

BELL'S SELECTION PLEASES BRYAN MEN

Fact That No Fight Was Made On Him Taken to Mean Opposition to Leader Ceased.

PERMANENT CHAIRMANSHIP.

Clayton of Alabama Appears to be in The Lead—Question of Injunction Plank is Looming Up.

Denver, June 28.—This city took today its last political slumber for at least a fortnight to come. The Democratic politicians of prominence who have already arrived for the national convention of next week left this morning for a pleasure trip into the mountains.

There were more departures of politicians today than there were arrivals and consequently there was a dearth of happenings in the political sense. The out and out Bryan men today were highly pleased over the easy manner in which Theodore A. Bell of California was yesterday named for temporary chairman. There were reports before Mr. Bell left that a fight was to be made on him by Thomas Taggart, chairman of the national committee, and Roger C. Sullivan, the national committeeman from Illinois, but the promised struggle did not materialize and the wishes of Mr. Bryan regarding Mr. Bell were carried out without a sign or sound of dissent.

BRYAN'S WISHES RULE.

This fact was taken by the Bryan men to mean that all opposition to the wishes of their leader had disappeared, but at least will be only of comparative slight importance in the convention. They are now counting confidently on the selection of Henry D. Clayton of Alabama for permanent chairman, claiming that it will be brought about as easily and with no more opposition than was that of Mr. Bell at the meeting of yesterday.

No particular opposition has been made to Mr. Clayton and there are no present signs of any fight against him. Other names have been mentioned, but none from the south save that of Senator Joseph W. Bailey of Texas, and it seems to be practically certain that he will not be able to attend the convention because of ill-health. It is known that Mr. Bryan desires a permanent chairman from the south and the Bryan men believe that with Senator Bailey eliminated no man other than Clayton will be considered. Very little talk has so far been heard concerning the platform, but it is generally believed among the recognized leaders now here that the fight over the "injunction" plank in the Republican resolutions committee may find a parallel when the Democratic platform building is fairly at work. It is generally understood that in the event of the Bryan people securing control of the resolutions committee the declaration of principles will follow closely the planks of the "Lincoln platform."

VICE PRESIDENCY.

Arrivals of political importance have so far been few, and no delegations are expected for several days. Not a single headquarters has been opened as yet and it will probably be Thursday of this week before events are in full swing. The vice presidential situation from the present outlook offers the greatest encouragement to that class of delegates which is always looking for excitement at a political convention.

Unless the nominee for the first place on the ticket should demand of his friends the selection of a running mate on which he may have set his heart, the indication would seem to point to numerous ballots in the completion of a ticket. That frequent balloting and spirited contests are wonderful factors in creating enthusiasm is asserted by Democratic leaders now here, and they are looking forward to a scramble over the vice presidency, particularly if a nomination for the presidency is made on the ticket. A well-fought contest to the finish over any question which interests the delegates, it is asserted, engenders good feeling and harmony. The disposition of the party leaders, therefore, is to favor, rather than discourage, prominent Democrats to enter the race for second place on the national ticket. The present prospects are that there will not be a dearth of candidates for the vice presidential nomination. Some of the names now heard are those of men who have said they do not desire or would not take second place. They will have to be persuaded to enter the race, nevertheless, who are likely to make campaigns for them if Mr. Bryan should be nominated and fail to voice his preference for a running mate.

JOHNSON AND GRAY.

Among these are Gov. Johnson of Minnesota, and Judge George Gray of Delaware, both of whom will figure in the balloting for the presidential nomination. That both of these men would prefer not to be thought of in connection with the vice presidency and, in fact, might go so far as to positively decline in advance to qualify if nominated, apparently has failed to eliminate them from the list of possibilities.

The argument in favor of both Johnson and Gray is their unquestioned popularity in the communities where they live and the fact that they could be expected to appeal to conservative business interests. Gov. Johnson is serving a second term as the chief executive of his state. He was the editor and publisher of a newspaper in his state when he entered public life, and is not a lawyer. It is well known that Judge Gray would much rather not enter upon a campaign for the vice presidency.

The names of five New York men are looming up conspicuously in the presidential situation. These men are Morgan J. O'Brien, former chief justice of the New York supreme court; Herman Metz, city comptroller of Brooklyn; former Representative Charles A. Towne; Lewis S. Chalker, lieutenant-governor, and former Representative Francis Burton Harrison. The latter two are young men and have been successful in politics. Mr. Towne, formerly of Minnesota, has made a reputation in the east and west as a strong campaigner. Judge O'Brien is an intimate friend of Judge Alton B. Parker, who made the race for the presidency on the Democratic ticket four years ago. It is being argued in favor of Judge O'Brien that he could bring eastern Democrats into the Bryan camp.

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second place on the Democratic national ticket. His nomination would be satisfactory to union labor men, it is said. Democratic leaders are inclined to put aside any discussion of the wisdom of nominating a representative of labor, however, until some decision is reached in the matter of inserting in the platform the "injunction" plank adopted by officials of the American Federation of Labor.

National Chairman Thomas Taggart has announced to his colleagues that if his state will go Democratic in November, he is pushing the candidacy of John W. Kern. Another man from Indiana mentioned in connection with the place is Representative Benjamin F. Shively.

Before a majority of the delegates arrive in Denver it may be expected that many other candidates will be suggested.

All things considered, the coming convention promises to be better handled more comfortably conducted than the majority of similar gatherings in recent years.

AUDIT THEM READY.

The auditorium is completed, and only the settlement of a few details, for which there is an abundance of time, remain to be considered.

DOUGLAS NOT CANDIDATE.

Monument Beach, Mass., June 28.—When former Gov. William Douglas was asked at his summer home here tonight about his attitude in relation to the vice presidency, he said:

"I am not a candidate for the Democratic nomination for vice president. As I said when I returned from the south on April 4, I am not a candidate for any public office. Nothing has occurred to make me change my mind. I am out of politics altogether now."

FIGHTING FIRE.

Budapest Fire Chief in New York Serving as Member of Crew.

New York, June 28.—For more than a month Steven Joseph Adam, chief of the fire department of Budapest, Hungary, has been fighting fire on the East side as a member of hook and ladder company No. 18. Adam, who weighs 225 pounds, came to this country accompanied by his wife and son and was commissioned by the Budapest authorities to make a thorough investigation of the system of fighting the flames in the big cities of the United States.

The credentials he presented to Fire Chief Croker insured him every attention, and his request to gain experience as a real fire fighter was granted. He was equipped with helmet, uniform, rubber coat and rubber boots and sent to the truck No. 18 to learn how the New York fire-fighters do business.

It took the Hungarian fire-fighter several days to become familiar with the quick action of the New Yorkers. At the first alarm the hook and ladder truck was half-way to the fire before Adam had his boots on. He soon caught the swing, however, and was usually the first to slide down the brass pole.

Tomorrow Adam will join the crew of the fireboat New Yorker, at the Battery, and for two weeks will see how harbor fires are fought.

Next he will go to fire headquarters to be taught the fire alarm system.

TAFT ENJOYS REST AND QUIET SUNDAY

Washington, June 28.—Secy. Taft passed the second Sunday after his nomination for the presidency quietly at his K street home. He was much refreshed after a comfortable and restful night's sleep—practically the first prolonged and adequate rest he has had since his nomination. Early today his brother, Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati, arrived in Washington and joined the war secretary at his home. They spent the day and evening together.

The coming at this time of Charles P. Taft was said to be devoid of special significance, but it is known that he is here to confer with the secretary regarding his personal and political plans.

Neither Secy. Taft nor his brother cared to discuss for minutes the question of the selection of a national chairman, except in the most general terms. No decision yet has been reached and it is said definitely by the secretary that none will be announced until after he has conferred further with the committee of the Republican national committee on their 28th of July.

SHERIFF SHOTS SOLDIER.

Helena, Mont., June 28.—Rolla Duncan, deputy sheriff, shot and probably fatally wounded Thomas Seely, a member of the Sixth Infantry stationed at Fort William Henry Harrison, at midnight tonight. The shooting happened just as the last people were going home from the Eagles' picnic, which was held yesterday. The shooting happened just as the last people were going home from the Eagles' picnic, which was held yesterday. The shooting happened just as the last people were going home from the Eagles' picnic, which was held yesterday.

REVOLUTIONISTS ACTIVE IN MEXICO

Troops Arrive to Protect Torreon, and Americans Preparing to Send Families Away.

MUCH ALARM IN CHIHUAHUA

General Movement of Soldiers North From City of Mexico—Bridges On the Railroads Burned.

El Paso, Tex., June 28.—Fifteen hundred troops have arrived in Torreon to protect that city from the expected attack by revolutionists, and the Americans are preparing to send their families to the states for safety, according to reports brought here tonight by passengers on the Mexican Central.

It is reported that the revolutionists have attacked the village of Matamoros, Coahuila, about 15 miles from Torreon, and have occupied that town. Official advices relative to sending troops to Torreon say that with the forces already stationed there the town is "impregnable."

In Chihuahua there is considerable alarm among the citizens, and a single patrol are continually passing through the streets. A great many extra police have been sworn in to do guard duty.

Both jails of Chihuahua are protected by reinforced guards, and troops are stationed on the roofs of public buildings. The officers in command of the troops at Chihuahua have, by special orders, been quartered with their men in readiness to respond to an emergency call.

Two hundred men of the Eighteenth battalion, Mexican infantry, commanded by Col. Luis Ballesteros, arrived tonight in Juarez, across the river from here, and will be distributed in the vicinity of that town. These reinforcements make an aggregate of 500 soldiers stationed in Juarez. Mayor Mateos, in an interview this evening, declared that no trouble in Juarez was anticipated and that the Eighteenth battalion had been sent to the border simply as a precautionary measure. Guards are maintained around the jail and public buildings of Juarez, and the arrival of reinforcements is probably responsible for a rumor that the

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Juarez officials are informed of a preparation to attack that city.

Gov. Cardenas of Coahuila has telegraphed the governor of Durango notifying him that a number of the men responsible for recent disturbances in his state have fled to Durango, and requesting all possible assistance in apprehending the fugitives.

Three battalions of regulars sent by the federal government to Viesca arrived there today.

Information brought here tonight by passengers on the incoming Mexican Central train is that all bridges and approaches to Torreon on every road except the Mexican Central have been burned.

The International line out of Torreon, on which is located the town of Matamoros, reported to be in the hands of revolutionists, has suffered heavily, and the Coahuila Pacific is entirely tied up as the result of depredations committed by revolutionists. A pay train on the Coahuila & Pacific was attacked Friday night soon after leaving Torreon, but the crew succeeded in running the train back to Torreon and escaping. There is a general movement of troops from Mexico City to the north, according to news received here, and reinforcements are being rushed to Jiminez, which is said

to be still in the hands of revolutionists.

CONDITIONS IN TORREON.

El Paso, Tex., June 28.—The Torreon Enterprise of Saturday, which arrived here last night, has a story of the attack on Matamoros, Coahuila, and a description of conditions in Torreon.

The Enterprise says: "Not since the revolutionary talk of several years ago has there been so much excitement in Torreon as there was Thursday night of this week, when the report became circulated that an army of invaders was on the march from Viesca to this city."

"The excitement was the outcome of a telegram from Viesca, received here by the authorities, stating that the business house of Senor Tomas Zertuche, jefe politico of that district, had been attacked by a number of men who had killed one of the head clerks and wounded others. The store was pillaged and the robbers departed with exclamations that they were coming to Torreon to continue their work. The citizens of Viesca were powerless to check the robbers. It is reported that the malcontents are headed by a man by the name of Lugo. Matamoros was attacked yesterday and an official was killed. It is also stated that two of the rioters were captured and one killed at that place during the fight. A citizens' meeting was held at the office of the jefe politico Thursday afternoon, which was attended by a large number of citizens who freely offered money and arms if they were needed and declared their willingness to join the ranks of a home guard."

Senor Juan Guajardo left yesterday morning with 30 or 40 men, going direct to Matamoros.

A bridge of the international railway was burned near Matamoros yesterday morning.

Beautiful Wandamere will be free tomorrow for ladies and children.

ANDREW FAIR INJURED.

San Jose, Cal., June 28.—Andrew Fair, brother of the late James G. Fair and uncle of Mrs. Willie K. Vandebilt, Jr., and Mrs. Herman Oelrichs, was probably fatally injured yesterday in a street car accident on the outskirts of this city.

Fair, in company with W. A. Walton, his son's father-in-law, was driving home from church when their rig was struck and overturned by an outboard South Tenth street car. Fair and Walton, both of whom are old men, were thrown into the gutter, and sustained serious injuries about the head and shoulders. Walton will recover, but Fair is subject to heart failure, and it is feared that the shock will prove fatal. Doctors tonight declared the patient's condition precarious.

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