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TALK OF THIRD PARTY AGAIN

Mr. Bryan's Conferences With Republican Progressives Cause Speculation As to Object

SUBJECT OF MEETINGS

Both Mr. Bryan and Republican Progressives Say They Have Only Talked of Direct Election of Senators Bill—The Talk Is That If Taft and Harmon Are the Candidates These Radicals Will Either Form a New Party on Soil in Their Tents—With a Third Party They Would Hope to Have a Formidable Following By Another Election.

(By Winfield Jones.)

Washington, Jan. 16.—Hacking back to the nineties, when populism flourished in Kansas, and other parts of the Union, there has been revived in Washington during the past few days talk of a third party.

The activities of William Jennings Bryan, in holding conferences with progressives of the Republican senate has led to the gossip that there may be before the next campaign is fought out a party formed of the more radical wings of both of the old line parties.

The prospects for this are especially encouraging in the event that President Taft and Gov. Judson Harmon, of Ohio, are the opposing Republican and Democratic candidates in the 1912 campaign. Wise political prophets do not see how, considering his past performance, William Jennings Bryan can ever expect himself to support Governor Harmon, should he be nominated. On the other hand the followers of Senator La Follette, himself now a candidate for the presidential nomination, are unable to contemplate any possible change in La Follette's mind that would result in his giving even passive support to President Taft.

What is true of these two progressive leaders is true to a large extent of their more radical followers. La Follette has a large following in the progressive Republican ranks. William Jennings Bryan dispute the fact that he has been three times defeated for the presidency, is perhaps the most dominant figure in the Democratic party today. Let Bryan say the word and thousands of Democrats will fall in line behind him to support whatever candidate he may name. It is the fear of this still potent Bryan personality that has prompted candidates and near candidates to seek out the Nebraskan in the hope that he may smile upon them.

When William Jennings Bryan came to Washington to attend the deliberations of the Democratic national convention and the Jackson Day dinner, the first person he met at the Union station was none other than Senator Robert H. La Follette. The three times Democratic leader and the would-be Republican president retired to a bench in the rotunda of the station and there conversed earnestly for ten minutes. Meanwhile members of the Democratic reception committee waited in the otage.

When the conference was over, both Mr. Bryan and Mr. La Follette solemnly declared that they had

talked of nothing save the possibility of the passage of the pending bill for the direct election of senators. Both of the progressive leaders, it was stated in an off-hand manner, are in favor of the passage of the bill.

Doubting Democratic and Republican Thomases shook their heads. The whisper went around that the two progressives must have talked of Bill Taft and Jud Harmon, and the reasons, from the progressive standpoint, that they should not be elected. Third party talk is abroad in the atmosphere, and it continues until this day.

Mr. Bryan slipped back into town again a few days later, and had an earnest conference with Senator Borah, of Idaho, another progressive Republican, whose nomination as vice-president has been suggested by some regulars as a son to the insurgent wing of the Republican party. Again was it stated that Mr. Bryan and Senator Borah had talked of the direct election of senators. When asked about the mysterious conference Senator Borah averred that Mr. Bryan was deeply interested in the direct election of senators by the direct vote of the people and that he, Borah, was likewise interested, because he happened to be the author of the bill to bring such a thing about. It was denied that Mr. Bryan had mentioned a third party, or even the presidential preference primary system. No, indeed, asserted the Idaho senator. They talked only of the crying need for the direct election bill.

Nevertheless when it became noted abroad in the political circles of Washington that Mr. Bryan had seen fit to seek out another insurgent leader of the upper chamber the talk would not down that third partyism was again on tap.

Colonel Bryan's well known antipathy for Governor Harmon has been exploited of late. Bryan has left no stone unturned to intimate to his closest friends that the Democratic party will make a mistake if Harmon is named as the standard bearer for 1912. Senator La Follette in private conversation and on the stump has made unmistakable his position that President Taft not only should not be renominated but that he cannot be re-elected. The oft-expressed views of each of these

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MR. BICKETT WILL NOT BE CANDIDATE

Hon. T. W. Bickett, attorney general, will not be a candidate for congress from the fourth district though the matter has been mentioned to him. As was stated in The Times story, Mr. Bickett's name was mentioned prominently by many leading politicians. In a letter to this paper today he says:

"To the Editor of The Times:—Your paper yesterday evening carried a story on the first page in which I was mentioned as a possible candidate for congress from this district. I have no doubt that current talk in the district abundantly justifies the entire story, but as in matter of fact, I am not a candidate for congress. A great many people have mentioned the matter to me, but I have uniformly told them I would not entertain the suggestion. The only ambition I have at this time is to fill acceptably the office of attorney general.

"Very respectfully,  
"T. W. BICKETT."  
"Jan. 15, 1912."

NO DISTURBANCES IN STRIKE DISTRICT

Lawrence, Mass., Jan. 16.—No further disturbances were reported this morning in the textile workers' strike. Everett, Pemberton and Lawrence duck mills employing four thousand, were closed. In the remainder of the mills about one-fourth of the average number started to work. Mayor Scanlon closed all the city's saloons to help keep down outbreaks.

Thomas F. McClure Dead.

Cincinnati, Jan. 16.—Thomas F. McClure, who was president of the Metropolitan Bank and Trust Company when it was closed by examiners two months ago dropped dead in the federal building. McClure was indicted for receiving deposits when he knew the bank was insolvent.

RUNAWAY HEIRESS WAITING FOR MOTHER

New York, Jan. 16.—Violet, the runaway Chicago heiress, who was arrested here yesterday after several weeks' search, is eagerly awaiting the arrival of her mother, Mrs. Herman Buehler. The 15-year-old girl told so many conflicting stories, the authorities are unable to learn definitely whether the girl was persuaded to run away. The police will take action if the girl was coaxed away. The Buehler girl says she is in love, with Jack Clune, a waiter, and wanted to marry him.

Boston Hotel Burned.

Boston, Jan. 16.—The Lovers House, one of New England's oldest hotels was partially destroyed by fire. The loss is a hundred thousand dollars.

AGED LADY MET TRAGIC DEATH

Miss Gerringer Burned Almost Beyond Recognition—Back Flasher Wanted

Special to The Times. Greensboro, Jan. 16.—Miss Gertrude Gerringer, an aged lady, 18 miles from Greensboro, met tragic death at her home Sunday afternoon shortly before 1 o'clock when her clothing in some manner caught while she was seated before an open fire, and before her arrival death had ensued. Miss Gerringer was about 70 years old and lived alone in a cottage across the road from her sister, Mrs. John Boone. It is supposed that while seated before the fire a fire spark fell on her cotton dress. She was seen by her sis-



College Girls Don't Cheat.



VIRGINIA C. GILDERSLEEVE. New York, Jan. 16.—"College girls do not cheat in examinations, not in games or anything else," said Virginia C. Gildersleeve, dean of the fashionable Barnard College in commenting on the home system that is now in vogue among the students. "It is because they are too honest," she continued. Honesty and fair dealing permeate the college life in women's colleges, as in men's colleges. Women will no more abuse the home system than have the men. The home system does away with the instructor in the examination hall for the purpose of detecting cheating, or what in the college vernacular is called "cribbing."

THE COLD CONTINUES Temperature Was 12 Above Zero At 7 Today

May Be Much Colder Tonight, But Backbone of Present Wave Expected to Be Broken Tomorrow—Zero in Asheville Today.

If your friends stop you and swear it's the coldest weather they ever saw, just tell 'em that it ain't. It might have seemed today that it was colder, but the mercury against such a contention, also the mercury was aimed against you, but it isn't 12 degrees of this, but the mercury will go a little lower tonight and tomorrow and it will rise—and the present cold wave will have been dissipated. However, you may wear your overcoat Wednesday.

At 7 o'clock today the mercury registered 12 degrees above zero; at 8 o'clock it was 13 and at 11 o'clock it was 17. In Asheville the mercury stood at zero; in Charlotte at 8 above and in Wilmington at 12 above.

THIRTY THOUSAND BURNED OUT HOMES

Osaka, Japan, Jan. 16.—A series of fires swept unchecked across the southern half of this city, fanned by strong wind. According to official figures 5,288 buildings were destroyed and thirty thousand persons rendered homeless. The conflagration was under control at two this afternoon.

Roosevelt Not Discussing Pipe Dreams.

New York, Jan. 16.—Theodore Roosevelt declared he was "not discussing pipe dreams," when asked about the report that he was favored by the steel interest for the presidential nomination. "That is a depth of tomfoolery to which I cannot go," he said.

CASE AGAINST DETECTIVE

W. F. Presley, of Raleigh Detective Agency Has Serious Charge Against Him

Special to The Times. Albemarle, N. C., Jan. 16.—The recorder's court yesterday heard the case of State vs. W. F. Presley, the detective of the Raleigh Detective Agency, charged with assault with intent to commit rape upon one Dovie Long.

Some days ago Detective Presley in company with R. J. Miles also a detective, who had been employed by Mayor Harrie secured the conviction before Recorder Sikes of several blind tigers. At the close of these cases a warrant was sworn out by Dovie Long charging above mentioned crime. The case was continued until yesterday.

The prosecuting witness, who is a married woman, but not living with her husband, made no complaint of the alleged assault until several of her male companions had been convicted. It is thought by some that she made this charge in order to break down the reputation of the detective in superior court next week. This account failed however as the defendant was discharged by Judge Sikes.

LEVY IS OPPOSED TO MORE INVESTIGATION

Washington, Jan. 16.—Representative Levy, of New York, argued before the house rules committee against the proposed investigations into the "money trust," shipping combine and International Harvester Company.

"I think these matters should be referred to the proper committees," he said, "to draft laws to aid these industries rather than agitate, prod and accomplish nothing. This continual agitation of these business enterprises is tying up the business of the country."

Representative Underhill, of Minnesota, author of the "money trust" resolution, replying to Levy said he saw no reason why the proposed inquiry should be retarded because of that wish of New York bankers. "If they are doing anything wrong and are deceiving the public," he said, "the public ought to know it. If they are not they have nothing to fear."

GOVERNOR FAVORS WHITE SUPREMACY

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 16.—Advocacy of the political supremacy of the white race was one of the features of the message of Earl Brewer, inaugurated governor of Mississippi. He succeeds E. F. Noel. The new executive would prohibit liquor sellers from advertising their wares in Mississippi, wants child labor laws strengthened and asks that the criminal statute and rules regulating court procedure in Mississippi be overhauled.

Postoffice Appointments. Washington, D. C., Jan. 16.—George W. Bowling was today appointed postmaster at Beldon, vice H. K. Miller, resigned; Dewitt M. Cash, postmaster at Moriah, vice M. E. Coleman, resigned.

COTTON BILLS CONFERENCE

English Representatives of Cotton Men and Bankers Come Over For Meeting

Come to Get in Closer Touch With American Bankers, Railroad Men and Cotton Shippers and Arrange For More Satisfactory System of Guarding Against Fraud and Forgery—New York Bankers Meet Them Tomorrow. Then They Will Go To Memphis.

New York, Jan. 16.—To get into closer touch with American bankers, railroad men, cotton shippers, and arrange a more satisfactory system of safe-guarding cotton bills against fraud and forgery, H. Kern, chairman of the Liverpool Cotton Bills of Lading Conference Committee, and James H. Simpson, secretary, at the European bankers conference committee, reached here on the steamship Franconia.

New York bankers meet them in conference tomorrow. Arrangements will also be made to meet southern cotton shippers in Memphis Saturday. The European representatives' visit is regarded as indicating that the operation of a cotton bill central bureau has not come up to the expectations of the foreign buyers, and it is felt some amendments to the present plans are necessary.

FORMAL DEDICATION

Handsome New Annex to St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Dedicated With Ceremonies.

Special to The Times. Wilmington, Jan. 16.—The formal dedication of the handsome new annex to St. Andrews Presbyterian church, presided by Mr. W. H. Sprunt, as a memorial to the fourteen original members of the congregation was held Sunday morning in the new building. In spite of the disagreeable condition of the weather prevailing, on account of the fact that the ground was covered with snow for a depth of eight inches, a congregation was present which well filled the large auditorium. The exercises planned for the morning were of much interest and the different features drew and held the close attention of the congregation.

TO MEET MORGAN IN PARIS

Frick and Otto Kahn Expected in French Capital.

Paris, Jan. 16.—The cable report of Otto Kahn's hasty departure on the Lusitania for a fortnight's trip to London has excited great interest. It is thought here that Mr. Morgan, Mr. Kahn and Mr. Frick will meet in Paris in a few days.

Killed in Wreck.

New Orleans, Jan. 16.—An express passenger was killed and several passengers hurt and a baggage car burned, after the derailment of train No. 1, Alabama and Vicksburg Railroad, seventeen miles east of Meridian, Miss.

News of the wreck was received at New Orleans and North Eastern Railroad here.

KING AND QUEEN TO BE GIVEN BIG RECEPTION

London, Jan. 16.—King George and Queen Mary, now passing through the Red Sea, returning from India, will have a great welcome on arrival in England.

A great naval review will be held. When the royal party reaches London the public will accord it a big reception on the way from the station to Buckingham Palace.

Eight Iron Workers Killed. Duisburg, Germany, Jan. 16.—Eight iron workers were killed, and two others injured by a bursting blast furnace.

When a young woman isn't afraid to climb a fence you could understand the reason, too, if you saw it.