

CHAIRMAN THOMAS TAGGART

Announces Officers of the Democratic National Committee and Members of the National Executive Committee.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 3.—Thomas Taggart, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, this evening announced the following officers of the Democratic National Committee and the following members of the National Executive Committee:

National Committee—Delaney Nicoll, vice chairman, New York; George Foster, secretary, New York; Executive Committee—Wm. F. Sheehan, chairman, New York; August Belmont, New York; John R. McLean, Ohio; U. S. Senator Thomas G. Catton, Virginia; Col. W. M. Guffey, Pennsylvania; former U. S. Senator James Smith, Jr., New Jersey; Timothy E. Ryan, Wisconsin.

Chairman Taggart also made the following statement: "The campaign executive committee will have the advice of Senator Gorman's judgment and experience in the campaign, he agreeing to keep his hand close to the management at all times."

"Such other committees as are deemed necessary will be appointed during the campaign."

"The executive committee will meet at the Hoffman house, New York city, Monday morning August 8th, at 11:30 o'clock."

"The committee will discuss matters relating to the campaign and will also consider the location in New York city of the Eastern headquarters and the location of the Western headquarters and other headquarters that may be decided upon."

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Jealousy the Cause of a Bloody Tragedy in Washington.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—George M. White, aged 32 years, until recently employed as a laborer in the navy yard here, to night cut the throat of his sweetheart, Nora Adams, aged 33 years, with a razor. He then cut his own throat. Both died in a very few minutes. The two, who came to Washington from Maloon, Virginia, boarded at the house of Mrs. Frederick Woodman, number 1106 Fourth street, southeast. Mrs. Woodman had left the house after supper and the murdered girl was washing the dishes when Long came in, stood behind her and committed the crime. The girl ran out into the shed to the rear of the house and Long, after cutting his own throat, followed her, the man's lap. Causeless jealousy appears to have been the motive for the double crime.

CONDITION OF COTTON.

Report of the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Agriculture.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—The monthly report of the bureau of statistics of the Department of Agriculture will show the average condition of cotton on July 25th to have been 91.6, as compared with 89 on June 25, 1904; 77.7 on July 25, 1903; 81.9 on July 25, 1902, and a ten-year average of 87.

The conditions by States on July 25th are as follows: Texas, 91; Georgia, 91; Alabama, 90; Mississippi, 91; South Carolina, 91; Arkansas, 88; Louisiana, 85; North Carolina, 93; Tennessee, 82; Indian Territory, 91; Oklahoma, 95; Florida, 94; Virginia, 91; Missouri, 90.

CORONER'S VERDICT

In Case of Policeman Who Died After a Blow from the Fist of a Boy.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., August 3.—The coroner's jury in the case of Policeman J. H. Brown, who died yesterday a few hours after engaging in an all-around fight with Paul Biggers, a 16-year-old boy, on Friday, rendered the following verdict:

"We find that J. H. Brown came to his death by a rupture of the spleen, the direct cause of death was internal bleeding. The jury finds that Paul Biggers was not the cause of J. H. Brown's death and therefore he is exonerated."

STATEMENT DENIED

That Gov. Vardaman Had Reflected Upon Good Name of Roosevelt's Mother.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

MEMPHIS, TENN., Aug. 3.—In reference to charges that he had reflected upon the good name of President Roosevelt's mother through the columns of his paper, Gov. James K. Vardaman, of Mississippi telephoned the "Star" to day from Jackson a statement which is in part as follows:

"I have never in my life written or said anything derogatory or that reflected upon the fair name of the good mother of Theo. Roosevelt, or any other good woman. I am not responsible for what the campaigners of Mississippi scribbled to me last year."

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT.

F. H. Reynolds, of Marietta, Ga., Killed and His Wife Fatally Injured.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, GA., Aug. 3.—Frank H. Reynolds, of Marietta, Ga., was killed and his wife fatally injured in the crash of their automobile into a tree on the highway near Bolton, about six miles from this city, to-night. L. N. Trammell and Miss Alma George were also in the car, but were not seriously injured. They are well known. Mr. Reynolds is a prominent citizen of Marietta.

SEVERE STORM.

Damage at Montgomery, Ala., Will Exceed \$10,000—Heavy Rainfall.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., Aug. 3.—An intense and hail of rain fell in fifteen minutes in Montgomery to-day and the wind attained a velocity of 44 miles an hour. Owners of many houses were flooded. Lightning struck several residences and business on the corner of the Capitol. The total damage will exceed \$10,000.

CANTONIA

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A GENERAL ATTACK AT PORT ARTHUR.

Russians Report the Japanese Storming Operations Repulsed With Great Loss.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 3, 1:35 P. M.—The first Russian report of the storming operations at Port Arthur has just been received from the consul at Ruzhita at the Foo, dated to-day. It says a general attack began Saturday, with the Japanese in immense force. There were two days of bombardment of unprecedented violence. The Japanese, at the time of sending this dispatch the consul adds, had been repulsed with great loss. The Japanese casualties possibly reached 30,000, but the Russian losses were insignificant.

The consul further reports that the Russians have an abundance of ammunition. The telegram does not mention naval operations, but it is here considered possible that the Russian warships participated in shelling the besiegers from the sea.

On the 25th, the Japanese, which had arrived here from New Chang, bring further details of the latest Japanese assault on Port Arthur. When nearing the Wuchow, the Japanese picked up a junk carrying several Chinese women and one boy, who left Port Arthur yesterday. They report that the fighting north of the city of Port Arthur occurred at Yoh Hill, which was sanguinary, resulting in the capture of the Japanese. This hill is situated near the railroad and eight battalions were kept busy bringing the wounded soldiers into the city.

The Russians unite in declaring that the fortress will never fall, but they expect that scarcely a building will be left in the city, where now there is scarcely the space of a yard. The Wuchow confirms the statement that the fighting abated during the night of July 28th, but had not completely subsided when the Russian fleet, from its anchorage, shelled the advancing Japanese, after returning from what seems to have been a reconnoitering mission. The Chinese writing to to-night say that the Japanese captured two light gunboats on the east coast, but abandoned them when their comrades were repulsed from the beach. The Russians, however, insist that this is untrue.

The Japanese, while repulsed, were by no means beaten, and a renewal of the fighting is expected when the junk departed yesterday from Port Arthur.

The Japanese are now occupying the outpost trenches which they captured during the fighting. The Japanese and Russian fleets are reported to be in excellent condition.

ALARMING NEWS

ST. PETERSBURG, August 3, 5:45 P. M.—The correspondent of the Associated Press hears that Emperor Nicholas has just received a telegram from Peterburg containing alarming news. It is also reported that Viceroy Alexieff, who had gone to Harbin on his way to Vladivostok, returned to Liao Yang and conferred with Gen. Kuropatkin regarding the situation.

LONDON, August 4.—The Daily Mail this morning has the following from New Chang under date of August 3rd:

The Russian garrison Sliovitch (which has been in the Lioa since the beginning of the war) has been deserted and fled near Sancha and the crew with the vessel. Two Japanese gunboats went on Monday to reconnoiter the position of the Sliovitch and were fired upon.

THE FIGHTING SUNDAY.

TOKYO, August 3, 10 A. M.—The Japanese defeated the Russians at Tomucheng (Simouhcheng), and drove them back to the sea. The fighting which began last Saturday and ended on Sunday. The Russians left 1,500 dead on the field and lost six guns.

The Russians occupied a range of high hills north of Tomucheng (Simouhcheng) which were strongly defended with covered trenches, a fortress and covered emplacements which consumed the Japanese shells. The Japanese seized a range of heights to the southward on Saturday. They began the attack at daylight on Sunday. The Japanese left wing encountered severe opposition in constructing. The Russians were gradually repulsed and their artillery was increased to twenty-one guns.

The Japanese, who were also reinforced, renewed the attack at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and drove the Russians northward. The Japanese fire, exposed to a severe artillery fire, was repulsed with a heavy loss. The Russian artillery prevented the Japanese from pursuing and during the night the Russians withdrew and the Japanese followed. The Japanese casualties were four hundred.

Gen. Kuroki has telegraphed that in the two days fighting at Tomucheng and Yushanlin his losses were six officers killed, sixteen officers wounded and nine hundred and fifty men killed and wounded.

KUROPATKIN'S REPORT.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 3.—Advice to the Emperor, dated August 3, from General Kuropatkin, says:

"Our troops have retired from Hai Cheng along the road toward Anshanshan. The movement was accomplished in perfect order and the enemy did not disturb us. The retreat was caused by the lack of ammunition and measures have been taken to diminish the equipment the troops have hitherto been obliged to carry, by transporting it in supply carts."

"There is no serious news from the eastern front."

HAI CHENG, Tuesday, Aug. 2, (sequenced in transmitted.) A desperate fighting of the last few days and the Japanese turning movement, the Russians have been compelled to evacuate Hai Cheng and fall back on Anshanshan.

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WEST VIRGINIA STATE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

A Large Assembly—A Short Speech from the Democratic Candidate for the Vice Presidency.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

FAKERSBURG, W. VA., Aug. 3.—The Democratic State Convention was in session two hours this afternoon and almost three to night, without reaching the regular order of business which was left over until morning.

It is stated that while Henry G. Davis favors the so-called "Lilly White" policy, he does not consider it expedient to insert such a plank in the platform at this time. It is currently reported that he and others have received telegrams from members of the national committee and other leaders, especially in New York, that such a plank in the platform would have a bad effect on the doubtful States at this time.

W. R. Thompson, of Huntington, and State Senator John Cornwell, of Hamshire, are to-night the most prominent candidates for the nomination for governor.

In the evening the convention indulged in a long continued demonstration as former Senator Davis entered the wigwag. Mr. Davis thanked the convention for its hearty greeting and hoped its harmony and enthusiasm would continue until November. He said in part:

"I cannot refrain from an expression of my gratification at this large and enthusiastic convention of Democrats, showing as it does the same spirit of unity and determination in West Virginia that pervades the Democracy throughout all sections of the country. Our national standard-bearer, Judge Parker, will on the day of this convention be formally notified of his nomination, and in the acceptance thereof will naturally give his views upon the questions at issue in the campaign. A week later I will be notified at White Sulphur Springs of my nomination for the office of vice president, and at that time it will be my duty to give some expression to my views on the political issues. I believe, I think, my duty both to our candidate for the presidency and to our party, that I should not now enter into a discussion of the issues."

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FOR GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK

Daniel S. Lamont Suggested as the Democratic Candidate—Conference With D. S. Hill.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

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BRYAN'S MESSAGE TO JUDGE PARKER.

Will Place Himself at Disposal of Democratic Committee and Work for Party Success.

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GEORGE, N. Y., Aug. 3.—Edward C. Wall, of Wisconsin, and Mr. Wall were the guests of Judge Parker to-day. They are en route to Europe. Mr. Wall brought a cordial message direct from William J. Bryan, assuring Judge Parker that he is heartily with the ticket and will place himself at the disposal of the Democratic national committee to do everything in his power to ensure party success this fall.

Mr. Bryan breakfasted with Mr. Wall at the latter's house in Milwaukee, July 23, and they spent several hours together.

Mr. Wall said to-day that Mr. Bryan had been understood in the East and that the feeling toward him is unfortunate. Continuing, he said: "Mr. Bryan is a Democrat and never will be anything else. While differing on some questions, he will support the St. Louis convention, he realizes that these questions were ruled upon and has accepted the decision. He is satisfied with the platform adopted and thinks all circumstances considered, the platform is for the best interests of the party at large. I will not attempt to say that he has the right to make the principles advocated in his campaign, but he thinks that if he is right he will eventually be vindicated. That, however, will not turn him from what he believes in. He is a Democrat, and he will support the platform and the ticket of the party."

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Two Revelations

Once there was a Mormon bishop who had only one wife.

And it came to pass that one day the bishop's two counselors came to see him and said they desired to "take counsel" with him.

"Bishop," said the first counselor, "we have come to talk with you on a matter of grave concern to the church. We think you ought to take another wife."

"What! Me? Me? No, no, no, man! Tut, tut, tut! I'm too old; I'm too old," spluttered the bishop.

"Now, look here, bishop," said the second counselor. "You're not any older than Brother Brigham Young."

"Yes, but then— You have a nice, large house, plenty of room, and you are rich enough to provide for two more wives if you should see fit to take them."

The bishop smiled a superior smile.

"Ah, there never was a house built big enough for Betsy and another wife."

"Why, you don't mean to tell us that Sister Betsy would object to walking in the path which the Lord has adopted and think it unfortunate. Continuing, he said:

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