

DUEL IN A BANK

MEMBER OF BLACK HAND SHOT
DOWN AT NEW YORK.

OWNER OF HOUSE USES GUN

Opens Fire With Good Effect On
Would-be Robber—Five Bullets
in Body—Dying in Hospital as
Outcome of His Daring.

Repulsing a daylight attempt of the Black Hand to rob his bank at the point of a gun, Pasquale Patti, who conducts a large banking and exchange business in the Italian quarter in Elizabeth street, New York, in a pistol duel, in which his son-in-law, Louis Cartier, joined, shot Francesco Pallatro, alias Giuseppe Sapio, who is dying in the hospital with five bullet wounds in his body as a result of his attempt to hold up the bank. A second man, Michaelo Dogostino, whom the police believe is an accomplice of Pallatro, was arrested while running from the bank after the shooting.

For fourteen years, Patti told the police, he has constantly received Black Hand letters, and only a month ago the front of his bank was blown out and \$4,000 scattered on the street, which was saved by prompt work on the part of the banker. The closing hour of the bank was near at hand Saturday and the streets in the neighborhood were teeming with people returning from a half holiday's toll when Pallatro entered the bank.

Patti was talking with his family when Pallatro, drawing his revolver, declared his intention of killing the banker. Quickly seizing the revolver on the shelf, Patti opened fire on Pallatro, while on the other side of the bank Louis Cartier, who conducted the branch postoffice station in the institution, drew his revolver and also began firing. Pallatro fell to the ground with five bullet wounds in his body, while Dogostino was caught running from the bank.

Pallatro told the coroner that he went to the bank to kill Patti, but fired no shots. The police have been unable to find Pallatro's revolver. Patti is held by the police pending further investigation of the affair.

CONVICTS TURN ON KEEPER.

Murderous Prison Mutiny at Deer Lodge, Montana.

Warden Frank Conley of the Montana state penitentiary, Deer Lodge, Montana, was dangerously wounded and his first assistant warden, John Robinson, was killed, when three life convicts, George Rock, W. H. Hayes and another whose name is not given, made a dash for liberty. Robinson's throat was cut from ear to ear and the jugular vein was severed. Conley's throat was gashed and he was stabbed several times in the shoulder and groin before he was able to draw his revolver and shoot two of the assailants down. Convicts Hayes and Rock were both shot down by Conley after the latter had been wounded. It is believed that the warden will recover. The two convicts are seriously wounded.

FOUND DEAD BY THE ROADSIDE.

Wealthy Kansas City Horseman Killed in an Accident.

David Waldo, a wealthy horseman, well known throughout the United States and who formerly owned a racetrack in Kansas City, Mo., was killed near Independence, Mo., in a runaway accident. His body was found late at night lying in the road where it had been thrown from a wrecked buggy which lay nearby. He was a graduate of Washington and Lee university in Virginia, and father of Jed and William Waldo, who were famous jockeys some years ago.

PASS BOGUS MONEY ORDERS.

Man and Woman Swindling Merchants of Indiana.

One thousand blank money orders, stolen from station 129, Chicago, and filled in in amounts varying from \$25 to \$50, are being passed on merchants in towns in Indiana, southern Michigan and eastern Illinois. The persons who are said to be operating the swindle are a man and woman who make purchases of jewelry, groceries, clothing and furniture, where the money orders are presented. In all cases the amounts purchased are much smaller than the amounts called for in the checks.

Victory for Government.

The election in Argentine resulted in a complete victory for the existing government, which will have a majority of seven in the chamber of deputies. Perfect tranquility is maintained throughout the republic.

POOR JOB ON THE LEAP.



With Business Bad, No Operators to Be Had, He Begg Uncle Sam Not to Put the Nine-Hour Law into Operation.

HOUSE WILL INVESTIGATE

Charge Is Made That Congressmen Have Been Corrupted.

Submarine Boat Company Has Kept Expensive Lobby and Held Monopoly of Naval Contracts.

Washington, D. C.—Without discussion or division the house Friday adopted a resolution brought in by the committee on rules providing for the appointment of a committee to investigate the charges made by Mr. Lilley to the effect that the Electric Boat company of New Jersey had engaged in an effort to corruptly influence members of the house. The resolution is sweeping in its character and gives the committee authority to call for the Electric Boat company's check books and all papers in their possession which may have any bearing on the investigation.

Accompanying the report of the committee on rules is a copy of Mr. Lilley's statement to the committee in which he charges that the electric company has for years maintained a lobby at Washington under its annual retainer. He charges that large sums of money have been spent in entertaining members of congress, that an attorney for the company wrote the senate amendment to the appropriation bill of 1907 with the intention of preventing competition; that large sums of money have been contributed by the company to the campaign funds of members of congress; that effort has been made to influence the action of the navy department, and that since 1893 the efforts of the company have resulted in suppressing competition in submarine construction and that representatives of leading newspapers have been subsidized by the company.

CHILDREN DIE IN FIRE.

School Building in Cleveland, O., Suburb Proves a Fire Trap for the Little Ones.

Cleveland, Ohio.—Pinned in narrow hallways, jammed up against doors that only opened inward between one hundred and sixty and one hundred and seventy children in the suburb of North Collinwood Wednesday were killed by fire, by smoke and beneath the grinding heels of their panic-stricken playmates.

The awful tragedy occurred Wednesday morning in the public school of North Collinwood, ten miles east of this city. At ten o'clock Wednesday night 165 corpses were in the morgue at Collinwood, six children were still unaccounted for and all the hospitals and houses for two miles around contained numbers of children, some fatally, and many less seriously injured. All of the victims were between the ages of 6 and 15 years. The school contained between three hundred and ten and three hundred and twenty-five pupils, and of this entire number only about eighty are known to have left the building unhurt. It will be several days before the exact number of killed is known as the ruins may still contain other bodies, and the list of fatalities may be increased by a number of deaths among the children who are now lying in the hospitals hovering between life and death.

Asked to Care for Federal Prisoners.

Leavenworth, Kan.—The department of justice has written Warden Haskell of the Kansas penitentiary, asking him if the prison officials would accept the custody of the United States women prisoners and how many they can accommodate.

IT WAS BRYAN DAY.

Nebraska Democrats Pledged Anew Their Allegiance to Their Leader at State Convention.

Omaha, Neb.—Instructing their delegates to "vote as a unit" for the presidential nomination of William J. Bryan at Denver next July, the members of the Nebraska Democratic convention Thursday made clear of fealty that his home state will support Bryan principles throughout the National convention of the party. They followed this action by turning out en masse Thursday night to cheer a platform which admittedly reflected Bryan's views on national affairs and to greet their leader with an outburst of cheering that brought a flush of pleasure to the countenance of the recipient. All the proceedings of the day were planned with an ascending scale of enthusiasm in view. How well this worked out was evidenced by the scenes in the convention hall Thursday night. Close to one thousand delegates, hundreds of other active party members and thousands of private citizens hailed Mr. Bryan as "the next president of the United States." Applause that quickly changed to cheers, then instantly turned into wild yells, greeted him when he appeared to begin the speech which wound up the day. During his remarks this demonstration was renewed frequently and at the end was repeated with renewed vigor.

OHIO STATE CONVENTION.

Republican of Buckeye State Oppose "Either Halt or Retreat" in March Toward Good Government.

Columbus, Ohio.—The Republican State convention Wednesday nominated a state ticket headed by Gov. Andrew L. Harris for governor and selected the following as delegates at large to National convention—Charles P. Taft, Cincinnati; Myron T. Herrick, Cleveland; Arthur I. Vorys, Lancaster; Andrew L. Harris, Eaton.

Unanimity for William H. Taft, as Ohio's candidate for the nomination for president was the feature of the convention. The delegates to the National convention were instructed to vote for Taft "until he is nominated."

The platform endorsed the policies inaugurated under the administration of President Roosevelt and Governor Harris. The declarations for revision of the tariff by friends of protection at an extra session of congress, a greater merchant marine, and an adequate navy, the speedy completion of the Panama Canal, the enforcement of the civil and political rights of the negro, and that there be "neither halt nor retreat sounded in the march toward better government."

Populists Indorse Bryan.

Omaha, Neb.—With the largest number of delegates at any Nebraska Populist meeting for four years, the Populist State convention was called to order in Washington hall at two o'clock Thursday afternoon. Hon. E. E. Thomas, of Omaha, was made permanent chairman. After a debate lasting two hours, the convention decided to recognize the call of the national committee, and to send a full delegation to the Populist National convention at St. Louis. Thirty-seven delegates were selected for that purpose, and instructed to vote and work for the interest of W. J. Bryan.

Army Pay Bill Passed.

Washington, D. C.—The senate army pay increase bill granting an increase of 40 per cent in the pay of enlisted men and of smaller percentages to officers varying with rank, was passed by the senate Friday.

THE SIXTIETH CONGRESS

A Condensed Account of Transactions at the National Capital.

The Most Important Items Gathered From Each Day's Session of Senate and House.

Murdock Makes Objections.

Washington, D. C.—The system of legislative procedure in the house of representatives was severely criticised in that chamber Tuesday by Mr. Murdock (Kansas). He declared it to be all wrong, and asserted that under it the vitality of initiative in the individual in his representative capacity was being sapped. "He has his share of the responsibility in a majority vote on non-partisan legislation," he asserted, "but he has little or no voice in determining the question upon which he shall vote except in purely partisan matters."

A General Debate.

Washington, D. C.—The postoffice appropriation bill technically was under consideration in the house Wednesday but the discussion under license of general debate took a wide range. Speculation in cotton, finance, the tariff and a number of miscellaneous matters in turn occupied the whole time of the session.

Aldrich Bill Discussed.

Washington, D. C.—Currency legislation was the subject of consideration in the senate Wednesday. Senator Heyburn opposed the pending bill and declared that it was useless and he would not vote for it. Senator Aldrich announced that he hoped to have a vote on the measure next Wednesday.

To Pass Lilley's Resolution.

Washington, D. C.—The house committee on rules Thursday decided to report favorably the resolution of Representative Lilley providing for the appointment of a committee of five members of the house to investigate charges of corrupt influence in connection with the authorization for submarine torpedo boats.

Treaty With Mexico Agreed Upon.

Washington, D. C.—A treaty of arbitration between the United States and Mexico has been agreed upon and will be signed in a few days by Secretary Root on behalf of the United States and Senor Don Jose F. Godoy, the acting first secretary and charge d'affaires of Mexico in the absence of Ambassador Creel.

No Work in Congress.

Washington, D. C.—Both branches of congress adjourned Thursday out of respect to the late Senator Proctor of Vermont. No business of importance was done in either body, general debate on the postoffice appropriation bill in the house having been extended to 6 p. m. on Tuesday next.

To Exhibit in Japan.

Washington, D. C.—The house committee on arts and expositions Thursday decided to report favorably a bill appropriating \$500,000 for the participation of the United States in the international exposition at Tokyo, Japan, in 1912.

A License for Wireless.

Washington, D. C.—Senator Hale Friday introduced a bill requiring wireless telegraph companies to procure a license from the secretary of commerce and labor where their message or signals extend from one state to another.

A Lawrence Man to Carlisle.

Washington, D. C.—The secretary of the interior has selected Moses Friedman, assistant superintendent of the Haskell Indian school at Lawrence, Kan., to be superintendent of the Carlisle Indian school at Carlisle, Pa.

Stopped the Train to Rest.

Pottsville, Pa.—The new railroad law prescribing the hours of work for railroad crews which went into effect Sunday was taken advantage of by a train crew here Thursday when a Pennsylvania freight train was stopped on the main track while passing the town because the crew had been on duty 16 hours. A shifting engine sidetracked the train where it remained for ten hours until the crew had secured the lawful rest.

An Aeroplane Trophy.

Paris.—Michaelin has founded a world's challenge cup of the value of \$20,000 to be competed for annually by aeroplanes. After the first race aeroplanists will be compelled each year to fly double the distance made by the winner of the trophy the preceding year. The winning aeronaut, in addition to the cup, will receive \$3,000.

Senator Proctor of Vermont Dead.

Washington, D. C.—United States Senator Redfield Proctor, of Vermont, died at his apartments at the Champlain here Wednesday afternoon after a short illness following an attack of grippe. Senator Proctor was 77 years old.

Honolulu to Entertain Fleet.

Honolulu.—Gov. Frear has appointed a committee to prepare for entertainment of Rear Admiral Evans' battleship fleet when it arrives here.

KANSAS STATE CONVENTION.

Instructions Given for Taft—President Roosevelt's Policies Approved—State Administration Indorsed.

Topeka, Kan.—The Republican State convention met here at noon Wednesday and named four delegates at large to Chicago.

The resolutions of the convention are brief. They strongly indorse Secretary Taft as the choice of Kansas for the Republican presidential nominee and instruct the delegates to stand by him on every preliminary test and on every ballot.

The administration of President Roosevelt is enthusiastically approved. The work and the records of United States Senators Long and Curtis and the congressional delegation are also indorsed. There is no indorsement of state candidates or any attempt to outline a platform. This is left to the August primaries. The delegates are also instructed for D. W. Mulvane for national committeeman.

The convention elected D. J. Hanna of Hill City as permanent chairman.

The following delegates to the Chicago convention were elected: United States Senators C. I. Long and Charles Curtis, Robert McGonigle, Colby, and Grant Hornaday, Fort Scott.

Willis J. Bailey, former governor, before he entered the convention, announced his withdrawal from the race for the Republican nomination for governor.

This convention probably will be the last state Republican convention to be held in Kansas. Hereafter candidates are to be chosen by primaries.

JOHNSON A CANDIDATE.

Minnesota Democratic Committee Recommends That He Be Nominated for President at Denver.

St. Paul, Minn.—The Democratic state committee of Minnesota Friday afternoon, after a bitter fight, adopted a resolution indorsing Gov. John A. Johnson of Minnesota for the Democratic presidential nomination and recommending that he be named by the National convention at Denver next July.

As the meeting of the committee was presided over by Frank A. Day, private secretary to the governor and who voted for the Johnson resolution on every test and on the final ballot, the action of the committee is held by political leaders as placing the governor formally in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

The Johnson resolution was carried by a vote of 68 to 23, after the Bryan adherents had forced two test votes, on both of which they were defeated. The Bryan men insisted on a roll call on every vote and gave notice in their speeches on the original resolution that they would not be bound by the action of the state committee, but would make a fight throughout the state for a delegation from Minnesota to the National convention instructed to support the nomination of Mr. Bryan.

Cleveland Death List 167.

Cleveland, Ohio.—The body of Miss Katherine Weller, one of the two teachers who lost their lives in the Collingwood fire, was positively identified Friday by a dentist. There are still 23 bodies unidentified. So far 167 bodies have been recovered. The list of missing now tallies with the number of unidentified, which would indicate that all of the bodies have been found and that the total death list will stand at 167.

For Relief of Collinwood People.

Columbus, O.—Representative Hill of Columbiana county introduced a bill Thursday in the house appropriating \$25,000 for the relief of people who lost children in the Collinwood school-house horror Wednesday. The bill was placed on its second reading and referred to the finance committee with power to report at once.

A Tunnel to Cost \$11,000,000.

Reno, Nev.—It is announced at Southern Pacific headquarters here that the four and one-half-mile tunnel from Truckee to Blue Canyon, on the Southern Pacific, to cost \$11,000,000, will be commenced this summer. Electric locomotives for the tunnel haul, which will save ten miles of steep grade in the Sierras, will be a feature to insure pure air.

To Dedicate Soldiers' Monument.

St. Paul, Minn.—Gov. Johnson will dedicate the monument erected by the state of Minnesota on Shiloh battlefield on April 10. The monument commission, the adjutant general and the governor's staff will attend the ceremony.

Detroit Banker a Suicide.

Detroit, Mich.—Ellwood T. Hance first vice president of the Union Trust company of this city, and former postmaster of Detroit, shot and killed himself early Friday in his home here.

Mexican Secretary Dead in Washington.

Washington, D. C.—Senor Don Eduardo De Belstegui, third secretary of the Mexican embassy, died late Wednesday night of pneumonia after an illness of only three days.