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MRS. STANFORD'S DEATH REMAINS DEEP MYSTERY

Police Investigation at Standstill Awaiting Report of Chemists' Investigation.

POLICE SEEK INFORMATION.

Maid of the California Woman Relates in Detail Scenes Just Preceding Death.

SAN FRANCISCO INQUIRY.

Detectives Set to Work on Investigation of First Attempt at Poisoning—Relatives to Await Advices Before Acting.

Honolulu, March 2. The police investigation into the death of Mrs. Jane L. Stanford is practically at a standstill to-night. High Sheriff Henry is without a theory as to the cause of her death. It has been expected that the report of the chemists on the analysis of the contents of her stomach would be made to-night, but the chemists announced that they had not concluded their investigation and would not be ready to make a report by to-morrow morning.

It is probable that the inquest will commence to-morrow afternoon. High Sheriff Henry said:

"I am utterly unable to formulate any theory that would account for this tragedy. The San Francisco papers which have just been received, containing full accounts of the alleged poisoning case of January 14, have not been of any help to me. I am awaiting results.

"The analysis of the stomach and the contents of the bicarbonate of soda bottle, may develop some new facts. When these chemical analyses have been completed I shall have all the evidence of the medicines of Mrs. Stanford similarly analyzed.

"Her medicine chest contained a number of bottles, but I believe that the bicarbonate one was the only one in which it was possible to conceal strychnine."

The organs of the dead woman were removed at the autopsy to-day for chemical analysis.

The Coroner's inquest is held over for the reports of the chemists.

"From my investigation," said Doctor Duncan, "I found sufficient to warrant the belief that there was strychnine in the bottle, labeled 'bicarbonate of soda.'

"I have asked that another chemist be called in consultation and expect to make a report to the High Sheriff late to-night, or possibly to-morrow on the contents of this bottle.

"The various organs have also been brought for an analysis, and their appearance indicate a poor condition of health."

SECRETARY SURE OF POISONING.

Miss Bertha Berner, private secretary to Mrs. Stanford, is positive her mistress was poisoned.

"Yes," she said. "I believe Mrs. Stanford was poisoned, but by whom, or how, or why, I have not the slightest idea.

"Mrs. Stanford herself believed she was poisoned. She said so repeatedly while we were working over her before she died. She exclaimed almost as soon as I entered her room: 'Oh, Bertha, I believe I have been poisoned!'

"When the doctor came she told him to get a stomach pump, as she believed she had been poisoned. He said she must be mistaken, but she repeated it, and certainly believed she had been poisoned. Mrs. Stanford told me to tell the doctor what had happened before, meaning the previous attempt on January 14 to poison her at her home in San Francisco. She realized that unless she could vomit she would not recover. Her mind was perfectly clear.

"While we were working over her, giving her hot water to drink and bathing her feet, she was in convulsions, but her mind was clear until the last moment. She did not say anything about who had poisoned her.

"I got the medicines out of the trunk for her just before she retired to bed, Sunday night. I got a cascaret capsule and about a half teaspoonful of water from a bottle marked 'bicarbonate of soda.' She told me to get them, saying she would take both. She told me to take some soda. I replied I was going to take a capsule and would not take soda.

"I have seen the glass bottle marked 'bicarbonate of soda' for some time. It had the label of an Adelaide druggist, but I do not recall the circumstances of its purchase.

"For some reason she kept that bottle. My mind is not clear as to the bottle, but I am under the impression that as far as contents were used by Mrs. Stanford either sent it out to have it refilled by druggist's or got powder in quantity to have the bottle filled at home. I never had anything to do with it. I am at present unable to recall anything about it."

TOOK MEDICINE FREQUENTLY.

"Mrs. Stanford was in the habit of taking bicarbonate of soda when she did not feel well, but she did not take it regularly or in any large quantities."

The bottle which is believed by the police to have contained the strychnine that killed Mrs. Stanford was packed in a steamer trunk by Miss May Hunt, Mrs. Stanford's maid.

It was about one-third full when found on the night of the tragedy. Miss Hunt does not remember the quantity it contained when she put it in the trunk. Neither Mrs. Stanford nor Miss Berner was present when the trunk was packed.

The police are positive the medicine in the bottle was not purchased in Honolulu. The autopsy shows unmistakable signs of

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SUMMARY OF The St. Louis Republic

Friday, March 3, 1905.

THE WEATHER.

FORECAST.

St. Louis and Vicinity.

Fair to-day and to-morrow; rising temperature.

For Missouri—Fair to-day and to-morrow.

Yesterday's Conditions.

There was a heavy fog in the morning, but after it cleared away the sun shone bright and the temperature steadily increased. The maximum temperature was 44 degrees and the minimum 31 degrees. The wind veered from the east to the northeast. No precipitation was registered.

6 a.m.	35 above
9 "	38 "
12 m.	49 "
3 p.m.	63 "
6 "	60 "
9 "	53 "
12 pm	44 "
3 a.m.	36 "

According to Forecaster Bowie, spring weather will prevail for at least two days longer. Fair and warmer is the prediction for to-day and to-morrow. Yesterday was an ideal spring day and light coats and wraps were in order. The temperature to-day may go higher than yesterday, when it reached a maximum of 44 degrees.

The weather will be foggy early this morning, but the fog will disappear before 9 o'clock. It commenced at 1 o'clock this morning and may be denser than yesterday.

The rivers in the St. Louis district will remain stationary or fall slowly during the next forty-eight hours, except that the Lower Illinois will continue to rise. The river at Beardstown is now 6 of a foot above the danger line and is rising at that point. The ice above the bridge at Hannibal remains intact.

The sun rises this morning at 6:33 a. m. and sets this afternoon at 5:52.

The moon rises at 5:05 a. m.

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A report is current in St. Petersburg that General Kuropatkin already has well under way the withdrawal of his stores and supplies north from Mukden. The War Office says the loss of Mukden will not be a crucial blow. PAGE 1.

GENERAL DOMESTIC.

Roosevelt's inaugural pageant promises to eclipse that of any former President. Washington is overflown with visitors from all parts of the United States, who are arriving by every train for the inauguration. PAGE 3.

The Senate Committee hears many speeches for and against the repeal of the breeders' law at public hearing. PAGE 4.

The Kansas City Elm Ridge Club's bill to repeal the breeders' law and to provide for ninety-days of racing in the cities is introduced in the House. PAGE 4.

Many business men from St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph appear before the Senate Committee and oppose a favorable report on the bill to tax incomes for good-roads fund. PAGE 4.

The Arkansas House passes a bill to create the office of State Beer Inspector. The bill is modeled on the law in Missouri. PAGE 14.

Major Warner received thirty-nine votes on the last ballot taken by the Republican senatorial conference last night. A committee was appointed to confer with Niedringhaus and endeavor to devise some new scheme to end the deadlock. PAGE 1.

Four Republicans of the Investigating Committee on the Colorado gubernatorial situation file a report recommending that Governor Adams be continued in office. PAGE 5.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.

The F. G. Gerhart Investment Company filed suit in the Circuit Court yesterday against the city and the Manufacturers' Railway Company, to restrain the laying of a track on Second street. PAGE 14.

Otto Stifel may reconsider his refusal and become the Republican nominee for Mayor. PAGE 7.

A new $100,000 home will be built for the Jefferson Club at Grand and Laclede avenues. PAGE 1.

Josephine Jackson, who was burned yesterday while dressing her sister's hair, is dying at the City Hospital. PAGE 14.

The United Railways Company sued the Rosenbaum Contracting and Supply Company in the Circuit Court yesterday for $1,047.15, alleged to have been due the St. Louis Transit Company and assigned to the United Railways Company. PAGE 14.

Further investigation of the affairs of A. W. Syrett, the missing real estate operator, showed more claims against him. PAGE 14.

Mrs. James Hoban, a 17-year-old bride, who brooded over morbid novels, committed suicide. PAGE 14.

SPORT NEWS.

The Browns departed for Dallas last evening, but Hedrick did not appear. PAGE 8.

Alvin's guard of the cardinals commenced to reach the city yesterday. PAGE 8.

Temple won the 5-year-old race at City Park. PAGE 8.

Jean Lee scored in the juvenile event at Hot Springs. PAGE 8.

BUSINESS.

Yesterday's bank clearings were $[illegible] balances, $[illegible]. Local discount rates were between [illegible] and [illegible] per cent. Domestic exchange was quoted as follows: New York, 40c premium bid, 50c premium asked; Chicago, 25c premium bid, 40c premium asked; Cincinnati, 50c discount bid, par asked; Louisville, 50c discount bid, 25c discount asked; New Orleans, par bid, 50c premium asked.

Wheat closed lower at $1.[illegible] May, $1.[illegible] $1.[illegible] No. 2 hard. Corn closed lower at [illegible] asked May, 47c No. 2 mixed. Oats closed at [illegible] asked May, [illegible] No. 2 mixed.

Spot cotton was unchanged in the local market at 7[illegible]c for middling.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN VESSELS.

New York, March 2.—Arrived: Victorian, Prinzessin Victoria Luise.

Naples, March 2.—Arrived: Prinzess Irene.

Mobile, March 2.—Arrived: Cretonthian.

Liverpool, March 2.—Sailed: Canada.

New York, March 2.—Sailed: Blucher, Hamburg, La Bretagne, Lauraentian.

Genoa, Feb. 28.—Sailed: Liguria.

Liverpool, March 2.—Arrived: Majestic.

Queenstown, March 2.—Sailed: Oceanic.

London, March 2.—Sailed: Minnehaha.

CZAR CALLS ON PEOPLE TO RALLY AROUND THRONE IN DEFENSE OF EMPIRE

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

BULLETIN.

St. Petersburg, March 3.—The Official Messenger publishes an imperial manifesto calling on the country to rally round the throne in defense of the Empire from its internal enemies.

KUROPATKIN SAID TO HAVE BEGUN RETREAT NORTH

St. Petersburg Report Has It That Russian Supplies and Stores Are Being Withdrawn From Mukden.

FURIOUS BATTLE CONTINUES.

Japanese Are Still Pressing Muscovites Back in Artillery and Infantry Fight All Along Line.

St. Petersburg, March 3, 1 a. m.—A persistent rumor is current that General Kuropatkin, seeing that he cannot long hold out in his present position, already has begun the withdrawal of his stores and supplies north from Mukden. No confirmation of the report can be obtained at the War Office, which, however, does not indicate its falsity, as such news is always withheld from the public for days.

A furious battle is still in progress all along the line and meager telegrams indicate that the Japanese continue to roll back the Russian flanks.

General Kuropatkin's reports to the Czar tell of small Russian successes, but invariably conclude by stating that his forces found it necessary to retire.

The War Office insists that no matter what the result of the remainder of the action, the Japanese have again been too slow and that Kuropatkin has made sure of his line of retreat. Except the moral effect of another retirement, the officials declare that the abandonment of the present winter quarters eliminates a great danger to the health of the army as soon as the warm weather sets in.

ON OUTSKIRTS OF MUKDEN.

Niuchwang, March 2 (noon), via Tientsin.—Chinese from Mukden report that the Japanese have advanced almost to Mukden. The Russians, having been reenforced, have recaptured several positions out of which they had been driven. The battle is still raging.

The Japanese bivouacking on the outskirts of Sinmintin withdrew this morning, leaving only a picket.

A detachment of 400 Japanese cavalry, with one gun, rubbed Sinmintin, about thirty miles west of Mukden, this afternoon.

For months Sinmintin has been the headquarters of contraband trade, and the Japanese heretofore have not been interfered with.

RUSSIANS PRESSED BACK.

St. Petersburg, March 2, 6:10 p. m.—The position of General Kuropatkin's army is regarded as being more or less critical. The road turning movement which General Kuroki is operating in the mountains forty miles eastward of Mukden seems to be making progress, and at the same time Field Marshal Oyama is also rolling back the Russian left, while pounding away at the Russian center with arms has succeeded in working around the Poutiloff and Novgorod hills have been subjected to a continuous three-day bombardment, followed by an infantry attack, the main Russian lines being forced to retire two miles to their shelter trenches.

General Kuropatkin is making desperate efforts to check Kuroki, one of whose columns has succeeded in working around the extreme Russian left, and reenforcements have been dispatched in a northwesterly direction.

General Rennenkampff is slowly retiring, fighting, taking advantage of the broken, hilly country and contesting every inch of ground.

Russian cavalry has also been dispatched northwestward in the direction of Kalaina to interpose a barrier against the attack of the Japanese columns advancing from the Liao River Valley to turn the Russian right.

COLD COMFORT.

While the Japanese are evidently making progress, the War Office claims there is nothing to indicate that Field Marshal Oyama will succeed in inflicting a decisive blow, even if he forces Kuropatkin to abandon Mukden.

A dispatch from General Kuropatkin, dated March 1, says: "In a third attack on the Russian detachment near Gubenepuza the Japanese charged with the bayonet and succeeded in occupying the central height, forcing the Russian advance guard to retire to the neighboring crest.

"The Russians at 9 o'clock at night, February 28, were still holding a position near Khodiass, against the Japanese attack.

"The Japanese made a fresh attack on the Gauto Pass position at 3 o'clock in the morning of March 1. After repulsing several assaults, the Russians were forced to abandon two intrenchments which had been demolished by the Japanese artillery."

RUSSIAN WORKMEN MAKE DEMANDS

If Concessions Are Not Made by 11 A. M. Friday, Strike Will Be Ordered.

LEADERS ACT INTELLIGENTLY.

Demands Made for Release of 3,000 Strikers Under Arrest and for Freedom of Proposed Commission.

ARREST ARMED SUSPECT NEAR CZAR'S PALACE.

St. Petersburg, March 3, 12:45 a. m.—The police at Tsarskoe-Selo, who guard the assassination of Grand Duke Sergius have redoubled the ordinary precautions for the protection of the Imperial family, have arrested a suspect who claimed that he is a nephew of General Kock, but whose papers are irregular, and who was found to be armed lar, and who was found to be armed tigation is on foot.

St. Petersburg, March 2.—Workmen representing nine groups met again to-day at the People's Palace and ratified the demands drawn up March 1 by the representatives of seven groups, and decided to meet at the same place at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning and await a reply until noon.

If at that hour a satisfactory guarantee is not forthcoming, the delegates will leave the hall, decline to elect members to serve on the mixed commission, of which M. Schidlevski is president, and proclaim a general strike.

About 400 men were present at to-day's meeting. The proceedings were more formal than yesterday. Speakers reviewed the situation, showing thorough familiarity with strikes, revolutions and the history of other countries. They described the benefits of constitutions and parliaments, and declared that the Russians would be content with nothing less than a representative Government.

Workmen to the number of 250, representing 100 factories of St. Petersburg, met in convention March 1 at the People's Palace, as the primary electors who may, March 3, select fifty of their number to serve on the mixed commission of employers and employes, which, by imperial decree, was to investigate and report on the causes of discontent among the working classes.

The convention unanimously adopted resolutions to refuse to take part in the proceedings on March 3, unless the Government pledged itself to release the 3,000 workmen who had been arrested since January 22, and engaged that the members of the commission should have absolute freedom of speech and immunity of arrest on account of expression of opinions, and that the proceedings of the commission should be published uncensored.

The resolutions concluded with the statement that unless the demands were granted by 2 p. m. March 3 the workmen would refuse to elect the fifty representatives to serve on the commission, and that, if granted, acceptance of the condition is to be placarded on the factory walls.

WARSAW STRIKERS USE BOMBS AND REVOLVERS, BUT WITHOUT EFFECT.

Warsaw, March 2.—A bomb was thrown from a window overlooking the courtyard of the Muranoff District Police Station at 3 o'clock this afternoon. It fell in the midst of a group of soldiers, but did not explode.

Two Jews have been arrested for supposed connection with the affair. No details are available, as the authorities are very reticent.

The urbances are reported to have taken place in several parts of the city during the afternoon.

BUTLERS TALK OF TICKET.

Say They Will Back an Independent Movement.

Another independent ticket may be placed in the field within the next week. It will be fostered and have the support of the St. Louis "Democratic" Club, the Butler organization.

Twenty-eight representatives of the wards of the city, with Ed Butler and Colin Selph, president of the club, met at the club rooms last night and solemnly pledged themselves not to vote for Mayor Wells or any of the incumbents in office on the Democratic ticket with the exception of P. J. McMahon, Inspector of Weights and Measures.

One of the club officials stated last night that a Butler ticket would be placed in the field in twenty-four hours, and that as a matter of fact the slate has been made up and will be sprung after the primaries.

The deliberations of the Butler council of war were secret, the members present giving their word not to reveal the intentions of the club until after the primaries.

Ed Butler said:

"I will vote the Democratic ticket as I always have—if there is such a ticket in the field. If there are no Democrats on the ticket designated as such, I will select the Democrats on the tickets of all parties and vote for them."

HERO OF PHILIPPINE CAMPAIGN WILL LEAD INAUGURAL PARADE.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL ADNA R. CHAFFEE.

Who will lead the inaugural parade in Washington Saturday. General Chaffee is the head of the United States Army. In China and the Philippines he served the country notably.

HIGHWAYMAN BITTEN BY WOMAN HE HIT

Bold Attempt at Hold-Up in East St. Louis Frustrated by Plucky Resistance of Woman — Her Condition Serious.

A footpad assaulted Mrs. Frederick Schwartzcoup of No. 1300 Gaty avenue, East St. Louis, last night at 9 o'clock, as she was returning home, at a point where another woman was attacked Monday evening.

She was passing along Gaty avenue, near Tenth street, when a man suddenly sprang at her from behind, and struck her in the mouth, knocking out several teeth.

She grabbed at him, and for a couple of minutes they fought like fury, the woman managing to keep hold on him. He struck her in the mouth again, and this time she bit his hand severely, causing the blood to flow.

By this time the man had broken away from her and managed to escape. The physician who attended her stated that her condition was serious.

Mrs. Schwartzcoup was unable to describe the man, beyond his general build and that he wore dark clothes.

The police believe it is the same man who made a brutal attack on Annie Marsh, a waitress, at Eighth and St. Clair streets, East St. Louis, Monday night.

A sharp lookout is being kept for a man with mutilated hands.

POLICEMAN WHIPS CONNIE REED.

Patrolman Hays Says Football Player and Companions Assaulted Him When He Ordered Them to Disperse From Corner.

Policeman John Hays of the Fourth District fired three shots last night while pursuing Cornelius Aylward, known in association football circles as Connie Reed.

According to the statement made by the policeman, Aylward and eight companions were obstructing the sidewalk in front of Roche's saloon at No. 1701 O'Fallon street. When requested to move on, Hays said the men assaulted him with bricks and clubs.

The policeman refrained from using his night stick. He says Aylward and his companions drove him to the corner of Eighteenth and Biddle streets, where they renewed their assault.

Hays then resorted to his night stick and dispersed his assailants. The policeman says that when he attempted to arrest Aylward he was assaulted with a brick and almost rendered unconscious.

Aylward then made a dash for liberty, but Hays, despite his injuries, pursued him until he finally caught him in the alley in the rear of his home, at No. 1806 Division street, and was forced to beat him into submission.

Aylward's injuries were dressed at the City Hospital. Hays was treated at the dispensary. A warrant charging Aylward with assault and battery will be applied for to-day.

BILL TO PROHIBIT TRUSTS IN KANSAS IS PASSED.

Topeka, Kas., March 2.—The Senate to-day unanimously passed Senator Nofzinger's bill to prevent the operation of trusts within the State. The measure is patterned after the Texas law and is similar in purpose to the antidiscrimination act already passed by both houses of the Legislature.

It provides a fine of $5,000 for each attempt to stifle competition in any business. Provision is made for the expulsion from the State of any firm that may persist in violating the law.

NEW $100,000 HOME FOR JEFFERSON CLUB

Fine Building to Be Erected at Corner of Grand and Laclede Avenues.

TO BE COMPLETED BY FALL.

Ten Thousand Shares of Stock Will Be Subscribed by Members of Organization—Ground Secured.

A new $100,000 home is to be erected for the Jefferson Club at the northwest corner of Grand and Laclede avenues.

The deal for the ground, with a frontage of 112 feet on Grand avenue, was closed yesterday, and a corporation, with $100,000 capital, will be formed within a few days by Jefferson Club members to begin the erection of the building.

The structure itself probably will cost $50,000, according to the plans now being drawn by the architects, and the furnishings will be of the finest and most complete, costing more than $25,000. The remainder of the $100,000 will be used in improving the property and making the new clubhouse one of the best equipped in the country.

That the movement, which became definite recently at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jefferson Club, should fulfill its purposes and not die in idle talk, the ground was first secured and contracts closed with architects. Enough money was guaranteed to put the project on foot, and then substantial promises were made for shares in the $100,000 corporation, which will continue the work begun by the Board of Directors.

The capitalization will be cash paid in for 10,000 shares of $10 each. These shares will be limited absolutely to club members and their sale will be for the sole purpose of securing the necessary funds for the erection and fitting of the clubhouse. A portion of the money will be for the purchasing of the site, which is now held under a six months option.

The new Jefferson Club home is to be the permanent headquarters of the Democratic organization in St. Louis. The present quarters at the corner of Grand avenue and West Pine boulevard have been outgrown and the last winter has demonstrated fully to the Board of Directors that a new home must be secured. In the new building especial attention will be paid to appointments for the social side of the club.

Baths, hot and shower, will be one of the additions and it is not unlikely that a gymnasium will be installed. It is certain that the bowling alleys, which have been so popular at the present quarters, will be enlarged and improved. The billiard and pool quarters will also be enlarged and better equipped.

The instructions to the architects were to make the building a model for such purposes as the Jefferson Club fills and the plans which are to be submitted today for final approval will be the embodiment of the newest conceptions in the builder's art.

The intention of the Board of Directors is to begin actual work on the building just as soon as the corporation is formed and have the clubhouse ready by fall.

The Jefferson Club has occupied its present quarters, a block north from the new site, about eight years, taking the Bowman property which had been previously fitted as a clubhouse and occupied by the Marquette Club. The previous clubhouse of the Jefferson Club was at No. 3022 Olive street.

The Jefferson Club was organized July 24, 1892, and Thomas Knapp was its first president and Harry B. Hawes vice president. Since then Mr. Hawes has served several terms at the head of the organization, and among other presidents have been Joseph W. Folk, Virgil Rule and John C. Roberts.

WARNER NEEDED EIGHT MORE VOTES THAN HE COULD GET

Ten Ballots Taken by the Republican Conference Last Night Failed to Settle the Senatorial Deadlock.

ADJOURNED TILL NEXT MONDAY

In the Meantime, a Committee Appointed by Chairman Clarke Will Confer With Niedringhaus on Situation.

HOPE TO DEVISE NEW PLAN.

Kerens Men Jeered Members Who Participated in Caucus Many of Whom Expressed Disgust With Whole Matter.

BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 2.—To-night's conference of the Republicans of the Assembly took ten ballots, without making material progress toward settling the senatorial deadlock.

The first vote showed twenty-eight members in favor of Warner as a compromise candidate and fourteen for Dyer. The tenth ballot resulted: Warner, 39; Dyer, 6; McIndoe, 6; Speer, 1.

McIndoe was third in the list for five or six ballots, but got no further. Warner continues to show far the most strength.

Realizing that some further scheme must be devised if the deadlock is to be broken, the conference authorized Chairman Clarke to appoint a committee of five to confer with Thomas K. Niedringhaus on the problem, and report on Monday night, when the next caucus will be held.

Chairman Clarke appointed Senator Gilmore and Representatives Harrington, Self, Gilmore and Wilson.

Major Warner's friends were tantalized to-night. Acting under a resolution compelling them to get forty-seven votes, they were able to get all but eight of that number. There were that many in the conference who were determined that Warner should not have the nomination and they scattered their votes so much that Chairman Clarke, a Warner man, was at his wits' end to keep the members balloting.

Finally Allen of Holt County proposed that the thirty-nine who had voted for Warner should sign up and get enough more to make the forty-seven. This was fought as an act of bad faith.

CAUCUS CAME NEAR ENDING IN A ROW.

The caucus nearly broke up in a row. Tubbs of Gasconade said he was willing to go into another caucus with all the members, but he did not believe it would be in good faith to try to bind those present to vote for Warner when forty-seven votes had not been secured.

Senator Gilmore was opposed to an open roll call. "Matters are too delicate," he said.

Self of Green believed the proposition for another full caucus should be submitted to Mr. Niedringhaus.

"He is willing to consider any feasible plan," he argued.

Speaker Hill and others proposed an open roll call, so that the recalcitrants could be "spotted," but this met with vigorous opposition.

When Senator Young of Texas County proposed that all Republican members be invited to attend next Monday night, there was a hurry-up motion to adjourn. Chairman Clarke saw nothing in sight for Warner, so he allowed it to pass. It was then 11:15 and every one was tired.

KERENS MEN JEERED THOSE IN CONFERENCE.

A crowd of Kerens men stood outside and jeered the efforts of the forty-seven to get together. They openly boast of their opposition to regularity of any sort, and seem to care very little what happens.

Among the politicians it is believed that nothing can be done until Mr. Kerens quits, and quit he will not. He has announced that he will camp here to the end. That he expects Democratic votes everyone concedes. That he is willing to let Akins continue as "boss" in Missouri may be evident from his attitude, for, unless a Senator is elected, Akins will continue on top.

There was a noticeable lack of St. Louis members in the conference to-night. The absentees said the conference is all foolishness, and they are for Niedringhaus until he tells them to leave him for good. This fact helped to keep the number on the conference down to such a figure that forty-seven votes could not be secured on one man. At the same time there were enough anti-Niedringhaus men inside the ropes to work toward the same end.

Some of the incidents of to-night's conference were laughable. Speaker Hill got up to leave several times, but was hauled back by the coat tails.

Hooten of Webster said it was foolishness to waste time the way they were doing, and he was going to quit. He was persuaded to remain for just one more ballot and he received a vote. He remained the rest of the evening.

Likewise with Godfrey, whose impatience was calmed by a vote. So common has the senatorship become that every man aspires.

There was no change in the vote for Senator in the joint Assembly to-day noon.