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FAIRBANKS ON REVISION

Submits Views to Indiana State Convention.

INDORSE FOR PRESIDENT

On the Platform Adopted Local Option is One of the Strongest Planks.

REDUCE DISTURBANCE PERIOD

There is One Potential Fact Which Must Not Be Obscured, and It is When Revision Occurs It Must Be Along Protective Lines.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 1.—The Indianapolis Republicans, in State convention today, cleared the way for the adoption of a platform and the nomination of the State ticket tomorrow. The organization was completed with the selection of Representative Jesse Overstreet as temporary chairman and John C. Chaney as the permanent chairman. Addresses were made by these two gentlemen and by United States Senators Beveridge and Hemenway and Governor Hanley. The resolution committee tonight completed the platform. The principle features are the vigorous endorsement of Vice-President Fairbanks for the Presidential nomination, and the plank written by Fairbanks himself, in which he insists on tariff revision at a special session of Congress immediately after the Fall elections. Fairbanks also wrote a letter to Overstreet to be read before the convention, which outlined his tariff views as reflected in the plank which was adopted.

Washington, March 28, 1908.

"My Dear Overstreet:

"There seems to be no division of opinion among Republicans with respect to the questions which are to be embodied in the State platform except possibly with regard to the time when the tariff should be revised. I venture, therefore, to submit to you, and through you to the committee on resolutions, briefly my views on this subject. The sentiment in favor of a revision of the tariff has so far crystallized as to make it reasonably certain that revision will be undertaken at no distant date. It is morally certain that both of the leading political parties will declare in favor of some form of revision in their national platform. It has been frequently suggested that revision should be undertaken at a special session of Congress, to be convened immediately after the inauguration of the next President. A number of Republican State conventions have already made declarations to this effect.

"The time when revision should be made is second only in importance to revision itself. It is obvious that there is a wrong and a right time to attempt it. If revision had been entered upon during the past few months incalculable injury would have been inflicted upon the country. To have super-imposed the uncertainty and strain of revision upon the acute, nervous financial conditions we have experienced would have aggravated immeasurably the distress. It is well understood that revision is attended with more or less business disturbance. Pending the issuance of new schedules, merchants and consumers will hesitate. They will make no contracts for the future

beyond their immediate necessities, for the reason that a change in duties may effect the basis upon which their business is done. It is, therefore, important that the period of uncertainty be reduced to the minimum in order that business may soon resume its ordinary activity and complete resumption will not occur before the schedules are definitely determined.

"We should not close our eyes to the fact that there will be a determined effort by the opposition to control the next House of Representatives. If it should succeed, a Republican Senate and a Democratic House would be charged with the tremendously important subject of revision. The two branches of Congress would stand for diametrically opposite theories, the one for a protective and the other for a revenue tariff. It is manifest in such an event that the contest would be protracted and the ultimate result a compromise. It is easy to conjecture what effect this would have upon the business of the country.

"Why subject the business of the country to a possible hazard which we can readily avoid.

"We are in control of the legislative and executive branches and will, of course, so continue until the close of the present Congress. It would be manifest folly to attempt revision on the eve of a Presidential election. We can, however, revise such schedules as may require revision immediately following the coming National election and before the fourth of next March. If Congress were convened in special session immediately after the election, it could probably com-

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LEFT FOR SPRINGS

Rear Admiral Evans Arrives at San Diego.

BOARDED TRAIN FOR O'BISPO

The Admiral plainly showed the Effects of His Suffering From Rheumatism and Admitted That the Pain Was Sometimes Unbearable.

SAN DIEGO, April 1.—The battleship Connecticut, bringing Rear Admiral Evans for a course of treatment at the hot springs at San Luis Obispo, arrived off Coronado beach today. Evans was transferred to a private car which had been held here two days to await his coming and left on the afternoon train for San Luis Obispo.

The Admiral, in an interview given out here, expressed the hope that he will be benefited sufficiently to be able to rejoin the fleet "For frolic on shore" soon after its arrival in American waters.

Admiral Evans plainly showed the effects of his intense suffering from rheumatism and admitted that at times the pain had been almost unbearable. The Connecticut returned to Magdalena Bay tonight. During the Admiral's absence Rear Admiral Thomas is the senior officer and will act as commander in chief. He is also to bring the fleet to San Diego where Admiral Evans hopes again to hoist his flag on the Connecticut. A crowd of several hundred persons gathered on the Sante Fe Dock on which the private car Sacramento had been run, and when they caught sight of Admiral on the gun boat Yankton, which brought the officer from the Connecticut to the shore, they gave a lusty cheer, which he acknowledged by lifting his hat.

Admiral Evans found waiting him a letter of commendation from the president. In the warmest terms the president reviewed the achievements of the fleet and its journey from Hampton Roads to Magdalena Bay and was most liberal in his share of praise and credit bestowed on Evans.

RESOURCES EXHAUSTED

Ruef's Trial Almost Within Sight.

THREE MOTIONS DENIED

Judge Dooling Was Requested by Judge Dunn to Preside in the Latter's Department.

DOOLING'S DISQUALIFICATION

Denied the Motion of Ruef's Counsel to Transfer the Case to Another Court and Refused the Request to Make Any Orders.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1.—Abraham Ruef, the former political boss, suffered three adverse rulings today, one in the superior court and two in the appellate court. Judge Dooling was requested by Judge Dunne to preside in the latter department of the superior court in the trial of Ruef, denied the motion of Ruef's counsel to transfer the case to another court and refused to make an order upon the showing of the defense, disqualifying himself, ruling that he was not biased or prejudiced and that he was qualified to sit in the trial.

The district court of appeals late in the afternoon denied Ruef's petition for a writ of prohibition restraining Judge Dooling from proceeding with the trial on the ground of alleged disqualification, and also refused to grant his application for a writ of mandate compelling Judge Dooling to transfer the case to some other department of the superior court.

With these rulings today the preliminary defensive resources of Ruef's counsel seem about exhausted and the actual trial of the former political boss seems to be within sight.

PRESIDENT'S CALL

Miners and Owners Getting Together.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 1.—Bituminous coal miners, numbering 250,000, are idle today on account of the failure of the United Mine Owners' of America and the coal operators to agree upon a wage scale to go into effect today.

District meetings are being held in an effort to reach an agreement in the different states, and it is believed that the strike will be a short duration.

Central Pennsylvania and Indiana mines are in operation, as an agreement has been reached in the former district and in Indiana miners and operators have agreed to continue work pending a settlement which is being negotiated by meetings at Terre Haute.

All the miners of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, the trans-Mississippi and outlying districts have quit work. At the international headquarters of the United Mine Workers of America today Vice-President Thos. L. Lewis of Ohio, succeeded John Mitchell of Illinois as president of the organization; William D. Ryan of Illinois succeeded Mr. Lewis as vice-president, and J. P. White of Iowa succeeded Congressman W. B. Wilson of the Central Pennsylvania district as secretary-treasurer.

The first official act of President Lewis of the United Mine Workers in assuming the office today, was to send a telegraphic invitation to the

operators of a competitive field consisting of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, to attend a meeting in this city April 6 with the representatives of the miners, looking to an effort to agree on a call for an interstate wage convention, and if necessary, to decide upon the general resumption of mining operations. Lewis said tonight that he had received a number of replies favorable to the move, but he had not yet received enough to definitely determine the result.

ANOTHER SHARP TEST.

PARIS April 1.—Dr. Leo de Forest yesterday conducted the final test of his wireless telephone system on the Riffel tower in the presence of a body of French naval and army officers. Messages were exchanged in the satisfactory manner with government wireless stations through out France.

STARTLING IF TRUE.

PARIS, April 1.—Advices received from General D'Amede commander of the French forces in Morocco states that during the clearing operations in the Madakra county a small detachment of cavalry was surprised by 300 tribesmen. The cavalry lost eight men killed.

BUFFALO BILL ILL.

CHICAGO, April 1.—Colonel William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) is seriously ill here, suffering from a general nervous breakdown caused by a recent attack of grip.

HE DEMANDED MONEY

Physician Insisted Upon Dentist Paying His Bill.

A DRUG CLERK IS INVOLVED

An Information Signed by A. L. Finley, Charging Whitney With Manslaughter, Filed in Justice Reid's Court Yesterday.

PORTLAND, April 1.—Almost in a state of collapse and constantly watched by other prisoners at the county jail to prevent him from committing suicide, as he has threatened, J. B. Whitney of Forest Grove, dentist, charged with manslaughter, as a sequence of the death of Miss Mabel Wirtz, made a complete statement this morning of his connection with the affair. His statement brings into the case "Bud" Watson, a jeweler of Forest Grove, and Dr. J. Allen Gilbert.

Whitney alleges that Dr. Gilbert had agreed to sign the death certificate with the cause of the girl's demise given as ptomaine poisoning, in the event that he should sign a statement protecting the physician and exonerating him from complicity in the affair in any way and that he and Watson should pay his professional bill of \$102. He declares that he did sign such a statement and made desperate efforts to raise the money, but that Watson "threw him down." Failing to secure the money, asserts Whitney, Dr. Gilbert waited until two hours before the funeral of the girl was to be held and then accompanied her uncle to Coroner Finley's office, where Deputy Coroner A. L. Finley was informed that Miss Wirtz had died of mercurial poisoning.

In the main, Dr. Gilbert admits the facts to be as stated by Whitney. He says that he did, at first, believe the girl to be suffering from ptomaine poisoning and afterwards thought she had diphtheria, being enlightened as to the real cause of her sickness by Whitney himself. As regards the signed statement which he procured from Whitney, he admits that on re-

SUIT FILED FOR DIVORCE

Mrs. Vanderbilt Wants Absolute Divorce.

BOTH ARE WEALTHY

Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt is a Son of Cornelius and Inherited \$60,000,000.

THEY HAVE ONLY ONE CHILD

Justice O'Gorman, Before Whom the Proceedings Were Instituted, Appointed David McClure, a Local Attorney, As Referee.

NEW YORK, April 1.—Within an hour after he sailed for Europe today Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt was made the defendant in a suit filed with the supreme court by his wife, Ellen French Vanderbilt. The nature of the action is not immediately disclosed and counsel for the plaintiff refused to night to say whether Mrs. Vanderbilt seeks a divorce or a legal separation from her husband. Justice O'Gorman, before whom the proceedings were instituted, appointed David McClure, a local attorney, as a referee to hear the testimony and report his findings and recommendations to the court.

Mrs. Vanderbilt is a daughter of the late Francis Ormond French, who was the president of the Manhattan Trust Company and a director in many railroads. Eleanor, or Elsie as she was generally known, was married to Vanderbilt January 11, 1901. A year later their only son, William Henry, was born.

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herited something like \$60,000,000. The domestic affairs of the Vanderbilts have engaged public attention since March 24, when Mrs. Vanderbilt, accompanied by their son, left Oakland Farm, near Newport, and went to her brother's home. Neither Vanderbilt nor his wife would discuss the matter. It was learned tonight from an official in the county courthouse, who saw the papers, that Mrs. Vanderbilt nor his wife would discuss divorce.

Dr. Gilbert asserts that he followed the course he did because he desired to protect the name of the dead girl and save her parents from the mental anguish which would follow a knowledge of their daughter's error. As regards the bill for his professional services, he declares that in his opinion Whitney and Watson were properly the ones to pay this, because they had caused the girl's condition, thereby relieving the aged father of the debt.

Deputy Coroner Finley acted vigorously as soon as he learned of the real cause of death. He allowed the funeral services to proceed at the chapel of the Edward Holman Undertaking Company, but refused permission to cremate the body of the girl until the facts could be elicited in connection with the unfortunate affair at the inquest to be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Moreover, Mr. Finley was eager for the arrest of Watson, but Deputy District Attorney Stevenson informed him that the crime of Watson was committed in Washington county and there he would have to be prosecuted. Nevertheless the deputy coroner conferred with Presiding Judge Cleland and learning that he had authority to subpoena witnesses for an inquest within a radius of 30 miles, sent word to Sheriff Connel of Washington county to have Watson here at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

"Watson is just as guilty as this prisoner," said Mr. Finley, "and if he escapes prosecution, it will be a disgrace to the State."

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RUDDER GONE.

Steamer Asuncion Towing Disabled Steamer Hornet to Frisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1.—The steamer Asuncion, which sailed yesterday for Portland, returned today, having in tow the steamer Hornet from Grays Harbor to San Francisco. The Hornet was picked up off Point Arena with her rudder and part of her propeller gone.

"SPIKE" ROBSON SPIKED.

PHILADELPHIA, April 1.—Joe Gans stopped "Spike" Robson, the English featherweight champion, in the third round of a six-round bout tonight.

DR. WM. M. CAKE DEAD.

PORTLAND, April 1.—Dr. William M. Cake, father of H. M. Cake, the Republican candidate for United States Senator, and of William M. Cake, Jr., the ex-county judge of this county, died here tonight, aged 82 years. Dr. Cake's death was due to the effect of a fall received about a year ago.

SUBMARINE BOATS

Special Committee is Still Investigating Charges.

FROST AND TAYLOR TESTIFY

The Only Money Ever Paid a Naval Officer by the Company Was When It Bought a Patent For \$1,500 From Lieutenant Nelson.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Franklin A. Taylor, of Waterbury, Conn., today testified before the special committee investigating the charges against the Electric Boat Company, that he had heard Representative Lilley make a statement in Waterbury last Saturday that it was quite likely that he would get an adverse decision from the committee and that in that event he would tell all he knew about the whole matter of submarine boats on the floor of the House.

Elihu B. Frost, vice-president of the Electric Boat Company, referring to the time when President Roosevelt made a submerged trip in a submarine, and denied that the company had paid any newspaper men at the trial and said he did not know who was responsible for the publication of that event. Frost said the only money ever paid a naval officer by him or his company was when the company bought for \$1,500 an invention which is used on submarine boats from Lieutenant Nelson, U. S. N. Frost said no naval officer nor member of Congress ever owned stock in the company.

FIERCE STORM.

Gales and Snowstorm Delays Great Northern Trains.

ST. PAUL, April 1.—A terrific gale is blowing today and it is expected the mercury will drop ten degrees above. There are very low temperatures today in most places in Manitoba and the Territories. A heavy snowstorm is delaying the Great Northern trains near Grand Forks, N. D. The Soo Line is tied up from Ardock to Kenmare.