

WILLIE RANDOLPH HEARST AND THOMAS E. WATSON OUT WITH TIRADE ON BRYAN

Disappointed Yellow Journalist Calls the Nebraskan Chamelon Candidate. REFUSES TO STEP FROM HIS PERCH Watson, the Populist, Says Bryan Has Ignored South. He's Gone the Limit.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, July 16.—A cablegram has been received from William Randolph Hearst, in reply to a message transmitted to Mr. Hearst from Samuel Gompers, standing in view of the Democrats' stand for labor it would be an act of greatest patriotism for the Independence party to endorse the democratic platform and urging him not to run a third ticket.

Paris, July 17. "Tell Mr. Gompers that I am not authorized to speak for the membership of the Independence League, but according to my personal standards a purer patriotism consists in laboring to establish a new party which will be consistently devoted to the interest of the citizenship and particularly to the advantage and advancement of the producing classes. I do not think the path of patriotism lies in supporting a discredited and decadent old party, which has neither conscientious conviction nor honest intent, or in endorsing chameleon candidates who change the color of their political opinion with every varying hue of opportunism. I do not think the best benefit of laboring men lies in supporting that old party because of a sop of false promise, when the performance of that party while in power did more to injure labor than all the injunctions every issued before or since. I have lost faith in the empty professions of an unregenerate democracy. I have lost confidence in the ability in the sincerity and even in the integrity of its leaders. I do not consider it patriotism to pretend to support that, which as a citizen I distrust and detest and I earnestly hope the Independence Party will give me an opportunity to vote for candidates that are both able and honest, and for a declaration of principles that is both sound and sincere."

WHY WATSON IS SORE NASHVILLE, Tenn., July 16.—The Hon. Thomas E. Watson, Peoples Party candidate for president, said here today: "Mr. Bryan made a mistake in dealing with the political situation in the south and I will take advantage of this fact. He has gone to the limit in assuming on the political help of the south. The southern states are expected to give him 154 electoral votes, almost two-thirds of the necessary majority he expects to win with. Yet he does not even concede to the south the second place on the ticket."

STORIES OF ROUGH DEALS INVESTIGATED

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, July 16.—After he had heard the testimony of three of the Chinese sailors of the British steamship Strathgairn today, Colonel Harburger said, referring to the stories as to the brutal treatment of the crew since they shipped from Shanghai fourteen months ago, "I cannot conceive how a man could be guilty of such unheard-of outrages as are charged in this case." The coroner said he would give his decision in the case tomorrow. The complaint was made by Mrs. Mary Quackenbush and Louis Posner, associate counsel. The coroner said he would decide whether or not he would order the arrest of the ship's captain, D. M. Gunn, on a charge of homicide. The three Chinese sailors, examined today were detained at Ellis island at the request of Mrs. Quackenbush to enable her to show that the sailors who committed suicide by jumping overboard as the Strathgairn was leaving this port a few days ago, sought to leave the ship but were driven back by the ship's captain. The members of the crew who escaped from the ship were sent back to Liverpool on the Lusitania yesterday.

MOTHER LOSES HER MIND AS SHE SEES HER DAUGHTER CRUSHED

(By Associated Press.) GREENWICH, Conn., July 16.—One woman was killed, two were perhaps mortally wounded and nearly a dozen persons were seriously hurt when the White Mountain Express of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad was wrecked 100 feet west of the station here today. Spreading rails caused the ten-car train to leave the tracks while it was crossing a bridge over Steamboat road, and five of the passenger cars, including four Pullmans, were hurled into a ditch, where they collapsed like paper boxes. That less than 15 of the 180 passengers were

BRUTAL ASSAULT BY BURLY NEGRO

Dusky Ruffian With Indian Blood is Now Fleeing From Wrath to Come.

(By Associated Press.) ROANOKE, Va., July 16.—Will Finney, a negro, with Indian blood in his veins, who on Monday beat little Mary Jamieson, daughter of John Jamieson, a Franklin county farmer, almost to death in an effort to make her submit to a criminal assault, was captured tonight, 17 miles from the scene of the crime and taken to Rocky Mount jail. The child was missed from her home and when her father went to search for her he found signs of a struggle in the road. He followed tracks and discovered the negro carrying the girl into some woods. The negro threw the girl on the ground and escaped. The child was unconscious and her face and head terribly mutilated.

NEW YORKER MEETS DEATH IN THIS STATE

Out Boating With Three Companions When Boat Capsized.

(By Associated Press.) CHARLOTTE, N. C., July 16.—Darius Eatman, a professor in Columbia University, New York, City, was drowned this afternoon, while boating in a pond near Oxford, Granville county. With three companions Professor Eatman was out for a day's frolic, when in some manner the boat capsized, presumably by rocking. Three swam ashore and began preparations to save Eatman, who could not swim. Before sinking the boat, which he grasped with such violence as to jerk it from his rescuers' hands. The body was recovered almost immediately, but efforts to resuscitate him were without avail. Professor Eatman was thirty-three years old and is survived by an aged father. He was a graduate of the University of North Carolina, and Columbia University, and held the chair of pedagogy in Wake Forest college for two years. A few weeks ago he secured the degree of Ph. D. at Columbia in a post graduate course and was elected to a professorship.

NINE KILLED IN AN EXPLOSION

Efforts to Unload Car of Powder Results Disastrous For Several People.

(By Associated Press.) CLEVELAND, Wash., July 16.—An explosion in the powder magazine of the Northwestern Improvement company this evening killed nine persons and seriously injured a number of others. The dead: GEORGE MEAD, of the Northwestern Improvement company stores; GILFORD M. DONNELLS, clerk; ANDY GRILL, clerk; MRS. PERRY MOFFATT, wife of a brickmaker; Infant child of Mrs. Moffatt; JOE ROSS, miner; JOE POTTRAPPEL, miner; Two miners. Shortly before 5 o'clock Manager Meade and the two clerks from the store went in the powder house to assist in unloading a carload of powder. How the accident happened is not known.

UNITED STATES HAD A LOOK-IN ON TWO EVENTS

Sheridan and Ross Upheld the Honor of the Stars and Stripes in London. ENGLAND, HOWEVER WILL WIN TROPHY Great Britain's Score Stands 20 Points, Her Nearest Rival, America, With 8.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, July 16.—This was America's day in the Olympic sports at the Stadium, both big events which reached the finals, throwing the discus, free style, and putting the shot, being carried off by Martin J. Sheridan of the Irish-American Athletic club and Ralph Rose of the Olympic club, San Francisco, respectively. The United Kingdom captured the third final, the 400 metres swimming event, in which H. Taylor added to the score of his country by beating Beau-paire, the Australian crack, and Schöff of Austria. The final also was reached in the 1,000 metres cycle race, but this proved such a fiasco through the attempts of four of the participants, Schilles of France and Jones, Kingsbury and Johnson of England, to force each other to make the pace, that the judges declared the event off, it not being finished within the time limit. Italy took the other gold medal today in the team gymnastic work, receiving the greatest number of points against a great array of competitors. No official announcement is obtainable as to how the British Olympic association is going to decide the Olympic championship, but the system adopted by the London sporting papers in arriving at the respective positions of the various countries has been generally accepted. This system awards one point for each win, ignoring seconds and thirds, and includes all sports carried out under the auspices of the association, whether they are within the Stadium or outside of it. Following this method of counting points, the countries would be placed in the order: Great Britain Leads. United Kingdom, 20; United States, 8; Sweden, 3; Norway, 2; and Canada, France, Belgium and Italy, 1 each. The United Kingdom's 20 points, according to this computation, are made up as follows: Men's doubles and single and ladies' singles in both the lawn tennis and covered court tennis competitions, polo competition, fives and doubles at racquet, individual rifle competition, miniature rifle competition at disappearing targets, individual miniature rifle competition at moving targets, team and individual miniature rifle competition at disappearing targets, rifle competition at clay birds, and the following wins in the Stadium: 3,500 metres walk, 3,000 kilometres cycle race, 600 yards cycle race and 400 metres swim. The United States' score is made up of the following wins: Rifle team competition, revolver team competition, individual double shot at running deer, Jay double victory in court tennis competition, throwing the hammer, 1,500 metres flat race, throwing the discus, and putting the weight. The Sweden points were scored by wins in the team and individual competition at running deer and throwing the javelin; Norway, the team and individual rifle shooting at 200 metres, Canada, the individual competition at clay birds; France, the 2,000 kilometres tandem cycle race; Belgium, the individual revolver competition; and Italy, team gymnastic competition. As the summer section of the games will continue until October 19 and will include six-fifte, the Olympic fives and figure skating, and as there is to be a winter section to include hockey and association football, hockey, lacrosse and boxing, it will be the end of the year before the trophy for the championship in all sports can be awarded. If this method of counting points is followed by the British Olympic association, England will win the trophy, for there are few countries taking part in the sports outside of the Stadium. It was miserably wet and cold all day, the rain falling heavily from early morning until the last event had been decided. The competitors and officials who had to be in the field were dripping with water all day long and the whole scene was about as cheerless as could be imagined. The stands and course were deserted and late in the afternoon the running track resembled a canal. Fortunately there were no running races on the program. All the gymnastic displays, which were the feature of previous days, had to be put off, and even the band did not make its appearance to help dispel the gloom. The American athletes walked away from all their opponents in the discus throwing competition, free style, Martin J. Sheridan, Irish-American Athletic club, retained the championship without great effort. His throw that gave him first place in the final, 124 feet 2 inches, was more than two feet behind his own record. M. H. Griffin, Chicago Athletic association, was a good second, with 133 feet 6 1/2 inches, and M. F. Horr, Irish-American Athletic association, was third, with 129 feet 5 inches.

E. W. CHAFIN TO CARRY FLAG OF PROHIBITION

National Convention of the Dry Party Nominates Him For President. HE CONFIDENTLY EXPECTS BIG VOTE. It Was Generally Anticipated That Mr. Chafin Would Be the Nominee.

(By Associated Press.) COLUMBUS, Ohio, July 16.—For president—Eugene W. Chafin, of Chicago; For vice president—Aaron S. Watkins, of Ada, Okla. This ticket was nominated today by the prohibitionists national convention and both nominations were made unanimous. The full endorsement of the convention was not however, given to Mr. Chafin until after three ballots had been taken on the first two ballots Mr. Chafin did not show a great amount of strength, receiving but 154 out of 1,083 votes on the first and 376 out of 1,087 on the second ballot. His nomination was assured, however when the roll call began for the third ballot. His own state, which had voted largely for Daniel H. Sherman of Florida, and the New York delegation, followed by those of Indiana and Wisconsin came over to Mr. Chafin and on the third ballot he received a total of 616 votes. The strongest competitor of Mr. Chafin was Rev. William B. Palmore of St. Louis who received 274 votes on the first ballot, and a comparatively small vote after it was evident that the nomination of Mr. Chafin could not be prevented. It was then decided to make Mr. Palmore the vice-presidential nominee and he was nominated by acclamation. He declined to accept the office, however, and presided in his refusal despite the strong urging of his friends. The convention became involved in a deep parliamentary tangle. The rules were several times suspended, and the suspensions immediately revoked. By acclamation. Finally it was decided that Professor Aaron S. Watkins of Ada, Okla. should be named by acclamation. There was no opposition to him at the moment and Chairman Charles Seaton was on the verge of declaring Professor Watkins the nominee when delegates in various parts of the hall broke in with a flood of motions, amendments and suspensions of the rules. An extended debate finally resulted in the restoration of the rules and a ballot for the vice-presidency. Three men were named, Professor Watkins, T. H. Demaree of Kentucky and Charles S. Bolter of Indiana. The ballot resulted in the nomination of Professor Watkins by an overwhelming majority and he was immediately thereupon, upon motion of the Kentucky delegate, made the unanimous choice of the convention. Both the president and vice-presidential nominees are candidates for governor in their respective states on the prohibition ticket. Eugene W. Chafin, who leads the prohibition party this year, is an attorney. He is a native of Wisconsin, and has practiced law there. He was at one time a candidate for governor of Wisconsin on the prohibition ticket and was this year placed in the running for the same position in Illinois by the prohibitionists of that state. The Platform. The foremost session of the convention was devoted to the discussion and adoption of a platform, which is probably the shortest on record, containing not more than 350 words. It is as follows: "The prohibition party of the United States assembled in convention at Columbus, Ohio, July 15, 16, 1908, expressing gratitude to Almighty God for the victories of our principles in the past, for our engagement at present, and for our confidence in the future. We declare our principles and our platform as follows: "1. The prohibition party of the United States is in favor of the total, permanent prohibition of the manufacture, sale, transportation, exportation or importation of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes. "2. The immediate prohibition of the liquor traffic for beverage purposes in the District of Columbia and the territories in all places where which the national government has jurisdiction, the grant of the revenue and revenue tax a absolute liquor and the prohibition of the interstate traffic therein. "3. The election of United States senators by direct vote of the people. "4. Equitable graduated income and inheritance taxes. "5. The establishment of postal savings banks and the guarantee of deposits in banks. "6. The regulation of all corporations doing an interstate commerce. "7. The creation of a permanent tariff commission. "8. The strict enforcement of law instead of official tolerance and practical license of the social evil, which prevails in many of our cities, with its unspeakable traffic in girls. "9. Uniform marriage and divorce laws. "10. An equitable and constitutional

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(By Associated Press.) TROY, N. Y., July 16.—That Hazel Drew came to her death as a result of an automobile accident instead of being the victim of a foul and deliberate murder is one of the theories put forward tonight as a possible solution of the Teal Pond mystery. After five days of careful investigation in which many theories have been advanced, a motive for the murder is lacking. Nothing has been learned that would warrant the authorities in making an arrest in connection with the crime. This being the case, the accident theory is advanced. The macadam road between Troy and Averill Park is popular with automobilists. A reckless chauffeur speeding along at night may have struck the girl with his car, causing her death. Rather than face the consequences, and knowing the country well, it would have been a comparatively easy matter to have taken the girl in the car up the lonely road toward Taborton and to have thrown her body into the mill pond. To give color to a suicide theory, the hat and gloves were left on the bank. Received Postal Card. Through a postal card received at the Drew home from New Carlisle, O., on the day of Hazel's funeral, addressed to the dead girl and signed "Carrle Weaver," it was learned today that Hazel and Carrle Weaver were good friends, and that they went to New York together to spend Memorial day. Miss Weaver is employed in the household of A. M. Green, a professor in the Renessemer Polytechnic institute. Prof. and Mrs. Green came here from Springfield, O., and they knew Carrle Weaver, who was employed at New Carlisle. Last September they engaged her and she came east. The Greens live on Hawthorne avenue, near the home of Prof. Cary, where Hazel was employed, and Mrs. Green and Mrs. Cary are friends. Mrs. Green told Mrs. Cary that Miss Weaver was unacquainted in Troy, and they arranged to introduce her to Hazel. The girls became warm friends and frequently spent their afternoons and evenings together. It was at Hazel's suggestion that the trip to New York was planned. Mrs. Green arranged for a room for them through the Young Women's Christian association in New York, and the girls left Troy on the New York but the night before Memorial day. While in New York they went to the theatre, and amused themselves by riding about the city on elevated and surface cars. As far as known, they had no male companions during the trip. Carrle Weaver later left for a visit to her former employer's home in Ohio. Miss Weaver is expected to return about August 1. Speak Highly of Her. Both Prof. and Mrs. Green speak highly of Miss Weaver and of Hazel as well. They say the girls were not known to have had young men callers, but spent much of their time in each other's company. The sheriff today sent broadcast the notice offering \$1,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of the murderer, and several were posted along the Taborton road.

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GROGERS PUT UP SHUTTERS AND SAY ADIEU

Three Days' Convention Adjourns to Meet Next Year at Hot Springs. OFFICERS ELECTED FOR NEXT YEAR. Ab Blanton, "Prince of Entertainers," is Presented with Token of Esteem.

After a three days session which its officers declare has been one of the most pleasing and profitable in its history, the seventeenth annual convention of the Southern Wholesale Grocers Association came to a close at the Battery Park Hotel yesterday afternoon. A number of the members who have been here went on afternoon train with their pleasant stay here that they remained over night and in the late afternoon drove through Baltimore estate and around the city. The last act of the association was a rising vote to accept the report of the committee composed of Messrs. R. D. Crane, J. D. Faucette and S. H. Phillips which thanked all those who had so much contributed to the stay of the members here. It might be said in this connection that repeated expressions from Asheville people have probably convinced the association members that they were indeed welcome guests. The features of the day were the discussion and adoption of important committee reports, the adoption of a new constitution and by-laws subject to legal approval, the election of officers and the selection of the next place of meeting. Business was so heavy that the election of officers was conducted in a rush at the last while carriages were waiting for the drive. For president Mr. J. A. VanHoose of Birmingham, the incumbent, and Mr. R. E. Bowen of Jacksonville, Fla., were placed in nomination, and much interest was excited as each member advanced to the platform and deposited his ballot. The result as announced showed 64 votes for Mr. VanHoose and 42 for Mr. Bowen, many delegates being absent. The election was made unanimous and Mr. Bowen made a short speech testifying to the unbounded confidence of the association in President VanHoose's ability and leadership. Hot Springs, Wn. Hot Springs, Ark., Charlotte, N. C., Richmond, Va., and Chattanooga, Tenn. were placed in nomination for the 1910 convention meeting place and fervent appeals for each were made by its spokesmen. Charlotte retired with the statement that it would ask the 1910 convention and Richmond was withdrawn and the vote was then taken between the remaining contestants. On a standing vote Hot Springs won, largely because of the efforts of R. D. Crane. Committee Reports. The morning session of the Southern Wholesale Grocers' conference was largely devoted to consideration of committee reports, lively discussion featuring some of them. The committee on credits favored a uniform package, an assurance of 15 per cent profit to the wholesaler and that no retail price be printed on the package. The report was adopted. The report of a committee favoring local association was adopted. The report of the committee on banking procedures reaffirmed the four cardinal principles and favored the frequent meeting out of mailing lists showing the names only of manufacturers not selling to retail. The committee on cheese reported that manufacturers make future delivery sales on the basis of payment on delivery, alleging that under the present arrangement the wholesalers furnish the capital for cheese making. The soap committee reported approving the recommendations of the president's address as endorsed by the checkers board and recommended that the incoming administration take the whole matter under advisement, securing if possible a list of the direct customers of Fairbanks and Colgate to determine what arrangement could be individually made to adjust the matter on a fair and reasonable basis. The advisory board's recommendation was that after October 1, 1908, mailing lists should show only the names of manufacturers endorsing the four cardinal principles. The committee on the ribbon book (articles) reaffirmed the Norfolk resolution. Rebates. Much discussion ensued on the report of the committee on rebates from manufacturers. It provided that the

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Big String of Your Uncle Sam's War Dogs Arrives at Honolulu. GUNS ROAR AND THE PEOPLE CHEER. Sperry and His Officers are Greeted With Cordial Welcome from Hawaiians.

(By Associated Press.) HONOLULU, July 16.—The Atlantic battleship fleet arrived at noon today. By universal consent the day was made a complete holiday, all business being suspended and thousands of people assembled on Diamond Head and other heights and points of vantage southwest of this city to view the approach of the armada. At 7:30 o'clock in the morning word came from the leper settlement on the island of Molokai that the fleet had been sighted there, steaming in line of squadron formation at the speed of ten knots, and the Connecticut appeared off the entrance of the channel here at noon. The flagship was followed by other vessels in regular order, and 20 minutes later all but the third division, composed of the Louisiana, Virginia, Ohio and Missouri, were in sight. After passing Molokai the third division proceeded to Lahina, on the island of Maui, for coal. At 12:30 p. m. the Connecticut entered the harbor and was saluted from the naval station, and at 1:28 p. m. she, followed by the other ships, rounded the lighthouse buoy and came to anchor inside the harbor, while the port-up enthusiasm of the islanders found vent in whistling sirens and bursting of daylight fireworks. As soon as the Connecticut had come to anchor she was boarded by the reception committee, who formally welcomed Rear Admiral Sperry and his officers and men to parks of Hawaiian hospitality. Later in the afternoon Rear Admiral Sperry made an official visit to Governor Frear, who returned the visit. During the entire run to Honolulu the sea experienced pleasant weather and smooth seas. The trip was uneventful. The health of the crews has been very good and there have been no deaths or serious accidents since leaving San Francisco. The Nebraska, which was left behind when the fleet sailed from the Golden Gate on account of scarlet fever cases among her crew, overtook the fleet at 6:30 a. m. yesterday. The third division, which went to Lahia for coal, will come to Honolulu July 19 and rejoin the other members of the fleet. To night the city, dressed in bunting, is illuminated with thousands of electric lights and the streets are filled with a holiday-making crowd. In the harbor the men-of-war are outlined in incandescent bulbs, their masts huge electric crosses against an equatorial sky.

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