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ALL EYES ON NEW YORK

Interest in the Democratic Gubernatorial Contest.

HEARST IS PROMINENT

Success of Hearst Would Influence Democratic Platform to Great Degree.

DEMOCRATS SEND IN DOLLARS

Congressional Campaign Committee Reports Dollar Subscriptions Pouring in at Rate of Fifty Per Day—Bryan's Arrival Awaited.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 27.—Politicians in Washington are watching with absorbing interest the contest for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in New York. They realize that the outcome is bound to have a far-reaching effect on the Democratic party and that the rest of the country is as vitally concerned as is New York State. The triumph of Mr. Hearst will be a triumph for the principles for which he stands and with those principles endorsed by the Democracy of the Empire State they cannot be ignored by the Democracy of the nation. The national Democracy will not necessarily adopt the Hearst preaching as a whole, should Mr. Hearst be successful, but his success would inevitably color Democratic platforms of the future.

The position occupied by Tammany is one of the most interesting features of the New York situation. For Tammany it is a case either of the frying-pan or the fire, and Tammany cannot escape making choice. It appears settled that either Mr. Hearst or District Attorney Jerome is going to be the Democratic nominee for governor. It would be hard to determine whether Hearst or Jerome has been the more bitter foe of Tammany, or which has said the uglier things about Leader Murphy. The once arrogant Tammany being reduced to the necessity of making choice between its foes, can only guess as to which would spank the havier as occupant of the governor's chair.

Dollars Coming in Fast.
Secretary Charles A. Edwards of the Democratic congressional campaign committee, reports that dollar subscriptions are now coming in at the rate of about fifty a day, which is very pleasing to the Democratic managers. Naturally, it is expected there will be a steady increase from now until the campaign approaches its close. The Republican managers have not given out any figures as to the result of their appeal for dollar contributions, but the supposition is that there has been a liberal following of the example set by President Roosevelt.

Aside from getting their organizations into shape for future activity, not much is being done just now by either committee. The Democrats are awaiting the coming of Mr. Bryan and the sounding of his key-note, and the Republicans are waiting on the same thing. Naturally they are not inclined to spread their lines of battle until the Democrats have decided upon their point of attack. The Republicans, of course, as the party in power, are on the defensive; it is not theirs to take the field and inaugurate campaigns, it is theirs only to hold the ground they occupy. And having decided how and upon what ground they will make their stand, they await the Democratic onslaught.

SILER WILL REFEREE.

"Tex" Rickard Declares Positively That Siler Will Be the Man.

GOLDFIELD, Aug. 27.—George Siler, the veteran referee, will be the third man in the ring when Battling Nelson and Joe Gans meet to settle the lightweight championship here on Sept. 3. "Tex" Rickard, president of the Goldfield Athletic club, stated tonight that Siler would positively officiate, despite all rumors to the contrary. Warm weather today seemed to have an effect on both Gans and Nelson and an air of listlessness pervaded their training. Gans has cut out boxing entirely and will devote an hour or two each day toward accustoming himself to the glare of the sun. He is well under the 133 pound notch and will aim to keep within the stipulated weight. Nelson, owing to the warm weather, jogged but six miles on the road this morning. In the afternoon, however, he boxed the usual brisk rounds and did considerable gymnasium work. There is little betting in Goldfield on the coming contest. Gans continues to rule the favorite at odds of ten to seven. At Manhattan, about 70 miles from here, the betting continues brisk. About \$20,000 was wagered there today. It is reported the odds were ten to six, with Gans the favorite.

TWICKENHAM FLOATED.

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 27.—The steamer Twickenham was floated this evening by the wrecking steamer Salvor and the tug Tacoma, aided by her own engines. The big freighter is not greatly damaged. She will be brought to Esquimalt for repairs.

EVIDENCE OF PLOT

Steamer Pronto's Wheel Picks Up Sack of Dynamite.

FISHERMEN WANTED REVENGE

Alleged That Seiners Near Stella Planned to Blow up Steamers Running Down Their Nets in River.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 27.—Sixty pounds of giant powder neatly tied up in a sack and weighted with rocks, was picked up Sunday night near Stella by the steamer Pronto's wheel. Before the nature of the sack's contents were discovered the explosives were pounded against the wheel with terrific force. Had the powder ignited the craft would have been sunk and the officers and crew blown to atoms.

In the neighborhood of Stella there is a big seining ground which the fishermen have all along claimed that no one had a right to invade but themselves. Some of their gear had frequently been carried away or damaged by the steamers. It is claimed that the powder was placed there for no other purpose than to blow up trespassing steamboats. The powder was in a shallow water and laid in such a manner that a steamer's wheel would catch the sack. It is supposed that it was argued by the fishermen that when the dynamite was struck by the wheel the force of the blow would cause an explosion.

DRUG PROVES FATAL.

OAKLAND, Aug. 27.—Forgetting for a moment the presence of a small package of cyanide of potassium on his desk, Alfred H. Norton, a member of the business office staff of the Oakland Tribune, early yesterday morning laid a cigar on the edge of the paper containing the poison, and a few seconds later placed the "butt" in his mouth. Almost instantly Norton fell to the floor unconscious. A few grains of the deadly drug had adhered to the moistened end of the cigar.

Norton, who was 24 years of age, died at 5 o'clock this morning, about two hours after he had placed the poisoned cigar between his lips.

HARD BLOW TO REBELS

Cuban Insurgents Defeated Near Cienfuegos.

LOSE SEVENTEEN MEN

Insurgent Forces Are Routed By Government With Loss of Single Man.

REBELS OFFERED IMMUNITY

Government Guarantees All Revolutionists Immunity if They Will Disband—Guerra Determined to Keep Up Struggle.

HAVANA, Aug. 27.—At the moment today when the government was issuing its proclamation offering pardon to the rebels, who would lay down their arms, in the defeat of General Guzman near Cienfuegos, its forces were dealing the most telling blow yet struck the insurgents, who lost seventeen killed, while the government force lost but one man. The government is without particulars of the fight. That the insurrection is in a shaky condition seems to be a fact, although the end may not be as near as members of the government profess to believe.

Colonel Valle reported to the government tonight that he defeated the insurgents under General Guzman near Cienfuegos, killing 17 insurgents. The loss to the Rural guards was one man and four horses.

Senator Dolz, leader of the moderate party, at the conclusion of a conference with President Palma at midnight stated that practically all the insurgent leaders except Guerrero had signified a willingness to disband their men if guaranteed immunity. On account of the insurgents' willingness to quit the field there will be no further enlistments.

Pino Guerrero in a signed statement telegraphed to the Associated Press tonight declares he is as determined as ever that the last presidential election shall be annulled before there can be peace in Cuba. That Guerrero's force of two thousand men is well armed and supplied with ammunition and food, is amply verified. Their greatest drawback now is lack of money, but people in the western part of Pinor del Rio are furnishing them with all the supplies needed. In this province the situation remains unchanged. Guerrero knows nothing of the amnesty proclamation, and if he did it is unlikely to affect his course materially. At present there is every reason to expect that he will hold out for some time to come. The district he occupies is inhabited by Liberals who are practically all passive if not active sympathizers with the revolution. A favorable feature is that Guerrero will not fight unless he has to. He intends, he says, to remain out indefinitely in protest against the subservience of Palma to the administration. The Associated Press is reliably informed that the Asberb force, the main insurgent body in Havana Province, amounts to 150 and there are not exceeding 100 more in small parties.

INTRODUCE SPELLING REFORM.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 27.—Superintendent Chancellor of the District of Columbia Public Schools announced today that he would introduce the simplified spelling system alternately in the higher grammar grades. Pupils will be given their choice of the old or new. In the lower grades the old system will be continued.

IMMENSE FOREST FIRE.

Valdez Island in Grasp of Fierce Forest Conflagration—Considerable Anxiety.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 27.—One of the largest forest fires which has occurred up the coast this season is now raging on Valdez Island. Steamers arriving today say that in the vicinity of the fire, massive clouds of smoke completely obliterate all view of the flames. The island is covered with a magnificent growth of first class timber. The fire has caused considerable anxiety in local business circles, which is all the more heightened because nothing can be done to stop it.

SAILORS LEAVE BATTLESHIP.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 27.—It is reported that news reached St. Petersburg today that 21 men belonging to the battleship Panteleimon, formerly the Kniaz Potomkine, on which a mutiny occurred last year, seized a cutter and landed on Bereazan Island, where Lieut. Schmidt, the mutineer, was executed, and planted a red flag there. Meetings of seamen belonging to the Black Sea fleet are said to have been held at various places and reinforcements of troops are reported to have been sent from Odessa and Sevastopol.

CAMPAIGN OF MURDER.

MOSCOW, Aug. 27.—The revolutionists have inaugurated a campaign against the police similar to the one so long in force in Warsaw. A sergeant and two policemen were shot with revolvers today.

IS DOWN ON REFORM

Harvard President Opposes Reformed Spelling Innovation.

WILL NOT BECOME POPULAR

President Eliot Believes That Reformed Spelling Advocated by Roosevelt Will Never Become Popular in This Country.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—A dispatch to a morning paper from Northeast Harbor, Maine, says:

Harvard will not stand for the Carnegie-Roosevelt innovation, according to President Eliot, who is stopping here. Mr. Eliot says the new style of spelling does not in the least appeal to him.

"I suppose that President Roosevelt has a right to write his messages in any style of orthography to which he may incline," he remarked, "but I think it will be a long time before such a style as that proposed becomes very popular or takes a great hold upon the public."

"I do not myself care for it, and it is my opinion that the same view is held by a majority of educators. There are some distinguished men, such as President Butler of Columbia, who have long favored it, but I do not see that their work has brought much of accomplishment."

"The English will hardly adopt this new system," he said. "It will mean not only that the public printers would be obliged to make two sets of plates, but all the present plates of the standard and popular works would be rendered incorrect and be without value. It will be found the people will not like the look of 'thru' and 'tho' and words similarly spelled."

ONE BURGLAR SHOT.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 27.—In a battle with three burglars at Sixth and Bryant streets at 1 o'clock this morning, Howard Powelson, a night watchman, was dangerously wounded, but before he fell fainting from the loss of blood he sent a bullet after his fleeing assailants, which brought one of them down, fatally injured. The burglars escaped, but one of them was found later on Sixth street in a dying condition.

CRISIS NEAR IN PERSIA

Shah's Power Waning Fast --Army Mutinous.

GERMANS HAVE DESIGNS

Daily Mail's Correspondent Says Persian Government is About to Collapse.

FEAR CONTROL BY GERMANY

England Warned Regarding Safety of India—Foreign Control of Persia Inevitable—May Repeat Story of Kiau Chau.

LONDON, Aug. 27.—The correspondent at Teheran of the Daily Mail under date of August 25th, declares a crisis is approaching in Persia, that with Russia paralyzed, Germany's great opportunity is at hand, and that the entire organization is collapsing, that the provinces are in a condition of anarchy, that the treasury is empty and all available securities mortgaged, that the army is unpaid for months and is in a condition of open mutiny and insurrections daily occur and are fast spreading, the only trustworthy troops in Teheran being the Cossacks brigade, which is also beginning to get out of hand. The cause of these disorders, the correspondent says, is partly the Mullah's imitation of Russian revolutionaries and partly a stirring of pan-Islamism. He says the Shah is losing his health as well as the control of his subjects and is intriguing the the Sultan as the supreme head of Islam. The correspondent describes the manner in which Germany is getting a foothold in Persia and concludes with a solemn warning, regarding the safety of India as foreign control of Persia is inevitable and the story of Kiau Chau may be repeated in the Persian gulf.

NEW FANGLED AIRSHIP.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—A dispatch to a morning paper from Brantwood, Ont., says:

Dr. Alexander G. Bell's "Wireless aeroplane," which is attracting the attention of Canadian and American scientists assembled here, had a preliminary test yesterday. Captain Angelmeier of Chicago, the navigator, succeeded in riding to a height of 200 feet, turning a complete circle and alighting safely a few feet from the starting point. Dr. Bell's flying machine is operated by wireless electrical energy supplied from the earth.

Next Tuesday a flight from London to Toronto will be attempted.

PUNITIVE EXPEDITION.

RIGA, Aug. 27.—A punitive expedition visited the district near Weden, where the Rural Guard was killed recently, and instituted a drumhead court-martial, and put to death three revolutionists and flogged many peasants. A fine of \$1,500 was imposed on the two communes involved.

LARGE AIRSHIP A SUCCESS.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 27.—The largest airship ever seen in California floated over this city for several hours today. In it were P. E. Culligan and his assistant, William Manion. The ship has two large cigar shaped bags with a large framework below. It is equipped with a powerful 14-horse power engine. The machine made rapid progress and steered at will.

DISASTROUS FLOODS.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—A special from Mazatlan, Mex., says: Several hundred people have been rendered homeless by the disastrous floods which have swept over this region for the past few days.

Twenty days of incessant rain throughout this region of the Pacific Coast has made the whole lower country a vast sea of water. The waters of the bay have been supplemented by torrents which poured down from the inland. Scores of summer houses located on the bay were swept away. A broad boulevard which connected the city with the sea has been destroyed.

JEALOUSY CAUSES MURDER.

BUTTE, Aug. 27.—Eli Sutherland, a bartender, shot and killed Fay Jackson, employed as a floor walker at the Casino Dance Hall, this afternoon, and then fired a bullet through his head. Sutherland has little chance of recovery. The tragedy took place in the residence district and was witnessed by several persons. Jealousy is said to be the cause.

MAY SETTLE SHIPPING STRIKE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 27.—Overtures looking toward a settlement of the shipping strike have been commenced. It is said members of the ship owners' association acting individually, have approached the sailors' union. Charles Ellison of the union, today admitted there had been a secret conference with the shipping men.

NO MERCY IS SHOWN

Nevada Insurance Commissioner Sands Hot Letter.

TO FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

London and Lancashire Accused of "Welching" in California—Must Pay Up or Quit Business in Nevada.

CARSON CITY, Nev., Aug. 27.—A letter has been sent to the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance company by Insurance Commissioner Davis in response to one received from the manager of the company, requesting information as to the conduct of its business in Nevada. Davis states "You ask me to relate the requirements of the law in Nevada to which you will be pleased to comply. I will suggest that your company had better pay attention to complying with the laws of California. You are reported in the newspapers as settling in full with your wealthy patrons and squeezing your small policyholders. You have no right to make such discrimination. You are generally charged with conducting a 'welching' business. You certainly cannot expect to do business along these lines in California and continue to do business in this State. I have ordered all your policies on State property canceled and will give you two weeks to begin settling dollar for dollar in San Francisco and if there are still complaints of your business methods, your license to do business in this State will be revoked."

SHIPPED TRUNKS TO BUFFALO.

CHICAGO, Aug. 27.—Paul O. Stensland, president of the defunct Milwaukee Avenue State bank checked two trunks from Chicago to New York over the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern according to the police, on the day after his supposed disappearance from Chicago. About two hours after the trunks were checked Stensland sent a telegram to have the trunks stopped at Buffalo. The Buffalo police were asked to locate the trunks and yesterday wired the Chicago police that they were still in Buffalo at the Lake Shore station, uncalled for.