

WEATHER REPORT
MT. VERNON AND VICINITY—
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TELLS STORY OF CLAIM AGAINST EX-PRESIDENT

Mrs. Emma Burkett Tells of Suit Filed Against Estate Of Roosevelt

Claims To Have Put Up The Sum of \$69,900; Tells Her Story Today

[By Associated Press to The Banner] HILLSDALE, Ind., June 23—Mrs. Emma Richardson Burkett, who has filed a claim for \$69,900 against the estate of the late Theodore Roosevelt to collect a note which she says the former president endorsed, today told the story of the mysterious financial transaction.

Mrs. Burkett claims she met Roosevelt and a man introduced as Charles J. Shunson, who she believed was a former Rough Rider, in a Chicago office building during the Republican national convention of 1912, and there obtained the money to Shunson on his note, backed by the former president's signature.

Her story came after she had been told attorneys for the estate characterized the former president's signature to the alleged note a forgery. According to Mrs. Burkett she resided at Danville, Ill., when the alleged loan was made. An uncle, Henry Richardson, a miner, had left a will providing that Mrs. Burkett should take charge of his money, \$69,900, and turn over the interest to his daughter.

PRISON FARM BADLY NEEDED

Statement Issued Today By Attorneys For Warden Thomas

[By Associated Press to The Banner] COLUMBUS, O., June 23—A statement issued today by attorneys for Warden Thomas in the legislative investigation of conditions at the penitentiary asserts that "the testimony so far shows that real need of the London prison farm as planned and substantiated in the declaration made time and time again by Warden Thomas that adequate appropriations should be made to remedy conditions at the present penitentiary."

The committee plans to recess this afternoon until next Monday.

RESOLUTION IS VOTED DOWN

[By Associated Press to The Banner] DENVER, June 23—The convention of the American Federation of Labor today voted down a proposal calling for an amendment to the constitution of the United States taking the powers of declaring war from congress and placing it in the hands of the people through referendum vote.

FINGER MASHED Joseph Bunn, employed on the State road, had the first finger of his right hand badly mashed Wednesday afternoon. He was attended by a local physician.

TIME GRANTED TO THE KNOX T. & R. CO.

Directors and Creditors Hold Conference With Securities Commissioner

It was learned today upon unimpeachable authority that a meeting of the members of the new board of directors of the Knox Tire & Rubber Co., of this city, representatives of all the creditors of the company and the state commissioner of securities was held Wednesday in Columbus at the office of the state commissioner.

The condition and prospects of the company since the recent organization at the annual meeting held June 14 in this city were reviewed and discussed at length. It is understood that the creditors agreed to a proposal to allow what time may be necessary to further finance the company and to get it in operation.

From the commissioner a promise was secured to approve a plan to bond the company to secure the finances needed to start active operations when that plan is presented to him with the approval of the stockholders of the company.

While many rumors have been current since the annual meeting this is the first information of a definite and authoritative nature that has been received. It seems to offer a solution to a situation that was giving many who have invested their means in the company no little concern.

MANY HORSES REACH CO. FAIR GROUNDS

Several horsemen arrived at the fair grounds yesterday with their horses preparatory to the race meeting next week, June 29, 30 and July 1st.

Slim Wilson of Richwood, Ohio, came in with two pacers Olive R. 2:11 3/4 and Montho 2:19 3/4. These two horses are well known locally as they were trained over the local track last year by Billy Magers and were raced several times in the matinees.

The roses belonging to I. N. Woodcock of Piqua, Ohio, arrived during the night. They are: Charlie C. green pacer, and the trotter Banker Bligen 2:16 3/4.

Another truck arrived with racing paraphernalia and the truck driver stated that the horses would arrive any time by train.

PLAN TO REFUND THE WAR LOANS

[By Associated Press to The Banner] WASHINGTON, June 23—A bill embodying plans of Secretary Mellon of the treasury department for refunding war loans made to the allies, was introduced in the senate today by Chairman Penrose of the finance committee, to which the measure was referred. The blank authority would be given the secretary under the bill to reconvert or extend loans or interest payments, to accept foreign securities in payment and to secure all claims now secured.

FATHER CARRIES DEAD BABY TO UNDERTAKER

NEWARK, June 23—Carrying the body of his baby in his arms, Andrew M. Guthrie walked into the office of a local undertaker and asked him to prepare the body for burial. Guthrie and his wife were taking the baby to a doctor's office for treatment when it died in his arms. The baby had been named after President Harding.

Graduation Week Scenes at Military Academy



Graduation week is always interesting at West Point, and flocks of young women gather there each year at that time. Some of them are here seen having a Civil War cannon explained to them by cadet friends; and at the right, the flag carried by the 150th Volunteer Infantry of New York, is being presented to the Military academy by Col. J. J. Hoyt.

BUSINESS MEN WILL SERVE IN BUDGET SYSTEM

Announcement Is Made By Chairman Dawes Of The Board Today

[By Associated Press to The Banner] WASHINGTON, June 23—Charles Dawes of Chicago, chosen by President Harding to head the new budget system, announced today a conference with the president today that he would call on a number of experienced business men to serve in the budget bureau without pay because he considered the staff provided by congress inadequate.

Mr. Dawes said in a statement that if the budget system was to be a success, reliance must be placed on "something else than the pitiful machinery provided by law."

"One might as well be handed a toothpick," added the statement, "with which to tunnel Pike's Peak."

Mr. Dawes said he would ask that two army officers be detailed to the bureau and had asked his business associate in Chicago, William Abbott, to serve temporarily as acting assistant director.

The two army officers are Brigadier General Moeley, former assistant chief of staff in General Pershing's headquarters in France, and Col. Henry Smither. Both were associated with Mr. Dawes in France during the war.

FREEMAN TAKES NEW POSITION

[By Associated Press to The Banner] COLUMBUS, June 23—Dr. A. W. Freeman of Cincinnati, state commissioner of health for the last four years, has resigned to become resident lecturer in public health administration at Johns Hopkins university, Baltimore, it was announced today. He will take up his new duties July 1.

M'BROOM MAKES HIGH DIVE FROM A BRIDGE

Clyde McBroom, well-known young athlete of this city, performed a difficult diving feat Wednesday evening which has been equalled only once before in Mt. Vernon.

McBroom accomplished the feat of diving from the top of the B. & O. railroad bridge, south of the city. A man by the name of Smith accomplished the feat several years ago.

MEDIATION LIKELY SAYS REPORT FROM ATHENS, GREECE, TODAY

[By Associated Press to The Banner] ATHENS, Greece, June 23—Indications tonight pointed to acceptance by Greece of the offer of Great Britain, France and Italy to mediate between the Greeks and Turkish Nationalists in an effort to forestall warfare in Asia Minor.

JOHNSON MAY GET A PARDON

May Be Released in Time To Attend Dempsey-Carpentier Fight

[By Associated Press to The Banner] WASHINGTON, June 23—Attorney General Daugherty indicated today that he might consider a pardon for Jack Johnson, former heavyweight champion, serving a year's sentence of Leavenworth for violation of the Mann act, before the day set for the Dempsey-Carpentier fight. Mr. Daugherty said Johnson had been a model prisoner and a "liberty bonus" for him in the way of a shortened term had been suggested, as his term expired July 7.

WILLIS BILL IS REPORTED OUT

[By Associated Press to The Banner] WASHINGTON, June 23—The Willis-Campbell anti-beer bill with minor amendments was reported today by the house judiciary committee. The rules committee is expected to give it right of way in the house within the next few days.

Aside from outlawing beer for medical purposes the bill would limit to one hundred in 90 days the number of prescriptions for whiskey to be issued by a physician and would authorize the prohibition authorities to stop the manufacture and importation of liquor until the present stocks held in this country have been reduced.

JURY SOON TO GET THE CASE

[By Associated Press to The Banner] TOLEDO, June 23—That the fate of the 23 defendants on trial in U. S. district court here for alleged complicity in the \$1,000,000 Toledo post-office robbery, will be in the hands of the jury when court adjourns tonight, was indicated by Judge Killitts when court convened today. But two of the defendants remained to be heard when court opened.

SIMS GIVES A STATEMENT TO SECY. OF NAVY

Statement Under Consideration And Text Is Not Given Out

[By Associated Press to The Banner] WASHINGTON, June 23—Rear Admiral Sims handed today to Secretary Denby a written statement about his recent speech in London in which he was quoted as criticizing Irish sympathizers in the United States, and which resulted in his recall from leave.

The naval secretary has the statement under consideration, and meantime its text is withheld.

Returning here yesterday from London, Admiral Sims reported to Mr. Denby at the navy department this morning and was directed in a written order to submit a statement. The officer reiterated that he had been misquoted in press dispatches, and apparently he had a written explanation ready when he went to the department.

M'GANNON CASE NEARLY ENDED

Jury May Get The Case Before Night Is The Indication

[By Associated Press to The Banner] CLEVELAND, O., June 23—Cross examination of former Judge William McGannon on trial for perjury in connection with his testimony when he was tried for the murder of Harold Kagsy, was concluded this morning. The defense then rested its case.

During the cross examination McGannon denied he had ever gone to the home of Miss Mary E. Neely and offered her \$500 not to testify against him in the murder trial. Miss Neely and several other witnesses probably will be recalled by the state in rebuttal but it is believed the last of the evidence in the case will have been heard and closing arguments made in time to allow the case to go to the jury before night.

TO HANDLE PRESS DISPATCHES WASHINGTON, June 23—Transmission of press dispatches by navy radio without hindrance or interruption until June 30, 1922, would be authorized by a resolution passed yesterday by the house and sent to the senate. The measure provides that the same rates shall prevail as are charged for use of private wireless, except on the Pacific coast, where the navy grants a lower rate for service to and from Hawaii and Guam.

START TENNIS PLAY AT COUNTRY CLUB

Competitions For Championships in Men's and Ladies' Singles Starts Today

The games of the men's singles handicap, ladies singles and mixed doubles for the Country club championship started this afternoon on the club courts. The play began at 3:00 o'clock with a goodly number of interested spectators present. There are plenty of seats for the spectators.

The play will continue daily until the end of the competition and the award of the championships. Games may be played between 9:30 a. m. and 6:30 p. m.

The play began with two men's sets, followed by two of ladies' and these by two men's thus alternating.

In the drawing the following pairs were arranged:

Ladies' singles—
Frances Wolverton, Katherine Lazear.
Emily Smith, Mary Salsbury.
Bess Devin, Annis Conley.
Dorothea Lazear, Bye.
Men's Singles—
Harrison Greer (1)*—H. K. Littleton.
C. R. Tiebout—James Shields.

Phil Lee (2)*—M. H. Rosenthal.
Kenneth Harper—Fletcher Devin (1)*.
Charles Salisbury (2)*—William Coup (2)*.
James Lee (2)—Maurice Stiefel (1)*.
Lawrence Williams—B. B. Williams.
Howard Blair—Lyman Garber (1)*.
Fred Stamm (1)—Ben Ross (1)*.
Gene Stamm (2)*—Robert Eastman.

*Handicap.
The arrangements for the mixed doubles will be announced later.

MT. VERNON MEN IN STATE GOLF GAMES

Mayor Iger, James Gibbs and O. W. McCarthy Play in Competition at Cincinnati

Mayor Ned Iger, James Gibbs and O. W. McCarthy of Mt. Vernon are in Cincinnati taking part in the championship games of the Ohio Golf Association over the course of the Lovantville Country club.

Thursday was given to qualifying play. According to accounts appearing in the Cincinnati papers the prize hung up for the low qualifying score is without a winner as three players turned in cars of 77 for the 18 holes. They were R. W. Lee, Columbus, V. K. Hilton, Dayton, and H. Quackenbush, Cincinnati. The tie will be decided some time later in the matches.

The scores turned in by the three Mt. Vernon players are: James Gibbs 88; Mayor Ned Iger 88; O. W. McCarthy 99.

In the games for today Gibbs is paired with M. Wilson of Cleveland to play at 12:25 p. m. for the Ohio cup and Mayor Iger with V. B. Kirkpatrick of Hamilton count at 1 p. m. for the Buckeye cup.

TRY TO HOLD UP BANK; LOSE MONEY

ELGIN, Ill., June 23—Three bandits who attempted to rob the Farmers bank of Schaumburg, near here, not only obtained no loot, but left \$1 of their own money. The bandits were foiled by H. W. Freiss, president, who, although shot by one of the robbers, set off the burglar alarm. The robbers, who had given Freiss \$1 to change and then commanded him to hold up his hands when he turned his back, ran from the bank when the alarm sounded.

\$75,000 BLAZE AT MIDDLETOWN

MIDDLETOWN, June 23—Fire of unknown origin caused \$75,000 damage to the building occupied by the A. H. Felter garage and the Grady's tire agency. Twenty automobiles were destroyed.

LOCKING TWO OF THE DEPUTIES IN THE cell section and two in the jail office the men made their getaway. They had escaped from their cells by sawing through the bars of the doors.

FIGHT NOW ON BY CANDIDATES AT CONVENTION

Both Gompers And Lewis Announce Their Platforms Today

Lewis For Government Ownership of Railroads; Gompers Opposed

[By Associated Press to The Banner] DENVER, June 23—Government ownership of the railroads and nationalization of the mines are the two major issues on which John L. Lewis hopes to win the presidency of the American Federation of Labor, it was learned today. On the other hand, President Samuel Gompers was striving for re-election upon his record of the past 41 years as a leader in the American labor movement.

In his first public statement as to his platform, Mr. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, said:

"I stand for government ownership of the railroads and nationalization of the mines and other progressive legislation that will give the workers and the toilers of America the freedom and justice in industry they deserve."

"I stand for health insurance, old age pensions and unemployment insurance. The enactment of laws covering the subjects would give to the workers adequate protection and reward for the service they have rendered industry."

This made the issues between the two candidates clear, as President Gompers already has gone on record against government ownership, unemployment insurance, health insurance and other similar proposed legislative measures.

Supporters of both candidates continued their campaigns at top speed today, carrying their electioneering to the floor of the convention. Little change, however, was shown in the line-up for the candidates.

PLANS DISCUSSED FOR IMPROVEMENTS

Moose Talk Over Plans But Will Not Vote On Proposition Until Next Week

Plans for the remodeling of the Moose Home, West High street, were presented to the members of Hiawatha lodge at the regular meeting Wednesday evening.

According to the plans an expenditure of \$2500 to \$3000 will be made on the Moose home in this city. While the members discussed the plans last evening it was decided not to vote on the contemplated improvements until the next regular meeting, Wednesday evening, June 29.

It was announced at the meeting Wednesday evening that the Vermelto Carnival Co. would be in Mt. Vernon the week of July 4, under auspices of the Moose lodge.

PRISONERS MAKE DARING ESCAPE

[By Associated Press to The Banner] CLEVELAND, June 23—Two alleged murderers and a parole violator, armed with revolvers and with their faces masked, made a daring escape from the county jail early today after overpowering four deputy sheriffs. The men who escaped were "Bobby" Hunt and James Walsh, under indictment for first degree murder of a policeman, and Charles Gallagher.

Locking two of the deputies in the cell section and two in the jail office the men made their getaway. They had escaped from their cells by sawing through the bars of the doors.