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POLICY ADOPTED IN DEFIANCE OF COURTS' UNIFORM RULING

Thomas F. Ryan Talks on the Political Situation After a Meeting of Leading Democrats at His Home Prior to Their De- parture for St. Louis

New York, June 27.—A number of important Democrats met tonight at the home of Thomas F. Ryan, on Fifth Avenue, preparatory to moving on the Democratic national convention at St. Louis. Mr. Ryan is a delegate from his home state of Virginia. After the conference at Mr. Ryan's home he said:

"The Democratic candidate for president will be nominated at St. Louis and not in New York city or any other city east, west, north or south. It is not necessary for me to give the names of the gentlemen with whom I have talked."

Mr. Ryan admitted that one of the subjects under consideration at the conference tonight was a highly interesting one growing out of the Republican national convention at Chicago.

Mr. Ryan added:

"In the light of the Republican convention the southern people have more stake in the Democratic convention to meet at St. Louis than all the rest of the people of this country. Without the south there would be no Democratic party. The delegates from that section are true to themselves and their people should insist that all differences, whether personal or political, be subordinated to the unification of the party and the selection of a candidate who will arouse the enthusiasm and fire the hopes of Democrats everywhere. Success means continued white supremacy in the south, with all it implies. It means that the political faith of the people of that section shall be changed only by appeals to judgment and conscience as to what is best for all the people of our common country, and not through federal laws dictated and enforced by a centralized and politically hostile administration at Washington, enforced by the United States Marshal when other methods no longer avail."

"The feature which stands out in the work of the Republican national convention," continued Mr. Ryan, "which has just adjourned, was not its prearranged nomination of President Roosevelt or the stand pat attitude on tariff. Its real spirit is found in that deliberate declaration about southern representation, a spirit which foreshadows a new force bill and makes inevitable a concerted movement to revive all the old passions to which such an appeal is made. Until recently this idea has been in it nothing more serious than was involved in the idle talk of a few hot-heads or in the efforts of notoriety-seekers to command a hearing. Now it becomes the deliberate policy of a great party which sees in it an opportunity to raise a new weapon for prosecution of its tenure of power. This policy is adopted in defiance of the uniform decision of the courts from the lowest to the highest. It sets at naught the precedents and the example of the late President McKinley. It believes the boast of the party leaders that unity has come to the country and it overlooks entirely the steady movements which have prospered with so much efficiency the industrial development of the south now recognized as so vital to the future growth of the whole country. Instead of something to typify these tendencies the bloody shirt buried since March, 1865, is resurrected as a party banner."

"The south," Mr. Ryan said in conclusion, "is to be congratulated that Senator Gorman is on guard in the Senate and that John Sharpe Williams of Mississippi has behind him in the House the best organized and the ablest Democratic minority since the war."

Army Vacancies

Washington, D. C., June 27.—The assignment of a large class of West Point graduates to regiments in the army has not filled all the vacancies and it is

probable that there will be about twenty to be filled by appointment from civil life. There are seventy-eight vacancies in the grade of second lieutenant after deducting the assigned graduates. Of the vacancies thirty-nine are in the infantry, ten in the artillery and 29 in the corps of engineers. A large part of these vacancies will be filled from the list of army candidates now under instruction at Fort Leavenworth, but after allowing for all the present conditions it is thought there will be room for 20 appointments from civil life.

NRAIDIG STILLS BY WHOLESALE

Valuable Apparatus Destroyed Near Hunting Creek.

Asheville, N. C., June 27.—Special Reports of numerous raids by revenue officers have been received here. One of the most important of these raids was made by Deputy Collector Harding near Hunting Creek, where he located and destroyed a valuable apparatus, 3,000 gallons of beer and a quantity of liquor.

Other raids by the revenueurs resulted in the destruction of several stills and over 2,000 gallons of beer.

OFF COMES THE LID

Accused Will Tell All About the Boodling in St. Louis

St. Louis, Mo., June 27.—A sensation was sprung in Judge McDonald's division of the criminal court this morning when Edmund Bersch, one of the indicted members of the house of delegates combine, entered a plea of guilty through his attorney Thomas J. Rowe to boodling in connection with the city lighting deals.

Attorney Rowe asked Judge McDonald to defer sentence for a few days and the request was granted.

The next sensation that was sprung in connection with the famous case was the postponement to July 11 of the trials of Charles F. Kelly and Charles A. Gutke, when they came up before the court in the afternoon with the understanding that when they re-appear the defendants will plead guilty to the charges against them. The postponement was taken, it is understood, with the object in view of permitting the two accused men to appear before the June grand jury which will reconvene Tuesday and tell all they know about the boodling cases in which the entire county has been interested. It is whispered that this determination of the accused men is due to the fact that certain support which has until now been back of them has now been withdrawn, and they will give evidence that may result in the indictment of several prominent men.

Dissatisfied With Hayti

Berlin, June 27.—Germany, like France, is dissatisfied with the excuses offered by Hayti for the slaying of the German and French ministers by the Haytian palace guards, and will send a war ship to enforce adequate satisfaction. Germany will act in accord with France, and will go no further than the latter. Complications are not expected, it being merely an affair of honor.

Fifteen Scalded to Death Penned in Boiler Room

Boiler Burst on French Cruiser Durance, and None Could Go to the Res- cue on Account of Blinding Steam

San Francisco, Cal., June 27.—The steamer Mariposa, from Tahiti, brings news of the scalding to death of fifteen men who were penned in the boiler room of the French cruiser Durance while the war ship was on her way from Papeete to Noumea recently. The captain fully realized the men's fate, but was helpless to save them. While the ship was in the harbor at Noumea and other officers and men of the

crew who were on deck knew that their comrades were dying down below, it was not in their power to do anything but wait until the end came. One of the boilers of the cruiser had exploded and had filled the boiler room with superheated steam that meant doom for every man in the compartment. Those that started to the rescue were driven back, blinded. The shrieks of the men dying in agony came up to them with a cloud of killing steam, but not a man could go until many minutes had passed, and then all of the fifteen who were in the boiler room at the time of the explosion were dead, every man scalded almost beyond recognition. The last reports received by French officials at Tahiti were to the effect that the war ship had made Noumea in safety, and that Captain Roser, who was prostrated by the disaster, was on shore.

Grover Cleveland Talks for Print

Says Tariff Question Must Occupy a Large Place in the Canvass—He Does Not Think Conven- tion Will Nomi- nate Him

Princeton, N. J., June 27.—In an interview with a representative of the Public Ledger ex-President Grover Cleveland expresses the opinion that the question of tariff adjustment must certainly occupy a large place in the canvass; that the question forced itself inevitably upon the statesmen of the nation, and that whether it should be met or not was not therefore dependent upon their will. He criticized the vagueness of the Republican promises as to the political future of the Philippines and characterized Elihu Root's speech at the Chicago Republican convention as an exceedingly "adroit" argument.

He would not touch upon the foreign policies of the government. He confirmed the approval already expressed by him of Parker and Olney as aspirants to the presidency, but he took special pains to disclaim any idea of influencing the choice of the Democratic national convention or any thought that his influence could avail in that particular.

To the question bluntly put to him: "If the Democratic national convention again nominates you for the presidency, would you accept?"

His first answer was a pantomime. He vigorously shook his head and lifted

his hand deprecatingly. Then he exclaimed with rapid utterance: "That will not happen; that will not happen, so there is no use talking about it."

"I am out of political affairs," he continued. "I have said it so often that it ought to be well understood."

Asked what he thought of the suggestion that the Democrats would do most wisely to take their candidate for vice president from one of the southern states, the ex-president dictated the following:

"I must decline to enter into any discussion of politics at this time. It cannot be possible that my opinion on any question that is about to be involved in the national canvass can be misunderstood. I do not expect to be concerned actively in the plans that are now occupying the thought and effort of the Democratic managers, and it is quite proper that I should be out of that account, inasmuch as I consider myself as absolutely retired from political activities."

"Do you think, Mr. Cleveland, that the tariff question will be of prime importance in the campaign?"

"I have no objection to saying," replied the ex-president, with marked emphasis and deliberation, "that, in my opinion, whatever else happens, the question of tariff adjustment cannot fail to occupy a large place in the political discussions of the present canvass. The few evasive and grudging words contained in the Republican platform, in a half-way fashion permitting Republican followers to exercise independent thought on that subject, in combination with the insistence of the Democratic party, in season and out of season, upon tariff changes, it seems to me, will certainly bring this question to the front in a most important way."

Fire Started in a Barrel of Salt Hay, Says Expert

Strong Head Wind Drew the Flames Through Open Hatchway of General Slocum—Coroner's Inquest on Water

New York, June 26.—The coroner's inquest into the General Slocum disaster was conducted today almost entirely on the water. The jury, the district attorney, Garvan, Coroners Berry and O'Gorman and several witnesses went aboard the police boat Patrol over the course taken by the steamer on the day she was burned.

Then they visited what is left of the General Slocum and heard former Fire Marshal Friel give an expert opinion as to just where the fire started.

Mr. Friel said in regard to the compartment where the fire started:

"I found in that compartment three barrels of straw in some of which glasses were packed, a number of bar-

rels and cans of oil and this barrel (pointing to a partly burned barrel) contained salt hay and in it the fire started. It smoldered for a while, then blazed up and burned until whatever dry hay there may have been in the barrel was consumed. The hatch to the compartment being open and there being a strong head wind the flames were drawn up through the hatchway and communicated to other parts of the boat without spreading in the compartment where the fire started."

More testimony was heard in regard to the bad life preservers and the course the boat took after the fire was discovered.

The district attorney had received many letters to the effect that there was a fire on the Slocum the day before the disaster and expressing the opinion that the fire had been allowed to smolder for twenty-four hours. After some investigation District Attorney Garvan found that the day previous to the accident the Slocum had taken out the St. Paul's Lutheran church Sunday school, of which the pastor was the brother of the Rev. Mr. Haas of St. Marks.

A DARK HORSE SAYS TOM JOHNSON

Cleveland's Mayor Predicts Deadlock Between Park- er and Hearst

Washington, June 27.—Special.—Mayor Tom L. Johnson of Cleveland predicts a deadlock between the Parker and Hearst forces at St. Louis, with the result that a dark horse will get the nomination.

In support of his view that neither of the leading candidates can win the prize, Mayor Johnson said:

"The conservatives will not have enough votes to control, and the radicals cannot win out in the convention with the present candidates suggested. I believe a dark horse, who can draw from both factions, will be named. Surely no other candidate would stand a show of being elected."

"In my opinion, Judge Gray of Delaware would be preferable to any man yet named, though I favor Joseph Folk of Missouri. I doubt very much if he will allow his name to be mentioned, however."

The mayor said that there was no danger of Bryan bolting and that if the Nebraskan joined forces with Hearst he would probably have power enough to dictate to a large degree the action of the delegates.

Bryan at St. Louis

Lincoln, Neb., June 27.—William J. Bryan will appear as one of the orators of the day at a celebration July 4th on the exposition grounds at St. Louis. An invitation to that effect reached him today from President Francis of the World's Fair and the Nebraska Board of Fair Commerce. Bryan accepted immediately.

WASHED THROUGH PIPE INTO RIVER

Huge Pipe Flooded While Be- ing Cleaned—34 Drown- ed, 17 Missing

Kingston Jamaica, June 27.—Thirty four men were drowned and seventeen are missing as the result of the accidental flooding of a large pipe leading from the electric power house at Bogwalk today. Sixty-seven men were engaged in cleaning the pipe when through some accident, water was turned into it and the men were washed into the river. Sixteen of these were known to have escaped.

At the Naval Hospital

Norfolk, V., June 27.—It was announced at the Naval Hospital here today that seaman F. K. Fransen, who broke his back on the battleship Texas in Hampton Roads Saturday, is still alive, but it is feared he cannot recover. Fransen was injured while engaged in assisting in the hoisting of a steam cutter on the Texas.

Relatives in Columbus, Ohio, not having claimed the remains of Geo. B. Womer, fireman on the United States torpedo boat Biddle, who died at the Naval Hospital as a result of burns received on the Biddle Friday, the body will be buried with naval honors in the hospital cemetery here this afternoon.

The Loomis Mystery

London, June 27.—The opinion of those who are investigating the mystery attending the disappearance from the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm of Mr. Kent Loomis, a brother of the Ameri-

FIREMEN FIGHT A FUSILADE OF SKY ROCKETS AND BOMBS

Three Killed and Eight Injured Amid the Awful Glare and Deafening Explosions at the Diamond Fireworks Company in Philadelphia

Philadelphia, Pa., June 27.—Amid the flashing of skyrockets, the glare of bursting bombs and a continuous series of explosions, three persons were killed and eight were injured today in the three-story brick building at 236 Arch street occupied by the Diamond Fireworks Company.

For fifteen minutes the explosions shook the surrounding buildings, jets of flame flashing from the burning structure as if it were a heavily armed fortress engaged in a desperate defense. Panics occurred in several stores near by, where hundreds of girls are employed.

A street car stopped directly in the line of the fire of rockets that were filling Arch street. The passengers fought furiously with the conductor and motorman for a chance to escape. Men, women and children were fleeing from the zone of bombardment in all directions.

Then came a gallant fight of the firemen, and soon the sickening spectacle of limp, disfigured bodies being carried down the ladders from the third floor. The scalp of one woman victim had been half torn from her head by a rocket stick. One fireman, half exhausted from carrying two bodies down a long ladder, lost his hold as a hose burst and he fell crashing to the pavement in full view of thousands of spectators.

The list of dead includes Lena Simpson, aged 20; O. Berman, 27 years old, and Oscar Jenovitch, 30 years. Eight other persons were severely injured.

The second floor of the building was vacant, a prospective tenant waiting until after the Fourth of July to move in. The third floor was occupied in part by the French Hat and Bonnet Company. The origin of the fire is a mystery and is as yet ascribed by the inspectors to spontaneous combustion.

Late tonight the inspectors were expressing a strong desire to interview David Zeisler, junior member of the firm. He is missing.

At the sound of the first explosion a dozen or more customers who were in the sales room at the time, and most of the employees of the establishment, including a number of women, made their escape by rapid flight, although a half dozen of the girls who had fainted from fright had to be rescued by firemen and citizens.

Employees in neighboring buildings were so badly frightened that many jumped from windows, but fortunately few of these were severely and none fatally injured.

The firemen pursued their work through a hail of fireworks and were in some instances seriously burned.

Judge Hargis Injured

Jackson, Ky., June 27.—County Judge Hargis, noted as the alleged leader of the Hargis faction in the late Hargis-Cockrill feud, met with a serious and perhaps fatal injury today by being thrown from his horse while riding to call upon his aged mother. His shoulder was broken and he received internal injuries. Because of this accident the hearings of Anne Short for complicity, and James Salyers, accused of the murder of Mack White, were continued.

Escaped Bobrikoff's Fate

London, June 25.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Odessa says that General Toberhoff, governor of Poland, escaped death the day previous to the assassination of General Bobrikoff, governor of Finland, by the timely discovery of an infernal machine in his room.

TAR HEELS AT YALE

Mims of Durham, Harland of Asheville, Take Honors

New Haven, Conn., June 27.—Special. Among the honor appointments for Yale commencement announced today are Stewart Lee Mims of Durham, N. C., philosophy and oratory, highest honors; Francis Edwin Howland of Asheville, N. C., oratory, second highest honor; Stewart L. Mims, honors in history for two years work.

Wealthy Goldsboro Broker a Suicide in New York

George A. Overbaugh Found Dead in Bed at His Board- ing House With Car- bolic Acid Bottle Beside Him

New York, June 27.—George A. Overbaugh, 64 years old, a wealthy broker of Goldsboro, N. C., ended his life today by drinking carbolic acid in the room he occupied in the boarding house at No. 138 west forty eighth street. At the house a mysterious silence is maintained as to the circumstances preceding the suicide, and the police have been able to learn nothing about the facts. Mr. Overbaugh came to New York at the solicitation of his friends,

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