



ALEXANDRIA, VA.

FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 24.

That the United States is facing the most serious crisis in its history was the declaration of W. C. Brown, president of the New York Central system, in a sensational address delivered yesterday at the twenty-first annual convention of the Minnesota State Bankers' Association at St. Paul.

As was stated yesterday the report of the Senate committee appointed to investigate the high cost of living was presented to the Senate today by Senator Lodge, chairman, who said that the ultimate cause is a myth.

ALTHOUGH Halley's comet is now out of sight and many hundreds of millions of miles away from the earth, echoes from the wanderer are still heard.

THE Swiss, so a Paris paper reports, invent all kinds of cures to attract visitors to their country. Just now it is the asparagus cure in Valais.

FROM WASHINGTON. (Correspondence of Alexandria Gazette.) A delegation representing the United Mine Workers of America called on the president today to urge the selection of Dr. John A. Holmes as head of the newly created bureau of mines.

Alonso P. Garrett, American consul at Nuevo Laredo, informed the State Department yesterday that Wendling, the missing janitor who is wanted by Louisville authorities for the murder of Alma Kellner has been located between Nuevo Laredo, which is on the Mexican border and Sanantonio, Texas.

President Taft turned his energies today towards patching up the differences between the House and Senate on the reclamation bill. When the House voted \$20,000,000 in bonds for the completion of reclamation projects, a proviso was inserted that the money should only be available on projects approved first by army engineers, and second by the president.

Contracts for four submarine boats of about 400 tons each were awarded today by Secretary Meyer. One will go to the Lake Torpedo Boat Co. and the other three to the Electric Boat Co.

No formal application has been made to the State Department for the extradition of Porter Charlton, according to the statement of one of the officials today. Although the secretaries are extremely reticent in discussing the situation, it is quite evident that the tangled arising out of the arrest of the fugitive because of the disagreement between the two countries over the extradition treaty is absorbing much attention.

After the conference report on the general deficiency bill was adopted in the Senate today, Senator Hale, confidently predicted that Congress would adjourn either tomorrow afternoon or early Monday morning.

A return to nearly normal weather conditions for the next thirty-six hours is the glad promise held out today by the forecast at the Weather Bureau.

THE Senate subcommittee to investigate the Lorimer charges decided to meet in Chicago, September 10. The famous "cotton leak" cases came practically to a close today when pleas of guilty were entered by Moses Haas, of New York City, and Frederick Peckham, of Cincinnati, O.

The charges of scandal in the administration of the public lands of the Philippine Islands are to be investigated by a Congressional committee. The House committee on insular affairs today favorably reported to the House a resolution providing for it.

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The Senate passed the House joint resolution appointing a joint Congressional committee to investigate the question of employees' liability and workmen's compensation and to suggest such legislation as may be necessary.

The Senate adopted a resolution offered by Senator Gore instructing the special committee detailed to investigate the administration of the police and police authority, to also inquire into the alleged cruelties perpetrated during the Greek-Indian town lousies.

A bill for the relief of such soldiers and sailors as served during the war under assumed names or as minors was passed. A plan is provided by which they may establish their identity and gain a pensionable status.

In a report to the Senate today Mr. Lodge said that the conference committee on the bill for the issue of bonds for the reclamation set vice had been unable to agree upon the provision that made appointment of the money subject to report by army engineers. The bill was referred back to the conference committee and a meeting was called to tackle the problem again.

There was a disposition among some of the friends of the bill to give up the attempts to pass it at this session and to re-open the contest next winter.

Mr. Burton continued his discussion of economy, saying the appropriations of last year equalled all the money used for maintaining the federal government from 1789 to the outbreak of the Mexican war in 1848. He gave figures showing how extravagance has developed.

HOUSE. The House adopted the conference report on the public buildings bill. As accepted the bill is increased over the original House appropriation by \$5,265,000, authorizations for the erection and completion of buildings being increased \$3,815,000 and continuing contracts \$1,450,000.

ANOTHER TRIP. The Deutschland sails with twenty Passengers—Buffet Breakfast Abroad. Dusseldorf, June 24.—The first aerial trip for purely commercial purposes in the history of aviation began today when the Deutschland, the giant dirigible owned by the Hamburg American Steamship Company and the German Airship Stock Company, sailed for a three-hour trip carrying twenty passengers who had paid \$50 each for their tickets.

The trip was in a southeasterly direction, and was the first stage of Deutschland's return voyage toward Friedrichshafen, from which city she will be a wonderful cruise to Dusseldorf last Wednesday, covering the route of nearly 300 miles in less than ten hours.

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COVENANT FETTERED BY COPS' CLUB. Groton, Pa., June 24.—"Stop that man!" shouted a group of young men to Policeman Jack Allen, while pursuing John A. Duffy, a well-to-do real estate resident of Sharon, Pa., who had just married Miss Helen A. Walsh, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Walsh, this morning.

BURNED ALIVE. John Mitchell, a steel worker in the West Penn steel plant at Brackenridge, Pa., was suddenly precipitated into a soaking-pit, containing a white-hot ingot, yesterday, and before his horrified and helpless millmates the body was consumed by the metal, into which it slowly sank.

A PARADOX. To the Editor of the Alexandria Gazette. I know that you are fond of a little joke now and then; here is one from London Punch many years old.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET. New York, June 24.—Although there was some irregularity in the price changes at the opening of the stock market today the majority of the leading issues displayed a fair amount of strength and made moderate gains over yesterday's close.

GOBLER HATCHED TURKEYS. Several weeks ago we published the fact that a turkey gobbler owned by Mrs. Joseph Dempsey, of the Wilderness, in Spotsylvania, was setting on 22 eggs and was still sticking to the nest.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is sold on a guarantee that if you are not satisfied after using two thirds of a bottle according to directions, your money will be refunded.

CHARLTON'S CASE. The Wife Murderer Will Plead Insanity— Counsel Employed by Defense.

Hoboken, N. J., June 24.—With his father and former friends rallying to his defense, Porter Charlton, who confessed that he murdered his wife, Mary Scott, in the villa on Lake Como, Italy, was more cheerful today than when he was arrested after his arrival on the Princess Irene.

The first move made by Judge Charlton, the father of the boy, upon reaching this city from Washington, was to engage attorneys to defend his son. J. Fred Clarke, a New York lawyer, who represented the elder Charlton, has secured former State Senator William D. Edwards, of Jersey City, to represent the youth while he is in the Jersey jail.

CONFESSION OF A MURDERER. H. C. Nolan, arrested Wednesday morning on suspicion of having murdered Alice Brown Litten, whose body was found in the woods below South Cumberland, Md., with her throat cut, has made a complete confession of the murder.

CONDITIONS IN PORTUGAL. Lisbon, June 24.—An early culmination in the general unrest throughout Portugal will be precipitated, it is feared today, by King Manuel's decision to inaugurate a practical military dictatorship in consequence of his failure to form the cabinet resulted from the jealousies of numerous leading politicians on whom Manuel had relied for support.

HEAT DRIVES TO SUICIDE. Excessive heat in Philadelphia yesterday caused one man to end his life with a bullet from a revolver. Another was overcome and fell in front of a train, which killed him, in the presence of hundreds of horrified fellow-commuters.

ENGLAND AND EGYPT. Manchester, England, June 24.—Exclusive cables to the United Press two weeks ago to the effect that England was considering a change of administration in Egypt are confirmed today by the Manchester Guardian.

THE SURVEYORS ARE HERE. The surveying corps of the new electric road from Washington to Richmond reached here the latter part of last week, and went into camp. As stated in our last issue they are now surveying a line from Washington via Falls Church, Fairfax and Manassas, to Fredericksburg.

THE WIFE MURDERER WILL PLEAD INSANITY. The various divisions of the Italian law bearing on homicide correspond to some extent with those of the American law. Attorneys who are familiar with the Italian procedure declared today that if all of the evidence against young Charlton is of the circumstantial order and if his confession made yesterday is admitted, he can hardly be convicted of any higher degree than manslaughter, the penalty for which would likely not exceed six years' imprisonment.

THE PUBLIC BUILDINGS BILL. Discovery was made yesterday that the public building bill, carrying about \$20,000,000, as it passed the Senate and House, does not carry any actual appropriation of money, but merely authorized the purchase of sites and the erection of buildings.

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VIRGINIA NEWS.

At a recent meeting of the board of directors of the National Bank of Fairfax a semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent was declared on the capital stock. George Collins, 35 years old, was killed by lightning while at work in his garden during a thunderstorm at Bristol yesterday afternoon.

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ANGLO HAMILTON, sentenced to death for the murder of Mrs. Sallie Hicks, at Lynchburg, did not pay the penalty for his crime in the electric chair today. Governor Mann yesterday granted a respite for seven days in order that the condemned man's aged mother in North Carolina might come to see him.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

John L. Sullivan, visited Mona Springs yesterday afternoon to see and interview Johnson's coming opponent, but was denied admission and told by Jim Corbett that Jeffries would not shake hands with him.

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