

Late General News

Santa Cruz, May 14—When the state convention was called to order today, evidence of a bitter fight between the conservatives and the Hearst followers over control of the organization immediately cropped out. Stories of a good natured struggle for control were put into circulation but failed to bear fruit, and when the delegates began to gather, all indication pointed to one of the most sensational struggles in the history of the party in this state.

Early this morning the caucus failed to show any sign of compromise, although the conservatives were willing to make any reasonable concession for the sake of peace. The Hearst people, however, decided to stand by their guns and make a test of relative strength on the floor of the convention.

A test vote was not taken until after 2 o'clock and the delegates were compelled to do a great deal of guessing as to which side carried strength and accordingly what the program would be.

M. F. Tarpey, manager of the Hearst campaign, refused to accept the overtures of peace made by the conservatives. He declared that he would bring the matter to a test by a vote on the chairmanship. Franklin K. Lane, Hon. Thos. J. Geary and the balance of the conservatives who were working with McNabb on the chairmanship matter, offered to take Frank Gould as chairman and give Hearst an equal representation on all committees, with the understanding that if Hearst failed to secure the delegation, the delegates would cast their first vote complimentary to Congressman Tarpey, but the Hearst people would not hear of it and that closed the negotiations between the factions.

It was discovered by Tarpey at noon that he had met with very embarrassing circumstances in connection with a lame delegation, as he had always claimed the entire delegation of forty.

At last the conservatives got to work and by shrewd maneuvering succeeded in causing a split in the delegation, so that twenty-five and probably one or two more will stand with the Lane-McNabb faction on organization. Owing to a contest in the south for a place as delegates, the Hearst machine lost twelve votes of San Diego which there had been a general counting upon.

At 11 Chairman Murphy of the State Central Committee, called the convention to order, although the attendance was by no means full, very few of the 188 San Franciscans having arrived. In order to give the latter a chance to vote on organization it was decided to take no action before 2, and the convention adjourned.

The Hearst program now is, "Jeter for chairman, instructions for Hearst, and unit rule." The McNabb program is, "no instructions," while the most of the conservative leaders would add no instructions for Hearst, unit rules and Dockweiler and Geary as delegates at large.

The indications at the time for calling the convention to order are that the battle will be a sharp one, and that Gould will win by about sixty votes.

Just before the convention met at 2 o'clock, it was announced that the Hearst people probably would withdraw Jeter from the chairmanship race, but it was still undecided at 1:45 o'clock.

Gould seems to be certain of the chairmanship.

At 2 o'clock the Hearst people announced they had decided to make the fight for Jeter against Gould.

Santa Cruz, Cal., May 17—When the Democratic convention reassembled this morning Hearst's forces were as full of fight as ever, and determined, despite the rejection by the sub-committee on resolutions, that the resolution instructing the delegation for Hearst should be brought up and so force the issue on the floor.

It was 2 o'clock this morning before the sub-committee, after being in session two hours, took a vote on the resolutions. The battle was fiercely waged, but the conservatives finally won out by a vote of three to two.

Tarpey, the Hearst leader was undismayed by this second defeat of Hearst and announced his intention of presenting the resolutions on the floor.

The Hearst people place much hope in the delegates who failed to be present Monday, but the conservatives are confident of holding their strength and putting through their program.

Columbus, Ohio, May 17—With a pretty four year old blonde girl bound to her body with bands of linen, a handsome brunette woman of twenty five years, as yet unidentified, leaped from the Rich st. bridge this morning into the river. Both were drowned after a desperate fight with two men who sprang in and attempted to rescue them.

Columbus, May 17—The woman has been identified as Mrs. M. Copeland. Husband and wife quarrelled last night and Copeland is missing.

Denver, May 17—Contrary to expectation, little violence occurred up to noon at the charter election.

In the lower ward everything is quiet but several small riots have taken place in the residence wards where Republican judges were thrown out of polling places.

Betting is two to one that the Democratic ticket, headed by Robert W. Speer, will be elected if the weather is fine, thus giving a heavy vote.

Berlin, May 17—It is learned that Kaiser Wilhelm was so incensed over the ministerial blunders in German South West African affairs that he appointed General Trotha direct, without consulting the ministers.

Leaving for a tour of the south and west of Germany, the Kaiser remarked to Chancellor Buelow, "I wonder what stupidities those blockheads will perpetrate while I am away this time."

Madrid, May 17—It is reported that Admiral Cervera, commander of the Spanish squadron in the Spanish American war, is seriously ill at Port Santa Maria and Alusia. His physicians expressed little hope of recovery.

Rome, May 17—General Garibaldi, in a published interview, attributes the disaster which thus far has overtaken the Russians to a lack of good generals, but believes that Russia will come out victorious in the end because of inexhaustible resources.

Springfield, May 17—Tense, was the feeling when the Republican state convention began the fifth day's session in the attempt to nominate a candidate for governor. Yates passed the word among his followers that he expected a small break in two counties but not to be alarmed.

It came on the first ballot but produced no material excitement at the time. Later when the clerks began to figure, the Lowden men began their first demonstration which some time, and the Yates cohorts followed, with the result that pandemonium was let loose. All noise records were fractured when the vote announced: Yates 187, Lowden 452, Denen 384.

Yates smiled confidently, apparently satisfied that his loss would be regained on the next ballot, although he had lost the lead for the first time.

London, May 17—Henry M. Stanley's funeral was held today in Westminster Abbey in the presence of a crowd of notables including King Edward, King Leopold of Belgium, Ambassador Choate and Consul General Evans.

The procession entered the Abbey at noon, marched down the aisle to a dirge played by trumpets and trombones. The purple covered coffin was placed in the catalogue surrounded by hundreds of floral wreaths. After the burial service the body was taken to the London necropolis.

Bedford, Ind., May 16—James McDonald was placed on trial this morning for the alleged murder of Miss Sarah Schaefer, a teacher in the High School, in January. Two days will be occupied in securing a jury.

The murder was one of the most mysterious. The woman's body was found in a carriage shed in the residence section; with the head crushed with a stone. Whatever evidence may be adduced against McDonald will be purely circumstantial.

Rhode Island Launched

Quincy, Mass., May 17—The Battleship Rhode Island was successfully launched today.

The battleship stuck in the mud bank owing to an anchor failing to hold, but will be released next tide.

Naptha Train Wrecked

St. Petersburg, May 17—A naptha train was derailed at Alabashli near Baku today and caught fire.

The whole train including the attendants was enveloped.

Constantinople, May 18—The Vali of Bitlis reports seventeen villages destroyed by Armenian insurgents in the Sassoun district. Six hundred families have taken refuge in mush.

Sacramento, May 18—The Republican state convention was called to order this afternoon with about 700 delegates present. The utmost enthusiasm and harmony prevailed, though the selection of delegates at large is expected to develop a sharp contest.

Roosevelt's administration will be indorsed and the delegation will be instructed to cast their vote for him at Chicago.

London, May 18—The Central News learns that in consequence of important news from Tibet the cabinet has been hastily summoned to meet tomorrow. In the highest political circles, the belief prevails that the government will be compelled to undertake an extensive Tibetan campaign.

Vienna, May 18—Minister of war Pitrich in defending the extraordinary credits asked for by the government before the delegation from Buda Pest, expressed the conviction that the monarchy would only fight if the war were forced on it, but said an inflammable public opinion had to be reckoned with.

Vancouver, B. C., May 18—A marine disaster is feared on Queen Charlotte sound. The steamer Princess May, from Skagway, reports that on passing Queen Charlotte sound in a gale, signals of distress were seen on Egg island, but the weather was too bad to venture assistance.

Vancouver, B. C., May 18—All boards of trade in the province have united in sending a strong delegation to Ottawa to urge the government to place a duty on rough American lumber now coming into Manitoba from the United States free at the rate over 10 million a month. One thousand prominent men all over Canada have been written to and asked for assistance in inducing the government to exact an American lumber duty.

Another Port Opened

Washington, May 16—Minister Conger, at Pekin cables the State Department that the port of Tsinafu in Shantung province has been opened to foreign trade by imperial decree.

British Torpedo Boat Damaged

Hong Kong, May 18—The British torpedo boat Hart was badly damaged

by collision with a launch here today, one Chinaman was drowned.

Liner Disabled

Queenstown, May 18—The Red Star liner Frisland with a broken shaft is helpless off Minehea. Tugs have gone to her assistance and expect to bring the boat to Liverpool tonight.

Hackmen Strike

Cleveland, May 18—Four hundred hackmen struck this morning on failure to reach a wage agreement with their employers. They declare that none will drive carriages to funerals.

Proceeds of Red Cross Fair

Washington, May 18—Countess Casani announces the proceeds of the recent Red Cross fair as seventeen thousand dollars.

Deadlock Still Unbroken

Springfield, May 18—The opening ballot on the sixth day's session of the Republican state convention, found no marked change in the result, and the deadlock is apparently as strong as before the convention met.

News of the War

Evacuation Complete

London, May 17—Reuter's New Chwang correspondent wires under Monday's date that the Russian evacuation of New Chwang has been completed.

Russian Line of Retreat

New Chwang, May 17—The evacuation was made in perfect order, General Kondratzitch leaving with the last regiment.

The Japanese advance is to be resisted at Haicheng and Lia Yang, where seventy thousand men are encamped. Thieling, two hundred miles north of New Chwang, will be the next point of retirement if the Russians are defeated at Lia Yang, while the Cossacks will harass the Japanese communications.

The Japanese are now within fifteen miles of Haicheng. New Chwang is now guarded by three hundred Chinese police and everything is quiet.

The Japanese force at Kaichow is reported to be twenty thousand.

Changes in War Office

St. Petersburg, May 17—The newspaper Sviet understands that the war office will shortly be reformed, the changes including making an independent authority of the general staff.

Medical authorities deny the alarmist stories of small pox among the Manchurian troops, and there have been only thirty two cases since the opening of the war.

Japs Appear off New Chwang

New Chwang, May 17—Japanese warships and transports appeared off Kai Chow, twenty miles southeast today. They shelled the place while a torpedo landed. Their strength is not known. The Japanese are expected here tomorrow.

Nearing Mukden

Mukden, May 17—Couriers bring word that the Russian's fighting line is steadily nearing Mukden where Alexieff is still maintaining headquarters. The

commanding officers will not comment on the reports. Newspaper correspondents are forbidden egress from the city towards the points of operations.

The Japanese are known to be almost within striking distance and are advancing in three columns thirty miles to the north and east. Numerous small engagements are being fought without decisive results.

From Port Arthur

St. Petersburg, May 18—The Admiralty has a dispatch from Admiral Wittsoel, dated the 14th at Port Arthur, stating there has been no fighting since the telegraph was cut. The Russian squadron is in good order. Communication is now maintained by Chinese runners.

Kuropatkin Cut Off

London, May 18—The Central News' Rome correspondent wires that a telegram has been received there from Tokio reporting that two Japanese divisions have arrived close to Mukden and cut off Kuropatkin's line of retreat.

Russian Incredible

St. Petersburg, May 18—The report that the Japanese have taken up a position north of the Russians, is discredited here.

An officer of the general staff points out that the only route by which the Japanese could have marched thither is most mountainous and would have given the Russians an opportunity of overwhelming the enemy.

It is stated that the general military position of the Japanese division, marching slowly toward Lia Yang, is known. One is along the Fen Huang Cheng road; the others are some distance to the right and left. A battle is not expected for some days owing to the extreme care and slowness of the Japanese advance.

For Balloon Detachment

St. Petersburg, May 18—An Imperial ordinance orders the formation of a Siberian balloon detachment.

Czar Makes A Speech

St. Petersburg, May 18—The Czar reviewed artillery detachments at Bogoroid today and expressed in a speech his confidence that they would uphold the honor and renown of Russia in the fight with a bold and powerful enemy.

Buys Another Transport

Madrid, May 18—Russia has purchased the transport Alfonso Thirteenth from the Transatlantic company.

Submarine Destroyed The Pobieda

St. Petersburg, May 18—A letter received by a friend from General Stoessel, commanding at Port Arthur, states that the battleship Pobieda was damaged by a torpedo sent from a submarine boat. Russian reported that the ship struck a Russian mine.

Japanese Report

Washington, May 18—The Japanese legation gives out the following Tokio despatch.

"The commander landing forces of the Japanese army on the Lia Tong peninsula reports that between the fifteenth and sixteenth there have been daily skirmishes with the enemy. Japanese detachments successfully drove back the Russians and destroyed the telegraph and railway.

At Tulantien and vicinity on the sixteenth, after severe fighting, the Japanese occupied the heights about three and a half miles from Kinchow. Japanese casualties were 146, including nine officers wounded.

Kaiching Occupied

Tokio, May 18—It is reported that the Japanese have occupied Kaiching, twenty miles southeast of New Chwang and inland from Kai Chow, after heavy losses. The force occupying the town is all probability that landed at Kaichow Monday and Tuesday.

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