



SENATOR PLATT'S WAYS AS A WOOPER

Mae Wood Draws Veil From His Secrets.

CALLED HIMSELF OLD FOOL

Alleged Wife Repeats Story of Their Marriage.

FORCED TO RELEASE HIM

Letters From Decrepit Boss Full of Love and Kisses, Followed by Secret Ceremony and Enforced Settlement of Claim.

NEW YORK, May 18.—Mae Catherine Wood was upon the witness stand all day today, testifying to her suit for absolute divorce from United States Senator Thomas Collier Platt, before Justice O'Gorman in the Supreme Court. In support of her assertions that she had been secretly married to Mr. Platt at the Fifth Avenue hotel on November 9, 1901, her counsel introduced in evidence a certificate which, he said, had been handed to her by the minister who performed the ceremony and copies of numerous letters alleged to have been written to her by the Senator, addressed in terms of endearment.

On cross-examination Miss Wood told how she came to give up the letters and documents she once possessed relating to Mr. Platt, alleging that she did so under duress and was compelled to sign a receipt for \$10,000 in settlement of her claims against the Senator.

Miss Wood, in her suit, named as co-defendant Lillian Janeway whom Mr. Platt publicly married in 1903. Mr. Platt was not in court today.

Shows His Love for Odell.

Miss Wood was smartly attired and self-possessed. She identified copies of several letters which she said were received by her from Mr. Platt. They were mainly of an affectionate nature, but in several there were interesting sentences on other affairs. In one communication was the phrase, "Your letter has cheered me up so that I am almost reconciled to Odell's election."

A picture of the Senator was shown, upon the back of which was written, "To my little wife." Telling how this was written, Miss Wood said:

"Well, I was sitting on my lap. Part of the time he held my hand and part of the time I held his hand. We wrote it together. The words 'little wife' were written by him, I think."

Miss Wood said that the Senator came to her room at her hotel with two men and that he formally acknowledged her as his wife before these two men.

Platt's Promise to Marry.

Senator Platt was not in court today. Miss Wood was the first witness.

She testified that Mr. Platt first promised to marry her at Manhattan Beach. "He said the marriage must be secret, as he was an old man," added the witness. "I demurred and told him that he knew nothing about me, but he said he knew all my past life."

Miss Wood said she had two letters from Platt, but that one of them was demanded from her by J. Martin Miller and another man in October, 1903, and that she had never seen it since. Her counsel showed the witness a typewritten copy of a letter, and she identified it as containing practically the contents of the missing letter.

It was admitted in evidence, despite the objections of John B. Stanfield, Mr. Platt's counsel. The copy was dated Friday, November 8, 1901, and read in part as follows:

Loving Tom's Little Bride-to-Be.

"My little bride-to-be, I have made all arrangements. You are not to say anything to anybody. You are to obey my instructions implicitly. I enclose card to the hotel. You will be there at four o'clock. Have room 138. I am an old fool, but you shall never regret this step."

"Lovingly, 'TOM.'"

Another letter of the same date was offered in evidence, to which the writer advised Miss Wood that he would not reach the hotel until after 9 o'clock, and that she was to go to her room and await a signal from him. The witness said she waited as directed, that Senator Platt came to her room with two men, that he embraced her and introduced her to the men.

"I took his hand," said Miss Wood, "and one of the men began the civil ceremony by saying, 'You take this woman to be your lawful wedded wife, and you take this man to be your lawful wedded husband.'"

TORPEDO-BOAT IS RAMMED

Launch Breaker Runs Into Stiletto. No Lives Lost.

NEWPORT, R. I., May 18.—The naval steam launch Breaker today rammed the torpedo boat Stiletto, just off the lighthouse at the north end of Goat Island, tearing a large hole in her port side. The Stiletto was beached. No one was injured. The Breaker was only slightly damaged.

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STEWART LOSES ANOTHER FORTUNE

NEVADA EX-SENATOR CAUGHT IN MINING COLLAPSE.

Decline in Bullfrog and Rhyolite Leaves Veteran Mining Man Again in Poverty.

RENO, Nev., May 18.—(Special.)—Fate has again been unkind to William M. Stewart, for years United States Senator from Nevada. The decline of Bullfrog and Rhyolite stocks during the past few months caught him with the rest. The fact that his last attempt to wrest fortune from the mines of the Sagebrush State has failed is mutely told in a small announcement, appearing in the last issue of a Rhyolite newspaper, announcing that the Stewart mansion in Rhyolite is for rent or for sale to the highest and best bidder. Mr. Stewart and his young



Ex-United States Senator W. M. Stewart, of Nevada, who has lost another fortune in decline of mining stocks.

wife are giving it up to go away from the desert forever.

Three years or more ago he went in there to amass another fortune, so he said. He did succeed at first and at one time his fortune was figured into the thousands, but he ventured far and the reaction has caught him along with the rest.

BOURNE GOES TO CHICAGO

Tries to Have Contested Taft Delegates Unseated by Convention.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 18.—Although Senator Bourne will have no voice in the Republican National Convention, he is planning to go to Chicago about a week in advance of the assembling of the convention, for the purpose of using what influence he can to bring about the unseating of the contested Taft delegates. He believes that a majority of the National Committee is unfriendly to Secretary Taft, and that, if proper steps are taken, practically all the contested Taft delegates can be unseated.

Mr. Bourne was ill at his apartments today and unable to attend the Senate. His condition is not believed to be serious. It is in the nature of a nervous breakdown, resulting from the strain under which he labored while conducting the third-term movement.

TIRED BY KAISER'S VISIT

Francis Joseph Again Indisposed and Audiences Are Postponed.

VIENNA, May 18.—Emperor Francis Joseph is again slightly indisposed, and this has made necessary the postponement of all audiences. The physicians say there is no cause for anxiety, but after the trying duties connected with the recent visit of Emperor William and the German Princes, together with some slight symptoms of catarrh, it is necessary for His Majesty to be careful. He showed considerable improvement this afternoon, and it was stated he expected to be able to witness the procession of 80,000 Viennese school children in his honor next Thursday.

ITS PREACHERS INSPIRED

New Church Says They All Have Pentecostal Manifestation.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 18.—The Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene of East Palestine, Ohio, was incorporated today. A number of churches have been established, in which the doctrine of immediate and complete inspiration of preachers after the manner of the pentecostal manifestation of the Holy Scriptures, is preached, but this is the first one of the kind to be incorporated. Among the tenets of this church is the doctrine of the entire "sanctification" of believers.

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OBSTACLES BAR WAY TO WEDDING

But Anna and Helie May Ignore Them.

CONSENT OF GOULDS NEEDED

Or Bride's Share of Estate May Be Reduced.

COUNT BONI IS FURIOUS

Will Demand Children Be Taken From Mother, Because Prince Helie Unfit Associate—Protestant Marriage Is Likely.

PARIS, May 18.—When and where the wedding of Prince Helie de Sagan and Madame Anna Gould will take place has not yet been definitely decided. They regard themselves as engaged and would like to solemnize the marriage immediately. Certain peculiar circumstances, however, prevent them.

First, there is the clause in Jay Gould's will reducing the share of each child one-half if he or she marries without the consent of the executors of the estate. If the marriage of Madame Gould occurs within the very near future it can be assumed that the consent of her brothers and Miss Helen Miller Gould has been given, otherwise the ceremony will necessarily be delayed to permit the courts to decide the issue.

Count Boni Blocks the Way.

The most serious obstacle to the marriage is Count Boni de Castellano's attitude, which involves the possible limitation of Madame Gould's rights over her children. Count Boni naturally is furious at the idea of the wedding and makes no "bones" about his intention to demand a modification of the divorce decree, which gave Madame Gould the custody of the children, basing his demand on the ground that Prince de Sagan would not be a suitable stepfather, and that such close relationship with his children would be prejudicial to their interests.

During the course of Prince Helie's suit against Count Boni, brought for assault, it will be remembered that Maitre Bonnet, de Castellano's attorney, declared that no court in France would confide the custody of the children to a man of de Sagan's character.

Madame Gould feels certain that no court would take cognizance of the case, but the suit is likely to involve endless complications, which she and the prince desire to avoid.

The marriage, it is said, may occur abroad, perhaps in England, but this would involve the decision to reside in

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DYNAMITE WRECKS TWO MORE CARS

DAY IS ONE OF LAWLESSNESS IN CLEVELAND.

First Attempt at Arbitration Meets With Failure—Several Hurt in Dynamiting of Cars.

CLEVELAND, O., May 18.—A Broadway streetcar was partially destroyed by a dynamite torpedo tonight. While 25 passengers were in the car, no one, for a miracle, was seriously hurt. A panic followed and a mad rush for the exits was made.

A suburban car was also damaged by the explosion of powder on the track. The floor of the car was smashed through and one woman was severely injured.

After 1 o'clock this morning a Detroit Avenue car was dynamited near One Hundredth Street. The trucks were badly damaged, but the single passenger and the crew were unharmed.

At 12:30 o'clock a small box, which the police say contained deadly explosives, was found on the tracks at Broadway and East Fifty-fifth Street. The box was discovered with a car less than 500 feet away.

At 1 o'clock rioting began near the Windemere barns in East Cleveland, when strikers cut six trolley wires. Linemen for the Municipal Traction Company turned out in force to repair the damages, but were driven back by a gang of three hundred men.

At 12:30 this morning a brick was thrown at a Woodland car while it was passing eastward on West One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Street and Woodland Avenue. David Benjamin and his wife, who were on the car, were both struck by the missile. Mrs. Benjamin's jaw was broken. Her husband had his face lacerated by the brick.

CHEER AT EXTRA SESSION

Arkansas Legislature Adjourns With Enthusiasm.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 18.—The special session of the Arkansas Legislature was rudely extinguished this afternoon when both Houses adjourned sine die, and the Senators and Representatives were instructed to go home. Much enthusiasm marked the closing scenes of the session, cheer after cheer arising from both chambers. There was not a quorum present in either House.

The Senate was not considered in a session, but was regarded as only a mass meeting and it adopted resolutions to go home. When the motion to adjourn sine die was put in the House a great cheer arose. All rushed to the doors and handshaking was in order for half an hour. Acting Governor Peudall is well pleased with the result.

FRENCH SURPRISE ARABS

Driven to Mountains and Forced to Abandon Supplies.

PARIS, May 18.—A telegram received here from General d'Amade, the French commander in Morocco, says that with three brigades he made a forced night march, and at daylight of May 14, with a front deployed over a distance of five miles, he surprised the Mdakea tribesmen, driving them to refuge in the mountains. The tribesmen abandoned their cattle and munitions of war in their headlong flight. The French lost three men killed and 22 wounded.

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AGENTS SCHEME OF THE INTERESTS

Roosevelt Dislikes the Choice of Burrows.

NOT MAN TO SOUND KEYNOTE

Known as Moderate Opponent of His Policies.

SIGN OF A COMPROMISE

President and Taft Want No Harmony With "Safe and Sane" Republicans and Will Strive to Change Programme.

Walter Wellman to Chicago Record-Herald.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—(Special.)—Is the Chicago convention to stand squarely and fairly for the Roosevelt policies, or is it to be manipulated into a "conservative" attitude in the interest of "harmony and success at the polls"? This is the question which now confronts President Roosevelt and Secretary Taft. It has been unexpectedly raised by the selection of Senator Burrows, of Michigan, to be the temporary presiding officer of the National convention.

The selection of Mr. Burrows for this post of honor was a surprise and disappointment to both the President and Mr. Taft. It has nothing to do with the nomination of Mr. Taft. That is so well assured that nothing can disturb it.

Objections to Burrows.

The objections of the President and the Secretary to the Michigan Senator are not personal. They object solely because he is not the right sort of man to sound the keynote. He is not known as a supporter of the Roosevelt policies, but as a rather moderate opponent of them. The President and the Secretary think the sounder of the keynote should be an out-and-out. The only importance of the temporary chairman is as the maker of that one speech, and the custom is to choose for the task a man in thorough sympathy with the Administration or with the influence which controls the convention and the nomination. Four years ago Secretary Root sounded the keynote for the Roosevelt campaign.

Two Forces Within Party.

The selection of Mr. Burrows serves notice on the country that two forces are at work within the Republican party. One of these is the Administration-Taft element, which favors making the Roosevelt administration and the Roosevelt policies the leading issue of the campaign. Upon these, these only do the President and the Secretary and their friends believe the Republican party has a chance to carry the country.

The other faction, reactionary and anti-

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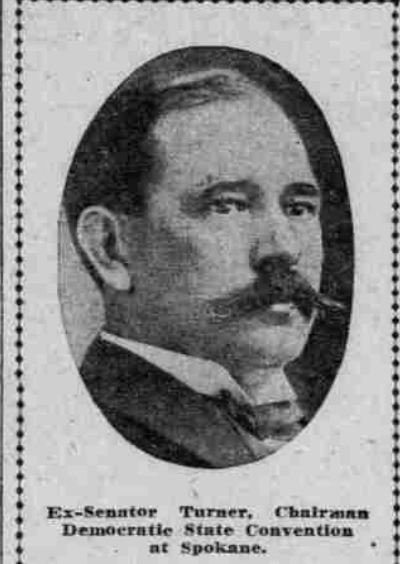
ALABAMA VOTES TO NAME BRYAN

BUT JOHNSON GAINS STRONG SUPPORT IN SOUTH.

Northern Half of State Almost Solid for Nebraskan—Johnson Carries Mobile.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., May 18.—Alabama voters today, for the first time, cast their votes direct for a Presidential candidate in the state's Democratic primary election, and the returns at 1 A. M. indicate that Alabama's delegation to the National convention will be instructed to support the candidature of William J. Bryan.

Returns received from 51 of the 67 counties in the state show that out of a total vote polled of 100,000 Mr. Bryan has received 75,000. Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, the other Presidential candidate on the ticket, developed surprising



Ex-Senator Turner, Chairman Democratic State Convention at Spokane.

strength in the larger cities and has carried several counties, including Montgomery and Mobile.

Mr. Johnson carried the town of Demopolis, and the First Ward of Birmingham gave him a majority of 5. These are both Scandinavian strongholds.

ATTEMPT TO WRECK CAR

Tie Placed on Mount Scott Line, but Does No Damage.

An unsuccessful attempt was made last night about 12 o'clock to wreck a Mount Scott car. A tie was placed on the track near Stewart, and the car, striking the obstruction, shoved it along the rails for two or three rail lengths, when it fell off. Few passengers were on the car at the time.

Conductor Brannon and Motorman Maddox were in charge. The place where the obstruction was found was near the Section Line road, on a down grade, with a station no nearer than a quarter of a mile in either direction. The carmen state that nobody was in sight and that the shock of the collision did not even jar the car.

Yacht Starts South for Race.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 18.—The Seattle yacht Gwendoline II left Victoria today for San Francisco, bound to San Pedro for the race to Honolulu.

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SEATTLE FACTION GIVEN HARD JOLT

Combine Against King County at Spokane.

DEMOCRATS IN LIVELY ROW

State Convention Presents a Stormy Session.

WORKING AFTER MIDNIGHT

Prohibition Plank Adopted After a Long Tussle and Bursts of Fiery Oratory—Delegates Selected to Vote for Bryan.

ELEVENTH-HOUR SELECTIONS.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 18.—(Special.)—At 11:45 P. M. the convention reached the following result:

Nominated for chairman of the State Central Committee, George P. Wright, of Pierce County.

Elected as delegate-at-large to the National Convention, the following delegates, with half a vote each—A. R. Titlow, Pierce; L. E. Bignold, Chehalis; Fred E. Baldwin, Spokane; Dan Paul, Douglas; George F. Christensen, Adams; A. G. Mitchell, Lincoln; Charles G. Helfner and F. A. MacDonald, King. No alternates were elected.

Nominated for Presidential Electors—J. M. McKernan, Garfield; E. A. Fitzhugh, Clallam; Wilmon Tucker, King; Thomas M. Vance, Thurston; George F. Richardson, Benton.

Twelve district delegates, with half a vote each, were also elected as follows:

First district—John L. Luke and W. M. Pemberton, of Whatcom, and Daniel Currie and W. W. Black of Spohneth.

Second district—Frank R. Spinning, of Pierce; W. W. Cannon, of Lewis; Tal Bratton, of Kluckitlan, and J. C. Conine, of Thurston.

Third district—Jerome Drumbeller, of Spokane; T. A. White, of Whitman; L. A. Simons, of Kittitas, and M. A. Smalley, of Okanogan.

Indorsed for National committeeman—W. H. Dunphy, of Walla Walla County.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 18.—(Special.)—All day the Second and Third district leaders in the Democratic state convention overrode the demands, elected the requests, resisted the pleadings and harrowed the lacerated feelings of the delegates from King County, ignoring alike King County's arrogance, insistence and her tearful prayers and sending the delegation home unburdened with honors, bitter in their disappointment and refusing to be placated or consoled with three petty places thrust magnanimously upon them against their tearfully eloquent protests.

Comes Defiant, Returns Humiliated.

King County came to the convention demanding a lion's share of its honors. It returned home with nothing it wanted and protesting against, even what it was given; came deflated with arrogance, went home humiliated into the dust; came expecting to dominate, returned ranking under the domination of others, even writhing under a final insult involved in the nomination for Presidential elector of a King County man who is persona-non-grata to the delegates. King County came to the convention demanding the indorsement of Charles G. Helfner as National committeeman, and saw that honor handed out to W. H. Dunphy, of Walla Walla.

Combine Holds to Bitter End.

It came asking for four of the eight "half delegates" to the National convention. It was given two, refused to accept them and saw them thrust upon it. The convention was controlled in every action by a combination between the Third District, or Eastern Washington, counties, organized by Spokane County, and the Second District, or Southwestern Washington, counties, organized by Pierce County. This combination totaled more than 50 of the 70 delegates in the convention in person or by proxy, and rode rough shod and relentlessly across the prostrate forms of the delegations from King County, Snohomish, Whatcom, Skagit and San Juan Counties, which had perfected another combination to resist it.

DECLARE FOR PROHIBITION

Democrats Adopt Plank After Fierce and Fiery Oratory.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 18.—After as stormy a session as was ever seen in a convention hall in this state, the Democratic state convention, tonight, just before midnight, adopted a plank declaring for submission to the voters a constitutional amendment forbidding the sale and manufacture of spirituous liquors.

Whether by oversight or design, nothing is said about vinous and malt drinks. The plank was adopted by a two to one vote, following a night of fierce and fiery oratory for and against.

A double delegation of 30, each with half a vote, was elected to the National convention at Denver and instructed

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