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## HANNA ISSUES THE CALL FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION OF REPUBLICANS AT CHICAGO

**Object of Convention to Nominate President and Vice President to Be Voted for November 8, 1904,**

**Number of Delegates From Each State Based Upon Congressional Representation, Twice Number of Senators, and One for Representative--Election of Delegates to Occur Thirty Days in Advance of Convention.**

Washington, Jan. 16.—Senator Hanna, chairman of the republican national central committee, tonight issued the following call for the next republican national convention. It is in part:

"To the republican electors of the United States. The national republican committee directs that the national convention of the republican party be held at Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of nominating candidates for president and vice-president, to be voted for at the presidential election to be held November 8, 1904, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it, and the said convention shall assemble at 12 o'clock, noon, Tuesday, the 21st day of June, 1904.

"Said national convention shall consist of the number of delegates at large from each state, equal to double the number of United States senators to which each state is entitled, and for each representative at large in congress, and two delegates at large.

"All delegates shall be elected not less than 30 days before the meeting of the convention."

### PIG IRON MERCHANT GOES TO THE WALL

San Francisco, Jan. 16.—The Examiner announces today the failure of Seymour W. Church, the California pig iron merchant, the liabilities being placed at \$325,000. The three principal creditors mentioned in connection with the failure are Balfour, Guthrie & Co., Girvin and Eyre and Meyer, Wilson and Company, the leading importers of pig iron at this port.

The failure is said to be due to the effect that the capacity of the coast to consume pig iron was over estimated and it is also said that the three principal creditors had likewise overestimated the market which was in consequence become glutted. To complicate matters there has been a general fall in prices all over the country. The decline in the east of late being in the neighborhood of \$3 per ton. It is understood that Church has contracted for a number of shipments of

pig iron for this port which have not yet been cleared from European and Atlantic seaboard points, which increased the complication of the firm's affairs.

#### James L. Blair Dead.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 16.—James L. Blair of St. Louis died here today. Blair came here about five weeks ago in search of health. Blair, just before coming to Eustis, held the position of general counsel for the St. Louis exposition, and Mrs. Blair that of president of the board of lady managers, which positions were resigned owing to charges of official misconduct made against Blair.

#### Case of Rev. Kennedy.

Hillsboro, Or., Jan. 16.—When the Kennedy trial was resumed this morning the absence of Deputy County Clerk J. W. Morgan was noticeable. Mr. Morgan suffered a stroke of paralysis at 1 o'clock this morning, rendering him speechless. His condition is improving and his recovery is expected

soon. J. A. Imbrie is attending to the duties of the clerk of the court during the inability of Mr. Morgan.

Eva Wethered was called by the defense and she testified that she reported the testimony taken at the preliminary hearing; that Mrs. MacKinder testified there that when she first met Kennedy she was impressed with the idea that he was a "black man, he was not good"; that she recognized Kennedy first as the man who killed the snake before he had said anything, recognizing him from his position. Mrs. MacKinder, on the trial, denied making the statement. The court permitted her to be recalled, together with Mrs. Warren, to further explain their testimony given at the hearing, over the protest and exceptions of Judge Hewitt.

On the direct testimony, Mrs. MacKinder stated that she thought it would be impossible for her to recognize her own brother or any other person wearing a mask. "I do not know how it is, but I feel that I could not recognize any other man," she said. Miss Warren admitted she did not swear positively at the hearing, but that she has always been absolutely certain as to the identity of the burglar.

### ARE WRONG SAYS ELIOT

**Harvard President Defines Rule by Majority in His Address.**

### REITERATES HIS DOCTRINES

**Praises the Patriotic Students of Europe in Passing--Traces the Growth of the Universities.**

New York, Jan. 16.—In an address at a club reception in Brooklyn President Eliot of Harvard university has reiterated his recent declaration that modern democracy in the sense that the majority, right or wrong, should rule, and labor unions and associations of employers as now constituted, are dangers to liberty.

Tracing the growth of the universities, he told how the students in the continental universities had wrested freedom from European absolutism and in this connection he paid tribute to the students that went heart and soul into the revolutions of 1848 of those that fought and worked for Italian unity and to the students that are now said to be endeavoring to bring about freedom of speech and thought in Russia.

### RUSSIA MIGHT ABSORB JAPAN.

**Representative of Oriental Country Expects to Be Beaten.**

London, Jan. 16.—In particularly frank language, Baron Hayashi, after a consultation with the foreign office tonight summed up the situation as follows:

"I only hope the czar will give us peace, but my hopes are not strong. We have received no pledge from any country in event of defeat, that it will step in and save us from being absorbed by Russia. We cannot count even in the extremities on armed support of any nation in the world. It would be a struggle to death. Perhaps we are not strong enough to fight Russia. There are two opinions about that."

Baron Hayashi intimated he thought Japan was bound to be beaten in the end.

"If we were beaten," the minister resumed, "Russia would take Corea and Manchuria by right of conquest and possibly Japan. No power on earth could then dislodge her from central China and all the far east."

#### Wounded Man Still Alive.

Baker City, Ore., Jan. 16.—J. C. White, who was shot by W. F. Butcher last night, is resting comparatively easy this morning. The wound, however, appears to be of a more serious nature than was reported last night. The doctors have not been able to locate the bullet, which entered the neck. They found this morning that the vertebrae of the neck and the

throat of the patient have been injured.

Butcher was released on bonds fixed at \$5000, with the charge of assault with a dangerous weapon. John Waterman and Fred Luck became his bondsmen.

#### Bones of a Giant.

Chicago, Jan. 16.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald from Winnemucca, Nev. says: Workmen digging gravel here have uncovered at a depth of about 12 feet a number of bones that once were parts of the skeleton of a gigantic human being.

Dr. Samuel pronounced them the bones of a man who must have been nearly 11 feet in height.

#### Columbian Representative Departs

Washington, Jan. 16.—Dr. Thomas Herran, Charge d'Affairs of the Columbian legation, has decided definitely to avail himself of the leave of absence granted him, and will take his departure next month. The legation archives have been stored. In speaking of his determination Dr. Herran said tonight so far as he could see his usefulness at this capitol was at an end.

### NO SHYLOCKS ARE ALLOWED

**Determined Action on Part of New York Officials to Root Out Usurers.**

### MONEY LENDERS ARE BANDED

**Group of Men Hide Behind the Women Employed to Do the Dirty Work--Few Arrests Made.**

New York, Jan. 16.—A campaign against usurers is being carried on by the district attorneys forces here which has led to the discovery that many of the money lenders are banded together and have maintained a sort of clearing house to facilitate their operations.

The alluring advertisements offering unsecured loans to persons working on a salary are believed to be fostered by a small group of men whose true identity has been hidden through their employing women to carry on the business. Four of these women are now under arrest and have been held for trial. They are charged with endeavoring to collect interest on loans which in some cases equalled the principal. A few days ago two women were convicted on similar charges and fined heavily.

#### Recommendations By Root.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Secretary Root today recommended the remission of the unexpired sentence of Lieutenant Knud Knudson, of the Seventh infantry who was convicted of embezzlement and sentenced to dismissal; recommended the approval of the sentence of dismissal in the case of Lieutenant Hector Robichon, of the Thirteenth infantry, convicted of conduct unbecoming an officer; and entered a denial of the appeal for clemency by Lieutenant Thomas Murtaugh, of the artillery corps, convicted of duplicating pay accounts, and sentenced to dismissal.

#### CHILD NEARLY BURNS HOME

**Knocks Lighted Lamp Off Table and Starts Fire.**

Warrenton, Jan. 16.—(Special correspondence)—By accidentally tipping over a kerosene lamp Thursday night, Henry Smith, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Starr Smith, came nearly burning up the home of his parents. The child, baby fashion, pulled at the cover of the table, knocking off a lamp which was lighted thereon. Flames began to spread at once, and but for the prompt action of Mrs. Carruthers, a visiting neighbor, would doubtless have resulted in disaster. Mrs. Carruthers quickly smothered the flames with rugs so that no one was burned and the damage done was slight.

The funeral of the late Herman W. Anberg, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Johan Anberg, who died in West Astoria Friday night, will be held this afternoon at 1:30 from the family residence. The interment will be in Greenwood.

## STATEMENT OF THREATENED ATTACK BY BLACK SEA FLEET, PRONOUNCED FALSE

**Foreign Office at London Receives Positive Denial of Rumor Calculated to Create Tension in Far East.**

**While End of Week Makes No Change in Crisis, it is Beginning to Be Accepted as True That Final Resort to Arms Cannot Be Averted--King Edward Uses Personal Influence to Stay Hostilities.**

London, Jan. 16.—In the opinion of the British government the end of this week does not mark any change in the far eastern crisis.

The latest, and if it had been true, the most serious statement namely that Russia intended to send her Black Sea fleet through the Dardanelles, received today a positive denial from the foreign office. Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, visited Downing street and was told that the British authorities were convinced the report was unfounded.

Regarding the main issue Baron Hayashi and the foreign office had no information. Excessive apprehension is prevailing in the best informed quarters here that Russia's answer will precipitate war, is based more upon the attitude Russia has taken during previous phases of the controversy than on any definite information of Russia's intentions. Not even the czar's pacific utterances, however, can dispel the fear that Russia will not give in.

King Edward continues to use his personal influence to almost an unprecedented extent to persuade the governments to maintain peace, but the king's ministers appear to have practically given up hope that a resort to arms can be averted, though the most pessimistic do not look for a crisis within three weeks.

### DETECTIVES PERSISTED IN FOLLOWING JURY

Chicago, Jan. 16.—But one witness was heard in the Iroquois theater inquest today and the jury then adjourned to inspect the interior of the theater.

A lively dispute took place when Deputy Coroner Buckley and the jurors entered the building. A force of detectives, employed by the owners of the building, followed them around and insisted upon listening to all that was said. They moved away only when Buckley threatened to have all the detectives arrested.

The sole witness today was James J. Cummings, stage carpenter of the Iroquois. He was exasperatingly evas-

ive in his replies and Coroner Trager rebuked him sharply many times.

Rev. Charles L. Roberts, died today from injuries received in the fire. His death brings the total to 572.

#### Big Guns Astonish Indians.

Colon, Jan. 16.—All United States warships are cruising off the coast, except the Olympia, Dixie, Topeka and the destroyer, Stewart.

The San Blas Indian commissioners, including Chief "Joe" Howten, on invitation of the naval authorities, visited the Olympia yesterday previous to returning to San Blas. Olympia's largest guns were a source of great astonishment to them. The Indians appeared well pleased and declared the sympathy of their fellows was on the side of Panama.

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