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THE WEATHER  
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## MOB OF THOUSAND MEN AFTER NEGRO

### West Virginia Man Accused of Assaulting and Murdering Woman.

## OFFICERS ARE HIDING IN WOODS WITH PRISONER

Soon After Arrest is Made Crowds Gather and When the Accused is Placed on Pullman Car They Refuse to Allow Train to Leave—Escape is Made and Chase Begins.

(By Associated Press)  
HINTON, W. VA., Aug. 16.—Directly under the nose of a lawless mob of a thousand infuriated men, bent on having the life of a negro, believed to be the man who assaulted and murdered Mrs. Lottie Alliss, of Quinneton, Sunday night, and wounded her husband, county officers tonight escaped from a Pullman car, in which they had concealed the prisoner for four hours and took to the woods with the prisoner. As soon as the mob learned that the prisoner had been carried away, when almost within their grasp, their anger broke out afresh.

Governor Out With Troops.  
They scattered into groups and began searching the woods for the negro and the officers. Troops, accompanied by Governor Glascock, are on the way from Charleston to prevent a lynching.

The negro was arrested by a railroad detective today. Immediately the mob began to gather and in two hours it had reached proportions that made the officers realize that they were unable to cope with the situation. On appeal to the governor he ordered militia to Hinton. It was after midnight when the troops arrived.

Mob Holds Train.  
Just before dark officers attempted to place the negro on a train to take him away. The mob soon learned of this move, but allowed the officers to get the prisoner into a Pullman car. Then the rioters un-coupled the engine, cut the air hose and resolutely refused to allow the train to move.

They guarded the car until 9 o'clock, when the guards, realizing that delay would be fatal, escaped a ruse into the woods.

The Crime.  
The crime for which the negro was wanted, occurred on Sunday night, John Alliss and his wife were walking on the railroad tracks near Quinneton, W. Va. A negro knocked Alliss down. After kicking him into insensibility the negro assaulted Mrs. Alliss, who was a bride of three weeks and then murdered her. Alliss recovered enough Monday morning to tell the story, but is now in a critical condition.

## PRESIDENT MONTT DEAD.

### Chief Executive of Chile Dies From Heart Failure.

(By Associated Press)  
LONDON, Aug. 16.—President Pedro Montt, of Chile, arrived at Bremen on the steamship Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse this morning. His death occurred at 11:50 o'clock tonight. It was due to a recurrence of heart failure, following the recent attack of angina pectoris from which he suffered.

## Find Petrified Tortoise.

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 16.—A petrified tortoise which may have been crawling about the vales of Virginia during the days of Noah, has been discovered at Orkney Springs, Va., by two Washington men. The petrified animal, which weighs about 400 pounds, will be presented to the Smithsonian Institution.

## Boys Drown While Fishing.

(By Associated Press)  
SANDUSKY, OHIO, Aug. 16.—Clarence and Elmer Hemmerle, aged 15 and 11 respectively, sons of Frank Hemmerle, hotel proprietor, and John, a nine year old son of Charles Ebner, were drowned while on a fishing trip near here tonight.

## Will Fill Caves in Staunton.

(By Associated Press)  
STAUNTON, VA., Aug. 16.—Geological experts, who are here investigating the cave-ins which caused the collapse of several buildings, now advise filling the holes. This work will begin at once. The excitement has subsided.

## AMERICAN PRISONER IS DOING WELL IN CELL

### Acting Consul General Reports on Condition of William Pittman in Nicaragua.

(By Associated Press)  
NEW ORLEANS, LA., Aug. 16.—William Pittman, the Boston boy who was captured with the troops of the Madrid government in Nicaragua while playing havoc in the ranks by planting mines for the insurgents, is well, and happy, according to Harvey Smith, an American acting consul-general of Nicaragua, in New Orleans. Smith returned today from Managua, accompanied by Carlos Martinez, who figured conspicuously in fitting out the Madrid gunboat Venus.

Smith says that he called on Pittman at the prison in Managua and told him he was willing to do everything for him he could. He was surprised to find him occupying a cell with a negro, also an insurgent captured about the same time. Pittman, however, asked Smith not to have him removed.

Smith was told by President Madrid that Pittman would be accorded all the privileges due a prisoner of war, but that he would be held in prison until the revolution closed.

## Aeroplane Race Starts.

(By Associated Press)  
AMIENS, FRANCE, Aug. 16.—An aeroplane race between Paris and London started today when Hubert Latham, and Molsant left Issy, in the suburbs of Paris, announcing that they intended to fly to London with stops.

## ATTEMPT TO "FIX" JURY

### Trial of Illinois Accused Briber is Halted.

Investigation is ordered. Brought Out That Veniremen Have Been "Approached" and Judge Dismisses 72 Members—Case Against Lee O'Neil Browne is Held Up.

(By Associated Press)  
CHICAGO, ILLS., Aug. 16.—Declaring that nearly all the veniremen had been "approached" in connection with the trial of Lee O'Neil Browne, Judge Kersten today dismissed a panel of 72 who had been subpoenaed for the selecting of a jury. This action came after several days endeavor to get a jury to try Browne, Democratic minority leader of the Illinois legislature, for giving Representative Christie J. White a bribe to vote for William Lorimer for United States senator.

Judge Kersten pronounced the situation as "deplorable." The veniremen were immediately taken to the office of State Attorney Wayman, where Judge Kersten asked each man by name if he had been called on by anyone in connection with his possible services as a juror. Nearly all answered in the affirmative. They were instructed to report in court tomorrow for further questioning.

## Members Sought Out.

Mr. Wayman made the assertion in court that he could prove by a detective employed by the defense that the latter had systematically sought out every prospective venireman, either personally or through members of his family.

P. H. O'Donnell, of counsel for Browne, asserted that the veniremen had been "seen" by agents of a third interest, but neither for the defense nor prosecution, but some one interested for political reasons in the downfall of Browne.

Swan Dahlberg, member of the panel, stated in court that he had been "seen" by some agent, whose real purpose he did not know. Dahlberg acted on this advice and was in consequence brought before the judge today to explain why he should not be adjudged in contempt of court. Then he told his story. Judge Kersten leaned over his desk and said solemnly:

"The court wants to know if this is going to be a fair trial or a travesty on justice. The situation has reached a point where an investigation is necessary."

## Creates Excitement.

One venireman, whose name was not disclosed, created excitement after the panel had been taken to the state's attorney's office. There was a hurry call for a stenographer. A number of Mr. Wayman's staff later said that the venireman had been asked by "an agent" to "stick it out for Browne till hell freezes over."

## T. R. PAINTS GREAT FUTURE FOR SOUTH

### Ex-President Writes C. H. Hall, of Petersburg, Anent Work of Commercial Congress.

## MAY ADDRESS THE BODY AT ATLANTA IN SPRING

### Ex-Chief Executive of United States Speaks in Glowing Terms of What He Expects in "Dixie" Land in Years to Come—Pays Glowing Tribute to Citizens.

(By Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—In response to an invitation to address the Southern Commercial Congress at Atlanta, in the spring of 1911, Theodore Roosevelt has just sent a letter to Charles Hall Davis, chairman of the congress, at Petersburg, Va., in part as follows:

"My Dear Sir:  
"It is not possible as yet for me to answer definitely; but I believe that on my trip to California, next March, I shall pass through the Southern states and I hope that it can be arranged that the Southern Commercial Congress then hold its meeting in one of the cities through which I am able to pass. If so, it will be a very real pleasure to me to be present and to say all that I can in behalf of this admirable movement."

"More and more, the former misunderstanding about the South is tending to disappear; and you and your associates have set in motion a force that will have to do with the complete dissipation of this misunderstanding. You are working for a stronger South; and you show your wisdom and foresightedness in the way you realize that this movement for a stronger South, to be effective, must really mean a stronger national cohesion, for the old South of yesterday is being changed into the young America of today."

Hopes for Solid South.  
"Every good American must hope to see a real solid South, in the sense of solid business prosperity in the South; for all good Americans now realize that the prosperity of any part of the country helps the prosperity of the whole and the prosperity of the whole will grow faster and stand on the most durable foundations only when we effectively realize that the words 'south,' 'north,' 'east' and 'west' have only a geographical significance. I earnestly hope that the young men of the South will never forget the past glories of the South, because I earnestly hope that the young men all over America today will keep ever in mind these glorious memories of every section of our common country; and that the men of the North and of the West will remember the South's past with the same pride that the South itself does; for the undying glory won by the men who so valiantly, and with such sincerity, fought for their convictions, whether they were the blue or the gray, is now a common heritage of all of us, wherever we dwell."

Special Problems.  
"This nation is thrilling with ideals at this very moment; and these ideals relate to constructive work in the future. The South must do its full share in realizing it; and from now on it must participate in full in the solution of all the national problems of this age with the courage that our fathers showed in those heroic days to which we look back at mournful pride."

"The statue of General Lee, in Confederate uniform, stands in the halls of congress today, and his memory is honored no more by the South than it is by the North; and in the North as in the South alike, I think we are now learning to apply absolutely in good faith the great words of Grant's 'let us have peace.'"

South to the Front.  
"The part played by the South in the constructive statesmanship of our nation during all our earlier years, was of incalculable weight and value. I firmly believe that the time has now come when the South's influence will again be felt, not only in constructive statesmanship, but in the foremost field of constructive business endeavor. No part of our country has shown such progress as the South has made in the last 20 years along material lines; and I believe the next 20 years will see a greater progress. For long the eyes of this nation have been set steadily westward to watch its great and typical growth. From now on I think the South will share with the west in rapidity of growth. This leadership will be hastened by the completion of the Panama canal; the East has the Atlantic and the West the

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## MAN THROWS BOY INTO DEEP WATERS OF JAMES

### Richmond Lad Has Narrow Escape From Drowning and Perpetrator of Deed is Fined.

RICHMOND, VA., Aug. 16.—After a quiet search lasting more than three weeks, the police last night arrested Edward Wade and thereby revealed an unusual story of the close call from drowning of Dewey Jolley, the 13-year-old son of R. W. Jolley, of 3015 Williamsburg avenue, who was thrown into the James river by Wade and left to his fate.

Dewey was rescued by his 15-year-old brother, Towell, and the story which had been carefully suppressed, came out in Justice Crutchfield's court today when Wade was fined \$10 and put under \$100 security for ninety days.

The Jolley boys were playing along the river front in the vicinity of the Old Dominion docks, when Wade encountered them. According to Dewey the young man picked him up and threw him over a 10-foot embankment into twenty feet of water. The boy is an average swimmer, but weighed down by his clothes he was virtually helpless in the deep water.

## BEVERLY IS UPSET BY COLONEL'S DEFEAT

### President Taft Has Nothing to Say on Outcome in New York.

(By Associated Press)  
BEVERLY, MASS., Aug. 16.—Beverly was completely upset tonight when news came from New York of the defeat of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt for temporary chairman of the New York Republican state convention. The fact that Lloyd G. Griscom, chairman of the New York county convention, had been in conference with Mr. Taft Sunday, added to the sensation that the despatch created.

Secretary Norton carried the news to the President. Mr. Taft made no comment on publication. There is nothing here to indicate that he knew of Mr. Griscom's plan to force a vote on Mr. Roosevelt's name.

So far as can be learned, Mr. Griscom's talk with the President had to do solely with the general situation in New York state and Mr. Taft took the ground that harmony ought to be brought about if possible before the Saratoga convention meets. The secretary said Mr. Griscom took a message to Colonel Roosevelt which would affect the future relations between Mr. Roosevelt and the President. Mr. Taft has assumed the attitude that any overtures, if they be necessary, must come "from the other side."

## REFUSES TO COMPLY WITH MAYOR'S REQUEST

### Situation Over Columbus Street Railway Strike Does Not Improve.

(By Associated Press)  
COLUMBUS, OHIO, Aug. 16.—Although the guards were withdrawn from cars early tonight by Mayor Marshall, who today declared that he would not be responsible for operations during the night by strike breakers, at a conference in the state house with Adjutant General Weybrecht, the mayor set it up to the state troops to guard the cars at night if the company should persist in operating them.

General Manager Stewart refused to accede to Marshall's request that the cars be withdrawn. Including a letter to the mayor, he said:

"We demand protection from you." The state officers declined to assume the responsibility. After conferring with Mayor Marshall, it was announced that the state would continue to handle troops as planned and not permit them to patrol streets or to ride on cars.

## DEFEAT OF COLONEL BLOW AT HARMONY

### Roosevelt Loses Out for Temporary Chairmanship of New York Convention.

## G. O. P. BREACH WIDENS; HE SIDES WITH REBELS

### Republican State Committee Refuses to Accept Former President and Select Vice-President Sherman by Vote of 20 to 15—Teddy Declares Himself a Progressive.

(By Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—Theodore Roosevelt matched strength with the "old guard" of the Republican party in New York state today and met decisive defeat. The Republican state committee, in session here, by a vote of 20 to 15, refused to recommend him for temporary chairman of the state convention which meets at Saratoga on September 27. Instead, Vice-President James S. Sherman was selected.

This is Colonel Roosevelt's second defeat at the hands of the "old guard," the first having been the legislature's refusal to pass the Cobb direct primary bill, although Mr. Roosevelt especially endorsed it. With this setback today, plans for harmony within the party in the state received a severe setback; and as soon as Colonel Roosevelt heard the news he issued a statement in which he enrolled himself as a progressive, so far as the New York state situation goes. The statement was:

His Statement.  
"To the various persons who asked me whether I would accept the position of temporary chairman of the state convention I said that I would do so if they were sure, after knowing my attitude, that they desired me, because my speech would be of such a character that it might help the convention nominate the right kind of a man, on a clear cut, progressive platform; but that it would hurt if neither the right kind of man were nominated or platform adopted."

Although repudiated today, it does not necessarily mean that Colonel Roosevelt will not be temporary chairman after all. The county delegates, themselves, will decide who is to open the meeting and deliver the "keynote" speech. In the interval between now and September 27, it is said that the struggle between the organization and Roosevelt-Hughes forces will be carried into every corner of the state and that the chief issue will be at the primaries for the election of regular or anti-Roosevelt delegates to the convention.

Sherman Knew Plans.  
Whether Mr. Sherman lent his support to the movement which resulted in Colonel Roosevelt's defeat has not been established definitely. William L. Ward, of Westchester, national committeeman, who was one of the leaders in the anti-Roosevelt combine, is quoted as having said that Mr. Sherman knew all about the plans to make him, and not Colonel Roosevelt, temporary chairman. Others who took part in today's meeting were of the opinion that Mr. Sherman knew nothing of it.

"I do not know whether today's action by the committee will have any effect on Mr. Roosevelt's attitude during the state campaign. Mr. Roosevelt is to be a delegate to the state convention. It seems to me that as the only living ex-President of the United States, the party in his state owes him at least the temporary chairmanship."

Mr. Taft, so far as it is known, did not anticipate that Colonel Roosevelt's name would be presented to the committee. If he had known he would have prevented the action that was taken. The choice of Vice-President Sherman can be construed as an endorsement of the Taft administration, which needed no such endorsement.

He Now Understands.  
Colonel Roosevelt took luncheon with Mr. Ward after the meeting. The only thing that is known as to what he said to the national committeeman is that he laughed and told him he understood now why Mr. Ward and other members of the state committee were not anxious to meet him until after today's meeting. Colonel Roosevelt had planned to keep in the background as much as possible in the coming campaign. It was only when he perceived the turn which political affairs were taking that he consented to the use of his name in connection with the temporary chairmanship. Both he and Chairman Woodruff have expressed their hope for a harmonious settlement of the differences between the progressive and the old guard, but there was no harmony talked among politicians tonight.

## CHARGES AGAINST THE GOVERNOR ARE FILED

### Formal Action is Taken by John H. Farmer in Case Against William Hodges Mann.

RICHMOND, VA., Aug. 16.—In a formal declaration filed in the Law and Equity Court today, Governor William Hodges Mann is bluntly charged with violating not only the confidence which a prospective client, calling at his law office, reposed in him as a lawyer, but with accepting a retainer fee from the man, thereby accepting him as a client, and violating the alleged contract that bound him in law, professional ethics and common business understanding to his alleged client.

The complainant, as told in previous publications concerning the case, is John H. Farmer, a Nottoway county sawmill man, who says he was financially wrecked by the alleged breach of faith.

The retainer nominated in the deed was \$5.

The declaration was drawn and filed by William L. Royall, counsel for the plaintiff in the suit for \$10,000 damages brought by John H. Farmer against William H. Mann, as the file of action reads.

## B. W. HOOPER IS NAMED

### Tennessee Republicans Select Candidate for Governor.

### "DRYS" WILL SUPPORT HIM

### Democratic State-wide Prohibitionists Are Expected to Line-up in Opposition to Patterson—Platform Declares for Present Liquor Laws.

(By Associated Press)  
NASHVILLE, TENN., Aug. 16.—Captain Benjamin W. Hooper, of Newport, Cooke county, was today nominated for governor of Tennessee by the Republican state convention here. The name of Alfred A. Taylor, of Washington county, was the only other one presented to the convention and immediately following the announcement of the result of the first ballot, the nomination was made unanimous. The ballot stood Hooper, 382; Taylor, 261. The convention also endorsed the candidacy of B. A. Eales, independent man for railroad commissioner from West Tennessee.

Will Get Independent Support.  
The independent state-wide prohibition Democrats who have fought Governor H. R. Patterson every step of his official career, are expected to support the Republican ticket as against the regular Democratic nominees which include Patterson for reelection.

The platform adopted today declares for no backward step in the prohibition laws which were passed over the veto of Governor Patterson and asserts that the state should be redivided as regards congressional, judicial and executive districts. It says that the present system of districting is nothing less than larceny of the elective franchise. The platform also favors continuance of liberal federal appropriations for Federal soldiers, also for Confederate soldiers.

Choice of Prohibitionists.  
Captain Hooper was the choice of the leaders of the independent state-wide prohibition faction of the Democratic party which recently elected their candidates for state judicial officers and of the Sanders-Evans-Sharp Republicans.

## Suffolk Man Hurt.

SUFFOLK, VA., Aug. 16.—Slipping from a board and falling heavily against the edge of a 200-pound block of ice, Charles Duke, son of C. J. Duke, a wealthy merchant in Suffolk, sustained serious injuries today. He is unable to move and is hurt about the side and back. Physicians have not yet decided on the exact nature of his hurts.

## Williamsburg Man Indicted.

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., Aug. 16.—A special grand jury in the Circuit Court here today returned an indictment against John Clowes for attempted assault on Mrs. Charles E. Pierce, the other young man arrested, was released.

## FORGETS ABOUT BIG SUSPECTED DEPOSIT

### Chief of Tribe Testifies in the Indian Land Deal Investigation.

## BANK ACCOUNT SWELLS AS M'MURRAY GETS FEES

### Committee Asks Witness, Where \$75,000 Came from Which Was Placed to His Credit Immediately After the Attorney Was Paid \$750,000 for Services, But Doesn't Remember.

(By Associated Press)  
SULPHUR, OKLA., Aug. 16.—Douglas H. Johnson, chief of 8,000 members of the Chickasaw tribe, did not remember today before the special congressional investigating committee when asked how it was that he was able to deposit \$75,000 to his personal credit a few days after Attorney McMurray had received \$750,000 as attorney fees.

Johnson previously testified that he always had approved of what are known as the McMurray contracts which provide for the sale of \$39,000,000 worth of land belonging to the Indians, giving McMurray 10 per cent, or \$3,900,000 in fees.

Johnson also has urged other Indians to sign the contracts. He said that he was a particular friend of McMurray's and that in what are known as the citizenship cases several years ago, he approved of a contract in which McMurray got a salary of \$50,000 a year and \$2,700 a year expenses. A short time afterwards he approved of another contract on which McMurray expected, for doing the same work, a fee of \$750,000. The latter fee was to have been \$1,500,000, but was cut down half by the government.

Thought Fees Earned.  
"Why was it you were willing to give McMurray \$750,000 for doing that for which he already was paid a salary?" asked Representative C. B. Miller, of Minnesota.

"Because we thought he earned it," replied Chief Johnson.  
"He kept off the rolls 3,200 claimants in our property and thus saved us a total of \$16,000,000. I would have been willing to have paid him 50 per cent or \$8,000,000."

"You were willing to give a little graft money in order to save that much land, is that it? Now tell me why it is that a few days after that \$750,000 was paid to McMurray, you were able to deposit to your personal account in a bank at Denison, Texas, \$75,000. Where did you get that \$75,000?"

"I do not remember. I was dealing in cattle and my account varied, so I do not remember."  
"The depositing of \$75,000 to your personal account produced so little impression on your mind that you don't remember. When you became chief of your tribe isn't it a fact that your bank account was only \$500? How then were you able to deposit \$75,000 just a short time after McMurray got his \$750,000 fee?"

Chief Johnson insisted that he did not remember.  
Johnson occupied almost the entire day on the stand. Governor C. N. Haskell today telegraphed his willingness to testify, but he probably will not be called.

## SHOOTS HIS WIFE.

Petersburg Negro Claims Accident—Woman Tells Different Story.  
PETERSBURG, VA., Aug. 16.—Tom Spencer, a negro section hand on the Norfolk & Western Railway, today, at his home at Waverly, shot and probably fatally wounded his wife. Spencer says he took the gun to kill a hawk and the shooting of his wife was accidental. She, however, in a sworn statement, declares he shot her with intent to carry out a threat he had made to kill her. Spencer is held to await the outcome of the injury.

Staunton Captain Removed.  
RICHMOND, VA., Aug. 16.—Captain Charles Sanney, of Staunton, has been relieved of the command of the West Augusta Guards, Company K, First Regiment, Virginia Volunteers, by Colonel W. J. Perry. The cause for sudden drastic and unusual action has not been made public. The adjutant general and Colonel Perry have discussed the matter over the long distance phone, but neither will discuss the subject as yet or indicate what the cause of removal is. Nor has any statement been made by Captain Sanney.