



CONVENTION HEARS WRONG PLATFORM

O. K. Davis Says Committee Knew.

SHEETS SHIFTED IN ERROR

Version Given Out Later One Meant for Delegates.

ADOPTION IS MISTAKE

Moose Leader Declares Professor McCarthy's Plank Was Plainly Inadequate and Not Fit to Be Adopted.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—(Special.)—Oscar King Davis, who was head of the publicity bureau of the Roosevelt Progressive party, a close friend of Colonel Roosevelt and George W. Perkins, and was the man who worked inside the committee on resolutions and handled the report of the committee, said today that the explanation of the changes made in the Roosevelt Progressive platform after its adoption by the convention was simple.

"During the time the resolution committee was in session, a good many different planks were submitted to it," said Mr. Davis. "The different sub-committees of the resolution committee were busy at work considering planks on the different subjects. The resolution committee worked for two days and two nights getting up the platform. It did not finish its work until after the time the convention was ready to nominate candidates for the Presidency and Vice-Presidency."

Speeches Made Out of Order.

"A rule had been made by the convention providing for the adoption of the platform before the nomination of the candidate for President. When the convention reached the point where the resolutions would have been in order an effort was made to get the convention to take a recess in order to give the resolutions committee time to report. There was a good deal of opposition, and it was finally decided to permit the nominating speeches to be made out of order, as was done. The resolutions committee was notified of what was going on in the convention, and considerable pressure was brought upon it to hurry. The different planks were adopted by the sub-committees and then submitted to the full committee on resolutions, and finally, upon the resolution committee passed upon all the subjects to be included in the platform, a resolution was adopted providing for a general revision of the whole platform. The sub-committee in charge of the trust plank had adopted the resolution offered by Dr. Charles McCarthy, but in the final revision that plank was stricken out."

Slip at First Overlooked.

"The other plank which it is now charged was added to the plank on 'commercial development' was adopted by the sub-committee having it in charge and by the full committee. The different planks were written upon square slips of paper and in gathering up the slips in a hurry to get to the convention the slip containing the paragraph which it is asserted was added was overlooked. The committee worked under great pressure, and to that fact are due the two mistakes. The McCarthy draft on the Sherman law, which had been stricken out by the full committee, was retained, and the plank which embodied a statement taken from a speech by Colonel Roosevelt and which had been adopted by the committee, was omitted."

McCarthy Plank Incomplete.

"The resolution committee struck out the McCarthy plank because it attempted to give a catalogue of offenses under the Sherman act, but enumerated only a few of them. It was decided that by remaining silent on the other offenses the convention would place itself in the position of stamping the offenses not mentioned as legalized."

Hood River Promotes Debating.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—In order to promote an interest in the art of public speaking and debating the student body of the Hood River High School has voted to appropriate a fund for the purchase of a large silver cup, on which will be engraved the names of those who have been proficient in this art. The cup will be kept as a record and each year new names will be added to the list. The students are taking an active interest in debating this year and a strong squad will be put into the field to try for honors in the state debating league.

POTS AND KETTLES NOT STAR'S DOOM

BLANCHE BATES TO STAY ON STAGE, SAYS HUSBAND.

George Creel Vows "Golden Girl" Shall Quit Footlights Only When She's Good and Ready.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—(Special.)—"Why should I—why should any man—ask a woman like my wife to retire to a life of pots and kettles just because she does me the honor to marry me?" said George Creel, who married Blanche Bates yesterday, when asked if the Belasco star would quit the stage.

"She will retire from the stage when she gets good and ready, and her marriage will have nothing whatever to do with it. She makes more money than I make or ever hope to make."

"Thank heaven, I could always take care of her if she wanted me to, but all my life has been a battle for the freedom and independence of women. How inconsistent it would be for me to ask a woman to give up her freedom and independence—how selfishly male! I want my wife to be a living stream, not a backwater, and the only way to maintain this ideal in any marriage is for the man and woman to have individual as well as common interests—for the wife to be economically independent of the husband."

STREET ORATOR ANSWERED

Father O'Hara Cheered by Crowd After Socialist Yields Soap Box.

"If all I say ain't true, why don't some person get up here and answer me? I'll let him have a say." And with that, a Socialist orator, who had forsaken the usual distributer of the party for blasphemous and seditious utterances against God and the country, paused for the half-hearted applause that came from a crowd of men at Seventh and Washington streets Thanksgiving night.

In reply there stepped forth "a paragon" in fact a priest of the Roman Catholic Church, Father E. V. O'Hara. "I will answer your questions," said he, quietly but with effect.

Instantly the crowd made way for him and he mounted the soap box. Right from the start he blamed them for attacking religion.

"Why don't you quit that and confine yourselves to social improvements and laws for the amelioration of the working classes? Such a law, for instance, as myself am fighting for, the minimum wage bill?"

"But you won't have it. You say you want revolution. (This in answer to a few who are opposed to the church, if you are opposed to government. Our church, the Catholic church, believes in obedience to one's country and the officials that are in power, even if we think them mistaken.)"

And for 20 minutes Father O'Hara held forth on the subject until he, and considerable pressure was brought upon it to hurry. The different planks were adopted by the sub-committees and then submitted to the full committee on resolutions, and finally, upon the resolution committee passed upon all the subjects to be included in the platform, a resolution was adopted providing for a general revision of the whole platform. The sub-committee in charge of the trust plank had adopted the resolution offered by Dr. Charles McCarthy, but in the final revision that plank was stricken out."

CAT VOYAGES IN STATE

Don Dai, Persian Chinchilla, Has Stateroom All to Himself.

BOSTON, Nov. 29.—(Special.)—The steamer Cambrian reaches here today from London, Don Dai, a Persian Chinchilla cat.

Don Dai had a stateroom all to himself on the passage. Don Dai recently was winner of three first and two special prizes at the cat show in England and on December 16 will be exhibited at a specialty show in the ballroom of the Plaza Hotel, New York, by Mrs. George B. Brayton, of Brighton, who bought him.

"MOVIES" MISLEAD YOUTH

Highway Robber, Specializing in Autos, Traces Inspiration.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 29.—Moving picture shows caused his downfall, according to Cornelius Sadaacker, a singer who pleaded guilty today to highway robbery.

The "movies," according to the prisoner, showed him "how easy it was done," and he deserted the ranch for the highway, where he made a specialty of holding up automobiles. Judge Willis announced that he would pass sentence on the young robber next Friday.

LITERARY TEST PROPOSED

Immigrants May Have to "Brush Up" Under Law Considered.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—The passage of legislation prescribing a literary test for prospective immigrants into the United States by both House and Senate at the coming session of Congress was predicted today by Representative Burnett, of Alabama, chairman of the House immigration commission.

Representative Burnett declared that he had been assured of enough votes in the House to pass the measure and that there was little opposition in the Senate.

Echo Women Plan to Vote.

ECHO, Or., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—The women of Echo will have an opportunity to exercise their right of franchise at the city election which is to be held here next Tuesday. The women have already held a public meeting and are taking an active interest in the municipal affairs. Yesterday the Women of Needle Craft, a club of eight, entertained their families at a Thanksgiving dinner at the living apartments of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. George. Twenty-four guests were present and a five-course dinner was served.

NEW "BUDGET" PLAN WILL BE PROPOSED

Sherley Runs Counter to Taft Men.

COMMITTEE OF 30 PROPOSED

Henry Thinks Number Is Too Large for Comfort.

HOUSE JEALOUS OF POWERS

Kentuckian Lets It Be Known No Usurpation of Right to Collect and Expend Government Funds Will Be Tolerated.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—A revolutionary change in the entire fiscal scheme of the Government is projected in a resolution to be presented in the House at the coming session by Representative Sherley, of Kentucky, the third ranking Democrat on the House appropriations committee.

Representative Sherley's resolution contemplates the creation of a budget committee in the House, which shall have original jurisdiction over all estimates for annual expenditures and shall allot to the various appropriation committees of the House the amounts available for the various branches of the Government service. Every effort will be made to have the measure operative with the advent of the new Democratic Administration, Mr. Sherley said today.

Plan Counter to Taft's.

The resolution will run counter to the budget proposals of President Taft, which will be submitted to Congress in a short message just before the holidays. The President contemplates a general budget scheme by which the estimates of the various departments will be submitted to the House in bulk, with a general statement of the country's financial condition.

A Chairman Henry, of the rules committee, said he was in sympathy with the purposes of the Sherley resolution, and that he believed favorable action by the committee on the resolution or one along similar lines could be secured at the coming session.

The resolution would create a committee consisting of the chairman and ranking minority members of each of the House committees handling appropriation bills, the chairman and ranking minority members of the ways and means committee and the chairman and ranking minority members of the rules committee.

"I believe this plan will be worked (Concluded on Page 2.)"

EDUCATOR DEFENDS STUDY OF CLASSICS

PHRASE "PREPARATION FOR LIFE" HELD TO BE STALE.

"To Make Modern Ears Sensitive to Music of Bygone Ages" Said to Be Noble Achievement.

CHICAGO, Nov. 29.—A defense of the classics as a necessary part of education was made today by President Scott, of the National Council of Teachers of English in convention here.

"To make modern ears sensitive to the music of bygone ages," said President Scott, "will never cease to be one of the noblest of the teachers' functions. When we abandon that hard task for the easy appeal to current superficial interests we rob the student of about the best gift it is ours to bestow."

"The phrases 'preparation for life' and 'relation to life' have been so bandied about of late that they have become stale and unprofitable," continued the speaker. "Eating and drinking and running a typewriter and selling stocks and bonds and shoveling snow off the front walks—what are these?"

"Is this the life for which our costly system of education is to provide? If so, life means simply keeping ourselves alive, and our teachers are extravagantly overpaid. A little chloroform would achieve a better result at a fraction of the cost."

ZAPATA EXECUTES ENVOY

Rebel Leader Carries Out Threat and Kills Peace Messenger.

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 29.—Emiliano Zapata, the insurgent leader, carrying out a recent threat that he would put to death any additional peace envoys sent by the government to treat with him, a few days ago passed the sentence of death on two men who had approached him on behalf of the government, according to news received here today from Excutla, Morelos. One of the men was shot. The other escaped.

A dispatch to the Imparcial from Vera Cruz says that W. W. Canada, the American Consul, has informed the correspondent of the Imparcial that the United States battleships Kansas, Michigan, Vermont and South Carolina soon will visit Vera Cruz.

The news has caused apprehension here, as it is considered unusual that naval visits of courtesy should be in such strength.

TROOPS ON SHIP EN ROUTE TO GALLIOLI

Must Be Disposed Of in Event Armistice Is Arranged Before Arrival.

LONDON, Nov. 29.—Constantinople reports tonight the probability that a fortnight's armistice will be signed by Sunday by the peace plenipotentiaries who are negotiating for a cessation of hostilities between the Turks and the allies.

From the Bulgarian side there has been no news today concerning the peace negotiations, except the vague statement that they are making satisfactory progress.

Extent of Armistice Not Shown.

Nothing has transpired as to whether the proposed armistice will have any effect upon the whole field of war operations or only the Thracian lines.

The news received today of the surrender of two divisions of Turkish reserves to the Bulgarians in the neighborhood of Demolica, after severe fighting, shows there are still large isolated bodies of Turkish troops unaccounted for which must be considered in arranging an armistice. The allies are said to have large numbers of men who are proceeding on the Greek transports from the Gulf of Saloniki, either to the Gallipoli Peninsula or to join the allies' army at Tchatalja.

Troops on Ships to Be Considered.

No news has been received concerning these transports and the disposal of the men they carry in event an armistice is arranged would present some difficulty.

Although it is not safe to assume that an armistice is in sight, the fact that the negotiations continue and apparently no time limit has been fixed as to the duration of the existing suspension of hostilities, tends toward the belief that a peaceable solution of the trouble is approaching.

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MARYLAND COLLEGE BURNS

Agricultural and Mechanical Institution in Flames.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—Fire tonight is threatening the destruction of the Maryland Agricultural and Mechanical College at College Park, Md., near here. Two buildings are reported to have been burned and at midnight the flames were not under control. Two engines have been sent to the scene by the Washington department.

ARMISTICE MAY BE SIGNED BY SUNDAY

Turks and Allies Continue Negotiations.

PEACE PLANS' SCOPE VAGUE

Two Divisions of Sultan's Reserves Surrender.

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SHERIFF INVITES RICH MEN TO BID

SICKLES' RELIC SALE NOT TO GO BY DEFAULT.

"Men of Your Standing," Says Harburger to J. P. Morgan, "Will Not Let Chance Go By."

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—Seventy-five of the city's wealthiest men were invited today by Sheriff Harburger to appear at the Fifth avenue home of General Daniel E. Sickles, octogenarian Civil War veteran, December 4, and make bids at an auction on the General's personal property. The sale has been ordered to satisfy a \$5000 judgment.

"I believe that men of your standing will see to it that the General's property is not sacrificed at this sale," wrote the Sheriff in a letter to J. P. Morgan, Andrew Carnegie, Vincent Astor, John D. Rockefeller, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., William K. Vanderbilt, John D. Archbold, Chauncey M. Depew and others.

Bric-a-brac, historical relics, antiques, rare books and other valuable articles which have been in the Sickles family for generations will be sold.

NEW LAWS ANNOUNCED

West to Sign Suffrage Proclamation Written by Mrs. Dunaway.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—With the exception of the woman's suffrage amendment, all of the bills and amendments passed at the last election were proclaimed as laws today by Governor West. The canvassers' official abstracts were finally completed by Secretary Olcott and immediately the proclamations were issued. The proclamation covering the woman suffrage amendment will be turned over to Governor West in Portland tomorrow in the handwriting of Mrs. Abigail Scott Dunaway before it becomes a part of the archives of the state, and the executive will sign it to make it legal.

The bills and amendments to pass besides woman suffrage are: Repeal of county tax amendment, freight rate bill, household exemption bill, Malarky bill, banking amendment, state road debt limitation, county road debt limitation, state convict road bill, county prisoner road bill and eight-hour bill.

GANGSTERS COMING WEST

"The Shine," "Pork Chops" and "Little Bennie" En Route to Coast.

SALT LAKE CITY, Nov. 29.—To the exodus from New York City following the convictions in the Rosenthal murder case, Salt Lake City detectives attribute the presence in Salt Lake City at various times within the last two weeks of no fewer than 15 members of East Side gangs that were brought under fire at the trial of Police Lieutenant Charles Becker and the "gunmen."

Although few of the visitors have registered, former visitors in New York say they have recognized "The Shine," "Pork Chops," "Little Bennie" and other well-known East Side characters. Most of the travelers have passed on toward the Pacific Coast, but others are known to have obtained employment here.

T. R. TO ATTEND MEETING

Dixon Says Colonel Will Aid Progressives in Planning Work.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—Senator Dixon, chairman of the Progressive National committee, who has just returned from a visit to Oyster Bay, said today that Colonel Roosevelt would attend the National conference of Progressive leaders to be held in Chicago on December 10 and 11. Dixon also expressed the opinion that Governor Johnson would attend.

He announced that there would be a meeting of the executive committee of the National committee on December 9. Senator Dixon said he had received many letters from Progressives, and he felt assured of a large attendance of representative men from the various states.

The conference, he said, would be devoted largely to devising ways and means for carrying on the work of organization during the next four years.

TROOPS DRIVE ELK BACK

Blank Cartridge Battle Waged to Save Herd From Hunters.

LIVINGSTON, Mont., Nov. 29.—To prevent a recurrence of last season's slaughter of elk, United States troops from Fort Yellowstone are now engaged in a three-day battle along the boundary lines of the Yellowstone National Park.

The echoes of the hills are continually awakened by the firing of blank cartridges in an effort to head off the elk herd, which because of heavy snow early today are trying to cross the borders into the lowlands where herds of hunters are in waiting. The season closes December 10.

LONDON POLICE BAFFLED

In Face of Warnings Suffragettes Again Destroy Mails.

LONDON, Nov. 29.—Despite the close watch which had been inaugurated by the police, suffragettes again tonight destroyed the contents of various mail boxes by pouring chemicals into them. They even invaded the general post-office, where acids were placed in several boxes.

In some of the financial sections where the contents of the mail receptacles are always valuable numerous pieces of mail were destroyed.

Livestock in County Few.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—In proportion to the population the Hood River Valley has a smaller amount of livestock than any other community in the State of Oregon, or perhaps for a rural community in the United States. The summary of the tax list just completed by County Assessor Wickham shows 1495 horses in the valley, cattle 83, sheep and goats 49, swine and dogs 403. The total valuation of the county property, excluding that of railroads and public service corporations, is \$9,335,452. Six thousand, one hundred and fifty-five acres of tillable orchard land is valued at \$6,025,115.

PATRICK TO FIGHT FOR RICE MILLIONS

Validity of Will Once Set Aside Is Issue.

\$1,000,000 IN FEES INVOLVED

Trusteeship, Not Actual Money, Is ex-Prisoner's Claim.

FORGERY CHARGE DROPPED

Man Thrice Sentenced to Death for Murder Seeks to Obtain Control of \$12,000,000 Legacy of Once Alleged Victim.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—(Special.)—Albert T. Patrick, thrice sentenced to death on conviction of the murder of William Marsh Rice, an aged millionaire, will begin a fight to get control of the Rice millions through contesting of the will, on a charge of forgery which he thought he was entitled to the millions and has never and will never lay a claim to them.

He spent his first day out of the prison following his pardon by Governor Dix in conference with his attorney, W. M. K. Olcott, preparing for this fight, which he expects will give him control of more than \$12,000,000 and executor's fees estimated at close to \$1,000,000.

Legal Procedure Understood.

When asked the direct question whether he proposed to contest the will which was formally probated, Patrick answered that that was a matter for legal determination.

"When we get ready to act along that line," commented Mr. Olcott, "we will make no announcement, but will file our suits in the proper manner. I want to say, however, that Mr. Patrick never thought he was entitled to the Rice millions and he has never and will never lay a claim to them."

"I was merely a trustee," interposed Patrick.

"He was a trustee," continued the lawyer, "under the terms of a secret trust."

"Why," said Patrick, "four and a half million dollars of the Rice millions have been dissipated under the pretense that it was necessary to pay for my prosecution, while, as a matter of fact, the City of New York paid all just and necessary expenses. The books at Houston, Tex., will show that."

Wife Looks Up Records.

"Two years ago my wife went to Houston and engaged a lawyer to get affidavits and, because he espoused my cause, he was shot down by a policeman. They said he was shot for resisting arrest, but he was shot from the other side of the street."

"Who is at the head of the conspiracy?" he was asked.

After thinking for a moment Patrick answered: "James A. Baker, Jr., of Houston, Tex., was president of a corporation known as the Rice Institution for the Education of White Persons of Houston. Upon Rice's death this institution was to receive \$200,000 in trust. The trustees were to serve without compensation. Rice had even selected the site for the building. Then he became involved in litigation with his wife, who asserted that under the Texas law she was entitled to share in his estate and also maintained that he was a resident of Texas. Upon her death she made a will bequeathing \$2,000,000 of her share of Rice's estate to her relatives. The will was probated and Rice returned to New York and contended that he was a resident of this state."

Second Will is on File.

"I was called into conference with Rice," resumed Patrick, "who said to me that he believed there were efforts on foot to swindle him and I accordingly prepared a will for him and under his direction. This is the will that I offered for probate and which was rejected, but has been on file in the Surrogate Court ever since."

"The falsity of the charge that the second Rice will was a forgery," Patrick said, "was borne out by the fact that the indictments for forgery and perjury against him and David Short and Morris Meyers, witnesses to the will, were dismissed by District Attorney Whitman, after Jerome had failed to press them."

"Today," Patrick went on, "there is not a charge against me and despite the cloud once placed upon them both, Short and Meyers are prosperous. There have been frequent statements that these signatures of Rice's were superimposed on each other, but I want to deny that now. These signatures were all different, although each naturally resembled the others."

