

CHICAGO GETS REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

NEW CHOSEN CHAIRMAN OF POWERFUL COMMITTEE NAMED TO HANDLE ARRANGEMENTS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—The republican national convention will be held in Chicago, opening on June 18.

Harry New, President Taft's selection, is almost certain to be chosen chairman of the powerful committee on arrangements which names the temporary convention officers.

New is opposed by Hitchcock and it is said, by the Roosevelt wing of the party, also. The most serious stir in early stages of the committee meeting was caused by the Ohio delegation insisting that the national convention delegates at large be selected through presidential preference primaries by state conventions. They said they would select anti-Taft delegates at large unless the demand is granted Ohio already has the law.

By an overwhelming majority the national republican committee today defeated the resolution favoring a New takes charge. A sub committee presidential primary. Only seven sup-

MINERS ALIVE IN ILL-FATED SHAFT CALLING

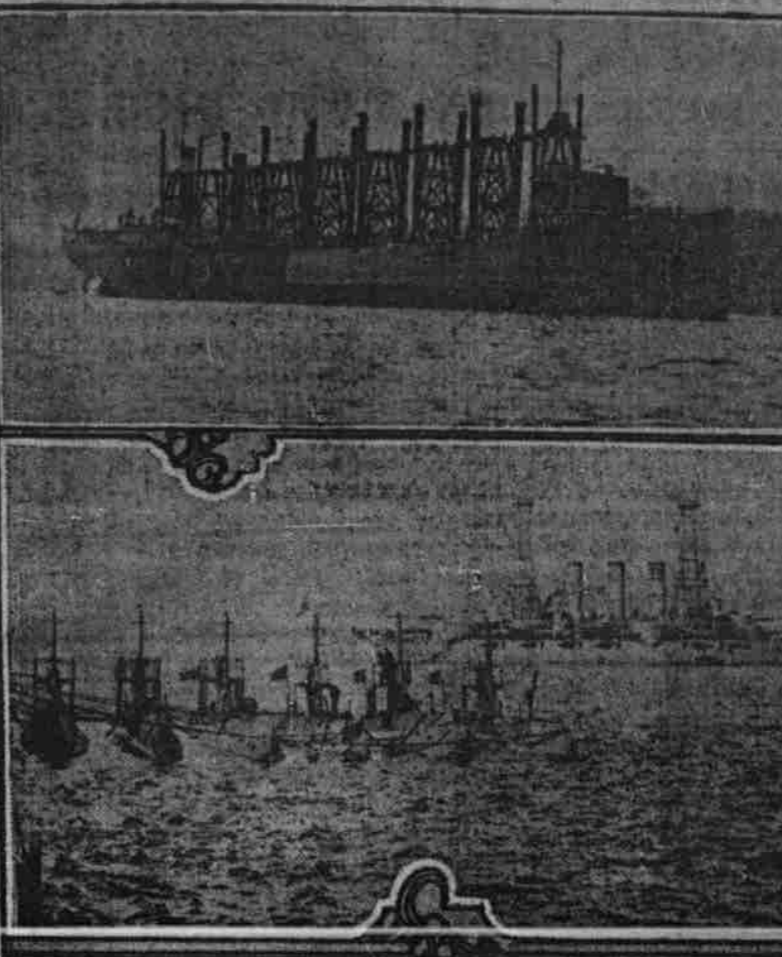
HOPE INCREASED BY THOSE AT MOUTH OF SHAFT.

Light Tappings Indicate Still Others Are Alive in Mine.

Bryceville, Dec. 12.—With a probability that from 25 to 30 of the 150 miners imprisoned in the Bryceville mines are still alive, rescue efforts today are redoubled. Five were recovered alive last night and seven more dead bodies were found this morning, making a total of dead recovered of 30. Far back, faint tappings indicate some are alive. Rescuers are working one hour in each shift.

Excitement among the watchers at the mouth of the shaft is intense since the five were found alive and many are hoping that others have survived. The miners declare the disaster would not have happened had the mine been equipped with an efficient sprinkling system. They say it wasn't inspected properly. Only one inspector was employed.

The Navy's Biggest Collier And a Group of Submarines



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Few contrasts between different types of naval construction are more striking than the one presented by the huge colliers of the navy and the little submarines. The Neptune, sister ship of the Cyclops, deserves the title of "Giant" as much as her more appropriately named counterpart. She is larger than many ocean liners, having a displacement of 19,000 tons, and can coal two ships at sea at the same time by means of her seven derricks on either side. She carries no guns and would be entirely defenseless if she should be attacked. On the other hand, the sole purpose of the submarine is to take the offensive, to steal unobserved under water until she is within striking distance of the enemy at whom she launches the torpedoes, which are her only armament. The largest submarine in the United States navy is of 500 tons displacement, the smallest of seventy-four tons.

BARBARIC POMP ADORNS DELHI'S LATEST DURBAR

GEORGE CROWNED EMPEROR OF ALL INDIA

STAGE SPARKLES WITH GOLD AND JEWELS

Several Potentates of India Wear Jewels and Coronets That Are Valued at Millions.—Day Filled With Splendor and Pomp

Delhi, India, Dec. 12.—India's vassalage to Great Britain was again formally proclaimed to the world today when, in the presence of 100,000 persons, representing some 300,000,000 subject, 150 native rulers knelt in homage to King George.

Amid scenes of barbaric pomp and magnificence, unequalled in the history of India, in the great arena where Queen Victoria was proclaimed empress by Viceroy Lord Lytton in 1877, and where King Edward was proclaimed by Viceroy Lord Curzon in 1903, King George V, the first reigning sovereign of England to visit the far east, announced his own succession to the imperial throne.

The oriental setting, the glitter of the royal crowns, the gorgeous robes and jewels of the Indian princes, the thousands of brilliantly uniformed and superbly disciplined troops and the vari-clad host of people of hundreds of races and creeds, combined to make a series of tableaux of surpassing splendor.

In order that the momentous ceremony, known as the Durbar, might be conducted with safety, Delhi was turned into an armed camp and from early morning the streets of the ancient capital of the Mogul emperors resounded with the tramp of soldiers marching to take up their positions along the procession route from the royal encampment. Fifty thousand British and native troops, under the personal direction of General Sir O'Moore Creagh, commander in chief in India, effectively prevented any possible protest against the ceremony or British rule generally.

The durbar arena, situated about three miles from the royal camp, consists of two semi circular amphitheatres, an inner one, seating about 5,000 reserved for the king and the native princes and British officials, and the outer one built on the high ground between the fort (the former Mogul stronghold) and the Ridge, scene of the desperate fighting which finally assured the British conquest of India in 1857.

Shortly before noon the booming of cannon announced the departure of the king and queen from their camp, and when they arrived at the arena the one vacant space in the color scheme was filled. Six horses, weighted down with gold spangled harness, drew the royal carriage, and their majesties were escorted by a body of princes, heirs to some of the proudest thrones in India, and squadrons of cavalry, British and native. The blue, white and gold of the princely squadron was accentuated by the innumerable twinkling points of light where the sun shone on priceless jewels in turbans and sword hilts, while the white uniformed troops of the king's special bodyguard of the imperial cadets, the brilliant apparel of the regular native cavalrymen and the colors displayed by the British and native infantry lining the route added to the picturesqueness of the scene.

Queen Mary wore the same crown that did duty in Westminster abbey last June. Blazing in its center was the famous Koh-i-noor diamond which once graced the Peacock throne of Shah Johan, last of the great moguls. King George's was not the imperial crown but a new one especially made for the occasion.

The assembly of princes rose to their feet as the king and queen took their seats on the thrones, and Viceroy Lord Hardinge, Indian Secretary Lord Curzon, the Duke of Teck and the host of British noblemen and court officials, all in state robes and the peers wearing their coronets, grouped themselves around the dais. Behind and on the

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CITY'S MERCHANTS DINE AND LISTEN TO SPEECHES TOUCHING AFFAIRS IMPORTANT TO ALL

THE NEW DIRECTORS.

With A. S. Geddes as toastmaster about 100 members of the La Grande Commercial club gathered around the banquet table at the Foley hotel last evening and not only enjoyed a fine dinner, but a number of talks were made which showed the advancement of this community in the past few years and forecasted many things for the future.

Mr. Geddes made an ideal toastmaster, and there was not a rough place on the track during the evening. Rev. S. W. Seemann responded to the toast "La Grande, Why We Love Her," in a speech that showed fervor and earnestness. Charles E. Cochran came up to his usual high standard as an after dinner talker in a response to "Our Welcome to Homeseekers," which was followed by Dr. J. L. Gillilan, of the First Methodist church. He talked on "Observations of a Circuit Rider," and everyone enjoyed his reminiscences. Dr. Gillilan has rode this interior country for years in his endeavor to save souls but he has never grown morose nor sour. He chooses to see the laughing side of life as well as the other and it was in this vein that he talked last evening.

A report of the year's work of the Commercial club was rendered by Bruce Dennis, the former president, which was followed by a financial statement from Treasurer C. S. Dunn showing that about \$5 was in the treasury at the beginning of the year and the new board will receive something over \$300 in money and notes to the value of \$1,000.

The annual election of officers was due last evening and J. J. Carr offered a motion to expedite matters that the toastmaster name a committee of five to nominate a board for the coming year. The motion prevailed and the committee named consisted of Mac Wood, Fred J. Holmes, George Currey, Robt. Newlin and Dr. Stevenson.

Continuing the program the toast-

master called upon Aug. J. Stange for "A Newcomer's View of Grand Ronde." Mr. Stange told of his lack of acquaintance with this valley until he came here to look at timber lands, but how pleased he was when he saw the valley. Mr. Stange was attracted to this section by J. T. Williamson.

George B. Stoddard talked on "Prosperity as it Comes," and made many important statements for the upbuilding of the city and its people. "Dick" Buckley dealt with "Transportation in the Future," and talked fluently and accurately relative to the railroads' position. Mr. Buckley warmed up to his subject in such a manner that several remarked a first rate orator had been stopped when the speaker took up railroading.

For St. Stout's talk on "La Grande as an Educational Center," caused everyone a surprise in the splendid plant we have at the high school. Everyone was aware that La Grande had a good school but it took the superintendent to apprise the club of many things they did not realize. So important were Prof. Stout's remarks to the entire community that his speech will be printed in full in tomorrow's issue of the Observer.

Dr. J. W. Laughlin told of the proposed library and outlined a plan which will insure to La Grande a magnificent institution of this kind. J. D. McKennon told of irrigation that is on the way and he was followed by F. A. Harmon, manager of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company who described the plan being worked out by his company to pump water from wells to irrigate a portion of the valley.

Senator Pierce of Hot Lake entered into the affairs of community, state and nation in his remarks and made the usually rousing speech he is capable of doing. He enumerated many things accomplished by La Grande in the last five years, gave the railroads a good grilling for some of the things they have not done, told of the unrest abroad in the land and then threw a picture on the screen of what may be expected during the year 1912. His idea of the coming year is not entirely a rosy one yet he believes that ultimately it will be for the best. The senator met with hearty applause when he had finished his talk.

Frank Smith, of Elgin, responded to the toast, "Where Elgin Shines." While Frank did not intend to make La Grande appear small in comparison it was plainly noticeable that his statement of the good things around Elgin would cause the stranger to not fail to visit the newest town in the county before he located. Mr. Smith's talk was filled with pleasant humor and it was thoroughly enjoyed.

William Miller talked on the chautauqua and described in detail what will be here in the way of attractions the coming season. He urged thorough loyalty to it as an institution.

"The Trip to Medford" was explained by John Collier, whose idea it was to have a Pullman car load of La Grande people attend the retailers' convention there the middle of next month. Mr. Collier has the proposed trip well in hand and to all appearances now it will be a successful event.

During the evening the La Grande band rendered several selections in the hotel lobby which added to the pleasure of the guests.

Just before adjournment the committee chosen to nominate a board for the ensuing year reported the names above mentioned to the toastmaster and by unanimous vote they were elected.

Thus closed the annual meeting of the club and it was generally admitted to have been a successful event by everyone who was present.

CHURCH WINS AND REFUND TO WRIGHT IS ORDERED BY MARGINS OF A FEW VOTES

Socialism, headed by W. S. Wines was drubbed from top to bottom, save one councillor in the municipal election yesterday. Unforeseen delays in the calling of the board of canvassers keeps interest in the post-election count somewhat active because of the narrow margins at two junctures in the election. W. J. Church was elected mayor on the independent ticket by 28 if the unofficial returns compiled to date are authentic and J. K. Wright will be reimbursed for money lost in the failure of the Farmers' and Traders' National bank by a vote of 19 unless there is some flaw in the count announced by the clerks and judges. The Fourth ward is socialistic in its inclinations from start to finish and that section came near defeating Church and defeating the reimbursing issue, and did elect a councillor, the only successful socialist candidate in the entire slate which was confident of placing three councillors at the very least.

Nine hundred and fifty-four votes were polled in the mayoralty race where socialism, and anti-socialism entered the fight. The actual strength of the socialists is probably shown in the chief of police and recorder races. Official figures will be announced tomorrow.

C. M. Humphreys was re-elected recorder, 586 to 352 for Wagener, giving Humphreys a majority of 234. R. W. Logan was re-elected treasurer by a majority of 211 over Kammerer.

J. H. McLachlen won a clean-cut victory for chief of police by a plurality of 328, Noble getting 92 and Stanley 266. The first ward opposed the reimbursement by 7, the fourth by 44 while the others brought the majority for it up to 19.

J. E. Campbell was chosen councillor in the First ward with 30 votes. J. E. Orvis polling 25, Kilntworth, socialist, 19; and J. W. Bush, whose name was written in, polled 22. In the second W. R. Jones won from John McVilvie, socialist, and P. A. Foley, where Mr. Melville was conceded the favorite because of the three cornered fight. Jones' plurality was 13,

Foley polling 74, and Melville 106.

Dr. R. L. Lincoln won in the Third ward over Reiland by a majority of 113.

J. K. Fitzgerald, socialist, won handily in the socialistic ward from Masterton and Randall, who drew 80 and 36 respectively.

The canvassing boards aims to meet this evening.

Re-Elected After Thirty Years.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 12.—After a lapse of more than thirty years James B. McCreary, for the second time in his long career of public service, was today inaugurated governor of Kentucky. The inauguration crowd was the largest ever seen here.

The parade of militia companies, democratic marching clubs, civic organizations and military cadets was the feature of the day. Another feature was the presence of hundreds of confederate veterans, who were doubtless attracted to the inauguration by the general feeling that Governor McCreary probably will be the last one of their number who will be chosen as chief executive of the Blue Grass state.

The governor elect and his family reached Frankfort last evening on a special train accompanied by a large delegation of his neighbors from Richmond, and under the escort of a special legislative committee.

The inaugural exercises were held on the front steps of the new capitol. The exercises were opened with an invocation by Rev. J. P. Zelgler. Mayor James H. Polsgrove introduced Gov. Wilson, who delivered his farewell address. Following Governor McCreary's inaugural address, Lieut. Gov. E. J. McDermott was sworn in. After the exercises were concluded Governor McCreary held a public reception in the capitol.

Altered Rustler Captured.

Sheriff Balfour of Prineville was here today to take back O. J. Wilson captured at North Powder. Wilson is charged with cattle rustling.

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