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PILGRIMS TO CROAGH PATRICK

Twenty Thousand Persons Make Journey in Honor of Patron Saint—Postal Authorities Strike at Sinn Fein Movement.

DUBLIN, Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Another effort is being made to secure fairer treatment for Ireland in the matter of contracts for the supply of materials to the various departments of the Irish government. A deputation from the Dublin Industrial Development association waited a few days ago on Mr. T. H. Russell, M. P., the vice president of the Department of Agriculture, to ask him to use his influence with the postoffice, the War office and the admiralty with that end in view.

Although, as the result of prolonged agitation, a sample office was established in Ireland a few years ago at which Irish bidders may display samples of their goods, the amazing rule is still maintained that the successful bidder must send all his goods to England for inspection and acceptance and must then bring them back to Ireland and deliver them to the departments by which they are to be used, paying carriage on them both ways. This, of course, puts the Irish manufacturer at once out of the bidding in competition with his English rival. The position of Ireland is the more anomalous from the fact that in Scotland there are separate inspection and receiving offices and the Scottish manufacturers are thus enabled to supply all the goods used by the government departments in their country.

An amazing instance of the discrimination against Ireland was quoted by a member of the deputation. It is the custom of the Postoffice department to send all its old books and papers to London, paying $7.50 a ton freight on them, where they are sold as waste paper to Jewish firms at $6.84 a ton. When it was pointed out that they could be sold profitably in Dublin and that such sale would provide work for a large number of Dublin people the postoffice authorities refused to consider the matter because of the necessity of setting up an inspecting staff in Dublin, although the profit on the sale of the old material would pay the wages of the staff and leave a substantial margin.

Cooneyites in Convention.

The little village of Crooknacrieve, near Enniskillen, is the scene of the convention of one of the most remarkable religious sects of modern times. The convention, which is to continue all summer, is attended by about 2,000 persons from all parts of the world, including America, and is being held at the birthplace of the sect. The members of the sect call themselves pilgrims, but they are familiarly known as Cooneyites, from the name of Mr. Edward Cooney of Enniskillen, their founder.

The sect, which is only four years old, bases its belief on a literal interpretation of the scriptural injunctions to poverty. The Cooneyites are, in fact, practical communists, something like the American Shakers. They live in communities of their own and they own all things in common, and produce everything that they use themselves. Both men and women affect the plainest dress, the women wearing black skirts and blouses and sailor hats, while the men wear no collars or ties and neither men nor women are permitted to possess a change of garments. Immersion in a running stream is their form of baptism.

The persons in attendance at the convention are living in tents on Mr. Cooney's farm and the old farm house has been turned into a central catering establishment for the great multitude. The Cooneyites are respected by the country people about Enniskillen, who say that they are honest people and good neighbors.

Pay Homage to St. Patrick.

The great pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick, the sacred mountain near Westport, County Mayo, to which it is said St. Patrick retired for prayer and rest after his labors in Ireland, was attended this year by more than 20,000 persons, including pilgrims from America, France, England, Scotland and Italy. From dawn until dark there was a continuous stream of people climbing the precipitous mountain to attend the services, which were held without a break throughout the day in the oratory on the summit. The pilgrimage is of very ancient origin, references to it in the sixth century having recently been discovered in the Vatican records. The pilgrimage, which has never been totally abandoned, was revived on a large scale a few years ago.

The agitation over the wearing of the Irish kilt in the House of Lords has drawn attention to an interesting organization which it is hoped will soon visit America. A few years ago a band of young Gaelic enthusiasts of Armagh organized the "O'Neill Pipers," and as a result of their efforts the ecclesiastical capital of Ireland now possesses a band of pipers who wear the ancient Irish dress and produce the ancient Irish music on the instrument of the Gael. The O'Neill pipers are in great demand at all national festivals in Ireland and experts from Germany, where the study of Gaelic dialects and customs is very far advanced, declare that they have succeeded in reproducing the ancient dress and music to perfection.

The British postoffice has evidently become alarmed at the growth of the Sinn Fein movement and has issued an order directed at the Sinn Fein stamp. This stamp was issued a few months ago to assist in raising funds for the Sinn Fein daily paper which is to appear early next year and was used by all Sinn Feiners on their letters in addition to the regular postoffice stamp. The postmaster general has now issued an order that no letters which bear any stamps other than those issued by the government shall be delivered.

A firkin containing 200 pounds of butter which had lain buried in a bog at Fallagherane, County Tyrone, has just been dug up by a farmer named William Neely. The firkin was twelve feet under ground and the butter, which was of a pale yellow color, was perfectly fresh and as good apparently as the day it was buried.

F. X. CULLEN.

SUMMARY OF THE BEE

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THE WEATHER.

Temperature at Omaha yesterday:

FORECAST FOR OMAHA, COUNCIL BLUFFS AND VICINITY—Fair Sunday; not much change in temperature.

FORECAST FOR NEBRASKA—Partly cloudy Sunday; warmer tonight in northwest portion.

FORECAST FOR IOWA—Partly cloudy Sunday.

Temperatures at Omaha yesterday:

Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	70
6 a. m.	69
7 a. m.	70
8 a. m.	71
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EAGLES WIRE TO J. A. TUTHILL

Our Jim Sends Message of Congratulations for Omaha, Promising Big Doings.

Congratulations. Omaha never loses. We will excuse you if you take the time to take a Turkish bath. Remember us to Bell, Sullivan and Parry.

The telegram was sent to J. A. Tuthill at Seattle by Mayor Dahlman Saturday morning at the request of President Thomas J. Flynn and other prominent members of the local lodge of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, to let the delegates at the national convention know that Omaha appreciates the large vote given it for the place for the holding of the next grand lodge session. Omaha won by a vote of four to one.

J. A. Tuthill, George W. Brown and Tony Costanzo and W. W. Dodge, now of Los Angeles, went to Seattle at delegates from the Omaha lodge, and upon the return of the Omaha men the Eagles expect to kill the fatted calf and save a jollification meeting, the equal of which has never been known in this city. The South Omaha, Benson and Florence aeries will join in this meeting.

John L. Parry, assistant grand worthy president of the Eagles, nominated Omaha as the place for holding the convention in 1909 and Theodore Bell of California, grand worthy president, who was temporary chairman of the democratic national convention, and "Big Tim" Sullivan of New York, were loyal supporters of this city.

State President John J. Ryder of the Fraternal Order of Eagles will come to Omaha within a short time and assist in the organization of a marching club, which will be one of the features of the next national meeting of the Eagles in Omaha.

Word was received Saturday from President Ryder expressing his pleasure at the selection of Omaha as the next meeting place. Mr. Ryder anticipated the selection of Omaha and started the movement to organize marching clubs in every town and city in Nebraska which has a "nest of birds."

Commissioner J. M. Guild received the news that Omaha had been selected as the next place for a meeting of the Eagles at his cottage at Okoboji and wired congratulations to Omaha Eagles.

The meeting means that from 20,000 to 30,000 Eagles will be in Omaha next year.

HEAT TOO MUCH FOR ONE MAN

The Returning Warm Weather Claims Its First Victim in Laborer Saturday.

James Nichols, a laborer employed in the construction of the John Deere Plow company's new building at Ninth and Howard streets, was overcome by the heat Saturday afternoon about 3:50 o'clock. He was seen to collapse by his fellow laborers and the police ambulance was called, in which Nichols was removed to the Omaha General hospital and attended by Police Surgeon Benjamin. His condition is reported as being serious.

MOB IS STILL BUSY

Another Negro Lynched at Springfield Saturday Evening.

BRIGADE OF TROOPS ON GUARD

Illinois Capital Was Quiet During Most of Day.

COUNTY OFFICIAL WOUNDED

Friends of William Borve Try to Start New Raid on Black Belt.

TOTAL DEATH LIST IS FOUR

Number of Men Injured During Friday Night's Rioting Will Die—Homes of Many Negroes Burned.

BULLETIN.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 15.—Another negro was lynched by the mob here at 9 o'clock tonight.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 15.—Springfield, Ill., the city which is richest in the memory of the great emancipator, is tonight an armed camp because its citizens yesterday gave vent to hatred of the race which Abraham Lincoln declared free and equal with all other peoples in this country. Squads of soldiers are patrolling the downtown streets and in the troubled portions of the community entire battalions are watching over the lives and property of the negroes.

Sobered by the recollection of the tragic events of last night and this morning, the city has quieted down and only the murmured threats of friends of those who were killed or wounded in the street frays give evidence that the presence of the troops is ncessary. It is this murmuring, however, that is keeping the authorities on the anxious seat. Early today friends of William Bowe, a county official, who was so seriously hurt that he is hovering between life and death, made most open efforts to enlist followers in a raid of vengeance upon the Black Belt.

Taking a lesson from last night's experience Sheriff Werner at once notified Governor Deneen that fresh outbreaks were threatening and that more troops would be necessary. The response of the executive was prompt and as a consequence a full brigade of state troops is herd under the command of General E. C. Young. The troops consist of the First, Fourth and Fifth regiments of infantry, the Second squadron of cavalry and a Gatling gun section. Two of the inaftnry regiments are scattered through the city at various points, the First regiment being held in reserve and Fourth on patrol duty.

Statement by Deneen.

In the face of this display of force it is not thought likely mobs will be permitted to form. The determination of the state to preserve order is shown in the following statement given out by Governor Deneen this evening. He said:

"The outbreak by mob violence was as intolerable as it is inexcusable. The idea of wreaking vengeance upon a race for the crimes of one of its members is utterly repugnant to all notions of law and justice. No government can maintain its self-respect and permit it. The entire resources of the state will be drawn upon, if necessary, to protect every citizen of Springfield in his person and property and those who violate the law must suffer the consequences."

As further precaution all business establishments in the city closed tonight at 6 o'clock. The saloons and liquor stores have not been open since before midnight Friday. So strict were the regulations for keeping the people off the street that the mayor caused a postponement of the opening performance of a "Broken Idol," a new musical opera, which was to have been presented by the Whitney Musical company of Chicago. One of the numbers in the performance entailed the appearance of the chorus in the guise of negroes, and it was largely on this account that the mayor took this action.

Three Dead, Many Injured.

One death was recorded today as a result of the riots. John Caldwell, who was a spectator of the fighting in East Springfield, died in a hospital from the effects of a bullet wound in the stomach. His death brought the total up to three, the other victims being Louis Johnson, who was killed when Loper's restaurant was wrecked, and Scott Burton, an aged negro, who was lynched at Twelfth and Madison streets early this morning. Of the wounded Frank Delmore and Theodore Scott, both of whom were shot through the lungs, are not expected to live through the night. William Bowe has a fighting chance for life, according to the physicians. The other seriously injured persons, all suffering from gunshot wounds, are as follows:

Robert Seidler,
William Mallott,
Charles Helmle,
Lester Holt,
John Norkins,
Eugene Mayoll,
Will Smith (colored),
Robert Oakley (colored),
Lewis Hansen,
Arthur Troyman,
John Barrington,
Charles Duncan (colored),
Ossie Donegan, shot in eye.

Negroes Leaving City.

All day timid negroes have been leaving the city with their families and such possessions as they could hurriedly pack. This exodus took place despite the assurances of Governor Deneen that full protection would be afforded to those who remained in their homes. The governor also took steps to alleviate the distress of the families whose homes or places of business were destroyed by the mob. A refugee camp was established at Camp Lincoln and Companies D and H of the Fifth regiment were sent there to guard it. About three score persons were in the camp tonight.

Harry Loper, whose restaurant was wrecked after he had assisted the sheriff in spiriting away the two negro prisoners from the jail, left late today for a resort in Michigan. He took the members of the family with him, but refused to state their destination. Loper, in common with other property owners who suffered loss at the hands of the mob, was notified by the insurance companies today that all policies were rendered void by the riot. Under the statutes the city and county are each responsible for the property losses and special assessments will be levied to cover the damage.

Origin of Trouble.

The rioting was precipitated by an assault committed early yesterday morning by a negro upon Mrs. Mabel Hallam, wife

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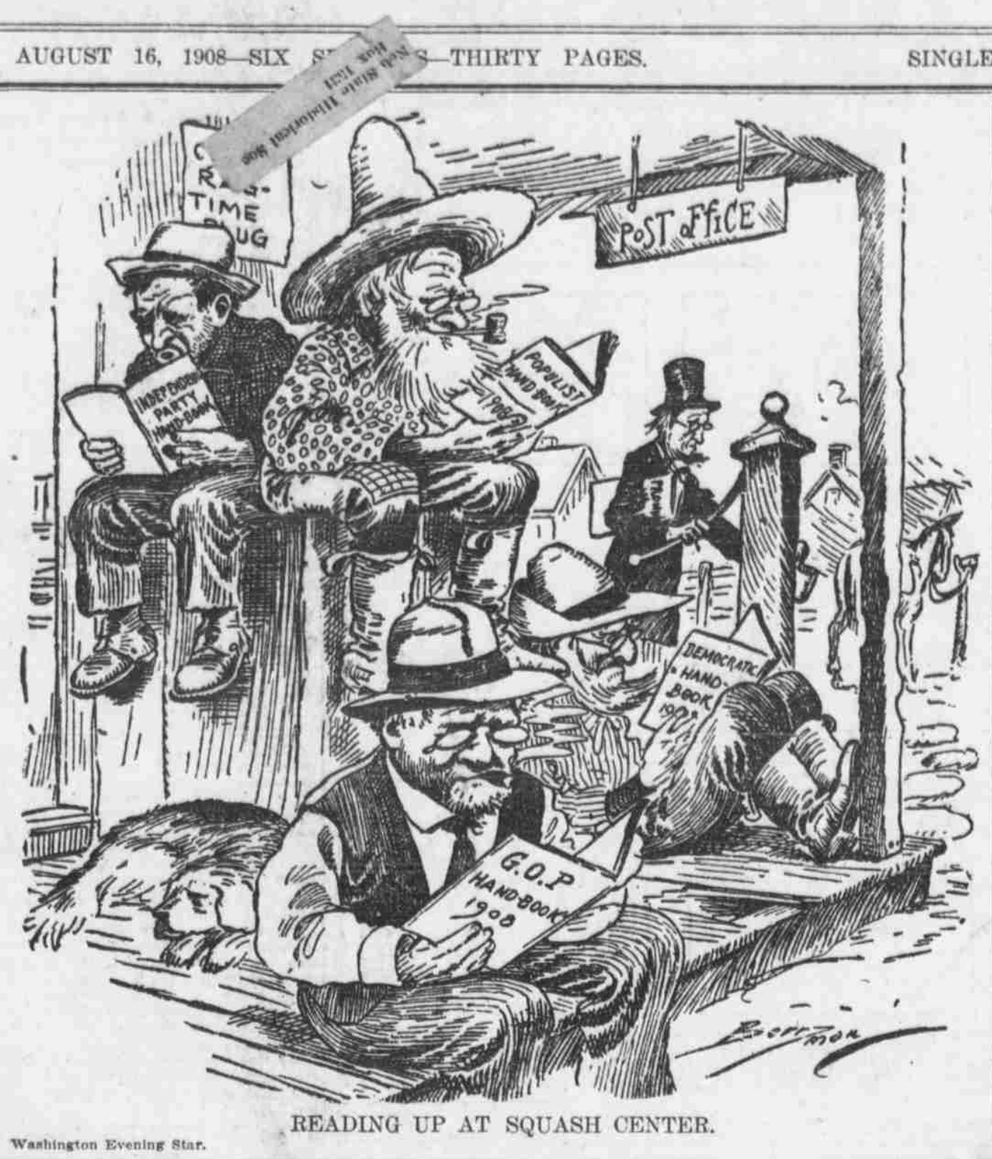

READING UP AT SQUASH CENTER.

Washington Evening Star.

DARING HOLDUP OF TRAIN

Bandits Engage Crew Almost in Limits of Spokane.

DETACH MAIL CAR AND ENGINE

Robbers Run Car to Trent and Rifle Contents Without Touching Passengers—Posse Now is in Pursuit.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 15.—One of the most daring holdups ever attempted on a transcontinental train befell Northern Pacific No. 3 almost within the city limits of Spokane after midnight last night. Two masked highwaymen stopped the train at Otis and boarded the engine. After a brief encounter with the engineer and fireman, the mail car, next to the engine, was detached and one of the highwaymen, taking charge of the engine, the party came on west to Trent, where the trainmen were dismissed by the robbers. The bandits then proceeded to within a mile of Yardley, where they proceeded to rob the mail car.

The baggage car and the express car were untouched and none of the passengers was molested.

As soon as word was received in Spokane a special train was made up consisting of a switch engine and a coach and with several deputy sheriffs and special agents of the Northern Pacific was rushed to Trent.

Shortly after noon, a posse headed by Sheriff Doak, who had not been notified in time to catch the first special, started out to scour the country.

Little plunder is believed to have been taken by the two masked men. Warned that the robbers were coming the mail clerks threw the local registered packages into a newspaper sack, where they were not noticed. The only booty stolen was the pouch of registered mail sent from Chicago to Spokane and for Seattle made up along the road. Neither is known to have carried packages of any great value.

One suspect has been captured, having been found on top of the train after the robbery.

MULE DRIVER CAUSES STRIKE

Ten Thousand Coal Miners in Indiana Are Called Out by Union.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Aug. 15.—Ten thousand coal miners in the Indiana field were called out by W. D. Van Horn, president of district No. 11 of the miners' organization. Trouble started at the Rood mine in Sullivan county over the discharge of a mule driver. The miners' officials demanded his reinstatement with pay for the time lost, which was refused and the mine was shut down when the men walked out. Many men went out this afternoon, and it is said the others will quit this evening.

ZANESVILLE, O., Aug. 15.—Failing to agree with the representatives of the operators, 2,500 miners, all who were at present employed in the Crooksfield district, struck today.

The strike closes twenty-eight mines and means a loss of $38,000 monthly in wages.

COMPLAINT FROM ALABAMA

Commission Files Objection to Raise in Freight Rates Made August 1.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—A complaint was today filed with the Interstate Commerce commission by the Alabama Railroad commission on behalf of the shipping and freight receiving and consuming houses against the Louisville & Nashville and thirteen other railroads in the southeastern territory for having advanced the freight rates on certain commodities on August 1, last. The complaint is similar to the one recently filed against the railroads comprising the Southeastern Freight association by shippers of Georgia.

FIRE RECORD

Sheep Sheds Burn.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 15.—Fire which broke out early today in the sheep sheds of the New York Central stock yards at East Buffalo, destroyed all of the adjoining buildings. Between 1,500 and 2,000 sheep and calves were burned. The loss is estimated at $100,00

BALLOON COMES TO GRIEF

British Army Dirigible Caught by Wind and Badly Torn and Damaged.

FARNBOROUGH, Aug. 15.—The British army dirigible balloon came to grief this afternoon on returning here after an ascension.

The ship had just landed when the wind caught it broadside, but never turned it. Colonel J. F. Capper, commandant of the balloon school at Aldershot, and Captain F. F. Cody, the American inventor, managed to jump out of the car uninjured, but the balloon was badly torn and the propeller damaged before the troops were able to capture it.

The airship had just previously covered about twenty miles with and against the wind, during which flight it behaved well.

NORTH ADAMS, Mass., Aug. 14.—The balloon North Adams No. 1, with A. D. Potter of Greenfield as pilot and A. Holland Forbes and daughter Natalie, aged 12, as passengers, and owned by the North Adams Aero club, undoubtedly won the cup offered by Mr. Forbes in the first point-to-point race ever held in this country. The race was started from North Adams this afternoon. The No. 1 landed at 2:15 p. m. at a farm at West Whatley, about five miles from its previously declared destination, Haydenville. Starting at 1 o'clock, The Greylock, owned and piloted by Dr. Roger M. Randall of North Adams, landed at 2:30 o'clock at a farm in Ashfield, fully twelve miles from its desired destination, Leeds.

The third balloon to start, The Heart of the Berkshires, owned by the Aero club of Pittsfield, was the last to land, coming down at 3:30 o'clock in Amherst, with six and a quarter miles of Whatley station, its destination.

GIRL ABDUCTED FROM RANCH

Two Lovers of Girl Disappear and Are Accused of Crime.

BUTTE, Mont., Aug. 15.—Miss Fred Bauer, aged 18 years, daughter of Conrad Bauer, a rancher living twelve miles east of Billings, was abducted Thursday night at the point of revolvers by two masked men. There is no clue to her whereabouts.

Bauer accuses two ranch hands, both lovers of the girl, who have also disappeared.

Two men rode up to the ranch, called Bauer out and covered him with guns. Mrs. Bauer ran screaming down the road to a neighbor's. Shortly afterwards, the men rode off. When Mrs. Bauer returned the girl was gone, spirited away from the rear of the house, evidently by a third member of the party. Bauer was not injured nor was there any attempt to rob.

HELENA, Mont., Aug. 15.—A special to the Record from Billings says John S. Howard, known as champion rope thrower of the world, has been arrested, charged with aiding Ernest Huston in the alleged abduction of Miss Bauer.

The authorities are searching for Huston and the young woman in the vicinity of Laurel.

JAP VESSELS ARE SEIZED

Supposed to Be Engaged in Unlawful Sealing on Coast of Alaska.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—A dispatch was received by Acting Attorney General Russell today from the United States district attorney at Valdez, Alaska, saying that the captain of the steamer Dora had arrived at Seward and reported the revenue cutter Bear on July 22 seized two Japanese ships close to the northeast coast of North point, St. Paul island, presumably for alleged unlawful sealing. The vessels are the Hinsi Maru and the Saikai Maru, it being being stated that the former was disguised.

Two Judgments Breaks Saloon.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—H. F. Shaden has sold his saloon to H. L. Thieman of Corning, Mo. Mr. Shadon retires from the saloon business disgusted as Mrs. Frank Bond secured a large judgment against him because he sold liquor to her husband and the federal court awarded her claim of $5,000, and last year Mrs. Broom secured a big judgment against him on the grounds that he sold liquor to her husband and he froze to death while under the influence of the same. Mr. Schaden has been in business here for many years

TROUBLES OF MONEY RAISER

Treasurer Sheldon Discusses Ways of Getting Campaign Funds.

COLLECTORS IN EACH STATE

Representatives of National Committee Will Superintend Work—Hitchcock Continues Conference with Committeemen.

CHICAGO, Aug. 15.—For the first time since his appointment as treasurer of the republican national committee, George A. Sheldon of New York today consented to discuss the troubles of the men who expect to find the money for the conduct of a national campaign. He is here to consult with Chairman Frank H. Hitchcock and other officials of the national committee about the western preliminaries. The text of his talk with newspaper men was the ignorance of corporation men and even members of congress that a law has been passed denying the right of corporations to make contributions to campaign funds.

Because of this ignorance of the law, Mr. Sheldon said, he has been compelled to return to the senders a number of checks that had been received, although the money is greatly needed. He declared that it is his purpose to publish every individual contribution immediately after election, which plan is in accordance with the expressed wish of Mr. Taft, as well as of republican leaders generally.

Publicity Retards Work.

"The decision to publish the names of all contributors," said Mr. Sheldon, "has made the matter of collecting funds uphill work. The gathering of funds will be done wholly under the auspices of the national committee and will be directed by the treasurer, the assistant treasurer, and the advisory committee, which is soon to be appointed. The suggestion has been made that the state committees handle the collections in their own states, but this plan does not appear to be feasible. The national committee will have its own agents in each state, the men to be drawn from the influential business men of the various sections."

Speaking of the probable cost of running the republican national campaign, Mr. Sheldon estimated that between $400,000 and $500,000 would be needed to defray the traveling expenses of speakers and that it would cost at least $200,000 to put one piece of literature in the hands of every voter. He fixed the cost of campaign buttons at more than $75,000, and said that other large sums would be needed for the expenses of headquarters, lithographs and advertising. Then there are other matters that will be costly.

Hitchcock Continues Conference.

Chairman Hitchcock continued his conference with western members of the executive committee today and called into these General T. Coleman Dupont, director of the speakers' bureau, Secretary William Hayward and others. Senator Hemenway made a report to Mr. Hitchcock concerning the situation in Indiana and expressed the conviction that the state would be carried for Taft and that the rpublican state ticket would be elected. He did not minimize the necessity for hard campaign work, however.

Senator Dolliver of Iowa, who has been speaking before chautauqua assemblies in the west, was also a caller and Mr. Hitchcock said he received from the senator much important information concerning the political conditions in western states.

Soon after September 1 Chairman Hitchcock expects to go to some place in the south to confer with republican leaders. After that he will go to the Pacific coast.

TWENTY-TWO SUSPECTS HELD

Wholesale Arrests Follow Murder of Brakeman by Tramps at Lebo, Kan.

OTTAWA, Kan., Aug. 15.—Elmer Helvly, of Argentine, the Santa Fe brakeman who was shot at Lebo, Monday morning by tramps who were stealing a ride, died last night in the Santa Fe hospital here. Twenty-two suspects are under arrest at Ottawa, Olathe, Burlington, Lebo and Emporia. Two suspects under arrest at Emporia fit the description given by Helvly of the tramps.

WRIGHT SEES TAFT

Secretary of War Has Extended Conference with Predecessor.

DEPARTMENT AFFAIRS GONE OVER

New Official Placed in Touch with Insular Affairs.

MANY LETTERS FROM NEW YORK

Candidate Refuses to Commit Himself on State Politics.

WOODRUFF SENDS OUT APPEAL

Business Men Who Believe Republican Policies Should Be Continued Are Asked to Send Contributions.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Aug. 15.—William H. Taft was secretary of war again today, at least to the extent of finding himself deeply engrossed with his successor, Luke P. Wright, in the absorbing questions of the Philippines, Cuba and Panama, as well as the innumerable odds and ends of the War office, of which few except himself know the history. "We have decided," began the candidate when asked the result of the conference, "there you see I have fallen back into the habit of feeling myself a part of the administration." Mr. Taft explained that there would not be adde dto the machinery of the Philippine government at present a department of agriculture. President Roosevelt has authority to create such a department. The establishment of five executive departments, presided over by Governor Smith; commerce and police, with Vice Governor Forges at the head; Interior, Prof. Worcester; Public Instruction, Mr. Schuster and Finance and Justice headed by Senor Arada—is regarded as accomplishments toward self-government sufficient for the present and President Roosevelt will receive advice to this effect from Secretary Wright. The decision is based on objections to increasing the cost of the Philippine government in the absence of absolute necessity.

Mr. Taft was surprised today by a call of respect from Manuel Queson, floor leader of the national party in the Philippines legislature, and A. G. Escamilla, who was Aguinaldo's private secretary during his military operations. The Filipinos are traveling in the United States and sought out Mr. Taft as an old friend and acquaintance. He was heartily congratulated on his candidacy by his callers.

Letters from New York.

Mr. Taft admitted today that he received a number of letters from residents of New York, without exception urging the renomination of Governor Hughes, the writers giving the position taken as the sentiment of their communities. In replying, Mr. Taft said he wished it understood that in most cases the writers were unknown to him and they were undoubtedly addressed to him simply because he was the presidential candidate of his party. He had taken no position in the contest, he said, and should not interfere. None of the letters, he add, were from political leaders. The candidate is in receipt of encouraging letters on republican conditions in Indiana and Kansas.

An old-fashioned Virginia country supper, with fried chicken and "corn pone," was enjoyed tonight at Fassifern farm by a party which included Judge and Mrs. Taft, Secretary Wright, Secretary of War Winthrop and Mr. and Mrs. John Hays Hammond.

Woodruff Addresses Business Men.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—Timothy L. Woodruff, chairman of the state republican committee, today dictated a circular letter to republican business men of New York. The letter in part follows:

"It is necessary if we are to insure beyond question the election of Taft and Sherman, that a campaign be prosecuted in New York state which may arouse every believer in safe and conservative government to a full appreciation of the issues which are involved. By campaign orators, by the exposition of the issues through the newspaper press, by the distribution of literature, and by personal canvassing every voter should be informed of the dangers and uncertainties which would follow the election of Bryan.

"To make this campaign we rely on those who share our belief that the interests of the people would best be conserved by the continuance of republican policies, and I appeal to you as a business man to make such contributions as seem to you suitable to enable us to do this work in the most effective manner."

PROSPERITY CONGRESS MEETS

Rival Armies of Unemployed Descend Upon Session of Travelers in New York.

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—Two rival "armies" descended upon the meeting of the Commercial Travelers' Interstate Prosperity congress here today. First came grim-looking men under the leadership of Alexander Berkman, professed anarchist, who some years ago shot H. C. Frick, the millionaire, after the Homestead steel strike riots. It was neccessary for the police to dispel the "army" and Berkman angrily reprimanded his followers as a "lot of spineless, driveling idiots" for not opposing the police. Berkman and his followers said that they represented 40,000 unemployed working men. The second "army" was composed of determined suffragettes. They also demanded recognition by the Prosperity congress.

After Berkman and his followers had been dispersed, a committee of unemployed asked that a resolution it had proposed be presented. The resolution was accepted, but not presented to the congress. It stated that while there was a demand for working men in the western states, the men had been out of work so long they did not have clothing or tools or money for transportation to the waiting positions. The resolution was free from bitter language and stated that the authors of it were in thorugh sympathy with the prosperity movement.

Acting Mayor McGowan of this city welcomed the participants in the meeting. Herman A. Metz, comptroller of New York City, was a speaker. C. W. Hice, former past supreme councellor of the United Commercial Travelers of America, and H. O. Gray, president of the Travelers' Protective association, responded to the welcome. At the afternoon session Henry Clews, the New York banker, spoke on the financial situation.

He said that the combined value of the crops this year would be about $8,000,000,000.