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## CAN'T SPEAK FOR HIM

Ex-President Harrison Can Speak for Himself.

ESTEE WILL STILL CONTEST

The Japs are Everywhere Victorious—The Alleged Battle in Guatemala Was Never Fought.

Harrison Not a Candidate.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 15.—"Will General Harrison be a candidate for the presidential nomination in 1896?" was asked yesterday of Colonel D. S. Alexander, ex-United States district attorney for northern New York, who, on his way back from a pleasure trip West, spent two days this week with the ex-president at Indianapolis.

"Under no circumstances," was the prompt reply.

"Did he speak of the matter?"

"Very freely, giving his reasons at length, why he would not and could not be a candidate."

Was the talk confidential?"

"Not in the slightest. He said that whatever honor came from simply holding the exalted office was already in his possession. He had sought to perform his duties faithfully and without fear, and he was content to let others assume such responsibilities in future. The very thought, General Harrison said, of again having to change the officials of the country ought of itself to be sufficient to deter any man who had once been through such a trying ordeal from wanting to undertake it."

Did General Harrison speak of the candidates who were likely to come before the convention of 1896?"

"Yes. He spoke of Mr. Reed, Governor McKinley and Senator Allison. I do not recall that he mentioned any others. Of course he indicated no preference, but spoke of them as gentlemen of ability and well qualified by long public experience. He discussed the outlook for 1895 very freely and somewhat at length. He believes that the republican party will be a winner, and that it will be called upon to face and to settle the currency question, which he regards as one of the greatest of the difficulties, as well as of the greatest importance. He thinks the treasury department will get very tired of maintaining a gold standard by paying interest on bonds issued for the purchase of gold."

Mr. Alexander said he found General Harrison is excellent health and spirits.

Not Authorized to Speak.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 15.—It was authoritatively announced here today that Mr. Harrison has authorized no one to speak for him and that no one is at liberty to speak for him on the subject upon which D. M. Alexander has spoken in Buffalo.

Seely's Story Told.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Samuel Seely, the defaulting bookkeeper, will be arraigned for trial Monday. His attorney, Mr. Angel, intimated today that the defaulter would throw himself on the mercy of the court. The attorney says Seely received not more than \$10,000 of the money stolen from the bank, which was given to him in sums ranging from \$25 to \$200, for which Frederick Baker took his notes. Mr. Angel added:

"I have in my possession about half a dozen of these notes, their aggregate amount being \$300. Seely told me today that he thought Baker would make good the stealings, as Merritt, Baker's clerk, had told him that Baker was worth over \$500,000, nearly all of which was in real estate. When Seely asked Baker would put him off saying that his property was in such a condition that it could not be sold except at a great sacrifice. After a time, Seely says, he saw the situation becoming more hopeless with each passing day, but this seems to have made no difference to Baker, who continued drawing money from the bank until Seely warned him to desist."

The story of Seely's flight from this city, his aimless wanderings before reaching Chicago, and his meeting with McFarland, who delivered him over to the police, was one in which terror and ingratitude are most strongly blended. Lawyer Angel relates that Seely left the bank for the last time, after so fixing his books that, by comparison with those of the paying teller, the exact amount of the defalcation could have been discovered within half an hour. Seely then took the midnight train over the Pennsylvania road for Washington, where he remained a few hours, going thence to Harrisburg, Pa., which place he reached in the afternoon. He then bought a ticket for Chicago, where he arrived the next day (Sunday) at 10 o'clock in the morning. At no time during the remainder of his stay in Chicago, says Angel, did he ever make any attempt to disguise himself. He was all the while in a condition bordering on mental collapse. Seely said:

"I did not run away, because I was utterly crushed in health and spirits, each night being a sleepless one. I felt somewhat relieved in mind when apprehended, although at first I made a denial of my identity."

Contest in California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—The republican state central committee was in session here this afternoon. The session

was executive, but reporters were admitted to hear the speech by M. M. Estee to the committee. Estee said the only thing for the republicans to do was to fight for honest elections. He said they must act now, and that though a recount in San Francisco might unearth only a small amount of the frauds committed it would at least show whether there had been an open violation of the elective franchise in counting the ballots. The speaker then referred to certain precincts in San Francisco, in which irregularities are admitted and frauds are apparent. The burden of his speech was that these alleged frauds had been committed under the administration of the democratic board of election commissioners, all of whom were candidates for re-election, and that the presumption was that such frauds had been committed in the interests of the democratic candidates. After a severe arraignment of what he called the democratic machine in San Francisco, he demanded a recount, declaring it was a case of the honest voters of the country against the corruption of the city. He referred briefly to the case of Representative Hilborn, in whose case he said the democrats did not hesitate to go behind the returns when they had the opportunity to oust him and seat a democrat in conclusion, after again demanding a recount. Estee said he would rather be beaten by fraud than elected by fraud. After considerable discussion following Estee's speech the committee appointed a sub-committee of seven members, with instructions to make all arrangements to go before the state legislature and demand a recount of the entire vote for state officers, particularly the vote of San Francisco. This action means a bitter fight in the coming legislature.

Newfoundland Banks.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Dec. 15.—The legislature opened today. The governor, in his speech, said that he was glad to say that the savings banks of the colony had not been affected by the suspension of the other banks, and that there would not be the slightest loss to savings-bank depositors. He attributed the disaster not to politics, or to the results thereof, but to the eagerness of the mercantile community to accumulate wealth and trading on credit. He informed the legislature that the new government had provided for the payment of the interest on the public debt, due in London January 1st, and that the government proposed the appointment of a select joint committee to examine the conditions of the banks with a view of ascertaining the practicability of establishing a medium of circulation. He urged union and promptitude in legislation on the part of all parties.

The Official Figures at Last.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—The official canvass of the vote of the state shows that the election of James A. Budd as governor by a plurality of 1206. There were 284,547 ballots cast, divided as follows: Budd, dem., 111,944; Estee, rep., 110,738; Webster, people's party, 51,304; French, prohibition, 10,561. For lieutenant-governor, Miller, rep., was elected. He received 120,309 votes to 98,630 cast for Jeter, dem.

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