

Who Becomes an Elder Statesman in Japanese Cabinet Changes.



Tokyo, Aug. 31.—Marquis Saionji has submitted to the emperor, for his approval, the names of the men composing the new cabinet, which he has formed in succession to the retiring ministry, headed by Count Katsura.

ANNUAL SNEEZEFEEST.

Hay Fever Association Meets in Convention in New Hampshire. Bethlehem, N. H., Aug. 31.—The thirty-eighth annual meeting of the American Hay Fever association was held at the Methodist church in Bethlehem and there was a large attendance at this the annual sneeze-fest of sufferers from all parts of the country.

LAWYERS HEAR TAFT TODAY.

American Bar Association Claims Day of President's Vacation. Beverly, Mass., Aug. 31.—President Taft will address the American Bar association today at its meeting in Boston. Mr. Taft will motor in to Boston in the morning and return to Beverly in time for luncheon.

Big Cranberry Crop.

Middleboro, Mass., Aug. 31.—Cranberry harvest on many bogs in this section began today, and by the first of next week shipments will have started for New York and other points.

Market Reports.

BUTTER—Steady on top grades; receipts, 9,147 packages; creamery, specials per lb., 27c.; extras, 26c.; thirds to firsts, 25c. to 26c.; state dairy, common to prime, 15c. to 16c.; process, seconds to specials, 15c. to 16c.; factory, current make, 17c. to 18c.; packing stock, 19c. to 20c.

DEFENSE BEGINS.

Witness Tells of Armed Man Night of Murder.

CONFIRMS BEATTIE'S STORY.

Stranger Carrying Shotgun Seen by Quarryman Tallies With Prisoner's Description of Slayer of His Wife on Turnpike Near Richmond.

Chesterfield Court House, Va., Aug. 31.—The grave business of Henry Clay Beattie's defense against the charge of wife murder commenced after the commonwealth's lawyers had rested their case.

Before his lawyer, Harry Smith, Jr., had been long at work on the building of combative evidence against the serious case made out against the young man by the prosecution, he had introduced a witness who swore that on the evening of the day when Mrs. Beattie was murdered on Middlethian turnpike, he had seen a rough looking man following in a vague way the description of Mrs. Beattie's assailant, as the prisoner himself has given it, who was walking along the tracks of the Southern railroad, three miles away from the scene of the homicide, with a single barreled shotgun over his shoulder.

No further testimony tending to trace the movements of this armed man from 5:30, the hour when the witness saw him, up to near 11 o'clock, when Mrs. Beattie was fired upon, had been entered. Another witness, who seemed to be very vague as to his facts, had taken the stand to testify to having seen an unusual looking man on the turnpike on three separate occasions before July 18, the day of the murder, but that was as far as he went.

So far as Beattie's defense revealed itself, it was shown that no attempt will be made to dodge the story which the prisoner has told of his wife having been slain by the charge of a single barreled shotgun, fired at a range of about six feet by a man unknown to Beattie. There was no hint given of a possible defense of insanity, which had been rumored during the early days of the case; no attempt to involuntarily manslaughter through the mishandling of the gun in Beattie's own hands.

W. B. Holland was the witness who laid the chief foundation in defense of Beattie's story of the murder of his wife.

Holland is employed in the quarries along the James river by the tracks of the Southern railroad. He gave his direct testimony in a simple, straightforward manner, with no indications of eagerness to be of assistance to the white faced youth behind the rail so badly in need of assistance at this time.

Holland's story was that between 5:30 and 6 o'clock on July 18 he had seen a man who was a stranger to him walking along the tracks in the direction of the crossing with the Middlethian turnpike. He carried a single barreled shotgun over his shoulders—a circumstance that struck the witness as unusual because all game laws are in force at this season. He was about thirty-eight years old, he said, nearly six feet tall, as he remembered, and had a week's growth of sandy beard on his face.

The other witness who backed up the mysterious stranger line of testimony was Eugene Henshaw, a milkman, who lives on the turnpike several miles from the place where the homicide was committed. Henshaw, who is a Mormon and who, because of that fact more or less a self appointed hermit among the folk of Chesterfield, did not add great weight to the defense. All that he could say definitely was that on three different occasions in the week preceding that in which Mrs. Beattie lost her life, he had seen a wild looking man who acted like a lunatic, either walking along the Middlethian turnpike or sitting by the side of the road. The man carried no gun.

Before Attorney Smith had proceeded far in the defense, he raised an issue which was hotly contested by Louis Wendenburg, the commonwealth's prosecutor, and finally compromised by Judge Watson. Smith put Herbert Richardson, chauffeur, on the stand and was asking him to detail the circumstances of a holdup by an armed man, which he had experienced on Petersburg turnpike, ten miles from Richmond, a year ago. Wendenburg instantly objected.

Judge Watson ruled that Mr. Smith could introduce enough evidence to establish the fact that the highways in Chesterfield county were actually rendered dangerous by the prevalence of an anti-automobile mania, and he would allow this evidence to go before the jury, otherwise it would be stricken out of the records.

POPULATION MOVES WEST.

Center is Now in Monroe County, Ind., Near Bloomington.

Washington, Aug. 31.—The center of population of the United States, as announced by Director of Census Durand, is in the western part of the city of Bloomington, Monroe county, Ind.

This is eight miles further west than the location announced July 17, when Director Durand placed it four and one-quarter miles south of Unionville, in the same county.

FORMER IDAHO GOVERNOR.

J. H. Brady Announces Details of Trip For State Executives.



Pocatello, Ida., Aug. 31.—The governors of thirteen western states will greet 85,000,000 persons east of the Rockies this fall, where a special train carrying the executives of Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, Montana, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, North and South Dakota, Colorado, Nebraska and Minnesota will assemble at Omaha in October and journey to the land shows in Chicago, Pittsburg and New York city. They will make side trips to every eastern capital and wind up at St. Paul in December.

Former Governor James H. Brady of Idaho, president of the Western Development association, has announced plans for running the governors' special. The Hill and Harriman lines and the Panama exposition management have pledged co-operation. The trip will cost \$75,000.

WELLS OUTPOINTS BROWN.

Briton Proves Himself Master of American Boxer.

New York, Aug. 31.—In the presence of more than 12,000 spectators Matt Wells, England's lightweight champion, made a show of Knockout Brown of this city in the much talked of ten round glove battle in the Madison Square Garden. Referee Charley White was unable to render a decision because of the restrictions of the state boxing commission, but if he had enjoyed such a privilege his task would have been easy.

Wells was the class. These few words tell the story of Brown's defeat. The Englishman knew too much for the East Side Dutchman, and quickly showed it in the first round. Brown's attack, which was incessant though ineffective, was met with consummate skill. Wells made use of the twenty-four foot ring by employing footwork that puzzled the New Yorker. The Briton knew how to duck or sidestep the famous left hand wallop upon which Brown depended, and then coming back swiftly he shot in cutting blows that in the course of time drew blood from Brown's nose and mouth and almost closed his right eye. Wells' generalship was superb. In short, Wells was the master at scientific boxing and at hard, accurate hitting. He did not appear to be a bit weakened by the weight, 133 pounds, and was very strong all the way to the finish.

The receipts will amount to more than \$30,000. It was said, of which Brown will receive about \$9,000 and Wells \$5,000.

PLAZA TO ESTRADA'S AID.

Former President of Ecuador to Enter Politics Again.

Lima, Peru, Aug. 31.—General Leonidas Plaza, former president of Ecuador, arrived a few days ago from England by way of New York and left for Guayaquil on his way to Quito, where he has been called by political friends. General Plaza, who is now one of the most influential politicians in Ecuador, was the president of that republic from 1901 to 1905, during which time the country enjoyed peace. His administration was generally considered the most creditable for many years.

The general is going home to support General Estrada, who will shortly assume office, using his powerful political influence to maintain peace and the constitutional regime which was threatened seriously by the late revolutionary movement of the former dictatorial government in Quito.

INVENTS TALKING WOMAN.

Bachelor Spends Seven Years Perfecting Feminine Frankenstein.

Boston, Aug. 31.—John W. Belcher of Center street, Newton, a bachelor, has just finished a remarkable mechanical figure of a woman which walks, talks, writes and smiles. The figure is five feet eight inches in height and weighs 185 pounds. It is dressed in a red silk gown of the latest design and can move its lips, eyes, mouth, arms, legs and fingers.

Mr. Belcher spent seven years in the construction of the figure.

Weather Probabilities. Probable showers tonight and tomorrow.

BLAMES ANOTHER.

Easton Girl Denies Writing Improper Letters.

TO BE ARRAIGNED TOMORROW.

Miss Harriet De Witt Tells of Similar Charges Being Brought Against Other Women and Intimates That Minister Can Unravel Mystery.

Easton, Pa., Aug. 31.—Miss Harriet De Witt, daughter of George De Witt, a wealthy resident of Easton, declared that she was innocent of the charge of having sent improper letters through the mails to a hundred leading persons of this city. She insisted that when she is arraigned tomorrow before United States Commissioner Turner there will be no evidence whatever against her.

Following her arrest Tuesday, after an investigation by Postoffice Inspector Shaneberger, she was advised to make no public statement, but to a correspondent she said:

"All I have to say at this time is that I am not guilty. Of course it makes me feel bad to have such accusations made, and I regret exceedingly the publicity that has come to our home.

"I have been told that three or four women were accused of writing these letters before my name was mentioned. One woman who is now dead was taken to the postoffice a couple of years ago in very much the same manner that attended my summons to that place.

"When this woman was taken before the inspector, he advised her to make a confession. She protested her innocence. I could give the names, but I do not want to drag innocent persons into this matter.

"Why, I have received some of the same letters. One of them says that thirty-two members of Christ church, to which the Rev. Elmer E. Snyder, who is chiefly behind the charges against me, is attached as minister, can attest the truth of the slander uttered against me in the letter I got. My lawyer has the letters. I think they must have been written by some one who belongs to the church mentioned.

"When they asked me to write and print for the officials I gladly did so, because I had nothing to fear and knew that I was innocent of any connection with the letters."

Miss De Witt is a niece of the late Judge Silas De Witt, long prominent in New Jersey politics. Her cousin, John De Witt, was the noted Princeton football star.

CHARGE FRAUD OF MILLIONS.

Attorney General Says Conspiracy Grew From Contract Awards.

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 31.—At the conclusion of a conference between John C. Bell, attorney general of Pennsylvania, and Thomas Raeburn White, counsel for the Bullitt taxpayer's committee on city finances, Mr. Bell announced his newly appointed deputy has placed in his hands for use before the Catlin "Lexow" commission a mass of data showing conspiracy with regard to certain municipal contractors.

The attorney general declared this conspiracy grew out of the awarding of contracts involving millions of dollars.

Mr. Bell's startling statements were made in answer to questions.

"I believe the evidence which Mr. White has will show proof of this conspiracy," he said.

BOMB EXPLOSION.

Two Houses Damaged in Alleged Black Hand Plot.

Philadelphia, Aug. 31.—A dynamite bomb, believed to have been placed in position by persons who had been refused money, was exploded in front of a house in the south part of this city, causing considerable damage. No one was hurt. The front of the dwelling, as well as that of one adjoining, was wrecked, and windows in houses within a radius of a block were smashed.

On April 5 last a similar explosion occurred in front of the house, which is occupied by Peter Mancuso, a merchant. He had received a letter demanding money, which was signed "Black Hand." He turned the letter over to the police.

HUGE COAL SHIPMENT.

8,000,000 Bushels Leave Pittsburg District in One Shipment.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 31.—The largest coal shipment in the history of the Pittsburg district and the Ohio river is under way, bound for Cincinnati, Louisville and New Orleans. The shipment aggregates 8,000,000 bushels. Upward of 1,500 rivermen are employed to get the big coal fleets away, while several thousand coal miners, employed by river coal companies, are assured steady work for many months to come.

LITTLE VIRGINIA DENIES.

Abandoned Baby Said to Be Kin of the Late Senator.



New York, Aug. 31.—Little Virginia Elkins, the four-months-old baby that was left a few days ago with Mrs. Della Greany of 1714 Third avenue, and who is said to be the child of a second cousin to the late Senator Elkins of West Virginia, is again in the care of her mother.

Mrs. Elkins, who had left the child with Mrs. Greany with the object of having her adopted by some responsible people, returned to claim her baby when she read of the abandoning of the infant by Mrs. Greany.

It is rumored that the Elkins family may have had a hand in this fortunate turn of affairs. Mrs. Elkins, the mother of the child, is poor, both physically and financially. Her rich relatives from West Virginia, it is said, will provide for both mother and child.

NURSE GETS BIG ESTATE.

Sister of Walter E. Duryea Withdraws Suit to Break His Will.

New York, Aug. 31.—The notice of contest which was filed against the will of the late Walter E. Duryea on July 15 by his sister, Mrs. Eva Thalberg, was withdrawn and the will was admitted to probate at Mineola, N. Y. The impending lawsuit which was to be brought against Miss Eleanor Peregrine, the nurse who was in constant attendance on Duryea during the twelve years which he lived almost completely paralyzed from the effects of a broken neck, is thus abruptly ended and she will receive without opposition the fortune which was bequeathed to her.

The estate instead of amounting to several millions of dollars has a total value of about \$700,000, and of this Miss Peregrine will receive \$200,000. Other beneficiaries are Mr. Duryea's three sisters and their children, numerous relatives and friends of Mr. Duryea and several charitable institutions and hospitals.

CONGRESSMAN DISAPPEARS.

Maryland Folk Scent Mystery and Break Into His Home.

Washington, Aug. 31.—Because for several days no signs of life had been seen around the home of Representative Martin Dies of Texas at Mount Rainier, Md., Justice of the Peace Joyce broke into the house to investigate what the neighborhood regarded as a mystery. Nobody was at home. Mount Rainier curiosity was aroused, it seems, by the deserted appearance of the house after Mrs. Dies had told somebody that her husband was ill in bed. In Washington the affair is not taken seriously, as it is supposed that the congressman and his wife merely left home for awhile without confiding their plans to the neighbors.

STONE REYES SYMPATHIZERS.

American Store in Chihuahua the Scene of Small Riot.

Chihuahua, Mex., Aug. 31.—A number of men shouting for General Reyes were pursued on the streets by sympathizers of Madero and were stoned and chased into an American confectionery, where there were many American women. The proprietor pulled down the iron blinds, with which many places were equipped during the revolution, but the crowd stoned the place and fired a few shots at it.

The Reyesists escaped, and the mob then went to the plaza and attacked the band, which was playing military music. The bass drum was burst and the band was forced to play the national anthem.

FAVORS PARCELS POST.

Postmaster General's Plan is For Slow Introduction of System.

Washington, Aug. 31.—Postmaster General Hitchcock announced today that he is in favor of a parcels post and would discuss the subject at length in his next annual report.

His plan contemplates the gradual introduction of the system, the slow but sure preparation of the postal service and its employees to handle business within circumscribed limits, and then its gradual extension until the whole country is covered.

GRANGE MEETING HELD AT CALKINS.

Important Business Transacted; Prizes Awarded.

McSPARREN TALKED ON "WHAT THE GRANGE IS AND WHAT IT IS DOING."

Wayne County Pomona Grange No. 41, Patrons of Husbandry, convened with Labor Grange, Calkins, Pa., last week. The session was called to order by F. L. Harford who occupied the chair in the forced absence of M. G. Noble, Pomona Master, who is in the hospital at Scranton suffering from an affliction of his eyes. The meeting opened in the fourth degree in full form at 11 o'clock.

Reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Reading reports of subordinate granges. Seventeen reports were in the hands of the secretary, nearly all of which show progress. Harvest Grange of Maplewood had secured the largest number of new members for the quarter and was awarded the "honor banner." The Worthy Master appointed Theodore Kline to present the banner. F. S. Keene, secretary of Harvest Grange being present, ably responded and accepted the banner in behalf of his Grange. Dinner was announced and on motion adjourned.

Grange reopened at 1:45 p. m. The following committees were appointed:

Time and Place, 1912—F. M. Shaffer, F. A. Peet and A. W. Eno. Soliciting—Ward Wall, A. W. Wilcox and Alma Noble.

Resolutions—Theodore Kline, Miss Olive Shaffer and F. W. Stephens. Appeals—Theodore Kline, F. W. Shauer and Mrs. W. Dunn.

Samuel Saunders, chairman of the committee on Time and Place, reported that he had made arrangements with Freedom Lodge, No. 88, at Honesdale, for Wayne County Pomona to hold its next meeting there. It was regularly moved that the report be adopted. The motion prevailed.

A motion made and sustained that the next meeting of Wayne County Pomona Grange be held at Honesdale, Pa., Tuesday, December 19, 1911.

Worthy Lecturer E. E. Kinsman, now occupied the chair, and the following program was given:

Song by the choir. Trombone and organ selection by W. B. Yerkes and Alma Noble. Question, "Farm Account," opened by Brother Geo. Knorr.

A. T. Searle followed with an interesting and instructive talk on "Keeping Account on the Farm." Supper was now served.

Grange reopened and in accordance to a previous motion the doors were thrown open to the public to hear the address of J. A. McSparran, member of the Legislative committee of Pennsylvania State Grange. Mr. McSparran is a very modest-looking man and would almost pass for a youth. The subject of his address was "What the Grange is and What It is Doing." He spoke for over an hour and held the closest attention of his hearers throughout the whole evening so well did he handle his subject and we only regret that Mr. McSparran could not have been greeted by thousands instead of hundreds as this subject was of vast importance to the farmer and laborer. At the close of the address the following program was given:

Song, "America." Recitation, by Spencer Noble. Trombone and organ selection by W. B. Yerkes and Alma Noble. Recitation by C. H. Allen.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to Mr. McSparran for coming to Wayne county and for the splendid address he had given. This brought the public meeting to a close and after nearly all present had greeted the speaker with a hearty handshake many returned to their homes, but the labors of the day were not completed. There was a class of thirteen waiting to take the Fifth degree and they were duly obligated into the mysteries of this degree and grange closed.

August 24th Grange opened in regular form at 9 a. m. Song by the grange.

The following persons, F. W. Stephens, C. H. Allen, F. M. Shaffer, George Curtis, Mark Hipkin, W. G. Noble and Chas. Williams were appointed committee on Corn and Apple show which will be held in connection with the next Pomona meeting at Freedom Lodge Hall, Honesdale, Pa., Dec. 19, 1911.

The following prizes will be offered under the rules of the Wayne County Corn and Apple Show: Class 1. 1st prize—Best 10 ears of corn, \$3 and State Grange diploma; 2nd prize—Best 10 ears of corn, \$2; 3rd prize—Best 10 ears of corn, \$1.

Class 2. For boys under 20 years of age. 1st prize—Best 10 ears of corn, \$3 and State Grange diploma; 2nd prize—Best 10 ears of corn, \$2; 3rd prize—Best 10 ears of corn, \$1.

Class 3. Best single ear, \$1; 3rd best single ear, 50 cents.

Class 4. Best 5 apples, \$2 and State Grange Diploma; 2nd prize—Best 5 apples, \$1; 3rd prize—Best 5 apples, 50 cents.

Class 4. Best single apple, \$1; 2nd best single apple, 50 cents; 3rd best single apple, 25 cents.

The recitations given by the young people and senior members of Labor Grange were all first-class and much appreciated by all.

On motion a rising vote of thanks was extended to Labor Grange and Grange closed in full form.

Mrs. A. G. Loomis is passing a few days with friends in Deposit, her former home.

A good many of the people of Honesdale have started fires in their furnaces. A little heat these cold, rainy days does not come amiss.