

STATE LAW PREVENTS THE FUSION DEAL OF RENOVATING AND CITIZENS DEALERS FIND BIG SNAG

Having No Standing as a Party Before the Law, Citizens Can Do Nothing With the Candidates of Other Parties. CONFERENCE COMMITTEES HAVE VERY BUSY NIGHT Long Letter Is Evolved After Hours of Effort With Charitable Desire to Embarrass City Republican Party.

A LETTER TO LOOFBOUROW

At a meeting of the Democratic and Citizens committees last evening a fusion of all tickets was decided upon with the Citizens ticket still in the field. Under the law passed by the last state legislature the Citizens party cannot endorse any candidates on any other ticket.

The Citizens party is not a recognized party in any sense of the word, and cannot endorse candidates of other parties either by convention or by petition. Under the law it is necessary that the political party cast at least 2 per cent of the total vote at the preceding election in order to have the right to nominate by convention. Unless the party has cast 2 per cent of the total vote at the preceding convention, it is necessary under the law that nominations be made by petition.

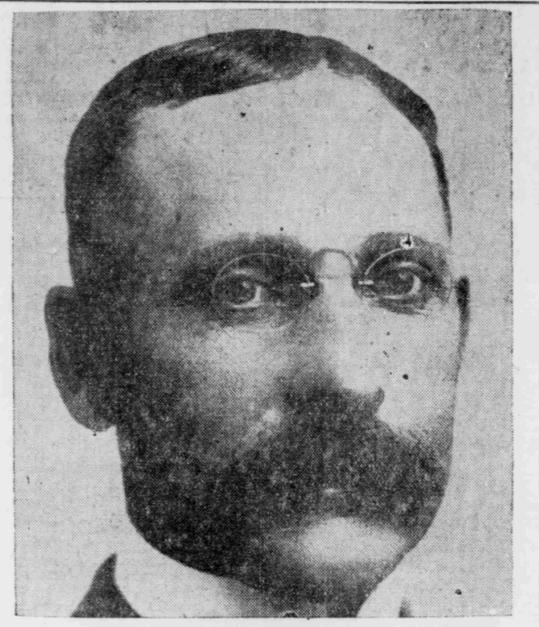
In an attempt to come to some understanding, the Republican conference committee met with the conference committee of the Citizens and Democratic parties yesterday afternoon. The Republican committee submitted to the other committees the first tangible fusion proposition yet offered by any party. It was that the Republicans name the candidate for mayor and that the others choose one officer from the three offices the Republicans choose one and from the last two that the Democrats and Citizens have their choice. In view of the splendid organization of the Republican party and the excellent chances for victory of the Republican party, the proposition was considered decidedly fair.

A Long Session. The joint conference committee of Citizens and Democrats met in secret until almost 1 o'clock this morning, and finally evolved a letter of about 1,000 words addressed to Fred C. Loofbourow.

GAYNOR WILL LIKELY USE PROMISED HEARST SUPPORT

Political Judge Proves Too Much of a Tammany Man to Attract Independents. New York, Oct. 7.—Justice William J. Gaynor today accepted the Democratic nomination for mayor of New York. His brief speech in reply to the notification committee served also as an acceptance of the endorsement of a number of independent and semi-independent organizations whose representatives were present.

Justice Gaynor's speech contained no attack on Tammany, which had been expected in some quarters. The omission was brought particularly to the public notice through a statement issued earlier in the day by William Randolph Hearst, who had declared that he would yield to the urging of his friends and run for mayor on an independent ticket unless Justice Gaynor came out with a denunciation of Tammany. Many anti-Tammany Democrats who have pinned their faith to Justice Gaynor regarded this challenge as one which he would not refuse. But there was no denunciation of anybody in Mr. Gaynor's speech, except mildly of Mr. Bannard, the Republican



LOUIS C. KELSEY, City engineer who tendered his resignation to the mayor.

TWO OTHER AMERICAN PARTY OFFICE HOLDERS MAY RESIGN

Supervisor of Streets and Secretary to Mayor Are Expected to Follow City Engineer. In addition to Kelsey's resignation of yesterday, it is understood that there are to be two other resignations received shortly by the mayor. These are the resignations of J. T. Raleigh, supervisor of streets and irrigation, and A. S. Fowler, secretary to the mayor.

All three of the resignations, it is said, are in connection with what the present leaders of the American party consider to be a shrewd political move. In order to secure the nomination of J. S. Bransford for mayor, his supporters, naturally, were forced to make some concessions. According to the arrangement, so it is understood, the three men most objectionable to the Lippman and McMillan men—Kelsey, Raleigh and Fowler—were to go. It was also agreed that they were to go quietly. With these men out of the way it was figured the handicap on Bransford would be decreased and his chances for election would be vastly increased.

However, it is understood that in connection with the Kelsey resignation already in the hands of the mayor, and the other two prospective resignations, there is considerable of a bluff. The resignations, it is said, are not to take effect until Jan. 1, although, of course, this fact has not been publicly announced. The Americans or that branch that favors Bransford, wink slyly and say that the terms of office expire Jan. 1, in any event, and that if the Republicans are elected, the three men will necessarily be out, and that if the Americans are re-elected there is nothing to do with the city campaign or with the city administration.

Finally, it is said, a compromise was agreed upon whereby all three would resign from their positions and that none of them would be actively connected with the fall campaign. Kelsey's resignation came yesterday and the Americans are waiting for Fowler and Raleigh to follow his example. "WETS" WIN VICTORY. Boise, Ida., Oct. 7.—The local option election in Elmore county yesterday resulted in a victory for the "wets" by a majority of 37.

GRASS SHORT IN CHICAGO.

Cut in Salaries of Officials From the Mayor Down. Chicago, Oct. 7.—A cut of 10 per cent in salaries of all officials and employees of this city, from Mayor Busse's \$18,000 down to the lowest laborer, has been agreed upon by the mayor and department heads, it was learned today, for next year.

TRAGEDY IN COLORADO.

Cook Killed by Under Sheriff in Quarrel Over Food. Telluride, Colo., Oct. 7.—Paul W. Hentley, cook at the New Sheridan hotel here, was shot and fatally wounded last night by Under Sheriff Louis L. Knudson. He died three hours later at the hospital to which he had been carried, protesting to the last that the shooting was unprovoked. The shooting took place in the barroom of the hotel and was the outcome of a quarrel between the two men over the food furnished prisoners in the county jail.

L.C. KELSEY FORCED OUT

Chief Executive of City Compelled to Stand Back When Wielders of the Big Club Take Steps for Revenge. KELSEY HAD REFUSED TO SUPPORT H. G. McMILLAN

When the City Engineer Could Stand the Bad Treatment and Threats No Longer He Hands Resignation to Mayor SUCCESSOR IS NOT CHOSEN That Mayor John S. Bransford is once more completely under the domination of the inner circle of the American party was shown yesterday when he permitted City Engineer Louis C. Kelsey to be badgered by the inner circle into resigning his position. Kelsey's offense against the inner circle consisted in refusing to support H. G. McMILLAN for the nomination for mayor, and declining to bow to the inner circle's wishes in the appointment of inspectors.

City Engineer Kelsey has been forced out of office. His short letter of resignation to Mayor John S. Bransford was written yesterday shortly after noon. It is as follows: "I, Louis C. Kelsey, Mayor—Dear Sir: I hereby tender my resignation as city engineer. Thanking you for your kind support, I remain, as ever, your obedient servant, L. C. KELSEY, "City Engineer."

Kelsey has been with the city engineer's office in various capacities for about thirty years. He has been at the head of the department for four years. It was because he would not accept the demands of the ring in low wages for the city that he has been entering his department to the level of the board of public works through the employment of the American party inspectors of public work that the fight was started against him.

"I just received the resignation this afternoon," said the mayor. "I have not had time to think it over. I will call the board of public works and discuss the reasons leading up to the resignation." Mayor Bransford declared he had not decided upon a successor for Kelsey.

During the anti-convention campaign of Mayor Bransford, H. G. McMillan and Joseph Lippman for the mayoralty nomination, Kelsey came out in the open in opposition to McMillan, chairman of the board of works, and the party under the McMillan regime inspectors have been appointed by the board of works. Kelsey's resignation is a fact that drivers of delivery wagons, plumbers who had made a failure of their work, gravel haulers and bar-tenders have been given work as inspectors. Kelsey's resignation is a fact that drivers of delivery wagons, plumbers who had made a failure of their work, gravel haulers and bar-tenders have been given work as inspectors.

ONE TOO MANY HUSBANDS

Mrs. Mae Hayner, a Colorado Woman, Under Arrest in California on a Bigamy Charge. San Rafael, Oct. 7.—Deputy Sheriff George Agnew was notified today that Mae Hayner, who is wanted here for trial on a charge of bigamy, is in jail in Oakland, Cal. She will be brought here at once. The complaint was issued at the instigation of William R. Rayner, a Denver furniture finisher, who alleges that he is the woman's legal husband.

MURDERER PARDONED.

Lansing, Kan., Oct. 7.—Mrs. Irene Leonard, convicted of killing her second husband, and who was first brought to the state penitentiary here from Wichita in 1896, under sentence of thirty years, was paroled by Governor Stubbs today. Mrs. Leonard, who is 60 years of age, has maintained that she was innocent. She is in ill health. She probably will leave the penitentiary tonight, and after a short visit with friends in Wichita, will go to Los Angeles to live with a sister.

JOVIOUS TIME IN YOSEMITE

President Taft Drives Thirty-Four Miles and Views Wonders of Nature in Magnificent and Famous Valley. SPLENDID APPETITE FOR THE TEMPTING LUNCHEON

Greeted by Galen Clark, Over 90 Years Old, Who Made Known the Existence of the Trees, Which Will Be Visited WEATHER CONTINUES IDEAL

Wawona, Cal., Oct. 7.—An all-day stage ride over thirty-four miles of mountain road brought President Taft tonight to this lovely little Sierra retreat, eight miles from the entrance to the Mariposa grove of big trees, where the chief executive starts tomorrow at sunrise. Mr. Taft and his party reached Wawona hotel in their stages at 5 p. m., one hour after the scheduled time, due to the lingering in Grove Creek forest near Chinquapin, where the noonday luncheon was served on improvised tables set down at the foot of a hundred towering pines.

The day's ride from El Portal, which began at 7 a. m., included glimpses of Yosemite valley from Inspiration and Artists' points, a pursuit of the tumbling waters of the Merced river into the valley floor and the hair-raising narrow climb to a height of 7,000 feet in the crest of mountains which shut in the wonders of Yosemite. The day was cloudless, the air like crystal and everywhere was the exhilarating scent of pines, the fragrance of a constant breeze from the mountains. News that mountain lions were infesting the park held out hope of adventure for a time, but no tracks of one were seen on the road.

The President declared that this was one of the most enjoyable days of his life. It was the interesting time of the season in Yosemite, and the impressive surroundings, the bracing mountain air, the freedom from speech-making, the quietude of the woods of the first day of roughing it in the Sierras. This outing came just in time, for the President was pretty well tired out when he left San Francisco. As he passed through the outskirts of the valley the President was saluted by a grizzled old California pioneer, Galen Clark, the first white man to make known the existence of the giant sequoia trees which the President will see tomorrow. Mr. Clark is 90 years old, and he had ready answers for the innumerable questions the President put to him.

At one point in the park where a change of stages was made the President was greeted by a band of little school children and school children with all of them. Tonight in the temporary houses, in which one of the little hotel cottages here has been converted, the President is being guarded as he was last night at El Portal, by a detachment of cavalry.

CURTISS MAKES THREE FLIGHTS

Knabenshue, Beachey and Baldwin Also Thrill St. Louis Spectators. St. Louis, Oct. 7.—Glenn H. Curtiss, who won the international honors in aviation at Rheims, France, made three aeroplane flights here today. One was more than a quarter of a mile, and the shortest of the three was 220 yards. Curtiss' last performance of the day was cut short by his engine falling when he was about twenty-five feet from the ground. The machine glided to an irregular landing place and a rudder guy snapped. The aviator said the machine would be ready for service tomorrow. Curtiss used a biplane with a twenty-five-horsepower motor.

George Francois Osment, who is here with the Farman biplane which won the endurance prize at Rheims, attempted three times at dusk to satisfy the crowd that he could fly. He circled the field several times, but not fast enough to enable him to leave the ground. Roy Knabenshue, Lincoln Beachey and Thomas Baldwin made flights in dirigibles. Baldwin made an extended flight, when motor trouble overcame him and he was forced to land in the crowd. His second flight, after repairs had been made, was successful.

CRIMINAL LIBEL TRIAL

Case of Delavan Smith and O. R. Williams Comes Up Monday. Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 7.—The preliminary hearing of Delavan Smith and Charles R. Williams, proprietors of the Indianapolis News, charged with having committed criminal libel in publishing articles intimating that there was corruption in the purchase by the United States of the Panama canal zone, is set for next Monday in the United States court of this district. Subpoenas, however, have not been issued, it was said at the United States attorney's office today, for certain men prominent in public life, who it has been understood were to be called to testify for the government.

AMERICAN NAVY DEFEATED BY THE HERO OF MANILA BAY

BOTH SIDES REMAIN FIRM King Edward Unable to Prevent the Crisis Between British Commons and House of Lords.

London, Oct. 7.—The king thus far has been unsuccessful in arranging a compromise in the budget controversy. He is still trying, however, to prevent a crisis, and today had another long consultation with Premier Asquith. As time passes the difficulties in avoiding a conflict between the commons and the lords increase, and the strong party men on both sides are eager for the fight. On the other hand, the unionists, who have made all preparations for the election, are urging the leaders to do nothing that might prevent an immediate appeal to the people. They have seized upon Mr. Redmond's statement to America that the last obstacle to home rule would go with the disappearance of the commons and the house of lords, and are declaring that they will vote for the budget if a vote for home rule.

LONG CHAIN OF SIGNAL FIRES

Unique Feature of the Closing Ceremony of Hudson-Fulton Celebration. New York, Oct. 7.—General Stewart L. Woodford has received the following telegram from President Taft at El Portal, Cal., authorizing him to give the signal for the illuminations which on Saturday night will bring the Hudson-Fulton celebration to an official close: "I have authorized my name to light those fires in the established chain of signal fires on mountain peaks on the Hudson river from Fort Wadsworth to Troy, that are within federal jurisdiction. I greatly regret that I was not able to be present at this wonderful celebration, and to share with you the pleasure of our nation, and I am glad to show my interest to participate in any way."

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POOR MOUTH PUT UP BY NEW YORK

Chamber of Commerce Preparing to Intervene in Spokane Rate Case. New York, Oct. 7.—The New York chamber of commerce today instructed its officers to intervene in the proceedings before the interstate commerce commission which is considering the so-called "Spokane case," affecting rates of transportation throughout the country. The proposed readjustment would tend to deprive the Atlantic seaports of their natural advantages, draw from the Atlantic seaboard the origin of merchandise and distributing of merchandise and concentrate such business in cities of the Mississippi valley, and amounts to a discrimination against the east in favor of the west, in the opinion of the chamber of commerce.

AMERICAN SWINDLER SENTENCED IN LONDON

London, Oct. 7.—Harry Benson of Brooklyn, whose real name is Gielro, has been found guilty in the criminal court and sentenced to five years' penal servitude. The charges against him were of fraud in connection with the bankrupt Fitham's bank, which he founded. In the course of the trial evidence was given that he had defrauded more than 500 persons through the bank. It was also added that he had swindled 18,000 other persons by means of the International Securities corporation.

SMUGGLER FINED \$1,000.

Los Angeles, Oct. 7.—Captain W. Zeigler, master of the steamship Erie of the Independent steamship line, pleaded guilty in the United States district court today to a charge of having smuggled Panama hats into this country, and was fined \$1,000 by Judge Wellborn.

KEPT CLOSE TO THE GROUND AND WON THE CUP AND CASH

Von Puhl's Flight Through the Air From St. Louis to Wahkon, Minnesota. Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 7.—S. Louis Von Puhl, pilot, and Joseph M. O'Reilly, aide of the balloon St. Louis III, unofficially winners of the Lahm cup and a \$600 prize offered by the Aero club of St. Louis, who landed in their balloon at Wahkon, Minn., arrived in St. Paul late today. Speaking of the trip, Mr. Von Puhl said:

"The fact that I entered the race was notification enough. Anyway, whether I won the cup, I entered the race for the sport, and I have the satisfaction of knowing that I made the longest flight." "We left St. Louis at 4:50 o'clock Monday afternoon, the second to go up, and landed at Wahkon, near Mille lake, at 9:35 o'clock Wednesday morning. I attribute my success to the fact that I kept close to the ground, while the others took high altitudes." "We thought we were going to sweep across Nebraska, but during the night a northern breeze caught us and we were forced to cross Iowa like a streak Tuesday night. We must have traveled fifty miles an hour for a time." "When we got into the vicinity of Mille lake we thought it Lake Superior. We were about 1,000 feet up and did not think it safe to cross. We thought to a farmer to learn our location and he told us what county we were in, but that did not help us, as our map did not show counties. He informed us that we would be safe in crossing, but, as we had only an orange between us in the way of food, and as we were hungry, having had nothing to eat since the afternoon before, we decided to land. We shot forward toward land at a terrific rate, but landed in some marsh grass in good condition."