

HELENA HUNDREDS OF POLITICS

Contests In The Democratic Ranks

FIVE CONTESTING COUNTY DELEGATIONS—NO DEARTH OF CANDIDATES.

Special to Inter Mountain.

Helena, Sept. 19.—This city is alive with delegates to the democratic and populist and labor party state conventions, which are called to meet here today. They began to arrive yesterday afternoon and continued to flow in until in the night. Many of them are benevolent looking gentlemen. Since the arrival of the delegates, the quotations on wet goods have not fluctuated, because the majority brought their supply of moisture with them, but the price of beds has increased fully fifty percent. They wish they had also brought their blankets.

Of the two delegations from Silver Bow county, the Bankers were first to land. They took quarters at the Helena hotel, while later on the Hill contingent pre-empted the Grand and Cavalry hotels. They were comfortably housed, emissaries were sent into the camp of the enemy to ascertain how things were working. On the other hand the Bank delegation is watching the Hill contingent and the members of both are keeping their eyes on each other. No bets will be overlooked.

The state central committee held a meeting last night, although the session lasted from 8 o'clock until after 11, very little was accomplished.

The committee first took up the matter of contesting delegations, of which there were five, Silver Bow, Granite, Meagher, Deer Lodge and Ravalli counties. Granite was the only one in which a decision was made. The Bank contingent in it was knocked out in the first round, the vote of the committee to seat the other delegation being unanimous.

The debate over the Silver Bow and Ravalli county squabbles was highly entertaining. In the case of the former, Congressman Campbell and C. F. Kelly represented the Hill faction and Frank E. Corbett the Bankers. Mr. Corbett explained to the committee how the play came up, starting at the root of the trouble and gradually working into the branches. Mr. Kelly and Mr. Campbell made strong appeals in behalf of their delegation. The former stated that his portion of the democracy of Silver Bow county had six thousand votes up its sleeve and he would help him out by telling the committee he had known the Hill contingent to poll at the primaries alone, more votes than the entire county contained.

Mr. Kelly handed on the committee a letter written by Chairman Neill to P. J. McArthur, in which the writer had addressed McArthur as Chairman of the Silver Bow county democracy. The Hill delegation presented each member of the committee with a printed copy of a statement of its side of the case, and in order that the statement might be read the question of which of the contesting factions was entitled to a seat in the temporary organization was referred to a vote. This dampened the ardor of all prospective candidates for nomination, for it necessitated the purchase of drinks for two sets of delegates from contesting counties during the balance of the night.

Prior to the morning session of the central committee, prospective candidates for something within the gift of the party had been making a habit of announcing themselves, and their identity was difficult to establish; but after the contests had been disposed of they bobbed up on all sides and in the middle. In the lobbies of the hotels, last night, C. W. Hoffman, chairman of the committee, generally talked of as the nominee for governor, as were also Joseph K. Toole, of Helena, and Hon. Henry L. Frank and Hon. Henry Mueller of Silver Bow. Four associations of the state central committee, took their seats on the platform in Electric hall at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, and at the conclusion of the music formally called the populist state convention together.

The call was read by Secretary James Toughill.

"Gentlemen of this convention," said Shiblein, in his introductory speech. "During the past four years mistakes have been made that have amounted almost to crimes. Many leaders basely betrayed the party, and in reflecting over the prestige that has probably been lost, let us remember that it is for us to say whether or not the party shall continue to exist as a political unit. Remember that the common enemy is watching the three conventions to-day, and hoping that confusion will be the result. Whatever we do, let us lay aside our personal interests and do nothing that will advance the cause of this enemy."

"Let Montana show by her electoral vote that she is opposed to corporate influence, and never forget that William Jennings Bryan has never had a corporate string on him."

ed gentlemen are not pushing themselves forward. John B. Clayberg of Helena is prominently spoken of as candidate for nomination of associate justice of the supreme court, and Thomas Hogan for congress.

Among those mentioned for the nomination for state treasurer are A. H. Barrett of Butte and A. E. Rodgers of Great Falls. Both have a strong following. The nomination of Mr. Hogan depends upon fusion of the three parties, which result seems to have been practically decided upon.

A motion will be made this afternoon for the appointment of a conference committee with this object in view. The Hartman brothers, Charles and Walter, of Bozeman, are hobnobbing among the delegates. The faces of the latter are occasionally wreathed in smiles which seem to be forced. The Bank faction has control of the convention as it now stands.

The Hill delegation from Silver Bow is taking its defeat philosophically. It has given up hope of being seated through the committee on credentials.

Late this afternoon the previous rumors of division were revived. It is said that in case the report of the committee on credentials is adverse to the Hill delegation of Silver Bow and its following in other counties, a walk out will occur, and preliminary steps taken by the bolters to hold another state convention in Butte a week or ten days from now.

If the division occurs it will include about twelve delegates from Lewis and

Populists' Policy Not Announced

SPLIT IN THE RANKS OF THE MIDDLE-OF-THE-ROADERS— FUSE FOR GOVERNOR.

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Helena, Mont., Sept. 19.—The split occurring in the populist party over the turning down of "Swede" Murphy, William Shiblein and other prominent leaders has clouded the already complex political situation and made the procedure of the three state conventions more a matter of doubt than ever. It is now asserted by the majority that unless harmonious action prevails from the start—something which only a dreamer expects—none of the conventions can adjourn until tomorrow. At 10 o'clock the Silver Bow delegation caucused at the Grand hotel and decided to urge Peter Breen for temporary chairman of the convention, which assembles in Electric Hall at 2 o'clock. Alex Mackel was selected as Silver Bow's representative on the credential committee, and Dan Brown on the platform committee, and Dan Brown on the permanent organization committee. Murphy was invited, but refused to attend the caucus.

The state central committee will be in session at the Grand central hotel until the convention is opened. Acting under instructions from Chairman McDonald, every delegate refuses to be questioned regarding the policy outlined by the committee.

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Howard's Defense.

Counsel Outlines Plan of Defense in His Case.

Frankfort, Ky., Sept. 19.—The defense began introducing its testimony in the Howard case today. Attorney Little in outlining the plan of the defense, said the defense would prove that Howard had borrowed money to go home when he left Kentucky, and that he had consequently received a pardon from the governor, or from any other source and that the records show he had never received a pardon of any kind though the commonwealth alleges that both money and pardon were received by him.

Howard in a general way contradicted everything of an incriminating nature told against him by James Stubblefield and other witnesses in regard to the alleged remarks concerning the murder of Goebel.

Was a Terrible Storm.

Nome Coast Devastated By a Fierce Gale.

Seattle, Sept. 19.—The treasure steamer C. H. Hamilton, from Dawson to St. Michael, with 150 passengers and \$500,000 in dust, was driven on the beach of the Yukon flats Sept. 6, during a severe storm. She later got safely off and made St. Michael all right.

A report that reached here to-day was to the effect that the steamer was wrecked, but the general office hope of the North American Trading and Transportation company, owning the vessel, received information that she made St. Michael safely.

The steamer St. Paul brought full advices of the terrible havoc at Nome by a complete list of the vessels either wrecked or driven ashore. Among them were the schooner Sequoia, 324 tons, blown on beach. Captain Banks slipped his

Labor Party Would Fuse For Governor

UNKNOWN QUANTITY IN STATE POLITICS—WANT GOVERNOR AND SUPERINTENDENT.

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Helena, Sept. 19.—Since the part the labor party will play in the present campaign is so far an unknown quantity, considerable speculation is being indulged in as to whether or not it will develop strength enough to secure any important concession as the price of fusion. Its convention will be held at 2 o'clock in the court house, but the state central committee will meet in executive session prior to that hour.

The labor party is out for Dan McDonald of Butte for governor. Without the nomination for governor, the leaders declare they will fight fusion to the bitter end. The delegations from eight counties have openly declared for McDonald. The Missoula delegation is badly split, one faction being for McDonald and the other for J. A. Ferguson.

Another political plum the labor delegates desire is the superintendency of schools. W. W. Welch of Billings is their candidate for this office. They are willing to drop Welch's candidacy if a pinch, but will refuse to yield the gubernatorial nomination.

The populists are after the same person, and just as determinedly as the labor party, the outlook for a triple fusion is rather gloomy.

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Protest in Kruger's Name

Did Not Desert Boer Cause—Is Still President—Was Sent Abroad by Executive Council.

New York, Sept. 19.—Charles D. Pierce, consul general of the Orange Free State and trustee and treasurer of the Boer relief fund, has received the following cable from the Boer envoys who are now at Dordrecht, Holland.

"We have been informed that a proclamation issued by Lord Roberts, commander in chief of the British troops in South Africa, contains a statement to the effect that President Kruger has crossed the borders of the republic and consequently should have formally resigned as president and that his forsaking the cause of the Boers ought to convince the Burgers how useless it will be going on fighting. I feel obliged to protest against this new insinuation, desiring to say that if the state president of the South Af-

rican republic should have crossed the borders of his country he must have done so by order of the 'Uitverende Raad' (Executive council) which body by virtue of a special warrant of the 'Volksraad' in 1899 is fully entitled to use the president to go abroad for some purpose or other. According to the constitution the vice-president in such a case immediately enters upon the duties of state president and the government is carried on as before. There is no question of abdicating as president, or of forsaking the cause of the Boers. The proclamation thus can have no other purpose than by a false representation of facts harming the enemy who cannot be brought into submission even by the application of measures contrary to law and justice."

In addition any number of tents and buildings situated on the beach were entirely swept away. The Alaska Commercial company's wharf and Captain Geiger's Latrine are a mass of wreckage. Among the injured was Paul Borchard, who had his leg terribly mashed while walking on the beach. A heavy swell from the sea caught up a buoy which was lying on the sands and threw it over on Borchard's limb, causing a compound fracture.

L. S. Doud of San Francisco and a Captain Johnson are both said to have been drowned during the storm.

Captain J. D. Thackerberry of Portland, Ore., aged 60 years, who has been navigating the Alaska run for the past ten years, was another victim of the storm. His body will be sent down on one of the first steamers.

Have Out 126,000.

Far Better Results Than Strike Leaders Expected.

Philadelphia, Sept. 19.—President Mitchell of the united mine workers, after getting partial reports at Hazelton from his lieutenants this morning, made the official announcement that 126,000 of the 141,000 mine workers in the anthracite fields are idle today. All of the strike leaders say they are confident that every mine will be tied up before the end of the week and the production of coal will be at a standstill.

Captured Nelspruit.

Roberts Has Now Only Mercenaries and Rebels.

London, Sept. 19.—Lord Roberts telegraphs from Nelspruit, Vail River colony, under date of September 18, that the town was occupied on the previous day without opposition. He adds that he is in communication with Gen. Buller, and is able to send him supplies.

Lord Roberts further says Gen. Buller reports that the bulk of his opponents are now mercenaries and Cape Colony rebels.

New Bicycle Record.

Spokane Rider Breaks the Record at Berlin.

Spokane, Sept. 19.—Private advices from Germany announce that Carl C. Holzel, a Spokane bicycle racer, has broken the world's one mile record, flying start paced in 1:20 1-5 and world's record for 50 kilometers in 53:22. The record was made in Berlin in competition Holzel holds quarter mile and mile records for America, made in October.

He will return to Spokane in October.

Start Campaign

Twin Bridges Republicans Preparing to Carry the County This Fall.

Special to the Inter Mountain.

Twin Bridges, Sept. 19.—Yesterday afternoon the campaign in this town was opened by a rousing republican rally at which the attendance was large in spite of threatening weather. Hon. D. E. Porter, candidate for governor; T. E. Porter, candidate for attorney general, and E. M. Hammond, of Florida, made the principal speeches, which were enthusiastically received. Music for the occasion was supplied by the Sheridan band. The interest taken in the rally augurs well for the size of the republican vote in this section next November. Tonight the candidates speak at Sheridan.

Must Give Territory.

Li Says China Has No Money to Pay the Powers.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 19.—Regarding the apparently treacherous murder of thirty reformers at a feast at Hankow, the North China Daily News of August 8, says that the thirty men captured and executed were reformers, followers of Kang Yu Wei and members of the China Independence association. Their main objects are three, to replace the Emperor Kwang Hsu on the throne, to fully protect the foreign and Christian lives and property and to establish a civilized government in China.

Li Hung Chang is reported as having said that as China could not possibly pay indemnity which will be demanded from her, there will be no alternative but to territory instead of money, in which case Japan would get Shin King, Russia would get Shin Kiang and Thibet would go to England.

STRIKE IS PEACEFUL

More Men Going Out Daily—Trains Tied Up, Street Railroads and Electric Light Plants Must Close

SCHOOLS MAY HAVE TO CLOSE IF COAL FAMINE CONTINUES—MANY THOUSANDS OF OTHER WORKERS WILL BE THROWN OUT OF EMPLOYMENT FOR A TIME.

MEN GREATLY ENCOURAGED

Scranton, Pa., Sept. 19.—The strike of the miners enters upon its third day with everything shut down in the First district except the West End company's mine. This is the only mine in operation and the strike leaders made a strong but unavailing effort to close it. With this exception, the tie-up in Lackawanna and Wyoming valleys is thorough, for not even a washery is doing anything today hereabouts. The owners have failed to make any agreement which insures their employees the wage increase demanded. The situation is more complicated by this fact, for within a few days must come the stoppage of street railway travel, the shutting down largely of the electric light service and the possible closing of schools through lack of coal.

"The necessities of the strike make this imperative," says Henry Collins of the district executive board.

The tie-up of the mines has caused the laying off of every coal train crew in this region, and whatever coal is being moved is going out in the freight trains. The number of railroad men idle in consequence reaches into the hundreds.

At district headquarters it was predicted this morning that within another week, some terms of settlement are now arranged, the strike would mean many thousands idle.

An important conference is on at Hazelton today. President Mitchell, National Committeemen James Harris and Piersall, District Presidents Nicholls, Duffy and Fahey, and Secretaries Dempsey, Gallagher and Hartlin being assembled there.

National Committeeman Ditcher goes to Carbondale, where a big meeting is to be held, and to which companies of strikers will march from Forest City, Arlshold and the intervening points.

AFRAID TO GO TO WORK.

Many Would Continue But For Fear of Bodily Harm.

Hazelton, Sept. 19.—The ranks of the strikers in this district were considerably increased today. The most important movement was when 111 striking miners of McAdoo made a victorious march through the south side. They succeeded in shutting down several operations and crippling the Coleraine colliery.

Operators in this district claim that many men are anxious to work, but they fear bodily harm.

This is "firemen's day" in Hazelton, and a big street parade was held. There was a big crowd out but no disorder was reported.

MORE MEN GO OUT.

Very Little Disorder and Work All Stopped.

Shamokin, Sept. 19.—One thousand more miners employed at five collieries owned by the Philadelphia and Reading company and individual operators, ceased work today at Mount Carmel, compelling the stoppage of operations. This makes the tie-up complete in the Shamokin region, excepting the Locust Gap and North Franklin collieries, operated by the Philadelphia company. With the exception of a few miners being mobbed by Hungarians, there was quiet and peace today.

BELGRADE WIPED OUT BY FIRE.

BOZEMAN, SEPT. 19.—THE TOWN OF BELGRADE WAS NEARLY WIPED OUT BY FIRE TODAY AND ONE MAN, WEST RILEY, WAS BURNED TO DEATH. THE FIRE ORIGINATED IN THE HOTEL OWNED BY RILEY. THE PROPERTY LOSS IS \$15,000. NEARLY ALL THE BUSINESS HOUSES WERE DESTROYED, THERE BEING NO FIRE DEPARTMENT OR APPARATUS.

WANT HIM RELEASED.

Armenian Who Claims to Be Naturalized American.

Constantinople, Sept. 19.—The United States charge has made a demand here for an Armenian, who, it is claimed is a naturalized American citizen, arrested upon the charge of belonging to the Armenian revolutionary committee. An investigation has been ordered and if the prisoner is found to be an American citizen he will be released.

INCREASE WATER STOCK.

Spokane Power Company Will Put Up Two Millions.

Spokane, Sept. 19.—The stockholders of the Washington Water Power company have voted to increase their capital stock to \$2,000,000. New stock has already been subscribed. The increase is for the purpose of purchasing the upper falls from the Amsterdam company. The options secured on Kantoor property expire January 1.

HANNA TO MAKE SPEECHES

WILL GO ON THE STUMP LAST TWO WEEKS OF THE CAMPAIGN—VERY SUCCESSFUL.

Chicago, Sept. 19.—Senator Hanna, encouraged by the reception given his speech yesterday at the Commercial Mercantile club, has decided to go upon the stump during the last two weeks of the campaign. He will leave Saturday night for New York, where he will remain ten days.

Today several delegates, one from Springfield, Ill., one from Indiana and another from Kansas, called upon Senator Hanna, asking him to make campaign speeches.

"As the constant drop of water wears away the hardest stone, you fellows may get me yet," the senator said to his visitors. "I am becoming more and more

impressed with my ability as a campaign speaker. But then I am not paid for that. My salary is drawn for other work. However, I will probably make a few speeches here in Chicago and may conclude to devote considerable time during the latter part of the campaign to speech making."

Two republican candidates for governor—C. H. Dietrich of Nebraska and F. C. Goudy of Colorado—were among the callers today. Each was enthusiastic over the party prospects in his respective state.

Tomorrow night Senator Hanna will make a speech at the Marquette club banquet.