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REPUBLICANS TRYING TO REVIVE POPULIST PARTY

Funds Available in Effort to Divide the Parker Vote--Report That Pettigrew is a Roose- velt Convert--Barrel Open to 8th and 10th District

By THOMAS J. PENCE

Washington, Aug. 16.—Special.—Developments of the past few days show that the Republican national committee is industriously at work in an effort to revive the defunct populist party. It is said that Republican funds are available for all who are willing to revive the populist revival, which has been the chief contention of the Democrats. There is a report that the Republican effort to revive the populist party is being conducted by the Republican national committee, and that the party is being revived in the Parker vote. It is pointed out that the populists will make nominations in twenty-three states, although they have no chance whatever of carrying a single state this fall. Republican money, it is said, is behind the party, not exactly as bribe money, but liberal contributions of funds come mysteriously to populist campaign committees. For instance, there is to be a notification meeting in Cooper Union in New York which is estimated to cost \$10,000. Where can the weak populist organization get such a sum? Still it is said to have the funds in its possession. These tactics are intended not only to keep the populist vote away from Judge Parker, but are intended to give dissatisfaction to the Democrats and to divide the Parker vote. It is pointed out that the Republicans are preparing to announce in a few days the acquisition of ex-Senator Pettigrew of South Dakota as a Roosevelt convert. Pettigrew was the bell popular of the Senate a few years ago, but this spring he pretended to be a Democrat, supporting the Hearst presidential candidacy. He was a delegate to the St. Louis convention, though he announced before his arrival that he would bolt should Grover Cleveland receive the nomination.

While on his visit here Collector E. C. Duncan, who is the Republican national committee man from North Carolina, had a lengthy interview with National Chairman Cortelyou. Duncan, who is considered one of the most astute Republican politicians in the south, discussed Republican politics in the southern states with the chairman. He told Mr. Cortelyou that there was a chance for the Republicans to carry the eighth and tenth districts, and as a result of this interview it is expected that the Republican barrel will be opened to both districts. The Republicans are not going to waste much money in the south, and outside of the "road" that will be thrown to the eighth and tenth North Carolina districts and the ninth Virginia district, there will be very little fat for southern radicals. It's very different now from eight years ago. Then the North Carolina Republicans had \$85,000 at their disposal. This is the most money that the Republican national committee has ever spent in a strictly southern state. Only Mr. Hanna's belief that McKinley would carry the state with the aid of the populist vote secured such a large sum that year.

Collector Duncan also called at the White House in company with Mrs. Duncan, and they were presented to the president. Ex-Senator Butler, who has been here for several days, has returned to North Carolina. He will be back soon, and it is understood will go to Indiana, where he will take the stump for Mr. Roosevelt. Senator Butler has tendered his services to Chairman Cortelyou and will be heard much in the coming campaign.

R. H. McNeill, secretary of the Republican state executive committee, will leave next week for Greensboro and open state headquarters. The Republicans are already at work and are sending out much literature from Asheville. The Republican fight in the state this year is to be confined almost exclusively to the west.

John C. Dancy the colored recorder of deeds, who is one of the star orators of the Republican party in this campaign, has been asked by Senator Scott of West Virginia to make a number of speeches in his state. Dancy expects to go to West Virginia soon and will stump the northern section of the state for the Republican state and national ticket.

Mentally unbalanced visitors to Washington continue to find their way to the White House in search of Mr. Roosevelt. The latest arrival is Dr. J. P. Baird of Greenville, Texas. He went to the White House this morning and said he had read that President Roosevelt had a "little bit of time" for him. He felt sure that he would get a few minutes' hearing. He had a matter of vital importance to discuss, he stated, and could get through with his business in a few minutes. He was denied the privilege

GOVERNMENT CROP REPORT

Drought in Corn Belt--Cotton Shedding in Every State Except Oklahoma

Washington, Aug. 16.—The weekly crop report issued by the weather bureau today says:

"Rain would prove beneficial generally throughout the corn belt, over a large part of which, more particularly the southern and eastern portions, corn is suffering more or less seriously from drought. In the southern states early corn is being gathered, cutting being in progress as far north as Southern Kansas. An excellent crop is now practically assured in the middle Atlantic states."

"The weather has been favorable for spring wheat harvest, which is advanced."

"Cotton. With the exception of Oklahoma, complaints of shedding are received from every state, and rotting of the lower bolls is reported from portions of the central and western districts. Reports of too rank growth, however, are much less numerous than in the preceding week, but continue from portions of the central and eastern districts. Boll weevils are causing much damage in southwestern, cen-

tral, eastern and coast districts of Texas, and are proving destructive up to the northern tier of counties. In that state, however, the plant and fields are in good condition. In Oklahoma and Indian Territories, Missouri and portions of Arkansas cotton is doing well. Picking is general only in southern Texas, but has begun in the southern portion of the eastern districts, where, as a rule, very little is open.

Tobacco has suffered much from drought in the Ohio Valley, but has made satisfactory progress in the middle Atlantic states and New England. Cutting is in progress in Ohio and Virginia.

PINCH OF HUNGER

Striking Cotton Operatives in Want—Mill Agents Restive

Fall River, Mass., Aug. 16.—The pinch of hunger is being felt by many of the striking cotton operatives and their families. The non-union strikers, numbering about 19,000, have received less than \$5,000 in cash aid. The city and the churches are opening relief stations and making inquiries into the situation.

While there is no indication of weakening on the manufacturers' side, it is an open secret that some of the mill agents are becoming restive under the prolonged shut-down of their plants and the outspoken discontent of so many of the local stockholders. Certain concerns that were operating at a profit before the strike are not only suffering a loss in earnings, but also of desirable customers and markets which outside competitors are taking away from them. Under the manufacturers' agreement these mills are plugged with the others, to which the shut-down involves no great loss under present business conditions, to see the strike through to the bitter end, whatever the cost.

Roosevelt's Letter

Washington, Aug. 16.—The principal feature of the cabinet meeting today was a thorough discussion of the letter of acceptance of the Republican nomination by the president.

This letter has been in course of construction for the past three weeks and has been submitted individually to members of the cabinet for their criticism and suggestion. At the meeting today the document, which is supposed to be nearly complete, was read carefully, with a view to eliciting suggestions from certain of the members who had not yet had an opportunity to read it. It is said to be about the same length as the speech with which President Roosevelt received the notification committee at Oyster Bay, and it is expected that it will be ready for publication in about two weeks time.

TWO BURNED AT STAKE MILITIA OVERPOWERED

Frightful Death for Paul Reed and Will Cato Negroes Convicted of Murder--Mob Charged Soldiers, But Neither Side Used Weapons

Statesboro, Ga., Aug. 16.—After overpowering the militia and seizing the telegraph office so that help could not be summoned from outside, an armed mob burned Paul Reed and Will Cato, negroes convicted of murder, at the stake this afternoon.

They had been sentenced to hang by law on September 8, but the bitterness aroused by their crime—the murder of Henry Hodges, a white man, his wife and three children—brought about the triumph of Judge Lynch.

There are thirteen other negroes under arrest for complicity in the crime, and it is feared that most of the men will be killed by the mob. About two thousand men witnessed the affair. There were cans of kerosene on every hand. For a long time the crowd took counsel whether to burn or hang the men. Twice a rope was put around their necks and the rope was started for a limb of a tree, but the crowd would not have it. Some of the party were against the burning.

The charge of the militia was something equal to the storming of a fort. The militia could have saved themselves by fruitless shooting into the crowd, but there was no occasion for more slaughter than the fearful affair that had already happened. The soldiers are in no way to blame, and what was done was done for the best of all concerned. To have fired into the mob would have precipitated a fearful riot, as every white man was armed. Not a gun was drawn on the militia. The crowd simply forced themselves so thickly on the hundred men who were scattered into little squads that it was impossible to resist them. The report of additional militia coming into the city is responsible for the riot.

A NEW RICHMOND IN THE FIELD

Gould and Harriman Interests Mentioned as Seeking Control of S. A. L.

Baltimore, Aug. 16.—The bankers who have charge of the movement to pool with the Fidelity and Deposit Company their common and preferred stock of the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company refuse to make public their plan or to discuss in any way the new development in the affairs of the railroad, except to say that the shareholders are responding in a gratifying manner to the proposition to concentrate in one big block their stock.

It is generally believed, however, that an important announcement will be made within a few days. Meantime financial circles, both in Baltimore and New York, manifest a lively interest in the property. In well-informed circles it is understood that a new Richmond is in the field and has offered better terms for control than were offered by the Blair-Ryan-Coolidge syndicate, provided a majority of the stock can be delivered in one block.

The Goulds and interests close to the Harriman system are mentioned as seeking to buy control of the Seaboard. It seems to be a fact that negotiations with the Blair people are off, and that they missed their opportunity last week when they turned down the counter proposition made by the representatives of the Middendorf-Williams banking houses, which were willing then to sell their holdings, amounting to 114,000 shares, at \$15 a share for the common, and \$28 a share for the preferred.

It is estimated that considerably more than 60,000 shares of the stock have been traded in on the New York "curb" since August 1. Who have been accumulating the stock is not known, but a rumor is current that powerful interests have been picking it up preliminary to making an offer for outright control.

During the morning the sales of both common and preferred stock were very light in Baltimore. The common stock opened at 11, an advance of 1-4 from yesterday, and only one block of 350 shares was sold on "change at the morning session. Only five shares of preferred stock were sold before noon at 21 1-2 points higher than the closing quotation yesterday. On the "curb" market in New York the prices were about the same as those in Baltimore and the sales were very light.

ACT OF GRACE

Abolish Corporal Punishment in Russia—Kaiser Godfather

St. Petersburg, Aug. 16.—One of the acts of grace signifying the birth of an heir to the throne will be the total abolition of corporal punishment throughout Russia. A ukase to this effect is expected to be issued tomorrow.

It is reported, apparently on good authority, that the emperor of Germany has asked for the privilege of acting as one of the godfathers of the heir. The christening will take place August 25.

RICE ACREAGE INCREASED 83 PER CENT. IN 5 YEARS

Washington, Aug. 16.—A preliminary report to the bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture shows the total acreage of rice in the United States this season to be about 643,400 acres, distributed as follows: North Carolina, 1,800; South Carolina, 33,300; Georgia, 9,000; Louisiana 365,100 and Texas, 234,200 acres.

The rice acreage of the country has increased 83 per cent within the last five years and is now four times as large as it was 15 years ago. In 1899 Louisiana and Texas contained 59.9 per cent of the total rice acreage of the country. Now these states 91.1 per cent of the greatly increased total. The rice crop in this country in 1903 was estimated at 319,382,000 pounds.

Robbed and Murdered

New York, Aug. 16.—The body of Stephen McCarthy, aged 50, a customs house employe, with three ugly wounds in the head and a deep cut in one leg was found late Monday afternoon floating in Spuyten Duyvil creek. According to today's autopsy the man was killed and thrown into the river. The wounds had been made with an axe. The motive for the crime was robbery.

Desperate Prisoners

Durham, N. C., Aug. 16.—Special. Two prisoners, Neal Edwards and Fletcher Winningham of Orange county, have been sent to the roads of this county to work. Edwards has two years

and Winningham half that length of time. These men were tried at the last week term of Orange county on the charge of forgery. Edwards was given one year and Winningham was given four months for larceny. Court adjourned on Wednesday and the latter part of the week the two men made a desperate effort to escape and came near killing the jailer, W. A. Maddry, Jr., having him down, when he drew his pistol and forced them into submission. Judge Bryan heard of the bold attempt and very promptly changed the sentences from four months to one year in one case, and from one to two years in the other. They were taken out to the road forces today and are now at work.

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PALLADA EVIDENTLY SUNK IN PORT ARTHUR SORTIE

Togo Reports Vessel of Her Type Torpedoed in Wednesday's Fight--Another Dash From Port Arthur Reported from Chefoo. Kamimura's Report

London, Aug. 16.—Admiral Togo reports that a vessel of the Pallada type was torpedoed and sunk in last Wednesday's engagement.

The Pallada, a Russian cruiser of 6,500 tons, carrying a crew of about 425 men, was in the battle of Wednesday, and was not among those ships which returned to Port Arthur or sought refuge in neutral ports.

Another Sortie Reported

Chefoo, Aug. 16.—A credible report states that the Russian protected cruiser Pallada was sunk by a torpedo during the engagement on the night of August 10.

A telegram just received from Tsing Tau says that the officers of the Russian battleship Czarevitch insist that a Japanese ship sank during the battle on August 10.

The Russian ships at Port Arthur made a sortie early today. They are now being pursued by the Japanese. A severe engagement is expected.

The Japanese fleet kept off some distance from the entrance of Port Arthur during the past night, fearing danger from torpedoes in the darkness. The battle, it is now believed, will drift into this vicinity.

The Russians, it is reported, did not encounter the Japanese fleet. Nevertheless they returned to Port Arthur.

Kamimura's Report

Tokio, Aug. 16.—The following report has been received from Admiral Kamimura regarding his battle last Sunday morning with the Russian Vladivostok squadron.

"The flagship Izduma, with the cruisers Azuma, Tokiwa and Iwate, while reconnoitering off Ulsan, Corea, sighted at dawn Sunday three cruisers of the Vladivostok squadron steaming south.

"Upon sighting us the Russians put about and attempted to escape to the north. We intercepted them and opened fire at 5:23 o'clock.

"The Rurik, which formed the Russian rear guard, constantly fell behind the other Russians and was repeatedly subjected to a fierce fire. The other two bravely assisted the Rurik, coming back for the purpose.

"As they appeared thus we could adopt the Letter formation against the Russian line and concentrating our fire on each of the Russians in succession inflicted severe damage upon all. They were set on fire repeatedly.

"The Rurik was disabled and fired only feebly and at intervals.

"She sank by the stern and listed to port. Finally the others abandoned her and fled.

"Just then the fourth detachment of the Japanese fleet, under Vice Admiral Uriu, including the cruisers Natwa and Takichio, came up and attacked the Rurik, while the main squadron pursued the Russia and Gromovol.

"After five hours of severe fighting, the Russians fled at full speed to the north. At 10:15 o'clock we turned south and looked for the Rurik. Learning that she already had been sunk, we assembled the whole fleet and picked up six hundred of her crew.

"Our damages are not severe. The spirit of the fleet has been raised greatly by the success which was due to your majesty's virtue."

The Letter formation to which Admiral Kamimura refers in his report is the fleet formation said to be peculiar to the Japanese navy and so called because of its resemblance to a letter of the Japanese alphabet.

Czarevitch Dismantled

Tsing Tau, German Kiao Chau, Aug. 16.—The Russian naval vessels here, the battleship Czarevitch and three destroyers—have been dismantled.

Ships That Got Back

Chefoo, Aug. 16.—The ships which got back to Port Arthur after Wednesday's fight are believed to be the battleships Persevel, Pobieda, Retvizan, Sevastopol and Poltava, and the cruiser Diana. The cruiser Bayan came out with the others on the occasion, but soon returned to Port Arthur.

Another Crushing Blow

St. Petersburg, Aug. 16.—The news of the defeat of the Vladivostok squadron has added another crushing blow to the reverse before Port Arthur. No public announcement has yet been made of the sinking of the Rurik. The Chefoo report of the sortie of Russian warships from Port Arthur naturally can not be confirmed, and the admiralty is puzzled to know whether it refers to the ships which remained in the harbor when the main squadron went out August 10 or to ships of the late Admiral Witthoef's original squadron.

In either event, however, it is construed as evidence that the shells of the Japanese land batteries are falling on the harbor, rendering it impossible for

Want More Generals

Paris, Aug. 17.—A dispatch to the Echo de Paris from St. Petersburg says that General Stoessel's last report announcing that the Russians at Port Arthur are opposed by four times their number is regarded as the first stroke of the funeral bell from the fortress. General Kuropatkin has sent a furious dispatch demanding new generals to replace those who have been killed or wounded or who are sick.

Rescued Crew Wept

Tokio, Aug. 16.—The Asahi's Tokyo shiki correspondent says that the crew of the Rurik fought naked. When the vessel sank they jumped overboard with life belts. The Japanese went promptly to the rescue of the Russians, who wept when they were safe aboard the Japanese warships. There was little loss to the Japanese. Only a small gun position on one ship was damaged. Two men were killed and seven slightly wounded. Two other ships were slightly damaged.

Offer Living for Dead

Tokio, Aug. 16.—The Japanese are comparing their treatment of the crew of the Rurik with the Russians' treatment of the Japanese on the transport Hitachi Maru, which was sunk by the Vladivostok squadron. A prominent official, discussing the subject, said: "The Japanese have avenged the Hitachi Maru. Admiral Kamimura rescued and succeeded those who aided in sinking the Hitachi Maru, and who sailed away from hundreds of their drowning victims. We offer their living for ours dead."

Germans on Guard

Tsing Tau, Aug. 16.—The Germans have notified the Japanese that they will fire on any ship entering the harbor at night without displaying lights. A German cruiser is standing guard outside the harbor, while other German warships are guarding the inner harbor. The governor has assured the Japanese Admiral Ikadzuki, who called with his staff, that the Russian warships had been rendered hors de combat, their guns being disabled and their ammunition removed. Admiral Ikadzuki then departed in a destroyer, being saluted by the German warships.

Destroyer Went on Rocks

St. Petersburg, Aug. 16.—The British ambassador here has received an official telegram from the commander of the British squadron dated Wel-Hal-Wel, August 12. It says:

"Lieutenant Tyrtoff, commanding the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Boorn, arrived here at 3 p. m. with his crew, having walked from Shangtung. He states that at 2:08 in the morning, during a fog, the Boorn went on the rocks near Shangtung. All the crew were saved. Lieutenant Tyrtoff blew up the Boorn. The Russians are at Wel-Hal-Wel under British protection.

"Lieutenant Tyrtoff asks that the dispatch be communicated to the Russian government. The officers and crew have been accommodated on board the British storeship Humbert. They will be sent to Hong Kong."

Rain for Two Days

Mukden, Aug. 16.—A steady rain has been falling for two days and the roads are becoming heavy. No Japanese movement is reported from the south-east, but they are reported to be working round to the west.

Eating Horses

Rome, Aug. 16.—The commander of the Italian far eastern squadron states (Continued on page 2.)

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