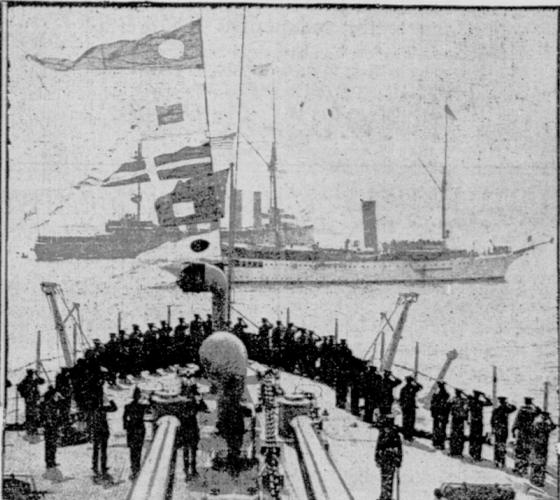




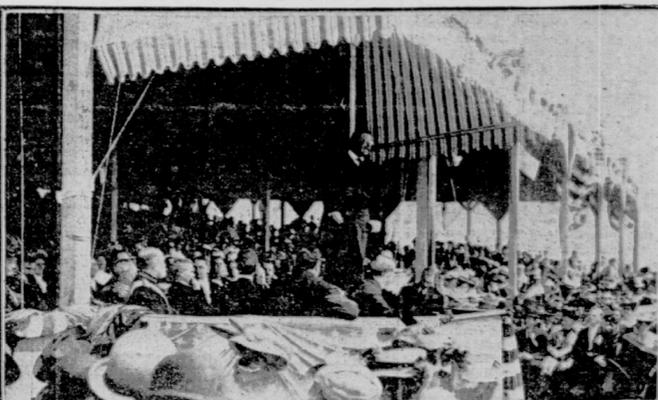
OPENING DAY SCENES AT THE JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION.



THE PRESIDENT CONVERSING WITH FOREIGN ADMIRALS AT THE RECEPTION ON THE MAYFLOWER AFTER THE REVIEW.



THE MAYFLOWER WITH THE PRESIDENT ON BOARD, PASSING BETWEEN THE BATTLESHIP LOUISIANA AND THE ENGLISH ADMIRAL'S BATTLESHIP GOOD HOPE (REAR ADMIRAL, GEORGE NEVILLE).



THE PRESIDENT DELIVERING HIS ADDRESS—OPENING OF THE EXPOSITION.

BILL TO GO TO MAYOR.

UTILITIES, CITY MEASURE

Action Decided at Conference—Page, Merritt and Huffcut Present.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Albany, April 27.—After a long conference to-day, attended by Senator Page, Assemblyman Merritt and Dean Huffcut, Governor Hughes's legal adviser, the decision was reached that the Public Utilities bill would have to go to Mayor McClellan of New York for his approval.

The question finally settled by the conference to-day had been vexing lawyers since the bill first was presented. On many sides the contention was raised that since the Public Utilities Commission in the metropolitan district would supersede the Rapid Transit Commission the bill was a "city measure."

Attorney General Jackson, after reading the bill carefully, gave it as his opinion that he would have to go to the Mayor for his approval. Lawyers representing civic organizations in New York City, among whom was E. B. Whitney, studied this question when the measure was presented, and decided that the bill would not have to go to the Mayor, as the act creating the Rapid Transit Commission was a general law.

Governor Hughes wanted to take no chances on the measure, though. The conference to-day took up all sides of the problem. The sponsors for the bill held that the Rapid Transit act, since it applied only to cities of more than one million population, was not a general law. But beyond the decision of that technical question and the one about the metropolitan district was a desire to prevent any legal complications. The chance of having the bill tied up in the courts for a year or two on a suit brought by the Mayor because he had not had an opportunity to express his opinion on it was considered too serious to take.

The bill will be reported by the Assembly Railroads Committee as soon as possible after the "conference" on Monday, when the opponents will have a last chance to state their objections to its stringent regulations of the public service corporations. It will be pushed to passage in the Assembly without much difficulty, as its friends view the situation now.

By the time it is passed in the Assembly the Senate Judiciary Committee should have cleared its decks after the Kelsey affair, and be ready to take up the Utilities bill. Probably a week will elapse before it is reported and placed on the calendar, so its friends do not see how it can be passed there much before May 15, while it may be later. The date of passage will depend entirely on the general situation and the strength of the opposition to the Governor's plans, following the decision of the Kelsey case. Mayor McClellan will be at liberty to keep it for the full fifteen days, so it may be the end of May or early in June before he reaches his decision on the bill.

An important amendment covering one of the points of dispute probably will be made by the Assembly committee. This is a compromise with those who have declared that the Governor should not have the power of absolute removal of commissioners, but that removal power should be vested in the Senate. The proposed amendment is to have the commissioners removable as county officers now are after they have been served with a copy of charges by the Governor, and have had a hearing before him. This plan, the sponsors for the bill think, will take away any honest contention that the commissioners might be removed at the whim of any Governor, and it is thought will deprive the Senate of one of its strongest grounds of opposition to the bill.

Advocates of the Utilities bill pointed out to-day a peculiar coincidence connecting the corporations' opposition to the Governor's bill with the corporate favor of the water storage proposition, fathered by Assemblyman Merritt. The Albany Chamber of Commerce is suggesting a conference of boards of trade in the state, to be held here soon, to discuss the Utilities bill. Men specially retained by the corporations for work of this class have been stirring up sentiment among the business men here in favor of this conference; some of these business men have come out for a broad court review and the limiting of the utilities commission's powers, as did Robert C. Pruyn yesterday.

A few weeks ago a conference of boards of trade was organized by the Albany Chamber of Commerce to take up the water storage question. At that conference public denunciation of it was made. It was called a "packed convention," and only the denunciation prevented the passing of resolutions favoring the water storage amendment by delegates in many cases not authorized to act for their organizations to that extent. The same men who stirred up that sentiment are handling this bit of the corporations' work.

BOY, KILLED BY AUTO.

Miss Mary A. Flower's Car Races to Hospital—Lad Dies on Way.

A six-year-old boy, Michael Mooney, of No. 563 Eleventh avenue, while playing in the street at 43d street and Eleventh avenue yesterday afternoon was knocked down and killed by an automobile in which was Miss Mary A. Flower, a niece of the late ex-Governor Flower and daughter of Nathan Flower, a broker.

The automobile was driven by Paul Keller, of No. 123 West 46th street. Keller says he was crossing Eleventh avenue on his way to the West 42d street ferry, when the boy started to cross the street. Hearing the tooting of the machine's horn, he turned and ran back toward the curb. The chauffeur, seeing him out of the way, put on speed, but just as the machine was almost abreast of the boy, the little fellow, seemingly dazed, whirled rapidly and ran directly in front of it. Keller swerved the machine toward the middle of the street, but not in time to prevent hitting the boy.

The lad was carried into a drug store by Miss Flower, who, seeing how seriously he had been injured, suggested that he be hurried to the automobile to the hospital. The boy's mother rushed into the store at that moment. She pushed up the little fellow, but was persuaded to enter the automobile, which then raced to Roosevelt Hospital with a policeman on the front seat to prevent the chauffeur being stopped for speeding. The boy died, however, just before the hospital was reached. Keller was arrested, charged with homicide. Coroner Shady later paroled him in custody of Miss Flower.

HERMANN NOT GUILTY.

Jury Acquits Ex-Commissioner of Land Office After 21 Hours.

Washington, April 27.—Binger Hermann, ex-Congressman from Oregon and ex-Commissioner of the General Land Office, was acquitted of the charge of destroying public records by the verdict of a jury rendered at 12:40 o'clock today. The trial lasted twelve weeks, and the jury deliberated twenty-one hours before reaching a verdict.

Mr. Hermann thanked each juror, as did his counsel, United States Attorney Baker and many others in the courtroom congratulated him.

SEVEN CAUGHT IN MINE.

Accidental Flooding Makes Workmen Prisoners.

Johnstown, Penn., April 27.—Seven men, all foreigners, were imprisoned yesterday by an accidental flood in the Foustwell mine of the Berwind-White Coal Mining Company in Somerset County. Pumps have been going steadily since the accident, but are making little headway.

The cause of the flooding of the mine will not be known until the rescuing party gains an entrance. It is thought by some that the water came from a burst pipe used to convey the water from the face of the working to the opening, while others think the men in their work tapped an old mine full of water.

Mine Superintendent Melghan, who is at the head of the rescuing party, succeeded in getting a signal over the pump line this afternoon, and by this means it is known that one of the men at least is still alive. Plans are being operated in an attempt to get air into the mine, but it is not known how far it penetrates.

There is wild excitement among the relatives and friends of the imprisoned men, most of whom live at Foustwell.

DARLINGTON GETS BETTER OF FARMER.

Threatens to Shut Milk Company from City if Inspection Is Not Allowed.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Middletown, N. Y., April 27.—The inspectors sent out by Dr. Thomas Darlington, president of the New York Board of Health, to inspect dairies in the interest of better milk, are meeting with much opposition. John Loring, of Goshen Township, refused to allow K. L. DeWolf on his farm. The latter telephoned Dr. Darlington, who immediately telegraphed a big milk company that it would be shut out of New York if it took Loring's milk. Officials of the company conferred with Loring and induced him to submit to the inspection. It is believed this incident finishes the opposition to inspection by Dr. Darlington's men.

MAYOR GOES IT ALONE

DROPS MR. FEATHERSON.

J. H. O'Brien Not Handling City Patronage, Either.

Mayor McClellan has broken with Maurice Featherston, who was regarded as his chief political lieutenant in his struggle with the Murphy machine in control of Tammany Hall.

Neither Mr. Featherston nor Water Commissioner John H. O'Brien any longer has a voice in the handling of City Hall patronage. Corporation Counsel Ellison comes nearer being the political executive officer on the McClellan front than any one else, but even Mr. Ellison is not trying to inject politics into the distribution of patronage.

It probably is a fact, and was so asserted last night by the intimate friends of Mayor McClellan, that he has determined henceforth absolutely to disregard political considerations in the distribution of patronage and run his administration on strictly business principles.

The break with Featherston came last week, when the Mayor refused to appoint city magistrates desired by Mr. Featherston. Mr. Featherston submitted three names, among them Magistrate Finella, who was also a close personal friend of Borough President Ahearn. Mayor McClellan ignored Mr. Featherston's requests as well as those from other powerful interests, and after talking the subject over with Corporation Counsel Ellison, appointed Assistant Corporation Counsel Butts, Harris and Kernochan. The trio were suggested by Mr. Ellison as in every way fit for the magistrature's bench. The last named was the Mayor's personal selection, he and Mr. Kernochan having been friends for years.

Ex-Commissioner Featherston did not know that the appointments were to be made. Neither did Commissioner O'Brien.

The sudden shift in the Commissioners of Accounts of Office last week, when Commissioner von Kral gave way to Assistant Corporation Counsel Mitchell, so as to have a lawyer in charge of the Ahearn investigation, also was part of the changed programme at the City Hall.

Just what effect the dropping of Featherston will have in Tammany Hall remains to be seen. It was said last night that the Murphy men were so rejoiced over the unhorsing of Featherston that they were ready to do all they could, without the asking, to prevent the recount bill from becoming a law.

IMMENSE PIER SINKS.

MANY HURT AND KILLED.

Baltimore Terminal Structure Drops Into the Harbor.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Baltimore, April 27.—The great new Baltimore & Ohio pier at the Locust Point terminal collapsed this morning, and the structure, with scores of workmen, fell into the deep waters of the harbor. The sinking of the pier caused a disturbance like a tidal wave along the shore. The water at Spedden's and other sidings receded eight or ten feet and flowed back with a roar, flooding the yards. The bodies of four persons, including Howard L. Ellender, civil engineer for the McLean Contracting Company, in charge of the work, have been recovered. Several others are missing and about twenty persons were injured.

There were 180 workmen on the structure when it gave way, but most of them were on the land end. Ellender sacrificed his life in trying to save the laborers. He heard the pier creaking and felt the swaying, and ran forward to warn the men, many of whom, heeding his cries, leaped overboard and escaped the tumbling mass. When Ellender tried to retrace his steps it was too late, and he was cut in two.

The exact cause of the accident is unknown. It appears that the outer piers were sunk through several feet of mud to a clay foundation. The mud was yesterday put to watch a crack which had appeared. This morning it began to widen perceptibly, and about 11 o'clock the watchman informed the superintendent that the pier was swaying. It was realized that the danger was great and the alarm was given, a score or more lives being saved by boatmen.

The pier was to have been the largest in this part of the country, having a floor space of 500,000 square feet and costing \$1,000,000.

FALLING WALL KILLS.

Four Dead, Eighteen Hurt in Perth Amboy.

Perth Amboy, N. J., April 27.—Four men were instantly killed, three badly hurt and fifteen others injured this afternoon by the falling of a brick wall at the De la Mar Copper Works, at Chrome, about eight miles from here on Staten Island Sound. All the victims were Hungarians. The cause of the accident is unknown.

The catastrophe aroused great excitement among the Hungarian families. Women and children stoned the officers of the plant because they were not admitted inside the grounds. An attempt was also made by the half-crazed crowd to wreck a train that was brought to the works to take the injured men to a hospital in Elizabeth.

The wall was twelve inches thick and twelve feet high. It was part of a new copper ore smelter, and had just been finished to-day. It stood on a steel trestle fifteen feet high, about which a large gang was at work grading.

MR. TAFT IN THE FIELD.

Vorys, After Conference with Him, Says He Will Not Drop Out.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Columbus, Ohio, April 27.—State Insurance Commissioner Vorys returned to-night from Cincinnati, where he conferred with Secretary Taft in regard to the Ohio situation. Mr. Vorys gave out a statement as a result of the conference, placing Mr. Taft in the field as an active candidate for the Presidency.

The Secretary says, through Mr. Vorys, that he will not withdraw from the race, and that he will accept the nomination if it comes to him. The Cincinnati conference was held at the home of Charles P. Taft, and was attended by Secretary Taft, Charles P. Taft, his brother, Congressman Longworth, son-in-law of the President, and A. I. Vorys and H. A. Williams, who have charge of the Taft headquarters here. The Vorys statement follows:

I talked with Secretary Taft and submitted to him convincing evidence that the Republicans of Ohio favor him as the Republican candidate for the Presidency. He was gratified at the information. He said that some months ago he had announced that while his ambition was not political, he would accept the nomination if it came to him, and he added that, now that in view of his announcement his name had been used and support for him had been invoked by his friends, good faith to them requires that he should not alter his position or take any action which will expressly or in effect withdraw his name until the question of the nomination is settled.

BELIEVE CANNON REPORT.

Chicago Politicians Think He Will Support Fairbanks.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Chicago, April 27.—Reports from Indiana that Vice-President Fairbanks and Speaker Cannon have practically made an alliance for the coming Presidential campaign are believed by leaders here. It was said to-day by a Chicago Republican who is known as a close friend of Mr. Fairbanks that the Vice-President and the Speaker had reached an understanding whereby they would work in harmony in the preliminary skirmishing for delegates to the national convention next year.

This means that when Mr. Cannon falls out of the Presidential race his influence and his votes are to be thrown to Mr. Fairbanks, if the vote can be delivered. It also means that Mr. Cannon's candidacy is not to be taken seriously. That is to say, Mr. Cannon's friends do not expect to nominate him, but they desire to compliment him by presenting his name to the convention and making as strong a showing as possible for him on the first ballot or two. Then they would get down to real business by lining up with the Fairbanks forces.

SENATOR PERKINS FOR ROOSEVELT.

Says Republican Convention Will Renominate President—No Second Choice.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Los Angeles, April 27.—Senator Perkins, of California, in an interview here to-day, was firm in the assertion that the Republican National Convention will renominate Theodore Roosevelt for President. Mr. Perkins said that he had no second choice.

MR. FAIRBANKS SPEAKS IN IOWA.

Des Moines, Iowa, April 27.—Vice-President Fairbanks was the chief speaker to-night at the Grant Club dinner in honor of the birthday of General Grant. He also addressed the Iowa State Agricultural College to-day. He was met at Des Moines by Governor Cummins, who entertained him at luncheon. While the Vice-President gave several interviews and met many political leaders, he consistently refused to talk politics.

PRESIDENT TAKES REST

MAKES TRIP UP JAMES.

Spends Rainy Day Visiting Estates Along Its Shores.

Norfolk, Va., April 27.—President Roosevelt and his party, following their return this afternoon from up the James River, transferred off Newport News, Va., from the yacht Sybil to the Mayflower, which, at 9:40 p. m., sailed for Washington.

The President and his family, with several invited guests, spent to-day along the James River, Virginia. They made the trip on the naval yacht Sybil, and if the programme arranged for them was carried out they visited Brandon, the estate of the Harrisons, on which is a fine mansion, said to be the oldest specimen of Colonial architecture in Virginia; Westover, the estate of the Byrds, and Shirley, the estate of the Carters. The party also planned to inspect the old church tower at Jamestown, which is all that stands to mark the spot selected by the first English settlers on which to build their homes.

The trip up the river was entirely informal and was intended to give the President needed recreation after his busy day yesterday at the Jamestown exposition opening. The day was far from pleasant. The sky was overcast and there were several drizzling showers. Inclement weather, however, had no effect upon those on board the yacht, as they insisted upon carrying out their programme. There has been no communication with the Sybil since yesterday.

To make the river trip as much of a holiday as possible the President insisted that his stops should be entirely informal, and it was announced that if it appeared that these plans were in danger of being miscarried he would not make the stops scheduled. It was expected that at Westover, Brandon and Shirley the President and his guests would meet only the occupants of the estates.

In the President's party are Mrs. Roosevelt, Miss Roosevelt, Archie and Quentin Roosevelt, Justice Moody, of the Supreme Court of the United States, Assistant Secretary Bacon of the State Department, William Loeb, Jr., secretary of the President, and his assistant, Mr. Latta; Mrs. Ralph Cross Johnson, Captain Lee, military aide to the President; Lieutenant Commander Long of the navy and Dr. Ohnesorg, of the navy.

At no point touched by the President to-day was there direct communication with the outside world. Two of the estates where he planned to spend half an hour are twenty miles from the nearest telephone or telegraph stations. Jamestown Island also is isolated, the nearest telephone connection being at Williamsburg, seven miles away.

The President will not make any stop between there and Washington on the return trip. He made formal goodby to the exposition officials last night.

OPEN STATE BUILDINGS.

Ohio, Maryland and Connecticut's Structures at Fair Ready.

Norfolk, Va., April 27.—The Ohio, Maryland and Connecticut state buildings on the Jamestown Exposition grounds were formally opened to-day, and a second opening ceremony took place at the Virginia State Building, during which Governor and Mrs. Swanson received informally for several hours.

The opening of the Ohio State Building led off at 11 a. m., with all of the Ohio executive party present. Miss Blanche K. Cadot, of Toledo, and Mrs. Woodrow Bolling, wife of the Ohio executive commissioner, received the guests.

The formal opening of the Maryland State Building by Governor Warfield took place at noon, and was followed by a reception.

The Connecticut State Building was opened next, with ceremonies more elaborate than at either of the other buildings. There were many Connecticut state officials in attendance, and the guests included the Governors of several states, governmental and exposition officials. Governor Swanson of Virginia extended Virginia's greetings, and President Tucker spoke for the exposition company. Governor Woodruff and the Connecticut party left here to-night. The Governor and a larger party will return on Connecticut Bay, October 25.

NO MORE WHIPPING IN DELAWARE.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Wilmington, Del., April 27.—The whipping post has virtually been abolished in Delaware, except in New Castle County. The Legislature at its recent session enacted a law committing all prisoners sentenced to six months or longer to the New Castle County workhouse near here. As victims of the lash never get less than six months, the sheriff of Kent and Sussex counties will not whip them hereafter.

SNOWSTORM IN THE NORTHWEST.

St. Paul, Minn., April 27.—A snowstorm descended on this city during the night and to-day about an inch of snow covered the ground. The snow is still falling, accompanied by a strong north wind. The weather resembles that usually prevailing here in March. The weather bureau reported a snowfall over a large portion of the Northwest from Lake Michigan to the Dakotas and for about one hundred miles south of St. Paul. Colder weather is predicted.

DEWEY'S SAUTERNE AND MOSELLE.

White Dinner Wines of Superior Quality. H. T. Dewey & Sons Co., 125 Fulton St., New York. -Adv.