

COMPTROLLER HEARS MOOSERS ASK BANKS FOR CAMPAIGN FUNDS

President of Washington Institution is Asked by Treasurer Hooker, to Make Contribution.

LAW IN THE CASE IS PLAIN Corporation and Officers Are Liable to Punishment.

KANE QUOTES THE STATUTE Prohibition Extends to All Companies Holding Federal Charters.

TREASURER HOOKER EXPLAINS Officer of Moose Committee Says He Has Asked Bankers to Contribute as Individuals—Letters Not Sent to Banks.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Reports that one of the political parties is soliciting contributions from national banks for the pending political campaign stirred Treasury officials today.

The Washington Post today published a report that E. H. Hooker, national treasurer of the progressive party, in a personal letter to the president of a local national bank with a capital and surplus of nearly \$1,000,000 had solicited a contribution of \$50.

The act of January 26, 1907, Mr. Kane pointed out, specifically forbids national banks or any corporation "organized by authority of congress, to make money contributions in connection with any election to political offices, including the offices of president, vice president, senator and representatives in congress."

The penalty for the violation of that act is a fine not exceeding \$5,000 against the corporation as well as a fine ranging from \$50 to \$1,000 against every officer and director consenting to the contribution, or their imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

The acting solicitor of the Treasury department recently decided that national banks could receive and forward gratuitous contributions to political parties, provided there was no expense to the bank. This does not permit the bank itself to contribute it is said.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—E. H. Hooker, national treasurer of the progressive party, said this afternoon that he had perhaps sent letters to a thousand bankers soliciting aid for the progressive cause.

"But I addressed them as individuals," he explained. "In no case has a letter been sent to a corporation or to any one as representing a corporation. If the address happened to be in care of a bank the letters may have been sent so marked, but it is ridiculous to say that we have solicited contributions from any bank or corporation as such."

German Burglars Battle with Police

HASPE, Westphalia, Germany, Aug. 31.—Burglars and policemen last night fought a battle here which lasted several hours and ended with two killed and four wounded.

A gang of five housebreakers were surprised by a village constable, whom they fired at and fatally wounded. They then fled, meeting another constable, shot him dead. They were brought to bay in the neighboring hamlet of Milsepe, by a force of military police and after a fierce fusillade in which they wounded three gendarmes, while one of their own party was disabled, they were arrested.

HIGH SCHOOL GREEKS HONOR COUNCIL BLUFFS BOY

LA CROSSE, Wis., Aug. 31.—The Omega Eta Tau, the high school Greek letter fraternity, which has been in session this week, has adjourned after the election of the following officers:

President, Howard Butler, Council Bluffs, Ia. Secretary, Ray Serenson, La Crosse. Treasurer, S. Sherill, St. Louis. Magazine editor, F. Fritz, St. Louis. St. Louis was awarded the next national convention in 1913.

The Weather For Nebraska—Generally fair; warmer east portion. For Iowa—Local showers; warmer.

Democratic Editors Hold Mass Meeting on Lincoln Side

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Aug. 31.—(Special.)—In response to a silent call for a meeting of the democratic editors of Nebraska, a gathering was held at the Lincoln hotel yesterday afternoon.

On motion of Metcalfe, Tobin was made chairman, and Pool, secretary. A motion that Bryan and Pool be made a committee to prepare resolutions was lost. Metcalfe voting no. A motion was then made that Metcalfe be authorized to prepare resolutions which was carried unanimously, nobody voting. Mr. Metcalfe then pulled a paper from his pocket, stated that it was a surprise to be thus honored, and proceeded to read the resolutions. Somebody asked if there was any money in the campaign fund and Charlie Bryan announced that there was \$3,000.

Then some anti-democratic newspapermen joined the crowd and a recess was taken, after a warrant had been drawn on the campaign fund for sandwiches and lemonade.

Insane Swiss Soldier Transforms Village Into a Battlefield

BERNE, Switzerland, Aug. 31.—A frenzied Swiss soldier, Johann Schwartz, ran amuck last evening and transformed the little town of Romanshorn, on Lake Constance, into a miniature battlefield strewn with dead and dying.

The soldier is a native of the town. In a fit of madness he seized his rifle and shot everyone within range of the windows of his house, killing four and wounding six men in a few moments. He then barricaded himself in his home.

During the scare the soldier escaped from his house and fled to the forest where he is still at large and armed.

More Indictments in Dynamite Conspiracy to Be Returned Soon

BOSTON, Aug. 31.—Interest in the investigation of the alleged "planting" of dynamite at Lawrence, during the big textile strike was renewed today by the report that the indictment of W. M. Wood, president of the American Woolen company; Dennis J. Collins, and a third man who has not yet been arrested, would not complete the work of the grand jury.

Officers who went to the house of the third man indicted, found him ill, but it was agreed that if he was able he would give himself up to the police Tuesday morning. He is said to be a man nearly as prominent as Mr. Wood in the social and financial world.

Plea for Simplicity and Promptness in Criminal Trials

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 31.—A plea for simplicity in the instructions of a judge to a jury was made today before the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology by Charles A. Decourcy of Boston, who favored the use by the judge of words almost bordering on what is known as "the language of the street."

President Taft is Back in Beverly

BEVERLY, Aug. 31.—President Taft returned to Beverly this morning for another brief vacation period. Motoring over from Boston the president arrived at Farmatta, the summer white house at 8.30 o'clock.

See announcement of our new Magazine feature on last page Want Ad section

PROPOSED INCREASE SUSPENDED

Interstate Commerce Body Holds Up Changes in Tariffs Till First of Year.

INVESTIGATION WILL BE MADE Commodity Freight Destined to Pacific Coast is Affected.

FEW REDUCTIONS SCHEDULED Middle West Given Slight Advantage Over Eastern Points.

CANCEL PRESENT QUOTATIONS Commission Finds by Checking Up Railways' Proposals Reductions Apply to Little More Than Ten Per Cent.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Increased freight rates proposed by trans-continental railroads for transportation of commodities from eastern points to Pacific coast terminals were suspended today by the Interstate Commerce commission from September 2 until December 31, pending an investigation.

The tariffs suspended proposed general increases on practically all commodity freight from Atlantic seaboard and mid-western points of origin to destinations on the Pacific coast ranging from 5 to 50 per cent. In most instances they were effected by the cancellation of existing commodity rates, thus automatically transferring the commodities to the higher classification scale of charges.

These examples of proposed increases on commodities are cited by the commission: 30 cents per 100 pounds on automobiles, 45 cents on furniture, 75 cents on plate glass, 10 cents on petroleum products, 40 cents on plumbing materials, 30 cents on stoves, and 46 cents on vehicles.

Generally, from points of origin in middlewestern states, the charges are somewhat lower, although in many articles a "blanket" rule is applicable, alike to all the east and middle west.

Traction Car Strikes Auto at Wheaton, Ill.; One Killed, Two Hurt

WHEATON, Ill., Aug. 31.—One man was killed and two were injured, probably fatally when an automobile in which they were driving to the automobile races at Elgin, Ill., was struck by an interurban electric car at Jewell road, one mile west of here today.

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Montana Ranchman Becomes British Peer

LONDON, Aug. 31.—A Montana ranchman becomes a British peer by the death today of Baron Grey De Ruthyn, in his 64th year. The successor to the title is the baron's brother, Cecil Talbot Clifton of Northfields ranch, Montana.

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What Does the Bulletin Say?—A Prize for the Answer.

RULES FOR CONTEST INSURE FREE FIELD AND NO FAVORITES.

- 1. Bulletin to be based on some news item of today. 2. Not over twenty words; figures count as words. 3. Manuscript to reach us by Wednesday noon next. 4. Winning answer selected by editors of The Bee, and name of winner announced next Sunday.



\$5.00 for the Best Answer.

PLACES BLAME ON FLAGMAN

Commission Files Report on Western Springs Wreck.

OTHER CAUSES CONTRIBUTED Engineer Falls to Properly Control Speed of His Train and to Obey Indications of Fixed Signals.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Responsibility for the accident on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad at Western Springs, Ill., July 14, by which eleven passengers and two employees were killed and twenty-six passengers and two employees were injured, was placed by the Interstate Commerce commission today upon Flagman Woodworth. But, says Chief Inspector H. W. Belpas's report to the commission, "it lies wholly within the power of the railroad managers virtually to put an end to from 75 to 90 per cent of these harrowing disasters."

Mr. Belpas says the accident, which was a rear-end collision, might have been prevented had the flagman exercised proper precautions in warning the oncoming train. It is pointed out that Woodworth did not give warning at a sufficient distance to enable the train to stop and gave merely a caution signal instead of a signal to stop.

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WILSON SAYS HE IS HUNTING BIG GAME

Professor Says He Expects to Have Both Head and Skin of Bull Moose Mounted.

MAKES ADDRESS TO RIFLEMEN

Democratic Candidate is Considering Invitation to Speak at National Conservation Congress at Indianapolis.

SEA GIRT, N. J., Aug. 31.—Vice Chairman William G. McAduoo consulted with Governor Woodrow Wilson today about campaign speaking engagements. The invitation to Wilson to speak before the conservation congress at Indianapolis on October 2 as well as several other important engagements in the middle west were considered, but no announcement was made in connection with them.

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ELGIN RACES TAKEN BY RALPH DE PALMA IN SWIFT SPEEDING

Mercedes Sweeps Boards in National Trophy and Free-for-All Contest.

BERGDOLL PLAYS IN HARD LUCK

Leads with Benz Up to Last Lap of the Free-for-All.

BURNS TIRE AT LAST MOMENT

Ralph Mulford Suffers Heat Stroke During Contest.

MECHANICIAN BEINGS IN CAR

Mulford Had Finished Second in National Trophy—De Palma Averages Speed of Sixty-Eight Miles an Hour.

NATIONAL TROPHY, 254 MILES. 1. Ralph De Palma, Mercedes, 3:43:26. 2. Ralph Mulford, Knox "8." 3. Charles Marx, Stutz. 4. Mortimer Roberts, Mason Special. 5. Gill Anderson, Stutz.

FREE-FOR-ALL, 305 MILES. 1. Ralph De Palma, Mercedes, 4:18:38. 2. Edwin Bergdoll, Benz. 3. Ralph Mulford, Knox; brought in by mechanician.

ELGIN, Ill., Ralph De Palma, driving a 90-horse-power Mercedes, swept the boards in the Elgin races today. He took both the 24-mile Elgin National trophy race and the 236-mile free-for-all even after Erwin Bergdoll and Ralph Mulford had been put out of the race by hard luck.

De Palma drove the last lap of his last race in 6 minutes 49 seconds, the fastest lap of the day. The time was 3 hours 45 minutes 25 seconds and for the 236-mile event, 4 hours 15 minutes 38 seconds.

Only three cars finished in the free-for-all. Bergdoll, who led with his Benz up to the last lap and who lost the race by burning up a tire at the last moment, was second. Ralph Mulford's Knox "8" was brought home third by William Chandler, Mulford's mechanician, after Mulford suffered a heat stroke and fainted at the wheel.

Mulford had finished second in the Elgin national race, in which Charles Marx, winner of yesterday's Illinois trophy, was third; Mortimer Roberts, Mason Special and Gill Anderson, Stutz, fifth.

De Palma averaged a speed of sixty-eight miles an hour in the first race and in the last six laps of the second race showed this average up to seventy miles per hour.

The only serious accident occurred in the last lap of the Elgin national race when George Clark of Dallas, Tex., drove his Mercedes through a bunker of baled hay and through a fence at Hornbeck's turn. Clark and his mechanician, Malone, were injured, but tonight it was said that both will recover. Clark's car was completely wrecked.

Bergdoll Leads Till End. Edwin Bergdoll, the young Philadelphia millionaire driver, racing a ninety-horse power Benz, led at the end of the first 100 miles of the 206-mile free-for-all event on the second day program of the annual Elgin automobile meet this afternoon.

Ralph De Palma, driving a Mercedes, was less than five minutes behind Bergdoll. George Clark of Dallas, Texas, driving a Mercedes and his mechanician, Malone, narrowly escaped instant death at Hornbeck turn in the sixth lap of the Elgin national trophy race. Clark was attempting to drive the turn at high speed when he ran through a bunker of baled hay into the fence. Clark and Malone, both said to be seriously injured, were taken to a hospital.

Only Ten Cars Start. Twelve cars started in the two races on that card for the second day of the annual Elgin automobile meet today. Of these, eight of these were scheduled to go 206 miles around the eight and one-quarter road course for the big event of

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REGISTER HERE ON TUESDAY Showing Made on the First Day May Have Considerable Effect on the Future Action of the Progressive.

What are the bull moosers going to do when compelled to come to a show down in giving their party affiliations to the registrars? Are they going to continue to register as "republicans" and "democrats," or are they going to come out in their own colors? If they really believe their new party has a future, will they cut loose from the old parties in registration so that they cannot get back to try to run them again at the next turn? The first registration day in Omaha comes next Tuesday, and preparations are all made for registrars to sit and ask the usual questions of all who appear before them. One of these questions is, "With what political party do you wish to affiliate?" and the answer controls when the voter wants to participate in the subsequent primaries of his party. Each effort usually is for the parties of each side to try to make as good a showing on the first registration day as possible for the moral effect it may have on the public in general. The size of the registration under the heading "Progressive party" will doubtless exert no little psychological influence, but no one is willing to make any guesses in advance. The bull moosers have not yet held their state convention nor put a separate ticket in the field, and it is suggested that should they fall down in their first days' registration, they will explain that they held off to make sure that they would have a progressive party banner to enlist under. Just who is to represent Douglas county at the forthcoming gathering of bull moosers at Lincoln has not yet been announced. As the meeting is supposed to be a mass convention anybody and everybody is eligible to sit in it who cares to. The principal bull moosers from Douglas county at the last convention, which chose the delegates to go to Chicago to help nominate the colonel were Nathan Merriam, Dr. W. O. Henry and G. L. E. Klingbeil, who are expected to be in evidence again.

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