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Wings Like a Dove.

Man long since ceased sighing for wings like a dove, that he might fly to the uttermost parts of the earth, and began practical experimentation in imitating nature's handiwork. Overcoming the law of gravitation was least difficult. The problem of propulsion was easily solved. The problem of adequate control and reliable power of direction has been the challenge to the aviators. Even that is being successfully met, and the day of the airship is at hand. The announcement that Count Zeppelin has sustained flight for two hours, during which his airship was manipulated in the most complicated maneuvers, indicates that the reward of success has come to his persistent effort and expenditure. From possibility to practicability may be but a step, remarks the Boston Herald. Inventive genius which has made the impossible possible will not hesitate at the task of rendering it practical and usable.

The removal of the half-nude statue of Washington from the plaza in front of the national capitol building is an encouragement to others who are tortured by statues representing the dark ages of art in America. It is evidently not impossible to secure the elimination of public statues which time and the maturing taste of the people finally condemn. If, says the Springfield Republican, a competent art commission could be empowered to pass upon the curious assortment of statues now raised in public places throughout the United States, including Washington itself, the slaughter would be terrific.

The decision of the British admiralty court that the cruiser Gladiolus was alone to blame for the collision with the American liner St. Paul off the Isle of Wight during a snowstorm last April is a complete exoneration of the officers and crew of the American ship. There had been intimations that the testimony would be the basis for such a finding, but the formal verdict is conclusive and gratifying. The affair, resulting in the loss of over a score of lives, was most lamentable, but the decision of the court shows that American seamanship was in no wise at fault.

What will the women say to the assertion recently made by John Burns, president of the British local government board, that the "servant problem" arises not so much from the scarcity of good servants, as from the incompetency of present-day mistresses to manage their help? Whether his charge is true or not, a girl without training for the work will find it as difficult to run her house and direct her servants as her husband would find it if he tried to direct a business without first learning how.

Louis Honoré Fréchet, who died recently, was the unofficial poet laureate of Canada. He wrote in French, and his work has crowned by the French Academy. Longfellow hailed him as the "pathfinder of a new land of song." As a poet he was born, so to speak, in two nations. One of his poems, "Le Drapeau Anglais"—"The English Flag"—suggests his allegiance to the British flag and his affection for that other flag, the flag of France, which, as a French poet, he kissed on bended knee.

In the popular outcry against tainted money and the abuses of wealth there is often too much disregard of the vast sums which are paid to further the intrinsic interests of humanity. Such a gift as that which Mr. Phipps has just made to enable science to fight one of the worst foes of human existence, remarks the Baltimore American, ought to throw a large weight in the balance when the uses and misuses of riches are weighed in the scales.

Mr. Flagler's retirement from Standard Oil, on account of his advanced years, would seem to be pardonable, though he is not thereby wholly freed from caring cares. A man who is almost an octogenarian, and who has got several hundreds of millions of dollars on his hands, has need to be anxious lest he may die disgraced.

REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS JOIN

GREAT CROWDS THROU CINCINNATI'S STREETS TO GREET REPUBLICAN NOMINEE.

FIREWORKS, MUSIC, RED FIRE

City Outdoes Itself in Making Jollification of Ceremonies—Visitors Throng City from Far and Near.

Cincinnati, O.—Hon. William Howard Taft on Tuesday accepted the Republican presidential nomination. His official notification combines a political jubilee for the city of Cincinnati and its environs, an historic gathering of national party leaders. Notification day broke with a roar of cannon from the seven hills which looked down at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning through the customary haze and smoke to discover the city in the flutter of animation, bedecked and garlanded, flags flying and banners waving, streets thronged, bands playing and a budding carnival of riotous enthusiasm in the process of going into full bloom.

The notification ceremonies at the historic old Taft mansion on Pike street were led up to and followed by minor displays in the program of the day. These ceremonies were impressive in directness and simplicity, in the appropriateness of the surroundings, in the presence of national party leaders and visiting Republicans from Ohio and the surrounding states and in the regard and pride of the neighbors and personal friends of the candidate—citizens of Cincinnati who for the first time have been honored by the selection of a presidential candidate from their number.



Hon. William H. Taft.

The name of "Taft" was on every lip and the "Taft smile" was commented on as being universally in evidence. It was half after nine o'clock when the crowds began to participate in the exercises. This early ceremony constituted a simple expression of neighborly affection. Charles P. Taft was made custodian of a huge American flag which was raised to the top of a 50-foot mast erected in the front yard of the Taft mansion—the gift of the people of Cincinnati to the Taft family with the single stipulation that it be raised whenever the candidate is in the city and lowered during his absence. The presentation was made by Bishop David H. Moore and an address by former Congressman Jacob Bromwell and a response by Charles P. Taft. The yard and streets had been thronged with people from early morning to witness the flag raising ceremonies. "America," sung by the assemblage, selections by a band and by members of the Yale and Woodward alumni formed a part of the program. Benediction was pronounced by Rev. George A. Thayer. Meanwhile a band concert was being enjoyed by an immense crowd surrounding Government Square some blocks away and marching clubs were making practice marches entirely independent of orders or conditions under the fluttering flags in many streets.

A long line of solemn looking carriages appeared before the Hotel Sinton early in the forenoon and the members of the notification committee of the Republican national convention, augmented by the numerous members of the national committee who had come to attend the ceremonies proceeded to take their places for a processional drive to the Taft residence to partake of a notification breakfast. This little feature was devoid of all ceremony. With the hour of noon the party filed out of the old colonial front doors to the places assigned on the broad porches with their fluttering canvas covering constructed for the occasion.

Young Man Kills Father.

Kankakee, Ill.—Andrew Haag, 18 miles southwest of Kankakee, was shot and killed by his 21-year-old son, Albert Haag, Tuesday, following a family quarrel, in which the elder Haag had driven his wife and hired girl out of the house.

Aged Banker Passes Away.

St. Joseph, Mo.—Thomas Tootle, aged 89 years, millionaire merchant and banker of St. Joseph, died here Tuesday.

Senator William Warner of Missouri, past commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, chairman of the notification committee escorted Judge Taft to the substantial platform which projects out over the old stone steps leading to the entrance to the mansion.

Mr. Taft was smiling and happy from early morning. The porches and lawn were reserved for ticket holders, the street being the free-for-all field. A band stationed directly in front of the platform on the front walk kept the assembling crowd in a merry mood. Senator Warner's speech of notification was brief.

With the speech over the scene was shifted for the review of the parade. A platform with a canopy cover had been thrust through the high iron gates of the mansion out over the sidewalk. On this Judge Taft took his stand and the marchers were given their way for nearly two hours.

Marching club after marching club were here to salute, shout, wave flags, canes, hats; receive smiling acknowledgment to stir their enthusiasm afresh and then give place to other clubs from other sections.

During the parade the notification committee sat on the covered porches to admire and applaud until the end of the procession was in sight. Automobiles followed the last marching club and the committee members were taken aboard and whisked through the city into the suburbs, out to the famous Cincinnati Country Club where later upon being joined by Judge Taft they were served with an elaborate but informal luncheon.

Meanwhile in the city the end of the ceremonies were marked by the release of hundreds of tiny balloons and a considerable number of large ones. Daylight fireworks were set off in the Government Square, the bands played and the crowds continued their demonstrations.

The day's festivities were brought to an end by a night program of fireworks from the hills, surpassing any previous display. This was witnessed by the candidate, the notification committee and distinguished guests from the steamer Island Queen, which was escorted up the Ohio river by a flotilla of profusely illuminated smaller crafts. When the landing was made shortly before midnight Mr. Taft was escorted to the Taft residence.

Probably never before has the city been more profusely decorated than now. By day the streets were a mass of waving colors, while by night countless electric bulbs outlined tall buildings in vari-colored splendor and formed decorative designs of unusual beauty.

Following the suggestion of the local committee in charge of notification day arrangements the American flag was almost exclusively used in the decoration of the city and from practically every down town building the stars and stripes were fluttering throughout the day. Several of the taller "skyscrapers" of the city, rising sixteen stories and more above the sidewalk displayed a flag from every window, the effect being the most striking of any employed in the general decorative scheme. The down town streets and the thoroughfares leading to the residence of Charles P. Taft at Fourth and Pike streets early were thronged with visitors, sightseers and residents of the city anxious to witness and take part in the day's celebration.

Judge Jacob H. Bromwell, who made the presentation speech, declared that the demonstration was in no sense partisan or political. "For the time being," he said, "we have obliterated party lines and ignore national platforms. We are here simply as citizens of Cincinnati and as friends, neighbors, admirers of William Howard Taft."

The flag was accepted by Charles P. Taft, at whose house the candidate will make his campaign headquarters during September and October.

NEGRO IS BURNED AT STAKE

Texas Mob Takes Woman's Assault on Sheriff—Fagots Are Heaped in Public Square.

Dallas, Tex.—Ted Smith, 18 years of age, a negro, charged with criminal assault on Miss Viola Delaney at Clinton, Hunt county, Monday afternoon, was captured by officers early Tuesday.

The young woman identified him. The prisoner was then hurried toward the Greenville jail.

Before arriving there, however, a mob of citizens overpowered the officers, took the prisoner and prepared to hang him.

This idea was given up, however, and the mob agreed to burn him at the stake. Fagots were piled up in the Public Square at Greenville, and the negro was placed thereon. Kerosene oil was poured on and a match applied. Smith slowly burned to death while a thousand people witnessed the execution by fire.

Independents Put Ticket in Field.

Chicago.—For president, Thomas L. Higgen of Massachusetts. For vice president, John Temple Graves of Georgia. This is the ticket put in the field Tuesday night by the Independence party, following scenes of rioting and threatened bloodshed.

John A. Van Rensselaer Released.

New York City.—John A. Van Rensselaer, who was arrested on Monday of last week for writing a threatening letter to his mother, Mrs. John King Van Rensselaer, and who spent a few days in the psychopathic ward at Bellevue hospital under examination into his mental condition, was discharged Tuesday in the Tombs police court. Lawyer Waddington, representing Mrs. Van Rensselaer, appeared at the hearing and said that the prisoner's mother would be content to drop her complaint.

PRODUCTION IS INCREASING

TRADE CONTINUES TO GAIN EACH WEEK, ALTHOUGH IRREGULAR

Hopeful Feeling in the Primary Markets for Cotton Goods—New England Shoe Business Reported Quiet.

New York City.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Trade reports continue to indicate moderate net gains each week, although progress is irregular. Some sections make much better exhibits than others, the southwest leading, while improvement is slowest at the east. There is also a similar irregularity in returns from the industries, some occupations gaining steadily while others proceed erratically. The net result, however, is a larger volume of business in the aggregate, and comparisons with this time last year are especially cheering, when it is considered that a year ago all records up to that time were being eclipsed. More plants have resumed, wholly or in part, but there are still many unemployed.

At a further slight reduction in price of Bessemer pig iron the Pittsburgh market has experienced increased activity, and other markets are somewhat busier, including coke ovens at Connellsville. Most finished steel lines are quiet; new contracts coming forward slowly and for small quantities, but specifications on old orders aggregating a fair tonnage. Each week the production of all the mills increases slightly, more plants constantly resuming, although usually on part time and with reduced forces.

More inquiries are received in the primary markets for cotton goods, and there is a hopeful feeling regarding the future, but actual transactions are still restricted.

New England shoe manufacturers report business quiet since the departure of western wholesalers, and mail orders are not large.

YOUTHFUL INCENDIARY HELD

A Cleveland Young Lady Starts Fire Which Threatened the Lives of 200 Girls.

Cleveland, O.—Gertrude McDonald, aged 18 years, of Akron, arrested at the House of the Good Shepherd, charged with attempting to burn the building Friday, is held at central police station pending an investigation by the state fire marshal.

The fire, which burned a hole in the wall between the lavatory and sleeping room, threatened the lives of 200 girls.

Ellen McCarthy, living in the House of the Good Shepherd, was examined by Deputy Fire Marshal Brockman. She discovered the fire and gave the alarm.

"I went to the lavatory a few minutes after Gertrude McDonald had been there," the girl told Brockman. "The room was filled with smoke and a fire burned in one corner."

Girls in the dormitory, awakened by Ellen McCarthy, smothered the fire with blankets and bed clothes.

Patrolman Stout of the second precinct arrested the McDonald girl.

The girl was taken before detectives and sweated, but refused to give any information.

Other girls told the police that Miss McDonald set fire to several brooms and a pile of waste paper.

A BLAZE IN THE QUAKER CITY

The Hamburg-American Line Pier Burns, Entailing a Heavy Loss to Shipping.

Philadelphia, Pa.—The Hamburg-American line pier, 46 South Delaware avenue, was destroyed by a spectacular fire Friday night, entailing a loss estimated at \$400,000. The fire is supposed to have been started by crossed electric wires. The German steamer Albano from Hamburg was anchored at the pier and had to be towed out into the river. The cargo of the boat was on the wharf and was destroyed, together with great quantities of general merchandise, including 1,000 bales of burlap. A train of freight cars was on the tracks in the long wharf shed and while the fire raged Ebbert Hamilton ran a locomotive out on the pier and ran the train out on the Delaware avenue tracks, where it was deluged by the firemen. The burning bales of burlap sent up dense clouds of smoke and a number of firemen were overcome. One fireman fell overboard while fighting the blaze and was rescued with difficulty, and another was hit by a falling beam and so injured that he had to be taken to a hospital. The pier burned from end to end.

Establishes New Zone.

San Diego, Cal.—Forest Supervisor Harold A. Marshall on Friday received official notice from Washington that President Roosevelt has established a zone 60 feet wide along the Mexican border, the land of which is withdrawn from settlement. The purpose of this action is to render it more difficult to smuggle Asiatics over the line into this state.

Student Injured in Collision.

Chicago, Ill.—Carl Burton of Aurora, Ill., a student at the University of Chicago, was probably fatally injured in a collision between an automobile and a cab at Michigan avenue and Madison street Friday.

Boy Starts Several Fires.

Cartersville, Mo.—After starting several fires, one of which destroyed a livery stable, and just after trying to ignite a woman's clothing, Elsa Stringer, 13 years old, was arrested Friday.

Picked Up in Pennsylvania

FRANKLIN.

A heavy rain storm, accompanied by a high wind and much lightning, caused heavy damage to crops in the country.

YORK.

Rabbits are so plentiful in York county that snakes are making raids on the young cottontails and killing them in large numbers.

BUTLER.

The Standard Plate Glass Co., employing 500 men, is running full after the usual summer shutdown of two weeks for repairs.

WINDBER.

Antonio Popenta lived three hours after his throat had been cut. Popenta and two companions got into a dispute over a card game.

HARRISBURG.

The state department of agriculture has arranged to place 70 lecturers on the staff of its farmers' institute division next year.

KITTANNING.

E. Hoover, a liveryman and farmer of this place and East Franklin township, had 18 head of sheep, valued at \$150, killed by dogs.

GREENSBURG.

Westmoreland county, in the vicinity of Greensburg and Mount Pleasant, suffered a great deal from a severe wind and electrical storm.

BUTLER.

Dr. E. L. Wasson of this city has brought in a 250-barrel gusher on the Patton farm, near Bakerstown, close to the Allegheny county line.

BERLIN.

The large barn of Harvey L. Countryman, two miles north of town, with all its contents, was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$11,000.

PHILADELPHIA.

Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Stetson, widow of the millionaire hat manufacturer, John B. Stetson, was married to Count Santa Eulalia of Portugal.

WASHINGTON.

A large barn belonging to J. A. Addleman at Castle, Greene county, was totally destroyed by fire, together with its contents. The loss was about \$3,000.

LANCASTER.

Matthew Arms, 65 years old, was ground to death under the wheels of a D. L. & W. railroad train that was running on the tracks of the Erie railroad two miles east of Lancaster.

WASHINGTON.

Finding it impossible to handle the output of coal at the Catsburg mines with present equipment, the company has given orders for the erection of two new tipples. One tipple will be for river and the other for railroad shipment.

GREENSBURG.

Greensburg has a mania differing slightly from Pittsburgh's suicide wave. The county jail contains 11 men charged by their wives with threatening to murder them. One woman has had her husband arrested five times within two weeks.

OIL CITY.

Because he is alleged to have told shopmates that George F. Bower, a laborer, stole lumber from the factory, "and would take anything he got his hands on," Joseph Kamselman, a fellow employe, is sued by Bower for \$1,000 damages for defamation of character.

HARRISBURG.

Judge Kunkel has granted a nolle prosequi in the capitol case against Frank Irvine, the defendant, whose case was severed before the other defendants were acquitted in the last trial. Irvine is thus freed from any connection with the capitol case.

WASHINGTON.

The biggest piece of blown glassware ever turned out in the United States was successfully blown at the Phoenix glass plant here. William Pastors, a skilled blower, did the work, which was perfect in every respect. The piece of ware was a huge globe ordered by a Los Angeles company.

CANONSBURG.

T. F. Horne, together with nine men in his employ, John Klein, Nick Klein, Peter Klein, Martin Malto, Joe Sully, Valentine Stockert, Joe Shupert and Thomas O. Farrel, all of Cecil, were arrested by Constables J. J. Miller and Samuel Swan for taking fish from Chartiers creek illegally.

OIL CITY.

The badly mangled body of William Mawhir, aged 25 years, was found lying beside the Pennsylvania railroad tracks 20 miles north of Sparta. Ties have been found on the track at that point, evidently intended to cause a wreck, and Mawhir was employed by the railroad company to patrol the line. It is thought he was struck and killed by the Pittsburg express.

BRADFORD.

B. F. Stisley while engaged in hauling hay was thrown from the load to the ground, striking on his head and shoulders and breaking his neck. He lived but a few minutes.

INDIANA.

The body of Robert Tozer was found in a field near Glen Campbell. He was about 68 years old and a veteran of the civil war. When last seen Tozer was on his way to Belwood, and had over \$100 on his person. When found his money was gone.

LANCASTER.

Detective Edwin M. Gerlach shot and killed a negro burglar north of this city.

BUTLER.

Mrs. William Klingler and Mrs. J. P. Allen were slightly injured when a runaway horse struck their rig and they were thrown out.

KITTANNING.

Appelwood borough, a suburb of this place, has voted in favor of a school bond issue of \$6,000, and a new school building will be erected at once.

WASHINGTON.

A fire which consumed an oil derrick, a 200-barrel tank of high grade oil and machinery and buildings adjoining the well caused a loss of about \$10,000.

CONNELLSVILLE.

During a fierce electrical storm John Condren, 14 years old, of Dunbar, was instantly killed by lightning while standing in front of a dresser in his bedroom.

WASHINGTON.

Hurricane, cloud-burst and lightning left many thousands of dollars' damage in their wake, when a terrific storm swept over the northern portion of Washington county.

MEADVILLE.

Joseph, the 8-year-old son of Attorney Joseph Stadfelt of Pittsburg, had an arm painfully crushed at Conneaut lake while he was riding in a boat. His arm was caught between the boat and a wharf.

WARREN.

Jacob Oferlee, who lived on the Miller road six miles from here, was shot and killed by T. F. Divilblis, his neighbor. Oferlee and Divilblis were on bad terms for some time, having had trouble about the use of water from the Oferlee farm.

PHILADELPHIA.

After choking Joseph A. Vaughn, a bank runner, and robbing him of \$1,900 on a Chestnut street trolley car, an unknown man dashed through the car, madly thrusting aside a score of passengers and, leaping to the street, escaped.

PITTSBURG.

Motherless and their father unable to work more than a few days in nine months, are three infants which were brought to the Northside police station recently by neighbors, who took charge of them following the death of the mother.

LANCASTER.

The northern end of Lancaster county was swept by a heavy thunderstorm. The Cornwall railroad bridge at Manheim and the bridge at the same place of the Lancaster and Manheim Electric railway over the Chickies creek were washed away.

JOHNSTOWN.

D. E. Park of Pittsburg, who has a summer home at Ebensburg, lost a valuable pair of horses, which died after they had been driven almost 50 miles. It is thought the excessive heat and the exertion of a mountain journey caused their death.

CONNELLSVILLE.

Dennis Kerwin, tax collector of Dunbar borough for the years 1903-04-05, was arrested charged by John McDowell, one of his bondsmen, with the embezzlement of \$2,000 of the tax money. It is alleged he collected the money and failed to turn it over. He was released on bail.

PITTSBURG.

Charges of graft and protests of innocence growing out of the construction of a \$300,000 school building in McKees Rocks were aired in court, when Borough Solicitor Edward F. Duffy, for the citizens' committee, filed application for an injunction to restrain further work on the structure.

HARRISBURG.

Formaldehyde, the constituent of embalming fluid, has been discovered in two samples of milk taken by agents of the state at Homestead and in one procured near Greentown, in Mercer county, and Dairy and Food Commissioner Foust has ordered prosecutions commenced immediately against the vendors.

PITTSBURG.

Because John Skelton, the only American present, danced with an Italian belle at a ball held at Bridgeville, several men dragged him from the dancing floor and began to stab and slash him with stilettos and barlow knives. Skelton was removed to the McKees Rocks hospital, where the physicians placed 28 stitches in his wounds.

NEW CASTLE.

"Can an Italian of today love as strongly as Dante loved Beatrice?" Admirers of the Florentine poet who are members of an Italian literary society here are said to have debated this question recently. No satisfactory solution was reached and Nicola Isolola, 30 years old, is in the hospital with probably fatal stab wounds, while Raphael Comorato is in jail.

BEAVER FALLS.

Fire entailed a loss of \$2,000 to the stock and fixtures of the ice cream and confectionery parlor of N. E. Corrin & Co. in the Lincoln apartment building of L. Straub. Other tenants suffered less by smoke.

KITTANNING.

The plant of the Kittanning Sand Co. at Cowanshank road was sold by the sheriff to J. B. Hill for \$3,100. Labor claims aggregating \$2,300 were filed against the concern, as well as judgments aggregating \$3,000.