

COMMISSION TO VALUE RAILROADS MAY BE STATIONED IN BIRMINGHAM

Magic City Considered One
of Five Points Where
Headquarters May
be Established

UNDERWOOD URGES LOCAL ADVANTAGES UPON COMMISSION

Designation Would Mean Great Deal
to Birmingham—Army of Em-
ployes to Make Valuations
Would Tax Entire Office
Building

BY C. E. STEWART.
Washington, August 23.—(Special.)
Birmingham is being considered as one
of the five points in the United States
where headquarters will be established
by the interstate commerce commission
in their vast undertaking of making a
physical valuation of the railroads of
the country.

This much was admitted by the sec-
retary of the commission today. Rep-
resentative Underwood has been urging
the advantages of Birmingham upon
the commission as the point in the
south is most convenient for this great
work. With its great railroad facil-
ities and accessibility to all points, be-
sides the many other advantages, Bir-
mingham is the logical place for one
of these headquarters. The only sin-
gle objection that has been raised to
Birmingham is that it may be a little
too far south. Other advantages it has,
however, is believed may overcome this
objection.

Great for Birmingham
To be designated as headquarters of
the south for this great work would
mean a great deal to Birmingham. In
the first place, not even the commission
themselves have fully comprehended
the size of undertaking that confronts
them.

It is going to take an army of em-
ployes and means the expenditure of
large sums of money. When the work
is fully under way it would probably
tax the biggest office building in Bir-
mingham to its fullest capacity to hold
the force necessary if headquarters
were established there.

That would mean merely the local
office forces, and in addition to these
there would be hundreds and thousands
of employees engaged in the work in
that territory with Birmingham as
their headquarters.

The secretary of the commission re-
quested Mr. Underwood to submit him
a letter presenting Birmingham's
claim for the headquarters, which Mr.
Underwood has done.

Other representations have been
made from the Birmingham Chamber of
Commerce. Just when the matter will
be decided is not yet known.

MC GUIRE'S VIEW OF NEW YORK PROBLEM

No Governor in New York, Says Al-
leged Thief When Arrested in
Chicago

Chicago, August 23.—"Dicebox" McGuire,
more properly known as Eugene Grant,
wanted in New York for the alleged theft
of railway mileage books gave a hitch
to his plans today, fixed Municipal Judge
Graham with his eye and spoke through
a mat of whiskeys.

Judge they ain't no governor in New
York and you know it. You ain't got
no right to hold me and it's a blooming
shame."

The court held McGuire pending the ar-
rival of requisition papers.

SLEPT IN A BOX TO AVOID DRAUGHT

Former Harvard English Instructor
Dies at Age of 90—Very
Eccentric

Portsmouth, N. H., August 23.—Dr. Robert
O. Treadwell, who, according to his
friends, slept at night in a wooden box
in order to avoid the possibility of a
draught, died at his home here today,
aged 90 years. He was once an instruc-
tor in languages at Harvard university.

On one occasion Dr. Treadwell's eccen-
tricities were the subject of legal pro-
ceedings, but the court before whom he
was summoned declared him sane.

SENTIMENT CHANGING IN FAVOR OF CLAYTON

Interest in Senatorial Muddle Continues in Senate—Hard to
Figure Just How Senators Stand—Credentials Will
be Acted Upon by Committee Wednesday

BY C. E. STEWART.
Washington, August 23.—The Senate
elections committee today decided to
meet next Wednesday night to hear
arguments on the right of Representa-
tive Clayton to a seat in the Senate
owing to his recent appointment by
Governor O'Neal of Alabama, previous
to the legislative providing the man-
datory for the direct election of
United States senators under the new
seventeenth amendment to the United
States constitution.

Washington, August 23.—(Special.)—So
much interest has developed in the Al-
abama senatorial situation and whether
or not Governor O'Neal had the right to ap-
point Representative Clayton to the Sen-
ate, that the committee on privileges and
elections, to which Mr. Clayton's creden-

WILD MAN CAUGHT NEAR SAN FRANCISCO

Find Swarthy Individual Living in
Woods—Wears Few Clothes and
Is Unable to Talk

San Francisco, August 23.—In Marin
county, across the bay from San Fran-
cisco, a wild man was caught by Sheriff
Keating and deputy today. He will be
kept pending an inquiry to determine
whether he is sane. Efforts to converse
with him have been unsuccessful.

For nearly two years complaints have
been made by residents of Camp Taylor
of a wild man that frightened women and
children and pilfered articles of food. Un-
til yesterday Sheriff Keating had been
unable to track him to his lair. The of-
ficers stumbled upon his camp by acci-
dent, and had no difficulty in arresting
him.

His few clothes which were of Ameri-
can make were fashioned into the sem-
blance of a Turkish costume. His general
appearance and swarthy skin strength-
ened the sheriff's belief that the man
was an Oriental.

The camp revealed a curious combina-
tion of primitive articles and civilized
equipment. It was built around three big
hollow trees, one of which was used for
sleeping quarters. The floor was car-
peted with the skins of animals.

In another tree the wild man had rigged
up a kitchen. The third tree was the
warehouse and contained quantities of
nuts and dried berries. Nearby was a
potato patch carefully cultivated.

BANKHEAD WORKS ON RIVER IMPROVEMENT

Anxious to Get Appropriation Offered
to River Work Between River-
ton and Florence

Washington, August 23.—(Special.)—Sen-
ator Bankhead is busily engaged in try-
ing to obtain a favorable report from
the committee on his resolution providing
that the sum of \$150,000 or as much of
that sum as may be necessary, of the
unexpended balance of appropriations
heretofore made for the improvement of
the Tennessee river between Chattanooga
and Brown's Island, Ala., may, in the
discretion of the Secretary of War, be
applied to the work between River-
ton and Florence, for the purpose of com-
pleting the improvements now going on
in between these points, at an early date.

The Senate today passed a bill author-
izing an appropriation of \$50,000 to en-
able the government to participate in
the national construction exposition which
will be held at Knoxville some time this
fall. John H. Wallace, Jr., game and
fish commissioner of Alabama, is a member
of the national advisory board for the
exposition.

EMPEROR WILLIAM NOW A TEETOTALER

Abandons Use of Alcoholic Beverages.
Even Forewears Choice Drink
of Fatherland

Berlin, August 23.—Emperor William is
reported to have joined the ranks of tee-
totalers today. It is known during his
recent northern cruise the Emperor aban-
doned use of practically all alcoholic be-
verages and it is understood he has per-
manently foreworn even the Fatherland's
famous drink of beer and its choicest
wines. As a substitute he has taken to
lemonade with a dash of orange juice.

In imperial circles it has long been known
that Emperor William was greatly im-
pressed with statistical study of the ef-
fects of alcohol, ranging from incite-
ment to crime to impairment of man's efficiency
at work.

He often expressed the belief to mem-
bers of his court that immoderate drink-
ing was one of the greatest factors in
tardling the germination of nations, and
while he was swearing in naval recruits
at Wilhelmshaven recently he took oc-
casion to deliver a lecture on temperance.

HEFLIN'S FIGHT HAS BORNE FRUIT

Chairman Glass to Alter Currency Bill
to Include Cotton Warehouse
Receipts

Washington, August 23.—(Special.)—Rep-
resentative Hefflin's fight for equal treat-
ment of cotton warehouse receipts along
with other merchantable paper by the re-
gional reserve banks provided by the new
currency law has borne fruit.

Chairman Glass of the committee on
banking and currency, in charge of the
bill now before the democratic caucus,
has agreed with Mr. Hefflin that the lan-
guage of the bill should, and would be
changed so that it will be perfectly clear
that cotton warehouse receipts will not be
discriminated against, but will be treated
as other merchantable paper. This will
be the first amendment of any conse-
quence that has gone into the bill.

Postmasters Recommended

Washington, August 23.—(Special.)—Rep-
resentative Burnett today recommended
to the Postmaster General J. A. Wilson
to be postmaster at Russellville and H. O.
Sparks to be postmaster at Boaz.

Twenty-eight Injured

Newburg, Mo., August 23.—Twenty-eight
persons were injured in a rear end
collision today between two St. Louis
and San Francisco passenger trains
here. None was injured seriously.

THE PENROSE IDEA



DEATH OF PUGILIST IS RESULT OF INJURY RECEIVED IN FIGHT

Jess Willard Charged With
Manslaughter in Con-
nection With Killing

Los Angeles, Cal., August 23.—John
W. (Bull) Young, a cowboy heavy-
weight pugilist, died in a hospital here
today of injuries received at Vernon
arena last night when he was knocked
out by Jess Willard.

Immediately after his death, warrants
charging manslaughter were issued
against Willard and 11 others connected
with the fight, while legislators, clergy-
men and club women revived the de-
mand for an anti-prize fight bill in
California.

The operation on Young's skull to
relieve the cerebral hemorrhage which
followed the knockout in the eleventh
round of his scheduled 20-round fight
with Willard at first was pronounced a
success but rapidly proved otherwise.
The pugilist remained in a state of
coma, from the time he received Willard's
right uppercut to the jaw until his
death this morning, when surgeons
who operated on him stated that
death was due to concussion of the brain.

Under Technical Arrest

When Young's death was made known
to Sheriff W. A. Hammel, who had
placed the principals concerned in the
fight under technical arrest last night,
warrants for 12 were issued by Deputy
District Attorney A. L. Veitch. The
warrants charged the following with
manslaughter:

Jess Willard, Young's opponent;
Thomas J. McCarrey and Al Greenwald,
promoters of the fight; Harry Gilmore,
Jr., manager of Young; Tom Jones,
manager of Willard; Charles E. Minton,
referee; Albert G. Harder, timekeeper;
and James Cameron, colored; Eddie
Webster, Charles Anslinger, John Dav-
ies and Harry Monahan, seconds.

Through arrangements with the at-
torney for the Pacific Athletic club, un-
der whose auspices the fight was
staged, nine of the accused men
promptly surrendered to the authori-
ties. Cameron, Webster and Anslinger,
seconds for Willard, it was promised
by the attorney, would appear in court
Monday.

Willard Released

The nine who surrendered were ar-
raigned before Justice of the Peace
Summerville, who set August 25 for
their preliminary examination and fixed
Willard's bond at \$50,000 and those of the
others at \$10,000 each. The bonds were
provided by James J. Jeffries, former
heavyweight champion of the world,
and John Brink, a cabinet proprietor.
The accused were released.

It was said the defense of the men
would be based on a ruling of Superior
Judge Frank R. Willis, that contests
licensed by municipalities were legal.
His decision was rendered several
years ago in the cases of George
Mennis and Ad Wolgast, who were ar-
rested for prize fighting.

Referee Eylon declared the only
"hard blow struck in the fight was the
knockout punch" and that "until the
final no damage was done." He said
there had been "no occasion for stop-
ping the fight."

Sentiment against prize fighting grew
rapidly during the day among many
classes of citizens.

State Senator W. E. Brown, father
of the anti-prize fight bill, was killed
by two votes in the last legislature,
prophesied that "an appeal to the peo-
ple of the state by means of the
initiative petition would result in a
law prohibiting prize fights."

Arrange for Funeral
Arrangements for Young's funeral
were in charge of his brother, Noah
Young. It was expected the body would
be taken to his home in California.
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Thaw's Lawyers Baffled By Many Legal Complications; Course Of Action Uncertain

Prisoner in Absolute Ignorance as to Next Move in His Case.
Lawyers Debate Various Courses of Action Open—Devel-
opments Held Up Pending Arrival of Roger O'Mara.

The Prisoner Not Disturbed Over the Arrival
of Jerome—Spar for Time

Sherbrooke, Quebec, August 23.—
Harry K. Thaw, squabbling with the
Dominion's leading lawyers, retained to
prevent his return to the Mattawan
state hospital for the insane, from
which he escaped last Sunday morning,
tonight apparently was as much in ig-
norance of the next move in the case
as the casual idler around the Sher-
brooke jail.

For two hours his counsel conferred
this afternoon, debating whether they
would produce Thaw in court on a writ
of habeas corpus next Wednesday or
abandon the writ, surrender him to the
immigration authorities and countenance
his deportation to Vermont, a procedure
on which it was said here the immigra-
tion officers had agreed. The two hours'
talk was preceded by a conference with
Thaw as to his preference but it resulted
in no definite decision.

AWAIT ARRIVAL OF ROGER O'MARA

Thaw was loquacious, erratic, domi-
neering and it was decided to await the
arrival here of Roger O'Mara of Pitt-
sburg, Thaw's detective-guardian. Accord-
ing to the understanding here, he will ar-
rive tomorrow night.

Never in the history of Quebec province
or the Dominion of Canada has such a
legal snarl within a snarl been before
the courts.

In brief, Thaw is held on a commitment
charging him with being a fugitive from
Mattawan, where he "was confined on a
criminal charge." This is an error. Ac-
cording to Stanford White's murder on
the ground of insanity, he was held there
on no charge, but as a lunatic.

Both sides have admitted that the com-
mitment is defective and it was con-
ceded that he would be released on the
writ when arraigned. Why not then,
Thaw's lawyers were asked by immigra-
tion authorities, cancel, as it were, all
your objections to his being held, turn
him over to us, having a hearing at Court-
look, where he was first locked up after
crossing the border, and we will deport
him to Vermont? It will then be up to
New York state to extradite him.

THINK HEARING WILL BE HELD

But the agents of the immigration au-
thorities here are subordinate and Thaw's
lawyers believe that the final decision in
the matter of deportation will come from
the United States government.
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GOVERNMENT FUND BEING FORWARDED TO VARIOUS CITIES

Several Hundred Thousand
Dollars Already De-
posited to Aid Crop
Movement

Washington, August 23.—The govern-
ment's \$50,000,000 crop moving fund is be-
ing rapidly forwarded to the various cities
in which the national banks have com-
plied with the conditions by the treasury
department. Banks in several southern
cities already have sent their list of se-
curities to the department for approval
and these are being examined as to their
acceptability.

While the amount of deposits already
placed has not been announced at the de-
partment, it is said several hundred thou-
sand dollars have been sent into the
larger cities in the south to aid in mov-
ing the cotton crop.

The department today completed the
list of cities in that section where the
deposits are to be made. It includes Bir-
mingham, Mobile and Montgomery, Ala.;
Little Rock, Ark.; Jacksonville, Pensacola
and Tampa, Fla.; Atlanta, Augusta, Ma-
con and Savannah, Ga.; Lexington and
Louisville, Ky.; New Orleans and Shreve-
port, La.; Jackson, Meridian and Vicks-
burg, Miss.; Charlotte, Greensboro, Rail-
eigh and Wilmington, N. C.; Muskogee
and Oklahoma City, Okla.; Charleston,
Columbia, Greenville and Spartanburg, S. C.;
Chattanooga, Knoxville, Memphis and
Nashville, Tenn.; Dallas, Fort Worth,
Galveston, Houston and San Antonio, Tex.;
Lynchburg, Norfolk, Richmond and
Roanoke, Va., and Wheeling, W. Va.

Twenty-eight cities in central and far
western states also were selected.

FOREIGN PRESSURE MAY AID UNITED STATES IN SOLVING PEACE PROBLEM IN MEXICO

FRANCE, JAPAN AND
ENGLAND SUPPORT
U. S. PEACE POLICY

Interpose Influence Upon
Huerta to Solve Vexing
Problem

LIVELY INTEREST
IS MANIFESTED

Mexican Authorities Would Have Wil-
son Defer Reading of Message
Pending Renewal of Negotia-
tions—Dilatory Move

Washington, August 23.—Great Brit-
ain, France and Japan are among the
nations which have interposed their in-
fluence upon the Huerta administra-
tion in Mexico to support of the efforts
of the United States to bring about a
peaceful settlement of the revolution.

While administration officials were
silent today regarding this phase of
the situation there was a lively inter-
est manifested in diplomatic circles here
as to the probable effect of foreign
pressure on the Huerta government.

It was learned that the Mexican au-
thorities hoped President Wilson would
not read his message to Congress next
Tuesday as he had planned and showed
a disposition to prolong the negotia-
tions. Unless some tangible overtures,
however, are received within 48 hours
from the Huerta officials, indicating a
desire to accept the fundamental pro-
posals of the United States, the Presi-
dent will proclaim to Congress and to
the world the attitude of this govern-
ment toward the southern republic.

**EXPECT DEFINITE
ACTION SOON**
The fact that diplomats from some of
the very countries which not only have
formally recognized Huerta, but whose
bankers hitherto have floated loans for
him, are using their influence on the
Mexican administration is calculated to
produce something definite shortly. Of-
ficial reports to the Washington ad-
ministration show the Huerta regime
to be in a desperate financial straits
with little prospect of getting funds
anywhere to meet the running expenses
of the government or pay its troops,
already restive because of deferred
payments.

So important is this aspect of the
situation regarded that an air of tense
expectancy prevailed tonight in official
circles where it was believed some
announcement would be forthcoming
from Mexico City before President Wil-
son finally determined to communicate
his message to Congress.

The insistence of the United States
on a constitutional election and the
elimination of Huerta was reiterated
positively by administration officials
—a position which Mr. Lind has been
struggling to emphasize. Only conces-
sions by the Huerta government, it
is believed here, now would persuade
President Wilson to hold up the presenta-
tion of his message.

**WILSON FINISHES
HIS MESSAGE**
The President finished the document
which he read over to Secretary Bryan
and is regarded here as a dilatory
move. It is known that the sending
of an envoy and seeking to develop
a new basis for negotiations.

Secretary Bryan has ordered Ameri-
can Consul Fletcher at Chihuahua to in-
vestigate the reported killing by fed-
erals of Edward Hayes, an American
and an unnamed negro connected with
the Madena Lumber company. The con-
sul also has been instructed to demand
of the military commander of Chihuahua
that the Guerrillas who killed an Ameri-
can named Griffin near Chihuahua on
July 6, and who assaulted Arch F.
Parks, be adequately punished.

**ELECTIONS ORDERED
TO FILL VACANCIES**
Montgomery, August 23.—(Special.)
Elections have been ordered in the First
and Fourth infantries to fill the vacancies
caused by the resignation of Maj. P. M.
Bruner of Evergreen of the First regiment
and Maj. E. P. Coulter of Grand of the
Fourth regiment. The order calling
for the special elections was issued by
Adjut. Gen. Joseph B. Seely today. The
time for the election has been set for Sep-
tember 24.

Glynn is Careful
Albany, N. Y., August 23.—The close
of the second week of rival govern-
ment camps at the capitol, Acting Gov-
ernor Martin Glynn in actual posses-
sion of most of the machinery of the
state, so far as surface indications go,
Mr. Glynn has adhered rigidly to his pro-
gramme of quietly isolating Governor Sul-
zer. He has made no spectacle at at-
tention on the Sulzer fortress, and all
the while has been entrencing himself
behind the legal ramparts furnished by
the attorney general's office, by means
of which some of the main state de-
velopments are avowedly, and others tacitly,
have acknowledged allegiance to his au-
thority. According to the Glynn ad-
herents the state prison department is the
only big wheel in the commonwealth's ma-
chinery that is turning openly for Gov-
ernor Sulzer.

So careful has Acting Governor Glynn
been to avoid anything savoring of a
physical contest, or which might precipi-
tate an appeal to the courts, that he
has not carried out his previously an-
nounced intention of requisitioning mem-
bers of the gubernatorial clerical staff
who continue in Mr. Sulzer's service.

Governor Sulzer continues to observe
the policy of silence which he has fol-
lowed since his impeachment. If any steps
have been taken on his behalf to bring
the governorship controversy into court
they have been concealed.

The Glynn partisans regarded as an-
other feather in their cap the honoring
of Mr. Glynn's requisition for a fugitive
in Chicago by Governor Dume of Illi-
nois as announced in a telegram from
Chicago late today.

U. S. HAS ONLY THREE SOLDIES TO THE MILE ON MEXICAN BORDER

Consideration Given by Mili-
tary Circles to Rush
Troops Southward

Steady March of Federal Troops
Northward Causing Alarm—Total
Strength of Army in Country
Only 32,000

Washington, August 23.—With only
three American soldiers available for
the protection of each mile of the Mex-
ican border and certain knowledge that
quantities of arms and ammunition are
being smuggled across the line, con-
sideration has been given in military
circles to the dispatch of fresh troops.

The possibility that as a result of the
steady northward movement of federal
troops in Mexico the numerous constitu-
tionalist bands may be tempted to cross
into Texas and Arizona to escape cap-
ture has also been taken into consid-
eration and though no orders have been
issued, plans of the army have been fully
developed to largely increase the manue-
ver division under General Carter.

The augmented force would thus be in
a position to deploy in Mexico or in case
of need could form the military unit of
a successful expeditionary force.

Only 32,000 Men
Owing to the considerable number of
troops sent to Hawaii and the canal zone,
the detention in China of some military
force and the maintenance of an army
of about 12,000 men in the Philippines,
the total strength of the mobile army remain-
ing in the continental United States, over
and above the coast artillery force, which
must be maintained in their posts, is
only about 22,000 men. Of these 11,000
are now under General Carter in Texas
and to bring the strength of his division
up to possible requirements heavy drafts
would be laid upon the eastern and west-
ern departments, probably aggregating 14,
000 men.

Negroes Engage in Duel
Huntsville, August 23.—(Special.)—Neddy
Matthews and Frank Douglass, negro
farmers, engaged in a duel with knives
in the street here today, and Matthews
was killed. The men have been having
trouble several years over a line fence.
Douglass, who is in jail, was not injured.

TODAY'S AGE-HERALD
1—Birmingham may be headquarters for
railroad vehicles and commissaries
during fight.
2—Thaw case seriously complicated.
3—Foreign pressure may aid U. S. in
solving Mexican problem.
4—Says members of board are diverting
funds.
5—Stocks quiet following bullish cam-
paign.
6—Political events of past week.
7—Eris said to have made confession.
8—Merchants very optimistic.
9—Dickinson fined for violating traffic
ordinance.
10—Petition for special southern club
meeting.
11—Hudson store opens tomorrow.
12—Birmingham urged to join in celebra-
tion.
13—News of the churches.
14—Revive proposition to erect memorial
to Morgan.
15—Making life pleasant at mines.
16—Two motorcycles and auto collide.
17—Judge can send 14-year-old boy to
mines.
18—Yarns of the Courthouse Gang.
19—14-16-Sports.
20—Only 482 pensions granted out of 1200
applicants.
21—Pearl necklace is starving to death.
22—Weaver held under \$300 bond.
23—Home rule bill will not be de-
ferred.
24—Features of Alabama rural schools.
25—Society.
26—Stage managers plan for new sea-
son.
27—Editorial comment.
28—Mothers militant.
29—Dolly's dialogues.
30—Mrs. Asquith tired of being wife of
prime minister.
31—Common sense in the home.
32—Automobile gossip.
33—Japan retains peculiar form of civil-
ization.
34—Rewards that have been claimed.
35—The young people.
36—New directory for America.
37—Magazine section.
38—44—Comic supplement.

SKYSCRAPER TO RISE 901 FEET ABOVE THE CURBING

New York to be Site of World's Highest Structure Will Tower
Above Woolworth Building—Be Monument to
Pan-American Industry

New York, August 23.—A skyscraper
whose topmost tower will rise 901 feet
above the curb is planned by the Pan-
American States association. Unless plans
materialize, it will be built in this city,
constructed wholly of materials from the
Latin-American republics, will wrest from
the Woolworth building the distinction of
being the world's tallest habitable struc-
ture and will be ready for occupancy with
the opening of the Panama-Pacific expo-
sition in California in 1915.

Such at least are the tentative plans
of the promoters. Plans and specifications
for the structure have been drafted and
will be given to a building committee of
the association next Tuesday for review
and acceptance. Francis H. Kimball, de-
signer of notable downtown skyscrapers,
made the plans. The estimated cost of
the structure is \$3,000,000. The site has not
yet been selected. It is intended to erect
the building as an enduring monument to
Pan-American industry.

The Woolworth building, now the tallest
in the world, is 750 feet high; the Metro-
politan, its nearest rival, 700 feet.