

OMAHA BOILING WITH ENTHUSIASM

Vociferous Acclamations for Bryan Given at Dollar Dinner.

TELLS OF BORROWED IDEA

Says He Suggested Licensing of Corporations, but Approves Recommendation of Roosevelt About Campaign Expenses.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 7.—William J. Bryan was the chief guest at a dollar dinner given at the Astorian tonight by the Dalmian Democratic club, at which about 1200 persons were present.

The enthusiasm with which Mr. Bryan was received exceeded any demonstration ever given by the people of his own state. It was the first time he had addressed a Nebraska audience since he announced his willingness to accept the Democratic nomination and, when he arose to speak it took several minutes of demonstration to satisfy the gathering.

More Borrowed Ideas.

The enthusiastic reception was evidently noted with considerable feeling by the Democratic leader, and he acknowledged the hearty greeting in a feeling introductory to his speech. Mr. Bryan followed the line of argument pursued in his speech at Washington, adding to the things which he stated in that speech were borrowed from the Democratic platform, one new suggestion contained in the message of President Roosevelt sent to Congress last Tuesday. This additional suggestion refers to the recommendation of the President of a license system for the trusts.

Let Rank and File Choose Him.

Many references had been made during the evening to Mr. Bryan's candidacy for the Democratic nomination and to these suggestions the speaker gave little encouragement, except to state that his position remained the same as indicated in the pronouncements given out by him some time ago. He reiterated that his position was unchanged and that his acceptance of the nomination would be forthcoming, if he were satisfied the rank and file of the party wished him again to lead their forces.

GO HIGHER OR QUIT THE GAME

Hughes Will Retire From Politics Unless Elected President.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—State Senator Alfred H. Hughes, regarded as one of Governor Hughes' personal friends, said today that the Governor would not accept a re-nomination. He said that, if the Governor continued in public life after the end of next year, it would be because the Republicans elected him President of the United States.

Has Made No Further Declaration.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Although several interviews have been published with recent White House callers to the effect that the President has declared, each, anew, he will decline another nomination, it is said the President has made no such declaration. It is pointed out that if he contemplates such a statement he would not embody it in a casual conversation with a caller, to be repeated or withheld as the caller should elect, but would make it direct and this he has not done.

LINER STICKS ON MUDBANK

Carmania Blocks New York Channel, but Is Again Floated.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The big Cined liner Carmania, which became wedged fast on a soft mudbank that attracts its way across the harbor, was floated today, while leaving port today for Europe, was floated into deep water at high-tide tonight and returned to quarantine, apparently none the worse for her experience. She will probably continue her interrupted voyage late tonight. The big Cunarder left her pier early today, bound for Europe, and was stuck on a mudbank about a quarter of a mile northwest of Rensselaer lighthouse. The Carmania slowly swung diagonally across the channel, blocking the waterway for vessels of large draught. Efforts to get the ship off in the ebbing tide were futile. At high-tide today a small fleet of tug boats strained and tugged at the huge liner and slowly the Carmania slipped from the mud ridge into the deep waters of the channel. She then returned to quarantine, and on investigation she was found to have sustained no damage.

ARMY AND NAVY DISAGREE

Issue Is Choice of Naval Base in Philippines.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Washington, D. C., says: The position of the United States as a naval power in the Far East may be seriously jeopardized by the sharp controversy which has been in progress for several weeks between the Army and Navy. The controversy arose as a result of the decision of the general board of the Navy to establish a naval base at Subig Bay, island of Luzon. The Army insists that the proper place for this base is Manila. Secretary Taft inspected both Manila and Subig Bay while in the Philippines, and sided with the Army. Admiral Dewey insists that the Secretary has taken his views from officers of the Army and that

a gross strategical blunder would be committed if Manila Bay should be made the naval refuge.

The Navy generally is behind the Admiral, claiming that the Army is actuated in its opposition to Subig Bay solely by the desire to hear the band play on "The Lusitania" in Manila.

Subig Bay is nothing but a Filipino village, and the officers stationed there would find no means for diversion. The Army claims this is a gross libel, and that while Subig Bay may be protected from a naval raid by means of a fleet and shore fortifications, it is open to successful assault from the land.

Within four days Japan, for instance, could have 100,000 men on shore in Luzon and engaged in an assault upon Subig Bay. With the capture of the island the American fleet would be deprived of its base and be seriously handicapped in conducting operations in the Far East. Manila, on the other hand, according to the Army, would be as readily protected from the rear as from the sea. Therefore, the Army says the proper place for the location of the naval base is Manila.

The general board of the Navy is engaged in a like task. The joint board of the Army and Navy is considering the subject. Secretary Taft is understood to have reduced his views to writing. These various documents will be laid before the President and his decision will be final.

CHICAGO CONVENTION CITY

SEVEN OF TEN PRESIDENTS ARE NOMINATED THERE.

Since 1860 Scene of Political Assemblies—Coliseum Most Perfect Convention Hall.

Seven Presidents Named There.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Chicago holds clear title to the name "Convention City" for the eight men elected directly to the presidency since 1860 six were nominated in this city. Within that period it nearly has a century to National gatherings have been held here by the Republican and Democratic parties—nearly one-half of the great quadrennial assemblages had during that time. Of the eight men elected directly to the White House to fill the 12 Presidential terms since 1860, Lincoln, Grant, Garfield, Cleveland, Harrison and Roosevelt were named in Chicago. The two that did not come from a convention here were Hayes and McKinley. For their second terms, Lincoln and Grant were nominated in other cities, but Cleveland came from a Chicago convention both times that he was elected.

WAR-WAGED ON THE RATS

San Francisco to Keep Them From Houses by Ordinance.

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Amalgamated Directors Will Hold It Down to Consumption.

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SOTOMYO BURNS; IS A TOTAL LOSS

Steamer Lumber-Laden From Coquille River to San Francisco.

RESCUER CATCHES FIRE

Steamer Nelson Attempts to Give Aid and Narrowly Escapes Destruction Herself—Doomed Vessel Ashore Off Eureka Bar.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—A wireless message from the coast below Eureka brought the information tonight that the tramp steamer Sotomyo was burning off the Eureka bar. The crew had escaped by taking to the boats. As far as can be learned, no lives have been lost.

The Sotomyo was en route from Coquille River to San Francisco with a cargo of lumber. Captain Peterson took the vessel far out to dodge the storm. By some mischance, which the wireless did not explain, the cargo caught fire. The men fought desperately to quench the flames, but soon it became apparent that the only hope lay in leaving the ship. The anchor was cast, and the men took to the boats. Soon they were picked up by the steamer Lakme, which made toward Eureka.

The steamer Charles Nelson passed along and made an attempt to save the Sotomyo. The Nelson fastened to the Sotomyo with the idea of towing her into Eureka. It was a hard and perilous fight. After a few miles had been covered, the flames communicated to the Nelson and the towing was forced to abandon her charge and fight for her own life. The flames on the Nelson were extinguished before any serious damage had been done.

Like a great torch, the flames shooting tunnel-shaped into her masts, the Sotomyo drifted with the wind. As night came on she loomed up a veritable tower of light, visible for hundreds of miles. Gradually the vessel drifted to the coast and late tonight hit the bar near Eureka. The last wireless message stated that the vessel was still flaming as she lay stranded at the approach to the harbor. She is of 200 tons.

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AT THE HOTELS.

Hotel Portland—W. G. Haan, U. S. A. F. Darling, Minneapolis; W. B. McIntyre, W. H. Whistler, Rock Island; R. M. Bachrach, San Francisco; A. J. New York; G. E. Bridgett, San Francisco; W. E. La Grava, Chicago; J. H. Lewis, Salem; J. B. Pratt, San. Cottage Grove; J. L. Caldwell, Salt Lake; P. H. Driver, New York; W. Swan, Boston; W. Jones, Milwaukee; C. Anderson, Chicago; Mrs. A. K. Hopkins, Mrs. A. J. Haskell, Brooklyn; E. T. Ford and wife, Seattle; J. Ducey, city; H. S. Shildie, Chicago; J. B. Hoffman, Milwaukee; J. H. Rowland, Honolulu; Mrs. L. L. Clark, M. A. A. A. New York; C. F. Whaley, St. Paul; B. L. Crosby, H. H. Kintze, Tacoma; J. Thomas, P. E. Rowell and wife, Seattle; M. E. Ladd, G. W. Rubenstein, P. G. Carpenter, New York; J. W. P. Cowling and wife, Miss Mrs. T. C. J. Bailey, Seattle.

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