

MARKS MUMSEY RUN GREATEST CONTEST OF AUTOS IN YEAR

Chairman McMurtry, of American Contest Board, Reaches Philadelphia.

OFFICIAL'S PRESENCE LENDS DISTINCTION

Technical Board Is Busy, Preparing for the Start Next Tuesday.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 13.—Recognizing that the Mumsey tour is the most important automobile reliability event in the country this year...

Great Tour of the Year. The presence of Mr. McMurtry at the official garage this morning and his taking a leading part in the examination of the cars shows how important the Mumsey tour is regarded by the A. A. A. and stamps it as the greatest of the year.

The Mumsey tour is the great tour of the year and is so regarded, said E. J. Ferguson, the referee, in discussing the presence of Mr. McMurtry.

Early this morning the technical committee, E. J. Ferguson, referee, Joseph Tracy, and J. A. Hemstreet, accompanied by Mr. McMurtry, went to the official garage, at 132 North Broad street, where they found everything in readiness for the preliminary examination of the competing cars.

Tracy Also Zealous. Joseph Tracy, the expert of the Society of Automobile Engineers, who is also a member of the technical committee, was as zealous as Mr. Ferguson in examining thoroughly every point of the machines.

Before the actual work of the examination started this morning the cars were beginning to take their way up and down Broad street, to be given into the hands of the technical committee, and by the time those gentlemen were at the garage the Regal, Enger, Ohio, Stoddard-Dryden, Ford, of Philadelphia, Clio, Corbin, Buick, and Washington, and Glide cars were waiting at the doors.

The Selden pilot car, the Brush photographer's car, and the two E-M-F machines, one of which will act as pilot car and the other as a press car, were in evidence at our headquarters this morning.

WEATHER REPORT.

The indications are that the Western disturbance will move eastward, and showers and unsettled weather, with showers within the next thirty-six hours in practically all districts east of the Mississippi river, except eastern and southern New England, where it will remain fair.

Forecast for the District. Unsettled weather, with showers tonight or Sunday; moderate temperatures; light to moderate easterly winds, becoming variable.

SUN TABLE. Sun rises.....5:30 Sun sets.....7:30

TIDE TABLE. Today—High tide, 1:37 a. m. and 2:32 p. m.; low tide, 8:23 a. m. and 8:23 p. m.

CONDITION OF THE RIVERS. HARPERS FERRY, W. Va., Aug. 13.—Both rivers clear this morning.

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ESPERANTISTS MEET; KING REPRESENTED

Registration for Congress to Open Monday Exceeds Previous Records.

AUTHOR OF TONGUE IS EXPECTED TODAY

Capt. Josefo Perogordo, of Spain, Comes as Representative of Alfonso.

Final preliminaries for the formal opening of the Esperantists' congress, which will take place Monday evening, were made today by the local committee in charge at Arlington Hotel headquarters.

Arrangements for the business sessions have been completed, an entertaining social program has been announced, and everything is in readiness for Monday's opening.

It was announced at headquarters today that when registrations and the purchase of tickets for the congress were counted up, it will be found that all previous records for attendance at Esperantist conventions will have been broken.

Among those who registered today one of the most notable figures is Capt. Josefo Perogordo, the official and personal representative of King Alfonso of Spain.

Washington Experts Ascribe Subsidences to Erosion of Limestone.

STANTON, Va., Aug. 13.—Experts from the Geological Survey, accompanied by E. B. Van Horn, chief geologist, reached here today to investigate the continued and unexplained cave-ins of the earth on Lewis and Market streets.

It is generally believed here that the strange subsidences are caused by the washing away of subterranean limestone. In this view the geological experts both here and at Washington concur, inasmuch as this is a limestone section.

The sunken area is now about 75 by 150 feet. Further cave-ins were noted during last night and this morning, although no such accidents are expected.

The kitchen of the residence of Prof. C. L. Wilson, fronting on Lewis street, immediately over one of the cave-ins.

Preliminary investigation has revealed the presence of water underneath one of the sunken places. Most of the earth which has been disturbed consisted of made earth, a pond and marsh having been filled some five or six years ago.

Edwin Heald, a civil engineer connected with the office of the supervising architect of the Treasury, is also at Stanton today.

Climax of Ages. "These cave-ins are more or less frequent in limestone sections," said Henry C. Riser, acting chief of the Geological Survey today.

French Consul Shifted. PARIS, Aug. 13.—Lucien Louis Bonzon, French consul at New York, has been transferred to Florence, Italy.

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DR. L. L. ZAMENHOF, Of Warsaw, Poland Author of Universal Tongue.

kov, representing the commercial branch of the department of the Interior of Russia; Dr. Heinrich Arnold, representing the Esperantists' Bankers' Association of Germany, and Gabriel Chavet, of Paris, international secretary of the Esperantists of the world.

Police Send Regards. The Esperantist Police Club, of Paris, whose headquarters are in the famous prefecture of police, this morning, in a letter addressed to Chief of Police Sylvester, paid its respects to the members of the Washington police force.

BOISE CITY, Idaho, Aug. 13.—Sweeping down the mountain sides, forest fires between Independence creek and Iron mountain have cut off thirty-five men who were fighting the conflagration, and it is believed the men have perished.

Loss of Life Feared. For miles upon miles the smoke pall is so heavy the sun is but a red disk. Many settlements are reported abandoned, and it is feared the loss of life will be heavier than in any fire since the blaze of 1908.

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GALLAGHER RAVES, "I'M NOT INSANE," CURSING LAWYER

Defiant and Sullen, Gaynor Assassin Denounces Paranoiac Plea.

GAYNOR IMPROVING; JOKES WITH FRIENDS

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BULLETIN.

The following bulletin was issued at St. Mary's Hospital today.

The mayor's condition is gratifying. He slept eight hours last night.

He continues to improve. WM. J. ARLITZ, M. D. GEORGE D. STEWART, M. D.

It was stated that the mayor's temperature was 100 1-5.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Aug. 12.—The lawyers are going to make a mistake if they try to put up a defense of insanity for me," said James J. Gallagher, assassin of Mayor Gaynor, today in his cell in the Hudson county jail.

Defiant and sullen he finally consented to receive one of his attorneys, Alexander Simpson. They had a long talk. Gallagher at times cursing the attorney for his position.

He had read the papers carefully, and became angry when he saw that his attorney had called him a paranoiac. "I am not insane," Gallagher told Simpson. "I know that I shot Mr. Gaynor and I know the consequences that must follow."

Today Gallagher asked if it were possible for him to have a few pictures in his cell. He said he wanted to have near him religious pictures, such as those with which his room in New York was plastered.

He had intended to write letters also made itself apparent when he asked for a pen and ink. The negroes against suicide taken by the prison authorities, however, prevented him from having pens.

Gallagher's nervousness is increasing. He broods hour after hour sitting morosely on his cot.

Gaynor's Condition Very Much Improved

HOBOKEN, N. J., Aug. 12.—Mayor Gaynor's condition is very much improved today. He slept more than eight hours last night, six of which were continuous.

When Drs. Stewart and Arlitz dressed his wound at 8 o'clock he was very cheerful, and joked with them while the bandages were being changed. Unless some complication arises he will be able to leave the hospital within two weeks.

The wound was found to be doing nicely today. There were evidences of primary healing, and when the wound was sprayed no evidences of infection were found.

Both doctors were highly pleased when they left the sick room, and said that the improvement was so great that they were astonished.

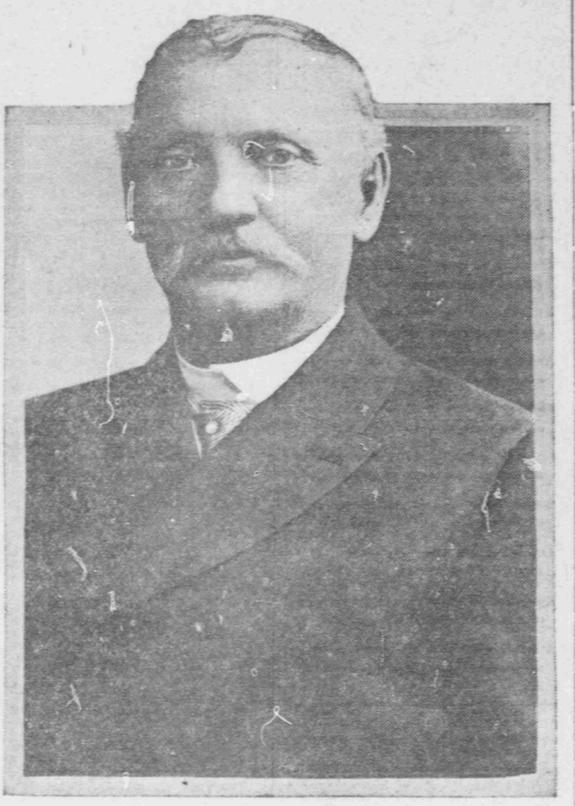
As the days go by without infection of the wound it is considered almost certain that the bullet was comparatively clean and that there was no germ carried by it into the mayor's throat.

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SPIRIT WROTE WILL, WIDOW IS CONVINCED



WILLIAM H. CROWELL, Believed by His Widow To Have Interpreted Illegible Will. By "Spirit Message" On Mysterious Slate.

Mrs. W. H. Crowell Describes Mysterious "Slate-Writing" in Which Deceased Husband's Shade Is Believed to Have Expressed Wishes About Estate.

Had Richard Harding Davis changed the locale of his story, "Vera, the Medium," to Fairmont street, in this city, made Vera a "slate writer" instead of a medium, and the case one involving the administration of an estate, he would have written the story of the William H. Crowell administration dispute.

The story of the scrap of writing, almost illegible, which William H. Crowell is said to have written on his deathbed, and supposedly transcribed by Pierre L. O. Keeler, a "slate writer," of 120 Fairmont street northwest, falls the saying about truth and fiction. How the writing was produced in court and the judge's refusal to accept it and the translation have already been told, but Mrs. William H. Crowell, the widow of the deceased, had some interesting details to add today concerning the manner in which the writing was transcribed, and presented in court.

"My husband and I have always been spiritualists," said she, "but he believed in the actual presence of the spirits more than I did. Yes, I do believe in the power of the spirits for good and evil and to do wonderful things. Doesn't the Bible tell us about numerous instances in which they did things that were otherwise unexplainable to mere mortals?"

"But Mr. Crowell believed in them implicitly and he and Mr. Keeler had been great friends for a long time. Mr. Keeler would frequently give my husband advice in business matters, tell him where things were that had been lost and aid him in many ways, so that Mr. Crowell came to have perfect confidence in anything Mr. Keeler told him.

"Well, when my husband found that he was dying he told me that he wanted his brother, Major W. H. H. Crowell, U. S. A., to take charge of his estate and I transcribed, and presented in court."

CECIL LYON PASSES FREED BY FRIENDS, THE LIE AT HEARING, WILL WRITE AGAIN

Texan Says Murphy Deliberately Falsified in Making Charges. Former Newspaper Woman Declared Sane, and Promised Adequate Support.

SULPHUR, Okla., Aug. 13.—Col. Cecil A. Lyon, Republican national committeeman, of Sherman, Tex., unveiled the investigations into the Gore bribery charges before the congressional committee here today by bringing "the short and ugly" charges that he was in denying the charges that he was interested in the individual land contracts held by J. F. McMurray.

Lyon was named by Senator Gore and Representative Murphy as having been interested in the contracts, and was quizzed by the committee along these lines. The charges made by Murphy were mentioned, and Lyon hotly declared.

"When Congressman Murphy said before a committee in Washington that I had traveled through Oklahoma in the interest of the McMurray contracts, he is either guilty of making a statement from a standpoint of ignorance or he deliberately lied.

"He swilled himself of the privilege of the floor and cannot be reached by law. He also made a statement of my presence, and could not be reached by me physically.

"I believe Murphy should be called before this committee and made to prove his charges, for no man, woman or child should be interested in the sale of Indian lands. Lyon said he accepted the proposition. "I took the matter up with the President."

TAFT PUTS NEW MEN IN PARTY SADDLE, OUSTING OLD GUARD

Norton, Crane, and Hitchcock Succeed Cannon, Aldrich, and Ballinger.

SECRETARY MUST GO, IS LATEST DICTUM

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Housecleaning Program of Republican Leaders.

Secretary Ballinger expected to leave Cabinet under pressure. Senator Aldrich will cease to be influential among Administration advisers.

Speaker Cannon to be eliminated himself as a candidate for another term as Speaker. New and younger men are being chosen as chief counselors of Administration.

Charles Dyer Norton, the new private secretary, a potent factor, as also is Senator Crane. Postmaster General Hitchcock, it is said, is being used to help get rid of Ballinger.

By JOHN SNURE. Party leaders close to President Taft, with the approval of the President himself, have succeeded in starting a great overhauling with a view of getting rid of certain influences that are hurtful to the Republicans in the Congressional campaign.

Not only are these hurtful persons and influences hurtful to the 1910 campaign, but they have been found to be militating against the success of the movement for the renomination of President Taft in 1912.

That this information should come out simultaneously with the news that Theodore Roosevelt is about to speak out in behalf of progressive or insurgent policies, is looked on here as extremely significant and important.

Taft's Plan of Reform. The party leaders close to Mr. Taft have started to execute this program, and are understood here to be assured of its execution.

Secretary of the Interior Ballinger is to be removed from the Cabinet, and will go about September 1. Senator Nelson Wilmarth Aldrich is no longer to be allowed to serve as one of the cabinet advisers of the Administration.

Speaker Cannon is to be discouraged, and his purpose to be a candidate for another term as Speaker is to be blocked, if possible.

These are three important moves in the direction of setting the Republican party in the Cabinet, against these moves, as well as others related to it, is to strengthen the Republican cause with the voters in the Congressional fight now being waged. At the same time it is calculated to strengthen the Administration itself.

New Leaders Arising. It all means that new leaders and new influences are becoming potent at Beverly.

The private secretary to the President, Charles Dyer Norton, is quietly but effectively accomplishing much of the information here. Senator Charles Dyer Norton, of Massachusetts, has become a force as one of the Administration's advisers and agents.

These men have taken cognizance of the strength of the sentiment in the country against the retention of Ballinger in the Cabinet, against the appointment of Senator Aldrich as a chief adviser of the President, and against Mr. Cannon and Cannonism.

They have been disturbed by the flood of letters of protest from candidates for Congress who have made it clear that the retention of Secretary Ballinger was embarrassing the Republican cause; that the Bristol charges against Senator Aldrich were embarrassing, and that the disposition of "Uncle Joe" to stay in the field as a candidate for Speaker kept alive the issue of Cannonism.

Asked Ballinger to Quit. The trip of Senator Crane to the West, some days ago, it is no longer questioned here, included in its objects one of getting Mr. Ballinger to perceive that it would be better for all concerned if he were to step out.

Senator Crane has been extremely close-mouthed since he returned East, but the information here is that his trip was not successful for the reason Mr. Ballinger was determined not to get out unless President Taft asked him.

Since Senator Crane returned from the West, the information here is that Postmaster General Hitchcock has been asked to take a hand in getting Ballinger out. It is said to have been put up to Mr. Hitchcock in something like this manner: "You are responsible for the appointment of Mr. Ballinger to the Cabinet. Now, it is up to you to get rid of him."

While there is no information here as to what Postmaster General Hitchcock has done in the matter, the fact there is known to have been a purpose to enlist him in the movement to oust Ballinger, coupled with the reputation that Ballinger will go about the same time that Mr. Hitchcock visits Beverly and

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