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GROWS CLOSER AS RETURNS COME IN

Brown Has But 239 Votes Lead on Koiner in Neck and Neck Race.

BUT SEVEN COUNTIES ARE YET TO REPORT

State Chairman Ellyson Gives Out Signed Statement as to Omission of Pledge from Ballots—Claims All Voters Are Bound, Pledge or No Pledge.

AFTER the most strenuous efforts on the part of the management of The Times-Dispatch, no definite information can be given the public this morning concerning the fight for Commissioner of Agriculture and Immigration, further than that with seven counties to hear from, Brown's lead over Koiner had dropped from 1,122, as reported yesterday morning, to 239. The counties yet to report are Buchanan, Bland, Carroll, Charles City, Northumberland, Northampton and Richmond.

Both Claim Victory.

Mr. Koiner claims that he will carry all of these counties. On the other hand, Mr. Brown's manager appears hopeful that his chieftain will be able to hold his lead and pull out by a narrow margin. It may be stated, however, that neither candidate is overconfident, but that each is apparently looking for an eyelash finish. It is hard to undertake even to approximate which of the candidates, now so much in the limelight, will pull out ahead, for, with such a slight difference between them, and with seven counties to hear from, even the candidates themselves are not prone to make definite claims.

Judge Mann's lead over Mr. Tucker dropped yesterday from 3,552 to 3,509, with only five counties to hear from.

Ellyson Talks About Pledge.

State Chairman J. Taylor Ellyson, who is the Democratic nominee for re-election to the office of Lieutenant-Governor, was seen yesterday afternoon, and asked if he had any statement to make concerning the criticism which is being heaped upon the committee on account of the fact that in certain cities and counties of the State the pledge adopted by the State Committee was not used.

The chairman gave out the following signed statement on the subject:

Ellyson's Statement.

"The primary plan adopted at the State Convention in Norfolk in 1901 had in it a provision that 'all persons participating in any of said elections shall thereby be considered as binding themselves to vote for the nominee, or nominees, in the ensuing general election.' This pledge has never been altered in any particular, and every one who has participated in any primary under our primary plan, adopted now more than eight years ago, was under the strongest obligation to support the nominees. The primary held on August 5 was held under the same provision in respect to its binding force as any of the previous primaries. The printing of the pledge on the ticket imposed no additional obligation, but simply was designed to call attention to a party law already in force. The very language of the pledge is in the words of the primary plan adopted by the State Convention in 1901, and the only possible effect of printing it on the ballot was to call the attention of the voter to the existence of such a provision in our primary law.

"Strangely enough, the objection seems to come principally from those who voted the ticket with the pledge on it. I can imagine that a man who voted a ticket with no pledge on it might complain that he did not know there was a pledge, but how a voter whose attention was called to his obligation should object to your doing so is incomprehensible to me. I do not believe there are many such, and I cannot think that the supporters of Mr. Tucker would take any such position. I am happy to be able to say that some of his ablest and most devoted followers have already given me assurance of their intention to work for the election of the ticket chosen last Thursday. Virginia Democrats have a high sense of honor, and they will be this year, as always before, found doing their full duty, and will fight solidly for the election of the men who have been chosen as the standard-bearers of our party. I have no question of the election of our ticket by a handsome majority.

"J. TAYLOR ELLYSON,
"Chairman."

Not Ellyson's Fault.

It was not the fault of the State chairman that the pledge offered in the meeting of the committee by a well-known leader of the machine forces, and unanimously adopted by the committee, was not strictly observed, for he sent specific instructions to all the county and city committees that it was important that the ballots used throughout the State should be uniform, so far as the pledge was concerned. To be exact about the matter, the following language, taken from a general letter sent out by the chairman to his lieutenants in all the counties and cities of the State, is quoted:

"I would especially call your attention to the fact that the committee directed that a pledge should be printed on the bottom of each ticket, to read as follows:

"'All persons participating in this election should be considered as binding themselves to vote for the nominees in the ensuing general election.'"

Catlett Is Loyal.

Colonel Robert Catlett, who was defeated by Judge Williams for the nomination for Attorney-General, has sent the following letter of cordial greeting to his successful competitor:

"Lexington, Va., August 9, 1909.

"Hon. Samuel W. Williams, Wytheville, Va.:

"My Dear Judge,—Returns from the recent primary show your nomination by a majority that must meet the full measure of your expectation, as they

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CASTRO'S LAST GASP

Unable Even to Get Appeal Into Newspapers of Venezuela.

CARACAS, Saturday, July 24.—The much-heralded appeal for Cipriano Castro, which, after being read in joint session, was referred by Castro's friends in that body to a special committee for report, has died a natural death in the committee-room, and, instead of the desired report, the curious ex-presidential message has been archived. Thus a last spasmodic effort of the few friends of the late Dictator to awaken some sentiment for their fallen idol has failed, and the expatriate in Santander has not even had the satisfaction of having his words reproduced in the Venezuelan newspapers, as must have been his wish.

The systematic spoliation of the fortune which Castro left behind him in Venezuela has proceeded with such gigantic strides that, after the first six months, the five million dollars of known assets have been almost totally wiped out.

Castro owned one million dollars of cigarette shares, which had been given to him as his portion in the promotion of the cigarette trust. A few weeks ago the directors of the cigarette company sold the five million dollar concern to a private individual, Senor Garcia Guerra, for $250,000, notwithstanding that on the day of the sale the shares were quoted on the exchange at 25 per cent. premium. A new company, which took in all the old stockholders except Castro, was formed. An order was issued by the Commercial Court to have the $50,000 deposited in the Bank of Venezuela to the order of whoever might be the holder of this block of stock. Thus in one day one million dollars of good money became fifty thousand. It was immediately attached by individuals who had lawsuits pending against Castro for the recovery of properties and damages.

A German citizen named Theodore Hauer arrived a few days ago with the million dollars of cigarette shares in his pocket, and he claims that these belong to him by virtue of purchase from General Castro. He will begin action against the alleged perpetrators of the reorganization, which "froze out" these shares of his.

NO DISORDER IN SWEDEN

Strike Not Ended Yet, but Capital Continues to Enjoy Peace.

STOCKHOLM, August 10.—It is still impossible to foresee the end of the strike, which has been in progress for some days. Perfect order is being maintained and no sign is visible of the special measures that have been taken to prevent outbreaks, though it is known that the government is keeping extra police and troops close at hand in case of an emergency.

Food is again plentiful and prices are becoming normal. Street car and cab traffic in the city continues, the municipality having ordered the cabmen to resume work or forfeit their licenses. A strike of railway men is improbable, as the men fear that in case they go out they will lose their rights to pensions.

From many industrial centres come reports of more or less complete resumption of work. Most of the newspapers are issuing small-sized sheets.

TURKEY NOT SATISFIED

Will Recall Minister From Athens on Indefinite Leave of Absence.

CONSTANTINOPLE, August 10.—The Greek reply to Turkey's note concerning Crete was received to-day, and will be discussed by the cabinet ministers to-morrow. It is reported that the government is dissatisfied with Greece's answer, and will recall her minister from Athens on an indefinite leave of absence.

The boycott against Greeks and Greek goods is extending in the provinces.

EXPECT MANY PROTESTS

Discriminations Under New Tariff Law Will Probably Cause Trouble.

WASHINGTON, August 10.—France, Switzerland and Bulgaria are expected by Treasury officials to enter a protest against the apparent discrimination against them in the matter of terminating existing reciprocal commercial agreements, which were entered into under the Dingley law. Under the Payne act the Secretary of State could not do otherwise than renounce the treaties, in which no specific time for termination had been fixed at the end of six months from April 30, last. On that day Secretary Knox sent out notices that a new tariff law was being framed, and that new commercial relations would be made. The treaties in which no time limit was fixed were with France, Switzerland and Bulgaria. Limitations from six months to a year were specified in treaties with Germany, Great Britain, Portugal, Italy, Spain and the Netherlands. In the case of Germany and Great Britain six months was given from August 7, for the termination of the treaties, and in all other cases one year was given from August 7.

Treasury Department officials fear that their work will be made difficult by reason of discriminations.

BATTLESHIPS LEAVING

Entire Fleet Will Be Gone by To-Morrow Evening.

NORFOLK, VA., August 10.—After hours of hard work filling bunkers and magazines, the battleships Ohio, Virginia, New Hampshire, Louisiana and Rhode Island passed out of the Virginia capes to-day bound for the drill grounds and the New Jersey will follow them early to-morrow morning.

The remainder of the fleet, including the flagship Connecticut, are expected to put to sea to-morrow, and by Thursday evening Hampton Roads will again be deserted.

CRUSHED TO DEATH BY PIANO

Wealthy Georgia Man Killed While Helping Workmen.

FITZGERALD, GA., August 10.—Eugene Keefer, a wealthy man of this place, was instantly killed while helping to move a piano from a wagon in front of his home to-day. He slipped and fell from the wagon and the piano followed, crushing him to death. His wounds were terrible. Keefer's wife recently broke her arm. Besides his widow, he leaves four sons and two daughters.

Say They Can Get Workmen.

PUEBLO, COL., August 10.—A few men are at work to-day in the furnace department of the Pueblo Zinc Smelter, and the plant has partly resumed operations. The management stated that the places of all the 400 strikers would be filled.

TAFT CONQUERS DREADED HOLES

Goes Bravely to Myopia, and Then Chuckles All the Afternoon.

CUTS LA FOLLETTE'S TOWN OUT OF TRIP

Superior Claims of Milwaukee Make Stop at Madison Impossible—Sudden Appearance of Chancellor of Cuban Legation at Beverly Causes Stir.

BEVERLEY, MASS., August 10.—President Taft has declared that his ideal of a vacation is to do the same thing over and over again, and consequently he played golf this morning, attended to a little official business, and late this afternoon had an automobile ride with Mrs. Taft.

The President is a stickler for system, and he is applying it to his vacation. The only change is that on some days he plays good golf and on other days he does not. To-day was one of the good days, and he went the round of the eighteen holes at Myopia in 101, defeating John Hays Hammond, his only opponent, and "topside" man in the summer golf cabinet, by 3 up.

Pleased With Himself.

The Myopia course is the most difficult the President has ever tackled, and he was delighted all this afternoon with his excellent showing. He made one of the most difficult holes of the links in 2. Captain Butt, his aide, saw and applauded the President's long drive and accurate putt.

He did not remember the number of the hole, being on the links for the first time himself, and having his hands full in defeating his opponent, Captain DeChambrun, but he described the hole as having bunkers to the right of it, bunkers to the left of it, and water hazards all around it.

Cuts La Follette Out.

President Taft to-day added Milwaukee to the itinerary of his Western trip. In order to include the city made famous by a beverage that prohibition Beverly does not know, it was necessary to cut out the brief stops that had been scheduled at Madison, the home of Senator La Follette, one of the tariff insurgents, and at Portage. Mr. Taft has stopped at Madison twice during the last two years, and as the pressure for a visit to Milwaukee was very strong, he decided in favor of that city. After stopping at La Crosse, the President will proceed to Winona, the home of Chairman Tawney, of the House Appropriations Committee, where he will spend the evening of the 17th.

The President also included in the itinerary of his trip down the Mississippi River, which begins at St. Louis on October 25, a stop at Baton Rouge, La.

Caused a Flurry.

Don Cesara Barranco, chancellor of the Cuban legation, which is established at Manchester for the summer, caused no end of excitement this afternoon by a visit to the executive office. Excepting the mailman and a few correspondents there are few callers at the offices these days, and the appearance of the distinguished-looking Cuban diplomat immediately started reports that trouble in his home island had caused him to seek an early appointment with the President for the Cuban minister, Carlos Garcia Velez. The minister is leaving Manchester next week for a trip to the Pacific coast, and came to have a chat before his departure.

Mrs. Taft continues daily to improve in health.

HUSBAND IS SHOCKED

Had No Intimation That Wife Intended Bringing Divorce Suit.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., August 10.—Memorandum of a divorce proceeding instituted by Mrs. Jennie E. Haynor against her husband, Thomas H. Haynor, was filed in the Court of Law and Chancery this morning. No bill has been presented, according to deputies in the office of the court clerk, and the memorandum does not set out the grounds upon which the action is based.

"The first I knew of this unfortunate affair was this afternoon about 2 o'clock," said Mr. Haynor to-night. "It came as a bolt of lightning out of a clear sky, and I hardly know just what to say. On Monday morning my wife and I had breakfast together as usual, and later she left for a visit to her relatives in Allentown, Pa.

"She made no reference to any such proceedings to me, and thus you can see how greatly surprised and shocked I am. I have been trying to get in communication with her, and until I hear something from her definitely, I don't know what to say.

"My wife and I have lived together for twenty-eight years, and I cannot understand how she could bring such charges as personal abuse and the like against me."

Mr. and Mrs. Haynor reside at 259 Olney Road. They have an adopted daughter. Mr. Haynor is the president of the Haynor Manufacturing Company.

AMBUSHED AND SLAIN

Prominent Georgia Farmer Killed as Result of Feud.

BAXLEY, GA., August 10.—A telegram received here tells of the ambushing and killing of W. A. Belcher, a well-known young planter, whose home is twenty miles from this place. Back of the killing is the story of a feud, and it is believed that Belcher is a victim of bad feeling that had existed between him and others in his neighborhood. He was formerly a resident of Screven county.

The sheriff of this county has been notified, and is at work in an effort to unravel what is yet a mystery as far as direct evidence goes. No one saw the killing, and it is said that Belcher was dead when he was found. On the theory that it was a feud murder, the sheriff will follow whatever clues the stories of bad blood present.

ANGRY FANS TRY TO KILL UMPIRE

One Mad Rooter Was Choking Gifford to Death When Policeman Came.

RIOT CALL TURNED IN DURING AUGUSTA GAME

Mayor Makes Speech from Roof of Players' Shed, Declaring Team Was Robbed, but Urging Crowd to Be Calm. Truby Pummeled in Williamsport.

AUGUSTA, GA., August 10.—Immediately following his forfeiture of the game to Macon this afternoon in the beginning of the fourth inning, Umpire Gifford was surrounded by a crowd of several hundred angry spectators and narrowly escaped serious injury. Before the police could protect him sufficiently to ward off the people, Gifford was struck in the face and hit on the head with pop bottles, and one fan was prevented from choking him only by the determined efforts of a detective, who took the man away as he was clutching the throat of the umpire.

Mayor W. M. Dunbar, from the roof of the visiting players' shed, made an address to the crowd, stating that Augusta had been wronged, but for the good name of the city he pleaded that "the skunk be let alone."

Riot Call Sounded.

Only six officers were at the park at the beginning of the trouble. The riot call was sounded, and a special street car carried twenty-six other policemen to the scene. Forming a cordon and backing the patrol wagon up to the entrance to the park, they hurried Gifford through and placed him in the vehicle.

Augusta will refuse to play any more games with Gifford in charge. In the beginning of the fourth inning, a wild pitch by Griffin came near striking the umpire. Gifford claimed that Griffin tried to hit him and fined the local pitcher $25. Carson was fined $25 for not catching the ball. Castro tried to tell Gifford that Griffin did not intend to hit him, but he refused to listen, fined Castro $15, and, without giving the team more than thirty seconds to begin playing, forfeited the game.

Umpire Truby Badly Beaten.

WILLIAMSPORT, PA., August 10.—Umpire Truby was attacked by spectators and severely injured yesterday while officiating in the Williamsport-Trenton baseball game.

In the fourth inning Truby put Conn, O'Hara and Therre, of the local club, out of the game for disputing his decisions. A fight followed. The crowd swarmed onto the field and Truby was knocked down by two men. He rose to his feet and some one hit him in the face with a stone, inflicting a deep laceration, causing blood to flow freely.

The police succeeded in getting Truby away from the crowd and into a small shed, where the policemen and the umpire were held prisoners for more than an hour, while missiles of all kinds were hurled against the shed. About 7 o'clock the umpire and police were rescued by an automobile, which succeeded in getting away from the mob amid a cloud of dust.

Truby officiated in the National League early this season. He was in the Virginia State League last year.

SQUARED MATTERS, THEN DIED

Man Shot Himself After Killing Old Enemy Who Sent Him to Prison.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., August 10.—James McSorley, a former Coney Island hotel keeper, who completed a prison sentence only a few days ago, came here to-day to square matters with Daniel E. Fenton, the man he believed responsible for his conviction. Both McSorley and Fenton are dead to-night.

McSorley met Fenton on a crowded street corner and fired three shots, each of which took effect. Seeing that his old enemy was done for, McSorley fired two bullets into his own brain.

Settling Old Accounts.

NEW YORK, August 10.—Ralph Gascone, proprietor of a Mulberry Street cafe, who served thirty-two months in Sing Sing, after his conviction for murder, was shot down and mortally wounded in front of his cafe to-night by a man whose brother he killed four years ago.

After the shooting, Gascone staggered into his cafe, grabbed a butcher knife and seriously wounded his assailant.

Gascone was convicted and sentenced to death for the murder which was avenged to-night, but was acquitted after obtaining a second trial.

MASKED MEN WHIP WOMEN

Prayers for Mercy Have No Effect on Kentucky Night Riders.

BROWNSVILLE, KY., August 10.—Masked men, styled "night riders" by the country people, last night wounded Harden Minton, a farmer and took Andrew Farris, another farmer, and two women from their homes and whipped them. Farris bore his whipping stoidly, but the women begged for mercy to no avail. In besieging Minton in his home the band shot him in the leg. He may not recover. No reasons for the "correctional measures" were given.

JUDGE TURNS LABORER

Gives Up Law Practice and Goes to Work in Factory.

KENOSHA, WIS., August 10.—Former Judge Joseph R. Clarkson, who wandered away from home last month under the spell of a strange impulse which drove him to manual labor, and who was found after weeks of search working in a button factory in Sabula, Iowa, gave up the profession of law to-day and got a job as workman with a manufacturing firm.

DESERTS HUSBAND, THEN ENDS LIFE

Wife of Millionaire Coal Operator Shoots Herself in West Virginia.

FLED WITH BASEBALL PLAYER, REPORT SAYS

Overtaken at Keystone, Stormy Scene Follows, and as Husband Turns to Leave Hotel Woman Sends Bullet Into Her Brain.

KEYSTONE, W. VA., August 10.—Mrs. Genevieve Ramsey, aged 23 years, wife of K. L. Ramsey, said to be a millionaire coal operator at Williamson, W. Va., committed suicide in the parlors of the Keystone Inn here to-day by firing a bullet through her left temple.

Mrs. Ramsey, it is reported, came here yesterday with William Hughes, a ball player of Bristol, Va.

Mr. Ramsey arrived early to-night, and a stormy scene between husband and wife followed. Mrs. Ramsey declared she would not return to her home, and as her husband was about to leave the hotel, she produced a small revolver and killed herself. She is said to have been a beautiful young woman.

Hughes, the ball player, could not be located to-night. It is thought that he has left the city.

WOMAN ENDS HER LIFE

Slashed Wrists With Razor and Then Jumped Into Well.

ATHENS, GA., August 10.—About daybreak at her home two miles from Hull, in Madison county, Mrs. J. C. Phillips took her life by first slashing her wrists with a razor and then jumping headforemost into a well on the lot. Her husband missed her a little later, and after a long search, found her body in the well.

SEARCHING FOR MURDERER

Mystery Surrounding Killing of Rochester Girl as Deep as Ever.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., August 10.—Neither the inquest into the murder of Anna Schumacher to-day nor the search that has been continued by county and city police officers has afforded anything like a substantial clue to the identity of the man who assaulted and brutally killed the seventeen-year-old girl last Saturday near Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. The innocent character of the girl was easily established, and the opinion is generally maintained that the murderer was not a tramp; that he was familiar with the vicinity in which the crime was committed, and that he is now in the city or near it.

Two men have been questioned by the police in connection with the case, but both were released.

Perhaps the most interesting evidence given at the inquest was that of the two coroners' physicians, who testified that parts of the face of the dead girl were in such condition as to establish the fact that the murderer visited the scene of the crime twice and that the body was exposed to daylight for some time.

Efforts are being made to find a young woman, who, it is said, was with Miss Schumacher when she was decorating the graves of her family on Saturday afternoon.

It developed to-night that a man called at a farmhouse, near the cemetery on Sunday, and asked for a pair of trousers, saying that his had been torn. A pair was given to him and this evening the discarded trousers were found near the cemetery. They are stained with blood.

Two suspects were arrested at Victor, in Ontario county, this evening.

BIG INCREASE IN REVENUE

Comparison of Receipts Under Dingley Act and Under New Law.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 10.—Receipts reported to-day from the operation of the new tariff law amounted to $930,944, as against the receipts under the Dingley law for the same day last year amounting to $676,578.

A fair comparison of receipts under the two acts cannot be made before the latter part of the present week, as some of the collections included in today's figures came from distant ports, and were made up under the Dingley law. At the same time three-fourths of all the collections came from the port of New York, and it will be seen, therefore, that the revenue under the new law will be much greater than under the old, based upon existing conditions.

EVELYN THAW PENNILESS

Denies Story of $500,000 Suit, but Says She Is "Up Against It."

NEW YORK, August 10.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw declared to-day that there was no truth in the story that she would bring suit for $500,000 against her husband, Harry K. Thaw, or against any member of the Thaw family. She said, however, that the usual monthly remittance of $480 from her husband had not been received this month, that she was practically penniless, and that she did not know where her next dollar was coming from.

"I do not really know what I can or will do in my present plight," said Mrs. Thaw. "It seems that I am up against it."

Thaw Issues New Statement.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., August 10.—Reasserting his sanity, Harry K. Thaw to-day issued a statement reviewing the evidence given in the recent hearing on his application for release from the Matteawan Asylum.

New Immigration Station.

NEW ORLEANS, August 10.—The first appointment of an immigration commissioner here is taken as an indication that an immigration station will be erected at New Orleans. S. E. Redfern, formerly local purchasing agent of the Isthmian Canal Commission, is the commissioner.

LEE IN HALL OF FAME

Statues of Great Virginians Placed in National Capitol Yesterday.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 10.—Bronze statues of George Washington and Robert E. Lee, Virginia's contribution to the nation's Hall of Fame, were placed in Statuary Hall at the Capitol to-day. Formal ceremonies attending the unveiling will take place at some time yet to be determined.

Both statues are notable works of art. Lee is pictured in the uniform of the South, and his statue stands between those of Robert Fulton, inventor of the steamboat, and J. L. M. Curry, of Alabama. Near the statue of Lee are statues of General James Shields, of Illinois, and General Philip Kearny, of New Jersey, in the uniform of the Union army. The Lee statue was designed by Edward V. Valentine, of Richmond.

The Washington statue was placed in the southeast end of the hall, between the statues of General Ethan Allen, of Vermont, and General Peter Muhlenberg, of Pennsylvania, a distinguished soldier and statesman, of Revolutionary times, and a brother of the first Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Washington statue is a replica of Houdon's famous masterpiece, now at the Capitol in Richmond.

Elliott Wood, superintendent of the Capitol, to-day said that formal acceptance of the two statues is not required, although presentation of them may be made with elaborate ceremonies at the instance of the Virginia Statue Commission, and with the permission of Congress.

A TALE OF FRENZIED FINANCE

One-Time Copper King Gets Nipped by a Youngster Now in Jail.

NEW YORK, August 10.—Donald L. Persch, an ambitious young financier, whose offices constituted merely deskroom in a downtown note-broker's office, is in the Tombs to-night in default of $50,000 bail. And thereby hangs a tale of tangled finance, through which somebody in Wall Street nipped F. Augustus Heinze, the one-time copper king, for $40,000. Persch is specifically charged with the larceny of $40,000, a profit obtained by the sale of 15,600 shares of Ohio Copper, common, and 4,600 shares of Davis-Daly Copper, common, which an agent for Heinze placed with the Windsor Trust Company, of this city, as security for a loan of $50,000. The stock was not held by the bank, but was turned over to a clerk acting for Persch, and at the latter's orders thrown on the curb market and sold for approximately $90,000. How Persch obtained the capital to carry through the deal and why the stock was relinquished by the trust company are points yet to be cleared up.

Following his arrest this afternoon Persch was arraigned before a magistrate, and after unsuccessful efforts of his lawyer to have bail reduced to $25,000, was committed to the Tombs, although his counsel later procured a writ of habeas corpus, returnable tomorrow morning. His trial was set for Friday.

District Attorney Jerome took active charge of the case to-day, and other arrests may be made to-morrow.

Persch, according to the police, has been arrested twice before, once for forgery on a charge made at the request of his father, and another time in connection with the taking of subscriptions for an ice fund. Both charges were dropped.

LUNATIC VISITS GOVERNOR

Quietly Walks Out and Disappers Before Police Can Catch Him.

ATLANTA, GA., August 10.—R. E. Dunnington, a former inmate of the State Hospital for the Insane, who resisted arrest at Augusta last week by barricading himself in a house, and who shot an officer, later effecting his escape and fleeing into South Carolina, to-day made an unexpected visit to Governor Joseph Brown at the executive offices in the Capitol.

Dunnington came to appeal to the Governor for protection from what he termed persecution by his relatives and by some people who were unnecessarily alarmed for fear that he might commit some rash act. The Governor's secretary, however, was not at ease while Dunnington was waiting to see the chief executive. Officers were telephone for, but before they arrived Dunnington quietly departed, and was soon swallowed up in the city.

A vigorous search was at once instituted for him by the county and city authorities.

Coincident with the appearance of Dunnington in Atlanta to-day was the filing of the report of the legislative committee appointed to investigate conditions at the State Hospital for the Insane at Milledgeville, Ga., the initial complaint regarding which was filed by Dunnington while he was an inmate of the institution. Because of threats made by Dunnington to kill any person who attempted to arrest him, the clerks in the Governor's office to-day made no effort to restrain him until the police arrived, and the latter will be careful in approaching him should he be seen here again. Governor Brown thinks that perhaps Dunnington will call at his offices again to-morrow.

COLONEL POPE IS DEAD

Pioneer Bicycle Manufacturer of United States Passes Away.

BOSTON, August 10.—Colonel Albert A. Pope, the pioneer bicycle manufacturer of the United States, well known as one of the first advocates of the existing good roads system, died at his summer home in Cohasset late to-day.

Colonel Pope had been in ill health for months as the result of a nervous breakdown which followed the financial embarrassment of his bicycle company, the largest concern of its kind in the country. He was born in Boston May 20, 1843, and started his business career as a clerk in a local store at $4 per week.

In 1876 the first imported bicycles began to make their appearance in this country, and Colonel Pope decided to begin manufacturing them. The venture proved a success from the start.

HOTEL BURNS; ELEVEN DEAD

Many Lives Lost in Disastrous Fire in British Columbia.

VANCOUVER, B. C., August 10.—Eleven lives were lost when the Okanagan Hotel, at Vernon, B. C., was burned early to-day.

The building contained about sixty guests, and at least eleven failed to escape. Ten bodies have been recovered. One man died in a hospital and four others are severely burned. The property loss is $25,000.

General Riggs Retires.

BALTIMORE, MD., August 10.—Brigadier-General Riggs, commander of the Maryland National Guard, resigned his position to-day. He said his action was due to business reasons. General Riggs has been at the head of the State militia since 1896.

King at Marienbad.

CALAIS, FRANCE, August 10.—King Edward arrived here to-day from London and proceeded immediately by special train for Marienbad.

LAWYERS GATHER AT HOT SPRINGS

Brilliant Reception Is the Feature of First Day's Session.

ANNUAL ADDRESS BY CAPT. WOODS

George E. Caskie, of Lynchburg, Reads a Strong Paper on the Trial of John Brown—Talk of Joint Meeting With Maryland Bar Next Year.

HOT SPRINGS, VA., August 10.—A novel feature of the opening day's session of the twenty-first annual meeting of the Virginia Bar Association was the reception held in the Homestead Hotel, of this place, to-night. The reception was so unusually pleasant and was so largely attended that all the members are enthusiastic about it, and this feature will certainly become an annual fixture. In the receiving line of the reception to-night, the crowning function of the first day's meeting of the convention, stood Ex-Attorney-General and Mrs. Miller, of Indianapolis; Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Judge and Mrs. Denny, Captain and Mrs. Micajah Woods, of Charlottesville; Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Hamilton, of Petersburg; Alfred P. Thom, Judge and Mrs. S. P. Graham, of Tazewell; Judge and Mrs. L. L. Lewis, of Richmond, and others.

The first session of the association to-day was called to order by George C. Gregory, of Richmond, chairman of the executive committee of the Virginia Bar Association.

Richmond Preacher Prays.

Rev. John C. Scott, of Hot Springs, who was set down to make the opening prayer, was detained by personal engagements, and his place was taken by Rev. Thomas C. Darst, of Richmond. After Mr. Darst's invocation was completed President Micajah Woods, of Charlottesville, delivered his address.

Captain Woods spoke on "The Necessity for General Culture in the Training of the Lawyer." It is not too much to say that Captain Woods's able address was distinctly the feature of the first day's session of the association. A large and enthusiastic audience was present at the reading of this interesting and instructive paper. Upon its conclusion there was begun the routine order of business and the reports of the committees.

The committees on recommendation of officers for the ensuing year and for obituaries for distinguished members who have died during the year 1908, appointed to-day, will submit their reports to-morrow. After the naming of these committees, the executive committee, headed by George C. Gregory, came along and rendered decidedly the most interesting report of the day.

May Hold Joint Meeting.

Two things are worth noticing about the report of this committee. One is its recommendation that the next meeting of the Virginia Bar Association be held in connection with the Maryland Bar Association. If it is legitimate to draw conclusions from the evident sentiment of the Virginia men and from the few scattering statements of Marylanders that could be obtained to-day, there is little doubt that the joint meeting will be arranged next year. Another interesting point raised by the executive committee was as to the employment of expert testimony in murder and other cases. It appeared evident that the Bar Association was dissatisfied with developments in recent notorious cases, and the proposal is here to introduce legislation which will prevent the employment of such biased and ex parte testimony in Virginia cases.

To-night George E. Caskie, of Lynchburg, read one of the most interesting papers of the day. The title of Mr. Caskie's paper was "The Trial of John Brown," treated from the Southern point of view. The auditorium of the Homestead Hotel was crowded with those anxious to hear this paper, and continued applause punctuated it throughout. At the conclusion of the paper the unfinished business of the day and such new business as was permitted for the evening session was quickly disposed of.

Rested in the Afternoon.

There was no afternoon session, and the night session was quickly concluded to make ready for the grand reception which terminated the first day of activities of one of the most enjoyable conventions ever held by the State Bar Association. To-night all eyes are fixed upon the nominating committee, in whose hands it virtually lies to name the next president of the association. This committee consists of the four last presidents of the association—Alexander Hamilton, Alfred Thom, Judge S. P. Graham, Judge L. L. Lewis—and in addition H. H. Downing, of Front Royal. There is hardly a chance that the committee will make its report before Thursday, the closing day of the association. According to present indications the committee will consider only three names, among whom the final decisions will be made.

These three are Judge Christian, of Richmond; former State Senator W. B. McIlwaine, of Petersburg, and Joshua Bullitt, of Big Stone Gap. Unless all signs to-night are erroneous, the next president of the Virginia Bar Association will be one of these three. In addition to those already mentioned, it is of interest to note the presence at the convention of Judge William Hodges Mann, the Democratic nominee for governorship of Virginia, who was the centre of a throng in the hotel corridor this evening. Others of note are General and Mrs. Ruffin Cox, John B. Minor, Judge and Mrs. William M. Lyle, Judge and Mrs. William M. Thornton, former Lieutenant-Governor Echols, of Staunton; Major and Mrs. R. R. Henry, of Tazewell; Joseph A. Kelly, the new judge of the Corporation Court of Bristol.

Speech of Captain Woods.

"I come to discharge a duty imposed on the president of this body with a sense of profound distrust and perplexity. When it is recalled that this association has now been in ex-