

CRANE AS NEXT PARTY CHAIRMAN

Roosevelt Wants Former Governor of Massachusetts to Succeed Hanna.

Talk of Dick and Scott for Place Lacks Official Recognition.

Head of National Republican Committee to Be President's Choice.

Washington, March 1.—Notwithstanding a good deal of conflicting gossip, it is still a good guess that former Governor Crane of Massachusetts will be the chairman of the republican national committee this year.

When it was known officially that it was not the intention of Senator Hanna to act as chairman of the republican committee this year, the president again conferred with Mr. Crane.

Man for the Place. But now that the Roosevelt opposition has disappeared, and the democrats have lost so much ground thru their blundering and inability to get together, Crane will do as well as anybody else for republican national chairman.

Eastern Money Interests. The campaign which elected McKinley in 1896 is under indictment as having debauched many people in all sections of the country.

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WALKED 30 BLOCKS; ATE 5 CT. LUNCHES

Julia Olson, the Runaway, Tells a Story of Fierce Economy.

Says She Left Because She Feared Penalty for Violating Child Labor Law.

She Has Been at La Crosse with Her Grandmother—Mother Didn't Know.

"I walked to the store every morning and back at night, and I only spent 5 cents each day for lunch. I was trying to save some money when I was unwilling at first to tell where she had been, but after some persuasion, she consented to give her name.

That is the way that Julia Olson, 14-year-old girl who ran away from her home, 1215 Washington avenue S., Jan. 13, explained her absence to a Journal reporter this morning.

When I left home the morning I ran away, I had my mother that I was going to attend the cash girls' convention," said Julia.

After I was there awhile, I got a place as a dishwasher in a restaurant on Mill street where I earned a dollar and my board.

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PLANS APPROVED FOR CONVENTION

Republican Subcommittee Draws Up Scheme for Chicago Coliseum.

Arrangements Made for Press and Telegraph Facilities.

New York Sun Special Service. Washington, March 1.—Many arrangements for the republican national convention in the Coliseum at Chicago, June 21, were completed yesterday.

Under the plan, the Coliseum will be reserved for the republican national committee, and decided upon the details.

Acting Secretary Dover was armed with a blue print of the coliseum showing the level of the platform, the members of the national committee, distinguished visitors and delegates.

It also showed what arrangements have been made for the accommodation of members of the press and the telegraph and telephone facilities which will be provided.

The plans as approved provide a platform for the speakers and the officers of the convention, which will face the main entrance of the coliseum.

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HULL WINS IN POLK COUNTY

Fight for the Nomination Will Be Transferred to the District at Large.

Repeating and Bribery Practiced by Both Sides—Prouty Concedes Defeat.

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REFORMERS TRAP CHICAGO POLICE

New York Detectives Shadow Men and Point to Flagrant Abuses.

Inquiry Conducted by Citizens Without the Knowledge of the Department.

Chicago, March 1.—A solution of the crime problem in Chicago that would shake the police department to its foundation and furnish sociologists and reformers with data concerning men supposed to be the bone and sinew of crime-preventing forces in the city, will be offered in a few days, when a report concerning the work of ninety-three men who have been under surveillance by three New York detectives, will be submitted to a reform organization by which they were employed.

The report will show a startling condition of demoralization among men who are employed to protect the lives and property of residents in localities where crime has been rampant, and will reveal laziness, loafing and saloon haunting where the highest efficiency and fidelity to duty are supposed to exist.

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LONE SHIP STRIKES AT JAPANESE FLEET

Russian Cruiser Draws Squadron's Fire and Inflicts Damage on Flagship Before Retiring to Harbor.

St. Petersburg, March 1.—A report has spread thruout the city that the Japanese have made a great combined attack by sea and land on Port Arthur, that fighting is going on now and that there have been further naval losses.

The Port Arthur correspondent of Novoe Vremya eulogizes the conduct of the cruiser Novik during yesterday's attack by the Japanese. The correspondent says the cruiser led the other ships and impetuously made for the enemy, maneuvering at full speed and firing her fore and aft batteries.

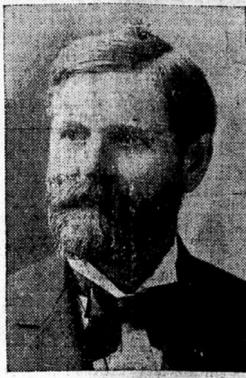
She received the fire of the whole Japanese fleet, but was not silenced. The Novik concentrated her fire on the Japanese flagship before she returned to the inner harbor, and a column of smoke and fire was seen rising from the vessel fired upon.

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TRACTION RIGHTS SUIT IN CHICAGO

Legal Battle Begins and Courts Bar City from Bankruptcy Cases.

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SURGEON'S KNIFE USED ON HARPER

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AGREE TO ACCEPT JOINT STATEHOOD

New Mexico and Arizona Interests Brought Together by President.

Las Vegas, N. M., March 1.—A telegram from Delegate Rody says that the president had just declared himself in favor of joint statehood for New Mexico and Arizona and promises his influence to secure the passage of a joint bill in the present congress.

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ALWAYS OPEN Russia May Be a Little Sore at U. S. Now, but When He Is Ready for a Mediator He Will Remember That the Real Dove of Peace Has Headquarters in Uncle Sam's Hat.

JAPANESE LAND AND SEA FORCES TIGHTEN NET ABOUT PORT ARTHUR.

Chifu, March 1.—Insistent reports are current that the Japanese have begun a general movement by land and by sea on the Russian position at Port Arthur.

A terrific northeasterly storm with snow has been raging since Sunday and shows no signs of abatement. According to Japanese information, the stormy weather has delayed plans for the investment of the Russian fortifications, for it has been impossible successfully to maneuver small war craft and landing rafts in the heavy seas.

All eyes on all sides of Port Arthur were contact mined by the Russians, but it is understood the Japanese have deranged all these mines, except in the immediate vicinity of Port Arthur, by floating over the mined spots stone-laden barges at end of long hawsers, allowing the wind and tide to swing them over the submarines, which exploded harmlessly.

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PORT ARTHUR PREPARES FOR SIEGE; FORTRESS WILL HAVE TO CAPITULATE.

New York Sun Special Service. Tientsin, March 1.—News from Port Arthur is to the effect that the town is exceedingly short of rations and that prices of foodstuffs are going higher and higher.

There are still enough civilians in the town to cause the authorities considerable anxiety. The repeated attacks by the Japanese fleet have demoralized the soldiers, who before the war were most emphatic in their prophecies of heroic deeds.

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GENERAL STAFF GOES TO CHEMULPHO; JAPANESE ARMY TO MOVE THIS WEEK.

Paris, March 1.—The correspondent of the Associated Press is informed that authoritative advices have been received in Paris to the effect that the Japanese general staff left Japan to-day for Chemulpho, Korea.

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THREE WARSHIPS DISABLED

Russians Suffer in Attack but Japs Retire Without Damage.

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RUSSIANS FREE VESSELS

Two British and One Norwegian Steamer Released Near Suez.

Port Said, March 1.—The British steamers Franklin and Attickdale, laden with coals for China, and captured by the Russians in the Red sea, have been released and have returned to Suez to replenish their stores.

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PEACE UNVISED

Reception in Philadelphia for Miss Ackerman, Who Will Visit Ozar.

Philadelphia, March 1.—Invested with credentials and personal letters from national, state and city officials, Miss Ackerman will sail for Europe as the special envoy of the Universal Peace Union to the governments of all the principal nations of the earth.

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JAPS OUTWIT ENEMY

Korean Town Seized and Fortified Before Russians Arrive.

Liao-tung, Manchuria, March 1.—The Japanese have occupied Ichio Yang, Korea, and are now fortifying the walls of the town. This was the objective point of General Mishchenko, who, with the detachment of mounted Cossacks, as announced yesterday, had reached Kasanjin, Korea, and was expected to arrive at Ichio Yang yesterday.

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