

BLACKMAILERS MAKE THREAT TO KILL BOY

Demand \$1,000 From His Father, Wichita Contractor, but Fail to Appear.

Wichita, Kan., Aug. 23.—W. G. Bennett, a contractor of this city, received a "black hand" letter yesterday ordering him to leave \$1,000 in a bucket near a tree close to the business district of the city last night.

CHICAGO THREATENED WITH BIG CAR STRIKE

Chicago, Aug. 23.—The rejection by the Chicago and West side street commission last night of the proposed wage schedule offered by President Roach, of the Chicago Railway companies, reopens the controversy between the street car companies and their employees, and again brings within the range of possibility a strike of all street car men of this city.

An amicable settlement of the dispute however is still hoped for, based on the efforts which will be made by President William Mahon, of the International Street Car Men's union, who is expected here today to take charge of the situation.

GIGANTIC SCHEME TO DEFRAUD UNEARTHED

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NEW YORK POLICE Branded Corrupt

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Secretary of Agriculture, in Year Book, Reviews Change During His Service.



GENERAL BINGHAM. Theodore A. Bingham, former police commissioner of New York, who declares that \$1,000,000 of graft and blackmail money changes hands in New York every year, and characterizes the city judiciary as "crooked, supine and incompetent."

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Indianola, Ia., Aug. 21.—Simply because the diabolical depravity of the crime appears, no doubt has been raised as to whether Harry Hutchinson, aged 12 years, tells the truth when he says that he killed his stepfather, Thomas Carraher, on the night of March 1, this year.

WILD DUCKS RUIN CROPS OF FARMER

Watertown, S. D., Aug. 21.—When State Game Warden W. F. Bancroft yesterday received long distance telephone appeal from a farmer near Hazel for protection from the ravages of an enormous flock of ducks that were invading his grain fields, a severe shock was given to the common report that wild game is disappearing from South Dakota.

HOME OF DANTE IS HAUNTED BY GHOSTS

Rome, Aug. 23.—The papers of Florence are full of comments on the report that the house where the great Dante Alighieri lived is haunted by ghosts. The premises are occupied now by a blacksmith, whose shop once formed the bedroom of the poet.

STORM IN PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 23.—Wind, rain, hail and lightning visited this city and vicinity today. Windows were broken, cellars flooded and a number of persons injured when frightened persons ran away. Wire communication suffered and traffic was blocked. There were two storms, each lasting a half hour.

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A contract is made of the lowest figures submitted by the Cramps, \$4,450,000, for construction of one of these vessels with the contract of price of the North Dakota, \$4,377,000, several years ago, which at that time was regarded as moderate. This, too, in the face of the fact that both the Wyoming and the Arkansas are to be 10,000-ton vessels, while the North Dakota is but 20,000 tons.

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INCOME TAX FINDS HOSTS OF FRIENDS

Poll of Legislators Over Country Shows Favorable Sentiment Everywhere.

New York, Aug. 20.—Prospects for the adoption of the income tax amendment to the constitution of the United States are being canvassed by a local newspaper which favors the adoption of the amendment.

The canvass is being made by interviewing members of the legislatures of the various states, and of 27 states partly or wholly polled, the majority of the answers in every case favorable to the amendment.

FLAG OF GREECE IS LOWERED BY POWERS

Canea, island of Crete, Aug. 20.—A well directed shot, fired by one of the parties of bluejackets landed early this morning from the international squadron anchored in Canea harbor, brought down the flag staff of the Canea fort, and with it the Greek flag that has threatened to bring about war between Turkey and Greece.

WIFE OF ILLINOIS SENATOR IS DEAD

Washington, Aug. 20.—Mrs. Shelby M. Cullom, wife of the senior United States senator from Illinois, died here today of heart trouble, after an illness of several weeks. She was Senator Cullom's second wife. They were married in 1853.

MEDIUMS REAP LARGE FORTUNE IN SWINDLE

Mexico City, Aug. 20.—What they declare to be a gigantic spiritualistic swindle extending over a period of one year, and which has wrought into impoverished Mrs. de Jesus Perez, a widow, has been discovered by the police authorities. A great fortune, the police say, has been depleted through daily payments made to Perez to the alleged materialized form of her departed husband. Medical men who have examined Mrs. Perez declare her the victim of a powerful suggestion and not responsible.

CRAMPS LOW BIDDERS.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Wm. Cramp & Sons, of Philadelphia, were the lowest bidders for constructing the battleships Wyoming and Arkansas, bids for which were opened at the navy department today.

PRESIDENT EASY ON OFFICER WHO EMBEZZLED CASH

Washington, Aug. 20.—In the case of Captain Herman A. Selvert, Ninth cavalry, charged as post quartermaster at Camp McGrath, Batangas, P. I., with falsifying his accounts, embezzlement, etc., and sentenced by a court martial to be dismissed from the service and to pay the sum of \$1,000, the president has commuted the sentence to a reduction of 25 files in rank on the lineal list of captains of cavalry.

FIGHTING FISH IS BACK ON ITS OLD STAMPING GROUND

Avalon, Catalina Island, Aug. 23.—By wireless to Los Angeles—The leaping tuna, the fish famous for its fighting qualities, has returned to Catalina after an absence of five years. The first one, a 12-pounder, was taken yesterday by A. C. Brode, after he had fought it from a launch for two hours and 40 minutes and had been towed more than 12 miles to sea.

NORTHWESTERN TO BUILD LINE TO HAWARDEN

Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 23.—The Sioux City, Dakota, and Northwestern Railroad company files articles of incorporation here today to construct a line from Sioux City to Hawarden. The articles give the same officers as the Chicago & Northwestern, with capital stock at \$500,000.

S. H. Brown, division superintendent of the Northwestern line, with headquarters in Sioux City, returned today from a lengthy conference in Des Moines, where, it is understood, with other officials of the company, he conferred upon the matter of constructing the new air line from Sioux City to Hawarden.

Northwestern trains now go to Hawarden by way of Alton, Ia., and the proposed route will cut off 30 miles of the distance between Sioux City and Hawarden.

Plans for the new road have been in the making for some time, and were completed a few days ago. The estimated cost of the project is \$900,000. Construction will, it is understood, begin within the next 30 days.

AVIATORS MAKE TRIAL FLIGHTS

Rheims, Aug. 23.—Taking advantage of the beautiful weather and a practically windless day, seven aviators who are here for aviation week, brought their machines out this morning and made successful practice flights over the course.

At one time three machines were sailing over the plain at the same moment. Glenn H. Curtiss, the American, was in the air at the same time as Heriot and Sommer, the two French champions.

"FIREBUG" WORKS IN STEEL PLANT

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 23.—Early today an attempt was made by persons unknown to start a fire inside the plant of the Pressed Steel Car company. Several large bundles of burning excelsior were thrown over the mill fence, but were extinguished by guards.

Hearing that strike sympathizers had threatened to dynamite the ferry steamer P. H. Pell, used to carry employees to the works, the crew of the boat quit today rather than take the risk of an explosion.

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Possibility of a strike prompted acting Chief of Police Schuetzler to issue an order today instructing commanding officers to cancel all applications of policemen for furloughs and also to learn the whereabouts of all policemen now on furloughs.

It was through Marion Roberts that the counterfeiters were apprehended and their plan to defraud Mexicans of \$1,000,000 exposed. Marion Roberts some days ago offered at Louisville a high commission to dispose of some Mexican money for him. The broker notified Chief of Police Haeger, who at once enlisted secret service men, and a trap was set for Marion Roberts. Since Marion Roberts was arrested Monday the police learned from him the information which led to the descent upon John Roberts at Simpsonville yesterday.

John Keonig, a printer, has also been arrested in connection with the case. Tonight Roberts is in jail under \$15,000 bond.

John Roberts, who was in charge of the making of the spurious money; Marion Roberts, John's brother, who had handled the negotiable end of it; Nannie Harp, Marion's housekeeper, and Will Keonig, who confessed to having printed the notes, were all arrested. Mrs. Harp and Keonig were released. Keonig under \$1,500 bond and Mrs. Harp on her own recognizance.

One Ready to Quit. Both Roberts brothers are held under \$15,000 bonds each, and John has already announced he will plead guilty in the federal court. The final details of the swindling plot exposed by the police and J. H. Felter & Company, the Louisville brokers approached by Marion Roberts, show that the plans of the brothers contemplated "making" even stock certificates of railroads, such as the Louisville and Nashville and Pennsylvania, issuing counterfeit money to pay for them, and conducting an imaginary business with imitation collars.

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"There was a fat guy called me 'old sport' when he got off the train here some days ago," said the station agent resentfully. "He's the man."

SUFFRAGIST SAYS SHE WANTS COOL MILLION FOR WORK

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"My plan is to get 100 women to give me \$1,000 each," Miss Gordon continued, "and 1,000 women to give me \$100 each for this memorial fund to Miss Anthony."

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