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DEFERS CHOICE OF A CHAIRMAN

Taft Takes Time to Consult Leaders.

HITCHCOCK MAY YET ACCEPT

Though He Asks to Be Left Out of Consideration.

EXHAUSTED BY HARD WORK

Subcommittee Confers With Candidates at Cincinnati and Will Decide July 1—Taft Going to Yale Class Reunion.

CINCINNATI, June 20.—Secretary Taft's visit to his home city, so far as concerned the selection of a Republican National Chairman, was a fruitless mission. Frank H. Hitchcock, who managed the preliminary campaign, might have had the chairmanship, but at the last moment he declined to permit the use of his name because of the condition of his health. A telegram was received by Mr. Taft from Mr. Hitchcock today, requesting that he be not considered in connection with the chairmanship. He said that his physical condition was such as to render it substantially impossible for him to undertake the onerous duties of campaign manager at the present time. It is significant that after a conference lasting two hours, Mr. Taft, Representative Sherman and the members of the sub-committee of the National committee, decided to postpone action on the chairmanship and treasurer of the National committee until July 1. On that date a meeting of the candidates and the sub-committee will be held in Washington finally to determine the matter which could not be solved today. The announcement of the inaction of the conference was made in the following statement, made by direction of Mr. Taft, shortly before 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Confers Again Before Deciding.

"Yesterday the National committee in session in Chicago delegated to a sub-committee, consisting of eight members, the power to act in the matter of the selection of a chairman and treasurer of the National committee, and directed its sub-committee to confer with the nominees for President and Vice-President before acting. All the members of the sub-committee were present at the conference today with the nominees except Mr. Ward, of New York, who was represented by Mr. Hart, of Iowa.

The conference of the committee showed harmonious views as to the qualifications necessary for a chairman and disclosed an indisposition upon the part of several who were suggested as available to accept the place, including Mr. Hitchcock, who declined to be considered on account of his health. After full conference, the committee decided that the matter was of such importance and required such consultation with various Republicans suggested as available for the place that an adjournment was taken until July 1, when the committee will reconvene in Washington. The committee delegated to Hon. Myron T. Herrick to make public this statement. The proceedings of the committee with this exception were speculative."

Compares Notes With All.

The events leading up to the issuance of the statement were interesting and in a degree significant. The members of the sub-committee of the National committee were requested to assemble at the residence of Charles P. Taft at 11 o'clock this morning. It was not expected that the conference would consume more than an hour and a half.

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SOLDIERS GIVE UP ON SHORT MARCH

FIVE MILES TOO MUCH FOR MANY MILITIAMEN.

Exhausted by Heat in Heavy Marching Order, 50 Collapse and Refuse to Move.

NEW YORK, June 20.—Worn out by the exertion of a week of real soldier life in camp, more than half a hundred men of the Ninth Regiment, National Guard of New York, succumbed to heat and fatigue on a five-mile march home from Wadsworth today. When they reached New York from Staten Island by ferry, nearly half a dozen men were rushed to the hospitals for treatment. Fifty more were utterly exhausted and they could scarcely stand, and Battery Park and refused even to attempt to march farther. They were treated by hospital surgeons and sympathetic citizens, who procured cooling drinks and bits of ice. It was more than an hour later before the men had sufficiently recovered to resume the journey to their armory.

The march from the fort proved one of the most trying ordeals of a trying week. Marching in heavy order in the fierce heat of one of the hottest days of the summer, the militiamen began to topple over long before the end of the journey. When St. George was reached half of the men in the command were in such condition as to require assistance from their comrades in boarding the ferryboat which was to take them across to the city.

HYDE-BENSON JURY OUT

Fails to Agree and Is Locked Up Until Monday.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—The jury in the case of Frederick A. Hyde, of Boston, charged with conspiracy to defraud the United States out of large tracts of land in the West, had not agreed at 10 o'clock tonight, after continuing its deliberations all day, and at that hour was locked up for the night. Justice Stafford, of the Criminal Court, remained at his home until 9 o'clock this afternoon, when he spent a few minutes in the courtroom in expectation of a possible verdict. He gave instructions to notify him in case the jury was ready to report before 10 P. M., but after that hour the body was to be locked up for the night and was not to consider the case during Sunday. The jury will be taken out for a few hours' outing tomorrow.

GREAT AMERICAN CRIME

Movement Begun to Stop Slaughter at Grade-Crossings.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., June 20.—(Special.)—One of the most important movements in the history of railroads has been started by the Railroad Commission of Indiana to stop what William J. Wood, of that body, terms "the great American crime." This crime is the killing and maiming of over 10,000 persons by American railroads at grade crossings. The crossings consist of intersections at grade of steam railroads and highways, and of steam railroads and electric lines. For the first time in this country an official body has raised its voice in defense of the railroads with respect to the fearful loss of life and of property occasioned by their operation. Mr. Wood has already enlisted the assistance of the commissions of Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and Ohio.

BIG REWARD IS OFFERED

Government Will Pay \$3000 for Mailbag Thief.

KANSAS CITY, June 20.—A reward of \$3000 has been offered by the Government for the arrest and conviction of the thief who took the \$50,000 mail pouch from the Union Depot in Kansas City, June 6. News of the reward has been sent to all points in the United States by F. E. McGilgan, chief inspector of the Postoffice Department in Washington.

The inspectors have no knowledge of the whereabouts of the negro suspected of the robbery. He went from here to Denver, where all trace of him was lost. The stolen pouch was destined from Los Angeles to New York.

BRYAN IS SURE OF TWO THIRDS

Can Read Title to Nomination Clear.

GROUND SWELL IN HIS FAVOR

Has Secured 116 More Delegates Than Enough.

ALL OVER BUT SHOUTING

Can Dispense With Votes of Big Eastern States and Still Win. Will Probably Vote to Admit Filipino Delegates.

Table titled 'BRYAN'S STRENGTH AT GLANCE' showing delegate counts for various states and regions.

CHICAGO, June 20.—(Special.)—William Jennings Bryan can read his title clear to the nomination for President by the Democratic National convention which will meet in Denver July 7. Practically it is all over but the screaming and the yelling. The phrase-catcher of 1896, the vindication-seeker of 1900, the man who made the sacrifice hit in 1904—or ducked certain defeat, just as you choose to look at it—and the persistent tireless candidate ever since his coming into his own once more. The ground-swell in his favor set in week before last, when 70 delegates were added to his already impressive list. Fifty-four followed last week. From now on he will gain rather than lose among the doubtful, the uncommitted, the wavering and those who have been waiting for something—anything—to turn up.

Will Admit Filipinos.

The figures herewith given are based upon a thorough canvass of the situation in the various states and territories, and are extra conservative. They show that Bryan—without New York and New Jersey, with all other due allowances to the opposition and with six unreported Florida votes not counted for anybody—has or will have instructed for him or otherwise committed to his support 788 delegates, or 116 more than the 672 who will constitute two-thirds of a convention consisting of 1008 delegates, including six from the Philippines.

Horrible Suicide in Subway Almost Causes Panic.

NEW YORK, June 20.—While the subway stood at Fourteenth street was crowded with people this afternoon, a poorly-dressed, emaciated man sprang in front of a six-car train and was ground to pieces. Many women who witnessed the tragedy were overcome by the spectacle and for a time the scene in the station bordered on panic.

MONEY FOR CAUSE OF PROHIBITION

CAMPAIGN FUND TO BE LARGEST IN PARTY'S HISTORY.

Blue Ribboners Now Seek Presidential Candidate—Several Flirt With Honor.

CHICAGO, June 20.—(Special.)—The largest campaign fund in the history of the Prohibition party is what Charles R. Jones, chairman of the National committee, expects to get, and the contributions so far indicate he is not expecting without hope. Already more than \$50,000 has been donated to "the cause" which is more than twice the largest amount ever received so early in a Presidential campaign.

With its unusual campaign fund, Mr. Jones is willing to predict the party will cut a wider swath than it has mowed before. Several have been mentioned by the Prohibition leaders as possible nominees for President. Fred F. Wheeler, a real estate dealer of Los Angeles, Cal., who has contributed liberally to the cause of temperance, was the first suggested. Dr. J. B. Cranfill, a Baptist minister of Dallas, Texas, who was a candidate for Vice-President in 1892, has also been mentioned.

Menelik Names His Successor.

ADDIS ABABA, Abyssinia, June 20.—The question of the ascension to the throne of Abyssinia, which has been quiet for over a year, has been revived by an official statement from King Menelik designating his grandson, Lig Yabu, the 12-year-old son of his daughter, Walzara Shoa Ronga, and Ras Michael as heir to the throne.

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Table listing the contents of the paper, including sections like 'The Weather', 'Foreign', 'Politics', 'Domestic', 'Sports', 'Commercial and Marine', 'Portland and Vicinity', and 'Crops Ruined by Storm'.

WHOLE VILLAGES EATEN BY FLAMES

Fire Sweeps Through Michigan Forest.

DARKNESS ENVELOPS TOWNS

Whole Population Flees in Wagons for Safety.

RED GLOW OVER HEAVENS

Hundreds Made Homeless By Wind-Driven Flames—Case, Legende, Wolverine and Rondeau Reduced to Ashes.

DETROIT, June 20.—Fires in Northern Michigan forests fanned to great proportions by the gales of the last two days, have destroyed at least three villages, rendered hundreds homeless, swept over thousands of acres of timber land and caused damage estimated at about \$300,000.

The heaviest loss has been sustained in Presque Isle and Cheboygan counties, although Lelanau, Charlevoix and Osego have also suffered.

In many towns today lamps were lighted, as the sun was obscured by the heavy smoke.

The village of Case in Presque Isle county was destroyed today. A special train conveyed the homeless villagers to Onaway, where they were sheltered tonight.

Legende, a little town in Cheboygan County, was also abandoned to the flames tonight. Many women and children were taken in wagons to Indian River.

While a big fire at Wolverine today was being fought, a forest fire threatened another section of the village. While the Wolverine department was engaged, a call for aid was received from Rondeau, three miles north.

The firemen could not leave Wolverine and Rondeau was at the mercy of the flames. A hotel, several stores and houses and the Michigan Central station were burned.

INVENTS MOTOR BALLOON.

Dr. Julian P. Thomas Will Make Trial Trip Soon.

NEW YORK, June 20.—Dr. Julian P. Thomas announced today that within a few weeks he expects to sail over this city with an automobile engine of 45-horsepower, suspended from the balloon Pommern, which won the international balloon race which started from St. Louis last fall.

Dr. Thomas said he believed that with his automobile engine he will be able to drive the balloon at the rate of 40 miles an hour. He has devised a method of steering which he says will make possible for him to control the balloon in any wind.

CROPS RUINED BY STORM.

High Wind and Hail Destroy Grain in Minnesota.

ST. PAUL, June 20.—A severe wind and hail storm did much damage to Southwestern part of Minnesota this afternoon. In Lyon County crops were completely destroyed and many barns were blown down. In Redwood County thousands of acres of grain were destroyed. So far as known no lives were lost.

SPY CAUGHT WITH PLANS OF FORT

JAPANESE MADE PRISONER BY NEW YORK TROOPS.

Had Made Drawings of Batteries at Fort Wadsworth, Showing View From Sea.

NEW YORK, June 20.—Captured with plans of the land-falls surrounding Fort Wadsworth's most important defenses, a Japanese was taken by members of the Forty-seventh regiment and locked up in the guard-house of the reservation through the night. The man, who was officially described as a spy, had made drawings of the chief characteristics of the land in front of Batteries Dix, Richmond and Ayres, all 12-inch disappearing rifles and also of the pair of 10-inch rifles between these three batteries, known as Battery Berry.

All the drawings were made with an idea of furnishing a view from the sea of where the batteries were. Distinctive trees, huts, sentry-boxes and signal corps poles were marked on the maps.

SHARP NOTE SENT JAPAN

Hayes Brings Message from Roosevelt on Coole Exclusion.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 20.—(Special.)—In a speech before the Asiatic Exclusion League of San Jose, Congressman E. A. Hayes delivered today what he declared to be a personal message from the President of the United States to the people of the Pacific Coast.

"Two or three days after the adjournment of Congress," said Mr. Hayes, "I went to the President and asked him how I should explain the absence of exclusion legislation, which I told him my constituents expected. He replied:

"I am still trying diplomacy. I am sending to Japan the sharpest correspondence that any nation has ever received; but tell your constituents that, if I cannot get what I want by diplomacy, I will get it by exclusion legislation."

Mr. Hayes did not state whether the presence of the fleet in the Pacific was in any way connected with the President's note to Japan.

LONGEST OF ALL LAWSUITS

Testimony in Smoke Case Is 71 1/2 Miles Long.

HELENA, Mont., June 20.—The 41 days' argument in the case of Fred J. Bliss against the Anaconda Copper Mining Company, known as the "smoke case," was concluded today before Federal Judge W. H. Hunt. This is said to be the longest argument in the history of legal controversies. The case was started May 5, 1905. During the trial 26,000 pages of typewritten testimony were taken. This amounted to 6,530,000 words. Placed line to line the testimony would be 71 1/2 miles long. The briefs consist of 2000 pages. A decision from Judge Hunt is not expected before six months.

HEAT PROSTRATES HANLY.

Indiana Governor Faints While Speaking at Ottawa, Kan.

OTTAWA, Kan., June 20.—Frank J. Hanly, Governor of Indiana, was prostrated by heat while addressing the Ottawa Chautauqua here this afternoon. Governor Hanly was given medical attention and assisted to his train. He started for home tonight.

The Governor came here direct from the Chicago convention to address the Chautauqua. He had almost finished his remarks when he was taken ill and forced to stop.

Hibernians to Have Picnic.

Arrangements are being made for a big picnic to be given June 28 by the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Ladies' Auxiliary. The event will be held at Cedar Park and will be one of the biggest of the season. An excellent programme of scheduled events has been arranged and will be distributed from the various Catholic Churches today. Valuable prizes have been offered by the merchants of the city to stimulate interest and those in charge predict a great success.

COMING MARRIAGE MERE FORMALITY

Madame Anna Gould's Best Friend Talks.

ALREADY WEDDED TO PRINCE

But Latter May Not Be Bound Under French Law.

WHY BROTHER CONSENTED

Mrs. Millington Drake Says Madame Had Whip-Hand—Takes De Castellan Family Skeleton Out of Closet.

PARIS, June 20.—(Special.)—"I am positive that Anna Gould and Prince de Sagan are married absolutely, so far as American and Scottish law holds," said Mrs. Millington Drake today.

And to this surprising statement Mrs. Drake, who knows Madame Gould better than any one else in Paris, who was her intimate friend and confidante when she was Countess de Castellan, added:

Makes Startling Statement.

"Anna and the Prince de Sagan have already been married twice. This fact gave her a great advantage in her recent negotiations with her brother George and the rest of her family. She gained their consent to marrying the Prince in France because her existing marriage, while binding on her, may not be binding on the Prince in the eyes of the French law."

Knows Bond Better Now.

Before Madame Gould divorced Count Bond she saw Mrs. Millington Drake every day during years. At that time Mrs. Drake had a good opinion of Count Bond. She says now it was because she did not go much in society; she did not know what people were saying about De Castellan. In those days Count Bond encouraged his wife to pass much time with Mrs. Drake. She knows now that it was because he thought his wife would open her eyes about him.

Her Eyes Soon Opened.

Nevertheless the Countess had not been married three months before she was completely disillusioned about her husband. Mrs. Drake's influence over her did much to keep them together. "Count Bond used to behave like a spoiled child in his own house, shrieking in anger at his servants, even beating his wife. But it was not long before his brutality cost him her love," Mrs. Drake continued. "For after a scene of violence Bond would remember all that he was jeopardizing and would tell her that he loved her ardently; would tell her that only his yearning to see her excel all women drove him to such impressive means of enforcing his advice."

Wife Always Forgave.

"And for years she always forgave him. Count Bond did not seem to know how to behave in a drawing-room, even before his guests." Mrs. Drake thinks the unaccustomed possession of much money upset the balance of the young Count's mind. He used to spend money lavishly, wastefully and in the most ridiculous ways, while his wife was often hard up for a few francs.

Kept Her in Terror.

"If her remittance was not forthcoming from America at his demand, Count Bond would manifest his anger in the most terrifying manner. "For example, when his Countess was seated in her carriage, he, on the outside, would drive his fist through the carriage window, showering splinters of glass on his wife. These furious displays scared the Countess, especially because Bond (Concluded on Page 2.)

HARRY MURPHY'S GLIMPSES AT THE POLITICAL EVENTS OF THE WEEK



Governor Chamberlain: "Say Bill, Run as a Non-Partisan." Senator Fulton: "Statement One Doesn't Count Here." Another Experiment in Aerial Navigation. Looking for the Man Who Said Roosevelt Didn't Mean It. Taft: "I Wonder if Oregon Wants a Republican President." Lots of Fun, Boys, When You're Not in the Scrap Yourself. Disappointment in the Jungle.