



MR. DOLLIVER'S DAY TO LEAD AT CHICAGO

BUT VICE-PRESIDENCY IS AN OPEN QUESTION.

Woodford Denies Report About Governor Hughes—The Platform Discussed.

Chicago, June 13.—There has no radical change in the situation in Chicago to-day, the chief interest being centered in the Vice-Presidency, with some strong indications that Senator Dolliver will be the choice of the convention...

GENERAL WOODFORD DENIES REPORT.

A report which reached here this afternoon to the effect that General Stewart L. Woodford, president of the National Hughes League, had been quoted in New York as saying that, now that the gambling bills had passed, Governor Hughes was certain to retire to private life...

General Woodford is under pressure to withdraw Governor Hughes from the Presidential race. Many of the New York delegates instructed for the Governor wish to break away from his instructions, but that seems to be improbable in the absence of authorization from the Governor...

The Hughes delegates will have to abide by his instructions, said Senator Dewey to-night. There are forty-two of them tied up tight. Governor Hughes is the only man who can untie them...

TALK OF FIGHT ON PLATFORM.

The discussion of the platform continues with renewed interest, and it is possible to outline with authority certain of the more important features of the document. The "conservatives" are still talking of a "terrific fight" to be made in the committee on resolutions and on the floor of the convention, if necessary...

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TORPEDO HITS FLORIDA

Monitor Disabled, with Side Pierced and List to Starboard.

Fort Monroe, Va., June 13.—Pierced with an American Whitehead torpedo carrying a charge of gun cotton, which tore a large hole in her side, the United States monitor Florida, now rests in the drydock at the Norfolk Navy Yard, a victim of a naval experiment to test the vulnerability from torpedo attack of watertight bulkheads...

The test took place off Pine Beach, near the Jamestown exposition grounds, where the monitor was anchored in fifteen feet of water. The naval officials, while admitting that the damage done to the vessel is serious, declare that it is not vital, and say that the test is satisfactory. Upon arrival at the navy yard to-day the monitor Florida was immediately run into the big stone drydock and the water pumped out, in order that a close examination of the damage done by the torpedo could be definitely seen...

The most important disclosure, however, was the fact that the damage did not extend beyond the watertight bulkhead sufficient to cause any leakage. It was the opinion of experts that without the bulkhead the monitor would have gone down in a few minutes at the most, and that with it she could have easily kept floating indefinitely, with the occasional use of the pumps. Whether or not her machinery, etc., below decks was injured by the explosion has not as yet been determined, but probably will be on Monday.

After an official photograph of the injury had been taken for the Navy Department a large canvas cover was lowered over the side to cover the opening and all visitors were barred. The test was witnessed by a number of officials, including Secretaries Metcalf and Taft, Postmaster General Meyer and ordnance officers of the navy and army. The cabinet officers went to the navy yard after the test. Messrs. Metcalf and Meyer made an inspection of the yard and Secretary Taft awaited them on the yacht Mayflower. They left Fort Monroe for Washington this evening, and will arrive there probably to-morrow morning.

The arrangements for the test were carried out in detail without an apparent hitch. Admiral Mason and other officials from Washington boarded the Florida before 8 o'clock and gave the final orders for conducting the test. Aboard the float anchored four hundred feet away, from which the torpedo was dispatched, the crew were ready for their work. Directions to fire were given from the monitor about 8:20 o'clock, and five minutes later Lieutenant Babcock, aboard the float, touched the lever which sent the torpedo whizzing six feet below the water on its mission of destruction.

A roar accompanied the explosion, and a great mass of water was thrown into the air, casting shadows for some distance around. The column exceeded in height the highest mast of the Florida. Almost simultaneously there was a shower of pieces of steel fragments of broken torpedo, accompanied by fine dust which scattered for fully a third of a mile around. There was a scamper for shelter by persons on half a dozen vessels in the vicinity.

A dummy figure of a man had been erected on the bridge of the Florida, and although it was fifty feet from the point of torpedo impact, the shock knocked it over. The dozen or more officials and crew inside the superstructure of the vessel waited for a few moments before venturing out on the deck to ascertain the damage. They found that on and above the deck the damage done was confined to bending some of the framework which supported the booms holding the torpedo nets, the cracking of several plates, the breaking of iron guy ropes and wrenching three booms from their fastenings, letting a net used for protecting the after part of the hull drop into the sea.

A collision mat put against the hole made by the torpedo kept the water out while the pumps were working. By direction of Secretary Metcalf visiting newspaper men were allowed aboard the Florida after the test, and were taken down in the boiler and engine room, just aft of the compartment into which the torpedo was sent. In that portion of the ship there appeared to be no damage. The injury done was largely to the compartment fired into, and also just forward of that compartment. It was estimated that the charge penetrated six or eight feet.

During the test steam was kept up in one of the boilers on the vessel, but for precautionary reasons was shut off in the pipes. None of the reasons was shut off in the pipes. None of the reasons was shut off in the pipes. None of the reasons was shut off in the pipes.

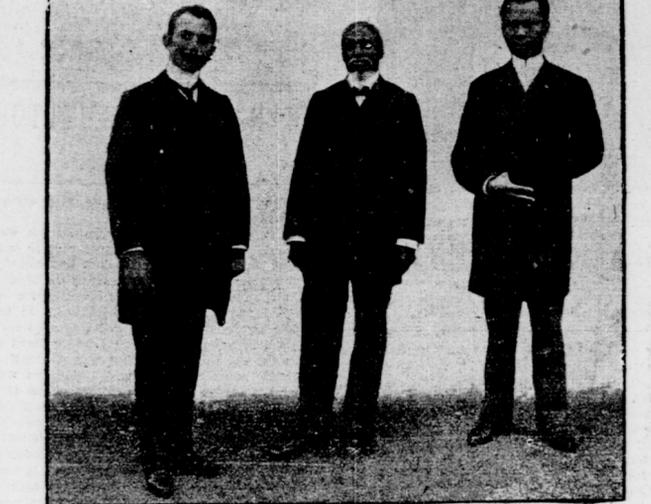
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HAYTIAN REVOLUTIONARY LEADERS.



From left to right, Dr. R. Bobo, Antenor Firmin and General J. F. Frederique.

GENERAL FIRMIN TALKS FEAR SHACKLES BETTOR POLICE PRE-EMPT RING.

Feels This Country Did Not Understand True Situation in Hayti.

General Antenor Firmin, chief of the Progressive party of Hayti and one of that republic's leading political figures, who has been in this city several days incognito, gave to The Tribune yesterday the first statement he has made since his arrival regarding the conditions of his country, his political aims and those of the members of the Progressive element of Hayti.

General Firmin is only incidentally a warrior; he is a lawyer, scientist, diplomat and statesman. He also is the "father" of the constitution of Hayti, but he bears all his honors with a democratic spirit that is surprising in one who some day may be the chief executive of a republic where political power has for many years stood for tyranny and despotism. He is modest, too, and it is because of his own request that hereafter in this story he will be referred to as Mr. instead of General Firmin, although as the latter he has proved more than once his ability and valor.

Mr. Firmin has suffered for his efforts to reform the politics of his country. He has been in almost continual exile from Hayti since 1903, when he tried to depose the existing government. Most of this period he passed in St. Thomas, D. W. I. He led the movement that was directed last March against President Nord, which created an international situation that for some time assumed a serious aspect.

He took refuge in the French consulate at Gonaves, the consul refusing for humanitarian reasons to deliver him up to the Haytian government. The attitude of the latter became so menacing to Gonaves a warship, which took the distinguished refugee from the consulate and conveyed him safely to St. Thomas.

At that time the Haytian officials were taking suspected insurrectionists from their beds and summarily executing them. But the cause for which these men died, Mr. Firmin said yesterday, is not dead, and "very soon another movement will burst out."

HERE ON ERRAND OF PEACE.

Mr. Firmin said that his mission here was not of a revolutionary character. He is on his way to Europe to meet some friends, and while in the United States he said he would try to clear up certain misapprehensions existing in this country with regard to Hayti. This was the object of his visit to Washington a few days ago, when he met Secretary Root, Booker T. Washington and Mr. Leger, the Haytian minister. His meeting with the last named, he explained, was accidental, and occurred while he was at the State Department. Notwithstanding the opposition of Mr. Firmin to the government that Mr. Leger represents, the minister, who is an old friend, entertains him as such. Mr. Firmin has long carried on a correspondence with Mr. Washington on the subject that is of equal interest to both, the uplifting of their race, in which Mr. Firmin thinks Mr. Washington is a great force.

As to the desire of his party or his personal desire to have an American protectorate over Hayti, as his enemies have asserted is Mr. Firmin's aim, he declared it utterly without foundation. His ambition is to see his country wrested from the sword and bayonet government of President Nord, reformed and restored to its people in its constitutional form, and while he will play a leading part in the consummation of this ideal, he has never advanced any claim to head the government. In fact, he has made it understood that this was not his ambition.

Mr. Firmin is about 5 feet 6 inches in height, with high, broad forehead, gray hair and short French beard. His physique might be called compact. In the lapel of his coat he wears the red button of the Legion of Honor of France. "Please don't refer to me as general," said he, to the Tribune reporter. "I have not the temper of the general. I am a lawyer." And a cursory observation of the man would easily bear out this statement.

"The Progressive party is strong," he said, "and we are hopeful. My visit here cannot be rightly called a mission. Hayti is a small country and the United States has more interest in protecting it than any of the powers of Europe, which have only a commercial interest there. Their only desire is to sell merchandise. The United States has interest of proximity to our country, and has a wider interest in our moral and intellectual life. We have every reason to believe in the success of our programme. We believe in the public institutions and advanced thought and moral men. And those things are characteristic and dominate the United States."

NO DESIRE FOR PROTECTORATE.

"We believe in the good faith of this country, but that we invite or want a protectorate is untrue. We could never accept any foreign protectorate. It is not a question of antipathy to the United States, but there is involved a grave fundamental principle. And it ought to be remembered at the same time that the interests

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THE COLORADO ASHORE.

Cruiser Strikes Dungeness Spit at High Tide in Fog.

Port Angeles, Wash., June 13.—The cruiser Colorado is ashore on Dungeness Spit, in the Strait of Fuca. The Colorado passed here about 3 p. m., and when the fog lifted, about 6 p. m., she could be seen on the spit.

It was high tide when she struck. Launches sent from Port Angeles have not yet returned. The armored cruiser Colorado, of 13,680 tons, was launched at Philadelphia in 1903. Her cost was over \$3,500,000. She carries four 8-inch, fourteen 6-inch and forty-four smaller guns. Her complement is 822 men.

NO THREAT TO HUGHES.

Albany Police Chief Denies Extra Precautions.

Albany, June 13.—Rumors were afloat here to-day which, if later developed, were without the slightest foundation, that Governor Hughes had received threatening letters since the passage of the Agnew-Hart anti-racetrack gambling bills, and as a result extra precautions had been taken by the Albany police to guard the Governor when he left here to-day for Hudson. He was accompanied by Mrs. Hughes and ex-Attorney General and Mrs. Simon W. Rosendale. The journey to Hudson was made in an automobile, where the Governor inspected the New York State Training School for Girls.

Governor Hughes on his return to-night was much annoyed over the reports, and declared that they were absolutely untrue. Chief of Police Hyatt said the report regarding the Albany police, taking extra precautions to guard the Governor was false.

BAILEY HAS RELAPSE.

Consultation of Physicians in Texas Senator's Case.

Senator Joseph W. Bailey, of Texas, who came to this city about two weeks ago to be treated for throat trouble, had a relapse yesterday. There was a consultation in the afternoon of three physicians, two of them being Drs. E. G. Janeway and John B. Cosby. The Senator was removed from the room in the Waldorf, which he had occupied since his arrival, to another that would be more quiet. There will be another consultation this morning.

RECORD FLOOD CERTAIN.

More Heavy Rains in the West—Tornadoes Reported.

St. Louis, June 13.—More heavy rains were experienced last night and to-day from the Rocky Mountains eastward to the Wabash, and the weather authorities admit that the disastrous flood in this region five years ago will be equalled during the coming week. Many thousand acres of wheat ready to cut in Missouri and Kansas already have been totally destroyed. The Smoky Hill, Saline, Republican and other Kansas rivers are at their highest point this year, and still rising. To-day a new channel was cut through North Topeka. At Kansas City to-night the motors in the Interlocking plants were removed. The water in the Union Station is two feet deep and the crest of the greater floods coming down the Missouri and Kaw rivers will sweep through the city simultaneously to-morrow.

WHIRLWIND IN HOBOKEN.

Picks Up Small Boy, Smashes Windows and Disturbs Signs.

A whirlwind visited Hoboken yesterday afternoon and did considerable damage to windows and signs, besides carrying a small boy through the air for a few feet and nearly scaring him to death. A cone shaped cloud was seen first over the Lackawanna Railroad yards at Ferry and Montrose streets. It appeared to be about five feet at the base and four hundred feet in height. The path of the whirlwind lay through the 4th Ward, the poorer section of the city, and it travelled about a quarter of a mile.

EXPECTS TO DIE TO-DAY.

Passaic Woman Dreamed God Had Told Her Hour of Death.

Passaic, N. J., June 13 (Special).—Mrs. Anna Kiselela, a young widow of 3d street, is impatiently awaiting in the general hospital here the stroke of 6 to-morrow morning, when she confidently believes, she will die. All day she has been counting what she believes are the last hours of her life. Several nights ago, she says, she dreamed that she would be taken away by God himself to-morrow morning, and she thinks that the dream will be realized.

NOT TOO POOR TO BUY 103 PIANOS.

John Niederstein, clerk of Queens County, is a firm believer that the hard times are over, and scolds the reports that the poor people are in severe straits. "Here's proof to the contrary," said he yesterday. "Here are 103 chattel mortgages just filed by one department store. That would seem to be proof of hard times were it not that the mortgages cover pianos just purchased on the installment plan. That means that they were bought for the most part by people who are far from wealthy. Poor people do not buy pianos in times of severe financial stress."

DEWEY'S SAUTERNE OR MOSELLE.

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DELEGATES TO THE DENVER CONVENTION

MR. BRYAN ALREADY HAS TWO-THIRDS.

668 Delegates Are for Him, 22 for Johnson, 11 for Gray and 177 Are Uncommitted.

Seventy delegates to the Democratic National Convention have been chosen since The Tribune's last table of delegates-elect appeared on June 7. Full delegations were elected last week from Oregon, New Mexico, Kentucky, Virginia and Utah. All seventy of the delegates were instructed for Bryan, who now has a two-thirds majority.

The call for the national convention fixed its membership at 1,002, the Philippines being excluded from representation. Six Philippine delegates have been chosen, however, and will apply for admission. Of the 878 delegates so far elected 668 are instructed for Mr. Bryan or committed to his support by resolutions of preference or public announcements. Twenty-two are for Johnson, 11 are for Gray and 177 are uncommitted. Mr. Bryan has the support of 76 per cent of the delegates so far elected.

The distribution by states, territories and dependencies among the various candidates of the 878 delegates so far elected is shown in the following table:

Table with columns: State/Territory, Bryan, Johnson, Gray, Uncommitted. Lists states from Alabama to Wyoming.

Note.—Credits are being made for six seats from the District of Columbia by an uncommitted delegation and for six seats from Idaho by a rival Bryan delegation. Total membership of the convention of 1908, 1,002. Necessary to a choice under the two-thirds rule, 668.

BRYAN CLAIMS 697 DELEGATES.

Lincoln, Neb., June 13.—William J. Bryan returned from York, Neb., to-day. At his office it was announced that 697 delegates to the Democratic convention at Denver were pledged to vote for Bryan as the nominee for President, this being twenty-five more than the necessary two-thirds majority.

DREW BONE FROM THROAT

Woman's Hand Badly Bitten by Dying Man She Saved.

Few persons, in the opinion of Ambulance Surgeon Nevins, of St. Mary's Hospital, and Patrolman Alfred Erickman, of the Brownsville station, have the courage and wit of Mrs. William J. Dodd, of No. 17 Prescott Place, East New York, who saved the life of a man who was strangling to death yesterday.

DIVER FALLS 75 FEET.

Professional Performer Probably Fatally Hurt Before Family.

While trying a new diving invention before ten thousand spectators, including his wife and two small children, yesterday afternoon, at Bergen Beach, Joseph Jakob, a professional high diver, living at No. 132 Richards street, Brooklyn, fell seventy-five feet into Jamaica Bay. He was taken to the Kings County Hospital, where little hope for his recovery is given.

COULD NOT "TAG" THE PRESIDENT.

Washington, June 13.—Two automobiles, filled with pretty girls, decked with "Merry Widow" hats, dashed up to the White House office at Bergen Beach, yesterday afternoon, in the effort to raise funds for the Washington playgrounds. The President had sent a \$5 check for a tag on the day before, and Quentin Roosevelt had already gathered in a big fund by the sale of tags, but the party of young women, many of whom are prominent in society desired personally to attach a tag to the President. He was in the midst of important business, however, and the party contented itself with tagging everybody else in sight.

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Commencing June 27th, "Shimcoek" will leave New Pier at 10:30 a.m. except July 1st, for Block Island, at 1:00 P. M., June 29th and July 1st at 5:30 P. M., and on Fri., July 3d, at 1:00 P. M. Advt.

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