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## CAMPAIGN NOW ON IN CITY AGAINST LENGTHY HATPINS

Conference Held by City Officials Today Regarding Ordinance Regulating the Length of Hat Pins.

## ONE WOMAN STARTED A REIGN OF TERROR

Attends Sale at Local Store and Mows Down Bargain Hunters with Lances on a Picture Hat.

Ladies! Attention! Dispense with your long, sword like hat pins.

The police and city officials are after these ornamental instruments of torture.

When a large, handsome woman went into an auction sale in a Main street store yesterday afternoon, which was thronged with people, she almost created a "reign of terror."

Her hat was ponderous, and extending from it were two hat pins of railroad spike thickness and as long as a golf stick.

She swept into the sale, and then—victim No. 1. A nice old gentleman was quietly watching the auction when "jab!"—he received a painful cut in the neck. Quickly he turned in time to see a big hat with some projecting lances disappear into the crowd.

## Triumphal March.

The old man's fate was experienced by a half dozen others at the sale, according to information received. Nobody had the nerve to suggest precaution to her. Finally the woman left the store and the bargain hunters heaved sighs of relief.

There was a discussion of long hat pins between the police and city officials this morning, and it may be that council will be asked to pass an ordinance to regulate the length of hat pins as was done in Indianapolis.

Women of the city, it is thought, would not be tickled to death over the hat pin ordinance. One prominent society woman said this morning: "Hat pins are of great convenience when a man sits too close to you in a street car, which happens occasionally. You just give a little nod of your head and he moves."

"Of course," she continued, "long hat pins are dangerous and many women have big picture hats that require them. I know a woman in the east who will not permit her friends to ride in her automobile while using long hat pins. She said they were dangerous."

She suggested that there might be shields placed on the "business end" of hat pins, but this, she said, would take too much time, when a woman was in a hurry. "There is one thing the police couldn't charge, that we are carrying concealed weapons," she said with a smile.

"There are substitutes for the long hat pins," said another society woman, "which may be used on big hats. These holders are hair pin like affairs which may be sewed on the side of the hats. They are harmless and efficient."

## HOOK APPLIED TO INDIANA OFFICIAL

(American News Service)

Washington, April 13.—Benjamin F. Harper, of Ft. Wayne, auditor for the war department and ardent Beveridge man was today displaced by the President, and Elton A. Gousser, of Ohio, appointed to succeed him. Harper was appointed by Roosevelt on Beveridge's recommendation. From time to time there have been complaints against the Indiana officer. Robert J. Tracewell, comptroller of the treasury himself, a Hoosier investigated the conduct of Harper's office several months ago at Secretary MacVeagh's request and gave the Ft. Wayne man a clean bill. Harper was a lawyer in Ft. Wayne. Some of his political enemies there have been knocking him for some time past.

## THE WEATHER

STATE—Showers this afternoon; colder; generally fair tonight and Friday.  
LOCAL—Fair and colder tonight and Friday.

HIGH SCHOOL OBSERVATORY  
Highest temperature Wednesday, 67 degrees at 4:00 p. m. Lowest temperature Thursday, 50 degrees at 8:00 a. m. Temperature at 11:30 a. m. today, 58 degrees and rising. Barometer has been stationary since Tuesday at midnight with a slight rise at 4:00 a. m. this morning, falling again at 8:00 a. m. accompanied by the rain storm. High barometric pressure indicates fair weather but cooler; low barometric pressure indicates warm weather, but rain.

## Lorimer Investigation Is Once More Resumed

The leading figures in the Lorimer case. On the left above, Herman H. Kohlhaas, Chicago publisher, whose publishing of a story that a \$100,000 "slush fund" was used to buy Lorimer's election to the senate was the beginning of the latest series of sensations in the famous case; next to him, "Billy" Lorimer, the most talked of man in the United States senate today. Below from left to right, Edward Tilden, president of the National Packing company, who has been named as the collector of the \$100,000 fund; Clarence Funk, general manager of the International Harvester company, who gave Tilden's name to the Illinois state legislature and also told Kohlhaas the story published in his paper; and Edward Hines, millionaire Chicago lumberman, who is said to have admitted that it cost \$100,000 to "put Lorimer over." The Helm committee reconvenes today after an adjournment of a week, and further and greater sensations are promised.



## TO ASK NO FUNDS FOR MEMORIAL DAY

The Sons of Veterans Have Enough Money to Carry Out Program.

With the naming of the committee chairmen to take charge of the arrangements for the various features, plans for the Memorial day exercises to be held in Richmond were gotten under way at the meeting of the executive committee of the Sons of Veterans, having the affair in charge, at the Commercial club rooms yesterday afternoon. Other members of the committee who will assist in the work will be named from the G. A. R. and the Woman's Relief Corps.

Probably the most important feature of the committee meeting was a decision not to solicit the business men of the city this year for funds to defray the expense of the celebration. This was decided upon in order that the work of the finance committee of the G. A. R. encampments in raising money for that event would not be interfered with. A small surplus has resulted from the donations of the merchants in the last few years and the committee believe there is enough in the treasury to meet the expense. The exercises will be similar to those of former years, and it is estimated they will require an expenditure of about \$125.

Tentative plans call for the decoration of the graves of the old soldiers with flowers to be furnished by the school children, and the firing of salutes in the cemetery by the Spanish-American war veterans to take place in the morning. Early in the afternoon a short parade of the veterans will be held, ending at the Coliseum, where the remaining exercises will be held. There will be speeches by several prominent local and out-of-town men music by the city band, recitations and drills by school children.

It is hoped by the committee to make the celebration as pretentious and of the same high standard as in former years, and there is every indication that its hopes will be realized.

Charles W. Jordan was named chairman of the organization committee and William H. Hansche and C. R. Ingle, treasurer and secretary, respectively. The following committee chairmen were selected: Speakers, William H. Hansche; halls, L. P. Wine; cemeteries, George Matthews; transportation, A. F. Ireton; flowers, John C. Darnell; program, Osa Corvelli; and finance, William H. Hansche.

## \$200 DAMAGES WAS CAUSED BY A FIRE

The sand house, at Robinson & Company, caught fire from an unknown source last night, and before extinguished the building and before contained were damaged to the extent of \$200. The building contains mounding material. The fire had gained considerable headway before the arrival of the departments, but it was extinguished without damage to surrounding buildings.

## A WIFE DESERTER IS GIVEN A FINE

Majority of Jurors in County's First Case of Kind, Favored Acquittal.

After two and half hours deliberation on Wednesday afternoon, the jury of the Wayne circuit court returned a verdict of guilty against Chalmers Penny of this city and assessed a fine of \$35 and costs, amounting altogether to approximately \$75 for deserting his wife, Achsa Penny in December 1908.

The stubbornness of one juror, according to a member of the jury, almost resulted in a disagreement. The eleven who had voted to acquit the accused of the charge, compromised the case in the jury room with this lone man by a finding of guilty and the assessment of a nominal fine, rather than disagree, the juror stated. The first ballot favored acquittal, the vote standing 9 to 2, it is understood. Penny, who made it plain that he would not live with his wife again, saying he preferred the penitentiary to resumption of his marital relations, was satisfied with the verdict and stayed the fine. Had the judgment of the jury been more severe, a new trial would have been asked and no doubt granted, according to a statement of Judge Fox Wednesday.

## Woman Good Looking.

Mrs. Penny, whose appearance and actions while on the stand were pleasing, was about four months ago, charged in an affidavit, filed by her own mother, Mrs. Gideon Moore of Dublin, with association, according to M. L. Bowmaster, justice of the peace of Cambridge City, with whom the affidavit was filed. Her alleged associate, is now missing, it is understood, and the charge against the woman was withdrawn by Attorney B. F. Hatfield of Dublin, who represented Mrs. Moore.

It is likely that the outcome of the case will be a divorce proceeding or a suit against Penny for support.

Attorney R. K. Shiveley who assisted prosecuting attorney Charles Ladd and conducted the prosecution, said that the verdict would have a good effect on the community and show married men who may be dissatisfied with their wives that the wife desertion law was not to be ignored. This is the first case of wife desertion ever tried in the county and as a moral effect the states attorney, who had asked that a penitentiary sentence be imposed, declare the jury's decision will be a good one in the community.

## A WEALTHY LIQUOR MAN WAS MURDERED

(American News Service)  
Chicago, April 12.—Martin J. Breen, president of the Breen and Kennedy wholesale liquor company, was found dead in the hallway of an apartment building on North State street this morning. Blood was trickling from his ear, showing evidence of sandbagging. His watch was in his pocket but he had no money. He usually carried large sums. The circumstances are mysterious. His partners are reticent.

## A SUIT PROBABLE ON TRACK RULING

County Board Up Against It No Matter What Action It Shall Take.

Litigation likely will ensue no matter what action is taken in regard to the proposed project of the Indianapolis and Eastern traction company replacing its tracks on the National road, which is in progress of improvement, from West Fifth street to the Center Wayne township line. There is a decided aversion to the company's petition to be allowed to use the center of the highway as far west as East-haven avenue to the western end of the improvement, because of the increased cost to the tax payers of Wayne township. The company objects to moving its tracks outside of the south curb line, on that part of the improvement which is outside of the city because of the cost.

The county commissioners made personal inspection of the improvement on Wednesday to determine in their own minds what action should be taken. Should the commissioners decide that the company must observe the original specifications for the improvement, it is probable the company would attempt to enjoin the commissioners from carrying out the order, while on the other hand it is likely proceedings of a similar sort would be attempted were the specifications changed, permitting the company to use the center of the highway for its tracks.

## NOTED CROOK FOUND

Was Safely Resting in the Atlanta Prison.

(American News Service)  
Washington, April 13.—"R. F. Cummings," real estate broker, social leader, and financier of Tacoma, Washington, who created a sensation in the east several years ago by his operations in the stock market has been located by the postoffice authorities in the Atlanta penitentiary. He is serving a 10-year sentence for burglary, under the name of Eddie Fay, and is regarded as one of the cleverest criminals ever captured by the police.

Eddie Fay was known as a notorious bank breaker and post office burglar and for years worried the police of every big city from San Francisco to New York.

Eddie Fay's last crime was committed in Richmond, Va., about a year ago when he and two pals broke into the vaults of the city postoffice, almost under the eyes of two watchmen, and carried away \$83,000 in stamps.

## AUTO FIEND AGAIN CLAIMS A VICTIM

(American News Service)  
Chicago, April 13.—The body of Thomas Sullivan, head of the Sullivan Brothers Oil company was found today in Jackson Boulevard near Fifth avenue. His neck was broken. Sullivan was struck by an unknown person speeding an automobile.

## ASSAULT CASE IS DEGENERATING TO A MERE SQUABBLE

Legal Battle Waged at Anderson as to the Identity of the Assailant of Miss Cecil Hill.

## CONDUCTOR GROVES IDENTIFIES GROVES

Pullman Car Porter Also Alleges Cash Register Salesman Was Man Who Attacked Young Woman.

(Palladium Special)

Anderson, Ind., April 13.—The fight to convict Benjamin Barnes the young Dayton business man on a charge of criminal assault on Miss Cecil Hill of Chicago, a student at Earlham college while traveling from Richmond to Chicago on a Pullman sleeper on the night of January 27, is developing into a big legal battle. The storm centers in the circuit court today about the effort that is being made to establish the identity of the young woman's assailant.

Miss Hill, while on the witness stand yesterday afternoon, told the story of the assault but could not describe her assailant. The berth which she occupied was dark and owing to the attendant excitement of the moment, she could furnish no description of the man who had crawled into her apartment and awakened her from slumber. J. C. Lee, the colored porter on the train today identified Barnes as the passenger who had occupied berth number 6, across the aisle from Miss Hill's berth, and said he was the passenger who had invaded her berth. The porter testified he had seen the fellow's face in the berth after being summoned by Miss Hill for help and recognized Barnes as that party.

## What Groves Said.

Conductor Groves testified this forenoon that Barnes is the young woman's assailant. It was Conductor Groves who made the secret trip to Dubuque, Ia., accompanied by a detective and identified Barnes before his arrest as the man wanted. He later identified him in the Anderson jail following his arrest as the party who had occupied berth number 6. The conductor testified to having accused Barnes of the escapade the next morning as the train was going into the Chicago union station, but the passenger pretended to not know anything about what occurred. Immediately following the arrest Barnes declared that a great mistake had been made. He denied having been on a Panhandle train that night and said he would have no trouble in showing he was in Dubuque, Ia., at the time.

The state has shown that he was a passenger on the train and occupied the same car in which the Chicago college girl had secured her berth. Just what impression the evidence is making on the jury is yet to be seen, but Barnes has had rather rough sledding today. Whether the defense will be able to break down the testimony of the porter and sleeping car conductor remains as yet to be seen.

## RECIPROCITY BILL BEFORE THE HOUSE

Measure Reported Favorably and Will Be Voted on Tomorrow.

(American News Service)  
Washington, April 13.—The new Ways and Means committee of the house today reported favorably the Democratic reciprocity bill and the measure containing the farmer's free list, the latter by a strict party vote. No division was taken on the vote agreement. A motion to give this bill a favorable report was made by McCull, Republican, who is the author of the bill previously introduced and similar to the Underwood measure. The Canadian reciprocity bill will lie over for one day and become the order of business in the house tomorrow.

## HAVE AN AGREEMENT ON STREET CHANGES

On the agreement that West Seventh street will not be opened for five years, that Randolph street will not be moved over, and that Richmond avenue will be moved 60 feet south, Richard Sedgwick and D. D. Smith agreed to dedicate the land for the street, without damages to the city. Mr. Sedgwick agreed to a contract of this kind this morning, at a meeting of the board of works. Seventh will be dedicated from Peacock's road to Chestnut street. It will extend through the new Pleasant Hill addition to the city. Messrs. Sedgwick and Smith own the land which will be used for the street.

## TWENTY-FOUR ARE KILLED BY GREAT WESTERN CYCLONE

Reports Coming in Hourly as to Damage Done by the "Twister" that Plowed Through Three States.

## AN OKLAHOMA TOWN IS BIGGEST LOSER

At Big Heart Eight Are Reported Killed—All Telephone and Telegraph Wires Were Blown Down.

(American News Service)

Kansas City, Mo., April 13.—Twenty-four persons are known to be dead and several are reported missing, as a result of the tornado which swept over Western Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma yesterday. Reports are coming in hourly of great damage done in cities and in the country and it is estimated that the total loss in property will exceed \$1,000,000.

In Big Heart, Okla., eight persons were killed.

Four perished at Meeker, Okla.

Three were killed at Hiawatha, Kan.

Two were killed in Checotah, Okla.

Two in Lawrence, Kan., and two in Powhatan.

In Whiting, Kan., Manville, Kan., and Germantown, Kan., one person was killed.

## Over Hundred Injured.

More than a hundred persons were injured and all telephone and telegraph lines in the territory swept by the storm are out of commission. A second tornado was reported from Lawrence, Kan.

The wind wrecked houses and barns and tore a strip nearly 100 yards wide through some portions of its course. In Big Heart, Okla., almost every building in the city was wrecked and a score of houses in Meeker were demolished. Several houses were blown down and twenty-one persons were injured at Eskridge, Kan. At Hiawatha, a school house was blown down and an eight year old boy named Pelton killed.

The Kansas end of the cyclone started at Whiting and swept south for nearly fifty miles.

Leavenworth was damaged by the storm and reports from towns near there indicate that much property damage resulted.

Because of the destruction of telephone and telegraph poles, news as to the exact number of the dead is hard to verify.

## ENCAMPMENT FUND RAISED TOMORROW

Committee Confident It Will Be Raised Between Noon and Midnight.

Upon the response of the business and shop men of the city tomorrow, between the hours of noon and midnight, to the requests of the finance committee for the G. A. R. encampment for funds, depends the success and brilliancy of that event, which will center the attention of the state on Richmond on May 17, 18, and 19. A committee composed of 125 men has been appointed and the business and shop districts will be thoroughly canvassed in order to raise the desired \$5,500, which will be necessary to provide against any lowering of the standard maintained by other cities which have held encampments.

Members of the finance committee as well as those of the executive committee, which is in charge of all arrangements expressed themselves as confident that \$5,500 would be raised. A large degree of interest and enthusiasm, they say, seems to have been stimulated among the citizens by anticipation of the extraordinary event in the Quaker City, and the committee members believe this sentiment will open the purse strings of the business and shop men.

Headquarters will be established by the finance committee in the office of the Western Union Telegraph company, at the corner of Ninth and Main streets, and voluntary donations may be made there during the afternoon and evening. A compilation of the reports of the committeemen, which will be submitted at headquarters before 6 o'clock, will show any person who has been missed in the canvass, and he will be visited by a special committeeman during the evening.

Final and definite decision that there shall be no deficit has been made by the committee and only whatever funds are raised will be spent. This means that if less than \$5,500 is secured the program will have to be cut accordingly.

## INDIANA CAPITAL IS ENTERTAINING DEMOCRACY TODAY

Indianapolis Is Filled with Thousands of Stout Party Men Who Will Attend Big Love Feast.

## MYSTERIOUS PLOTS BEING TALKED OF

Will One of the Chiefs with the Presidential Bee Try to Stampede Feasters, Is Being Asked.

(American News Service)

Indianapolis, April 13.—Judging by the number and note of the assembled Democrats who are tuning up for the celebration of the birthday of the father of Democracy, President Jefferson, by chanting to deums for past victories and promulgating future successes, in all the leading hosteleries of this town, that great Democratic love feast, the National Democratic Achievement banquet, which will be held here tonight will be a great success. Among some thousand or so of the faithful on hand the following partisans are hobnobbing with their humble brethren, Bryan, Woodrow Wilson, Marshall, Folk, Burke, Champ Clark, etc. etc.

This combined pow wow, love feast, and militant convention has long been fomenting in the brains of the party leaders. It was first scheduled for January 9th at Washington, but was postponed till today because of the shortness of the time, and a desire to assure an attendance worthy of the Democratic victories it is to commemorate. To this end invitations, whose wording was a bitter arraignment of the G. O. P., were sent broadcast through the land, not to only hide bound scions of the Democracy, but to "the young voters of the country who deprecate wastefulness and extravagance in administering the affairs of the country, and look with apprehension upon the steady strides towards the centralization of government, at the expense of the legitimate powers of the states, and the rights reserved to the people."

## A Deluge of Answers.

The answer to this invitation, which was signed by a host of governors and senators, has been phenomenal. Delegates from every section of the country, representatives from every party faction, and scores of members from both houses of congress have answered the call, and today the town is literally swarming with Democrats, great and small, who have gathered to celebrate past victories, and plan for the future.

Just what steps will be taken toward mapping out a plan of procedure for the campaign of 1912 is more or less a matter of conjecture. There are those among the assembled hosts of Democracy who entertain the hope that a candidate will be selected and a genuine presidential boom launched; then there are those who fear that a step of this kind would be premature and tend to jeopardize the chances of victory in 1912 by giving Republicans too long a warning of future plans. These latter appear to be in the majority.

On the other hand, there is an undertone of mystery noticeable among the delegates that seems to forbid the unexpected. There are every present rumors to the effect that an attempt will be made to stampede the meeting in favor of one of the more prominent Democrats gathered around the board. Those who hold this view point with significance to the statement of Colonel William C. Liler, president of the National Democratic League of clubs, who says: "This great gathering which will convene today was brought about for the express purpose, not only of celebrating past victories but to form plans for the 1912 presidential campaign to be pursued by the Democrats during the next two years, and to bring together men who will figure prominently in the coming battles. Regarding the presidential boom of any of the many prominent Democrats assembled, I can only say that such a course, while in many minds unpoetic is not improbable."

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