

GENERAL CRONJE ARRIVES IN CITY.



TESTIMONY CONCLUDED IN MERIWETHER-REPUBLIC SUIT.

William H. Hahn Tells of Contribution of \$2,500 by St. Louis Republican Committee to the Public Ownership Party—Charles Nagel Identifies 'Kerens-Meriwether Agreement' Which He Considered Too Big a Bargain—Former Mayor Noonan Relates Details of the Butler Conference Preceding Convention of 1897.

ARGUMENTS TO BE COMPLETED AND CASE GO TO JURY TO-DAY

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Troy, Mo., April 8.—Testimony in the trial of Lee Meriwether against the Republic was completed at a session of court to-day. Arguments will be made to-morrow morning, and the case probably will go to the jury in the afternoon. The Republic's witnesses told of political matters with which Meriwether was interested, and which Butler's connection as a friend and ally was shown. Charles Nagel told of the Republican State Committee's action in putting out the majority of the committee because of the Kerens-Meriwether agreement and the method of putting it through by a direct primary. He said that Meriwether went before the State Committee and said much about an honorable fusion. RECEIVED \$2,500 FROM REPUBLICANS. William H. Hahn said the Executive Committee of the Republican City Committee had appropriated \$2,500 for the Public Ownership party in 1901. Former Mayor Noonan told of the ante-convention conference in 1897 between himself, Brown, Butler and Meriwether. A deposition of John B. Owen stated that the third element, or party, in the Kerens-Meriwether agreement referred to the Butlers. George W. Fuller and Otto F. Karbe, former Public Ownership workers, told of Meriwether's having talked against placing Gebhardt on the ticket as Marshall. Gebhardt was afterward offered \$5,000 by Butler to withdraw in favor of Soullin, the Democratic nominee. P. E. Hurlon told of Meriwether's having refused to say anything about Butler's visit to his office in 1902 when requested to do so. Meriwether, in rebuttal, used Frank R. Kowalski, his closest political associate, and himself to contradict statements by the plaintiff's witnesses. He read several depositions telling about the Masonic Hall convention of 1897. OWNED TICKETS OF BUTLER APPLICATION. John H. Owen, a member of the Republican Central Committee of St. Louis in 1897, who was one of the signers of the Kerens-Meriwether agreement, stated in his deposition, which was read to-day, that the object of giving the five Justices of the Peace and five Constables to the "third party" was to capture the Butler element. The Public Ownership party was to attend to this part of the agreement. He says: "The representatives of the Public Ownership party figured that if no opposition in the removal of the Kerens members of the City Committee, they identified the Kerens-Meriwether agreement. The plaintiff's objection to Mr. Noonan's testimony regarding the action of the State Committee was overruled. "What was said by Charles E. Carroll, John B. Owen and C. F. Vannoy regarding the third element of party referred to in the agreement? "I recall only that Mr. Owen said to the State Committee that, aside from the withdrawal of the Kerens members, there were to be allotted to the Butlers. There was a proposition to put James H. Butler on the Public Ownership ticket, but this was afterwards abandoned. "The State Republican Committee considered formal charges by the minority of the City Committee against seventeen members of the twenty-eight localities of the agreement with the Public Ownership party and the minority was afterwards recognized as the City Committee. "Mr. Meriwether started his cross-examination by asking if Mr. Stages did not represent an attorney several large corporations? "I represent both corporations and private individuals," was the reply. "While a member of the City Council,

JAPANESE VICTIM OF HIGHWAYMAN.

Makino, Treasurer of Mikado's Exhibitors' Association, Assaulted by Robber.

SUSTAINS CUTS ON HEAD.

Footpad Is in the Act of Robbing Woman Within Fair Enclosures.

Makino, treasurer of the Japanese Exhibitors' Association for the World's Fair, was knocked down and seriously injured by a highwayman at Delmar boulevard and King's highway about 5 o'clock last night. Makino had about \$100 in his pockets, but the robber became frightened and fled north on King's highway without relieving his victim of the money. Makino lives at the official residence of the Japanese Exhibitor Association, at No. 573 Washington avenue. After dinner he went to a drug store on Delmar boulevard to get some money changed. He was returning home when he saw a woman and a man standing at the corner of Delmar boulevard and King's highway. He paid little attention to them until the man dealt him a blow which laid him on the ground. Makino was cut on the side of the head. The back of his head was bruised as a result of his contact with the pavement. He was not unconscious, and a minute after the assault he rose to his feet. A woman ran toward him. She had been standing at the corner. "My dear, good man," said the woman, showing great excitement, "you saved me from being robbed. That man was holding me and attempting to rob me when you came along. You saved me!" Makino's wounds would not permit him to show appreciation of the woman's feeling toward him and he ran toward his home, not even asking the woman her name, or the particulars as to the attempt to rob her. Makino says the man who assaulted him was tall and robust, and wore black clothes. He was greatly agitated when he reached the Japanese residence and several cups of tea were administered before he finally regained his composure. When the highwayman struck at Makino, he hit the derby hat of the Japanese. The rim of the hat was torn off. Makino recovered the remains. POLICE STABLES COST CITY \$36,535 A YEAR. Commissioners Receive Faulkner's Annual Report and Are Working on Others—Patrolmen Dismissed.

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Commissioners Receive Faulkner's Annual Report and Are Working on Others—Patrolmen Dismissed. Doctor William R. Faulkner, superintendent of police property, yesterday submitted his annual report of expenses at all police stables in the last fiscal year. According to the report the net cost of the police stables was \$36,535. Of this amount, \$28,000 was for new horses; \$4,410 for new vehicles, and \$4,125 was for the salary account. The cost of the patrol stables was \$24,133. It cost \$1,482.50 to keep the horses of the department each during the year. This was an average of about 72 cents for each set of four horses. Each of the 130 horses in the department had fourteen pounds of hay each day, making a total of 66,577 pounds of hay fed during the year. Doctor Faulkner sold unserviceable horses during the year for \$2,507.70, which amount was turned over to the Police Board. The Police Board disposed of five cases as follows: Patrolman Ernest Kottmeyer, Sixth District, fined \$20 and reprimanded for sleeping on duty; Patrolman Fred W. Keith, Fifth District, dismissed from duty without leave, dismissed from the force; Patrolman Robert J. Phillips, Sixth District, dismissed from the force; Probationary Patrolman Joseph A. McCullin, Ninth District, intoxicated on duty, one month's salary, \$65, and reprimanded. The board remained in session until late in the afternoon, when it considered the annual report, which will be made soon, and discussing special matters. Secretary Walter advised that the matters under consideration would not be made public. "WE LIVE NEAR RESTAURANT." "Dago Hill" Couple Could Give Only Indefinite Address.

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Grate and Rosie Giovannette, third cousins, came very near being refused a marriage license yesterday because of several moments, each forgot the exact location of their residence. A happy thought of the bride to be, however, won the day, as it assured the license clerk that they really lived in "Dago Hill." The couple appeared before Deputy Recorder Paul Young. Mr. All went well until he asked where they lived. "Dago Hill" was the response. "What street is that?" asked the clerk. "I don't know," replied the bride. "What is your home number?" asked Young. The couple glanced at each other in amazement. "Dago Hill" was all they could think of. Chief Deputy William Lightfoot was called in, who informed the couple that they would have to specify some place of abode. "Oh, yes," then exclaimed the bride to be, "I know, it's right near the French restaurant." The bride and groom were given an indefinite address, evidently much to the relief of the couple. COURTHOUSE TO BE PAINTED. Council Passes Bill Appropriating \$3,500 for Work.

CHIEF WANTS AUTOMOBILE.

Chief Wingley's estimate of needs for the St. Louis Fire Department contains a suggestion that an automobile be purchased for the use of himself to attend fires. Twelve hundred dollars, a moderate price for a serviceable machine, is asked to acquire the vehicle. Chief Wingley is the proper thing to place the "car" on the spot. All estimates submitted are extremely high, according to Comptroller Player. It is thought that the fire "auto" will be among the appropriations granted. Chief Wingley has decided not to take any part in the national competition of the fire at the World's Fair. The Chief believes that the St. Louis department is in a measure the hosts of all visiting firemen and that when they will not enter into competition. Chief Wingley will also be a judge of events, and says he does not want to be charged with showing any disposition to favor his own body.

NEW-FASHIONED WIDE SKIRTS ACTED LIKE SAILS AND MADE WALKING DIFFICULT FOR WOMEN IN GALE.

TEMPERATURE FREEZING. SIXTY MILES AN HOUR GALE. Windy with occasional snow showers. The temperature at freezing point and the wind blowing a hurricane, life was made miserable on the streets.



It required some heroism for the fashionably-dressed woman with the new style wide skirt and the hat-like-shaped hat to go against the wind that swept in and down and across the streets of St. Louis yesterday at a velocity of from forty to sixty miles an hour. Women's skirts whipped them, and their large hats, which offered resistance, pulled their hair when the wind raged tempestuously at the hat-pin moorings. The man who did not hold fast to his hat had it unceremoniously lifted from his head and the hat was either blown in the air or tumbled and battered over the pavement. The wind had a clear sweep at the wide intersection of Olive and Twelfth streets as many hats were blown away, not to be recovered. At Eighth and Olive and Sev-



enth and Olive, and Broadway and Olive street there was a regular carnival of floating or tumbling debris. It rained during the afternoon, but pedestrians could not raise their umbrellas without jeopardizing them in the gale. The temperature remained slightly above the freezing point all afternoon, and storm coats were not amiss. Newsboys and streeturchins generally earned many a nickel chasing and returning wind-burled headwear.

WATER FREEZING. FIVE TO TEN AND BENEATH. The forecast for St. Louis and vicinity for today and tomorrow is for a heavy snowfall with temperatures below zero.

VOTE TO PAY TAX COMMITTEE FEES.

House of Delegates Moves to Defray Investigation Expense Out of Contingent Fund.

RESOLUTION HAS OPPOSITION.

Three Council Bills Passed and Seventeen Other Measures Killed by Being Sent Back to Committee.

At last night's session of the House of Delegates a resolution was carried to appropriate \$2,625 out of the general contingent fund of the Municipal Assembly to defray the expenses incurred by the Tax Investigating Committee. The resolution was carried by a vote of 25 to 3. Delegates William A. Block, Birge and Hammerstein opposed its adoption. Block declared that the resolution should be concurred in by the Council, as he claimed that it was in conflict with city ordinances and the Charter. Delegate Fontana held, however, that the House of Delegates could do whatever it saw fit with its contingent fund. The resolution was then voted upon. Expenses incurred by the committee are principally for salaries due two attorneys and a secretary, the services of whom were engaged about five months ago, when the Tax Committee began to compare books of business men and manufacturers with returns made to the City License Collector. No report of the Tax Committee has yet been returned to the House of Delegates. The committee now awaits final disposition of the habeas corpus proceedings of H. Conrades, Jr., a furniture dealer, who refused to present his books to the committee, and who subsequently was cited for contempt by the Speaker of the House. Conrades carried the case to the St. Louis Court of Appeals, where the House of Delegates was upheld. Conrades was not returned to the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House with the decision, however. Attorney Barrett, for the House of Delegates, will go to Jefferson City to file a plea before the Supreme Court on the contention that Conrades should have been either discharged or remanded to the custody in which he was before the Appellate decision. After the decision of the Supreme Court the report will be made. It is a voluminous document, containing about 7,000 words. Council bills which provide for the purchase of a locomotive for the Water Works, for five assistants to the Inspector of Weights and Measures, and for \$20,000 to decorate the interior of the new City Hall, were passed. Seventeen public improvement bills were killed by being sent back to committee, among them were six alley improvement bills and one street maintenance bill. The other bills were for the improvement of Warne avenue, between Easton and Kennerly avenues; Hurl avenue, between Minerva and Easton avenues; Laclade avenue, between Grand and King's highway, and Walnut street, between Tenth and Twelfth streets. The following street-opening bills met the same fate: La Rillo street, between Mississippi and Missouri avenues; Wise street, between Tamm and Chicago avenues; Grayson place, from Minerva to Wells avenue; Greer avenue, between Taylor and Cora avenues, and a bill to widen Loop avenue, from Wyoming street to Utah street. COURTHOUSE TO BE PAINTED. Council Passes Bill Appropriating \$3,500 for Work.

RUSSIANS HOURLY EXPECTING ATTACK.

Japanese Officers, Disguised as Chinese, on the Way to Join Forces of General Ma.

RUSSIA PRESENTS PROTESTS.

Reports Received at Seoul Say There Are No Russians on the Korean Side of the Yalu—Jap Cavalry at Wiju.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE ST. LOUIS HERALD AND THE NEW YORK HERALD. St. Petersburg, April 8.—(Copyright, 1904.)—A dispatch from Port Arthur has been seen here stating that the Japanese fleet has been seen hovering about the horizon and that, in view of the moonless nights, a new attack is anticipated. There are persistent rumors current that the Japanese are preparing an attack for to-morrow, hoping to find the Russians engaged in their Easter devotions. General Kuropatkin has returned to Liao-Yang. Baron Rosen has been received by the Emperor and appointed Master of the Court, in recognition of his high services. JAPS DISMISSED. SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE ST. LOUIS HERALD AND THE NEW YORK HERALD. Peking, April 8, 5:35 p. m.—(Copyright, 1904.)—Since March 15 at least nine Japanese officers dressed as Chinese, with a full staff of Chinese servants, have passed north through Kopeik, Jehoe and Ping-Tsuan toward Chao-Yang. General Ma's headquarters. There are about 2,500 foreign-drilled troops at Chao-Yang. Russia has protested to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the Chinese Government engaging additional Japanese military instructors for the troops in North China. CAVALRY AT WIJU. SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE ST. LOUIS HERALD AND THE NEW YORK HERALD. Seoul, April 8, 5:30 p. m.—(Copyright, 1904.)—The Japanese advance cavalry arrived at Wiju on April 6. There are no Russians there, nor on the Korean bank of the Yalu. The steamer Sumiyose Maru called in at Chemulpo to-day to take on board 300 men belonging to the First Division. The newspaper correspondents on board the Sumiyose Maru were not permitted to land, and a correspondent who was here waiting to go forward with the Japanese troops was unable to obtain permission to embark on the steamer. THIBETANS OPEN FIRE ON BRITISH SOLDIERS UNDER COL. McDONALD. London, April 8.—A dispatch received at the India office to-night said that Colonel McDonald's infantry, while reconnoitering near Kalapang, encountered 200 Thibetans, who opened fire. There were no casualties. BURTON DOES NOT ENTER THE SENATE CHAMBER. No Action is Looked For by that Body Until Appeal Has Been Decided.

HIGH WIND CAUSES MINOR DAMAGE.

Gale Varying From 40 to 60 Miles an Hour Blows Down Japanese Bazaar at Fair.

BOATS ON RIVER IN PERIL.

Cold Rain and Some Snow Incidents of Disagreeable Day, the Temperature Falling Almost to Freezing Point.

With the temperature a few degrees above the freezing point, a southwest gale varying in velocity from forty to sixty miles an hour and an intermittent cold rain and occasional flakes of snow falling, yesterday was anything but inspiring to the bird who is wont to sing of spring. Early in the morning a breeze sprung up from the southwest and increased in velocity until it became almost a hurricane. At 4:30 a. m. it attained a pace of forty-eight miles an hour, and blew down the bazaar building on the Japanese reservation at the World's Fair, with a loss of about \$3,000. No other serious damage was reported from the Exposition grounds. During the early morning gale and the fierce gusts during the afternoon, store signs were displaced, fences torn down, cornice ripped off many buildings, and other minor damage done in various parts of the city. Shortly after 3 p. m. the instrument in the local Weather Bureau showed that the wind maintained a velocity of sixty miles an hour for three minutes, and ranged from forty to fifty-six miles an hour until 7 p. m. The gale was regarded as one of the worst since the St. Louis cyclone. Small boats on the river tugged stubbornly at their moorings, and several of them were broken loose, but were caught before they floated far. The wind died down at 9:30 p. m., but cold rain and sleet continued to fall. At midnight the temperature was about freezing. BAZAAR WRECKED. Forecaster Howie of the Government Weather Bureau attributed the storm to the presence of a disturbance of marked intensity over the Upper Mississippi Valley, the center of which is near Des Moines. High winds were reported from all stations in the Upper Mississippi and Missouri valleys and the Western lake region. Snow was reported falling in Minnesota and cold rains in Northern Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, North and South Dakota. The bazaar building on the Japanese reservation at the World's Fair went down before the wind about 2:30 o'clock in the morning. No one was injured by the wreck. The raising of the building was complete, not a timber being left standing. The bazaar building was a two-story structure in course of erection and, because of its exposure on the summit of the hill in full sweep of the gale, and because it had not been tied down, it was an easy mark for the hurricane. The damage done to the structure was about \$3,000. Not a nail was used in constructing it and hence the timbers were not broken. The work of clearing the debris and re-erecting the bazaar was begun yesterday morning, and it will take less than two weeks to complete it. The building had been in course of erection about twenty days and will cost \$14,000. TROUBLE ON RIVER. High winds in the afternoon caused some thrilling moments on the steamer Stacker Lee, as the boat was making its landing, the gale lifting the big steamers so far to one side as to make watching on shore seriously apprehensive for her safety and causing an anxious period for her officers. The boat had little trouble coming up the stream, although her progress was retarded somewhat by the fierce gusts which swept across the river. Taking her advantage of a lull in the wind, her pilot attempted to make a landing and had the boat turned broadside to the current, when another gust struck her, the wind coming from the south. No strong was the gale that the big steamer was gradually forced over side ways, until the water rose far on her guard, the deck standing at an angle because the wind acted. Her pilot turned her head upstream again, just when the situation seemed to become critical. Not only was the Lee interfered with, but the steamers Chester and Capt Girard were forced to delay their departure until long after the scheduled time. Both boats were heavily loaded. TEXAS TORNADO DESTROYS LIVES OF SIX PERSONS. Two Entire Families Killed in Collapse of Houses During Tornado. EIGHTEEN ARE INJURED. Limestone and Freestone Counties Are Swept by Wind, and Scores of Plantations Are Injured. SEVERE STORM IN KANSAS. Blizzard Rages Over Northern and Western Missouri, Accompanied by Decided Drop in Temperature.

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Houston, Tex., April 8.—Six persons were killed and eighteen were injured in a tornado which swept portions of Limestone and Freestone counties last night near Mexico. John Bullard, his wife and child were killed. In the collapse of a house near Brewster a woman and two children were killed. Their names are not known. The residences of George Parsons, Grace Livingston, Lam Hobbs, Dan Lacey, Ben Riggs, Otis Hill and Marling Brown were totally destroyed, and members of these families make up the injured list. Two will die. At Colbert, Robertson County, R. P. Thompson, manager of the street plankton, was injured. The roof of Colonel E. S. Taylor's residence was blown away, and his barn destroyed. Colonel Taylor is president of the Texas Cotton Growers' Association. Several plantation houses were demolished. Slight damage is reported from several towns adjacent to the path of the cyclone, which was only thirty yards wide. BLIZZARD IN KANSAS. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Kansas City, Mo., April 8.—The entire State of Kansas is swept by a blizzard. The wind blew hard in nearly every part of the State all day to-day, and last night increasing in velocity to-day when it became almost a hurricane. Last night snow began to fall, and the precipitation increased until the air was filled with whirling sleet and snow, drifting to such an extent that trains are delayed. The temperature at 6 o'clock to-night was 25 degrees above zero. Reports of suffering among live stock on the big ranches have been received. If the temperature continues to fall, many unprotected cattle will die, as they have been turned out on the ranges for spring feeding. Missouri also suffered. A light snow fell and the wind blew at an average velocity of thirty miles an hour. The temperature fell rapidly and it is believed that damage was done to fruit trees and garden truck. SNOWSTORM AT CHAMOUS. Chamous, Mo., April 8.—A snow and rain storm, accompanied by a high wind, has been raging here all day. To-night a sleet storm prevails, which will greatly damage the wheat and fruit crops, as well as completely destroy all early blossoms. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Sedalia, Mo., April 8.—A sleet and snow storm set in at midnight last night, and became a regular blizzard to-day. Snow fell all day in a driving windstorm. The storm was accompanied by a strong gale of wind, which blew the car sheds of the electric railway company and destroyed a number of small buildings. Reports from fruit growers indicate that there will be no crop of cherries and plums, the trees being in full bloom in this part of Missouri. WIND FENDANGERS EMBANKMENT. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Mount Sterling, Ill., April 8.—The Illinois River at Spring Station, about twelve miles from here, has overflowed the Wash-bash track which runs through the bottom, and the road had to stop running trains to-day. The wind has caused the embankment on which the CHERRY BLOSSOMS. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. It is thought that the track will be washed away. The weather to-day has been the worst of the winter, as it has snowed and a high southerly wind has blown. The snow is several inches deep. WABASH TRACK WASHED OUT. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Decatur, Ill., April 8.—Fifty hundred feet of Wash-bash track in the Illinois River bottom at Mercedia was washed out by water to-day. A big force has been at work trying to save the track, but high wind made their efforts unavailing. NEWALLS PRAISE A PHEZZE. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Nevada, Mo., April 8.—A heavy rain fell here last night and was accompanied by a stormy west wind. This morning snow began to fall and continued all day. The weather at this hour is cold enough to injure the fruit crops, but great fear is felt that a heavy snow will be followed by a heavy rain. DELAYS FARMING WORK. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Moberly, Mo., April 8.—This has been by far the worst day of the season. Rain began to fall yesterday evening. It turned to snow during the night, and a blizzard raged all day. It has snowed continually. Drifts are deep. Farmers will be greatly delayed in their work. Fruit may be badly damaged, if not entirely killed, should it turn any colder and freeze, as it now promises to do. The birds are rapidly swelling, and are

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