



PLATT IS ON TOP

Odell's Allegiance Promised to Party Leader.

WILL NOW WORK TOGETHER

Governor Becomes Chairman of State Committee.

SETTLED AT A CONFERENCE

Prominent Republicans of the State Called to New York City Agree Unanimously to the Plan After Long Discussion.

NEW YORK, March 20.—At a conference held tonight by Senator Platt, Governor Odell, the chairman of the Republican State Committee, and many other prominent Republicans, and after an exchange of views and statements by Senator Platt and Governor Odell, it was unanimously agreed that Senator Platt should remain, as he has been in the past, the active leader of the party.

It was further agreed that in contests for leadership in the party there should be no interference in favor of or against anyone, either by Senator Platt or Governor Odell.

The result of the conference was generally interpreted as being equivalent to a complete settlement of all points at issue between Governor Odell and Senator Platt, the basis of the compact being the acceptance by the Governor of the offer of the chairmanship of the state committee.

"The atmosphere has been cleared absolutely as a result of the plain talk we had today. Republicans in New York State had good cause for alarm up to noon today. It looked as if the party might go to the devil, but all that has been avoided."

"I do not think anything could have brought together the large number of leaders from all parts of the state which met with me today, and later met the Governor, aside from myself and one or two others who put the success of the party above all personal considerations. I shall return to Washington tomorrow, and about Wednesday I intend to go to Alken, S. C. for a rest." Governor Odell said.

"I have agreed to accept the chairmanship of the Republican State Committee, and will be found working side by side with Senator Platt for party success."

"Are we to look to you as our leader?" inquired a friend.

"No, you are to look to Senator Platt," he replied.

WILLIAMS IS FOR HEARST.

Massachusetts Man Will Wage Contest for His Candidate.

BOSTON, March 20.—In a signed statement sent to the press tonight, ex-Representative George Fred Williams announced his endorsement of W. R. Hearst's candidacy for the Democratic Presidential nomination.

Proclaims Martyrdom. Mormon Says He Was 'Imprisoned for Testimony of Jesus.'

SALT LAKE, March 20.—President Angus M. Cannon, of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion, referring to the Mormon Tabernacle today to his confinement in the state prison for polygamous cohabitation years ago, described himself as being "imprisoned for the testimony of Jesus." He said: "When I was out there on the hill at the penitentiary for polygamous cohabitation, imprisoned for the testimony of Jesus and testifying to the teachings of God, I wrote to the members of my church to teach them obedience to the will of God. I wrote them 'men cannot build walls so high or prisons so deep as to shut out the Spirit of God.'"

Polygamist and Divorces Compared. WASHINGTON, March 20.—"Some Ugly Features of Our National Life; and What to Do About Them," was the subject of a Lenten sermon tonight by Rev. Dr. McKim, of the Epiphany Church. He made a direct and forcible attack on the "almost senseless extravagance and passion for display" that "has spread downward among the people."

BULL-FIGHTER SLAIN IN ARENA. Dying Animal Gives Death Thrust as Matador Bows to Applause.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 20.—A special to the Express from El Paso says: "Cuyo," whose real name is Antonio Fernandez, a matador, was mortally wounded today in the bull ring at Juarez by a bull which he had just administered the death thrust. The bullfight was attended by about 300 persons, two-thirds of whom were Americans, many women being present.

ILLNESS OF NOTED PEOPLE. Ex-Mayor Grace's Condition Critical. NEW YORK, March 20.—Ex-Mayor William Grace is seriously ill at his home in this city. His condition has been superintended by pneumonia, from which he suffered last December. It was said tonight at Mr. Grace's home that his condition is critical.

Payne is Gaining Strength. WASHINGTON, March 20.—The condition of Senator Payne, who has been confined to the house for several days, continues favorable. Last night he slept ten hours and awoke feeling refreshed. He is said to be gaining in strength and there is less extreme nervousness.

Mrs. Miles is Very Ill. WASHINGTON, March 20.—Mrs. Miles, wife of Lieutenant General Miles, is reported tonight to be resting easily. She still is very seriously ill.

"Love's Carnival" a Failure. LONDON, March 20.—George Alexander makes the unusual announcement that in consequence of the failure of the "Love's Carnival," an English version of the German play "Rosen Montag," which was produced at St. James Theater last Wednesday night, it will be withdrawn tomorrow and be replaced by "Old Heidelberg," which ran for 200 nights prior to the opening of "Love's Carnival."

OUT OF FIRE ZONE

Vladivostok Bombarded in Safety.

SKILL OF THE JAPANESE

Fleet's Object Was to Locate the Russian Vessels.

BATTLE OF TORPEDO-BOATS

Two Russian Vessels Were Surprised 15 Miles Off Port Arthur and One Was Sunk in Last Attack on City.

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES AND PORTLAND OREGONIAN.

WITH THE JAPANESE FLEET, off the Shan Tung Peninsula, by DeForest Wireless Telegraphy to Wei Hai Wei, March 21.—Admiral Togo has been comparatively passive since February 25 last, and Port Arthur has been given a respite, although the cruisers and torpedo-boat destroyers of the squadrons are keeping a close blockade of the Russian port.

Challenge to Russian Fleet. The truth of the matter is that the forts were unable to reply to the fire of the Japanese fleet, owing to the position taken up by the vessels of the latter. The fleet fired at a range of about 7000 yards. While the extent of the damage caused by the fire of the fleet is unknown, fire was seen in the harbor to the eastward, indicating that the Japanese shells reached their mark. The only object of the operations was to induce the Russian Siberian fleet to come out and offer battle.

Battle of Torpedo-Boats. Since the arrival of Admiral Makaroff at Port Arthur the defensive tactics of the Russians have become more active and the destroyer squadron more alert.

Warship's Destination Not Known. CANA, Isle of Crete, March 20.—The Russian battleship Orelskaya, with Admiral Wierens on board, sailed at 11:30 o'clock this morning for an unknown destination. The torpedo-boats followed the battleship.

Effectiveness of Japanese Fire. The Russians fought with the desperation born of hopelessness and the Japanese with the confidence gained by superior numbers. The first broadside from the leading Japanese destroyers swept the bridge of the nearest Russian destroyer, killing the Captain and three men who were there.

Russian Vessel Gets Away. In the meantime the fire of the Japanese on the other Russian destroyer did considerable damage, but her commander, realizing the hopelessness of continuing the unequal contest, maneuvered in a half circle and got on the Port Arthur side of the Japanese attacking force. He signalled for full speed and succeeded in distancing the Japanese, although the upper works of his vessel were badly riddled.

Close Shave for Japanese Officers. Another destroyer was struck on the bridge, one of the crew being killed, while the Captain, Lieutenant, and sub-Lieutenant, who were on the bridge at the

time, had very narrow escapes. The binoculars was swept away and the wireless telegraph apparatus was carried into the sea.

This same destroyer was struck by a three-inch projectile which pierced her hull, but no material damage was done. The boat-davits were carried away and the funnels were penetrated, but all of the damage had been repaired within three days after the fight.

Terrible Sight on Vessel's Deck. A Japanese Lieutenant, who boarded the Stereguschel, said he had never seen a more sickening sight. Thirty bodies, terribly mutilated by a shell, were lying on the deck. As the Japanese approached, two Russian bluejackets rushed from the conning tower, locked themselves in the cabin aft and refused to come out. Two stokers jumped overboard and were picked up. These, with two wounded men, were the only survivors of a crew of 55. When the Stereguschel sank the men who were locked in the cabin, sank with her.

The fight lasted nearly an hour. The weakness of the Russian torpedo-boat destroyer's armament again proved fatal. The Japanese concentrated their fire first on the Russian 12-pounder and put it out of action early in the fight, leaving her with only three-pounders against their 12-pounders and six-pound guns. The Japanese had three killed and four wounded.

Good Range on Port Arthur. In the bombardment of Port Arthur the same day more than 110 shells fell in the town. The effect of the great shells of the 12-inch guns must have been appalling. Outbreaks of fire were seen, and the report of an explosion was heard, which, it is surmised, occurred in one of the magazines of the forts.

OUTPOSTS IN SKIRMISHES.

No General Battle on the Yalu—Japanese Advance Stalls Russians. LONDON, March 21.—Nothing has reached here to confirm the report that a battle has taken place on the Yalu, in which the Russians are alleged to claim that they captured 1800 prisoners. A dispatch from St. Petersburg to a news agency, dated yesterday, says there has been no change in the situation and that all is quiet on land and sea.

Between the Russian line, from Ping Yang to the Yalu River, and the Japanese line to Gensan there have been slight skirmishes between scouts, but no battle has taken place, as the distance between the opposing armies is great. The bulk of the Russian forces, the dispatch adds, has not yet passed the Yalu River.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says that the military authorities were started by the attempt of the Japanese to land in Helena Bay, as the nearest Russian force consisted of three rifle regiments at Niu Chwang. The weather having hindered the Japanese landing, energetic measures are now being adopted to prevent such a descent. Among the other services adopted has been the concentration of troops at Poochow, 22 miles south of Helena Bay.

In cabling the fact that all British and American residents at Niu Chwang must remain within the walls, a correspondent of the Daily Chronicle at Niu Chwang says: "I was arrested while attempting to leave yesterday."

The correspondent says it is rumored that a Japanese squadron arrived at the mouth of the Liao River Sunday night and landed a party, which, after reconnoitering, re-embarked.

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RAMMED IN A FOG

Hole Torn in a British Troopship in Channel.

COLLISION WITH NEW YORK

Bulkhead Saves the Lives of Five Hundred Soldiers.

AMERICAN LINER IS DAMAGED

Big Steamship Previously Grounded Off Cape La Hague, France, But High Tide Floated Her Without Other Assistance.

SOUTHAMPTON, March 20.—The American liner steamship New York, Captain Young, from New York March 12, for Plymouth, via Cherbourg and Southampton, met with two mishaps today, grounding off Cape La Hague, France, in the early morning, and later coming into collision in the English Channel with the Peninsula & Oriental steamship Assaye, under contract to the British government, and used as a troopship, bound for Bombay with 500 troops on board.

The New York grounded while approaching Cherbourg at 2:30 this morning, during a fog. The sea was smooth, however, and the tide was on the flood, and within an hour and a half the vessel was floated without assistance. Her bottom was damaged and there was water in the holds, but she was able to proceed.

Troopship Assaye. During the voyage up the channel a dense fog descended. When off Hurst Castle, England, the Assaye suddenly appeared and it was found impossible to avoid a collision. The New York's bow crashed into the Assaye's starboard bow, causing a great gap in the vessel. The New York's bowsprit and figurehead were carried away, and the latter was smashed into fragments.

There was great excitement on both vessels. The boats of the Assaye were lowered and the troops were mustered, but the bulkhead of the troopship saved her and the vessel was able to enter Southampton, and the New York was docked at 6:30 for temporary repairs. No body was injured.

It will be impossible to estimate the damage to the New York until she has been put into drydock. It is believed that both vessels have been somewhat seriously injured.

Good Discipline on Troopship.

SOUTHAMPTON, March 20.—When the New York grounded at Cape La Hague, the passengers, who were asleep, hardly felt the shock. James Sellers, a passenger on the New York, says at 1:30 this afternoon, while he was at luncheon, there was a grating noise, followed by a tremendous shock. Every one, he says, ran to the deck, and it was found that the New York's bow was firmly fixed in the side of the Assaye.

Mr. Sellers was close enough to observe the marvelous discipline aboard the troopship. Not a second was lost, and there was no sign of hurry, and while the boats

were being prepared for launching the soldiers were mustered with the precision of an orderly drill.

"As the vessels parted," concluded Mr. Sellers, "we saw a gaping hole in the Assaye ten feet wide, and sticking to her bow was a portmanteau and other portable property. There was no panic on our boat. Had we struck the Assaye amidstships she would have sunk."

Lady Cairns Sunk With Entire Crew. DUBLIN, March 20.—The German bark Mona, collided with the English bark Lady Cairns off Dublin Bay this morning. The Lady Cairns sank in a few minutes. Her crew of 12 were drowned.

The Mona, which was much damaged, was assisted into Dublin Harbor.

The Lady Cairns was a full-rigged ship of 516 tons. She was commanded by Captain L. Evans and was bound from Liverpool for Timor, New Zealand. The Lady Cairns was built in Belfast in 1869 and was owned by L. Tulloch, of Swansea.

The Mona was commanded by Captain Schwartzing and was reported at Adressan.

FILIPINOS FOR ST. LOUIS FAIR.

Three Hundred Arrive at Victoria Under Charge of Dr. Hunt. VICTORIA, B. C., March 20.—On the steamer Shawmut, which arrived here today, were 300 native Filipinos bound for the St. Louis Exposition under charge of Dr. Hunt, ex-Governor of the province of Northern Luzon, and Mr. Healy. The party includes Viscailos, Tingallas, Igorrotes (head hunters from the mountains of Northern Luzon), Negrados and Negritos, with all their native outfit.

Three of the party were dying when they reached here, owing to the confinement aboard.

Filling Lake at Exposition.

ST. LOUIS, March 20.—The filling of the World's Fair grounds today marked the beginning of the completion, in its details, of the Exposition. This body of water skirts the Philippines reservation and contains about 9,000,000 gallons of water. It is to be used for homes for the lake-dwelling tribes or the Philippines, and will also afford a fire protection.

NEW ENGLAND QUAKES.

Buildings in Maine Cities Are Slightly Damaged. BOSTON, March 20.—An earthquake shock this morning caused a tremor throughout the eastern part of New England. Beginning at St. Johns, N. B., the vibrations traversed the State of Maine, causing slight damage to buildings in Augusta, Bangor and Portland. The shock was felt plainly as far south as Taunton, in this state.

Report from Manchester, N. H., and Springfield, Mass., state that the vibrations were felt distinctly in those cities.

Estimate of World's Cotton Crop.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The world's cotton crop report for 1903 is estimated by the Department of Agriculture at 11,178,765 bales, valued at \$59,083,451. This is based on the latest data available, the figures in most instances representing the cotton appearing in commercial channels. The total includes estimates of the Chinese and Korean crops.

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DEEDS OF STORM

Wreckage Strwn Over Baseball Ground.

ROOF IS OFF GRANDSTAND

Fences of Ground and Fair Site Are Laid Low.

BUILDINGS ARE BLOWN DOWN

Serious Damage by Mud in Many Places—Trees Uprooted Block Streets—Telephone and Telegraph Wires Prostrated.

The cyclonic storm that visited Portland Saturday bade the city adieu early yesterday morning, but not without leaving piles of wreckage in its path as monuments to its destructiveness. Saturday night the gale was particularly severe and the damage list was increased materially. In the northwestern part of the city the wind had a clear sweep and the damage was probably more extensive and severe in that district than any other. However, the storm was freakish in its movements and destroyed shacks and did other damage in spots over the city. The Lewis and Clark Fair grounds suffered considerably. Fences were wrecked and a general disturbance of all loose material left the grounds in pretty bad shape. The baseball park was severely damaged. Two sections of the fence were blown away and landed in the Lewis and Clark Fair grounds. The roof was blown from the grandstand, the porch was blown from the clubhouse and the residence of the grounds keeper was twisted out of place some 200 feet more. In East Portland a large warehouse that was unoccupied was demolished and many trees were blown down in various parts of the city. The long-distance telephone wires are still out of commission and the telegraph wires toward Astoria and eastward are not operating. The storm is now central over Montana and it is believed to be passing westward. The high winds that prevailed here all day Saturday blew in Eastern Oregon and Washington all day yesterday but no particular damage has been reported.

The heaviest winds that were felt here came about 8:30 in the evening. At that time an average velocity of 35 miles per hour was recorded at the local Weather Bureau office. In various parts of the city the velocity varied at times and reached a much greater speed than this.

Great Damage at Ball Ground.

The greatest damage done is that at the baseball grounds, where it is estimated that a loss of \$200 was sustained. The wind lifted the roof of the grandstand and tried hard to deposit it in Wasco County. A couple of the bleats gave special attention to the right and left field fences, while still another gust tore away the clubhouse porch and came near wrecking the keeper's cottage.

The ground keeper had just finished roofing the grandstand and repairing the fences. The wind was so strong that it twisted and broke 6x10 timbers as if they had been toothpicks. One tremendous blast carried a portion of the fence into the Lewis and Clark Fair grounds and dropped it fully 50 yards from where it had stood. It had been the original intention of the club to build a new grandstand, but its financial condition would not permit it. Then, too, if a new structure had been built, it would have to be torn down in three years, for at that time the present stand is to be replaced by a new present stand, while it was not over-strong and never was a thing of beauty, would have served with the improvements which were being made. As near as can be estimated the extent of the damage is almost great enough to necessitate the building of a new structure. This will depend upon Fred Ely, who is at present in Bakerfield with the Browns. Ely expected to stay South until the season opened, but the wrecking of the club's property will call him home at once.

Since the team went South, the keeper has been busy repairing and strengthening the bleachers and grandstand. The heavy and continuous rains have greatly hindered the work on the grounds, but the repairs were about completed. The wind, however, had grandstand most of the work which has been done. In speaking of the fury of the wind that tore things up around the ball park and at the Lewis and Clark Fair grounds, the keeper said: "The wind swept in to the worst between 8 and 3 o'clock. At times it blew so strong that I was blown off my feet. One tremendous gust struck me while I was trying to anchor a part of the outfield fence. It plucked me up bodily and slammed me against the fence with such force that it knocked the breath out of me. The blast that lifted the roof off the grandstand was perhaps the worst. It broke new timbers and splintered them into kindling-wood and the crash that followed could have been heard for several blocks above the roar of the wind."

Havoc at Fair Site.

In the Lewis and Clark grounds the wind played havoc. About 600 feet of fencing was completely wrecked. It blew down flat and some of it carried a considerable distance from the place where it stood. A number of shanties, where the tools of the workmen are kept, were overturned and more or less damaged. Some of the shanties were rolled around on the grounds and caused damage in this way. A newly-constructed warehouse in front of the Troy Laundry, on East Water street, was completely wrecked. The place was unoccupied and the damage consisted only of the destruction of the house. The structure was raised several feet above the ground and apparently it had been lifted from the foundation, turned partially around, then dropped in a chaotic heap.

Houses and Trees Laid Low.

The building on East First and Taylor streets was blown down and wrecked. It was a mere shell, standing on posts, and was formerly occupied by the Hampden Stove Factory, which recently moved out, so that it was practically empty. The frame of a two-story dwelling in

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