

DEMOCRATIC CHIEFS CONFIDENCE AS EVER

Leaders at Capital Cheerfully View Situation.

CONSERVATIVES IN SADDLE

No Fear Felt of Radical Element and Jackson Day Meet Promises to Be Harmonious.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(Special.)—The democratic party of Jackson, Jefferson, Cleveland and Wilson still appears to be "unfettered." The confidence of the republicans that the candidates for president and vice-president to be nominated by the Chicago convention next June will be triumphantly elected has not provoked either confusion or apprehension among the leaders of the democratic party who are pouring into the national capital to attend the meeting of the national committee tomorrow.

Reports brought by these leaders—men and women—are not of the gloomy or pessimistic purport that republican pretensions would lead you to expect; nor are some of the disturbing features of the situation regarded by them as seriously as by the opposition representatives. Predictions that the radical elements in the party are preparing to rule or ruin the party under certain contingencies arouse more amusement than excitement.

Conservative Faction Rules.

The conservative faction, strongly buttressed by the most influential officials of the administration, seems to hold a pretty tight grip on the party machinery and to be adequately equipped to meet any effort to stampede it away from orderly processes. There are differences of opinion, old scores and animosities, but the party structure appears to be sound at the core and capable of vigorous resistance.

The only legitimate function the national committee is scheduled to perform is that of selecting a date and place for the holding of its nomination convention. Half a dozen cities are vociferously represented by energetic "boosters" who are conducting a spirited fight for the privilege of packing delegates into crowded hotel rooms and otherwise making financial hay while the political sun shines. The contest has narrowed down to Chicago, Kansas City and San Francisco, with the chances tonight seemingly in favor of Kansas City, with Chicago next.

Women Accorded Privileges.

While women are accorded greater privileges in the democratic than in the republican organization, they will not be permitted to vote on the selection of a date and place for the nominating convention. Their status has not been formally established by a national convention. In all other matters the democratic national committee will enjoy equal privileges with the republican.

From present indications the meeting of the committee will be quite as harmonious as was the gathering of the republican chiefs a month ago.

The chief interest in the surprisingly cheerful atmosphere of democrats is not confined to the formalities of the committee meeting. That is centered around the White House, with a mildly passing interest in the widely heralded plans of William Jennings Bryan to give a political address to the nation on his return from the program. The plans of President Wilson are viewed as much more important than any iconoclastic utterance of the Nebraska orator, whatever spice the gathering of leaders may produce.

Banquet Seats in Demand.

It is anticipated that these events that have caused several hundred men and women of national and local party celebrity to journey to the national capital and place a premium on tickets to the dinner which is to be held tomorrow night to commemorate the birthday of sturdy Andrew Jackson, one of the heroes of the party.

So great is the demand for seats that the feast is to be open to those there being no hotel large enough to accommodate the 1500 guests who are to attend to hear the political message written by the president to the leaders of his party in several months.

League Statement Expected.

A few leaders believe he will eliminate himself from the controversy regarding his successor; the majority of them do not share this opinion, but incline to the opinion that he will discuss principles instead of personalities and avoid any reference to his own ambitions. There seems to be substantial justification for the inference that he will urge the party leaders to accept the challenge of the republicans and fight for the ratification of the league of nations, both in

DAUGHTER OF FAMOUS PHILIPPINE REVOLUTIONIST IN THE UNITED STATES.



CARMEN AGUINALDO. Miss Carmen Aguinaldo, daughter of the famous Philippine revolutionary leader of bygone days, is spending the holidays in Washington with the Philippine commission and Mrs. Jaime C. de Veyra. She is attending the Illinois state university at Urbana, Ill.

Peace Comes Again.

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Peace Assured President.

If they do Mr. Bryan and his following are destined to come a cropper, because the overwhelming majority of the committee are favorable to according the president the fullest praise for his administration of both the foreign and domestic affairs of the government. But they manifest only casual interest in the proposal to carry the league fight into the campaign.

There seems to be little room to dispute the declaration of one of the old-time leaders tonight that the preponderance of sentiment among the important men in the national organization is antagonistic to a third term, even for Mr. Wilson. Many of the party leaders do not believe he could physically go through a political campaign, nor a few are skeptical of his chances for success even if he were given another nomination.

Much Corridor Talk Heard.

A lot of corridor talk centered about Mr. Gerard, Governor Cox of Ohio, Senators Owen and Underwood, Former Speaker Clark and a vagrant whippersnapper regarding the "availability" of Editor William R. Hearst. Whether Mr. Bryan is actually responsible for the gossip is not clear, but his retainers are conjectural. There was quite a delegation of those presumably self-appointed agents of the Nebraska leader on hand today, and the tenor of their comment was not of a peaceful sort. According to their version of the Bryan attitude toward candidates he will adhere sedulously to his old slogan of "Down with the Bryan men" and oppose any man who aspires to the democratic presidential nomination who is favored by any interests or elements connected with the financial influences that mobilize there.

The list of "undesirables" furnished by the "Bryan men" embraces almost every man who has been mentioned up to date as available. Mr. Bryan arrived late tonight, and did not appear to have "blood in his eye," as his adherents predicted. He was rather unwell, and did not seem to harbor unchristian thoughts against any one. He admitted that he "might have something interesting to say" at the Jackson dinner, but did not indicate the trend of it. That he may play an important part in the coming year is admitted by some of his bitterest critics, unless he should head a third ticket—his figure of which exceeds the possibility of his figuring as the fourth-time presidential candidate—at least of the democratic party.

2 MAGNATES BOLT MEET

(Continued From First Page.) per walked out. "Doc" Strub and Billy Lane pitched coins for a while, until "Doc" got all the money, and then Bill Esack, manager of the champion Vernon club, sat down at the piano and played a couple of dances, swinging from that to "I Am Always Having Bubbles" with Strub putting on a high but very thin tenor.

McCredie would have been jealous of him had he heard him, but at that moment the judge was in his room doing a bit of shadow boxing with Klepper, coaching him.

Lou Moreing of Sacramento was very upset. He figured it was his duty to entertain the directors at dinner and he had made all arrangements to put it on pretty, when McCredie's letter tomorrow night, his reservation. He may invite the boys to eat this evening, but the way he felt tonight he would not care if some of them starved to death.

High Blood Pressure Mentioned. So to one suggested that the boys were suffering from too much entertainment and that is what made them pop off so today. Blood pressure too high, and all that.

While the magnates were wrangling Ernie Johnson of the Salt Lake club traded Pitcher Dale to Dallas for Pitcher Mattie, who won 23

and lost ten games in the Texas league last year, and he sold Jimmy Viox and Pitcher Miles Main to Akron, so Ernie is going right along just as if Salt Lake was still in the league.

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That removed the one big objection that McCredie and Klepper had to the schedule, so everything is fixed now and the boys will meet at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon and adopt the schedule.

RAILWAY CONFEREES MAKING PROGRESS

\$300,000,000 Revolving Loan Fund Is Agreed On.

CUMMINS SEES DAYLIGHT

Congress Works on Measure While Chicago Shippers' Conference Sends in Protests.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Senate and house conferees, working today on the Esch and Cummins railroad bills, agreed upon \$300,000,000 as the amount of a revolving fund from which carriers would be permitted to draw to themselves cover the period immediately following their return to private operation.

The shippers urge passage of legislation for early return of the roads to private control, and favor retention of the state commissions to fix intrastate rates.

SHIPPERS ATTACK RAIL BILL

Chicago Conference Objects to Provisions of Cummins Act.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—Guaranteed earnings for the railroads, appropriation of surplus railroad profits for the government, thereby "enslaving efficiency" and compulsory consolidation of the roads, are all opposed in memorial addressed to congress by the national shippers' conference.

RAIL MERGER FAVORED

(Continued From First Page.) Mr. Hines said that it was generally agreed that this was one of the most difficult financial periods in the history of the world.

THINGS TO DROP TONIGHT

(Continued From First Page.) speakers, and will deliver his first speech at the Washington hotel section of the banquet about 10 o'clock. He then will be rushed to the other banquet room at the Willard hotel and there are hints that any advance copy of his speech will be worthless when he gets through speaking.

The national committee from Oregon, Washington and Idaho will have seats at the Washington hotel banquet and will hear Mr. Bryan ahead of the eastern committee, making them much higher than would likely turn out to be necessary if the period of readjustment could be postponed until a time of more stable conditions. Undoubtedly if the policy adopted of establishing independent railroad credit instantly at all hazards, it would be only logical to make the rate increases large enough to do so.

On one point I believe there must be agreement and that is any rate increase that will at all establish an adequate credit for the various railroad companies operating independently on their own responsibility must be substantially greater than a rate increase which would protect the situation temporarily if unified control were continued until more stable conditions appear.

San Francisco Hopeful. Mr. Elmer and Dr. Morrow this afternoon declared they had 22 votes for San Francisco out of 24 necessary to win. Mr. Morrow's fight appeared more active than those being made in Chicago and Kansas City.

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Albany Elks Visit Lebanon. ALBANY, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—The Albany lodge of Elks moved its headquarters temporarily to Lebanon tonight and held a big meeting, featured by the initiation of a large class of candidates in that city. It was the first time in the history of the local lodge that it initiated candidates outside of its own hall. The trip to Lebanon was made by special train and a large crowd of Elks participated. The trip was arranged by a committee consisting of Excelsior ruler L. G. Lewelling, E. D. Cusick and J. J. Barrett.

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City Wins Rate Case. (Continued From First Page.) Henry Thurtell of the Interstate commerce commission is a decisive victory for the complainants in the Portland rate case, and none the less a victory for the producers of grain in the inland empire territory south of the Snake river. While the exam-

iner recommends a dismissal of the complaint in the grain rate case, the fact that the lower rate for Portland sought in the action will be secured under the decision in the Portland rate case brings the result sought.

Under the fifth of the separate findings in the decision as recommended, it is held that commodity rates are unduly prejudicial wherein the rates exceed 90 per cent of the rates on like commodities to Astoria, Seattle and Tacoma. The present rate on wheat from a large part of the territory is approximately \$5 per ton, and under the decision this will make a difference of 30 cents per ton in favor of Portland or Vancouver as against Puget sound points.

There will be direct benefit to the producers of grain and other products for market by reason of the lower rate to Portland, and the consumers of the territory will likewise receive the benefit of the corresponding reduction in distributive rates, say business men who have been in touch with the market, and are informed as to the result that will come from the new rates when put into effect.

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He declared, however, that until the full text of the examiner's report could be received it would be impossible to determine fully what the full meaning of the decision may be.

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"Shall the shippers of grain and grain products from points in the Inland Empire to Columbia river ports over the lines of the defendants be permitted to enjoy rates based upon cost of service over said lines or shall they be compelled to pay rates based upon the cost of service over the northern lines with longer hauls and mountainous routes?"

In the hearing of this complaint the major part of two days was consumed. The interest of the grain shippers in the case was of a character, which apply between Portland, Astoria, Tacoma and Seattle on the one hand, and the Columbia river basin territory on the other. The complainants in the larger cases are the Columbia river basin territory of the city of Portland, the Port of Portland, the Portland Chamber of Commerce and the Portland Traffic and Transportation association.

The defendants set out in the action consist of the director-general of railroads and the Interstate Commerce Commission usually referred to as the transcontinental lines. As intervenors the action was taken by attorneys representing Clark county, Wash., the port of Vancouver, city of Vancouver, British Columbia, and port bodies of Seattle, Kennewick, Pendleton, Spokane, Tacoma, Astoria and Everett, and the public service commission of Idaho.

Because of the importance of the fundamental principles involved in the case was heard by three members, Henry Clay Hall presiding, Winthrop M. Lewis and Joseph B. Eastman, chief of the interstate commerce commission, being the first occasion in which three commissioners came to the Pacific coast to sit at a hearing. Henry Thurtell, chief examining of the commission, conducted the inquiry.

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