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GILMAN COMMANDS G. A. R. VETERANS

Chose New Commander. in-Chief and Selected Rochester for Reunion.

NO ACTION AS TO LEE STATUE

Closing Sessions on Steel Pier at Atlantic City—Tribute Paid the Confederacy—McElroy Withdrew From Race.

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 22.—John E. Gilman, of Boston, for commander in chief and Rochester, N. Y., for the next place of meeting was the winning combination in the National encampment of the G. A. R. which opened its business session today on the steel pier. Other officers elected were:

Senior Commander-in-Chief Charles Burrows, Rutherford, N. J.; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief William James, Jacksonville, Fla.; Surgeon General, John L. Smith, Spokane, Wash.; Chaplain-in-Chief Rev. Thomas Harwood, Albuquerque, N. M.

The election of the commander-in-chief and the selection of the next encampment site has a little string to it. The veterans decided that the encampment can go to Rochester on condition that satisfactory railroad rates are secured and if in the judgment of the executive committee of the National council of administration of the G. A. R. the rates are not to its liking the committee can select such other city to which reasonable rates can be secured.

Los Angeles, Denver and Springfield, Ill., were also after the encampment and San Francisco invited the veterans to that city in 1915. When New Orleans heard of the latter invitation a veteran from the Southern city said the encampment would also hear from New Orleans before 1915, the year for the opening of the Panama Canal.

The election of the commander-in-chief brought up a subject that many of the veterans hoped would not come before them. It related to the conduct of John McElroy, of Washington, D. C., who was Gilman's opponent for commander-in-chief. When McElroy's name was presented he promptly withdrew it in an earnest speech. He declared that he had become a candidate on the solicitation of thousands of Grand Army men and that he had tried to win the honor fairly. But he continued, he had become the "target of most persistent, rancorous calumnies, falsehoods and innuendoes." The charges made, he said, he affected his integrity in every way and was sprung on him on such short notice that he could not make a proper defense in the brief time left before the election. He therefore, he said, withdrew his name as a candidate and asked the encampment to investigate the charges. He said he completely excused Gilman and his friends from any hand in the reports circulated.

Despite his announced withdrawal McElroy's friends rallied around him and insisted upon voting for him. The ballot resulted: Gilman 667; McElroy 216.

After the vote was announced McElroy formally asked the next commander-in-chief be directed to appoint a committee of inquiry to investigate his (McElroy's) "administration at St. Cloud, Fla." Objection was made but his request was granted. The new commander will name the committee later.

The charges referred to by McElroy did not come before the encampment. The proposition of a dollar a day pension for life will doubtless be shelved by the encampment. The committee on pensions which reported today, decided against the proposition because it would be too expensive to the National government. It was figured out that a dollar a day would increase the pension roll which now is \$160,000,000, more than \$100,000,000 a year and that it would take a half billion dollars in the next two years for pensions.

If the most influential members of the G. A. R. can prevent it, the present encampment will take no action on the matter of placing the statue of Robert E. Lee in the National capital. Leading members of the Grand Army declare that they do not want to offend the soldiers of the Confederacy. "Time is healing the wounds inflicted on both sides," said one past National commander, today, "and there is no desire to re-open them."

INTERCOLLEGIATE GOLF.

Two Yale Men Eliminated From the Matches at Manchester.

Manchester, Mass., Sept. 22.—The elimination of former National golf champion R. A. Gardner, of Yale, and R. F. Morrigan, captain of the Yale team, were the features of the first round of intercollegiate golf championship. Two matches went extra holes. G. E. Stanley, of Yale, defeating H. G. Legg, also of Yale, one up in 20 holes, while F. A. Martin, of Dartmouth won, one up in 19 holes, from J. D. Standish, of Williams.

Yale will have four men, Princeton two and Harvard and Dartmouth one each in the second round to open tomorrow morning.

ORGANIZED FIGHT ON RATES

Representatives of the Middle Western States Take Action Against Railroads—Gov. Stubbs Made an Address.

Topeka, Kas., Sept. 22.—Organized opposition to the proposed increases in railway freight rates was begun today at a conference of more than 150 representatives of commercial and public organizations of nine middle Western States.

The fight against the proposed rates is to be carried on principally before the Interstate Commerce Commission. The resolutions adopted declare for an equitable increase in rates, if the railroads can show that present rates are unremunerative, demand a decrease in rates, if investigation shows the present rates are too high; ask a restriction of the proposed advance, if present rates are found remunerative; call for a mandatory Federal law, making it the duty of the Interstate Commerce Commission to make a physical valuation of railroad property, and demand a rigid enforcement of anti-trust laws.

The meeting was opened with an address by Gov. Stubbs, of Kansas. Gov. Stubbs reviewed the situation and ended by declaring "my hope is that this meeting will demand from the railroads the naked truth about their properties."

Murdo McKenzie, president of the American Live Stock Association, was made chairman of the meeting. He gave figures and said showed that railroad earnings were not reported correctly by the roads. It is planned to hold other meetings of the conference later. Committees were appointed to organize the work begun today.

Chairman McKenzie was appointed head of a special committee of seven to present to President Taft the declarations of the conference.

ROBESON PRIMARIES.

County Chairman McLeod Defeated for Sheriff—Second Primary.

Lumberton, N. C., Sept. 22.—The Democratic primary was held in this county today for nominating county officers and members of the Legislature. The contest was between Sheriff McNeill, the present incumbent, and County Chairman Geo. B. McLeod. Returns have been received from enough precincts to show that Mr. McLeod has been defeated by at least 500 majority. Higley is re-nominated for Register of Deeds, and McKenzie for Treasurer. The election passed off quietly.

PLAYER DIES SUDDENLY.

Jacksonville Right Fielder Passed Away—Played in Other Leagues.

Jacksonville, Fla., Sept. 22.—Ray Marshall, right fielder for the Jacksonville baseball team during the past season died here this morning of heart failure. The body will be sent to Champaign, Ill., where his parents reside. Marshall has played with the Meridian and Columbus teams in the Cotton States League, with Charleston and Knoxville when they were members of the South Atlantic League and with Columbia and Jacksonville in the season which ended recently.

Louisville, Miss., Sept. 22.—Because of the absence of several of the most important witnesses, the case against Swinton Permenter, charged with assaulting and killing Miss Janie Sharpe several months ago, was continued until tomorrow. Quiet has been restored following the excitement of yesterday but the officials have increased the guard about the jail.

OUTLINES.

John E. Gilman, of Boston, was chosen commander-in-chief and Rochester, N. Y., was selected as the next place for meeting at a business session of the G. A. R. Veterans at Atlantic City yesterday.—The sentiment favoring Mayor Gaynor for governor of New York State assumed definite form in Democratic circles yesterday. The movement is gaining strength over the State.—The European bankers at a conference yesterday decided not to recede from their position in regard to American bills of lading.—An organized fight on increased freight rates was begun in Kansas yesterday by representatives from nine middle West States, who were addressed by Governor Stubbs.—President Taft has promised to send speakers of National prominence to aid in the Fall campaign in Ohio.—Indianapolis was selected as the next convention city of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.—New York markets: Money on call easy 1 3/4 to 2 per cent, ruling rate 1 7/8, closing bid 1 7/8, offered at 2; flour was steady with a moderate jobbing; wheat firm No. 2 red 1.04 7/8 elevator and 1.05 1/2 o. b. elevator; corn steady, No. 2, 61 1/4 elevator domestic basis to arrive and 61 2/4 f. o. b. aboard; No. 2 white 38 1/2; rosin steady, turpentine easy; spot cotton closed dull, middling uplands 13.90, middling Gulf 14.15.

DEMOCRATS URGE GAYNOR TO FRONT

Anxious For New York Mayor to Become Candidate For Governor.

SHOWS STRENGTH IN STATE

Sentiment in His Favor Took Form in Democratic Circles Yesterday—Tammany Leaders Supporting the Mayor.

New York, Sept. 22.—Gaynor sentiment took form and assumed direction in Democratic circles here today more rapidly than at any other time since his name came to the front as a possible candidate for governor.

State Chairman Dix had brought word of how large the figure of the mayor bulked from a distance, but until today New York leaders had been reticent. Partly they were restrained by the continued silence of the mayor himself, and partly by hesitation as to how they would fare with Mayor Gaynor at Albany and John Purroy Mitchell, now acting mayor, in his chair. But today there were two developments of interest.

In the first place, there was much open talk for Gaynor among district leaders who gathered at Tammany Hall, and those who heard it could only account for it on the supposition that it had warrant from those higher in the councils of the society.

In the second place, Charles F. Murphy, the tactful leader of Tammany, publicly admitted the strength of the movement toward Gaynor, while carefully reserving any declaration of his own attitude.

Mr. Murphy said: "The sentiment of the State seems to favor the nomination of Mayor Gaynor for governor." By many Tammany men this declaration was taken to mean that Murphy had brought away from his recent visits to the mayor at St. James, some indication of his attitude toward a nomination and that the mayor's action in permitting the publication of his long letter to his sister in Utica, relating his personal recollections of the attempt to assassinate him, had been correctly interpreted as equivalent to an announcement of his willingness to run.

Mr. Murphy's declaration was made in the presence of a delegation of politicians who went to Tammany Hall on an errand quite unconnected with Mr. Gaynor. They called, in fact, to urge the claims of Representative William Sulzer, whose boom has been most actively put forward. The Sulzer boomers eagerly spread the report of their conversation on account of what Mr. Murphy said further:

"Sulzer is also much talked about," he continued. "I have had men going through the State and they report that the people seem to want the mayor nominated, with Sulzer as second choice."

It was announced at Democratic State headquarters today that the temporary chairman of the Rochester convention would be Alton B. Parker, former chief judge of the State Court of Appeals and Democratic candidate for President in 1904. For permanent chairman Edward M. Shepard and D. Cady Herrick are most prominently mentioned.

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BILLS OF LADING DISPUTE

European Bankers Refuse to Recede From Former Position—Haynes Says Such Action is Immature—New York Bankers.

London, Sept. 22.—The European bankers interested in preventing fraudulent bills of lading in the shipment of American cotton, decided today not to recede from their position and endorsed the action of the recent general banking conference in demanding guarantees from the American banking houses.

The committee took this action after considering the reply of the American bankers to the European proposal and the offer of validation certificates from the railroads. In accordance with this action American banks will be expected to guarantee cotton bills of lading after October 31st.

The committee took up the matter of the guarantee, and unanimously decided upon a draft of the former guarantee which will be received from the American banks by the European accepting banks as to the genuineness of the bills of lading accompanying the cotton bills. The forms will be printed and the terms published shortly in London and New York.

No Word From London. New York, Sept. 22.—Local bankers today had received no word from the London conference of bankers on the cotton bill situation and in the absence of official information declined to make any comment.

The bills of lading committee of the American Bankers' Association probably will meet soon to consider the latest action of the foreign bankers and the belief here is that the attitude of American bankers as expressed by the committee last week will not be deviated from.

Haynes's Message Reassuring. New Orleans, Sept. 22.—Inquiry made of Frank B. Haynes, the bull leader in the cotton future market brought the following cablegram to spot cotton members of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange today: "Bills of lading immaterial."

Mr. Haynes is now in Liverpool, where he has been looking into the bills of lading question. Many spot dealers say that arrangements already have been perfected for the movement of a large part of the crop, but assert that the character of the exports will be a much greater factor in purchasing cotton and in honoring drafts than it has been heretofore.

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SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE GREAT CONTEST

Balloting Has Been Heavy Past Three Days—All Conditions and Instructions Given Again For Benefit of Contestants and Their Friends—The Standing.

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BLAME FOR WRECK OF TROLLEY CARS

Investigation Ordered at Fort Wayne to Fix The Responsibility.

FORTY PERSONS WERE KILLED

Company's Officers Will Testify That Motorman On Extra Was at Fault—Further Details of Horrible Accident.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Sept. 22.—An investigation by the Wells county grand jury of the cause of the collision between two cars on the Fort Wayne and Wabash Valley Traction Line at Kingsland, Ind., causing forty persons to lose their lives, will be begun next Monday. A special session of the grand jury was ordered today by Judge White.

According to a public statement of F. R. Fahlsing, claim agent of the traction company, officers of the company will testify that the responsibility for the wreck is with Motorman Corkwell of southbound "Extra" car. "Corkwell's order was to wait five minutes at Yoder," said Fahlsing. "He disobeyed the order and attempted to make the next siding. According to our rules, if an extra car cannot make a siding five minutes before a car in the other direction is due to pass, the extra must wait, even if it loses fifteen minutes."

Corkwell, who was seriously injured, regained consciousness today and an effort to obtain a statement from him will be made tomorrow. Nearly all of the dead were persons living in the vicinity of Bluffton. It was a holiday throng, bound for Fort Wayne to attend the State Fair. The "local" was filled to the last seat, and there were several persons in the aisles or on the platforms.

The crash was without warning. Running at its highest speed the empty "special" sped over the woods on a curve and plunged into the "local" which also was running at high speed. There was no chance for either motorman to prevent the accident. The local was torn apart as one might burst a paper bag. It exploded, say witnesses. Of all in the car probably sixty passengers, scarcely one escaped death or injury.

New Iberia, La., Sept. 22.—It is now estimated that the fire which destroyed about a block of business property caused about \$100,000 loss, of which \$45,000 was covered by insurance.

Natchez, Miss., Sept. 22.—Returns from yesterday's primary election in the seventh Congressional district of Mississippi, a second contest, gives William A. Dickson, incumbent, 3,924 votes, and Thomas H. Shelton 3,230. Three precincts unreported will not materially affect this result.

AFFAIRS AT THE STATE CAPITAL

Early Trial for Slayer of Chief of Police Stallings—Corporation Values in State—Good Roads Delegates—Other Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 22.—The death of Chief of Police Stallings, of Spring Hope, in a Richmond hospital, has stirred a demand on the part of citizens of Nash county that his slayer, Norman Lewis, now in jail here to prevent lynching, be given a speedy trial.

The demand is for a special term of court to convene at once for this purpose. However Governor Kitchin to whom the request comes, finds that there is not a Superior Court judge available at this time for a special term, owing to the poor health of Judge Peebles and Judge Cooke especially. Therefore, the Governor has advised that the best that can be done is to let the case await the next regular term of Nash court in November. Sheriff Sears has directed the jailer here to keep from Lewis the fact that Stallings is dead; that he is under the charge of murder, thinking that he will be the more easily controlled in jail if kept in ignorance of the gravity of his situation.

Six boys from Jonesboro who were bitten by a rabid dog recently completed their Pasteur treatment here in the State laboratory of hygiene and left for their homes evidently thoroughly immune from the threatened hydrophobia. They are Chas. Russell, Chalmers McFarland, Earl Jackson, Surles Cox, Frank Buchanan and Fletcher Lloyd.

The net aggregate increase in assessments of all corporations in North Carolina for 1910 over 1909 is \$4,410,333 according to a comparative statement just issued by the Corporation Commission showing the result of the work of the commission the past 60 days in assessing the valuation for taxes on public service corporations, miscellaneous industrial corporations, banks and building and loan associations, a work just completed and certified to the various county authorities and the State Treasurer. The public service corporations are reassessed only every four years except for improvements, this being an off assessment year. However the increase in the assessment of this class of corporations is \$1,260,982 as compared with 1909, while the increase in the assessment of the industrial corporations is \$3,149,351.

The Corporation Commission made an order today overruling the exceptions of the Seaboard Air Line to the recent order of the commission that the Seaboard provide a new separate and adequate passenger station at Shelby to take the place of the combination freight and passenger station in use there for many years and claimed now by petitioning citizens to be wholly inadequate.

The Governor appoints as delegates to the Southern Appalachian Good Roads Association, Knoxville, Tenn., Oct. 3rd to 6th: Donald MacRae, Wilmington; W. A. Blair, H. R. Starbuck, Winston-Salem; Albert Cox, M. L. Shipman, Raleigh; W. T. Wray, Fairview; Tenche Cox, E. Stickleather, Asheville; N. Underwood, R. H. Sykes, Durham; F. N. Tate, High Point; C. C. Wright, Greensboro; George Harper, Lenoir; G. W. Connor, Bearwallow; A. Cannon, Horryhoe; J. L. English, Spruce Pine; Frank Page, Pritchard, Asheville; J. C. Dockery, Rockingham; J. T. Bynum, Lumber Bridge; E. L. Wilson, Dallas; A. L. Fletcher, Lexington; Greeley Brinn, Swann Quarter; E. R. Brittain, Coleman; L. H. Redditt, Edward; J. R. Turnage, Alden; W. W. Sawyer, Columbia.

CENSUS OF SEVERAL CITIES.

Population of Three Texas and Three Illinois Cities. Washington, Sept. 22.—Population statistics of the thirteenth census were made public by the census bureau tonight for the following cities: Fort Worth, Texas, 73,312, an increase of 46,644, or 174.7 per cent, against 26,668 in 1900.

San Antonio, Texas, 96,614, an increase of 43,293, or 81.2 per cent over 53,321 in 1900.

The population statistics for the following cities also will be made public: Manchester, N. H., 70,063, an increase of 13,076, or 22.9 per cent over 56,987 in 1900.

Aurora, Ill., 29,807, an increase of 5,660, or 23.4 per cent over 24,147 in 1900.

Elgin, Ill., 25,976, an increase of 3,543, or 15.8 per cent over 22,433 in 1900.

TAFT AND TEDDY BOTH.

Jail Prisoner Tells Judge About the Two Presidents.

Washington, Sept. 22.—"Who is President of the United States?" asked Judge Mullaney, of William Thomas, a jail prisoner, who was being examined today by a lunacy jury. "Deed, jedge, ah doan rightly know. They say they's two of 'em—one's Mr. Taft and the other's Teddy," was the prisoner's reply.

"Not guilty," was the verdict and Thomas, who, through a clerical error had already served 40 days too many of a prison term for "totin a pistol," was released.

ROOSEVELT FEELS SURE OF VICTORY

Ex-President Predicts Rout of the "Old Guard" at Saratoga.

SAGAMORE HILL CONFERENCE

Colonel Convinced That It is All Over but the Shouting—Reports Indicate Clean Sweep—Forces Are Gathering.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Sept. 22.—The utter rout of the "old guard" by Theodore Roosevelt at the Republican State convention in Saratoga was predicted today by Col. Roosevelt himself. At the conclusion of a long conference at Sagamore Hill today with half a dozen of his lieutenants, Col. Roosevelt said:

"I think I may be reasonably safe in saying that we shall have 100 majority." Reports from all parts of the State were received at Sagamore Hill today. Otto T. Bannard, of New York, Lloyd C. Griscom, president of the New York county Republican committee; R. J. Kracke, of Brooklyn, naval officer of the port; Representative William M. Calder, of Brooklyn; Comptroller Wm. A. Prendergast, of New York City, and Herbert Parsons, Mr. Griscom's predecessor, motored down from New York late in the afternoon for a final survey of the field of battle.

The reports Col. Roosevelt received this afternoon convinced him that it was all over but the shouting. Unless some unexpected reversal should be met, he was positive that the Republican organization would be forced to give ground before the progressions when the test came at Saratoga next week. His estimate of 100 majority was concurred in by the others who attended the conference.

The attitude of the Roosevelt forces toward the Taft administration was outlined by Mr. Bannard. "In my opinion," said he, "the Saratoga convention will adopt a resolution strongly endorsing the administration of President Taft. In accordance with the President's expressed wish, no mention will be made of any renomination in 1912. No opposition to an endorsement of the administration will come from delegates friendly to Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Griscom."

Mr. Griscom said that he had brought good news to Sagamore Hill. "I reported to Mr. Roosevelt," he said, "that there had been several accessions to our ranks, among them delegates from Dutchess and Montgomery counties. There may be more. Mr. Roosevelt will be temporary chairman. There is no question about that. We shall have a majority of more than 100 delegates."

Col. Roosevelt said that the names of several candidates were gone over, but that no agreement on any of them had been reached. The platform would be progressive.

Col. Roosevelt said that he felt that a plank on direct nomination would be placed in the platform.

Mr. Parsons said that an effort would be made to force a roll call of every delegate to the convention in the vote for temporary chairman. He explained that it was proposed to put every man on record "for all times" either for or against Col. Roosevelt. By this method he believed Roosevelt's majority would gain from the ranks of the trimmers.

The feeling that an up-State man would make the strongest candidate for governor was expressed more decidedly than ever today. During the last few days the names of several such men have been presented. One just brought forward, and now receiving some attention, is that of Elias Mann, Mayor of Troy.

For Lieutenant governor a boom has been started for S. B. Donnelly, of Brooklyn, appointed public printer by President Roosevelt and a strong union labor man.

When the correspondence with Archbishop Ireland given out yesterday by Mr. Bellamy Storer was mentioned Col. Roosevelt said that he did not intend to be drawn into a renewal of that controversy. He confined himself to this comment:

"Four years ago, when I was President and Bellamy Storer was ambassador to Austria, all the letters from me to the Storers and from them to me were published. The letters must speak for themselves."

In his opinion, he added, the correspondence formed a record against which no recollection of verbal conversations could stand, and that therefore the question of veracity could not be raised.

WEALTHY YOUTH FOR NAVY.

Horace Keeler Carrying Out Provision of Fortune Willed Him.

Washington, Sept. 22.—Horace Logan Keeler, the 22-year-old Newport, R. I., lad who is said to have been left a fortune of \$1,500,000 by a grandfather, is now serving as a hospital apprentice at Newport, R. I., as a training for future naval service. Keeler's fortune hinges on his earning not less than \$75 a month until he is 25 years old.

Newport, R. I., Sept. 22.—A search of the naval training station here tonight failed to disclose the presence of Horace Logan Keeler, of Richmond, Ind., who is said to be heir to \$1,500,000. The naval officers here think that the young man may be found at the Norfolk, Va., training station.

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