

## BRYAN CONFIDENT OF HIS NOMINATION

### Claims Two-Thirds Vote in Convention.

## HIS CHOICE FOR RUNNING MATE

### Gray or Johnson, With Stevenson as Alternative.

## WANTS RADICAL PLATFORM

### "Man Before the Dollar" His Paramount Issue—Selze Roosevelt's Big Stick and Club Reactionaries His Programme.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 25.—(Special.)—William J. Bryan is confident of being nominated for President by the Democratic National convention at Denver and of being elected President in November. He does not answer either of these big questions categorically for publication, but he looks and acts like the sort of man who has already won a hard fight for something upon which his heart has long been set. His intimates, however, speak for him in unequivocal terms.

### Claims Two-Thirds Majority.

If further proof of his confidence of being nominated were wanted, it is contained in the following claim of strength in the convention among delegates already chosen, made by Mr. Bryan today:

For Bryan ..... 751  
For Johnson ..... 22  
For Gray ..... 6  
Chiefs unopposed ..... 672  
Necessary to choose ..... 672

Furthermore, Mr. Bryan does not propose, so far as he can control the situation, to follow the alleged mistakes of the Republican National convention at Chicago. He wants either Judge George Gray, of Delaware, or Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, nominated for Vice-President with him on the Democratic ticket. Adlai E. Stevenson, of Illinois, has been mentioned as his third choice.

### Puts Man Above Dollar.

He will insist throughout the entire Democratic platform that the paramount issue of the coming campaign shall be: "The dollar or the man," to the extent that the "man" shall precede the "dollar" in every plank in the platform—tariffs, trusts, interstate commerce, anti-inflation, etc.

Mr. Bryan's proposed platform will be considered radical. There will be absolutely no compromise with the reactionaries anywhere. Mr. Bryan proposes to grab up the "big stick" of Theodore Roosevelt and use it. That is the sum and substance of his proposed platform. Mr. Bryan is not saying these things for publication. In fact he is mixing politics with business and social duties to such an amazing degree that it is difficult for the casual observer to perceive just what is uppermost in his mind.

## TAGGART SPRINGS KERN BOOM

### Democratic Chairman Names Hooper for Vice-President.

DENVER, Colo., June 25.—Thomas Taggart, chairman of the National Democratic committee, came to town today, bringing along a Vice-Presidential boom, which he put forth with much enthusiasm.

"Bryan will be nominated on the first ballot without a doubt, and his running mate will be John W. Kern, of Indiana. Mr. Kern will be placed in nomination by John E. Lamb or B. F. Schievely, both of that state, and his nomination ought to follow."

This was the greeting Mr. Taggart gave to newspaper men. Later, when he had been whisked to the Auditorium, the convention hall, he exhibited little less enthusiasm.

"The arrangements for the convention are fine," he said. "I cannot see how they could be improved upon. The Auditorium is a wonderful piece of architecture and everything seems to be in such excellent shape."

Mr. Taggart has called a series of meetings of the National committee beginning Saturday, July 4, when the principal business will be to hear and determine the contests for seats as delegates which have been filed. These are comparatively few in number. So far filed with Secretary Woodcock they include contests from the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh districts of New York, the ninth Ohio and the delegation from the District of Columbia. It has been stated that a number of seats from Illinois were to be contested, but as yet no official notice of such intention has been received.

Chairman Taggart explained that but little time would be required to decide contests, as they were small in number and would be disposed of quickly.

Chairman Taggart was asked as to his ambition with regard to succeeding himself as chairman of the National committee. He replied with considerable emphasis: "I know I will not be chairman." Further than this he declined to go.

The committeemen and the ladies of their party have accepted an invitation to go up into the mountains Sunday on the Moffat Road.

### Ownership Not an Issue.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 25.—The Denver platform probably will declare for strict railway regulation. Friends of William J. Bryan predict that no Government ownership plank will be inserted. Six months ago Mr. Bryan issued a statement declaring the Government ownership would not be an issue in the campaign. Norman Mack and other close friends of Mr. Bryan do not believe that Government ownership will be discussed in the Denver convention.

## LUMBER DECISION TO BE APPEALED

### ROADS SAY INTERSTATE COMMISSION IS UNJUST.

### Reduction Ordered at Time When All Roads Propose Advance—Millions of Dollars Involved.

CHICAGO, June 25.—(Special.)—The roads directly interested in the decision recently issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission regarding transcontinental lumber rates are discussing seriously an appeal to the courts for relief from what they regard as the injustice of the order. Sweeping reductions in lumber rates from the Pacific Coast were ordered at a time when the roads everywhere are of opinion that there ought to be a general advance of all railroad rates.

The roads most affected are the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern and the Union Pacific. The order practically reduces the rates 15 to 25 per cent. Shipments to all sections of the country west of the Mississippi River are subject to this reduction. A cut of 5 cents has been ordered by the Commission in the territory east of the river.

The reductions in rates ordered by the Commission would make a difference of millions of dollars annually in gross earnings of the roads, and this, they say, they are in no position to stand.

## EPIDEMIC AMONG INSANE

### Salton Asylum Is Scene—All Inmates to Be Immune.

REDLANDS, Cal., June 25.—A second epidemic of diphtheria, less serious in consequences than the one which resulted in several deaths a few months ago, is in progress at the Southern California Hospital for the Insane at Salton. There are 31 cases, 15 well developed and 16 under observation. No deaths are anticipated, as the disease is uniformly mild. Several cases have appeared in the town of Highland, outside the hospital.

It has been decided to administer antitoxin to all patients and attendants at the asylum in order to prevent the spread of the disease and to make all immune. This will require three days.

## MANY RUMORS OF BATTLE

### But Campaign Against Yaquis Produces Little Else.

NOGALES, Ariz., June 25.—Since the breaking off of negotiations with the Yaqui Indians a few days ago and the subsequent order for an active campaign by General Torres, there have been numberless rumors of battles and skirmishes, none of which is substantiated by reliable reports. The Yaquis have active instructions to fight with the troops in the field, but as few of the people are permitted to re-ceive arms or ammunition, no assistance is looked for from this quarter.

From Sonora have come unverified reports that Chief Bullie with 300 followers had surrendered; that a party of 15 Yaquis was surrounded at a water-hole in the Bacatele mountains and captured by a detachment under Colonel Salas. Another rumor is that on the 15th a band of Yaquis attacked 23 soldiers and was defeated with a loss of four killed. Another engagement is reported from the Magdalena district.

## AGAINST OWNERSHIP PLANK

### Mack Says Bryan Will Agree With Convention.

DENVER, June 25.—Norman E. Mack reiterated today the statement he made yesterday in Lincoln, that it was his belief no Government ownership plank or mention of Government ownership of railroads would be in the Democratic platform.

"This is the impression I gained after a full talk with Mr. Bryan while I was in Lincoln," added Mr. Mack. "I do not believe that the convention and Mr. Bryan are going to be at variance on the platform. I have a fairly good idea of what the majority of the convention will be satisfied with, and I think I have a fairly good idea of what Mr. Bryan has in mind in that connection, and it is my belief that there will be no considerable difference of opinion between the leaders of the convention and the Nebraskaan."

## FRAZIER IS VICE-PRESIDENT

### T. P. A. Honors Portland Man Who Spoke for Good Roads.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., June 25.—(Special.)—The selection of C. D. Frazier, a traveling man from Portland, Or., as vice-president by the T. P. A. today, marked the successful appeal of Mr. Frazier to the convention in behalf of the National good roads movement. He attracted such attention by his speech Wednesday that he was elected today.

## CONVENTION IN DEADLOCK

### North Carolina Democrats Can't Agree on Governor.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., June 25.—After balloting until 2 o'clock this morning, the Democratic state convention adjourned until 10 A. M., when balloting will be resumed. Representative W. W. Kitchener in the gubernatorial contest still lacks enough for nomination. Craik and Horne, candidates for Governor, are confident of victory.

### Salmon Run Shows Increase.

ASTORIA, Or., June 25.—(Special.)—The run of salmon has materially increased during the past two days, and while not large, it is much better than at any previous time this season. Catches of from 500 to 600 pounds each are being made by many of the netters. There is also a fair run of steelheads in the river.

## MEXICAN REBELS CAPTURE TOWN

### Sudden Raid on Viesca Proves Success.

## COMMUNICATION IS CUT OFF

### Government Calls Them Bandits and Sends Troops.

## PLOTTERS AT EL PASO

### Eleven Mexicans Arrested on American Soil and Small Arsenal Seized—Letters Implicate Men Now in Prison.

## LAREDO, TEXAS, June 25.—Two hundred armed and mounted men today attacked and captured the town of Viesca, State of Coahuila, Mexico. Three persons were killed and several wounded in the fighting.

Telegraph wires were cut and the railroad lines torn up and a bridge burned. Three trainloads of troops left the City of Mexico tonight for the scene, and a trainload of soldiers also is leaving Saltillo, the capital of the state.

Reports received here are to the effect that the government believes the attack was made by bandits. The Vice-President of the Republic and Secretaries of War and Interior, it is stated, deny that the trouble has any political significance.

Some reports received here say the outbreak is the starting of a revolution.

## PLOTTERS CAUGHT IN TEXAS

### Eleven Mexicans With Arms, Ammunition and Rebel Letters.

EL PASO, Tex., June 25.—Eleven Mexicans were arrested by the police of this city this afternoon, charged with fomenting a revolution against a friendly power on American soil. The men were arrested in an adobe hut in the outskirts, and a search of the building revealed two cases containing rifles and revolvers, and also 1000 rounds of ammunition.

Literature and letters involving the men in such an attempt were found, among them a Mexican publication with revolutionary tendencies published in this city. Among the letters found are said to be several from Antonio Villaret and Flores Mejon, the two revolutionists whom the Mexican government recently sought to extradite from the United States.

### Beef Burns at Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, June 25.—The large abattoir and an adjoining beef warehouse owned by D. B. Martin & Co. in the southwest section of the city was destroyed by fire today. Loss \$150,000.

## EXTRA TEN CENTRALIA BUILDINGS BURN

### FIRE DEVASTATES CITY'S BUSINESS DISTRICT.

### Loss Will Reach Far Into Thousands and Flames Are Still Raging Unchecked.

CENTRALIA, Wash., June 25.—3:10 A. M.—(Special.)—Fire which broke out in the business part of the city an hour ago has destroyed a block of wooden buildings, containing several stores, a saloon and the central station of the Pacific Telephone Company. Ten buildings in all have been swept clean by the flames.

The fire is still raging, but the wind has shifted and it is believed that the fire department will be enabled to get it under control before it spreads to other parts of the city.

Figures on losses are not obtainable at this hour, but the damage will reach far into the thousands.

## GAS JET STARTS BLAZE

### Morning Fire in Plant of Western Mantle Company.

Fire that broke out in the building occupied by the Western Mantle Company, 23 Front street, about 1:30 o'clock this morning, completely destroyed the interior and contents of the second story. The flames also spread to the first floor, where they were soon checked, but the stock on this floor was somewhat damaged by water. The loss will probably not exceed \$1000.

The fire started in the rear of the building and is thought to have started from a gas jet that was left burning. The flames had spread from the second to the first floor, down the elevator shaft, before they were extinguished.

## FINAL ORDERS TO FLEET

### Admiral Sperry Will Sail for Orient July 7.

WASHINGTON, June 25.—Final sailing orders have been given Admiral Sperry, Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic fleet which is to leave San Francisco on its long journey around the world, on July 7. The fleet is due at Manila late in the Fall and will stop at a number of places en route.

The itinerary of the return trip by way of the Suez Canal has not been finally made up, nor has any decision been reached as to whether the ships shall come to New York or to Hampton Roads on their return to the United States.

## DROWNS FOUR CHILDREN

### Insane Iowa Mother Throws Little Ones Into Cistern.

IDA GROVE, Ia., June 25.—While temporarily insane Mrs. J. P. Johnson drowned her four little children in the cistern of the farm house a mile south of town. The youngest was about one year old and the eldest about six. Her husband was absent at the time.

## GREAT BOAT RACE WON BY HARVARD

### Griswold, Yale's Stroke Breaks Down.

## FINISH PROVES PROCESSION

### Taft Sees Discomfiture of Old Eli With Grief.

## ROOSEVELT FAMILY THERE

### President Interested but Absent Champion of Harvard—Fours Are Won by Yale Freshmen, and Eights by Harvard Men.

## NEW LONDON, Conn., June 25.—

Amid a deafening din of whistles and horns, and amid the shouts of collegians, the Harvard varsity eight shot their boat over the finish line tonight, winning from the crippled and distanced Yale crew, that classic of American college athletics, the Harvard-Yale varsity boat race. But, instead of a race, Harvard finished the last mile and a half alone, while far behind Yale limped along with but seven men at the oars, with Griswold, the stroke—the man who had been relied upon to set the winning pace—bent forward faint from the terrific strain of the opening two miles.

Up to this unexpected climax it had been a struggle worthy of the best traditions of the old antagonists, and with the fit setting of a marine spectacle such as has seldom been equaled along a regatta course for brilliancy and magnitude.

### One Champion Present, One Absent.

For the first time, too, the President of the United States was taking keen and active interest as a champion of the crimson colors and, although compelled by circumstances to absent himself today, the spirit of his enthusiasm was voiced by the Roosevelt family, which witnessed the contest from the deck of the Presidential yacht.

Yale was more fortunate in having her distinguished champion, Secretary Taft, present in reality—the central figure of a group of collegians aboard one of the observation trains who shouted encouragement to the Yale crew as they sped over the early reaches of the course and then collapsed into glum dismay as Griswold was seen to fall over helplessly in the Yale boat.

### Ideal Racing Conditions.

The race was rowed under the most favorable racing conditions, just as the sun was setting over the picturesque

## JAMES S. SHERMAN FAST RECOVERING

### DOCTORS SAY CANDIDATE CAN GO HOME NEXT MONDAY.

### Has Comfortable Day and Condition Is Satisfactory—Operation Necessary to Cure.

CLEVELAND, O., June 25.—An official statement about Congressman James S. Sherman was issued by Dr. Carter at 10 o'clock tonight. It says: "Mr. Sherman has had a very comfortable day. His general condition is most satisfactory. We look for a speedy recovery, as the patient is hourly improving."

"After a conference with Mr. Sherman this evening, Dr. Allen, Dr. Stone and myself believe Mr. Sherman will be sufficiently recovered from his attack to leave the hospital for his home on Monday of next week.

"His temperature is now 99.4 and pulse 72, respiration 23—practically normal." The patient did not suffer from the heat as he did Tuesday night, as the entire night was cool and refreshing. The possibility of an immediate operation has passed.

The doctors still adhere to the opinion that the Congressman should undergo an operation for gallstones as soon as he regains his strength, as the only means to effect an absolute cure.

## SAYS BOXES ARE STUFFED

### Hearst's Lawyer Offers to Prove Fraud Charges.

NEW YORK, June 25.—With the practical close of the actual recounting of the votes cast in the last majority contest today came charges by Clarence J. Shearn, counsel for W. R. Hearst, that ballot boxes had been stuffed. When Mr. Hearst began his legal contest against the Mayor's office, now occupied by George B. McClellan, he had a plurality of 3,834 votes to overcome. The returns from the contents of only 46 out of a total of 1,984 ballot boxes remained to be recounted when court adjourned today.

As the recount stands with the contents of 46 boxes unreported, Mr. Hearst has made a net gain of 983, leaving a plurality of 2,951 for Mr. McClellan.

Mr. Shearn said that his client would still be able to prove fraud sufficiently glaring to invalidate Mr. McClellan's title to his office. Counsel for Mr. McClellan declared that the charge of ballot box stuffing was baseless.

## ASK RIGHT OF APPEAL

### Stanford Students Want Privilege Given Faculty Members.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—As a result of past trouble in the Faculty of Stanford University it is stated that the annual report of the board of trustees of that institution which is to be made public soon, will contain a clause granting to any member of the faculty dismissed by the president the right of appeal to the board.

Stanford men past and present are endeavoring to have the student body included under this ruling, hoping thereby to put an end to the discord that has marred the work of the university for some time past.

## MORE MARINES LANDED

### Cruiser Sets 80 Ashore at Colon for Election Service.

WASHINGTON, June 25.—Word reached the Navy Department today of the arrival of the cruiser Tacoma at Colon with 80 marines. In all the American Government will have 1250 marines in the canal zone before election day for any service that may be required in preventing frauds and keeping the peace.

Both parties in Panama are claiming the advantage as election day approaches, according to information the State Department has received. There is no excitement, however.

## WATCHES FOR SMUGGLERS

### Revenue Cutter Goes to Intercept Steamer Under Suspicion.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—It is generally believed along the waterfront that the revenue cutter Daniel Manning, which put to sea today, is under orders to intercept the British tank steamer Pinna bound to Gaviota from Yokohama. It is thought that the oil steamer may be bringing Japanese to this country and smuggling them ashore by landing them in small boats.

The Pinna is under charter to the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, in the oil trade.

## FIND NEW DIAMOND FIELD

### Coast of German Southwest Africa Scene of Strike.

BERLIN, June 25.—A dispatch received here from Windhoek, Damaraland, German Southwest Africa, says that a diamond field, the extent of which is nearly ten square miles, has been discovered at Luderitz Bay.

## BROTHERS DIE TOGETHER

### Munich Bankers Commit Suicide Because of Failure.

MUNICH, June 25.—Two brothers, Theodore and Max Klopfer, constituting the banking firm of Klopfer Bros., took their own lives here today because of financial difficulties. These originated in losses sustained through the failure in June, 1907, of the Leipzig Bank.

## HIGHER RATES ON BUSINESS BLOCKS

### Insurance Advanced on Portland Risks.

## LIGHTING SYSTEM AT FAULT

### Underwriters Object to Direct Electric Currents.

## ORDER 25 PER CENT RAISE

### Merchants Resent Action, but President Josselyn Declares Power Company May Take Steps to Separate Circuits.

Sharp advance in insurance rates on about 200 risks in this city was ordered yesterday by the Board of Underwriters of the Pacific, at San Francisco, because of the character of the electric current supplied to many buildings throughout the city by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company. It is said that the company has been given ample opportunity to change its direct current, furnished to downtown business buildings, to an alternating current, but has neglected to do so.

### Many Will Feel Effect.

Tired of repeatedly calling the attention of the local company to the danger to the city attendant upon this kind of a current, the underwriters yesterday chalked up an advance in rates on all risks affected, of 25 cents on each dollar of the policy carried. The effect will be far-reaching here and will affect the business houses generally.

Insurance men say that the attention of the electric company was called to the dangerous character of current supplied throughout the city some time ago by Mayor Lane, whose interest in the matter had been enlisted by the Fire Underwriters. The current now supplied is a 50-volt direct instead of alternating. It is explained that in case of trouble at any one point, fire might break out at a dozen other places and lives would be endangered throughout the city. On the other hand, it is said that if the alternating current were used, there would be no danger, or at least the risk of fire would be reduced to a minimum.

### Warnings Do No Good.

Repeated warnings are said to have been given by the underwriters to the electric company to change the character of the current supplied throughout the city. But it is charged against the local corporation that the officials did not agree with the underwriters as to the need for the change, and that it kept on supplying the direct current.

The same objection, it is said by insurance men, has been fought out in other cities, notably Los Angeles, and the more dangerous direct current has been changed to the less powerful alternating current. It is said that electrical experts of the country have agreed as to the dangerous practice of feeding a strong direct current into

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## SOON HE'LL TURN 'EM LOOSE, MR. JOHNSON; TURN 'EM LOOSE

