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REPUBLICAN PLATFORM WILL MAKE TARIFF THE CHIEF ISSUE

Joe Cannon Emphatically Spurns the Vice-Presidential Nomination.

Hot Fight Over Tariff Revision Is Promised—Governor Cummins Says Tariff Should Not Be So High—Philippine Plank Will Promise Future Autonomy on Good Conduct of the Natives—Cannon Roasts Sherman of New York, Who is Preparing to Spring a Cannon Boom.

Chicago, June 20.—Besides the vice-presidency and the national chairmanship, the platform is beginning to arouse interesting gossip among the politicians.

Secretary Shaw this morning said: "In my judgment the tariff will first, and declaration on that subject will practically follow the one of four years ago."

"There has been no change of conditions and utterances of the party will be reiterated. The 'Iowa idea' has been shelved by Iowa itself, and although there will be no declaration to the effect that there will be no revision of the tariff schedule, neither will there be any promise of revision in the near future, or later.

"Of course the platform will consider the trust question. The administration's policy will be approved, but there will be no declaration calling on congress to take any action. There will probably be a demand that the tariff be removed from articles on which there is no competition in trade, but I don't think it will go further than that."

A Fight in Sight.

Chicago, June 20.—Secretary Shaw's address says there will be a Philippine plank promising some sort of autonomy to the Philippines, but that conditions will be attacked, demanding high standards of civilization from the brown men before this step is taken.

He also declared that the financial planks of past platforms will be approved. Governor Cummins, of Iowa, was sent to the convention as delegate at large by the "Stand Pat" convention. He says there has been a change in sentiment since the adoption of that convention's platform.

He says: "We believe the tariff should not be so high as to permit home producers to sell goods at a profit that may be called unreasonably large."

Porto Ricans Want to Be Citizens.

Chicago, June 20.—The party admits need of tariff revision. Other subjects the platform will touch concern the relations of this government with foreign countries, the administration's connection with the construction of the Panama canal, settlement of the coal strike, relations of labor and capital and to Porto Rican and Cuban politics.

The chief mission of the Porto Rican delegation is to secure a plank in favor of extending to the islanders recognition as citizens and looking to ultimate statehood.

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RUSSIANS GAIN GROUND

Yokow, June 20.—Six thousand Russians have occupied Tsimakhi, north of Sichen, also in considerable force at Hailoh, near Tachiao.

Russian Losses Appalling.

Tokio, June 20.—General Oku reports that after the battle of Teilsan the Japanese killed 13,400 Russians. The bodies are not yet finished. The bodies are not yet finished. The bodies are not yet finished.

Vice Admiral Kamimura this morning in an official message expressed regret that he failed to encounter the Russian fleet. It is understood that the Russians have reached Vladivostok.

Just Plain Gun Practice.

Rome, June 20.—The Chief of Police states that the Japanese bombardment of Port Arthur was to test the range of the guns. The Russians replied to the fire but the Japanese guns have the greatest range.

Bad for Japs, if True.

Shanghai, June 20.—German advice by wireless telegraph to Tien Tsin says the Russian Vladivostok fleet of four cruisers entered Port Arthur in a fog last night, outwitting the Japanese. During the trip the Russians destroyed 19 transports.

Cannon Says Nay.

Cannon sent for Congressman Sherman of New York, this morning and for 19 minutes there was a lively session in Uncle Joe's room. He told Sherman he understood Sherman was moving a special New York delegation to the convention to nominate Sherman as vice-president.

"I want this blank nonsense stopped emphatically," Cannon said. "I will not accept the vice-presidency if it were studied with diamonds and presented on a platter of solid gold."

Sherman said afterwards that Uncle Joe gave him the worst cooking he ever got in his life.

For Control of Illinois.

"Oom" Shelby Cullom and Governor Yates, of Illinois, are at it hammer and tongs today for control of the state delegation and ultimate seats in the session.

This afternoon the delegation will select chairman and Senator Cullom declares he will have it. Yates says nay. The vote will be close.

LaFollette Wins a Point.

Chicago, June 20.—At a meeting of the national committee this morning ways and means to prevent the Wisconsin fight from being brought into the convention were discussed. It was definitely decided by Governor LaFollette to bring his contest before a majority report from the committee on credentials.

Such a ruling by the credentials committee, however, is not looked for. The Minnesota delegates talk of presenting the name of Governor Van Sant for vice-president. At a delegation meeting this evening the matter of extending to the islanders recognition as citizens and looking to ultimate statehood.

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THIRTY FUNERALS OF FIRE VICTIMS

Coroner's Inquest Reveals Gross Carelessness.

Deck Hand Says No Fire Drill Was Held During the Eighteen Days of His Employment—Mate Had Never Been Examined by Government Official—Bodies Found Floating Everywhere—Over 600 Victims Are Now Identified.

New York, June 20.—Seven bodies, three women, three girls and a boy, victims of the Slocum disaster, were picked up on East river and Long Island sound before 9 o'clock this morning, 627 bodies having been received to date.

Bodies are coming ashore every hour at different places. Five hundred and seventy-five of the bodies recovered have been identified. Thirty funerals took place this morning.

The relief fund to date amounts to \$25,000. Of this, \$15,000 has been expended for the funerals and \$10,000 disbursed for temporary relief.

The relief committee proposes raising an additional fund of \$25,000 to be used for the care of orphans and aged persons.

The coroner's inquest, to determine the responsibility for the accident, began today. Over 200 witnesses have been summoned and the exhibits include the decayed life preservers, canvas hose, water valves, and standpipes.

Total Bodies Recovered Now 702.

New York, June 20.—At 4 o'clock 72 bodies had been recovered for the day. The total recovered is now 702.

Gross Carelessness is Found.

Joseph Cokely, a dock hand, swore that during 18 days he had been on the steamer, he never saw a fire drill. First Mate Flanagan admitted that he never had been examined by the government officials and was not a licensed mate for two years.

New York, June 20.—Additional bodies recovered today bring the total this afternoon to 655. The missing list contains 309 names yet.

President Barnaby Testifies.

Tremont, N. Y., June 20.—The big armory was packed at noon when the Slocum inquest started. Frank A. Barnaby, president of the Knickerbocker Steamship Company, was the first witness. He testified as to the equipment of the vessel. The insurance company had considered the boat an excellent risk and had given the company a lower figure. The church paid \$50 for the use of the boat for the excursion.

For 47 Years Thomas M. Reed Has Been Secretary.

Seattle, Wash., June 17.—The Masonic grand lodge is the largest in point of attendance in the history of the order in this state, and it will be remembered further from the fact that it will mark the last appearance of Thomas Milburn Reed, the venerable grand secretary, from Olympia. Mr. Reed for 47 years has been secretary of the grand lodge in this jurisdiction.

Woman Delegate to Chicago.

Lewiston, June 18.—Mrs. J. B. West, of this city, the only woman delegate from Idaho to the republican convention, left for Chicago yesterday evening. At this time Mrs. West is the only woman delegate from any state in the Union. She is a strong factor in Idaho politics as she has been a delegate to county and state conventions and has helped name many winning tickets in the state.

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EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE

This is the Known Number of Dead by the Slocum Disaster.

TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE ARE STILL MISSING.

Five Hundred and Twenty-two Have Been Identified—Churches and Ministers of All Denominations Unite in the Religious Rites, Which Are Now in Progress—Greater Number of Burials Will Be in One Cemetery—Pitiful and Horrifying Scenes at the Disaster—Believed \$150,000 Was Stolen.

Today occurred the first funerals of victims of the Slocum horror. The stricken East Side district is thronged with people. Many were mourning friends and relatives of the dead. Others were attracted to the scene by morbid curiosity. The throngs were subdued and respectful. Men and boys removed their hats and gave whenever a funeral cortege was encountered passing through the crowded avenues, while women and girls stood with heads bowed.

Many women wept, especially at the sight of the white bearers with sometimes two and three little caskets in one hearse.

Arrangements have been made for more than a hundred funerals, and as early as nine, the first of these sad ceremonies began to move.

A large number of the churches of all denominations, and scores of ministers arranged to do the pastoral work.

By 10 o'clock a constant stream of bearers and carriages flowed out of the district and made their way toward the cemeteries. The Brooklyn Lutheran cemetery will receive the bulk of the dead.

Coroner's Inquest Monday.

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The total indicated list is 832; 28 of the recovered dead are children, 253 women and 25 men.

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WILL NAVIGATE THE HEAVENS

Grant Keys of La Grande Will Soon Make a Test Flight of an Aeroplane.

MACHINE IS MADE OF CANVAS ON WOOD FRAME.

Will Be Powered by Special Engine of 15 Horse Power Weighing Less Than 100 Pounds—Canvas Area of 1280 Feet—Steering Apparatus Made of Two Horizontal Canvases—As a Kite It Will Lift 1000 Pounds Off the Earth—Inventor Has Every Confidence in Its Success.

The first genuine attempt at aerial navigation ever witnessed in Oregon will be made by Grant Keys, near La Grande, in a short time.

For the past year Mr. Keys has been employed in the design and construction of an airplane, which he confidently hopes to be able to navigate the air. He is now awaiting his propelling engine from the factory in Massachusetts, before making the final test.

The airplane consists of two horizontal planes of 16-ounce canvas, 16x16 feet in area, joined together, one above the other at a distance of 10 feet with a framework of Oregon fir made from pieces one inch square and solidly braced in every direction with light wire.

The engine and seat for the operator are located in the exact center of the lower plane to make the balance and center of gravity perfect. The lower plane is curved up at the ends like the runners of a sled, to overcome the tendency of the airplane to drift sideways and downward.

The steering gear consists of two horizontal planes of canvas 40 inches by 16 feet in extent, placed in front and rear above the main frame, and placed on a pivot and operated upward or downward by levers.

By turning these small planes downward the currents of air strike the exposed surface and deflect the moving machine towards the earth.

The propeller is to be a specially constructed oscillating gasoline engine developing 15 horse power and weighing less than 100 pounds, with the propelling arms extending beneath the lower plane. The machine will move through the atmosphere at a speed of 40 to 50 miles an hour.

The airplane has been tested as a kite and in a light wind will raise 1000 pounds from the earth, without the aid of any other device. Men to hold it down in a moderate breeze. It will weigh complete with the engine, about 550 pounds, and will cover an area of 1280 square feet of canvas.

It will be anchored to the earth with about 500 feet of rope and thoroughly tested before attempting an independent flight.

The steering gear has proved entirely satisfactory so far, the descent to the ground being accomplished gracefully, without a sudden drop. The machine will ascend in a light wind, from a speed of six miles an hour, which will do away with the necessity of a dive into the air from a height to get it in motion.

Mr. Keys has perfect confidence in his control of the machine and after a preliminary trial while anchored to the ground, he will cut the cables and turn the propeller upward with the daring of Columbus when he turned his eye to the unknown seas.

Keys is an old railroad man and a fine mechanic. He fired an engine on the O. R. & N. for about five years, and has since been in the employ of a locomotive on the Short Line. He is the inventor of the engine which will propel his airplane and has made a study of aerial navigation for many years.

He is averse to notoriety and has declined to give an interview to the press before making a final test of his invention.

While admitting that it is a hazardous and uncertain feat to turn this thing over to the hands of the public, yet he has studied and experimented with every feature of it until he is certain of his ground.

Keys may attain at an elevation above the earth with the currents of air rushing against his 1280 feet of canvas sail, he knows not, until making the experiment, but he is confident that the reversal of his propeller will be sufficient to hold the airplane steady in the heavens against the sweep of the strongest wind. His steering planes can also be turned broadside to the wind to act as a brake by offering the greatest resistance.

The process of making the descent to the earth, after making a flight, is one of the most difficult problems in aerial navigation, but this has been overcome by the Keys machine.

Because of its large canvas area, its tendency is to rise, and by working its engine slowly and pointing his steering planes toward the earth, the airplane will be forced gradually to the ground until within a short distance of the landing, when it will settle to the ground as a parachute, its buoyancy being overcome by its own weight increased by the weight of the operator.

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TWO WOMEN DROWNED.

Were Members of a Pleasure Party of Campers.

Lewiston, June 17.—The steamer Lewiston today brought the news of the drowning of two women in the Snake river Monday morning at the mouth of Deadman creek, about 15 miles above Riparian.

One of the women was Miss Mabel Denkins, who resides near the Mayview tramway, but the boat officers on crew could not learn the names of the other victim. She is said to be Mrs. Parker, of Mayview. Miss Denkins was about 20 years of age and had accompanied a party who reported to be 40. Both bodies were recovered.

From the information secured by the boatmen, it appears the women were members of a camping party and later intended to take the river at Central Ferry and proceed to Spokane on a visit. They arose at an early hour Monday morning and prepared to start on a boat ride. Later other members of the camping party noted the absence of the girls and investigation disclosed that they had been with an accident and were drowned. There is an eddy at the mouth of the creek and the bodies were not carried into the main river.

The boat yesterday brought to the city the saddle taken from the horse that was ridden by young Taylor, of late last week near Alipawal.

FINNISH PATRIOT-MARTYR.

Member of the Patriotic Society Killed in Russian Governor Then Succeeded.

Helsingfors, Finland, June 18.—Gen. Bobrikoff, governor general of Finland, was shot and fatally wounded at the entrance of the Finnish senate, this morning, by a son of Senator Schuman, who immediately suicided.

Schuman was a member of the Finnish patriotic party. General Bobrikoff was taken to St. Petersburg in a dying condition.

Gen. Bobrikoff is responsible for the cruel oppression of the whole Finnish people ever since he has been governor general of the country. It was through his efforts that Finland was robbed of her army. Bobrikoff for a number of years had been gradually increasing the rigor of the military requirements of the Finns, and his last coup was to take from them their individual military power.

The Finnish soldier, since the imperial ukase went forth to disband the army, has been drafted into the Russian army and the command of all troops in the land has been given to a Russian general.

The increase of taxation, the substitution of the Russian tongue as the court language, the substitution of Russian courses of study in all the schools, and other severe forms of Russian intolerance and discipline were laid at Bobrikoff's feet by the Finns.

A number of unsuccessful attempts have been made on his life previous to this last and successful attempt.

Over 1000 Visitors Present—Weather Was Ideal Throughout—W. R. C. and G. A. R. Elect Officers for Enlarging Year—Next Meeting to Be Held at Oregon City—Delegates to National Encampment.

Hood River, June 18.—The state encampment of the G. A. R. closed last night and the delegates have returned home.

The meeting was one of the most pleasant and successful in the history of the state, the weather being ideal throughout the sessions of three days.

Over 1000 visitors were present. The next state encampment will be held at Oregon City.

The W. R. C. elected officers for the following year as follows:

Mrs. Marie Smith of Portland, department commander; Mrs. A. S. Blowers of Hood River, senior vice-president; Mrs. Rose Wiedman of Grants Pass, junior vice-president; Mrs. Kathryn Cameron of Union, chaplain; Mrs. Ida Hardman of Portland, treasurer; Mrs. Pritchard of Portland, secretary; Mrs. Helen N. Packard of Portland, patriotic instructor. Executive board, Mrs. Natalie Bay of Oregon City, Lizzie Smith of Salem, Lizzie Wood of Portland, Mrs. Martha Leach of Oregon City, Helen Southwick.

The G. A. R. Department of Oregon elected the following officers: B. F. Pike of Wasco, commander; T. J. Cuning of Hood River, senior vice-president; E. Swan of Portland, past junior vice-commander;