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CANNON SOUNDS KEYNOTE OF CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN

Speaker in Accepting Nomination for Congress at Hands of Republican Convention of Eighteenth Illinois District, Points to Party's Record as Reason for Maintaining it in Power.

HIS PRESIDENTIAL BOOM IS LAUNCHED

Compares Present With Conditions Under Cleveland; Shows Advantages of Protection; Lauds President Roosevelt and Takes Issue With Gompers on the Labor Question.

Danville, Ill., August 16.—The convention of the Republicans of the Eighteenth Illinois congressional district here today renominated Hon. Joseph G. Cannon for the eighth consecutive time.

Mr. Cannon had not intended to launch a boom for president at this convention, but the pressure of his supporters was so great as to sweep away his wishes in the matter.

The resolution endorsing Mr. Cannon for president was adopted amid the greatest enthusiasm. Mr. Cannon said: "The resolution which you have just adopted, coming as it does from those I have represented in the national house of representatives for over thirty years, touches me profoundly."

"As you are aware, the election will be held in November next. In politics as well as in other matters, it is best not to cross a stream until you come to it. The first stream to cross is in November next and it is necessary that we should be successful in crossing it before we attempt to get over the river in 1908."

"It is too early to determine the personnel of the national ticket for the presidential election. So far as the Republican party is concerned it will no doubt, in convention assembled perform that duty wisely when the time comes, and whoever is chosen for leadership will surely receive the hearty support of those who believe in the policies of the Republican party, of which I am an humble member."

"These policies are vital for the best interests and welfare of all the people. No man would refuse the nomination at the hands of a great party for the highest office in the republic, but such a nomination is not to be had for seeking."

In his formal speech accepting the nomination for congress, Mr. Cannon said: "Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Convention: I thank you for this expression of confidence and I congratulate you on the prosperous condition of the country under Republican administration."

Since the election of William McKinley as president, the business of the country has doubled and the material interests of all the people have become better than ever before in our history; and, better than the condition of any people anywhere on earth in any time since history began. This is under the policies of the Republican party as enacted into law by congress and executed by the president. Attribute this con-

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JOSEPH G. CANNON, Speaker of the House of Representatives

STILL THROWING BOMBS IN POLAND

One Hundred and Fifty Persons Wounded in Warsaw Alone.

St. Petersburg, August 16.—Today's dispatches from Poland are hardly less grave than those of last night. At Lodz, after the police station had been blown up and burned, Cossacks and other troops fired volleys into the crowds and more or less street fighting followed. The casualties are not given.

At Warsaw, also, street fighting occurred today, especially in the Jewish quarter, the revolutionists using bombs against the police and troops. One hundred and fifty persons are reported to have been wounded by rifle fire and thirty by bombs.

A boy threw a bomb at 9 o'clock this evening into a procession which was passing through Choldna street, Warsaw, on its return from a pilgrimage to the shrine of the Holy Virgin at Rokito, near Warsaw, wounding two. The explosion attracted a patrol of infantry who without warning fired a volley, wounding thirty persons.

A band of revolutionists today attacked a government alcohol store and shot and killed a clerk and wounded two other persons. The band tried to rob the cash drawer. A patrol of infantry surrounded the house and the revolutionists fired from the windows, but all of them were arrested.

The Polska Gazeta and the Dzwon Polska, organs of the Polish nationalists, today published strong articles denouncing the state of anarchy which the socialists are producing in Poland.

Their object, the papers declare, is not the attainment of freedom, but the bringing about of a civil war. At Plock last night five policemen were killed and two wounded. The assassins escaped.

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1 DEAD; 1 DYING FROM VAT FUMES

Two Men Overcome and Would-be Rescuers Are Overpowered by Gases.

Asheville, N. C., August 16.—As a result of a serious accident at the Hanes Rees Tannery, near the passenger station this morning, one employe of the tannery is dead and three others are at the hospital, one of whom is not expected to live.

The dead man is Zaney Saxton, colored. W. S. McLean, white, is in a critical condition, while Rocket and E. W. Robinson are expected to recover. This morning it became necessary to flush one of the vats. Two of the men were sent into the vat, which contained probably two feet of fluid. They were overcome by the poisonous gases and sank to their knees. Other men hurried to the rescue and as fast as they entered the vat were overcome. In all six men got into the poisonous hole. The foreman, realizing the danger of going into the vat, literally drove the rescuers back. Two of the men came out unaided. The other four were hauled out by means of a hook. All were immediately taken to the hospital, where Saxton died shortly afterward.

PRESIDENT'S SON VISITS HIS FATHER'S OLD RANCH

Deadwood, S. D., August 16.—Kermit Roosevelt, with his young friend, John Heard, arrived today for a visit with Captain Seth Bullock, United States marshal. The feature of the visit will be an overland trip by way of Belle Fourche to President Roosevelt's old ranch near Medora, on the Little Missouri river.

The party consists of Captain Bullock, his son Stanley, Paul Martin, son of Congressman Martin, Kermit Roosevelt and John Heard. They will travel with a complete camping outfit and will be gone for a week or ten days.

NEGRO IS LYNCHED; GOVERNOR VAINLY PLEADS WITH MOB

South Carolina's Chief Executive Makes Strong Speech With Frenzied Crowd.

MOB CHEERS HIM AND THEN KILLS THE NEGRO

Troops From the Section of State Where Violence Occurred Were Encamped at Chikamauga and No Militia Was at Hand.

Columbia, S. C., August 16.—Within the shadow of the home of his victim, Miss Jennie Brooks, after having been identified by her, and after Governor D. C. Heyward, who today went to the scene of the trouble had addressed the mob in vain, Rob Davis, the negro who on Monday murderously attacked Miss Brooks, and who afterward attacked a negro girl 14 years old, was lynched about 7:30 o'clock this evening. Governor Heyward reached the scene shortly after the negro had been captured.

A platform was erected in a fence corner on the premises of the victim's father from which Governor Heyward addressed the mob in an effort to prevent the lynching. The governor urged the mob not to lynch Davis, but in vain.

At the conclusion of his speech the governor was vociferously cheered. The mob then removed the prisoner from the view of the governor, and within a short distance of the home of his victim, the negro was riddled with bullets. It is impossible to estimate the crowd, as citizens from several counties had gathered at the scene and for two days had been in pursuit of the negro, but it is certain that hundreds of bullets were sent through his body.

The militia in that section of the state is now encamped at Chickamauga and there were no nearby troops to be called upon. The Governor's Guards and the Richland Volunteers, of this city, had been ordered to hold themselves in readiness in the event that their services were needed, but the mob was determined, and it is doubtful if the presence of soldiers could have prevented the lynching.

Victim Identifies Negro.

The mob erected a platform near the home of Miss Brooks for the governor to address them. He pleaded with the mob not to stain the fair name of Greenwood county and the state of South Carolina. His words were cheered lustily and when he had finished the mob took their prisoner a few hundred yards away and shot him to death. Governor Heyward viewed the horrible spectacle from a distance. The negro was captured in a creek, tied hand and foot, brought to his victim's home and identified. When they arrived at the gate of the Brooks' home a great crowd gathered there. "Let's wash his face, boys, before we take him into the house," said someone, but the crowd was too impatient. Four men were delegated to escort him to the house. There the young lady lying on her bed with a deep gash in her throat, turned her eyes toward the negro as he stood there between his captors, his hand tightly tied with rope. His jet black face all in a blaze, his eyes rolling from right to left. "That's the scoundrel," she said, "I know him by his eyes." The negro was removed outside the house, where the platform had been erected for the governor.

"I hear the governor," said someone, and he began in his clear voice a most impassioned appeal. Governor Makes Plea. "I know," he said, "that nothing could

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Raleigh's New Postmaster



WILLIS G. BRIGGS Who Was Yesterday Appointed Postmaster at Raleigh by President Roosevelt.

BRIGGS NAMED POSTMASTER BY THE PRESIDENT

Newspaper Man Is Appointed to Office at State Capital.

HAS LONG BEEN ARDENT PARTY WORKER

Cast First Vote For McKinley and Since That Time Has Done All in His Power to Aid Cause of Republicanism in State.

Washington, August 16.—Willis G. Briggs was today appointed postmaster at Raleigh, N. C. Mr. Briggs will take charge September 1st.

Mr. Briggs's Career.

Willis Grandy Briggs, whose appointment by President Roosevelt to the position of postmaster at the North Carolina capital was announced yesterday, is the first postmaster recommended by Judge Spencer B. Adams since his recent election to the state chairmanship. Since the postmaster at Raleigh is the paymaster for all the rural free delivery carriers in the state, he is, in a measure, the head of the postal system in North Carolina.

The appointee to this important position is a popular and talented young newspaper man, who is now the city editor of the Raleigh Evening Times. Mr. Briggs comes from one of the best families in Wake county. His forefathers have lived in Raleigh since the foundation of the city. His father, Thomas H. Briggs, is a hardware merchant and business man, the treasurer of Wake Forest College and a factor in many local corporations.

Mr. Briggs was educated at Wake Forest College and graduated with high honors in the 1896 class, which numbered thirty-two young men. A committee from the faculty awarded him the senior oratorical medal, offered by an alumnus, Thomas Dixon, the author and lecturer. He was also first debater from the Ezellian society and was one of the five commencement day speakers.

Early Became a Republican.

Although from a Democratic family, Mr. Briggs allied himself with the Republican party before he became of age. He was strongly opposed to free silver and the theories championed by William Jennings Bryan. He reached his majority just in time to cast his ballot for William Jennings Bryan. He re-joined the Republican party and the Republican candidate in the memorable 1896 campaign. The following winter a Republican daily newspaper, The Tribune, was started in Raleigh to aid United States Senator Jeter C. Pritchard in his campaign for reelection by the 1897 legislature. Mr. Briggs was induced to resign the position he then held and take up newspaper work as city editor of The Tribune, although in adopting this course he brooked the strong opposition of his intimate friends.

The Tribune ceased publication after the adjournment of the legislature, which had chosen Senator Pritchard as his own successor. Mr. Briggs has since that time been continuously employed on Raleigh newspapers and as correspondent at the state capital for outside papers. He was city editor of The Morning Post until November last; when it was consolidated with the Raleigh Evening Times and he continued in the same capacity on the latter paper. He has also taken a keen interest in the study of local history and has made some interesting contributions along this line to the press.

Knows Many Public Men.

Newspaper work at the state capital for eight years has given Mr. Briggs a personal acquaintance with practically every man in public life in North Carolina. No young man in Raleigh, it is safe to say, has a more intimate knowledge of the people and a wider acquaintance in the city and in the country. The new postmaster is a factor in the social life of Raleigh, is a member of the Capital Club and holds membership in four secret orders.

While always interested in political questions and public men, Mr. Briggs has not sought office. Judge Thomas R. Furnell appointed him United States jury commissioner and he held this position for four years until a Republican became clerk of the court, whereupon Mr. Briggs resigned, since the law requires that the jury commissioner and the clerk shall be of opposite political parties. This position seems to be a mascot for it has heretofore proven the stepping stone to high honors.

The late Judge Seymour was jury commissioner in this district when appointed to the federal bench; Judge Thomas R. Furnell held the same position when he donned the ermine; Mr. C. Thomas Bailey stepped from the office of jury commissioner to postmaster at Raleigh, and upon his voluntary retirement after two terms' service, he is succeeded by Mr. Briggs, who had previously succeeded him as jury commissioner.

Mr. Briggs has been secretary in his precinct in several campaigns. He was a delegate from Wake to the recent Republican state convention and was made secretary of the caucus held by the supporters of Judge Adams for the chairmanship.

The new postmaster at Raleigh, as may be conjectured from this sketch, was strongly backed and indorsed for this position by a host of political and personal friends and by business interests in this city.

NON UNION MINER FATALLY STABBED

Union Men Formerly Employed by Pittsburg Firm. Attack Men Who Displace Them.

Pittsburg, August 16.—As the result of a battle last night at Butler Junction, Pa., between union and nonunion miners, Stef Reaway, a nonunionist, was fatally stabbed and Steven Mosely is missing and is supposed to have been killed. Twenty-five others were more or less seriously hurt.

About three weeks ago the mines of the Pittsburg Plate Glass Company were changed from union to nonunion. At that time an outbreak was apprehended and the sheriff and deputies were notified to be in readiness. There was no trouble until last evening when about thirty nonunion miners assembled at Butler Junction and were enjoying themselves in a quiet way, when they were attacked by the men whom they supplanted at the mines.

Sticks, stones and knives were used as the attacking weapons with the result that nearly every one of the non-union miners sustained some kind of an injury. Finally the assailants, tired, and it was found that Reaway had been fatally wounded and Mosely was missing. Eleven arrests of suspects were made today.

STRIKE LASTING TWO YEARS TO BE CALLED OFF MONDAY

Birmingham, Ala., August 16.—A special from Wylan, in the heart of the Pratt mines district, says that provisions were distributed today as usual to the striking miners, but the miners were informed that this would be the last distribution and that the strike against the mines of the four big furnace companies, which has been on for two years, will be called off next Monday. The strike has cost the miners' organization over a million dollars.

SPLIT AT RIO ON DRAGO DOCTRINE

General Discord Among Members of Conference Having Matter in Charge.

Rio de Janeiro, August 16.—General discord prevails among the members of the committee of the international conference, having the Drago doctrine resolution under consideration. Central America, Uruguay and Colombia desire the elimination of the whole subject from the programme and Brazil, the United States and Mexico desire its recommendation to The Hague tribunal without comment. Argentina is vacillating.

The commerce committee's partial report was adopted today. It recommends that an expert work out a plan for unifying the customs and shipping laws of Pan-America; the bureau of American republics to supply the statistics. The Pan-American railway committee is combining on a report recommending that the railway be constructed by each of the countries interested, who shall establish a central bureau which will transmit information and advising that a uniform gauge be decided upon.

The American delegation has submitted a report urging the adoption of sanitary precautions against yellow fever and tuberculosis and recommending the appointment of a Pan-American sanitary commission.

MANUFACTURER SHOTS GAS WORKS SUPERINTENDENT

Birmingham, Ala., August 16.—In a personal altercation today, M. E. James, superintendent of the gas works of the Birmingham Railway, Light and Power Company, was shot and perhaps fatally wounded by W. H. Rogers, a prominent paint manufacturer. James hit Rogers on the head with a heavy wrench, inflicting severe injuries. Both are in the hospital.

TEXAS AGAIN TO HAVE A NATIVE GOVERNOR

For Second Time in State's History, Man Born Therein Is Chosen.

Dallas, Tex., August 16.—Thomas M. Campbell, a native of Rusk, Texas, the place of nativity of former Governor James Hogg, this afternoon was nominated by the Democratic party for governor of Texas. He will be the second native governor of Texas.

There were four candidates for the nomination and each had certain delegates pledged by the primary law to vote as instructed on the first ballot. The first ballot was started last night and completed today. Judge Brooks, receiving the smallest number of votes, was dropped.

Mr. Campbell, O. B. Colquitt and Judge C. K. Bell were the remaining candidates. On the second ballot, the delegates were freed from the primary instructions. When the roll call had been on for two and a half hours and was about one-fourth completed, Mr. Colquitt withdrew his name in favor of Colonel Campbell. When the roll was almost finished, and it was evident that Campbell would have a large majority, Judge Bell withdrew his name.

CONVICTS CUT GUARD'S THROAT AND ESCAPES

Felign Sickness, Call for Water and Overpowers Keeper.

Charleston, S. C., August 16.—Feigning illness, three negroes, Alonzo Goodwin, Hammond Wilson and George Kenny, convicts, serving long terms on the chain-gang of the sanitary and drainage commission work near Ashley Junction, stopped in the stockade today and about 2 o'clock having asked for water, seized and overpowered H. C. Stello, the white guard, and cut his throat with a butcher knife.

Two "trusties" at the stockade were locked in by the men who ransacked the guards' rooms, donned civilian clothes and escaped into the nearby swamps. The men, contrary to rules, were not chained in the stockade. The trustees broke out and spread the alarm. A sheriff's posse is scouring the woods with bloodhounds.

Mantle Aspires to Senate Again. Butte, Mont., August 16.—Former United States Senator Lee Mantle, of Butte, today announced his candidacy for United States senator.

BROWNSVILLE FEARS TROUBLE WITH NEGROES

Citizens Guard of 150 Men Threatens to Shoot if Colored Troops Leave Garrison.

Houston, Tex., August 16.—A special from Brownsville, Tex., says: Further trouble is feared here with the negro troops. A citizens' guard of 150 men is stationed along the road between this city and Fort Brown and if the negroes attempt to leave the garrison it is the avowed purpose of the citizens to shoot them.

Four hundred rifles were sold to citizens yesterday. The report that the officers of the garrison are themselves afraid of the negro troops has determined the citizens to take no chance. Many people are leaving their homes on the side of the city near Fort Brown.

Business is nearly suspended in the city. It is thought by some that the negro raiders committed the recent acts in Brownsville in retaliation for the reported intention of Texas militiamen to use ball cartridges in the event the United States permitted the negro troops to participate in the Camp Mabry maneuvers.

Adjutant-General Hullin considers it unwise to send state troops to Brownsville. WASHINGTON GETS THE OFFICIAL STORY. Washington, August 16.—The following dispatch was received by General Ainsworth, the military secretary, from Major Penrose, commanding the battalion of the Twenty-fifth infantry, negro troops, stationed at Fort Brown, Tex., and gives the first official information concerning the disturbance at Brownsville, which was alleged to have been caused by the presence of negro soldiers. Major Penrose was not in possession of all the facts when he sent the dispatch, which follows: "Reference your telegram yesterday: A shooting occurred in Brownsville about 12:10 morning of 14th, in which one civilian was killed and the chief of police wounded in right arm, which had to be amputated. Believe shooting was done by enlisted men of this post, but have not as yet been able to de-

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SIMMONS IS WORRIED OVER EIGHTH AND TENTH

Senator Chairman Not Enthusiastic About Democratic Prospects In Districts.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

Washington, D. C., August 16.—Senator Chairman Simmons arrived today. He spent several hours at Democratic headquarters, where he talked of electing ten Democratic congressmen. The senator is said to be very much concerned about the result in the Eighth and Tenth districts, where it is recognized that the Republicans have the best of it.

ALLEGED MURDERESS IS NOT GOVERNOR'S NIECE.

New Orleans, August 16.—The statement sent out from Brookhaven, Miss., August 13, that Mrs. Agnes Birdsong, charged with killing Dr. Thomas H. Butler at Monticello, Miss., is a niece of ex-Governor Longino, is entirely unfounded. She is not related to or connected with him in any way. The man she is charged with killing was the governor's nephew.