. Lawshe, who is a prominent factor in the affairs of Hoosierdom.

It is stated confidently that the position will be tendered to Mr. Lawshe, and that the only uncertainty relates to whether he will feel his health will permit him to assume the duties.

WORKS SICK HORSE, MUST PAY PENALTY

Channing Edwards Fined Five Dollars for Not Heeding Warning.

For continuing to work a spavined horse after he had been warned to let the animal rest, Channing Edwards today was fined \$5 in the Police Court, by Judge Muldowney.

The testimony of the humane officer who caused the arrest was to the effect that it was one of the most flagrant cases of inhumanity to a dumb beast he had ever witnessed.

Edwards was first arrested for the offense on Monday, but was released with the warning that the horse should not be worked again. He paid no attention to the warning and was again arrested Wednesday.

MUELLER IS GIVEN THE "THIRD DEGREE" BY ISLIP CORONER

Wife Slayer Sullenly Refuses To Confess to Other Crimes.

SERVED NINE YEARS IN SING SING PRISON

Prisoner Believed to Be Member of International "Marrying Band."

ISLIP, L. I., Oct. 28.—Coroner Savage, of Suffolk county, with representatives of the district attorney's office and a stenographer, is giving Frederick Gebhardt, alias Otto Mueller, a real "third degree" examination today, endeavoring to have him clear up his early life and explain what he meant when he declared to the coroner last night that he had killed three other women besides Anna Luther and wanted to "make a clean breast of it." Gebhardt, after making that statement, seemed to regret it, and, although pressed for some time, stubbornly refused to say anything more.

The coroner is working in conjunction with the New York police, and firmly believes that he has in his custody one of the most remarkable criminals ever arrested.

His Record.

It is his opinion, from what he has already learned in the course of his investigations, that the prisoner is a member of an international band, the members of which make a practice of marrying women for a consideration, robbing and deserting them.

The band, according to the coroner, found most of its victims among the immigration servant girls, who save their wages, only to lose them when they try to exchange them for a husband and a home.

Mueller professed to be greatly surprised when informed the authorities had learned of his sentence on May 11, 1896, to Sing Sing prison for robbery and perjury. The robbery consisted of stealing \$300 from Lena Wessner, of Brooklyn, whom he had promised to marry and the perjury charge resulted from his swearing that he had not married a woman in Germany several years before, which statement was proven false.

Served Nine Years.

For this he served nine years in Sing Sing prison and it was through a comparison of his Bertillon records after his arrest last Monday with those on record at police headquarters in New York that his identity was established.

The similarity between the Wessner and the Luther woman's cases leads the local authorities to believe that when Gebhardt's record is uncovered it will be found that he had many victims.

They believe that he robbed and snatched the money from without a ceremony, and where the ceremony was performed, he put his victim out of the way if she proved troublesome.

They have their belief of the statement of Gebhardt's Astoria wife that, when she refused to deed ten lots that were in her name over to him, he beat her terribly and told her that he would kill her.

Strike a Snag.

The authorities struck a snag, however, when they tried to get Gebhardt to talk today. He insisted that he did not mean to confess, and as declaring that he killed three wives.

As a matter of fact, he insisted, he has been married but twice, once to his Astoria wife and the second time to Anna Luther in Newark. He declared that he told the entire truth in his original confession, and that anything else that might be attributed to him was a lie.

The authorities do not believe him. The New York detectives will try to trace Gebhardt's movements from the time he came to this country.

AMERICAN HOSPITAL IN PARIS OPENED

Ambassador White Takes Part In Formal Inauguration of Building.

PARIS, Oct. 28.—The new American Hospital, built on the outskirts of Paris, was formally opened today with impressive ceremonies. Henry White, the American ambassador, conducted the formal inauguration of the institution.

RUSSELL IS MADE JUDGE ADVOCATE

Captain Campbell Detached From Office at the Navy Department.

Capt. E. H. Campbell, judge advocate general of the navy, was detached from that office by orders issued today.

Commander R. L. Russell, who is to succeed him, was detached from duty as inspector in charge of the Fifth light-house district, at Baltimore, and ordered to Washington. Lieut. Commander L. R. de Steiguer will succeed Commander Russell.

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Will Be Airship Captain



MRS. RALPH H. VAN DEMAN.

ARMY MAN'S WIFE WILL BUY MACHINE

Mrs. Van Deman Says She Will Take Up Aeroplaning.

"I expect to buy an aeroplane. Mr. Wright will teach me how to operate it. Then, I shall fly—fly. Oh, there is nothing so satisfying as flying."

This is what Mrs. R. H. Van Deman, wife of a United States army captain, the first woman to ride in an aeroplane in America, and who may be the first to take up aeroplaning as a sport, told a reporter for The Times.

After her thrilling flight at College Park early yesterday morning with Wilbur Wright, a dinner last evening, and as theater party, Mr. Wright being a guest at the two latter events, Mrs. Van Deman was up early this morning, none the worse for having put in such a strenuous day.

She appeared to be even more enthusiastic over her ride than yesterday. Many of her friends called at her apartment in the Sherman during the day and she talked "aeroplaning" to the immense satisfaction of every one of them.

"I am afraid I will not get to take another ride soon, for Mr. Wright has gone away, and, of course, no one will be allowed to ride in the Government's aeroplanes," said Mrs. Van Deman. "But I intend to become an instructor of my own before very long."

"When Mr. Wright turned the levers over to me just for a few seconds, and I realized I was controlling the machine, I knew immediately that I would never be satisfied until I could fly as much as I want to. I am sure I will never get enough of it. When I purchase my aeroplane Mr. Wright has promised to become my instructor until I understand thoroughly how to operate it."

Mrs. Van Deman's brief reference to the fact that Wilbur Wright had turned the levers over to her constituted the first knowledge any one has had of the fact that the aeroplane in which she

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KOREAN SUSPECTS IN JAPANESE HANDS

Authorities Seeking to Trace Plot That Ended In Ito's Death.

TOKYO, Oct. 28.—Nine Koreans arrested by the Russian police in the general drag-netting of Harbin that followed the assassination of Prince Ito, will be turned over to the Japanese authorities as suspected accomplices of the slayer. The Russian police have been ordered by St. Petersburg to turn over all suspects to Japan.

The Japanese authorities here and in Korea are determined to trace the plot, which they are sure existed, to its source. The feeling is that the assassination was the result of a machination of a widely organized clan, and that the leaders must be brought to justice to prevent similar killings.

The press advocates an immediate investigation of the most thorough nature. It is pointed out that following the shooting of Durham White Stevens, the American adviser of the Japanese government in Korea, in San Francisco, in 1908, the accomplice of I. W. Chang, Stevens' slayer, escaped. The demand is made that the government scour Korea and China, where the refugee is certainly concealed.

"The killing of both Stevens and Ito, who worked side by side in Korea for Japan, is considered ample indication that the Koreans have a secret organization for assassination. The accomplice of Stevens' slayer, it is claimed, would hold the key to the plot."

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SHOOTS WIFE AND SELF.

POTTSTOWN, Pa., Oct. 28.—After shooting his wife three times, Peter Koneski committed suicide by shooting himself in the head. Koneski, who had been in Philadelphia for three weeks, had just returned to his home. The couple had frequently quarreled.

CANNON DROPPED BY PARTY LEADERS; TAFT APPEALED TO

Speaker's Colleagues on the Mississippi Steamer Become Brutally Frank.

SPEAKER IS WARNED THAT END IS NEAR

President's Support Only Hope, Is Friends' Belief—Opponents Are Confident.

CHICAGO, Oct. 28.—The Congressmen and Senators accompanying President Taft on his trip down the Mississippi have told Speaker Cannon, who is also on board, that the Republican party is in danger unless he consents not to run again for Speaker, according to a special dispatch to the Tribune from Helena, Ark., today.

The dispatch says in part "It is believed that for the first time in his Congressional career, Cannon has been told by some of his intimate coterie of Washington satellites that he must step down and out of the 'whole shooting match will go to pot'."

CONFERENCE IN CABIN.

"Last night there was a conference in the captain's cabin of the Quincy. In the conference, were eleven gentlemen who do things at Washington.

Speaker Cannon, Senator Lorimer of Illinois, Senator Warner of Missouri, Congressman Callahan of Kansas, Senator Bradley of Kentucky, Senator Curtis of Kansas, and Congressman Rodenberg of Illinois were present.

"Uncle Joe" was informed as kindly as possible that he has gone under water for the second time and that President Taft alone can save him. Every other plan of saving the Speaker was discussed and abandoned, but the last straw was to appeal to Taft to resign something for Cannon, just as he did for Aldrich.

Appeal To Taft.

"A notable part of the capable cabinmen went over the side of the Quincy early this afternoon and did not come back until the last call had sounded for the Congressional banquet to the President."

"It is pretty generally believed on the Quincy that this deputation went directly to President Taft and pleaded with him to say, in a public address on the down-river trip, that 'Uncle Joe' is a gentleman who ought to command the respect of the Republican party and of the nation generally."

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Supporter Falls.

The dispatch declared further that the New York Congressman, who has been one of Cannon's strongest supporters, informed the Speaker he will have to quit his efforts for a renomination by Congress if the Speaker does not declare that he will not be a candidate for re-election as Speaker of the House.

He notified Cannon, the dispatch declares, that "if I am renominated, it must be on a distinct platform of anti-Cannonomism or none."

The dispatch reads that in December a committee of strong Republican Congressmen representing New England, the Middle West, and the Pacific coast will call on the Speaker and formally request him to announce that he will retire from politics.

ITALIANS TO HONOR THEIR AMBASSADOR

Baron Mayor des Planches Will Be Guest of Honor at Banquet Tonight.

Baron Mayor des Planches, the Italian ambassador to the United States, tonight will be the guest at a banquet which a group of his countrymen will give in honor of his return to Washington.

There will be about fifty participants, including Terence V. Powderly, chief of the Immigration Bureau, and several Italian residents of Baltimore. Lorenzo Del Giorgio will be toastmaster and Vincenzo Di Giorgio, chairman of the committee of arrangements.

The festivity will be held at Freund's Hall, 815 Tenth street northwest.

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