

FINISHING STROKE FOR BOSS ODELL

Parsons Will Rule Party Convention

MURPHY CONTROLS TAMMANY

Small Majority Over McClellan in Primaries.

MAY GIVE VOTE TO HEARST

Result Means Probable Nomination of Independent by Democrats and Higgins or His Choice by Republicans.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—In a bitter clash of opposing factions in today's primary elections in New York County, Congressman Herbert Parsons, chairman of the county committee, won a sweeping victory for the control of the Republican party, while Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, retained his position at the head of the organization by a narrow margin.

The Parsons victory in the Republican party was a complete rout for the faction led by State Chairman B. B. Odell, Jr., and Lemuel E. Quigg. Mr. Parsons had the backing of President Roosevelt and Governor Higgins. He telephoned to the President at Oyster Bay tonight, telling him of the victory and received Mr. Roosevelt's warmest congratulations.

"This means," said Mr. Parsons tonight, "that Mr. Odell will not succeed himself as State Chairman."

Murphy Has Small Majority.

In the Democratic battle Murphy had the night of his life. The friends of Mayor McClellan had banded together to wrest the control of Tammany from him, and were very nearly successful. While Mr. Murphy is credited with a victory on the face of the returns, some of the leaders recorded as Murphy men are so unconvinced in their affiliation and may swing the result around when the contest comes in the county convention.

The results of today's primaries in this city was awaited with great interest, for upon them depended much as to the control of the city and the national significance.

The success of Mr. Parsons means that the Republican state convention to be held at Saratoga September 25 will be controlled by the friends of Higgins. Whether or not Higgins will be a candidate for renomination has not been decided.

May Give Hearst Tammany Vote.

The effect of Murphy's slight majority is somewhat problematic. Murphy has been regarded as friendly to the nomination of William L. Hearst for Governor. If he can control the Tammany convention he may secure a unit vote and throw all the 136 Tammany votes to Hearst in the Buffalo convention.

McClellan, who has been fighting Murphy for a chairman control, has been outspoken as an advocate of the nomination of District Attorney William Travers Jerome for Governor by the Democrats.

McCarren Still Rules Brooklyn.

In Kings County (Brooklyn) Senator Patrick H. McCarren retained control of the Democratic organization.

Timothy Woodruff, formerly Lieutenant-Governor and friend of Governor Higgins, won out for the Republican control in Kings by a big majority against Michael J. Dady. Woodruff also has the support of President Roosevelt.

Full returns from all the Republican districts in New York County at a late hour tonight showed that Parsons' candidates had won 23 districts against 11 for Odell and Quigg.

The full returns from the Democratic balloting show that Murphy carried 13 of the 25 districts in New York County and McClellan 12.

SAYS ARBITRATION BEAT HIM

Bryan Offers New Explanation of His Defeat in 1896.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Sept. 18.—Closing a two days' tour of North Carolina, in which he made speeches in a dozen towns and rear platform talks in half as many more, W. J. Bryan closed his engagements in this state tonight with a talk in Charlotte, and passed on to Columbia, S. C., where he will speak tomorrow. Four thousand persons heard the Nebraskaan here.

The special train provided by the state Democratic committee, bearing the Bryan party, arrived here this evening. After a reception at the Southern Manufacturers' Club, Mr. Bryan was escorted to a stand in Vance Park, where he spoke for an hour. At 8:30 o'clock tonight Mr. and Mrs. Bryan, accompanied by a special committee of Columbia, S. C., citizens, left for the South Carolina capital. He will continue his journey south from that point tomorrow.

Noticing the great number of laboring men in his audience at High Point, Mr. Bryan said:

"I shall never forget that in my campaign of 1896 there was inserted in my platform a plank that I wrote myself. It was a plank for arbitration between labor and capital. Some will tell you that the silver plank drove away from me the most of the support, but I tell you it was not the silver

plank but the clause for arbitration that drove them away far more than silver.

The silver question was prominently brought forward also and Mr. Bryan declared he believed in the past that he was right on the question and he still believes so.

The special train arrived at Salisbury in a downpour of rain. In spite of the rain, however, 10,000 persons gave him a royal welcome. Mr. Bryan spoke for more than an hour. He discussed the trusts, Philippines and tariff questions at length.

From there Mr. Bryan proceeded to Concord, where fully 6000 people heard him.

"PRINCE OF STANDPATTERS"

Bryan Confers New Title on Shaw in Speech to Southerners.

WINSTON, SALEM, N. C., Sept. 18.—W. J. Bryan was given a splendid reception and ovation here today. For an hour and a half he spoke to 3000 people gathered at the Courthouse square. He was happily introduced by Governor Glenn as the greatest living exponent of Democratic principles.

Mr. Bryan devoted most of his speech to an answer to Secretary Shaw's speech on the tariff at Salisbury last week. He styled this member of the President's Cabinet the "prince of standpatters." Mr. Bryan said that the arguments given by Mr. Shaw were second-hand garments cast off by his own party.

Francis Predicts Bryan's Defeat.

PARIS, Sept. 18.—David R. Francis, president of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, arrived here today from Brussels, where he presented the St. Louis Exposition medal and diploma to King Leopold. The mission abroad of Mr. Francis is thus completed, and he will leave Cherbourg tomorrow on board the Kronprinz Wilhelm for New York.

Mr. Francis is watching the political developments in the United States with keen interest. He told the Associated Press today that in his opinion the party advocating government ownership of railroads would be defeated in 1908. He was glad, therefore, to see that William J. Bryan, in his Louisville speech, had disclaimed the intention of trying to commit the Democracy to that doctrine.

Bryan to Speak for Real Democrats.

CHICAGO, Sept. 18.—(Special.)—William Jennings Bryan is ready to speak in Illinois, according to leaders among his supporters here, in support of Democratic Congressional nominees in districts where the real Democracy is in control, and where Roger Sullivan is not supported by the local party organization. Despite the state's endorsement of Sullivan, Bryan is quoted as saying that he believes Illinois is opposed to the former "in spots." The offer to speak in Illinois was made before Mr. Bryan's departure from Lincoln, Neb.

Nominations in Minnesota.

ST. PAUL, Sept. 18.—A primary election was held today throughout Minnesota for the election of Congressional, judicial and county officials. The Congressional results were:

First district—James H. Tawney (Rep.), Andrew French (Dem.).

Second district—Republican nomination in doubt; W. S. Hammond (Rep.) vs. Third district—C. E. Davis (Rep.), no Democrat.

Fourth district—F. C. Stevens (Rep.), Gustav Scholle (Dem.).

Fifth district—Republican nomination in doubt; Frank A. Larrabee (Dem.).

Sixth district—Nominations of both parties in doubt.

Seventh district—Andrew J. Volstead (Rep.), no Democrat.

Eighth district—In doubt.

Ninth district—Stenerson (Rep.), H. E. Doer (Pub. Own.).

La Follette Stumps for Colby.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—United States Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin, began a week of stumpspeaking in New Jersey, at Mount Holly yesterday. He spoke to a large audience. In the evening he spoke at Camden. Senator La Follette is taking part in the New Jersey campaign in the interest of the Colby political reform movement.

Littauer Declines Nomination.

GLOVERSVILLE, N. Y., Sept. 18.—Congressman L. N. Littauer today declined a nomination for the Republican nomination in the thirty-second Congressional district. Chairman Durey will be named.

Ellis Again for Congress.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 18.—Edgar C. Ellis, of Kansas City, was renominated for Congress here today by the Republicans of the Fifth Missouri District.

Nominated for Congress.

Fourth California District—Julius Kahn, Republican.

HER POSITION DANGEROUS

Mongolia Filling With Water—Relief Steamers From Honolulu.

HONOLULU, Sept. 18.—The latest advices from the stranded steamer Mongolia say that holds No. 2 and 3 are filled with water. Captains of local vessels plying to Midway say that the Mongolia's position is more dangerous than that of the Manchuria. Two anchors have been placed out and considerable cargo thrown overboard.

The steamer Troquois leaves for Midway tonight and the tug Restorer will sail Thursday.

Some of the transport Sheridan's passengers stranded here are in financial difficulties as a result of the decision to send the transport Buford to Midway for the Mongolia's passengers. The Buford was to have taken the Sheridan's passengers to San Francisco, but today sailed for Midway. They are now hoping to leave here Tuesday on the transport Sheridan.

Protector to Save the Mongolia.

LONDON, Sept. 18.—At a meeting today of the underwriters interested in the Pacific Mail steamer Mongolia it was decided to dispatch the powerful salvage steamer Protector to the Midway island; that in the event of the Mongolia being refloated she may be adequately repaired to enable her to proceed to the nearest port. It will be a fortnight, however, before the Protector arrives, and it is feared in the meantime the Mongolia will be irretrievably damaged by constant pounding on the reef.

Japanese Cruiser to Rescue.

MIDWAY ISLAND, Sept. 18.—At 8 o'clock this evening a Japanese training cruiser was anchored within two miles of the Pacific Mail steamer Mongolia, which went on the reef of this island September 16. The two ships were exchanging signals.

TRAIN LEAPS INTO SWOLLEN RIVER

Many Killed and Injured in Oklahoma.

CARRIED DOWN IN SINKING CARS

Bridge Collapses as Engine Passes Upon It.

SURVIVORS FLOAT ON DRIFT

Four Climb on Submerged Smoking Car, Only to Be Swept Off by Logs—Passenger Tells Story of Disaster.

NO BODIES YET RECOVERED.

KINGFISHER, Okla., Sept. 18.—While it is believed that several lives were lost today when two cars of Rock Island train No. 12, northbound, went into the Cimarron River at Dover, Okla., because of the collapse of a bridge, no body has been recovered and the only person on the train positively known to have perished is Hank Littlefield, an employee of the Forepaugh-Sells circus, who was drowned.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Sept. 18.—Eight people are dead, 20 more or less injured, and as many more are missing in the most disastrous wreck in the recent history of the Rock Island, which occurred three miles from Dover, Okla., at 8:30 this morning.

The engine, tender, baggage and mail cars, smoker and day coach of passenger train No. 12, northbound, left the high bridge that spans the Cimarron River, and plunged into the current flanked by treacherous quicksands. The locomotive disappeared from sight almost immediately. The mail and baggage clerks escaped from their coaches and swam to the shore.

Engine Leaps Into River.

The accident was due to the defective condition of the bridge, which was swerved out of line by the pressure of driftwood carried down by the swollen stream. The train was an hour late and was running at high speed to make up time. The engineer did not see the condition of the bridge until he was within a few yards, when it was too late to stop. He shouted to his fireman, threw on the brakes and jumped. He landed on the very verge of the riverbank and escaped unhurt. The fireman was less fortunate, sustaining severe injuries.

When the engine struck the bridge the whole structure suddenly collapsed, precipitating the engine and coaches into the water. The chair-car and two heavy Pullmans were not pulled in, but remained on the track.

Swept Away by Driftwood.

The scene was one of indescribable confusion. The shrieks of those imprisoned in the partly-submerged coaches were added to the shouts of those on the bank. The current whirled the day-coach down stream and lodged it against a sand-bank. The occupants were helped out through the doors and windows. The smoking

car floated down stream, submerged all but the very top. It stuck on a sand-bar in the midst of the river and four men were seen to clamber through the windows and pull themselves on top of the car. They called loudly for help, but those on shore were unable to reach them on account of the high water. While they were begging for assistance a large mass of driftwood swept down and carried them from their fragile footing.

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Map Showing Location of Dover, Scene of the Oklahoma Railroad Wreck.

rear door of the smoker before it sank and struck out for the shore. They were carried down the current for perhaps a quarter of a mile, when they were pulled out. They were almost exhausted from strangulation and exposure.

Picked Up Down Stream.

The most authentic accounts place the number of passengers in the smoker at between 25 and 30. With but few exceptions these have not been accounted for. The only hopeful news is contained in cleaves received from rural districts. Men on bits of driftwood have been seen going down stream at various points, but attempts at rescue have in most instances proved futile.

One man, whose name is not known, was fished out of the Cimarron at Cashion, 20 miles from the scene of the disaster. He was almost dead. Others have been reported floating down the river.

Kingfisher to the Rescue.

Those who were injured and taken from the river at the bridge were hurried to Kingfisher. Six physicians left that place immediately after the first news of the wreck was received. They have been working without cessation since early morning. The people of Kingfisher have thrown their homes open for the succor of the injured. Enough clothes and supplies have been donated to provide an army.

It will be impossible to ascertain the exact number of dead for several days. Many of those reported missing may show up safe at some point down the Cimarron.

Searching for Bodies.

Tonight the derailed cars are lying near the bank of the river. A party of searchers is working with torches and lanterns to lend aid to any who may be within the coaches or recover the bodies. It is the opinion of people who are at the scene of the wreck that a few bodies will be found inside the smoker.

The injured are at Kingfisher and are: Mrs. Robinson, Enid, Okla., bruised badly; George L. Wright, Denver, badly bruised and cut; C. W. Brown, Comanche, L. T., arm wrenched; Mrs. C. E. Hushler, Dallas, Tex., back slightly injured; David Lang, Hillsboro, Tex., cut on head, back and arm; C. M. Bacon, Enid, Okla., arm dislocated; 3-year-old child of Mrs. Kate Sells, Payne, O., strangled from effects of water, cannot live; Simon W. Bryon, fireman, shoulder dislocated, cut on head and neck; Engineer lies, cut on

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FUNSTON CHOSEN TO LEAD IN CUBA

Fruits of Good Work in San Francisco

IN CASE UNCLE SAM STEPS IN

Ample Naval Force to Protect Americans.

REBELS QUIETING DOWN

Marietta and Dixie Stop Trouble at Cienfuegos After Another Plantation Is Burned—Taft and Bacon Sail From Tampa.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—General Frederick Funston, who is now on his way to Washington under orders from the War Department, will probably be assigned to command the army in Cuba, if intervention should be found necessary. While orders have not been issued for the movement of troops to Cuba, the army was never better prepared for quick action, if it is found necessary to send them to Cuba.

General Funston is probably as well informed regarding conditions in the island as any officer of the army. He made a good reputation in the Philippines, and only a few months ago attracted attention by the manner in which he handled the difficult situation growing out of the employment of troops in San Francisco after the earthquake. The fact that he is under orders to come to Washington and to await further instructions indicates that he is wanted for important duty.

Sleeper Reports Conditions.

Acting Secretary of State Adey received today a dispatch from Mr. Sleeper, the American Charge at Havana, concerning the situation on the island, but in view of the prospective arrival in Havana of Secretary Taft and party tomorrow morning, the contents of the dispatch were not disclosed. It is believed to have dealt with the attitude of the Cuban government and the insurgents toward the American officials and the consideration to be given their mission. It is not known here what course Mr. Taft and Mr. Bacon will pursue on their arrival in Havana.

Another Sugar Estate Wrecked.

Information was received at the State Department late today from M. R. Spellman of the Colonial Cuban Company at New York that he had been advised of the destruction this morning of the Esperanza sugar estate near Cienfuegos. The estate was burned by Colonel Collada and a band of insurgents. It is not known whether Colonel Collada was unaware of the suspension of hostilities or merely was acting as an outlaw. The

Esperanza estate is not far from the Constantia estate, which was reported to have been destroyed several days ago. The insurgents have been particularly active in the vicinity of Cienfuegos and are reported to have destroyed considerable property. Official advices concerning the burning of big plantations, which have been reported from time to time, are lacking, however.

Naval Force All at Sea.

Some question has arisen over the conflict of Mr. Spellman's dispatch and it is possible that he refers to the same plantation mentioned in Commander Fullman's dispatch received by the Navy Department late yesterday afternoon. All the ships of the navy destined for Cuba at present are on the sea and it is expected they will constitute a sufficient force until present plans fail and intervention becomes necessary. It is understood that the navy will send a supply ship with food and a collier to Havana.

Commander Collwell of the cruiser Denver cabled the Navy Department today from Havana, saying that things were quieting generally and the leaders were discussing peace terms.

The State Department was informed by the Cuban legation today that Mr. Quesada, the Cuban Minister to Washington, who was one of the delegates to the Rio conference, would sail from Liverpool for New York on September 20 on the steamer Majestic.

GUERRA'S CUNNING WINS.

Raids Los Palacios and Kills and Captures Many Militiamen.

HAVANA, Sept. 18.—Alfredo Zayas, president of the Liberal party, informs the Associated Press that Colonel Avalos with 200 mounted men attacked a rebel force under Eino Guerra yesterday, near Los Palacios, in Pinar del Rio Province. The rebels had one man killed and two wounded. A second attack was about to begin when Guerra's brother, in the capacity of peacemaker, arrived from Havana and urged an armistice, which was speedily arranged. The official report of the engagement says a party of Guerra's men came upon Los Palacios and sent emissaries with an offer to surrender. Before an answer could be given the town was attacked. The 20 militiamen guarding the town fell back, leaving some dead and prisoners. The insurgents were finally dispersed by Colonel Avalos' force.

Many depredations were committed by the insurgents in the town. Of the militiamen three are dead and three wounded and of the townspeople one is dead and two are wounded. Among the prisoners are 25 militiamen.

STILL DESTROYING BRIDGES

Rebels Renew Attack on Railroads.

Government Masses Forces.

HAVANA, Sept. 18.—Since the return here of the military trains, the rebels are again destroying property of the Cuban Western Railroad. A great military train, the important bridge near Los Palacios has again been destroyed; another bridge at Santa Cruz, near Pinar del Rio, and small bridges in that district likewise have been wrecked. Trains run only as far as Artemisa, and there is no telegraphic communication beyond that point.

Government forces 3000 strong, under the command of Colonel Betancourt, are concentrating at Matanzas, and it is reported they expect orders to march toward Havana.

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MILLION IS LOST TO CARD SHARPS

High Play Among Wealthy Pittsburgers

SWINDLER FORCED TO GIVE UP

Rich Victim Catches Him With Sharper's Tools.

MIRROR RING ON FINGER

Saw Cards Dealt to Frank Sauer, Who Discovers Trick After Losing Money and Diamonds and Exposes Sharper.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 18.—(Special.)—

One of the worst gambling rows in the history of Pittsburg clubs was brought to light here today through the Police Court, which was called on to make an alleged card sharp disgorge money which he won in the fashionable American Club last night. W. Joseph Johnston, who came to Pittsburg a year ago from somewhere in the West and who posed as a "broker," was the man dragged before the police, who took from him crooked gambling devices of several kinds. They also forced Johnston to return diamonds and money, out of which Frank Sauer, a wealthy young club member, victim, alleged Johnston had beaten him.

Caught With Mirror Ring.

The American Club is one of the best-known political organizations in the country and has about 1000 members, among them many young men of wealth. It is alleged by the authorities that there has been much crooked gambling in the club by card sharps, but the arrest of this morning was the first ever made. Other card sharps had been thrown out.

Johnston was arrested by Sauer and others who appeared against him, was caught red-handed in a stud poker game in the club last night, dealing with a "mirror ring" on the third finger of his right hand. This enabled him to see the nature of the cards he dealt to his opponent and put them in his power absolutely. Johnston carried a big amount of money, then gave his diamonds to Johnston, borrowing \$500 on them. Then he got a glimpse of the mirror and he clinched with Johnston.

Disgorges All His Plunder.

The man with the mirror ring was arrested, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses. The police found the ring and also some tools for marking cards. Johnston this morning gave back all the money Sauer said he had lost, returned the diamonds and was fined \$20 and costs, with the promise to leave Pittsburg as soon as possible. Other members of the club refused to prosecute Johnston.

The police here say that the amount of money lost by the wealthy young clubmen of Pittsburg to card sharps here has been something beyond belief. One of the officials puts the amount at not far from \$1,000,000, taking the three or four big clubs of the town.

MONOPOLY'S GAME FAILS

OWNERS OF CATALINA ISLAND LOSE CONTEST.

Passengers Land From Independent Steamer in Defiance of Edict of Lords of Soil.

AVAILON, Catalina Island, Cal., Sept. 18.—

The time-honored determination of the Banning Company, owners, to prevent landings on Catalina Island unless passengers were conveyed from the mainland by their steamers brought on an encounter today that thrust Avalon into a state of high excitement. The steamer San Diego, a privately chartered vessel, anchored in the bay this afternoon and prepared to land 74 passengers, mostly women and children.

Superintendent Shaw, of the Banning company, roped off the shore line and backed by a small army of employees, attempted to stand off the party. Practically all of the San Diego's passengers eluded the guards and got ashore. No one was injured in the melee.

CLEW TO CECIL BRITTON

Boy Answering Description Found in Chicago, but Lost Again.

CHICAGO, Sept. 18.—Relatives of Cecil A. Britton, 5 years old, who was kidnapped July 13 near his parents' Summer home at Tollgate, Or., asked the Chicago police yesterday to aid in the search for the missing boy.

The boy's father, R. L. Britton, a wealthy merchant of Walla Walla, Wash., has offered a reward of \$1000 for the return of his son. It is believed the kidnaper is holding the boy in order to secure ransom money.

A boy answering the description of Cecil Britton was arrested recently by the police and the following day a man who said he was the boy's father, took him to Salt Lake, Utah.

