PARKER WANTS NO ASSISTANCE.

He Alone Will Determine What His Action Will be About Resigning as Judge.

HE ADMIRES MR. DAN LAMONT.

Mr. Bryan Sends Assurances That He is Heartily With the Ticket.

Esopus, N. Y., Aug. 3.—Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Wall of Wisconsin reached Rosemont today, remained to luncheon and spent the afternoon with Judge Parker and his family. Mr. Wall, who was Wisconsin's favorite son for the presidency, and his wife are en route to Europe.

Whether Judge Parker resigns his position of chief judge of the court of appeals before or after Aug. 8, his decision will not be influenced by practical politicians interested in his campaign for the presidency. In a manner so emphatic so as to leave no doubt of his displeasure at the speculation published in relation to his approaching withdrawal from judicial duties, Judge Parker said today that he would determine what his action will be without assistance or advice from anybody unless it is from associates on the bench.

Judge Parker said today he had seen the mention of Daniel S. Lamont, secretary of war under President Cleveland, for the governorship and that he very much admired Mr. Lamont. Further than that he would not speak and never at any time has he expressed preference for any of the candidates.

Mr. Wall brought a message direct from William J. Bryan assuring Judge Parker that Mr. Bryan is heartily with the ticket and will place himself at the disposal of the Democratic national committee to do everything in his power to insure the party's success this fall. Mr. Bryan breakfasted with Mr. Wall in Milwaukee on July 23. They have been warm personal friends for eight years.

Mr. Wall said today:

"Mr. Bryan is a Democrat and never will be anything else. While differing on some questions from delegates to the St. Louis convention, he realizes that those questions were ruled upon and has accepted the decision. He is satisfied with the platform adopted and thinks, all circumstances considered, the platform is for the best interests of the party at large. I will not attempt to say that he has abandoned any of the principles he advocated in his campaign, but he thinks that if he was right he will eventually be vindicated. That, however, will not turn him from what he believes to be the duty of every Democrat to support loyally the platform and the ticket of the party."

Mr. Wall added that Mr. Bryan would support Parker personally.

Judge Parker was greatly interested in the Wisconsin situation. Mr. Wall told him that while Wisconsin, under normal conditions favors 20,000 plurality to the Republicans, the breach between the La Follette and "stalwart" factions was of such a nature that it would not be healed. He expressed the belief that if the Democrats who supported Governor La Follette two years ago for the purpose of administering a rebuke to the faction headed by Senator Spooner and Congressman Babcock, returned to the party, there was no doubt that the Democratic state ticket would be elected.

"At any rate," he said, "Wisconsin must at least be counted as one of the doubtful states."

The appointment of William F. Sheehan as chairman of the national executive committee came as a surprise to Judge Parker. He was not surprised because of the selection, as that was a forgone conclusion, but because he was under the impression that the executive committee would name its own chairman.

BIG FOREST FIRES.

Raging in All Directions From Kalispell, Montana.

Butte, Mont., Aug. 4.—A Miner special from Kalispell says forest fires are raging in all directions from Kalispell, and great damage is being done. Telephone communication with Columbia Falls and White Fish is cut off, and as it is known many fires are between Kalispell and these towns in the timber, it cannot be definitely stated the amount of damage, though the sum will run into the thousands of dollars. It has been reported here by people returning from White Fish that church buildings and three residences had been burned as a result of forest fires getting to the town, and that the framework at the brickyards had burned. It is thought that the main portion of the town will not be burned unless a very high wind should set in. The fire on both sides of the railroad track leading from White Fish to Columbia Falls is raging fiercely.

Travel to the town of White Fish was cut off Tuesday night by the fire in the heavy timber along the road for several miles. Another large fire started near Dayton creek, doing great damage to the pine timber in that section.

Great clouds of smoke made their appearance Tuesday night, and this morning so much smoke was in the sky as to obliterate the bright sun, and one could not see a distance of three miles in any direction. Reports received are that fires are raging in all directions, and on Tuesday evening 14 distinct fires could be traced northeast and west of Kalispell.

Word has just been received here that one rancher, who lives near White Fish, had all his buildings and grain destroyed by fire and that he and his family barely escaped from the burning furnace.

The whole side of the mountain west of Kalispell was on fire.

Forest Supervisor Haines and his force are doing all they can to fight the fire, but his force of men is inadequate to cope with the situation and the fires will burn until a good rain sets in, which is not likely to occur for some days.

Russian Press Comments.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 4, 7 a. m.—All the St. Petersburg morning newspapers comment with satisfaction upon Admiral Skrydloff's account of the cruise of the Vladivostok squadron, especially regarding the sinking of the British ship Knight Commander.

The Novoe Vremya says: "The critics must now retract what they said about Russians being pirates."

The Novostik, commenting on the protests in the British parliament and papers against the passing of the Dardanelles of the Russian volunteer fleet steamers and the conversion at sea of the Smolensk and the St. Petersburg into warships, declares that it is impossible for the powers effectively to object to either course, and points out that there is nothing in the convention to prevent Russian merchantmen that are volunteer vessels from passing through the straits. Neither Turkey nor Great Britain, it says, has a right to search the vessels to discover whether they are carrying arms unless both these countries want to assume the role of belligerents. On the other hand, international law permits the conversion of merchant prizes into warships at sea if the captain deems them worthy of being so converted.

The paper draws a parallel between the case of the Smolensk and the St. Petersburg and the conversion of the Argentine vessels purchased by Japan (the Nishin and the Kasuga) into armored cruisers at sea after leaving Genoa. It says that the whole of the Russian volunteer fleet has been recognized by the world as auxiliary cruisers.

Indiana Democratic Ticket.

Indianapolis, Aug. 3.—The second session of the Democratic state convention met today to adopt a state platform and nominate a state ticket.

John W. Kern, of Indianapolis was unanimously nominated for governor.

The ticket was completed as follows:

Lieutenant governor, Warder W. Stevens.

Secretary of state, Edward J. Fogarty.

Treasurer, D. F. Allen.

Auditor, J. R. Riggs.

Attorney-general, Joseph Shea.

Reporter of supreme court, Walter S. Chambers.

Michigan Democratic Ticket.

Grand Rapids Mich., Aug. 3.—Woodbridge N. Ferris of Big Rapids tonight was nominated for governor by the Democratic state convention over J. S. Stearns of Ludington, who early today announced that he had bolted the Republican party. Mr. Stearns was three times a prominent candidate for the Republican nomination for governor. The vote was: Ferris, 412; Stearns, 329.

Ever since the last Republican state convention refused to adopt primary reform resolutions, declaring for the direct nomination of candidates, on which issue Mr. Stearns made his campaign for the Republican nomination, Mr. Stearns' name has been suggested as a possibility for the Democratic nomination upon a primary reform platform. National Committeeman D. J. Campau of Detroit strongly opposed Stearns' nomination.

Other nominations follow:

Lieutenant governor, Hiram B. Hudson.

Secretary of state, James T. Batch.

Treasurer, George B. Smith.

Attorney general, F. O. Gaffney.

The platform adopted indorses the platform and candidate of the nation.

It favors the nomination of all candidates for office by direct vote of the people, and the election of United States senators by popular vote.

Earthquake in Montana.

Pony, Mont., Aug. 3.—Two distinct shocks of earthquake were felt at this place and Norris, about 12 miles below Pony. The vibrations began at 8 o'clock this evening and for over a minute the buildings rocked and the dishes rattled on the shelves. In some places the disturbances were of sufficient force to throw articles from shelves and tables. No damage has been reported.

DEM. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman Taggart Announces The Personnel.

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 3.—Thomas Taggart, chairman of the Democratic national committee, tonight announced the following officers of the Democratic national committee and the following members of the national executive committee:

Vice chairman, Dalancey Nicoll of New York; treasurer, George Foster Peabody of New York; executive committee, W. F. Sheehan, chairman, New York; August Belmont of New York; John R. McLean, United States Senator Thomas S. Martin of Virginia, J. M. Guffey of Pennsylvania, former United States Senator James Smith, Jr., of New Jersey, Timothy Bryan of Wisconsin.

Added to the announcements of the appointment, Chairman Taggart made the following statement:

"The campaign executive committee will have the advice of Senator Gorman's judgment and experience in the campaign, he agreeing to keep in close touch with the management at all times.

"Such other committees as are deemed necessary will be appointed later.

"The executive committee will meet at the Hoffman House, New York City, Monday morning, Aug. 8, at 11:30 o'clock."

Concerning the meeting of the national executive committee at New York on Monday, Chairman Taggart said:

"The committee will discuss matters relating to the campaign and will also consider the location in New York City of the eastern headquarters and the location of the western headquarters and any other headquarters that may be decided on."

AMBASSADOR McCORMICK.

Engaged in Picking Up Threads Of Diplomatic Situation.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 3.—Ambassador McCormick was busily engaged all day in picking up the threads of the diplomatic situation. This morning he saw several foreign ambassadors, including Sir Charles Hardinge, and conferred with Minister Lamsdorff regarding the attitude of the United States. Count Lamsdorff is anxious to avoid any diplomatic incident with the United States.

PETER C. WEBER DEAD.

Was Nebraska Committeeman to Notify Judge Parker.

New York, Aug. 3.—Secy. Woodson of the Democratic national committee today received a telegram announcing the death of Peter C. Weber of Nebraska, a member of the committee to advise Judge Parker of his nomination.

At a meeting today between Daniel S. Lamont and David B. Hill, the Democratic nomination for governor of New York, was discussed, among other features of the campaign.

Men who have been close associates of Mr. Lamont say that this is not the first year that Democratic politicians have suggested that he be a candidate for governor. On former occasions he has indicated that he would like to be governor some time, but always put it off, saying the right time had not arrived. Whether he thinks this year is the "right time" is yet undetermined.

MACEDONIAN "PATRIOTS."

They Are Preparing to Kidnap Foreign Representatives.

Constantinople, Aug. 3.—The porte has warned the embassies and legations to instruct their consuls in Macedonia not to leave the towns without escorts, as the Macedonian revolutionary committees in Bulgaria are planning to kidnap or murder a consul with the view of enlisting foreign intervention.

CASE OF THE ARABIA.

Her Disposal Rests on Decision Of the Prize Court.

Washington, Aug. 3.—Ambassador McCormick has cabled to the state department from St. Petersburg that in reply to the inquiries relative to the seizure of the Hamburg-American steamer Arabia by the Vladivostok squadron with a cargo of American goods, which was represented by the agents to include no contraband, the Russian minister for foreign affairs has said:

"In conformity with the rules of conduct published by the imperial government some time ago, a detachment of Russian war vessels seized on July 22, 109 miles north of Yokohama, the steamship Arabia, which was then taken to Vladivostok and the cause of her seizure laid before the local court. Upon the decision of this court will rest the question as to whether the Arabia is to be released or treated as a prize."

Russian Exhibit Arrives.

St. Louis, Aug. 3.—The long delayed Russian exhibits are rapidly being installed at the world's fair. In the varied industries building the exhibits will soon be placed for general inspection and in the palace of fine arts valuable Russian paintings are being hung by Commissioners J. M. Godberg and M. Berkowitz. While the two commissioners were busy in arranging the pictures today T. Yabu and Y. Sasaka, in charge of the Japanese section in the fine arts building, called to pay their respects. The Russian commissioners at once suspended their work and conducted the two Japanese visitors through the galleries. The call was friendly and no reference was made to the present hostilities existing between the two countries.

BATTLESHIP OHIO.

Union Iron Works May Pay Forfeit to Government.

San Francisco, Aug. 4.—According to a statement in the Examiner this morning, the Union Iron works may forfeit $18,300 to the United States government as a penalty for failure to bring the battleship Ohio up to the stipulated speed requirements. This sum will be deducted from the original contract price of $2,899,000. The official corrected time made by the Ohio on her trial trip, as telegraphed to the navy department at Washington, was 17.817 knots, which is .183 knots below the mark named in the contract.

The Ohio will be accepted by the government, as she proved herself a perfect fighting machine in all requirements with the exception of speed.

ROOF FELL IN.

Crowd of 150 Suddenly Precipitated to the Ground.

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 4.—Forty-five persons have been injured by the collapse of a huge cattle shed at the exhibition grounds while watching a fight between a negro and a bull. The shed overlooks the bull ring where Normeus, the black bull fighter, nightly wrestles with the animal. A crowd of 150 climbed on the shed to watch the show without paying entrance fee. Without a moment's warning the roof broke through and precipitated half the crowd to the floor, a distance of about 25 feet. In its descent the roof turned over and fell on the people, causing more serious injuries than would have otherwise resulted. About 14 were taken to the hospital in ambulances, while several with minor injuries were able to walk away. James Speelman of Seattle, Wash., and a boy named Sopher from Calgary, were fatally hurt. Most of the injuries were fractures of the limbs.

ELSIE GELLEIT.

Facts in Case of Danish Child Said to Have Been Kidnapped.

Copenhagen, Aug. 3.—Following are the facts in the case of Elsie Gelleit, a Danish child, said to be on the way from Chicago to Philadelphia and New York in charge of a representative of the Danish consul-general in New York, who is alleged to have rescued her from kidnappers who demanded $200,000 ransom:

"Elsie Gelleit has been in the care of Wilhelm Jennsen and his wife for over two years at Frederica, island of Jutland. They loved the child, and when last summer Gelleit, father of Elsie, wanted to take the child home again, the Jennsens were inconsolable, whereupon Gelleit relented and permitted the child to remain a month more with its foster father and mother, who said they would go to Nestved, island of Zeland. Instead they fled to America. When Gelliet discovered their flight, he instituted prosecution proceedings against the Jennsens on the charge of kidnapping. Jennsen, who is a former fish merchant, and his wife are regarded as respectable people."

Co. D., 27th Inf. Arrested.

Chicago, Aug. 3.—Charged with taking beer into the barracks at Fort Sheridan, a practise they admit but hold justifiable in view of the example set by commissioned officers, all the members of company D, Twenty-seventh infantry, numbering 35 privates and six non-commissioned officers, were arrested today by order of Col. Whitehall, commanding the post. The prisoners will be court martialed for disobedience. Besides being arrested the non-commissioned officers were reduced to the ranks, and tonight were prisoners in a small room in the basement of the fort.

Murder and Suicide.

San Francisco, Aug. 3.—Michael Gallagher, a teamster, tonight shot and killed Mrs. Nellie Walsh and then killed himself. Mrs. Walsh had refused to live with Gallagher.

Gen. Schaummann in a Dungeon

New York, Aug. 4.—Gen. Schaummann, father of the assassin of Gen. Bobrinkoff, governor general of Finland, who was taken to St. Petersburg, July 29, is incarcerated in the dungeons of the St. Peter and St. Paul fortress, according to the Times Helsingfors correspondent.

There is profound indignation in Finland at this cruel treatment of the general whom nobody credits with complicity in his son's deed.

Cherokees May Move to Mexico.

Mexico City, Mex., Aug. 4.—Four Cherokee chiefs are here and have been received by President Diaz. He promised to help them in their plans for establishing four Cherokee colonies on the northern frontier. They say their lands in the Indian Territory have been allotted for settlement and they desire to remove to this country and hold large tracts of land for their tribe.

Canada-Alaska Boundary.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 3.—For the purpose of inspecting the work of the survey, parties engaged in establishing the boundary line between Canada and Alaska, the two boundary commissioners representing Canada and the United States are here, en route to the north. O. H. Tittman, superintendent of the United States coast and geodetic survey, is the American commissioner. Canada's interests are in the hands of Prof. W. F. King, chief astronomer of Canada. These two commissioners will remain in the north two months. The survey will not be completed until next season.

Geo. H. Laflin's Will Filed.

Chicago, Aug. 4.—The will of George H. Laflin, the Chicago pioneer, which has been filed for probate, not only provides for the distribution of property valued at $2,000,000, but contains the following advice to his heirs:

"I would advise all my children to be prudent in their investments and not to purchase anything simply because it is cheap, but to remember that a long time security drawing a low rate of interest is often more desirable than an investment which draws a high rate of interest.

"I would also advise them not to purchase anything which they cannot pay for in full at the time of the purchase, as more men are ruined by speculation than in any other way. I also advise them not to sign any note or bond and to look well to all transfers of real estate and not to incumber any real estate except for the purpose of improving same."

Mr. Latin's fortune was accumulated by his own exertions.

HATTERS' LABEL.

C. H. Merritt & Son, Danbury, Ct., Restrained from Using It..

Bridgeport, Conn., Aug. 4.—Judge O. Wheeler of the superior court has granted an injunction restraining C. H. Merritt & Son of Danbury from using a label which is alleged to be an infringement upon the label of the United Hatters of North America. The petition was brought in the case of Martin Lawler of Danbury, the United Hatters being an unincorporation. The decision is sweeping in its effects, the labor organization being given a standing not before the court and every contention upheld. The matter of a contract between the unions and employers is held to be legal. One of the salient features of the decision is the statemnt that strikes and their concomitants are not as injurious as some of the court decisions; the latter being permanent in their effect, while the strike and disorder are ephemeral.

To Make Silk from Asbestos.

Orange, N. J., Aug. 4.—It is claimed by a resident of this place that he has invented a perfect process to convert asbestos rock into a beautiful silky fiber, capable of being spun into a cloth similar to silk. He alleges the process is adapted especially to the manufacture of fine dress goods. Besides being moth proof, it is said the new material is entirely fire proof.

Negro Knights Templar.

St. Louis, Aug. 4.—Delegates to the first conclave of the African Grand Encampment of Knights Templar have formed a temporary organization and elected the following officers:

V. E. D. G., Murray McRobinson, New Orleans; grand generalissimo, Austin Williams, Memphis; captain general, T. W. McCain, St. Louis; captain prelate, S. Francesco, New Orleans; senior warden, I. Davis, Davis, N.; junior warden, C. H. Henderson, St. Louis; treasurer, T. A. Jordan, St. Louis; recorder, George H. Green, Missouri; warden, J. G. Stevens, St. Louis; sword bearer, George W. Brown, St. Louis; standard bearer, H. R. Taylor, St. Louis; first guard, Samuel Prince, St. Louis; second guard, J. D. Wilson, Missouri; Third guard, T. C. Capleto, Missouri.

A committee was also appointed to draft a constitution, which will be submitted at the conclave at New Orleans net winter.

Proposition from Porter Bros.

San Francisco, Aug. 4.—Porter Brothers company, the big fruit buying and shipping concern which failed a little over a year ago with liabilities of about $1,900,000, has made a proposition for a composition of its debts with its creditors.

According to the terms of the composition the creditors will get 24 cents on the dollar after deducting about $170,000 realized from the sale of securities and throwing out $200,000 of unproved claims. There remains an actual debt of $1,500,000. The committee of creditors has on hand $300,000 or thereabouts realized from the assets to pay a 20 per cent dividend. Nothing more in sight is seen by the creditors but the members of the firm agree to pay 4 per cent additional on so-called assets they think they can realize on if the composition is agreed to and the firm is left intact.

The San Francisco and other California creditors who hold about $700,000 of the indebtedness, favor the terms of the proposed composition, along with all or nearly all of the eastern creditors, so it is likely to be effected.

Lineman's Terrible Fall.

Waterbury, Conn., Aug. 4.—Lineman Truman Judson of the Southern New England Telephone company fell while at work on a pole 40 feet high and was caught 20 feet from the ground by an iron hook through his jaw. After hanging thus a short time the flesh tore and he fell to the ground.

Although he has concussion of the brain, a broken jaw, a lacerated scalp and fractured ribs, the physicians say he will recover. A man on top of the pole who saw his comrade impaled, fainted at the sight and was saved by the straps which held him to the cross bars.

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