



BRYAN IS WORKING TO REUNITE PARTY

Playing Big Game to Win Big Prize.

AND PLAYING IT WITH SKILL

Welcome to All Democrats, Old Quarrels Dead.

RECREATING HIS PARTY

Having Outlived His Faults of Passionate Youth, Leader Now Strives With Cool Judgment for Party Union and Triumph.

Walter Wellman in Chicago Record-Herald. LINCOLN, Neb., July 1.—It is a big game that is being played here by a big man for a big prize. To reunite a disrupted party, to bring all factions together upon a platform all can stand upon, to inject into a party, till now so often beaten that it has become well nigh hopeless, not only harmony but hope, confidence, enthusiasm. This is the task William Jennings Bryan is engaged upon. The objective, of course, is the White House.

Mr. Bryan is playing his part well, with great skill, with well defined ideas as to methods and principles, written in a personal manner and self-control rarely equaled among our public men, with almost infinite knowledge of men and conditions everywhere in the country.

Welcome to All Democrats.

A strong, stocky, big-faced, heavy-jawed, quick-eyed, pleasant-speaking, sweet-smiling man stands on the porch of a beautiful country house. His hand is outstretched. He welcomes all comers. No sort of Democrat is repulsed. No matter what he has done or for whom or what voted, or talked, or written in the days that are gone—if he is now a Democrat and for the old party, the glad hand grasps his as he walks up the stairs. If he is a man of any importance whatever and he takes the trouble to write ahead, Mr. Bryan will meet him at the railway station and drive him out to Fairview and make him happy.

New Bryan Supplants the Old.

This man, who is now hard at work re-shaping, re-making, re-creating the Democratic party under his own leadership and incidentally for his own benefit, is one of the marvels of the age. In his personality he is one of the most remarkable men of our day. He is now a strong, ripe, a full man. He is indeed a strong, ripe, a full man. He has grown in poise and wisdom and judgment and insight and grasp till he has become almost ideal as a leader, as a doer of the sort of work that now lies to his hand.

We remember the Bryan of old, eloquent but inexperienced, passionate but poor of judgment, a born preacher and crusader, a little fanatical, somewhat narrow, inclined to harbor personal sentiments, bigoted as many strong and earnest men are to the point where they do not much like those who disagree with them; inclined to think that what ever they stand for must be right and that it is their duty to convince all mankind to their way of thinking.

The new Bryan is better balanced, more tolerant, not less sincere but more adaptable, still the preacher by instinct, but the harmonizer and builder by trade. He has grown and he has learned.

TOWNE AND BRYAN CONFEE

Former Admits Candidacy, but Latter Is Non-Committal.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 1.—Charles A. Towne, who is an avowed candidate for the Democratic nomination for Vice-President, as well as an old-time personal friend of W. J. Bryan, stopped off here for the express purpose of discussing Vice-Presidential politics with the latter. Mr. Bryan was expecting him and for half an hour they remained closeted.

Mr. Towne admitted to newspaper men that his candidacy as well as the platform formed the main topics of conversation.

"New York is the logical state to furnish the Vice-Presidential nominee," said Mr. Towne. "The public does not seem to realize the number of Democrats there are in northern New York. I am not surprised at the declaration of Judge Gray to be mentioned for Vice-President. I have expected it right along. Judge Gray is a strong man, a popular man with all classes, he has ability, magnetic personality and marked attainments. However, I have been assured by friends from all parts of the country of support for myself. Assurances of an unmistakable character were given me by leading New York Democrats before I would permit the use of my name."

Towne's View of Injunctions.

"What will be done with the anti-injunction plank at Denver?" Mr. Towne was asked.

"It should be a strong one, one that does not hedge. Laboring men will be protected."

"Will provision for the interlocking decree be made for use in extreme cases? What is Mr. Bryan's position on this phase of the question?"

"That I cannot discuss. I cannot even express my own opinion, for it would borrow color from the fact that I have been talking with Mr. Bryan."

Previous to Mr. Towne's visit, Mr. Bryan had practically set at rest, tem-

RAILROADS DELAY WAGE REDUCTION

HOPE TO PREVENT STRUGGLE WITH LABOR THIS YEAR.

Postpone Action Till October, When Improved Traffic May Remove Necessity Entirely.

CHICAGO, July 1.—(Special).—Strong grounds exist for hoping that the railroads will not find it necessary to force to an issue the question of a general wage reduction, because of the depression that has existed for the last nine months in the commercial and industrial interests of the country.

Last week it was feared that a conflict between the roads and their employees might be started by some of the Southern roads forcing the issue to a final settlement, but wiser counsels prevailed, and further consideration of the whole matter has been postponed until October 1. By that time, it is hoped, the traffic situation will have so improved that the roads will see their way to continue the present rate of wages indefinitely.

Out of a trying situation there has been one development gratifying to all interested with the operation of the railroads. That is the demonstrated greater efficiency of railroad labor and the benefits to the companies that have resulted therefrom. It has been the effort of the managers, in reducing forces, to retain the best workmen.

TROOPS GUARD DEL RIO

Consul Ellsworth to Investigate. Result of Las Vacas Fight.

WASHINGTON, July 1.—General A. L. Myer, commanding the department of Texas, telegraphed to the War Department today that he had sent four troops of cavalry to Del Rio, near the scene of operations of the insurrectionists in Mexico.

American Consul Ellsworth, at Porfirio Diaz, state of Coahuila, Mex., has informed the State Department that he is going to make a trip to the Las Vacas country, the scene of one of the recent disturbances between the rebels and the Mexican troops, to investigate conditions there. While he will report his findings to the State Department he is making the investigation entirely on his own responsibility.

Several dispatches received through official sources and apparently corroborating press telegrams regarding the trouble at Las Vacas were made public today. They indicate that the Las Vacas fight several days ago nine Mexican soldiers and 12 rebels were killed. Captain Perez, presumably a Mexican officer, was wounded three times. After the rebels the rebels took refuge in the mountains and the prediction was made that they would be driven north to Texas.

Officials of the administration familiar with conditions in Mexico also predict an early subsidence of the present insurrectionary movement.

ECHO OF JAPAN'S VICTORY

Lord Curzon Attributes Recent Unrest in India to Late War.

LONDON, July 1.—There was an oratorical duel between Lord Curzon and Viscount Morley, of Blackburn, Secretary of State for India, in the House of Lords today. The subject of the late unrest in India, this being Viscount Morley's maiden speech in that House. Lord Curzon regarded the unrest as a chronic condition of the country, a condition which has been fomented by Japanese victory over Russia.

"That was the triumph of Asia over Europe," he said, "and the repercussions of that conflict have spread like a thunder clap through the whispering galleries of the East."

Viscount Morley in defending the government's policy, agreed with Lord Curzon that the trouble was largely due to no reason, he continued, to doubt the Ameer's loyalty and friendship and regarding the Indian agitation, it did not intend to adopt the remedy of "martial law and damned nonsense," but while the enforcing of law and preserving order would not be determined by bombs and outrages. It would persevere in the policy of reform in the direction of giving to all grades of Indians "some handling of their own affairs."

SLAVEDEALERS ARE HELD

Chicago Federal Grand Jury Returns 50 Indictments.

CHICAGO, July 1.—The Federal grand jury returned in Judge Landis' court yesterday 50 indictments against Chicago importers of women. Indictments were returned against the following named and Eva Dufour, August and Mary Du Val, Victor Malozon, Max Rosenbaum and Sol Rubinkin.

In the case of the Dufour and Du Val couples, Judge Landis imposed record-breaking bail. In each case the bond was set at \$5,000, the court holding that the charges were serious enough to make justifiable the heaviest bonds. Both couples were indicted on between 30 and 50 counts.

BROTHER FEARS FOUL PLAY

Carl Lindstrom to Conduct Investigation Into Death of John.

ABERDEEN, Wash., July 1.—(Special).—Carl Lindstrom refuses to believe that his brother, John Lindstrom, came to his death at Salem yesterday morning through accident. Mr. Lindstrom says that he fears foul play. He will make a thorough investigation of the case, and has already placed the matter in the hands of Portland detectives. He will himself leave for Portland Saturday to pursue an investigation on his own account.

Cable Under Lumber Schooner.

ASTORIA, Or., July 1.—(Special).—During today Captain Genereaux succeeded in placing two barges alongside the sunken steamer Minnie E. Kelton and in running one cable under the vessel's stern. Two more cables are to be run under the steamer before an effort will be made to raise her.

BRYAN PLAYS TO DISUNITE RIVALS

Race Single-Handed Against Field.

EACH WILL STAY TO FINISH

Gray and Johnson Men Not Inclined to Alliance.

MINNESOTANS AT DENVER

Governor's Spokesman Declares He Would Scorn Any but First Place. Injunction Plank Is to Be Crean-cut, Not Radical.

DENVER, Colo., July 1.—Claiming a victory on the first ballot but overlooking no possible chance to make their triumph sure, the followers of Mr. Bryan have been watching for any move on the part of his rivals that would compel him to go single-handed against the field, as Mr. Taft was obliged to show his strength in the early stages of the Chicago convention against the combined forces of the "allies."

The arrival today, however, of the personal representatives of Judge Gray and Governor Johnson, the only candidates who are now expected to enter the lists against Mr. Bryan, has failed to disclose any common ground of agreement between them. The Gray managers asserted that they had no intention of entering into a coalition with the followers of Mr. Johnson and had not received from them or made to them any overtures for a combination. The same disclaimer of a desire to pool issues was made by the Johnson people after their arrival tonight. They said they had no other object in view but the nomination of Mr. Johnson and intended to make their fight for that purpose only.

Drop Hook for Bryan Votes.

The attitude which the Gray and Johnson people have assumed has led to considerable conjecture as to the Vice-Presidential candidates. The followers of Mr. Bryan profess to believe that the refusal of the Gray and Johnson men to make a combined fight against the strength of Mr. Bryan means that they are not averse to occupying positions in which they can avail themselves of Bryan votes for second place in the event of his nomination for the Presidency. On this point, however, both Mr. Lynch for Governor Johnson and Mr. Marvel for Judge Gray insist that the Bryan people are utterly in the wrong. Their men, they say, are out for the first place and are giving no consideration to the Vice-Presidential.

The chief arrivals today, in point of political importance, were those of Fred-

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BAILEY ESCAPES FROM CAPTORS

SWINDLER HIDING IN SWAMPS OF HONDURAS.

Gives New York Police Lieutenant Slip and Rows Ashore From Steamer.

PUERTO CORTEZ, Honduras, July 1.—Francis D. Bailey, president of the Export Shipping Company, of New Jersey, who, together with his brother, Albert W. Bailey, Charles H. H. Myers and Captain Albert Oakley, was placed aboard the Norwegian steamer Ustein yesterday in custody of Lieutenant P. W. Berry, of the New York police department, made his escape in a small boat from the steamer last night.

The boat was found on the beach this morning. Search is being made by soldiers in the woods and swamps near by, and the American Consul, Albert W. Brickwood, is taking active measures to discover the fugitive.

POTTER LOSING STRENGTH

Bishop Still Conscious and Free From Physical Pain.

COOPERSTOWN, N. Y., July 1.—Bishop Potter's physicians at 9:30 o'clock tonight issued the following bulletin:

"Bishop Potter is gradually but perceptibly losing strength. He is, however, still conscious and is free from physical suffering."

"J. F. JANVERIN, M. D."
"M. J. BASSETT, M. D."

The morning's bulletin said: "Bishop Potter's condition has not changed materially during the night. He is extremely weak, but at the same time responds fairly well to the measures used to keep up his strength."

The patient is still conscious and able at times to converse with his family.

HAS SHERIFF DISARMED

Steve Adams' Lawyer Says Official Threatened His Life.

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., July 1.—O. N. Hilton, leading counsel for Steve Adams, appeared before Justice of the Peace Swensen this afternoon and filed a charge against C. A. Fitzpatrick, of Telluride, alleging that Fitzpatrick had threatened him with a revolver this morning. The encounter occurred, according to Hilton, when the two men met at the postoffice on their way to the court room. Sheriff Fitzpatrick was brought before the justice, disarmed and placed under bonds of \$1000 pending further hearing of the charge against him.

Eleven jurors satisfactory to the prosecution in the trial of Adams on the charge of murdering Arthur Collins had been secured at the close of the first session of the court today, and the state waived its right of challenge. There remained in the venire 14 men.

The defense still has eight peremptory challenges and it may be impossible to complete the jury from the present venire, in which event a special venire will have to be summoned.

World's Tube Trust Dissolved.

LONDON, July 1.—According to a telegram from Glasgow, received here today, the International Association of Tubemakers has dissolved. The association included American, British, French and German manufacturers.

RAIN NEEDED IN WHEAT DISTRICTS

Grain Suffering From Lack of Moisture.

SERIOUS SHORTAGE FEARED

Pessimistic Tone to Reports From All Sections.

RAILROAD EXPERTS' VIEWS

Unless Showers Occur Within Week, Crop Will Be 25 to 50 Per Cent Short, Percentage Varying With District.

Reports just received by the railroads on crop conditions in the wheat districts of Oregon and Washington are somewhat alarming. While the prospects a week ago were for a good average crop, agents of the railroads now report a falling off from 25 to 50 per cent as compared to last year in some of the best wheat sections of the territory.

This information has proved disquieting to the railroad traffic agents, who have been indulging in the hope of large tonnage from the wheat fields next Fall and Winter. They say, however, that prices to the consumer may equalize the short crop to some extent by being higher than would be the case should the yield be large.

Traffic departments of the Hill and Harriman railroads centering at Portland have been keeping close watch on the growing crop all through the wheat districts. At least once a week and sometimes oftener, since the grain fields began to show green in the Spring, reports have come in to the head offices in Portland of the weather conditions and whether the rains or absence of rain were favorable to the growing wheat.

These reports were encouraging up to very recently, in fact that coming to Assistant General Freight Agent Coman yesterday was the first really unfavorable report received. General Freight and Passenger Agent Adams of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway is also on the anxious seat because of the news of damage to crops he is getting from agents in the Inland Empire.

Rain Needed to Save Grain.

As dry weather is the greatest cause for alarm in the wheat country, it is feared that the warm weather of the past few days has added to the damage of grain. Wasco County reported that unseasonable winds, lack of rain and cool weather have combined to damage Fall grain. Rain is needed in that section soon or Spring grain will suffer considerably.

French Duel for Blood

Editor and Lawyer Fight With Swords About Libel Suit.

PARIS, July 1.—A duel with swords was fought in this city today between M. Jouvelet, a brother of the present editor of the Matin, and a lawyer named Baudelot. M. Baudelot was wounded in the right arm.

The quarrel between the two men is an outcome of the libel suit brought by Senator Humbert against the Matin for involving him in the swindle recently conducted in Paris by Henri Rochette. The case was called yesterday and, while it was being heard, M. Baudelot slapped M. Jouvelet in the face. The latter retaliated by smashing his cane over the head of M. Baudelot and a challenge followed.

ZEPPELIN SOARS ALL DAY

Airship Remains Aloft 12 Hours and Flies Over Switzerland.

FRIEDRICHSHAVEN, July 1.—Count Zeppelin today outdistanced all world records for steerable balloons. He remained in the air for 12 hours, traversed the greater part of Northern Switzerland and visited Zurich, Winterthur and Lucerne, attaining an average speed throughout of 34 miles an hour.

His airship displayed splendid qualities of flexibility and answered the slightest movement of the helm, while its stability was quite up to the greatest expectations. It is understood that the proposed voyage to Mayence will be postponed for a week or two, owing to the necessity for accumulating adequate supply of gas.

PREPARE FOR BRIDAL PAIR

Royal Chateau to Receive Abruzzi and Miss Elkins.

TURIN, July 1.—It is reported here that preparations are being made at royal chateau at Racconigi for the reception of the Duke of the Abruzzi and his prospective bride, Miss Katherine Elkins, daughter of Senator S. B. Elkins, of West Virginia.

HEALTHY GROWTH IN STAMP SALES

PORTLAND POSTOFFICE STATISTICS SHOW GOOD GAIN.

Increase of 9.1 Per Cent Over Like Period Last Year—June Alone Does Even Better.

For the six months of 1908, ended June 30, the aggregate of stamp sales at the Portland Postoffice was \$332,629.50 as compared with \$301,755.72 for the corresponding six months in 1907, or an increase of 9.1 per cent. The receipts from stamp sales for June this year amounted to \$54,640.48, while for the same month a year ago these sales reached a total of \$48,532.43. This increase of \$6,008.05 represents an increase of 12.3 per cent for the month.

"These figures," explained Postmaster Minto yesterday, "include only the stamp sales, and by referring to the records of the office I find that the increase in stamp sales comes from the stamp window in the main corridor of the building where the purchases rarely exceed a dollar. Receipts at the window where the larger sales are made to the business houses for the first six months this year are barely as great as for the corresponding period a year ago. These statistics testify unmistakably to the steady and permanent growth of Portland in population."

The following figures show the receipts per month for the first six months of the years 1907 and 1908 and the percentage of increase per month:

Month	1907	1908	Increase, Per Cent
January	\$51,716.82	\$58,022.27	11.23
February	45,582.12	50,443.39	10.97
March	34,712.37	37,901.47	9.22
April	48,322.87	51,901.24	7.52
May	52,757.70	55,086.67	4.28
June	48,532.43	54,640.48	12.33
Totals	\$301,755.72	\$332,629.50	10.24

THREATENS TO USE BOMBS

Suffragette Who Broke Asquith's Windows Violent in Court.

LONDON, July 1.—The extraordinary demonstration last night before the houses of Parliament made by the woman suffragists in their efforts to secure votes for themselves, had a rather startling sequel today when one of the women, Mary Leigh, arrested for breaking windows in the house of Premier Asquith, declared in the Bow Street Police Court that "the next time we come on you can expect bombs."

This radical statement has had the effect of drawing a greater degree of attention to the entire suffragist movement in England, and as a result the police will henceforth have to handle the women demonstrators with less good-humored tolerance and with more severity.

This threat by Mary Leigh, which was a repetition of what she said at the time she was taken in custody, is really the sensation of the last demonstration, for the much-heralded attack on the House of Commons last night was a comparative failure. Not less like the expected number of suffragists appeared, and the movement was lacking in definite organization. The two women who broke windows in the house of the Premier were today sentenced to two months at hard labor, without the option of paying a fine.

Compared to previous punishments meted out to the suffragists here, this sentence is particularly severe.

The two women who broke windows in the house of the Premier are Mrs. Mary Leigh and Miss Edith New.

Twenty-five out of the 27 women who were charged with obstructing the police decided to go to prison.

PROVE SHE WEDDED MILLER

Court Admits Evidence of Mrs. Leafgreen's First Marriage.

ST. LOUIS, July 1.—During the hearing of the case of Mrs. Mary Leafgreen against the estate of Laeode G. Howard to secure a marriage portion on the ground that she was married to Howard, Circuit Judge Kinsey today announced that the decree of divorce secured by Thomas Jefferson Miller, ex-Mayor of Tumwater, Wash., from Mrs. Leafgreen in Olympia, Wash., would be admitted as evidence.

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