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ELECTS OFFICERS.

NO DEBATE ON RESOLUTIONS

Commend President Roosevelt's Administration, Endorse His Philippine Policy and Oppose a Revision of the Republican Tariff Laws—J. Kampton Moore of Philadelphia Chosen President by Acclamation.

Chicago, Oct. 4.—The convention of the League of Republican Clubs has completed its labors and adjourned. At the opening of the second day's session the committee on resolutions was not ready to report and it was resolved to proceed with the election of officers. J. Kampton Moore of Philadelphia had no opposition for the nomination for president and his election was made by acclamation. The president-elect, when he received the gavel from retiring President Hamilton, made a brief speech in which he urged the necessity of organized effort in seeking the success of the Republican party.

The committee on time and place of next meeting, after mentioning Pennsylvania, Missouri and California as candidates, left the matter to the new executive committee. The league platform, as produced by the resolutions committee, was then presented to the delegates, who adopted it without discussion. The platform follows:

"The National Republican league, in its thirteenth convention assembled, congratulates the party of Abraham Lincoln and our American citizenship of all parties upon the prosperity that was restored to the whole people under the wise and patriotic policies that signalized the administration of William McKinley, in war and in peace, and that have been continued with energy and fearlessness by the soldier-statesman, Theodore Roosevelt. We give unqualified commendation to his administration. We believe in his honesty of purpose, admire him for his courage and love him for his unswerving Republicanism."

Philippine Policy Endorsed.

The administration's policy in Cuba and the Philippines is endorsed and the admission of New Mexico, Oklahoma and Arizona is favored. Regarding the tariff the platform says: "The unexampled prosperity that has attended the full exercise of Republican tariff policy is obvious, and commands unwavering adherence to that policy as one of cardinal importance in protecting American labor, maintaining American industries, and sustaining American institutions."

Continuing the platform says: "We condemn every combination of capital whose purpose is self-aggrandizement at the expense of the workingman, the general public, the nation, or any state or local government, or to increase the cost of the necessities of life, or in any way, to assail the moral, physical or political welfare of the people."

"We characterize the Democratic party as one without a fixed policy on any of the great public questions of the day. It offers no remedy for any existing ills, and it is only active in opposition to the progressive acts of the Republican party, while it awaits

a possible national calamity that may furnish it an issue."

After the adoption of the platform the other officers were elected as follows:

MASSACHUSETTS REPUBLICANS.

Convention Names State Ticket by Acclamation.

Boston, Oct. 4.—With every plan matured for quickly and harmoniously completing their work the delegates to the Republican state convention assembled in the Boston theater to nominate a ticket to be voted for in November. Ex-Secretary of the Navy John D. Long was chosen permanent chairman, and the delivery of his speech was frequently interrupted by the plaudits of the delegates. Especially was this the case at the close of the speaker's eulogy of McKinley and his praise of Roosevelt.

The platform was then presented and at the conclusion of its reading Frank E. Fitts of Somerville took the floor to offer an amendment to the tariff and reciprocity planks, endorsing "the sentiments of our late president, William McKinley, in his last speech in regard to the reciprocity, especially in regard to Cuba and Canada," and favoring an immediate revision of the tariff, especially in relation to coal, iron and steel, hides and the necessities of life. The amendment was not seconded.

Senator Lodge, in a vigorous speech, advocated the adoption of the platform as reported by the committee. The amendment of Mr. Fitts was defeated by an overwhelming majority. The platform as reported was adopted by a unanimous vote, and the following ticket was nominated by acclamation:

For governor, John L. Bales, present lieutenant governor; lieutenant governor, Curtis Guild, Jr., Boston; secretary of the commonwealth, William M. Olin, Boston; treasurer and receiver general, Edward S. Bradford, Springfield; auditor of accounts, Henry E. Turner, Malden; attorney general, Herbert Parker, Lancaster.

OFFER OF COAL LANDS.

Wealthy Woman Places Them at the Disposal of the President.

New York, Oct. 7.—Another offer of coal lands has been made to President Roosevelt to relieve a possible coal famine. Mrs. Johanna C. Samuels formerly of Nashville, Tenn., and Washington, D. C., but who has been in New York for several months organizing a railroad and other projects, has written to President Roosevelt offering him a tract of mining land in Kentucky, to be mined by the government without compensation to the donor, during the continuance of the strike. Mrs. Samuels said to a reporter:

"I am making the offer simply because the property is idle. It is no expense to me at the present time and I would be at no loss if a quantity of coal is mined. I do not ask one cent from the government or any favors. I will leave the arrangements of all details entirely to the president and let him do as he sees fit."

TURNING THE TABLES.

Portugal Is Now Importing Instead of Exporting Cattle.

London, Oct. 4.—Many cattle formerly were exported from Portugal to England and France. Now, says a Times dispatch from Oporto, the tables are turned, and oxen of Eunos breed are being imported from Buenos Ayres. Two shipments have just been sold to the municipality of Lisbon.

MEET PRESIDENT

COAL OPERATORS AND STRIKE
LEADERS IN CONFERENCE
AT WHITE HOUSE.

ROOSEVELT MAKES APPEAL

Says the Present Situation is Intolerable and Pleads With the Contending Factions to Adjust Differences and Reopen the Mines—Conference Adjourns to Allow Preparation of Statements.

Washington, Oct. 4.—At the close of the second conference President Mitchell announced that no settlement had been reached.

Washington, Oct. 4.—The second step in the president's effort to effect a settlement between the anthracite coal magnates and the miners was taken during the day. At 11:10 o'clock, ten minutes after the hour fixed for the conference, every person who had been invited to participate, with the exception of President Olyphant of the Delaware and Hudson, who sent as his personal representative David Wilcox, vice president and general counsel of the road, and President Cassatt of the Pennsylvania railroad, was present in the second story room of the temporary executive mansion, where the president, since his return from Indianapolis, has transacted such necessary public business as could not be postponed. The president, during the conference, was seated in a large invalid chair, his left leg extended at full length, resting upon a cushion. The president greeted most cordially each of his guests as they appeared and when all were assembled he stated to them in a brief preliminary way his object in calling them together. The president, fully realizing the importance of the communication that he was to make, had prepared a carefully worded paper setting forth in detail his position on the pending controversy. The president said:

"I wish to call your attention to the fact that there are three parties affected by the situation in the anthracite trade—the operators, the miners and the general public. I speak for neither the operators nor the miners, but for the general public. The questions at issue which led to the situation affect immediately the parties concerned—the operators and the miners; but the situation itself vitally affects the public. As long as there seemed to be a reasonable hope that these matters could be adjusted between the parties it did not seem proper to me to intervene in any way.

Duty Demands Some Action.

"I disclaim any right or duty to intervene in this way upon legal grounds or upon any official relation that I bear to the situation; but the urgency and the terrible nature of the catastrophe impending over a large portion of our people in the shape of a winter fuel famine impels me, after much anxious thought, to believe that my duty requires me to use whatever influence I personally can to bring to an end a situation which has become literally intolerable. I wish to emphasize the character of the situation and to say that its gravity is such that I am constrained to insist that each one of you realize the heavy burden of responsibility upon him. We are upon the threshold of winter, with an already existing coal famine, the future terrors of which we can hardly yet appreciate. The evil possibilities are so far-reaching, so appalling, that it seems to me that you are not only justified in sinking but required to sink for the time being any tenacity as to your respective claims in the matter at issue between you. In my judgment the situation imperatively requires that you meet upon the common plane of the necessities of the public. With the earnestness there is in me I ask that there be an immediate resumption of operations in the coal mines in some such way as will without a day's unnecessary delay meet the crying needs of the people.

"I do not invite a discussion of your respective claims and positions. I appeal to your patriotism, to the spirit that sinks personal consideration and makes individual sacrifices for the general good."

Given Time to Consider.

When the president had concluded the reading of his statement he said he did not expect that either party would be ready to submit propositions at this time, but he asked them to take into consideration what he had said and to return at 3 o'clock. He said he hoped that some proposition might be presented at that time which would furnish the basis of an adjustment.

The conference then terminated. It had lasted less than fifteen minutes. The representatives of the railroads came down stairs first and went to their carriages. They refused to say anything except that they would meet again at 3 o'clock. They would not even say where they were going to make their headquarters. When asked where they could be seen President Baer remarked to the newspaper men:

"Gentlemen, what we want to do is some place where you can't find us and where we will not be interrupted." They then drove away.

President Mitchell and his party followed soon after, refusing to say anything. A little later Attorney Knox left the White House. It was understood that both parties to the conference would, during the adjournment, formulate some proposition based on what the president had said or that each would be prepared with a reply to present to the president when the conference was resumed at 3 o'clock.

Conferees Prepare Statements.

were driven from the White House to their special train in which they remained at the Baltimore and Ohio station until it was time to leave for the second conference. They prepared statements which they will present to the president when the conference reassembles and which they will make public as soon as the president has seen them. They declined to discuss the attitude they will take on the ground that it would be discourteous to the president to disclose their intentions or their statements previous to submitting them to him.

President Baer was asked if there was any prospect of a settlement of the strike. He replied that he could not tell as each company would submit a separate statement to the president.

When Mr. Mitchell and District Presidents Duffy, Nicholls and Fahey left the White House after the conference they returned to the hotel where they were closeted during the afternoon. Mr. Mitchell declined to say anything about his purpose in regard to a settlement of the strike.

All the parties to the conference were at the White House by 3:15 o'clock and the meeting then was resumed.

The news that came from the inside to the effect that the coal presidents had prepared statements which they intended to publish caused a feeling of depression, for it was taken to mean that they had resolved to maintain their position and were called upon to explain to the public for their reasons for so doing.

WILL FIGHT MERGER.

National Live Stock Association Plans to Oppose Packing Trust.

Denver, Oct. 4.—The National Live Stock association, several of the largest Western railways and individual stockmen throughout the West have decided to fight the proposed merger now in process of formation of the great packing industries of the country.

Kansas City, Oct. 4.—C. F. Morse, president of the Kansas City and Denver Stock Yards company, speaking of the Denver story to the effect that the National Live Stock association, Western railways and individual stockmen would fight the proposed stock yards merger, said:

"I have recently been called on by representatives of some of the principal live stock associations of the Southwest as to the attitude which the Kansas City Stock Yards company would take toward the establishment of a large packing plant to be owned by cattlemen. J. Springer, the president of the National Live Stock association, said he thought there was no difficulty in raising a capital of \$10,000,000 or \$15,000,000 for this purpose. While I am not authorized to speak for the company at this time it is my judgment if such a company should be organized the stock yards should be glad to meet it with the same liberality that it has shown to other companies in the past."

MILES OF GOLD ORE.

Fabulous Richness of a Recent Mexican Discovery.

Austin, Tex., Oct. 4.—A short time ago James Taylor, an American mining prospector, discovered a gold and silver bearing ledge in a remote section of the state of Sonora, Mex.

The indications were that it was a very rich find, but as he did not have the necessary money to acquire the title and develop the property, he laid the matter before W. C. Green of New York city, who is at the head of Green Consolidated Copper company.

Mr. Green sent a mining expert to examine the prospect and the latter reported that it was of fabulous richness. He estimated that there is not less than \$20,000,000 of gold and silver ore in sight. The ledge is four feet wide and extends across the country for many miles.

Mr. Green has paid Mr. Taylor \$250,000 for a three-quarter interest in the prospect and will develop it on an extensive scale. It is said to be one of the richest gold and silver properties in the world.

IS SLIGHTLY WOUNDED.

Prominent French Army Officer Takes Part in a Duel.

Paris, Oct. 7.—The death of Emile Zola was the indirect cause of a duel between General Percin, chief of the cabinet of the minister of war, and Gaston Pollonais, a well known Nationalist writer, who was responsible for the statement that General Percin met Dreyfus at Zola's late residence and shook hands with him. The general, in his letter replying to the question of Count Boni de Castellane on this subject, describes M. Pollonais as a "renegade Jew" and also told the count he did not admit the letter had any right to judge his actions.

M. Pollonais then challenged General Percin and they fought with swords near St. Cloud. The general was slightly wounded in the hand.

BRIEF BITS OF NEWS.

John B. Neil, governor of Idaho from 1880 to 1884, is dead at Columbus, O., aged sixty years.

The tentative plan of the Southern Pacific directors to issue \$25,000,000 bonds for improving the system has been abandoned.

The president has appointed Colonel William Quinton, First Infantry, to be a brigadier general in the regular army. He will retire for age on Oct. 15.

Washington, Oct. 7.—Surgeon Generals Rixey and O'Reilly, when they left the White House during the forenoon, stated that the president was improving and that his condition was satisfactory. In answer to a question as to whether another operation would be necessary General Rixey said they did not consider that it would.

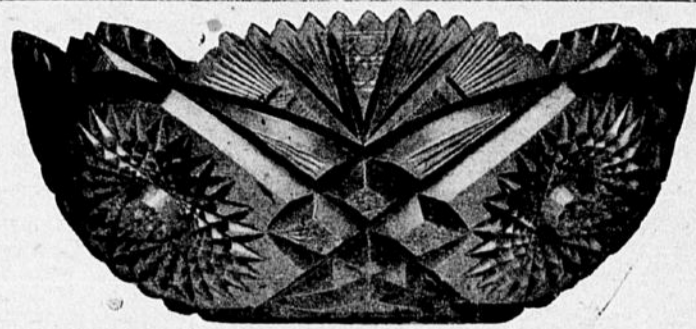
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"How many servants do you keep?" asks the first matron. "I didn't keep twenty-two last year," confesses the worried housekeeper.—Baltimore American.

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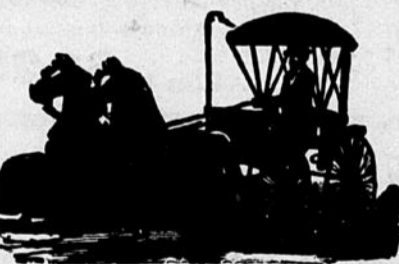
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