

CHICAGO GETS THE PRIZE National Convention Meets There Porto Rico Factions Heard From

Special to the Mail.

Washington, Dec. 12—When the Republican national committee got together this morning Chairman Hanna announced the presence of two distinguished gentlemen from Porto Rico. Secretary Heath read communications from Mayor Todd, of San Juan, representing the Republican party on the island, and from Santiago Palma, one of the American Federal party both of which claim to be only Republican articles on the island.

Todd presented the claims of his party. Further consideration of the matter will be delayed until the executive session.

Hanna called for formal applications from cities desiring to entertain the National convention.

San Francisco, represented Chicago and expiated on the western metropolis' advantages, and promised to do all things pertaining to the convention that the committee might ask.

Committeeman Kerens responded for St. Louis introducing Ex-Mayor Walbridge, who said that there were five states cast more Republican votes than Missouri. Nathan Frank spoke in behalf of St. Louis, followed by Walter B. Stephens, Secretary of Louisiana Exposition who dilated on the hotel accommodations.

Senator Penrose introduced Representative Daisell of Pennsylvania, who presented the claims of Pittsburg.

Chicago gets the convention by vote of Chicago 43, St. Louis 1, Pittsburg 7.

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Miss Stella Johnson, of 28 Brady St., Dayton, Ohio, writes: "I was troubled with severe pains every month when I wrote to you for advice. After following your directions, I am happy to say that after five years of untold suffering I have not had any pains since first using your 'Favorite Prescription.' I thank God and Dr. E. V. Pierce for the health I now enjoy. I shall urge other women who suffer as I did to use your medicine."
Take Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets instead of any other laxative.

PULLING FOR THE BIG CONVENTION Both East and West Want it New York and 'Frisco Both After it

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

Washington, D. C. 11—The citizens' committee in Washington from various cities to boom their towns as proposed meeting places of the Republican National Convention in 1904 are increasing rapidly. Pursuant to the call of Chairman Hanna the Republican Committee went into session at the Arlington Hotel today. Today's session is solely for the purpose of appointing sub-committees, and the claims of cities aspiring to entertain the national convention will not be heard until tomorrow.

An exceedingly active competition to secure the national convention is in progress among the delegations representing several cities, and tonight, when all the National Committeemen and all the city delegations will be here, hard work will be done. The delegation representing the Hamilton Club of Chicago, which was the earliest to put in an appearance and secure headquarters at a leading hotel, was strengthened by the arrival of several more Chicagoans today.

Chicago is prepared to put up the \$50,000 guarantee and also to offer an additional \$30,000 to equip the Coliseum as a place for holding the convention. It appears at present that a majority of the National Committeemen favor Chicago as the meeting place, but the contest has not reached a point where any one city can claim a definite assurance of having won the fight. In addition to Chicago, the cities of New York, Pittsburg, Buffalo, Cleveland, Omaha, Detroit, Milwaukee, Indianapolis and San Francisco have made preliminary bids for the convention. The majority of these, however, have dropped out of the fight and only a few will present their claims to the committee tomorrow.

The meeting of the committeemen has given rise to many reports and much speculation as to what will be done by the committee regarding the Presidential campaign of next year. From statements recently published there seems to be an impression that the National Committee now in existence will have charge of the next Presidential campaign in some unexplained way, and that the conduct of the campaign is to be discussed at the present meeting. As a matter of fact the present National Committee practically ceased to have any authority after the close of the national campaign of 1900.

Its duties and its functions ceased with the close of the campaign, with the single exception of coming together at the present time to fix the date and place for holding the National Convention of 1904. That duty having been performed the committee will have no reason for again meeting. The only thing remaining for the present committee after this meeting will be for its chairman to call the National Con-

vention to order and preside until a temporary chairman is chosen, which is usually done with an hour after the body convenes.

A Long Felt Want

There has been leared, and is being put in shape and condition, the store in the building on the S. W. corner of Third and Front street for the purpose of establishing a "Working Man's Resort." The object of the persons taking this matter in hand, is the providing of a pleasant place for the man without a home, to spend his evenings. It has frequently been remarked that there is no place in this city where a man can drop in and spend a few hours pleasantly without conforming to conditions that do not suit them. There are dozens of men who walk the streets in the evenings aimlessly, simply because they have no where to go. They are men from the logging camp and coal mine from the mills, fishermen from the bay also men who work on our docks, and others that labor at different kind of toil, drawn to the Bay by the advertisement which it has been given. There is another class, many a man young, middle aged and old, may be seen at the corner of our streets, just killing the evening. The desire of the promoters of this Resort is to place at the disposal of all such, a well warmed and lighted room where they can smoke, and read, play cards and other games and enjoy all the ease and freedom of a home. Politics and religion will not enter into this Resort. But it is for that nameless number who when the evening comes wonder where to go. As soon as the Resort is ready for occupation notice will be given in all the papers. Periodicals, cards, games and anything that will assist the parties in furnishing the Resort will be received at this office. G

ISTHMIAN TROUBLE BREWING Uncle Sam Preparing For Action

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

Washington, Dec. 11—A dispatch from Admiral Glass, commanding in Isthmian waters, says their is a defined rumor on isthmus that a small boat of Columbian troops has been landed at the mouth of the Arato river.

Howard Ames, who last year made a long report on health conditions of Columbia and made a trip up the Arato river where the rumored Columbian landed, was at the Bureau of Navigation this morning and was closeted with Admiral Taylor for a long time. There is no doubt the army and navy are aroused into unusual activity, presumable upon the express orders of President Roosevelt that extreme measures be immediately adopted to forestall movements of Columbia.

Rear Admiral Fande of the flagship Texas of the Torpedo fleet has been ordered to sail to Key West on the 17th. This forms an ideal fleet for Isthmian waters where in the event of trouble boats of great speed and shallow draft will be required. There are six vessels in the fleet.

ENGLAND BUYING CRUISERS

Special to the Mail.

London, Dec. 14—It is reported that the British admiralty made an offer to the Argentine Republic to buy the two cruisers Rivadavia and Esmeralda, now being built for that government,

EASTERN CLOUDS DARKEN Warlike Possibilities Increase Russia the Object of Distrust

Special to the Mail.

London, Dec. 12—The far Eastern situation is said to have become pregnant with warlike possibilities. The Japanese legation here has been informed that Russia's reply to the Japanese irreducible minimum communication notice has not been sent, and the delay is taken as an ominous sign.

A number of young British officers have been sent to Japan to learn the language and familiarize themselves with Japanese military methods with a view to facilitating Anglo-Japanese joint operations, should such action be required.

All London dailies of importance in closest touch with the foreign offices have sent their best war correspondents to all parts of Japan in response to private tips from headquarters.

No credence is given to peaceful reports from St. Petersburg, which Russians are circulating for the purpose of deceiving Western powers.

CELEBRATES ITS CENTENNIAL

Special to the Mail.

Kineman, O., Dec. 13—Proud of its record as one of the oldest congregations in the Western Reserve the Presbyterian church of this place today began an interesting celebration of its 100th anniversary. A number of former pastors and other visitors are among the celebration.

ARCHBISHOP HARTY SAILS

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

San Francisco, Cal. Dec. 12—The Right Rev. J. J. Harty, the new Archbishop of Manila, sailed for the Philippines today on the steamship China. He expects to arrive at Manila and begin his new duties about the middle of January.

STEEL TRUST ECONOMIES

Special to the Mail.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 12—Today's conference between the officials of the United States Steel Corporation and the heads of the constituent companies are for the purpose of settling the details of the wage reduction which has been decided is necessary in view of the condition of the steel market. From a

reliable source it is learned that the reduction will affect all departments and include managers and all office help as well as the thousands of men employed in the mills. In those mills employing union men there is an agreement between the company and the Amalgamated Association prohibiting a change in wages until the agreement expires. It is expected, however, that the Amalgamated Association will make wage concessions satisfactory to the company. Should the association decline to make such concessions it is expected that the corporation will meet the difficulty by closing down the union plants and running the non-union mills which, at reduced wages, would be less expensive to operate.

ATTORNEY BLOWS OUT THE GAS

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

San Francisco, Dec. 11—Wm. Caldwell an attorney and ex-chief of police of Seattle was found dead in his room this morning, of accidental asphyxiation.

MORE TIME FOR KNAPP

Special to the Mail.

Hamilton O., Dec. 12—Thanks to the action of the circuit court in granting an appeal to the supreme court, Alfred A. Knapp, the self-confessed murderer of two of his wives and three other victims, does not go to his death in the electric chair today, which is the date originally set for his execution. Almost at the last moment his lawyer, John M. Thomas, Jr. succeeded in securing the appeal with the result that the alleged strangler is now assured of a further lease of life, as it may be another year before final decision is reached.

FRISCO DOCTOR SUICIDES

Special to the Mail.

San Francisco, Dec. 14—Dr. John M. Hamilton, aged 68, suicided by taking cyanide of potassium at his office in the Parrott building at noon today. His body was found by his partner. He was a prominent physician.

RUSSIA MAINTAINS DEMAND For Free Hand in Northern Corea

Special to the Mail.

Paris Dec., 15—It is reported that Russia in reply to the Japan note maintaining her demand for free circulation of troops in northern Corea, giving Japan in return a free hand in southern Corea. The Manchurian question is still pending.

SANTA FE ANNUAL MEETING Confirms Purchase of Coast Road Orders Construction Rushed

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

Topeka, Dec. 11—At the annual meeting today of Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe stockholders, the purchase of the North Shore and California railroad was confirmed and further construction ordered hurried.

CONGRESS ADJOURNS SATURDAY To Enjoy Christmas Recess

Special to the Mail.

Washington, Dec. 14—The House today adopted a resolution providing for a Christmas recess from Saturday the 19th to January 4th.

The House then resumed consideration of the pension bill.

The Senate passed a resolution naming Hale chaplain.

Morgan presented a resolution bearing on the Isthmian canal situation, which went to the table.

Coming on Arcata

Special to the Mail.

San Francisco, Dec. 14—The Arcata sailed Sunday for Coos Bay, with the following passengers:—C O [B]atcom, R Marsden, F Ferrari, wife and children, J Ferrari, G Black, C A Patterson, Mrs A S Davis, and twelve steerage.

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