

## VICTORIOUS JAPS

### On Water Between Chefoo and Port Arthur Perhaps in Progress.

## EXPLOSION REPORTED

### But Whether Russian or Japanese Ship Not Known.

Chefoo, July 1.—What should prove a decisive naval engagement is in progress midway between Chefoo and Port Arthur. The steamer Chefoo passed within fifteen miles of the Japanese fleet. Two battleships and five cruisers are all actively engaged. The Russian fleet was not seen, but the distance of the Japanese from land precludes the possibility of an attack on land batteries.

The captain of the Chefoo says he heard a terrific explosion, but was unable to discern whether it was a Japanese or Russian ship affected. But he believed it to confirm the Chinese report that only four large Russian warships were at Port Arthur last night.

Chinese confirm the previous reports that a large ship is ashore southeast of Liao Yi Shan promontory.

The Japanese captured two small forts ten miles east of Port Arthur.

### 180,000 Men in the Field.

Chefoo, July 1.—It is stated that the Japanese landed an independent division of men at the naval base on Eldix Islands. This division is to be used to assist Gen. Nogi at Port Arthur or Gen. Oku in clearing the railway. From an authoritative source it is learned that the Japanese now have 180,000 men in the field.

### Japanese Repulsed.

Liao Yang, July 2.—Big battles have been fought at Talien pass and the Japanese have been repulsed. The fight was fierce. The Japanese attacked and continued to attack in the face of successive repulses. The Japanese guards' division, which took the biggest part in the fighting, started to withdraw when it was seen that the pass could not be carried. Reinforcements arrived shortly for Gen. Keller. He seized the opportunity to make a withdrawal out and retreat. The Japanese are being closely pursued by the Russians.

London, July 2.—Reports from semi-official Japanese sources have been received to the effect that the Russian Vladivostok squadron and the Japanese squadron under Vice Admiral Kamimura met off the east coast of Corea. Kamimura sighted the Vladivostok squadron last night. A general attack with torpedoes followed. Kamimura was pursuing the Russians and cannonading has been heard. Kamimura has not yet reported to Tokio. It is thought that Kamimura has passed the Russians into the Tsu Islands and that the Russians ran north in the effort to escape.

### JUNK BLOWN UP

Chefoo, July 2.—A junk was blown up by contact with a mine at the entrance to Lison river, below New Chwang. Twenty Chinese were killed and twelve wounded.

## GORMAN'S CANDIDACY EXPECTED.

### Efforts Made to Keep Favorite Sons in the Field to Aid the Marylander.

St. Louis, July 3.—Today Mr. Gorman, Jr., brought a letter from his father to Senator Davis, the contents of which were not stated. A report was circulated that the letter caused Mr. Davis to take Gorman's name out of the presidential discussion, but Mr. Davis said this was not true.

It is expected that a formal announcement will be made to-morrow that Senator Gorman is a candidate. Meanwhile efforts are being made to keep favorite sons in the field. Gorman's friends are trying to have Pennsylvania vote for Robert E. Pattison, so as to prevent Parker's nomination. Some of the Hearst delegates have been in conference with Gorman's friends and have assured them that the Maryland Senator had supporters among the Hearst men.

### Gorman Remains at Home.

Baltimore, July 3.—Maryland's delegates to the Democratic national convention left here today for St. Louis. Senator Gorman did not join the party and is reported to-night to be at his home in Laurel. Each member of the delegation wore a Gorman button and a number of Gorman banners were taken on the train.

## OUTRAGED AND DROWNED.

### A Discovery Near Danville—Signs of Desperate Fight for Life.

Danville, Va., June 29.—Miss Pauline Edwards was drowned in a creek near her home in this county late yesterday. The body, partly submerged, was discovered before the young woman was missed from her home. The discovery of the body was made by a farm hand. There was every evidence of foul play. The young woman's clothing was torn and disheveled, and the sod on the bank of the stream was loosened as in a struggle. It is believed that the girl, who was not more than 6 years of age, was assaulted, and that her head was afterwards held in the stream until she drowned. The water in the creek is not more than a few inches deep, which eliminates the possibility of her having fallen in and drowned. Clamped in the fingers of the dead girl was found a piece of cloth which might have been a part of a man's coat.

The position of the girl as she lay in the water, the condition of her clothing and the signs of a struggle on the bank, all indicated that she had made a desperate fight for her life and her honor. There were marks on her neck which might have been the impressions of human fingers.

## THE CONVENTION.

The convention has come and gone. It has been uppermost in the minds of the Greensboro people for the past week. Greensboro has seen the state and the state has seen Greensboro. The satisfaction is, we trust, mutual.

Greensboro keenly regrets that her man was not named for Governor. It feels like the honor was due him. It believes that in years to come when the last man over the gray shall have passed over the river North Carolina will regret that on June 24, 1904, it thrust aside an opportunity to honor a Confederate soldier. There is regret, too, that Southern Railway employees were so active in the convention and so largely, we would say exclusively but we want to be sure of being accurate, for a candidate other than Greensboro's. Greensboro had a candidate and admitted a worthy man—Greensboro people, including the Southern Railway employees should have felt glad and proud to labor in behalf of Greensboro's candidate. But the convention has spoken and Capt. Glenn will be as loyally supported in Greensboro as in any town in the State.

We would never tire of talking of the tremendous enthusiasm and vitality of North Carolina democrats. There are plenty of red corpuscles in the blood of those fellows. If you are looking for cold, listless, indifferent folks, keep away from North Carolina democrats in State convention assembled. And the loyalty of the delegates to their favorites! How Ireland yelled for Turner, Buncombe for Davidson, Forsyth for Glenn, and Guilford for Stedman! It was an exhibition of devoted friendship that ought to make a man better for beholding it.

Solicitor Brooks, who managed Major Stedman's campaign, put up a splendid fight and, although he lost it, is entitled to sincere praise and commendation for his courageous, aggressive, thorough going campaign. He was indefatigable in his efforts in Major Stedman's behalf. And by his arduous and energetic efforts he impressed himself most favorably on all sections of the State.—Greensboro Telegram.

## NO, SAYS CROKER.

### Van Wyck Urges Him to Influence New York from Parker to Cleveland.

Wantage, England, July 2.—Robert A. Van Wyck, the first mayor of Greater New York, visited Richard Croker at his home here to-day. Mr. Van Wyck urged the ex-chief of Tammany to use his influence with the New York Delegation to the Democratic national convention at St. Louis to induce it to swing its vote from Alton B. Parker to Grover Cleveland, after a complimentary ballot had been given for Parker. After the visit, Mr. Croker said to an Associated Press reporter that he was out of politics and intended not to say or do anything with regard to the campaign.

## Looks Like Parker

St. Louis, July 3.—It looks like Parker. Nine out of every ten men who have been closely watching the situation think that Parker will be nominated by the second nor later than the third ballot. At the same time there is much uncertainty to make the situation interesting. The balloting is five days away and a great deal may happen in 120 hours. With many unpledged and uncommitted delegations, with delegations that will consider their instructions fulfilled after one or two ballots, coupled with the fact that there is a strong undercurrent against the leading candidates, much might happen. If the opposition to Judge Parker had the elements of cohesion he could be defeated, but the difficulty presented is that of mixing oil and water. If not Parker, then Gorman, or remotely—Cleveland.

## PARKER ON FIRST BALLOT

### Friends Working Hard to Accomplish This Result.

## CLEVELAND AND GORMAN.

### Their Supporters Said to Be Planning Parker's Defeat by Preventing His Nomination on Early Ballot.

St. Louis, July 1.—Two distinct lines of operation developed today in the preliminary skirmishing of the Democratic national convention. One is a scheme to rush the nomination of Judge Parker on the first or second ballot, and the other is to scatter the vote, prevent an early nomination with a view of naming Cleveland or Gorman. The friends of Gorman and Cleveland are working to hold the convention for several ballots in the hope that their candidate would be named. The Gorman men are not parties to the Cleveland movement, nor are the Cleveland advocates combining with Gorman's friends. There is no alliance, but it is to the interest of both that the Parker strength be disintegrated as soon as possible.

There are a few men here—men of the old Cleveland guard—who are watching every point, and who are in close communication with Cleveland's supporters, and in a subtle and subterranean manner they have been feeling the pulse of men as they arrive. They are using the race issue on the Southern men, and with all delegates they use the argument that Cleveland is the only man that the Democracy can elect. With some effect they are pointing out to the Southern delegates that they need no better excuse for supporting Cleveland than that they did so for the purpose of preventing negro domination by the Republicans. The man who is credited with being the head and front and manager of the Cleveland movement, Thomas F. Ryan, will arrive tomorrow. Ryan is a delegate from Virginia, and has been identified with the Atlantic Coast Line road. He has also been associated with Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall. Ryan is credited with having some Southern States' delegations up his sleeve ready to throw at Cleveland.

### WHAT ABOUT THE PLATFORM?

Longer in length than usual, the platform of the Democrats is receiving the consideration of delegates and others interested in the party's welfare, and it is believed that there will be persistent effort to secure an expression of party views which will meet the approval of all factions.

"We must get a pronouncement which will meet the Democrats of all denominations," said Representative Clayton, of Alabama, "and I believe it is going to be a comparatively easy matter to accomplish that result."

Other party leaders on the ground expressed themselves in like optimistic manner, but when they entered upon a comparison of views it became evident that there are differences which will have to be smoothed down before the desired result can be secured. Evidently the principal contention will be over the point as to whether there shall be a specific declaration favorable to the affirmation of the principles enunciated in the platform of 1896 and 1900. There is already strenuous contention as to whether there shall be any reference whatever to those platforms, and there are many shades of views as to how the subject should be covered.

Delegates who are close to Mr. Bryan want a reaffirmation in terms, but some of them are content to say that while making the reservation they consider other and newer questions of leading importance, and are willing on that account to give them more prominence. Others take the position that it would be invidious to mention the Chicago and Kansas City utterances, and urge that it will be sufficient to reaffirm the principles enunciated by all previous Democratic conventions and then pass to the considerations of newer questions. A third class would have all reference to previous party declarations entirely omitted.

Some express the opinion that that portion of the platform will be left entirely to Senator Gorman and Representative Williams. It is generally believed that the character of the platform will have a marked influence upon the presidential nomination, and as only a majority vote is required for its adoption, its exact wording will be awaited with much interest.

## Base Ball League Organized.

### Representatives From Brevard, Asheville and Spartanburg.

## OFFICERS ARE ELECTED.

### Eighteen Games to Be Played on Each of the Diamonds.

The organization of the Carolina Interstate Base Ball League was perfected at a meeting held in Hendersonville Friday, at which representatives from all of the towns of the league were present.

This base ball league is organized on a sound, practical business basis. The season will open on July 11, and continue for six weeks. Each club put up the \$200 profit exacted as a guarantee that the schedule would be played out to a finish. It is proposed that eighteen games be played on the home grounds of each town.

The following were elected the officers of the league:

President—H. P. Clarke, of Brevard.  
Vice President—F. D. McErwin, of Spartanburg.  
Secretary—J. W. Neeley, of Asheville.  
Treasurer—J. S. Rhodes, of Hendersonville.

The season will open at the ball park at Spartanburg next Monday, July 11. Spartanburg will play Hendersonville Monday and Tuesday, and on Friday and Saturday of that week the locals will play Asheville on the home grounds.

Hendersonville will have a fast ball playing team in the field by that date. A liberal support and hearty co-operation from the home people will make the boys winners and will enliven up things during the summer season.

## JOINT CONGRESSIONAL CANVASS.

### Congressman Gudger and Judge Ewart Agree on Time and Place for Joint Debate.

The joint congressional canvass between Hon. J. M. Gudger, Jr., democratic nominee for congress, and Judge H. G. Ewart, republican nominee, will open at Brevard on Monday, September 12.

Judge Ewart expected to be here on Thursday as suggested by Mr. Gudger but was delayed by late train. He came yesterday morning and he and Mr. Gudger promptly settled on certain appointments. Other appointments will be agreed on later. The speaking will begin at 11 a. m. The following are the places and times of speaking:

- Brevard, Monday, September 12.
- Glenville, Jackson county, Wednesday, September 14.
- Highlands, Macon county, Thursday, September 16.
- Aquone, Macon county, Saturday, September 17.
- Hayesville, Clay county, Tuesday, September 20.
- Murphy, Cherokee county, Wednesday, September 21.
- Robbinsville, Graham county, Friday, September 23.
- Bryson City, Swain county, Saturday, September 24.
- Webster, Jackson county, Tuesday, September 27.

The campaign is sure to be a highly interesting one.—Citizen

## NO CAMPAIGN FOR CLEVELAND.

### New Jersey Delegation Decides Not to Press His Name.

St. Louis, July 3.—All possibility of the formal presentation of the name of Mr. Cleveland to the convention appeared to vanish when the New Jersey delegation arrived today and announced that in all probability that delegation would not make an aggressive campaign for the ex-President. This decision was reached at a meeting held today on the train as it approached St. Louis.

Seventeen of the twenty-four delegates are for Mr. Cleveland, but they decided not to press his name unless there should appear to be a good prospect of his nomination.

Seven of the New Jersey delegates are for Parker, but no effort has been made to reach a decision for a candidate in case a definite conclusion not to present Mr. Cleveland's name is reached.

One of our new cut-rate immigrants should be welcome in New York city for he, inscribed upon the register the convivial name of Boozena Sokup.

## NORTH CAROLINIAN HONORED.

### Professor of English at University of North Carolina Elected Head of University of Tennessee.

Knoxville, Tenn., June 29.—The trustees of the University of Tennessee have elected Dr. C. Alphonso Smith, professor of English literature at the University of North Carolina, president of the University by unanimous vote. Dr. Charles W. Dabney, the present president of the University of Tennessee, who resigned some time ago to become president of the University of Cincinnati and will leave Knoxville in about a month to take charge of his new duties. Dr. Smith, the new president of the State University, comes of a very distinguished southern family. He is only 40 years of age and is a son of Rev. Jacob L. Smith, a Presbyterian minister at Greensboro, N. C.

The position pays a salary of \$4,500.

## HON. J. M. GUDGER'S REPLY.

### Says He is Ready for Ewart—His Answer to Challenge.

From the Asheville Citizen.

Congressman Gudger, the unanimous nominee of the Democrats of the Tenth district for Congress, has accepted the challenge of the Hon. H. G. Ewart, Republican nominee, for a joint canvass.

A meeting of the two candidates will be held in Asheville on Friday to arrange the dates and terms of this joint discussion. At this conference the places for speaking and dates will be fixed.

Judge Ewart's challenge came while Mr. Gudger was at the State convention last week and Mr. Gudger took it up as soon as he had disposed of accumulated business.

Judge Ewart's challenge, which was published in The Citizen last week, went beyond the terms of the usual formal letter and in the spirit of sarcasm, of which it may be said the bright-witted Republican nominee is an adept, assailed Mr. Gudger's position in favor of national aid to building roads throughout the country. Following the departure of Judge Ewart from conventional methods, the Democratic nominee plants himself firmly on the position that the inland districts should have some share in the billion dollar congressional appropriation, and expresses surprise that Judge Ewart should oppose the measure. He sends the Republican nominee a copy of his speech in the House of Representatives in favor of such aid, and expresses the hope that it will convert Judge Ewart.

Mr. Gudger's reply is as follows:

Asheville, N. C., June 28, 1904.

Hon. H. G. Ewart, Hendersonville, N. C.

My Dear Mr. Ewart: Your letter to hand and I will be pleased to confer with you at Asheville on July 1st, and arrange the dates for a joint discussion.

In your letter you say: "I also note your scheme to build a great highway like the famous Appian Way. I suppose that as you say will ring around the world. This is a huge undertaking that will take billions of money and increase the burden of taxation under which you say the people are now groaning." I am sorry that you are opposed to this measure and to find you disposed to ridicule a measure that means so much for the people of this district.

It is not a scheme to build an Appian Way, as you seem to think, but it is a sound legislative proposition to give to the people of the inland districts national aid in the construction of highways in the same sense that national aid is given to the people of the coast and river districts for the improvement of rivers and harbors all over the country, thereby making an equal distribution of the moneys appropriated for public improvements.

Again you say: "It is a huge undertaking that will cost billions of money." I am surprised that you complain at the cost of this measure and refuse to give to the farmers of this country the relief demanded for the improvement of public highways when the national government appropriates at each term of Congress more than a billion of dollars, and not one dollar of this for the improvement of the public roads.

This and the other matters referred to in your letter, I will gladly discuss with you in the joint canvass, and I herewith mail you under separate cover a copy of my speech on public roads and after reading same I am satisfied that you will change your mind on this great question, and if you are not entirely converted before the joint discussion opens, I sincerely trust that I will be able to make your conversion as effectual as that of Saul of Tarsus.

Yours very truly,  
J. M. GUDGER, JR.

## ARMENIA APPEALS TO U. S.

### To Stop the Butchery of Turkish Soldiery

## MURDER AND OUTRAGE

### Stopped Five Years ago, Has Been Resumed—the Sultan Driving Armenians from Mountains

London, July 2.—An appeal from the Armenian bishop has come to Washington to stop the slaughter of their flocks by Turkish soldiery. It shows that they are disheartened and have lost hope of effective action by British and French ambassadors at Constantinople.

Turkish soldiers are being let loose among the Armenians, murdering shooting and outraging them. Upon the frontier and in the mountains they are killed, while wholesale devastation has been carried out in the district of Murh. The Armenians say that under cover of war excitement, the sultan is compelling the extermination which began at Sassoun five years ago, but was stopped on account of American action.

Turkey is driving the Armenians from the mountains and forcing them to settle in the plains where they can be kept in greater subjection and at the slightest sign of insurrection can be cut off, and any excess can be committed.

## Bryan on Platform.

On the subject of platform, Mr. Bryan was more non-committal.

"I have heard talk," he said, "of a gold plank in the platform. Of course, it goes without saying that I am opposed to such a thing and will not stand for it."

"Does that mean if a gold plank is inserted in the platform you will leave the convention?" Mr. Bryan laughed heartily as he replied: "I do not think that I will be called to answer that question in the convention any more than I am compelled to answer it now. Really though, I could not discuss such a question as that."

When asked if he had any particular financial plank that he proposed to father before the committee on resolutions, Mr. Bryan declined to say, merely remarking: "I cannot talk of that matter before the meeting of the committee on resolutions."

Neither would Mr. Bryan say if he would accept a financial plank compromising between an affirmation of the Kansas City and Chicago platform and a gold plank.

## BROUGHTON'S CHARGES

### Backed Up by Business and Professional Men.

Albany, Ga., June 29.—As a sequel to the attack made by Chief of Police Westbrook on Rev. Len G. Broughton in a barber shop on Monday, Mayor Lippitt today received the following communication, signed by twenty-four prominent business and professional men:

"Sir: Chief of Police R. N. Westbrook, having a card in yesterday's Herald denouncing the charges made against him by Rev. L. G. Broughton from the pulpit at the auditorium last Sunday afternoon as false and malicious and demanding of him the name of his informant and the source of his information; therefore, the undersigned citizens to relieve Dr. Broughton from further trouble and responsibility, have taken the matter in hand, and after a thorough investigation, unanimously request and demand that your honor call a meeting of your board that we may come before it by an attorney and prove by evidence that the charges are true. If proven, we demand the removal of Chief Westbrook."

The incident has aroused much feeling.

## WATSON AND ALLEN AS TICKET.

### A Movement Started to Make Populist Nominees

Springfield, Ill., July 3.—A movement was started to-night to make the standard-bearers of the Populist party for 1904 Thos. E. Watson, of Georgia, and former Senator William V. Allen, of Nebraska. As to which one shall head the ticket, there seems to be little preference among those who are behind the movement. J. A. Edmiston, vice chairman of the fusion wing of the populist party, is leading the fight for Allen. It is understood that Watson will not attend the convention, and Mr. Allen is taking no part in the movement to make himself the nominee and refuses to discuss the question.