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15 KILLED IN RAIL CRASH

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE HEAD IS ON STAND

Senator Presses Hard For Replies to Questions; Draw Capacity Crowd

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 17 (AP)—Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel of the Anti-Saloon league, today faced Senator Reed of Missouri, today before the senate campaign fund committee in a spectacular battle of words over Wheeler's public charges of expenditures by the "liquor interests" in Pennsylvania's \$2,000,000 republican primary.

The long awaited clash between the dry leader and the fiery Missourian, a consistent foe of the anti-saloon league and its prohibition policies, brought an overflowing crowd to the big committee room and provided a breathless climax to the committee's colorful inquiry into Pennsylvania politics.

Wheeler took with him to the witness stand a bundle of papers as if he were prepared for a long siege of questioning, running over many phases of the league's activities. At the outset Reed warned him that he "had better cancel" other engagements for the morning, as the committee had considerable business to transact with him.

Wheeler held his right hand high as he took the oath, administered by Reed as committee chairman. He took a seat directly across the table from the Missourian.

After bringing out that Wheeler (Continued on page three)

Indicates That Point Causeway Permit Favored

That the amount of obstruction probably would not be sufficient to prevent a permit to be granted to Col. Sam Robertson for the construction of a causeway from Point Isabel to Padre Island, was the opinion voiced by Major J. L. Schley, United States district engineer, at the conclusion of his hearing Thursday morning in the county district court room here at which both objections to the causeway and pleas favoring it were heard.

Major Schley qualified his statement by saying that he was not certain whether this would be his recommendation on the application of Col. Robertson but that this was the way it appeared at the conclusion of the hearing.

Opposition to the construction of a causeway without proper openings for the passage of marine traffic was voiced by property owners in the area, and the fishing interests and the pleasure boat owners, while pleas for the causeway were presented by the Rio Grande Railroad, chambers of commerce, banks and civic organizations.

Colonel Robertson heard Colonel Robertson, who proposes to build the causeway to connect the mainland with his beach drive on Padre Island, was the first to state his case at the hearing. He said that it was his intention to build a causeway beginning about 2,200 feet north of Point Isabel to Padre Island with a 50-foot span to allow the passage of vessels from the bay up Laguna Madre. Colonel Robertson said that it was his intention to operate the span with electric power and to light the causeway with electricity secured from the Valley Electric company plant.

S. K. Hallam, representing the Laguna Vista club, was one of the first to speak in opposition to the plan to build a causeway at the point indicated. He revealed the fact that the Laguna Vista club intended to dredge a private channel from Point Isabel to the location of its property on Laguna Madre at a point seven miles from Point Isabel. He declared that this would give the Valley a harbor seven miles nearer than Point Isabel and that the proposed channel could not be dredged unless there were a suitable opening in the causeway. Mr. Hallam said that this channel is to be 100 feet wide and 15 feet deep and is a part of extensive development to take place at Laguna Vista, within the next few months. He also brought out the fact that during stormy weather the fishing vessels seek a haven north of Point Isabel and that unless proper facilities for their passage through the causeway were made that they would be deprived of their safety.

Urges 8000 Foot Shoreline

Louis Cobelli, who said that he was speaking purely from the standpoint of the interested in the harbor project, expressed belief that in the future the government would need dredges, machine shops and other paraphernalia attending the growth of the port, and recommended that (Continued on page two.)

CAST BALLOT AGAINST 'MA' KEMP'S CALL

Wichita Falls Man is Out With Appeal as Ferguson Attacks Bond Plan

WICHITA FALLS, Tex., June 17.—(AP)—An appeal to the democratic voters to cast their ballots against Governor Miriam A. Ferguson in the primary July 24, because of her failure to call a special session of the legislature to enact legislation to validate a special district road the United States supreme court, in the Archer county case was issued Wednesday afternoon by J. A. Kemp, chairman of the statewide committee on bond validation.

Mr. Kemp's statement in part follows:

"On Tuesday evening, June 15, in my home city at Wichita Falls, Texas, the proxy governor of this state, in discussing the validation of Texas bonds, made a vicious attack upon me, and upon the motives of a committee representing thousands of patriotic Texans who desire to give immediate assurance to the nation that Texas recognizes its moral obligations to repay money used in the building of its highways. I have no reply to make to the scurrilous personal attack.

"However, I am impelled to state that a deplorable situation is presented by the suggestion of Jim Ferguson in his speech here that Texas should repudiate its obligations to repay money in good faith loaned to our citizens. According to Associated Press dispatches, Jim Ferguson stated, in substance, that the purpose of our committee had in mind in petitioning for a convocation of the legislature to validate bond issues affected by the Archer county case, was to bribe certain bondholders and to make a brokerage house out of the governor's office. This is so patently false, as to call for no reply. I do, however, wish to state that my long life among the citizens of Texas convinces me that we will not endorse any man or choose for the high office of governor, any representative who directly or indirectly suggests that Texas should repudiate its honest debts."

Locomotives on Limited Train Plow Sleepers

Pittsburgh, Pa., June 17.—(AP)—Fifteen persons, including four trainmen and eleven passengers, were killed in the wreck of the Washington Express and the Cincinnati Limited near Blairsville intersection, the Pennsylvania railroad officially announced today after a careful check of all undertaking establishments in Latrobe, Derry and Blairsville, to which places the bodies were removed.

CARL MAGEE FREED UPON COURT ORDER

Judge Leahy Admitted on Stand He Was Aggressor in Trouble in New Mexico

EAST LAS VEGAS, N. M., June 17.—(AP)—Carl C. Magee, stormy petrel of New Mexico politics, is a free man again today. By a directed verdict of the court last night he was freed of the charge of manslaughter brought against him following the fatal shooting of John B. Lasseter, young highway department engineer, here last August.

Lasseter was killed by a bullet intended for Former Judge David J. Leahy, political enemy of Magee, who was one of the principal witnesses for the state yesterday. Leahy on the witness stand admitted that he was the aggressor in the fight that ended in Magee firing three shots. One shot killed Lasseter and another struck Leahy in the arm.

OUT at the edge of Brownsville there has been built in the last eighteen months a very large industry.

This industry represents an outlay of something like \$150,000. It manufactures brick, hollow building tiles, and drain tiles.

The products of this plant, owned and operated by the Valley Clay Products Co., is going into the erection of Hotel El Jardin, an eight-story building to cost about \$25,000.

A product of this plant has been used by well known Austin architects for the erection of school structures at Pharr-San Juan.

The product of this plant is being used in many other structures.

A San Antonio architect was given the contract by the Brownsville school board to plan a ward school building, to be erected in Victoria Heights at a cost of around \$25,000.

The architect said: "No, you can't use Valley tile," or words to that effect.

Why not? This is a home industry, financed largely by home people; it pays taxes here, county and state, and probably in the Brownsville school district.

The architect should have a very good reason for denying the use of a home-constructed article in the erection of a publicly owned building in the city of Brownsville.

Surely he has been misinformed about the product. Surely he must be laboring under some sort of an incorrect impression. It is difficult to believe that he would refuse to permit the use of tile in this building when it is being so generally used in this territory.

The Harlingen Chamber of Commerce has decided that it is not a wise policy for Valley towns to raise funds for entertainment of visitors, delegations, conventions, etc., in Matamoros.

Probably every town will applaud the sentiment of the Harlingen organization, which points out that as a rule the money raised for such entertainment is spent with institutions which bear no part of the expense of such entertainment.

The Brownsville Chamber of Commerce, we believe, months ago took the stand that there was no reason why Brownsville should put up for such entertainment, and has pursued that policy. This stand, of course, has no bearing on meals that may be served in Brownsville to such visitors, or to participation with other Valley towns in expense of entertainment on this side.

For one thing, it is much too expensive, this thing of pre-Volsteadian spreads at public expense.

The visitor who wishes such entertainment can well afford to pay his own way, and no doubt would prefer to do so.

Tours may end in Matamoros if desired, but the entertainment should end with that, the visitor being permitted to select his entertainment thereafter.

An Ohio man writes to the Valley urging that the Valley grow green stuff. Perhaps the Ohio gentleman hasn't had figures on the "green stuff" grown in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, something like 15,000 cars of which only 1500 or 2000 cars comes under a classification other than "green stuff."

Hotel El Jardin is beginning to take on the appearance of a real building.

The eighth story of concrete frame is about to reach its lines upward. It will be the tallest building in this part of the state.

Perhaps we'll be able to see the breakers on the beach at Boca Chica, and other interesting sights.

Which reminds us, one of the prettiest, most enchanting views is the mantle of green that follows the meanderings of the Rio Grande.

ASCOT, England, June 17 (AP)—Sir John Rutherford's Solaris, the favorite, won the cup feature of today's "royal Ascot" program. The race, 2 1/2 miles, carried prizes of about \$18,000.

THE WEATHER

For Brownsville and the Lower Rio Grande Valley: Partly cloudy to unsettled tonight and Friday; not much change in temperature.

For East Texas: Partly cloudy to cloudy tonight and Friday with scattered thundershowers; cooler in northern portion tonight. Moderate southerly winds on the coast.

The weather continued mostly cloudy and unsettled practically throughout the country since last report, with scattered showers and thundershowers in the northwestern, central, and southwestern states. It was warmer in the Ohio and middle and lower Mississippi Valleys, this morning, and cooler in the south Atlantic states.

The highest temperature yesterday at Texas stations ranged from 100 at Abilene to 86 at Galveston.

BROWNSVILLE IS SELECTED

Texas Fruit Men to Gather Here in 1927

BEAUMONT, Texas, June 17.—(AP)—Brownsville was chosen today for the next annual convention of the Texas Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Dealers' association and Ed Stegman of Beaumont was elected president. An invitation for the next convention to be held in El Paso came from the chamber of commerce of that city.

The invitation was extended by the Brownsville chamber of commerce through W. E. McDarvitt of McDarvitt Brothers, who is a delegate to the convention.

COEN WINNER IN JUNIOR NET PLAY

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 17.—Junior Coen, 14-year-old Kansas City boy player upset predictions today when he defeated Jimmy Quick, Dallas junior, in the semi-final matches in the Junior Missouri Valley championship at the Rockhill tennis club here, 6-4, 6-2.

Berkley Bell, Austin, Texas, defeated Joe Smith, St. Louis, 6-3, 7-5. Bell ranked number five in the United States in the junior division, now meets Coen, number 3 boy player in the United States last year, in the finals.

South Plains Rails Argument on July 19

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 17 (AP)—The five applications for construction of new railroads in the South Plains section of Texas were assigned by the interstate commerce commission today for oral argument July 19 in Washington.

FIND RUTHERFORD GUILTY IN KILLING

BROWNWOOD, Texas, June 17.—(AP)—The trial of Dave W. Rutherford of Santa Anna for the murder of deputy sheriff J. W. Griffith of that city on February 16, 1924, was concluded Wednesday night. The jury was out about an hour and returned a verdict of guilty, assessing the punishment at life imprisonment. The case was brought here on a change of venue from McCulloch county, where Rutherford was the same sentence at his first trial last year.

A motion for a new trial will probably be filed, according to counsel for the defense.

NEEDS NO LABEL WASHINGTON, D. C., June 17 (AP)—A senate bill to permit use of corn sugar in certain food products without so labeling was passed today by the house. It now goes to the president.

LEADER IN COUP LISBON, June 17 (AP)—General Gomes Da Costa, one of the leaders in the recent coup d'etat in Portugal, has placed himself at the head of the government.

AUTO DESERTED BY BOOTLEGGER

One touring car, the driver of which is missing, and a quantity of booze found in the vehicle, are in the possession of United States authorities as the result of a catch made early Wednesday afternoon near Santa Maria.

The driver of the car deserted it on the approach of Roy and Ed Harrell, patrol inspectors; Marcus Hines, customs inspector and N. M. Ragland, state game warden, and was not caught in the chase that followed. In the auto were 25 quarts of tequila, 11 gallons of mescal, 13 quarts of peach brandy and 18 quarts of cognac. The driver is being traced by the license number of the car.

William Shears made an arrest a short distance from Brownsville Wednesday night on a charge of receiving, possessing and transporting liquor. Rafael Ruiz is the man arrested. Five gallons of mescal were found.

ROGERS ELECTED HEAD OF ROTARY

(Special to The Herald.) DENVER, Colo., June 17.—Harry H. Rogers of San Antonio was elected president of Rotary International here today, defeating Tom Davis of Butte, Montana, and Arthur Sapp of Huntington, Indiana. Vote was 1204 for Rogers, 902 for Sapp, 563 for Davis. It was moved by Sapp, seconded by Davis, to make the election of Rogers unanimous. Rogers' campaign was handled by Walter Cline of Wichita Falls, old Falkenhainer of Iowa, and Sid Hardin of Mission.

COTTONBELT TO SELL BONDS WASHINGTON, D. C., June 17 (AP)—The St. Louis-Southwestern railway asked the interstate commerce commission today for authority to issue \$1,085,000 of first terminal and unfining mortgage bonds to be exchanged in refunding a like amount of first mortgage bonds of the Central Arkansas and Eastern railroad.

5 PERISH IN BURNING CAR

Inquiry Started Into Cause of Blaze on Sleeper

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, June 17 (AP)—Two separate investigations were under way here today to fix causes and responsibility for a fire at dawn yesterday on a Union Pacific tourist sleeper near Crystal siding, Nevada, in which five passengers burned to death and seven were injured, one seriously. Only one of the five bodies recovered had been identified this morning, the railroad listing four persons as missing.

Mrs. J. G. King, Drummond, Mont., a bride of a few days, perished when she returned to the blazing car in an effort to save her husband who had entered it to recover baggage. King escaped by jumping from a window and was not aware that his wife had reentered the car. He was badly burned and bruised.

The missing: W. H. McCreary, 86, Riverside, Calif. C. W. Gutcher, address unknown. Lydia A. Hall, 75, Redlands, Calif. Ellen N. Green, 80, Redlands, Calif.

The fire broke out in a Pullman car and before the train could be moved to Crystal siding the flames trapped the sleeping passengers. The cause of the fire is unknown, although investigators regarded the electric wiring in the Pullman car as a possible source. The civil authorities here and the Union Pacific railroad officials are making separate investigations. The train was stopped when the blaze was discovered but its seriousness was not apparent until an attempt was made to bring the coach to Crystal siding.

Moody Turns to New Line of Attack

MEMPHIS, Texas, June 17.—(AP)—Attorney General Moody turned to a new line of attack here Wednesday in one of his day's addresses in behalf of his candidacy for governor. He devoted much time to an attack on the statement attributed to James E. Ferguson at Wichita Falls that those who agitate a special session of the legislature are urging validation without submitting the matter to a vote of the people of \$100,000,000 in road bonds which the U. S. Supreme court said they don't owe.

Moody took issue with Ferguson's purported statement. The attorney general declared that payment of (Continued on page two.)

BULLS ACTIVE ON NEW YORK MARKET

NEW YORK, N. Y., June 17.—(AP)—A gigantic bull movement got under way in today's stock market, carrying prices upward one to 12 points on an enormous volume of trade. U. S. Steel touched the highest in its history at 139 3/4 and set a new place in its history at 139 3/4 and General Motors the year's best level at 147 1/2. Total sales had crossed 1,500,000 shares before 1 p. m.

White Star Line's Sale is Approved

NEW YORK, June 17.—(AP)—Sale of the White Star line to Furness, Withy and company and other British interests was approved today by stockholders of the International Mercantile Marine company for between 7,000,000 and 7,500,000 pounds.

LEAP 4000 FEET DAYTON, Ohio, June 17 (AP)—Lieutenant James T. Hutchinson and P. H. Stanley, army air service observers, today made parachute leaps to safety from a burning McCook field airplane, 4,000 feet above the village of Osborn.

Locomotives on Limited Train Plow Sleepers

The crash came when the Cincinnati Limited ploughed into the rear of the Washington Express, which had stopped when an air hose parted.

The two locomotives of the Limited and the club car, immediately following them, as well as two express sleepers were badly wrecked.

A mass of twisted steel was mute testimony of the terrific crash.

The express sleepers were telescoped their full length. The twin locomotives on the Limited left the rails and upset while the club car, crushed in on the fore-end, shot into the air and stood upright. All other sleepers on the two trains, totalling eleven, were derailed.

The list of known dead: W. S. GORDON, Altoona, Pa., engineer of the train which crashed into the standing train. N. L. HOLLINGSWORTH, address unknown, fireman for Gordon. E. A. MCCONNELL, Altoona, Pa., engineer of the second locomotive on Gordon's train. EDWARD J. DONNAGHAY, Pittsburgh, superintendent of Pittsburgh Brass and Bronze company. C. F. BAUMAN, passenger, Columbus, O.

MRS. WILLIAM B. DURMOODY, Wilkensburg, Pa. C. P. HEPPELY, address unknown. JOHN A. KELLEY, New York insurance man. DR. C. R. CARTER, medical institute, Pittsburgh. A. N. LEES, baggage master, address unknown.

Two unidentified children who occupied the same sleeping compartment with Mrs. Durmoody of Wilkensburg, Pa.

The injured at Latrobe hospital: R. H. JONES, Cincinnati, O., lacerations. Mr. and Mrs. Jay Heelcher, Buffalo, N. Y., lacerations. Charles Robinson, negro porter, Pittsburgh, broken leg. Peter Johnson, Cleveland, Ohio, broken leg. Clarence Heiple, Erie, Pa., bruises. Carl Russell, Rutherford, N. J., bruises.

Mrs. Essie Bryan, Owentown, Ky., amputation one leg, condition very critical. Joseph Wise, Philadelphia, bruises. Veak Speed, Washington D. C., bruises.

The wreck, Pennsylvania railroad officials said, came after the express stopped to repair an air hose. The flagman, it was said, went back and burned flares. About ten minutes later, they added, the limited, being hauled by two locomotives, came thundering out of the night and (Continued on Page Two.)

THOUSANDS MEET 'RED SPECIAL'

CHICAGO, Ill., June 17.—(AP)—The Red Special bearing Cardinal Bonzano, the papal legate, eight other princes of the church and sixty prelates of the Catholic hierarchy to the Eucharistic ceremonies arrived in Chicago shortly before 10 o'clock this morning.

Braving threatening skies, a throng of several thousand greeted the train at the city limits, whence it moved slowly to the Illinois Central station, where the official welcoming delegation waited to escort the legate to the Cathedral of the Holy Name.

Drinks Available in Penny's Primary

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 17.—(AP)—K. M. Updegraff, a former prohibition agent of Pittsburgh, today told the house alcoholic liquor traffic committee that preceding the Pennsylvania primaries recently "you could get a drink in any saloon" in Pittsburgh with a "Popper Fisher" campaign sign on the outside.

Acute Homesickness Cause, Doty Asserts

DAMASCUS, Syria, June 17 (AP)—Bennett J. Doty, American member of the French foreign legion, today asserted that it was not cowardice but acute homesickness that caused his "momentary desertion" from his company in Syria recently.

"I suppose that similar discouragement sometimes overcomes even the best of soldiers," said Doty speaking of his homesickness, "but I realized my error and surrendered to the first post of gendarmes on the trans-Jordan frontier. I did not fire on the gendarmes; on the contrary, I surrendered voluntarily."

OIL MERGERS ARE ATTACKED

Connally of Texas Assails Department of Justice

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 17.—(AP)—The department of justice was assailed in the house today by Representative Connally, democrat, Texas, for sanctioning the recent mergers of the Associated Oil company with the Tidewater Oil company, and the Standard Oil company of New York with the General Petroleum corporation.

"It is notorious," he said, "that gasoline prices have materially increased within a very recent time. If the increase is such as to justify the president is asking for an investigation by the federal trade commission, it seems that the truth could at least in part be arrived at by turning over to the house the secret information in the files of the department of justice upon which was based approval of two significant mergers of large oil property."

He recalled that he recently had introduced a resolution requesting such information, and it had been reported adversely by the judiciary committee, on advice of the department of justice.

Connally added that the department "on more than one occasion has shown its sympathy for what it calls business."

Hagen Leads Field In Open Golf Event

ST. ANNES, England, June 17 (AP)—All nine Americans competing here came successfully through the qualification rounds for the British open golf championship tournament play which begins Wednesday.

Issue Requisitions For Rutherford

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., June 17 (AP)—Two requisitions for the return to St. Louis of William Allen Scott Rutherford, Pine Bluff, Ark., former United States army reserve officer, on a revived charge of killing a hotel bell boy in St. Louis last October 19, and on a related charge of carrying concealed weapons, were issued today by Governor Sam A. Baker upon Governor T. J. Terral of Arkansas.

CLEVELAND CHOSEN ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 17 (AP)—The 1927 Grotto convention will be in Cleveland it was decided today as the closing session of the thirty-seventh annual convention of the supreme council, mystic order of veiled prophets of the enchanted realm, a Masonic social organization.