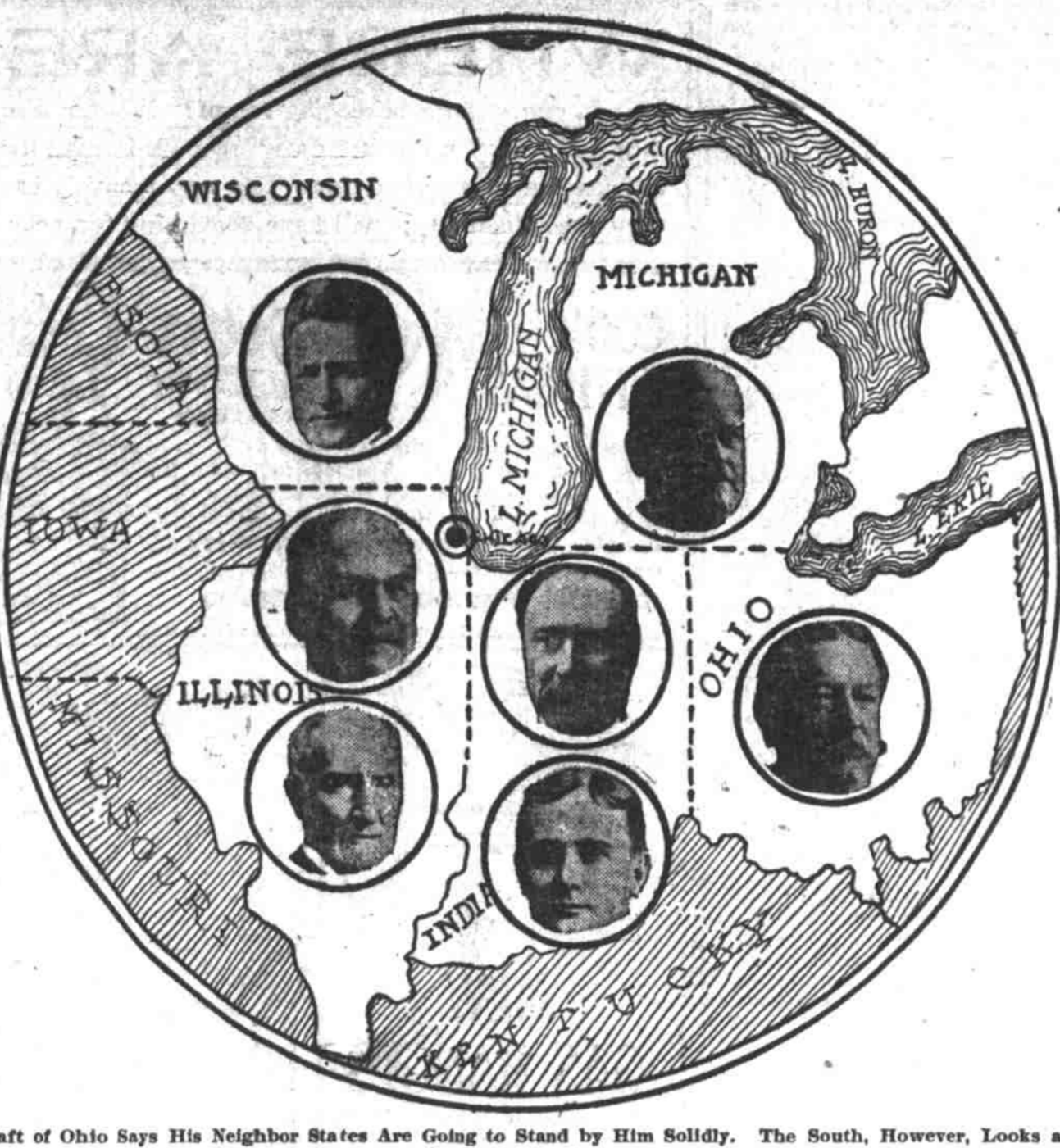


SOME REPUBLICAN POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY



Taft of Ohio Says His Neighbor States Are Going to Stand by Him Solidly. The South, However, Looks a Bit Dark for Him.

STEVEDORES WRECKED BY BLACK HAND

An Imaginary Organization Causes Three Deaths and Number of Injuries on Hamburg-American Liner Arcadia Yesterday.

Stevedores Plunges Hook Into Bale and Explosion Results—Police Believe Machine Was Put Aboard at Hamburg.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.) Philadelphia, June 20.—In a terrific explosion which ripped up the decks of the big Hamburg-American liner Arcadia in the Delaware river today, three colored longshoremen were instantly killed, five received injuries from which they cannot recover and 25 others were hurt.

Tonight it was disclosed that a powerful bomb had been placed in a bale of goods shipped from Hamburg, the infernal machine being fitted with electric wires and so constructed that when a longshoreman struck the bale with his hook the shock would cause the explosion. In the minds of the chief of police, the coroner and all officials who are investigating the tragedy, there is no doubt that the machine was stowed away at Hamburg when the freighter, one of the biggest making this port, left for America. The Hamburg-American line has had serious trouble with the longshoremen at Hamburg. The men struck two weeks ago. A week later the line officials raised salaries and the longshoremen returned to work. But the company laid off 75 inspectors and 200 workmen, saying there was no labor to be done to warrant the retention of the men. On these facts the authorities base their belief that in revenge some workman placed the infernal machine on the ship, having accomplices on board.

The story of the tragedy is a strange one, attended by many unusual features. Captain Scharnack had docked his big freighter and every preparation had been made to unload the general cargo. This morning the longshoremen, ready for a good day's work, went happily down to the wharf and with many a song, started their labors. Lucius Hubbard, Coleman Henderson and William H. Butler all in the prime of sturdy manhood—the strongest and most reliable of the fellows—were assigned to go aft in the hold on the port side and take care of valuable shipments.

Hook Sets Off Bomb. Hour after hour they toiled away at the task, glancing now and then at the clock over the side. Henderson coasted his way, according to survivors, through a mass of debris which was made of straw. A case which contained stuf marked for immediate delivery. He swung his big hook upward and then sunk it into the side of the bale. An instant there was a roar, the ship swung from side to side, the galley smashed in as if by a sledge hammer; the officers' quarters were wrecked and the cargo went flying through the rent and littered deck. On the ground amid smoke and flame lay the bodies of three of the longshoremen. Near them lay other forms. Five of them were mangled, the others just able to moan in their pain. The force of the explosion was terrific. The steel bulkheads that extend transversely across the hold were blown away like paper and the rivets were snapped as if they had been cheap tin. The explosion occurred directly underneath the cook's galley and it was wrecked. The floor heaved up as if there had been an earthquake, and pots, pans and other utensils were hurled in every direction.

Cook Escapes. The cook had just stepped outside a moment before the explosion occurred and thus escaped injury. The third officer of the Arcadia was standing on the deck well forward and 150 feet from the place where the explosion occurred. He was blown 10 feet and rendered unconscious. The men were not well into the cargo. A comparatively small hole had been made in it and they were down in the hold getting out the bales of

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Jury in Trial of Highbinder Assassination Takes But One Ballot—Widow's Dramatic Testimony Had Great Weight.

Verdict Against Murderer of Lee Tai Hoi Will Be Appealed—Case Has Been Hard Fought Between Bitter Tong Factions.

It took the jury in the Chinese Highbinder case just 18 minutes to find Lem Woon guilty of murder in the first degree yesterday afternoon. The jury took two ballots, reported to Judge Bronaugh that they had agreed, and in the presence of Lem Woon and the lawyers and the persistent, never-smiling little Celestial who has been the moving spirit of the prosecution throughout the trial of the case, Ling Foo, the clerk read "guilty as charged in the indictment." And the first Chinese conviction calling for death that has been made in Oregon for a quarter of a century was entered in the records of the circuit court.

Verdict Read to Defendant. The form seemed endlessly long, as it was spoken by the clerk, and translated. "In the circuit court for the county of Multnomah," then a pause while the interpreter rendered the meaningless words into Chinese—"the state of Oregon has done me wrong," and another stop. At last the ordeal was finished, and Lem Woon was led off downstairs to his jail.

Mr. Malarky for the state concluded his closing argument at 5 o'clock. A few minutes was consumed reading over the court's instructions to the jury and at 5:10 they were allowed to retire for discussion. They had a preliminary ballot which was 12 to 0 for conviction in the first degree. They then held an official ballot with the same result. Foreman Wang, who had been in the courtroom and they fled back into the courtroom. Everyone there knew from the short time they were out what the verdict would be.

As soon as the court had thanked the jury for their attention and care in the trial of the case they were allowed to go. The voices of most of them were a bit shaky and evidently felt considerably affected at the knowledge that they had fled back into the courtroom. Everyone there knew from the short time they were out what the verdict would be.

Summary of Case. The case throughout has been a most interesting and unusual one. The murder occurred on March 1 and was the result of the Ninth district of Ohio and Lee Tai Hoi, the victim, was one of the three wealthiest merchants in Portland's Chinatown—his income was the largest and he was the biggest spender. He left his store on First street at about 8:30 in the evening, entered the building at the corner of Third and Fourth and Pine streets, and started to go up stairs. When he reached the third step three men had been concealed behind a door at the end of the first landing stepped out and shot him. Lee fell back down the stairs and lay there a minute while the three Chinese watched him. Then they riddled his body with bullets and ran out of the building.

Assassins Arrested. Three men, Lem Woon, Yee Gong and Bo Ah Hong, were arrested in the headquarters of the Bow On tong at Second and Alder streets a few hours

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BELIEVED WORST OF FLOOD PAST

Mississippi River at Standstill Few Inches Below 35-Foot Mark.

(United Press Leased Wire.) St. Louis, Mo., June 20.—With the Mississippi at a standstill a few inches below the 35 foot stage, the worst of what is easily the second greatest flood recorded is believed to be over.

In 1902 the river rose to a height of 35 feet. This is the next high record from the headwaters of the Missouri to the gulf. The flood has caused enormous damage. Of loss of life there has been little. The population of the lower river has been reduced to a few scattered villages. The warnings given of the coming inundation to the farmers and persons living in the danger regions to escape have been heeded.

Those who lost their lives were persons who were swept to death when they dared the terrible tide and were carried away, or fell into the raging waters. Nothing like an accurate estimate of the loss can be given. In Missouri alone 10,000 acres of rich farm land have been flooded. The crops are a total loss. In Alton \$400,000 damage to property was caused. All along the river there has been similar damage. The estimates run into the millions. Lower down the river the cotton lands of Louisiana and Mississippi have been flooded. Levees were washed away and the fields flooded.

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CROOK COUNTY SNAPS FINGERS AT HARRIMAN

Tired of Senseless Delay Enterprising Citizens Will Build Own Railroad.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.) Over in Crook county the inhabitants have reached the stage of desperation where people get out with picks, shovels and scrapers and build their own railroad in order to get crops to the markets. This is the course that has been adopted by the business men and farmers of Bend, Prineville, Madras and other points.

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Fortland Capital to Help. The city of Portland has an opportunity here to do something real for central Oregon. It seems to us that the capitalists of Portland should be willing to do as much for their own state as they would do for the nation. On a certain occasion when a dinner brought the railroad people and the capitalists of Portland together the latter offered to take the necessary bonds to finance an extension of the Columbia

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LAWSON'S LEMON MORE THAN SOUR

Spectacular Enigma of Wall Street Turns Puzzling Talkfest Loose.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.) Boston, Mass., June 20.—Chagrined at the failure of the Republican convention to follow his full page advertisement and nominate Roosevelt, Thomas W. Lawson today guaranteed to raise \$1,000,000 to finance the Democratic campaign.

But with this trifling condition: Johnson must get the nomination and Bryan must consent to take second place. This offer was made in a letter to Mr. Bryan today in which Mr. Lawson says: "The sum total of Roosevelt's work was but to put the people in better condition for the same old seats at the galley oars."

Sherman Coming Up Stream. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Astoria, Or., June 20.—The work of funsting the United States transport, Sherman is progressing finely and will be completed tonight, so that she can leave up for Vancouver tomorrow morning with her crew and the few passengers still on board, with the exception of the man who is sick with smallpox and 15 others, on whom the vaccination has not worked properly and who are unable to show recent vaccination marks. Pilot Swanson left this afternoon for the quarantine station to shift the steamer into the stream.

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REPUBLICAN WARHORSES ARE ON RUN

Bryan Declares G. O. P. Leaders Are in Full Retreat as Result of Nomination of Secretary Taft at Chicago.

Commoner Declares Delegates Fell Over Each Other to Escape Passing the Reforms Proposed by Senator La Follette.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Lincoln, Neb., June 20.—In an editorial review of the Chicago convention, William F. Bryan will proclaim in The Commoner, that Roosevelt has executed a retrograde movement on reform. Under the caption: "In Full Retreat," he will say: "The Republicans who attended the national convention as spectators and joined in the demonstration in favor of President Roosevelt and Senator La Follette must have felt indignant as they watched the panic-stricken delegates running over each other in an effort to get away from the La Follette reforms, some of which had been indorsed by the present himself."

Congressman Cooper of Wisconsin, representing the La Follette men, brought in a minority report signed by himself and others. Fifty-two members of the committee signed the majority report and one signed the minority report. W. Lawson today guaranteed to raise \$1,000,000 to finance the Democratic campaign. But with this trifling condition: Johnson must get the nomination and Bryan must consent to take second place.

Defeated Publicity Plank. How unfortunate it was that Secretary Taft's letter was finally discovered and published, Senator Burrows, the man to whom the Taft letter was addressed, writes in a letter to Mr. Bryan of the convention and the convention over which he presided turned down the publicity plank by a vote of nine to one.

Who will deny that on this subject the Republican party is retreating? In another plank of the La Follette platform authorized the ascertaining of the value of the results. This plank was lost by a vote of 517 to 66. The Republican party is retreating. Here is a retreat from the position taken by Secretary Taft in his speeches, although neither of them were adopted as they ought to have gone in their effort to prevent what is known as government by injunction. Here is the text: "The president has advocated the income tax as a means of preventing swollen fortunes and of equalizing the burden of taxation. The Republican platform is silent on the subject. Was the president right in the position he took? Did he do wrong in advocating it? Was he wrong in not indorsing him? Will the Republican voters follow the president in this just demand or will they follow the Republican organization in retreating from it? The president advocated an inheritance tax, but the Republican convention is silent on that subject. Was the president right? Did the president give a false alarm on these questions or has the party sounded a retreat?"

Great Lawbreakers. "In the president's message to congress last spring he presented an indictment against the conspiracy formed among the great law breakers to prevent the enforcement of the law and to evade the punishments provided by law. The platform adopted by the Republican convention contains no intimation of danger. "If there are conspiracies the convention did not see them. If there are any combinations, it had not heard of them; if there are any dangers ahead, it was unconscious of them. Was the president mistaken when he issued his defiance, or are the Republican managers deceived when they think that an accusation of public will calm the contentments of the encroachments of predatory wealth. This is retreat.

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THE PRESIDENT'S TRAIN NEAR DESTRUCTION

Roosevelt Family Has Very Narrow Escape While on Way to Summer Home at Oyster Bay—Handcar the Cause of Fright.

Loeb Says Executive Will Drop From Sight Immediately After Successor Has Taken Oath of Office—Will Go to Africa.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.) Oyster Bay, N. Y., June 20.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt and all the passengers on the special train bringing the president from Long Island city to his summer home were given a great shaking up just before the special reached Glen Head station. Without warning the brakes were suddenly thrown on with full power and everyone was pitched forward in confusion. The locomotive whistle began screaming, brakemen with red flags ran through the train to give warning in front of the engine. The train and confusion reigned everywhere. The conductor, after a brief delay, assured the president that he did not believe there was any real danger but said that a block signal had suddenly set against the train just as it was entering the track. Two minutes later a handcar filled with section hands came lumbering around a bend in the road.

The lifting of the handcar upon the track just in time to set the signal before the president's special entered the block was all that prevented what might have been a serious disaster. The president's train was late and running at high speed and could not have stopped in time to miss the car had the signal not given warning at the last second.

Beyond this scare the trip of President Roosevelt's party from Washington was without incident until his arrival here when it appeared as if every one in the village had decided to welcome him upon his last return home as president. It was the largest turnout in the history of the town. Flags appeared upon all the buildings and carriages and automobiles covered the sidewalks and flowers surrounded the station.

For 15 minutes after his arrival he was kept busy shaking hands and greeting his neighbors. While the president's special train was being held up for an hour and a half in Long Island city awaiting the arrival of the president, the president left from Groton school, Secretary Loeb formally announced that the president had decided on a change in the inaugural ceremonies in Washington next spring.

Loeb, the president has decided to change the old form of ceremony. Heretofore it has been the custom of the retiring president to visit Oyster Bay to prepare for his hunting trip in Africa. He has sworn in to enter a carriage and accompany his successor back to the White House. Roosevelt, however, has decided that as soon as he becomes private citizen the moment his successor takes the oath, that he will not appear in public. He will not appear in public at once and will take a carriage for the railroad station. His first trip will be to Oyster Bay to prepare for his hunting trip in Africa. The two will be upon the hunting trip and will start about April 1.

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WHO WILL BE BRYAN'S MATE

Towne, Kern, Douglas, Mitchell and Pugstey Mentioned.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, June 20.—With the nomination of W. J. Bryan for president at the Denver convention the Democrats are looking about for a candidate for a running mate. Charles A. Towne of New York, John W. Kern of Indianapolis, W. L. Douglas of Massachusetts, John Mitchell of Illinois and Cornelius Pugstey of New York are most prominently mentioned.

LONG, CHIN, GIN AND GO SUED BY PLAIN MR. BUTLER

The peculiar nomenclature of Chinese proper names is singularly illustrated in the four defendants in the case of members of the local Chinese colony who are connected with the Kwong Sue company and against whom suit to collect on several small bills has been begun in the state circuit court by C. W. Butler.

Long Lou leads the list. Following this alliterative suggestion of a bean pole comes Gin Duck. This might be more clear to the mind if it were turned around and made to read Duck Gin. Passing that comes Chin Cheap, who may be presumed to be a hot-air merchant. Lastly is Go Sam, which does not mean anything in particular as it stands, but might do for the name of a race horse.

NO CHAIRMAN FOR COMMITTEE

Taft and Sherman Disappointed at Failure to Select Head for Campaign.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Cincinnati, Ohio, June 20.—Secretary Taft and his running mate on the Republican political ticket, Congressman Sherman, are disappointed over the failure to select a national chairman of the campaign to come at today's conference at the residence of Charles P. Taft.

WOMAN THRUSTS GUN IN FACE OF BURGLAR AND HE GOES AWAY

Coolness of mind and decisive action with a revolver saved Mrs. K. A. Roots, Forty-eighth and Hawthorne streets, from the hands of a burglar yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock. She was alone in the house when she heard knock at the front door. She opened it to find a roughly dressed, burly fellow who asked her if she could change a \$5 bill.

Mrs. Roots replied in the negative. The fellow hesitated for a moment, then walked around the house to the back of the premises he returned and knocked at the kitchen door. Mrs. Roots answered and followed him to the front door. When the fellow knocked at the door, Mrs. Roots received him at the muzzle of the revolver. In unmistakable language she told him to get out of the house. He would be rather lost as to how to make a running exit from the house. The police were immediately notified, and as they have a good description of the burglar it is probable the man's capture will result if he continues around the city.

OPIMUM THREATENS NATIVES OF CEYLON

(United Press Leased Wire.) London, June 20.—The increasing use of opium threatens Ceylon. The colonial office is trying to arrive at some plan whereby the consumption of the drug may be limited.

About 20,000 pounds of opium are annually imported, besides thousands of pounds smuggled in. The opium is appointed by Lord Elgin to study the problem. He intends the closing of all opium shops. The opium habit is so firmly fastened on the natives that it will take years to overcome it.