

REPUBLICANS FAVOR HOLDING NATIONAL CONVENTION IN 1914

Executive Committee Votes to Call Meeting of National Committee After Congress Adjourns.

WILL CONSIDER CONVENTION

Subcommittee Recommends Holding Session Next Year.

MANY LEADERS ARE PRESENT

Basis of Representation is Discussed Informally.

JONES PRESENTS CHICAGO NOTE

It Says Majority Will Not Long Allow Minority to Rule, and Presents Arguments for Reunion of Republicans.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—After several hours discussion the executive committee of the republican national committee today tentatively agreed to call a meeting of the national committee sixty days after the adjournment of the extra session of congress to determine whether a national convention shall be called to consider changes in basis of representation.

The session of the executive committee was devoted almost entirely to a discussion of the need for a national convention. Chairman Cannon of Michigan made the motion to call a meeting and practically every member joined in the debate that followed. There was no expression of disapproval, the only questions were those of detail.

Practically unanimous sentiment developed in favor of holding the convention next year. The executive committee will recommend that plan to the national committee. While a majority of the executive committee expressed the belief that the national committee could change the basis of the southern representation and change the party rules, they agreed that the weight of a party convention should be put behind any reorganization plan.

Senator Jones at first urged an immediate convention, but finally agreed with the other members of the executive committee. Former Senator Sanders, national committee chairman from Tennessee, declared the republicans should wait until "they heard the echoes from the country" on the achievements of the democratic administration.

A policy of co-operation between the republican national committee and republican congressional committee was agreed on, and it was determined that a campaign headquarters would soon be opened here. This follows a plan recently adopted by the democrats.

Cannon and Jones Attend.

Senator Jones, holding a proxy from Sam Perkins, national committee chairman from Washington, sat with the executive committee and presented the ideas of Senator Cummins and the progressives seeking an early national convention. Many republicans of prominence, including former Speaker Cannon and former Representative McKinley, manager of the Taft re-convention campaign, lingered about the room where the committee sat.

The question of choosing delegates by state primaries was not discussed at great length. Chairman Hillis and some others contended that a congressional district had been allowed to choose its own delegates in any way it saw fit, notwithstanding provisions for a state primary.

"The party has insisted upon right of congressional districts to select their own delegates and a reversal of that policy would foist the unit rule on us," said Chairman Hillis. "This was the point at issue in the California case in 1912. The right of a congressional district to vote in a republican national convention for the candidate of its choice has never been denied. It was affirmed in the convention of 1876 and again in 1880. The latter convention rejected the unit rule. This is the fundamental question and not to be confused with the recognition of delegates in primary elections."

Communication of Conciliation.

The letter from the conciliation committee signed by Senators Cummins, Jones and Crawford and Representatives Crampton and Rogers, and joined in by Representative Anderson and former Governor Hiram Missouri, sets forth a report of the progressive republican conference in Chicago and asks for "a meeting of the republican national committee in the near future to act upon suggestion made by a great many republicans that there be held during the present year a republican national convention."

Setting forth the reasons for this request the committee says:

"We believe that an overwhelming majority of the republican party have reached the conclusion that the basis of representation in our national conventions is not only unjust but contrary to the fundamental principle of representative government. Assuming that the will of the majority in any organization ought to prevail, it must be a real, not a fictitious majority. An actual majority will not long submit to an actual minority. The present system enables a minority of republicans to control national conventions, dictate party nominations and determine party declarations, and however preferable they may have been the motive for its original adoption, it is no longer desirable."

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The Weather

Temperature at Omaha—

Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	56
6 a. m.	56
7 a. m.	56
8 a. m.	56
9 a. m.	56
10 a. m.	56
11 a. m.	56
12 m.	56
1 p. m.	56
2 p. m.	56
3 p. m.	56

GREEKS AND BULGARS FIGHT

Former Allies Are in Battle Near Saloniki.

KING OF GREECE ARRIVES

Infantry and Artillery Are Reported Engaged in a Fierce Battle Close to the Disputed City.

LONDON, May 24.—Severe fighting has been resumed between the Greek and the Bulgarian troops in the vicinity of Saloniki. The infantry and artillery of both forces are hotly engaged near that city, according to dispatches received here from Athens.

The dispatches refer to the situation as having become "extremely grave."

When the last message was sent King Constantine of Greece, who had just arrived at Saloniki with the general staff of the Greek army, was endeavoring to arrange neutral zone between the armies.

Hostilities Suspended.

SALONIKI, May 24.—The losses of the Greek troops during the fighting against the Bulgarians are given today as one captain killed and 50 men killed or wounded. Hostilities have been suspended.

A mutiny has broken out among the Bulgarian troops at Serres, the most important city in the north. When their commanding officer found that he was unable to quell the disturbance he committed suicide.

De Wolf Hopper and Nat Goodwin Have New Wives

NEW YORK, May 24.—De Wolf Hopper, the comedian, who was divorced a month ago by Nella Bergen, his fourth wife, was married secretly last Friday to Eida Curry. The announcement was made at the Lambs club last night.

Hopper's former wife, besides Nella Bergen, were, in order, Ella Gardiner, Ida Mosher and Edna Wallace.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 24.—Nat C. Goodwin, the actor, was married today for the fifth time. The bride was Miss Marjorie Moreland, leading woman in Goodwin's latest stage venture. The wedding ceremony was said at Goodwin's home at Ocean Park. Miss Moreland was formerly Mrs. Charles Doughty. Suit brought by her husband against Goodwin, charging the actor with alienating her affections, was dropped recently.

Theological Student Who Embezzled is Given Second Chance

ST. LOUIS, May 24.—Charles Schulz of Cleveland today told the St. Louis police that his son, William Schulz, who was arrested recently in Denver on a charge of embezzling \$300 from the funds of the student paper of Concordia seminary here, would plead guilty. The father will repay the amount stolen and the authorities of the seminary where young Schulz was a theological student, will ask that he be paroled.

Mrs. Thelma Gillison Schulz, the actress-bridge of the young student, will be given twelve months to evince a sincere desire to leave the stage and if after that time she convinces her father-in-law of her sincerity, he has agreed to give his son employment and set the son and wife up in housekeeping.

Inspection Law Will Keep Chilled Meat Out Interstate Trade

NEW YORK, May 24.—The importation of frozen or chilled meat from Australia as a means to break the high cost of home production in California, is apparently barred here by federal statutes, it has been discovered. Local jobbers who were considering the trial of Australian meats declare that the federal authorities are enforcing the law which prohibits all men engaged in interstate commerce from selling beef or mutton or veal that has not had both an ante-mortem and a post mortem inspection by government employes. As it happens that practically all of the New York jobbers are interstate dealers the obstacle appears to be a formidable one.

Man Takes Mercury Tablets by Mistake

CHICAGO, May 24.—After suffering all night with pains in his abdomen, W. L. McCutcheon, an automobile salesman, 22 years old, was horrified to discover today that he had taken three one-grain bichloride of mercury tablets by mistake for aspirin.

He walked to the office of a doctor, who rushed him to a hospital. It will be five days, according to the physicians before it will be possible to tell whether the young man's life can be saved.

McCutcheon said that he was complaining of feeling badly last night at his boarding house when a friend suggested that he should take some aspirin tablets. He got hold of the wrong box and took the mercury tablets without realizing his mistake.

Emperor of Japan is Much Better

TOKIO, May 24.—The condition of Emperor Yoshihito continued to improve today. The physicians in attendance declare themselves confident that he will recover from the attack of pneumonia. His majesty is cheerful. He takes nourishment regularly and his heart action is strong. Count Chiaki Watanabe, the imperial master of ceremonies, today read to the emperor President Wilson's cabled message of sympathy, which is also prominently displayed in the newspapers. The bulletin issued by the court physicians in attendance on Emperor Yoshihito at 4 o'clock this afternoon said:

"His majesty's condition has improved, his temperature is 102.54 degrees Fahrenheit, his pulse 85 and his respiration 24."

KAISER'S DAUGHTER WEDDED AT BERLIN

Princess Victoria Louise of Prussia Married to Duke of Cumberland.

THREE GREAT RULERS ATTEND

Presence of William, Edward and Nicholas Makes Event Notable.

IT MEANS A RECONCILIATION

Marks Burial of Axe Between Hanover and Hohenzollern Houses.

AMERICANS, ALSO, ARE GUESTS

Bridal Couple Will Leave Immediately for Emperor's Hunting Seat at Habersstock, North of Capital.

BERLIN, May 24.—Princess Victoria Louise of Prussia, only daughter of the German emperor, was married to Prince Ernest August of Cumberland, with the rites of the Lutheran church, at 8 o'clock this evening.

The ceremony, which took place in the royal chapel of the imperial castle, seals the reconciliation between the deposed House of Hanover and the House of Hohenzollern.

The presence of the three most powerful sovereigns of Europe—the German emperor, the Russian emperor and the British king-emperor on terms of intimate friendship, made the event a demonstration of international peace.

The civil ceremony was performed half an hour earlier in the Great Elector's hall, a small room in the most ancient part of the castle. It was attended by only the immediate families of bride and bridegroom.

In the meantime the guests who were to attend the religious services had assembled in the octagonal chapel at the other end of the castle. The room was richly decorated with flowers.

American Guests.

Among the guests were the United States ambassador, John G. A. Leitch, and his daughter; Joseph C. Crew, secretary of the American embassy, and his wife; Captain Albert Niblack, American naval attaché; Miss Yvete Borup of New York, who was a schoolmate of the bride at the Empress Augusta institute, and a dozen excited school girls whom the young princess insisted on inviting at the last moment in return for a personally extended present.

The bride wore a wonderfully worked gown of silver brocade with a court train of the same material embroidered with a myrtle and orange flower design and lined with ermine.

The bride's veil, like her entire toilette, was of German manufacture. It was composed of a two-yard length of lace, on which eight girls had worked day and night for six weeks.

The last act in the robing of the bride was performed by the empress, when she placed on her daughter's head the historic crown worn by Prussian princesses at their weddings.

A choir of men and boys was stationed in the high gallery enclosing the chapel, just below the dome, where they sang hymns unaccompanied by instrumental music.

Wedding Procession Forms.

At the conclusion of the civil ceremony, the bridal procession was marshaled into line by Count August Zu Eulenburg, grand marshal of the imperial court, and then proceeded the whole length of the castle through a long series of state apartments to the royal chapel. It was led by the bridegroom, who was wearing a train being borne by four of her girl friends. Prince Ernest August of Cumberland was dressed in Prussian Hussar uniform.

After them came Emperor William with the duchess of Cumberland. Then followed in order the duke of Cumberland with the German empress, Emperor Nicholas of Russia, with Queen Mary of England, King George of England with Crown Princess Cecile, Emperor William's sons with their consorts and fifty or more other princes and princesses of the royal blood.

Dr. Ernest Brandner, the grand chaplain of the court, who had baptized Princess Victoria Louise and prepared her for her confirmation, performed the ceremony, which was the simple Lutheran rite. He then delivered the customary address of advice and admonition to the newly married couple.

As the rings were exchanged before the altar, a battery of artillery stationed outside the castle fired a royal salute.

When the prince and princess with Emperor William and Empress Augusta Victoria and the duke and duchess of Cumberland returned to the white hall of the castle, where they received the congratulations of the guests who seated beneath a canopy at small tables, the guests defiled past them, making profound bows and curtsies.

Garters as Souvenirs.

A state banquet is to be given at the castle this evening, followed by the historic "torch dance" and the distribution to the guests of souvenir "garters." These are in the form of silk ribbons bearing the bride's initials and the date in gold letters, which modern delicacy has substituted for the pieces of the bride's garter, formerly cut up and distributed by the princess of the royal family on the points of their swords.

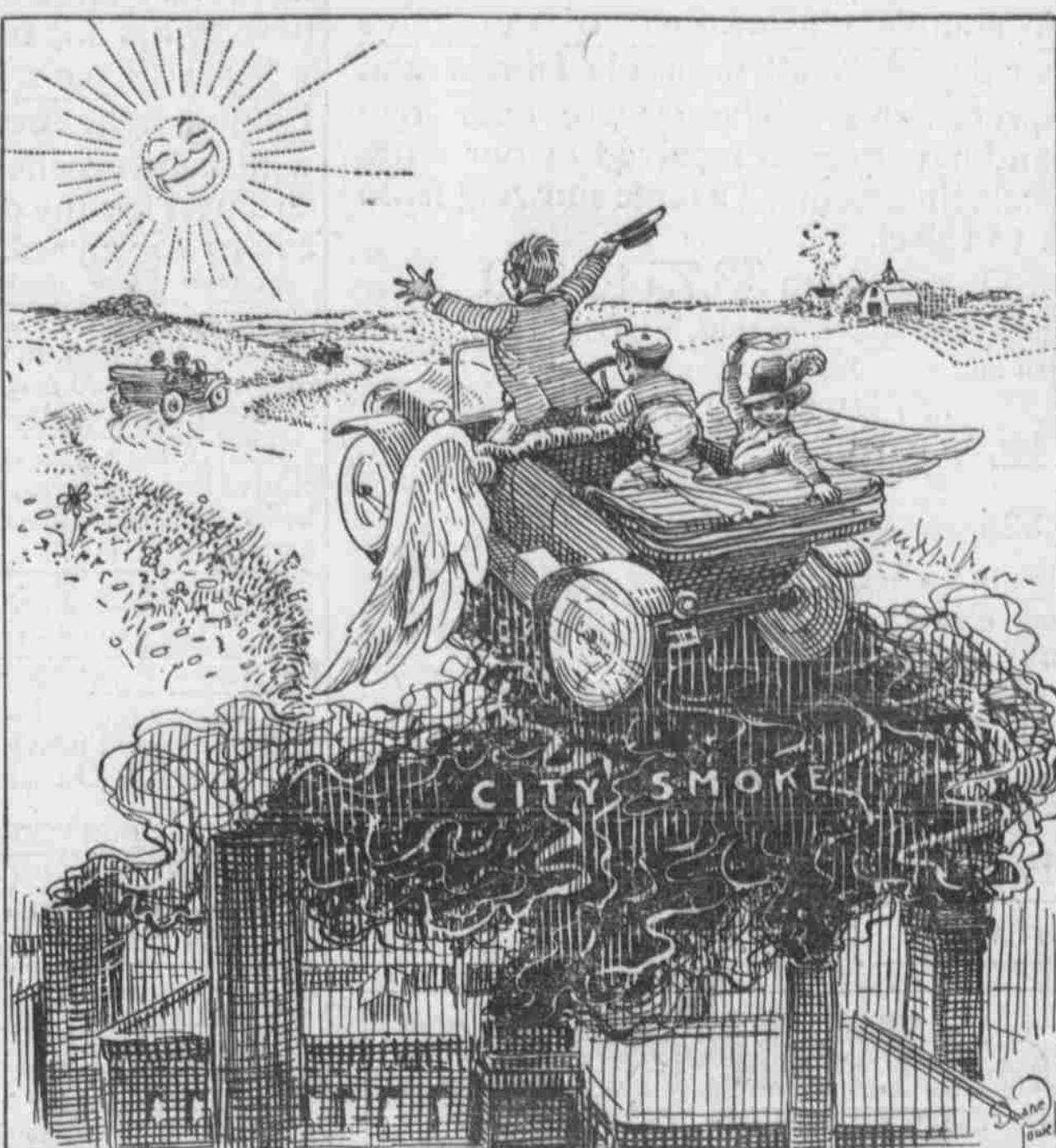
The bridal couple will leave immediately afterward for the emperor's hunting seat at Habersstock, north of Berlin, where they will pass the first week of their honeymoon, then going for a fortnight to the duke of Cumberland's hunting castle, near Gmunden.

SUGGESTS WOMEN FOR LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS

SAN FRANCISCO, May 24.—Mrs. Clara Bradley, grand president of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, says that transportation companies soon may be employing women as engineers, conductors and even firemen.

"A woman has sufficient strength to operate the levers of oil burning engines, which are coming into general use," said Mrs. Bradley today. "It is not at all improbable that railroad will come to be a field of industry for the fair sex."

The Lure of the Country Road



Drawn for The Bee by Powell.

LABOR LEADERS ASK STRONGER LAND LAW

California Statute Not Satisfactory to Larger Organizations.

OBJECT TO LEASE SYSTEM

One Section Objects to Referendum, Believing Present Law Should Be Enforced Until Another Is Made.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 24.—Resolutions published today by two powerful San Francisco labor organizations make certain two things with reference to California's alien land act:

First, that organized laborers will seek a substitute measure by invoking the initiative, on the ground that the so-called Webb bill is not strong enough. Reference to the initiative will not delay the present act from going into effect on August 10. Efficient signatures to call for an election are easily available without going outside San Francisco.

Second, that another section of organized laborers will seek not only to invoke the initiative, but will circulate petitions for a referendum election which, if called, would prevent the Webb bill from going into effect until the election was decided, which could not be until November, 1914.

Objection is to Leases.

Favoring the application of the referendum, as well as the initiative, are the Asiatic Exclusion League, Olaf Twitmore, president, and the San Francisco Building Trades council, which last Thursday night adopted resolutions approving the stand of the Asiatic Exclusion League. Both agree that the present law is "a defective piece of legislation, defeating its own purposes, because it permits three-year leases indefinitely of land in California by aliens."

Steamship Nevada Sunk by Mine in Gulf of Smyrna

LONDON, May 24.—The steamer Nevada, with 200 passengers on board, today struck a mine in the Gulf of Smyrna and sank, according to a dispatch from Constantinople to the Exchange Telegraph company. The Nevada was owned by the Hadji Daut company and ran in the eastern Mediterranean.

Senator Lane Again Attacks Indian Bill

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Senator Lane made another attack upon the Indian appropriation bill today, when it was taken up by the senate committee. He charged that a man-whom he did not name—already selected for a place on a commission to make a roll of Chippewa Indians in Minnesota, was formerly attorney for a lumber company which holds contracts upon which the commission will have to pass.

"The fact that appropriations covering hundreds of thousands of dollars go masquerading about in the bill under misleading titles would seem to indicate the necessity for a reasonably careful scrutiny of other of its provisions," said he.

LEO M. FRANK CHARGED WITH MURDER OF GIRL

ATLANTA, Ga., May 24.—Leo M. Frank today was indicted by the grand jury for the murder of 14-year-old Mary Phagan, whose body was found in the factory building of which Frank was superintendent a month ago. No action was taken by the grand jury in the case of New Lee, negro, night watchman at the factory.

DOCTRINAL UNITY HOPELESS

Dr. Shailer Matthews Says General Creed is Impossible.

MANY POINTS OF DIFFERENCE

Statement that Would Be Acceptable to All Protestants Would Read Like New Testament.

DETROIT, May 24.—"Doctrinal unity is a hopeless task in Protestantism; the only doctrinal unity I would stand for would have to be on the basis of the doctrinal views I personally hold and so it is with most Protestants, I believe," said Dr. Shailer Matthews, dean of the school of theology of the University of Chicago and president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, in an address before the Northern Baptist convention today.

Dr. Matthews was discussing the movement towards unification of all Protestant denominations. "If the federal council attempted to compile a creed that would embrace all denominations," he said, "it would be a creed so like the New Testament that it would be a useless task to compile it."

Previous to Dr. Matthews' address the convention had received the report of the executive committee of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America and had listened to remarks by Charles S. MacFarland, secretary of the council who recommended that the convention adopt resolutions calling upon civil authorities of San Francisco, the state of California, and officials of the Panama-Pacific exposition to keep the exposition free from exploitation by commercialized vice. Resolutions to that effect were adopted.

The report of the federal council showed that twenty-eight Protestant denominations are now enrolled under its banner.

Boy Borrows Stomach Pump to Empty Boat, Man Nearly Dies

BROWNVILLE, Minn., May 24.—The only stomach pump in the village having been appropriated by the small son of Dr. Francis Duffey to pump out the launch, James P. Collier, aged 6, who took by mistake a dose of medicine intended for a horse, had a narrow escape from death early today.

The medicine contained a quantity of arsenic and on discovery of the mistake the town was alerted for the stomach pump. Finally "Jimmy" Duffey, aged 19, was found calmly using it to empty the water out of his boat. The pump was taken from the youth and Collier's life was saved.

SERVICE IN MEMORY OF MILLER WILL BE HELD TODAY

OAKLAND, Cal., May 24.—Services honoring the memory of Joaquin Miller, "poet of the Sierras," will be held tomorrow afternoon at the poet's former home, "The Heights," and from the pyre which he built, his ashes will be scattered to the winds.

The ceremony will be conducted by the Bohemian club of San Francisco. The poet desired that his body be cremated on the pyre, but this was impossible because of municipal restrictions.

THIRTY DIE WHEN THOUSANDS FALL IN PIER COLLAPSE

Land End of Double-Decked Stands Give Way at Long Beach Empire Day Festivities.

DEAD ARE CHIEFLY WOMEN

Hundreds of Persons Crash on Heads of Mashed People Below.

THEN THE BIG PLUNGE COMES

Multitude Goes Down Shattered Shuts to Tidewashed Sands.

TWENTY-FIVE FEET DESCENT

Victims Present or Former Subjects of Great Britain.

FIFTY OR MORE ARE INJURED

All Doctors in City Working, Reinforced by Surgeons and Nurses from Los Angeles—Tragedy Occurs Before Noon.

LONG BEACH, Cal., May 24.—Too weak to uphold the burden of nearly 10,000 human beings assembled for the festivities of British "Empire day," the land end of the big double-decked municipal pier in front of the city auditorium collapsed today. Hundreds of persons on the top deck were plunged down on the heads of other hundreds crowded on the second deck. The lower deck then gave way and all were dropped down a chute of shattered woodwork to the tide-washed sands twenty-five feet below.

Thirty persons, mostly women, were killed by the shivered timbers or crushed to death by the falling bodies of companions and friends. Fifty more were seriously injured while hysteria and paralyzing fright disabled scores of others.

A section of the auditorium went down in the crash and the debris from it was added to the wreckage that fell on top of the injured and dead.

The victims were subjects or former subjects of Great Britain, in southern California.

The dead, many of whom were still unidentified tonight, were laid in the National Guard armory while the injured were hurried to various hospitals in this city and Los Angeles.

Partial List of Dead.

Following is a partial list of the dead: MRS. FRANK MATTHEWS, Los Angeles; DAVID BLACK, aged 7 years, Long Beach; MISS DANZ THOMAS, Long Beach; MISS L. D. SPARRON, Long Beach; MRS. AUGUST BARTZ, Long Beach; MRS. RICHARD GEORGE DOWLE, Pasadena; MRS. CHESBROUGH, Los Angeles; MRS. AICHUR C. HELPS, Long Beach; MRS. A. E. HILL, Orange; FANNIE B. McFEE, Long Beach; SCOTT BLACK, 10 years, Glendale; Mrs. D. S. Holmes, Long Beach; MRS. J. H. BARNETT, Long Beach; D. McQUEEN, Long Beach; MRS. C. H. LAWRENCE, Los Angeles. All of the seriously injured are residents of Los Angeles and vicinity.

All doctors in the city are working tonight and their efforts are reinforced by surgeons and nurses who came from Los Angeles, when appeals for aid were sent to that city shortly after noon today.

Cras Hoc Sands.

The accident occurred a few minutes before 12 o'clock. The Empire day parade, the principal feature of the celebration, in honor of the late Queen Victoria's birth anniversary, had just ended and the participants, with thousands of other visitors, were crowding up the steps of the pier and surging toward the auditorium when the pier floor sagged. An instant later the supports gave way, and the crack and groan of breaking timbers mingled with the shrieks and cries of the victims as all went down into a mass of broken wood and writhing human forms on the sand.

Virtually the entire landing of the pier was wrecked, and a portion of the auditorium front fell.

The cause of the crash was the overburdening of the pier. This, according to the official statements tonight, was due to the fact that the auditorium doors had been locked after a number of the Scotch.

Markets of Advertisers Constantly Expanding

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The newspaper is more potent than ever, because its readers demand more from it more things of interest every day and because its distribution is more quickly obtained.

In all parts of the United States newspapers are getting into circulation by rapid methods of getting into circulation.

And the fast building up of rural sections brings buying trade closer to the store that advertises.

Fast-flying trolleys, the telephone, suburban and local train service, automobiles, steamers and power boats all annihilate distance.

To live five or ten miles from a store no longer means a journey of four or five hours.

Modern transportation methods simply wipe the miles off the map with amazing speed.

Consequently the wide awake merchant who advertises for the trade living in outlying sections is doing mighty shrewd constructive work.