

BOILER EXPLODES

PETOSKEY, Mich., Aug. 17.—Three are known to be dead and 50 passengers are missing as the result of the explosion of the boiler of the steamer Leslana, on Carp lake today.

Three bodies have been recovered and it is believed a dozen perished in the panic that ensued.

Many were in staterooms and were caught without a chance to escape. Those on deck were hurled into the water.

Mrs. Isabella Laberia, Traverse City, Mich., was instantly killed.

THREE THOUSAND TROOPS HOLD RIOT IN CHECK

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 17.—Rioters who have held this city in terror since Friday are only checked by the presence of more than 3,000 soldiers heavily armed today. The soldiers are in complete charge.

On the governor's orders a special grand jury will convene tomorrow to take up the case of George Richardson, whose alleged assault upon Mrs. Karl Hallam caused all the trouble. Then the jury will be ordered to investigate and find who is responsible for the riot.

One of the first cases taken up will be that of Abraham Rayman, Russian Jew, who confessed that he was one of the mob that cut the throat of William Donigan, an aged negro, Saturday night. Negroes are leaving the city in great numbers.

Private J. B. Klein, who fatally stabbed Earl Nelson on a train at Kankakee, has been exonerated by the military authorities. Nelson was riding on the front end of one of the coaches and was stabbed with a bayonet by Klein because he refused to get off. A companion

of Nelson's claims that the stabbing was entirely unprovoked, but the officers decided that Klein acted in the line of his duty.

An attempt was started last night to mob a member of the national guard and an effort was made to cut the telephone and fire alarm wires during the night's disorder.

It was announced this afternoon that there will be no whitewashing. Homes of leaders are being searched by sheriff's agents in an effort to find evidence. The court has ordered the grand jurors summoned to appear in court tomorrow morning.

Ringling Bros. circus, scheduled to appear here tomorrow, was notified that it can't show because its appearance might have a bad effect. At noon 80 arrests had been made. Kate Howard, accused of inciting riot, burglary and larceny, was admitted to bail. From a statement made today by Mrs. Hallam that she could not identify her assailant it is believed Richardson is the wrong man. It is reported a number of reliable citizens are ready to prove an alibi for the negro, who with his wife have borne good reputations.

CHIEF SWOOPS DOWN ON SUNDAY BOOZE

Chief Rice and his cohorts came down like the wolf on the fold last night and found the Sunday licker open in the rear of a house at 821 Second. In consequence they confiscated C. J. De Boever and a somewhat extensive stock of liquor secreted about his room. He was loaded with numerous flasks of strong liquors and two tubs of bottled beer thoughtfully placed on ice.

Although De Boever protested that he was not selling liquor on the sly he had a pocket full of change and was gathered in to explain to the court. The chief and his men had been plotting to make such a capture for some time past.

ST. PAUL ROAD TO COAST NEXT YEAR

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—Through service will be inaugurated on the St. Paul road's Pacific Coast extension late next year, according to a statement made by high officials today. The road will break all records in building for the period named.

FIRE WIPES OUT CALIFORNIA TOWN

TEHAMA, Cal., Aug. 17.—This town is without a business center as the result of a fire last night which caused a loss of \$100,000.

LABOR CARNIVAL TONIGHT

Friends desiring to place the name of young ladies in nomination for the popularity contest carried on at the labor temple carnival this week at Natatorium park may send the names to the labor temple committee at the Colonial hotel, phone Main 3161.

The prize offered to the girl receiving the most votes is a \$150 diamond ring.

The labor carnival committee, of which James A. Corcoran is secretary, has the following list of entries for the popularity contest:

Miss E. Magney, of Kemp & Herbert's; Miss Nellie Freeberg, lady barber; Miss Myrtle O'Dell, Blakey Drygoods Co.; Lilly Kleihoffer, ticket agent at Natatorium; Miss Ida Holmes, business agent, waitresses' union.

Four thousand tickets, each one good for a vote for the most popular working girl in the city, have been sold by the labor carnival hustlers. None of the votes have been cast yet, as the carnival does not open until tonight. It is expected that there will not be many cast until the last few days, as those who purchase tickets are expected to hold them until late and vote them by the wholesale for their favorite.

Proceeding the barbecue at the labor carnival on Thursday night a

FOOTPRINTS ONLY CLEW

PALMER, Mass., Aug. 17.—With a man's footprints as the only clew detectives are trying to solve the mystery of the murder of Faith Davis, age 15, whose body was found in a mill pond here yesterday. There is evidence of a struggle before the girl was thrown in.

ENGLISH HEIR DROWNED

BELLINGHAM, Aug. 17.—E. G. Clement, age 23, son of a wealthy English family, was drowned in a slough at Marietta while bathing yesterday.

DECORATED FOR SHERMAN

UTICA, N. Y., Aug. 17.—This city is elaborately decorated for the ceremonies attending the notification of Sherman of the republican vice presidential nomination tomorrow.

TAFT TO TALK FRIDAY

HOT SPRINGS, Aug. 17.—Taft is busy today preparing a speech to be delivered before the republicans of Virginia, who will gather here Friday to greet the candidate. All told, 5,000 are expected.

SPOKANE HORSES SHIPPED

A carload of nine harness horses were shipped from this city to Bellingham this morning. Among them were Leroy Wier's Zantis, time 2:15; Dunc McDermid's Van Nore, 2:16; Lou Child's Raffles, and others. The horsemen say that they intend to bring home the money and have the horses to do it with.

THE MILLION DOLLAR LIE AND WHAT IT DID

BY W. G. SHEPHERD

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CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—James A. Patten, once "corn king," now "wheat king," has proved to the country in the past two weeks, how wheat gambling might ruin business and threaten panic.

Patten's office is across the street from the board of trade in Chicago.

He has had a terrible two weeks of nervous gum chewing, argument, ticker reading and calamity howling. All alone, he has bucked the market. Repeatedly, the big, gray-haired "fellow" has dashed across the street, coatless, up the one flight of stairs to the pit and into the middle of the fray.

His presence was always electrifying.

He was a bull indeed.

He had millions staked. He was foot free, with no associates to hold him back. The traders knew it, and one by one, as he roared out his prices, waving his arms in the bedlam, they came over to his side.

They knew the stories of the blight and rust, on which Patten laid so much stress, were not true. They knew that Patten told them to raise the price of his own wheat.

But they stopped following the truth about the wheat crop. They began to gamble on how successful Patten would be in raising the price of wheat by making the public believe that the crop might be a failure. They joined with Patten and yelled calamity.

The men who followed Patten's lead made fortunes.

The men who followed the truth were ruined.

One of them, ignoring Patten and following reports which came to him directly from the wheat fields, shot himself to escape facing the loss of his entire fortune.

The farmers, though, knowing that the stories of rust and blight were exaggerated ten-fold, followed Patten, for they hoped that prices would go higher. They held their wheat.

A great business crisis grew up on the lie, and one of the greatest milling firms in the country was forced into bankruptcy, because it could not get wheat from farmers at reasonable prices.

It's hard to be a "wheat king," too. It makes you so nervous that you can't smoke. You chew gum so viciously your interviewer can hardly understand you.

"What the hell does everybody want to follow me for? Can't I go this alone?" said Patten to me.

"Damn it, how do I know how the crop will go? I'm just taking a chance."

In those very words he spoke to me.

The hour was Saturday forenoon, and the place was Patten's office. The failure of the great Pillsbury mills had just been reported on the ticker and the boy brought Patten the piece of tape. The mill had failed because of the high price of

wheat. And Patten had put up the price.

Patten had just invited me to sit beside him in a great luxurious chair.

"That Pillsbury failure won't have an effect on the market 24 hours from now," he said.

"Wheat King" Jim Patten never turned a hair. If any thought of his power—the power that could throw a great institution of world-wide fame into bankruptcy—the power of his opinion that could raise the price of a foodstuff so high that it became impossible for some to buy it; if any thought of his power that could take from the hands of strong resolute men the very staff of life, flashed through his mind, the move-

ments of his square jaws, as he chewed gum, obliterated its expression from his face.

I asked him outright if it was true that he was a gambler.

"Well, isn't every business man a gambler?" was his answer. "Doesn't a groceryman buy sugar because he thinks he can sell it for more than he paid for it?"

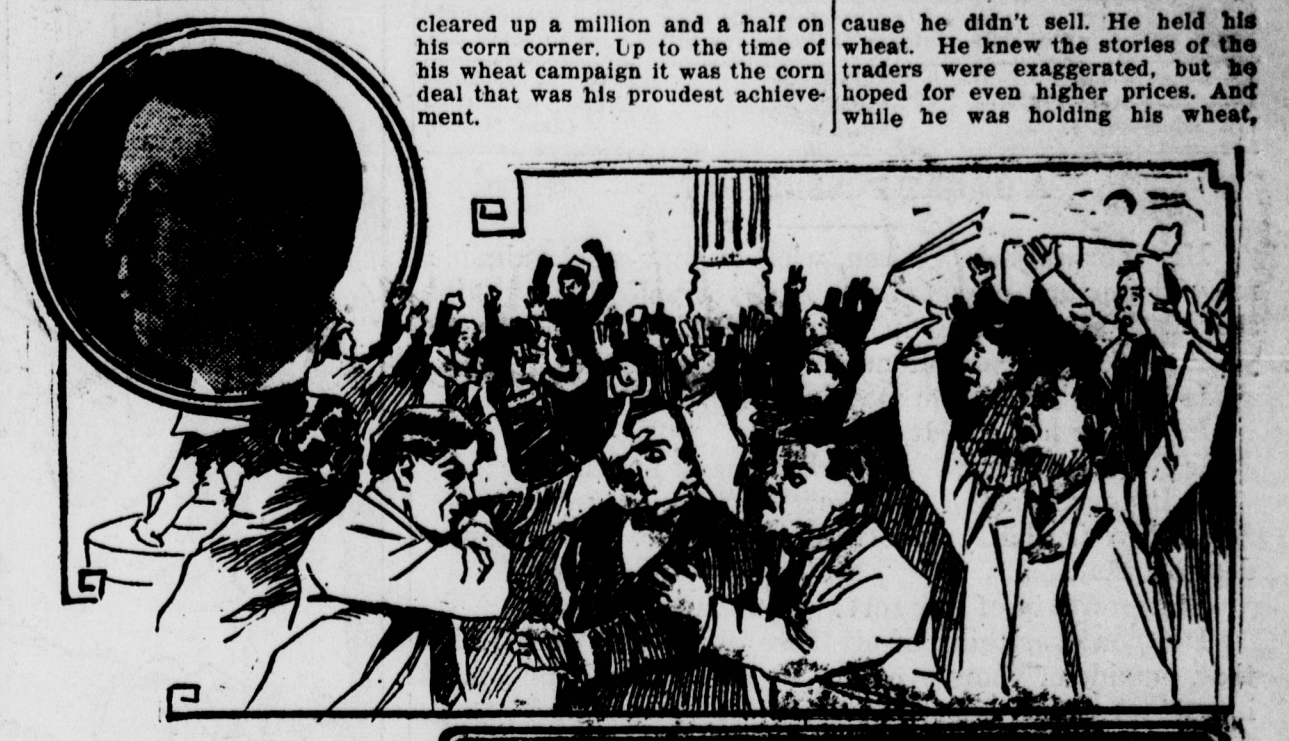
He seemed satisfied with this, but I couldn't help thinking that the groceryman doesn't try to prove that there's no more sugar in the country beside his own. He doesn't throw the sugar business into an unsettled condition. He has to pretty nearly tell the truth about his sugar. "Jim" Patten doesn't have to with his wheat.

Perhaps during the half hour we talked, Patten thought, I was seeking material for a "bull" story. He walked over to a table twice to get reports to prove to me that wheat ought to sell for more.

He told me he was carrying 5,000,000 bushels. Within the time I was there wheat dropped half a cent. That put him behind \$25,000. A bagatelle. The other day he had to sit down to his desk and write checks for \$600,000 for wheat that had been unexpectedly delivered to him. It was two-minute transaction, only a part of his two-week campaign. Not any more so than his occasional dashes across the street from his office in the Western Union building, had his dramatic and cyclonic appearance in the wheat pit.

"What started you on wheat this time?" I asked.

"My opinion. I kept getting reports from all over. I made up my



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mind wheat was worth more." "And you took a chance?" I asked.

"Yes," he said. "I backed up my opinion with my money. Look at my corn transactions. Last year I had to go all alone on corn. Friends came to argue with me. I wouldn't argue. I just went ahead and put the price up. I kept it up. I went against the other fellow every time. I backed my opinion against his."

It is estimated that Patten

EVERYBODY BOOST THE PUBLIC MARKET PLAN

"Boom the public market" was the gist of an order given Sec. Jones by the 150,000 club at noon today. The public market, the first in the history of the city, is to be given an auspicious opening by the market plan, which means that it will be boosted with characteristic vigor.

people and farmers of the event, and urging all to be on hand. The farmers are asked to bring in produce and make a special effort to make the first opening day a success.

The 150,000 club is behind the market plan, which means that it will be boosted with characteristic vigor.

- The business property owners of the city who are objecting to increased assessments on their property are represented before the board of equalization now in session at the courthouse by a special agent and committee.
- There has been a more radical increase in the valuations of small residence property than on business blocks.
- If the business property owners are entitled to reduced assessments on the showing they make, the smaller owners are certainly entitled to the same consideration at the hands of the board.
- The smaller owners have made no organized protest to the board nor are they exercising the systematic supervision over the equalization that they should exercise in order to protect their interests.
- If the tax levy is reduced in proportion to the increase of valuation there will be no material increase in taxes, but it is incumbent upon the smaller owners to take an active interest in the proceedings of the board in order that they be fully represented.
- The board is in session for just such representations, and where no protests are made it is likely that the assessor's figures will be allowed to stand.



SNAPSHOT OF "WHEAT KING" JAMES A. PATTEN ON ONE OF HIS DRAMATIC RUSHES FROM HIS OFFICE TO THE WHEAT PIT ACROSS THE STREET.

BLOMBERG TO ALSO RESIGN

On account of the dissatisfaction which has arisen out of the differences between "Dean" Chapman and Manager Fred Blomberg of the S. A. C., Blomberg, it is stated, will resign at the next meeting of the board of directors.

Chapman, who for the past five years served as manager of the billiard and pool tables and general instructor in the cue art, recently resigned on account of trouble with Blomberg.

This morning he refused to state what the particular trouble was except that "Blomberg goes around like a spotter on a streetcar."

Since Chapman resigned, the members of the club have taken sides, some with him and some with Blomberg. The result has been dissension in the ranks, and to straighten out matters Blomberg is going to resign, it is said.

Blomberg and his friends, however, deny that he intends to quit.

SOCIETY WEDDING SENSATION.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 17.—Pittsburg society is agog over the news that the wedding of Miss Violet Brocklebank, English aristocrat, and George Westinghouse, Jr., is indefinitely postponed. Society has it

that Miss Brocklebank is responsible for the breach. One explanation is the recent death in the family is responsible for the postponement. The wedding was to have been solemnized in October.

BRYAN WON'T NOTICE VAN CLEAVE NOW

FAIRVIEW, Aug. 17.—Bryan today declined to reply to the attack made upon him by James Van Cleave, president of the National Manufacturers' association. He may reply later.

Van Cleave asked if Bryan didn't know that his platform charges are false. He said:

"Does Bryan know that the vicious provision of the Denver platform for payment of depositors in involved banks would penalize the honest, careful banker for the benefit of the dishonest banker?" Van Cleave's hardest attack is directed against the labor plank.

DORR'S SUSPENSION ANNOUNCED TODAY

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—The suspension of Fred E. Dorr, broker, in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Spokane, Salt Lake and Chicago was announced on the floor of the stock exchange today. The announcement stated that Dorr's financial troubles were caused by him having too many irons in the fire in Chicago, Salt Lake, San Francisco and New York.

HOLDUPS HAVE MADE ESCAPE

Postal inspectors are as yet as much in the dark as to the actual amount of loot secured by the two men who held up the N. P. passenger train near Trent as the public is.

It will take several days before it is definitely known what sum was secured. The local department has asked intermediate postoffices to find out from senders of registered matter how much was sent and from the figures when turned in the sum total of the loot will be figured.

The government will make good all of the losses.

Sheriff Doak reported this morning that although he and his deputies worked hard trying to find a clew which would lead to the bandits' capture, nothing has come of the eager exerted and the bandits are believed by now to have put miles between themselves and the officers.

Descriptions of them have been wired and mailed to every city of importance in the United States. The postoffice department has placarded all small postoffices with their descriptions.

SMALL BOY'S PIE BUTCHERED BY AUTO

A small boy burdened with a pie was run over by a big Studebaker automobile from the Dulmage-Rose garage this morning on Second av. The boy escaped without apparent injury but the pie was fatally injured. The driver and Mrs. McBroom were in the machine at the time. The machine was not running fast and after looking the boy over the driver gave him \$1 to replace the pie.

BARNUM & BAILEY CIRCUS WRECKED

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 17.—Eight men were seriously injured and several slightly when section 1 of Barnum & Bailey's circus special was wrecked near Port Kells yesterday. All the injured are from the East. Spreading rails are responsible for the wreck. The menagerie on the front end of the train escaped. The Great Northern road was blocked all night.

BLACK HAND AGENT CAUGHT

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—Vincent Craps, Sicilian, alleged to be the leader of the Mafia, was arrested today in the act of getting a box supposed to contain \$1,000 from under a sidewalk where it was placed by Benedetto Caro, wealthy Italian grocer.

Caro informed the police that he received threatening letters from the Black Hand society demanding \$1,000 under pain of dynamiting.

LINCOLN'S COBBLER LYNCHED BY MOB

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 17.—It is learned today that Dunigan, negro lynched by the mob, was bootmaker for Abraham Lincoln before the latter left here for Washington.

Gen. Palmer, nominee of the gold standard wing of the democratic party for the presidency in 1896, was also the negro's customer.

PROHIBITIONISTS ASSEMBLE

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—Chicago is invaded today by the prohibition hosts who are to witness the ceremony of the notification of Eugene Chaffin, presidential nominee of the "dry" party tomorrow.

EXCITING SCENE IN THE WHEAT PIT AT CHICAGO DURING A BIG "MOVEMENT" SUCH AS IS NOW IN PROGRESS. BELOW IS A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE FAMOUS PIT.

lar to those of a year ago at this time.

Yet, between July 27 and Aug. 8, 1907, December wheat fell from 96 cents to 91 cents.

This year it rose 1 cent that same period from 91 cents to 92 cents.

Patten has done all the damage in wheat that he can do this season. The crop is being harvested, and is proving to be as good, if not better than last year's. The Canadian crops are fine. If United States wheat is held at too high a price it will not be sold. A sudden flood of Canadian wheat will come on and the market will be glutted.

Minneapolis banker, who, finding himself on the wrong side of the wheat market, and an embezzler, committed suicide.

The traders all admit it, as do the expert writers of Chicago. That's how genuine Patten's scare was.

What damage has Patten done? The ruined traders cannot be counted; they always hide themselves and their ruined homes.

Did the farmer gain anything by the advance in prices made by Patten? The price of cash wheat went up in the two weeks from \$1.08 to \$1.24 for the new crop. But it didn't help the farmer, because Patten will not admit that prices he fought to gain during this campaign are fictitious. Yet indirectly he does so, for he says that conditions this year are very similar to those of a year ago at this time.

See what that means? The market naturally follows the law of supply and demand. Patten goes against that law; makes and follows the fiction.

Not a single great fortune has been made in grain in Chicago that was not made this same way.

LABOR TO SIFT CANDIDATES

Political records of the various candidates before the direct primary as they concern labor will be sifted and winnowed Thursday at a meeting of the executive committee of the State Federation of Labor to be held at Yakima.

E. A. Cooney is the member from Spokane.

The executive committee has been carrying on an inquiry instituted at the last meeting held and reports will be submitted that will probably have a great deal to do with the success of various aspirants for office this fall.

The state federation has announced a policy of holding candidates strictly to account on their previous records and what they are willing to pledge themselves to in future. Several important labor measures are projected for the coming session of the state legislature.

SET LANGDON ON BANK OFFICERS

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—District Attorney Langdon was today presented with a copy of the resolutions adopted by depositors of the Market Street bank requesting him to begin immediately the prosecution of official and directors.

CATCH JAP POACHERS

SEATTLE, Aug. 17.—Cable advices from Valdez today state that 75 alleged Japanese seal poachers were captured from the Kinsel Maru and Saki Maru off St. Paul.

one of the biggest milling firms in the country fell with a crash.

In our interview, Patten said to me:

"You can't wipe out speculation. The farmer must have the board of trade. It fixes his price. It assembles facts about the crop that the farmer doesn't know. If it wasn't for the board of trade, farmers would go ahead, selling their wheat at an ordinary price, until the last of the crop. Then there would be a terrible rise or a great fall, when it was discovered that there was too much or too little wheat."

So the farmer is ruled, the country is ruled, the elaborate and expensive reports of the government experts on crop conditions are ignored, panic feeling is started, business men are discouraged, confidence is disturbed, because one man, a "wheat king," becomes enmeshed in the game and must either be ruined or by hook and crook raise the price of wheat so high that he can force manufacturing firms, those that add to the world's wealth, clear to the wall.

"I go always against the market," says Patten.

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Island July 22 and taken to Ungaco by the revenue cutter Bear.

U. S. Commissioner Driffield has ordered 25 held to the federal grand jury for trial.

PUTTING OLD SHIPS BACK IN SERVICE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—The navy department is under considerable embarrassment for ships, according to a report from official source. With part of the American navy in the south seas and demands for protection coming from Americans in Santo Domingo, Venezuela and other Central American points, it has been found necessary to put into commission vessels which were long out of use. The Wheeling is to be placed in commission at Bremerton.

JAPS BEGIN TO TALK OF WAR CLOUDS

TOKIO, Aug. 17.—That increasing the military and naval strength of Japan is indispensable to the maintenance of peace in Asia and the Pacific is the gist of an interview given by Prince Ito, resident general of Korea. He said:

"It is necessary for Japan to have a great army and navy if peace is to be maintained in Asia and the Pacific ocean."

BOY ROBBERS BRUTAL

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—Two 19 years old highwaymen held up William Lee early today and when he failed to obey orders beat him almost to death. Lee was going home. He thought the robbers drunk and walked on. They felled him with a blackjack and kicked him. He was taken unconscious to a hospital.