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## ELLIS, COX AND LONGWORTH HELD A MEETING TODAY

This Conference Is a Most Important One, the Fate of Ohio Republican Party Being at a Stake.

## PRESIDENTIAL BOOM HINGES ON RESULTS

Possibility of Roosevelt Taking Up Big Stick for Garfield Complicates Things in Alarming Way.

(American News Service) Cincinnati, July 22.—With "regulars" and "progressives" ready to spring at each other's throats that the republican state convention convenes on July 26 at Columbus, the fate of the party in the coming election depends almost entirely upon a conference here today between State Chairman Wade Ellis and George B. Cox. Representative Nicholas Longworth was called in, as well as other political chieftains. Men closely in touch with the political situation declared that before the day was over a candidate for governor would be chosen to make the race against Judson Harmon.

The fact that a presidential boom hinges upon the result of the coming election, makes it practically certain that the republicans will fall into a compact organization in the defeat of Harmon.

## Garfield Out of it.

It can be stated that there is no possibility of James R. Garfield receiving the nomination. According to the best information obtainable Judge Klakade of Toledo will receive the endorsement but this will come only if Ellis and his friends will lend their support to Senator Dick for re-election. Cox will demand this in return for abandoning his advocacy of Judge Britt Brown.

The possibility of Theodore Roosevelt taking a hand in the Ohio situation in support of Garfield has caused a stir here, especially in view of the position taken by the Times-Star, owned by Charles P. Taft, brother of the president. This newspaper declares that Garfield could not be elected even by the most strenuous efforts of the ex-president.

The Hydro-Electric Commission of Ontario, who have charge of the construction and operation of the electric power transmission system from Niagara Falls, have decided to use aluminum instead of copper conductors and have ordered 1,500,000 pounds of aluminum wire.

## BRANDENBURG BROKE

(American News Service) New York, July 22.—The grand jury today indicted Broughton Brandenburg, a magazine writer, notorious in connection with the Grover Cleveland letter fraud during the last presidential campaign, for forgery in the fourth degree. On arraignment Brandenburg pleaded not guilty, but was unable to hire counsel. The court assigned a lawyer to defend him.

## WILL BE BIG EVENT

St. Joseph's Commandery, Knights of St. John, is preparing for a grand installation of the chapter in Richmond some time during the autumn. Many commanders of Knights from Kentucky, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan and Indiana will attend and from the present outlook there will be 1,000 men in uniform to assist in the installation. A larger turn out of Knights is expected than at the St. Joseph's Benevolent society Golden Jubilee in May. A large parade and program will be arranged for the affair. In the local commandery are thirty-seven charter members, but before the end of the year many new ones will be initiated. Committees will soon be appointed to take charge of the installation.

## IMPROVES WESTCOTT

Twenty-two new bath rooms, fifteen new sleeping rooms and telephones in each room will make this hotel one of the best in this part of the country," said William Bayfield, who has just taken over the Westcott hotel. Mr. Bayfield had charge of the hotel about six years ago.

Bayfield has a corps of carpenters, plumbers and decorators at work in the building. Every room will be re-novated.

"Just as soon as summer passes, I shall have a string orchestra in the foyer each evening and I intend making the table the best it has ever been," said Bayfield.

## STILL ELUDES THEM

Paris, July 22.—Dr. Hawley Harvey Crippen, the American sought in connection with the death of his wife in London, is believed to have eluded the French police.

A dispatch received from the Tarazon, department of Arriaga says that a man answering in many details the description of the hunted man as far as is known to the police of Southern France, crossed the border into Spain on July 20. The French police were but a few hours behind him, but his brief advantage was sufficient to enable him to make his escape.

It is regarded as probable that he will take refuge in the Republic of Andorra and if he does so extradition will be difficult.

## WHOLESALE GRAFT BY OFFICIALS OF RAILROADS SHOWN

Supply Dealer Exposes Methods in Vogue Through which the Stockholders Lost Their Dividends.

## DRAGNET WAS COMING CLOSE TO PRES. RAWN

Attorneys for Insurance Companies Cannot Find Evidence that Rawn Was Not Suicide, It Is Reported.

(American News Service) Chicago, July 22.—A system of long standing graft and corruption in Chicago railroad circles by means of which stockholders of railway companies have been defrauded out of hundreds of thousands of dollars may be brought to the surface as result of the scandal which sprung up following the tragic death of President Rawn.

The repeated statements from men in authority connected with the Illinois Central that Rawn was seriously involved in the car repair graft and that he committed suicide for that reason, have caused intense excitement in railroad circles, and some of the principal figures in the suits which the Central began about six weeks ago declare that the business methods of the local railroads badly need an overhauling in the courts.

"Anybody who has had business dealings to any great extent with railroads knows that there are men who will not know one in a business way till one has made a peace with them," said a railroad supply man yesterday. "What do you mean by that?" was the question.

Had to Buy Officials.

"I mean that you cannot sell to railroads in many cases till you have made it worth while for the officials with whom you are dealing to buy of you," was the answer.

"You mean that railroad officials simply hold you up?"

"That is just exactly the point. I can quote you a number of instances of that nature. It is not very pleasant but what can you do?"

Then he recited an instance of how a railroad company in Chicago had paid just \$1.00 a set more than it should have for a number of small fittings in car repairs which had been purchased through his own concern.

It was pointed out by men close to the graft inquiry which the Illinois Central has on its hands, that the suits filed against the railroad supply companies and the former employees of the road, charged the corporations and Bunker, Kieh and Renshaw and others with collusion to defraud the plaintiff. It was stated without qualification that this drag net was coming close to Rawn.

Declarations by detectives employed by accident insurance companies that they had found no proof that Rawn was not a suicide and the reported finding of a second bullet, supporting the family theory that Rawn was slain by a burglar, today deepened the mystery of the shooting.

Harahan is Silent.

Meanwhile James T. Harahan, president of the Illinois Central, who is attending a directors meeting in New York, refused to say a word to clear the dead railroad official from his alleged connection with the charge of \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000 car repair paid while Rawn was vice president of the road. Harahan's silence was construed to confirm the motive assigned for Rawn's suicide.

President Harahan was asked if he knew whether the dead president owned any stock in the companies which overcharged the Illinois Central for repairing before Mr. Rawn left that railroad last fall.

"I haven't a word to say about it," replied Mr. Harahan.

## A WAR ON WHISTLES

War on shrill whistles of motorcycles will be immediately begun by I. A. Gorman, superintendent of police. City Clerk Bescher has been instructed to send for copies of ordinances of Indianapolis regulating motor cycles, both in regard to noise and whistles. Mr. Gorman says there is no sense in warning signals which resemble pigs or children being crushed under the machines. Much complaint has been heard by the police department because of hideous whistles on automobiles and motorcycles. Indianapolis and Cincinnati both have ordinances requiring musical whistles to be used and also mufflers.

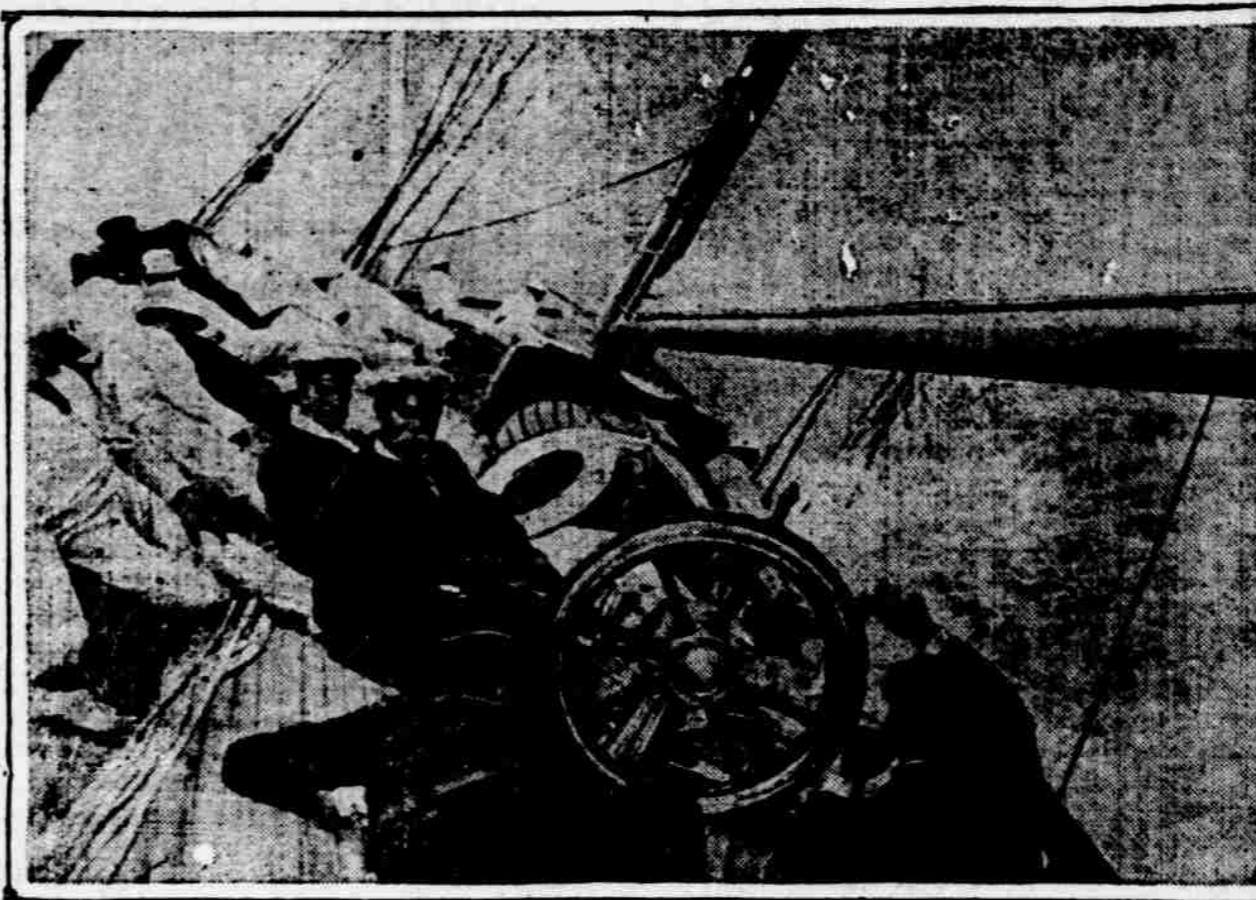
## THE WEATHER.

STATE—Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday; thunderstorms tonight.

LOCAL—Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday; not much change in temperature.

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## Sir Thomas Lipton on the Yacht "Shamrock"



Sir Thomas Lipton and crew on the deck of the Shamrock. Sir Thomas recently defeated the White Heather over the 42-mile course on the Clyde. The race was one of the most exciting seen on the Clyde this year and was won by the Shamrock in a close finish. The above picture shows Sir Thomas and his crew rolling on the deck as the racer ploughs through the sea under a stiff breeze.

## GRIM FIRE DEMON IN NORTHWEST IS STILL UNCHECKED

Forests Are Swallowed Up and It Is Constantly Spreading Through New Country—Losses Are Heavy.

## PEOPLE ARE PRAYING FOR DRENCHING RAINS

Some Towns Are Reported to Be Burning and Others Are in the Path of the Ever Advancing Blaze.

(American News Service) Wausau, Wis., July 22.—The losses from forest fires in the district north and east continue and every hour brings reports of new country invaded. No progress is being made to ward off the flames sweeping a large portion of Central Wisconsin.

The town of Galloway is surrounded by a wall of fire about ten miles wide. No lives have been lost.

The virtual destruction of the Huntington forest reserve near Kelly is a serious loss to the state. The loss is \$500,000.

The fire covers an area of ten miles in length, extending west and east.

For weeks farmers have driven the herds emaciated for want of food to the railroad stations to dispose of them at any price. The drought, the worst in thirty years, has parched the crops and pasture.

Prayers for rain will be said in nearly every church in the central and northern section of the state Sunday. On instructions from Mgr. Rainer, vicar-general and personal representative of Archbishop Messner, who is in Europe, all Roman Catholic churches of the state will join in such prayers.

The village of Palestine is in the heart of the fire swept district. Rain saved the village for a few days, but the fire raged today with greater fury than ever.

Forest fires, started by last week's rain are reviving and again causing serious damage. Freda Park on the Copper Range R. R. reports bad fires in that section.

## FIRES IN MANITOBA.

Winnipeg, Man., July 22.—Latest reports from Sandon in the Kootenay district state that town is in imminent danger. Women and children departed this morning on a rescue train.

Three Forks reported burning is still in existence but surrounded by fire. The total destruction of White-water and McGuigan is confirmed. Fire is closing in on the Rossland Center mines. At Kenora, Ont., 100 miles east of her, bush fires are within a mile of the town.

The only fatalities reported are five miners who were suffocated at the Lucky Claim mine. Many ranchers in the Arrow Park district have lost everything.

## ONE TOWN BURNED.

Spokane, July 22.—The town of Marble on the Columbia river, ten miles south of the Canadian boundary is reported to have been virtually destroyed by forest fires. Fire in the Flat creek country near Bonneville, is spreading.

In China creek basin, citizens have been fighting flames since Sunday afternoon. All buildings at the Napoleon mine at Bonneville, were burned.

## IMPORTANT RULING BY THE TAX BOARD

Property Owned by Local Church and Rented by It Is Taxable.

## STATE MAKES A DECISION

NORTH A STREET FRIENDS, THEREFORE, MUST PAY FOR PROPERTY ON WHICH BUSINESS COLLEGE STANDS.

## CITY MAY BE BROKE BY FIRST OF OCTOBER

City Has Not Paid Light Plant a Cent Since Last February for the Reason that It Had No Ready Cash.

## CITY NOW HAS ONLY \$33,000 TO MEET ALL EXPENSES AND THIS WILL BE GONE BEFORE TAXES COME IN.

Richmond will be "broke" by the first of October; public improvements are at a standstill; the city has ceased paying itself for illumination. Probably the most conservative administration ever has had is pulling on the reins of expense. With only \$33,000 out of which salaries and accounts must be met, it is believed in official circles, that Richmond will be juggling her last quarts a week or so before taxes begin coming in.

Although all foreign bills have been paid the city is chuckling itself under the chin by letting its light bill run on.

Under the present law the municipal light plant surplus cannot be applied to a general fund but must be accredited to a special fund which prohibits its use for any other than that in connection with the light plant. The \$20,000 which the plant has made is beyond the reach of municipal fingers. The administration, although able to borrow money, refuses to take this step at present; hence the checking of improvements.

Democrats Get Blame.

The administration gives as the causes of this embarrassing situation the fact that the outgoing administration left about \$10,000 of unfinished work for which they had made no provisions for payment; and that they reduced the tax rate and cut down the appropriations.

The administration is not uproariously happy over the situation, but declares that they will not borrow and that the city must suffer in the lack of season's improvements.

Officials declare that every department is in order; that there is no real seriousness to the situation; but that it is a bit unusual.

Already the city has gone in debt to itself to the extent of \$1,545 on its light bill. The city in its agreement with itself pays about \$52 a year for each street light. Since February these payments have stopped. Office holders say they can afford to owe the light plant better than any one else—there won't be any interest charged.

## RUN OUT MORMONS

(American News Service) Berlin, July 22.—The government today raided a big meeting of American Mormons, attempting to establish their propaganda in Germany. Many German women present were ordered to go home and attend to their household duties. The Mormon leader, John Key, of Salt Lake, was ordered to leave Germany and take his tribe with him forthwith.

## BEVERIDGE PLEA BY THE COLONEL WILL BE STRONG

Roosevelt's Speech Indorsing the Indianian Will Point to the Work He Achieved as a Senator.

## INSURGENTS AND THE REGULARS EXPECTANT

Both Factions Waiting to See What Course the Ex-president Will Pursue in the Coming Campaign.

Chicago, July 22.—The Tribune today published the following dispatch from John Callan O'Laughlin under a Washington date line:

In their own interest as well as that of the nation the people of Indiana should return Albert J. Beveridge to the United States senate. This declaration will be made by former President Theodore Roosevelt in a speech he has promised to deliver in the Hoosier state. It will be an honest expression based upon intimate knowledge of Senator Beveridge's course which Col. Roosevelt had while in the White House.

It will be an indorsement given to Beveridge less as the insurgent than as the man and republican. It will be the return of the former president for the loyal, zealous way in which the Indianian aided him in getting through legislation recognized as essential to the public interest.

Where Beveridge Gets Credit.

Mr. Beveridge will be given credit for vital assistance in:

Holding the Philippine legislative policy, which has produced peace and order with civil governments in the archipelago.

The removal of the tariff wall between the United States and Porto Rico.

Statehood for Oklahoma and Indian Territory, as against a proposal to organize two states.

Enactment of the pure food law.

Development of reforms in connection with child labor.

Protection against spoliation of the coal lands of Alaska.

These are the things done for which it is possible specifically to give credit to the Indiana senator.

Indianian's Influence Felt.

There are many other laws enacted and policies enforced which he has influenced during the eleven years he has been in the upper house of congress. Take for instance the debts in connection with the Aldrich tariff law.

There is no doubt that the insurgents of Mr. Beveridge and the colleagues who fought with him caused a reduction in some of the schedules below that which had been contemplated, and also enabled the Indianian to obtain an amendment to the act which forced the tobacco trust to pay millions annually to the government that under the dishonest laws of 1902 it had been collecting and keeping for itself.

Similarly their attitude was responsible for substantial and valuable modifications of the railroad rates bill which was passed during the last session of congress. It is true, likewise, that statehood for Arizona and New Mexico could not have been achieved had Mr. Beveridge objected. He occupies the post of chairman of the committee on territories and in that position easily could have prevented a statehood bill from being reported to the senate.

Insurgency Issue Important.

These several matters are recalled at this time both because it is desirable from a public point of view to call the attention of Indiana to Mr. Beveridge's record as well as to the fact that the points are being considered by the former president in connection with the speech he will deliver in Indiana.

The greatest interest is manifested as to whether Col. Roosevelt will indorse flat footedly Senator Beveridge's course of insurgency or whether he will leave this point aside and devote himself to the presentation of the senator's legislative achievements.

Support of his insurgency would delight the men who have revolted against the rule of Aldrich and Cannon, and would confirm the regulars. Failure to refer to it would be comforting to the latter were it not that it is the purpose of the former president to make a speech for Senator Lodge in Massachusetts, and he hardly will approve his regularity.

Col. Roosevelt and Mr. Lodge are intimate friends whose admiration and affection for each other go back many years. I really believe Mr. Lodge would cut off his right hand to serve the former president and the latter would not be behind him in this respect in case of need.

A powerful microscope is recommended by the department of agriculture as a kitchen utensil to detect adulterants.