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THE WEATHER.
FOR ALABAMA: CLOUDY; FRESH
WINDS; PROBABLE SHOWERS AT
NIGHT OR WEDNESDAY.

E. B. JOSEPH ELECTED MAYOR OF MONTGOMERY BY LARGE MAJORITY

Last Night the City Was Ablaze With Bonfires CLISBY WAS BADLY BEATEN

Race for Aldermen the Exciting Feature

DAVID FLEMING LED CONTEST

The Surprise of the Day Was the Election of Haygood Over Holt, Though the Latter Did No Canvassing.

Montgomery, April 8.—(Special.)—Court square and Dexter avenue, in Montgomery, are ablaze at midnight with bonfires and fire works in celebration of the nomination by the Democrats of E. B. Joseph as mayor of the city. The contest to-day has been a listless one, Joseph having everything his way, but so decided was his majority that his friends have taken possession of the streets to-night, and brass bands, bonfires and fire works are evidences of their joy. The vote was very much as predicted in the Age-Herald of Sunday. The total vote polled was 2,418, Joseph receiving 1,477 and Clisby 941, giving Joseph a majority of 536. His majority was about 100 greater than was anticipated.

For aldermen at large the vote was close, David Fleming leading with 1191; W. E. Haygood, 1040; J. T. May, 1023; E. L. Holt, 985; D. S. Hausman, 979; Pat McGauley, 432; H. Ross, 277. The first three named are the nominees.

The surprise was the election of Haygood over Holt. Though the latter did no canvassing. The following are the nominees for aldermen: Ward One—P. T. Mulcahy; Gaston Gunter. Ward Two—Sam B. Johnson, W. M. Hudson. Ward Three—J. C. Cheney, Ray Rushton and B. H. Johnson for second place. Ward Four—C. P. Anderson, Pat McIntyre. Ward Five—J. H. Hartley, Paul Roeder. Ward Six—James Toole, Jr., John H. Kohn.

PASSENGER RATE WAR.

Announcement of the Rock Island Road Causes Comment.

Chicago, April 8.—The announcement of the Rock Island Railroad Company that it will run cheap excursions between Chicago and Colorado points during the summer has stirred up competing lines to the fighting point. Unless a compromise is effected a bitter war on passenger rates in the west may be the result. The Burlington today announced that it would run the cheap excursion daily instead of once a week, as determined by the Rock Island. The Burlington claims that 80 per cent of the Colorado business last summer was done on the cheap excursion tickets then in effect, thus concentrating the traffic on the days on which the low rates were available, while comparatively empty trains were run on other days. For this reason the Burlington has decided to make rates of \$25 from Chicago; \$21 from St. Louis, and \$15 from Missouri river points for the round trip to Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo, to be in effect daily from July 1 to 9 and from September 1 to 10 inclusive, with final return limits of October 31. The round trip rate to Utah points is to be \$10 higher.

In addition it is proposed to make rates of one fare plus \$2 for the round trip to Colorado and Utah common points from June 16 to 30, and from July 1 to August 31, with return limit of 20 days from date of sale, except that tickets sold on home-seekers' excursion dates shall have return limits of October 31.

The Rock Island people say they will meet whatever rates the Burlington may make.

KING REPLIES.

Thanks D. A. R. for Their Kind Letter of Sympathy.

New York, April 8.—Mrs. Donald McLain, the regent of the New York City Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, received the following letter today from the British Foreign Society: "Madam—I have laid before the King, my sovereign, a letter from the Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in New York, in which they convey their sorrow at the lamented death of Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, Empress of India. "I have received the King's command to express to the Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution my sincere thanks for their much appreciated message of sympathy in the great loss which has been sustained by His Majesty and his subjects throughout the world. "I am your most obedient and humble servant. "LANSDOWNE."

G. M. Fogg Dead.

Nashville, Tenn., April 8.—G. M. Fogg, member of the executive board of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad and for many years one of the most prominent capitalists of this city, died tonight at his home near this city of heart disease, aged about 60 years.

CONFLICTING STATEMENTS COME TO WASHINGTON ABOUT THE MANCHURIAN AFFAIR

The State Officials Believe There is Discord BETWEEN RUSSIA AND CHINA

Belief Arises from Mr. Rockhill's Latest Dispatch

TRUE STATUS IS NOT NOW KNOWN

In Case it is Found That Friction Has Occurred, It is Not Expected To Discontinue Negotiations

Washington, April 8.—The Chinese minister was an early caller at the State Department to-day to seek information as to the report based on advices to the State Department that there had been an interruption of the diplomatic proceedings between Russia and China.

Mr. Wu had not been advised of any such development and the information before the State Department was so contradictory that it did not permit any clear explanation of the real state of affairs.

The doubt arises from the fact that Mr. Rockhill's latest dispatch does not mention any such disagreement and the officials feel bound to accept this as pretty strong evidence that prior intimations of discord have not taken actual form.

Yet the dispatch received from Mr. Squires, the American charge d'affaires, in the absence of Minister Conger, appears to have been quite implicit that the difficulty had already made itself manifest. It is thought possible at the State Department that the circumstances to which Mr. Squires referred occurred prior to the receipt in Peking of the last Russian note, and that the trouble may have been adjusted subsequently.

AN ATTITUDE OF DOUBT.

The State Department maintains an attitude of doubt and expectancy, and is not yet prepared to admit that there has been an interruption of intercourse between the two countries, either limited or complete.

Aside from the telegraphic advices there are some attending circumstances which indicate that at least some strain or partial interruption of intercourse has occurred. The fact developed in Washington about a week ago that Russia had delivered to China what amounted to an ultimatum on the signing of the Manchurian agreement. This followed the usual course of ultimatums, and fixed a definite limit of days within which China could act. It also conveyed the clear intimation that unfavorable action by China would lead to a severance of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

The limit of time fixed is believed to have been one week and to have expired last Wednesday. China did not sign within the time limit, and the next day (Thursday) Russia addressed her note to the powers, which has been accepted as removing the pressure over the Manchurian agreement.

"This at first seemed to be a waiver of her prior intimation of an interruption of diplomatic intercourse, and yet there was no such explanation of the latest dispatch from Peking, reporting that an interruption has now actually occurred, seem to be directly in line with the threat previously conveyed.

FRICION HAS OCCURRED.

The peculiar state of diplomatic relations between the Russian and foreign powers, and the Chinese minister at St. Petersburg give further evidence that friction has occurred. The illness of Yang Yu as occurring in good faith, but looked upon as a device to avoid action. The St. Petersburg dispatches now state that Yang Yu's sickness has so increased since his last interview with Count Lansdorff that he may have to withdraw. This is accepted here in well-posted quarters as a delicate intimation that his disapproval in such a way that Yang Yu's withdrawal will follow in consequence.

In case there proves to be an interruption of the relations between Russia and China it is not expected to disarrange the negotiations between the other powers and China or between Russia and the powers. It probably would be confined to a termination of the close entente long maintained between Russia and China.

Peace Negotiations.

London, April 9.—"It is declared in Transvaal quarters in this city," says the Brussels correspondent of the Morning Post, "that General Botha will shortly renew the peace negotiations."

FEATURES OF TODAY'S PAPER.

- 1.—Montgomery Election.
- 2.—Decision Affecting Corporation.
- 3.—Cuba Favors Independence.
- 4.—Editorial.
- 5.—Big Contract.
- 6.—Social.
- 7.—The Markets.
- 8.—The Tennessee Derby.

CONVENTION DID NOT MEET.

Havana, April 8.—The Cuban constitutional convention did not meet today, owing to the absence of Senor Capote, the president. La Luchas, referring to the delay, says: "The convention is unwilling to accept or reject the Platt amendment. Three propositions on lines practically the same as the amendment have been rejected, but the convention refuses to discuss the majority report of the committee on relations which diametrically opposed."

DRY GOODS CONSOLIDATION.

New York, April 8.—The Journal of Commerce tomorrow will say: "It may be stated on authority that the plans to consolidate large retail dry goods companies on which John Clay has been at work for some time is now definitely completed and a \$200,000 J. F. Morgan syndicate has been organized to finance it."

AGUINALDO IN LUXURY AND IS BUYING DIAMONDS

It is Possible That He Will Soon Be Removed to a Large House With Pleasant Grounds—Beautiful Place Being Finely Prepared for His Occupancy

Manila, April 8.—General MacArthur says it is impossible to make a statement concerning Aguinaldo now. It is possible that Aguinaldo will soon be removed from the Malacan palace to a large house with pleasant grounds, No. 56 Generale Solano street, a fashionable quarter of the city beside the Pasig river, which is being renovated and prepared for occupancy.

Aguinaldo is purchasing diamonds and other jewelry. He continues to receive certain visitors, but newspaper correspondents are excluded. It is said that the manifesto which Aguinaldo has been preparing is not yet signed, and it is added that Aguinaldo is reluctant to comply with the conditions.

It appears that a majority of the Filipinos in Manila distrust Aguinaldo and dislike to see him accorded special favors. They say he ought to be severely punished.

General Sandico, a former member of Aguinaldo's cabinet, has surrendered to the American authorities at Cabanatuan, in the province of New Ecija. He has a bad record, and may be tried.

The trial of M. Brix-Hoeltermann, the Belgian, who was connected with the Philippine Trading Company, and who was arrested on the charge of supplying the insurgents, has been completed. The evidence of Colonel Herrera, who recently surrendered, clinched the prosecution. The colonel testified that Hoeltermann had furnished money and rice supplies to the insurgents.

BLOW TO RUSSIA IS A SEVERE ONE

There is Little Doubt But That She Will Renew the Struggle

London, April 8.—In a dispatch to the Times from Peking, dated Sunday, Dr. Morrison comments upon the blow to Russian prestige in China resulting from the check to Russia's ambitions regarding Manchuria. "This blow is all the more severe," he says, "because Japan, whom the Russians have affected to treat with the utmost contempt, has had the largest share in dealing it."

"There is little doubt that Russia will renew the struggle in some shape. It is a remarkable outburst of popular feeling which has thus enabled China to stand contented Russia. All the appeals against the convention concerning Manchuria were addressed to the Emperor. It is therefore difficult to believe that the Empress Dowager has not been affected by the defeat of the policy of which her husband, Li Hung Chang, is the sturdiest exponent.

"The Emperor has summoned the president of the board of revenue from Peking to prepare for the removal of the court. Probably this only means a removal to Kai Pong, in the province of Ho Nan, which would bring the court into closer contact with the Yang Tse viceroys."

ALLEN AND ROOT.

Governor of Porto Rico and the Secretary Confer.

Washington, April 8.—Governor Allen of Porto Rico today had a long conference with Secretary Root. The secretary was greatly interested in the details of the organization of the new Porto Rican regiment which will be recruited from natives of the island.

The Governor made arrangement for exchanging the arms of the insular police of Porto Rico. This force numbers 600 men and has proved very serviceable in riding the outlying districts of bandits. They have been given jurisdiction recently over towns having less than 5000 inhabitants. They are armed with old fashioned Springfield, but by the arrangement made today these will be exchanged for the latest pattern of breech loading carbines.

FUNNY INCIDENT.

Mrs. Potter Palmer Votes for Her Son, Honore, in Council.

Chicago, April 8.—The new city administration, headed by Mayor Carter Harrison, City Council Chamber to-night. A picturesque feature of the gathering was the presence of Mrs. Potter Palmer with a coterie of society people, who came to see her son, Honore Palmer, alderman from the Twenty-first ward, sworn in as a city official.

When the time came for Alderman Palmer to poll his vote he was so busy explaining the "doings" to a young woman that he forgot to vote and the audience laughed and applauded.

Reading Clerk McCaffery caught him unawares the second time also, but his mother, who was listening, evidently knew how her son should vote, for she uttered an involuntary "aye" and the vote was counted before the listeners realized the situation.

Looking for the Scrapper.

Cincinnati, April 8.—The police to-night are looking for ex-puffler Mike Conley, who is wanted on a charge of being implicated in the murder of Charles D. Gidea, the telegraph operator who died Sunday afternoon from injuries received in a saloon brawl early Sunday morning. Conley was the door keeper of the place.

I. T. U. Favors Arbitration.

Indianapolis, April 8.—Members of the International Typographical Union, by a mail vote, have decided in favor of the arbitration plan to settle all differences between the union and the News Publishers' Association. As the association has also adopted the arbitration plan, the action of the union puts an end to all lockouts, strikes or boycotts on newspapers that belong to the association.

NEGRO INCENDIARIES PURSUED AND ARE SURROUNDED IN SWAMP

Set Fire to a Store in Baldwin County

GREAT EXCITEMENT EXISTS

If Captured the Men Will Be Lynched

ONE OF THE POSSE IS WOUNDED

During a Pistol Fight With the Fugitives a Man Named McGowan Was Shot in Leg and Arm and Was Badly Hurt.

Mobile, April 8.—(Special.)—Reports from Bayminette, near here, on the line of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad in Baldwin County, tell of a case of attempted arson and the probable lynching of two negroes, who are now surrounded in a swamp near Hurricane Bayou.

It appears that about 10 o'clock Saturday night the negroes were discovered attempting to set fire to a large store at Bayminette; they made off, the fire was extinguished and a chase was made after the negroes by an armed posse. A long distance telephone message to the local police asked that they watch for the negroes, who were headed towards Mobile. Officers went to the northern limits of the city and kept watch. The river was also guarded.

The railroad telegraph operator at Hurricane Bayou later reported that he had seen two negroes answering the description of the men wanted pass his office early Sunday morning. One of the negroes was wounded by some shots fired by the posse and was being assisted by his companion.

The negroes entered the swamp near Hurricane. The bloodhounds stationed at the convict lumber camp of the Hand Lumber Company at Dolive, Ala., were sent down and picked up the trail of the fugitives at Hurricane Bayou. They followed the negroes into the swamp and the swamp is now surrounded by a large force of armed men who will capture or kill the negroes as soon as they show themselves. There has been no chance for the negroes to make their escape from the swamp, and their capture is only a question of time.

One of the posse, a white man named McGowan, was shot by the fleeing negroes during a pistol fight and was injured in the leg and the arm. His injuries are serious. The country in that vicinity is highly aroused and there is little doubt that the negroes will be lynched if captured by the posse.

United Mine Workers.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 8.—The executive board of the United Mine Workers of America went into session at their headquarters here this afternoon. The main membership is present and will probably be here for a week as a number of matters of importance to the entire coal field of the country are being considered. Plans for strengthening the organization so that the operators will meet the miners in joint convention hereafter to settle differences are to be made. President Mitchell is presiding over the meeting.

Views of a Frenchman.

Vienna, April 8.—The French economist, M. Paul LeRoy Beaulieu, in an article in the Nues Welter Tagblatt, discussing which civilized nation is likely to exploit China, says: "It is probable that the chief role will fall to the United States, especially when the Nicaragua canal has been cut. China will then, for economic purposes, become an American colony. The Americans know the membership in the world and will probably be here for a week as a number of matters of importance to the entire coal field of the country are being considered. Plans for strengthening the organization so that the operators will meet the miners in joint convention hereafter to settle differences are to be made. President Mitchell is presiding over the meeting."

Believed in Water Cure.

Knoxville, Tenn., April 8.—W. W. Scott, who was taken sick while en route from Waido, Ark., to Mountain View, W. Va., March 30 and placed in a hospital here last night. His body will be shipped to Gainsville today where his father, Dr. George L. Scott, resides. The Scott case was rather a peculiar one. He grew rapidly worse from the start, refusing to take medicine, declaring that he was a believer in the Water Cure.

Bowlin Will Be Tried.

Louisville, Ky., April 8.—J. B. Bowlin, formerly of Whitley County, this State, and indicted at Frankfort, Ky., last January on a charge of forging signatures to a pension claim, was brought here today for trial from Portland, Ore., where he was arrested. It is said that he was being lectured in the west on the Kentucky feud.

Lathe Hombres Captured.

Mena, Ark., April 8.—Lathes Hombres, the murderer of M. M. Willis, the inspector and paymaster of the Hammond Signor Tie Company, who escaped from jail last month, has been captured seventeen miles from this city. Hombres was sentenced to hang in 1899 but was granted a new trial by the Supreme Court.

Jenkins Defeated Roebker.

St. Louis, April 8.—Tom Jenkins of Cleveland, champion catch-as-catch-can wrestler of the world, to-night defeated Ernest Roebker of New York, champion Graco-Roman wrestler of the world, in a mixed style match for a purse of \$2,000. Jenkins won the first and third falls.

Mudge Succeeds Barr.

Topeka, Kan., April 8.—It is said by railroad officials that H. U. Mudge, general manager of the Santa Fe, will succeed to the position of third vice president of the road in place of J. M. Barr.