



Reports from Canada show that Laurier is conducting a lively campaign in behalf of reciprocity.

In a panic in a moving picture show at Canonsburg, Pa., 20 persons lost their lives by being trampled to death.

Congressman Latta of Nebraska submitted to an operation at Rochester, Minn. He is now well on the road to recovery.

Francisco I. Madero has been formally nominated for the presidency of Mexico.

An Associated Press dispatch from Hamilton, Mass., says President Taft began the presidential campaign of 1912, his friends believe, in a speech that brought defiance and condemned the "insurgent" republicans and the democrats who combined to revise several schedules of the present tariff at the special session of congress, just closed.

The president singled out Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, Speaker Champ Clark and Chairman Underwood of the house ways and means committee as leaders of the attempted revision, and charged them with "playing politics."

Several times he referred by name to Mr. La Follette, but mentioned the other insurgent senators merely as La Follette's "associates."

Mr. Taft indicated that he regarded the proposed revision as injurious and dangerous to business, but made it plain that if the tariff board in December reported that downward revision of the cotton and wool schedules should be made he would recommend a reduction.

Standing on the broad terrace of Congressman A. P. Gardner's farm, with Senator Lodge and other Massachusetts republican leaders, the president seemed to scent the smoke of the coming battle. Many of the five hundred members of the Essex county republican club gathered to listen, thought they heard the "key-note" speech of the coming campaign and their cheers were loud and long.

Senator Lodge supplemented the president's remarks by a few words, while two of the three candidates for the republican nomination for governor in Massachusetts, Lieutenant Governor Frothingham and Speaker Walk also spoke briefly.

Edward F. Dunne, former mayor

of Chicago, has announced his candidacy for the democratic nomination for governor of Illinois.

Theodore Roosevelt has written an admirer that an effort to nominate him for another term as president would be "a genuine calamity."

A Paris cablegram to the Denver News says: La Joconde, the priceless masterpiece of Leonardo Da Vinci, has vanished from its place of honor on the walls of the Louvre.

And with its disappearance, officials of the museum are employing a French form of the "third degree" to every employe of the Louvre while the police are trying to unravel the mystery by establishing a connection with the rumored theft of the painting a year ago.

"Was Mona Lisa, for which England is said to have offered \$5,000,000, stolen, or has it merely been removed to prevent detection of the substitute which was supposed to have been inserted in the frame of the original some time in June, 1910."

An Eddyville, Ky., dispatch, carried by the Associated Press, says: When Oliver Locke, a negro wife murderer, was paying the penalty for his crime at the penitentiary here, the condemned man, through whose body 2,000 volts of electricity was coursing, struggled for twenty-eight minutes with superhuman strength and finally broke the straps that bound his arms and legs to the death chair. After breaking the straps the negro toppled to the floor and apparently succumbed, but an examination by the prison physician revealed the fact that he was slowly reviving. His body was again strapped to the chair and 2,500 volts of electricity turned on. Several minutes elapsed before life was extinct.

The insurance commissioners for the various states met at Milwaukee and called upon the insurance companies to change their methods. A committee reported that out of the entire list only two or three companies were found undeserving of criticism. The committee made twenty-four recommendations among which were the following: That a standard industrial, health and accident policy provision law be enacted; that prorating for changes of occupation should be permitted only when the insured has actually

changed his occupation; that the policy fee be abolished; that all industrial agents and collectors be licensed by the state; that frequent examinations covering not only financial conditions but also treatment of policyholders be conducted either by the individual states or by the committee of the convention and that publicity be given to the results of all such examinations

Joseph E. Davies, of Madison, has been chosen as the Wisconsin member of the democratic national committee succeeding the late Timothy E. Ryan.

The annual conference of the governors of the states will be held at Springlick, N. J., from September 12 to 16. The Associated Press gives the program as follows:

On the opening day Governor Woodrow Wilson will make an address of welcome, to which Governor Joseph M. Carey, of Wyoming, will respond. Governor Augustus E. Wilson of Kentucky will make the opening address on possibilities of the governors' conference.

Governor Edwin L. Norris, of Montana and Governor Emmett O'Neal of Alabama will discuss "Strengthening the Power of Executives."

On Wednesday the subject of "Employers' Liability and Workingmen's Compensation," will be discussed by Governor Charles S. Deane of Illinois and Eugene Foss of Massachusetts.

On Thursday Governor John A. Dix of New York and Edmund W. Noel, of Mississippi, will discuss the "Inheritance Statistics and State Comity."

"The Right of the States to Fix Intrastate Traffic Rates," will be the subject for Governor Herbert S. Hadley of Missouri and Chester H. Aldrich of Nebraska.

"State Control of Public Utilities" will be the subject of addresses on Friday by Governor Francis F. McGovern of Wisconsin and Governor Osborne of Michigan will talk of "Problems of Prison Labor."

The conference will adjourn at noon on Saturday.

There is a possibility that the subject of uniform divorce laws may be brought up during the conference.

A New York dispatch says: Despite the efforts of Former District Attorney Jerome, thirteen members of the live poultry trust are in the penitentiary serving three months' sentences, the first prisoners ever committed in New York state for conspiracy to restrict trade and commerce.

In the Nebraska primary the following named were nominated on the democratic ticket. For judges of the supreme court, William L. Stark, James R. Dean and W. D. Oldham; for regents state university, J. E. Miller and Charles P. Knapp; for railroad commissioner, Clarence E. Harman. The republican ticket was as follows: Judges of supreme court, Charles B. Letton, W. B. Rose, F. H. Hamer; regents state university, Frank L. Haller, Victor G. Lyford; railway commissioner, Thomas L. Hall.

Judge J. E. Cobbe, compiler of Cobbe's statutes of Nebraska, died at Beatrice.

A Colorado Springs dispatch, carried by the Associated Press, says: Retirement from business delayed for fifteen years by repeated visits of the "stork" to his home, has come to W. S. Jackson, pioneer financier of this city. Fifteen years ago Mr. Jackson declared he would not retire until he had \$1,000,000 for each of his children. Before he secured

\$3,000,000 for his three children the "stork" paid repeated visits until the family increased to six children. Now that Mr. Jackson has amassed a fortune of more than \$6,000,000, he determined to retire, and sold his interest in the El Paso National bank. Mr. Jackson's first wife was Helen Hunt, author of "Ramona" and other novels.

An Associated Press dispatch from St. Paul, Minn., says: Mrs. Russell Sage will be requested by Attorney General Simpson and Assistant Attorney General Weeks to pay an inheritance tax on all her Minnesota lands held under contracts of sale. It is believed the tax will amount to nearly \$600,000. Mr. Simpson and Mr. Weeks will leave to confer with Mrs. Sage and her business representatives on the matter.

An Associated Press dispatch, under date of August 24, said: A long conference between Vice President Julius Kruttschnitt of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads and J. W. Kline, international president of the blacksmith's union, was held here today without any steps being taken toward a settlement of differences involving 25,000 shopmen employed by the Harriman lines. Both Vice President Kruttschnitt and President Kline declined to discuss what was done at the conference, but it is said that the subject of the railroad's refusal to recognize the federated labor organizations instead of individual unions was considered at length. It is said that Vice President Kruttschnitt followed instructions of the directors of the lines in refusing to yield to the demands of the shopmen for recognition of the federated organization. Mr. Kruttschnitt said: "I met Mr. Kline today and we had a pleasant talk. I am always glad to meet representatives of our workmen but I must decline to talk about what was done at the conference. Shortly after the meeting Mr. Kruttschnitt left for the west where he will investigate the labor situation. He will visit Omaha, Ogden, San Francisco and other cities, and may confer with labor representatives at San Francisco next Wednesday.

A Columbus, O., dispatch, carried by the Associated Press, says: After pledging his support in a campaign for the upbuilding of the Roman Catholic press, which will eventually mean the creation of the Catholic press association, the Right. Reverend James J. Hartley, bishop of the diocese of Columbus, was made first honorary president of the organization of editors and managers of Catholic publications of the United States at a meeting here. More than seventy editors of Roman Catholic papers representing every state in the union were present. Edwin J. Cooney of Providence, R. I., presided as temporary chairman of the convention and Joseph Newman of Denver was named secretary. The constitution committee which drew up by-laws that will be considered soon is composed of Nicholas Connor, Dubuque, Ia.; Rev. Peter E. Blessing, Providence, R. I.; Dr. Amos Hart, Cincinnati, Charles A. Jaegle, Pittsburg, and Miss Alice Stevens of Los Angeles. This committee will start the organization of a news service. There are 130 Roman Catholic weeklies in the United States and it was stated that the first Roman Catholic daily might be published in Buffalo.

The new comet recently discovered by Dr. W. F. Brooks, director of the observatory of Indiana and professor of astronomy and named by him the Brooks comet, has become so bright as to be seen with

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