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PRESIDENT OF HAITI IS KILLED WHEN HIS PALACE IS BLOWN UP

New Executive of Black Republic Meets Death in Flames Which Follow Explosions.

ENTIRE STRUCTURE DESTROYED

Four Hundred Persons Reported Killed and Injured.

POWDER STORED IN BASEMENT

How Fire Got Into Magazine Not Yet Explained.

WAS ELECTED ONE YEAR AGO

He First Gained Prominence as Minister of Interior Under Nord Alexis—Led Revolution in May of Last Year.

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti, Aug. 8.—General Cincinnatus Leconte, president of the republic of Haiti, perished today in a fire which destroyed the national palace. It was caused by an explosion of the powder magazine attached to the palace. Later investigation showed that the casualty list in dead and wounded amounted to 400 persons.

The explosion occurred at 3:15 o'clock this morning and the shock shattered the palace. Fire followed quickly and the palace, a wooden structure, was consumed within half an hour. There were a great number of explosions of magazines of war which had been stored in the cellars below.

All the houses around the palace were greatly damaged, but as the palace itself was isolated, the firemen succeeded in their efforts to localize the fire.

The members of the family of the president, all of whom were in the palace at the time, were saved, but President Leconte perished.

Consternation reigns among the population, but no disorders have occurred.

The military authorities are maintaining order in the town. Both the Chamber and the Senate have been called in national assembly and probably will nominate a successor to President Leconte today.

General Tancrede Auguste, who is a senator and was formerly minister of public works, and Senator Luxembourg Caivin, formerly minister of the interior, are candidates.

The cause of the explosion has not been explained.

Cincinnatus Leconte was elected unanimously by congress president of Haiti on August 14, last year.

He gained prominence in Haitian affairs in 1908, when, as minister of the interior in the cabinet of President Nord Alexis, he was credited with ordering the summary shooting of ten prominent revolutionaries at Port au Prince.

When the regime of Nord Alexis was brought to an end shortly afterward, Leconte went into exile in Jamaica. While there he intrigued against the new president, Simon, and in January, 1911, started a revolution against him, which was, however, short lived. The insurgents were defeated and Leconte took refuge in the German consulate at Cape Haitien, later being sent from the island under German protection.

Leconte returned to Haiti in May, last year, and succeeded in overthrowing President Simon.

He was a mulatto, between 40 and 50 years of age, and belonged to the legal profession.

Curtis and Stubbs Claim Nomination

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 8.—Both Senator Charles Curtis and Governor W. R. Stubbs still were claiming the nomination for United States senator today and as related returns come in the closeness of the contest increases.

Reports from 162 of the 176 districts of the state indicate that each candidate has carried 81. Thus it appeared that the latest returns would decide the race, if the result can be determined without an official count.

The followers of both are claiming victory and each side reports success in many of the same counties and districts.

FIRST PAYMENT MADE ON ATLANTIC RAILROAD

DENISON, Ia., Aug. 8.—(Special.)—Hon. L. M. Shaw spent Sunday and Monday in this city visiting his relatives and friends. His mission to western Iowa was to pay into court \$25,000 on the purchase price of the Atlantic Northern & Southern railroad. On next Saturday he is expected to sail for Brussels to again confer with the members of the syndicate which he is representing on the \$5,000,000 bond deal which is pending. There remains to be paid yet on the purchase price of the road \$402,000. If this amount is not forthcoming before August 29 and if no further extension of time is given by the court, a sale of the road will be made September 4, and the money thus far advanced will be lost. Mr. Shaw has already paid about \$42,000 on the transaction. The delay in matters has come through the slowness of the foreign capitalists in paying for the bonds they agreed to take.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Fair; slightly cooler. For Iowa—Generally fair.

Temperature at Omaha, Yesterday:

5 a. m.	65
8 a. m.	68
11 a. m.	72
2 p. m.	75
5 p. m.	72
8 p. m.	68
11 p. m.	65

SIoux CITY DROPS CHARGE AGAINST MANNET

SIoux CITY, Ia., Aug. 8.—(Special.)—Because of the disappearance of W. F. Oltman, landlord of the Gibson hotel, and prosecuting witness in the case against Arthur Mannet and other alleged medical grafters, the state this morning dropped its prosecution, but the federal charges still stand. The men are accused of selling and reselling state rights for the sale of a criminal medical device.

Gov. Wilson Goes to New York to Sit for Campaign Portrait

SEA GIRT, N. J., Aug. 8.—Governor Wilson left for New York early today to have his portrait drawn. From the picture will be reproduced campaign photographs.

The governor appeared cheerful and refreshed after the busy ordeal of yesterday's notification ceremonies. As he boarded the train his secretary handed him a number of telegrams of congratulations on his speech at the notification. Governor Wilson expected to spend most of today and tomorrow at the artist's studio, returning here Saturday. National Chairman McCombs and other members of the national committee, it was expected, might meet him during his visit to New York.

Plans for the campaign in Maine practically have been completed. Governor Marshall will stump there before the September state elections, but Governor Wilson will not speak in Maine until after the state elections, if at all.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—Governor Thomas E. Marshall of Indiana, vice presidential candidate on the democratic ticket, dropped in at democratic national committee headquarters today on his way home to Indianapolis from the Wilson notification ceremonies at Sea Girt, N. J. Governor Marshall said he was delighted with Governor Wilson's speech, and remarked:

"It is most pleasing that the ill of the country are to be treated by a physician and not by a surgeon."

Jewelers Want the Time by Wireless

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 8.—Hereafter the purchaser of a gold plated watch takes the chances. The old inscription, "guaranteed for twenty years" became entirely too common, and so far as the American National Retail Jewelers association is concerned its virtue now is nothing. A resolution was adopted at the convention of the association today, abolishing the time guarantee on gold plated watches and jewelry.

The guarantee stamp, jewelers say had gradually come to be placed on all plated ware by responsible and irresponsible firms alike. If the gold plate did not last the full time limit, which usually is the case in the cheaper grades or watches and jewelry, the retailer had to stand the loss.

Following an address by H. E. Duncan of Waltham, Mass., a resolution was adopted providing that a committee arrange with the United States government for wireless time service for the jewelers. The plan is that every jeweler shall have a receiver to catch the time flashed from the new government wireless station at Arlington. More accurate setting and regulation of watches than now is common would follow, it was said.

The convention planned to elect officers this afternoon.

Colonel J. T. Jack Dies at Long Beach, Cal.

HARLAN, Ia., Aug. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Lieutenant Colonel John T. Jack, for more than thirty years a resident of this city, died at Long Beach, Cal., Monday night at 10:30. The body will reach here Sunday morning by way of Omaha and the funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon with Rev. Alvin Scofield officiating. Deceased was born in Boalsburg, Pa., October 23, 1888. He lived there until he came to Harlan, Ia., in 1880. Mr. Jack has been in the loan and brokerage business here almost since his arrival thirty years ago and has prospered.

He leaves a widow, who resides here; a son, Phillip Jack, who is a banker at Seattle, Wash.; a son, George Jack, a banker at Alva, Okla., and a daughter, Mrs. Grace Hall, who is the wife of Captain Hall, U. S. A., now stationed at Monterey, Cal. Captain Hall was for some time stationed at Omaha and was quite well known.

President Taft is Writing Veto Message

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—President Taft arrived in Washington at 8:45 o'clock this morning from Cincinnati, where he had been to attend the funeral of John W. Herron, Mrs. Taft's father. The president was driven to the White House, where a special cabinet meeting was scheduled to consider his probable veto of the tariff bills.

The president read to the cabinet a draft of his veto message. After the session he cancelled all engagements and remained in the White House to put his message in final form. Chairman Emeritus of the tariff board was one of the few callers he received. All the members of the cabinet were present with the exception of Secretary Meyer, who is in Massachusetts. The regular meeting of the cabinet will be held tomorrow.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ELECT NEW DIRECTORS

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Aug. 8.—Clarence E. Martin of Martinsburg, W. Va., and John F. Martin of Green Bay, Wis., were elected new members of the board of directors of the Knights of Columbus at a business session of the supreme council of that order here today.

Daniel J. Griffin, Brooklyn, N. Y., and William H. Gulliver, Portland, Me., were elected to the board. Members of the supreme council will attend a ball tonight.

NEW PARTY LEADERS HEADED HOMEWARD

Roosevelt and Johnson Leave Chicago After Seeing First Steps in Campaign.

PERKINS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN Has Authority to Appoint Treasurer and Other Officers.

ROOSEVELT KNOWS IT NOW Colonel Formally Notified of His Nomination by Progressives.

COMMITTEES CALL AT HOTEL Governor Johnson is Also Informed That He is to Make Race for Vice President—Ceremony in Brief.

CHICAGO, Aug. 8.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and Governor Hiram W. Johnson of California, nominees of the new progressive party for president and vice president, left for their homes today after seeing the progressive national committee take first steps in opening the campaign.

Colonel Roosevelt, accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt, Governor Roosevelt, a cousin, and Lyman Abbott, Jr., left the city at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon aboard the Twentieth Century Limited for New York. A cheering throng of admirers bade the colonel farewell at the railroad station.

Governor Johnson, accompanied by several members of the California delegation, left for San Francisco tonight. He was in conferences with members of the national committee until a half hour before his train started.

United States Senator Joseph M. Dixon of Montana, chairman of the national committee, tonight said the committee would remain in Chicago for several days to perfect plans for the campaign.

Plans Made by Perkins.

The plans thus far adopted by the national committee embrace a scheme for five or more division bureaus in various parts of the country, each to be conducted by a vice chairman. The proposition was placed before the committee by George W. Perkins of New York. Originally Mr. Perkins' motion named New York, Chicago, Boston, Atlanta and San Francisco as the location for the division bureaus. This was eliminated, however, and the matter was left to the executive committee, which Chairman Dixon was authorized to appoint.

Senator Dixon named George W. Perkins as chairman of this executive committee. Mr. Perkins will appoint a treasurer and other officers for the executive committee. This committee is provided for in the rules of the new party, and consists of nine members who are not necessarily members of the national committee.

The sessions of the national committee were marked by a flood of oratory, each member of the committee reviewing the situation in his own state, the prospects for success in the November elections and the political needs of the situation.

If in the tumult and shouting yesterday Colonel Roosevelt had any doubt that he was nominated for the presidency, he was reassured today when a committee of notification met him at his hotel.

Though the colonel had been informally notified when he went to the convention and delivered his speech of acceptance, the delegates who had been selected from the states and territories as a formal committee of notification wished to carry out their part of the program today.

Mr. Roosevelt was the center of a lively group in the center of the hotel lobby when the committee arrived. He, with Governor Hiram W. Johnson of California, the nominee for vice president, and Albert J. Beveridge, the progressive candidate for governor of Indiana and permanent chairman of the convention, had just come from a photograph gallery, where they had pictures taken to be used in the campaign. In one picture the presidential nominee posed with a group of cowboys.

While in the lobby of the hotel Colonel Roosevelt espied an old friend in the crowd and he added to his political manager by designating his friend "an old wolf."

"Come here, you old wolf," the colonel said, as he grasped his friend, Albert Burton of Wyoming, by the hand.

Four Vice Chairmen.

The national committee discussed and probably will adopt a plan of campaign with four vice chairmen, each to be in charge of a separate section of the country. The four headquarters probably will be in New York, San Francisco, Chicago and New Orleans.

At a special conference attended by George W. Perkins of New York, Senator Joseph M. Dixon, chairman of the progressive national committee and Mr. Beveridge, the four sectional campaign plans were originated and submitted to the full committee.

Mr. Perkins it is reported will be chosen chairman of the campaign executive committee with permanent headquarters in New York. Senator Dixon will be made managing director of the campaign and will circulate throughout the country.

Colonel Roosevelt did not remain with the national committee through its deliberations, saying he wanted the committee to choose its own officers and managers.

The national committee decided to remain in session in this city until Saturday night in order to complete as many details of the campaign as possible.

The executive committee, to be headed by Mr. Perkins, will not be named for several days. It is practically settled, however, that the membership will include Judge Ren B. Lindsey of Colorado, Colonel John M. Parker of Louisiana, Charles H. Thompson of Vermont and Meyer Lisner of California.

Colonel Roosevelt and his associates have decided to make their first big national fight in Vermont, where the state election takes place in September. Vermont they regard as a Taft stronghold and are anxious to make the best possible showing in that state. Both Colonel

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The Modern Pegasus



HIGH OFFICERS INVOLVED

Evidence is Piling Up in New York Blackmail Cases.

SEVERAL GAMBLERS TESTIFY

Number of Police Inspectors Will Be Indicted by Grand Jury—Witnesses Are Threatened with Death.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—Cumulative evidence piling up before the grand jury investigating police blackmail is said to include four or five high police officials and that indictments soon will be drawn. Witnesses examined by District Attorney Whitman have furnished such corroboration to the confession of "Jack" Rose, who gave a list of gamblers upon whom he charged, Police Lieutenant Becker levied blackmail.

Several gamblers were before the public prosecutor and unwillingly admitted they had paid blackmail to certain inspectors. One of the witnesses told Mr. Whitman that he had been threatened with death if he went before the grand jury and gave information against the police. These witnesses said that these inspectors dealt directly with the big gambling houses, leaving Lieutenant Becker to tend to the smaller places.

The district attorney said today that evidence would be presented to the grand jury against several police inspectors. One of these inspectors is said to have kept such close watch on the gambling houses that he even examined their books and made them pay blackmail according to their profits.

"Bridgie" Webber now admits that he also collected toll from certain uptown gambling houses for a police inspector. Webber's life has been threatened and District Attorney Whitman has provided him with a special guard.

Rose has sent word to the public prosecutor that he is prepared to identify the four murderers of Herman Rosenthal, until now Rose was not ready to say that he could positively identify the gunmen.

KID M'COY REMANDED FOR ANOTHER WEEK

LONDON, Aug. 8.—"Kid" McCoy, (Norman Selby), the American boxer, was brought up again today at Bow street police court on the charge of larceny alleged to have been committed at Ostend. The magistrate again remanded him for a week, his bail being renewed at the request of his attorney, who desired time to study the papers in connection with the demand for extradition which arrived from Belgium today.

McCoy has declared ever since his arrest that he can prove his innocence of the charge.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS REVISING THEIR RITUAL

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 8.—Further consideration of the revision of the ritual was the work scheduled for the third session of the biennial convention of the supreme lodge, Knights of Pythias, here today.

The rank of past grand chancellor was conferred upon grand masters of exchequer who had served in that capacity for ten consecutive years.

The National Capital

August 8, 1912.

The Senate.

Panama canal bill taken up. Williams' amendment to permit foreign built ships owned by Americans to coastwise privileges, defeated.

The House.

Met at noon. Oldfield bill to revise the patent laws favorably reported. General deficiency appropriation bill passed.

PRESIDENT OF THE NEW OMAHA STATE BANK.



A. L. SCHANTZ.

Star Witness in Murder Case Dies After Testimony

CHICAGO, Aug. 8.—Death today overtook William Hightower within twenty-four hours after he had given testimony which may send a companion to the gallows. Hightower, a comrade, was on trial with John Collins for the murder of William Moor, a saloon keeper, and turned state's evidence or promise of immunity, which, it turned out, meant just over night.

Sitting in a wheel chair and attended by a physician, Hightower, speaking in a whisper to the jury, swore that Collins fired the shot which killed Moor.

A verdict in the case was expected this afternoon.

Three Men Saw Way Out of Yankton Jail

YANKTON, S. D., Aug. 8.—Three prisoners heard their escape from the county jail here this morning at 4 o'clock. They sawed off two bars of the cage and overpowered the deputy sheriff, August Mose, whom they gagged and tied with ropes made from strips of bed clothing. Five prisoners who were left asleep in the jail unbound the officer and gave the alarm. The men who escaped are Frank Calvert of Omaha, charged with robbing the Bouska clothing store; W. P. Clancy, charged with criminal assault, and Albert Bailey, charged with assault.

CONFEDERATE MONEY GOES TO SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—The vast hoard of confederate currency seized by the union army during the civil war, which has been stored in the federal treasury for half a century, is being distributed among institutions of the country over for preservation as historic relics. Already sets of these notes, including practically all demonstrations, have been sent to 300 colleges and 250 libraries and the clamor for specimens has not been satisfied. Secretary MacVeagh is supplying the large institutions first.

GOVERNMENT DAM IN OHIO RIVER WASHED AWAY

GALLIPOLIS, O., Aug. 8.—Part of dam No. 28, just completed in the Ohio river by the federal government at a cost of \$1,000,000, was washed away today when the concrete foundation let go. The damage will be \$300,000.

DEMOS ARE GROWING SORE

Suspicion that Colonel Bryan Does Not Care for State Ticket.

WILSON-MARSHALL CLUB TALK

Clark and Harmon Men Extremely Sore Over Remark Bryan Wants Wilson Friends in This Organization.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Aug. 8.—(Special.)—The Harmon and Clark men who recently organized the Wilson and Marshall club are not feeling very good over the statement made by Bryan that "a democratic club should be formed in Lincoln composed of the sure enough friends of Wilson and Marshall."

A. V. Johnson, president of the club, would have nothing to say today, but intimated that he would say many things at the next meeting of the club.

John M. Devine, when seen, only smiled and quoted Scripture. When Devine begins to quote Scripture it means that he is thinking something entirely different and more explosive.

Colonel John G. Maher, vice president of the club, had a whole lot to say. "If Mr. Bryan desires to prevent all those democrats who voted for Harmon and Clark at the Nebraska primaries from participating as democrats, any club he might form in Lincoln would be a mighty small one," said he.

"There is a strong suspicion," continued Colonel Maher, "that Mr. Bryan does not want to see the democratic state ticket elected and that he would not feel bad if the democratic candidate for the United States senate was also defeated. It was the talk at the democratic state convention in Grand Island that if Byrnes was elected chairman, or if Bryan was turned down, that he would not support the state ticket. It was also stated that a telegram had been received from George W. Norris, republican candidate for the United States senate, that if the convention failed to endorse the action of Mr. Bryan, or if it elected Byrnes chairman, that Norris would go out over the state and talk Bryan stronger than any other man in Nebraska. While many democrats at the convention felt like scorching Mr. Bryan for his treachery in the Champ Clark matter, they felt that Bryan was only looking for an excuse to go out and fight the democratic state ticket and that such action would give him the opportunity he wanted."

Trouble in Lancaster.

In all probability the ambition of Frank P. Corrick for so long to be chairman of the republican state committee, which was denied him when Chairman Keller was elected a few years ago, will be gratified when the state committee meets next Tuesday. The opposition which showed itself in the state convention when Paul Clark attempted to steam roller the convention into a proposition of endorsing Corrick for the job, seems to have not amounted to enough to work any serious objections to the choice.

Corrick has the backing of both Congressman Norris and Paul Clark, and with the bull moose herd in Lancaster

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MOTOR CYCLIST BADLY HURT IN COLLISION

MITCHELL, S. D., Aug. 8.—(Special.)—While riding his motorcycle at a rapid speed in the country two miles east of Scotland, Henry Frank crashed into a new automobile driven by Alex Treiber. When approaching the machine Frank lost control of his machine and the collision was unavoidable. The motorcycle was badly damaged and the auto was smashed to a considerable extent. Frank was thrown on top of the hood of the auto and then fell off, the machine passing over his body. His leg was broken above the ankle and the bones were splintered while his head was cut severely in three places and his skull fractured. The injured man was taken in the auto to a hospital at Scotland and it was thought it would be necessary to remove his foot, but this was avoided.

HUNDREDS BURIED IN MINE IN GERMANY AFTER EXPLOSION

Lives of Six Hundred Men Imperilled and More Than Two Hundred May Be Dead.

FORTY BODIES ARE RECOVERED

Many of Rescued Are Suffering from Severe Injuries.

FIRE DAMP CREATES HAVOC

Gallery of Mine Wrecked and Workmen Trapped.

FRENCH RESCUE SQUAD ARRIVES

Detachments Unable to Penetrate Galleries Owing to Flames and Poisonous Gases that Fill Every Level.

BOCHUM, Germany, Aug. 8.—A mining disaster which imperilled the lives of 600 pit men occurred in the Lorraine pit in the vicinity of the village of Gerthe today. Many of the men were rescued, but at a late hour this evening it was feared that more than 100 had been killed.

Twenty-five bodies had been recovered and the rescue parties were unable to enter the gallery in which the fire damp explosion occurred, where it was believed from fifty to 200 men were still entombed and had almost certainly perished.

A large number of those rescued were suffering from severe injuries and it was expected that many of them could not recover.

The rescue detachments which did such good work at the time of the French mine disaster at Courrières, near Lens, on March 10, 1906, when 200 miners were killed, arrived here early this afternoon, but were unable to penetrate the galleries owing to the flames and the poisonous gases.

The wives and families of the doomed miners were gathered around the head all day, but were unable to learn any details as the officials of the mine refused information.

At 6 o'clock fifteen more bodies had been recovered, making the total known dead at that hour forty.

Hotel Men Elect Medler Secretary

DES MOINES, Aug. 8.—Frank Donahue, of Sioux City, was elected president and Duluth, Minn., was chosen for the next meeting place of the Northwestern hotel men's association at the closing session of the annual convention here today.

Following vice presidents were elected: G. B. McGuire, Dubuque; T. J. Richardson, Lincoln; Neb.; W. Peacock, St. Paul; R. K. Keller, Fargo, N. D.; and J. R. Hubbard, Aberdeen, S. D.

Resolutions were adopted authorizing the executive committee to formulate a uniform system for handling checks, in an effort to reduce the number of forgeries.

I. A. Medler, of Omaha was late this afternoon elected secretary.

TURKS DRIVEN OUT BY MONTENEGRINS

CETTINJE, Montenegro, August 8.—Border fighting between the Turks and guerrilla bands of Albanian tribesmen continues along the Montenegrin frontier. A severe engagement occurred yesterday, the result of which is not known.

The Turkish frontier troops, who have been strongly reinforced, again crossed the Montenegrin border yesterday and were once more repulsed by the Montenegrin levies.

The Turkish minister to Montenegro has not yet left his post, although he stated in a note sent to the government that negotiations between Turkey and Montenegro had been broken off.

The porte has proposed to the Montenegrin charge d'affaires at Constantinople appointment of a mixed commission to inquire into the frontier dispute. The Montenegrin government readily accepted the proposition.

LORIMER'S BILL IS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—An allowance of \$35,000 or \$40,000 may be made by the senate to help William Lorimer defray the expense of his three years' fight to retain his seat.

Mr. Lorimer has turned in bills amounting to \$100,000 or \$125,000. They have been referred to the investigating committee, which will make a statement to the senate probably tomorrow that certain items amounting to \$35,000 or \$40,000 would be a fair allowance if any be made.

Jobs offered through Bee small ads are the permanent, better sort.

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