

HAS CONFERENCE WITH PRESIDENT

Colonel Roosevelt Interviews
Head of Executive With
Reference to Situation in
New York State

IS WELL PLEASED WITH OUTCOME

Mr. Taft Reiterates Assurances
Formerly Conveyed to Chair-
man Griscom of State Re-
publican Committee

ALBANY, N. Y., Sept. 19.—President Taft and Colonel Theodore Roosevelt met today at New Haven, Conn., for the second time since the former president's return from Africa. Colonel Roosevelt sought the conference with the president.

It was plain from all that transpired before and after the meeting that the colonel and his close political advisers are not a little worried over the situation in New York state, and came to the president for further evidence of his moral support.

This the president was glad to give. He declared that his position in the New York state fight had been clear from the very first. He said he sympathized heartily with the fight against "bossism" being waged by the people of the state. Mr. Taft reiterated the statements he made in his letter to Lloyd C. Griscom, president of the New York county Republican committee, at the time of the Sherman-Roosevelt controversy over the temporary chairmanship.

President Taft and Colonel Roosevelt did not discuss the question of the presidency of 1912. Mr. Taft's position is this: "He is willing to run if nominated. If his friends think there is a good chance for him to be re-elected, Mr. Taft feels that they will see to his nomination."

President Taft said that while a number of subjects were interjected in the brief conference the New York situation was the foundation of the gathering.

Mr. Griscom Satisfied
NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—Lloyd C. Griscom gave out this statement on the conference: "I am perfectly satisfied with the situation. I was very much reassured to find that President Taft's position has not changed since he wrote me on August 10. The president has a thorough understanding of the issues involved in the situation in this state."

Colonel Roosevelt Pleased
OSTER BAY, Sept. 19.—Well pleased with his conference with President Taft, Colonel Roosevelt returned to Oyster Bay at 7 tonight and drove to Sagamore Hill.

"I had a very pleasant interview with the president," said the colonel, "and an entirely satisfactory talk on the New York situation."

He admitted that the national situation also had been discussed, but declined to repeat any of the conversation. It was learned, however, that they had not taken up the question of a candidate for governor of New York.

DROWNED IN NARROWS

Three Members of Vancouver Launching Party Fall Victims to Deadly Tide

VANCOUVER, Sept. 19.—Laughing and singing "Under the Harvest Moon," a merry launch party was caught in the deadly tide rip of the Narrows off Prospect point last evening and of the four youths and four girls who composed it, three, William Young, and his sister, Mabel Young, and William Woodford, lost their lives.

The others, clinging to the upturned boat, were successfully taken off by John Baker, an Indian, who venturing into the boiling waters where the back eddy meets the rush of the outgoing tide, got them all safely to shore.

James Jamieson, the betrothed of the dead girl, was one of the party.

The young people, all between the ages of twenty and twenty-five, had been picnicking at Indian river, and returning down Burrard Inlet in the gasoline launch You and I, essayed to go out by the Narrows and around to English Bay with the object of landing there. Keeping dangerously close to the southern shore, thick with signs spelling danger to professional mariners, they rounded Prospect point, where runs out the dangerous shelf on which the old Beaver's hull was cast up by the tide rip thirty years ago. Here the back eddy and the outgoing tide meet, the waters rising almost in a wall. Straight into this seething cauldron headed the launch and in a moment it was capsized and the whole party was struggling in the water.

Better Than Expected

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 17.—Late reports from western and Southern Alaska indicate that the salmon pack has been in some instances larger than expected. For instance, there has been a full pack at Orca. Late runs of fish were heavy. The pack at Chignik was also better than expected. In south eastern Alaska the canneries are still operating and packers here believe the cans will all be filled. A million dollars in wages will have been disbursed in Seattle by the Alaska packers when the last of the employees is paid off.

SON KILLS FATHER

Uses Shotgun With Fatal Effect as
Result of Drunken Brawl—Mur-
derer in Custody

GULL LAKE, Sask., Sept. 19.—A shocking murder occurred near this place on Friday evening, when Mr. McBride and his son, Lewis, both homesteaders, who had been in town drinking freely, returned to their homestead shack. They engaged in a drunken brawl, during which Lewis grabbed a double-barrelled shotgun and discharged one barrel's contents into his father's stomach. The shot suddenly brought the young man to his senses, and realizing what he had done, he immediately set off to town for medical assistance. Upon explaining what had occurred at the home-stand, he was arrested by Constable Fisher of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police. Medical aid was sent out to the father, and every effort made to relieve his agony, but he passed away at 7 this morning.

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Rumor Comes From Montreal of Poss-
ible Amalgamation of Two
Great Systems

MONTREAL, Sept. 19.—The statement is made here that one reason why the Canadian Pacific railway was not keeping up its service in the various parts of the country and was not making improvements is that the main efforts of two or three men at the head of the company have been directed towards securing control of the Grand Trunk railway, and perhaps the Grand Trunk Pacific, and that a mighty consolidation is at this moment under consideration of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy.

HOUSES BURNED IN FORT ROUGE

Unfinished Apartment Building
and Several Residences De-
stroyed—Thirty Workmen
Have Narrow Escape

WINNIPEG, Sept. 19.—Fire which broke out at 2:30 p. m. in the fashionable residential district of Fort Rouge, and which was not under control till midnight, did damage roughly estimated at \$125,000, while thirty men working on the roof of the unfinished apartment block in which the fire started had a narrow escape. The fire broke out in the \$150,000 apartment house of Hicks and Patterson, totally destroying it, and then jumped back to McMillan avenue, where seven frame houses were speedily licked up. The apartment house was brick and stone, wood finished, and the fire started from the explosion of a plumber's gasoline furnace. A high wind was blowing and the unfinished structure being not closed in, the flames spread so rapidly that the thirty men working on the roof were cut off before they well recognized their predicament. Some jumped, others slid down by ropes and all escaped with a few minor injuries. The 45 men working inside escaped uninjured. The \$30,000 so far expended on the building is represented by \$20,000 insurance.

With the flames racing from house to house, the occupants of the residences on McMillan destroyed at Fort Rouge, and driving one of the latter was F. M. Treton from Station No. 4, who stoically watched the conflagration lick up his own home.

Following is an estimate of the losses: Hicks & Patterson's apartment block, loss \$80,000, insurance \$20,000; C. L. Peterson, residence, \$15,000, fully insured; Mrs. Fletcher Andrews, tenant of above, \$2,000, partially insured; T. H. Sretton, residence, \$5,000, partially insured; Percy Hicks, residence, \$4,000, partially insured; Dr. Gilmore, residence, \$5,000, partially insured; Miss Pringle, residence, \$4,000, partially insured; Mr. Reynolds (late from Montreal), residence, \$4,000, partially insured; Mr. Paden, residence, \$4,000, fully insured; Mr. Ellis, tenant of above, \$500.

SHOT BY NEGRO

CHICAGO, Sept. 19.—Clarence Hillier, chief clerk of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad, was shot to death today by a negro burglar. Hillier lived in one of the fashionable shore districts. Early today his daughter's screams aroused him, and running to her room he saw a negro armed and his face covered with a handkerchief. Hillier sprang forward and grappled with the intruder. The negro fired at him three times while they clinched, each shot taking effect and though the men struggled together for a few minutes longer Hillier slipped from the negro's grasp and dropped to the floor.

The Hillier family were aroused by the screams and the shots, and the police were summoned. Before daylight detectives were on the scene, and discovered clues which ended in the arrest of William Jones, colored. Jones resisted desperately when the officers arrested him. He was taken to the police station, where he is being held pending an investigation, and will be questioned closely by the police. An inquest over Hillier's death will be held today.

Hillier is well known in railroad circles here and was wealthy. The Kootenay Iron Co. Ltd. is now shipping its product to the Ontario markets, which is commented upon in certain Toronto papers as another case of sending coals to Newcastle.

STRANGE THEFT ON MINNESOTA

Ten Bales of Valuable Silk
Stolen From Strong Room of
Big Hill Limer on Her Recent
Voyage

BOLDLY ABSTRACTED FROM STEEL TANK

Suspected Men Kept Under
Surveillance and Likely to be
Arrested on Steamer's Arri-
val at Hongkong

SEATTLE, Sept. 19.—Ten bales of the rarest Chinese silk, worth more than \$4,000, part of a \$250,000 shipment from the Orient to Seattle, were stolen from the strong rooms of the Big Hill Limer Minnesota on the vessel's last voyage, either while she was at Hongkong or Manila, or while she was on her way between these points.

The silk, which was regularly checked and placed aboard the Minnesota at Hongkong on July 29, was stored in one of the vessel's four steel, watertight, fireproof silk tanks. After the liner arrived at Manila the robbery was discovered when the tanks were unsealed and opened to receive a valuable shipment of cigars for this port.

The discovery of the robbery, which is one of the cleverest ever perpetrated on an ocean liner, was followed by intense excitement among the officers of the vessel. A strict watch was ordered by Capt. Thos. A. Garlick, commander of the Minnesota, on all those who might in any way be supposed to have been connected with the robbery.

This watch was never for a moment relaxed during the voyage from Manila to this port, and on her arrival here it was supplemented by the assistance of the ablest detectives available. For weeks the most experienced detectives in the service of the Pinkerton agency and of the vast secret system of the Great Northern Railway, which reaches from the Atlantic board to the coast of Asia, strenuously have been working to round up various clues which they believe have put them on the track of the robbers.

The arrest of at least one man aboard the Minnesota, believed to have been concerned in the theft, would have been effected several days ago, it is said, but for the fact that the secret service men found that questions of international law would arise should any of the suspected thieves be taken into custody at this port.

On this account the men who are believed by the detectives to have acted a part in the perpetration of the crime have been kept under the closest surveillance while the Minnesota has been at her slip at Smith's Cove. The liner left again for the Orient at noon today and the men still being watched by the secret service men, who will place them under arrest immediately on arrival at Hongkong.

The question as to when the silk was stolen has provided a mystery, whose solution is severely taking the efforts of the Great Northern, and is likely to cause quite a difference of opinion between the officials of the line and its agents at Hongkong, all of whom have preserved the greatest reticence concerning the robbery.

MUCH THE SAME HERE

South African Election Scene Differs Little from Like Scenes Elsewhere

CAPE TOWN, Sept. 19.—A South African election scene is reported from Vryheid. Mr. Myburgh, a meeting there to further his candidature for the union parliament as a supporter of the Nationalist party. Mr. B. E. A. Rabe, another candidate for the Vryheid division, also a Nationalist candidate, was present in the audience, and the meeting developed into a personal squabble between the two as to their respective actions in the Natal parliament. Mr. Myburgh accused Mr. Rabe of having got his mother to wire him to come home when an important vote was about to be taken in the Natal assembly, whereupon a curious scene ensued.

Without more ado Mr. Rabe commenced to take off his coat, and offered to fight the speaker. He was thwarted in an attempt to make good his offer by other members of the audience. But he threw his hat at Mr. Myburgh, and indulged in a volley of abuse. Mr. Myburgh, on his part, according to the report of the incident, realized he had "made a serious error," and apologized "most humbly," and the incident ended in peace being made over a glass of water from the chairman's jug, amid roars of laughter from the British section of the audience.

Sultan Will Travel

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 19.—The Sultan of Turkey is to pay a visit to France next year. The journey will probably be extended to other countries including a visit to England. The journey is to be in the nature of a tour, as Mohammed I. has been advised by his medical advisers to travel for his health. The Sultan, it is said, suffers from the effects of the long seclusion in which he was kept by Abdul Hamid, and he feels the need of travelling and enjoying his liberty. Official purveyors will begin in a few weeks with the governments of the countries which he intends to visit.

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