

tr the administration which made the disbursements. Reform in expenditures must be had in the civil, military and naval establishments in order that a basis of responsibility for convention put upon the people.

I have put aside a consoling work, to which I had expected to devote my life, in order to assume, as best I can, the responsibility of your convention put upon me.

I solicit the cordial cooperation and generous assistance of every man who believes that a change of measures and of men at this time would be wise, and I trust that the people will be able to give me the support which I need.

Should the wrongdoer be brought to bay by the people, must justice wait upon political expediency?

Should our Government stand for equal opportunity for special privileges?

Should it remain a government of law or of some one individual caprice?

Should we claim to be the ruler of the people, or shall we embrace beneficent despotism?

With calmness and confidence we await the people's verdict.

If called to the office of President, I shall consider myself the chief magistrate of all the people, and not of any fraction, and shall ever be mindful of the people's interests.

I believe in the patriotism, good sense and ability of the people of this country. I shall strive to remember that he may serve his party best who serves his country best.

If it be the wish of the people that I undertake the duties of the presidency, I pledge myself, with God's help, to devote all my powers and energy to the duties of this exalted office. Very truly yours, ALTON B. PARKER.

JUDICIAL ENCOURAGED BY NEW MINISTER

Declaration of Von Plehve's Successor Considered Most Important in Many Years.

HOPE FOR THE POORER CLASS.

Definite Promise Is Made That All Shall Have Better Opportunities to Earn Proper Livelihood.

New York, Sept. 25.—The public utterance by Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky, the new Russian Minister of the Interior, at Vilna, Friday, of his hope to improve the condition of the Russian people, and particularly his desire to afford to the poorer class of Jews in Russian larger opportunities for life and work, is regarded by Jacob H. Schiff of this city as perhaps the most important utterance made by any man so high in authority in Russia since the present reactionary regime was inaugurated in that country in 1891.

Mr. Schiff is well informed as to the restrictions imposed upon the poorer Jews in Russia, and therefore is competent to estimate the probable value of Prince Mirsky's utterances. Concerning the new Minister's interview, Mr. Schiff said to the Associated Press to-day:

"The interview granted on Friday by Prince Mirsky, the successor to Von Plehve as Russian Minister of the Interior, and who is about to assume his new office, forms a most remarkable utterance.

"Prince Mirsky has long been known as a man of high character as well as of tolerant, if not liberal, tendencies, and both his appointment to the most important and most influential Minister in the Russian Government, and his public expression he just made of his ideas of what he would do to improve the condition of all classes of the Russian people give promise that the long period of reaction under which Russia and her people have suffered is about to come to an end.

"The reference Prince Mirsky made to the most serious problem of the situation and condition of the Jews in the Empire, is of special and far-reaching interest. Prince Mirsky at once recognizes that the imperial ukase, by which the number of Jews is limited to a certain number, is not only the higher classes of Jews, but also the poorer classes of Jews, and that nothing has been done for the Jews in the world since the Russian Revolution, and that the only way to improve their condition is to give them larger opportunities to earn their livelihood, and to give them the same opportunities as the other classes of the Empire, where they must live as best they can.

"Promises of better things have been so often made by the Russian Government, and even upon the authority of the Emperor, only to give room to disappointment, that the world has grown skeptical of Russian assurances, but the assurance of Prince Mirsky justifies the expectations which Jews and other classes of the Empire have had from the public declarations he has just made. If the Minister will show the courage and the good will to carry out the ideas to which he has given expression in effect, a new era will soon dawn upon the unhappy people of the Russian Empire, and it will become a lasting blessing to Russia and her people."

FRANCE ONCE MORE HEARS COUNSEL OF MODERATION.

Separation of Church and State Problem Will Be Accomplished Without Any Radical Measures.

BY J. CORNELLY.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC AND THE NEW YORK TRIBUNE.

Paris, Sept. 25.—(Copyright, 1904.)—Outside of economic incidents, public interest, somewhat apathetic on account of the parliamentary vacations, has been absorbed by preliminary discussions as to the separation of church and state. General opinion seems likely from now on to tend toward moderation in accomplishing the separation and toward agreeing with the opinion of those who favor turning the present crisis of the clergy into the conditions for a present recipients.

DESPERATE FIGHT ATCHISON JAIL

Prisoners Make Two Attempts to Escape, Beating Officers Who Serve Them.

ONE CRIMINAL IS KILLED.

Walter Scott, When Ordered to Halt, Fails to Do So, and Receives Load of Bullets in His Chest.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Atchison, Kas., Sept. 25.—Walter Scott, Thomas Bean, Clyde Bean and John Osborn, prisoners in the county jail here, made two desperate attempts to escape this afternoon. Scott was killed in the second attempt.

Joseph Miller, the jailer, went into the jail room at 1 p. m. to take dinner to the prisoners. Inside this room there are several running in front of which is a barred corridor, in which the prisoners exercise.

It is necessary to open this barred corridor in order to get food into the cells. The prisoners are always required to be in their cells when food is taken in. When the prisoners enter the cells and shut the doors, the doors are locked by the jailer from a position outside the barred corridor.

Scott, Osborn and Walter and Thomas Bean slipped into the cell nearest the corridor to-day and slammed the door, but shortly pulled it open again, and when the bolt was shot the jailer entered the cell and the door was closed.

When Jailer Miller walked into the corridor the four men attacked him. FAILED TO FIND HIS PISTOL.

A desperate struggle followed. The men tried to get Miller's pistol, but could not find it. They found his keys, but he kept them so busy fighting that they could not unlock the outer door. They beat Miller on the head with an immense padlock, but failed to knock him senseless, and he stood between them and the door for two minutes, fighting with his left hand, which they could not reach. Two of them held his right hand, but with a mighty effort he wrenched the hand loose and drew his pistol from one of his front trousers pockets. The men then ran to cover.

Sheriff William Kiff appeared with a riot gun loaded with buckshot. Miller led the men into the jail room. Neither Kiff nor Miller knew where the men were hiding and Kiff called on them to give themselves up. Suddenly the four men, close together, made a rush at Kiff and Miller.

SHOT DEAD BY SHERIFF.

Kiff called on Scott, who was in the lead, to stop. Scott did not heed the warning and Kiff poured the full charge of buckshot into him. He fell to the floor lifeless, shot just above the heart. The three other prisoners then gave themselves up.

In the jail, Scott, who had been convicted of burglary under the name of Eric in the Atchison County District Court, attempted to escape in the same manner. At that time Sheriff J. Allen, David of Kansas, the jailer, was in a terrible manner. He was beating him with a lead pipe when the Sheriff's son, John Scott, came to his aid.

RECENTLY SENTENCED.

Last week Scott was sentenced, with John C. Moore of Kansas City, to serve a term in the Penitentiary for attempted highway robbery. Joseph Milton Stone, also of Kansas City, was sentenced to the same term for the same offense.

Neither Moore nor Schreiver participated in the highway robbery. They were sentenced to the same term for the same offense.

SUNFLOWER STATE TO HOLD CELEBRATION THIS WEEK.

Large Crowds Expected From Kansas to Attend Ceremonies at the World's Fair.

This week is Kansas Week at the World's Fair, and Kansas expects much of it. All the railroads of Kansas will run excursions throughout the week. The people of Kansas have always been famed for their State pride, and many who could have visited the fair at an earlier date just as well, have put off coming until "Kansas Week," so as to swell the attendance.

Special days have been set aside for all the leading cities and towns of the State. To-day the following towns will celebrate: Ellsworth, Arkansas City, Parsons, Caldwell, Wichita, Cherokee, Fort Scott, Wellington, Pittsburg, Winfield, Chanute, Olathe and Junction City.

The culmination of the week's celebration will be "Kansas Day," September 26. At 10 a. m. a military parade will be held on the fair grounds, starting from the Kansas building and ending at the Plaza St. Louis, where the exercises of the day will take place. State troops from New York, Ohio and Iowa, and many United States regulars, will take part in this parade.

At 11 a. m. exercises will begin at the Louisiana Purchase Monument in the Plaza St. Louis. There will be music by bands, orchestras and college glee clubs, and addresses by Governor W. J. Pendergast, J. Allen, David of Kansas, and President David R. Francis.

In the evening a reception will be held in the State building. The decorations for this day promise to surpass any decorations of any previous World's Fair reception. There will be music and vocal solos by some of the best talent of Kansas.

Governor Bailey and staff will arrive at the fair at 10 o'clock to-morrow. The next pamphlet containing the proclamation of the Governor has been distributed to the entire State of Kansas, and the proclamation makes an appeal to the people of Kansas to attend the fair. The fair will be in session until Friday night, when it will be closed by a grand fireworks display.

HEAD OFFICERS OF MACCABEES HERE TO ATTEND CONGRESS

Great Commander Boynton and Leading Members of the Organization Arrive in the City.

Major N. S. Boynton, of Fort Huron, Mich., founder of the Maccabees organization, and his entire official family arrived in St. Louis yesterday morning and quartered at the Grand View Hotel.

They are here to attend the sessions of the National Fraternal Congress, and also to attend the large public meeting to be given by the local tents of the order to-night at the Pickwick Theater. An excellent program has been prepared and Major Boynton will be the principal speaker of the evening.

The Modern Maccabees is a fraternal beneficiary society organized under the laws of Michigan in 1881 and has a membership of more than 100,000. It has a representative form of government, and is not a close corporation. It is a corporation organized on the theory and the fact that in union there is strength; that distributing the burdens among many makes it light and easy for all.

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STRONG SHOWING BY ST. LOUIS DEMOCRATS

Reports by Jefferson Club Ward Committeemen Indicate Full Registration.

REPUBLICANS NOT ON BOOKS.

Precinct Workers Fail to Bring Out Their Vote—Small Basis for Fraud Charges.

Democratic leaders in St. Louis are feeling more than jubilant over the returns from the registration. Reports received at a meeting of the Jefferson Club ward committeemen Saturday night were of a nature to make every one present feel that, unless something occurs to bring about a change in the present Democratic registration, the party will be in a position to sweep the city.

From a perfectly natural cause, outside of the strength of the State ticket, the organization realized that the election results depended upon effective work in registration. For the time being everything was dropped to secure a complete Democratic registration. The make-up of the city ticket was not allowed to interfere with this work for the time being.

Results were obtained. There are few Democrats who are not registered. The ward committeemen reported that the precinct men had done their work well. Not only had the precinct canvasses been made in excellent shape, but on registration days the workers had gone out and brought the Democratic voters to the polls for registration. In some precincts no man known by the canvass to be a Democrat missed registration.

Right here was where the Republicans fell down. They made a canvass of the wards much in the same manner as the Democrats, though it was necessarily more incomplete, because their precinct men were generally green men. In some precincts the Republican workers took the money from the canvass and failed to do their work at all.

Almost nothing was done in some of the wards. The Democratic leaders feel that the fact that no man known by the canvass to be a Democrat missed registration, is a strong showing for the party.

ONLY TWO-THIRDS.

According to the reports of the Jefferson Club ward committeemen, only about two-thirds of the Republican vote was registered. This means a handicap that cannot be overestimated. The practical work of the party is being done in the situation, and are consequently discouraged. The Democratic leaders feel that the fact that no man known by the canvass to be a Democrat missed registration, is a strong showing for the party.

WILL DISTRIBUTE LITERATURE.

Democratic State Committee to Do Systematic Work.

The Democratic State Committee is increasing its force in the expectation of doing great work of systematic work in the next few weeks. Literature on national and State issues is being received from the printers in large quantities and will be distributed rapidly and thoroughly. A campaign book, dealing largely with State issues, is being prepared and will be ready for the mail in a few days.

It is intended to give the voters as well as the party workers, a copy of the book. The material is being looked after by Ovid Bell, secretary of the committee, and William H. Bassford, manager of the book business. They will fill all requests as rapidly as possible.

TO INCREASE CLINTON MAJORITY.

Democrats of Illinois County Form Close Organization.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Carlyle, Ill., Sept. 25.—The Democratic Central Committee of Clinton County held a meeting in this city yesterday afternoon. Nearly every precinct was represented. A definite plan for conducting the campaign for the last month before the election was decided upon. Each committeeman brought encouraging reports, and it is predicted that the Democratic majority in this county will be increased by 100 votes in November.

Several Republican leaders also met here yesterday afternoon and endeavored to patch up the differences which have existed since the electoral district convention, and avoid a bitter fight, which will ensue within the next two weeks as to the control of the County Central Committee.

No compromise was effected, hence it will be a fight to a finish, resulting in the head of their ticket a reliably strong candidate for the Legislature.

WILL ENTER St. Joseph.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 25.—Arrangements have been made whereby the St. Joseph, Albany and Des Moines Railroad, which is to be built shortly, will enter St. Joseph over the tracks of the Union Terminal Company. This will give the new road easy access to the Union passenger station.

ROOSEVELT FOR FOLK.

Senator Cockrell made the statement



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PARTY UNITY PLEASES FOLK

Candidate Meets Leaders of Reorganized Kansas City Democracy.

GREAT MAJORITY EXPECTED.

Gubernatorial Nominee Almost Certain to Run Ahead of Ticket in Jackson County.

BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 25.—Joseph W. Folk passed to-day quietly at the Baltimore Hotel. He paid little heed to politics, but received calls from leaders of the Jackson County Democracy, and was greeted in the lobby by many citizens and business men.

The conditions are reported to be excellent for the State ticket in Kansas City. Canvasses thus far made report a strong Folk sentiment among the business men, and in the residence districts, regardless of previous party alignments. "Joe" Shannon, leader of one faction of the Kansas City Democrats, estimates the probable Folk majority at 8,000. "Jim" Pendergast, now the head of the other faction, makes it "over 7,000." For once there is something like an agreement between these gentlemen, which is unusual, even though it be on a matter of election estimates.

Kansas City Democrats are known to the State as of an exceptional kind. They seem to be perpetually fighting, and any one not of Kansas City has trouble to comprehend what they are fighting about. It seems to be a long story, a sort of political feud which has grown up in the State and distant part. The various factions have sadly disturbed Governor Dockery's administration, and their differences elected a Republican ticket last spring.

HARMONY A FACT.

The hatchet is buried, however, as to the State ticket and county harmony is almost a fact. The belief is expressed that Parker and the Democratic county ticket will be successful. Folk is certain to run ahead of his ticket because of the pronounced Republican sentiment for him, which is encouraged by the steady support of the Democratic influence by the Star and Times.

WILL GET A FAIR DEAL.

No jobbery, such as that feared from Butlerites in St. Louis, which might defeat Folk of votes is likely in Kansas City. The registration has not been made yet. That is not the sentiment, however, that excites most comment in localities recently visited. It is not the sentiment, however, that excites most comment in localities recently visited. It is not the sentiment, however, that excites most comment in localities recently visited.

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Put-In-Bay, O.	21.00
Romoke, Va.	21.00
Sarasota, Fla.	21.00
Shannon, Va.	21.00
White Sulphur Springs, Va.	21.00
Winnona Lake, Ind.	21.00

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CHINESE DRAGON PHOTOGRAPHED.

Interest Excited Causes Small Attendance at Religious Services.

Because of the interest manifested by the residents of the Chinese Village on the Pike in the photographing of the big dragon which forms a part of that concession, the regular Sunday morning services, conducted by missionaries, was slightly attended. The dragon, 200 feet long, was placed on the Pike, and a picture taken for the Exposition authorities.

Usually sixty men are required to give the dragon the amount of animation, the original animal is said to have possessed during its lifetime more than 2,000 years ago, but yesterday only twenty-nine of the native Chinese controlled the legs and arms and fangs of the ferocious beast of the early days.

Miss Gould's Itinerary.

New York, Sept. 25.—Helen M. Gould will leave New York early next month for a trip through the West and Southwest to visit the Railroad Young Men's Christian Association along the line of the Gould road. Miss Gould will visit Peru, Ind.; St. Louis, Mo.; Holington and Horace, Kas.; Denver and Colorado Springs, Colo.; Las Vegas, N. M.; El Paso, Big Spring and Dallas, Tex.; Pine Bluff, Texarkana, Tex.; Little Rock, Van Van Buren, Ark.; Palestine, Tex.; Coffeyville, Kas.; Kansas City and Moberly, Mo. At each association reception will be held for railroad employes and citizens interested in the organization. W. E. Lougee and J. C. Hicks of the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association and their wives will be with the party.

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