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RIOT VICTIM DIES

Total Death List at Springfield, Ill., is Now Six.

COUNTY OFFICIAL IS DYING

William Bowe, Who Was Shot and Beaten, Cannot Recover.

GRAND JURY WILL BEGIN WORK

Anonymous Threats Against Men Who May Testify Against Rioters.

STATE SECURES MUCH EVIDENCE

Problem of Punishment Confronts Prosecuting Officers—Two Thousand Negroes Have Left the City.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 17.—One more victim was added to the death list of the Springfield mob tonight when G. W. Scott succumbed to a gunshot wound in the lungs, received Friday night. Scott's death brings the total to six and is the fourth chargeable to the disorder in the "black belt" near Twelfth and Madison streets. It was here that the hunted negroes made their stand. Another death is expected momentarily. W. H. Bowe, chief clerk in the county treasurer's office and one of the most popular citizens of Springfield, is slowly sinking from the effect of the bullet wounds and the beating he received from a crowd of negroes Friday night.

Bowe's friends have warned the authorities that "Billy" will be avenged and that the event of his death will cause a redoubling of the vigilance of the troops' commanders.

"Wait until the troops go," is the word that has been passed around town, and recognizing the strength of the undercurrent, the state, city and county officials are taking every effort to turn public sentiment.

To that end Governor Deneen is in conference with various civic bodies, including the Bar association. Evidence is not lacking that many citizens known to have important testimony regarding the mob and leaders have been deterred from offering it because of threats of violence made against them anonymously.

"The riot could scarcely have been avoided and is not in itself a disgrace to the city. The real disgrace will come if the guilty are allowed to escape," is the slogan of the authorities. So the civic bodies are requested to urge all good citizens to reveal whatever of testimony they may possess. Only sheer weight of evidence is likely to break through the local prejudice here and reassure conditions, according to the police and other officials.

Loot is Recovered.

The gathering of evidence began in earnest today. Policemen in plain clothes were sent to search the houses of prisoners and suspects and as a result the police station looked like a general store tonight. Hardware, groceries, men's and boys' and women's clothing, drygoods and shoes were recovered in great quantities, most of them bearing the price tags of the looted business houses. Naturally many arrests followed. Eighty prisoners were crowded into the small cell room at the police station, the lack of comfort being such that only the cement floor is available for sleeping space.

"That will take some of the rioting out of them," was the comment of one policeman.

Five arrests today are considered important by the police. It is in the homes of these men that most of the loot was found. A sixth person is being sought by the police, who aver that when he is arrested practically all of the ring leaders of the mob will be in custody.

"We have the things on the run," said Evan Jones, chief of detectives, and he added that many suspects are leaving town to avoid arrest.

Confesses Starting Fires.

Roy Youngcone of the prisoners taken yesterday, has confessed to starting a number of fires, the police say. Young, who is 22 years of age, came here from Missouri a short time ago. A search of his room at 216 North Seventh street revealed a quantity of overalls, shoes, boys' shirts and other articles of apparel.

The alarms of outbreaks last night and today have set many citizens to discussing the possibility of an early evacuation of the city by the troops. It is practically certain, however, that the militia will remain here until the special grand jury summoned today has completed its report and returned the indictments which State's Attorney Hatch predicts.

The force on hand will not be added to, however. The 4,200 soldiers now encamped here are sufficient to cover the city so thoroughly that there is slim chance for a mob to form at any point.

A special grand jury was summoned this morning by Judge James A. Creighton of the Sangamon county circuit court as the result of a consultation held yesterday afternoon between Governor Charles S. Deneen and State's Attorney Frank Hatch. Both of these officials were of the strong opinion that this step should be taken.

The grand jury will be held in session so long as the mob violence is threatened. Evidence will be submitted to the body from day to day by officers and soldiers and indictment returned as soon as a case is made against an individual.

Evidence Against Citizens.

A large amount of evidence implicating many citizens of this city has been obtained during the rioting and this will be submitted to the grand jury. Suspects have been arrested each day during the reign of terror and will be held awaiting the deliberations of the official's body.

Headquarters have been established at 124 North Seventh street, opposite the county jail, by the state's attorney. The evidence that will be submitted to the grand jury will be collected at this place. The purpose of establishing headquarters at this place is to facilitate matters in gathering the evidence from the police officers, deputies and soldiers. With nearly the entire force of the Illinois National guard in control today, Springfield again is ruled by law and order. Forty-five hundred armed soldiers patrol the streets and the fever for blood has abated, temporarily at least, among the wild element which ruled the state capital for forty-eight hours.

There has been comparatively little disturbance since the Second infantry from Chicago swept through the streets yesterday afternoon.

The news of the coming also, of the Seventh infantry and the First cavalry,

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SUMMARY OF THE BEE

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EYE WEATHER.

For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity—Fair tonight and Tuesday; cooler tonight.

For Nebraska—Generally fair tonight and Tuesday; cooler tonight south and east portions; warmer Tuesday.

For Iowa—Generally fair tonight and Tuesday; cooler tonight.

Temperature at Omaha:

Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	72
6 a. m.	73
7 a. m.	75
8 a. m.	76
9 a. m.	79
10 a. m.	79
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1 p. m.	76
2 p. m.	76
3 p. m.	75

DOMESTIC.

Hains brothers are arraigned on the charge of murdering William E. Annis. **Page 1**

Authorities subdued the mob at Springfield and order control and the grand jury will now take up cases growing out of the riots. **Page 1**

Low water in the Ohio stops coal shipments by water and many mines have shut down. **Page 1**

Boiler of lake steamer explodes near Traverse City, Mich., and one person is killed and many injured. **Page 1**

NEBRASKA.

Railway commission hearing petition of stock yards company to increase switching charges. Republican laws have saved the people of Nebraska $5,000,000 in the last year. **Page 2**

LOCAL.

Alfred Darlow, veteran advertising manager of the Union Pacific Railroad company, resigns to take charge of his advertising agency business in many cities. **Page 3**

Boston buyers have accomplished their design, fleecing the wool growers by beating the price down early in the season and then appearing astonished when prices go up, which they said would not this year. **Page 1**

City council believes the old legal theory of "public safety first" will let it out of a tight place with the S. D. Mercer estate, which has brought suit because the council tore down old hotel. **Page 10**

Harriman lines obey order of Interstate Commerce commission in the matter of lumber rates from the Pacific coast. **Page 3**

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL.

Live stock markets. **Page 7**
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MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

Port.	Arrived.	Sailed.
NEW YORK	Leeland	
LIVERPOOL	Etruria	Winifredian
LIVERPOOL	Tunisian	
QUEENSTOWN		Republic
QUEENSTOWN		Lusitania
SOUTHAMPTON		F. P. Wilhem

EDITORS LOOK OVER PRISON

National Association Begins Its Session in St. Paul with Pleasure Trip.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 17.—Editors from all parts of the United States are here to attend the meeting of the National Editorial association which began today in the old capitol building. Governor Johnson, Mayor Lawler and local editors voiced welcomes to the city. President Henry B. Varner of Lexington, Ky., made a preliminary report and named the committees after which the visitors were taken in special trolley cars to Stillwater, Minn., where the state prison was inspected.

Tomorrow President Carter will deliver his annual address. Former President E. W. Stephens of Columbia, Mo., will describe the world's newspapers.

BOY CARRIES SEVERED ARM

Walks Two Blocks After Injury in Chicago Searching for Physician.

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—A remarkable exhibition of grit and nerve was witnessed today when George Nagle, 22 years of age, carrying his left arm, which had been severed by a Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul train, staggered up to a policeman and then fainted after telling his story. Nagle had carried the bundle of mangled flesh for two blocks in an effort to find a physician's office. He had attempted to board a passing freight train, but had slipped on the wet rungs of the ladder and fallen beneath the trucks. He was taken to a hospital.

HORRAS GIVEN FIVE YEARS

Hot Springs Embezzling Cashier Sent to Leavenworth for Term of Years.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Aug. 17.—Five years imprisonment in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., was the sentence pronounced today by Judge Carland of the United States court in the case of George D. Horras, former cashier of the Hot Springs National bank, which closed last fall. Horras pleaded guilty to making false reports and embezzling $5,000.

EARTH SHAKES AT WASHINGTON

Indications Are Shock Occurred in Full Severity Three Thousand Miles Distant.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—The coast and geodetic survey observatory at Cheltenham, Md., reports an earthquake beginning at 1:56 and terminating at 7:17 a. m. today. The maximum phase was recorded at 6:30 a. m. The record indicates that the origin of the tremor was about 3,000 miles distant from Washington.

Helpless Paralytic Murdered.

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 17.—J. L. Bartlett, a helpless paralytic, was murdered at the state hospital today by J. Waltse, an inmate of an adjoining ward, without cause. Bartlett lay in bed with a mosquito netting over him and while the attendant stepped from the room Waltse secured the netting and wrapping it around Bartlett's neck choked him to death. Waltse made no denial of the crime, appearing utterly indifferent.

HAINS BROTHERS ACCUSED

Arraignment of Men Charged with Murder Takes Place.

ONE HELD AS AN ACCOMPLICE

Found to Have Been Acquitted of Murder of Friend—Hearing is Put Over for One Week.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Captain Peter C. Hains, jr., United States army, who shot and killed William E. Annis on Saturday at the Bayside Yacht club, was today arraigned in the first district court in Long Island City before Magistrate Matthew J. Smith. Arraigned with the captain was his brother, T. Jenkins Hains, who kept back the crowd with a revolver, while his brother carried out his vengeance on the man who, he asserted, had ruined his home.

T. Jenkins Hains, who was first held on a charge of attempted felonious assault, was later charged with being an accessory to the killing of Annis. Before the arraignment today Harvey G. Rockwell, who had been a close friend of William Annis, the slain man, turned over to the district attorney of Queens county a package of letters received recently by Annis, in which he was warned that his life was in danger. It was said that the last letter he received cautioned him against visiting the Bayside Yacht club on Saturday.

Since the shooting it has been learned that T. Jenkins Hains was tried in 1895 on a homicide charge, when he was 19 years old. He was accused of having shot Edward Hannegan, a friend, to death, while the two were out in a boat off Old Point Comfort. Hains was acquitted by a jury on the plea of self-defense.

General Peter C. Hains, father of the young men, was in court today, looking after the interests of his sons.

Yesterday young Mrs. Hains, who it is said, had been on terms of close friendship with Mrs. Annis, wife of the slain man, came hurriedly to New York from her home in Winthrop, Mass., and went to Fort Hancock on Sandy Hook, in an effort to get possession of her three children, who have been living with General and Mrs. Hains. Mrs. Hains did not succeed in her mission, and it was believed that she left the city for her father's home in Massachusetts.

The body of William Annis was removed yesterday to his former home in Claremont avenue, Manhattan. Mrs. Annis was completely prostrated by the killing of her husband, and is under the constant care of physicians.

After the arraignment of the Hains brothers the hearing was put over for one week.

STEAMER'S BOILER BLOWS UP

One Dead and Dozen Missing as Result of Explosion on Carp Lake Boat.

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich., Aug. 17.—One is known to be dead, a dozen or more are missing, and supposed to be drowned, two are fatally injured and a number are seriously hurt, as the result of the blowing up of the steamer Leelanau on Carp lake today.

The steamer, which plies between the resorts on Carp lake was on the way from Leeland to Fourbe, on its early morning trip. Between thirty and forty passengers were on board. At 7:30 the boiler of the steamer blew up, hurling many into the lake and scalding others. The upper works were entirely blown to pieces.

Following is the revised list of dead and injured:

The dead:

MRS. ISABEL LABONTE, 36 years old, Traverse City.

The injured:

John Hartung, Leland, dying.

Russell Mills, Ann Arbor, scalded; condition critical.

Stanley Mills, Ann Arbor, scalded; serious.

A. B. Cook, Traverse City, badly scalded.

Miles Atwood, Leland, slightly scalded.

Richard Steffans, Leland, slightly scalded.

Mrs. Ralph Hastings, Traverse City, badly injured.

Ralph Hastings, city treasurer, Traverse City, slightly injured.

Ten others are slightly hurt.

Among the missing are Mr. and Mrs. August Geiger.

A panic followed the explosion and for a time little help could be given those who were thrown into the water. It is thought that a number of those perished by drowning.

CAPTAIN BALDWIN GETS MONEY

Army Airship Board Declares His Ship Fulfills Conditions of the Test.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—The army airship board today decided that Captain Baldwin's dirigible balloon had met all conditions entitling him to the amount agreed upon for its purchase. The board calculated that the airship had maintained an average speed of 22.75 miles per hour while in the air two hours, one minute and fifty seconds, this speed being slightly more than the required 70 per cent of the maximum of 19.63 miles per hour.

Captain Baldwin will receive $5,737.50, which is 15 per cent less than the amount he would have received had he reached a maximum speed of twenty miles.

LEMANS, France, Aug. 17.—Finding that the field where he is conducting his aeroplane trials is too narrow and too small for his requirements, Wilbur Wright of Dayton, O., is negotiating for the use of a large military ground seven miles from here, where he plans to conduct a series of long distance flights.

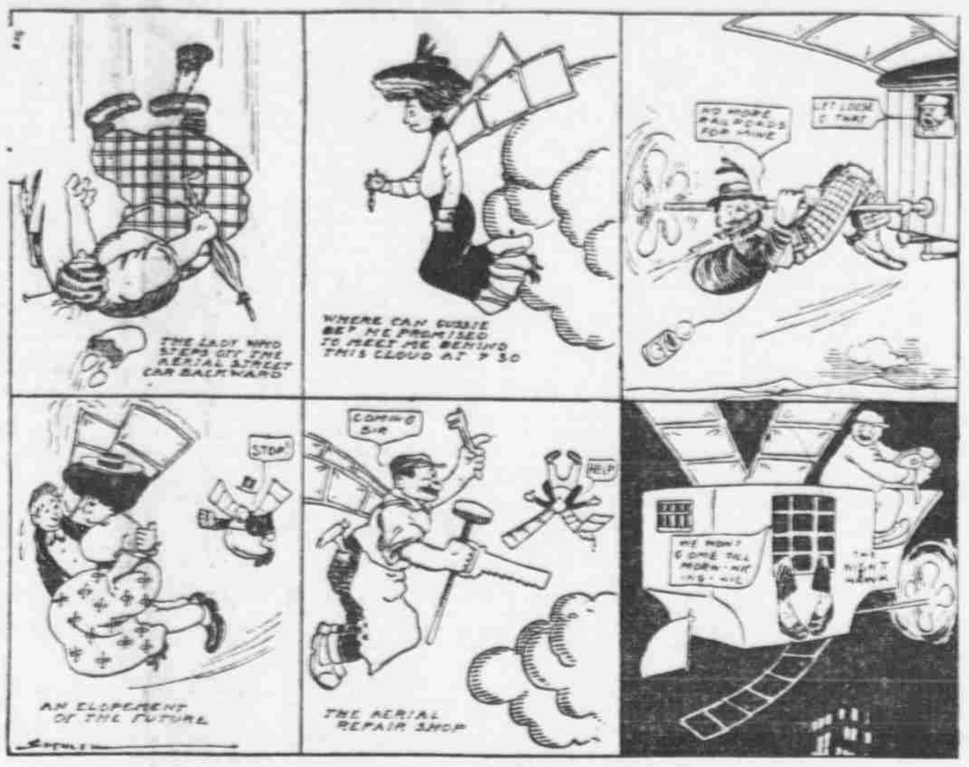
BERLIN, Aug. 17.—As the Parseval balloon was approaching its landing place here today, it was forced suddenly downward by a current of air while at a height of sixty feet. The gondola of the ship struck the ground violently, breaking the left arm of Captain von Krugh.

MULAI HAFID CAUSES TROUBLE

New Uprising Said to Be Under Way Due to His Machinations.

PARIS, Aug. 17.—Reports from Algeria are to the effect that a new uprising is under way on the Moroccan frontier, where an Arab army of 25,000 men is mobilizing and preparing to surprise the French posts located at Bechar and Benane. General Lyautey, high commissioner of the Algerian-Moroccan frontier, has arrived at Colomb-Bechar and is organizing a flying column of 4,000 horsemen. The advance guard of the enemy is maneuvering near Bondenib.

Government advices declare the uprising to be the result of the agitation of Mulai Hafid's agents among the tribesmen at Tafilelt and Haougin.



According to the aerial "experts" life will soon be something like this.

From the Denver Republican.

BOSTON WOOL PRICES LOW

Growers Who Sell There Miss Big Profits in Omaha.

SORE AT SELVES FOR GOING TO HUB

Western Sheep Men Who Sold in Omaha Will Get Five to Six Cents a Pound Over the Boston Price.

Wool growers of Wyoming and Montana who sold to Boston their clips early in the season against the advice of Omahans and those interested in organizing large storage houses in the west, are dissatisfied with their returns and "sore" at themselves for selling, according to C. H. Barnes of Helena, wool grower and rancher, who is in Omaha.

"Boston buyers told the growers they would not get over 12 to 13 cents for their wool this year, as there was no demand," said Mr. Barnes. "Now they are getting 18 and 20 cents with prospects of 22 cents. Those who have stored wool in Omaha will get from 1 to 4 cents more per pound for it. I understand there are 1,000,000 pounds stored in Omaha. This means those who shipped here will make $50,000 to $60,000 by taking the advice of the Wyoming Wool Growers' association and Omaha business men. The Boston buyers have made their losses of last year good by beating down the price paid the growers and reports from Boston now say the buyers are very much surprised to find that the price is pushing constantly upward in face of the fact that the buyers told hundreds of wool growers that it could not possibly go up."

It is said that those who consigned their wool will make money, but they will pay the commissions as usual. Reports from Boston say the buyers have returned and many of them are very much disgusted with their efforts to "take the wool away" from the growers. Others who succeeded in making growers believe they would not get more than 12 to 13 cents, are well satisfied.

Dissatisfied in Montana.

In a special dispatch from Boston the New York Commercial says:

Advices from Montana indicate growers are dissatisfied. One letter says that the season in that state has been the most unsatisfactory to the wool men of any in years. The growers believe that they have not received the market value for their clips and only the few who got from 17 to 19½ for their product are at all satisfied. The buyers have claimed all along that they are offering all that they could afford, but in many cases the growers consigned, and, as a result, more wool has been consigned than usual.

On the other hand, those who have held their wool back and did not sell when the first high salaried wool buyer appeared with a hard-luck story, have made money. The Fraser Ranch company of Helena declared a 26 per cent dividend last week and announced that 5 per cent more will be distributed as soon as the settlements with the buyers of the wool are made. This will make a total of 32 per cent paid in fifteen months since the company was organized.

But those interested in the organization of the western wool markets believe the "trimming" which the buyers have given growers this year, which has become apparent so soon, will react against the east next year and the warehouses at Omaha and other western cities will be filled to overflowing.

Meeting at Salt Lake.

The executive committee of the National Wool Growers' association meets at Salt Lake City next Monday to decide on where the big warehouse of the association will be located. The Omahans will be represented and have already forwarded their written proposition to the association. The Commercial club has received notice that Chicago, St. Paul and Denver have also submitted propositions.

Chicago is using the argument that money will be furnished on wool at 4½ to 5 per cent. The Omaha bankers have met this story told by those interested in securing the warehouse for Chicago by replying, "We will furnish all the money the wool men of the west want at regular terms and market rates, which are as low as in any city in the United States.

It is believed the Chicago bid to furnish money at such low rate and for indefinite time, is for the purpose of getting the warehouse and afterwards charging the market rates for loans. As every loan is an individual transaction between the holder and the bank, the Chicago proposition looks ridiculous to Omaha bankers, and they refuse to believe that any Chicago banker would authorize such a bid for wool loans.

Standard Dividend Unchanged.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—The Standard Oil company today declared a quarterly dividend of 6 per cent. This is the same as was declared the corresponding quarter last year. The last previous quarterly dividend was at the rate of 5 per cent.

ANTHRAX PROVES A SCOURGE

Cattle Dying by Thousands and Veterinarians Are Unable to Find Repedy.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Aug. 17.—(Special.)—Reports from the localities in Clay and Yankton counties which are affected by anthrax are to the effect that there is little change in the situation. Thus far thousands of head of cattle have died in the region where the disease is rampant in the herds and the aggregate losses to farmers will amount to many thousands of dollars.

Dr. T. H. Hicks, state veterinarian, reports that in many instances farmers who have lost cattle by anthrax have permitted the carcasses to lie in their fields exposed to other cattle, and, worst of all, to human beings. The anthrax bacillus is not only contagious, but is known to thrive in certain kinds of soil, so that it is very hard to effectually stamp out the disease. There is no known cure for it, but as a preventive a double vaccination is used—one to prepare the way for the second and effectual one.

During his investigations Dr. Hicks discovered that in some parts of Clay county a substitute for vaccination is being used and that in a large percentage of cases the cattle are dying from the effects of the medicine. Damage suits, in which the manufacturers of the medicine will be the defendants, may result from this.

So alarmed are the people in the infected district that the residents of Centerville, Wakonda, Vermillion and other towns have practically ceased eating meat. Rumors have come from some parts of Hutchinson county that anthrax has appeared there, but as yet these reports have not been confirmed.

Hutchinson adjoins Yankton county and is filled with herds of cattle, among which the disease would play great havoc.

RAILROAD REVENUES LOWER

Union Pacific System Announces Falling Off in Amount for the Year.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—A decrease of $10,[illegible] in revenue over operating expenses and taxes is shown by the annual statements of the Union Pacific system and the Southern Pacific company made public today. The gross revenues of the Southern Pacific company for the year ending June 30 last was $[illegible], a decrease of $[illegible]. The operating expenses were $[illegible], an increase of $4,[illegible] and taxes of $[illegible], an increase of $1,[illegible]. The revenue over operating expenses and taxes was $[illegible], a decrease of $6,365,280.

The gross revenue of the Union Pacific system was $76,[illegible] a decrease of $[illegible], operating expenses and taxes were $[illegible], of $1,[illegible] and taxes $[illegible], an increase of $[illegible]. The revenue over operating expenses and taxes were $[illegible], a decrease of $[illegible].

JAP SEAL POACHERS CAUGHT

Revenue Cutter Arrives at Unga, Alaska, with Seventy-Five Prisoners.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 17.—Cable advices from Valdez state that the United States revenue cutter Bear has arrived at Unga, Alaska, bringing seventy-five Japanese seal poachers from Seal island, the prisoners being a part of the crews of two Japanese schooners recently captured. The Bear has sailed to bring the remainder. United States Commissioner Driffield has ordered twenty-five prisoners held to the federal grand jury for examination. One of the captured schooners was rigged to resemble the cutter McCulloch.

LOW WATER STOPS THE MINES

Ohio River Does Not Contain Enough to Float Coal Barges.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 17.—Work has been suspended in 40 per cent of the coal mines along the Monongahela river and thousands of miners are idle as a result of the low water in the Ohio river. Practically all the coal from this district is shipped by river, but for several weeks the water has been so low no shipment could be made. Unless rain sufficient to raise the river falls soon enforced idleness will cause suffering among the miners.

CIRCUS TRAIN GOES IN DITCH

First Section of Ringling Bros. Show Wrecked at Port Kells, British Columbia.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Aug. 17.—The first section of Ringling's circus train was wrecked at Port Kells, B. C., on the Great Northern railway, thirty miles north of here, yesterday afternoon and half a dozen attendants are reported hurt. Physicians, who left here for the wreck last night, have not returned.

HUGHES AND BORAH TO TALK

Plans Formulated for Republican Speaking Campaign.

WORK BEGINS MIDDLE SEPTEMBER

Idaho's Senator Will Be Taken from Speaker's Bureau and Placed Upon Stump—Campaign Contributions.

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—The republican speaking campaign in the west will not be opened until about September 15. That date was agreed upon today at a conference of political leaders with Chairman Hitchcock of the republican national committee. The organization of the western speakers' bureau cannot be effected by Mr. Hitchcock until he comes west again in about ten days.

It has been expected that Senator W. E. Borah of Idaho, would assume the direction of the bureau, but the announcement was made today that there has been such a demand for him to speak in all parts of the country that it had been decided he was too good an asset for speaking purposes to admit of his being tied down to organization work.

Plans for Borah Changed.

Under the original plans, Senator Borah was to have offices in Chicago and undertake to block out the western country into areas and shape the speaking policies for each section according to the issues therein, while General T. Coleman Dupont of Delaware, who has his office at the New York headquarters, would look after the machinery of the bureau. Senator Borah is to make several speeches in the early campaign in eastern states, but he has agreed to remain here for a time and get the speakers' bureau organized for the west. He will be assisted in this work by Colonel Cecil A. Lyon of Texas.

A plan for the gathering of campaign funds in the various states was formulated at a conference today. The national committeeman in each state will be authorized to select a treasurer for his state, who will be a financial agent. This agent is to solicit and collect contributions, which are to be turned over to Mr. Sheldon, the national treasurer, or Mr. Upham, the assistant treasurer. The disbursements in the states will be made under the direction of the state chairman.

Mr. Hitchcock and several of his assistants left Chicago at 1:30 p. m. today for Utica, N. Y., where they will attend the ceremonies connected with the notification of Mr. Sherman of his nomination for the vice presidency.

Hughes Offers Services.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Announcement was made today by General Dupont, director of the speakers' bureau at the republican national headquarters, that Governor Hughes has offered his services as speaker during the campaign and that the offer had been accepted. The governor will speak at the opening of the Ohio campaign at Youngstown in September. He will undoubtedly make several speeches in western states before his return home.

BRYAN IS NOT YET READY

Puts Off Comment on Van Cleave's Statement Till Later Speeches.

FAIRVIEW, LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 17.—When his attention was today called to the statement of James W. Van Cleve, president of the Manufacturers' association, printed this morning, in which Mr. Van Cleve for the second time within a month sets forth reasons why the business men of the country should not vote for the democratic candidate, Mr. Bryan would not enter into any lengthy comment regarding the matter, but he charged Mr. Van Cleve with stuffing the discussion. "I shall," said Mr. Bryan, "during the present month, discuss the questions which he lays special emphasis upon—the tariff question at Des Moines and the guaranty of bank deposits at Topeka."

Mr. Bryan's notice also was directed to a telegram referring to a sensational story printed in Pittsburg this morning, to the effect that the followers of National Committeeman James Kerr had promised the democratic candidate $100,000 as a campaign contribution for his influence in ousting Colonel James M. Guffey, who for many years was the democratic national committeeman from Pennsylvania, but that Mr. Kerr had not kept his part of the alleged promise.

"I never heard of any such offer or agreement," Mr. Bryan declared, "and I do not believe there is any truth in the report. But the proper persons to consult would be the committee on credentials, and the delegates, as they were the ones who decided the Pennsylvania contest."

Over Eight Thousand Men Out.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Aug. 16.—Reports from the bituminous coal fields today indicate that the number of striking miners is between 8,000 and 10,000 in the district. It is feared the strike will be a long one.

TAFT TELLS OF PLANS

Candidate Discusses Character of Speeches He is to Make.

ON RECORD ON ALL ISSUES

Addresses to Delegates May Touch Upon Minor Questions.

DOCTORS FRIENDLY TO JUDGE

His Dealings with Physicians in Philippines and Panama Aid Him.

WILL ORGANIZE STUDENTS

Republican Clubs to Be Formed in Every College and University in the Country—Will Reach First Voters.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Aug. 17.—Discussing today the character of speeches he is to make during the campaign Judge Taft said he believed he had placed himself on record in the speeches he has already made on every question likely to become important in the campaign. "But," he added, "that will not prevent me. I take it, from taking up any subject and enlarging on it in the speeches I shall make to the various delegations who may come to Cincinnati during the campaign. My subjects will be chosen with particular reference to the interest and character of the particular delegation to whom I shall talk. In this way it is possible that I shall review many of the important and minor issues, but I have not laid any plans for taking up in any particular order any question."

Mr. Taft's speech to the Virginians here Friday has engaged his attention to a considerable extent here today. Dr. C. A. L. Reed of Cincinnati, who is a candidate for the United States senate and a personal friend of Mr. Taft, came here today on business of a personal nature with the candidate. Before leaving Dr. Reed expressed the belief that a great majority of the physicians of the country favored the candidacy of Mr. Taft. The record of Mr. Taft in the Philippines and in Panama, so far as the medical profession is concerned, Dr. Reed said, was the cause of this feeling of friendliness.

There was a conference today between John Hays Hammond and Herbert M. Myers, a Columbus, O., attorney, who is president of the Ohio Republican College league, which is affiliated with the National Republican College league. A general plan of collaboration was discussed. "It is our intention," said Mr. Myer, "to organize republican clubs in every college and university in the country. We expect to reach 25,000 first voters in the course of the campaign."

TAFT LEAGUE OF FIRST VOTERS

State Organization Perfected at Meeting in Lincoln.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Aug. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—The Nebraska Taft League of First Voters was organized at the Lindell hotel today at an enthusiastic meeting attended by several first voters from out in the state. An advisory committee consisting of one member from each county will be selected by the president. The object of the club will be to enroll every first voter of the state under the Taft banner.

The following officers were elected: President, Harry Houser, Fremont; vice president, Allen W. Field, jr., Lincoln; secretary, Don Russell, Lincoln; treasurer, John Wyckoff, Hastings.

The president appointed the following executive committee: First district, H. G. Wallemsiek, Avoca; Third district, George A. Nelson, Hartington; Fourth district, H. H. McLucas, Fairbury; Fifth district, Claude Slayter, Clay Center; Sixth district, Louis Leonard, Bassett.

Following the meeting short addresses were delivered by Senator Burkett, Orlando Teff, F. H. Helvey, C. P. Anderbery of Minden, State Treasurer L. C. Brain and Secretary Corrick of the state committee.

Among those in attendance from outside points were: Harry Houser, Fremont; Ray Long, Aurora; H. H. McLucas, Fairbury; John Wyckoff, Hastings; F. A. Jones, South Omaha; James Brown, Nebraska City, and George N. Tuttson, Dawson county.

DEMOCRATS HAVE LOST INTEREST

New Primary Law in Washington Finds Them Out of Running.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 17.—(Special.)—The first use of the direct primary in all parts of the state and covering every elective office outside of the municipalities will be on September 8. The registration of candidates closed last Saturday and the totals for the state show 1,962 candidates for nomination for every office from governor and United States senator down to constables and justices of the peace.

The chief feature of the registration aside from the large number of candidates is the fact that not half the offices have democratic claimants. Even for the state offices there are vacancies in the democratic list, while in some counties there is not a single democratic candidate. Another peculiar feature is the fact that but three of the 126 democratic candidates for the legislature have pledged to vote for the United States senatorship candidate receiving the largest number of votes. This apathy on the part of the democrats is taken to mean that they have but little hope of getting anything out of the election.

MACK PERFECTS HIS PLANS

Democratic Chairman Confers with Missouri Leaders.

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—Conferences looking to the perfection of detailed plans for the campaign in the middle west were held throughout the day by Chairman Mack with heads of the various bureaus of the democratic national committee and prominent democrats who called at headquarters today.

Today former Governor Dockery of Missouri and Congressman Clark, together with Colonel Moses C. Wetmore of St. Louis, head of the committee of finance, discussed at some length the raising of funds for prosecuting the campaign in Missouri and contiguous territory.

Chairman Mack will leave here Monday for Indianapolis to attend the Kern notification, after which he will proceed to New York, where he will open the eastern headquarters upon his arrival there.

Fatal Fall from Motorcycle.

PATERSON, N. J., Aug. 16.—At the Clifton Cycle stadium today, "Sonny" Bridge, 23 years old, a motorcyclist and former lightweight pugilist, was thrown from the motorcycle which he was testing on the track and instantly killed.