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DRY TICKET CHOSEN.

Chafin and Watkins Will Carry Banner for Prohibition Party.

Columbus, O., July 17.—For president, Eugene W. Chafin, of Chicago. For vice-president—Aaron S. Watkins, of Ada, Ohio.

The above ticket was nominated yesterday by the Prohibition national convention, both men being chosen unanimously. The full endorsement of the convention was not, however, given to Mr. Chafin until after three ballots had been taken.

Chafin, who was a delegate to the convention, was escorted to the platform. He was formally declared by Chairman Scanlon to be the presidential nominee, and in a speech returned his thanks for the honor which had been thrust upon him, declaring that he would rather be the nominee of the Prohibition party than the successful candidate of any other party.

Both the presidential and vice-presidential nominees are candidates for governor in their respective states on the Prohibition ticket.

Eugene W. Chafin, who leads the Prohibition party this year is an attorney residing in Chicago. He is a native of Watkusha, Wis., and for some years practiced law there. He was at one time candidate for governor of Wisconsin on the Prohibition ticket, and was this year placed in the running for the same position in Illinois by Prohibitionists of that state.

The forenoon session of the convention was devoted to the discussion and adoption of a brief platform which is possibly the shortest on record, containing not more than 250 words.

TRIES NEW EXPERIMENT.

Fleet Maneuvers Controlled on Land by Use of Wireless.

London, July 17.—England tried yesterday a new experiment in naval warfare, the conducting of a battle from land by wireless. Over 200 vessels are now maneuvering in the North sea, engaged in a sham battle, the movement of every vessel being controlled by wireless by experts in the admiralty office in this city.

As each ship changed her position or fired on the "enemy" the move was reported to the naval experts here. They sat before a map showing the situation at every minute. Markers were moved about on the map, much as pieces would be moved on a chess board, the moves being flashed to the vessels by wireless.

It is claimed that this system would be better in the controlling of vessels than by an admiral in action, as the men on land can receive reports from the front and work out the problems while freed from the exciting scenes of battle.

The experts who conducted the battle from the admiralty office would not comment on the result. They simply said it was satisfactory.

DREADED ARGENTINE ANT.

Will Destroy Orange and Fig Crops of California if Not Killed.

Oakland, Cal., July 17.—Professor C. W. Woodworth, head of the department of entomology of the University of California, has reported to Governor Gillett that the dreaded Argentine ant has made its appearance in California, in East Oakland.

Professor Woodworth states that unless measures are taken at once to drive out the pest it will utterly destroy orange and fig crops in the state.

The Argentine ant is a small insect only an eighth of an inch long, but is of a fighting nature, and has driven all other ants from East Oakland.

It is one of the most dangerous pests that has ever been brought to the United States from a foreign country. According to a report by the Louisiana crop pest commission, the ant has destroyed millions of dollars' worth of property in that state.

Express Train Goes Into Ditch.

East Stamford, Conn., July 17.—One person was killed and several others injured when the fast White Mountain express was ditched a few miles east of here yesterday. Physicians and a wrecking crew were rushed to the scene on a special train.

Dashing along at a rapid rate of speed the engine struck a defective rail. The injured passengers will be brought to this city, and it is believed that prompt medical attention will prevent more deaths, although some of those injured are said to be in a precarious condition.

Millions to Lower Grade.

New York, July 17.—According to a statement made yesterday by an official of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, the cost of the Pacific coast extension of that system will be about \$5,000,000 more than the original plans called for. This increase in the cost of work is due, it is said, to a decision to run the road at a lower grade over the mountain division than the officials first figured on. The whole work now calls for the expenditure of \$77,000,000, but there will be no shortage of funds.

Striking Miners Buy Guns.

Birmingham, Ala., July 17.—Father H. E. O'Grady, a priest of St. Catharine's Catholic church, is heading a committee which will make an effort to bring about a settlement of the coal miners' strike.

It is reported that every hardware store and gun store in Birmingham has depleted its stock of firearms, and that buckshot shells are being ordered by telegraph. Last night several strike-breakers were brought to the district from adjoining states.

Mosquitoes Kill Cattle.

High Island, Tex., July 17.—Mosquitoes are killing cattle by droves on ranches around the Gulf coast region. Great clouds of the insects hover over pastures where cattle feed, and literally drain the animals of their life blood, causing them to die from weakness. One ranchman has lost 200 head in ten days, and pastures are strewn with the carcasses of dead cattle.

NEWS ITEMS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

PACIFIC COAST HIT.

Dealers Do Not Get Chance to Bid on Supplies for Canal.

Washington, July 17.—Unless word is received from Colonel Goethels today to the contrary, Pacific coast dealers will not be considered in the purchasing of supplies by the commissary department of the canal commission. Captain Beggs, general purchasing agent for the Panama canal commission, in a statement given out yesterday, said that poor steamship service on the Pacific coast is responsible for the decision.

The Pacific coast merchants have requested that some of the supplies be purchased there and shipped to La Boca. Captain Beggs says that if supplies were purchased on the Pacific coast and there should be a failure to ship on a vessel it would be 20 days before another shipment could arrive. On the Atlantic coast shipments can be made every four days. Twenty days is too long an interval for the shipment of fresh food, says Captain Beggs, but prunes and dried peaches might be purchased on the Pacific coast.

Bids on Dry Dock Opened.

Washington, July 22.—Bids Saturday were opened at the navy department for the construction of drydock No. 2, at Puget sound navy yard. The dock will be built of concrete and granite. Congress appropriated \$2,000,000 for it. Bids were asked on two alternate propositions, one a dock 883 feet long, the other a dock 740 feet long. The bids follow: Cassey Lohse Winters company, Seattle, \$2,250,000 and \$2,108,000; Westlake Construction company, St. Louis, \$2,237,000 and \$2,111,000; C. J. Erickson, Seattle, \$1,625,000; no bid on smaller dock; Jack Black Masonry Contracting company, St. Louis, \$1,999,196 and \$1,915,000; Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging company, Seattle, \$1,975,000 and \$1,880,000.

Gunboats Ordered to Unrest.

Washington, July 18.—Orders have been issued by the War department for the gunboats Vicksburg and Princeton to proceed at once around the horn to the Caribbean sea, a distance of 14,000 miles. Both vessels are out of commission. The Vicksburg is at Mare Island and the Princeton is at Bremerton. Conditions in Honduras are responsible for the rush. The gunboats will stop at Amapala, where the cruiser Albany is now stationed. Orders have also been issued for the gunboat Marietta, now at Jamaica, to proceed at once to Porto Costa, on the Gulf coast.

Baldwin Balloon Shipped.

Washington, July 23.—The balloon and frame of Captain Baldwin's dirigible balloon was shipped from New York Thursday and is expected at Fort Myer today. The balloon must be assembled by July 25, according to the contract with the government. Lieutenant Foulers, in charge of aeronautics at Fort Myer, assisted by the balloon squad of the signal corps, consisting of ten men, is busily preparing for the tests to be held at the fort within the next month.

Balks at Canned Sreech.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 18.—President Roosevelt has refused an offer to make speeches into the receiver of a talking machine for the purpose of making records for public sale. The president attended to official business this morning and this afternoon assisted Mrs. Roosevelt in entertaining the members of the St. Hilda society of Christ Episcopal church. The society assists in the parish charitable cases, and Mrs. Roosevelt each year entertains its members.

Gunboats to go East.

Washington, July 18.—Acting Secretary of the Navy Newberry has announced that the gunboats Princeton and Vicksburg, now at Bremerton and Mare Island respectively, on the Pacific coast, will be brought to the Atlantic in a short time. Both vessels are now out of commission. They will be fitted for the voyage and advantage will be taken of suitable weather conditions to make the trip. They will be used for coast defense on the Atlantic.

Knocker on Navy Visits President.

Oyster Bay, L. I., July 18.—Henry Reuterdahl was the guest of President Roosevelt yesterday. This is the first time the writer has seen the president since his criticism of the navy. It is understood that Reuterdahl went over the whole article with the president and pointed out to him the basis of the criticism.

New Bids Are Called For.

Washington, July 22.—Instructions have been sent to the army construction quartermaster at San Francisco to invite new bids on 30 days' notice for the construction of the big army supply depot and the shipment station at Fort Mason, Cal. The contract was awarded to the P. J. Carlin Construction company, of New York, but they failed to sign the contract.

A. Y.-P. Money Available.

Washington, July 22.—The treasury department Monday notified W. M. Geddes, currency distributing officer for the exposition company, that the government appropriation for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition at Seattle, amounting to \$600,000, is now available.

Marietta at Puerto Cortes.

Washington, July 23.—The gunboat Marietta has arrived at Puerto Cortes on the north coast of Honduras.

WIRELESS IN FAR NORTH.

Government Will Establish New Stations in Alaska This Year.

Washington, July 23.—There is probability that, after all, wireless stations at Nome and Fort Gibbons, Alaska, will be established this year. The chief signal officer of the army is advised that the steamer Ohio reached Nome with her cargo in good condition. The cargo includes equipment for the wireless station at Fort Gibbons. As the equipment for the Nome station was damaged by the flooding of the hold of the boat in which it was shipped, it was feared that it would be impossible to install the Nome station this season, but now it is believed that the working instruments can be got together to establish the Nome station, and every effort will be made to do so.

The war department is highly pleased with the work done by the wireless stations. It has just received a report that the station on the Farallones held communication with the St. Louis for 53 hours outside of Honolulu, 1,460 miles distant, her signals coming in loud and clear. Several messages were received and transmitted.

A PROVES STOCK INCREASE

Interior Department Ratifies Action of Umatilla Water Users.

Washington, July 21.—The secretary of the interior has approved an increase of stock in the Umatilla Water Users' association from 9,000 to 22,000 shares. The association, made up of landowners under the Umatilla irrigation project, was organized with a capital stock of \$540,000, divided into 9,000 shares of a par value of \$60 each. The project has since been extended to include a total of 22,000 acres, and in order that there may be one share of stock for each acre of land, it has been necessary to increase the stock to \$1,320,000, divided into 22,000 shares, of a par value of \$60 each.

War on House Fly.

Washington, July 23.—A national campaign against the house fly and mosquito has been planned and is about to be begun by the government bureau of insects. It will cover the entire country, and in its prosecution measures are to be used by which not only communities but whole states will be enabled to rid themselves of these deadly enemies of mankind. In order to attain this end it is necessary merely to adopt a few simple and well-understood methods, the application of which may be entrusted to local boards of health. Where the mosquito is concerned, however, it is deemed advisable that there should be a general control by the state, because of the fact that certain species of these insect marauders are migratory and liable to appear suddenly in multitudinous swarms in places far from their breeding areas, giving profound discouragement to local efforts toward extermination.

Billion Dollar Congress Reports.

Washington, July 21.—The last session of congress made necessary total appropriations amounting to \$1,008,397,543.56, according to the announcement made yesterday under the law which requires the publication of the total volume of appropriations after each session. In addition to the appropriations already made, the contracts authorized by the session for public works aggregating \$49,443,750. This makes the total expense of the session \$1,057,841,293.56.

Takes Charge of Timber.

Washington, July 22.—A joint board representing the war department and the bureau of forestry has taken up the matter of preserving the forests on military reservations. An arrangement will be made for a beneficial cutting of timber and for preserving the trees which will remain. Under this arrangement the war department retains control of the forests on the reservations, and at the same time gets the valuable services of the forestry bureau.

All Well on Nebraska.

Washington, July 17.—All are well on board the Nebraska, announced Commander-in-Chief Sperry, of the Atlantic fleet, in reporting the Nebraska's rejoining the fleet on a wireless telegram by way of Honolulu. Because of the appearance of scarlet fever on the Nebraska, that vessel left San Francisco two days later than the other 15 vessels of the fleet.

Mixing Paper Lrust a Dose.

Oyster Bay, L. I., July 21.—Attorney General Bonaparte was here Saturday in conference with President Roosevelt regarding the prosecution of the paper trust. After his conference with President Roosevelt Attorney General Bonaparte, in answer to questions, said: "The only trust I know anything about is the vicious reporter trust of Oyster Bay."

No Notice of Lumber Rate Appeal.

Washington, July 22.—Judge Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the interstate commerce commission, Saturday stated that he had not been officially informed that the transccontinental railroads would contest the commission's decision in the lumber rate cases, but he has heard in an indirect way that they are considering such a course.

Uncle Sam Demands Protection.

Washington, July 21.—The state department yesterday made a demand on the Persian foreign office to take up the demands of the United States government for the protection of American missionaries and their property at Tabriz.

Government Accepts Montana.

Washington, July 23.—The new battleship Montana has been accepted by the navy department. Captain Alfred Reynolds is in charge.