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DREYFUS IS SHOT

Attempt to Kill French Major at Canonization of Zola.

BULLET LODGES IN WRIST

First Misses Him and Strikes the Catafalque.

PARIS THROWN INTO PANIC

First Report Was that Fallieres Was Assassinated.

EXERCISES ARE ELABORATE

French President Presides Over Program in Pantheon and Later Reviews Thirty Thousand Troops.

PARIS, June 4.—The canonization today of Emil Zola at the Pantheon was marred by a dastardly though unsuccessful attempt upon the life of Major Alfred Dreyfus. Paris was thrown into a state of panic, for it was at first thought that the president of the republic had been shot down. The major was wounded in the hand and his assailant is a prisoner.

Emil Zola, who died in September, 1902, was ten years ago condemned to a year's imprisonment for addressing to Felix Faure, then president of France, the famous letter, "J'Accuse," in which he laid bare the conspiracy in the general army staff against Major Dreyfus. Today his dust was interred with national honors in the Pantheon, the French temple of fame, with impressive ceremonies. The proposal to give Zola glorious burial, made first in 1906, aroused in France all the dormant animosities that came out during Dreyfus' trial, and the transfer of his ashes, although duly voted by the chamber and the senate, had to be twice postponed because of the state of public opposition. Disorders and rioting were expected today and the authorities found it expedient to take measures for the preservation of peace.

Passions of People Aroused.

The opposition to removing the remains of Zola to the Pantheon arises from the fact that he is thus honored because of his famous letter, not because of his literary fame. He was the first successful leader in the Dreyfus affair; he vanquished the general staff of the army, and to give him glorious burial in the national Pantheon at the side of Berthelot and President Carnot, Victor Hugo, Voltaire and Rousseau to an accompaniment of martial music, while long lines of soldiers filed before his tomb, aroused the passions of a large number of the French people.

The attempt upon the life of Major Dreyfus was made by Louis Anthelme Gregori, a member of the staff of La France Militaire, a journal devoted to military progress and the military future of the republic. Major Dreyfus was present at the ceremonies to do final homage to the great leader of his cause.

Gregori's act undoubtedly was inspired by the campaign which the reactionary press has been conducting against Zola as "an insulter of the army" and "a traducer of his country." Furthermore, the Catholic Faith, a paper which was a supporter of General Boulange, was violently opposed to Dreyfus.

The special edition of La Libre Parole published yesterday afternoon was a direct incitement to violence.

Government Does Not Shrink.

The government and Parliament, when it decided to inter Zola in the national Pantheon beside Carnot, Victor Hugo and other great Frenchmen, realized fully that it was arousing the smouldering embers of Dreyfus hatred, but Premier Clemenceau and the present government, including War Minister Picquart, who attained his present position as a result of the successful outcome of the long Dreyfus struggle, did not shrink from this final act of justice to the memory of this man.

The program for the ceremonies of last night and today was consequently carefully arranged to avoid any organized street manifestations. There was no public lying in state under the Arc de Triomphe, as in the case of Victor Hugo twenty-three years ago, nor any popular procession of untold thousands such as followed the famous novelist to his grave. Instead, the remains of Zola were quietly taken to the Pantheon last night. But the manifestations of last night, although not very serious, gave the government ample warning of the possibility of trouble today.

In order, therefore, to be prepared for an eventuality the long lines of mounted cuirassiers and republican guards were deployed along all the approaches to the Pantheon several hours before the crowds began to arrive. Over 15,000 people were massed on the streets and in the windows commanding a view of the Pantheon before 8:30, at which hour President Fallieres and the cabinet, escorted by cuirassiers, drove up in carriages and alighted in front of Rodin's statue of "Thought," which was exactly veiled in black.

The incident occurred at the foot of the catafalque, directly in front of the tribune from which M. Doumergue, the minister of public instruction, delivered an eulogy on M. Zola's marvelous courage in arousing the confidence of the nation in the necessity of doing justice to Dreyfus. As the last refrain of the orchestra's playing of the "Chant Du Depart" was floating away through the classic temple and as President Fallieres and the members of the presidential party, after shaking hands with Madame Zola and her two children, were turning out toward the portico to join the garrison of Paris two silent shots rang out, startling the vast assemblage. For the instant everyone believed that President Fallieres had been shot.

Confusion Follows Shots.

A scene of indescribable confusion followed and many women present fainted and screamed. The guards broke and scattered across the pavement of the republican guards, who held the crowds back at the entrance of the edifice, where the author of the shots was struck down. A dense knot of soldiers and civilians were struggling over Major Dreyfus and his fallen assailant. Major Dreyfus, his hand the human pale as death, his handkerchief somewhat crimsoned, was holding up his hand, from which blood was streaming, while the soldiers could with difficulty prevent the enraged crowd from beating and crushing the man on the floor.

Upon the alarm outcrowd a number of Paris police who were immediately on the spot, the assailant of Dreyfus was dragged to his feet. He announced a pistol in his pocket. Beside a monumental fountain he had been seated speaking to his neighbors, but then not only the

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SUMMARY OF THE BEE

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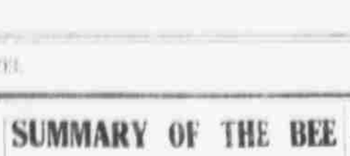

THE WEATHER.

FOR OMAHA, COUNCIL BLUFFS AND VICINITY—Fair and cooler Friday.

FOR NEBRASKA—Partly cloudy Friday; cooler.

FOR IOWA—Partly cloudy, with showers and thunderstorms in east and central portions Friday.

Temperature at Omaha yesterday:

Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	69
6 a. m.	65
7 a. m.	65
8 a. m.	69
9 a. m.	70
10 a. m.	72
11 a. m.	74
12 m.	76
1 p. m.	78
2 p. m.	78
3 p. m.	77
4 p. m.	76
5 p. m.	75
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8 p. m.	73
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OMESTIC.

Frien candidates have formed an alli ist Secretary Taft and a united e he made to prevent the seating legates whose places are contestedPage 1

Robber field, Okl., steal $10,000 from a tPage 1

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Oliver P. Belmont is critically ill in New York. Page 1

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Senator Allison will have over 9,000 majority over Governor Cummins. Page 1

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FOREIGN.

Effort to assassinate Major Alfred Dreyfus, made by an adherent of the military party in France, fails, but rouses the French people to a frenzy. Page 1

Embezzler Walker, it is said, is freed from captivity in Mexico. Page 1

Crown Prince of Servia creates sensation in Europe by ordering bombs for Montenegro people. Page 2

NEBRASKA.

Contract for prison labor continued until June 17, after which date broom company must pay more or get out. Page 3

Eagles elect officers and vote to meet next year in Benson. Page 3

LOCAL.

Dr. George L. Miller writes a letter declaring $115,000 fund which Mayor Dahlman admits receiving from the east for use in the Nebraska campaign four years ago is not at all without precendent. He says a fund of from $50,000 to $75,000 was squeezed from Marcus Daly and others ten years ago and brought into the state for a similar purpose. Page 5

Sale by the Union Pacific of $40,000,000 bonds caused belief that work will be begun on headquarters building and on line construction. Page 10

SPORT.

Results of the ball games:

7—Lincoln vs. Omaha—3.
4-5—Pueblo vs. Sioux City—3-4.
12—Denver vs. Des Moines—1.

1—Chicago vs. Boston—1.
6—Pittsburg vs. Philadelphia—3.
7—St. Louis vs. New York—5.
6—Cincinnati vs. Brooklyn—1.

10—Cleveland vs. New York—1.
2—Boston vs. Detroit—1.
2-1—St. Louis vs. Chicago—1-2.

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Live stock markets. Page 7
Grain markets. Page 7
Stocks and bonds. Page 7

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

Port.	Arrived.	Sailed.
NEW YORK	Teutonic	
NEW YORK		
NEW YORK		
NEW YORK		
PLYMOUTH	Deutschland	
PLYMOUTH	Majestic	
BOSTON		Republic
LIVERPOOL		Lake Erie

FEDERAL GRAND JURY BUSY

Panel at St. Paul Returns Bills Charging Misuse of Mails and Perjury.

ST. PAUL, Minn., June 4.—The federal grand jury returned three indictments against James L. Lovering, publisher of the Mail Order Monthly and of Successful Agriculture, charging him with using the mails for the purpose of promoting a lottery and a scheme to defraud.

An indictment charging the illegal use of the mails was returned against Samuel A. Phillips, promoter of the St. Paul & Seattle railway. Several weeks ago the Postoffice department issued a fraud order against several concerns with which he is connected. The indictment returned today charges fraud in connection with the St. Paul-Seattle line.

Morris P. Quigley, cashier of the Wisconsin Grain and Stock company, was indicted on a charge of perjury.

The alleged fraudulent schemes with which Lovering is charged consist of bogus and prize contests conducted through his papers. The publications, it is alleged, announced valuable articles to be awarded to the successful competitors. It is alleged that Lovering obtained money by announcing the prize contests, but failed to award the prizes.

Samuel A. Phillips is now under a sentence of seven years in the state prison on a charge of embezzling funds of the Hammond company, which was floating the stock of the New Britain-Chicago Air Line. Phillips represented the company in the northwest. He is out on bail pending an appeal.

The indictment against Quigley grew out of the case against alleged officers of the Wisconsin Grain and Stock company, charging the use of the mails to defraud. It is charged in the indictment that testimony given by Quigley before the grand jury relative to the case differed materially from his testimony at the trial.

ROBBERS CRACK BANK VAULT

Ten Thousand Dollars Amount of Loot at Fairland, Okl.

MAKE THEIR ESCAPE HORSEBACK

Wild West Emulated Near Pittsburg When Two Men Hold Up and Rob the Store of Coke Company.

TULSA, Okl., June 4.—Robbers cracked the safe of the bank of Fairland, at Fairland, Okl., thirty miles east of here, early today, and escaped with $10,000. The robbery was committed by three men who escaped on horseback. Posses are in pursuit.

PITTSBURG, Pa., June 4.—Following the recent holding up and robbing of a Pennsylvania express train and a street car, this vicinity was treated to a third and wild western affair early today, when two men, masked, heavily armed, and riding horseback, smashed the window of the Monongahela Consolidated Coal and Coke company's general store at Boston, a mining town nearby, appropriated articles valued at $400, and galloped away, firing revolvers. At the same place, several weeks ago, two masked men held up a street car at the point of revolvers and robbed eleven passengers and the crew. Many persons started this morning in pursuit of the thieves, but without result.

PLATFORM TO BE EASILY MADE

Senator Long of Kansas Believes Task Will Be Accomplished Without Difficulty at Washington.

WASHINGTON, June 4.—Senator Long of Kansas, who in conjunction with Wade Ellis, attorney general of Ohio, and Senator Hopkins of Illinois has held several conferences with Secretary Taft regarding the various points of the platform proposed for the Chicago convention, was again at the War department today and saw the secretary. Senator Long will leave tonight for his home and expects to be in Chicago a week from today.

In the opinion of Senator Long, the preparation of a platform at Chicago will not provoke much controversy. He believes that the committee on resolutions will not regard with disfavor as being an attempt to control their action in advance, the drafting of a platform which will be presented to them as the basis for the declaration of the convention. On the contrary, he thinks that the draft will be very helpful and do much toward minimizing the labors of the resolutions committee.

CHINESE NEARLY STARVED

Sixteen Celestials Make Trip of Ten Days in Sealed Boxcars.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 4.—When a sealed box car which apparently had come intact from Galveston, Tx., was opened in the outhern Pacific freight yards today sixteen half starved Chinese were found, in addition to half a lead of heavy steel. The car was ten days on the road and had been in the yards for forty-eight hours. The Chinese had a little water and a few crackers left, but were weak and hollow eyed. One of them showed a certificate entitling him to admission to the country, but the others were turned over to the immigration authorities. It is supposed by the officials that the men were smuggled across the Mexican border and placed in the car at El Paso, the seals of the car being replaced with others. There evidently was an arrangement, for their release here, but in some way it miscarried.

STRUCTURAL MATERIALS DOWN

It is Conceded Prices Will Soon Be Lower on Many Kinds of Steel.

PITTSBURG, Pa., June 4.—Following the reduction in prices of steel bars, $4 a ton, local makers of iron bars have reduced prices of iron bars for Pittsburg, West Virginia, northern and eastern Ohio and western New York to the basis of $1.40, plus the freight, while for points west of the Grand Rapids and Indiana railroad, which also includes the Chicago district, the price was fixed at $1.35, which would make the price of iron bars $1.53, delivered in the Chicago district.

It is now conceded that structural material, plates, black and galvanized sheets, pipe and possibly tin plate will be reduced in price this month.

STORM WRECKS PEARL FLEET

Disaster Meets Luggers Engaged in Jewel Fishing Off West Australia.

VICTORIA, B. C., June 4.—The Canadian-Australia liner Manuanaka has arrived here, bringing news of the destruction of the pearling fleet in a typhoon off West Australia, involving the loss of forty luggers and 270 lives, twenty being whites.

The disaster to the fleet of pearling luggers occurred near Thursday island, a typhoon striking the fleet just as it was starting for the pearling grounds, scattering the vessels, completely wrecking some and driving others ashore. About twenty Australian pearlers were lost. Other victims were Malays, Manila men, Japanese and Kanakas.

WEAK SPOT IN RIVER LEVEE

Laborers Rushed to Place and Every Effort Made to Stop Water.

NEW ORLEANS, June 4.—A weak spot has been found in the Mississippi river levee north of here at Hymella plantation, in St. Charles parish, on the west bank of the river. Two hundred laborers have been rushed to the spot and last night a trainload of sacks to be filled with dirt and piled on the levee was sent from here. While the water is not unusually high, yet it is close to the top of the levee and has been at this stage for such a protracted period that undermining and other weaknesses are being vigilantly watched for by the state engineers.

BOYS FACE MURDER CHARGE

Rancher Shot by Young Holdups in Montana Dies of His Injuries.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., June 4.—William Dempsey, the Augusta rancher who was shot in the late bandits in the holdup of the Montana & Great Northern Saturday night, died this morning as a result of his injuries. The young robbers, Stevens, Hatch, Creswell and Bassett, ranging in years from 16 to 18, must face a charge of murder in the first degree under the Montana law.

CONGRESSMAN LANING HELD

Ohio Man Accused with Others of Diverting Funds from Trust Company.

NORWALK, O., June 4.—Congressman J. F. Laning, formerly vice president and a director of the defunct Ohio Trust company, who was indicted today on seven counts charging embezzlement, was jointly indicted with James P. Gibbs, president of the closed bank, in two indictments in which obtaining money by false pretenses is alleged and another indictment charging misapplication of the funds of the bank. F. W. Christian, secretary and treasurer of the bank, was twice indicted on the charge of perjury and making false reports to the state examiners. William S. Perrin, a director, is thrice indicted on the charge of obtaining property under false pretenses. Two additional indictments accuse President Gibbs of aiding and abbetting Secretary Christian in the charge of perjury and making false reports.

Altogether, it is alleged, Congressman Laning and President Gibbs abstracted and misapplied funds and credits of the bank to the extent of $56,864.

It was stated that the failure of the Ohio Trust company in January caused the failure of two other banks as well as the failure of two steel companies and a receivership for the Laning Printing company, of which Congressman Laning is president.

Congressman Laning recently was nominated for a second term in congress.

CASHIER BUYS MINING STOCK

Officer of Pittsburg Bank Had Mania and Bought Four Million Shares.

PITTSBURG, Pa., June 4.—According to reports William Montgomery, former cashier of the defunct Alleghany National bank of Pittsburg, who is in jail charged with the misapplication of over $500,000 of the bank's funds, has broken his silence and made a statement to Robert Lyons, receiver of the institution.

As a result of his revelations, it is said that the bank, with a small assessment on the stockholders, will pay all the depositors.

The conference between the receiver and the cashier is said to have developed the fact that Montgomery had a mania for buying stocks of mines, and is the owner of 4,000,000 shares of securities representing companies whose properties are scattered along the Pacific coast from South America to Alaska. Some of them, it is believed, may be used in adding to the assets of the bank, but it is reported many of them represent immense losses over the original prices.

So far as the work of clearing up the affairs of the bank has progressed, there is now on hand $500,000 in cash. This has been collected from the holders of notes found in the institution when the receiver took charge.

FIFTY MILLIONS RATIFIED

Executive Committee of Union Pacific Company Agrees to New Bonds.

NEW YORK, June 4.—The executive committee of the Union Pacific Railway company today ratified an issue of $50,000,000 in bonds. This is part of the issue of $100,000,000 already authorized by the stockholders.

Following the announcement by the executive committee, Kuhn, Loeb & Co. stated that it has closed negotiations with the Union Pacific to dispose of the bonds when issued. They are to be secured by a first lien refunding mortgage and will run for 100 years at 4 per cent. The issue will be made in New York by Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and in London by Baring Bros. & Co. and Glyn, Mills, Currie & Co. The price will be between 95 and 98. No date for receiving subscriptions was announced.

About a month ago E. H. Harriman stated that the maximum amount needed at that time to put the Union Pacific company in funds was $25,000,000, "but," he added, "we want to resume developments and put our people to work." Mr. Harriman said $50,000,000 of the total bond issue of $100,000,000 would be reserved for issue under strictly guarded provisions only for the construction or acquisition of new lines or additions.

CROWN PRINCE ORDERS BOMBS

Servian Heir Causes Rupture of Relations with Montenegro by His Act.

CETTINJE, Montenegro, June 4.—Sensational testimony involving Crown Prince George of Servia, in a conspiracy against Montenegro has been given at the trial, which is now proceeding here of thirty-two prisoners with revolutionary activity in connection with the discovery of a store of bombs in Cettinje last year. Two of the witnesses declared that the bombs in question had been manufactured by Servian artillery officers on the direct order of Prince George, the intention being to use them against the Montenegran government with the object of overthrowing the existing regime.

This sworn testimony has aroused the greatest excitement here, and the rupture of diplomatic relations between Monenegro and Servia is expected as a result. The Servian minister here admits that in view of these alleged revelations his further stay in Cettinje is impossible.

The crown prince of Servia is an irresponsible and wild young man whose escapades and misbehavior have attracted much unfavorable comment in southeastern Europe.

JURORS UNABLE TO AGREE

Fail to Make Return in Manslaughter Case Against Michigan Woman.

ALLEGAN, Mich., June 4.—After having been out since 5:30 yesterday afternoon, the jury in the case of Mrs. Mabel Neelley, charged with manslaughter through neglect, the result of the death from pneumonia of her 3½-year-old child, Walter, on January 4, while under treatment by members of a mental healing sect, announced today that it could not agree and was discharged. It is reported on good authority that the jury was divided, six and six, on the question of conviction. It is the general opinion here that Mrs. Neelley will not be tried again. Prominent members of the healing sect from Chicago, Detroit and many other places attended the trial and testified. Mrs. Neelley is a native of Hartwell, Mich., and her child died at his grandfather's home there while on a visit. Mrs. Neelley's home is in Sacramento, Cal., where her husband is employed as a train inspector.

New High School for Wayne.

WAYNE, Neb., June 4.—(Special Telegram.)—At the election held here yesterday the proposition to vote $45,000 bonds for the construction of a high school building carried by a large majority, there being only fifty-two votes against it.

YEAST GETS FINE AND JAIL

Sentenced for Defrauding Government Out of Grant County Land.

GIVES USUAL NOTICE OF APPEAL

Former Politician Convicted for Using Fictitious Filings to Secure Large Areas of Land.

Perry A. Yeast, a former politician and stockman of northwest Nebraska, must serve three months in the Hall county jail at Grand Island and pay a fine of $1,000 for conspiracy to defraud the government out of land in Grant county by means of fictitious filings.

This was the sentence imposed by Judge T. C. Munger in United States district court Thursday afternoon. Yeast's attorney gave notice of an appeal to the circuit court of appeals and a supercedeas bond was fixed at $5,000.

The case was tried at the February term of the United States district court before Judge T. C. Munger in Omaha. A verdict of guilty was returned by the jury after being out about twenty-four hours. Sentence was suspended at that time to permit Yeast's attorneys to file a bill of exceptions and prepare a motion for a new trial.

The motion for a new trial was merely an oral one, and this was denied by Judge Munger Thursday afternoon. Another motion was made by Yeast's attorneys to have the court direct a verdict for the defendant, notwithstanding the verdict of the jury for the government. This motion was made at the time the verdict was returned by the jury and was denied at the time.

When Mr. Yeast was asked if he had anything to say why sentence should not be passed, he replied that he was guiltless of any act of conspiracy or any attempt to violate the laws of the United States, "which are good enough for me."

Usual Plea for Mercy.

Mr. Yeast's attorneys made an earnest plea for the clemency of the court in behalf of their client on the ground that the offense was but a technical one at the worst. They held that Mr. Yeast had no intention of violating the laws and that the law would be vindicated by a nominal fine, without Mr. Yeast being subjected to the humiliation of imprisonment. They called the attention of the court to the recommendation of the jury for clemency.

Judge Munger stated that the recommendation of the jury as well as its verdict would be taken into consideration and thereupon imposed a sentence of three months' imprisonment in the Hall county jail at Grand Island, and that the accused should pay a fine of $1,000 and stand committed until the fine was paid.

The particular offense of which Mr. Yeast was charged was in securing a number of old soldiers from the soldiers' home at Quincy, Ill., and a number of soldiers' widows to make filings on lands in Grant county, Nebraska. It developed during the evidence that he had offered a number of these declaratory statements for sale, and that he had secured three or four of the widows to settle on the lands for a nominal period, with the understanding that they could dispose of the lands at a good profit. One or two of the widows did dispose of their filings, it was shown during the trial, under these agreements.

MANIAC SHOOTS MAN DEAD

Minneapolis Police in Doubt of Identity of Murderer of Chicago Man.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., June 4.—The police have not yet been able to establish the identity of the 20 year old maniac, who calmly walked up to A. P. Camden of Chicago, late last night and shot him dead. A search of the prisoner's effects shows that he received mail under the name of "James Montague," but the police are satisfied that this was a pseudonym taken over from flash fiction. In the boy's trunk was found a complete feminine outfit, the collar being carefully prepared to don at short notice. A woman's wig was part of the disguise.

Mr. Camden was in Minneapolis attending the convention of the Fraternity of Operative Millers. He formerly resided in St. Paul and was superintendent of construction for E. L. Benson & Co., elevator builders.

WHITE ROCK, S. D., June 4.—Montague, the Minneapolis boy murderer, is believed the be James Flood, who has relatives here. The identification is regarded as positive. He is believed to have stolen a horse which he sold, using the proceeds to go to Minneapolis.

GRAIN MEN NOT TO ESCAPE

Grand Jury Returns Indictments Against Minnesota Men Who Were Once Freed.

ST. PAUL, Minn., June 4.—The United States grand jury this afternoon returned indictments against George W. Wood, L. A. Wood and Forrest B. Wood on a charge of conspiracy to defraud through the medium of the Edwards-Wood company. Indictments were also returned against George Wood, Clinton D. Phelps, Martin P. Quigley, Paul Foss, A. W. Brown and Bruce Tuttle, alleged officers of the Wisconsin Stock and Grain company, on a charge of misuse of the United States mails. All of these men were indicted before on somewhat similar charges and after being on trial the case was dismissed when charges of jury tampering were made against Sherman Smith, a well-known Minneapolis politician, who was sentenced to jail but who is now out on bail while an appeal of his case is pending before the United States supreme court.

TO STAMP OUT WHITE PLAGUE

Anti-Tuberculosis Conference in Session at St. Louis to Consider Best Ways.

ST. LOUIS, June 4.—The American Anti-Tuberculosis league, an organization composed of physicians and laymen from all parts of the country, banded together for the purpose of stamping out the "white plague," began its first annual convention here today and will continue in session until Saturday evening. The meetings are being held in the theater at Lewis and Clark high school. The league is practically divided into two departments, medical and legal, and the main purpose of the organization is to devise the best methods for stamping out the disease from the standpoint of medicine and legislation. The league owns no property and is wholly charitable. The convention will be most devoted to the reading of papers and discussions.

COMMISSION PLAN PLEASES

John F. MacVicar Says New Municipal Government Scheme is a Success.

John F. MacVicar, one of the commissioners governing Des Moines under the new plan and secretary of the League of American Municipalities, arrived in Omaha yesterday for the purpose of studying public improvements in this city and for arranging the dates for the national convention of the league in Omaha in the fall. He has a conference this morning with Councilman Zimman, chairman of the council committee, regarding the convention and later will take a drive over the city with the park commissioners. He leaves this evening for Des Moines.

"So far the commission plan has met with the utmost approval of the people of Des Moines and I believe we have hit on the right form of government," said Mr. MacVicar, who went on to explain the Des Moines plan as contrasted with the Galveston plan, which was the first departure from the usual method of government for municipalities. "We have four commissioners and one mayor, elected on a nonpartisan ticket, paid high salaries and made absolutely responsible for their department. Appointive department heads are done away with, the responsibility is placed and better service at no more cost is secured."

Des Moines, while having a much smaller population than Omaha, covers fifty-four square miles of area, while Omaha covers twenty-five. Mr. MacVicar is in charge of public works, street paying and cleaning, parks and boulevards. The city of Des Moines will spend $35,000 in street cleaning this year, the business men helping out in the cleaning by hiring "white wings" to clean the streets in the business district while the city expends its force in the alleys.

BEN MARSHALL FOUND GUILTY

Jury Decides in Fifteen Minutes that Negro is Night Assailant of Lone Women.

It took a jury in the criminal court just fifteen minutes to decide that Ben Marshall was guilty of attempting to criminally assault Miss Mollie Grann. The verdict was returned before Judge Sears yesterday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock, after a trial lasting two days.

Besides the Grann assault Marshall is also charged with a similar assault upon Mrs. Anna Grabowski, a few days before. Eight years ago he was charged with the same offense against a little girl, but the jury found him guilty only of assault and battery and he served a ninety days' sentence in jail.

The state wove a strong chain of evidence against Marshall. Miss Grann identified him as her assailant and two watchmen in the vicinity of the place where the assault occurred also identified him as the negro they saw running away from the spot the night of the assault. The rope used to choke Miss Grann was identified as like a piece of rope which had been taken from the saloon in which Marshall was porter about the time of the assault. Marshall's actions the day following the assault also aroused suspicion. When Miss Grann was taken to the saloon to look at him he immediately tore off his apron and ran out of the back door and did not return. He was arrested the next day crouching behind some seats at the Boyd theater.

Marshall's defense of an alibi was punctured by the testimony of persons he claimed to have seen on the night of the assault. Several of them swore it was the night following the assault they were with him. Marshall was defended by Isidor Ziegler.

HEAP NICE DAYS IN BIG JAIL

Indian Doesn't Care Until Grass Turns Green and Birds Sing.

Henry Little Bird, a Winnebago Indian, who has been deprived of his liberty by confinement in the Douglas county jail, since April 15, for introducing liquor onto the Winnebago Indian reservation, has asked to have the remainder of his ninety day sentence suspended.

Little Bird pleaded guilty to the indictment charging him with distributing firewater to his thirsty tribesmen and Judge W. H. Munger gave him ninety days in the Douglas county jail to think over it. Little Bird has taken his imprisonment with stoical indifference, characteristic of the Indian, but now that the grass is growing and the other birds are singing, the frogs croaking, he yearns for his native plains and prairies.

The application for his release was made to Judge T. C. Munger, Thursday afternoon, but no action has been taken as yet, and Little Bird still pines for liberty. The case probably will be disposed of today.

WALKER FREED IN MEXICO

American Embezzler Secures Order from Court in Extradition Case.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., June 4.—The steamer St. Denis, which arrived here today from Ensenada, brought the report that William F. Walker, the New Britain, Conn., banker arrested in Lower California after a long chase and who was fighting extradition, has won his case in Mexican courts and that orders revoking the commitment to the Ensenada prison were expected to reach Ensenada each. If Walker has won in the upper court he must now wait the slow action of Mexican courts before he can be released. Walker is wanted in Connecticut on the charge of embezzling more than $100,000 of the funds of a New Britain savings bank.

MRS. MEIKLE ASKS DIVORCE

Wife of Real Estate and Insurance Man Makes Charges of Extreme Cruelty.

William R. Meikle, the well known insurance and mortgage loan, is defendant in a divorce suit filed by his wife, Mrs. Celia Meikle, Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Meikle charges extreme cruelty, the last complaint which caused her a period of two years. The couple were married June 10, 1903, in Omaha.

The suit is not a surprise to their friends. Mrs. Meikle has not been in Omaha for some time. Most of the time she has spent abroad and when she comes to this country she has been considerably edge in Chicago.

Bailey's Arrest Ordered.

WASHINGTON, June 4.—Acting upon the request of the War department, the consuls of Foreign affairs of Honduras has ordered the arrest of F. D. Bailey, former president of the Panama Shipping company of New Jersey and the detention of the steamer Sarnhelmo and the cargo. This information came to the department in a dispatch from Minister Hodge at Ruatan, dated yesterday.

ANTI-TAFT COMBINE

Friends of All Other Candidates Form an Alliance.

HEARING OF CONTESTS BEGINS

National Committee Commences Big Task Today.

VICE PRESIDENTIAL TALK

J. P. Dolliver and James D. Sherman Mentioned for Second Place.

TAFT'S BROTHER IN CHICAGO

Cincinnati Newspaper Man Says Secretary Will Be Nominated on First Ballot — Cannon's Manager Dissents.

CHICAGO, June 4.—Political activity commenced in earnest today around the Auditorium and the Auditorium Annex and the Coliseum, where the republican national convention is soon to be held. The Cannon headquarters were permanently opened in the Auditorium and the announcement was made by a number of politicians friendly to candidates other than William H. Taft that Foraker headquarters will be opened tonight or tomorrow in the Great Northern hotel. Charles F. Kurtz of Columbus, O., who has been a Foraker lieutenant for thirty years, is to have charge of the senator's interests.

Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati, brother of the secretary of war, came to Chicago today and promptly announced that he expected the secretary to be nominated without difficulty on the first ballot. He smiled as he cautioned listeners to remember that he was a prejudiced witness, but asserted that there was no doubt in his mind that only one ballot would be cast. He said that in his opinion the figures of the Taft bureau would be taken seriously because "our figures from the beginning of the fight for the republican nomination have always been nearer right than those of the other fellows."

Vice Presidential Talk.

Vice presidential gossip was indulged in today for the first time. The names of Senator J. P. Dolliver of Iowa and James D. Sherman of New York were mentioned. John Hays Hammond, the well known mining engineer, was also talked of.

At the headquarters of Joseph G. Cannon it was declared that the estimates of strength made by the Taft people were largely overdrawn and John Eversman, the confidential man of Congressman McKinley of Champaign, who is in charge of the headquarters at the present time, asserted that the Illinois candidate would not only have more strength than has been generally conceded to him but that Taft would not be able to show more than 350 votes on the first ballot.

The republican national committee will meet tomorrow at noon for the purpose of hearing evidence in contests for the seating of delegates on temporary roll.

Hearings on Contests.

The full republican national committee will meet at 11 o'clock tomorrow and begin the hearings of which will be made the contests involving 229 seats in the convention. The number of contests filed is so large that their settlement has become the most important of the pre-convention proceedings. The nomination of the republican candidate for the president hinges absolutely on the decision of the members of the national committee and the subsequent approval of that decision by the credentials committee on the convention. Half of the contests decided in favor of Secretary Taft would result in his winning on the first ballot, while failure to capture this number unquestionably would put the nomination in doubt.

Pool Against Taft.

Realizing the necessity of keeping a majority of the contested delegates out of the Taft column, the representatives of other candidates have pooled issues in most of the cases and as allies would urge their claims before the national committee. The proceedings, therefore, will be largely resolved into a Taft and anti-Taft controversy. So far as the south is concerned, and most of the contests are in states from south of the Mason and Dixon line, the interests of the allies are being looked after by Major F. C. Bryan of Washington, D. C. He arrived in Chicago today and announced that he would base his arguments chiefly on the contention that in most of the southern states the Taft forces had disqualified the negro voters from participating in the state and district conventions and that the allies' delegates had been selected at conventions from which no class or race had been barred.

If the program mapped out by National Chairman New to govern the proceedings of the committee in hearing the contests is carried out little opportunity for fine arguments or oratorical effort will be presented. This program will be submitted to the committee for action immediately after the session is called to order tomorrow. It will provide for daily meetings to begin at 10 a. m. and continue until 6 p. m., without recess for luncheon. Thirty minutes for each side will be allowed in state contests, involving the seating of four delegates-at-large and their alternates in each case. There are eleven such contests, the states being Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

Alabama Contest Important.

The contesting delegations in contest are from southern districts in the states named and Arkansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio, Alaska, Arizona and Pennsylvania. Fifteen minutes on each side are to be allowed in the argument of each of the district contests. Chairman New intimated today that a time limit would be placed on the speeches in contests and he hopes to dispose of the contests without taking long considerations, as time required for deliberation at the convention. Of course, there are some cases where the issue is clear of all doubt and where the delegates-at-large and some other districts may be called in to dispose of such cases. It is not likely that the committee will be able to dispose of more than the Alabama contests outright. These will undoubtedly be the first cases to be considered and the decisions in these contests will be watched with interest as a guide to the disposition of the other contests. The decisions will be made in writing and contain definite and brief statements of the facts upon which the decisions are based. The decisions will be made in the form of a report to the committee and will be submitted to the convention for action. Minority reports will be allowed in all cases where they are presented by one-fourth of the members of the committee