



## REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

### Instruct Their Delegates for Fairbanks.

## WATSON FOR GOVERNOR

### The Contest for Governor Was Eager It Took Five Ballots to Decide It.

## LOUD BURSTS OF ENTHUSIASM

### Greeted the Assembly When the Names of Roosevelt, Fairbanks, the Two Indiana Senators and Governor Hanly Were Mentioned.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 2.—The Indiana Republican State Convention today adopted a platform endorsing Vice-President Fairbanks and instructed the 30 state delegates to the national convention to vote and work for his nomination for President and nominated a ticket headed by James E. Watson, of Rushville, for Governor, and Fremont C. Goodwin, of Williamsport for lieutenant-governor. The contest for the nomination of Governor was eager and it took five ballots to decide it. The mention of President Roosevelt, Vice-President Fairbanks, the names of the two United States Senators from Indiana and of Governor Hanly brought from the galleries bursts of enthusiasm. The convention was the greatest and the liveliest ever held in the state. The platform was adopted practically as was recommended by the committee yesterday.

## LOSE SPOT COTTON TRADE.

### Commission Told Through Lading Bills to Southern Ports.

NEW ORLEANS, April 2.—That the spot cotton business at this port is doomed because the staple is now bought in the interior on through bills of lading, was the testimony of two witnesses today before the New Orleans port investigating commission, recently created legislative body that is looking into port abuses and seeking to place the responsibility.

Henry Hyman A. Cotton, freight agent, testified that consumers are buying their cotton cheaper in the country and said the Illinois Central Railroad has a monopoly on practically every bale received here. The witness declared that tramp ships kept the Liverpool rate down here.

Jeff D. Harding, Jr., testified that he had been shut out of making bookings of cotton along the Illinois Central Railroad. Statistics were submitted showing that rates on liners and tramps out of Galveston were lower than the New Orleans tariff.

## DAYLIGHT BILL ADVANCED.

### House of Commons Shelves Suffrage Measure, but Takes Up Joker.

LONDON, April 2.—The house of commons has passed on its second reading the Pearce daylight saving bill, which provides new British time for the summer months. The announcement of the vote was greeted with cheers and roars of laughter. The bill was referred to a special committee and it thus will get detailed consideration. It provides that all clocks shall be advanced 80 minutes, which will give an extra 210 hours of daylight. Thus a man getting up at apparently nine o'clock in

the morning would be really doing so at 7:40, thus gaining an hour and 20 minutes of daylight.

That such a measure, which many regard as mere foolishness, should get such attention in the house of commons will be wormwood to the suffragettes, whose woman suffrage bill was sent to the committee of the whole house, which action virtually shelves it.

## JURY "DELIBERATIONS"

CHICAGO, April 2.—A fight between jurymen, in which a heavy oak chair was demolished, tables and other furniture dented and several men slightly injured, marked the jury's deliberations in the "Barney" Coffey Sunday Closing case in the municipal court.

After hours of this kind of argument the jury was called before Judge Foster and reported a disagreement yesterday. The jury stood ten for acquittal and two for conviction. Sixteen ballots were taken and on the ninth ballot one man stood for conviction but reversed on the following ballot.

## BRYAN'S SEVEN SPEECHES.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 2.—William J. Bryan who, with Gov. Haskell of Oklahoma will make the principal address at to-night's banquet of the Iowa Democratic Club is scheduled to make seven speeches in all during the day.

## HARMON SCHROEDER DEAD.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Said to have been the first refiner of sugar in the United States, Harmon Schroeder, a native of Germany, retired for 30 years after a successful business career in this city, is dead at his home here, aged 88.

## PRAIRIE ON FIRE

### Fifty Mile Wind Fanned the Furious Flames.

## SEVERAL LIVES ARE LOST

### As Rapidly as Possible Farmers Plowed Safety Furrows Around Their Buildings, But in Many Cases the Fire Reached Them.

PAXTON, Neb., April 2.—A prairie fire has been raging in the sand hills for two days. James Kane is known to have been burned to death, many houses were destroyed, hundreds of head of livestock were lost and thousands of acres of prairie burned. The fire started Tuesday. All day Wednesday a 50-mile wind blew and the blaze swept across the prairie with tremendous speed. Blazing embers were carried 10 miles in advance of the flames in places.

The sky was so black with smoke that ranchmen were unable to locate the fire until the blaze was upon them. As rapidly as possible ranchers plowed safety furrows around their buildings, but in many cases the flames reached them before the plowing was completed.

This happened in the case of James Kane, a ranchman north of Paxton, and Kane, together with his house and all his livestock, was burned. Grave fears are held for the safety of other ranchers.

## ORGANIST HANGS HIMSELF.

CHICAGO, April 2.—Henry J. Wry for many years organist in prominent Chicago churches committed suicide yesterday at the Northern Illinois Insane Hospital at Elgin after having been committed to the institution a month ago suffering from acute melancholia brought on by the discovery that he was afflicted with cancer of the stomach. Mr. Wry who was 59 years old, ended his life by hanging himself with a towel.

## ATTACKED AT EVERY TURN

### Agricultural Bill Underwent Many Changes.

## DISCUSSED NINE DAYS

### With the Agricultural Bill Out of the Way Democrats and Republicans Locked Horns.

## CARRIESTOTAL OF \$11,508,000

### Chairman Scott Made an Unsuccessful Attempt to Have Stricken Out Amendment Considerably Increasing Amount for Soil Investigation.

## WASHINGTON, April 2.—

Carrying a total of \$11,508,000 the agricultural appropriation bill was passed by the House late today. It has been under discussion for nine days and from the time its consideration was begun until the very end its provisions were attacked at every turn with the result that it underwent many changes. Just before its passage, Scott of Kansas, chairman of the agricultural committee, made an unsuccessful attempt to have stricken out the amendment considerably increasing the appropriation for soil investigation.

During the debate today a brief flurry was caused by Harrison of New York, who is a Democrat, characterizing a socialistic bill of minority Leader Williams providing for the utilization of the treasury surplus in the construction and improvement of the roads in several states. With the agricultural bill out of the way the Democrats and Republicans locked horns with each other on all subsequent business with the result that one of the most vigorous filibusters ever conducted in the House was entered upon. Majority Leader Payne threw down the gauntlet to the Democrats and notified them that the Republicans did not propose to accept their dictation as to what the program of legislation should be. Minority Leader Williams accepted the challenge, whereupon the Democrats resorted to every obstructive tactic known to parliamentary law on every proposition that came up for consideration. It was 11:09 p. m. before the House adjourned.

## LOUD'S SECRETARY.

### Testifies in the Submarine Boat Investigation.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—That the attorney of the Electric Boat Co. was pressing and "bearing down" upon a member of Congress in reference to the submarine boat legislation was the charge made today before the house special committee of investigation. Charge was made by Frank L. Edinborough of Bay City, Mich., a state Senator and former private secretary to Congressman Loud, who is member of the house committee on naval affairs. Edinborough testified that the attorney in question is A. G. Gordon and the member whom he was pressing was Mr. Loud. Edinborough was not a willing witness and at first refused to answer certain questions on the ground that they were confidential owing to the fact that he had been private secretary to Loud, but Loud released him from such obligations and he then told his story.

Edinborough produced an anonymous letter which he said he received

in Bay City, February 17 from Washington stating that "Loud had voted for \$1,418,000 graft in the naval committee" that there was a story in circulation that the Holland people had secured a prominent attorney to become a candidate for Congress against Loud; that Loud finally agreed to vote for the submarine bill on condition that the attorney withdraw as a candidate. Lilley today made a statement correcting part of the testimony given yesterday before the committee by Frank Taylor of Waterbury, Conn. In this statement Lilley referred especially to Taylor's announcement concerning the possible result of the committee's inquiry. On that point he said:

"Taylor stated that he heard me say in the Waterbury Club before about a dozen members that I expected an adverse report from the committee and that I would go on the floor of the house and tell all I know about the submarines. His testimony differs only in the following particular: While taking a lunch in the Waterbury Club, some one present asked me what would happen if the committee reported adversely. It was at that moment, as I remember, that Taylor entered the room and heard only my reply which was that in the event of an adverse report I would still have the privilege of making an argument of the floor of the House and presenting my side of the case."

## CHIEF GOES FOR SWINDLER.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 2.—Michael Regan, chief of police of Buffalo, N. Y. arrived in this city yesterday and will return to Buffalo with Edmund E. Grimmell, alias Edward O. Smith, who is wanted in that city on a charge of swindling a bank.

## DEATH IN A FIRE

### Three Tenement Dwellers Burned to Death.

## FIFTEEN SERIOUSLY INJURED

### In Their Mad Attempt to Escape From Smoke and Flames Scores of Scantly Clad Men, Women and Children Crowded the Fire Escapes

NEW YORK, April 2.—Three persons were killed, 15 were injured, some of them seriously, and the lives of nearly 100 persons were endangered by fire in a five-story tenement house at 44 Hester street, early today. The dead are:

Beril Weinstein, his wife and their one-year-old son.

They were suffocated and burned in their apartments on the fifth floor. That more lives were not lost was largely due to the prompt action of three policemen, who, seeing the flames in the hall, rushed through the building and aroused the members of 16 sleeping families. By that time the stairs were a mass of flames and the only means of exit was by the fire escapes. In their mad attempt to escape from the smoke and flames scores of scantily clad men, women and children crowded the narrow iron platforms and ladders until they became wedged in solid masses on the fire escapes, unable to extricate themselves and blocking the way of those who had not yet succeeded in getting out of the building. This was the situation when the firemen arrived and began to run up ladders to take the panic-stricken fugitives from their perilous position. The work moved forward very slowly, however, as in some instances the combined efforts of half a dozen firemen were required to drag a woman or child from the tightly packed platform. In the meantime the flames had been constantly spreading and the terror among the tenants had carried them past the point of self-

## MURDER IN A COURT ROOM

### Man Convicted of Arson Draws Revolver.

## DETECTIVE SHOT DOWN

### Then McDonald Directed His Fire to the Officers Seated Around the Table.

## MCDONALD WAS HIT SIX TIMES

### The Convicted Man Fell With Half a Dozen Bullets in His Body and Was Taken to the Hospital—He Will Recover.

## TERRE HAUTE, Ind., April 2.—

Found guilty on a charge of arson, Henry F. McDonald in the court room this afternoon shot and killed William E. Dwyer and seriously injured another man and was himself seriously wounded. The shooting followed the announcement of the verdict of the jury before which McDonald had been tried on a charge of dynamiting the stores and a church in Sanford last year. When the jury reported its verdict, McDonald jumped to his feet and drew a revolver. He fired at Prosecuting Attorney Cooper but missed. Cooper dodged and then McDonald directed his fire at the officers seated around the table. Without an opportunity to defend himself, Detective Dwyer was shot down. Almost immediately the policemen and the deputy sheriffs in the court room drew their revolvers and opened fire on McDonald. The convicted man fell with a half dozen bullets in his body. He was taken to the hospital. It is said that he will recover.

Harvey V. Jones, the superintendent of police, was shot in the side. Deputy Sheriff Welton sustained a wound in the chin and a bystander was also struck. The shooting was the climax of a sensational trial. The police department have been active in the case and several officers of the department were in the court room to hear the verdict. They expected a demonstration but were not expecting any such action.

## GOVERNORS TO MEET.

### President Invites Five Notable Americans to the Convention.

### INDIANAPOLIS, April 2.—John

restraint. While firemen on ladders and others on the ground were calling out to them that there was no danger and that help soon would reach them, they began, one by one, to jump from the windows. David Miller sprang from a fourth-story window and sustained injuries which will probably cause death. Rosie Gallmann, Fannie Berezon and Byman Mettleman, who jumped from windows on the second and third floors, have broken limbs and were taken to hospitals.

Several others were internally injured. Many others who sustained more or less serious bruises refused to go to hospitals.

Weinstein and his wife and baby were found lying dead in their rooms on the top floor of the burning building after the flames had been extinguished. Apparently they had been overcome by the smoke while trying to reach the blazing stairway. The building was damaged to the extent of about \$2000.

Mitchell, ex-president of the miners of the country is one of the five Americans selected by President Roosevelt to be his special guests of a big conference of state and territorial governors to be held in Washington on May 13. This conference which will last three days and the sessions of which will be held in the White House, and will be presided over by President Roosevelt. It will be the first meeting in the history of the country of federal and state and territorial executives. The five special guests will be Grover Cleveland, W. J. Bryan, James J. Hill, Andrew Carnegie and John Mitchell.

## BOMB PLOTTERS ON TRAIL.

### Jean Rull and Band Charged With Causing Explosions in Spain.

BARCELONA, April 2.—The trial of Jean Rull and eight of his relatives and friends has begun here. It is expected to throw light on the long series of bomb explosions that have occurred in that city. Rull is charged with placing bombs and then informing the police of supposed anarchist outrages in order to get the reward.

As the bombs caused several deaths, Rull, according to the crown prosecutor, incurred five death sentences besides other penalties. The prosecutors will demand long terms of penal servitude for the other accused men.

## BUSY DAY FOR BRYAN.

DES MOINES, April 2.—Bryan was kept busy from the time of his arrival in Des Moines in the early morning until late at night making speeches during the day which were non-political. He was greeted everywhere by great crowds wherever he appeared.

## TO SUPREME COURT

### Ruef's Attorney Makes Application for Writ of Mandate.

## IMMUNITY CONTRACT ILLEGAL

### Supreme Court is Asked to Prohibit Dooling From Continuing With the Trial and to Issue Mandate Ordering Transfer of the Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 2.—With the views of Judge Dooling as announced from the bench that an immunity contract is non-existent in law, illegal if entered into by the district attorney and unenforceable by the defendant, indicating a probable adverse ruling by the court on the objection of Abe Ruef to further proceedings against him because of a promise of immunity made to him by the prosecution but afterwards repudiated, Ruef, through his attorneys today made an application to the state supreme court for a writ of mandate and petitioned for a writ of prohibition. The application and petition are identical with the ones which were denied yesterday by the court of appeals. The supreme court is asked to prohibit Dooling from continuing with the trial and to issue a mandate ordering Dooling to transfer the case to another department of the superior court.

A slight passage occurred during the arguments this afternoon between Heney and Ach. Ach at one point took occasion to paint a vivid picture of what an arbitrary and summary proceeding of the courts of justice would be if Heney had the making of the laws and control of the courts.

"Political bosses and millionaires would not be bribing, and lawyers like you would be starving," interjected Heney.

## DR. HILL CONFIRMED.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The Senate today confirmed the nomination of David Jayne Hill to be Ambassador to Germany.