

WEATHER
Probably showers tonight and to-morrow; little change in temperature; moderate east to south winds.
Temperature for twenty-four hours ending 2 p.m.: Highest, 83; 3:30 p.m. yesterday, lowest, 64, at 7 a.m. today.
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HARD TASK IS AHEAD OF PLATFORM MAKERS; HYPHEN VEXES THEM

Framing of An Adequate Plank on "Americanism" Is Filled With the Possibilities of Trouble MENACE TO PARTY HARMONY IS SEEN ALSO IN THE TARIFF

Attitude of William Jennings Bryan Reassures Leaders, Who Feared Former Secretary of State Was Bent on "Starting Something."

By N. O. MESSENGER.
ST. LOUIS, June 15.—Two problems engage the attention of the constructive leaders of the democrats today, in the seclusion of committee rooms, while the delegates cheer themselves hoarse and bands galore fill the environs of the convention hall with a merry din.
The platform makers must do these things:
First: Make a plank which will express in enduring words the President's utterances yesterday on alien "political blackmail," in a way to uphold that sentiment without at the same time offending the mass of citizens of German extraction.
Second: Construct a platform plank which will justify partial protection on sugar and dyestuffs and yet not afford basis for the charge that the democratic party has abandoned its traditional policy of tariff for revenue only.

A QUESTION OF PHRASEOLOGY.

It is a question of phraseology, of a wise selection of words which will convey the impression desired without leaving a sting to rankle in the one case or ground for reproach in the other. The democrats are exceedingly sensitive upon the tariff question where it couches an apparent advocacy of an increase in rates. The republicans have taunted them with being compelled to accept republican principles, and the delegate body does not relish it.
The eastern democrats are not so thin-skinned about it, but the men from west of the Ohio and south of the Potomac "go up in the air" in a minute when any one intimates that the democratic party would look with anything but disdain upon the slightest suggestion of a leaning to the hated doctrine of protection.

VEXED BY FOREIGN PLANK.

The situation over the framing of the foreign plank is very delicate. The platform-makers realize that the democratic party not only must not ignore the subject, but cannot afford to tackle it with less courage than shown by the republican, although they will not go as far as did Col. Roosevelt. To omit reference to it would, in their opinion, certainly preclude the possibility of any bull moose recruits and would displease many democrats who feel strongly upon the subject.
Fortunately for the workers here, the President gave them a lead when he said yesterday that disloyalty in the United States "proceeds from a minority; a very small minority, but an active and subtle minority, working underground, but also showing its ugly head where it may be seen, and it is this minority that at this very moment is striving to levy a kind of political blackmail or wreak its vengeance at the polls."

Then, further, they have the backing of the speech of Temporary Chairman Glynn yesterday, in which he said that "so long as the other nations of the earth realize that the millions under America's flag think as one, believe as one and act as one in the face of foreign foes, we shall be free from foreign intrigue and all that it entails. Once let the notion get abroad that this nation is merely a confederation of diverse and conflicting allegiances, and we shall never be safe from the machinations of foreign powers."
With these official hints as guides, the committee is at work this morning taking as tentative groundwork the following declaration:
"Attention is called to certain organizations which have been attempting to influence the course of American peace and policies in the interest of foreign powers. Such organizations are condemned, and any political party which seeks to take advantage of such influences is denounced."

Favor a Firm Stand.
The disposition of many prominent men in the party leadership is to handle the German-American question upon its merits as viewed, taking the position that a section of the foreign-born vote is already unalterably alienated from the President, and that it would be the height of folly to truckle to the irreconcilables.
Moreover, they contend that the term "Americanism" up to this time is but at best a hazy word and that it will not stand up very high unless propped by some definitions and specifications.
William J. Bryan continues to win approval by his course in dissipating the apprehensions that he might make trouble for the administration. He also is strengthening himself anew in the esteem of the party. This was indicated by the reception given him when he modestly took his place in the convention hall yesterday.

Not as "Conquering Hero."
In past years he has entered the hall as the conquering hero comes, but yesterday came in unescorted. As soon as he was recognized, the delegates

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TO NAME WILSON AT NIGHT SESSION, IS ST. LOUIS PLAN

Delegates Support Rules Committee in Proposal to Speed Up Convention.

ADOPTION OF A PLATFORM TO FOLLOW NOMINATIONS

Only Criticism of Program Arises From Necessity of Keeping Faith With St. Louis.

SECOND DAY SESSION IS ON

Senator Ollie James Selected to Be Permanent Chairman and Delivers His Formal Address.

COLISEUM, ST. LOUIS, June 15, 1:21 p.m.—The convention voted to accept the "speed-up" program of the rules committee, and will meet at 9 o'clock tonight for nomination of candidates for President and Vice President.

COLISEUM, ST. LOUIS, June 15.—Eleven o'clock, the hour for convening the second day's session of the democratic national convention, passed with the Coliseum only partly filled. Very few of the delegates were in their seats and none of the leaders had arrived on the platform. The band entertained the small crowd while the rules committee had a meeting to talk over the proposal to proceed to nominations tonight instead of tomorrow night and Saturday, as had been arranged.

While the convention waited the word went out that the rules committee had voted unanimously to recommend that the nominations be made tonight. The convention managers and officers of the national committee declared their confidence that the plan would go through.

Welcome News to Delegates.
It was welcome news to many of the delegates who have not relished remaining until Saturday. The plan to adopt the platform after the nominations have been made, as was done in Baltimore four years ago, was counted on to fulfill the promises of the managers to the city of St. Louis for a four-day convention.

The band played the anti-hyphen song, "Don't Bite the Hand That's Feeding You," and a male quartet sang the chorus. The crowd liked it and cheered.
The committee on permanent organization at a meeting meanwhile formalized named Senator Ollie James of Kentucky as permanent chairman, J. Bruce Kremer of Montana, permanent secretary; E. E. Britton of North Carolina, permanent associate secretary; John I. Martin of St. Louis, permanent sergeant-at-arms, and recommended that all other temporary officers of the convention be made permanent.

Demonstration for Bryan.
William J. Bryan got his usual reception when he took his place in the press stand. Delegates and galleries joined in cheers and applause. A soloist in the band stand sang "Wake Up, America," the preparedness song, as Mr. Bryan was taking his seat.

It was exactly 11:46 when Temporary Chairman Glynn called the convention to order, the delegates, with bobbing heads and enthusiasm from his speech of yesterday, giving him a rousing reception.
Archbishop John J. Glennon of St. Louis then offered the following prayer:
Prayer by Archbishop Glennon.
"Omnipotent, Eternal God, Master of nations and of men, we humbly beseech Thy protection and benediction. Thou hast made us in Thine own image and likeness; drive from our hearts the bloodlust and barbarism of the jungle; preserve our nation in peace—peace rooted in honor.
"Our trust in Thee is absolute; grant that our trust in Thy people, whatever their nation, may not be in vain. Give us strength to do bravely—manly to all; give us leaders in whom the passion of service shall supplant the lust of office—strong men and true, whose patriotism shall be as broad as America—whose sympathies shall be as deep as humanity. Drive from their hearts all narrowness of sect, or caste, or tradition, or locality.
"Blessed then and prosperous will this nation be, if they who lead shall 'live pure, speak true, right wrong'—remember Thy kingship and serve Thy people."
The delegates joined with the archbishop in the Lord's prayer.

Credentials Committee Reports.
The credentials committee then reported on the delegate contests from the District of Columbia, Porto Rico and Hawaii. The delegates from the District of Columbia and Hawaii were (Continued on Page Twenty-three.)



D. C. Home Rule Chance Slight In the Democratic Platform

Members of Committee Not Inclined to Take Up District Matters, Believing Many Details Would Keep Document From Being Read.

BY EARL GODWIN.

ST. LOUIS, June 15.—As the subcommittee which will put the finishing touches to the democratic platform closed the doors today on a crowd of woman suffrage workers and others interested in platform planks, it became evident that there is only a slight chance for the insertion of a plank pledging the party to grant local self-government and home rule in the National Capital, together with a promise of liberal treatment by Congress. John B. Colpoys, the District of Columbia member of the platform committee, made his plea for this plank in the wee small hours of the morning.
Being recognized at the tail end of a long procession of men and women who had planks of all descriptions to show the cabinet makers, Mr. Colpoys' plank, which has been printed in The Star, had the backing of the District delegates, and contained their idea of a plank to be inserted in the platform of the District. The committee, however, is not inclined at this moment to take up any such matter as suffrage, either male, female or universal—for the District of Columbia, on the theory that the platform should be a national scope only. Too many details, they believe, will prevent the platform from being read.

Mr. Colpoys had time only for a brief presentation. He said, however, that even if a plank could not be inserted in the platform, the democratic party should adopt an administrative and congressional policy which would lead to the things desired in the proposed plank, especially liberal treatment.
Aided by Senator Hughes.
Men who appeared before the republican platform committee at Chicago urging an adequate plank covering the party's pledge to advance the cause of civil service reform appeared again last night before the platform makers of the democratic party, and to their number was added Senator Hughes of New Jersey, Representative Hamilton of New Jersey, author of a civil service reform bill now before the House of Representatives, and former Representative Riley of Connecticut. Dr. Llewellyn Jordan of Chicago and Washington, and Thomas Flaherty, both of whom have made almost endless pleas before congressional committees for civil service reform, and a retirement of the pensioned out, and the question squarely up to the platform committee tonight, and expressed themselves frankly as disappointed with the plank given by the republican party. Representative Hamill described the republican plank as a reactionary one.
"Pensions in civil service are not gratuities," he said, "but are deferred wages, which were not paid at the time earned. Government employees have the right to see their maintenance clear to the end of their lives, but they have no right without a pension and retirement system in view of the increased living costs. Even the government of Turkey has passed the United States in this regard and gives to its employees, who grow old in the service, an adequate pension. The United States and the island of Haiti are the two governments left, which fail to recognize the merit of the civil service pension."
Senator Hughes said that the civil service is a democratic institution, and that in his opinion the government ought to

SHIP HITS ROCKS; FIVE KNOWN DEAD

Steamer Bear, With 201 Aboard, Wrecked on Pacific Coast.

MAJORITY ARE SAVED BY LIFEBOATS AND TUG

Battleship Oregon Among the Vessels Going to Rescue of Craft in Distress.

EUREKA, Cal., June 15.—Five bodies have been recovered from the steamer Bear, wrecked last night on Sugar Loaf rock. Two boatloads of survivors have come ashore, and one boat is reported trying to land, and the remaining passengers and crew are said to be aboard the tug Relief. The fog which brought disaster to the Bear continued impenetrable today.
The battleship Oregon and the steamer Grace Dollar, which answered the S. O. S. calls of the stranded liner, have been patrolling the vicinity of the wreck since early morning.
The Oregon arrived before daybreak and played its big searchlights through the fog to no avail.
When the liner cradled in the rocks Capt. L. M. Mopand did not send out an S. O. S. call immediately, evidently believing he could clear his boat. Apparently finding the steamer mightily clamped, he ordered the passengers and crew to get out of their berths and into the lifeboats.

Ordered to Abandon Ship.
The order to abandon the ship came at midnight. Everybody went over the sides into small boats. The Bear was leaking badly when deserted and at daybreak showed signs of breaking up.
The steamer Bear of the San Francisco and Portland Steamship Company was south bound, with 119 passengers and a crew of 32 men, from Portland, Ore., for San Francisco.
The order to abandon ship was given at midnight, and all on board got away safely. The steamer went ashore during a thick fog, but the sea was reported smooth, and assistance from Eureka, fifteen miles away, made all haste to the shipwrecked company.

Scene of Several Wrecks.
Sugar Loaf rock juts out of the sea at the outermost end of a long ledge of rocks known as Blunt's reef, which extends out from Cape Mendocino for about five miles. Within the past twenty years a dozen boats have been piled up on the rocks of the reef, with the loss of many lives.
The Bear was valued at approximately \$1,000,000, and has been in the Pacific coastwise service since she was built at Newport News, Va., seven years ago.

NEW ITALIAN CABINET IS VIRTUALLY FORMED

ROME, June 15.—The new cabinet which is to replace that of Antonio Salandra, which resigned last Sunday, has been virtually formed. Paolo Boselli, who will be the new premier, but will have no other portfolio, is seventy-nine years of age.
Vittorio E. Orlando will be foreign minister. The other ministers will include Leonida Bisolati-Bergamaschi, leader of the reform socialists, and Prof. Luigi Luzzatti, former premier, and probably William Marconi, Gen. Paolo Morrone and Vice Admiral Camillo Corai, respectively minister of war and marine in the Salandra cabinet, probably will retain these posts in the new ministry.

PRESIDENT SELECTS VANCE MCCORMICK

To Be Chairman Democratic National Committee to Succeed W. F. McCombs.

CHOICE TO BE RATIFIED AT MEETING SATURDAY

News Comes as Surprise to Members in St. Louis—Former Mayor of Harrisburg.

Vance Driwell McCormick of Pennsylvania has been selected by President Wilson to succeed William F. McCombs as chairman of the democratic national committee. Administration leaders in St. Louis were notified today by the President. Mr. McCombs announced months ago that he would not undertake the direction of the campaign this year, and the party leaders have been awaiting with keen interest the President's selection of a man for the task.
It is believed here that Mr. McCormick will be able to satisfy the party and harmonize different elements. The President looks upon him as progressive and thoroughly in harmony with his ideas of how the coming campaign should be run.
The democratic national committee elects its chairman, but there is no doubt that the President's wishes will be observed.

Surprise to the Committee.

ST. LOUIS, June 15.—News of the selection of Vance McCormick as the President's choice for national chairman came as a surprise to members of the committee, although his name was on what was characterized as the "White House list" of suggestions. The committee will meet Saturday morning and formally name Mr. McCormick. All of the candidates who have been urged for the chairmanship will withdraw immediately.
Mr. McCormick was at one time mayor of Harrisburg, Pa. He is a leader in what is known in Pennsylvania as the "reform" party, and is a member of the democratic party. He has been associated with former Representative A. Mitchell Palmer in the contests against the so-called organization democrats and has been a liberal contributor to campaigns. He is a member of a very wealthy family and won fame as a football player at Yale a score of years ago. In 1914 Mr. McCormick was the democratic candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania against Martin G. Brumbaugh. He is a strong advocate of local option and has shown independent democratic tendencies. Mr. McCormick is the owner of the Harrisburg, Pa., Patriot, a morning newspaper.

BOMB WRECKS MAIL CAR.

Package Containing Explosive for Utah's Governor, It Is Reported.

BUTTE, Mont., June 15.—A bomb in a package in one of the mail pouches being transferred from Chicago, Burlington and Quincy train to the Oregon Short Line here today exploded and wrecked the Oregon Short Line mail car.
The package, it was reported, was addressed to the Governor of Utah.

BOAT CAPSIZES; 4 DROWN.

Passenger Vessel Turns Over in Pamlico River.

WASHINGTON, N. C., June 15.—Four persons, three women and one man, were drowned in the Pamlico river near Bath, N. C., today, when the small passenger vessel Marion, plying between this city and Bath, overturned. All were rescued, six others aboard the boat were rescued.
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Russians to Abstain From Meats.

LONDON, June 15.—The Russian duma has adopted a bill calling for the abstention from eating meat four days in each week, according to a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd.

Another Murder Trial in Ireland.

DUBLIN, July 15.—Another charge of murder, arising from the Irish rebellion, has been heard before a court-martial. Private Henry J. Watt of the Irish Lancers was placed on trial for the murder of Robert Glaister, an attempted murderer of William F. Grey, proprietor of a Dublin hotel.

Washington's Outpouring

Yesterday's parade and the people who watched it gave a pretty clear idea of the great number of people who live in Washington.
The merchants appreciate the opportunity of reaching practically all of these people in their homes every evening through The Star.

A recent newspaper census shows that there are more than three times as many Stars read in the Washington homes than any other newspaper, morning or evening.

Yesterday's Advertising Local Display Lines.

2d Newspaper	8,962
3d Newspaper	4,550
4th Newspaper	3,283
	16,795

The Star's circulation of 80,000 a day means a paper for practically every home.

AUSTRIANS LEAVING LEMBERG, IS CLAIM; RUSS NEAR KOVEL

Czernowitz Apparently Cut Off From All Directions But the South.

RETREAT OF TEUTONS HELD TO BE NECESSARY

Whole Right Wing of Francis Joseph's Army Said to Be Menaced.

AIDED BY U. S. MUNITIONS

Slavs' Success Said to Be Largely Due to American Supplies—Striking Developments in East.

LONDON, June 15.—In their offensive on the eastern front the Russians are apparently making steady headway, although still some distance from Lemberg, their immediate main objective in Galicia. Reports that Austrians continue to evacuate Lemberg persist. Recent advices place the Russians just across the border, some fifty miles north of the city.
Kovel, the railway junction point where the link between the German and Austrian forces on this front is formed, has been more closely approached by Gen. Brusiloff's armies.
In Bukovina, Czernowitz, the capital, apparently is cut off from all directions but the south.
The Russians hold the Dniester between the frontier and considerably westward of the confluence of the Stripa and the Dniester. After the capture of Zale, Szczyky and Horodenka, their next objective is Kolomea, three marches distant. Unless there is some unlikely change in the strategic position only a prompt retreat will save the cutting off of the Austrian right wing.

American Munitions Aid.

Information received from the Austro-Swiss frontier indicates that the successes obtained by the Russians in their offensive have been due largely to American supplies of ammunition and guns, large quantities of which have been imported by Russia in the last four months. Japanese transports are sailing greatly in bringing in these supplies.
The Military Journal, published in Austria, confirms these reports. It states that without the assistance of supplies from America it would be impossible for Russia, which has comparatively few ammunition factories, to undertake such a strong offensive over a long front.

Russians Press Forward.

PETROGRAD, June 14.—Russia's most successful operation of the war is being pressed vigorously along the whole front in Volhynia and in Bukovina. Having cut the railway communications of Czernowitz from the south, the Russians have carried the fighting for possession of that city into its very outskirts. Its fall is momentarily expected.
At the same time the extreme right flank of Gen. Brusiloff's forces is swinging out toward Kovel, another important railway junction controlling communication to Lemberg from the north. The Russians, approaching Kovel from the southwest along the Rovno-Kovel railway, have reached the Stokhod river, twenty miles from Kovel. Southward of Kovel they have pushed a wedge westward to Torchin, in the direction of Vladimir-Volynski. This piercing of the Austrian line places the right flank of Prince Leopold's army in a precarious situation. A particularly stubborn defense is being made by the enemy in the Kovel district advanced positions.

Hasty Retreat Goes On.

At many intermediate points between the northern and southern fronts the contact of the Austrians are reported to be retreating so hastily that they are out of touch with the Russians. It is rumored that the Austrians are evacuating Lemberg.
The ruse practiced by the Russians at the beginning of the present operations is described as follows:
"The Russian army, with severe cannon fire, which continued for several hours and then suddenly ceased, expected an attack, which they prepared to meet, advancing machine guns and bomb throwers, bringing up troops, and even preparing cavalry for a charge. These preparations were watched by Russian observers.
When the attack was properly set, instead of the expected advance, the Russians let loose another shower of shells much more violent than any of the previous ones, causing terrific slaughter and the heaviest losses of shells. The Austrians, on the heels of which they began a forward movement.
The small number of commanding officers captured in proportion to the number of soldiers is attributed by military experts to the confusion existing in the Austrian ranks due to the suddenness and energy of the Russian drive. It shows, it is argued, that the Austrians lost control of the men and