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KOPE ELIAS NOT FOR ANY INSTRUCTIONS

Western Carolina Man Who Seconded Nomination of Grover Cleveland Hopes Charlotte Convention Will Send Free Delegation to Denver Convention of July 5.

NOTHING TO BE GAINED BY DIRECTING STATE'S VOTE

If Only One Candidate Will Suit, Why Not Enclose Set of Resolutions in Registered Letter and Send Them Along, His Suggestion.

"I am in favor of sending North Carolina's delegation to Denver uninstructed," said Hon. Kope Elias to a representative of the Evening Times at the Yarrowborough yesterday.

Thus another of the state's most prominent and influential democratic leaders has been added to the list who favor sending the state's delegates to Denver free to select the man who can carry the party to victory.

"As I see conditions today, the democratic party needs a man like Grover Cleveland, who, in 1884, restored confidence in the masses and led the party to a great victory. From past experience I believe the delegates should not be instructed, but left free to select the man who will be a winner."

BOMB INJURES TWO IN NEW YORK

Blackmailers Carry Out Threat to Get Revenge on Owner of House

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, May 20.—Two persons were painfully injured, one building was torn away and one hundred persons were thrown into a panic today when a bomb, hurled for revenge, exploded in the big tenement on the first floor of 316 East Eleventh street.

SPEER IS MAYOR OF DENVER BY UNDER 500

Denver, Col., May 20.—Unofficial returns from the 211 precincts in the city at 11 o'clock last night gave Speer, candidate for mayor on the democratic and business men's ticket, a lead of less than 500. It is admitted that 20,000 ballots were scratched and it will require some hours to finish checking them up.

VICTORIA WON'T SEE OUR SHIPS

Washington, May 20.—It is announced at the navy department that the visit of the Pacific fleet's armored cruisers to Victoria, B. C., has been postponed, perhaps indefinitely. Rear Admiral Dayton, who was ordered to hold his ships in readiness to make the visit, has now been advised of the change of plans and will take no further consideration of the trip to British Columbia unless Secretary Metcalf is advised by the state department that Ambassador Bryce extends a special invitation.

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TEDDY WILL NOT RUN, SAYS BRYAN

Nebraska Man Tells Interviewer He Won't Press State Ownership of Railroads.

Does Not Intend to Be Present at Denver National Convention.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Baltimore, Md., May 20.—Woodrow Wilson declared in an interview here his belief that President Roosevelt will not be named at Chicago. He said he wouldn't press the state ownership of railroads as a leading issue.

"I have announced my willingness to accept the democratic nomination for president if it is tendered to me," said Mr. Bryan. The democratic voters themselves must decide the question of my candidacy. If they think I can help the party by my candidacy, I shall be willing to be a candidate. It rests with the voters.

"Will you attend the Denver convention?"

"No, I shall remain at home. I am not a delegate."

"Will the campaign be propitious to the election of the democratic candidate for president?"

"It will, assuming that the nation acts in such a way as to satisfy the majority of the democratic voters. I believe that we shall enter the campaign with excellent prospects of success."

"Will your advocacy of government and state ownership of railroads be prominent in the campaign?"

"This is not a pressing issue and I do not intend that it shall be a leading issue, because the people who will press it are trying to sidetrack the real issue, which is the regulation of railroad rates," said Mr. Bryan, with emphasis and determination.

KAISER WANTED VANDERBILT, NOT DAVID JAYNE HILL

(By Cable to The Times) London, May 20.—A curious corollary to the Rome dispatch referring to Cornelius Vanderbilt's associations to the British embassy is furnished by a Washington cable to the Frankfurter Zeitung, stating that the real reason of the kaiser's displeasure over the appointment of Dr. Hill was that President Roosevelt first chose Mr. Vanderbilt and then substituted Dr. Hill.

The Zeitung adds that Mr. Vanderbilt soon will be appointed to the embassy at Rome, and that he is well known to the kaiser, who frequently met him at Kiel.

RESTAURANT STEAK GETS ANOTHER VICTIM

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Grand Rapids, Mich., May 20.—Michael Hogan, aged 42, tried to swallow a porterhouse steak whole in a three-cent restaurant and died in the effort. Indignant at the size of the steak set before him, he declared he could masticate it at a mouthful. Hogan died in a police ambulance on the way to a hospital.

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LILLEY IS RATED IN HOUSE TODAY

Connecticut Congressman Accused of Bringing Electric Boat Charges in Bad Faith

REPORT OF COMMITTEE Refutes Every Item in His Complaint--Some Scathing Language is Used

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, May 20.—Excoriated and denounced, Representative Geo. L. Lilley, of Connecticut, author of the charges of corruption of congress by the Electric Boat company, was described to the house today as a man who had violated his obligations as a member of the house, sworn to what he knew to be false, and acted in bad faith.

All this came in the report to the house from the special committee which investigated the Lilley charges from March 9 to April 29. The report, which occupies 87 printed pages, refuted all the charges and was signed by all five members of the committee—Boutwell of Illinois, Olmstead of Pennsylvania, Stevens of Minnesota, Howard of Georgia, and Prosser of Louisiana. Scidmore, if ever, has a member been subjected to such fierce criticism as was disclosed by the reading of this report.

While it was being read, the members of the house sat in absolute silence. Some of the conclusions of the committee were as follows:

That Mr. Lilley's resolution was not introduced in good faith.

That Mr. Lilley had no information to justify his charges before the committee on rules.

That Mr. Lilley acted in bad faith in making his charges before the committee on rules.

That Mr. Lilley acted in bad faith in sending before this committee that he had made no charge reflecting upon members of the house before the committee on rules.

That Mr. Lilley allowed himself to be used as an instrument of the Lake Torpedo Boat company in its rivalry and attack upon a competing company.

That Mr. Lilley acted in bad faith in concealing from the committee the real parties in interest who were behind this investigation and furnishing him with information and evidence.

That the charge that the four battleship proposition was defeated by the adoption of the submarine clause in the naval committee's bill was false; that Mr. Lilley, as a member of the naval committee, knew that the charge was false, and that he refused to maintain the charge before this committee.

That Mr. Lilley violated his obligation as a member of the house in formulating and urging before this committee the groundless charges against Representative Loud.

That Mr. Lilley acted in contempt of this house in destroying the forged letter from Webster to Edlinborough, instead of delivering it to this committee.

That Mr. Lilley violated his obligations as a member of the house in permitting his clerk to send out letters in Mr. Lilley's name, reflecting upon the honor and integrity of members of the house.

That Mr. Lilley acted in contempt of the house in not disavowing openly upon the floor of the house the letter of Goff, published upon his signature, reflecting upon the honor and integrity of members of the house.

That Mr. Lilley's charge of excessive profits in the submarine contracts was based on fictitious figures, composed by an agent of the Lake Torpedo Boat company by a perversion of the testimony of Admiral Cowles in 1902.

That the charge that an excessive profit in the submarine contracts was due to special and exclusive legislation in favor of one company, was false, and Mr. Lilley knew that the charge was false when he made it.

That no representatives of the press have been bribed or corrupted by the Electric Boat company.

That no member of the committee

KANSAS CITY IS MEETING PLACE

Over Thousand Commissioners to Presbyterian Conference Gathering There Today.

Cumberland Preacher Will Be Chosen Moderator Without Any Opposition.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Kansas City, Mo., May 20.—The 20th meeting of the Presbyterian general assembly in the United States of America will convene here today. It will be the largest meeting in the history of the body and will equal nearly 1,000 commissioners, and fully 1,000 visitors will be present from different parts of the country.

The largest presbytery in the body is that of Pittsburgh, which sends its commissioners. The second is New York, which sends 16. The third is Chicago, which sends 14. Among the commissioners will be negroes, Chinese, Indians, Spaniards, Japanese and many foreign missionaries.

Among the distinguished commissioners are governors, judges of the supreme court, members of congress, and over 100 federal and Confederate veterans of the Civil and Spanish-American wars. The assembly carries some of the most prominent institutions in the United States. For one year school work has been in progress, which has resulted in bringing all the delegates here for the election of the Rev. Dr. Baxter B. Edlinborough, of St. Louis, as moderator, the subject of the gift of the church, he belonged to the former Cumberland wing of the church, and it is believed his unanimous election will register the 50,000 members of the southern states, who will adhere to the old organization.

Today will be given up to a general conference on the subject of foreign missions, when representatives from India, China, Siam, Congo, Japan, Africa and the Philippines will make addresses. The assembly will be in session 10 days.

To Organize for Cause. The young women of the city are invited to meet in Edinborough street Methodist church at 5 o'clock to organize a prohibition club. Last evening the married ladies held a meeting at which it was determined to meet next Tuesday, the day of election.

BASQUELL MAN TO TAKE STEEP FOR TAFT. (By Leased Wire to The Times) Chicago, May 20.—Charles Webb Murphy, president of the Chicago National league baseball club, is going on the stump this summer for Taft. If the secretary is nominated, his offer to speak in behalf of the republican candidate was made some time ago to Harry S. New, chairman of the national republican committee, and has been accepted. Where Murphy will be sent has not yet been determined.

Pittsburg Was on Brink of a Financial Earthquake (By Leased Wire to The Times) Pittsburg, Pa., May 20.—"Pittsburg is saved from the greatest disaster in its financial history by the exposure of the Allegheny National bank delinquencies being delayed four months," said one of the most prominent figures in the city's banking circles last night.

The closing of the bank, followed immediately by the suspension of James Carnthers & Company, a strong and conservative brokerage firm, has occasioned widespread uneasiness. If the revelations had come at the time of the recent financial panic, there is no estimating their dire effect on the business and financial interests of the city.

Banking and political circles are worried not a little by the bold announcement by United States Attorney John W. Dunkle that he did not feel satisfied that Cashier William Montgomery had waded the Allegheny National bank alone, and that he, as representative of the United States government, would look into the matter carefully and make arrests as the occasion might warrant.

Figures for the aggregate losses are now placed at \$1,125,000 instead of \$463,000, the figures at first placed on Montgomery's embezzlement.

FIFTEEN ARE SHOT AND MANY INJURED

In Cleveland's Trolley War, Which is Drawing to End Today--Dynamiting of Cars With Nitro-Glycerine Kept Up All Night and Clashes of Strikers and Police Frequent.

LITTLE GIRL OF 5 RUN OVER AND DECAPITATED

Infuriated Crowd Wanted to String Conductor Up to Lamp Post, But Bluecoats Saved Him From Harm--Lakewood Mayor and Tom Johnson Come to Words

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Cleveland, O., May 20.—After a night of the most serious violence since the opening of the strike of Municipal Traction company conductors and motormen Saturday, the roll of injured when comparative peace came with dawn today ran above a score. One child had been killed, a car operated by motormen decapitating a five-year-old girl and precipitating a riot in which the lynching of the conductor was averted only by a battle against a mob of the police.

Valley after valley, of revolver shots were exchanged in a desperate battle of street sympathizers, deputy sheriffs and city police, five men being shot, one of whom may die, as the result of an attempt of the traction company to send cars into Lakewood, a western suburb.

On the heels of this battle, blowing up of cars with dynamite, including nearly a score more police, operatives and passengers, and the scattering of nitro-glycerine packages along the tracks and near car barns, terrified the city. Car after car was wrecked, the occupants escaping death by a scrambling miracle.

From 1:30 o'clock on, 50 deputy sheriffs, two score of them hastily sworn in, surrounded the car barns in Lakewood, armed with revolvers and rifles and ordered to shoot down any skulking men about the buildings. Hires of an attempt to destroy the buildings by dynamite and the torch had been conveyed to President Dippont of the Municipal company.

In Lakewood, where the strike sympathizers fired, their shots were returned by deputy sheriffs, shooting at them as they ran.

Nitro-Glycerine Explosions Injure Score of People. (By Leased Wire to The Times) Cleveland, O., May 20.—Fifteen cars were dynamited, five men shot, a girl beheaded and 29 other persons injured by the explosion of nitro-glycerine in the cars here yesterday.

Five cars were blown up in different parts of the city soon after midnight. At least five persons were injured. One car hurled from the tracks at St. Clair and East 54th streets by an explosion of dynamite was thrown through the air 50 feet, shattering the brick wall of an apartment house. The occupants rushed out in panic, several being injured by falling bricks.

A non-union conductor, in charge of the car which decapitated Yetto (Continued on Page Seven.)

FAIRBANKS MAY RUN FOR SECOND

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Indianapolis, Ind., May 20.—The speculation that Vice-president Fairbanks might be nominated for the presidency and that the best interests of Indiana of the party demand his nomination for second place on the ticket is growing among his friends here. Delegates to the national convention will be urged to support the expediency of such a course to him.

The idea seems to be that if Mr. Fairbanks should withdraw, all the other "fallies" would follow his example and he would thus get the credit among Taft men of starting a stampede that would give Taft the nomination by acclamation and Mr. Fairbanks' selection for second place would be certain.

SEVEN DROWNED; NINE ALMOST GO

Gasoline Tank Explosion on Launch Proves Fatal to Pleasure Party

Memphis, Tenn., May 20.—Seven persons were drowned and nine narrowly escaped death when the gasoline tank exploded on the launch Columbia, eight miles south of Clarendon, Ark. The dead: Miss Lillian Winfield, Clarendon, Ark.; Miss Alma Peete, Covington, Tenn.; Miss Mattie Counts, Clarendon, Ark.; Miss Bessie Palmer, Kansas City, Mo.; Miss Alice Burton, Helena, Ark.; Josephus McManus, Clarendon, Ark.; Dr. A. L. Huston, Clarendon, Ark.

One of those rescued, Miss Mary Cavett, of Clarendon, was severely burned. The boat left Clarendon early in the evening, bearing a merry party that had planned to go several miles down the river. When about five miles below Clarendon the tank of the launch exploded, wrecking the boat and hurling the occupants into the river, which at this point, more than 50 feet from the shore, is very deep.

Few could swim, while some were stunned by the force of the explosion and went down before swimmers in the party could make any effort at rescue. The survivors were found on the river bank by runners dispatched from here because of the prolonged absence of the party.

The boat was a gasoline launch about 30 feet long, capable of seating 20 or 30. It was owned by E. A. Farfer, one of those aboard, who saved the lives of several of the women of the party.