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SENATORS OF SOUTH LEAN TO MR. JOHNSON

Dozen of Them Now Desire Uninstructed Delegations to Denver Convention, and Such Delegations Are Counted as Favoring Minnesota Governor.

OVERMAN AND SIMMONS ON ANTI-BRYAN LIST

Latter at Raleigh Expresses Belief That Men Who Go to Democratic Gathering Should Be Free to Pick Out Strongest Man for Nomination.

Washington, May 12.—If the political benightedness of Governor John A. Johnson, of Minnesota, are correct in their optimistic view of the situation, the governor on his arrival in this city today will have reason to be pleased with the progress of his boom for the democratic presidential nomination. His headquarters here last night issued this statement: "Today many of the important state senators from the south came out in an unqualified manner for the policy of southern states sending uninstructed delegations to the Denver convention. While many of these senators expressed no antagonism to Mr. Bryan, it is well known that Bryan wants the delegations instructed for him and that uninstructed delegations are looked on as Johnson delegations.

"Among those who came out for uninstructed delegations were Senators Tillman, Clay, Martin, Tallafiero, Daniel, Foster, Simmons, Overman, Bacon, Smith, Johnston, and Bankhead."

Simmons Says He's Opposed to Instructed Delegation.

United States Senator F. M. Simmons, who is in Raleigh this afternoon, was asked by a reporter of The Times if a telegraph story received from Washington saying that he and Senator Overman, along with other prominent southern senators, were in favor of an uninstructed delegation to Denver were true. The senator frankly admitted that he could not speak for Mr. Overman, as that gentleman should be given the privilege of expressing his views on the question.

"I have thought all the time," said Senator Simmons, "that there is no necessity for instructing the delegates to the Denver convention. This is my personal opinion, without reference to any of the candidates for the nomination."

"It would seem best to allow the delegates to decide on the question when it confronts them in Denver. If Mr. Bryan is found to be the best man, why, then Mr. Bryan should be nominated; if somebody else is stronger, and would make the party a greater leader, he should be nominated."

The senator believes that the party is greater than the man and that it should not commit itself at such a time. As he stated, it might be found that somebody else other than Mr. Bryan could get such a following as would insure his election and for the party to send pledged delegates to the convention would be unjust to the democracy of the country.

From press reports from Washington—and they are not denied—two-thirds of the leading democrats of the senate are also in accord with the views of Senator Simmons and Senator Tillman.

The statement of Senator Simmons will be fraught with significance in view of the fact that the state convention will meet in Charlotte in June. The opposition to an instructed delegation has grown, it is known, not so much because of hostility to Mr. Bryan, but because many believe it would be folly to instruct with the national convention so far off.

Senator Simmons has been to his farm in Jones county, where he went to register. He will return to Washington this evening.

REED LOOKING FOR TWO BODIES

Wants That of Girl Who Suicided Rather Than Marry Man She Didn't Love.

BROTHER DIED OF GRIEF

When He Found Abduction of Parents Had Brought Anistia to Her End.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

San Francisco, May 12.—Declaring that 27-year-old Anistia Dolacia Hildebrandt drank poison and shot herself while being forced into a marriage by her parents, and that her brother died of grief because of her suicide, Clarence Reed, who was engaged to the girl, will apply to the Oakland police to aid him in locating the two bodies.

Reed, who exhibits letters he claims were written him by the girl after she was abducted by her parents, will tell a story to the police that will interest them throughout the United States. Eugene Hildebrandt, the father, is known on every racetrack in the country. Her mother, who was divorced from Hildebrandt, married H. L. Miller, father of Walter Miller, the jockey now riding at Emmersville.

Percy Hildreth, a half brother of the girl, is familiarly known to racegoers as manager of the racing string which includes Moelick, Montgomery, Uncle, Rapid Water and other fast horses. Hildreth, according to Reed, was made guardian of the Hildebrandt girl by her grandfather, a wealthy Canadian horsebreeder, who named her as the sole beneficiary of his will and left a fortune, which included a stable of seventy racing thoroughbreds and extensive grazing and ranch lands in British Columbia and Kansas as well as in Alameda county in this state. Reading from the girl's letter in his room at the Twedall apartments, Oakland, Reed told the story of their engagement and the facts which led up to her death.

"What I am more concerned about than anything else at this time," said he, "is in learning what has become of the bodies of the girl and her brother. There is no record of either."

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DRAIN CONGRESS SESSION TODAY

Addresses of Afternoon Will Include Those of Bryan and Garfield

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, May 12.—The first day's session of the national drainage congress was called to order at the New Willard this morning. Rev. Martin O'Donoghue offered prayer and addresses were made by Secretary James R. Garfield, of the interior department; O. P. Austin, chief of the bureau of statistics; Representative J. E. Ransdell, of Louisiana; and Col. G. P. Goodyear, of Georgia. This evening C. J. Blanchard, statistician of the reclamation service of the interior department, will lecture on "The Reclamation of Arid Lands in the West."

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, May 12.—It is said that one outcome of the coming convocation of the National Association of Manufacturers in this city, which begins Monday, will be the formation of a business men's political party to take a hand in the approaching campaign. The movement, if it is decided on, will be along the lines of the Palmer and Buckner movement of 1896, although in the present case the idea is to get into action before the campaign has shaped itself, in an effort to make the political leaders see the light and so do away with the necessity of nominating a third ticket based on the principle of no extremists in American politics.

MR. KAHN AVERTS THEATRE PANIC

Manager's Presence of Mind Gets Crowd Out of House When Fire Starts

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Atlanta, Ga., May 12.—Through the presence of mind of Manager Ben Kahn, of the Orpheum theatre, and the remarkable nerve of Bedini and Arthur, a vaudeville team, whose act was just beginning when the cry of "fire" startled the audience at the Orpheum last night, what might have been a panic with awful consequences was averted and the house was emptied in three minutes without a single casualty. Manager Kahn, who was occupying a box, sprang to the stage and, as the artists continued their act as if nothing untoward had happened, Mr. Kahn quieted the incident panic in the gallery by explaining that the fire was several doors away and that there was no danger.

The fire was a disastrous one. It broke out in a bakery near the theatre. Before it could be controlled it had consumed nine stores, the Piedmont stables, on Marietta street, with 200 valuable horses and a number of carriages and also some other buildings. Spreading to Spring street it destroyed two dwellings. The loss is estimated at \$70,000, with probably 60 per cent insurance.

GHOSTS SIGHTED IN COUNTY JAIL?

Visitations of White Colony to Asheville Institution Will Be Investigated

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Asheville, N. C., May 12.—The county authorities have ordered a thorough investigation of the ghosts' visitation at the county jail. A night ghost watchman will be put on to solve the mystery.

BLACKHAND FOR OLD HETTY GREEN

New York, May 12.—Although efforts have been made to keep the matter secret, it has become known that Hetty Green, who is living at the Plaza, received last Friday a letter signed "The Black Hand," threatening her with death unless she gave \$5,000 to the writer.

Since then Mrs. Green, in leaving the hotel for her office in the Chemical National bank, has been taken to a Madison avenue car by one of the hotel detectives. Before that she was in the habit of leaving the hotel alone. The letter advises Mrs. Green to be in readiness to pay \$5,000 to a messenger who will call to see her, and says she will be wise if she maintains secrecy.

BUSINESS MENTO HAVE NEW PARTY

National Association of Manufacturers Likely to Take a Hand in Politics

HAS 3,000 MEMBERS

And Represents Some of Largest Commercial Interests in the United States

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REAR END COLLISION PUTS 600 IN DANGER

Elevated Train Passengers Have Close Call From Death By Electrocution.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, May 12.—Thirty persons were injured and 600 forced to brave the danger of electrocution from the third rail in a rear end collision on the Third Avenue elevated road on the One Hundred and Forty-fifth street curve in the Bronx when a southbound train in charge of Motorman William Ammerman ran into a stalled train which was waiting for the signal to get into the One Hundred and Forty-third street station.

CAME EAST WITH BIG POCKETBOOK

But New York Life Costs Money and Upson Turned Housebreaker

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, May 12.—If Harry Upson, a young carriage-builder of Indianapolis, had not turned burglar to support his weak-old bride, the girl's parents might not have known she was married. Upson was caught in the house of David Remsen on Sunday night. When arraigned for a preliminary hearing he told the story of his marriage.

TONOPAH'S FINEST BUILDING GOES UP IN SMOKE

London Bar Silver.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Tonopah, Nev., May 12.—The Palace Hotel block, the finest section of the business center of Tonopah, is today a waste of ashes. Fire last night completely destroyed the block.

Tobacco Duties Cause an Argument in Philadelphia

Philadelphia, May 12.—Tobacco dealers throughout the country are interested in the convention of the National Cigar Leaf Tobacco Association, which meets today in the Bellevue-Stratford. The project to obtain a change in the duty on imported tobacco promises to be the principal topic of discussion.

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HUGHES WILL NOT TAKE 2ND PLACE

Letter to Gen. Woodford Says It's First or Nothing This Time

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, May 12.—Gov. Hughes has written a letter to Gen. Stewart Woodford, president of the Hughes league, formally stating that he would not accept a nomination for the vice-presidency. Gen. Woodford is one of the New York delegates to the Chicago convention.

HELIE TO LEAVE CHURCH FOR ANNA

Rome, May 12.—Mrs. Anna Gould and children, accompanied by Prince Helle De Sagan, left here last evening for Monte Carlo, from which place as soon as the prince has embraced the Protestant faith, which this evening he again declared he was ready to do, they will proceed to the altar.

All Democrats Looking to Keystone State This Week

Washington, May 12.—Bryan, Johnson and Gray adherents are making ready for the invasion of Pennsylvania next week, when the democratic state convention meets in Harrisburg. Johnson managers already have opened headquarters there. The Bryan league and the Gray managers will get on the ground this week.

In the meantime, the respective publicity agents of the three booms are predicting the delegation will be uninstructed. Each contends this will be a point in favor of his special candidate.

The Johnson and Gray managers insist that with Pennsylvania added to the uninstructed column, they will go into the Denver convention with a quiet strength that will surprise the Bryan enthusiasts.

The number of delegates pledged to Bryan to date is 252. The uninstructed, with Pennsylvania's delegation added, will total 220.

Minnesota will hold its state convention on Thursday. It is conceded that Johnson will get the 22 delegates from his state. Gray already has the eight delegates from Delaware.

A feature of the week has been the increased strength shown by the boom started for Francis Burton Harrison, of New York, for second place on the democratic ticket. A poll of a majority of the democratic members of the house has disclosed a unanimity of opinion in favor of his selection. The poll also devel-

oped a growing lack of unanimity with regard to the nominee for first place. Significant was the drift away from Bryan among southern democratic representatives. Out of 19 southerners interviewed only four yoked Bryan and Harrison. Reference to Culberson increased and the Johnson men also are more in evidence.

A George Gray league will be organized in Maryland shortly, probably this week.