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IS A MUSHROOM TOWN

Lawton, Oklahoma, Assumes Broad Proportions in Single Day.

ALREADY HAS TEN THOUSAND INHABITANTS

They Flock in from El Reno After Land Lottery is Concluded.

FOUR HUNDRED BUSINESS HOUSES, TOO

Bank and Newspaper Included in List of Enterprises.

GAMBLERS, FAKITS AND INDIANS MIX IN

Prospective Town is Picturesque as Midway Between El Reno and Lawton.

WIDE OPEN—LAST NUMBERS BEING DRAWN.

FORT SILL, Okla., Aug. 2.—A town of 10,000 people, to be known as Lawton, has grown up just outside the fort limits within a night. Following the close of the land lottery yesterday at El Reno thousands of home seekers who drew blanks started for the three points picked out by the federal government for townsites in the new country, namely Anadarko, Hobart and Lawton. A majority of the people favored Lawton, which is twenty miles inland, and tonight thousands are camped in and about the proposed townsite awaiting the sale of lots August 6.

Already Lawton has 400 temporary business houses, including a grocery firm and a newspaper and three schools have been laid out. A national bank has been projected. Every form of gambling known on the frontier is being run wide open, aside by side with fake shows of various kinds and to add to the picturesque scene 1,000 Comanche Indians have pitched their tents nearby.

EL RENO, Okla., Aug. 2.—After the last of the 15,000 names were drawn from the wheels last night the great boxes containing the 154,000 names of unlucky applicants were taken to the school houses. There the work of drawing was continued, but no record other than numbering the envelopes and notifying the owner of the name therein is being made.

It is thought no less than 20,000 names a day will be drawn from now on. The last numbers giving a homestead to their owners were drawn in the El Reno district by C. H. Halbrook of Portland, Mich., and by Harvey F. McLaughlin of Arkansas City, Kan., in the Lawton district. The closing scene was tame and unmarked by any kind of demonstration. The streets today are lined with prairie schooners laden with household goods and all are headed south. The town which last Monday accommodated about 40,000 visitors is nearly deserted today. Last night about a hundred who remained for the close of the drawings. The commissioners who will have charge of selling townsites will leave today or tomorrow for their districts. The sales will begin on August 6.

SHUTS OUT AN OIL COMPANY

Texas Is After the Waters-Pierce Corporation Again for Failure to File Affidavit.

AUSTIN, Tex., Aug. 2.—Suit is to be filed by the attorney general of Texas to cancel the permit of the Waters-Pierce Oil company of Missouri to do business in Texas.

About three years ago suit was brought against the Waters-Pierce Oil company to cancel its permit on the ground that it had violated the Texas anti-trust law of 1895. Early in last year the supreme court of the United States sustained the judgment of the lower courts cancelling the permit. The company was dissolved and a new company with the same name organized. The new company was admitted to Texas and quite a political sensation resulted.

Under the anti-trust law of 1895 corporations are required to file an affidavit each year stating in effect that they have not been guilty of restraint of trade. The last day for filing these affidavits is July 31. Yesterday the Waters-Pierce Oil company was awarded the contract to supply all state institutions with a large quantity of oil. Subsequently it was discovered that it had not filed its anti-trust affidavit. Thereupon the governor ordered the contract cancelled and furthermore ordered that suit be brought to cancel the permit of the company. The attorney general says he will file the suit as soon as he can prepare the papers.

CLERK M'CAULL DISAPPEARS

Quartermaster Penrose on Transport Eight is Missing Assistant and Thousands in Gold.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 2.—Word was received from Victoria today of the alleged defalcation of Quartermaster's Clerk John McCaull and his disappearance from the United States transport Egbert, on which he was assigned to duty. The Egbert sailed from Seattle for Alaska on July 31. In the hurry of departure McCaull was not missed. When it was found that McCaull was not on board Captain George H. Penrose, the quartermaster in command of the Egbert, immediately made an investigation and as he could not open the safe, for some reason, he had it blown open. He found that all of the bills and most of the gold, except a few stray pieces, were missing. The shortage is said to be \$5,463. There was silver in the safe to the amount of \$945. A certificate of deposit on a Seattle bank for \$4,062 to the credit of Captain P. H. McCaull was found in a sealed envelope.

SHOT BESIDE THEIR GRAVES

Member of Vigilance Committee Tells Another Story of the Fate of the Bender Family.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 2.—A special to the Journal from Guthrie, Okla., says that Daniel W. Martin of that city, who was a member of the vigilance committee that pursued, overtook and executed the Bender family in the Verdigris river country, says the Benders were shot beside graves that had been dug for them.

HOW TO QUALIFY FOR CUBA

Applicants for High Office Must Satisfy or Eight Years' Naturalized Residence.

HAVANA, Aug. 2.—The Cuban constitutional convention today began to consider separately the provisions of the electoral bill, taking up first the qualifications of candidates for the posts of provincial governor, provincial councillor, senatorial elector and presidential elector. These provisions were adopted as embodied in a project submitted, except that in order to become the governor of a province or a provincial councillor it is not necessary that the candidate be the father of a family, or a taxpayer in the province, or the possessor of a degree, or that he should have held public office by virtue of popular election.

The question was raised as to whether the convention had the right to settle an electoral dispute. Senator Sanguily maintained that this function belonged to the military government. The convention did not vote on this matter.

There was also some discussion regarding the freedom of presidential electors to vote for whom they choose. Senator Sanguily maintained that it would be better to elect the president by the direct vote of the people than to have the electors vote for a special candidate. He favored a change in the constitution in this respect.

As a result of the discussion of the qualifications of a governor, representative, provincial legislator or presidential elector the convention decided that candidates must be either of Cuban birth or naturalized, with a residence of eight years in Cuba after the naturalization.

AMERICAN IMPRISONED IN BOLIVIA.

SAN JUAN, P. R., Aug. 2.—Prof. Riddle of the San Juan Normal school, who has been sojourning in South America in the interests of the United States Fish commission, has arrived here from Venezuela. He tells a story of imprisonment. While ascending the Orinoco, accompanied by an asphalt official, his launch was held up by a General Hernandez, which made prisoners of the passengers and crew. They were held in custody at Ciudad Bolivar for five days and then released.

AGAIN THE END IN CHINA

Protocol Committee About Ready to Report and Receive Ministers' Approval or Reversal.

PEKIN, Aug. 2.—The protocol committee of the ministers of the powers has virtually finished the draft of the protocol and will submit the same for approval to the other ministers. All questions will be signed in the course of a few days unless there should be some disagreement as to the phraseology, resembling the discussion that arose over the word "irrevocable" in the early stages of the negotiations. Should such a hitch occur the signing may be indefinitely delayed.

SIGNOR CRISPI IS WEAKENING

His Nervous Trouble Grows, Though Otherwise There is No Appreciable Change.

NAPLES, Aug. 2.—Signor Francesco Crispi, according to a bulletin issued tonight, suffered no change for the worse during the course of the nervous prostration which characterizes his malady is steadily increasing.

JUDGMENT AGAINST STEAMSHIP LINE.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—Justice Mathew, in the king's bench division of the high court of justice today, rendered judgment in favor of the plaintiffs in the case of Mackie, Dunn & Co. v. the German Steamship Line and the British Steamship Line. The case concerned a cargo of footstuffs shipped on the Broth steamer Machona, from New York, October 18, 1899, consigned to Pretoria. The court found that the agents of the defendant line were liable for the loss of the cargo, and that the delay was probable. A stay of execution was granted, as six other actions are pending.

GERMAN SQUADRON AT CADIZ.

CADIZ, Aug. 2.—The German squadron from China arrived here today. Rear Admiral Gellisher and his captains reported on board the flagship of Prince Henry of Prussia. Prince Henry, in the name of Emperor William, warmly welcomed the returning officers in a brief speech. The son of the late Emperor William, and the one commander of the German fleet, which arrived here some days ago, will remain here for several days.

ENVEI PORTAIT OF KAISER.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 2.—The large portrait of himself which Emperor William of Germany presented to the Naval Club here (as a token of his regard) and that of the condolences of the club at the time of the loss last December of the German training ship Gaisensau) was formally unveiled yesterday. The officers of the United States cruiser Atlanta participated in the ceremony.

BRITISH LEAVE CHINA IN AUGUST.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—The under secretary of the foreign office, Lord Cranborne, in the House of Commons today, announces that the official date fixed for the evacuation of the British troops from China, August 15, was subject to a few days' extension if necessary. The evacuation of the other portions of China depended on circumstances.

DECLINES REWARD.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—There is a curious announcement in tonight's Gazette to the effect that King Edward has accepted the resignation by Major Karri Davies of the company of the bath. "that officer having expressed the wish that he might be permitted to serve his majesty without any reward." Major Davies received the decoration for conspicuous services in South Africa and especially in connection with the relief of Mafeking. Such a retrocession of a decoration is unprecedented.

MOHAMMEDAN DECORATED BY WILLIAM.

BERLIN, Aug. 2.—The latest notable recipient of a decoration at the hands of Emperor William is a high dignitary of Mohammedanism. The Reichsanzeiger this evening announces that the order of the crown of the first class has been conferred on the Aga Khan of Bombay, the spiritual head of the Indian Mohammedan Koja sect.

FALSE REPORT ABOUT LI HUNG CHANG.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—The dispatches from Peking to the London Times and other newspapers, under yesterday's date, refer to Li Hung Chang as conferring with the ministers and do not mention his illness. Presumably they are better informed than the Shanghai correspondent of the London Globe, who today reports Li Hung Chang dying.

BOERS WILL PAY PENALTY

Chamberlain Promises Execution of Those Who Murder British.

LIBERALS AROUSE COLONIAL SECRETARY

Their Leader Calls on Sir Joseph for Some War Information and is Given It in House of Commons.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—A discussion arose in the House of Commons tonight over the colonial office appropriation and it gave the opponents of the war a rare opportunity to bait Mr. Chamberlain, while making a motion pro forma to reduce the appropriation.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the liberal leader, said that, in view of the pressure which the nation had endured for twenty-one months, Mr. Chamberlain's policy in South Africa, he thought it opportune to secure a statement from the colonial secretary as to the war situation. He went on to point out that Cape Colony was now invaded and overrun with Boers and he asked what prospect there was of repelling the invader. He asked what the prospects of famine as a result of the government's "policy of devastation" and where was Cape Colony's constitution, which appeared to him to be under lock and key since the declaration of martial law.

CHAMBERLAIN REPLIES.

Mr. Chamberlain replied that farming-burning had been entirely abandoned and replaced by the policy of construction of camps. He contended that these were humane and satisfactory institutions, as had been shown by the fact that thousands of Boers came into the camps. "The government has the best reasons to believe," continued the colonial secretary, "that a vast majority of the Boers acknowledge themselves beaten and would gladly surrender and resume peaceful pursuits but for the comparative handful of irreconcilables who are demanding a rilla war that is rapidly degenerating into brigandage and absolute murder. Lord Kitchener is adequately dealing with the problem by establishing blockhouse cordons, within which the peacefully inclined can safely settle and be protected."

MAY INTERRUPT TRAFFIC

Revolutionists Near Isthmus of Panama Threaten to Close Trade Route.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—A cablegram has been received at the State department from the United States consul at Colon stating that the present revolutionary troubles in the Isthmus of Panama, which are threatening to interrupt the traffic across the isthmus will surely become interrupted. The United States government is bound by a treaty to keep this traffic open to the world. No request for a war ship to be sent to the scene of trouble has been made.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—The following appointments in the Indian service are announced: George Butler, superintendent of irrigation; John Charles, Wisconsin, supervisor of construction; R. M. Pringle, Minnesota, superintendent of engineering; Olive Hastings, Minnesota, has been appointed a special agent of the general land office.

NOW AFTER THE SOFT COAL

Eastern Capitalists Said to Be Planning Consolidation of Plants Along Main Lines.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—The Mail and Express says today: It was learned today that an underwriting syndicate of possibly \$2,000,000 had been formed to finance the consolidation of the Pennsylvania coal properties along the Norfolk and Western, the Chesapeake & Ohio and possibly also the Hocking Valley, the Baltimore & Ohio and other roads in West Virginia, western Pennsylvania and Ohio. The syndicate will include prominent financiers of this city, Philadelphia and Baltimore and perhaps Pittsburgh and other western cities. Judge E. H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel corporation, is understood to be one of the leading spirits in the deal and this is interpreted by some as meaning that the steel trust will control the output. This, however, is not true. Judge Gary, it is believed by some, may represent J. P. Morgan & Co., but this is not yet certain. The design is to run the soft coal business in harmony with the anthracite trade, which Mr. Morgan, in a measure, controls.

MODERATOR WINTON IS TIED

Feels His Election as Western Minister Forbids Acceptance of Call to Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 2.—Rev. Dr. Henry Collins Winton of California, moderator of the Presbyterian general assembly, has declined the call to the pastorate of Chambers-Wylie Memorial church in this city. Former efforts are being made, although probably with little hope of success, to have Dr. Winton reconsider the matter. In his letter declining the call Dr. Winton said he felt that his position was such toward the church on the Pacific coast that to accept the call at large for it was a representative of the western country that he had been elected to the office of general moderator—that he did not see his way clear to accept the pastorate of the Philadelphia church. By virtue of his office Dr. Winton is chairman of the committee to revise the confession of faith of the Presbyterian church.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN VESSELS, AUG. 2.

At New York—Arrived—Yveska, from Liverpool; Bohemian, from Liverpool; Liguria, from Genoa and Naples. Departed—Arrived—La Gasconne, from New York. At Brownhead—Passed—Georga, from New York for Liverpool. At Queenstown—Arrived—Lucania, from Liverpool and proceeded. Sailed—New England, for Boston. At Cherbourg—Sailed—Augusta Victoria, from Hamburg and Southampton, for New York. At Liverpool—Sailed—Anchorage, from Glasgow for New York; Australasian, from Liverpool, for Montreal. At Glasgow—Arrived—Stellan, from Montreal. At Liverpool—Sailed—Clyde, for New York. At Southampton—Sailed—Augusta Victoria, from Hamburg, for New York.

HAS ANOTHER MONTH'S LEAVE

First Lieutenant Eagle Pearce Gets Further Absence on Account of Sickness.

STRIKERS TURN TO NEW YORK

Their Officers Are There Holding Another Momentous Conference.

WILL SEND DEFINITE ORDER TODAY

Long-Drawn Contest Between Amalgamated Association and Steel Companies Again Seems to Be Near Open Breach.

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 2.—Judging by indications, that are practically facts, peace or war in the steel troubles will be announced from New York City tomorrow. When the Amalgamated association executive board adjourned this evening President Shaffer announced that another meeting should be held tomorrow. Talks will probably be held here tomorrow of a portion of the board, but the national officers will be in New York. They left for that city tonight at 10 o'clock. The circumstances leading up to this unexpected trip, while not officially made known, are evident enough to substantiate the story which follows.

During the day many telegrams were received at the association conference rooms, the last coming just before adjournment, and it was answered promptly. This answer was in all probability the announcement to the New York people that the trip would be made by the officials tonight, carrying out an arrangement to enter into at Very Preston's rooms in the Hotel Henry a short time before.

ANSWER TO THURSTON'S BRIEF

It is for Rejection of Application for Renewed Lease of Indians' Oil Lands.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—An answer to a brief filed at the Interior department by the Cherokee Oil & Gas company, seeking a renewal of valuable oil leases in Indian territory, has been filed by R. C. Adams, representing the Delaware Indians. About 11,500 acres of valuable land are at stake. A hearing which had been set for August 11, in the patent office at Washington, was when the question of renewing the leases was to be taken up, has been postponed until September 11 and the Delaware Indians will seek further postponement until after congress meets. The brief of the Delaware asks the rejection of the application of the Cherokee company in its entirety and claims that the company does not present a fair reason "why it should have eighteen sections of land, covering the homes and improvements of persons who have prior and permanent rights."

STRIKER PICKETS OUTWITTED.

A telegram from Wellsville, O., tonight says: At the close of the third week of the strike among the steel workers in the Wellsville plant of the American Sheet and Tube company the Steel trust has the better of the argument. Nine new men from Scottsdale, Pa., were taken into the mill today. The men were in the parlor of the afternoon train and the doors were locked at East Liverpool and the strikers' pickets refused permission to enter. When the mill was reached the train was stopped and the men were rushed under the stockade before the pickets could speak to them. The strikers are in an ugly mood tonight and are much chagrined over the company getting the men into the mill. Mayor A. J. Dennis had to interfere personally tonight with a body of strikers and prevent them from taking David Allyn, a machinist of Brooklyn, N. Y., forcibly to the camp across the train and paid his fare out of town to protect him.

HOLE IN SHOE BETRAYS HIM

Alabama Murderer is Tracked to His House and Hanged for His Deed.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 2.—With a rope around his neck and death before him Charley Bentley, a negro, confessed to the murder of Jim Vann, alias Williams, a white man, and was hanged by a mob in Leeds, St. Clair county, Ala., today. The murder of Vann, a prominent citizen, and left hanging to the limb of a tree. The coroner's jury had just returned a verdict fixing the responsibility of the murder on Bentley. Members of the mob gathered around the prisoner and, unheeding Mrs. Williams' pleas for mercy, hanged him to a tree. The murder was committed in the morning while Vann and his wife and child were asleep in a camp three miles from Leeds. Vann's skull was crushed with a stone, and his slayer then grabbed Mrs. Williams around the throat, but she screamed for help and the negro ran into the woods. Farmers living in the vicinity of the place answered the appeals for help and began a search for the murderer. By a hole in the bottom of Bentley's shoe they followed his tracks to his house near Leeds. It was put on a street car and taken to Pittsburgh by several officers, and there where they found him. Bentley confessed his guilt, but confessed when taken to the tree to be hanged. He gave no reason for his crime and the citizens could assign none, except an intended assault on the woman.

HOLD UP HARVEST HANDS

Highwaymen Enter Boxcar and Rob Eleven Men of Their Money.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 2.—A special to the Star from Arkansas, Kan., says that highwaymen last night held up eleven harvest hands in the railway yards here and secured \$105, seven watches and some other jewelry. The harvesters had been in Oklahoma and were on their way to work in the Kansas fields. They were asleep in an empty freight car when the highwaymen forced their way in. The highwaymen stood up in a row, with their hands up, while they were searched. The robbers escaped to the Territory.

UMPIRE JEVNE BADLY HURT

Old-Time Ball Player Falls from Third-Story Window of Denver Hotel.

DENVER, Aug. 2.—At midnight Fred Jevne, an old-time ball player and umpire, who has been working the Western league game here this week, fell from a third-story window of the Victoria hotel and was probably fatally injured.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair Saturday and Sunday; Cooler in Eastern Portion Saturday; Warmer Sunday. Variable Winds.

PHILLIPS HAS MUCH FAITH

Deposed Corp King Experts Overpaid Customers Will Pay Back.

CHICAGO, Aug. 2.—George H. Phillips will issue a circular tomorrow addressed to customers of his firm, announcing that he will be able to resume active operations on the Board of Trade by next Tuesday or Wednesday at the latest, possibly on Monday. The statement will also promise patrons of the company that before any new trades are made a complete and satisfactory summary of what his books show will be given to the public.

KNOWLES RELEASES SUSPECTS

Prosecution for Alleged Timber Frauds in Montana Takes an Unfavorable Turn.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 2.—A special to the Pioneer Press from Helena, Mont., says: On motion of Attorney Rogers, who announced that he was acting on the orders of United States Attorney General Knox, Judge Hiram Knowles in the United States court today dismissed the charges against Chauncey Griswold and Albert Jameson, indicted recently for subornation of perjury, in connection with alleged timber land frauds in Missoula county. Judge Knowles said in court that he regarded the proceedings as "very reprehensible," as he considered the two men the chief offenders.

QUARANTINE AT DAKOTA LINE

Montana Veterinarian Wishes Precautions Taken to Exclude Reported Cattle Disease.

HELENA, MONT., Aug. 2.—State Veterinarian Knowles has made a proposition to Governor Toole to have a quarantine established at the Dakota line to prevent the spread of anthrax. It has been reported by Dr. Knowles by the state veterinarian of South Dakota as existing among the cattle of several counties of that state. Dr. Knowles said that this is the first time that anthrax has ever been reported as existing in the northwest.

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CRESCENS CUTS AGAIN

Trotting Champ on Lowers His Own World's Record One-Half Second.

GOES IN 2:02 1/4 OVER COLUMBUS TRACK

Full Second Better Than The Abbot's Mile at Terre Haute.

COULD DO BETTER ON WINDLESS DAY

Is Thought to Have Lost Considerable Owing to Breeze.

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 2.—Crescens, champion of the trotting turf, added more laurels to his fame today by trotting a mile in 2:02 1/4, reducing by half a second his week-old record of 2:04, made at Cleveland last Friday. The first half was trotted in 59 3/4, the fastest time ever made. The time by halves was 2:04, 59 3/4, 1:30 3/4, 2:04. A stiff wind blew directly up the stretch kept him from stepping faster.

HORSE AND DRIVER CHEERED.

George Ketcham appeared on the track with Crescens a little before 3 o'clock. The horse and driver were royally cheered as they passed the stand. The champion jogged three miles slower than three minutes and one in 2:22. An hour later he came out again and after scoring several times stepped a mile in 2:25. At 4:30 he worked out for the trial of the Turf. He evidently had great power in reserve and the vast throng waited patiently for the great test.

AN EQUINE MERCURY.

On the fifth score Ketcham needed for the word, but Crescens was not in his stride and he pulled up at the first turn to try it again. Down to the wire he rushed, the runner two lengths behind, and this time it was a go. Gaily facing the breeze the champion started on his journey moving with a perfect ease and at his greatest speed. The runner caught him at the quarter and a sign went up from the grandstand as the time went up, a quarter of a second less than thirty. Now the wind was at his back and, realizing the advantage, Ketcham kept him at a great clip. The half-mile pole was reached in 58 3/4 seconds, a record never before attained, and here the second runner caught him up.

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