

# TO NAME BRYAN ON FOURTH OF JULY

## Plan Meets the Approval of Leaders at the Kansas City Convention—Discussing the Vice Presidency.

Kansas City, Mo., July 2.—This really is the first business session of the Democratic convention. Soon after 10 o'clock the Democratic national committee assembled at the Kansas City club to consider the claims of contesting delegations, to formally select temporary officers and transact some other preliminary business; the United States Monetary league at the same hour began its first session at the auditorium theater; and tonight it is proposed formally to open the new convention hall with a promenade concert.

The day dawned brilliantly bright and clear, with the thermometer registering in the seventies and a brisk southeast breeze blowing. Within a few hours, as the sun gained ascendancy, it became intensely hot and had not the breeze continued the heat would have been insufferable.

### GREAT CROWD ASSEMBLED.

While the arrivals during the past few days have been by scores, they began today to be by hundreds. Tomorrow they will be by thousands. All of the early morning trains today, especially those from the East, were crowded with delegates and visitors. Throughout the day, and, indeed, until noon on Wednesday, when Chairman Jones' gavel will fall at the opening of the convention, special trains bearing State Democrats, arrived in a special train over the Wabash; the Georgia delegation came in on a special train over the Burlington route and during the day a special train from New England will arrive.

### HILL DAZES THE LEADERS.

After a day and a night of conferences, discussion of platform and of candidates, and of earnest effort to bring about the rough harmony in the convention the politicians were slow in rising today. The one distinct topic of conversation early in the day was the visit of Mr. Bryan to Lincoln. The governor's arrival early on Sunday, followed by his almost instant departure for the home of his son, was a surprise to the politicians. The vice presidential situation, therefore, may resolve itself into one similar to that in the Philadelphia convention, the candidate being assured of a nomination before a ballot is taken. Should this prove true, it would present a coincidence unique in American political history.

### TOWNE MEN CONFIDENT.

The Towne managers say very emphatically today that their man will win the vice presidential sweepstakes. They have reached his wishes. There is no doubt that the Democrats certain terms and insist upon being heard. Their program is this:

### BRYAN WILL HAVE THE SAY.

As former Senator Dubois, of Idaho, tersely expressed it today:

"Bryan is master of the situation, the arbiter of all decisions. Without even seeming to dictate, he will control the convention. His wishes will be respected, both as to the platform and as to the candidate for the vice presidency."

### THE FINANCIAL PLANK.

Thus far the only contesting worth mentioning has been on the financial plank of the platform. Even that seems to be a thing of the past. The western men generally insist that a specific declaration for the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 shall be incorporated in the platform. Those from the East and many from the South are inclined to favor a simple reaffirmation of the financial plank of the Chicago platform, believing that issues which overshadow the money question have arisen since '96 and should be given the place of paramount importance. That Mr. Bryan, himself, is in favor of the latter position is assured. It is believed, however, that his wishes are with respect to the question all fully believe and that his desires will be carried out nobody doubts.

### NOT TOO MUCH ANTI-EXPANSION.

With respect to the planks on "imperialism" and expansion, a note in a minor key has been sounded from the western part of the country, especially from the Pacific coast. Both Mr. Bryan and the leaders of the party in Kansas City have been urged to make the anti-expansion plank too strong, lest the declaration injure the party's chances in the Western States, where, it is understood, expansion is strongly favored. It is believed, however, that no comfort was given those who urged such action, by either Mr. Bryan or by Democratic leaders generally. They regard the question as one involving a great principle and declare that those who would modify or curtail the declaration of the party on "imperialism" are actuated by motives of expediency.

### NAME BRYAN ON THE FOURTH.

The suggestion that Mr. Bryan's nomination for the presidency be made on the Fourth of July, at the first session of the convention, has met the approval of very many of the leaders and delegates already here. Arrangements are being made to carry the plan into execution. As it now appears, the only obstacle that may arise to prevent the nomination from being made on the anniversary of the nation's natal day will be the inability of all elements of the

"You are the man to run against Roosevelt," Croker is said to have remarked to Judge Van Wyck. You came very near defeating him for governor, and the way they feel toward him in New York how you can beat him."

Senator Murphy is said to have agreed to this statement. Judge Van Wyck is said to have protested that friends of his would not put him in the vice presidential race, and he hoped nothing of the kind would be done. Some of the southern delegates are talking favorably of Van Wyck, and he may be the New York card to be played at the proper time.

### HILL PUZZLES THEM ALL.

The visit of Senator Hill to Mr. Bryan is still a mystery to the Tammany men. They do not know what to make of it and have been busily speculating to-day. They have heard that it was through Mayor Maguire, of Syracuse, who also is at Lincoln, that the invitation was sent by Mr. Bryan to Hill, and that the object of Bryan is to get Hill in line so that he will not repudiate the platform of 1896 and remain silent during the campaign. One thing is certain, the Democratic leaders from New York have been expected to have a conference with Mr. Hill on his return from Lincoln, and until that conference takes place, no program will be agreed upon.

### NEW YORKER REFUSES TO TALK.

Former Governor David B. Hill refused to talk at this time. He arrived in New York on Saturday at 1:30 this afternoon and went immediately to his apartments in the Coxs House. He declined to discuss his conference with Mr. Bryan, saying that he might have something to say later in the day. He would not say what his conference with Mr. Bryan related to.

### THE BRYAN-HILL CONFERENCE.

Lincoln, Neb., July 2.—The conference between W. J. Bryan and David B. Hill, of New York, did not conclude until midnight. When it was over Senator Hill was driven to a hotel and retired. Immediately after his departure, a special train from Lincoln, N. Y., and Gen. Hughes, also of New York.

Among the politicians in Lincoln it is not believed that Mr. Bryan's summons to the former senator to come to Lincoln had any relation to the vice presidency so far as it concerns Mr. Hill personally.

### ABOUT THE PLATFORM.

It is believed, on the contrary, that the excited and sudden summons to Lincoln had no relation to the vice presidential platform, and that their final conclusion on that document was about as outlined in the Associated Press dispatch from this city last night making imperialism, militarism and trusts the three leading issues, but without relegating free silver.

### SULZER IS HUMMING.

Mr. Sulzer, of New York, one of the few avowed candidates, staunchly backed by strong friends, is making his headquarters in the Coxs House in the Savoy. He has some delegations pledged to him and claims that in the round-up he will receive the support of his own State and that of most of the eastern and southern delegates.

Without detracting from the personal merits or the political forcefulness of any of the men mentioned for the vice presidency, it is perfectly clear that the convention will ultimately box to the wishes of Mr. Bryan, as all realize that to make victory possible, absolute harmony must exist among the delegates.

### SULZER'S BOOM FIZZLES OUT.

The vice presidential boom of Congressman Sulzer, which was at its height in Lincoln Saturday morning, has died out almost as suddenly as it was sprung, and its collapse was coincident with the arrival at different hours yesterday of three men from Sulzer's own State—Hill, McGuire and Hughes. None of them were pledged the candidacy of Mr. Sulzer in any way, but it was plain they did not consider him the most available man.

### BRYAN AND HILL AGREE.

Aside from the gossip connecting Senator Hill's name for second place on the ticket, the names of Sulzer, of Indiana, and Mayor Harrison, of Chicago, are most frequently mentioned. Just before Senator Hill left he was asked what his program would be when he reached his destination.

### NO DOUBLE-TAILED TICKET.

Another card the Towne men are playing is that Bryan is for the Minnesota man. The position said to be taken by Mr. Bryan is that the Democrats are in honor bound to treat the allies of 1896 fairly and with due consideration. He thinks that the Populists and Silver Republicans hold the balance of power in several States and when united with the Democrats make those States sure for the allied force. Bryan does not want a double-tailed ticket in this campaign, and many of the leaders share his wishes. There is a possibility that the Populists and Silver Republicans may object to withdrawing the man they have nominated, but the Towne men think they are in a very good position. Another thing which makes the Towne men so confident is the loyalty of Sulzer to Bryan. They believe that if Sulzer is convinced that Bryan is the man for the job, he will not step out of the way, but take the platform and nominate or second Towne's nomination. Of course this may require a strong intimation from Bryan that Bryan is for him, and it is scarcely probable as Mr. Bryan does not want to appear in the role of dictating to the convention.

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Meanwhile Mr. Sulzer is making a shrewd campaign and talks with the confidence of any man or the friends of any man in the race.

### BOLD ROBBERS IN CHICAGO.

Their Dynamite Catches One of Them, and Stops the Game.

Chicago, July 2.—A bold attempt by two masked men to loot the safe in the office of the Globe Laundry company early today was frustrated by an accident that may prove fatal to one of the marauders. In exploding dynamite to shatter the lock of the inner door of the safe, one of the men had his right hand torn away and his arm shattered, while the other thief was struck in the face by a flying fragment of steel.

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