



LITTLEFIELD IS OPPOSED

Labor Unions Fight His Return to Congress.

RESULT MEANS MUCH

New York State Democrats and Republicans Have Inter-Party Strife.

BURTON IS POPULAR IN OHIO

People All Like Congressman From the Twenty-first District But He Is Not Popular With Senator Dick.

WASHINGTON, August 21 (Special.)—If the unions succeed in putting Littlefield out of business, it will be a sufficient triumph for their first year in politics and they can afford to lose their other conflicts. All the influence of the administration and all the power of the republican organization is back of Littlefield and he has a wide margin of republican votes to go on. Should he be defeated, no congressman who antagonizes the unions will ever secure a seat; and, under such circumstances, not many congressmen would antagonize them. Is it possible, then, that we may come to have a government of the unions, by the unions, and for the unions. Oh, well, is the retort, it might as well be that way as a government of the trusts, by the trusts, and for the trusts. And no one seems to think it worth while to ask where the common man comes in, the every day consumer who is neither a labor unionist nor a trust magnate.

Both Parties Are In Luck.
In New York State both the democrats and republicans are playing in great luck. The democrats are lucky because the republicans are fighting among themselves, and the republicans are lucky because the democrats have inter-party strife.

The democratic conflict, of course, is between Hearst and anti-Hearst factions, with the gubernatorial nomination and control of the party machinery as the prizes. In this fight, however, there is involved the issue of Hearst's doctrines, something that affects the welfare of the people, and the struggle can be viewed without repulsion. The New York republican fight, on the other hand, would seem to have nothing back of it other than the sordid ambitions of two men, the question of whether an Odell or a Higgins shall be boss. It is a pitiful issue upon which republicans are asked to battle, and it is a pitiful choice of evils which the party has.

Situation In Ohio.
From conditions in the empire state it is a relief to turn to Ohio and find a spot where courageous manhood and high-minded statesmanship seem actually to be prized. In the Twenty-first Congressional District, in which is embraced most of the city of Cleveland, Congressman Theodore E. Burton is a candidate to succeed himself. Mr. Burton is not popular, politically, with Senator Dick and the other powers that control the Ohio republican machine, but he is popular with the people of the twenty-first district. Dick and the machine powers would gladly defeat Burton if they dared try, but for the sake of their own skins they have to keep hands off.

Not only is Mr. Burton popular with his republican constituents, but the democrats like him equally as well. Two years ago the democratic candidate for congress withdrew, in order

that Burton might have a clear field, there being fear that he would be knifed by the republican machine and possibly defeated. After looking awhile at New York, doesn't that seem a queer thing for the democratic candidate to have done? Again this year, Mayor Tom Johnson and other leading Cleveland democrats advocate the practically unanimous return of Burton by refraining from making a democratic nomination, while still other democrats would like to see Burton placed on the democratic ticket.

And how has this man Burton secured such a hold upon the confidence and affections of his people? Chiefly by doing as he has seen fit, and refusing to play peanut politics. Burton is erudite, independent and fearless. There is nothing blatant about his independence, but he never hesitates to speak his mind in a quiet, scholarly way; and he never seems to think of political consequences to himself. In the House of Representatives he is chairman of the committee on rivers and harbors and believes the people's money should be expended on internal improvements rather than in preparation for war. He is conspicuously opposed to naval extravagance. This fact, together with the fact that he favors tariff revision, has operated against his advancement in the house, but it hasn't prevented him from winning the respect of every member of that body, from Speaker Cannon down to the most obscure first-termer. He likewise has the confidence and respect of President Roosevelt, although he opposes some of Mr. Roosevelt's pet policies.

Some of these days, when the republican party in Ohio is relieved of the incubus of bossism, Theodore Burton will be sent to the United States Senate, where he properly belongs and which august body he would ornament.

MURPHY FOR HEARST

Tammany Leader Will Oppose Jerome for Governor.

JEROME GOES AFTER MURPHY

Calls Him "Political Panhandler, Intellectually Sterile, Socially Vulgar and Morally Obtuse"—Wins With Money; Not Ideas.

NEW YORK, August 21.—Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall today said he had not observed any sentiment in Tammany for the nomination of District Attorney Jerome for Governor by the democrats, but there was, he said, plenty of sentiment for Hearst. Murphy declared he was not committed to any candidate, but it was the rule of Tammany to be guided by the sentiment of the organization and he would be guided by it in the state convention. Murphy said the Tammany delegates would be bound by the unit rule.

District Attorney Jerome gave out a statement, in the course of which he says, it is no surprise to find Murphy practically declaring for Hearst. The only reason for his taking an active part in politics this year is to carry on the fight of last year, which was a fight to free the parties and the people from the domination of such political panhandlers. "Birds of a feather flock together," Jerome said, "and when a person intellectually sterile, socially vulgar, and morally obtuse, insults the decent people of the state, irrespective of party, by seeking the nomination of a political party, by advancing dollars, not ideas, and by methods akin to the blackmailer, no thinking person could doubt where Murphy could be found."

CHEAP FARES WEST.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 21.—Passenger traffic Manager Fee of the Southern Pacific Company announces that in view of the great demand for laborers on the Pacific Coast, the company has decided to make a rate to the coast states of \$31 from Chicago and \$25 from Missouri River points.

STRUGGLE IS MOST BITTER

Illinois Democrats Ignore Bryan's Wishes.

FIGHT IN CONVENTION

Refuse to Ask Sullivan's Resignation and Endorse Bryan Against Desire.

PERSONALITIES INDULGED IN

Delegates Grow Wrath in Fierce War of Words and Blows Are Exchanged—Thompson Bitterly Arraigns Sullivan.

PEORIA, August 21.—By a vote of 1638 to 575 the Illinois democratic state convention today tabled the request of William J. Bryan for the resignation of National Committeeman Sullivan.

Despite the fact that Bryan had declared he did not wish to be endorsed unless Sullivan was repudiated, the convention declared him the one and only man, capable leading the democratic party to victory in 1908. The endorsement of Bryan and the tabling of the motion, calling for the resignation of Sullivan came at the close of the most exciting session of the convention, in which there were several fights and throughout which confusion reigned supreme.

The committee on resolutions declined to report, a plank calling for the resignation and a debate followed the motion made in the convention by Judge Thompson, calling for Sullivan's resignation. It had been agreed that each side was to have 45 minutes in which to present its side of the case and Thompson was the first to advocate the cause of Bryan. He allowed his feelings to carry him somewhat to an extreme and aroused the hostility of Sullivan's friends by the unsparing manner in which he dealt upon the last democratic convention at Springfield.

He strode up and down the platform, his face white with wrath and his form shaking with the intensity of his feelings. His caustic criticism finally lost him the ear of the convention and he might never have been able to conclude his speech if Sullivan had not personally requested quiet. Sullivan, who followed Thompson, and who was the first speaker in his own behalf, declared that the ear of Mr. Bryan had been poisoned against him and the demand for his resignation sprang from his personal enemies. Great feeling was displayed on both sides during the debate, and many personalities of a disagreeable character were indulged in by the various speakers. The end came when ex-Senator Kern moved the tabling of the resolution. The convention nominated a candidate for treasurer, superintendent of public instruction, and three trustees for the State university.

The platform adopted, while dealing mostly with State issues, also favors government ownership of telephones and telegraphs, and denounces the recent congress for its surrender to the meat trust, railways and Standard Oil Company; the eight-hour law; the anti-injunction law and the election of senators by direct vote of the people.

FIENDISH MURDER.

SAMARA, August 21.—The commander of the Borissow regiment was today attacked at his residence here. The murderers escaped after saturating the body of their victim with alcohol and setting it on fire.

HARBOR IMPROVEMENT.

New Yorkers Start Movement to Secure Money For Harbor Improvement.

NEW YORK, August 21 (Special.)—The various commercial bodies of New York are beginning to manifest considerable interest in the movement recently started by the National Rivers and Harbors Congress for larger Congressional appropriations for waterway improvement. New York's commercial life depends upon the excellence of her port facilities, and although millions have been spent on their improvement, many more millions are needed. The publication this week of the annual report on the progress of the Harlem ship canal, which is urgently needed to relieve the congestion of shipping in the East river, shows that in 20 years only 60 per cent of the work has been completed and that at the present rate of appropriation it will not be finished before 1920. In this matter it is pointed out here that the interests of the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts are identical, for at present Congress is more disposed to favor improvements to the Mississippi Valley section on the ground that these are better vote-getters. The best solution of the difficulty, as many prominent men have expressed it, is in a more liberal policy of national aid to the rivers and harbors of both coasts, such as is being urged by the waterways organization.

JOHNSONVILLE, CAL., BURNS.

RENO, Nev., August 21.—The mining town of Johnsonville, Plumas County, Cal., was practically wiped out of existence yesterday by fire. Two lives were lost and 25 buildings were destroyed. The two men killed, Patrick Gorman, an old resident of Pulaski county, and Ivan Voleb, both were miners.

BIGGEST FRAUD YET

Jury Is Selected in Land Fraud Trial.

HENEY OUTLINES HIS CASE

Trial of Mays, Jones and Sorenson Opens in Earnest—Case is Worst of All Land Frauds in Oregon.

PORTLAND, August 21.—With the completion of the jury in the United States district court today in the case of the United States against State Senator Franklin P. Mays, former State Representative Willard N. Jones and George Sorenson once a deputy sheriff in Multnomah county, the government forces cleared its decks for action and in the opening argument of Francis J. Heney, special assistant to the attorney general, echoes were heard of the battles that are past, as well as mutterings of the battle that is at hand. Heney spoke for only an hour and a half, but during that time outlined clearly and definitely the alleged wholesale fraud, which the government charges the defendants and others planned to make it the victim of; an attempt which if the government is right, makes any other of the frauds in this state or in fact all of them put together look puny in comparison.

ILLINOIS REPUBLICANS MEET.

SPRINGFIELD, August 21.—The republicans in state convention today nominated a treasurer, superintendent of public instruction, and three trustees of the Illinois university. The convention was marked by harmony and good feeling. The presidential boom of Speaker Cannon was given an enthusiastic endorsement by today's convention. The mention of the speaker's name brought the convention to its feet and there was enthusiastic cheering. Outside of the endorsement of Cannon and Senator Cullom for re-election, there was little of general interest in the convention proceedings.

REVOLUTION AT HEIGHT

Cuban Insurrection Gaining Very Little.

GOVERNMENT IS ACTIVE

One Thousand Rebels in Pinar Del Rio Region Constituted Only Menace.

FIGHT IN HAVANA PROVINCE

Insurgents Clash With the Government in Havana Province, and More Fighting Is Expected—Rebels Capture Town of Guines.

HAVANA, August 21.—Indications tonight are that the revolution in Western Cuba has practically reached its maximum. The government and people generally believe the movement has received about all the accessions it will be likely to gain and the promptness of the government in arresting suspected leaders and plotters in Havana and elsewhere, and in sending reinforcements to the disaffected provinces, has had an excellent effect in strengthening public confidence and overawing sympathizers with the movement.

On the other hand despite the peaceable quietude in the Pinar del Rio region, throughout the day, the fact that 1000 insurgents there, are tending to concentrate upon towns inadequately guarded, makes the situation grave. As the insurgents have not assumed an offensive attitude, it is inferred they are not prepared or lack the nerve. There have been rumors of fights in Pinar del Rio province today, but none have been confirmed. There was some fighting today in Havana province and more is hourly expected. It is reported the town of Guines, 20 miles south of Havana was this evening peacefully captured by a band of insurgents.

BOYS CHARGED WITH MURDER.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 21.—The coroner's jury summoned to hold an inquest over the body of Fred Mullinix, the young man shot by footpads on Ocean Beach over a week ago today returned a verdict charging Fred Peterson with firing the shot, and that McAuliff, Mears and Westwood, the three boys under arrest as accomplices, were guilty of assisting him. During the inquest Peterson broke down and cried. Westwood showed signs of emotion. After the inquest the four young men were formally charged with murder.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE.

At Portland—Portland 0, Oakland 7.
At Oakland—Los Angeles 4, San Francisco 5.

EVERYTHING IS OFF.

CHICAGO, August 21.—John Alexander Dowie said last night that all negotiations between himself and Wilbur Glenn Voliva for settlement of the Zion City tangle have been declared off. Dowie issued a statement last night in which he says "All attempts at negotiations have ended in failure. I made a clean cut proposition but Voliva and his adherents refused to consider it. Then I offered to consider a proposition from them, but it was twice stated that they had none to offer. Hence negotiations are closed and there is nothing more at this time to say."

BALLOONS THE RAGE.

Gothamites Enjoy New Fad of Ballooning—Women Learn the Art.

NEW YORK, August 21 (Special.)—Ballooning is the summer fad in the metropolis this year. Scarcely a day passes that someone does not make an ascent and balloons are continually coming down unexpectedly upon one's roof or in one's back yard. As for the farmers of Westchester or the Jersey counties near New York, they have ceased to be astonished when a gentleman swoops down on them out of the sky and, stepping out of his aerial car, politely asks for a glass of milk. The tragic death of Paul Noces, the prominent sculptor and balloonist, early in the season, apparently did not damp in the slightest degree the local members of the Aero Club and followers of the sport generally. Not a few women in the city are now expert balloonists. The only persons who have abandoned the spot in the metropolis are a few professional aeronauts who came to the city hoping to make a fortune by charging admission to the enclosures where they made their ascents. Inasmuch as the crowds stayed outside of the fence and saw the ascensions free of charge, the professionals found that their proposed harvest of dollars failed.

PAT CROWE RELEASED.

NEW YORK, August 21.—Pat Crowe of Omaha, who became well known at the time of the Cudahy kidnaping case, and who recently came to this city, was arrested last night, charged with being a suspicious person and taken to police headquarters. The police, however, were unable to find a record of a case for which they believed he was wanted and released him.

DAMAGE IS GREAT

Valparaiso And Aconcagua Provinces Suffer Heavily.

MANY TOWNS ARE IN RUINS

Abarca, Limache, and Hierro Viejo, Are Almost Totally Wrecked—Llallai Reported Entirely Disappeared—Quakes Still Continue.

VALPARAISO, Aug. 21.—The greatest damage occurred in the provinces of Valparaiso and Aconcagua. The town of Abarca suffered severely. Llallai is reported to have entirely disappeared and Limache and Hierro Viejo has been almost totally wrecked. At Vina Del Mar three quarters of the houses are in ruins. The losses in the entire country are estimated at \$50,000,000. The authorities of Valparaiso have taken over the feeding of the people and provisions are being brought in from the places not destroyed. The slight earthquakes continue. The fires have all been extinguished. More than one hundred men taken in the act of committing robbery, have been shot.

MANCHURIA SEEMS LOST.

Monster Trans-Pacific Liner Pounding Heavily on the Reef.

HONOLULU, August 21.—At noon today the condition of the stranded steamer Manchuria is said to be worse and at 8 o'clock tonight she was pounding heavily in spite of all efforts to assist her. A proposition is now being considered to dredge a channel from where she lies to deep water. This it is believed will be the only feasible plan, but it is doubtful whether the vessel will last long enough to carry it out.

PACKING-HOUSES CLEAN.

OMAHA, August 21.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson arrived in South Omaha early today and visited all the packing-houses. He intimated that everything was found to be in a satisfactory condition.