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SECOND PLACE MEN REFUSE NOMINATION

Hughes and Dolliver, Choice of Delegates, Decline to Run.

REPUBLICANS FEAR GOMPERS' ARRIVAL

Complete Roll and Prepare to Compromise With Labor—Wires to White House.

By J. C. WELLIVEN.
CHICAGO, June 12.—The following announcement was made by the "Allies" this afternoon: "At a conference this morning by the representatives of all the candidates for the Presidency, except Secretary Taft, it was unanimously decided to continue the fight all along the line until the convention shall have made its nomination. "From reports received from all the delegates already on the ground, as well as those on their way from all parts of the country, we are convinced that no nomination will be made on the first ballot. "It was announced by leaders from New York this afternoon James G. Cannon, president of the Fourth National Bank of New York city, has been agreed upon for the treasurership of the national committee vice Cornelius N. Bliss, unable to serve on account of poor health.

CHICAGO, June 12.—Delegates and convention leaders have settled down to the belief that either Governor Hughes, of New York, or Senator Dolliver of Iowa, ought to be named for Vice President. At the same time, word comes from New York that Governor Hughes yesterday finally and irrevocably reiterated his refusal to run even if nominated for second place, while the New Yorkers at this end of the line are refusing to permit any disregard of the governor's wishes.

The Governor's Stand.

"I talked with the governor the last thing before leaving Albany yesterday," declared Senator Page, at the Annex, "and you can say in the most final and unqualified way that if nominated for Vice President the governor would decline, even though the convention had adjourned.

"Beyond that, if elected, he would refuse to qualify or serve. The governor is a candidate for President, and for nothing else." Senator Page did not believe stories that the New York delegation had been polled and had shown sixty-four for Sherman for Vice President. The Sherman boom is getting another run for its money today, but it is objected that Sherman would make no popular appeal, and that this ticket needs to be constructed with a name that is well known.

Work Nearly Ended.

The Republican national committee will have completed its work of preparing the temporary roll of the convention that assembles next Tuesday before sundown today, unless some unforeseen complication arises. The committee has assured the nomination of Secretary William H. Taft on the first ballot by its disposition of the contests for seats, unless the committee on credentials should undo its work and even the "Allies" do not expect this.

Will Make Demands.

He expects to demand, not merely request, that the convention reject the proposition of a number of prominent citizens of the Empire State that the convention go squarely on record as disapproving the criticisms made by organ-

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WEATHER REPORT.

Steamers departing today for European ports will have light northerly winds with fair weather to the Grand Banks.	
TEMPERATURE.	
WEATHER BUREAU.	
5 a. m.	72
12 noon	79
1 p. m.	81
2 p. m.	81
3 p. m.	81
4 p. m.	81
5 p. m.	81
6 p. m.	81
7 p. m.	81
8 p. m.	81
9 a. m.	74
12 noon	73
1 p. m.	73
2 p. m.	73
3 p. m.	73
4 p. m.	73
5 p. m.	73
6 p. m.	73
7 p. m.	73
8 p. m.	73
9 p. m.	73
SUN TABLE.	
Sun rises	4:30
Sun sets	7:30
TIDE TABLE.	
High water today	5:23 p. m.
High water tomorrow	6:45 a. m., 7:30 p. m.
Low water tomorrow	12:40 a. m., 1:30 p. m.

ASHFORD SUSPENDED BY COMMISSIONERS

Macfarland Says That Building Inspector's Office Will Be Reorganized.

FRANCIS TAKES PLACE OF CHIEF

Concrete Construction Now Under Way Is Being Carefully Watched By Officials.

Snowden Ashford, Inspector of Buildings, was suspended this morning by order of the District Commissioners. This step was taken pending the action of the grand jury, which will investigate the collapse of the Pickford apartment house, where two men were killed. The motion to make the temporary suspension was made by Engineer Commissioner Morrow, who is directly in charge of the building department. Superintendent of Construction Thomas Francis will take Mr. Ashford's place temporarily.

To Reorganize Office.

Commissioner Morrow is being backed up in his determination to have a thorough inquiry into the methods of the building inspector's office by the other District Commissioners. Mr. Macfarland announced that a complete investigation and reorganization of the department would be made. He said: "The Commissioners will thoroughly investigate the methods of the building inspector's office in the light of the information brought out in the inquest with a view to making such improvements as are possible under the present powers of the Commissioners.

Watching Concrete Work.

"More inspectors at better salaries and provision that none but practical builders and architects shall have building permits, are among the things that Congress ought to grant. It ought to be stated that concrete constructions have been and are being supervised according to the standard in the building inspector's office pending the adoption of the elaborate regulation that is being prepared by the department. "The Commissioners aided the coroner in every possible way to bring out all the facts of the case, and to have information for action as to the building inspection service and as to the regulations. The coroner's inquest was thoroughly conducted, but in advance of action by the grand jury I prefer not to comment on the verdict.

Ashford Not Surprised.

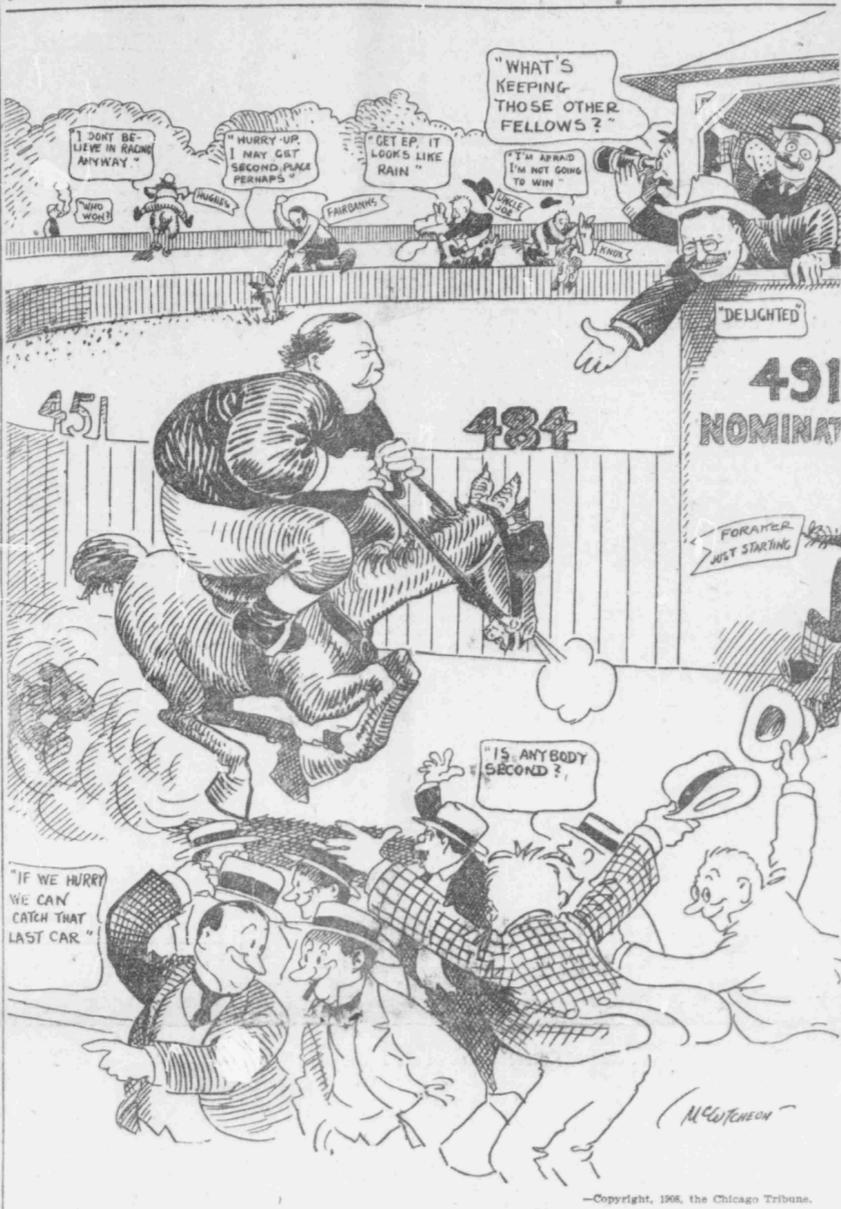
Mr. Ashford was at his office early this morning, and as soon as he was informed of the action of Commissioner Morrow, he turned his office over immediately to Superintendent of Construction Thomas Francis, who will temporarily be in charge. Mr. Ashford expressed his confidence in his ultimate ability to free himself of any blame, and at the same time said he recognized the necessity for the Commissioners taking the stand they had in demanding an investigation.

West Has Remedy.

Commissioner West's views of the needs of the situation, as expressed this morning, coincide with Mr. Macfarland's. Mr. West said: "One of the lessons learned from listening to the testimony at the inquest is that this particular apartment house was being constructed without adequate supervision. The evidence showed that the architect simply made his plans and sold them to the owner, and that the latter, having no practical experience as a builder, undertook to carry the work out with the assistance of his sub-contractors.

"The building office has never undertaken, and could not undertake, to act as a superintendent in the construction of all the buildings erected in the District of Columbia, but there is one method by which the condition of affairs shown to exist at this apartment house can be remedied, and this method I shall recommend for the consideration of the Commissioners. It seems to me that where any apartment house or other large building is being constructed, the owner should be required to make a deposit with the Commissioners which would cover the cost of having an inspector on duty at the building during all the working hours. "The Commissioners announced this afternoon that they would start hearings within a week on the matter, and will conduct a rigid and comprehensive investigation concerning the building department. Corporation Counsel Thomas and Assistant District Attorney Turner will be asked to participate in the examination of witnesses, and many witnesses will be summoned, including nearly the entire force of the building department.

WAS THERE AN ANTI-RACING LAW HERE?



LUSITANIA LOWERS RECORD 7 MINUTES

Makes Best Day's Run and Hourly Speed on Westward Voyage.

NEW YORK, June 12.—The Cunard liner Lusitania has again wrenched the laurels of "Queen of the Seas" from her sister ship, the Mauretania. Not only did the Lusitania make the best record for the westward passage, but she also beat the record for the best day's run, and captured the honors for the best average hourly speed.

CAMP GOOD WILL WANTS A HORSE

Charity Association Desires to Effect Loan for July and August.

At the regular meeting of the summer outing committee of the Associated Charities yesterday, it was decided to make an effort to secure from some citizen a horse and a carriage, to haul the young inmates of Camp Good Will to and from that resort during the summer.

FOREMAN AT G. P. O. RESTORED BY LEECH

Public Printer Abolishes One Position and Returns Men to Old Grades.

Public Printer Leech has appointed E. A. M. Lawson chief of the division of money order printing, succeeding Edward H. Ryan, who is assigned to a position in the proof division. An order was also issued this afternoon abolishing the position of tracer of work, which was held by Andrew J. Benton, who is restored to the status he had in the typographical divisions before being promoted to the new position, which was created by the former administration.

MRS. THAW VISITS HARRY IN PRISON

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., June 12.—Following an interview given out by Harry K. Thaw yesterday, in which he said his wife had never deserted him and that in everything she has done she has acted for his best interests, Evelyn Nesbit Thaw today visited her husband in the county jail.

TWO DIE IN FIRE, CUT OFF BY FLOOD

Explosion Ignites Big Sausage Factory—Loss Is Great.

KANSAS CITY, June 12.—Fire starting from an explosion in the sausage factory of the Nelson Morris packing plant today, destroyed two buildings, resulted in the death of two workmen and caused a loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars. Surrounded by water from the flooded Kaw river, the plant could not be reached by the fire engines, and the firemen were greatly handicapped. Dynamite had to be finally used to check the flames.

TAFT AND METCALF OFF FOR NORFOLK

Secretary Metcalf, Secretary Taft, and a party of Government officials will leave Washington on board the Mayflower at 4 o'clock this afternoon for Norfolk. Early tomorrow morning they will witness the torpedo experiments on the monitor Florida. In the party will be Lieutenant Commander Davis, one of the torpedo experts of the Navy Department, General Edwards, and Colonel McCawley.

INDICTMENTS SOUGHT FOR BUILDING FALL

Building Inquiry Moving Rapidly

District Attorney Baker instructs his assistant, Charles H. Turner, to make every effort to have manslaughter indictments returned against Building Inspector Snowden Ashford, Foreman M. I. Blake, Contractor John F. Bane, and Thomas H. Pickford. The coroner's jury previously holds these four men, as responsible for the collapse of the apartment house at Twentieth and P streets. Commissioner Macfarland announces the office of the Building Inspector will be thoroughly investigated and reorganized.

INSPECTORS LOAF, HEPBURN ASSERTS

Iowa Representative Scores Work on Streets and Gas, Besides Buildings.

The inspection service of the District of Columbia is a disgrace, according to the opinion expressed today by Benjamin Hepburn, of Iowa, who was one of the President's callers. Mr. Hepburn made some caustic remarks about the inspectors and the system under which they work while he was commenting on the collapse of the apartment house at Twentieth and P streets. Incidentally, he declared that the gas which is furnished to the residents of Washington is far below the standard required by law.

District Attorney Baker Outlines Work For His Assistants.

Ashford, Pickford, Blake, and Bane May Face Man-Slaughter Charge.

Assistant District Attorney Charles A. Turner received explicit instructions from District Attorney Baker today to prepare a strong case of manslaughter against Snowden Ashford, District Inspector of Buildings, M. I. Blake, foreman of iron construction in the employ of Barber & Ross; John Frank Bane, brick contractor, and Thomas H. Pickford, owner of the Pickford building.

INSULTS MAY COME SOON

Assistant District Attorneys Turner and Given Have Been Assigned to Prepare the Case for the Grand Jury, and the Evidence Will Be Placed Before that Body as Soon as Possible.

The case as presented to the grand jury will probably be along somewhat the same lines as the verdict of the coroner's jury holding the four men responsible, namely, Ashford for the approval of the plans of the building; Blake for improper construction of the iron work; Bane for the hasty construction and the use of poor material in the ironwork; and Pickford for negligence in not having a practical and competent superintendent in charge of construction.

BETTING ALL OVER, BINGHAM ORDERS

New Racing Law Will Be Enforced Vigorously on New York Tracks By Police.

NEW YORK, June 12.—Determined to use all the power and authority vested in him, Police Commissioner Bingham today took steps to prevent all betting on the race tracks in Greater New York. He sent an ultimatum to Philip J. Dwyer, president of the Brooklyn Jockey Club, the meaning of which cannot be understood by the Gravesend racing institution.

WILL CONTINUE BUILDING

Thomas H. Pickford, the owner and builder of the apartment house, declared today that he intended to go right ahead with the construction of the building. In addition to his regular counsel, George P. Hoover, his morning retained J. J. Darlington.

AGREE NEAR MIDNIGHT

The Verdict of the Coroner's Jury, Holding Pickford, Blake, Bane, and Ashford, Criminally Responsible for the Collapse of the Structure, Was Brought in Half an Hour before Midnight.

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ACTOR LOSES POCKETBOOK

Frank Moore, an actor playing at a local burlesque theater, reported to the police last night that a purse containing \$56 had been stolen from his dressing room. Moore said he thought that Joseph Smith, twenty-one years old, might be able to throw some light on the circumstances surrounding the disappearance of the pocketbook. Moore said Smith probably had gone to Lynchburg. The police wired the Lynchburg authorities, and this morning a message was received saying that Smith had been arrested. Detective McNamee went to Lynchburg to bring the young man back.

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