

Life's a pudding full of plums; Care's a canker that numbs; Wherefore waste our bloom; On impossible institution; Life's a pleasure institution; Let us take it as it comes. —William Schwerk Gilbert.

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G. O. P. Adopts Coolidge Platform; West Would Name President's Mate

Millerand Resigns as President

French Chief Quits Post Following Adverse Vote in Chamber of Deputies Tuesday.

Note Will Explain Move

By Associated Press. Paris, June 11.—President Millerand resigned today.

The resignation of M. Millerand, which followed an adverse vote in the chamber of deputies yesterday, was contained in a letter addressed to M. Doumergue as president of the senate and M. Painleve as president of the chamber. It read:

"Mr. President: I have the honor to send you my resignation as president of the French republic. Accept, Mr. President, the assurance of my high consideration.

"MILLERAND." Mr. Millerand plans to issue a letter to the French nation in explanation of the circumstances as he views them under which the resignation was forced upon him. The new parliamentary majority of the left accomplished its announced object of forcing M. Millerand from Elysee palace. The resignation was read before both houses of parliament. Until the election of a new chief executive by a joint meeting of the chamber and senate, Friday, the executive power will be wielded by the acting ministry under M. Francois-Marsal.

Klansman Fired First in Riot, Witnesses Say

Man Who Held Nozzle of Fire Hose Struck Down and Shot, Jury Is Told.

By Associated Press.

Ebensburg, Pa., June 11.—The man who held the nozzle of the fire hose that was turned on parading klansmen at Lilly, April 5, was struck down by a robed klansman and then shot by the same man, two state witnesses testified today at the trial of 44 alleged klansmen and Lilly residents upon riot and unlawful assembly charges growing out of the riot.

Neither Richard Felker nor Francis Appalucci, the witnesses, the latter a 14-year-old boy, were able to identify the klansman, they testified, but Appalucci declared the man who held the nozzle was Frank Miasci, one of the victims of the riot. He said that when the fire hose was turned on the klansmen, Miasci, described as "a big robed klansman," left the ranks, struck down the man who held the nozzle and then shot him. Immediately, they said, there was a volley of shots from the side of the klansmen directed toward the Lilly crowd.

Appalucci testified he ran when the shooting started, but said he was struck twice by bullets in the right side and leg.

PLANKS URGED BY LA FOLLETTE FAIL

Cleveland, June 11.—The La Follette planks, offered by Representative Henry A. Cooper of Wisconsin to the resolutions committee, were voted down by a viva voce vote. Representative Cooper was the only one to vote for the proposals, which, he announced, he would offer on the floor of the convention.

PLANS FOR GERMAN LOAN COMPLETED

New York, June 11.—American bankers today completed negotiations for granting a credit of \$25,000,000 to the German gold discount bank, organized by Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, extending an initial advance of \$5,000,000 made six weeks ago.

Divorce Seekers Shy at Friday, "the 13th"

Superstition rules among the unhappily married couples who seek release from marital bondage, Judge Day of the domestic relations court said Wednesday.

"I have received requests from five plaintiffs whose divorce suits were to be heard next Friday to hear them either Thursday or Saturday," he said. "Friday will be the 13th. That is the only reason they give for asking that the date be changed."

The judge will comply with the requests.

J. H. Presson, Veteran State Employee, Dies



Col. J. H. Presson, 84, veteran record clerk at the state house, died at 8 last night.

He was at his desk at his usual early hour this morning, but complained of illness and went to see his physician at noon. He became steadily worse and died 8 hours later.

Death was from a lesion of the kidneys. Colonel Presson was born in Franklin county, Ohio, in 1840. His family early journeyed to Illinois, and it was from that state that he volunteered for the civil war. He served four years under the banner of the union army and was with Sherman in his march to the sea.

After peace had been declared he came to Nebraska and was present at the first republican convention held in the state, placing the name of Governor Butler.

For 19 years he was a supernumerary of the Methodist church and was a chaplain of the state house of representatives and of the senate.

At one time he was commandant of the Soldiers' and Sailors' home at Kearney, Neb. He had been record clerk at the statehouse for 14 years.

Ex-Cashier Given 18-Months Term

Youth Convicted of Embezzlement Pleads for Leniency From Court.

Ben Graetz, 24, 609 Park avenue, found guilty of embezzling \$8,500 from the Willys Overland automobile company last week, appeared before District Judge Fitzgerald Wednesday morning. His motion for a new trial was overruled.

Asked whether he had anything to say, he replied: "I am sorry I did it, judge, but I hope you'll give me a chance so I can get back to my wife and babies, and go the straight and narrow path."

"Well, why didn't you admit you did it instead of sitting around here like a dummy all through the trial?" "I didn't get all that money," said Graetz.

"Doesn't matter whether you got it all. Your wife and children didn't profit by it. You spent it trying to show you were a sport. I fully intended to give you seven years."

The judge gave him 18 months in the state reformatory.

ACTOR, ACCUSED BY GIRL, BOUND OVER

New York, June 11.—Frank Tinney, noted comedian, was held for the grand jury under \$2,500 bail late today on a charge made by Imogene Wilson, beautiful Polles girl, that he beat her unmercifully recently at her apartment.

16 Alleged Violators of Liquor Law Tried

Beatrice, Neb., June 11.—The cases against 16 farmers charged with violation of the liquor laws, were disposed of today by county judge Messmore. Fines ranging from \$10 to \$500 were assessed, and a number of cases were continued to June 18, the defendants furnishing bonds.

In all fines amounting to more than \$1,200 were collected, a mammoth sum, and approximately 150 gallons of liquor were seized by the officers in the raid which was the biggest in the history of the county.

Boy Slayers' Trial Begins on August 4

Both Plead Not Guilty When Arraigned on Charges of Kidnaping and Murder.

By LARRY SMITHS, International News Service Staff Correspondent.

Chicago, June 11.—Nathan Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb, confessed slayers of 13-year-old Robert Franks, will go to trial on charges of murder and kidnaping for ransom on August 4.

Arraigned this morning before Chief Justice Caverly of the criminal court, the youths pleaded not guilty and heard the date of their trial set. The largest crowd ever jammed into the criminal court witnessed the arraignment.

Today was Loeb's 19th birthday. Dignified and serious, the sons of two millionaires walked calmly into a stilled courtroom to face a curious crowd that had only a few moments before torn the doors to the courtroom from their hinges. Instead of being handcuffed to deputies, as is customary with prisoners charged with murder, the two boys were looped to their guards by means of "come-ons"—things about their wrists held by their guards.

Their eyes straight to the front, they walked calmly to the judge's bench, where they listened unflinchingly to the discussion among attorneys of the charges, the possible death penalty and the other legalities. Both ignored the crowd.

Asked to plead to the charges the two youths, in strong, clear voices, easily audible throughout the courtroom, said they were not guilty.

Constance Lavell, 17, who said she came to Chicago recently from Texas, was in the courtroom and identified Leopold and Loeb as two youths who "picked up" her and a friend one evening about the time of Franks' disappearance.

Forced to Leave Car. She said she accompanied the boys on an automobile ride to the South side, where they were forced to leave the car when she resisted advances. Only one member of the three wealthy families involved was present in the courtroom. He was Jacob Franks, grief-worn father of the young victim. He sat in the rear of the room, his head bowed, as the young men pleaded to the charges.

AIR PILOT HELD ON WIFE'S CHARGE

Lawrence H. Garrison, air mail pilot, appeared before Judge L. B. Day Wednesday morning a few hours after his wife, Lillian, filed a motion asking that he be arrested for non-payment of separate maintenance money of \$125 a month.

"Have you been arrested?" asked the judge. "No," said Garrison. "Get a bond till you're arrested." Thereupon Garrison and his attorney went to the sheriff's office, got officially "arrested" and then Garrison was released under \$500 bond to appear Thursday morning to answer his wife's complaint.

M. P. TO GET HALF RIO GRANDE STOCK

Washington, June 11.—Acquisition by the Missouri Pacific Railroad company of one-half of the common stock of the Denver & Rio Grande Western company was authorized today by Interstate Commerce commission.

The Denver & Rio Grande Western was authorized by the commission to issue \$25,000,000 of general mortgage bonds as cumulative income bonds for the period from February 1, 1924, to February 1, 1929, and to issue \$16,435,000 of preferred stock. "The order is an amendment to a former decision.

FLAMES MENACE ARMY SUPPLY BASE

New Orleans, June 11.—A general alarm was turned in early tonight when watchmen discovered flames in the army supply base buildings on the river front in the upper part of the city.

Married in Council Bluffs

The following persons obtained marriage licenses in Council Bluffs yesterday: Anna Davis, Omaha, 21; Clarence Hale, Friend, Neb., 26; Ellen Smith, Friend, Neb., 28; Inez Mahe, St. Edward, Neb., 21; Mary Swanson, Edward, Neb., 21; Glenn Dimmitt, Greenwood, Neb., 28; Mildred Mickle, Alvo, Neb., 22; George Johnson, Omaha, 43; Frank Bluff, Omaha, 43; William Larsen, Omaha, 43; Ben Kavitch, Omaha, 43; Bohumir Papien, Prague, Neb., 29; Blanche Simanek, Prague, Neb., 29; Frank Swanson, Sioux City, 28; Emma Moore, Gasconade, Neb., 21.

Heavy Rains Here Cause Big Damage

Lightning Strikes Many Places; Cellars and Streets Flooded; Traffic Delayed.

A near cloudburst which descended upon Omaha and Council Bluffs Tuesday night flooded many basements, washed out sections of paving, stalled automobiles, flooded street intersections and covered them with mud and debris and did great damage to construction work about Omaha. Total rainfall here was 2.58 inches.

The torrents were accompanied by flashes of lightning and thunder. Willard hall, Union Pacific shops and several residences were struck by lightning. Willard hall, a girls' home, 1509 South Tenth street, was damaged when lightning ripped a hole through the roof. Wallpaper in two residences at Thirtieth and Cuming streets was set on fire.

Lightning followed the electric light wires into the home of Albert Blaw, 825 North Thirtieth street. In the house at the time were Mr. and Mrs. Blaw, Mrs. Cornelius Blaw, Mr. Blaw's mother; his sister, Mrs. Charles Young and her husband, and three children: Hazel, Blaw, 7; Cornelia Young, 10; and Lillian Young, 5. No one was hurt.

The fire department was kept busy during the night answering calls of distress from residents whose basements were flooded. All basements in the vicinity of Webster and Thirty-first and Thirty-second streets were flooded.

By piling several articles of furniture upon the bed and placing his wife and seven children atop of the mass, E. Tinnel, 701 Thirty-second street, kept them dry while two feet of water stood on the floor of his home.

Woodmen of the World, M. A. Diabrow and Adams-Kelly building basements were flooded. The basement of Thompson-Belden's was flooded and water ran ankle deep across Sixteenth street and Farnam and Harney streets. At Fifteenth and Farnam water stood six inches deep.

Houses at 2420 Patrick street, Twenty-first and Chicago streets, and at 3309 Myrtle street were reported flooded.

Fire department was called to syphon water from basements at Twenty-first and Clark streets, Twenty-fourth and Spencer streets and Twenty-fifth and Burt streets.

Lake in Street

A lake more than three feet deep was formed at Twenty-fourth and Cuming streets by water flowing from surrounding hills. Many cars were stalled, trying to force a way through it. Mud, bricks and sand coated the intersection when the water subsided.

Water forced up from sewer mouths rose in a geyser to the height of the air light at Thirty-second and Webster streets, according to residents. Autos were stalled by deep water at Thirty-first and Burt streets.

Wooden paving blocks were washed out at Sixteenth and Harney and Bostons streets by the torrent down the street for half a block.

Storm refugees crowded in front of downtown theaters until midnight waiting for the rain to cease falling or for friends to come for them in cars.

Many Omaha streets were filled to the curb tops with rushing water. Tons of sand were washed down on the street car tracks at Forty-sixth and Dodge streets. Street cars and autos became stuck in attempting to pass through the debris.

Grand Island, Neb., June 11.—Central Nebraska had some severe rains, though they came in spots, today. Near Chapman a downpour lasting 45 minutes was described as almost a cloudburst. At Loup City hail fell to the depth of three inches, presenting a winter scene. The storm lasted but five minutes, but covered every thing with ice. A strip of some length and a mile and a half wide south of Loup City suffered the complete loss of the oats and barley crops, with severe, though not total, damage to the alfalfa. Fruit trees, garden stuff and potatoes were almost completely stripped of leaves.

Suit for Heart Balm

Julia Kokowski filed suit in district court against John Radkomski, asking \$5,000 for alleged breach of promise to marry. She says she agreed to marry him May 4, 1921, and that he wrote to her May 17, 1922, to come from Wisconsin and marry him. She came but he says he declined to go ahead with the wedding.

W. N. Sage Dies

W. N. Sage, 66, died Wednesday morning at his home, 2520 South Thirty-second avenue, after a lingering illness. He is survived by his widow and three children, Raymond, Mrs. E. W. Hully and Miss Bessie Sage, all of Omaha. Services will be held Thursday morning at 11 from the residence. Burial will be in Forest Lawn.

Republican Planks Declare for Economy, World Court, Farm Relief

Here are outstanding points in republican platform: Declares for federal economy. Endorses Harding-Hughes-Coolidge world court proposal.

Proposes creation of tax commission. Condemns malfeasance in office. Demands punishment of the guilty. Demands strict law enforcement. Reaffirms racial equality and religious freedom. Pledges party to place agriculture on equal economic footing with industry.

Favors adequate tariff protection, and co-operative marketing of farm products. Favors federal aid in road building. Commends child labor amendment. Favors consolidation of railroads into fewer systems. Favors drafting all material resources as well as men during war time.

Favors government supervision of public utilities, but opposes government ownership. Urges control of distribution of coal in the event of a coal strike.

Praises republican accomplishment in reducing public tax burden by \$1,250,000,000 and in cutting the public debt by \$2,500,000,000. Praises work of republican administration in so handling the affairs of the nation that 4,500,000 workers, thrown out of employment by democratic incompetence, were taken back into prosperous industry.

Opposes "compulsory action of any kind" in the settlement of labor disputes, particularly referring to possible railroad strikes. Pledges effort to wipe out all remaining of the 12-hour day and seven-day week in the steel industry. Demands continuance of protective tariff under which has been built up the high standards of living of American workmen.

Favors bringing under civil service rules first, second and third class postmasters and prohibition enforcement field forces. Favors creation of cabinet post of education and relief.

Lad Dies After Being Struck by Auto Near Home

Youth Expires in Hospital as "Pet" Dog Hunts in Vain for Young Master.

Allen Eubanks, 6, 2535 Capitol avenue, died at 3:10 Wednesday afternoon, two hours after being struck by an automobile driven by Ralph Taylor, 314 North Seventeenth street, while his pet fox terrier, "Midget," was relentlessly scurrying Omaha's playgrounds in hopes of sighting his youthful master.

According to witnesses, the car driven by Taylor was going west on Capitol avenue. The car was not traveling at a fast rate of speed. Youth Eubanks is said to have leaped from a parked machine near the curb line into the path of the oncoming automobile. Taylor immediately removed the boy to the Paxton Memorial hospital.

Dr. W. H. Betz attended the boy at the hospital. At the time of the accident, the doctor announced that the boy had been badly shaken up and bruised. Approximately two hours later the boy died.

F. H. Eubanks, father of the boy and Mrs. L. R. Black, mother of Mrs. Eubanks, were at the boy's bedside at the time of his death.

A few minutes before he died, the boy related to his father that he was badly hurt. "Papa, you carry me home," were the last words that left the lad's lips.

Allen was a very playful lad in the neighborhood. At times he would go off with his dog, Midge, and play as if the animal was human. Allen was well liked by the other children in the neighborhood. At the news of the boy's death the children were all down-hearted.

Besides his mother, Allen is survived by his father and one brother, 4 years old. R. P. Eubanks, the lad's grandfather, who is an Episcopal minister in Evansville, Ind., will attend the funeral.

Mr. Taylor is out on bonds, according to police. The father refused to have Taylor in jail.

Wheat Farmers Will Benefit by Crop Shortage

Scarcity of Export Supply to Increase Demand for Grain From Nebraska, Says George Marcy.

Chicago, June 11.—The American wheat farmer "will come into his own" as a result of a wheat crop shortage in the northwestern hemisphere the world over, George E. Marcy, president of the Armour Grain company, declared today in a statement. "What we should command very high prices, he added.

"First, the government crop report indicates not to exceed 100,000,000 bushels available for export the coming year," he said. "The Pacific coast is bound to sell more or less flour to the orient. Pacific coast mills, therefore, will not only cause a shortage on the Pacific coast, but also will reach east into Montana, Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska for wheat. Texas and southern Oklahoma wheat will move to the gulf and be sold for export, probably 30,000,000 or 40,000,000 bushels. Then Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland and other eastern sections will move more or less wheat to the Atlantic seaboard for export, then comes the durum wheat which Europe must have, besides the low grade flours which are always sold abroad by the mills. This means that even low prices in other countries cut no figure will clean the United States out of all its surplus wheat very promptly.

"On top of this, probably the American farm co-operative wheat pools were never so strong as they are today and all of their influence will be exerted to hold their wheat for good prices which can be obtained easily provided these farm outfits work together which they do not doubt will do. With the 42 cents daily protection, it means that the farmers will be able to put wheat and rye prices very high."

During the informal caucus, attended by 100 or more delegates from the 13 states, the opinion was repeatedly expressed by Chairman McNider and other speakers, that unless the convention picked a vice presidential nominee satisfactory to western agriculturists, party chances in November would be almost hopeless.

First Choice Lineups. A roll call of the states represented gave the following first choice lineup: Iowa, Representative L. J. Dickinson, Colorado, Senator Phipps, Oklahoma, no choice except a complimentary suggestion for McNider, Kansas, Senator Curtis, South Dakota, not caucused, but an unauthorized boost for Senator Peter Norbeck; North Dakota, against a candidate for any bloc of particular interest, but the majority of the delegates favoring John D. Coulter of North Dakota; Washington, state, "open minded"; Nebraska did not answer, although previously represented in the caucus; Montana, "here to listen"; Idaho, no answer, although accepted invitation; Wyoming, a suggestion for Judge Kenyon of Iowa; Missouri, for Governor A. M. Hyde, Utah, (Turn to Page Two, Column Eight.)

FIREMEN GIVEN REWARD FOR WORK

A check for \$25 and the thanks of Thompson, Belden & Co. were sent to Fire Chief Charles A. Salter by Charles C. Belden Wednesday morning in appreciation for the department's work in saving goods when the store basement was flooded by the storm Tuesday night. The money will be put into the pension fund.

EVANGELIST TO CONCLUDE VISIT

Rev. William P. Nicholson, conducting a series of services at the Omaha Gospel tabernacle, will preach his last sermon here Thursday night. His theme will be "The Personal, Imminent Return of Christ."

Rev. H. E. Meltzer of Chicago will speak at the tabernacle Friday night.

Planks Pledge Party to World Court; Cut in Taxes, Farm Aid

Efforts of Delegates From 13 Agricultural States to Agree on Westerner for Vice Presidential Nomination Run Into "Favorite Son" Snag—Sudden Boom for James Good of Iowa Dies Out.

Mondell, in Speech, Urges Ban on Insurgents Cleveland, O., June 11.—The convention adjourned at 10:40 after rejecting the La Follette platforms and adopting that of the resolutions committee.

Cleveland, O., June 11.—A Coolidge platform for Coolidge to run on was adopted by the convention here tonight by the republicans assembled to nominate Coolidge. Every plank as it came from the committee on resolutions and presented to the delegates for their approval, bore the impress of the White House.

The platform pledges the party to take the country into the world court, along the route prescribed by Harding-Hughes-Coolidge, but not into the league of nations. Further tax reduction is pledged through tax reform. The creation of a nonpartisan commission to make a comprehensive survey and report of federal and state tax conditions is endorsed.

The platform goes into the agricultural situation at length. Federal aid is promised in reorganizing the farmers' marketing system. Government aid in broadening export markets is pledged. Adequate tariff protection for the farmers is promised.

Under the heading of "orderly government" the platform takes cognizance of the Teapot Dome scandal. Speedy, fearless and impartial prosecution of all wrong-doers without regard to political affiliations is demanded.

The plank construed as a slap at the Ku Klux Klan was brief and did not, of course, mention the Ku by name. It simply said, under the heading of "constitutional guarantees":

"The republican party reaffirms its unyielding devotion to the constitution and to the guarantees of civil, political and religious liberty therein contained." The plank on railroads contains a declaration against "compulsory action of any kind" in settling railroad disputes. It also demands improved service at cheaper rates.

By Associated Press. Cleveland, June 11.—Informal efforts of delegates from 13 agricultural states to get their delegations together on a "farmer-minded" westerner for the vice presidential nomination, ran into the favorite son snag during the day. A committee, headed by Hansford McNider of the Iowa group, which instigated the move, was appointed.

By Universal Service. Cleveland, June 11.—The second session of the republican convention, opening at 11 this morning, gave additional emphasis to the Coolidge-Butler program to drive all insurgents out of the party and recognize only those who are ready to accept without qualification the party program.

This was brought out in the speech made by Frank W. Mondell when he took the chair as permanent chairman, and later in the adoption of rules which are to govern the party organization the next four years. Mondell warned the delegates that party irregularity in congress was responsible for the failure to enact constructive legislation, and charged them to see to it that only republicans "in fact as well as in name" are elected to the senate and house. This provoked a tremendous outburst of applause from the convention, almost the entire membership of which is made up of regulars. The delegates were quick to recognize in Mondell's utterance a sideswipe at the La Follette group in congress, the farm bloc and other associations of independents which have upset the administration program.

"Let us not forget that our leaders have not had in congress a dependable republican majority," Mondell continued, with marked emphasis on the word "dependable."

Let us not, he said, criticize our leaders for failing to lead where some men calling themselves republicans will not follow. Let us highly resolve to give our leaders in both houses of congress a dependable majority which will put on the statute books careful and constructive legislation."

The Wisconsin delegation, composed of La Follette supporters, sat silently during the demonstration that followed Mondell's sarcastic allusions to the work the "insurgent wrecking crew" did in congress at the last session.

The other chastiser of the irregulars was Paul Howland of Cleveland, Daugherty's counsel before the Brookhart-Wheeler investigating committee, and chairman of the convention committee on rules. Howland took the platform and read the entire report, remarking as he did so that it probably was the first time any of the republicans had been given an opportunity to know what the rules which govern the party are.

Coming to the rules for organization of the national committee, Howland gave particular attention to the provision which permits the committee to expel from its membership any committeeman who "refuses to support the nominees of the convention." He read this in a loud voice and paused after reading it.

The convention took it as another signal, for rebuke to the insurgents, and applauded loudly. The women delegates got a chance to make a big demonstration when Howland read the new rule giving them equal representation with the men on the national committee. They have fought long and earnestly for

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The Weather

Hourly Temperatures. 8 A. M. 62, 9 A. M. 64, 10 A. M. 66, 11 A. M. 68, 12 M. 70, 1 P. M. 72, 2 P. M. 74, 3 P. M. 76, 4 P. M. 78, 5 P. M. 80, 6 P. M. 82, 7 P. M. 84, 8 P. M. 86, 9 P. M. 88, 10 P. M. 90, 11 P. M. 92, 12 M. 94.