



A Constantinople cablegram carried by the Associated Press says: "An imperial irade issued this morning ordains the assembling of a chamber of deputies in accordance with a constitution which has been elaborated by the sultan. The irade has been communicated to the varlis and the district lieutenant governors with the necessary orders for the holding of elections. The constitution which the irade now makes effective is practically the one worked out in 1876."

Governor Hughes of New York announces that he will not decline the re-nomination.

An Associated Press dispatch dated Des Moines, Ia., July 24, follows: "By a vote of 74 1/2 to 5 1/2 the delegates in the Seventh district republican convention yesterday nominated Judge A. F. Prouty for congress over Congressman J. A. T. Hull, no notice that a nomination had been made at the primary of June 2 having been received by the convention. Captain Hull insisted the convention acted without power."

An Associated Press dispatch from Richmond, Va., says: "A special from Danville, Va., says that V. A. Vincent of Pittsylvania county has tendered his resignation as a member of the national committee of the populist party and declared for Bryan."

The Nebraska socialist convention in session at Hastings nominated the state ticket as follows: For governor, J. W. Walker of Hastings; for lieutenant governor, Thor Jorgensen of Florence; for secretary of state, Dr. H. J. Aberley of South Omaha; for auditor of public accounts, Dr. R. A. Hawthorne of Maywood; for treasurer, E. Taylor of

Broken Bow; for state superintendent of public instruction, Mrs. C. S. Schell of Ponca; for commissioner of public lands and buildings, Tom Lippincotte of Blair; for attorney general, N. H. Nye of Pender; for railroad commissioner, A. Finkinkeller of Florence; for congressman Second congressional district, G. C. Porter of Omaha.

The democratic state convention met at Milwaukee and adopted a platform endorsing the democratic national platform.

The New York World prints under date of Richmond, Va., July 19, this dispatch: "Thomas Shayne, a republican of New York, after reading W. R. Hearst's reply to the message that Mr. Gompers says he never sent to Mr. Hearst, has written a cordial letter to W. J. Bryan in which he promises to support him."

Vice Admiral Rojestvensky, who commanded the ill-fated Russian fleet which was annihilated by the Japanese in the Sea of Japan, 1905, died at Bad Nauheim, Germany, July 19, from heart trouble. It is believed that the heart affection resulted from injuries received by him in the battle of the Sea of Japan.

Bishop Henry C. Potter of the Episcopal church in the diocese in New York, is dead. Bishop David H. Greer, who is now in London, will succeed Bishop Potter.

The Prince of Wales, visiting in Quebec, was given a cordial reception. Vice President Fairbanks, who was a guest, delivered an address.

Former United States Senator William F. Villas was stricken with severe illness at his home in Madison, Wis.

#### DEMOCRACY AND HOME

John W. Kern, democratic candidate for vice president, says the party will score a signal victory in November. Republicans who give their politics instead of their country the first place in their loyalty fail to see any reason for this confidence. They think Mr. Kern is "talking for effect" when he says democrats will win. But he is in earnest, and you shall see he is a true prophet. Democrats will win because the democratic platform is a sane and sound document, a declaration of intentions, plans and principles which breathes the very spirit of Americanism, and revives the hopes of many good citizens who had begun to think the day was over when Freedom was the only ruler in the United States, and to believe the tyrant Greed had usurped her place. He will win because the republican platform is an unsound document of doubtful sanity, devoid of wisdom, weak in patriotism, strong in pandering to privilege, and in essence and effect a bull-headed, dogmatic assertion that whatever is, is right, when it is republican and because it is republican. Incidentally the republican platform contains an undeniable statement of the amazing increase of the national wealth and available material resources during the very years when the people were suffering most from intellectual famine. This is worse than physical famine, because the effects of physical famine are transient if it is relieved in time

and not permitted to kill; while the effects of intellectual famine, of the deprivation of boys and girls of the education which should train, broaden, improve and steady their minds can be overcome never, never, never!

No matter how wealthy the illiterate children of the United States may be in later life, through fortune's chances or changes, their money will never buy back for them the years, the playtime, the school time, the opportunities of their youth, store their minds with the knowledge which they have not been allowed to acquire, or form their brains to the habits of correct thought which have been interfered with. We have heard one of the richest men in the nation say, with obvious and unaffected sincerity, that he would give a great deal more than half his fortune if he had the mental training of the "boys and girls in the sixth and seventh grades."

This man knew his life had been narrowed, knew he was cribb'd, cabin'd and confined, a mental dwarf on a mountain of material wealth, conscious of possession, possession, possession, and of inability to appreciate, understand or use possession. Here was a torment worse than that of Tantalus. In order to protect innocent boys and girls who under republican conditions would have to suffer both from poverty and ignorance—for not one in a million overcomes the former condition unless, like the ignorant rich man who talked with us, he is one of "for-

tune's favorites," it is the duty of all Americans to entrust to democratic patriotism the care of the country which, among all its achievements, has none greater than its production of the American ballad, "Home, Sweet Home." It is the duty of all good Americans to save the land of Home, Sweet Home, to protect Home, Sweet Home and keep the "little kiddies" at their mother's apron's strings and in the school room and out of the clutches of the beef trust and the steel trust and the coal trust. They can save and protect the home-land and help restore three million toiling children to their nurseries and schools by forgetting past political prejudices, if indeed they were swayed by any, and by giving broad-minded, hearty, American support to William Jennings Bryan, defender of Home, Sweet Home.—Los Angeles Herald.

#### WHY IS ROOSEVELT A REACTIONARY?

In its issue of July 17 our esteemed contemporary The Commoner prints a cartoon which pictures a corpulent, prosperous-looking person with silk hat and side whiskers, leading the republican elephant along the back trail, while Mr. "Roosevelt Republican" views the retreat with consternation.

Theodore Roosevelt himself is responsible for the reactionary platform adopted by the Chicago convention. Then why not say so? Why not let the Roosevelt republicans know where the blame lies?

Mr. Roosevelt was in complete control of the Chicago convention. He had 702 delegates, nearly three-quarters of the total number. He named the candidate for president and the candidate for vice president. He framed the platform. Not a plank went into that platform which was not submitted to Mr. Roosevelt in advance for his approval. Not a plank was put into that platform without his consent. Not a plank was left out without his tacit consent.

He could have had a declaration in favor of an income tax if he had demanded it. He could have had a declaration in favor of an inheritance tax if he had demanded it. He could have had a declaration in favor of physical valuation of railroad property if he had demanded it. He could have had a declaration in favor of campaign-fund publicity if he had demanded it. He could have had a platform that fully represented "my policies" if he had sincerely believed in "my policies" and considered them vital to the welfare of the country.

The World does not pretend to know why the president deliberately abandoned so many of his professed issues on the eve of a presidential campaign. But on the one hand is the printed record of his messages and speeches; on the other hand is the republican platform which "gratified" Mr. Roosevelt and which he praised so highly in his letter to Senator Hopkins.

Already Mr. Taft has had to set his own candidacy right in the matter of publicity and corporation contributions. How much more tinkering of Mr. Roosevelt's "excellent platform" he will find necessary can only be surmised.

Why should The Commoner, of all newspapers, undertake to conceal the fact of Mr. Roosevelt's retreat and absolve him from the consequences of his own capitulation? Has not the country a right to know why Mr. Roosevelt, after all his violence of denunciation and ferocity of invective, surrendered so quietly and allied himself so completely with the reactionaries?—New York World.

#### A STRONG MAN

Whatever, therefore, may be said by our disappointed eastern friends, Bryan was freely chosen. He represented the rank and file rather than the organization of the party. It is idle to deny his strength. A man who could maintain himself thus for twelve years, after two crushing defeats, and could again carry off the honor almost without a contest, is a strong man.—Indianapolis News.

#### THE DEMOCRATIC CHANCE

With Bryan and Kern as their candidates; with a platform that is positive in its every feature; with party prejudice largely broken down because the late panic taught people that prosperity is not a matter of politics, the democrats go before the country with a fair chance of having their principles adopted at the polls. The only thing that now remains to be done is to run like the wind from the fellow who claims to know exactly how the election is going to result.—Springfield (Ill.) News.

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