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Joe Parker Says Watson Will Carry Alabama and Georgia, and Perhaps Nebraska.

DEMOCRATS ARE INSINCERE

Ex-National Chairman Says the Party Will Poll Two or Three Million Votes and Beat Judge Parker.

Some days ago a St. Louis dispatch was received which conveyed the information that prominent populists and democrats had conferred with the idea in view of supporting the populist ticket this fall. The following article from the St. Louis Globe-Democrat casts further light on the subject, and gives an idea of what the populists expect to do to the democrats:

"We are sure of carrying the states of Alabama and Georgia now," declared Joe Parker, ex-chairman of the Jefferson hotel Sunday. Mr. Parker has just reached St. Louis from the party, which was held at Springfield last week. Continuing, he said: "Not only will we carry those two states, but we may carry Nebraska, and if we do not get a big vote in Missouri I will be greatly surprised."

"The democrats could not have gone back on their promises to the people more completely than they did in this convention. Wall street forced the party into its pocket. Democrats have been teaching the principles they have repudiated for eight years. They have educated the farmers to the theory of free silver until it is grafted into them good and strong. Now the leaders turn about on their proposition and stand for what they have been fighting. Do they think for a minute that these thousands of followers of Bryan are going to submit tamely to such dictation? I think not. You can't change the principles in a single day any more than you can raise the sun at midnight."

"Our candidate for president, Thomas Watson, will carry Alabama and Georgia and, I believe, Nebraska. We will cast between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 votes at the coming election."

"How about Missouri?" was asked. "Missouri will give Watson at least 40,000 votes, and, to my mind, Roosevelt will stand an excellent show of carrying the state."

"The populists are in better shape today than they have been for eight years. We are beginning to find out the insincerity of the democrats. They are beginning to come out in the light of their true character. The populists have this year adopted a platform that will appeal to every laboring man in the United States. We declare for the cardinal principles that the democrats have contended for these many years. We believe in organizing labor, and we are pledged to support union principles. We expect to secure a great vote in the cities."

To further show the extent of the feeling, Mr. Parker claims that Clarence Darrow, the Hearst man from Chicago, who addressed the democratic national convention on Thursday in the interest of his candidate, has openly announced that he can not support Parker and that he will vote for Watson. Darrow was a law partner of the late John P. Altgeld of Chicago.

Mr. Parker held several conferences with a number of delegates from Nebraska and other western states, and if they did not absolutely promise to support the populist candidate for president, they declared they would never vote for Parker. All the populists in the city, and there are several who came along with Mr. Parker, are equally as well satisfied with the outlook for their candidate.

WILL FIGHT HARRIMAN.

Japanese Steamship Line Will Be Operated Independently.

The following from the Examiner may throw some light on the dispatch appearing in yesterday's Astorian relative to the new O. R. & N. steamship merger:

It is probable that E. H. Harriman will attempt to squeeze the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, or Japanese Steamship Company, out of the combine it has enjoyed with the Pacific Mail and Occidental and Oriental Companies in the handling of the trans-Pacific business of this port during the past eight or ten years.

President Asano of the Japanese company, who is 40 times a millionaire, thinks that is the Harriman program, and it is known the latter has been informed from Tokio by Asano that

his company will act independently and fight for a share of the trans-Pacific traffic of this port if the present tripartite combination is not continued.

Owing to the war in the Orient, the Japanese company has some of its steamers running into this port at present. The two Harriman companies, the Pacific Mail and Occidental and Oriental, are handling all the business with the Gaelic, Doric and Coptic of the latter company and the China, Siberia, Korea and Mongolia of the Pacific Mail.

A new Pacific Mail steamer, the Manchuria, will soon join the fleet, and with these eight ships the Harriman people think they can properly attend to all the business and that they should enjoy it to the exclusion of the foreign line.

Asano is to have three new steamers built in England for his San Francisco line. This will give him a modern fleet and enable him to keep up his end with Harriman if the latter finally decides to continue the combine. In case Asano is obliged to act independently, he will have to use four vessels in and out of this port. While the war lasts it is admitted that the Asano company can do no business. What Harriman will tell Asano when the war is over is an interesting speculation in steamship circles.

ESCAPE OF SOLDIERS ENDS DISASTROUSLY.

Three Men Try to Get Away From Governors Island, But Bullets of Sentries Stop Them.

New York, July 16.—Three soldiers imprisoned on Governor's island for desertion have tried to escape in a rowboat. One of them, Private Alfred Bostwick, was shot by a sentry. The bullet passed through Bostwick's jaw and he will probably die. His two companions, when they saw that Bostwick was wounded, promptly stopped rowing. They were overhauled, taken back to the island and put in the guardhouse.

Bostwick's companions were William Rheiner and a man named Cox. They had been model prisoners and Bostwick was to have been released August 1. Rheiner would have been freed two months later, but neither was aware of the shortening of their terms.

The prisoners were at work on an extension of the island defenses, being made by filling in. No particular attention was paid to them and they seized the opportunity to escape by wading into the bay and seizing a rowboat. One seized the oars and headed for Brooklyn.

A sentinel ran along the sea wall and called upon them to come back but no attention was paid to him and he fired five shots. Bostwick, who lay prone in the boat, was hit in the cheek. The bullet passed through his neck and severed an artery. An army boat by that time had overhauled the rowers and towed them back to the island. Bostwick's companions were not wounded.

Night Was Her Terror.

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