

PARTY LEADERS HOLD MEETING IN NEW YORK

Roosevelt Managers Discuss Program for Chicago Convention.

TAFT FOLLOWERS SHOWING WEAKNESS

All Former Feeling of Confidence Fades as Campaign Nears Close.

By JUDSON C. WELLIVER.

Leaders of the Roosevelt organization are in conference in New York today, considering the program for the fight immediately preliminary to and in the Chicago convention.

The first stage is concerned with the selection of delegations, and will, in effect, end with the primary in New Jersey today.

Greatest Since 1892.

There has been no great convention fight for a Republican nomination for President since 1892. In that year Harrison defeated Blaine in the great Minneapolis convention.

Party Existence At Stake. With more than 200 seats in the convention in controversy, the work of the committee will be of the greatest possible importance.

Some very practical politics was practiced in the Roosevelt camp today, it is reported that the anti-Taft candidate for temporary chairman will be Gov. Frank E. McGovern.

Roland for An Oliver. In this proposal, the Roosevelt people pass back a Roland for the Taft men's Oliver, represented by the choice of Root to handle the baton in the temporary stages.

Taft People Would Lose. In addition to the thirty-six La Follette delegates who are expected to support McGovern, the half-score of Cummins delegates are counted upon as a sure accession to the progressive cause.

ALIENISTS WILL WATCH PAGE AS HE TELLS WOES

Linen Merchant Hisses, Shouts, and Gesticulates in Court Today.

PROSECUTION TO TAKE NEW COURSE

Employment of Specialist Pre-sages Startling Development.

Indications that the charges of criminal libel against Henry W. A. Page, the New York linen merchant, may take a startling turn, developed in Criminal Court No. 2 today.

The alienists are Dr. George H. Schwinn, assistant superintendent of the Government Hospital for the Insane, and Dr. D. Percy Hickline, of the Washington Asylum Hospital.

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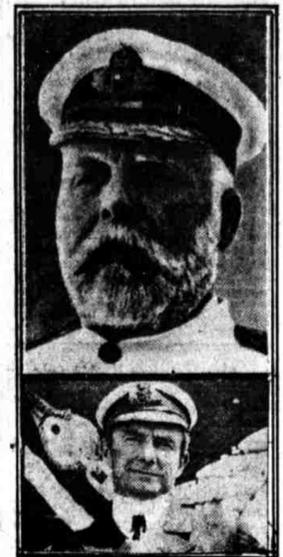
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WEATHER REPORT. FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT. U. S. BUREAU OF WEATHER. TEMPERATURES. AFFLECK'S.

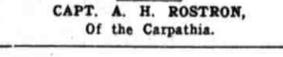
Main Points in Senate Titanic Report

BLAMED.

Captain Smith, commanding the Titanic—For ignoring repeated ice warnings, without decreasing speed, doubling lookouts, and warning passengers following collision. Capt. Stanley Lord, of the Californian—For ignoring distress rockets, for "indifference or gross carelessness" when less than nineteen miles from sinking Titanic.



CAPT. E. C. SMITH, Of the Titanic.



CAPT. A. H. ROSTRON, Of the Carpathia.

RECOMMENDATIONS. That no vessel be licensed to carry passengers from United States ports until all regulations and requirements of the United States laws have been fully complied with. That statutes be amended as to definitely require sufficient lifeboats to accommodate every passenger and every member of the crew of passenger boats.

PRAISED.

Captain Rostron, of the Carpathia—For following a course deserving of the highest praise and worthy of especial recognition in his work of commanding the rescue of the Titanic passengers.

SENATOR SMITH URGES CHANGE IN LAWS

DRASTIC REFORMS NECESSARY TO PREVENT SIMILAR DISASTERS ON SEA.

With rare force and eloquence, Senator William Aiden Smith of Michigan, chairman of the subcommittee of investigation, presented the report on the sinking of the Titanic on the floor of the Senate this afternoon.

Those responsible for the loss of hundreds of lives were arraigned in scathing terms for the needless sacrifice, while high tribute was paid to the courage of the heroic men, whose deeds have become known.

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NEW ORDER WILL SEND MORE SHIPS TO FLORIDA PORT

Whole Atlantic Fleet to Be Off Key West Within Week—Torpedo Boats to Escort German Vessels.

ALL OFFICERS DENIED LEAVE; SEA FIGHTERS PROVISIONED

Within one week every available battleship of the Atlantic fleet will be anchored at Key West.

This was learned at the Navy Department this afternoon when it was announced that the Kansas, Louisiana, South Carolina, and New Hampshire, which had previously been instructed to meet the German Imperial squadron off the Virginia Capes May 30, would not perform this duty, but that the escorting squadron would be the second division of the torpedo fleet, commanded by Lieutenant Commander Bennett.

The Kansas, Louisiana, New Hampshire, and South Carolina have not yet received orders to sail for the Florida port, but they have steam up, and are fully provisioned at Hampton Roads, are ready to start South at a minute's notice.

PICTURE SHOW BLAZE IN SPAIN COSTS 103 LIVES

Doors Open Inward, and Women and Children Are Trapped.

Furloughs Denied. Every officer connected with this, the second, division of the Atlantic fleet, has been denied furlough, and those who were absent have been recalled and warned to be ready to sail upon receipt of official orders for active sea service.

Property Threatened. Officials of the department are worried over the fact that vast foreign holdings in the easternmost provinces are threatened. The fact that the Cuban authorities have had a large armed force on the spot well equipped for an effective campaign against the rebels and that notwithstanding this no important engagement has occurred, creates a situation difficult to explain, according to State Department officials.

Doors Blocked Them. A spark set fire to a film, and the inflammable celluloid blazed upward in a flash, setting fire to the entrance doors. There was a wild panic immediately, and the audience broke for the rapidly opening flames.

No Firemen. The town had no firemen, but the majority of the males who arrived on the scene got to work on the doors with axes, and after breaking them down managed to get a few persons out before being driven back by the rapidly spreading flames.

Rebels Safe From Attack in Hills; Signs of Weakening. SANTIAGO, Cuba, May 28.—The attack of federals against General Ivo's army of 1,200 negro rebels has been postponed until re-enforcements arrive.

MOTOR CARS NEEDED FOR THE VETERANS

In order that many veterans too feeble to take part in the Memorial Day parade may not be deprived of attending the exercises at Arlington, following the parade, the Memorial Day Committee of the Department of the Potomac issued an appeal this morning to automobile owners.

LORIMER DISREGARDS PHYSICIAN'S ORDERS

Senator Announces He Will Leave Chicago Today For Washington. CHICAGO, May 28.—Against the advice of his physician, Senator William Lorimer announced today that he would leave during the afternoon for Washington.

SENATE. Senate met at 11 o'clock. Senator Smith speaks on Titanic disaster. Submits report of Commerce Committee on Titanic inquiry. Senator Rayner of Maryland speaks on Titanic.