

BRYAN WILL TURN VOTES TO HEARST

Nebraskan Tells Friend He Wants Followers to Side With Journalist.

The Democratic Leader's Hand Is Forced After Plain Talk Over Situation.

Politician Pleads With Him to Accept Candidate Chosen by Convention.

New York Sun Special Service.

Chicago, April 23.—Walter Wellman in a special from Washington to the Record writes today:

During the past week I have talked with a number of Colonel Bryan's sincere friends, and what they say is of interest, not only to Bryan, but to the public.

In view of the fact that Bryan is for Hearst, many democrats think he should cease to be loyal to the national ticket in 1896 and 1900, and that as to the platform you are ready to waive any direct or formal reaffirmation of the money plank of 1896.

Bryan turned on his friend and accused him of being for Parker. The friend explained that he was for Parker mainly because Parker had been loyal to Bryan himself and was the one democrat in sight who stood a chance of election.

Mr. Bryan indignantly replied that Parker was the candidate of David B. Hill, Grover Cleveland and the trusts, and he could not stand for such a candidate.

Finally his friend said to him: "Who is your candidate?"

"I expect my friends to turn in and vote for Hearst," replied Bryan. And there he and his old follower parted company.

On one point only did Bryan's friend find the former leader in a reasonable state of mind. The friend said Bryan must know direct reaffirmation of the old money plank was impossible. Bryan replied that he had not demanded a direct reaffirmation, but maintained that the old platform must not be repudiated.

PARKER MONEY USED

Hearst Forces Receive a Drubbing in Connecticut Town.

Waterbury, Conn., April 23.—The Hearst forces received a sound drubbing at the hands of the voters here today. Those prominent in the victory say the result does not guarantee a Parker delegation so much as it defeats the local labor issue, but it is certain that Parker money was used generously.

EXPECT TO DEFEAT PARKER

Tammany Men Say Judge Cannot Secure Two-Thirds Vote.

New York, April 23.—Many Tammany politicians who have talked with Judge Kirkpatrick since the latter's state convention refuse to believe that Judge Parker can be nominated for president.

These men talk of a stampede to Cleveland or Mayor McClellan. They say that the two-thirds rule will prevail, and that Parker cannot possibly get two-thirds of the votes.

CONFEDERATE GENERAL FOR V. P.

New York Sun Special Service.

Suffolk, Va., April 23.—A movement has been started to nominate for vice president on the democratic ticket General W. P. Roberts of Gilesville, N. C., who was the youngest general in the confederate army. General Roberts formerly was auditor of North Carolina, and under Cleveland's second administration was consul at Victoria, B. C.

SOCIETY WOMAN SAVED BY GIRL FROM DROWNING

Special to The Journal.

Milwaukee, Wis., April 23.—Mrs. E. G. Pratt, a prominent society woman, formerly of Des Moines, was rescued from death by drowning in the swimming tank of the Milwaukee Athletic club to-day by the prompt action of Miss Elba Whitaker, who succeeded in reaching Mrs. Pratt after she had gone down the second time. Mrs. Pratt became nervous when she realized that she was beyond her depth and collapsed.

Miss Whitaker dove into the water and succeeded in getting the exhausted woman out of the water. A physician was called and as soon as Mrs. Pratt was sufficiently revived she was taken to her home.

SETTLES STATUS OF MINN. FOREST RESERVE

From The Journal Bureau, Colorado Building, Washington.

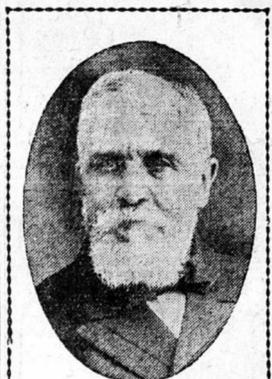
Washington, April 23.—Land Commissioner Richards has been in doubt as to the status of agricultural lands selected by the forestry bureau as part of the Minnesota forest reserve under the terms of the Morris act.

An opinion from the legal officer of the interior department, just presented to the secretary, states that these agricultural lands do not become part of the contemplated forest reserve by virtue of their selection for that purpose. They are merely in the condition of lands withdrawn from settlement or other disposal with a view to future reservation when occasion therefor shall arise by the forest reserve coming into existence.

The effect of this opinion is to leave these agricultural lands in the jurisdiction of the interior department until 5 per cent of the timber has been cut from the proposed forestry lands.

LOUBET GOES TO ROME FOR VISIT

President of France and Distinguished Company Will Be Italy's Guests.



PRESIDENT LOUBET. Who goes on a visit to Rome.

Paris, April 23.—President Loubet, Foreign Minister Delcasse and a distinguished company of officials to-day started for Rome to repay the visit of King Victor Emmanuel to Paris last October.

The trip is attracting widespread attention in connection with the recent exchange of visits of European rulers, and the trip is being regarded as a series of friendly treaties.

Detachments were on the train along the route. Representatives of King Victor Emmanuel will meet M. Loubet at the Italian frontier to-night.

ILLNESS CAUSES MERGER TANGLE

Judge Kirkpatrick Is Indisposed and Distribution May Be Effected.

Special to The Journal.

New York, April 23.—There is some speculation as to the possible effect of the continued deferment of the Harriman suit against the Northern Securities company in the event of Judge Kirkpatrick's illness being protracted.

There is no injunction in force at present, although orders in the case might be so construed. The Harriman interests seek to have the distribution of the assets of the company under the plan as approved by the court enjoined. Under the New Jersey laws the Northern Securities company cannot begin the distribution for at least fifteen days after the plan of such distribution has been approved by the stockholders.

The question raised is whether if the case is postponed ten or twelve days longer, the company can make the actual distribution at the end of the prescribed fifteen days irrespective of the pending suit.

The question is technical and not political. The plan as approved by Judge Kirkpatrick's illness is merely temporary and that the adjournment of the argument will be for a very short time.

The company having the push-chair of little comedy whereby it is hoped to discourage the flock of professional litigants who had hoped to find plenty of plunder in the dissolution of the Securities company. On the strength of this rumor, Union Pacific stock had quite a boom in the market to-day.

NO GIRL GUIDES AT THE WORLD'S FAIR

Special to The Journal.

St. Louis, April 23.—The vision of being guided about the world's fair grounds by an attractive and charmingly gowned young woman has been dispelled by the prosaic, business-like officials of the concession department.

Sentiment has no place in the minds of the officials who, after dispassionately considering proposals from an enterprising woman from Minnesota and another from Wisconsin who applied for a concession to supply women guides for the exposition, calmly turned the scheme down.

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STOCKMEN DENY HEAVY LIVE STOCK LOSSES

Denver, Col., April 23.—Charles F. Martin, secretary of the National Live Stock association, who has just returned from an extended visit among the cattle men in the northern states, says that reports sent out from the cattle country that large numbers of cattle have died during the winter are for the most part exaggerations. Said Mr. Martin:

"I believe the cattle have come thru the winter in much better condition than is generally supposed. In nearly all parts of the northwest the cattle are now in fine shape. In Montana, South Dakota, Wyoming and Idaho the cattle all look very good and stockmen say the reports of heavy losses are not true. The sheep came thru the winter well and are now in good condition."

FOREST FIRES IN TEXAS

San Antonio, Texas, April 23.—Forest fires are sweeping Sierra Madre for 100 miles, destroying the game and the forest preserve country.

A WEEK OF WAR—OPERATIONS ON LAND

Operations in the far east this week have shifted from sea to land. Dispatches announcing important movements on the Yalu, the Liao-tung peninsula and at Niu-chuang have been received daily, but none has been confirmed officially.

It has been reported that the Japanese have landed a force at Niu-chuang and have bombarded the town; that severe fighting has taken place on the Yalu; that the first Japanese army has crossed the river; that the Russians have fled in disorder, losing hundreds by drowning in a frenzied flight before the victorious Japanese; that a Japanese column of 7,000 men has been wiped out in an engagement on the Yalu; that the Russians have themselves blocked the channel at Port Arthur and it has been rumored that Port Arthur has fallen before a land sea attack.

The correspondents sending these dispatches declare that the censorship is so strict that they are unable to supply details. On the other hand, Russia asserts that all is quiet at the theater of war.

GREAT TRIUMPH FOR F. H. CLERGUE

Ontario Legislature Passes Bill Guaranteeing Algoma Central Railway Bonds.

Consolidated Company Will Have \$40,000,000 and Reopen the Soo Plants.

Special to The Journal.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., April 23.—There is great rejoicing here over the passage by the Ontario legislature of a bill guaranteeing bonds of the Algoma Central railway to the extent of \$2,000,000. This guarantee will make the bonds easily salable and will insure to the Lake Superior Consolidated company \$2,000,000 as a starter in its reorganization scheme.

For some time the reorganization has been so far completed that it was certain if the government would guarantee these railway bonds, the rest of the funds required would be forthcoming from the old stockholders and any financial elements that have been infused into the enterprise. The new company will have a capitalization of \$40,000,000, which is much larger than that of the old company, but was necessarily made so in order to look after the interests of the old stockholders, as well as to offer inducements to fresh capital.

The passage of the guarantee bill by the legislature, and the now certain reorganization of the Lake Superior Power company, is entirely due to the energy, courage and determination of F. H. Clergue, the father of the original enterprise. Overwhelmed with reverses and rebuffs that would have discouraged any other man, Mr. Clergue has kept at his reorganization work and has camped on the trail of the legislature until his hopes have been realized. The vote was on strict party lines, the liberal ministry supporting the measure and all of the conservatives voting against it.

Mr. Clergue feels that, in view of the immense amount of railroad building in the Canadian west and the tremendous industrial developments now going on there, accompanied by an immigration of more than 100,000 a year, the success of the reorganized company is assured. The work of the Dominion government, with the Grand Trunk Pacific requires that all material for the new road should be purchased in Canada as far as that is possible. As the only steel-mill in the Dominion are those of the Soo, it is certain that the Lake Superior company will receive enormous contracts during the next few years.

HOSPITAL TO COST \$12,000,000

New York, April 23.—The plans for the new Bellevue hospital in this city provide for the largest hospital in the world, a magnificent structure, extending from Twenty-sixth to Twenty-ninth streets and from First avenue to the East river. It will take ten years to finish the structure, which will cost \$12,000,000.

CANAL COMPANY RATIFIES SALE

Shareholders of Panama Concern Agree to Transfer Title to America.

Paris, April 23.—The resolution of the Panama Canal company shareholders ratifying the sale of the canal to the United States was adopted almost unanimously. There were only five votes against it.

It was formally announced that President Bo and Director Rischmann had signed the conveyance and presented a resolution ratifying their action.

The report also gave the text of the conveyance to the United States. The most important paragraph reads as follows: "Now, therefore, we, the New Panama Canal company, represented by Marus Bo and Albert Rischmann, in consideration of the payment of the sum of \$40,000,000 in gold coin of the United States to the said company on its order or demand contemporaneously with the delivery of this present conveyance to the representatives of the United States first above mentioned, and the delivery to them of the United States to the said company of its property in Panama and the certificates of said Panama railroad shares (the property of the company not being understood to include the tangible assets of the company, including deposits of money, outstanding credits and investments on the bonds), and the delivery upon the isthmus of Panama, to an agent of the United States, designated by them, or by the attorney general of the United States, of the remainder of its rights and properties, do hereby acknowledge and confirm sale, and do grant, sell and assign, transfer and set over to the United States, absolutely in full, ownership to the totality without exception of the company's property and rights on the isthmus of Panama, and its maps and archives at Paris."

The second Panama resolution was also adopted. There were only two dissenting votes. The meeting then adjourned. This completes the transfer of the canal to the United States.

WINTHROP SUCCEEDS HUNT AS GOVERNOR

Washington, April 23.—President Roosevelt has selected Judge Benjamin Winthrop of the court of first instance, Philippine islands, to succeed William H. Hunt as governor of the island of Porto Rico. The appointment has not been announced officially but probably will be in a short time. Judge Winthrop is from New York.

LIND'S ATTACK ON BIXBY FAILS

Washington, April 23.—Representative Lind's resolution directing an inquiry into the actions of the Dawes commission was negatived by a vote of 97 to 1.

DECLARES MORMON CHURCH IS TRUST

Judge Powers Testifies of Mormon Activity in Politics and Business.

Washington, April 23.—When the investigation of the Smoot case opened to-day Judge W. O. Powers was again called to the stand. He read a petition prepared by supporters of Moses Thatcher for senator, addressed to the senate of the United States alleging that church influence had been used in the election and asking for an investigation.

Another instance of church interference had been shown, said he, in a majority contest at Provo, when Reed Smoot favored the candidacy of George Sutherland. The witness said Smoot was held in disfavor with the church and charged with going to the liberal party.

Senator Overman asked if women were elected to the legislature in Utah. The witness said a woman was chairman of the judiciary committee of the house in the legislature which elected Mr. Smoot as senator. "Did she vote for Smoot?" asked Senator Overman.

"I understand she did," Judge Powers said, "but the chief exhibition of church domination over political affairs that came to his notice occurred at the April, 1896, conference, when the political rule that is the manifesto against Mormons entering politics without consent of church authorities, was adopted. Mormon men and women too were strongly opposed to the practice of polygamy, although he did not understand the power the church exerts over them."

"I believe, however," he said, "that if the church authorities should attempt to re-establish polygamy—by revelation or otherwise, there would be trouble."

"I do not regard polygamy as the worst feature of the Mormon religion. What I object to most is its un-American domination, the belief that the head of the church is inspired—and interference of the church in political and commercial affairs."

"I do not know of any other church that conducts bathing beaches, street railways, electric light and power plants, banks, mines and mills, and that attempts to control in local politics for the purpose of obtaining concessions and franchises."

Senator Hopkins—There is the Methodist church in Chicago, of which I am a member. It engages in business and I have always supported that idea.

Attorney Worthington—And the Trinity church in New York also owns and rents property.

Judge Powers means that the Mormon church is a trust and owns and controls great commercial institutions," said Senator McComas.

ROXBURGH FLEE FROM SMALLPOX

Disease Attacks Workman in the Castle and Duke and Duchess Leave.



DUCHESS OF ROXBURGH. Formerly Miss May Golet.

London, April 23.—There has been a great scare at Floors Castle (seat of the Duke and Duchess of Roxburgh) because a workman engaged in installing electric lighting developed smallpox.

The duke and duchess ordered the place thoroughly disinfected and left immediately for Brockmout Park, Dunbar, the residence of the duke's mother. The man had been working in the duchess's boudoir only the day before. The whole castle must be disinfected. The Duchess of Roxburgh was Miss May Golet of New York.

AN INDEPENDENT MERGER OF WIRES

Chicago Capitalists Incorporate Company to Control Independent Service.

Special to The Journal.

Chicago, April 23.—The charter of the United States Telegraph and Telephone company was filed yesterday with the county recorder. The company is composed of Henry E. Weaver, G. Watson French, Henry T. Turner, Harry D. Critchfield and Harry Reubens. The capital stock of \$2,500,000 is divided into twenty-five shares of \$100 each, each member holding five.

The specified object is "to construct and operate lines of electric telephone and telegraph in any state or county and to acquire and own everything pertaining thereto."

The scheme at present includes the merging of other companies in Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Louis for the purpose of establishing an independent commercial service between these cities. Lines also will be constructed between Omaha and Minneapolis at an early date.

The real object of the company is the merging of all the independent telegraph and telephone lines in the United States into one colossal organization that will compete with the Postal and Western Union companies.

An agreement with nearly all the independent lines is said to have been effected. There is some to be much capital behind the organization than the present capital stock would indicate, several millionaires having interested themselves in the enterprise.

PROVIDES FOR NAVAL TRAINING STATION

Washington, April 23.—The Great Lakes will have a naval training station after all.

The naval report which eliminated the naval training station from the naval appropriation bill became known to members and senators interested, pressure was brought to bear on the conferees to the end that another meeting of the committee was held.

Then a provision was included in the bill appropriating \$250,000 to purchase a site for such a station, also \$5,000 for the expense of a commission to be appointed by the president, whose duty it was to view the sites offered and recommend a selection to the president. The president is given authority to take final action in the matter by selecting any site he may think fit.

MILWAUKEE BOY IS KILLED IN CHICAGO

Chicago, April 23.—Secured in the end of a box car filled with lumber, Krooski, 17 years old, of Milwaukee, was killed and Felix Whkoski, aged 18, also of Milwaukee, was fatally injured to-day.

A slight collision caused the lumber to shift and crushed the boys against the end of the car. The cries of the injured boy summoned and he was rescued. His companion was almost instantly killed. The boys secreted themselves in the car in Milwaukee while it was being loaded.

UXORICIDE PREVENTED BY 10-YEAR-OLD BOY

Special to The Journal.

Florence, Wis., April 23.—When Theodore Whackler was about to cut his wife's throat with a razor, their 10-year-old boy came to the rescue of his mother and struck Whackler two blows on the head with an ax, seriously injuring him.

Omaha, Neb., April 23.—Private Dunning of Company A, Thirtieth infantry, drank a small dose of bay rum and died in convulsions within an hour.

7,000 AS JAPAN'S LOSS IN BATTLE

St. Petersburg Rumor Says Landing Was Prevented at Yalu's Mouth.

Launches Strike Mines in Port Arthur Harbor and Are Destroyed.

The Russians Block Port Arthur Channel—Beggars Try to Slay Kuropatkin.

Special to The Journal.

London, April 23.—Dispatches from the far east coming by way of Russia contain the following news received directly from newspaper correspondents at and near the theater of war.

The Chronicle correspondent at Seoul cables: Heavy fighting on Yalu. Important Russian movement on Tumen river. Impossible to send details. The Morning Post correspondent at Shanghai cables: Severe fighting in progress on Yalu. First Japanese army has crossed. Censorship prevents particulars. A telegram received this morning from St. Petersburg says: Dispatches from the east report everything quiet at the seat of war.

HEAVY FIGHTING ON YALU

Correspondents Say Important Events Are Developing on River.

LAUNCH STRIKES MINE

Alexieff Reports Another Disaster in Which Twenty Are Killed.

St. Petersburg, April 23.—The emperor has received the following telegram from Viceroy Alexieff, dated yesterday:

"I respectfully report to your majesty that to-day during the placing of mines by mine steam launches, Lieutenant Pell and twenty men were killed thru a mine explosion prematurely under the stern of one of the launches."

The announcement has added to the gloom which has prevailed since the disaster to the Petropavlovsk. "We are paying the price of carelessness," said a member of the admiralty, "and previous disasters seem to teach nothing."

JAPANESE ARE BLAMED

Special to The Journal.

London, April 23.—Regarding the latest Russian disaster at Port Arthur, it is learned that several launches from the battleship Peresviet were reconnoitering at the southeast end of the harbor, and it is said they were placing additional mines in the harbor.

There was a terrible explosion under the launches and they were thrown in the air. Dead and dying men were thrown into the water and a number sank before any effort could be made to rescue them.

Some men were picked up by boats which were beyond the force of the explosion. All the survivors were badly injured.

There is a general impression, despite the report of Viceroy Alexieff, that the Japanese were responsible for the destruction of the launches.

RUSSIANS BLOCK CHANNEL

Port Arthur Is Bottled Up by Its Defenders.

Chi-fu, April 23.—The Russian fleet is bottled up in Port Arthur.

The work has been done, not by the Japanese, but by the Russians.

The entrance to the inner harbor has been completely mined, for the purpose of keeping the Japanese out, but it also prevents the egress of the Russian fleet.

There will be no further naval engagements at Port Arthur, and the city, if taken, must be by assault from land.

DR. MCGEE IN TOKIO

American Physician with Party of Nurses Reaches Japan's Capital.

New York Sun Special Service.

Tokio, April 23.—Miss McGee, an American physician, and several nurses, all volunteers, arrived here this morning. They will be detailed to a hospital ship after a short stay in the capital.

TRY TO SLAY KUROPATKIN

Beggars Armed with Knives Seized Before Purpose Is Accomplished.

New York Sun Special Service.

St. Petersburg, April 23.—Two beggars attempted to assassinate General Kuropatkin when he was in Niu-chuang several days ago. The beggars succeeded in approaching the general and were talking to him when a guard noticed that one of them put his hand inside his robe. The men seized and searched and knives were found upon them.

RUSSIA SEEKS LOAN

New York Bankers Learn One Hundred Millions Is Wanted.

New York, April 23.—International banking-houses in this city have received intimation that the Russian government is on the point of making its proposed \$100,000,000 loan.

Tentative and indirect inquiries have been made of London and New York bankers to ascertain its probable reception in those two places if the loan is brought out.

MOBILIZATION DENIED

Russians Want Japanese to Cross Yalu Before Battle Is Fought.

St. Petersburg, April 23.—In spite of the reports from Seoul and Tokio that the Russians are massing 50,000 men, it can be asserted with great positiveness that an obstinate obstruction of the enemy's crossing is no part of General Kuropatkin's tactics. The Russians intend that the Japanese shall have the river behind them before giving battle in force.

The Japanese fleet is again reported to be off Port Arthur, but the report is not official.



Uncle Sam—With a Clear Title and a Clear Field the Work Begins to Look Easy.