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Presidential Campaign Will Bellin Full

Meeting of the Two National Committees Will Mark Formal Opening of Campaign, Though a Good Deal of Campaign Work Has Al- cies which may crop out, ready Been Done-Democrats Recognize the Wonderful Recuperative Power of the Republican Par-Planning Wisely.

(By Winfield Jones.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 11-Na- presented. tional political campaigns are in-

dates are fixed. soon meet in Washington to map out mote. the preliminary work, and the democratic committee will meet immedi-

ately after the holidays. By the first of the year therefore will continue until the ballots are

counted in the November election. It is true that the two parties do more or less campaigning during the four years between elections. This is particularly true at the present The election of Taft in 1908 marked the real beginning of the movement to re-elect him in 1911. The defeat to re-elect him in 1911. The defeat of Bryan in the same election was the signal for the democrats to get together and find a candidate who could do better four years later.

congressional election a year ago is an evidence of the desperation with which the parties will clash ten months from now. That the demo cratic party was swept into control Girl Found Dead and Her Maid of the house of representatives and came with in few votes of controlling the senate has been taken as a harbinger of success in the presidential contest by the democrats.

Yet the far-sighted leaders of that party are none too confident of the result next November. They are not police are investigating the mysteribanking too strongly upon the"tide but are pulling themselves together power of the republican party.

history of the country has been able the girl's negro maid, aged forty. portance. to sustain such terrific assaults as The strange feature of the case is has the republican party. Almost every contest since the civil war has white, and the maid a mulatto, the demonstrated this. Twice, it is true. the republicans have lost control of the daughter of the woman who livthe government, but they were able ed with her as her servant. The to regain it in four years in each of police say the girl was the daughter these instances.

This is the reason why the democratic leaders are calculating upon all possible contingences. This is why they are councelling "harmony" at every opportunity, and are working bard to prevent any disruption hospital. If she recovers she may The trial has been held up. The either before or after their con-

vention meets. These leaders know that the retil the last state is heard from, and favor they are guarding against over confidence.

The democratic committee will

PORTER CHARLTON CASE STILL DELAYED

Jersey City, Dec. 11-Porter Carlhasten action. Chariton is well sup- bounds, Whittres had become reading, composing verses and ed States. smoking eigarettes.

maid. deputy mineral surveyor.

meet in this city in a few weeks, elect a chairman, pick a city to hold the convention in, and set a date for its assembling. There will be jockeying for the initial advantages. More available democratic candidates are in the field this year than ever before

in the history of the party. These candidates, all of them, have friends on the national committee They are looking to these friends to on them to see that their opponents gain nothing while, either in regard

to the place for holding, the convention, or in any other detail of the committee's action. There no longer seems much doubt

that President Taft will be renominated. The LaFollette supporters are in a hopeless minority in the republican committee and will be able to choke off the presidential primary movements. They are also able to head off any other insurgent tenden-

Of course there is always the possibility that Colonel Roosevelt will come forward at the last minute and "save his party" by allowing himself ty and Are Not Too Confident, But to be nominated, but if his own declarations are to be taken seriously and the assurances of his friends are to be believed, he will not under any circumstances allow his name to be

This leaves the republican convenaugurated at the meetings of the two tion with nothing to do but to nomnational committees of the parties inate President Taft, and then do immediately before the convention what it can to frame a platform which will win back into the party This has been the practice for half the rank and file of the insurgent a century and the coming campaigns forces. If this platform fails to heal will follow the usual course. The the break in the republican ranks, republican national committee will then the president's re-election is re-

It was for this reason that the republican committee will devote so much of its time in talking over the platform, and the necessity of makthe race will be on, and the fight ing it as "progressive" as such a platform could stand.

When the democrats meet, the situation will be different. There will be no less than five candidates and their individual strength might be (Continued on Page Seven.)

The tremendous importance of the Mysterious Case of Asphyxiation In Philadelphia

Senseless on the Floor-Strange Feature is that Supposed Maid Was Her Mother.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 11.-The that while the girl was supposedly white, and the maid a mulatto, the girl really had negro blood and was of an Englishman, who once was choir member in a Baltimore church. The girl was educated in a leading seminary and passed as white. The dead girl was a good musician.

The mother is unconscious in a throw light on the mysterious case. pawn tickets showing \$228 had been publican party is never whipped un- borrowed on jewelry. Five bank books were examined. These showwhile conditions now are in their ed that in one Baltimore bank in 1907, the girl had eighteen hundred ed Waldron to grow restless under dollars on deposit. She had had large deposits in other banks. All are searching for him. deposits had been withdrawn except five dollars.

LOST A RICH GOLD MINE

Paltry Federal Job Kept Claimant From Getting Title.

Washingtonfi Dec. 11-Whether J. Potter Whittren lost his claim to a rich gold mine in Alaska because he ton, after waiting in jail a year and held a paltry federal job now is bea half, charged with murdering his fore the supreme court of the United tentiary the case divided itself into wife at Lake Como, Italy in June States, Whitren first discovered gold 1910, is facing another eighteen in Alaska in 1902. He marked off months inaction in his case. Indi- too much within its bounds. It is cations are that his appeal to the claimed that he lost title to the mine spreme court against extradition will because in reducing the boundaries not be reached before 1913, and of the required amount he excluded niether the prisoner's family nor the hole from which the gold had Major Scott, brother of the slain wo- been mined. By the next year, when man, seems inclined to attempt to be discovered gold within the proper

title to the mine in question, on the apolis to lay the foundation for the but that the work had all been done Do your share of work each day, members of the house of representa-After a woman living in a small ground that Wittren lost his claim inquiry there was taken to mean that by chemicals. Mr. Elston admitted pay your debts, save a little money, tives that there will be no public town has visited the city for a couple in 1902 and was disqualified from the grand jury would conclude the that he did so testify, but that he talk only when you have something building bill passed at this session. doing the greatest good to the greatof weeks she calls her hired girl a gaining another after he became a consideration of the conspiracy sub- had afterward found that he was in to say, and you will assist the world Numerous bills are being introduced, est number one can be called a consideration of the conspiracy sub-

lose no tricks and are depending up- Fire Destroys Piedmont News Stand and Sets Off Many Crackers

Fire shortly before seven o'clock today in the Piedmont News Stand in the building on the corner of Martin and Dawson streets, set off a lot of fire-crackers, roman candles and other fireworks, caused a slight explosion of gas, practically ruined that part of the wooden building and knocked from a chair the owner of the place, Mr. M. Fromme, So rapidly and load did the fireworks go off that many people in the neighborhood imagined that a cannonade was in progress. The damage was said to be about \$1,300 and the insurance was given as \$800.

Mr. Fromme said he entered his place at 6:50 to open shop. He went to the gas jet about midway in the building, climbed upon a chair and struck a match. When he did so was an explosion, he was knocked several feet and barely reached the front door before the entire room was in a blaze. Newspapers, magazines, fire-crackers and almost everything to be found in a curiosity shop were set off, and for a few minutes it seemed that the entire building would be burned. The noise made by the bursting crackers vie with the brilliant red of the roman candles, and for a few minutes there was a really fine pryotechnic display.

An alarm was sounded and the The other part of the building was Swift, president of Swift & Co. not damaged, but Mr. Fromme's place was practically demolished by fire, water and smoke. The building is the property of Mr. J. A.

BUYING FOREST LANDS

National Forest Reserve Commission Buys 18,500 Acres in McDowell. (Special to The Times.)

Washington, Dec. 11-Following a meeting of the National Forest Reserve Commission in this city today the announcement was made that the commission had ratified the purchase of 10 tracts of land in McDowell county N. C., aggregating 18,500 acres. Practically \$100,000 was the purchase price for the entire property.

This land lies at the headwaters eighteen, found in the bedroom of of the Catawba River a stream which gas asphyxiation. Near her on the Santee is navigable for 200 miles and No political organization in the floor was the unconscious form of is one of great commercial im-

CASE DISAPPEARS

Kansas City, Dec. 11-Harry Waldron, a juror in the trial of Dr. B. Clark Hyde, for murdering Col. Thomas H. Swope, has disappeared. deputy marshall, guarding the jury Among the girl's effects were fifteen in the hotel found a transom torn from Waldron's door this morning. Waldron was gone. A mistrial may result.

Domestic troubles, it is said, causthe confinement as a juror. Deputies

THE INVESTIGATION AT LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles, Dec. 11-With the McNamara brothers in the state penitwo parts today, one being the preconference between Oscar Lawler, special prosecutor, and several witnesses summoned to appear tomorl lect by the end of the week, | error.



From top to bottom are some of the beef packers who are now on trial in Chicago before the federal law: J. Ogden Armour, president of phans, An alarm was sounded and the Armour & Co.; Charles H. Swift, differ department responded promptly, rector Swift & Co.; and Louis F.

OF INFANTS

Raleigh Shows Up a Little Better In These Statistics

Rate of Infant Mortality in Raleigh Compares Favorably With That of Other Cities in the State-Rate 18 Under One Year and 23 Under Five Years.

(Special to The Times.)

Washington, Dec. 11 .- Rates of infant mortality in Raleigh and Pricessin-Cecilie, January fifteenth. to resist the enormous recuperative her apartment, supposedly dead from flows into the Santee River. The North Carolina, compared with oth- Mgr. Dennis O'Connell, auxilliary er cities and states are shown in a bishop of San Francisco leaves preliminary statement from the census bureau today

The figures show that the rate of deaths of infants under one year to the total number of deaths in municipalities of North Carolina, having a population of more than one hundred, twenty; deaths of infants under five years in ratio total thirtytwo in one hundred.

For the "death registration area," that is, the states having effective birth and death registrations laws, the ratio is nincteen in one hundred, F. Dowdy, a white carpenter, was and twenty-seven in one hundred, arrested here today and is now in respectively for children under one, jail charged with the murder of his and children under five years. The father, Mr. W. G. Dowdy. statistics are regarded as especially valuable because they show the im- last night near the corner of 14th the protection of infants. In North Carolina, Asheville re- of the man arrested.

ported 14 per cent, of its deaths as The old man was killed with an axe and 21 per cent. among children The grandson stated that a negro under 5 years; Charlotte, 15 and 29 percent, respectively; Durham, 20 and 35; Greensboro, 21 and 30; Raleigh, 18 and 23; Wilmington, 24 and 34; and Winston, 21 and 34.

IGNORE BILL FOR PERJURY

Testimony About Fire Companies Was in Error.

Norristown, Pa., Dec. 11,-The liminary examination of Burt H. phia, formerly of Norristown, with for southern New York approving his wife. Franklin, charged with bribing a pejury. The charge was preferred the reorganization plan of the "toprospective juror, and the other the by George F. Koppel, representing bacco trust." the Camden Heating Company, who Attorneys for the leaf tobacco alleges that at the last term of civil board of trade of New York Monday court, when Mr. Elston was defend- asked the supreme court to review that Ortie E. McManagal, confessed been employed by the Norristown York as a party to the litigation. Otto Halla and others now claim dynamiter, soon would go to Indian- firemen in extinguishing the blaze, in growing better.

Sixteen Bodies Have Been Recovered and There Are One Hundred More

Briceville, Fenn., Dec. 11 .- With

sixteen bodies recovered and identified, rescue parties renewed digging today with the meetings of the Nain the attempt to force the Big Cross tional Commission and Eastern Leamountain mine to surrender its dead. gue. New ranking of American Ashourly expect to stumble into the amendments in existing agreements. cornse strewn chambers.

One hundred or more are believed dead in the mine. All hope of res coing any who went into the mine Saturday has been abandoned. Weep- Western Governors Welcomed to the ng wives who were made widows by Saturday's dust blast, crowded the shaft entrances this morning, to meet their dead.

In a warehouse near the mine entrance, are great numbers of coffins awaiting their occupants. Of the corpses found last night three Tomb, a water trip on the fire desat bold upright in a mine car. Five ay on the ground.

The first body discovered this morning was Andrew Johnson, was found in a sitting position in one of the interior chambers. Red Cross camp has begun work for the relief

INDICATIONS OF STOR

Believed That West Indian Hurri cane is on Its Way.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11-Indications of a severe storm which may strike the south Atlantic states, was reported to the weather bureau from Furks Island, seven hundred miles from Miami, Florida. The bureau issued cautionary advices to points along the south Atlantic. It is be lieved one of the storms of the West Indies hurrienn season is on its way,

AMERICAN CATHOLICS LEAVE

Rome, Dec. 11-Suites of the American cardinals have begun to disperse. Seven of these attached to Cardinal Farley left for Cherbourge. They sail for America on the Europe at the same time, embarking at Bremen.

FATHER INTO PULP

(Special to The Times.) Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 11-Chas.

The latter was waylaid and killed

portance of sanitary measures for and Ann Streets. He was accompanied by his grand-son, who is son

being among children under 1 year, and his head was beaten into a pulp.

IN THE TOBACCO CASE

Washington, Dec. 11 .- The United States supreme court declined to Snyder testified, Miss Dewitt hissed grand jury has ignored the bill interfere at this time with the decree at him as he passed down the street. charging H. E. Elston, of Philadel- of the United States circuit court. He said she acted insultingly toward

as developed today caused magnificant George Harriss to issue a warrant Two as developed today caused Magistrate against the son of the deceased. Two axes were found near the scene of the killing and one of which was covered with blood. The crime has caused great indignation here. The paramer's jury will meet this afternoon to investigate the crime. The committing magistrate stated today that he has evidence that the A

BIG DOINGS IN BASEBALL

on beat the father several nights

National Commission and Eastern League Meeting.

New York, Dec. 11-Three days With three miles into mountain sociation and Eastern and Pacific explored and most of the mines cross Coast leagues in the "A" class before entries, bratoticed, rescue crews reclassification necessitates several the commission for ratification. This The two big leagues begin their deliberations tomorrow

GOVERNORS IN NEW YORK

City By Mayor Gaynor.

New York, Dec. 11-The western governors party was formally welcomed by Mayor Gaynor in the city college ball. The program of entertainment provided for the state exe cutives included a visit to Grant's partment steamers and exhibition dent. work by the fire boats.

DIED AT A FIRE

New York, Dec. 11-After preventing panie by going among and reof the suffering. It is estimated the assuring the frightened tenements of court to answer a criminal charge of explosion rendered fifty-six women a burning apartment house, Samuel a violation of the Sherman anti-trust widows and made 184 children or- Dest, 78 years old, an ex-battalion chief of New York Fire Department died from heart failure last night while watching the fireman battle with a stubborn blaze.

Accused of Writing Defamatory Letters

Case of Easton Girl Who is Charged With Mailing Defamatory Letters

Philadelphia, Dec. 11-Miss Harriet Dewitt, of Easton Penn., accused "poisoned pen" caused the trouble in Easton Church circles was placed on trial in the United States district court today Judge McPherson is presiding. Miss Dewitt is charged with depositing in the mails obscene letters.

The letters which she is accused of ending to various persons were defamatory and penned during a period of about ten years.

Their particular mark was Rev. Elmer E. Snyder, pastor of Christ Evangelical Lutherian Church, Easton. All the letters were printed, some covering eight to ten pages. During the ten years defamatory letters were received by married men, their wives, young brides, and innocent girls. They created a great scandal. Miss Dewitt arrived in court accompanied by her father and mother. She was quietfully and tastefully dressed. She is a little more than 30 years old.

Rev. Mr. Snyder was the first witness. He was 29 and single when he took charge of the church in 1901 Miss Dewitt lived opposite the parsonage. He first met her at a church social affair. In the ten year's period he said he received 200 or 300 anonymous letters, all of an improper nature. Snyder married last June. "What were Miss Dewitt's actions towards you the last year or so?" he

was asked. "If I passed her on the street she would throw her head up and sometimes make faces." Several times.

BILLS FOR PUBIC BUILDINGS

(Special to The Times.)

Washington, Dec. 11-Bills proant in a suit brought to recover a the decree, to require the lower viding appropriations for three pubrow before federal grand jury to tell bill, he testified that at a fire which court to vacate its order, approving lie buildings have been introduced by what they know about alleged dyna- damaged his apartment house on the decree and compel it to recognize Representative Steadman. They are plied with funds and spends his time deputy mineral surveyor of the Unit- miting conspiracies. The statement Swede street, no plug streams had the leaf tobacco board trade of New for Chapel Hill, \$100,000; Mt. Airy Arkansas, 915,000; Tennessee 420,-

There is a general feeling among 915,000; California, 11,000

Well Directed Effort to Make Him the Republican

SUPPORTERS ARE ACTIVE

All Attempts to Disguise the Fact That a Concerted Movement is on Foot Looking to the Nomination of Colonel Roosevelt Have Reen Abandoned-Effort to Have Delegations Go to the Convention Uninstructed and There Stampede Them For Roosevelt.

Washington, Dec. 11-All attempts to disguise the fact that a concerted movement is on foot looking to the nomination of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt as the republican candidate for president in 1912 were apparently dropped when it became known that national committee members were being sounded as to their view of the feasibility of "forcing" the nomination of the former presi-

On the eve of the assembling of the national republican committee in quadrennial session here tomorrow little was talked of today but the prospective attitude of Roosevelt. It became known that several prominent republicans on their way to Washington to attend conferences, stopped over in New York and had long talks with Roosevelt and that still others had made engagements to see him either at New York or Oyster Bay, following the meeting of the national committee. Roosevelt supporters now here are basing all their arguments in his behalf on the claim that while Roosevelt has announced he is not a candidate be the nomination if it were tendered him. They claim that "as a good

American citizen Roosevelt could not do otherwise than accept, once the convention acted." No attempt, it was said, would be made to bring Roosevelt sentiment to a focus now. The hope of his supporters is to -Was Continued for About Ten achieve victory in the convention They are pressing the argument that delegates should go to the convention uninstructed.

Friends of Taft are meeting Roosevelt sentiment everywhere and assert that the movement is a well directed one. They are urging Taft's nomination on the ground that to refuse to indorse his administration would be to discredit the party.

ESCAPING CAS KILLS TWO

Bartender and Paperhanger Found Dead at Atlantic City.

Atlantic City, Dec. 11 .- Gas today caused the deaths of Frank B. 53 years old, a bartender, Smith. who had savings of \$500, and Elwood A. Williams, a paperhanger, son of David Williams, engineer of a Reading flyer. Smith was found dead in his room

at a Kentucky avenue hotel. He went to bed last night in good health and spirits. Williams had been dead for hours when found in his room at another hotel.

In each case death was apparently the result of the accidental turning on of a gas jet.

Smith's nearest relative I sa mister, Alice Smith, living at 77 Arlington street, Lawrence, Mass.

THE DEPARTMENT'S COTTON ESTIMATE

Washington, Dec. 11-The department of agriculture estimates the cotton crop of 1911-12 to be 7,121,-714,000 pounds, of 14,885,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight. Production by states: Virginia, 23,000; North Carolina, 935,000; South Carolina, 1,480,000; Georgia, 2,560,000; Florida, 73,000; Alabama, 1,600,ana, 395,000; Texas, 4,280,000; \$125,000, and Burlington \$125,000. 000; Missouri, 83,000; Oklahoma,

> And many a man who believes in the greatest number.