



ROUT THE ANTIS

Roosevelt Forces Win in Missouri.

"DICK" KERENS ROUTED

Pledging of Delegates is Made the One Issue.

VICTORY IS MOST DECISIVE

Reports From All Over the Country Show That the People Do Not Propose to See President the Victim of Trickery.

WHO KERENS IS.
Richard Kerens is a prominent Republican politician of St. Louis. He has been a leader of one faction for many years with more than usual success. In several instances, his fights have been carried to the National convention, where they attracted great interest. In the Legislature of 1898, Mr. Kerens was a candidate for United States Senator. He is a capitalist, being heavily interested in several large railroads.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 27.—Reports received at the White House indicate that the work of the Roosevelt supporters throughout the country continues to be so successful that not only are delegates being elected almost every day for the President's nomination by his party, but State organizations and conventions and Congressional organizations are committing themselves to him right along, even in advance of their selection of delegates. At this rate any smoldering opposition to the President will be squelched promptly. Advocates of the nomination of the President were a decided victory in Missouri yesterday. The number of delegates involved was small, but the facts and the significance are of widespread interest. The Republicans of the Fifth Missouri District held their primaries yesterday to select delegates to the Congressional Convention.

The Roosevelt people put a ticket in the field pledged to support him in the Congressional Convention. The followers of "Dick" Kerens, Republican National committeeman of the state, put a ticket in the field and made an open but tight Kerens ticket was disastrously defeated, the Roosevelt ticket winning by a large majority.

Mr. Kerens is known to be bitterly hostile to the President, but the result of the fight in a district where he is supposed to have been well organized does not point to success in any future fight he may make in the state.

CARRIES NEWS TO ROOSEVELT

Heyburn Informs President of Strong Indorsement by Idaho.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, called on the President and presented to him a telegram which he had received from the chairman of the State Central Committee of his state giving the text of a resolution adopted by the committee cordially indorsing the Administration.

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MAYOR IS FREED

Chicago Horror Can't Be Laid to Him.

COURT SEVERE ON JURY

Holds Its Verdict Put Unjust Stigma on Executive.

NOTHING SHOWS NEGLIGENCE

Carter Harrison Promptly Comes to the Defense of the Officials Held and Shows He Appointed Them Solely on Merit.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—Mayor Harrison was this afternoon ordered by Judge Richard S. Tuthill to be discharged immediately from custody and relieved from any responsibility for the wholesale loss of life in the Iroquois Theater fire. The judge declared the Mayor was in no way whatever guilty or liable, and the coroner's jury, in ordering him held to the grand jury, had put an unjust stigma on the Mayor, who had fallen in no particular whatever, either in omission or commission.

The court declared the chief executive of the city could not legally be held for any alleged failure of subordinates to perform their duties.

The Mayor secured his release on a writ of habeas corpus. His course is said to establish a new precedent in the use of the writ of habeas corpus, as his arrest while in office was unusual. The reading of the verdict of the coroner's jury was that the Mayor and the others accused of responsibility should be held "until discharged by due process of law."

The Mayor, as soon as he decided on his course, accompanied by his bondsmen and an attorney, appeared at the Criminal Court building, where Mayor Harrison formally surrendered himself to Sheriff Barrett and thus nullified the bond of \$15,000 given yesterday in court to secure the Mayor's freedom from literal custody. Notice was simultaneously served on the State's Attorney that an application for a writ of habeas corpus would be at once filed with Judge Tuthill.

Opinion of the Judge.
In delivering his opinion Judge Tuthill said:

"I have gone over the testimony of Fire Marshal Musham and Building Commissioner Williams, and the Mayor personally, and I can say without qualification or hesitation that I find not one word in the evidence, as far as I have examined it, which tends even remotely, in my judgment, to show that the Mayor had any knowledge of this matter, or that he was in any respect negligent of any duty imposed upon him by the law or by the rules that commonly apply to persons who are responsible for the safety of others."

"I find there were gross violations not only of the city ordinances but of common rules of safety that anybody without expert knowledge would have said was absolutely essential at the Iroquois. But how the Mayor, who is simply at the head of the city government, could be held responsible for any misconduct on his part in view of this evidence I cannot conceive."

Mayor Makes Statement.
Following his release, Mayor Harrison made the following statement to the Associated Press:

"The only possible feature which the jury was able to find connecting me with the Iroquois fire disaster was the alleged negligence and incompetency of my appointees, Fire Chief Musham and Building Inspector Williams. I want to call attention to the fact that Chief Musham has been connected with the Chicago Fire Department for 40 years, beginning at the bottom of the ladder, and winning his way to the position of Assistant Chief by the gallant and heroic conduct of a lifetime. Upon the retirement of Chief Sweeney I appointed Musham Chief. The appointment was on merit, and met with unanimous approval."

"When the position of Building Commissioner became vacant, last Summer, I invited the Builders' Club, the Association of Architects and various nonpartisan professional organizations to name the best available man for the vacancy. They named Mr. Williams, a Republican, and gave me the strongest testimonials to his character and efficiency. I appointed him, and he entered most earnestly upon his duties. Both of these men were ideal appointees. The imputation of guilt upon these two men is unjustifiable, but to strike at me over their shoulders is little short of infamy."

HEROINE AT FIRE NOW KNOWN
Many People in Fated Chicago Theater Owed Her a Great Debt.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—At the Samaritan Hospital, her head and left side swathed in bandages, lies Carrie Anderson, the child, whose deed of heroism at the Iroquois fire was recounted in brief during the coroner's inquest, but whose name has never been learned until today.

Through the steadfast bravery of this 14-year-old girl at least 50 lives were saved on the fatal afternoon. She it was who, despite the fact that her entire left side was being lapped by flames, caught the end of the ladder thrown across the alley from the Northwestern University building and guided it to a firm resting place on the fire escape of the second balcony.

Across this ladder many men, women and children scrambled in safety.

The girl was in the balcony with her mother, who was employed as a cleaner at the theater, and while she escaped, her mother perished. The child does not know yet that her mother is dead.

ST. LOUIS THEATERS MUST ANSWER.
ST. LOUIS, Jan. 27.—At the request of

DID ENDOWN LIFE

Wright Found Relief in Dose of Poison.

HIS AGONY IS PROLONGED

Fewer Tablets Would Have Produced Death Sooner.

HE ALSO CARRIED LOADED GUN

Famous Promoter's Face Shows No Trace of the Suffering He Endured—Body Will Be Turned Over to Relatives.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—A postmortem examination proved that Whitaker Wright committed suicide by taking cyanide of potassium. The body showed no trace of the suffering he must have endured before death. His face was calm and peaceful. His brain was found to have been abnormally large, and the examination proceeded the doctors found evidence of the poison which confirmed their previous impression of the cause of death.

Portions of the deadly tablets, still undissolved, were found in the stomach. Wright evidently having swallowed several of them.

The report that a revolver was found on his person has been confirmed. The weapon is of American make, silver-plated and of heavy caliber, and was fully loaded. It was concealed in his hip pocket, and is an evidence of his strong determination to end his life.

Prolonged His Agony.
It is now supposed that Wright's ostentatious consumption of tablets for indigestion and insomnia during the last days of the trial was designed to disguise, in case of necessity, the taking of the fatal dose. According to the doctors, the dead man prolonged his agony by taking too many of the cyanide of potassium tablets, as a smaller dose would have brought death more swiftly.

All Wright's conversations with his intimates and attendants during his last days showed that he hoped until the last for acquittal, although he made such careful preparations for the worst. Had he been convinced himself that conviction was inevitable, there was nothing to prevent his committing suicide previously, for he was never searched during the trial, and with the exception that he was always shadowed by detectives he had freedom of movement.

With the consent of the Home Secretary, Wright's body will be handed over to his relatives, after the inquest, for private burial at Netley, his home in Surrey.

Foreseen by Detective.
The tragic event is the one topic of interest, and everywhere is discussed in all its features. The possibility of the promoter's escape from justice by suicide was clearly foreseen by Detective Willis, who brought Wright from New York.

Acting on hints dropped by Wright during the voyage, Willis gave the court of

CELEBRATES FOR THE RAISER

Germany Observes the Forty-Fifth Birthday of Its Ruler.

BERLIN, Jan. 27.—A great crowd gathered in front of the palace early today, both to salute Emperor William on his 45th birthday and to get good places from which to see the members of the royal family and court and other officials offer their congratulations to the emperor. The latter, surrounded by generals, appeared before a window overlooking the square and acknowledged the acclamations.

From that time on carriages filled into the castle courtyard, containing those of rank sufficient to permit them to offer their good wishes, beginning with the members of the family and their suites, the cabinet ministers, the heads of the army and navy, visiting kings and princes and the ambassadors, among them United States Ambassador Tower. The emperor received the callers in the Pillar Hall until midnight.

A clear of Sweden and Norway has appointed Emperor William first cavalier of the new Order of the Lion of Norway, in commemoration of the Emperor's birthday, and in recognition of German generosity to the sufferers by the fire which destroyed the town of Alesund, Norway, on Saturday last.

Subsequently the Emperor attended a service in the castle chapel, and later held a reception in the White Hall, where he received the felicitations of the officials and general public.

At the Reichstag dinner tonight, given in honor of the Emperor's birthday by Chancellor von Bulow, Count von Ballestrem, president of the Reichstag, related a recent conversation between himself and Emperor William, during which, in response to Count von Ballestrem's reference to the Emperor having met the czar during his recent illness, His Majesty said:

"In case of there being anything serious the matter with me, I wish to leave my son in agreeable and neighborly relations."

(The Emperor was born January 27, 1859. He became ruler in 1888. He was married in 1891 to Princess Victoria. Seven children are the results of the union.)

LORENZ WAS VERY HAUGHTY.

He Refused to Answer the Questions of Postal Inspectors.

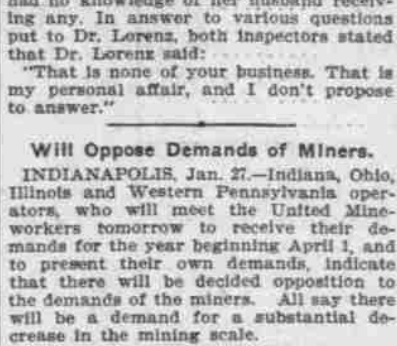
WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—In the trial of August W. Machen and others, charged with conspiracy to defraud the Government in connection with the sale of Groff letter-box fasteners, the prosecution today rested its case. Today's testimony was confined entirely to the evidence of Inspector Major, who declared, under cross-examination, that he made no promises of immunity from prosecution to D. B. Groff.

Inspector Williams and Inspector Farrell detailed their conversations in Toledo with Dr. and Mrs. Lorenz prior to their arrest. From Mrs. Lorenz, they said, they had secured a statement that she never knew or heard of D. B. Groff, and she had received no checks from him, and had no knowledge of her husband receiving any. In answer to various questions put to Dr. Lorenz by the inspectors, he stated that Dr. Lorenz said:

"That is none of your business. That is my personal affair, and I don't propose to answer."

Will Oppose Demands of Miners.
INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 27.—Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and Western Pennsylvania operators, who will meet the United Mine-workers tomorrow to receive their demands for the year beginning April 1, and to present the strongest testimonials to the demands of the miners. All say there will be a demand for a substantial decrease in the mining scale.

SENATOR INDICTED IN POSTOFFICE CASE



The Federal Grand Jury at St. Louis returned an indictment against United States Senator Burton charging him with accepting \$2500 from the Rialto Grain & Securities Company of St. Louis for securing permission for the Rialto Company to use the mails. Senator Burton at Washington said his only connection with the company has been as attorney for its president, Major H. C. Dennis, and that he will go to St. Louis at once and meet the charges against him.

SNIB TO HEARST

Iroquois Club Will Deny Its Indorsement.

REFUSES TO GET IN LINE

By-Law Exhumed That Forbids What He Desires.

OREGON IS BEING LOOKED TO

Governor Chamberlain is Urged to Enter the Hearst Ranks That He May Have a Solid Coast Delegation Behind Him.

HEARST COUNTED ON SUPPORT.
The Iroquois Club is the inner organization of the Democratic leaders of the State of California. Hearst has been counting upon their support and for this reason deserted Schmitz in the last municipal election. Lane, because the latter was backed by the Iroquois Club.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27.—(Special.)—Notwithstanding the repeated efforts of Hearst to whip the Iroquois Club into line, that body of political workers in the ranks of Democracy refuses to be coerced into following the standard of the New York millionaire.

Not wishing to come out flatfooted and refuse Hearst's request for indorsement, the Iroquois Club has dug up an ancient by-law which they say makes it impossible to give the desired indorsement. The 15th annual conference of the Iroquois Club will take place here February 25, and Hearst's efforts will receive the official snub.

Just why Hearst has been turned down is not given out. Most of the members do not desire to commit themselves so early in the game, and prefer to wait the action of the St. Louis Convention.

Hearst has turned his attention now to Oregon and has emissaries out trying to bring Governor Chamberlain into his fold. It is known that Hearst's ambition is to go to the St. Louis Convention with a solid Pacific Coast at his back.

It has been arranged that Governor Chamberlain shall be present at the Iroquois gathering next month. Senator Newlands will also attend from Nevada. What lies behind this move is not known, but it is safe to say that Hearst will get the cold shoulder which has been promised him. Delegates to the Iroquois gathering will come from the following clubs: Reno Iroquois Club, 3 delegates; Spokane, 3; Phoenix, 3; Portland, 4; San Diego, 3; Los Angeles, 14; San Luis Obispo, 4; Bakersfield, Kern County, 12; Sacramento, 8; Contra Costa County, 12; Marysville, 3; Ukiah, 4; Colusa, 3; San Francisco, 18.

Free Coinage Question is Settled.
SALEM, Or., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—Governor Chamberlain is among those Democrats who do not look with approval upon Bryan's demand that the Kansas City platform shall be endorsed by the National Democratic Convention in 1904. He declined to discuss planks which should be inserted in the National platform of his party, but said:

"I don't think Bryan should ask the convention to reaffirm the Kansas City platform, nor do I think the convention will listen to a demand for a reaffirmation of the money plank of that platform. The question of the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1 has been settled in two campaigns and should not be revived at this time."

The Governor declined to discuss other planks of the Kansas City platform.

Coming Home to Run for Senator.
SAN JUAN, P. R., Jan. 27.—Alonso Cruz, formerly Collector of Customs of Porto Rico, and his family, sailed today for the United States. He is expected to return to Nebraska, where, his conversion indicated, he will open a campaign with the object of succeeding Joseph H. Millard in the United States Senate.

EYE-SIGHT FAILS REAR-ADMIRAL
Lamberton Will Retire From Active Duty for a Time.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—A cablegram received at the Navy Department today from Culebra announces that Rear-Admiral Lamberton, commanding the South Atlantic squadron, has been found by a medical survey to be incapacitated for further duty at present on account of defective eyesight, and will sail, probably today, from San Juan for New York. The South Atlantic squadron will be left in command of Rear-Admiral Parker, who is in command of the combined forces now gathered off Culebra, preparatory to the winter maneuvers.

Burton is Admitted to Bail.
ST. LOUIS, Jan. 27.—United States Senator Burton, of Kansas, was today admitted to \$5000 bail to answer in the United States Circuit Court March 7 for trial on the indictments charging him with accepting money for the alleged use of his influence with the postal authorities to prevent the issuance of a fraud order against the Rialto Grain & Securities Company. When arraigned before Judge Adams he pleaded not guilty. His sureties are Ernest Kaestler, George W. Adams and Herbert A. Vrooman.

A telegram was received by Senator Burton from David R. Mulvane, Republican National committeeman from Kansas, asking him to address the annual Kansas day banquet in Topeka, Friday night. Senator Burton immediately wired his acceptance.

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