

Weather—Showers tonight; Sunday probably fair and warmer.

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# BANKER PARKER ARRESTED TODAY

## Vice President of Ankeny Bank Ac- cused of Land Fraud.

BAKER CITY, Ore., June 20.—J. H. Parker, vice president of the First National bank of this city, one of the biggest banks in eastern Oregon, was arrested today on two indictments charging timber land fraud and perjury in connection with

# BIG SHIP EXPLODES

PHILADELPHIA, June 20.—It is believed that six men lost their lives today in an explosion on board the Hamburg liner Arcadia. The ship was practically destroyed by fire. The explosion was caused by gas and occurred as the ship steamed up the bay after completing her voyage across the Atlantic. Recalls this afternoon showed a score of men missing. Many jumped overboard and probably drowned. It is known that 30 men were injured. Chief Officer Kruger was badly burned while rescuing injured. He rushed into the flames repeatedly and saved a number of lives. The steamer was heavily loaded and her freight will be a total loss. The bulk has settled into the mud, but the fire is still burning.

# TAFT'S HOME TOWN TURNED UPSIDE DOWN

HITCHCOCK HAS REFUSED OFFER OF CAMPAIGN MANAGER AND NOMINEES ARE LOOKING FOR MAN TO BOSS THE JOB.

CINCINNATI, June 20.—The center of republican activity was transferred here today from Chicago, with all the appearance of presidential election time, so great is the enthusiasm. Taft arrived from Washington at 8:20 and was greeted at the station by a tremendous throng, who made a wild demonstration. Sherman had arrived from Chicago a few minutes earlier with Charles Taft and the subcommittee of the national committee, which confers here on the appointment of a permanent chairman to manage the campaign. Sherman and the national committee were given almost as great an ovation as Taft received. Two bands were at the station and the carriage parade through the city was a continuous triumphal march. Everybody was out to cheer "Our next president," "Cincinnati's president" and "Our own president" rang all along the line. The crowd took up the yell of the convention, "Taft, Taft, William H. Taft."

# IDENTIFIES MURDERER SHE SAW IN A DREAM

Special Correspondence to The Press

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., June 20.—"You did it! You did it!" Mrs. A. C. Gregg, her face blanched with horror and her figure swaying ere she fainted away, pointed an accusing finger at Lon Hatfield whom she had singled out of a dozen men at police headquarters. It was the verification of her dream. Two weeks before A. C. Gregg, a traveling salesman of Mt. Vernon, was murdered and his body thrown into a creek near Lookout mountain, his wife saw the tragedy enacted in a dream. So strongly did it impress her that she wrote him a letter of warning. This letter, found upon his body, was the means of identification. It depicted with startling clearness the scene where the murder occurred. "I am sure," she wrote, "that if my dream comes true I will be able to identify your murderer." She begged Gregg to return home at once. His little 6-year-old daughter, Mary, added a postscript, warning him to be prepared to die and begging him to come home at once. Gregg never answered the letter. Mrs. Gregg came to Chattanooga in response to a request from the officers who had identified the body

timber land claims. The arrest causes a great sensation. Parker was taken before Commissioner C. A. Moore and released on \$3,000 bond. United States Senator Ankeny is president of the bank.

# W. C. T. U. PLANS LIQUOR FIGHT

The Spokane county W. C. T. U. closed its session yesterday by re-electing old officers. They are: President, Mrs. Etta N. Wooster, Spokane; vice president, Mrs. Anna Angler, Spokane; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Harry Ruble, Spokane; recording secretary, Mrs. Christina Larson, Fairfield; treasurer, Mrs. A. D. Thayer, Waverly. The gold medal offered for last night's contest was awarded to Miss Violet Hindman. The organization decided to start a campaign against the sale of liquor at the Interstate fair.

# OLDEST ODD FELLOW DEAD

Dr. J. J. Piper, who had lived for 28 years in Spokane, was the oldest Odd Fellow in the state and a "Forty-niner" died Thursday from heart disease. He is survived by a daughter, Miss Anita Piper, who lived with him, and five grandchildren. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon from the First Baptist church.

The parade, led by the bands, made its way to the residence of Charles Taft. A big bunch of American beauties was thrown into Taft's carriage. He received them with apparent pleasure. A street hawker playing a flutophone, in a moment of enthusiasm, threw the instrument into the carriage and it fell into Taft's pocket. The crowds and bands drew up in front of the Taft residence, where the demonstration lasted several minutes. The candidate bowed, smiled to the crowd, then sprang out of the carriage with surprising agility for a man of his size and walked up the steps. It is understood that Taft is in a quandary regarding the appointment of a campaign manager. The Ohio contingent holds that the permanent chairmanship of the national committee should go either to Arthur I. Vorys, first Taft manager, or former Governor Myron T. Herrick, of Ohio. Many members of the committee insist that Hitchcock, manager of Taft's campaign for the nomination, is the best equipped man yet suggested. Frank Hitchcock was offered the chairmanship of the national committee, but declined. So far no selection has been made.

# HEAVY LOSS BY HIDDEN BLAZE

A fire which broke out at the mattress factory of the Carmon Manufacturing Co. early this morning destroyed about \$5,000 worth of property. Soon after midnight the nightwatch discovered a small blaze which seemed to have started from spontaneous combustion. He thought he extinguished it, but the blaze only smoldered in the oakum and piles of old rags. At 5 o'clock it broke forth and people at the Great Northern depot, a stone's throw away, turned in the alarm. The loss sustained is principally in machinery, which was warped and ruined by the heat. The factory will be refitted immediately. The company already has completed the foundation of a three story structure which is to be used instead of the present warehouse firetrap. This new building and the additional machinery that will be required to replace the old will necessitate an outlay of about \$25,000.

# CARELESS AUTO MEN ARRESTED

Three careless autoists were arrested this morning for allowing gasoline to drip upon the pavement. Gasoline is one of the most destructive elements that can be brought into contact with asphalt. It eats through and rots the paving. Some days ago Police Chief Rice who was complained to by business men, gave a warning that auto men must provide pans or something for the gasoline to drip into. A reasonable length of time was given and this morning patrolmen were notified to arrest those violating the order. F. E. Stewart, Robert Antsel and W. T. Thomas are those caught. They were allowed freedom on their own recognizances. The cases will be taken up before Justice Hinkle on Monday.

# BLOODHOUNDS IN SMELLING RACE

A unique race such as never before was pulled off in the West will be seen during the Alaska fair in Seattle. It is to be a "smelling" race between bloodhounds owned by Harry McDermott and Capt. Bell of the U. S. secret service. McDermott has already consented to engage his animals. They are the hound formerly owned by Harry Draper. Each pack is to be given a scent and their time in running it down settles the race.

# GEORGIA HOLDS FAST RECORD

U. S. S. GEORGIA AT SEA, June 20.—Wireless to United Press—The Georgia is still sea queen of the Atlantic fleet. Under her natural draft she is racing through a moderate sea. In the speed trial south from Cape Flattery, Friday, she averaged 18.02 knots per hour on a nine hour run, and 19.02 knots under forced draft on a four hour run. This record beats the bulldog's test of the ship, though on the run just completed the Georgia was more heavily loaded and was drawing three feet eight inches more water. No other battleship in the navy equals this record.

# KNOCKED HER OVER ON BABY

Mrs. Ella Olson, with a year old babe in arms, was a distressing spectacle in Judge Huneke's court this morning as she told her husband's cruelties toward her. She said that when she met Nelson Olson she loved him dearly. Soon after the marriage she said he began to abuse her. Finally after the baby came, he got worse instead of better, as she expected. Things went on, she claimed, until it was finally necessary to seek relief in divorce.

"Once he struck me and knocked me upon my baby," she said. "I was too weak to get off the poor little thing and it cried out piteously, 'Mama, mama.'"

Olson, who is contesting the divorce action, blamed his wife for all their troubles. His only complaint was that she refused to cook his meals for him. He told the court that once when he put a steak on the stove for himself, Mrs. Olson threw it on the floor.

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# OPEN CAMPAIGN FOR TAFT

LOS ANGELES, June 20.—Los Angeles started the national campaign today when the whistles of 250 local manufacturing plants joined at noon in a great "prosperity blast." Banners bearing Taft & Sherman were strung across the main streets, and campaign buttons distributed. The first meeting will be held tonight, when the republicans gather to ratify the nominees.

# PURE WATER NOT YET ON TAP

No good water yet. Owing to unavoidable delay at the new waterworks the work has not yet progressed far enough to turn in the water from the underground system. It was more of an undertaking to connect up the new pumps than at first was expected. Water Commissioner Wetzel yesterday was willing to gamble on having the new system connected up by midnight, but this was not accomplished. It is only a question of a few more hours' wait now at the most, he says.

# CAN THIS BE MURDER?

NEW YORK, June 20.—Crying and moaning almost continually, her poor wasted figure trembling with every sob, a girl sits alone through long days and nights in a cell at the Tombs.

"Murder" is the charge written opposite her name on the arrest book. She shot and killed Dr. Martin W. Auspitz. The prisoner, of course, has a name—Sarah Koten. But the name doesn't make much difference in this case. Sarah is poor and friendless—a Russian girl. She has never been on the stage. She is neither fashionably attired, nor "striking." Therefore the case is not prominent. New York is a busy city, cruelly busy. Much occur amidst cruelty busy. Much happens every day. Murders occur often. New Yorkers cannot follow everything. Unless an actress or a rich man's son is involved in a murder case, New Yorkers are too busy to take interest.

So Sarah Koten sits alone. No one ever inquires for her at the office. All her relatives are in far-away Russia. Flowers or bouquets are not sent in to Sarah, like they were to Harry Thaw, who also murdered. Even the guards leave Sarah to herself, because hers is just an ordinary case.

Besides there is no need of paying attention to Sarah, because, unlike other celebrated actress-murderesses, she admits everything. She doesn't know anything about alibi. If the officers want to know of any particular detail of her crime, she will tell them. It never occurred to Sarah to conceal anything. She doesn't change her story. And she has only one. It is simple—and short. It runs like this:

Six years ago Sarah came to America to work. She became a nurse. Every month she sent some money home. A year ago she went to Dr. Auspitz's sanitarium as a nurse.

At first Dr. Auspitz did not pay much attention to Sarah. She was a good nurse. But she was very different from the type of a woman the doctor would ask to go out to luncheon with him. He never asked to go out. He never gave her any presents. He didn't seem to think it was necessary to show Sarah any of the courtesies the average man pays the woman whose destruction he seeks.

"One night, in December, 1907," said the girl, "I was asleep in my bed when I was awakened by a man. He put his hand over my mouth. The man was Dr. Auspitz. I tried to escape, but he threw me violently back. I struggled with him until I became unconscious."

Later the girl caused the physician's arrest. In court he produced witnesses who attacked Sarah's character, and Dr. Auspitz was freed. What surprised Sarah was that the court believed the doctor's witnesses. The girl declared she had never seen some of them. Sarah walked out of the court dazed. She could not understand why the judge had believed the doctor, who had appeared amused at her in court, and not her story. Months passed. The girl would o'clock it broke forth and people at the Great Northern depot, a stone's throw away, turned in the alarm. Dr. Auspitz's office on the telephone, and informed him he was wanted at a certain house to attend a sick

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SARAH KOTEN ON HER WAY TO COURT. HER LAWYER IS ON THE LEFT, A DETECTIVE ON THE RIGHT.

man. She waited. Dr. Auspitz did not appear until seven hours later. Sarah shot him as he was entering the house. He fell dead at her feet, and she stooped and fired another bullet directly through his heart. Then Sarah waited for the police to come. "I shot him," the girl told the police through her sob. "He entered my room like a burglar while I was asleep. Then he laughed at me in court, and denied he had ruined me." This is all there is to tell about Sarah. As to Dr. Auspitz, he left a beautiful wife. Hannah Jensen, a nurse, read of the murder in the newspapers, and reported to the police Dr. Auspitz had ruined her in the same manner he had ruined Sarah. She had later snapped a revolver in his face, but the weapon failed to discharge. In another instance Dr. Auspitz had worked his way into the confidence of a married woman—Mrs. Agnes Deffa—and then testified against her in a divorce suit brought by the husband.

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# CUT HERSELF TO PIECES WHILE PARING A CORN

VALLEJO, Cal., June 20.—Mrs. F. M. Hodgman, of this city, is lying near death today from severe razor slashes inflicted on a singular accident. She was standing in her home with one foot resting on a chair, in the act of paring a corn, when she suddenly lost her equilibrium. In her efforts to recover balance she slashed her left arm open to the bone from palm to elbow, and in snatching the razor from that wound she nearly severed one of the fingers of her right hand. The woman's cries brought assistance, but before the flow of blood was stopped she was in serious condition and there is little hope for recovery.

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# REPUBLICAN PLATFORM NOT ROOSEVELT POLICY; KEEP TABS ON DENVER

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BY LINCOLN J. STEFFENS

CHICAGO, June 20.—The republican party has declared itself as the conservative party of the United States. That in brief is the essential result of the proceedings of the great convention. It is important, this conclusion. It could not have been predicted weeks ago or even a few days ago. The president has been in control. Theodore Roosevelt although not a conservative is liberal. He has stood for progress and reform and any changes appealed to him which were necessary for the common welfare and as the leader of his party he forced it to adopt his liberal policy under the big stick. The republican party in power has carried the country far ahead in the progress towards higher civilization. No democrat or any other friendly critic can take away from the Roosevelt party that credit for his great achievement. And this was his intention. He had planned wisely and well to the end that his party might carry on the work that he had begun. He secured control of the party organization. He went out of the narrow way to do this. He broke rules and set a dangerous precedent to force the reluctant party to continue his policy after his retirement. It is wrong for the president to name his successor as it was for him to have said: "I am a candidate for the third forbidden term."

No matter about that now, however. The point is, he has lost in spite of his sacrifices. In spite of his apparent victory he stand defeated. I have no doubt some will say that he is satisfied now that the party will carry on his policies. But it won't. Taft may try to complete some of the reforms Roosevelt left unfinished, but the party will oppose him as the president. Taft is conservative but not liberal. Taft is honest and there isn't the slightest doubt but that if he is elected he will try to persuade congress to stand for honesty and the "square deal." His party, however, will not. The party platform shows that.

Read that platform. Read it slowly and with thought; then take up the minority report. Read that with care and equal thought. Read those planks which the party would not accept. I cannot get into them now, but take one or two instances. Congressman Cooper of the Wisconsin delegation, offered planks requiring publicity of campaign contributions. There could have been no honest objection, but it was a blow at the methods of our political corruption. The resolutions committee would have none of it. Cooper was the only man to vote for it. But he carried his plank upon the floor. The delegates fortunately some delegates asked for a separate vote upon the publicity plank. But the convention beat the plank by an overwhelming vote.

Taft may be for honesty in elections, but the party is not honest. Honesty is a fine virtue. It may be rare, and certainly the way we Americans applaud it suggests we indeed do much for us, but it will not solve all problems. Is it honest, for example, for a monopoly to raise the price of necessities which it controls? Is it for the good of the people to allow this monopoly to charge freely what it pleases?

Roosevelt's railroad law recognizes that. The law requires a railroad to charge no more than reasonable rates. But Sen. LaFollette and his republican friends put in their attempts to regulate railroads in their state that if they were to fix reasonable rates they must be able to determine the value of the railroad's property. So the Wisconsin delegation proposed for the railroad property. The railroads hated the idea. It was a menace not only to their rate making powers of taxation but also to the stock watering. They opposed this plank. Their representatives in the resolution committee were against it. The committee threw it out. There was a separate vote on that. I need not, however, go on.

Labor got nothing; absolutely nothing. But no other common interest got anything either. There is nothing new, clear; nothing definite or generous in the whole platform. The anti-injunction plank is an example. This plank contains a bow to the courts, a bow to labor, a bow to capital, and that is all. Read it yourself and see. The republican party stands pat. Now please don't misunderstand me. I am not finding fault. The conservative party is natural. It is therefore necessary to think. The large proportion of most of the conservative parties should have a separate party. When they are in a majority they will be in power.

But we need also a liberal party. The latter proportion of men are naturally progressive and should have a share in the majority party. When they have it the liberal party should be in power. But that has not been possible in this country. I think that at present I am one of the majority, but whether I am a majority or minority I certainly should have a party. Should not I? Well, for many years, we liberals have had no party. We tried the democratic party but when it came into power it proved to be under the same control and the same interests as owned the republican party. And those interests are conservative. They are very conservative, they are Tories.

They have a right to be Tories, but they have no right to have two parties. It is not good for them to have two parties. The forces being co-pertual have abused their power. They raised up the public opinion which created Theodore Roosevelt. And he is a liberal. And he tried to make the old Tory republican party liberal. It was hard to do it, but he fought hard and he won his fight. But he didn't complete his work. He made the party do liberal things but he did not make it a true liberal party as the result of the convention shows. He made the party bow to labor, to the consumer, to the negro, to the common good, but it promises of progress are nil. It would have been better if the platform had been more explicit. If the party had only plainly said that it stood for things as they are, but it refused to make its meaning clear enough.

The republican party is a conservative party. Let it be. Let every conservative vote with the republicans. They can make the party serve the people well if they will. But let those of us who want to go on to the solution of the next problem let us go forth looking for the liberal party. Let us go to Denver and see what the democratic partisans promise. Let us see if they can keep control. There are far more liberals among the democrats and they will make a fight. Let us see if they will win. By this we will see whether there is or there is not, a liberal party.

# DIVES UNDER MOVING CAR

The combination of an epileptic fit and collision with an Illinois av. streetcar came near killing Frederick Mills, age 38, at 7:45 o'clock this morning. The streetcar was rounding the corner of Howard and Front just as Mills was attacked. He doubled up on the pavement, got upon his feet again and shot headforemost into the car. His head struck one of the wheels and the blow knocked him unconscious. The car was stopped immediately and Conductor R. V. Spencer assisted Mills until the patrol arrived and took him to the emergency hospital. Except for a lacerated scalp Mills is uninjured.

# ARIZONA RANGER FOR SHERIFF

Capt. John Gray is mentioned as a strong possibility for county sheriff on the democratic ticket this fall. When the captain was approached on the subject this afternoon he blushed (politically). "A lot of people have asked me to make the race," he said, "but as yet I have not given the matter much thought. Perhaps I will and perhaps I won't."

Capt. Gray is at present councilman from the Second ward. He gained his military title with the rangers down in Arizona, where he saw several years' service. That's the country where they serve a warrant by ramming it down on top of a load of buckshot and pulling the trigger. Otherwise there would be no arrests.

# BRYAN'S COUSIN USES A CLUB

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., June 20.—Ex-Gov. W. S. Jennings, cousin of Wm. J. Bryan, has been opposing the renomination of Congressman Frank Clarke. Clarke recently retaliated by declaring the former governor had a "genius for grafting." They met in a hotel lobby. Jennings seized Clarke's heavy cane and struck him several times over the head and shoulders. Clarke sustained several bruises. An other clash is looked for.