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CHICAGO FILLED WITH DELEGATIONS

Arrangements for Holding Caucuses the Order of the Day.

VICE PRESIDENCY QUESTION.

Fairbanks Seems to be the Favorite, But the Delegates Are Divided.

THE HOTELS ARE NOT CROWDED.

Day Before Convention Is Very Quiet—Six Philippine Delegates Will be Admitted With Two Votes.

Chicago, June 20.—Forenoon trains today brought in the stragglers and the ranks of nearly all the state delegations have been filled. With the arrival of delayed delegates were eliminated all obstacles to the holding of caucuses. State headquarters were sought and the program of the day ascertained. It developed that most of the delegates would be held late in the day or tonight, and nothing remained to the newcomers but to take their places in the hotel lobbies and discuss the absence of contests, the inactivity of delegations and the small attendance.

IN A FOG.

Fog hung over the city at dawn, but this was dispelled by the sun, which drove back the clouds and left a cheerful day. It is a day which would draw the crowds to the open lobbies and the sidewalks without even the game of politics for a moment. But despite the clear sky, the picture is not yet recognizable as a true convention scene. In the corridors of the principal hotels where the states have established headquarters, is the buzz of conversation proceeding from the delegates, but the absence of delegates and the small attendance is noticeable and forces the realization that everything is fixed.

A NOTED ABSENTEE.

One of the absentees is the man who has attended every Republican convention since Lincoln was nominated, but whose absence is a quiet note of disapproval.

Some important delegates attached to a minority discussion of Senator Fairbanks' probable reasons for declining to talk about the vice presidency, and of his reticence. Were it not for the group he has furnished, and the little party which has gathered about him, the picture is not yet recognizable as a true convention scene.

HOTELS NOT CROWDED.

Though most of the states will caucus today and the convention being tomorrow, the hotels are not crowded. They are even well filled. With no contest for first place on the ticket and apparently none for the second, no occasion exists for marching bands or enthusiastic shouting thousands headed by bands, nor for other manifestations which customarily add to the din, the blare and the excitement of a convention. They are not needed and they are not here. One square from the lake front hotels the only sign of a convention is a stranger of an advertisement turn in the hands of a delegate by the badge pinned to his lapel.

AFTER FAIRBANKS.

At the day advanced it became evident that the effort to "smoke out" Senator Fairbanks would not succeed. The senator remained silent, but though his silence reiterated his position which is, that the office of vice-president is not to be sought, but can not be decided by any man nominated to it.

TARIFF PLANK.

"We pledge to make such changes in the tariff as will be necessary to meet the conditions which may arise," that is the language of the tariff plank as now agreed upon, and it becomes more evident that further concessions will be made to the tariff plank. It is a plank which the republican leaders that enough disturbance will cause without adding to it a definite promise of change by the next session of Congress.

NEW YORK NOT DECIDED.

"New York has not determined whom it will support for vice president," said Senator Fairbanks today. "It is not pledged to any one man or party. There is no reason to think it over, and there should be an open field."

THE NEW YORK DELEGATION MEETS TO-NIGHT.

The anti-Addicks delegation from Delaware has determined to carry its fight for seats in the convention to the committee on credentials. The delegation met today, elected Senator L. H. Bail chairman and made a slate for the various positions.

The present national committee met today for the last time. The few details left for its consideration and then adjourned for good. No national committee meetings will be held until the new organization is formed at the close of the convention. When the members met today Senator Scott of West Virginia took the chair. Senator McComas of Maryland at once introduced a resolution providing that Acting Chairman Henry C. Payne be made chairman of the remaining time of the committee. He paid a high tribute to Mr. Payne's ability and party services, and moved for the adoption of his resolution. It was adopted by a rising vote and, Mr. Payne was declared chairman of the committee. On taking the chair Mr. Payne made a short address, thanking the members of the committee for the honor bestowed.

PHILIPPINE DELEGATES.

The question of seating the six delegates from the Philippines was taken up and it was decided to admit them as delegates with a total of two votes. Votes of the delegates were taken and the people of Chicago for courtesy rendered to the members of the local committee which has prepared the hall for the convention, and to Elmer Dover, the secretary of the national committee for services performed. The committee then adjourned sine die.

Senator Fairbanks, for vice president, will receive the solid vote of Washington. This announcement was made by Senator Ankeny.

KENTUCKY DIVIDED.

The Kentucky delegation is divided on the vice presidency. The majority, however, favor the Indiana. A caucus is to be held late today, when an effort will be made to unite on a candidate.

INDIANA DELEGATION.

The Indiana delegation met today and on motion of Senator Beveridge, Senator Fairbanks was made chairman by acclamation.

No mention was made in the meeting of the subject of the vice presidency and it is understood that the silence on this point was due to a request from Mr. Fairbanks himself, who still adheres to his determination to do nothing that would look like seeking the position. Senator Beveridge, who will represent Indiana on the committee on resolutions, is a "stand-patter."

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Delegates from Indian Territory, uncertain as to what action will be taken by the convention, are making an earnest fight for home rule for all territories pending their admission to the Union. A joint conference of the Oklahoma and Indian Territory delegates may be held looking to co-operation in the fight for home rule. The delegates are making a fight for home rule for all territories pending their admission to the Union. A joint conference of the Oklahoma and Indian Territory delegates may be held looking to co-operation in the fight for home rule.

BUILDING COLLAPSES.

Caused by Explosion of Ammonia On Third Floor.

Kansas City, Mo., June 20.—A four-story brick building at Third and Delaware streets, occupied by the Kansas City Ammonia Company, partially collapsed today, the result of an explosion of ammonia on the third floor. Fifty girls on the upper stories and several young boys were thrown into a panic. Six persons were burned in the debris. The others escaped down an alley fire escape.

Matha Fisher, aged 16, serious.

Viola Baker, 15, badly out, not serious.

Claude Chamber, 20, shipping clerk, seriously hurt.

A girl, injuries slight.

The building was 25 years old. It was damaged during the fatal tornado here in 1888, and had never been properly repaired.

Two men are still buried in the debris.

The Kaiser Wilhelm's Precipitous.

Plymouth, Eng., June 20.—The average speed of the North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser Wilhelm, which arrived here at 11:57 this morning, for the distance, 3,172 miles, from Sandy Hook light-house to Plymouth was 23.33 knots per hour as compared with the 23.3 knots of the Deutschland, of the Hamburg-American line. The Kaiser Wilhelm actually covered the long distance route in still 53 minutes shorter than the time just occupied by the Kaiser Wilhelm, she actually did not travel so far by only 5.23 miles, 20 less than the Kaiser Wilhelm. The best day's run of the Kaiser Wilhelm was 54 miles.

Track Meet on Marshall Field.

Chicago, June 20.—The first outdoor track and field meet ever held between the eastern and western universities, took place on Marshall field, representatives of the University of Chicago and Princeton university being the contestants. Unusual interest was manifested in the event, and a large crowd was in attendance. The track meet was a success on all parts of the footing. Only first place counted in the score.

PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM.

Sends Piece of True Cross to Viceroy Alexieff.

St. Petersburg, June 20.—The patriarch of Jerusalem has appointed Viceroy Alexieff a knight of the True Cross, and has sent to the viceroy the decoration, containing a piece of the true cross, with a letter expressing the hope that it will preserve him from all harm and enable him to come out victorious in his fight for the orthodox church.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Six Injured in a Fire in Cleveland.

Cleveland, O., June 20.—Two persons were burned to death and six others injured in a fire that partly destroyed a saloon and building in Columbus street today.

The dead: Anna Movatski, domestic.

Fritz Wolfe, porter.

Several men and women jumped from the windows.

Grand American Handicap.

Indianapolis, June 20.—The entry list for the grand American handicap at the Indianapolis track is the largest ever booked for a similar event in the country. There are 25 horses entered from all parts of the United States. The weather today is sultry and cloudy. The guns were on the range early practicing and acquainting themselves with the conditions and surroundings. Tomorrow the sweepstakes shooting will take place.

GOLDIE MORAN SHOT.

Her Common-Law Husband, a White Man, Killed Her.

New York, June 20.—Ida Howard alias Goldie Moran, a negro, who was known as the Colored Badger Queen of the Tenderloin, was shot and killed today by her common-law husband, Charles J. Arthur, 35 years old, a white man. The shooting was the culmination of a quarrel in which

A General Engagement Is Proceeding.

First Train Carrying Wounded Men Passes Through New Kia Chu—Vice Admiral Kamimura Reported to Have Engaged the Vladivostok Squadron Off Oshima—Heavy Cannonading Heard.

Liao Yang, June 20.—A general engagement is proceeding at New Kia Chu. The first train bearing wounded men passed through here, going northward.

Tokio, June 20, 6 p. m.—It is reported that Vice Admiral Kamimura is engaging the Russian Vladivostok squadron off Oshima. The navy department has no confirmation of the report, but hopes that it may be true.

Liao Yang, June 20.—A correspondent of the Associated Press who spent the night at Hai-cheng reports having heard heavy firing to the southward and believes it to have been either an attack upon Tashichao or the fleet again bombarding the coast near Kaiping. The firing continued from 10 o'clock at night until 2 o'clock in the morning. No explanation of the exact cause of it has yet been obtained.

A heavy rain is falling here.

St. Petersburg, June 20.—The military critics are discussing the results of the raid by the Vladivostok squadron. They say Vladivostok has proved more valuable as a harbor and better as a strategic position than Port Arthur.

LEVI Z. LEITER'S WILL IS FILED.

Makes Provision to Guarantee His Son Joseph Annual Income of Ten Thousand Dollars.

NO BEQUEST TO ANY CHARITY.

Ample Provision Made to His Widow, Lady Curzon and Other Children.

Washington, June 20.—The will of the late Levi Z. Leiter, the Chicago millionaire, was filed today in this city. It names Mary T. Leiter and Joseph Leiter, his widow and son, as executors, and they, together with his daughters, Nancy Lathrop Carver-Leiter and Marguerite Hyde Leiter and Seymour Morris of Chicago are designated as trustees. The will leaves one-third of the estate, outside of specific reservations of coal lands, to the widow, and the rest is left for equal distribution, per stirpes, among the children. There is nothing in the will which indicates the total value of Mr. Leiter's estate.

Million Dollar Fire At Park City Today.

Hoist No. 3 of the Ontario Mine Completely Destroyed This Morning—Was the Finest of Its Kind in All the West—Throws Two Hundred Men Out of Employment—Loss a Very Severe One.

(Special to the "News.") Park City, June 20.—Park City was the scene of a costly conflagration at an early hour this morning, and the Ontario No. 3 hoisting plant, one of the finest in the state, or the whole west, was totally destroyed. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it started in the carpenter shop shortly after 3 o'clock. Before it was discovered the flames had gained such headway that it was evident the plant was doomed. Heroic effort was made to extinguish the fire, but all without avail. A general alarm was sounded and the citizens of the town turned out to give such assistance as they could. The neighboring mines came to the rescue but nothing, it seemed, could stop the destroyer. At the time of the breaking out of the fire all the miners working on the night shift were underground. As a result of the fire, 200 men are thrown out of employment and the mine and mill will be forced into idleness for an indefinite period. With the gigantic engines out of commission, it will be impossible to keep the lower workings freed from water and all levels below the 1,500 will be filled. The plant destroyed has been in use for nearly a quarter of a century. The timbers were dry and in some places thoroughly soaked with oil, thus making easy food for the flames. Although the Ontario has other shafts, it is believed there that none of them will be used, but that new machinery will be installed at the new Daily shaft and the mine operated from there. It is possible that the No. 1 shaft will be repaired, however. The large piles of lumber and mining timbers, near the plant were also completely destroyed. The loss is total, the company not carrying a dollar of insurance on the destroyed property.



ONTARIO GULCH, THE DESTROYED PROPERTY ON THE RIGHT.

RUSSIANS RELEASE CORRESPONDENT FULLER.

Indianapolis, Ind., June 20.—The Indianapolis News today received a special cable from Hector Fuller, its special staff war correspondent at Chefoo, giving the following account of his release from Port Arthur and the situation inside the beleaguered fortress:

"Chefoo, June 20.—After spending five days in a Russian prison, I was released and put on board a Chinese junk and sent to this place. "The stories of starvation in Port Arthur, spread by the Japanese, are untrue, as stores and supplies are constantly arriving at the beleaguered city from Chinese ports. The Japanese blockade is ineffective. "The garrison consists of between 50,000 and 60,000 troops, and the health of both soldiers and civilians is good. The damaged battleships have all been repaired, and the harbor entrance cleared of obstructions. Immense new forts have been constructed and, in my opinion, the place is in no immediate danger of falling into the hands of the Japanese. "The Japanese attack by land made on the 6th inst. was easily repulsed. I was the first correspondent to report the blockade."

Mr. Fuller was rowed across to Port Arthur from the Miao Tzu islands by two Chinamen in an open boat and was, on landing June 13, seized, blindfolded and thrown into a prison, inside the fortress, and was announced at the time by the Associated Press.

THE PIKE TRAGEDY.

Zach Mulhall, the Shooter, Is Released on \$20,000 Bonds.

St. Louis, Mo., June 20.—Zach Mulhall, livestock agent of the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad, who shot three men on the "Pike" at the world's fair Saturday night, was released today on bonds of \$20,000. Col. Ed. Butler was his surety. This caused some surprise as it had been decided to hold Mulhall pending the outcome of the wounded men's injuries.

VLADIVOSTOK SQUADRON.

Did Not Enter Strait of Korea Today as Reported.

Tokio, June 20, 9 p. m.—The Russian Vladivostok squadron did not come into the strait of Korea today. The suspicion of the Japanese navy is that the Russian ships were in the strait, but they were not seen. The Japanese navy is waiting for the Russian ships to appear, and when they do, they will be intercepted.

REFUSED TO SURRENDER.

So Russians Were Compelled to Sink Jap Transports.

Vladivostok, June 20.—The whole city is following the operation of the Vladivostok squadron with keen interest. It is believed that the Japanese transports sunk in the straits of Korea by the Russian warships were conveying a portion of the fourth army. There was no alternative except to torpedo the Hitachi and Jumi, as their crews refused to surrender.

PEDICARIS TO BE RELEASED.

Washington, June 20.—The navy department has received a cablegram from Rear Admiral Chadwick at Tangier, saying that Pedicaris is probably will be released tomorrow.

EX-SECY. LONG FAVORS TAFT FOR VICE PRESIDENT.

Chicago, June 20.—John D. Long of Massachusetts, ex-secretary of the navy, today authorized the Associated Press to announce that his candidate for the vice presidency was William H. Taft, secretary of war, whom he regards as in every way the most available man.

"The name can be no question of Mr. Taft," said Mr. Long. "He made his record. The country knows him and the ticket 'Roosevelt and Taft' would, in my opinion, sweep the country. My reasons for favoring Mr. Taft are these: First, eminence; second, the fact that he is a man of high character, sound judgment and deliberation are characteristic of the man. "Second, his close and warm friendship with the president. He certainly would make an agreeable running mate for Mr. Roosevelt. "Third, the fact that he is splendidly qualified for the responsibilities which devolve upon the vice president in case of an emergency, and lastly, or perhaps I should have said, first, the fact that there is a strong sentiment throughout the country trending toward Taft for the presidency in 1908."

"Objection would be urged to Mr. Taft on the ground that he is not a strong man from the cabinet and not a man in a position less prominent before the country. To the first objection, I should say that Mr. Taft would be of immense assistance to the president; as he is now, and to the second point, Mr. Taft is so well known that it is impossible to lose sight of him. True, he has recently assumed the war portfolio, but his work is in a sense, completed so far as the Philippines is concerned, and there is no great emergency which would necessitate him remaining secretary of war. "My suggestion of Mr. Taft is every where being warmly received, and especially among the eastern delegations the sentiment seems to favor him for the vice presidential nomination."

RAISULI EXPLAINS.

Doesn't Hate Christians, Wants to Do Them No Wrong.

London, June 20.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Tangier under date of June 19 says that a letter had been received from Raisuli in which the bandit said: "It is well that the Englishmen and Americans should know the truth regarding my 'doings' and the reasons why I have taken Pedicaris. All that has been said at Tangier about me, as well as the statement that I hate the Christian Europeans, and want to drive them from Morocco, is wrong and untrue. I desire to do no wrong to any Christian. Should trouble come it will come from Europe, for if troops are landed, we will fight. "Raisuli lays the cause of the present trouble to the despotic governor of Tangier, who, with his family, governed Tangier for generations, persecuted Raisuli's tribe, killed boys, mutilated children and disregarded all the principles of their religion. "The legations have confidently anticipated the arrival of Messrs. Pedicaris and Varley within two days."

RUSSIAN DEAD BURIED.

Washington, June 20.—The Japanese legation has received the following cablegram from Tokyo: "General Oku reports that the Russian corpses which were buried by us here after the evening of the 17th, amounted to 1,516. The corpses are still being discovered, and it is believed the number will be considerably increased. The natives say that during the engagement the Russians carried back by railway a large number of their killed and wounded, while later, when about taking flight, they burned or buried many corpses near Hsu Hung Kaw. The number of rifles, guns and munitions captured besides those already reported, is increasing, but the total is not yet known."

JAPAN WILLING TO ACCEPT MEDIATION

Suggestion Comes From Marquis Ito Through Japanese Ambassador to France

Generally Interpreted to Mean Mikado is Shrinking Before Prospect Of a Long War.

IT AROUSES GREAT INTEREST.

Not Believed Russia Will Agree

If a Mediator Should be Chosen, the Choice Would Very Likely Fall Upon the United States.

St. Petersburg, June 20, 3:50 p. m.—An interview with Baron Suematsu, published in Paris and suggesting that Japan is willing to accept the mediation of a power equally well disposed to Russia and Japan, while regarded as a tentative utterance, attracts much attention, coming from the Marquis Ito. It is generally interpreted as meaning that Japan is shrinking before the prospect of a long, exhausting war. Government officials do not show the slightest disposition, however, to relax their position, the sentiment being that having been forced into the war and driven to make heavy sacrifices, to stop just now, when Russia is prepared to accomplish something, is quite impossible. Diplomatic circles are keenly interested, but the opinion is unanimously expressed that it will be impossible for Russia to consent to end the war with her military prestige impaired. Besides, it is pointed out that Baron Suematsu admits that Japan has not reduced her demands. The French embassy are hardly disposed to believe that Baron Suematsu spoke by authority, and the American embassy is disinclined to discuss the matter and to suggest that if a mediator is wanted, the United States fulfill the condition prescribed by Baron Suematsu.

RUSSIAN LOSS VERY HEAVY.

Tokio, June 20, 3 p. m.—Further reports received here show that the blow inflicted by Gen. Oku on the Russians in the fighting at Telissu (Vafangow) was a severe one. The number of Russians killed in this battle probably will exceed 2,000, and their total losses, including prisoners, is estimated at 10,000. The Japanese losses are less than 1,000, or about one-third of the Russian total. Up to June 17 Gen. Oku had buried 1,516 Russian dead, and he reports that many more dead have been found. Chinese who witnessed the fighting from the Russian side report that the Russians removed many of their dead from the trains with their wounded, and that they buried or cremated many corpses in the village of Huanungkou before they retreated.

The number of prisoners and trophies taken by the Japanese is increasing. Gen. Oku is not yet able to report the total number of prisoners.

RUSSIANS ENCOUNTERED.

Tokio, June 20.—(7 p. m.)—A Japanese infantry and cavalry patrol which was sent out from Takushan on June 18 reports having encountered a force of Russians at Chippingan, 36 miles west of Suifu, and at a point where the fighting of a series of skirmishes. The Russians had 50 men killed and three men and many arms captured. The Japanese sustained six casualties.

WOUNDED AT VAFANGKOW.

Newchwang, June 20.—(6 a. m.)—A Russian officer, who was wounded in the fighting at Vafangow (Telissu) told an Associated Press correspondent that the losses on both sides were severe. He places the Russian casualties at the least at 7,000. He says no soldiers in the worst condition were taken to the rear as they have been fighting lately. Their artillery fire, he claims, is marvellously effective. The Russians fought stubbornly, desperately, but were unable to withstand the enemy's dash and persistence.

Several hundred wounded Russians have been sent north owing to a lack of hospitals and surgeons. All the available transportation has to be used for supplies at the expense of the sick and wounded. The Japanese buried most of the Russian dead after the battle.

It is estimated on the information obtainable that the force moving northward in 7,000 strong with 9,000 men in the rear, entered the city of Vafangow on the 17th, and after a large number of their killed and wounded, while later, when about taking flight, they burned or buried many corpses near Hsu Hung Kaw. The number of rifles, guns and munitions captured besides those already reported, is increasing, but the total is not yet known."

QUICK AT PORT ARTHUR.

St. Petersburg, June 20, 5:50 p. m.—A dispatch from Lieut.-Gen. Stossel, commander in chief of the Russian military forces at Port Arthur, dated June 17, just received here, reports that no serious fighting has occurred around Port Arthur.

Only a few skirmishes have taken place, the siege operations having not yet begun.

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