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BREAK FROM SILVER. Sentiment Now Is for a Conservative Platform. BRYAN'S WISHES TO BE IGNORED. The Movement Started by Influential Men of the Party—Programme of the Convention.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 3.—With flags flying, bands playing, streets resplendent with the blue of banners and of myriads of ribbons, and with the excitement of the deafening commotion of bombs and rockets and crackers and marching clubs and drum corps, with this confusion of patriotism and politics, Kansas City is tonight the scene of the National Convention and the Democratic National Convention. There were crowds here yesterday, but these were but the advance guard and today they became an immense, fairly surging city and taking complete possession of its streets, hotels and public places.

The most notable figures of the party have come with the arriving delegates. With the Kansas delegation came the youthful Governor and successor of Goble, Governor Beckham, accompanied by the deep-voiced and genial Senator, Joe Blackburn, and the polished ex-Governor McCreary. Among the Tammany arrivals, George B. McClellan, son of the great soldier and the Democratic nominee for Governor of New Jersey, is the most notable acquisition, as most of the New York leaders were early on the ground. One of the arrivals attracting attention was a namesake and nephew of William J. Bryan, who serves as his private secretary, and who came on from Lincoln to mingle with the Nebraska contingent.

The actual business of the day consisted in the final selection by the National Committee of Governor Beckham of Colorado, as temporary chairman of the convention, and the disposal of all contests, including the seating of Senator Clark and the election of the National Committee. Governor Thomas was one of the surprises, as the executive committee had practically decided for Mayor Ross of Indianapolis. Most of Mr. Bryan's visitors arrived tonight, including the Young Men's Bryan Club of Lincoln, and the Traveling Men's Bryan Club of Nebraska. This steady influx is creating a city record for the number of people being packed in rooms and hallways without much regard to comfort so long as they can get a place to lay their heads.

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The Movement Spreads. The force of the movement began to make itself appear as the day advanced. Ohio led off and after a short fight overwhelmingly instructed its representative on the platform committee, Judge Chapman, to work for a simple reaffirmation of the Chicago platform without a specific 16-to-1 declaration. This decision was made in the face of a protest by Tom Johnson that it was opposed to Bryan's well-known wishes. The Florida caucus followed suit soon by instructing its platform member, Mr. Gibbons, to oppose a specific plank of 16 to 1, and to work for a reaffirmation of the Chicago platform.

THE OREGON FLOATED. SHANGHAI, July 3.—The United States battleship Oregon, which ran ashore off the island of How Ka, in the Mistau group, 5 miles northeast of Che Foo, on June 28, has been floated.

BAD DAY FOR BOOMS. Prospects of Sulzer, Towne and Others Suffer. IT SEEMS TO BE ANYBODY'S RACE. Elliott Danforth and Adlai Stevenson Have Come to the Front as Candidates.

KANSAS CITY, July 3.—On the evening before the National Democratic Convention, the Vice-Presidential nomination is unsettled. It is a usual expression in a contest like this, when there are many candidates and no one has a majority, to say that it is "anybody's pium." But it more appropriately expresses the situation to say that it is nobody's pium. The chief development of the day was the paralysis, to a certain extent, of several booms. The morning opened with great confidence on the part of the friends of Mr. Towne. The foregone conclusion that if it was to be specifically mentioned in the platform and the disappointment of those who advocated a different course, made it look for a time as if Bryan, 16 to 1 and Towne were to be the three distinct features of the Kansas City convention.

Adlai's Boom. Late in the evening, after the action of the New York delegation became known, the announcement was made that Illinois was to place Adlai E. Stevenson in nomination. Little boom was started for him by some of the delegates. Among those who talked earnestly for Stevenson was Henry D. Clayton, of Alabama, who made the principal speech against the Illinois nomination. He said Stevenson had once been elected; that he was popular in Illinois; that he was a man for whom the Gold Democrats would vote; and that he would probably vote for again.

THE BRYAN SECRET. Said to be in the Keeping of the Nebraska Delegation. LINCOLN, Neb., July 3.—The tide of Democratic humanity turned outward tonight from the city of Kansas City. The Nebraska delegation, which was leaving on early morning trains for Kansas City, Congressman James Kerr, of Pennsylvania, the last man with a special mission to the city, is said to have been closely on the heels of David B. Hill, who was uncommunicative as his predecessor as to his visit and its object. The Nebraska delegation is authorized keepers of the Bryan secret, and that his wishes concerning the platform and second place on the ticket will be divulged when the proper time arrives.

DOCKING THE OREGON. Battle-Ship May Be Sent to Japan for Repairs. WASHINGTON, July 3.—Secretary Long this morning received the following cablegram from Lieutenant A. E. Key, Naval Attaché at the United States Legation at Tokio, Japan, in regard to the grounding of the Oregon: "I am sorry to hear that the Oregon is aground at Port Arthur, D. C.—Russian dock at Port Arthur is too small for the Oregon to enter. Japanese Navy Department tenders to take either Kure or Kokoshima to repair the Oregon. Offers any assistance, but ordered Akitsuushima from Che Foo to the Oregon. Have called Wilder off of docks."

STRIKERS NOT PLEASED. Hitch in the Negotiations for Ending the St. Louis Strike. ST. LOUIS, July 3.—There was great rejoicing throughout the city today, when it was announced that the St. Louis Transit Company and the strikers' grievance committee had come to an agreement, and that the strike had been on for just eight weeks had been declared off.

THE DAY AT CANTON. Senator Hanna Had a Conference With the President. CANTON, O., July 3.—Controller of the Currency Charles G. Dawes arrived this afternoon and was escorted to the McKinley home by Judge Day and Postmaster George B. Frazier. Captain Folger, of the United States battleship Keokuk, who is to read the letter of Secretary of the Navy Long, presenting the trophy cannon to the city, arrived in the city today.

French Reinforcements. PARIS, July 4.—Two new batteries of artillery have been formed at Toulon for duty in the Mediterranean. The nomination will be formed at Cherbourg, Brest and Rochefort.

HE WILL BE THERE. Bryan Will Attend the Kansas City Convention. The Following Day He Will Make His Appearance and Accept the Nomination.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 3.—Unless plans perfected tonight are upset, Mr. Bryan will attend the Democratic National convention after his nomination, if he is put in the field early enough to render it practicable for him to do so. A formal invitation has been extended to him and he has said that he would accept. This fact was brought out in the afternoon meeting of the National committee, as was also the intention of the National committee to have the nomination for the Presidency made tomorrow, if possible. The desire on the part of the members to accomplish this end was developed at the close of the session, and it was brought to the surface by an invitation to the committee from the citizens of Kansas City to take a trolley ride tomorrow evening. This invitation was extended by ex-Governor Stone of Missouri. When it was presented Mr. Clayton took the floor in opposition to acceptance, saying that there was a well-defined and very general wish that Mr. Bryan should be placed in nomination as early as possible, July 4, making a fitting Democratic celebration of the National anniversary. Senator Kenney spoke in the same strain, and Senator Stone descended from the platform to add his voice in support of the proposition.

Discussion developed some points of the programme of the committee. They will have a day and a night session. It is their purpose to have the usual committees appointed as promptly as possible after the convening of the convention and to have them get together immediately and act as soon as they can, and if possible report and have the convention act upon the reports before adjourning in the afternoon. Falling to secure action in the afternoon, the National committee reports disposed of early in the evening, and still accomplish Mr. Bryan's nomination before the adjournment of the night session.

Mr. Bryan Will Not Say So. LINCOLN, Neb., July 3.—If William Jennings Bryan intends to go to Kansas City to make a speech and indicate to the National convention, either before or after it concludes, he will not say so. Mr. Bryan was asked what would be his answer if just before adjournment the convention should ask him to visit Kansas City and address the crowds. He said that he did not wish to discuss the subject, but would be manifestly indignant if he had indicated that he would not go. He said that he would be manifestly indignant if he had indicated that he would not go. He said that he would be manifestly indignant if he had indicated that he would not go.

MAJORITY ARE AGAINST SPECIFIC DECLARATION. KANSAS CITY, July 3.—Late tonight, after quite a careful canvass of the men selected for the committee on resolutions, it was announced that there was a majority against making a specific declaration for 16 to 1. It was also said that the majority, if such it was, would not press the matter, owing to the opposition of Senator Jones. The attitude of Mr. Bryan is thought to be sufficient for Senator Jones, who is a member of the committee on resolutions and will be in a position to accept a great deal of influence. Senator Jones, when he first arrived argued for a reaffirmation of the Chicago platform, and against a specific declaration, yet it is not probable that the convention will take any other course than to declare explicitly for 16 to 1. It was explained in one delegation which polled for simple reaffirmation that when it was known that this course was favored by the gold men and the word was passed around that the proposition was against Bryan, the delegates would weaken when the poll was taken and support 16 to 1.

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