

TO ASK TAFT TO WITHDRAW FROM CONTEST

Republicans Circulate Petition Among Supporters of the Party. Plan to Make Same Request of Roosevelt and Fix Upon Compromise Candidate for Nomination.

Washington, July 8.—A nation wide movement to petition President Taft to withdraw as the republican presidential candidate, is being backed by a large number of republican office-holders who feel that they face defeat in November, unless the breach in the party can be healed. These men include members of congress, members of state legislatures which will elect senators, mayors and county office holders and party candidates. If the movement to petition Mr. Taft to withdraw succeeds in gaining any volume, it is said these same men, in the interest of the party harmony, may ask Col. Roosevelt also to withdraw as a prospective candidate for an independent nomination and permit a compromise selection of some man agreeable to both factions of the party. It is the desire of the promoters of the scheme that a decision shall be reached before August 15th, when the Roosevelt faction plans to hold a convention in Chicago. The circulation of petitions, it was declared today, would start within a week. It was said the movement would begin spontaneously in every state. The organizers are now circulating blank forms of petitions and appointing supervisors who in turn will engage canvassers to solicit the signatures of republican voters. The author of the plan expects to offer to practically every republican voter in the United States a chance to express his opinion of Mr. Taft's candidacy either by signing the petition or by endorsing it. The movement is in the hands of several well known members of congress. They are being aided by many of the extreme Roosevelt Republicans. The enlistment of the national progressive organization in the movement has been sought and it was stated today that Senator Dixon's organization was willing to cooperate. Information that the petitions were to be put before the voters leaked out today. No particular person is authority for the statement and members of congress concerned were unwilling to stand sponsors for it until the movement was under way. In the event of the anti-Taft petitions an effort will be made to get them signed by organization Republicans and others who have stood with the president as well as by citizens who have occupied neutral ground. There will be no special effort made to get progressive republican signatures, as it is believed that to confine the petitions to that one faction would encompass the defeat of the movement. The sponsors of the plan say one of its first results would be to let the party know if there are many considerable number of regular Republicans who believe he should step aside in the interest of harmony.

CATHOLICS FEAR ORANGEMEN WILL CREATE TROUBLE

Bishop Asks for Protection During Boyne Anniversary Celebration—Home Rule Campaign. New York, July 7.—A cable from Belfast this afternoon says: "The Catholic Lord Bishop of Belfast today telegraphed the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland demanding military protection for all Catholic institutions in Ulster during the coming week. The anniversary of the battle of the Boyne will be celebrated with more than its accustomed vigor by the Orangemen next Friday. Because of the resentment against the Home Rule campaign in Ulster, many threats have been made against the Catholics." The Lord Bishop warns the government that the authorities will be held responsible if immediate protection is not furnished to the Catholics during the week's celebration.

SHOOT UP THE OFFICE.

Kansas City, Mo., July 7.—While in the County Prosecutor's office here today seeing a warrant for the arrest of J. W. Beck, Volney W. King, cashier of a local traction company, whipped out a pistol and shot four times, two bullets taking effect in Beck's body, the other two slightly wounding two deputy prosecutors and narrowly missing Judge S. Latahaw of the criminal court.

NEW YORK MAY FACE WORSE WAVE OF HEAT

Weather Revives Unpleasant Memories of Last Year's Hot Spell. Officials Offer no Encouragement and Citizens Fear Repetition of Fatalities of Previous Seasons.

New York July 8.—Weather which revived unpleasant memories of the terrible heat wave of just a year ago has struck New York, and according to the weather bureau the city is likely to suffer for a considerable time. The mercury jumped today to 93 degrees official at 2 o'clock, and some street thermometers recorded it as 95. The humidity was excessive, and scores of heat prostrations were reported. In the heat wave which swept practically the whole country from July 1 to 15 a year ago, it was estimated nearly 1,500 deaths were caused by the weather in the bigger cities. The deaths in New York at that time numbered 400. The local weather bureau was unable to offer any assurance today that a smaller plague of the weather might not be expected this month. "There is positively no relief in sight at present," the officials said.

NINE OF GAMMORISTS ARE FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER OF CUOCOLES

Verdict Handed Down in Trial Yesterday—Remainder of Band Guilty of Belonging to a Criminal Organization.

Viterbo, July 8.—The verdict in the Gammorra trial was handed down today. Nine of the accused were unanimously declared guilty of the murder of Genaro Cuocolo and his wife. The remainder of the band were found guilty of belonging to a criminal association. Information that the verdicts were to be put before the voters leaked out today. No particular person is authority for the statement and members of congress concerned were unwilling to stand sponsors for it until the movement was under way. In the event of the anti-Taft petitions an effort will be made to get them signed by organization Republicans and others who have stood with the president as well as by citizens who have occupied neutral ground. There will be no special effort made to get progressive republican signatures, as it is believed that to confine the petitions to that one faction would encompass the defeat of the movement. The sponsors of the plan say one of its first results would be to let the party know if there are many considerable number of regular Republicans who believe he should step aside in the interest of harmony.

BLAZE NEAR ARM DESTROYS BARN OF HALIFAX CLUB

Forest Fires Also Threatened—Country Residence of F. B. McCurdy—Children Were Removed from Danger.

NATIONS TO HOLD CONFERENCE ON MARINE MATTERS

Measures for Protection of Life at Sea to be Considered by International Gathering in London.

QUESTS SEE PROPERTY BURN.

Allentown, N. J., July 7.—Nearly 200 guests, mostly from New York, lost practically all their personal effects, and a \$150,000 loss was incurred on the building when fire swept the Danes Hotel to the ground late this afternoon.

MANY FORMER RESIDENTS ALREADY IN THE CITY TO RENEW OLD FRIENDSHIPS

Indications Are That Old Home Week Programme Will Prove Especially Attractive to Visitors and Citizens Alike -- Cambridge City Band Holds First Concert -- Some Features For the Week.

After months of planning and anticipation Old Home Week has arrived and with it a host of former natives returned from their adopted homes to revisit the scenes of childhood days, and joys or sorrows. For the hundreds of former residents of the city and province St. John has prepared a royal welcome, and the citizens of the Loyalist City will devote the remaining days of this week to making the visit a memorable one. St. John and the province generally has many surprises for the home-comers, and that in many cases they are real surprises may be gathered from the fragments of conversation heard on the streets and in the lobbies of the hotels wherever the "Old Homers" congregate. Any citizen who attends this reception will be charged a fee of fifty cents, but this enables him to take a lady or any of his friends among the visitors. All the visitors who register at the Board of Trade will also be admitted free. This admission fee of fifty cents has given rise to some argument. The object in charging it is said to be to exclude any undesirable element which otherwise might be present. This reception will be an informal affair and so far as the city officials know there are no particular plans all the arrangements being in the hands of the Old Home Week committee. The mayor said he has been invited to attend and would certainly be present to perform his part. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance and that the citizens at the function and that it will prove an unequalled success. Addresses will probably be delivered by the mayor and commissioners during the evening.

BRITAIN WOULD BEAR EXPENSE OF MINISTER'S VISIT

War Office Wishes to Pay Expenses of Col. Hughes at Annual Manoeuvres—Offer is Declined.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, July 8.—In reply to a request from the British War Office that the expenses to be incurred in the forthcoming visit of the minister of militia and the officers whom he is bringing with him to the annual British manoeuvres, should be borne by the British authorities, Colonel Hon. Sam Hughes has answered that Canada will pay the expenses of her officers, at the same time thanking the permanent under secretary for war, Sir Edward Ward, for the kindness exhibited. Major Robertson, of the permanent corps in Quebec, has been added to the officers already chosen to go to England. The full complement will now be Col. Hodgins, London, Ont.; Col. Landry, Quebec; Col. Morrison, Ottawa; Major Robertson, and the minister of militia. The British authorities have called expressing full sympathy and encouragement to the idea.

LIQUOR IN MESSES, OFFICERS CALLED UPON TO RESIGN

Militia Depot Calls for Commissions of Those Who Violated Camp Regulations—One Sent Home.

EXTENT OF DAMAGE IN VICINITY OF CYCLONE AREA

Northwest Mounted Police Commissioner Reports None are in Absolute Want But Recommends Assistance.

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PORTUGUESE UPRISING IS NOT SERIOUS

Believed in Madrid That Trouble Will Soon Be Over. Interruption of Telegraph Service Inconveniences Spaniards—Skirmishes Between Monarchists and Troops.

Washington, July 8.—Increases of 3,228 tons in production, 4,827 tons in shipments, and 928 tons in stocks on hand, are reported for May by the American Paper and Pulp Association to the Commissioner of Corporations. The May figures break all previous records and show that the association's mills were operated to full capacity. The total production, 116,460 tons, constitutes a new record. The previous high production was 110,390 tons in June 1911. The month's shipments were 115,568 tons, as compared with a previous high record of 111,248 tons in November 1911. Stocks on hand at the end of the month were 26,477 tons as compared with 34,917 tons at the end of May, 1911.

INSANE ALBERT MAN IS MISSING, BELIEVED DEAD

William O'Regan Absent from Home Under Circumstances Indicating Death—River Dragged in Search of Body.

Special to The Standard. Albert, July 8.—William O'Regan, a man 48 years of age of unsound mind, left the home of his brother Charles N. O'Regan, at Hopewell Hill, Thursday morning, the 4th of July, and up to this writing his whereabouts is unknown. When last seen O'Regan was on the Public Marsh road, a quarter of a mile from the wharf at the mouth of the Sheepy river. In the evening of the same day Captain Geo. Reid on board his schooner in the same vicinity near Harvey Bank, about a mile above the wharf and on the opposite side of the river, reports seeing a man hat floating past up river in the inflowing tide. O'Regan wore a hat of this description but as the river traffic is now heavy, he thought little of the incident, supposing the hat belonged to one of the crew of one of the many lighters now engaged in loading the steamers in the outer harbor. Searching parties have scoured the Great Marshes, searching the ditches, sluices, barns and hay stacks, Friday Saturday and Sunday, without getting any trace of the unfortunate man. Some twelve years or more ago O'Regan left home in much the same way and found his way on board a ship bound for Ireland and made the trip, being absent from home over a year. He has also since made several local visits in the country for a day or two but this time it is feared he has fallen into the river from the wharf near which he was last seen. The bed of the river was dragged carefully all day but no trace of the missing man could be found.

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WOMEN AND CHILDREN FACE STARVATION AS RESULT OF STRIKE

Discontinuation of Transport Work Results in Depletion of Union Funds—Death Rate Rapidly Increasing.

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DISASTROUS BLAZE VISITS NORTH HEAD

Several Buildings Destroyed—Damage Will Reach Forty Thousand Dollars. High Wind Blowing at the Time Subsidied Just in Time to Save Neighboring Village from Flames.

Madrid, July 7.—Premier Canalejas declared in an interview today that strictest orders have been given to prevent Portuguese conspiracies from being arranged on Spanish territory. He said that all the leaders and accomplices will be arrested. Spain is considerably incensed by the interruption of telegraph service owing to the uprising in Portugal, but it is believed here today the movement is of little importance, and has already virtually collapsed. Official despatches received here from Orr and Verin, however states that two columns each of 800 monarchists were encamped in Portugal on the Portuguese mountains. A few and the Portuguese troops and mounted police have occurred, but practically without any result. The mayor of another town on the Portuguese frontier reports the passage there of 300 mounted Portuguese Royalists. It is believed here that the arms carried by the Portuguese Royalists were manufactured in Spain, and were originally intended for the revolution in Mexico and Paraguay, but were eventually bought by the Portuguese rebels.

SHOT PROPRIETOR THROUGH THE CHEST, MADE HIS ESCAPE

Robber Enters Residence of Lislet Watchmaker But is Caught in the Act—Victim Will Not Recover.

Quebec, July 8.—A robber broke into the house of Leon Caron, watchmaker, at Lislet last night. He was caught in the act of blowing up the safe by the proprietor whom he shot through the chest with a revolver. The burglar then made his escape. Mr. Caron was found unconscious this morning, and he is not expected to recover.

PASSENGERS ARE DETAINED BY THE HEALTH OFFICERS

American Line Steamship Haverford Held Up at Quarantine—Brought Smallpox to Philadelphia Last Visit.

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Philadelphia, July 8.—When the American Line steamship Haverford arrived at the Delaware breakwater today from Liverpool via Queenstown for Philadelphia, 431 steerage passengers were taken off the vessel by United States quarantine officials and landed at the government hospital at Lewis Del., where they will be kept under observation for a possible outbreak of contagious diseases, especially smallpox. The passengers may be detained for a week. The action of the government is due to the complaint of the Philadelphia Health Board that on the voyage of the Haverford she brought smallpox to the port. The physicians claim that no case of contagious disease or even a suspicion of such disease was made by them on the last trip of the ship to this port and they demand that drastic measures when the steamer arrived today.