# CANNON DAY AT THE CHICAGO CONVENTION

fested by Delegates for the First Time

## THE PLATFORM IS ADOPTED

Live Party Enthusiasm Was Aroused by the Appearance and Speech of the Speaker of the House of Representatives-It is Admitted That Fairbanks Will be Nominated for Vice President and Probable That His Name Will be the Only One Presented to the Convention-The Platform, as Reported from the Committee, Was Adopted Without a Dissenting Voice.

Joseph G. Cinnon was the central figure, the proceedings of the Republican national convention today took on a picturesqueness and demonstrativeness which yesterday was looked for in vain, From the moment he was escorted to the platform to wield the gavel as the permanent chairman, the entire atmosphere of the convention was changed. The enthusiasm which had lain dormant burst and the applause was thorough and hearty. He made a speech and the audience cheered whether he spoke jocularly or in serious vein, He was the entertainer; in fact he was

the convention. From the standpoint of political interest, the adoption of the party platform was the event of the day. It contained declarations of party policy for the coming campaign. But the permanent chairman's personality almost overshadowed the platform.

The second day of the convention might have been the close, had it been the desire of the assembled delegates. Early in the day a movement was inaugurated to proceed with the nominations, but the original programme which was prepared to extend over three days prevailed, and the standard bearers for the 1904 Republican campaign will be named formally tomor-

Entnusiasm Greets "Uncle Joe"

Live party enthusiasm aroused by the hearty reception given "Uncle Joe" Cannon, as he is known from coast to coast, spread even to routine business and culminated in a contest over the number of delegates to which Hawaii was entitled. The conflict was the first and will doubtless be the last on the floor of the convention.

The report of the committee on cre-

dentials interested the convention only so far as it dea'lt with the Wisconsin situation. Senator McComas, of Maryland, chairman of the committee, read a report of the investigation of the contest. 'He took the delegates into the confidence of the committee and explained in detail that a thorough canvas was made into the merits of the contest, despite the fact that the contestants had withdrawn their claims, on the ground that fair treatment could not be had. He said the imputation was directed at the convention itself and though resented deeply by the committee, the enquiry was exhaustive and patient. The report closed with a declaration that the "stalwart" faction lead by Senators Spooner and Quarles, Representative Babcock and Judge Emil Baensch, the four delegates at large, is the regular Republican party in Wisconsin. This national endorsement of the faction headed by the two | would recognize any motion made in United States Senators from that state the convention, but that no agreeevoked prolonged applause.

One of the remarkable features concerning the adoption of the platform was the fact that it has been the subject of administrative scrutiny and national interest for many weeks and it day, for the first twenty-five minutes was accepted without a dissenting after 11 o'clock the band played to a board and assisted by the mother, who

voice. In addition to the tariff plank and other resolutions which always have had a prominent position in Republi- assumed the chair. can platforms, there were incorporated several clauses of striking interest. For Reduction of Southern Repre-

sentation. One of these is a plank looking to a reduction of the representatives of cer- of the platform. Otherwise the dectain Southern States in the electoral orations were unchanged. college and in Congress. It is built upon what is known as the Payne resolution, offered eight years ago and the Quay resolution of four years ago, but goes further than either. The plank directs an investigation to ascertain whether there have been unconstitutional disfranchisements of voters in any state, and if so, demands a redution of the representation of such states in Congress, with the consequent reduction in the electoral college and in national conventions. The full significance of pledges for the continuance | their way of the provisions of Chinese exclusion act and for the furtherance of all leritimate efforts to obtain American ci'l-

Real Enthusiasm Mani- zens abroad without discrimination the rights of sojourn and travel, was not appreciated when read to the conven-

> Visitors were not so early about convention hall today, but when Mr. Root called the convention to order shortly after noon, the Coliseum presented a more inspiring appearance than on the previous day. The galleries were for the first time crowded and the large number of ladies present were especially noticable.

Another Ovation for Fairbanks. Among the first of the prominent men to enter the hall were Senators Platt and Depew. They were welcomed heartily, Senator Depew's happy speech of the day before not having been forgotten. The Alaskan delegation with their eagle surmounted totem poles were the second attraction. The greatest demonstration as the delegations were entering the hall was that which greeted Senator Fairbanks, who had become known as the national choice for the second place on the ticket. It exceeded in enthusiasm the ovation of the first day.

Cannon Pleases the Crowd. Speaker Cannon's oratory was deidedly to the liking of the convention. He established cordial relations even before he had uttered a word. He stood in silence for a moment on a tongue-like projection in the center of the platform, his face fascinated. It expressed abundant humor, strangely blended with virile ougnacity. He was pausing to think how to begin. His thoughts were pictured on his face. They were pleas-Chicago, June 22 .- Because Speaker ant; they were inspiring. Instinctively he drew himself up, and characteristically raised his hand for a gesture, even before he spoke. Then came a delightfully refreshing and humorously frank avowal. Each of the thousands of listeners received a confidential tip. The speaker had written his first speech and had tried to memorize it. But he did not have the slightest intention of following it. He knew the inspiration that would come-that had come-and he just wanted a free hand to cut loose.

"So let us ramble a while." That is what he said. And then he abandoned himself to his limitless store of profound political sagacity and his original and characteristic vocabulary. Throughout his address, the cheering was generous, intelligent and appreciative.

The Republican national convention met again at noon. Yesterday was Elihu Root's day. This was Speaker Cannon's. The day was flawless, clear sunshine

fresh breeze from the lake and temperature near 75. The delegates spent most of the morning out of doors before the hotels, on the lake front, where many of the states' headquarters' are.

No one was in quite as much of a hurry to go to the Coliseum as on Tuesday. The ease with which every cardholder got his seat yesterday, and the care the assistant sergeants-atarms took to secure to everyone his privileges caused a more leisurely progress toward the hall today. Beside that the doors were opened half an hour later, at 11 o'clock, instead of 10:30.

Delegates Will Visit the St. Louis Exposition.

The decision of the convention to accept the invitation of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition on Friday and Saturday has done much to stop a small movement looking toward a two day convention.

While New York felt that it could not take the initiative on the floor of the convention, it was perfectly apparent that some of the prominent delegates were attempting to promote the sentiment for an aljournment sine die today. Governor Odell said cautiously:

"Some of our delegates have to leave tonight. I understand that in many other states the delegates have already started. It would not do to have a majority of empty seats in the delegates' section, when we nominate. If the platform is adopted today, it would make a scene of great enthusiasm to go right on tonight and nomi-

Former Governor Frank S. Black, who is to nominate Roosevelt said: "We ought to go right on toda and nominate while everybody is here prefer to speak to full benches."

The sentiment is, however, that it is neither possible nor expedient to attempt to crowd the remaining business of the convention into one day's her downing was due, he believed, to

When Mr. Cannon was asked about the proposition to adjourn, he said he ment concerning the proposal had convention, he said.

Although the doors of the hall were opened a half hour later than yestersprinkling of gallery spectators only. | could swim, all got ashore in safety. A superb cluster of American Beauty roses greeted Mr. Cannon when he

A huge portrait of President Roosevelt, that had served to present a tableau by its dramatic unveiling during Mr. Root's speech yesterday, was placed on an easel at the right

Delegates Come in Slowly. By a quarter of 12 o'clock, not more than 100 delegates were in their seats and not a single national figure had made his appearance. Former Governor Black came in quietly at noon from the rear entranen and reached his seat on the platform. Screened by the groups of convention officers and others, he was not

seen by the crowd. Just at noon the two New York Senators and Governor Odell threaded their way down the center aisle. A the main entrance began to applaud.

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# NEARING 900 THE FAR EAST EITHER A SHORT FIGHT

tims is Still Increasing

## MORE EVIDENCE

Testimony Before the Coroner's Jury. A Determined Effort Will be Made to Find Out the Number of Persons Who Took Passage on the Excursion Steamer the Day of the Disaster-Every Succeeding Hour's Search for Bodies Adds to the Total.

New York, June 22.-That the illfated steamer General Slocum had no life preservers aboard less than nine years old was admitted by counsel of the at the inquest today. Miss Hall, the Knickerbocker Steamboat Company bookkeeper of the company had testified concerning several bills for preservers in which she had erased the name "Grand Republic," the sister ship of he Slocum and substituted that of the latter. Notwithstanding this, the coun sel for the company said they would make the admission, as to the age of the belts as they were unable to prove to the contrary. Evi dence was also brought out that the

hose and standpipes and that the preservers were not in good shape. A determined effort to ascertain as nearly as Possible the number of persons who took passage on the excursion steamer General Slocum when she sound one week ago today, has been begun under the direction of the police department. One hundred patrolmen, specially selected from the various the home of every person whose name has been in any way menioned in connection with the disaster. These offiersons who went on the excursion from their several districts, with their individual fates. From these lists a final report, embodying all the names, will be prepared.

inspectors did not examine the fire

The list of known dead, which has reached 846 up to 2 o'clock this morning, has steadily increased since that hour. Before daylight twelve more bodies had been taken from the river nearly every succeeding nour added to

William W. Trembley, a deck hand on the Slocum, testified at the inquest today that no water was turned on the east. flames, that the fire hose did not burst, that the assistant engineer was not in the engine room during the fire on the Slocum and that he saw holes in several of twenty life preservers which he

Rev. George Shultz, pastor of St Luke's Lutheran church of Erie. Pa., who was on the Slocum, said he took a life Preserver before jumping from the steamer, but when he held it the weight of the preserver broke the strap and he threw it away. During all the trouble he saw only one member of the crew and he was in the act of jumping overboard.

The Knickerbocker Steamboat Company conceded that since 1895 no new life preservers were Purchased for the General Slocum. Counsel for the Company explained that they made the confession because they were unable to explain to the contraryoitxencombr to prove to the contrary. Considerable evidence was heard as to the life Pre-

Maria B. Ehrengs, who was taken from the steamer rail by a boat, said that one of her daughters who was rescued had on a life preserver when she was taken from the water. The inquest was then adjourned for

New York, June 22.-In identifying the body of his seven year old daughter, Elsie who lost her life in the General Slocum disaster, John Kircher, of Green Point, Long Island, today told the officials at the morgue that life preserver that was worse than useless.

In support of his assertion Kircher said that his wife, who with their three children were on the Slocum, put a life preserver on Elsie and dropped her been made. It would rest with the overboard, thinking she would be perfectly safe with the preserver on. She waited for the child to come up, but the little one never appeared. The wife and other two children jumped over-

#### W. W. Kitchin Renominated for Congress by Acclamation. (Special to The Messenger.)

Greensboro, N. C., June 22.-The Democratic convention of the Fifth Congression t district here tonigh was presided over by J. C. Biggs, of Durham, and was largely attended. W. W. Kitchen was nominated by acclamation to serve a fifth term in Con-

Jones Fuller of Durham was nominated as presidential elector. The following were nominated as delegates to the national convention: R. L. Holt, of Alamance; P. B. Johnson, of Rockingham. Alternates John S. Cunningham of Person, Victor C. Bryant of Durham.

Congressman Webb Renominated. Charlot, N. C., June 22.-Congressman E. Y. Webb was today renominated by acclamation by the Democrats of the Ninth district in convention at

## List of the Slocum Vic- It is Expected that a Big Land Battle Will

Soon Occur

# Is Approaching and This Will Precip-

RAINY SEASON

itate Matters-Important Naval Engagements Are Also Imminent-Japanese Artillery Surprises a Russian Force and Inflicts Heavy Punishment-Opposition to General Kuroki's Advance—Reported Fighting on the Liao Tung Peninsula.

St. Petersburg, June 22 .- The imminence of a battle in the northern part of the Liao Tung peninsula is admitted by the war office and is indicated succinctly in today's dispatches from the Associated Press correspondents at Liao Yang, Kai-Ping and other points on the railroad.

The week of skirmishing around Siu-Yen retarded General Kuroki's operations, permitting General Stakelberg to reach Kaiping, the rear guard slowly failling back on Senucheon before the Japanese advance. Meanwhile large forces are hurrying south from Liao Yang to check both General Oku and General Kuroki.

It is believed here that General Kuropatkin's object is to prevent a juncture of the Japanese armies. On the other hand, the aim of the Japanese, started on her illfated trip up the apparently, is to drive the Russians out of the Liao Tung peninsula, preparatory to a march on Liao Yang. The approach of the rainy season will precincts, have been detailed to visit more than likely precipitate matters. Nothing is known officially of the reported occupation of Haiung Yai Cheng cers will make up a list of names of all by the Japanese. If the report should be correct, it agrees substantially with the Japanese plan of advance, as it is understood here, but it indicates that the Japanese outposts are further forward than Russian advices indicate.

### Naval Developments Imminent.

St. Petersburg, June 22.-It is not betraying Vice Admiral Skrydloff's plans to say that important naval developments are imminent in the far

The admiralty has no news of the reported loss of two Russian torpedo boat destroyers off Port Arthur. The latest dispatch from Rear Admiral Withoft, in command of the naval forces at Port threw to passengers struggling in the Arthur, dated June 17, reports all well

#### Russian Force Suprised by Japanese Artillery.

London, June 22 .- A dispatch to The

Daily Mail under date of June 21 from New Chwang says: "While a Russian force of 8,000 under General Kondratsvitch was traversing Wafungko ravine, 97 miles southeast of Kaj Chou, June 19th, it was surprised by concealed Japanese artillery. The Russians, lost heavily, their casualties being 1,200 in number, General Kondratsvitch extricated his men and led them in good order to another trenched position.

'We Must Settle With the Japanese." Kai Chou, Liao Tun Peninsula, June 22.—Japanese scouts have appeared two miles from Seu Chen (Siung Yi Shan). The main columns of the enemy are three miles in their rear. General Samsonoff, with the Russian rear guard, is A number of men missing after the battle of Vafangow have rejoined their | 000 in English gold. regiments. The Russian losses are expected to total 3,500. The troops are in excellent condition, in spite of the fearful weather. The roads are ankle deep in mire, but rains are now ceasing.

General Kuropatkin arrived here Monday, inspected General Stakelberg's corps and addressed the troops, saying: "I shall see you soon again. We must settle with the Japanese promptly. Till then we are not going home." The men responded heartily. -Siun Yi Shan is 25 miles southeast of

Kai Chou.

#### Expedition of Torpedo Boat Division. Kuroki's Advance Opposed. St. Petersburg, June 22.-The Emper-

or has received the following from Vice Admiral Skrydloff, dated June 21: "A division of torpedo boats, under the command of Captain Venogradsky. aide-de-camp of the general admiral, which was sent out June 15 on an expedition along the coasts of Japan, returned to Vladivostok today. The torpedo boats approached Port Tsashi near Hakodate, but a fog prevented their entrance. Several training and transport schooners were captured. One schooner was brought to Vladivostok. The majority of the schooners were conveying fish and rice to Sasebo and Shimonoseki."

#### Kuroki's Advance Opposed. St. Petersburg, June 22 .- 5:45 p. m .-

The general staff received a dispatch from Liao Yang dated today. It does not mention any serious fighting. The Russian rear guard is now at Zeu Chen. General Kuroki's advance respectively to Hai Chen, Ta Che-Chou and Kai Chou is being warmly contest.

# OR A LONG DEAD-LOCK

ed by General Kuropatkin's outposts. The column heading for Kai Chou is the furthest advanced, but is still 30 miles distant. A serious collision is regarded at the war office as unlikely for some days. General Kuroki's movements betray a tendency to go south and foin General Oku. Kuroki's outposts are fortifying the pass between Saimtaza and Kwan Dian Sian.

#### Russian Destroyers Lost.

Tokio, June 22.-3 p. m.-The Japanese captured a junk leaving Port Arthur yesterday and the Chinamen on board say that a few days ago two Russian torpedo boat destroyers and the steamer Shin Taiping struck mines at the entrance to the harbor and sank. One hundred and forty lives were lost, according to their account.

#### Oku Trying to Join Kuroki. Vantsialin, (Undated) via Liao

Yang, Tuesday, June 21.—It is rumored that General Oku is following up his intention to join General Kuroki, who has moved out to meet him. Cossacks are watching the enemy's movements.

#### Real Story of Emerson's Death Not Learned.

Seattle, Washn., June 22.-The facts leading up to the shooting of Colonel Edward Emerson, Jr., war correspondent of The New York World in the Far East, are realated by R. L. Dunn, correspondent in Korea for an American weekly magazine, who has reached here. Mr. Dunn made this statement after being informed that Colonel Emerson was dead:

"Colonel Emerson as a military man, was well aware of the positions occupied by Japanese soldiers. Some time ago he made the announcement that he intended to go through the Russian lines and work from that vantage point.

"When it came to the ears of the Japanese military authorities that Emerson intended to take this step, an officer approached another representative of Emerson's paper and informed him that if he took such a step, the government could scarcely be further

responsible for his safety. "I contemplated a move similar to that outlined by Emerson," said Mr. Dunn, "but the Japanese made it clear to me that it would not be wise for me to proceed. Emerson held papers which Russian lines in safety. In view of these facts, I am inclined to think the real story of his death has not been learned."

#### Reported Fighting on the Liao Tung Peninsula.

London, June 23.-In the absence of definite news concerning the fighting on the Liao-Tung peninsula, reported from various sources, none of which is official, there is a large crop of special dispatches in the afternoon newspapers, none of which, however, throws any light on the situation.

The military writers comment on the significance of the official announcement of the Japanese occupation of Hai-Ung-Yao Cheng (Hsi Ung Yao Chonz or Si Young Cheng?) as showing Japanese position and as indicating a surprisingly small advance within the last six weeks.

Correspondents at Feng-Wang-Cheng report the continued activity of the Russians north of that point.

The correspondent of The Standard at Feng Wang Cheng, under date of June 21st, says that a large force of Russians attacked a small number of Japanese on June 20 at Hsueltien, 15 miles northwest of Feng-Wang-Cheng, and that the Japanese retired after a stubborn fight.

#### Japanese Transports Officered Englishmen.

Vladivostok, June 21.-(Delayed in transmission). The report that foreign attachees were on board the Japanese transports, which were sunk by the Vladivostok squadron in the straits of Korea is untrue. Three Englishmen, L. Anderson, J. D. Ring and W. Kerr of the transport Sado, were brought here. They say that other Japanese falling back as the Japanese advance. I transports are in many cases officered by Englishmen. The Sado lost \$1,000,-

> Must Have Copies of Papers. Mukden, June 21.-Major General Pflug, chief of the maitary staff of pected, have undoubtedly made an im-Viceroy Alexieff, announces that on pression in the work of the day. And July 20 he will suspend the foreign cor- not moving about with the sinuous respondents whose papers have falled cat-like tread of a Pou, but sitting in to send the viceroy two copies of each

#### FOR EXCELLENCE IN GUNNERY. Trophies Go to the Battleship Oregon, the Gunboat Dolphin and Destroyer

copies are received.

John Paul Jones.

Washington, June 22.-It was officially determined by the navy department today that the battleship Oregon was entitled to the trophy for excellence in gunnery in the last annual target practice, for which the ships of the navy have been in competition, and the award was ordered made accordingly. For the gunboat class it was determined that the Dolphin is entitled to the trophy, while the trophy for the destroyer class goes to the John Paul Jones of the Pacific squadron. The Wisconsin was second in the race to the Oregon, while the Samar on the Asiatic station was second to the Dolphin in her class and the Truxton second to the John Paul Jones.

The trophies are beautiful bronze, with apropriate designs artistically designed in relief, one showing a tor-Pedo boat at full speed in a heavy sea, another a battleship in full action, en- earth Mr. Pou is looking so serious along the roads from Siu Yen, leading shrouded with smoke and the third a about, or Jarvis so calm and kind and six inch Barbette gun, with which the best records have been made.

Situation With Regard to Nomination of Governor

## THE STATE CONVENTION

It is Conceded That There Will be 5,000 Democrats in Attendance on the Convention-The Gubernatorial Race is the Thing of Interest-Glenn Hopes to Win Out on the First or Second Ballot-Stedman's Forces Are More Confident of Victory Than They Have Ever Been-Davidson's Prospects Have Materially Brightened Recently, and Turner's Candidacy is Causing Concern to the Workers of the Other Leaders.

#### (Special to The Messenger.)

Greensboro, N. C., June 22 .- Convention delegates and visitors have continued to pour into the city on every train today and tonight from every quarter of the state, until it would seem that estimates made for an assemblage of at least 5,000 Democrats here tomorrow, have been too conservative. With numerous heavily loaded excursion trains to come from nearby cities tomorrow, a Glenn special from Winston alone containing 800 it would seem that the city will be utwould have carried him through the terly overrun with Democratic managers, workers, delegates, rooters, shout-

ers and sight seers. This immense concourse plainly means that there is more interest felt all over the state in the gubernatorial contest than the most astute political forecaster had realized. The fact that out of the immense numbers here today, before the afternoon trains added hundreds to the crowds who have filled the hotel lobbies and the various headquarters from early morning not a single breach of propriety in words or conduct on the part of advocates of rival candidates has occurred, indicates the suppressed, but deep determinathat there has been little change in the | tion of delegates to bide their time and stand by their choice. The whippers-in and coaches for each of the four candidates have sedulously cultivated and inculcated this spirit, those for the two leading candidates see their peril, without an absolute standing to the rack without a quaver while the two smaller but absolutely stone wall phalanxes of Davidson and Turner, fully realism that for them to stand unbroken until the Stedman and Glenn forces wear

each other out, is their only hope. This wa dwelt upon m all the caucuses tonight, where enthusiastic cohorts gathered to receive the "word" fro mthe inspired messages the various leaders sent out. Of all the delegations here only those for Turner wear no badges and make no fuss, but sad, solemn, even sorrowful expression on the expressionless face of James H. Pou, Turner's guide and main stay here, are causing more or less concern to those workers for other candidates, who have seen Mr. Pou in the "dumps" before. The Davidson contingent, fresh, en-

thusiastic and bold from the mountains and more of a sprinkling from other parts of the state than was excalm repose with the old familiar issue containing their contributions, slow batting eyes, dignified, genial The suspension will continue until the smile, and undignified old nose stroking habit, is Governor sarvis. He looks perfectly harmless, totally innocent of the modern new fangled tricks of the "Boys." A lap loving, heart clinging, family favorite cat, lying half a sleep in springing distance of a rat hole, is no more interesting sight than that Philanthropical physiognomy of the "Grand Old Man" from the east, in active repose. But those who remember Jarvis in days when great political battles were fought and won by him before managers for the other candidates were born, are keeping a close eye on him. He is interesting always. but now especially so to the lead horse The old man from the east is for the man of the mountains from whence. beginning twenty-eight years ago, and for many years thereafter, came the help to him and his people in state conventions which gave them ascen-

> Nobody discounts the wonderful ability and energy of the two young managers for Glenn and for Stedman, who have been in the lime light for these months past, and have wrought political wonders for their splendid chiefs, but there is unquestionably a strong desire or curiosity on the part of all, to define or know just exactly what on

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