



REPUBLICANS AT SARATOGA.

Left to right, Assemblyman James Apgar; James Parker, of Washington County; Speaker Wadsworth, State Committeeman Charles F. Betts, Charles Anderson, Collector of Internal Revenue; W. Weber.

Sixty Senator Martin Sage and Lafayette B. Gleason, clerk of the Senate.



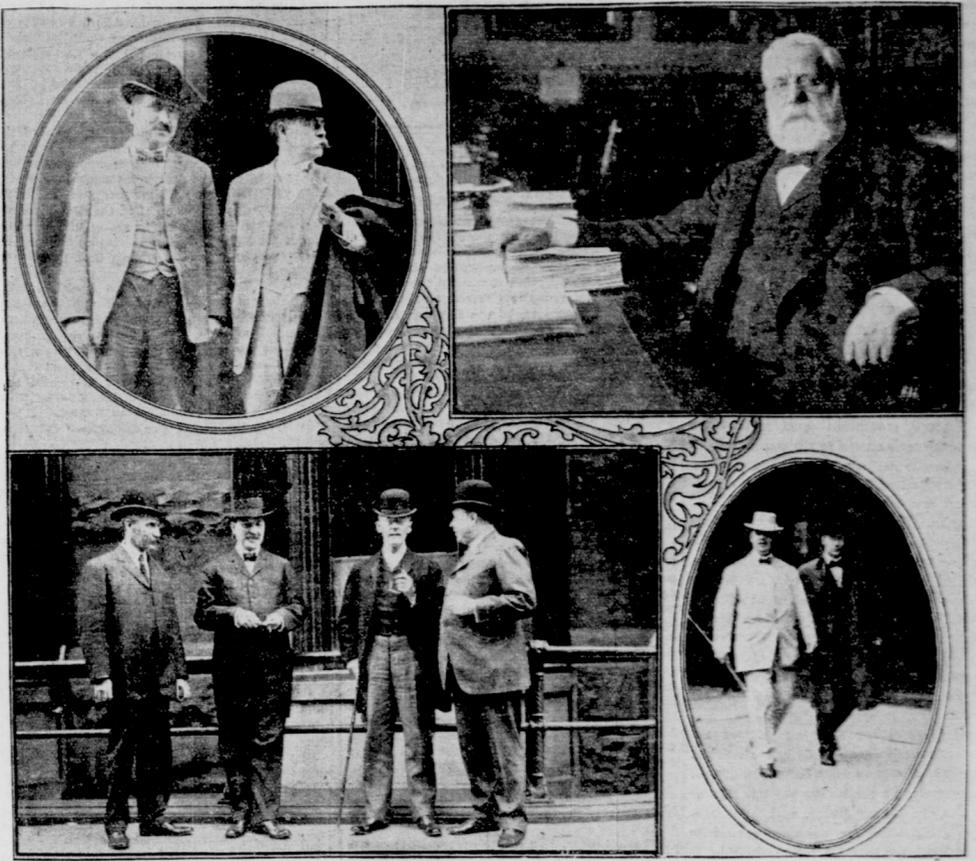
The Woodruff party leaving hotel.

Game Commissioner Whipple, Secretary of State O'Brien, Superintendent of Banks Kilburn.

DEMOCRATS AT BUFFALO.

From left to right, Sheriff Smith, of Erie, and National Committeeman N. E. Mack.

MAYOR JAMES NOBLE ADAM, of Buffalo.



From left to right, State Committeeman John J. Kennedy, of Buffalo; former Mayor Hopkins of Chicago, Frank L. Bapst, of Buffalo, and National Committeeman Roger Sullivan, of Illinois.

JOHN A. HENNEBERRY. (In the light suit.)

HIGGINS DECLINES TO RUN.

Republican Leaders at Saratoga Fail to Agree on Another Man to Head Ticket.

HUGHES AND BRUCE IN THE LEAD.

Congressman Parsons, Ex-Governor Black and Others Also Mentioned—No Person or Faction Dominant.

Two years ago I began my campaign with the pledge that I would, if elected, have an administration of my own. I have kept that pledge. By doing so I have met opposition from those who believe that governors and legislators are safer public servants when they follow the guidance of a party boss than when they think for themselves and act on their own responsibility.

I have long been conscious of the fact that the office has been exacting from me sacrifices that I can ill afford. I need time for rest and for attention to my personal affairs. The result of the contest in the primaries for the principle of executive independence has given courage to all who believe that the Governor should not be the puppet of the party organization, and hope to all who deplore the supremacy of irresponsible political absolutism.

I have not sought and I shall not accept a renomination.—Statement issued by Governor Higgins at Albany yesterday afternoon.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)

Saratoga, N. Y., Sept. 24.—Far from crystallizing Republican politics, the declaration of Governor Higgins that he could not take a renomination has served only to segregate and localize sentiment for candidates. Instead of uniting on one man, the various leaders are fast becoming lined up on one or another candidate, so that the eve of convention day, which in previous years of "bossed conventions" found practically every difficulty settled, this year brings forth plentiful predictions of an embittered convention and factional feuds.

There is no doubt as to the wishes of Governor Higgins. He desires that the work he has accomplished shall be carried on by Lieutenant Governor Bruce, his right hand in the last two years. The Governor's friends and political associates to-night are working to bring every possible county leader and delegate to the support of the Lieutenant Governor in conference, caucus or convention.

PARSONS FOR MR. HUGHES. New York County, the head and front of the Hughes sentiment, officially has taken no action. In fact, official action was avoided by the postponement of a meeting of the executive committee of the county committee, which had been called for to-night. Individually Herbert Parsons and his neighborhood men are outspoken for Mr. Hughes. Yet to-night the Hughes boom seems to be dwindling, while that of Mr. Bruce is waxing.

Especially the choice of the convention will have to be between these two men—unless something new develops, a proviso with which everybody here is qualifying every utterance which bears the slightest resemblance to a prediction. Where last night appearances were in favor of Mr. Hughes, because New York men were considered to be as a body his supporters, now the Bruce chances have mounted to equal rank, because of the adherence of about all the up-state men, with all of Governor Higgins's friends, to his standard, with the frank admission from many of the New York County delegates that they could find no ground upon which to oppose him in case of an open issue.

Each importance has attached to the Hughes boom here, and even more significance has been attached to it because its sponsor, President Parsons, of the New York County Committee, has

since the primaries, in which he received the avowed encouragement and sympathy of President Roosevelt, been looked on almost as the President's "representative on the ground." But this feeling has somewhat decreased to-night when it became rumored that Secretary Loeb had telephoned to-day from Oyster Bay to William L. Lord, of Westchester, that the President did not wish to suggest any candidate for Governor; that any suggestion made should not be considered as emanating from him, and that no one had any authorization to act for him or represent himself as carrying out his directions.

CHANGE TOWARD MR. HUGHES. This bit of information quickly was added by the leaders to the reports they had received of the interviews of the President with Governor Higgins, in which President Roosevelt was said to have told the Governor that he would make no suggestions, and that any man acceptable to the Governor and his friends and advisers would be acceptable to the President; and with Timothy L. Woodruff and Mr. Parsons, in which he told them much the same thing. Almost insensibly they underwent a slight change of sentiment toward the Hughes boom, though they did not consider him the less as a great factor in solving the problem.

The Governor's political advisers, Messrs. Albridge, Hendricks, Kilburn and Franchot have been holding conference to-night. They know how much the Governor desires that he be succeeded by Lieutenant Governor Bruce, who would carry out the Higgins policy, and are pondering every method by which to compass his nomination. They are not authorized to make any announcement of the Higgins support for the Lieutenant Governor, though they know that such action probably would bring to an issue the Bruce and Hughes candidates. They are using their individual efforts to bring about a general acceptance of Mr. Bruce before nominating day.

Herbert Parsons went to see the Governor at noon to-day. He returned about 5 p. m. non-committal as to any probable action by the county organization. He announced definitely the Governor's refusal to accept renomination. Beyond that he would not discuss details of his visit freely.

"I talked over with the Governor the various

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CUBAN PEACE IN SIGHT.

A VICTORY FOR LIBERALS.

Rumor That Government Has Yielded to Main Demands.

Havana, Sept. 24.—Victory for the Liberal or revolutionary party seems certain to-night at the conclusion of a long conference between a committee of the insurgents, of eight members, and the American peace commissioners. The insurgent committee announced that there was practically no difference remaining between them and Secretaries Taft and Bacon, and that they would receive a draft of the peace plans to-morrow. These probably would be agreed to at a meeting to be held in the Presidio, where the prisoners who are members of the committee are confined.

Secretary Taft said he could give no details of what was done at the conference, for the reason that it was now necessary to treat with the government leaders and that the publication of the peace proposals might interfere with their prompt acceptance.

Messrs. Taft and Bacon went to the Palace to-night and informed President Palma of the outcome of the negotiations with the Liberals. The absence of a definite statement from the commissioners makes it impossible to say whether the plans carry the resignations of the present administration and the Congressmen elected last year or not. There is a strong impression that President Palma will remain and reorganize the Cabinet, but that new elections will be held for half the Senators and Representatives—in other words, those who were

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A BOMB FOR SCHIFF.

Boy Finds Infernal Machine Addressed to New York Banker.

Philadelphia, Sept. 24.—An infernal machine, addressed to Jacob Schiff, the New York banker, was picked up on the street here to-day by David Thompson, a Negro boy, who found it near a mail box. The boy gave the package to Henry Sulzman, a postman, who carried it to the sub-station and deposited it with the outgoing mail. Superintendent McKnight noticed that the wrapper was torn, and while handling it he observed a grain of powder fall from the box, and he immediately threw the package into a pail of water.

After it had been immersed for several hours it was taken out and examined. The box was made of pasteboard, and was 10 inches long, 4 inches wide and 1 inch deep. Inside were two rolls of pasteboard, which held in place a matchbox filled with gunpowder and bullets. Matches had been sunk into the powder, their heads resting against the top of the matchbox, which had been backed with sandpaper. To the lid of the matchbox was fastened a piece of string, with a Jewish New Year's card attached to the end. Upon opening the large package the recipient's attention would be attracted by the New Year's card, and in pulling out the card he would remove the lid of the matchbox, ignite the matches, and explode the powder, scattering the bullets.

Inspector Cortelyou is making an investigation.

ROCKEFELLER MAY AID CONSUMPTIVES.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Cleveland, Sept. 24.—The Anti-Tuberculosis League has appealed to John D. Rockefeller for funds to establish a big sanatorium on the lake shore for consumptive children. Mr. Rockefeller has not signified what answer he will make to the request, but close friends say he regards the project favorably.

EGROES SHOOT WHITES

ATTACK COUNTY POLICE.

Atlanta Suburbs Scene of Ambush—Militia in Pursuit.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 24.—A Negro mob fired on the county police at Pittsburg, a Negro settlement in the southern part of Atlanta, to-night. James Hurd was killed, and R. F. Jordan, another officer was probably fatally injured. One party of county policemen were riding near Clark University, a Negro institution, when they were fired upon by a party of Negroes who were ambushed in an alley. The first volley killed Heard. Three other officers were wounded and one is missing. Another report has it that three officers were killed and two were wounded.

At Howell's Station, three miles west of the center of the city, the railroad operator has been killed and another man in the same office either has been killed or wounded by Negroes.

The City Marshal of Edgewood was shot but not seriously hurt while trying to arrest a Negro late this afternoon.

There had been no serious trouble here to-day, and the authorities felt so confident that they had the situation well in hand that at noon an order was issued dismissing five companies of the state militia that were ordered here yesterday to assist the local companies of the 5th Georgia Regiment. There are now ready for all emergencies the entire 5th Regiment, twelve companies, and the police, city and county, which number more than two hundred men.

Orders have been issued prohibiting the sale of firearms and ammunition without the written order of the military authorities. As a matter of fact, these stocks were practically exhausted

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BENGA TRIES TO KILL.

Pygmy Slashes at Keeper Who Objected to His Garb.

Ota Benga, the pygmy at the New York Zoological Gardens, The Bronx, made a desperate attempt to kill one of the keepers yesterday afternoon with a knife, and had to be overpowered before he was driven into his cage. Benga was in good spirits yesterday and allowed the children and other visitors to tease him as much as they pleased.

Several keepers came along and added to the sport by turning a hose upon him. He enjoyed this, and grew so boisterous that he finally got off nearly all of his clothing. The keepers hadn't bargained for this. Benga was advised to put them on again, but refused and persisted in removing the remainder of his scanty attire. Then the keepers took a hand and forced him to put them on again. He became furious and rushed into his cage. A minute later he was out again with a big knife used to cut his food. He ran at one of the keepers and tried to slash him, but the others pressed in, took the knife away and hustled him into his cage.

NEARLY 200 LIVES LOST.

A Boatload of Traders Capsized in the River Indus.

London, Sept. 25.—In a dispatch from Lucknow the correspondent of "The Standard" says that a boat containing two hundred persons was capsized in midstream while crossing the River Indus at a point where it separates the northwest frontier province from the Attock district. The passengers were swept down by the stream, and only thirty were saved. They are supposed to have been traders from the province going to the interior.

HEARST MEN WIN A VICTORY.

Murphy Forces Nixon as Temporary Chairman by Clever Tactics.

SHOW-DOWN NARROWLY AVERTED.

Control of State Committee Key to Everything at Buffalo—Cockran Swallows Hearst—Ridder Thinks Editor Will Win.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)

Buffalo, Sept. 25.—Lewis Nixon, of New York City, a former leader of Tammany Hall, was tonight chosen as temporary chairman of the Democratic State Convention, the first session of which will be called to order here at noon to-morrow. Mr. Nixon was chosen without opposition at a meeting of the state committee, which began at the Iroquois Hotel last night shortly after 10 o'clock and lasted until after midnight. He is a delegate to the convention from the district of Charles F. Murphy, the present leader of the Tammany organization. Mr. Nixon was agreed upon as temporary chairman at a conference held late to-day, at which were present representatives of most of the warring factions in the state Democracy, and his selection by the state committee to-night was in the nature of a ratification of the conference decision.

The committee avoided a line-up or test vote as to where the members stood as among the half dozen or more candidates who are mentioned as possible gubernatorial nominees by voting to leave to the convention the decision as to all contesting delegations.

Charles F. Murphy telegraphed to "Big Tim" Sullivan yesterday afternoon while the Sullivan delegates were on the way to Buffalo, asking for his proxies on a vote to make Lewis Nixon temporary chairman. He got them. As soon as the Sullivan delegates got to town Senator McCarren took "Big Tim" to task for playing into Murphy's hands.

Senator McCarren and Mr. Sullivan called on the Mayor, and Sullivan told the Mayor that he would not do anything that would jeopardize his interests. McCarren and Sullivan then went to Murphy and asked what was behind the plan to have Mr. Nixon temporary chairman. Murphy did not like the belligerent attitude of his callers, and told them in no many words that the sentiment of the delegates seemed to be in favor of the nomination of Hearst; and that he had about made up his mind to be for Hearst. "Big Tim" said that he had misunderstood Murphy's position heretofore, and that he had certain obligations that he must keep. He went away, and Murphy summoned his lieutenants and told them that there would be a showdown.

William F. Sheehan met Sullivan and McCarren as they came away from Murphy's room, and advised them to force a vote and find out where they stood.

The delegates were arriving for the state committee meeting by this time, and by 9:30 o'clock they were all inside the parlors and the doors were closed. The newspaper men had been promised that the meeting would be an open one, but when the fight developed, the leaders

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changed their minds and closed the doors on the outsiders.

After a brief consultation with Charles F. Murphy, William J. Conners got the floor and was recognized by State Chairman Cord Meyer. Mr. Conners presented the proxy of James O. Bennett, of Silver Creek, Chautauque County, and moved the recognition of the Hearst contesting delegates from the 2d District of Chautauque.

There is a rule in the state committee that where there is a contest, the state committeeman shall enjoy the prerogative of designating the names of the delegates to appear on the temporary roll of the convention. Mr. Conners, acting for Mr. Bennett, asked for this recognition for the Hearst men.

Senator McCarren objected to the request. He said that there were contests involving about forty delegates, and that if the motion of Mr. Conners prevailed it would mean a gross injustice to delegates who had been regularly chosen by the regular Democratic organization.

Thomas F. Grady argued for the recognition of the Hearst men, and he was followed by W. Bourke Cockran, who made a long speech in support of the Conners resolution. During Grady's speech he was heard to say, "If Hearst will stand on our platform then I am for Hearst."

Mr. Cockran, who held the proxy of Francis Burton Harrison, on a tip from Mr. Murphy moved that all contests be referred to the state committeemen to name the delegates from their own particular districts. Senator McCarren said that he thought the county chairman should have the naming of the delegates when there was a contest. He was not averse to a test vote on his motion, but the Murphy men did not seem anxious to have a line-up.

Mr. Cockran then moved that all contests be referred to the committee on credentials. This was agreed to without a test vote, and after all this talk, covering an hour and a half, a test vote was avoided.

When Charles F. Murphy was asked about the action of the committee he said: "Nothing decisive was done. We have decided to refer all contests to the credentials committee."

Almost the first thing done by the state committee after meeting was the adoption of a resolution, which was unopposed, naming Lewis Nixon as temporary chairman.

As Mr. Nixon is a Hearst man, it would seem that Murphy had the better of the night maneuvering. He has a chairman who, while being fair, according to the Murphy point of view, certainly will not appoint a credentials commit-

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