

FIFTY-FIRST YEAR.
GREAT ENTHUSIASM
OF REPUBLICANS

National Convention at Philadelphia—Says
Republican Victory in November—Events
at the Quaker City Assemblage.

Philadelphia, Pa., June 19.—At 12:30 p.m. today the Republican national convention of 1900 was called to order by Senator Hanna and thus the rack of excitement of conference and caucus of crashing bands and confusion of hotel corridors gives way to the quietness and form of actual convention proceedings.

The day opened auspiciously for the event. The sky was slightly overcast but there was none of the sweltering of many former national gatherings. The air was cool, the temperature below 70, and the indications were for good weather throughout the meeting. At 10 o'clock the delegates and the army of delegates, bands, final caucuses and caucuses, the army of delegates and the conspicuous figures of the convention were slow to make their appearance.

CITY WAKES UP.
The old Quaker city was early astir with preparation, and by 8 o'clock the streets took on an air of animation and anticipation. The parade route, which was to be the main thoroughfare of the convention, was being cleared of obstacles. The arrangements for the great multitude of delegates and the army of delegates, the army of delegates and the conspicuous figures of the convention were slow to make their appearance.

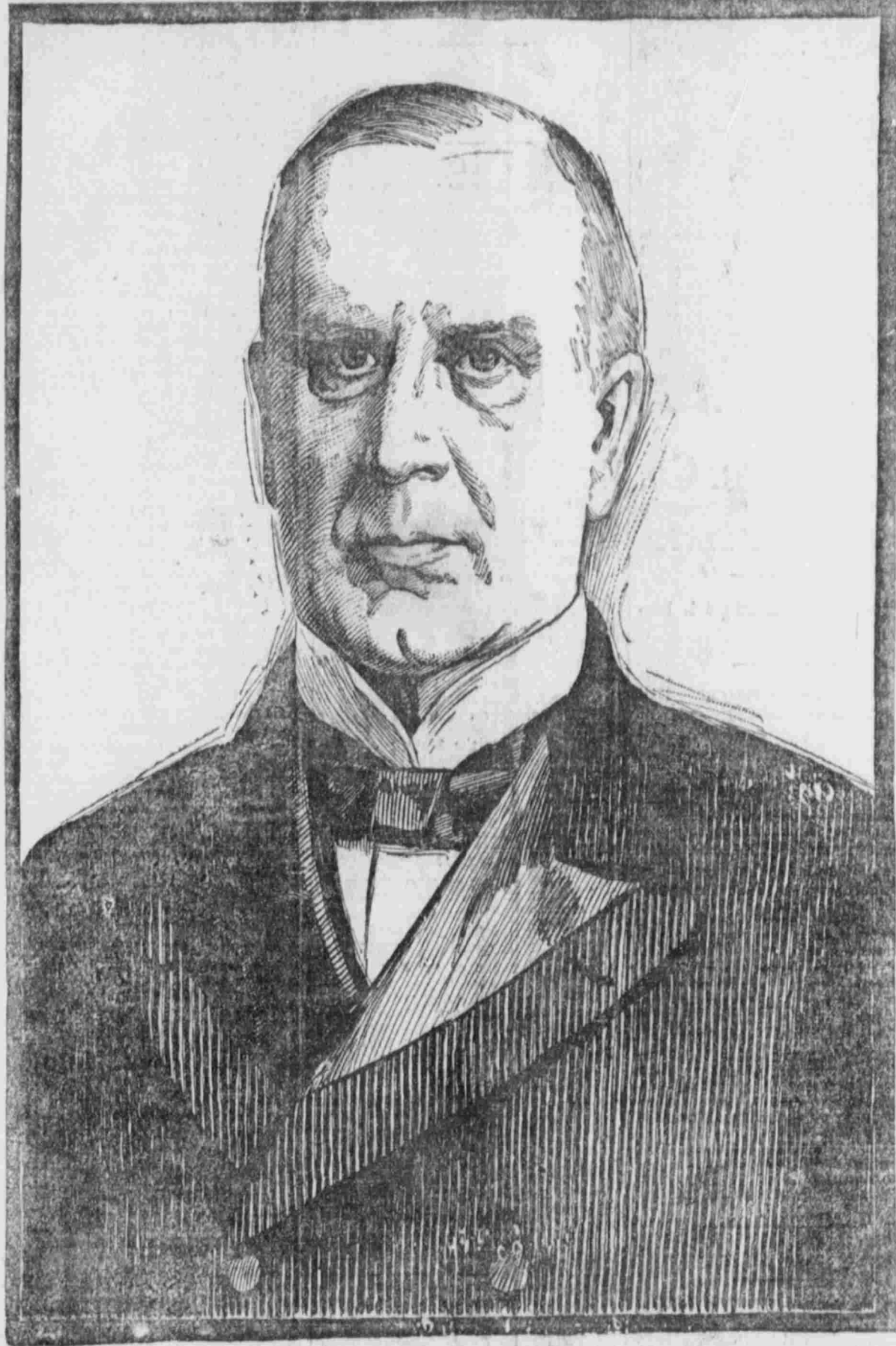
OFFICIALS ON HAND.
At the convention grounds the officials were early on hand with their delegations and the army of delegates, the army of delegates and the conspicuous figures of the convention were slow to make their appearance.

HALL DECORATIONS.
During the early hours the inside of the convention hall presented the appearance of a vast sea of pine, overhung with a wealth of festoon, bunting and floral decorations. It was very bright and airy, and so arranged in the hall that the delegates and the army of delegates, the army of delegates and the conspicuous figures of the convention were slow to make their appearance.

POLITICIANS IN CAUCUS.
While these scenes were being enacted about the convention hall the politicians were in caucus, the army of delegates, the army of delegates and the conspicuous figures of the convention were slow to make their appearance.

DISCUSSING ROOSEVELT.
The vice presidential issue appeared to be as much involved today as it had ever been. Notwithstanding the declaration of Gov. Roosevelt and the predictions of Senator Hanna, the army of delegates, the army of delegates and the conspicuous figures of the convention were slow to make their appearance.

HE NEVER DECLINED.
Governor Roosevelt is said to have declined with exceeding warmth: "I have said nothing of the kind." The answer is variously construed.



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PRESIDENT MCKINLEY.

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ROOSEVELT IS CHEERED.
At noon Senator Hanna took his seat at the chairman's table, but although this was the hour set for calling the convention he waited a few minutes conferring with Secretary Dick, Senator Wolcott and others.

CONVENTION HALL.
The national export exposition building, in which the convention met, is located in West Philadelphia, across the Schuylkill river. It is an imposing structure, with a classic front, combining the features of a modern architecture with a quadriga drawn by four horses—an allegorical group representing commerce driving her steeds through the world.

PROFUSE DECORATIONS.
The decorations were profuse and elaborate. The double row of pillars which upheld the roof were entwined with cedar and gracefully connected with bunting caught up at intervals by the State shields. The south end of the hall was obliterated with flags and bunting, through the maze of which a large crayon portrait of the President looked out from an immense American flag.

ALL THE CELEBRITIES.
In the decorations studied between the outer rank of pillars, were pictures of the Presidents of the United States and many of the heroes of the Republican party. Lincoln, Grant, and Garfield. The portrait of Jackson, Democracy's patron saint, occupied a prominent position.

CHAIRMAN HANNA SPEAKS.
Again Mr. Hanna was the center of attraction. He left the presiding officer's table, and stepping to the front of the platform, surveyed the sea of faces, and in a clear voice, began his speech of welcome.

CHINESE REVOLT
IS SPREADING WEST

Destructive Riots in Central China—All
Communication May be Cut Off—
Troops Moving.

Washington, June 19.—Secretary of State Hay has been notified by the Russian embassy here that four thousand Russian troops have been dispatched from Port Arthur to Taku.

UNEASY OVER PEKIN.
London, June 19.—From the German official dispatches the American ships took no part in the bombardment of the Taku forts Sunday morning. No news has yet been received here of the relief of the legation at Peking. Europe's attention centered far less on the overwhelming display of naval force at Taku than on the fate of the diplomatic staffs and six hundred cosmopolitan residents guarded by a handful of marines within the legations' compounds.

REVOLT IS SPREADING.
The revolt is spreading in western China. The representative of Pritchard Morgan, M. P., at Cheng Tu wires that he and his party have been detained there owing to the news that the revolution has broken out in Schuan, which adjoins the province of Yuenan, also in revolt, and official news comes today that the London missionary society's premises at Tsao Shih, central China, west of Hankow, have been destroyed by a mob.

BATTLE OF TAKU.
The admiralty office has received the following message from the officer commanding the British first class cruiser Endymion: "Lieut. Kan Tau, June 18 (Monday).—The Taku forts opened fire at one in the morning on the ships of the allied squadrons. After six hours' engagement the forts were silenced and occupied by the allied forces. Additional men for storming the forts were sent ashore from the ships the previous afternoon. The British ships engaged up the river were the Algerine (gunboat), Fame (torpedo boat destroyer), and Whiting (torpedo boat destroyer)."

LINE OF COMMUNICATION.
All dispatches coming from Taku are taken to Chefoo in vessels of the powers, which may shortly have to go to Shanghai. This tedious method of communication may exist for some time after the united forces reach Peking.

THE PLACE ASSIGNED TO UTAH.
Across the Aisle from New York—Pleases Utah's Republican
Delegation—Attitude of Silver Republicans—Wolcott's
Great Speech—Vice Presidency in Doubt.

UTAH DELEGATION'S DEADLOCK.
No Probability of Change—Gov. Wells' Statement—All Good
Feeling—Lots of Visitors—Mrs. Jones the Observed of
Observers—At the Philadelphia Convention.