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BOLT THREATENED BY INDEPENDENTS

Delegates to the Chicago Convention Demand Indorsement of Bryan.

ATTACK OF LEADER STIRS RESENTMENT

Publisher's Vituperative Address Not Liked by All—Charles A. Walsh Permanent Chairman.

CHICAGO, July 28.—With a temporary organization perfected, the Independence party is resting on its oars today, while the committee on platform is holding almost continuous sessions in the attempt to produce a declaration of principles that will meet with the approval of the widely separated delegates.

This task is difficult, and, although the committee was in session until daylight, it had accomplished little when a recess was ordered. The committee met again early today, as it is necessary that it be ready to report when the adjourned session of the convention resumes this afternoon.

Were it not for the personal influence of William R. Hearst and his immediate followers, the convention would indorse the nomination of the recent Democratic convention at Denver. There is a strong membership that favors this course, but Hearst intends to emphasize the break between himself and Bryan, and in his address as temporary chairman he openly charged that Bryan was so influenced that "even his honesty" is in question.

Hearst Abuse Recalls

The address of Hearst, filled as it was with vituperation against the leaders of the two dominant parties, may have an echo from the floor of the convention. Certain of the delegates are threatening today to spring a Bryan indorsement resolution and force a vote on it, but whether this can be done is problematical.

Hearst's speech as temporary chairman caused much comment, as he has openly asserted that he will not be the candidate of the party for President.

The opponents of Hearst point to the fact that he, himself, as the result of fusion in his home State, was the only Democratic candidate to be defeated two years ago, as proving their contention that Hearst has not always been opposed to fusion. They declare they intend to try to have something of the kind suggested before the convention adjourns.

Walsh the Chairman

Charles A. Walsh, of Iowa, will be the permanent chairman of the convention when it assembles this afternoon. The permanent secretary will be W. A. DeFord, of New York. All speeches will be limited to five minutes.

The credentials committee had little to do. In the Fourteenth Massachusetts E. Gerry Brown, a leader of the party, and its former candidate for lieutenant governor, was "thrown into outer darkness," because it was alleged that he tried to force his nomination on the Democratic ticket in his home State through his connection with the Independence movement.

Brown denies this and declares he was a victim of revenge because he had the nerve to intimate that Tom Higen was not the real choice of the party men in Massachusetts, but that they were "loosen up his barrel" when he desires to do so. All of the other delegates were seated without opposition.

Work on Platform

The committee of resolutions is striving earnestly with a platform. The committee has about agreed to make the feature of the platform a strong referendum plank, which will include the recall scheme for legislation after it has had a trial.

It recommends a corrupt practices act, drastic in its provisions, which would make it unlawful to expend money for campaign purposes excepting for traveling and for the dissemination of literature.

Tentative Planks

The important tentative planks which were submitted to the committee on platform by its subcommittee were as follows:

- Initiative and referendum.
- Right of recall of officeholders.
- Government ownership of railroads as soon as the Government can show its ability to operate, and Government ownership of telegraph companies.
- All money to be issued by the Government.
- Postal savings banks—the deposits to be loaned to the people on good and sufficient security.
- Good roads.
- No injunctions to be issued without notice and hearing, and all contempt of court cases to be tried by a jury.
- Eight-hour day labor law.
- Opposition to child labor.
- To suppress bucket shops and prevent fictitious dealings in farm products.
- Give the Government power through an appointed commission to learn the physical valuation of the railroads.
- A plank declaring against the immigration of Asiatic nations into the United States.

THE WEATHER.

Local rains have continued in middle and southern districts from the plateau and Rocky Mountain regions to the Atlantic coast, and showers have occurred in limited areas in the upper Missouri valley and northern New England.

Temperature changes have been slight, except in the upper Missouri Valley, where readings this morning are about 10 degrees above the seasonal average.

TEMPERATURES.
Weather Bureau, 9 a. m. Affleck's.
9 a. m. 81.9 a. m. 81.9
12 noon. 82.12 noon. 82.1
1 p. m. 84.1 p. m. 83

SUN TABLE.
Sun rises. 4:55
Sun sets. 7:17

TIDE TABLE.
High water today. 8:34 p. m.
Low water today. 2:47 p. m.
High water tomorrow. 8:14 p. m.
Low water tomorrow. 2:55 a. m., 3:25 p. m.

DIES ON TRAIN



HENRY I. MCCREA, Who Died Suddenly in a Sleeper On His Way to Pittsburg.

H. I. MCCREA DIES ON RAILROAD TRAIN

Son of Naval Officer Who Died a Week Ago, Expires Near Pittsburg.

Henry I. McCrea, former paymaster on the cruiser Philadelphia and son of the late Capt. Henry McCrea, commander of the Georgia, who died last week, was himself found dead this morning on a Pennsylvania railway train as it pulled into Pittsburg. Young McCrea is believed to have died on the train last night.

As the announcement of her son's death was carried to Mrs. Henry McCrea at the Champlain apartment house this morning, H. N. Taplin, a friend to the family, was called over the long distance telephone by President James McCrea, of the Pennsylvania railroad, the former naval officer's uncle, and acquainted with the details of the death.

President McCrea said that he learned from railway officials that Henry McCrea arose from his berth in apparent good health and spirits this morning. Soon after he had been brushed down by the porter, preparatory to entering Pittsburg, he again took his seat. When the train reached McCrea failed to respond when the station was called. A porter finally went to him to ascertain why he did not leave the train and was found that he had suddenly expired.

President McCrea said that he would have the body cared for in Pittsburg until the mother of the young man could give directions for its removal. Mrs. Henry McCrea, who buried her husband but a week ago, was so prostrated by the announcement of her son's sudden death this morning that for the present no plans can be made. It is understood, however, that interment will probably take place in Arlington and that directions will be given this afternoon for the removal of the body to this city.

Resigned From Navy

Last November young McCrea, who is twenty-five years of age, severed his connection with the navy, renouncing the life on the sea for that of the stage. He became connected with "The Top of the World" extravaganza, Majestic Theater, New York, but apparently not finding his engagement to his liking returned to Washington within a short time. Since that time, according to one acquainted with the young man's habits, he has led a rather care-free existence, contracting habits that possibly superinduced smart failure. It is recalled this morning that McCrea suffered a serious attack of heart trouble during the early summer, and that following the death of his father, and the grief and excitement incident thereto, his condition had been by no means improved.

Recently he received an invitation from an uncle, Walter McCrea, to spend some time on a farm near Logansport, Ind., and the former naval officer was en route to the latter place when he dropped dead upon the Pittsburg sleeper. Mrs. Henry McCrea, his mother, is the only immediate relative in Washington.

The late Captain McCrea heard with regret of his son's death, and it is believed he would follow in his own footsteps, and, as he then expressed it, perhaps succeed Admiral Dewey. Henry I. McCrea was well known in navy and army circles in this city, and was quite popular.

McCrea Died in Berth; Found by Car Porter

PITTSBURG, July 28.—Just nine days ago Capt. Henry McCrea, of the United States navy, who was in charge of the battleship Georgia in the cruise to the Pacific coast of the North Atlantic, died in the Naval Hospital, at Brooklyn, and this morning his son, H. I. McCrea, formerly a paymaster in the navy, died suddenly of heart disease in his berth in the Pullman sleeper Lamark, train No. 8, Pennsylvania railroad, as the train was running into this city, at a point between Pittsfield and Wilmerding. He was found dead in his berth by R. A. Boswell, a Pullman porter. He was coming from Washington for a visit.

The elder Mr. McCrea was a cousin of James McCrea, president of the

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REFUSES TO BETTER BRIGHTWOOD SERVICE

Gen. Harries Says Through Cars Are Not Contemplated.

WOULD NOT PAY, HIS LETTER SAYS

H. C. Eddy Will Investigate and Report to Traction Board, Commerce Commission Decides.

Notice has been served on the Interstate Commerce Commission by the Brightwood Railway Company that no through service to the business district of Washington is contemplated by that company.

A letter to this effect, sent by Gen. George H. Harries, as vice president of the Brightwood Railway Company, to the Interstate Commerce Commission, was made public today. A large number of citizens of the Brightwood district had complained to the District Electric Railway Commission of the lack of a through service to Washington during "rush" hours, and as this was the first complaint that was made to the traction board, it received first consideration. A hearing was arranged some ten days ago, but was postponed.

Thinks Service Won't Pay

At the request of the Interstate Railway Commission, the Interstate Commerce Commission wrote to the Brightwood Railway Company asking if a through service would be established, and when General Harries, who is also vice president of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, which controls the Brightwood line, among others, sent the following reply:

"Hon. Martin A. Knapp, chairman Interstate Commerce Commission. 'Dear sir:—Responding to your favor, I have to say that the Brightwood Railway Company has given careful consideration to the various propositions and suggestions which have been made for service over all or a portion of the company's lines and the Fourth street line of the Annapolis and Potomac Railroad Company, or the Ninth street line of the Washington Railway and Electric Company.

"There is no serious physical difficulty, but the financial phases of the situation are extremely forbidding. Each year of operation has resulted in a heavy reduction of fare and the granting of free transfer privileges has added steadily to our deficit.

Very Respectfully

GEORGE H. HARRIES, Vice President Brightwood Railway Company.

Eddy Will Investigate

The Interstate Commerce Commission being too busy with other matters to investigate the complaint of the Brightwood people, it has deputed the traction board to make the investigation. Such relief from minor matters was the primary object sought in the appointment of the subcommittee. H. C. Eddy, as the executive officer of the Electric Railway Commission, will make the investigation, report to the subcommittee as a body, and the latter will send to the Interstate Commerce Commission its recommendations on the complaint of the Brightwood people.

Authority to enforce compliance with such a recommendation rests with the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Motorman Fined \$10; Rest Will Be More

Sounding a strict warning that all cases of street car speeding will receive extreme penalties upon conviction, Judge Kimball this morning imposed \$10 fine on Motorman Frederick Wilson for exceeding the limit of fifteen miles an hour on Pennsylvania avenue north-west, between Four-and-a-half and Sixth streets, June 17.

This is the first case of its kind to be brought into court since the Interstate Commerce Commission was given jurisdiction over street railway companies in the District, and it was in the nature of a test case.

Upon a suggestion of Assistant District Attorney Ralph Given it is probable that a fine will be decided upon for the motorman and that this will be in the neighborhood of \$10 or \$20. The limit fixed by the new regulation is a fine of \$100.

Must Guess at Speed

After Officer Lauten and Moses Rosenstain had testified as to the speed of the car, which they said was going at a rate of from twenty to twenty-five miles an hour, Wilson took the stand. He claimed that he was ignorant of his violation of the law, and that as far as he knew he was operating his car according to the regulations of the company. He said that since he had no expert to guide him, he was always in a way of judging his rate of speed he was compelled to rely on his judgment. The court announced that the present law is a punitive one, and must be obeyed.

"There was no justification for the violation," continued the court. "There has been no claim that the brakes were not working all right; the car was not going down hill, and there is no excuse."

"I do not wish to make an example of this young man at this time, but I want it plainly understood by all motormen in the District that hereafter the fine imposed will be a heavy one in all cases of conviction. I have always, because of the difference in the position they occupy, judged these men more leniently than drivers of automobiles, but so many accidents in which street cars are concerned have happened lately, that it must stop once and for all.

Law Above Schedules

"I find the defendant guilty and fine him \$10, with the warning that under no circumstances are motormen warranted in exceeding the speed limit fixed by the law. This law is paramount and no regulations of the companies or schedules for the running of cars will warrant the slightest violation.

"I do not say that I shall ever again make another fine for a similar charge as light as \$10."

Principals in Taft's Notification Ceremonies

WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT, The Presidential Nominee.

SENATOR WILLIAM WARNER, of Missouri, Who Made the Notification Speech.



NO "CRIME WAVE," SYLVESTER SAYS

Exaggerated Reports Cause More Harm Than Crimes Themselves, He Holds.

"Such exaggerations as have been published concerning the ordinary larcenies occurring in the District, exaggerations which have been published and calculated to implant the belief that crime is rampant in Washington, are far more harmful than the arrests or misdemeanors themselves."

This was the manner in which Major Sylvester characterized the "wave of crime" stories which have been published in Washington for the last two days.

He declared that there was no wave of crime or utter demoralization of the criminal class and that the maximum of the fluctuating crimes and misdemeanors that go to make up the "crime" statistics are every other day in Washington for the last two days.

"The increased arrests for larcenies," said he, "are by no means an indication of a wave of crime, but are the result of operations in town or that the police are unable to cope with the situation."

Larcenies fluctuate as every other form of crime does. Today the arrests will be less numerous than tomorrow, but because they happen to increase for a day or so, they are being published as crime articles, widely claiming that crime is stalking abroad.

"These stories are read by the householders of Washington who, in all probability, accept them on their face value and are inclined to the belief that robbery and theft are going on unchecked. Such reports do more harm than the offenses themselves."

ACCUSATIONS PILE UP ON NEGRO PRISONER

Police Think Johnson Responsible for Many Robberies in Georgetown—Caught Entering Saloon.

John Johnson, the negro who was arrested in Georgetown early this morning on the charge of housebreaking, was held at the Seventh precinct today pending the investigation of other charges of robbery that have since been made against him.

The police think that in Johnson they have caught the man responsible for many of the recent larcenies in Georgetown houses.

Johnson was captured by Officers Davis and Gray endeavoring to enter the saloon of Louis Gordon at 334 M street northwest.

ZEPPELIN UNDAUNTED BY AIRSHIP FAILURE

Determined to Show German Skepticisms That He Can Fly as He Promised.

BERLIN, July 28.—Unless Count Zeppelin, who announced today that his dirigible would be in shape for another test within a few days, succeeds in making a flight successful in every detail, the trial before German military experts in the practicability of aerial craft for fighting purposes will be shaken.

Already the repeated mishaps of Zeppelin's ship, which represents the highest present type of aerial vessels, have caused skepticism in the minds of many experts. The count is so confident that his ship will do all that he claims for it that there is a disposition to await the trial before attacking the idea too severely.

The Kaiser remains undiscouraged, but several army officers already have begun advising against further experiments which they say will inevitably result in failure.

WAGON INJURES CHILD AT PLAY

While playing near his home this morning, Oliver Erickson, a two-year-old boy, living at 818 M street northeast, was knocked down and slightly injured by a wagon, driven by John Ash, colored.

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ARTHUR I. VORYS, Republican Manager of Ohio.



CHARLES P. TAFT, Brother of Candidate, at Whose Home the Exercises Were Held.

MRS. FISHER LEAVES ROOM FIRST TIME

Goes to Bank and Church After Supposed Message From Husband.

NEW YORK, July 28.—Is it a modern Dido mourning for a wandering Aeneas? Or is it a latter-day Rachael weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted?

Nearly the whole of yesterday Mrs. Edith Fisher remained in her room at the Hotel Walton, and nearly the whole of that day, as on the day preceding, passing servants heard her choking sobs and the restless pacing of her wearied yet unwary footsteps up and down the narrow room.

"This woman, born a Ridgley, once the belle of Baltimore; then the wife of one of that city's most prominent businessmen, and the mother of his children; now the respondent in his suit for divorce; separated even from the son of the millionaire United States Senator Rayner of Maryland, with whom she eloped, and cast upon the cruel rocks of an unforgiving world, friendless and alone—she is weeping all day long and all the long night through, but is it for her lost lover or for the rich home, the proud position, the husband and the children from whom, even more certainly, she is separated by a great gulf of her own making?"

Places Room All Night. Mrs. Fisher began yesterday precariously as she began Sunday. All night long the maids had heard her restlessly pacing her narrow, dark, and uninspiring room. At 8 o'clock, without her solicitation, there was sent up to her a breakfast, which was scarcely touched. The morning dragged by as the night had done, and again at room came a luncheon scarcely more regarded than the meal preceding.

But, shortly afterward, the long program of monotony was broken. At about 1 o'clock Mrs. Fisher, without a word of warning, left her room, walked calmly to the elevator and finally descended to the main floor of the hotel.

She left the hotel immediately and was gone for an hour. Where she went or why are twin mysteries, but one who should know says that she first visited a downtown bank, and another adds that on her return to Chestnut street, she turned into Tenth street and, entering the old Church of St. Stephen, where her Philadelphia relatives have worshipped for generations, she knelt for several minutes in silent prayer.

Help From Husband. The feeling steadily gains belief that William H. Fisher has not wholly hardened his heart against the wife, and although he is ready, financially, at least, to stand by her.

Indeed, it is generally thought that the mysterious caller of Sunday was a representative of her husband, if not her husband himself, and that yesterday's rumored visit to the bank was not without its connection with that call.

TO ASSESS PROPERTY. Thomas M. Harvey, Edward P. Schwartz, and Thomas J. Owen today were appointed by Justice Anderson as a commission to assess the property value of a tract of ground at First and Bryant streets northwest, to be used as an addition to McMillan Park. The property adjoins the filtration plant.

HONDURAS EXPELS AMERICAN CONSUL

Cable Says That Exequaturs of Foreign Representatives Have Been Canceled.

Drew Linard, American consul stationed at Ceiba, Honduras, cabled the State Department today that President Davilla has canceled his exequatur and that of all the other consuls stationed at Ceiba.

Consul Linard's dispatch gives no explanation for the reason of this action. It is supposed, however, that the consul took united action to prevent the execution of several revolutionists who had been in prison, thereby incurring the displeasure of the government.

Acting Secretary Bacon has cabled to Linard asking for details.

TURKEY'S SULTAN FREES HIMSELF

Since Constitution Is Granted Ruler Can Appear on Streets With Safety.

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 28.—Sultan Abdul Hamid today liberated himself from the thirty-one years of self-imposed bondage in the royal palace, and in an official decree announced that henceforth he would appear on the streets as freely as any private citizen.

A virtual prisoner since 1877, when he established absolutism, the Sultan by his recent granting of a constitution and other equally as startling to the representatives of the various powers, and more significant in its possible bearing on European politics: that henceforth the princes of the imperial family must observe monarchy.

The Sultan hopes by this decree to make the royal princes of Turkey eligible for marriage into the European dynasties. He believes the greatest protection the empire can have in the future would be a union of members of the imperial family with the leading powers of Europe.

The innovations, coupled with the discarding of veils by the Turkish women, are the most remarkable and unusual results so far apparent of the new constitution.

TWO TOURISTS KILLED IN WRECK OF TRAIN

Seven Others Seriously Injured by Crash on Canadian Pacific Today.

NORTH BAY, Ontario, July 28.—An express train on the Canadian Pacific railroad crashed into another today at Hemlo Station.

J. McCormick, a tourist from Belfast, Ireland, and Millie Davis, of South East, Manitoba, were killed, and seven seriously hurt.

AUTO HITS FARMER. W. W. Gregor, of Branchville, Md., was struck by an auto driven by R. S. Moor today and slightly injured. The accident occurred at the corner of Ninth and G streets northwest.

TAFT IS NOTIFIED OF HIS NOMINATION

Cincinnati Goes Wild With Enthusiasm for Republican Candidate.

SENATOR WARNER MAKES ADDRESS

Ceremonies on Brother's Lawn. Democrats Contribute to Great Ovation to Favorite Son.

TAFT'S PLEDGES

The perfecting of the laws to perpetuate the standards of public morals set by Theodore Roosevelt.

Physical valuation of railroads helpful and important, but not the controlling factor in adjusting traffic rates.

Federal registry and supervision of corporations should be confined to those corporations which have the power and the temptation to cause monopolies and restraint of interstate trade.

Tariff must be continued as for protection, but it must be revised to prevent too much protection for certain articles.

Injunctions shall not be issued by the courts without due notice, except in those instances when it is shown that a refusal to issue them would mean great or irreparable loss to the complaining party.

Postal savings banks are much to be preferred.

No independence for the Philippines inside of two generations.

CINCINNATI, July 28.—William Howard Taft, of Ohio, received official notification today that he is the Republican party's choice for President of the United States. The news was broken to him on the lawn of the residence of his brother and backer, Charles P. Taft, and the occasion was celebrated with a jollification that will live long in Buckeye State history.

Miles of decorated streets, thousands of dollars' worth of daylight fireworks, bands without number, and happy parades that required two hours to pass a given point were a few of the outward evidences of Cincinnati's joy.

Even the Democrats joined in the good time, for it was agreed beforehand that the celebration should be strictly nonpartisan, and hundreds of followers of Jefferson shouted and clapped their hands to give the affair the proper amount of vim.

True, some of the Democrats, notably governors of States and figures of local prominence who had been invited to attend, found at the last moment that they had business elsewhere. But that did not dampen the Republican enthusiasm.

Marshal a Democrat. The grand marshal of the parade, which Mr. Taft reviewed, was an old-time Democrat, and so were many of the committee that raised the money and offered the show.

The cannon booming from the hilltops that surround Cincinnati opened the official day at 7 o'clock, and at 9:30 there was the raising of a historic flag, singing, and prayers on the platform at the Taft residence. A little more than an hour afterward the notification committee, headed by Senator William Warner of Missouri, the chairman, was escorted from the hotel to the Taft home.

By the time the committee had reached the house, the platform was filled to overflowing, and the lawn surrounding it was packed by the next-lucky ones who were entitled to standing room. For two or three blocks each way from the house and up and down the nearby cross streets the thoroughfares were packed with people anxious to get a glimpse of "Bill Taft's smile," or a note of the candidate's voice.

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