

CROOK KEEPS PLACE

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FINALLY SETTLES TEST

Senator Gambie and Sen. Insurgents Jubilant.

BROWN TO SPEAK IN NEW YORK

One of Number of Distinguished Men to Address a Banquet of Greek Letter Fraternity—Miner Matters at Capital.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, March 11.—(Special Telegram.) For nearly two months there has been a postoffice fight of large dimensions at Falls City, Mo. Here has the battle between the great incumbent, G. C. Crook, and the insurgent challenger, John F. Pollard, been waged. Inspectors opposed by him were charged that inspectors charged against the present postmaster, J. G. Crook. The whole difficulty grows out of differences between factions of the republican party in Richardson county by reason of the appointment of Crook over Lewis, the former postmaster. About six weeks ago a long list of sworn charges were filed with the Postoffice Department against J. G. Crook, postmaster at Falls City. Copies of these charges were sent to Congressman Pollard, immediately upon receiving these charges, Mr. Pollard immediately was sent to Falls City to investigate. These charges covered twelve or fifteen typewritten pages. The inspector has filed an elaborate report in which he exonerates Mr. Crook from practically every charge made. The inspector states in his report that he went over the situation fully and completely, and that he interviewed about 100 business men and citizens of Falls City, and that with few exceptions the people seemed pleased with the management of the office.

Only Cause of Complaint.

The only complaint that the inspector made was that there were too frequent errors in sorting mail. The inspector ascribes this to the fact that two of the postmaster's own sons are assistants in the office. The postoffice officials say that this is invariably the case where a postmaster is in charge. The inspector says that he believes it is impossible to maintain proper discipline under such conditions. The postoffice inspector recommends there be no change in postmaster, but that he be required to substitute two new assistants in place of his sons.

The postmaster general notified Mr. Pollard this morning that there was not sufficient cause shown for making any change in postmaster at Falls City. Mr. Crook will be directed to make his changes in the personnel of his office as indicated. In this case, as in all others, the postmaster general is adhering closely to the rules of the department, which provide that to make changes in a second and third class postoffice it is necessary to file charges against the incumbent and sustain same after an investigation.

Mr. Pollard has, under these circumstances, nothing else to do but recommend the resignation of Crook.

Dakota Insurgents Relieved.

There was rejoicing among the members of the South Dakota delegation today over the news received from the state indicating that the Gambie-Crawford faction of the republican party had won out and would control the state convention. Senator Gambie late last night received the following dispatch from W. C. Cook, chairman of the state republican committee: "We have carried the state by a good majority," which corroborated reports received earlier in the day that the "stalwarts" were in the fight of their lives and that they were coming out, notwithstanding their early lead.

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SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Thursday, March 12, 1908.

Table showing daily page counts for 1908, with columns for day and page numbers (1-31).

THE WEATHER.

FORECAST FOR NEBRASKA—Fair Thursday and Friday; colder Friday. FORECAST FOR IOWA—Fair Thursday and Friday.

Table showing temperature at Omaha yesterday and forecast for the day.

DOES NOTHING.

Report of majority of senate committee on Brewster affair justifies discharge of negro soldiers. The president sent a special message to the senate relative to a bill to permit re-enlistment of innocent men.

Hot Fight Over Postmastership at Falls City.

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Ohlahama Republicans Hold Their State Convention at Oklahoma City.

Evlyns Nesbit Thaw begins suit for annulment of marriage from Harry K. Thaw.

Tragedy in Girl's School Near Boston.

Results in murder of one woman and suicide of another.

Navy Department is in Communication With Fleet.

Orders of the War department specify the time for holding competition in arms.

New York man says the education of the parents is as necessary as that of the pupils.

Ex-Major Schmitt has been released from prison, but must at once resign other charges.

Morse and Curtis plead not guilty in New York court.

Diamond men are negotiating and chances of reducing price is less.

Negatives are warned to depart from Freeman.

Frank Thomas of Douglas county applies to Governor Sheldon for pardon.

Anarchists who were planning to celebrate over removal of Avernich's body are prevented by request of sister.

Religious progress is traced at meeting of the missionary convention at Pittsburg.

Many fraudulent votes cast in Louisiana primary causes request that courts name nominees.

Insurgents win victory in South Dakota.

Overheated pipes responsible for the fire at Collinwood school.

Papal decoration bestowed upon Ambassador Peiry of Chicago.

Chinese are holding their own in the Japanese tangle.

Federal government taking census of prisoners and state institutions in search of undesirable foreigners subject to deportation.

Large number of settlers coming into western part of state as result of campaign of advertising.

Dan Nettleton of Clay county and C. B. Anderson recommended as temporary and permanent chairman, respectively, of republican state convention, which will meet at the Boyd theater this afternoon.

Live stock markets.

Grain markets.

Stocks and bonds.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMERS.

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FIRST STEP BY EVELYN THAW

Papers in Annulment Case Sent to Matthevan Asylum.

DIFFERENCE UNKNOWN TO PUBLIC

Seems Certain the First Trial and Has Never Been Satisfactorily Settled—Report of an Agreement.

NEW YORK, March 11.—The first legal step was taken today by counsel for Evelyn Nesbit Thaw in her contemplated action to secure the annulment of her marriage to Harry K. Thaw.

Daniel O'Reilly, the young wife's counsel, said today he has sent a clerk to the Matthevan asylum to serve the papers in the case upon Thaw and that he has also sent the papers to be served on Thaw's mother. He said:

"Legally speaking, Harry Thaw is dead, so it is necessary to have for a defendant his next of kin. The mother will not try to make any trouble for us. She is very kindly disposed toward our case and is sympathetic with my client. Thaw has taken. We do not believe that we will experience any difficulty in procuring a decision in our favor."

Nothing as yet settled.

"Nothing has been done in regard to a settlement," said Mr. O'Reilly. "The reported figures between the two, but an annual allowance of \$25,000—are all guess work."

According to A. Russell Peabody, Thaw's counsel, Thaw will oppose the annulment with every means at his command and will contest the allegation that he was insane at the time of his marriage. It was stated today that Mrs. Thaw is prepared to testify in her own behalf in this action, but that if her testimony should be useful in securing Thaw's release from the insane asylum, she is prepared to give evidence in his favor.

It was reported today that members of Thaw's family strongly favor the movement to annul the marriage and that if it is successful, Evelyn Thaw will be provided for financially.

Although counsel for both Thaw and his wife announce that the action is about to begin, neither would disclose the cause of the difference between the two, but it is stated that the trouble began a year ago, during Thaw's first trial and that reconciliation was an impossibility.

A copy of the summons and complaint issued on behalf of Evelyn N. Thaw was made public today. It alleges that at the time of the marriage Harry K. Thaw was a lunatic and of unsound mind and was incapable of making a valid contract and incapable of contracting a marriage.

A notice of the suit was served on Mrs. William Thaw, mother of Harry, today.

It was decided to send a process server to Matthevan at 1 p. m. today and it was expected the papers would be served on Thaw about 4 p. m.

BUTTER MAKERS AT ST. PAUL

Men from Almost Every State Talk Methods at Convention in 46th Year.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 11.—Butter makers from nearly every state in the union began a three day convention at the St. Paul auditorium today. More than 2000 butter makers are expected to be in attendance by tomorrow. Delegates from Boston, New York, Philadelphia, are arriving late yesterday. A special car brought a large number from Iowa last night, and a carload arrived from South Dakota this morning. Others are en route from Washington, Wisconsin, Illinois and other states. A special delegation has arrived from Des Moines, with the object of securing the best convention for that city, and to boom Iowa as a butter state and formulate plans for the convention.

The convention began at 10 a. m., with an address of welcome by Governor Johnson and a response by H. J. Nielart of Walker, Ia. He was followed by President J. J. Farrell of Garver, Minn., who delivered his annual address and by S. B. Shipping of Chicago, secretary-treasurer, who read his annual report.

AID OF PRESS TO BE SOUGHT

Congress for Welfare of Child Considers Plans for Publicity of Its Aims.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—First on today's program of the International Congress on the Welfare of the Child at its morning session, held at the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal church, was a conference of the national press committee of the society. The object of the conference was to discuss and formulate plans for the promotion and extension throughout the country of the press work of the congress. The discussion was led by Miss Jane A. Stewart of Philadelphia, national press chairman, and Mrs. Mary Mills West of Washington, national press correspondent. Later a business session was held and amendments to the bylaws of the society were proposed. The morning session closed with the reading of the reports of the foreign delegates.

ATTACKS HILL LINE CHARTER

Senator Hopkins Asks Attorney General About Status of Northern Pacific.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Senator Hopkins today introduced a resolution requesting the attorney general to inform the senate whether the Northern Pacific Railroad company has caused to perform the functions for which it was created and if so whether there exists any reason why its federal charter should not be repealed. The Northern Pacific is now operating under a reorganization with the name of the Northern Pacific Railway company, which is not chartered by the government. The land grants received by the company under the federal charter are said to have been surrendered to the new company. It is regarded as these lands that information is sought.

COOKE FILES HERESY CHARGES

Former Topkap Minister Accused of Doctrinal Deviation by Accuser of Characterless Day.

TOPEKA, Kan., March 11.—A stir was created at the annual Kansas Methodist conference, in session here, by charges of heresy preferred against Dr. J. T. McFarland, a former pastor of the First Methodist church charged against Chancellor Day of the official Sunday school publication of the Methodist church of America, published in New York. Dr. Cooke has been preaching and disseminating false doctrines. Dr. Cooke is the minister who recently acted in Canada for Canadian use and export purposes.

EXPORT DUTY ON WOOD PULP

Canada Seeking to Force United States Paper Mills to Move Across the Border.

OTTAWA, March 11.—Mr. Lewis (West Havelock) moved in the house today that an expert duty be placed on pulp wood to force United States paper mills to move to Canada to manufacture instead of importing Canadian pulp wood. Dr. Bland said that there is enough spruce and balsam in Canada for Canadian use and export purposes.

BRAIN STORM FOR ANARCHIST

This Defense Will Be Urged on Behalf of the Slayer of Father Leo.

DENVER, March 11.—Anticipating a plea of insanity on behalf of Giuseppe Alia, District Attorney George A. Butler has asked the unusual course of attempting to establish the defendant's sanity before it had been denied by his attorney in his trial for the murder of Father Leo Heinrich. Four physicians of acknowledged repute as alienists testified positively yesterday that in their opinion Alia is mentally afflicted in full possession of his mental faculties and was so when he shot the priest in St. Elizabeth's Catholic church Sunday, February 22 after receiving the sacrament at his hands. When court resumed today three other experts who have examined the prisoner were ready to give their testimony in the affirmative.

When the district attorney completed the examination of the alienist he announced that the case was closed for the state.

In the cross-examination of Dr. George A. Newhaus, one of the prosecution's experts, it became evident that the defense is to be "marked epilepsy," a condition similar to the "brain storm" theory developed in the Thaw case.

There were four reports from the summit, the majority being signed by Senators Warren, Lodge, Warner, Dugout, Tallaferra, Foster, Overman, Frazier and McCready. A minority report was signed by Senators Foraker, Scott, Bulkley and Hemenway.

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CHINESE ARE HOLDING OWN

Negotiations With Japan Proceeding With No Display of Yellow Demos.

PEKING, March 11.—The negotiations between China and Japan regarding the Tatsu Maru, the Japanese steamer that was seized by the Chinese, are proceeding. It is reported that the Chinese are holding their own in the proceedings.

HAFID'S STAR ON THE WANE

French Victories in Morocco and Difference of Values of South Cases.

PARIS, March 11.—Government advisers received here from Morocco indicate that the star of Mulai Hafid, the so-called sultan of Morocco, is waning. The French victories in Morocco and the difference of values of the French cases, coupled with the indifferent attitude displayed by Hafid, who left the camp at Mauch-el-Chair for a period of five weeks, are causing dissatisfaction and resentment among his followers.

ASSEMBLYMAN FOR FREEDOM

Idea Advanced at Manila Greeted with Ridicule by Members and Not Pressed.

MANILA, March 11.—Assemblyman Juan Yraola introduced a resolution in the assembly to instruct the Philippine delegates at Washington to ask congress how long it will be before independence will be granted to the islands. The resolution met with such ridicule from practically all of the members of the assembly that it was withdrawn.

DISPATCHES SENT TO FLEET

Navy Department Forwards Orders by Wireless to Admiral Evans—Itinerary of Vessels.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 11.—The navy wireless station at San Diego was in direct communication with the battleship Connecticut off the Mexican coast early today and received and transmitted twenty-six official dispatches to Washington. The exact position of the fleet was not indicated, but it was within 60 miles of Magdalena bay today.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—A partial itinerary for the battleship fleet after finishing target practice at Magdalena bay was announced today by the Navy department. It includes visits to Santo Domingo, Santa Barbara, San Pedro, Santa Cruz and San Francisco, starting at the latter place on May 5. The future movements of all vessels of both the Atlantic and Pacific fleets after the naval review at San Francisco have not as yet been made.

ANARCHISTS REFUSED CHANCE

Sign Averbach Declines to Let Them Take Part in Removal Ceremony.

CHICAGO, March 11.—Olga Averbach, sister of the man who was killed by Chief of Police Shipp today, entered a protest against anarchists taking part in the ceremonies incidental to the removal of her brother's body from the potters' field to one of the Jewish cemeteries in the western part of the city. The Jewish Free Bureau association, which was the master charge, declared that anarchists are reprehensible to the Jewish race, and is forbidden by the tenets of their religion. The anarchists who had planned a celebration were greatly surprised when told that they would not be allowed to be present.

DIAMOND MEN NEGOTIATING

Prospect of Break in Prices Goes Glimmering as a Result of This Fact.

NEW YORK, March 11.—Diamond importers of Maiden Lane district have accepted cable messages in reply to inquiries as to the supposed trade warfare between the two great diamond mining companies. The London representatives of both companies sent messages denying that a break between the companies had occurred and saying that negotiations are now progressing for a renewal of the trade agreement, which became effective last July and will expire this month unless the negotiations are successful.

DISCHARGE OF NEGRO TROOPS

Majority of Senate Committee Justifies Action of President.

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