

## VIOLENCE AT THE POLLS IN COOK COUNTY

### Supporter of Candidate Beaten by Three Unknown Men.

## NEGROES IN UGLY MIX

### Workers for Taft and Roosevelt Require Presence of Police.

Chicago, April 9.—Voters today are engaged in casting ballots in a state-wide primary, considered the most important in the history of Illinois. In Chicago the day dawned beautifully and the forecast for the state was fair weather. It was early predicted that more votes than ever before cast at a primary election in the state would be recorded. The election is important nationally for the reason it is the first time a presidential preferential vote was cast. The names of Taft, Roosevelt and La Follette appear on the republican ballot and Clark and Wilson on the democratic. A preferential vote is also being taken for United States senator.

### GO TO POLLS IN BOATS.

Near Cairo it was said voters were making their way to the polls in many instances in boats. In other parts of the flooded district voters experienced inconvenience in reaching the polls. In Chicago the women are vastly interested in the election. The little ballot here is putting up to the voters the proposition whether woman suffrage should prevail. Extensive precautions to prevent frauds were taken when 200 detectives and a score of investigators, employed by the election board, were assigned to duty in lodging house precincts. This force was supplemented later by several hundred students who volunteered their services.

### POLITICAL WORKER ASSAULTED.

The first violence reported was in the Eighth congressional district, where Alderman Powers is opposing the renomination of Congressman Gallagher, a democrat. Thomas O'Brien, a political worker for Gallagher, was assaulted and severely beaten by three unidentified men. There were no arrests.

### NEGROES IN RIOT.

Serious trouble between negro workers for Taft and Roosevelt was averted in one of the precincts in the second ward by the prompt arrival of police in response to a riot call. Each side accused the other of unfair tactics.

Hundreds of voters in the First ward left the polls without voting because of failure of the officials to get the voting machines in operation several hours after the polls opened.

### WOMAN CAUSE LOSING.

Mrs. Erickson, wife of the assistant state's attorney, caused confusion among the workers for woman suffrage in the Twenty-third ward by appearing at the polls opposing votes for women. A heavy vote against woman suffrage was cast in the river wards, according to the reports received.

### LOUISIANA ILL. IN BED.

Senator Lorimer was unable to go to the polls because of illness. He was taken ill last night and was in bed today with a cold. His condition is not regarded as dangerous.

### MACK A DELEGATE.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 9.—Norman E. Mack, chairman of the democratic national committee, will go to the Baltimore convention as one of the delegates from the Fourth congressional district.

### ORE STEAMERS LEAVING HARBORS FURTHER NORTH

Duluth, Minn., April 9.—Tooting of steamer whistles was heard in the harbor today for the first time this season, when tugs hustled several big ore carriers out of their ice-locked winter berths and took them under the spouts. Ice is two feet thick in the slips, but the bay is practically open. Loading of boats will proceed with haste from now on.

### REFUSES A DRINK; SHOT BY A FRIEND

Chicago, April 9.—Because he refused to drink another glass of beer, Rudolph Hoffman, age 49, was shot and probably fatally wounded today by John Bauer. The men were drinking beer with a companion in their room. "I'll never drink another glass of beer as long as I live," said Hoffman, as he refused to drink with Bauer. A quarrel resulted, and as Hoffman attempted to leave he was shot by Bauer.

## The Weather

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline, and Vicinity.

Generally fair tonight and Wednesday, warmer Wednesday. Temperature at 7 a. m. 51. Highest yesterday 62, lowest last night 48. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 12 miles per hour. Precipitation none. Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 47, at 7 a. m. 55. Stage of water 10.6, a fall of .4 in last 24 hours. J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

### ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

(From noon today to noon tomorrow) Sun sets 6:33, rises 6:28. Evening stars: Mercury, Mars, Saturn. Morning stars: Venus, Jupiter.

## WICKERSHAM IS TO QUIT CABINET

Washington, April 9.—Attorney General Wickersham will not serve in the cabinet after March 4, if Taft is reelected. This statement came today from an unquestioned authority. It was announced Wickersham entered the cabinet with the distinct understanding he would not serve more than four years and made professional arrangements accordingly. It was stated Taft and Wickersham are in accord as to the anti-trust policy and that today's announcement was without political significance.

## JEALOUS WOMAN SORRY OF FAILURE TO KILL HUSBY

Chicago, April 9.—"I wish I had killed him. He had been staying away from home all night. I am tired of it. I found letters from other women in his clothing." This was the statement of Mrs. Louise Ritchey after she had fired eight shots at her husband, Charles A. Ritchey, president of a portrait company, at his home. One bullet struck his shoulder, another hit an arm and six went wild. Ritchey is not in a serious condition. The woman was arrested.

## COTTON STILL BLAZING ON A BEACHED STEAMER

Montauk Point, N. J., April 9.—Fire which broke out early yesterday among cotton bales on the steamer Ontario were still blazing today. Daylight found a crew of 40, none of whom slept for 30 hours, still pumping water into the hold. The captain is of the opinion that once the fire is extinguished, the vessel, although on the rocks, can be saved. Although badly damaged, he thought the steamer was not beyond repair.

## NEGRO, DISMISSED BY A JUDGE, LYNCHED BY MOB

Shreveport, La., April 9.—Dismissed because positive proof was lacking when he was arraigned yesterday on a charge of having written letters to a young white woman, Thomas Mills, a negro, 29, was lynched during the night. His body was found swinging from a tree, riddled with bullets.

### Beach in London.

London, April 9.—Frederick O. Beach, a Wall street broker, against whom a warrant was issued at Alton, S. C., on a charge of assault and battery with intent to kill his wife, has arrived in London with Mrs. Camilla Beach. He declined to be interviewed but told the Associated Press over the telephone there is "nothing in the charge."

### WASHINGTON NOTES.

The act of congress creating a bureau of child labor in the department of commerce and labor was signed today by the president.

Representative Broussard told the senate finance committee that the United States would lose \$150,000,000 if the free sugar bill became a law.

Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh will recommend to congress soon that paper money of the United States be substantially reduced in size and every denomination be made uniform in design.

It is contemplated to make all notes 6 by 2 1/2 inches, a reduction of one-third in size.

A uniform national bank note, instead of the multiplicity of designs now in use by 7,000 banks, will be proposed.

The interstate commerce commission today laid down the important principles which are to govern under the existing interstate commerce act, as follows:

"That a shipment by water from one point to another in the territory of the United States is coastwise business; that shipments by water from a port of the United States to a port of any foreign country, even though adjacent, is export business.

Reconsideration of the entire patent laws is now contemplated by the house committee on patents. This task is determined upon in view of the supreme court's decision in the patent case and the denial yesterday of a rehearing. The committee hopes to have the legislation ready for passage at this session of congress if possible.

## AN EXPOSURE OF CONGRESS

### Charged That Many Members Are Controlled by Wall Street.

## BANK ACCOUNTS ASKED

### Resolution Creates Big Stir and Results in Postponement of Money Trust Inquiry.

Washington, April 9.—Charging Wall street and the corporations are controlling the money trust investigation, Representative Lindbergh today introduced a resolution to compel every member of the house to

## TELLS HOW \$1.25 GROWS MILLIONS

### E. G. Lewis Declares Enterprises Flourished Till Fraud Order Struck Him.

## BANKS STOPPED CREDIT

### Swears He Lost \$190,000 in Advertising Contracts as Result of Attack.

St. Louis, April 9.—E. G. Lewis, as a climax of his trial on a charge of using the mails to defraud, took the witness stand in the United States district court here, and began a recital of his remarkable financial career. He began with his first venture in the publishing field when he started a magazine with \$1.25.

Rapidly, but without apparent effort at dramatic effect, he told how he ran up this \$1.25 into a series of business and banking operations which involved the handling of several millions of dollars. Lewis said his publishing business

## HOT FIGHT ON IN KENTUCKY

### Near Thousand Contests Before Republican State Convention

## OUTCOME YET IN DOUBT

### Roosevelt Leaders Will Charge Ballot Box Stuffing in One Louisville Precinct.

Louisville, Ky., April 9.—When the state republican convention meets tomorrow to choose four delegates, at large the credentials committee will have nearly a thousand contests to pass upon. Sixteen delegates to the republican

## ELGIN HAS FIRE THAT'S MYSTERY

### Flames in Business District Cause a Loss of \$150,000; Follow an Explosion.

## AVERT A THEATRE PANIC

### Members of National Guard Help to Save Property—Burning Section in Darkness.

Elgin, Ill., April 9.—Fire of mysterious origin last night destroyed more than \$150,000 in business property at Elgin and for a time threatened a part of the business district.

Features were the calling out of Company E, Illinois National Guard, to man four leads of hose, the checking of a near-stampede at the Grand theatre, and the going out of electric lights in the business district when water flooded conduits in which the light wires are located.

### FIRMS SUFFERING LOSSES.

The firms which suffered loss: Isaac Cohen & Co., dry goods, basement, main floor and second floor, 8 Grove avenue; loss of \$80,000 on stock; insurance, \$37,000.

Lethin Brothers, tailor shop, second floor, 8 Grove avenue; \$8,000 loss, \$3,500 insurance.

Miss Ivy Wallace, milliner, 8 Grove avenue, loss \$7,000 in new spring hats not yet unpacked from cases, due to cold weather.

Elgin Fruit and Candy company, 12 Grove avenue; stock worth \$20,000 destroyed by fire and water; \$14,000 insurance.

First National bank of Elgin, damage to skylights approximately \$1,000.

The alarm of fire was sounded about 8:30 o'clock. Only five minutes before Frank Bollman, a night policeman, had tried the front door of the Cohen store, which had been closed for the night, and found conditions normal.

### EXPLOSION WARNS OF FIRE.

As Bollman was leaving he heard a detonation, believed to have been from gas. Rushing to the rear of the store he found the interior already wrapped in flames. The store is illuminated by means of a gas lighting system, and the only theory current last night was that in some manner one of the lamps might have exploded.

Company E, Illinois National Guard, was drilling at its armory when the alarm was sounded. Captain William Peck formed his men into line and marched them to the scene of the fire, where they aided the Elgin fire department by taking charge of four leads of hose playing on the front of the burning structure.

### LIGHTS OF CITY GO OUT.

As a climax, while thousands thronged the streets, watching the fire, water playing on the flames flowed into the electric wire conduits and the business district of the city was in darkness.

A theatrical performance was in progress at the Grand theatre, two doors south of the Cohen store. One of the actors stepped to the footlights and announced to the crowded house that there was a small fire in the neighborhood. He asked the people to file out in an orderly manner.

Then he gave the signal and the orchestra played a lively march step. At the doors, as the throngs stormed them, there was a slight stampede, which muscular doormen speedily suppressed, and the audience then made its exit without anyone being hurt.

### FIRE SPREADS RAPIDLY.

When the Elgin fire department arrived on the scene the fire had gained great headway and the Cohen building was in flames. Fourteen leads of hose were played on the structure, which is owned jointly by I. C. Bosworth and Fred Sauer of Elgin. At 11 o'clock the floors and front wall of the building fell. The structure was valued at \$50,000 and was three stories high. It is practically a total loss.

The flames seem to have originated in the basement. To keep order the entire Elgin police department was on the scene, forcing the crowds back beyond the danger zone.

At 10 o'clock Isaac Cohen, the owner of the Cohen department store, arrived in Elgin from Chicago in time to see his business establishment in ruins. Bemoaning the loss of the fortune which he said he had labored years to build, he watched the flames in their final work of destruction. He declared himself mystified as to the cause of the fire.

### OTHER BUILDINGS SAVED.

Just south of the burning building is located the Aurora, Elgin & Chicago railway station, while across the street within 400 feet are the Town Block hotel and the Union National bank of Elgin. The Kelly hotel, next door to the Grand theatre, did not suffer loss. At none of these places was there any disorder or confusion.

Due to heavy stocks of spring goods which all the firms in the Cohen building had on hand, their loss was exceptionally heavy.

Uninstructed delegation would be the wiser course, inasmuch as it is conceded the delegation will be favorable to the renomination of the president.

After the appointment of the committee which will draft a party platform, nominate delegates and discuss the question of instruction, the convention adjourned until tomorrow.

## TASK CARING FOR VICTIMS SERIOUS ONE

### Whooping Cough Epidemic Breaks Out Among Children.

## REPORT MANY DEATHS

### Mother and Children, on Raft Three Days, Rescued Near Cherokee, Tenn.

Memphis, April 9.—Dikes guarding thousands of acres in Arkansas and Mississippi against the floodtide of the Mississippi river held firm early today. North of this city the river is falling. The task of caring for flood victims is proving serious. The greater number of those driven from their homes so far have sought refuge in Hickman, Tiptonville, Forest City and Helena, Ark., and this city.

### AMPHITRITE AIDS IN RESCUE.

The crew of U. S. S. Amphitrite, anchored in the harbor at Memphis, received instructions to assist in rescuing flood victims. One of the Amphitrite boats went to Wyanoke, Ark., this morning to bring a party reported marooned aboard a raft to this city. Over a thousand persons, half of them flood refugees, are at Ridgely, Tenn., this morning without meat. One story houses there are no longer habitable and two-story houses are crowded. The remainder of the community is on the hillside without shelter and stock is without provender.

### FOOD BORNE ON STAFFS.

Provisions have to be loaded on staffs to reach Ridgely. A current seven to eight miles an hour must be encountered. Two steamboats reached Tiptonville yesterday with provisions. At Bass Landing 53 sufferers were picked up without shoes. A Mrs. Baker and two children, on a raft made of two logs, were rescued near Cherokee, Tenn.

### WHOOPING COUGH EPIDEMIC.

Whooping cough has broken out among the children of refugees at Tiptonville. Two negro children died yesterday. Several white children are in the courthouse in a critical condition. Louis Van Pool, 17, was drowned near Tiptonville yesterday when a boat capsized.

### COLLAPSES AT GOLDEN LAKE.

Memphis, April 9.—Advices were received this afternoon that the main levee had broken a mile and a half north of Golden Lake, Ark. Waters are spreading over a wide area in that section.

Forty-five townships will be partly covered by water. A warning was flashed in all portions of the section in the hope residents will seek high ground.

### WILLIAMS DIKE BREAKS.

Hammond, Ind., April 9.—Thirty feet more of the Grant Williams dike near Shelby, on the Kankakee river, went out last night after resisting the elements three weeks. Great damage was done. The water inundated another large tract of country.

## GOFF TURNED OVER ON A BOOTLEGGING CHARGE

Peoria, Ill., April 9.—Bert Goff was turned over to government officials yesterday on a charge bootlegging. Goff is said to have been living with Mable Hunter in a flat at 312 South Jefferson street. The woman was arrested at 117 Park street on a charge of disorderly conduct, and today was sentenced to the workhouse for 29 days.

A warrant charging a statutory offense also was made out against Goff and the woman. Goff was apprehended in Rock Island where he had fled.

Patrolman George Schwarting found two gallons of whisky and some cigars that had been sold to the keeper of a saloon at 709 Warner avenue, which Goff is charged with stealing from the Market bar.

### Stubbs to Check Fire Losses.

Topeka, Kan., April 9.—Governor Stubbs has set April 17 as "clean-up day" for the entire state to reduce \$3,000,000 fire losses.

## 200 DROWNED IN THE NILE RIVER

Cairo, Egypt, April 9.—A large number of passengers were drowned last night by the sinking of a Nile excursion steamer in collision with another steamer near Cairo. The steamer carried 300 passengers, who were making an Easter holiday trip to the river dam. It is not known how many lives were lost, but one report estimates 200 were drowned.

It is considered improbable any American tourist was on board.

## One Place Where the Blackhands Should Be Encouraged



disclose his business and corporation affiliations.

Coming close upon insinuations by Randall of Texas, a democrat, that members of the house and senate had corporation connections, the resolution created a stir.

### LINDBERGH IN STATEMENT.

In a statement explaining the purpose of the resolution, Lindbergh declared some committee members "are controlled by persons whose personal work is hostile to the public interest."

Chairman Pujo of the banking committee today announced an indefinite postponement of the inquiry, saying he desired to go over the groundwork with the committee's statistician.

### SCHEDULE OF HOLDINGS.

The Lindbergh resolution would compel each member of the house to file his own bank holdings and those of his family. The names of members who failed to do would be published in the congressional record "blacklist."

### After Chicago Packers.

Trenton, N. J., April 9.—Requesting papers for a number of beef packers of Chicago, indicted in Hudson county some time ago for forming an alleged combination in the cold storage business, were turned over to the attorney general's office today by Prosecutor Garven for inspection. Before Governor Wilson asks for the extradition of the indicted men a hearing will be given, for which application has been made.

### Auto Felony in Missouri.

Jefferson City, Mo., April 9.—The supreme court sustained the constitutionality of a law which makes it a felony for the automobile driver, who injures a person, to fail to stop and give assistance to the injured.

### Cable to Alaska Is Broken.

Seattle, Wash., April 8.—Cable communication with Alaska, severed Saturday night, may not be restored for several weeks. The government cable jabs Burnside is out of commission.

outgrew its plant several times and that he finally decided to build his own plant, and realizing that city property was improving westward, erected his building beyond the city limits, where University City has since grown.

He then recited the success of his business, declaring its downfall commenced with the issuance of a fraud order by the postoffice department in 1905. All his mail, the witness said, was returned to the senders bearing the word "fraudulent" stamped in red.

Before this, he said, he was receiving from 8,000 to 22,000 letters a day. As a result of the fraud order, Lewis testified, he lost \$190,000 in advertising contracts and his banking credit was cut off.

### SAYS ALL WERE PAID.

Lewis testified that 19,000 subscribers of the Peoples United States bank changed their stock for an equal number of shares of the Lewis Publishing company. The bank was liquidated on a basis of 87 cents on the dollar, he said, the 13 cents shortage being paid out of the publishing company.

In October, 1905, 300,000 copies of the Farm Journal were held up by the postoffice, he said, and he had to refund \$12,000 taken in for advertising in the suppressed issue.

After this, Lewis said, he and two other officials of the company were indicted on charges of sending out mail in excess of the government regulations. These indictments were quashed after standing for three years.

### Merchant Arrested.

Washington, April 9.—H. M. Page, a line cotton commission merchant of New York city, has been indicted by the federal grand jury on a charge of libel. It is alleged he sent a pamphlet through the mails charging "congressmen are crooks." Page was arrested in New York today. He waived examination and was held in \$5,000 bail.

### Sanders Succeeds Taylor.

Nashville, Tenn., April 9.—Newell Sanders has been appointed United States senator to succeed Robert Taylor.

national convention will be chosen at district conventions in Kentucky this afternoon and tonight. The First, Second and Sixth districts held conventions yesterday and instructed for Taft.

### MAY SWING EITHER WAY.

Contests sufficiently numerous to swing the majority in tomorrow's convention whichever way they may be divided have been filed in nearly every district holding its convention today, but chief interest centers in the Louisville district—the Fifth—which holds its convention tonight.

### TO BACK CHARGES.

Primaries were held Saturday to select delegates and Roosevelt leaders will appear before the credentials committee, they say, with affidavits to support charges of ballot box stuffing in one precinct in the Eleventh ward.

### SENATOR BRADLEY IN DENIAL.

Washington, April 9.—In a statement on the Kentucky situation given out at Taft headquarters today, Senator Bradley of Kentucky asserts "the claims of the Roosevelt managers are entirely false in many respects and partly false in others. The cry of fraud is intended to cover their own deformity, and their groundless contests are intended to destroy party harmony and defeat the will of the people."

### NEW YORK'S BATTLE.

Rochester, N. Y., April 9.—Delegates to the republican state convention that met today to select four delegates-at-large at the Chicago convention and accept a platform were carefully canvassed this morning to ascertain their sentiments regarding instruction of the delegates for Taft. Leaders agreed a decision in the matter probably would not be reached until tonight.

### ROOT TAFT CHAMPION.

When the convention was called to order Temporary Chairman Nicholas Murray Butler delivered an address. Senator Root is leading the forces in favor of instructions for Taft while State Chairman Barnes believes an