

RECORD BROKEN IN A HIGH WIND

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A high wind race over the aviation field yesterday afternoon and evening and put an unfortunate damper on aeronautical feats. This breeze blew thirty miles an hour at times, was full of gusts and squalls, and was much too dangerous for aeroplane flying. Consequently none was done.

Bit the afternoon was not without events. One of these was achieved by J. C. Mars, who broke a record by flying two Mars arosa from the earth just fifty feet and four inches from its starting point, breaking the record for starts for both four-cylinder and eight-cylinder machines. His own record for a four-cylinder aeroplane was 100 feet and Curtiss' previous world's record, made in an eight-cylinder plane, was eighty-seven feet.

Mars will carry off a silver cup for this feat of yesterday, for this was offered for the first world's record broken. He has possession of it even if his achievement should be bettered today or tomorrow.

The other event of the afternoon was the wild and undesired flight of the government captive balloon, which swept away from its mooring at 4 o'clock and was rescued in from a quarter of a mile away. The balloon had sagged out under the net which encloses it. This net is weighted down by bags of sand, which ordinarily are adequate.

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Three Young Women Drowned in South Dakota

Party Was Forging Cheyenne River When Carriage Was Overturned by Rush of Water.

PIERRE, S. D., July 25.—(Special Telegram.)—The news of a triple drowning accident at Durton Crossing on the Cheyenne river about 100 miles northwest of here has been reported. The victims are Misses Blanche Atwood, Sadie Turner and Edna Aldrich, three young women, who were on a party as driver of the rig, were returning to their homesteads near Marcus, Meade county, after a picnic trip in the bad lands south of Philip and were forging Cheyenne river when a wall of water from the cloud-burst in the Black Hills a few days before swept down the stream, rolling their rig along the stones at the bottom of the river. Wagner was saved by clinging to the lines and being pulled out by the team after the rig had broken loose. The girls were all drowned. The body of Miss Aldrich was found to be recovered and relatives were notified. The body of Miss Atwood was also recovered soon, but at last reports that of Miss Turner had not been found.

Former Mayor of Ridgeway, Va., Assassinated

Dynamite Bomb is Thrown Under Hammock in Which He Was Lying.

RIDGEWAY, Va., July 25.—Former Mayor A. H. Bousman was assassinated by a dynamite bomb, which exploded on the lawn in a street under a hammock in which he was lying last evening. He died an hour after the explosion. No clue to the identity of the murderer or the cause of the crime has been ascertained.

Mayor Bousman had spent the hot evening sleeping in a hammock on the lawn in front of his residence. About 10 o'clock the dynamite bomb was thrown by someone passing along the street. It landed in the hammock and exploded. The mayor died an hour later. The news quickly spread about the town and excitement grew to a high pitch. The surrounding community is worked up over the murder. It is believed if the assassin is caught he will be lynched.

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TRAINS HALTED AND CARS FIRED

Trouble in Grand Trunk Strike Not Over in Spite of What Officials Say.

MANY OFFICERS PUT ON GUARD Cars Sent Over Line Stopped at South Bend, Ind.

MAY YET CALL OUT TROOPS Adjutant General on Scene to Determine Need.

COMPANY WANTS PROTECTION Strike Leaders Express Utmost Confidence in Steadfastness of Banks of Men Who Are Out.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., July 25.—Although a large force of police and deputy sheriffs preserved order this morning, trouble here in connection with the Grand Trunk railway strike is not believed to be over.

The single train sent over the division Sunday night in an effort at resumption of freight service was halted in this city and several cars were fired.

General William J. McKee of the state national guard, arrived in the city today and will determine the need of troops.

MONTREAL, July 25.—Solution of the Grand Trunk strike problem is now in sight, according to the company's officials. It neither includes they say, arbitration nor any further negotiations with the 4,000 conductors and trainmen, who struck a week ago for a wage scale higher than the 25 per cent increase awarded by the board of conciliation.

The essential to be provided for in the situation from the company's point of view is set forth in the message sent yesterday by President Hayes to McKeeside King, minister of labor, is adequate protection of the company's property and employees, especially those who have taken the place of strikers.

"While we were desirous of arbitration," said President Hayes, "time for such action has passed."

The strike leaders, on the other hand expressed the utmost confidence in the steadfastness of their ranks and their ability to force the railroad to terms by an irremediable freight paralysis.

Read Progress Amateurs. The railroad officials begin the week with an ambitious program. It was announced that freight of all kinds would be accepted for immediate shipment. The shops at various points, closed a week ago, were reopened today. Practically all the 10,000 employees returned to their places.

Several minor wrecks, alleged by the railroad officials to be due to tampering with switches by unauthorized persons, and declared by strike leaders to have been accidents resulting from handling of trains by inexperienced men, have been called to the attention of the authorities.

The local militia at Brockville, which has been a storm center, is said not to be doing satisfactory protective work. The city council is expected to request the government to send a detachment of regulars from Kingston.

The message conveying the position of the Grand Trunk officials to Mr. King was sent last night and read as follows: "Your telegram of the 23d received. While, as you know, there are many conferences urging your action before the strike took place and from our offer repeated and urged upon the committee we are desirous of arbitration and so avoiding the existing trouble, time for such action has now passed. It is only necessary that we should have the protection to which we are entitled to enable us to resume the full operation of the road."

"CHARLES M. HAYS." Coupled with this announcement of the company that the time has passed for arbitration came the statement that on Monday the shops of the entire system will be reopened, that instructions will be issued to agents to once more take freight, and that way freights will be put on and the manifest freight service increased.

In addition, it is announced by officials that some of the former employees who went out on Monday last are reporting for work.

Murdoch is Satisfied. The answer of Vice President Murdoch to this is: "We are perfectly satisfied with the way things are going, and if it is to be a fight to a finish, I do not know that I could suggest an improvement on existing conditions from our point of view. As matters stand, the gravest public being fairly well taken care of, while freight is tied up. The report of A. Kennedy, of the employees' brotherhood to us, is that only 10 per cent of the Grand Trunk engineers are on their regular runs, the remaining 90 per cent being idle."

More Four Freight Trains. TORONTO, Ont., July 25.—The claims of the Grand Trunk railway that matters are assuming better shape was borne out yesterday by the arrival and departure of four freight trains from Toronto. Crews have been secured to run all passenger, mixed and day freight trains, and eight of the latter will start tomorrow from London, Toronto, Stratford, Sarnia and Niagara Falls. Three westbound freights were sent out from Port Huron today and two eastbound and two westbound from Battle Creek.

Everything apparently is quiet at Brockville. Three ringleaders of the rioting of Friday night have been remanded to jail for a week.

Capital Gossip. The First National bank of Floyd, Ia., has been authorized to begin business with \$25,000 capital. George H. Jackson is president. A. S. Griffith, vice-president and O. C. Kindig cashier.

Earnest K. Hamilton has been appointed postmaster at St. Anna, Frontier county, Neb., vice G. A. Somerville, resigned.

Record Yield of Wheat. AUBURN, Neb., July 25.—(Special.)—Alfred Aldrich threshed and delivered to L. C. Coryell at the latter's elevator in Glen Rock wheat that went forty-two bushels to the acre and tested sixty-three pounds to the bushel. Mr. Coryell states this is by far the best wheat he has ever bought during a period of sixteen years of grain buying in Nebraska county. Mr. Aldrich received 90 cents a bushel for the wheat the land this producing 27.90 per acre.

Temperance Note: The West Has Gone Dry



From the Cleveland Leader.

BAEHR IS HOME FROM CUBA

St. Paul Man Says Island is Exceedingly Prosperous.

SUGAR CROP WILL HOLD RECORD Clearances, Where He is Stationed, Making Numerous Improvements—Banks Ask for Postal Savings Bank Funds.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, July 25.—(Special Telegram.)—Max J. Baehr of St. Paul, Neb., conductor of the Great Northern, returned today en route to his home in the prairie state. Mr. Baehr has been located in Cuba since 1902, a much longer time than is usually given to an American representative of the State department in a southern country, but conditions in the Gem of the Antilles have kept him there, and, according to the officials of the State department, Mr. Baehr is one of the most efficient officers in service. He has refused two consular generalships, that at Buenos Ayres and at Caliao, Peru, because of his desire for an European post. Now he feels it his duty to remain in Cuba for a time at least. "Cuba is very prosperous," said Mr. Baehr, after his call upon Mr. Carr of the State department, "owing to the largest sugar crop ever made on the island, and because of better prices realized. Development of the country is progressing steadily, especially in the city of Cienfuegos, which is the largest exporting port in Cuba. It has just completed a fine system of water works and sewerage at a cost of \$4,000,000 and has built a new electric railway system."

Elections in December. "Elections for governors, provincial councils and municipal officers will be held in December. While there is a good deal of dissatisfaction throughout Cuba over the forthcoming elections, I believe the government is well able to take care of any contingencies that may arise."

"As to politics in Nebraska, I am hardly in position to say anything as it has been two years since I have been away from my post. Of course, I have read the home papers and know the candidates for governor and I want to say he would make a splendid governor and being from my home town, I would like to see him win. He is one of the ablest men in the state. I want to see Senator Burkett win, too, for he has made a first-class representative and is entitled to re-election."

Mr. Baehr left this afternoon for his home, having been called to the states on account of the serious illness of his daughter.

Pops and County Option. The following banks in Nebraska today made application to be appointed depositories for postal savings bank funds: First National Bank of Crete, Citizens State Bank of Bloomfield, First National Bank of Auburn.

The First National Bank of Independence, Ia., and First National Bank of Iowa City also have made application to handle saving banks funds.

The postmasters at Clinton and Lenox, Ia., have made requests that postal savings banks be established in their offices.

The postmaster at St. Paul, Mo., today made request that a postal savings bank be established in his office.

Army Orders. Army orders just issued are as follows: Captain Edward Thartmann, Fifth Infantry, is detailed to fill a vacancy in the quartermaster's department, vice Captain William D. Davis, quartermaster, assigned to the Fifth Infantry.

Captain Arthur Cranston, Thirtieth Infantry, is detailed to fill a vacancy in the quartermaster's department.

Major General William H. Carter, of the General Staff, is assigned to duty as assistant to the chief of staff.

Leaves of absence are as follows: Captain Robert H. Westcott, Eleventh Infantry, one month; Captain Westley H. Hamilton, Coast artillery corps, one month; Major William Lassiter, inspector general, four months; Captain Charles R. Lawson, quartermaster, two months.

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Politicians Are Leaving for the Big Conventions

Douglas County Republicans to Meet at the Lincoln Hotel Tuesday Morning.

Part of the Douglas county delegation to the republican state convention left Monday morning for Lincoln, but the larger part of the delegation will go on the early morning train Tuesday. A call has been made for a meeting of the delegation at the Lincoln hotel Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock to organize.

The democratic delegation to the Grand Island convention met Saturday and elected H. B. Fiehart as chairman of the delegation. The delegation also decided to present the names of Charles Fanning, George Rogers and Frank Good as members of the state committee.

The democrats will leave on a special train over the Union Pacific Tuesday morning at 6:15.

General Alarm for Ernest Wider

Missing Cashier of Russo-Chinese Bank Six Hundred Thousand Dollars Short.

NEW YORK, July 25.—A general alarm has been sent to the police throughout the United States and Canada for the arrest of Ernest Wider, cashier of the Russo-Chinese bank, who is charged by the bank's officers with having taken \$700,000 in bonds from a safety deposit box. Reports today say that Wider has taken secret trips in excess of that sum and approximating \$200,000.

Counsel for Wider late this afternoon admitted that the young man's defalcations amounted approximately to \$600,000, the greater part of which was lost in stock speculation.

GEORGIA STUDENT IN JAIL

Son of President of Oil Company Convicted of Burglary at Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 25.—John Wilhoit, 18 years old, formerly a student of the University of Georgia and a son of W. F. Wilhoit, president of a cotton oil company of Atlanta, Ga., pleaded guilty to a charge of burglary in the criminal court here this morning and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. Wilhoit said he ran away from the university because he had a desire to travel. He confessed to having stolen goods valued at \$225 from a furniture store here.

TAKEN FROM CITY JAIL BY MOB

Negroess Who Kept Resort at Monroe, La., Probably Drowned in Ouachita River.

MONROE, La., July 25.—Unidentified men broke into the city jail here early today and carried off Laura Porter, a negro woman prisoner, keeper of a resort where white men are reported to have been robbed on several occasions. It is generally believed she was thrown into the Ouachita river and drowned.

Ohio Republicans Will Agree on Governor

COLUMBUS, O., July 25.—A series of conferences between the republican leaders, who are accredited supporters of the national administration began at noon today, the result of which it is said may be an agreement upon the candidate for governor before the party's state convention opens tomorrow.

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BRYAN PROMISES TO MAKE A FIGHT

Brother Charlie Says His Plans Will Not Be Affected by Hostile Democratic Majority.

ALLEN PLUGS FOR HARMONY Former Senator Wants to Heal the Democratic Split.

WHAT TO DO WITH BRYAN AFTER Majority Wonders Just How to Hold Him in Line.

GRAND ISLAND HEARS THE DOPE Advance Guard of Democratic and Populist Conventions Fill the Hotel Corridors with Much Talk.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) GRAND ISLAND, Neb., July 25.—(Special Telegram.)—Demotes from more than a score of counties now here composed an advance guard of the delegation to the state convention to be held here tomorrow. While practically all the leaders of the party who are here express the belief that Mr. Bryan will not here compose a fight at county option, they are not all in agreement. The fact that forty delegates more than a majority have been instructed against county option will make no difference in the plans of Mr. Bryan.

"Our fight will be made just the same," said C. W. Bryan. "The fact that it is claimed that they are not a fight at county option, they are not a fight at county option will not change our plans."

Allen Promotes Harmony. During the afternoon W. V. Allen, ex-United States senator, took it upon himself to bring around some kind of harmony between Governor Shallenberger and the Dahlgren forces. It was reported that Dahlgren's lieutenants would not stand for a specific endorsement of the 8 o'clock closing law, though he would not object to an endorsement of the administration. Friends of the governor were afraid that Dahlgren and Bryan might make some kind of a combination and prevent the enactment of the daylight saloon law, but Charlie Bryan scouted the idea that the Bryanites would fight such an endorsement. When the governor was asked about harmony between himself and Dahlgren, he said: "I don't give a damn what the other fellows stand for; I am for an endorsement of the 8 o'clock closing law, and I am ready to fight in the convention on that issue."

All of this talk was being done with Dahlgren not yet in the city. Mr. Hitchcock is busy writing a plank about national issues which he expects to lead the resolutions of the convention.

What to Do with Bryan. So sure are the anti-Bryanites that they have Mr. Bryan whipped that they have begun to talk about how to let him down easy, but so far no one seems to have solved the problem. Judge Shoemaker of Omaha insists on throwing him over the transom, while others are evincing some alarm lest Bryan do that to the candidates after the primary, if defeated in the convention.

No one tonight is talking seriously of J. D. Dunn's proposed fight on the Douglas delegation, but those who are interested are waiting for Dunn to get here. Governor Shallenberger denies that he had anything to do with picking out a second delegation in Omaha. The governor seems confident that C. J. Smyth will be made the permanent chairman of the convention, with little of a struggle.

Several Banks Apply. The populist convention will fight over county option. Chairman Manuel of the state committee will lead the fight for a plank which provides that the party, still adhering to the principle of county option, believe the way under the liquor question is by the initiative and referendum. W. V. Allen will attend the populist convention and urge the delegates to ignore county option entirely. Elmer Thomas will be back in the fold and fight for county option.

Mayor Dahlgren is expected some time during the week to be part of the night and Mr. Bryan will be here in the morning.

REPUBLICANS HOLD CONFERENCES

Leaders and Delegates at Lincoln Talk over Government Work.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, July 25.—(Special Telegram.)—Delegates to the republican state convention, which meets here tomorrow, began to arrive on the early trains today. Tonight probably one-third of the whole number are in town. Informants here have been in progress all day among the leaders and delegates now here. The County Local Option league has headquarters in a store room at the Lindell and is keeping open house.

While it seems fairly certain that some sort of declaration touching county option will be made in the platform, just what shape it will take is still very uncertain. No one seems to have a clearly defined notion on the point, but the sentiment is growing in favor of a temperate, sensible plank. Many delegates express the view that the state convention cannot bind legislative candidates if it would, and the final conclusion is likely to take the form of a mere recommendation that the legislative districts shall handle the question as they may deem best, with the state convention giving expression to an opinion favorable to the passage of a law permitting a vote on the question where public sentiment demands it. In any event, since so many delegations are here, instructions either for or against county option, this is bound to be the only test vote on any question, since all delegates seem to be practically agreed on all other points.

A. E. Cady and C. H. Aldrich, gubernatorial candidates, are both on the ground and are the center of groups of admiring friends, who have advice freely on tap.

Since the arrival of delegates from Harlan, Clay and Greeley counties it has developed that they are not really under instructions to vote for county option, but that when the conventions had practically finished their work and many delegates had left, motions were ostensibly put and carried instructing for county option.

The make-up of the committee on resolutions is not yet decided on, as the districts have not yet signified their choice. John L. Webster will represent the Second district on the committee.

The county optionists are holding a mass meeting this evening in the auditorium. A movement has started today to make Congressman George Norris permanent

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between the platform suggested by Mr. Garfield three weeks ago and that outlined last night by Wade H. Ellis, one of the "regular" leaders and a friend to the president, of which it is said may be an agreement upon the candidate for governor before the party's state convention opens tomorrow.

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