

OLDFIELD HAS NARROW ESCAPE

COMES NEAR DEATH IN AN AUTO RACE

RECEIVES PAINFUL INJURIES

Dan Wurgis Collides With His Car in Five Mile Event at Grosse Point Track, in Detroit

HARPER HOSPITAL, Detroit, Mich., Aug. 8.—"No, my time has not come yet. Guess I bear a charmed life. Today's accident was the worst I ever had. Thank God no spectators were killed. I will not quit racing. As soon as I am out of the hospital I shall begin again with my new racing car which was finished only yesterday. "BARNEY OLDFIELD."

By Associated Press.

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 8.—Barney Oldfield had an almost miraculous escape from death this afternoon at the automobile races at Grosse Point track, when Dan Wurgis of Lansing, Mich., collided with his car in the three-quarters stretch during the first mile of the five-mile open event. Oldfield and his car went through the fence into the infield and Oldfield received a badly lacerated scalp and a severely bruised right arm. Wurgis' car also went off the track on the outside, but did not capsize, and neither car nor driver was injured.

Oldfield lay unconscious in the infield when a dozen horrified spectators reached his side. He was carried to an ambulance which had been provided in fear of accidents and taken to Harper hospital, where it was said tonight that barring entirely unforeseen developments he would be out in a few days.

POOR RELATIVES COME INTO LARGE FORTUNE

THOMAS FITZGERALD LEAVES A \$300,000 ESTATE

Former Well Known Los Angeles Sporting Man Bequeaths His Entire Property to Two Brothers and a Niece of Little Falls, N. Y.

Special to The Herald.

UTICA, N. Y., Aug. 8.—By the will of Thomas Fitzgerald, who died in Los Angeles a few days ago, three residents of Little Falls, N. Y., will divide among them an estate worth \$300,000.

The beneficiaries are James and Patrick Fitzgerald, brothers, and Miss Margaret O'Loughlin, daughter of a deceased sister of the testator.

James Fitzgerald conducts a grocery store in Little Falls, Patrick is foreman of a track gang on the Little Falls & Dolgeville railroad and Margaret O'Loughlin works in one of the mills in town. When acquaintances suggested that she would now probably give up her position the heiress calmly answered that she saw no reason why she should.

Fitzgerald was part owner of the race track at Los Angeles.

CONDUCTOR STRUCK BY A CAR AND KILLED

David S. Forry Sustains Broken Skull While Making Flying Switch at San Pedro

David S. Forry of 943 Girard street, employed by the Interurban street car line, was struck by a freight car while making a flying switch at San Pedro last night and was injured so severely that he died at the receiving hospital in Los Angeles three hours later.

Forry, who is an old conductor in the employ of the Interurban line, was working on a freight train in the San Pedro lumber yards last night, and in making a flying switch at 10 o'clock he was not quick enough to leap from the path of the onrushing cars after throwing the switch which permitted the motor car to pass straight ahead.

He was struck on the left side of the head by the step of the first car with such force that his skull was fractured in several places. The motor man, who had run his car past the switch, hastened to the side of his companion to find him lying unconscious by the car tracks.

A car bound for Los Angeles was stopped and the injured man placed on board. He was sent to the receiving hospital as soon as possible, but on examination by Police Surgeon Quint it was found that his injuries were so severe that there was no possible chance of his recovery.

He died an hour after arriving in Los Angeles without regaining consciousness.

UNITED STATES OFFICER KILLED IN JAPAN

NAGASAKI, Aug. 8.—Capt. Walter B. Barker of the quartermaster's department, U. S. A., was killed here today in a railway accident.

NOTED AUTO RACER PAINFULLY HURT



BARNEY OLDFIELD

SHAW ADDRESSES THE VIRGINIANS

SPEAKS AT THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

IT IS WHITE MAN'S MEETING

Between 1200 and 1300 Delegates Are Present, With Very Few Negroes. Visitor Greeted With Cheers

By Associated Press.

ROANOKE, Va., Aug. 8.—One of the largest Republican conventions in the history of Virginia met here today to nominate a full state ticket. Between 1200 and 1300 delegates were present. It was almost exclusively a white man's meeting, there being very few negroes in the hall.

Congressman Campbell Slem, the only Republican congressman from Virginia, was introduced to the convention tonight and he in turn introduced Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw, who had been invited to come to Roanoke to address the convention. Mr. Shaw was greeted with a storm of cheers.

Secretary Shaw made some reference to self-government, saying that when this republic was launched the world was distrustful of the experiment. "Many believed," he said, "that personal ambition would override statesmanship. They did not believe it would be possible for men to walk side by side to the polls and deposit ballots and then each demand for the other the same protection and the same honesty of count that he claimed for himself. It was doubted if defeated candidates and defeated parties would peacefully acquiesce in the results. The experiment has been in process of trial and development in this country for something over 100 years, during which period the machinery has sometimes creaked, but it has not given away and it never will so long as we keep our heads."

"My appeal to you and through you to every voter of Virginia is that you vote as to conserve the peace and integrity of the commonwealth and the best interests of every other citizen. All I ask is that the electoral vote be as great, certainly as conscientious and as true a salesman at the polls as one demanded his representative to be in the halls of legislation."

The secretary touched upon the growth and development of the United States and of Virginia's resources. Concerning Virginia he said: "Virginia is a great state. Virginia is rich in resources, rich in history, rich in blood and at one time she was the richest of all the states in statesmanship. If her wealth of statesmanship has been less noticeable in recent years than in previous periods, let me assure you that it is because greater stress has been laid on factional politics than upon the wise solution of public questions. If Virginia has not maintained her prestige it is because the factional devotion to traditions has supplanted that thoughtful consideration of public questions which marked the career of the fathers."

At the conclusion of Mr. Shaw's address the convention adjourned until tomorrow.

AMERICAN MINISTER BANQUETS AUTHORESS

By Associated Press. LIMA, Peru, Aug. 8.—Irving B. Dudley, the American minister, gave a banquet last night in honor of the American authoress, Mary Robinson Wright. Many Americans of prominence were in attendance.

GREGIAN TOWN IS BOMBARDED

RUSSIAN GUNBOAT FIRES ON POPULACE

WHITE FLAG IS HOISTED

Insurgents Vigorously Oppose Landing of Czar's Mariners and a Lively Fusillade Ensues

By Associated Press.

CANEA, Aug. 8.—The Russian gunboat Jhraby has bombarded and destroyed Castell, on the north coast of the Island of Crete, about eighteen miles east of Retimo, because the insurgents there opposed the landing of a Russian force.

The insurgents returned the fire with small arms, wounding two Russians. The bombardment continued until the village hoisted the white flag.

There have been disturbances in Crete for a considerable length of time, the Cretans being in revolt to obtain a greater degree of independence than they now possess.

The porte recently sent a circular note to its representatives in London, Rome, Paris and St. Petersburg on the subject of the revolutionary movement in Crete, expressing the hope that the powers would maintain the status quo and re-establish order in the island.

NEW YORK MILITIAN SUE UNITED STATES

By Associated Press. ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 8.—Henry C. S. Hastings, William B. Coates and about thirty other members of the First regiment, New York infantry volunteers, have sued the United States government for two months' pay for services in the Hawaiian Islands during the Spanish-American war.

Testimony in their cases was taken here today by a special commissioner. The government holds that the regiment was given a furlough for sixty days, but the evidence given before Commissioner Sturgis today went to show that the members of the regiment performed military duty during the entire period of the alleged furlough.

FORSAKES \$2000 TO RESCUE A MECHANIC

Special to The Herald.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—The fastest motor boat in the world, with Charles Herreshoff, jr., its designer and builder, aboard, turned over in Long Island sound today and Herreshoff was entangled in the machinery of the craft. Disengaging himself, Herreshoff heroically rescued Joseph Dojus, his mechanic, bearing him through the water on his back nearly a quarter of a mile. As Herreshoff jumped into the water his pocketbook dropped from his clothing, but though he saw it floating away he did not go to save it until he had taken Dojus to safety; then Herreshoff swam out into the sound to get his pocketbook, which had floated away with more than \$2000 in it.

Herreshoff and his mechanic were making a trial spin in the motorboat, which has a speed of an express train and which was going thirty-five to forty miles an hour when she met with the mishap.

ENVOYS ARRIVE AT PORTSMOUTH

QUESTION OF ARMISTICE TO TAKE PREFERENCE

CROWDS CHEER PEACEMAKERS

Missions Arrive at Navy Yard Amid Booming of Cannon and Waving of Flags—Negotiations Begin Today

By Associated Press.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H. Aug. 8.—The Russian and Japanese peace missions have submitted themselves to introduction and likewise to all of the ceremonies of welcome and reception on the part of the United States government and the state of New Hampshire, and are tonight on the eve of facing each other for the purpose of ending the war in the Far East, and, if possible, consummating a permanent peace between the two great nations.

Tomorrow they will meet in the Naval stores building of the Portsmouth navy yard, and will examine the credentials and powers of each.

The second day's session, to take place Thursday or Friday, it is expected will be devoted either to a consideration of the Japanese peace terms or a proposition for an armistice by the Russian plenipotentiaries.

It has been estimated that if a basis of negotiations for peace is found the actual negotiations will consume something like five weeks' time before a treaty can be perfected and signed.

The landing and reception of the envoys today was a function replete with ceremony. The dignity of the nation's salute was contrasted with the hearty exclamations of good will on the part of thousands of persons who thronged the streets of Portsmouth and surrounded the court house where Gov. McLane pronounced his cordial words of welcome.

Peace Envoys Are Cheered

The envoys of both Japan and Russia were much affected by the demonstration of the American public. Mr. Witte rode through the business section of the town with his tall silk hat raised above his head in constant acknowledgment of salutes. Ambassador Rosen, in the same carriage, was also unweary in honor of the cheering crowds.

In the carriage following were the two Japanese envoys and they were not remiss in responding to the hurrahs of the crowd. Three carriages were occupied by each mission, and in the procession through the streets of Portsmouth the Russians and Japanese were given alternate positions; the first, third and fifth carriages were Russians and the second, fourth and sixth Japanese.

The landing was effected most expeditiously and everything moved without the slightest interruption.

The envoys were met at the court house by Third Assistant Secretary Peirce, who presented Mr. Witte to Governor McLane and then Baron Komura. The senior Russian commissioner presented his suite to the chief executive of New Hampshire and the Japanese plenipotentiary did likewise.

When Hotel Wentworth was reached, shortly after 3 o'clock, there was an outburst of applause.

Although private dining rooms had been provided for the plenipotentiaries, both suites took dinner at the same time in the main dining room of the hotel.

The Japanese were early to dinner and were assigned a table in the center of the long room. They had only half concluded their dinner when the Russian envoys entered and were escorted to the extreme end of the room, directly past the Japanese table. No sign of recognition, however, was made by either.

Good Feeling Prevails

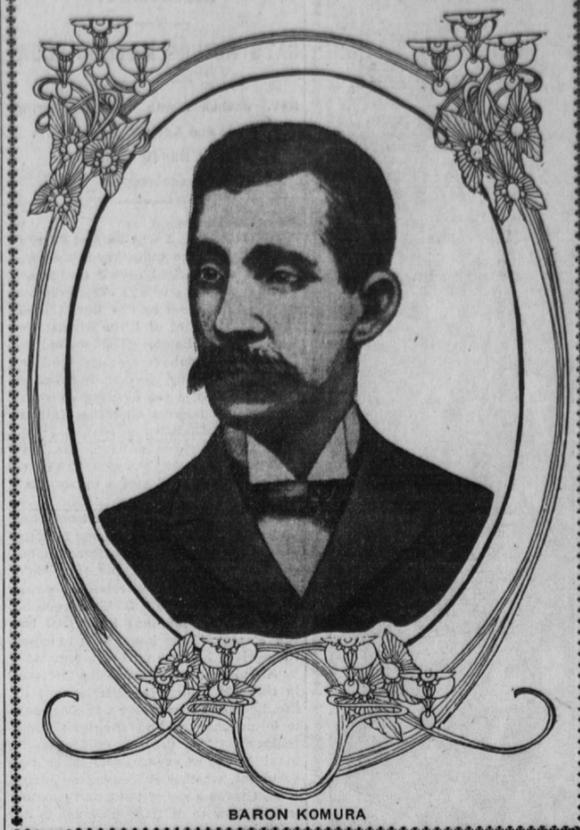
Concluding dinner Baron Komura and Minister Takahira strolled on the wide veranda of the hotel down past the dining room windows and mingled with the curious crowd that was endeavoring to catch a glimpse of the distinguished diners within. They soon returned and entered the hotel.

When the Russians concluded dinner they, too, showed signs of sociability. They first strolled into the billiard room of the hotel, where they remained for some time and then sauntered leisurely on an inspection tour of their surroundings.

One of the interesting preliminary questions to be settled by the conference is the language in which the negotiations shall be concluded. Mr. Witte speaks only French and Russian, while Baron Rosen has also a command of English. Both of the Japanese are proficient in the English tongue, but Baron Komura speaks very little French. It is realized that if English shall be chosen as the medium of communication translations must be made to Mr. Witte. Should French be the language decided upon translations will have to be made, preferably into English for the Japanese.

While there are no official statements or predictions regarding the outcome of the forthcoming negotiations (Continued on Page Two)

JAPANESE PEACE ENVOY



BARON KOMURA

WALLS COLLAPSE; MANY KILLED AND INJURED

DISASTER IN ALBANY DEPARTMENT STORE

Between Twenty and Thirty Men, Women and Children Meet Death—About 100 Persons Are Still Missing, of Whom Fifty Are Cash Boys

ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 8.—The middle section of the big department store of John Meyers company, in North Pearl street, collapsed early today carrying down with it over 100 persons. Caught in a chaos of brick, plaster and wooden beams, between 20 and 30 men, women and children met death.

The dead thus far removed from the ruins: MICHAEL FITZGERALD, FRANK LEONARD, MISS ANNA WHITBECK, MISS MINNIE BALLARD, MISS ALICE SHARP. Unidentified.

The fatally injured: Miss Helen Donohue, Miss Mary McEvery. The list of injured as compiled tonight shows that 36 employees of the company were injured, three seriously. Besides these, five shoppers were injured.

The collapse occurred shortly after the opening hour, when barely a score of shoppers were in the store. A clock found in the debris had stopped at 12 minutes before 9, showing when the crash occurred.

Many Doctors on Hand

In a short time the city's entire hospital and ambulance force was on the scene, aided by half a hundred doctors from all parts of the city. The volunteer rescuers continued the work until exhausted, when their places were taken by a wrecking force numbering 300 men from the New York Central and Delaware & Hudson railroads. These delved in the ruins: all night, but the work of rescue proceeded slowly. When darkness came it was estimated that nearly fifty persons still remained in the ruins, and not more than half of these could survive the weight on them.

Some 100 persons are still unaccounted for, but fifty of these are cash boys,

of which the firm has no record, and the loss of the pay roll makes it difficult to get anything like a complete list of many others. In all the company has 400 employees, but only these are away on vacations.

The building which collapsed stands in the heart of the shopping district at 39 and 41 North Pearl street. It is owned partly by the company and partly by the estate of the late David Orr. The loss to the company is estimated at between \$200,000 and \$300,000.

The building was a very old one, but until now was considered perfectly safe.

Clerk's Description

Edward J. Horaine, one of the clerks at the men's furnishing counters, was among the fortunate ones to get out without a scratch. He assisted in removing about thirty girls to a neighboring store.

"It all happened in a minute," said he. "I was engaged in getting my stock in shape and there were not a half dozen customers in the store at the time. I heard a roaring and tearing sound, and then the crash came. The shrieks that followed drowned out every other sound. Many of the girls sank behind their counters and had to be dragged out in a fainting condition."

The work of rescue was soon begun. Firemen and laborers worked with clerks and business and professional men who had heard the crash on their way to their offices. Every contractor who had men employed in the city suspended work and offered assistance, and within an hour after the building fell the laborers were arriving by the wagonload.

In the rear of the store on James street a score of employees were found imprisoned in the cellar, where they had been thrown from the floors above. Most of them recovered consciousness and several directed the work of rescue.

PROMINENT RESIDENT OF SANTA PAULA DEAD

John Kelly Passes Away at Bard Hospital Shortly After Loss of His Hotel

Special to The Herald. VENTURA, Aug. 8.—John Kelly, a prominent resident of Santa Paula, died at the Bard hospital in this city Sunday afternoon and was buried from Reilly's undertaking parlors this morning.

Deceased, who was the owner of the Cottage hotel, which burned in Santa Paula Saturday, lived but a few hours after his last misfortune. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Bartlett was the scene of a delightful dancing party last evening. The large parlors were prettily decorated and the porches were illuminated with Japanese lanterns. About twenty-four couples participated in the dance and the supper which followed.

F. M. Packard, superintendent of the county hospital, accompanied by his wife and daughters, Misses Mary and Lena, returned from a trip to Portland and other northern places last night.

MANILA MERCHANTS GIVE TAFT A BANQUET

Chamber of Commerce Honors American Officials at Brilliant Dinner Function

By Associated Press. MANILA, Aug. 8.—Secretary Taft was the guest of honor tonight at a banquet given by the combined chambers of commerce at the Grand opera house.

Covers were laid for 500 guests. The address of welcome was made by Governor-General Wright. A toast to the president was responded to by Mr. Foster. Representative Payne, in speaking of the benefits of the trip, took occasion to propose Secretary Taft as the next candidate for president.

On entering the opera house and taking a box, Miss Alice Roosevelt received a great ovation.

On Wednesday afternoon there will be a hearing of the tobacco interests and Maj. Gen. Corbin will give a dinner to Miss Roosevelt, which will be a brilliant function.

LOUISIANA MAY CALL ON MILITIA

SOLDIERS MAY BE NEEDED TO RESTORE ORDER

SIXTY NEW CASES REPORTED

Rapid Spread of Disease Causes Great Anxiety in New Orleans—Officer Severely Hurt Trying to Enter House

By Associated Press.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 8.—Official report to 6 p. m.: New cases 60 Total to date 625 Deaths 4 Total to date 117 New sub-foci 17 Total sub-foci to date 114

By Associated Press.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 8.—If the present chaotic condition of quarantine matters in Louisiana is not speedily terminated in obedience to a proclamation issued today, the state board of health has announced its intention of immediately invoking the civil powers and, that failing, of asking Governor Blanchard to call out the militia and restore and maintain order.

The proclamation resulted from the letters sent yesterday by the governor to President Souther. The proclamation prohibits any town, parish or village from refusing admission to a person from a non-infected locality holding a health certificate not over twenty-four hours old, or to a person from an infected locality who has spent six days in a detention camp and been discharged with a marine hospital certificate. Interference with the passage of steamboats or trains is forbidden unless they violate legal quarantine regulations. No mail, freight or express matter shall under the proclamation be refused from infected territories provided it is carried in cars which have been fumigated by the marine hospital service. All persons who disregard these regulations, under the semblance of boards of health, or mass meetings, are warned that they make themselves liable to answer in the courts. It is announced that no more illegal restrictions on travel or commerce will be tolerated.

It is understood that the action taken by the board of health has the full sympathy of Governor Blanchard and that as a result at least in Louisiana there will be a modification of the present onerous quarantines.

Many New Cases

Because of the large number of cases reported the fever situation did not have so favorable an aspect today, but it is expected that the increase is the result of the investigation of a number of suspicious cases of sickness, some of which the health authorities were (Continued on Page Two)

THE DAY'S NEWS

FORECAST

Southern California: Fair Wednesday; light west winds. Maximum temperature in Los Angeles yesterday, 89 degrees; minimum, 62 degrees.

- 1—Oldfield has narrow escape. 2—Social whirl loses devotee. 3—Dog catcher and actor in fight. 4—Southern California news. 5—Faints as he lectures. 6—Editorial. 7—Wants fewer saloons. 8—Classified advertisements. 9—Sports. 11—Tribute to late Bishop Mora. 12—Public advertising. 13—Markets. 14—Retiring chief is praised.

EASTERN

Secretary Shaw addresses Republican state convention at Roanoke, Va. Japanese and Russian peace envoys arrive at Portsmouth.

Barney Oldfield seriously injured during automobile race at Grosse Point track, Detroit.

FOREIGN

Russian gunboat bombards town on northern coast of Isle of Crete. Manila merchants give big banquet to Secretary Taft.

Emperor of Russia approves of plan of national assembly and will issue proclamation.

COAST

State board of trade in session at San Francisco passes resolution opposing reciprocity. Commissioners decide on heavy expenditure for protection of banks of El Estero.

Sixty-sixth victim of Bennington explosion dies in San Diego hospital.

LOCAL

Minister collapses while addressing congregation of young men. Habeas corpus proceedings against S. P. C. C. are sustained by Judge Smith. H. E. Huntington soon to arrive from New York called here by his constantly increasing interests.

"Scottie" makes new demands on Santa Fe. Detectives have information that Rose Quin, who disappeared Friday night, is playing simply a childish freak. Sightless and crippled man is refused service at a Seventh street cafe because he is unfortunate. Henry Stockbridge with a dog theater tries conclusions with a dog catcher. Municipal league complains of saloons in vicinity of First street and urges revocation of eight licenses. Police commission accepts Chief of Police Hammel's resignation to take effect September 1. Plans for "drumming ship" meet with favor. Loving tribute is paid to the memory of Bishop Mora.