

Fair Tonight; Saturday Probably Cloudy.

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GAS MELON IS CUT AT A LOVE FEAST OF STOCKHOLDERS

Stock Owners Vote, Aided by Proxies, to Increase Their Incomes.

ALL ACTION TAKEN IS UNANIMOUS

The Issue of \$2,600,000 Certificates Will Now Be Capitalized by Bond Issue Gift.

What the Gas Stockholders Did Today

Voted unanimously for a straight 6 per cent annual dividend on a valuation of \$13,000,000.

Voted to authorize an issue of \$5,200,000 first mortgage fifty-year gold 5 per cent bonds.

Voted to exchange the \$600,000 4 per cent bonds now outstanding for a like amount of 5 per cents.

Voted to redeem the certificates of indebtedness given the stockholders some years ago without consideration by a payment of \$2,600,000 in cash.

Voted to capitalize this generous gift by giving the stockholders the first opportunity to buy \$2,600,000 of the new 5 per cent gold bonds.

Shareholders in the Washington Gas Company enjoyed themselves at the special meeting this noon. They were unanimous on every proposition that would add to their incomes and found backing from the large number of proxies running to the officers of the company.

There was no opposition to anything. The \$2,600,000 certificates of indebtedness presented some years ago to the stockholders as a free and untrammelled gift, will now become capitalized through the issuance of a first mortgage bond of like amount, which the shareholders will have the right to subscribe for at par, dollar for dollar with their present holdings.

The \$600,000 4 per cent first mortgage bonds will also be exchanged for \$600,000 of the new 5 per cent issue. Then, within the next few years, the other \$2,000,000 of the proposed \$5,200,000 will be issued from time to time, and the shareholders will buy these at par.

The meeting was so unanimous that it might really be called a love feast. Every proposition was carried unanimously, and the proxy vote totaled 1,750 shares out of a total of 150,000. More than this, probably 20,000 shares were represented in person.

McLean Presides. President McLean called the meeting to order, and immediately retired in favor of George D. Rosenkranz, of Philadelphia, who presided during the deliberations. Joseph Leiter, a director controlling 5,000 shares, sat at his right, hand, with Francis L. Homer, of Baltimore, and piloted the chairman through the few parliamentary moves that were necessary.

Few of the heavy shareholders were present. In the absence of Attorney Douglas, probably voted about as many shares as any one. Mr. Douglas voted 30,000 shares, about half of which represented the holding of E. F. Hutton & Co., New York. Tillman Hendrick, a 5,000 shareholder, was on hand, and also Tom L. Hume, a local broker. About the entire membership of the Stock Exchange was present. Mrs. Mary Preston, sister of Preston Ord, a gas director, and representing with him 5,000 shares, looked on and voted for the various propositions.

H. H. Flather, cashier of the Riggs National Bank, and Charles P. Williams, of Lewis Johnston & Co., acted as tellers.

No Opposition Shown. The opposition to the retirement of the certificates of indebtedness of which much was heard before the meeting, failed to materialize. The questionable certificates given to shareholders in 1903, although time and again their legality has been questioned, were thus converted into cash. Action has been suggested to have them declared invalid. On their face, these certificates bear the imprint declaring that the company can neither be sued for interest nor principle.

WEATHER REPORT.

FOR CAST FOR THE DISTRICT. Fair tonight, Saturday partly cloudy; moderate temperature; light winds, mostly southerly.

TEMPERATURES. 8 a. m. 67, 9 a. m. 69, 10 a. m. 70, 11 a. m. 70, 12 noon 70, 1 p. m. 70, 2 p. m. 71

SUN TABLE. Sun rises 6:08, Sun sets 5:22

TIDE TABLE. Today—High tide, 2:35 a. m. and 4:25 p. m.; low tide, 10:43 a. m. and 11:03 p. m. Tomorrow—High tide, 4:56 a. m. and 5:20 p. m.; low tide, 11:32 a. m. and 11:58 p. m.

CONDITION OF THE WATER. HARRIS FERRY, W. Va., Oct. 14.—Both rivers clear this morning.

BOARD OF TRADE TAKES A HAND IN MILK PROBE

Public Health Committee to Meet Tonight to Outline Action.

DEALERS' EXECUTIVE BOARD PLANS CASE

Producers Will Present Expert Testimony as to Conditions on Farms.

Developments of the Day in Milk Situation

Public Health Committee of Board of Trade calls meeting for tonight to consider matter of taking action in the milk situation.

Executive committee of Milk Dealers' Association meets to outline plan of hearing before Commissioners.

Chamber of Commerce will order special committee to attend hearing as preliminary to investigation.

Dealers call on Ohio to help augment local supply and shipments arrive here daily from Harnesville, Ohio.

The public health committee of the Board of Trade this afternoon called a meeting for tonight, when it will consider taking some action on the milk situation. The question of whether the board will undertake an independent investigation or act in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce in the inquiry outlined, will be considered. The board will be represented at the hearing before the Commissioners on October 20.

To prepare their case for the hearing before the Commissioners, the executive committee of the Milk Dealers' Association of Washington met this afternoon at the home of A. S. Trundle, chairman of the committee. W. A. Hartcraft, president of the association, and J. T. Brosius, secretary, were present and aided in outlining the information to be presented at the hearing.

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ROBBED HE SUES RAILWAY FOR LOSS

Representative Harrison of New York, Asks \$2,000 for Missing Articles.

Valuables Burton Harrison Says Were Stolen

Three hats, valued at \$150. Three gold buckles, valued at \$85. Three pearl and gold-mounted hair combs, valued at \$300.

Three sapphire pins, valued at \$85. One full set of silverware, valued at \$800.

One pin set with "semi-precious" stones, valued at \$50. One belt buckle, valued at \$50.

There has been woe and anxiety in the summer home of Representative and Mrs. Francis Burton Harrison at Bar Harbor, Me., over the loss of numerous articles belonging to Mrs. Harrison, according to a suit filed in the Supreme Court of the District today.

Representative Harrison, who gets his vote in New York city, brought suit against the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad Company, alleging that the special freight car in which his household goods and several trunks were shipped from Washington on May 16, last, apparently had been robbed. He asks for damages in the sum of \$2,000, his attorneys being Frederick E. Chapin and Andrew B. Davall.

Jewelry, three millinery creations, and numerous valuable articles, are enumerated in the petition as missing. Silverware, worth \$300, is the most valuable of missing articles.

It is set forth in the petition that several demands have been made on the railroad company for the goods, but the officials have neither produced them or offered to make good the alleged loss. Attorneys for Mr. Harrison believe the car was rifled by robbers, and, acting on this theory, the police in several cities were notified.

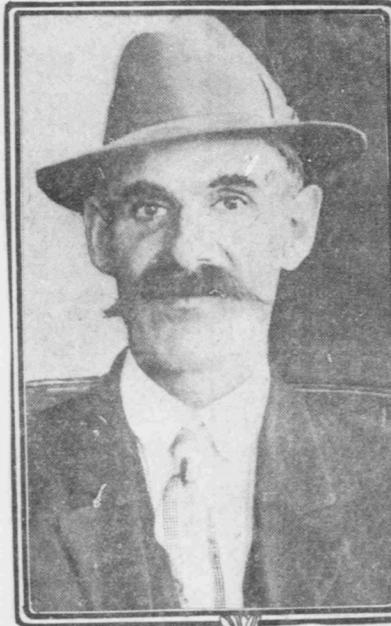
PRINCE ALEXANDER IS CRITICALLY ILL

BELGRADE, Serbia, Oct. 14.—Crown Prince Alexander of Serbia is critically ill of typhoid fever. Specialists were summoned from Vienna today.

WOODED, WEDDED AND PARTED TWO HOURS AFTER MEETING

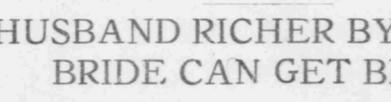
H. O. BROWN, Selected to Be Husband for a Day By Miss Adams.

MRS. C. H. BROWN, Who Won a Husband By Offer of \$200.



JOHN NELSON, Who Drew Last Place and One Who Was Counting on Was Unlucky.

ISAAC MORRIS, Whose Good Looks to Win.



W. B. MATTHEWS, Proprietor of An Electricians' Supply Store.

CLIFTON BURT, Wishing to Have \$200 to Spend on Cruise.

HUSBAND RICHER BY \$200, BRIDE CAN GET BEQUEST

H. O. Brown Chosen by Miss Eugenie Adams as Winning Candidate.

WIFE LEAVES CITY AFTER CEREMONY

Unique Ante-Nuptial Agreement Executed—Inheritance of Uncle in Germany Is Won.

By SELENE ARMSTRONG.

"Good-by, Mr. Brown. Thank you very much for accommodating me. I wish you a long and happy life."

And with a gay little wave of her hand, Mrs. Eugenie Adams Brown, the happy bride, was speeding to the Union Station, en route for Europe to claim the fortune left her by an eccentric uncle, provided she returns to Europe with a marriage certificate in her traveling bag.

At the retiring figure of the bride, her newly wedded husband, Harvey O. Brown, the successful suitor for her hand, stared as if dazed at the lightning-like rapidity with which events had occurred to transform him from a confirmed old bachelor to a benedict.

Also, the eyes of many more bachelors and suitors followed wistfully the disappearing figure of Mrs. Eugenie Adams Brown. Some of these bachelors were men of sober years. Others, with all the impetuosity of youth, had besought Miss Adams to accept them in return for the \$300 which she held out as reward for any American who would marry her.

All Sorts of Suitors. Some were plain, others possessed the fatal gift of beauty. Some were stably dressed; others wore cuffs which had never been trimmed, and a diamond stud. Some were timid; and some were bold enough to propose without embarrassment in the presence of a third party. But one and all were bent on matrimony.

And when it was announced to these bachelors who had been inspected by Miss Adams and were feverishly awaiting the result of her decision that Harvey O. Brown was the successful candidate for her hand, a groan of disappointment escaped the lips of every man. One by one they turned away, and formed a line of dejected and repented.

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Story of the Marriage for \$200

Miss Eugenie Adams and H. O. Brown were married at 12:15 o'clock today by Chief Justice Bundy of the Municipal Court.

Miss Adams in private office received numerous prospective husbands. Bride-to-be displays sentiment in refusing to consider youthful sailors who proposed to her.

Candidates for bride and \$200 bonus drew lots to determine who was entitled to propose first.

Each candidate had to promise to leave the bride the moment they were pronounced man and wife.

TOWN SWEEP AWAY BY CUBAN TORNADO

Many Lives Reported Lost at Casilda, in Santa Clara.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 14.—The Cuban town of Casilda, in Santa Clara province, was devastated, and many lives lost in the tropical tornado which struck Havana today, according to a private dispatch received in this city this afternoon.

Storm Sweeps Gulf. NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 15.—A terrific storm is sweeping the Gulf coast. This is the same hurricane which swept four provinces in Cuba yesterday causing excessive damage. Gulf shipping has been ordered into ports, but it is feared that many vessels are in the path of the storm.

SIX PERSONS DROWN. CRICCIETH, Wales, Oct. 14.—Six persons have been drowned in the wreck of two fishing smacks off this port, it is feared. Gales have been disturbing marine traffic for several days.

RETURN CHARLTON, N. J. COURT RULES

Murderer Must Be Turned Over to United States for Extradition to Italy.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Oct. 14.—Judge John A. Blair, in the court of common pleas, today decided Porter B. Charlton should be turned over to the United States Government by the State of New Jersey for extradition to Italy, there to stand trial for the murder of his wife, who was thrust alive into a trunk that was thrown into Lake Como.

The decision was a severe blow at every contented man by young Charlton's lawyers, who contended that under existing laws in Italy their client could not be legally sent back to that country to stand trial. Judge Blair holds that he can be legally sent back for trial.

Charlton sat in court while the decision was being given, but gave absolute no attention to it. While Judge Blair was reading it the youth busied himself with reading his mail.

Judge Blair, in giving his decision quoted the precedent from the case of Mason vs. Mason, and from the revised statutes No. 527 of the penal code of the State of New Jersey. He said that that gave him the authority to sit as a committing magistrate.

Much Evidence, Says Judge. "Acting within the rules thus laid down," said Judge Blair in his decision, "the court finds that there is such evidence of criminality presented to it as according to the law governing this matter, justifies the holding of the accused and the motion to discharge on the ground of insufficiency of evidence is, therefore, denied."

"The motion to discharge is urged on the further ground that the extradition treaty between the governments of the United States and Italy if ever applicable to this case, is not so now, by force of the diplomatic correspondence of the Secretaries of State of the respective governments presented to the court and by a legislative act of the Italian government known as the code penale passed subsequently to the making of the treaty that no Italian citizen shall be extradited."

Cannot Ignore Treaty. "Considering the grave character of the charge and the international importance of the questions involved, the court is not willing upon that ground in this preliminary inquiry, notwithstanding the able and ingenious arguments of counsel, to declare void a solemn treaty between the interested nations. The motion to discharge is refused."

WHITE FLIES OVER CITY TO WHITE HOUSE

Daring Aviator Makes Sensational Landing in Narrow Roadway of Executive Avenue After Circling the Washington Monument.

GUIDES BIPLANE AROUND CAPITOL DOME

Swoops to Earth Amid Plaudits of Army and Navy Officers and Government Employees—Hundreds Watch From Roofs.

Features of Claude Grahame-White Flight in Aero Over Capital

Grahame-White flew for twelve miles over Washington today and made a sensational landing in narrow Executive avenue, at the east entrance of the White House.

The time of the flight was but twenty-one minutes, the start being at Benning at 11:13 o'clock and the landing at the White House being made at 11:35 o'clock.

Daring aviator welcomed on descent by two score prominent officials of army and navy service and given a tremendous ovation by hundreds of spectators.

Bird-like flight around the Washington Monument and dangerous circle about Capitol dome mark the most blood-curdling events of the flight across Capital.

Started on his return trip to Benning at 1:20 p. m.

Grahame-White flew across Washington today in a farman biplane, and glided gracefully to a landing before the east entrance of the White House. The flight was characterized by exhibitions of daring and skill, but the descent marks the unique achievement in the aeroplaning the National Capital has seen.

Unless the predictions of aviation experts fail, the part of the performance that will live in Washington aviation annals is the sensational landing in that narrow portion of Executive avenue that lies between the State, War, and Navy building and the White House grounds.

At 1:20 o'clock the aviator ascended from Executive avenue amid cheers from hundreds of bystanders. He flew toward the river, evidently thought he was getting too far south, veered back toward the Postoffice, and went from there toward Anacostia. The speed on the return trip was greater than that made on the flight to the city.

Mr. White at 1:35 o'clock made a perfect landing in the center of the steeply-chase course at Benning. "I estimate the distance about ten miles each way," said the aviator. "That means I kept an average speed of a mile in fifty-four seconds. If weather conditions continue like this, I have no doubt that I will break the record tomorrow."

White glided off terra firma at Benning at 11:13 o'clock, flew easily in a southeasterly direction, swerved around the Capitol dome in a graceful ellipse, drove his machine directly over Pennsylvania avenue toward the White House, and circled the Washington Monument before he came to the ground.

Lands Amid Officials. With the easy grace that might mark the work of an experienced chauffeur, White drove his biplane from the Monument in a series of undulations and landed without apparent effort amid a crowd of government officials, reporters, and newspaper photographers gathered along Executive avenue.

As White stopped, hatless, from his machine General Oliver, Assistant Secretary of War, grasped his hand. Some one in the crowd asked: "Did you have to make that circle around the Monument to land, Mr. White?"

"Not at all," the aviator answered, "I just wanted to see what it was like down there so I kept you waiting a few minutes longer."

White landed at 11:35 o'clock. He was in the air twenty-one minutes. A direct line from his place of landing to the starting point would measure about three miles. But the aviator must have traversed at least twenty miles in his circuitous course across the city and in his evolutions around the Monument.

Hundreds saw his start at Benning. Thousands gazed at his flight across the city. Dozens of spectators crowded round the Monument to land, Mr. White.

The most striking feature of the early part of the flight was the bird-like grace with which he left the ground and swerved easily toward the southeast. The crowds gasped when he darted downward suddenly and made a sharp turn around the Capitol. With his biplane at a sharp acute angle he darted around the dome and glided heavenward once more, and in the direction of the White House.

Awaiting the arrival of Mr. White on the steps of the State, War and Navy building was a distinguished array of army and navy officers headed by Admiral Dewey and Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the United States Army.

The veteran officers joined in a cheer when the bird-man was sighted on the horizon back of the Capitol. All directly westward in the greeting given to him when he made his sensational landing in the narrow street. When the aviator approached the White House he saw he was directly at right angles with the street where he intended to alight. This probably accounted for his sudden swerve to the south, and while he was on his way he decided to take the little pleasure trip around the tall shaft.

Declines to Make Speech. When he finally did reach his destination he halted his aeroplane within 30 feet of the spot where it first touched the ground. "Make a speech," shouted one of the aviator's friends. "This is not a notoriety flight," was the curt retort. "I am not a speech maker."

"A great thing for war," was General Murray's comment. "Marvelous, wonderful," was Major General Wood's verdict. The United States Government suspended work at 12 o'clock to let its clerks see the aviation feat. Windows of the State, War and Navy Building were crowded with clerks and many of them found a point of vantage on the roof. The White House clerical force witnessed the descent from the east wing.

After the bird man had grasped the hands of several dozen of the highest officials in the army and navy service, he was escorted to the Metropolitan Club for luncheon. In the meantime the telephone bells at the Times office were kept jingling by inquirers who wanted to know the time of his return trip. Shortly before 1 o'clock Mr. White announced (Continued on Third Page.)

WOULD RAISE RATES ON U. S. RAILROADS

Brown Says Sanction of Commission Would Aid Investments in America.

President Brown, of the New York Central lines, while on the stand before the Interstate Commerce Commission today went a little further than did President Willard, of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad yesterday, and declared the proposed increase in freight rates should be granted for the sentimental effect it would have on European investors, as well as for the maintenance of railroad credit at home.

"If this commission would grant this increase," said Mr. Brown, "it would convince the investors in Europe that the Government of the United States was disposed to allow freight rate advances as often as they become necessary to the welfare of American railroads."

"That is a most important consideration," continued Mr. Brown. "The indication of policy on the part of the commission which such an act would establish, would remove the doubt now existing as to the investment situation in America. It would have tremendous sentimental effect by showing the foreigners that this Government was disposed most fairly and justly toward the country's railroads."

"As the Europeans more concerned over the future possibilities or over the present earning status of the American railroads?" asked Commissioner Lane.

"I think they are concerned over both, but especially anxious to know what will be the disposition of the Commission with regard to future necessities for increases in freight rates."

During his later testimony Mr. Brown declared it was necessary for the railroads to make enough money to put back into their properties a large proportion of their earnings by way of maintaining a high standard of usefulness and safety.

He did not agree that the roads should earn enough money to provide a dollar for improvements for every dollar paid in dividends.

The New York Central official underwent a vigorous cross-examination during the entire morning, first at the hands of Attorney Lyons of the commission, then by the lawyers representing the shippers. He had made his preliminary statement yesterday afternoon just before the commission adjourned.