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WHYROOSEVELT OPPOSES TAFT

Colonel's Supporters Fight Began with Slur on Him in Steel Trust Suit.

BATTLE PLAN FORMED BY ROOSEVELT FORCES

They Intend to Force Compromise Candidate on Chicago Convention Is Washington Report.

Washington, Jan. 6.—President Taft's declaration that he is in the nomination fight to the death and that he will go into the convention if he has but one vote at his back has clarified the atmosphere so far as the Taft situation is concerned. The supporters of the president are firmly convinced now that in the end the convention will be compelled to accept Taft for the reason that the policies of a republican national administration are on trial and that the head of the administration is the proper candidate to represent these policies. There are Washington, Jan. 6 .- President

ministration are on trial and that the head of the administration is the proper candidate to represent these policies. There are also Taff supporters who tell you unreservedly that the opposition to his renomination will crumble and be shattered by the time the republicans assemble in Chicago in June next.

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The Roosevelt men already have outlined their plan of battle. They are, if possible, to prolong the sessions of the national convention. They are to muddle things up, to stir up strife, to reiterate over and over again that the president if nominated cannot be re-elected. By means known in political strategy they are to weaken the president until the situation calls for the nomination of some republican whose selection will as far as possible heal the breach between the Taff and Roosevelt forces.

The Roosevelt men were very positive in their statements that Roosevelt would not be also is expected to meet the criticism that the association might be controlled by such an important center as New York city.

tive in their statements that Roomvelt would not be elected if his nomination was accomplished at the sacrifice of Tatt. So the Roomvelt men went on to disclose their purpose to throw the convention into a turmoil and so to weaken Taft by delay and strife that in the end a compromise candidate may be selected.

Say Reciprocity Plan Hurt Taft.

There are many old supporters of Roomvelt who believe they can still further injure President Taft through his reciprocity measure. They tell you that the National Grange and the grangers in all states have from the start been marked in their opposition

that the National Grange and the grangers in all states have from the start been marked in their opposition to this reciprocity measure and that this opposition will prove most effective when the national convention assembles next summer. The representatives of these granges are convinced that the regulation for the spreamatives of the grangers are convinced that the regulation for the representatives of the grangers to the Taft administration. Meantime there are republicans of discernment who feel that the president now that Canada has rejected the reciprocity and the discernment who feel that the president will accept any such suggestion. notwithstanding the fact that republican senators and republican members of the house of representatives are thoroughly continued that this measure is to work damage to them in next falls elections.

Roosswelt Wants Revenge.

Further information has been elicited concerning the combination between Col. Roosswelt and the opponents of President Taft to prevent if possible Taft's renomination. It was assetted by republicans who have discussed the matter with Col. Roosswelt has immediately after Jacob M. Dickinson. Taft's former secretary of war, a democrat from Tennessee and a special district attorney, had filed the papers in the suit against the United States Steel corporation at Trentpin Roosswelt first began to send for republicans from this city and elsewhere with a view to shapping up an organization both for his own nomination and for the purpose of accomplishing the overtime was very anary over the republicans from this city and elsewhere with a view to shapping up an organization both for his own nomination and for the purpose of accomplishing the overtime that the step opposition of the United States Steel corporation could take over the Tennessee Coal & free a mandar references to him in the government's petition, which averrage with the fact provided the analysis of the United States and the provided that a language of the complete of the purpose of accomplishing th

Scheme Is Proposed to Make Reserve Association Independent.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The national conetary commission yesterday vir-ially agreed upon a proposition tually agreed upon a proposition which it is believed will have the effect of preventing the exercise of undue influence upon the affairs of the proposed national reserve association by an individual, corporation or section of the country. This practically completed the work of that body

The Asheville weather bureau this afternoon received tion the following telegram from that the bureau at Washington:

"Cold wave; temperature will likely fall to zero Sunday

REGISTRATION FRAUDS IN LOUISIANA CHARGED

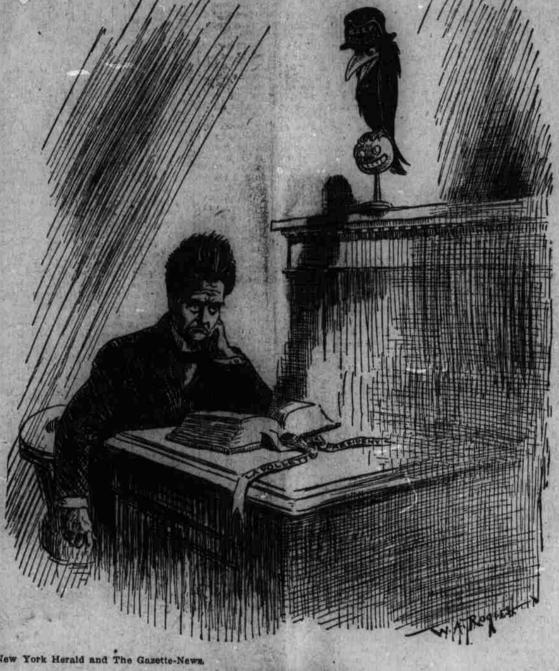
Twenty Per Cent. of Democratic Voters in Arcadia Parish Involved.

Crowley, La., Jan. 6 .- Wholesale egistration frauds involving probably 20 per cent, of the democratic voters of Arcadia Parish is alleged in a se-ries of 800 suits filed in the circuit court here today. The suits pray for a mandamus writ to strike illegal vot-ers' names from the rolls.

CHINESE REPUBLICANS BELIEVE CAUSE GAINS

Shanghai, Jan. 5.—The republican overnment is assuming a strong potition and now considers that China's uture is entirely in its hands. The eaders believe the country is almost manimicusty in favor of the republican movement. President Sun Yat an'y cabinat is regarded as a strong no.

nt Inspects Army Posts.



New York Herald and The Gazette-News

NEVERMORE!

RICHESON CONFESSES HE KILLED AVISLINNELLHISSWEETHEART

"I Hereby Confess That I Am Guilty of the Offense of Which I Stand Indicted," Reads Statement of Minister Made Public by His Counsel-Tragic Death of Music

Student and Sensational Events Which Followed.

Baptist church of Cambridge, has made a written confession that he poisoned his former sweetheart, Avis Linnell. The statement was given to his counsel who made the confession to his counsel who made the confession mubile at 1 prices the confession and Get Engaged.

Richeson and Get Engaged. confession, bearing Richeson's signa-ture, reads:

Full Text of Confession, The full text of the confession fol-

"John L. Lee, Esq., William Morse, Esq., Philip R. Dunbar, Esq., "Gentlemen:—Deeply penitent for my sin and carnestly desiring, as far as in my power lies, to make atone-ment, I hereby confess I am gulity of the offense of which I stand indicted.

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"I am moved to this course by no inducement of self-benefit or leniency. Heinous as is my crime, God has not wholly abandoned me and my conscience and manhood, however deprayed and blighted, will not admit of still further wronging by public trial her whose pure young life I have destroyed. Under the lashings of remorse, I have suffered and am suffering the fortures of the damned. In this I find a measure of comfort. In my mental anguish I recognize there is still, by the mercy of the Manter, some remnant of the divine spark of goodness still lingering with me. It could wish to live only because within some prison's walls I might in some small measure redeem my soul, help some other despairing soul and at last find favor with God.

"You are instructed to deliver this to the district attorney or to the judge of the court.

"Sincerely yours,

"CLARENCE V. RICHESON."

Just before noon Superior couri judges and the district attorney went into conference. An hour later representatives of the press were called to the office of William A. Morse, the accused clergyman's counsel.

District Attorney Pelletier said: "The trial will go on just the same, no matter what sintement may be issued by Richeson."

It gives no details.

The Case Sensational.

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The crimd which Richeson confessed was one of the most sensational in the history of Massachusetts. Ayis Lanneil was found dead in a bath room in the Y. W. C. A. building here late in the afternoon of October 14, 1912, and medical examination revealed cyanide poisoning. At first suicide was suspected, an autopsy disclosing the met that a physical condition existed which was ascribed as a metive. Sunnicipous soon pointed, however, at Riching to the pricipus soon pointed to the pricipus so

Boston, Jan. 6.—Rev. C. T. V. Rich- of the girl. The police claimed that Boston and Miss Linnell also went

Richeson and Girl Engaged.

Miss Linnell and Richeson first met at Hyannis, Mass., where Richeson and Miss Edmands has always maintainwas pastor of a church. Richeson and Miss Edmands has always maintained her belief in Richeson's innocence After his arrest she left her exclusive married. Subsequently he moved to home to become a settlement worker.

Deaths From Cold; Poor Suffer in the Cities be heard.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—Zero weather continues. The mercury was eight degrees below zero this morning and it is predicted it will drop to 15 below tonight. Suffering is intense and four deaths have resulted. Scores of families have been routed from their homes by fires. The authorities have authorised doubling the usual allotment of goods and fuel to the needy. Cold wave reports from many western cities shown broken records. The lowest point in the United States is went below zero.

Superior, Wis., where the temperature is 38 degrees below zero. At Greenbar, wits, it is 26 below. There is general snowfall throughout Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Missouri. The general temperature range in the Canadian northwest is 14 to 38 degrees below zero.

Zero Temperature in New York.

New York, Jan. 6.—Zero temperature caused intense suffering during the night. The mercury in some places went below zero.

American Fatally Shot by Woman He Abandoned

Berlin, Jan. 6.—Norbert M. Rodkinson, a prominent member of the American colony here, was shot and probably fatally wounded today by Alwyse Siede, a milliner. Miss Siede's friends say the shooting was the re-

HEROISM OF SEAMEN

MAD DOG BITES

Bound Brook, N. J., Jan. 6 .- Fif. en persons are undergoing Pasteur reatment as the result of a race of a the authorities are accuring the countryside for other animals bitten.

One Killed, 13 Hurt in We

WILSON-HARVEY **BREAK RUMORED**

Important Questions of Railroad and Steamship Traffic Come up.

Washington, Jan. 6 .- "Interstate ommerce week" will be observed in the Supreme court of the United states beginning Monday. Practically all of the questions to be argued that week are connected with railroad or steam

The first case to be considered involves whether shippers may be indicted for accepting rebates unless it is shown that the railroad concerned had posted the regular rates at the railroad station at point of origin. It was held by judge Speer of Georgia Harvey, who was formerly a close that the posting of the regular rates political friend and advisor of the governor. per lived was such an important means of information that the shipper could not be indicted unless it was alleged the rates had been posted. This ruling occurred in the indictment of Harvey C. Miller and Morris F. Miller of Philadelphia on charge of accepting concessions for shipments over the Merchant's and Miner's Transportation company, jointly with the Seaboard Air Line and with the

Atlantic Coast Line.
Chattanooga Rate Cases.
Another case is the quarter-century fight of Cincinnati shippers for lower rates to Chattanooga and the South.
In 1894 shippers induced the interstate commerce commission to order a sharp reduction of rates over the Cincinnati, New Orlenas and Texas Pacific road from Cincinnati to Chattanooga. Courts held that the commision could not fix a future rate. Later when this power was conferred upon it, the commission reduced first class it, the commission reduced first class rates to 70 cents, and held that, while asonable on a road direct to Chatreasonable on a road direct to Chat-tanooga, it would not be so on the Louisville & Nashville and connecting lines. Furthermore, the commission held that to reduce the rate to 60 cents might make inequitable certain rates from Memphis to Chattanooga and to Atlants, Birmingham, Montgomery and other southern cities. The Cincinnati shippers made an unsuccessful attempt in the commerce injust and unreasonable.

Immigration Law Test.

Whether a loophole really exists in

the immigration laws such as would allow steamship companies to shift the responsibility for bringing in im migrants of the excluded classes will purpose of congress seemingly was to make the steamship companies pay the cost of returning such immigrants as are denied entrance there nothing in the law to prevent companies from circumventing the law by requiring these immigrants to put up security in foreign ports to cover the cost of returning them if

Another question will be whether a special rate on coal may be given railroads. Still other cases involving conflicts of jurisdiction between th interstate commerce com-mission and the commerce court will

SENTENCED TO PRISON MAN PLEADS FOR DEATH

Colorado Slayer Prefers the Gallows to 14 to 20 Years' Term.

Greely, Col., Jan. 8.—Frank Murata, convicted of killing K. Ibusuki at Plattville, pleaded with the court to-day to sentence him to the gallows rather than to prison, as the Japanese consider confinement in prison more dishonorable than death. The court ignored the plea and sentenced him to a term of from 14 to 20 years.

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 6.—Georgo H.
Hill and Harry Eckstorm of Baltimore, charged with robbing an Atlantic Coast Line train at Hardeoville,
S. C., several weeks ago were dismissed today. Their diemissal was
made upon the government's motion,
no case having been made out.

New St. Louis Library Opened.

St Louis, Jan. 6.—The new central public library, standing on the site of the collecum where William Mc-Kinley was nominated for the presidency in 1896, was formally opened today. Herbert Putman, librarian of congress, and other prominent heads of libraries attended. The building yet a million and a half dollars half of which was given by Andrew Carnerie.

Chivington In Re-Electe

Col. Henry Watterson Is Also Reported to Have Abandoned the Jersey Man's Cause.

EDITOR'S ENDORSEMENT WAS THOUGHT HARMFUL

Wilson Asked Him to Cease Activities, So the Story Goes-Harvey Started

Trenton, Jan. 6 .- A report, said to ave originated in Newark is circulate ed here that there has been a break between Gov. Wilson and Col. George political friend and advisor of the governor.

According to the story whispered by politicians who professed to have inside information. Gov. Wilson has gone to the length of writing a letter to Col. Harvey suggesting that the colonel's active interest in the Wilson movement was injuring rather than

helping his cause,
Definite information as to the contents of the supposed letter is lacking, but some of Gov. Wilson's friends are known to have suggested that the in-dorsement of Col. Harvey was dis-pleasing to some of the democrats whom the governor is seeking to

Col. Harvey has always be garded as the inventor of the Wilson boom for the presidency. The orators who spoke for Vivian M. Lewis, the the last gubernatorial campaign in New Jersey, never lost an opportunity to refer to the fact that Wilson's cam-paign was being backed by Col. Har-vey and his paper printed in New

Editorially and in long interviews Harper's Weekly was for a long time full of praise of Dr. Wilson and of suggestion of something bigger than the Jersey governorship for him. There was hardly a number that did not contain some manufact of the Lie. sey scholar in politics. But in the Weekly for December 23 and December 20 there is no mention of Gov. Wilson at all.

The report mid that Col. Watterson was included with Col. Harvey in the list of those who had separated themselves or been separated from Gov. Wilson's boom.

be argued before the court. A New York court held that while the LEAVE FOR WASHINGTO

Lawler and Fredericks Quit Indianapolis to Confer with Taft.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 6. Oscar Lawler, special assistant to Attorney General Wickersham in the government's prosecution of the alleged dy-namiting conspiracy, left here for Washington, D. C., after a three days' conference with United States Attorney Charles W. Miller, in charge of the federal investigation in this

of the federal investigation in this district.

Mr. Lawler probably will confer with President Taft as well as the attorney general on the latter's return from Panama next week. Besides being able to give the president a personal account of what the investigation at Los Angeles, Cal., revested, Mr. Lawler now can furnish a general resume of all the evidence gathered here and elsewhere throughout the country, showing alleged violations of federal laws in transporting explosives and conspiracy to violate the laws. He will have with him State's Attorney John D. Fredericks of Los Angeles county, California, prosecutor of the McNamaras, who left here earlier yesterday for Washington.

4 FATALLY INJURED; CAR LEAVES BRIDGE

somerault in Drop from Struct-pre Connecting Cincinnati and Newport.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 6.—Four persons were fatally injured while another was seriously hart here last night when a South Bellevue street car jumped from the Contral bridge which connects this city with Newport. Ry. The car landed on Front street after turning a somersault in its drop of 18 feet to the pavement below.

The fatally injured are:

Harry Wessling, Newport, Ky., conductor on the car.

Benton Schrott, secretary-treasurer of the Cautral Bridge company, Newport, Ky.