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WILL INSPECT TAFT'S FENCES

Senator Burton To Confer With County Leaders

Will Deliver Address Before Constitutional Convention In Morning And In Afternoon Will Attend Gaining Of Committeemen With View To Solidifying Sentiment For President Taft In Native State—Laylin Opposes Brown's Scheme

Columbus, O., March 18.—Much interest attaches to the political events that are scheduled for this city during the present week. Tomorrow morning Senator Theodore Burton of Cleveland will address the constitutional convention and in the afternoon will attend a pro-Taft conference with the chairmen of the Republican county committees and many members of the state executive committee, who will consult with Lewis C. Laylin and other Taft leaders as to ways and means for bettering the Taft chances in Ohio.

Republican State Executive Committee Chairman Laylin, in answer to the letter of Republican State Central Committee Chairman Walter F. Brown, rejected Mr. Brown's plan for selection of the six delegates-at-large to the Chicago national convention by the 42 congressional district delegates. Mr. Laylin alleges many reasons for his stand against "putting the issue squarely up to the people," as Mr. Brown termed it.

The national committee's call, Mr. Laylin points out, forbids such an arrangement as Mr. Brown suggests. Under the call he says a state convention must choose the delegates-at-large.

Not in Harmony With Call.

He declares Mr. Brown's plan "is absolutely in violation of the letter and spirit of the call," and argues that the state central committee is without authority to impose the duty of selecting the big six on the district convention.

The delegates to the state convention "chosen under the primary law" will be as "fresh from the people" as the district delegates would be in Mr. Laylin's judgment. Even were the Brown plan, in his opinion, feasible, Mr. Laylin adds he would still be irrevocably opposed to it because Ohio, through its state conventions, has "always sent delegates prepared

by ringing declarations," meaning platforms, to the national convention to help frame the national platforms. He asserts the effect of the postponement of the state convention would be to indicate that Ohio is "wavering in the support of her great son."

The democratic state central committee meets tomorrow afternoon. Interest attaches to the action of the committee with reference to the plan of William L. Finley, providing for a method by which the Democratic voters of the state may express their preference as to presidential candidates.

HARMON INDORSED

Ironton, O., March 18.—Democrats of Lawrence county met here and decided to hold a county convention here April 6. Governor Harmon was indorsed for president.

AGENT A SUICIDE

Cleveland, O., March 18.—Carl Gurgensen, an insurance agent, shot and killed himself in his office in the American Trust building. A letter addressed in German to Gurgensen's wife was held by the police.

END COMES SUDDENLY TO A WELL-KNOWN MAN

Lakewood, N. J., March 18.—Descending unsteadily from the platform after a short address at the sedatory services of the new Y. W. J. A. Francis O. Moore, formerly president of the Continental Fire Insurance company of New York, collapsed in his seat, his head falling on his wife's shoulder, and expired. In a moment the fashionable audience rose to its feet and several

women shrieked hysterically. The building was thronged with the social elite of the winter colony and for a moment it looked as if a panic would ensue, but with rare presence of mind the leader of the choir saved the situation by striking up the next number on the program, which, by a strange coincidence, was "Jesus Calls Us," in which the congregation joined.

CLOSE CALL IN FIRE

Bellaire, O., March 18.—When the house of Jack Rodgers burned to the ground Mr. Rodgers, his wife and three children were driven out in their night clothes. The fire resulted from an overheated gas stove and all the lower rooms were in flames before it was discovered. The occupants escaped by climbing on a porch roof.

MAYOR IS ROASTED

Columbus, O., March 18.—A number of Columbus churches adopted resolutions condemning Mayor Karb for his efforts to remove Police Chief Carter. They indorsed the civil service commission, which after a trial reinstated the chief following his suspension by the mayor. The chief was commended for keeping saloons closed on Sunday.

E-1 and E-2, Navy's Newest Submarines, Burn Crude Oil

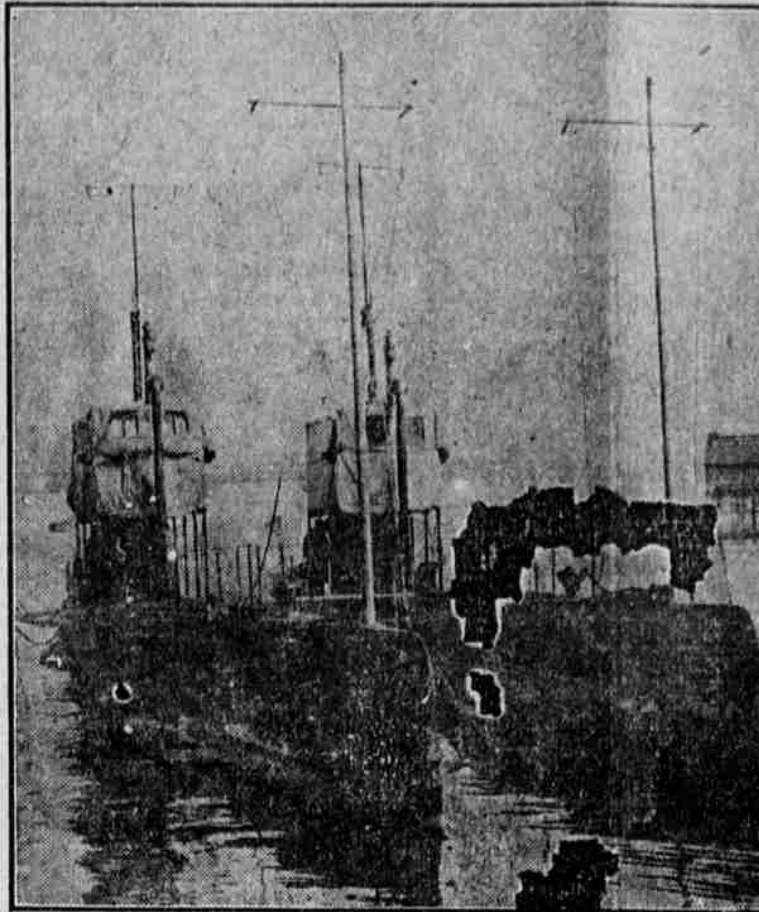


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SUBMARINES with masts are a new thing in the navy. The E-1 and E-2 are the first so equipped, the masts, which are about thirty feet high, being for wireless use. The two new boats are also the first of their kind to use the crude oil burning engines, which are expected to save money for the navy department, since they burn oil costing 3 cents a gallon instead of the gasoline used in other submarine engines, which costs 10 or 11 cents a gallon. The boats, which are shown as they appeared at the New York navy yard just before they started for Norfolk, are 135 feet long and are equipped with four torpedo tubes each. There is little room inside them for anything but the machinery and the 5,000 gallons of oil which they carry. Each has a crew of eighteen men and a mascot. On ordinary voyages submarines have tenders on which the members of the crew sleep, but the New York-Norfolk trip was made without these. When the boats are sailing on the surface of the water the navigating bridges are surrounded with canvas

WINTER IS NOT OVER ANOTHER COLD SPELL DUE

Washington, March 18.—The weather bureau issued the following bulletin: "The distribution of atmospheric pressure over the North American continent and the adjacent oceans is such as to indicate generally fair weather, with mild temperatures, during the next several days, in the eastern and southern states and the first part of the week in the middle west. The pressure will remain relatively low with unsettled weather the next two days in the northwestern states and on the North Pacific coast, and a well defined disturbance will overpass these regions about tomorrow or Wednesday, whence it will move eastward and cross the great central valleys Wednesday night or Thursday and the eastern states Thursday or Friday. This disturbance will be attended by local rains and snows in northern and showers and thunderstorms in southern districts, and will

be followed by a change to considerably colder weather, which will make its appearance in the northwest about Wednesday."

TELEPHONE FOR HORSE

Dayton, O., March 18.—F. L. Baird of the state bureau of public office inspection has unearthed \$5,000 worth of irregularities in the transaction of this city's business within the past few years. The "split voucher" system of buying city supplies was responsible for a large amount of the irregularities. He also located a telephone in the barn of McCurdy K. Huffman, a city official, which was paid for out of city funds. Mr. Baird made repeated efforts to call up someone at the barn but was unable to get a response because there was no one there but the horse.

LANCASTER HAS FIRE

Lancaster, O., March 18.—The Lancaster box factory and the Lancaster glove factory, both operated under one roof, burned, causing a loss to both factories and building of about \$5,000. The glove factory had a carload of gloves ready for shipment. The glove factory was owned by Martin Bros. and the box factory by Frankenburg Bros. of Columbus. The building was not an entire loss. It was partly covered by insurance.

WATCHMAN KILLED

Two Bandits Terrorize Butte Saloons. One is Captured.

Butte, Mont., March 18.—Two robbers made a round of the saloons in the northern part of the city and after holding up several of the citizens they encountered resistance, and George Reed, one of the robbers, was shot and wounded and Mike Casey, watchman at a nearby mine, was shot and killed by the robbers. Reed was captured when he went to a hospital to have his wound dressed, and he implicated a man named Pat Sullivan as his robber companion, but he has not yet been captured.

POLICE GUARD MASS SERVICE

Cleveland Church Is Scene of Second Riot.

MANY EJECTED AND ARRESTED

Father Paulus Sends For Police When Objecting Parishioners Attempt to Prevent Reading of Letter From Bishop Condemning Their Action. Children Trampled Under Foot as Men and Women Fight—Rectory Guarded Against Possible Attack.

Cleveland, O., March 18.—During a riot that continued for more than an hour scores were ejected from St. Michael's church and arrested. Children were trampled under foot by yelling men and women, who sought to drown out the reading of a letter by Father Paulus, the pastor, from Bishop Farrelly, condemning the communicants for a previous riot. Forty policemen answered the riot call and the mass could not be resumed until the rioters had been taken out, fighting and screaming, and the police had surrounded the altar, remaining during the rest of the service. As a result of the trouble the parish is practically under martial rule by the police and a guard surrounds the rectory, the doors of which have been supplied with heavy chains to prevent a possible attack.

The trouble which came to a climax started with the appointment of Paulus to the parish. A dozen were arrested last Sunday, and Paulus appealed to the bishop.

More than 200 were ejected during masses, to continue the disturbance outside the church until taken away to station houses.

FRIENDS AND ENEMIES OF I. AND R. WILL SOON USE HEAVY ARTILLERY

Columbus, O., March 18.—When the constitutional convention reconvenes this evening it is expected that the initiative and referendum fight will be renewed at once and the long-pending struggle between the Bigelow and anti-Bigelow forces brought to a crisis.

The single tax issue, injected by the anti-Bigelow people who are seeking to have the whole convention go on record on the single-tax proposition by placing such a provision in the initiative and referendum that the people may never be able to enact a single-tax system, will mean a battle in itself. Bitterness of feeling, partially concealed thus far, but apparent at times during the session to date, will break out, and the Bigelow and anti-Bigelow people will throw soft words and courteous phrases to the winds and go at each other with hammers and tongs.

MYSTERY IN WOMAN'S DEATH

Scranton, Pa., March 18.—Mrs. Julia Hapak was found dead in an empty coal car near her home. Her throat was cut and a bread knife was lying by her side. She was discovered lying beside the railroad tracks at daybreak by a tramp. He gave the alarm, but when search was made she could not be found. Eight hours later the hunt was renewed, with the result that the body was discovered in the car.

SHIPS COLLIDE; SEVERAL DROWNED.

New Haven, England, March 18.—Four passengers and several sailors were drowned as a result of a collision between the Peninsular and Oriental liner Oceana and the German bark Pisagua, off Beachy Head in the English channel. The Oceana had on board nearly \$5,000,000 in bullion.

LA FOLLETTE CLAN IN SESSION.

Madison, Wis., March 18.—The first LaFollette conference in this state for over a year that has been attended by the senator himself is being held here today. The plan of the fight which will be followed in Wisconsin in the presidential contest is up for discussion.

LIMA FIELD ACTIVE

Dollar Oil Sends Operators Scurrying After Territory.

Lima, O., March 18.—Since the market for North and South Lima crude has advanced within reach of the \$1 mark it is noticeable that many operators who have been engaged in newer fields are returning to Ohio and are active in securing territory for development during the summer. Unless all signs fail, this season will be the most active in the Trenton rock fields for eight years.

ALLEN GANG IS STILL AT LARGE

Virginia Bandits Are Also Very Much Alive

One Comes Out Into Open—Is Trained Over Mountains By Detectives Acquainted With Every Foot Of Ground In Wild Region Bordering On Three States—Military Guard May Be Thrown Around Devil's Den In Order To Prevent Escape Of Desperadoes

Hillsville, Va., March 18.—With the exception of the two arrested on the day of the Carroll county murders, the Allen gang are still free and very much alive. After a day of reconnoitering on part of the state forces night found the outlaws with their followers still safely hidden near Devil Den, on the east of the Blue Ridge range. After a day's scouting on the part of the mountaineer detectives and the posse of deputy sheriffs it was acknowledged that the murderers and their supporters could remain in the thickly wooded mountains indefinitely, and that their capture—dead or alive—is likely to be accomplished only by patient and tedious efforts.

Yet the outlaws are still moving about with extraordinary daring. Instead of remaining in their stronghold on the crest of the mountain near the North Carolina line, the Allens, led by Sid, dropped down out of the mountain cover and it is said visited the house of Jack Allen, in the Fancy Gap region, Sid Edwards, a member of the gang, showed up in the open. A posse of 14 detectives struck his trail in the foothills. Several members of the searching party followed the trail toward the summit. The hunting party when last heard from was about 18 miles from town.

MET AT JACK ALLEN'S.

Jack Allen, at whose home the outlaws met, is a brother of Floyd and Sid. He has the reputation of being the most dangerous Allen of the lot. The Baldwin-Felts detectives heard that this meeting of the Allens at Jack's was a conference for the purpose of determining a plan of action. This conference is supposed to have been going on at the very moment that the posse was advancing on Sid Allen's home, only to find it deserted. If the posse had continued on to Jack Allen's, a few miles farther up the mountain, they would have stumbled upon the gang.

The Baldwin-Felts detectives are as familiar with the mountains as the Allens themselves. It is a case of mountaineer against mountaineer, and for this reason alone no pitched battle is looked for. The detectives will continue cautiously on their quest, if possible, picking off one member of the gang at a time.

There is talk of the states of Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina co-operating by throwing a militia guard about the Devil's Den region, but this would be an enormous undertaking and would probably be resented by many mountaineers not followers of the Allen family.

LANDED IN ROANOKE JAIL.

Roanoke, Va., March 18.—Floyd Allen, Victor Allen and Bud Marion are in the Roanoke jail, each in a separate cell. Floyd Allen is under guard, the authorities fearing he might attempt to take his life.

DIES ON A TRAIN

Columbus, O., March 18.—While returning to her home in Lockwood from Jeffersonville, Va., accompanied by her husband and 18-year-old son, Mrs. A. W. Brewster, 59, fell dead in a C. A. & C. coach five minutes before the train pulled out of the Union station.

TALK UNIVERSAL STRIKE ON ALL THE LINES

London, March 18.—The question of a general strike of all labor unions in Great Britain in May, which it is claimed will develop into the greatest industrial disturbance ever known, is certainly being discussed by the labor leaders, but no decision has been reached. The threat is apparently prompted by the fear that an attempt is contemplated to remove the workmen's right to strike by repealing the trades disputes act of 1906 and introducing compulsory arbitration.

JUDGE T. L. MASSIE
Killed by Virginia Feudists.
Courthouse Scene of Crime.



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