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Boiler Pipe Blows Out on Tennessee and Four Men Are Scalded to Death

TAFT WINS ALABAMA'S DELEGATES

National Committee Slides Contestants Down the Toggan
Manager Hitchcock Admitted as Member by Proxy and Smooths the Way
No Quarter to Be Given Those Who Dispute Sway of the War Secretary
One Arkansas District Also Turned Over to Favored Aspirant

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

CHICAGO, June 5.—The republican national convention slid 24 contesting anti-Taft delegates down the toggan today. The contests heard covered the entire state of Alabama and one Arkansas district. Frank H. Hitchcock, Taft's manager and holding the proxy of Solomon Luna of New Mexico, sat with the committee and superintended the job. The managers for the allies stood helplessly outside the locked doors of the committee room and waited. The Taft managers admit that the flimsiest case they had to present was that in behalf of their delegation from Alabama. Since they got away with this they expect to clean up the slate of 225 contests. This will insure enough for a first ballot nomination.

WILL GIVE NO QUARTER

Hitchcock, smiling with satisfaction, said after the committee's decision that his policy would be one of "no quarter." Mild mannered politicians, who shrink from gore and like to see these savage feuds compromised, had figured that the Taft men would be content, provided they controlled the committee, with seating enough of their contesting delegates to clinch Taft's nomination on the first ballot. They believed that Hitchcock and Yoris would then, in the interests of harmony and perhaps to mollify the colored brother, let some of the other fellows slip through. They had picked Tennessee, for instance, and the color line fights in Mississippi and Louisiana as points where the Taft men might be willing to seat both delegations with half a vote each.

ALL DELEGATES REGULAR

"Nothing doing" was Hitchcock's grim comment through jaws snapped tight. "We are making our fight on the ground that all of our delegates are regular." In short, the Taft men will not stop with seating enough delegates for purposes of convention control. They will insist on recognition, seats and badges for every man and every delegation that can claim to have fought for Taft. They mean to reward their friends. The Taft control of the national committee is so complete that the allies are put in a ridiculous plight.

The contests decided this afternoon were ended with a viva voce vote. The opposition could not muster the 20 members out of 54 required under the rules adopted this morning to demand a roll call. When the vote was taken on the Alabama contest the only dissenting voice was that of Charles H. Scott of Alabama, whose delegates were thus thrown out. The vote by which the lone Arkansas contest was decided for Taft was unanimous. Scott sitting sulpherly silent.

ALABAMA CASES CONSOLIDATED

The Alabama cases, by agreement of all parties concerned, were consolidated, and, therefore, two hours were given to each side. It was regarded as the most important of all the contests, because of the fact that 22 delegates were involved, and it is first in the list of states that will be called in the convention when nominations are being made. The candidate securing the delegation from Alabama is sure to be the first placed in nomination, because the state, having no candidate of its own, always yields to that state presenting the candidate favored by Alabama.

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CAUTIOUS KAHN IS HOME TO SEEK RENOMINATION

Battle Against Graft and Bosses Is Not Interesting to Congressman
Has No Harsh Words for Ruef, Schmitz or Herrin in His Quest for Votes
"Quantity, Not Quality, Counts," He Says, Therefore He Dislikes Factions

"About Mr. Ruef I have nothing to say. As between Mr. Schmitz and Mr. Ruef on one side and the newspapers I have refused to take sides."—Statement by Julius Kahn.

With caressing epithets for Ruef and Schmitz, with kind expressions for William F. Herrin and with an active determination not to take sides in the graft prosecution, which he describes as "a newspaper fight," Congressman Julius Kahn is back from Washington prepared to lay pipe and string wires for another nomination.

Congressman Kahn's habitual caution has not deserted him. He is no more willing than of yore to go on record in any of the matters that are vitally important to San Francisco. He will discuss tariff revision, but not graft; he is eloquent about appropriations, but silent about local politics; he has a golden thought on every national question, but never a definite expression about home-affairs.

Should the voters make an issue of Congressman Kahn's unwillingness to take sides in this city and show their resentment by defeating him he insists that he will be content. But on no condition will he take part in "factional fights." This point he emphasizes with sonorous words and copious gesticulation.

WOULD RUN AGAIN

"Yes, I am again a candidate for congress," Kahn smilingly assented to the inevitable question. "The next congress will be a most important one. The tariff is to be revised. The prosperity of California is bound up with the Dingley tariff. As a representative of San Francisco, with considerable experience in this matter, I can be of great service in the next congress."

Kahn did not explain how the experience of a congressman not a member of the ways and means committee could materially affect tariff legislation.

"To whom will you look for your nomination?"

"To the republican party," and the congressman beamed.

"You realize that there are two elements—"

"I am not interested in factions. I look to the whole party for my support."

"But with the present alignment as between Herrin and the Lincoln-Roosevelt league?" the interviewer persisted.

"I understand that the Lincoln-Roosevelt league has a candidate," Kahn interrupted. "This is right. Let us have a fight. It is a free country."

"Then you will accept Mr. Herrin's support?"

"I have never been Mr. Herrin's choice," replied the congressman. "No body has any strings on me. Mr. Herrin and I have another candidate. I have not heard from him. But I am not fighting Mr. Herrin. I am not questioning the character of any republicans who support me. It is the quantity of votes that count, not the quality."

"I am quite confident about being nominated," continued the legislator with an ample gesture. "From letters and personal assurances which I have received I am certain that my friends will look out for that. I cannot say that I was surprised at the recent league victory in the fourth district, but I do not think that it will be repeated in the next election."

"You have been criticised for not taking part in municipal elections and for not going on record in local matters," the congressman was told.

NO STONES FOR SCHMITZ

"That has always been my policy and always will be," he replied, warmly. "I shall not take part in factional fights. I have been denounced for not opposing Mr. Schmitz. I have no stones to throw at Mr. Schmitz."

"And Ruef?"

"About Mr. Ruef I have nothing to say. As between Mr. Schmitz and Mr. Ruef on one side and the newspapers on the other I have refused to take sides."

"To the suggestion that the question was bigger than any newspaper, Congressman Kahn replied by arguing at length that it was a newspaper fight which had no relation to his candidacy and which could not be regarded as an issue for a congressman to meet."

"I am a candidate on the merits of my record," Kahn concluded. "I shall go before the voters on my record. But if I am expected to take part in factional fights in order to be elected I shall just simply stay at home. And if it should be necessary for me to repudiate any of my friends in order to be elected I would prefer to be defeated. That's the kind of a man I am."

FORM LEAGUE BRANCH

Berkeley Club Members Assist Organization in First Ward

BERKELEY, June 5.—A precinct Lincoln-Roosevelt branch of the Berkeley club was organized in the first ward.

NEW HEAD TO GUIDE OAKLAND WATER CONCERN

Wickham Havens Is Reported Qualifying as People's President
Present Executive Head of Corporation Desires to Watch Private Interests
Probable Successor Has Won Renown in the Real Estate Business

OAKLAND, June 5.—It is reported that Louis Titus, president of the People's water company, is preparing to retire from the active management, if not the titular leadership of that corporation. His successor, according to the report, will be Wickham Havens, who within a short time is expected to take up the executive control of the company's affairs.

Titus has large private interests, including a law practice, which require a great deal of his attention. He has desired to give his profession the first call upon his time. It is said that when he took charge of the corporation, after it took over the old Contra Costa water company, Titus did so with a tacit understanding that he should be

allowed to retire when the time seemed right.

For several months Wickham Havens has been quietly studying the water company's work with a view toward fitting himself to step into Titus' place at the proper time. To some of those who have been watching the course of events in the company's business the syndicate with which he is connected have extensive holdings in the People's water company, which represents the combined capital of the old Contra Costa water company and the Syndicate interests to handle the great watershed of San Pablo creek, Wildcat creek and other minor water sources in the San Pablo district. It was taken over in the deal by which the People's company succeeded the old Contra Costa company.

The first president of the new company was Titus. His first opportunity to show the policy which would be followed in dealing with the public was in the rate fixing negotiations last year when Titus agreed to a voluntary cut of 10 per cent in private rates and substantial reductions in public charges. This year Titus met the situation with other radical cuts in rates, acquiescing in a plan of further reduction which met the approval of the city council, the city's attorney and the city's special counsel in the water rate litigation, besides the municipal water expert, H. D. Dockweiler.

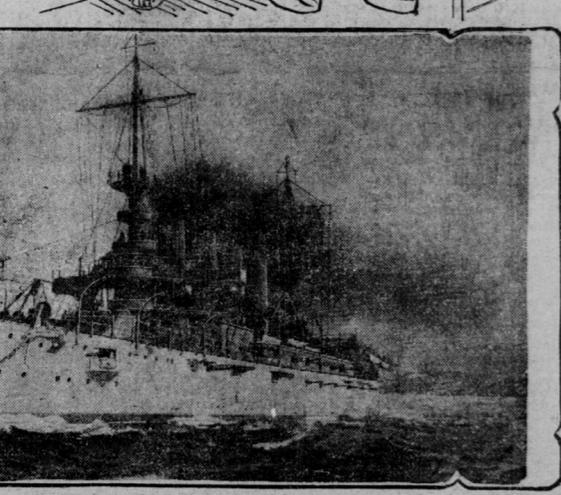
In municipal circles Titus has been highly regarded owing to a strongly conciliatory attitude which he has maintained in his dealings with the city ever since.

That he does not mean to withdraw suddenly from his present position is understood to be the plan outlined, while Havens gradually takes up the important duties of the executive manager. The change is not expected immediately, though among the close associates of both men it has been known for some time that matters were being shaped to that end.

HEARTS LOSES ON COUNT

NEW YORK, June 5.—Forty-two ballot boxes were examined today in the recount of the majority contest of 1905 before Judge Lambert and the result of the day's examination of the disputed ballots showed a gain of 12 votes for McClellan. Hearst has gained 105 votes in 154 boxes. There are nearly 1,800 boxes still to be examined.

Rear Admiral Sebree (upper left) and Captain Howard of the armored cruiser Tennessee, who narrowly escaped death yesterday when a steam pipe exploded, killing four men and injuring ten, during a speed trial. Below is a photograph of cruiser Tennessee.



VICTIMS ARE COOKED BY STEAM

Awful Disaster Occurs During Speed Trial of Swift Cruiser
Four Men in Fireroom Meet Instant Death and Ten Are Badly Injured
Rear Admiral Sebree Leaves Just Fifty Seconds Before Explosion
Seamen Do Heroic Work in Rescuing Unfortunates in "Hell Hole"

The Dead

GEORGE WOOD, water tender, Scranton, Pa.
E. C. BOGGS, second class fireman, Woodlawn, Ala.
A. REINHOLD, machinist's mate, second class, Germany.
GEORGE W. MEEK, fireman, first class, Skidmore, Kan.

Fatally Injured

S. STEWART, first class fireman, Norfolk, Va.
F. S. MAXFIELD, second class fireman, Toughkenon, Chester county, Pa.

Seriously Injured

E. J. BURNS, coal passer, New York.
WALTER S. BURNS, coal passer, Brooklyn, N. Y.
J. P. A. CARROLL, fireman, second class, Hartford, Conn.

Slightly Injured

R. W. WATSON, fireman, second class, East St. Louis, Ill.
R. F. RUTLEDGE, coal passer, Athens, Pa.
G. M. CORNS, fireman, second class, Ironton, O.
A. HAYES, water tender, Brooklyn, N. Y.
H. BRIDGEMAN, fireman, first class, Brooklyn, N. Y.

SAN PEDRO, June 5.

A terrible accident occurred on board the United States armored cruiser Tennessee at 11:08 this morning while the ship was steaming at 19 knots on a speed trial off Point Hueneme, a steam pipe in the starboard engine room bursting under a 235 pound pressure, killing four men and injuring 10 others—all of the men in the compartment at the time. The explosion, the cause of which is unknown, occurred only a few seconds after Admiral Uriel Sebree, Captain F. B. Howard and Chief Engineer Robertson had left the engine room on a tour of inspection. Four of the men were killed instantly and two more are expected to die at any moment.

There were fourteen men in the fire room when the tube, which is four inches in diameter and enclosed with water inside the boiler, blew out, driving a torrent of scalding steam, coal dust, cinders and hot ashes through the ash pit and showering the half naked men.

A blast of white steam from the ventilators told those on deck of the accident, and Lieutenant Commander S. S. Robinson, the navigator, instantly sounded a general alarm and dropped 20 lines of hose ready for instant use in case of fire. Within the doomed fire room, No. 3, amidship on the starboard side, which is one of the 16 inclosed fire compartments, the surviving seamen were fighting for life.

Reinhold and Meek were stricken dead at their posts. Boggs and Wood crawled or were dragged into the adjoining fire room, No. 11, and died almost immediately. The surviving seamen, all of whom received injuries, acted with the greatest heroism in aiding their unfortunate mates.

Rear Admiral Sebree himself escaped death or serious injury in the fated fire pit by a mere moment's time. He had left the room where the explosion occurred on 50 seconds before the fatal blast, and the admiral stood in the engine room adjoining the fire room with Chief Engineer Robertson and Captain Howard. His first intimation of the tragedy was as he mounted the ladder and a half naked fireman leaped past him suffering from severe scalds.

When the smoke came from the fire room the fire call was sounded and all

Good Roads the Slogan of Important Rally

Prominent Residents Depart for Counties Committee Meeting at Santa Cruz

One hundred representative businessmen of San Francisco and northern California left on a special train last night for Santa Cruz to attend the semiannual meeting of the counties committee of the California Promotion committee. The wives and daughters of many of the delegates were with the party and the trip began in a swirl of mirth and laughter. At San Jose the special train was reinforced with a large delegation, and at the same time another special train left Los Angeles with an equally large contingent. More than 500 delegates are expected to be present at the first session this morning.

Man's Children

Four Taken Violently Ill After Eating Ice Cream in a Market Street Cafe

An ice cream feast in a Market street cafe participated in by four little tots, the children of William F. Carroll, a wealthy capitalist of Colorado Springs, was attended with almost fatal results yesterday, ptomaine poisoning each of the children to a degree that made their parents for a time fear for their lives.

The Carrolls are staying at the St. Francis. The children went out with their mother in the afternoon. After spending some time in the shopping district they entered a cafe in the downtown district and the children ordered some ice cream and bonbons. They ate heartily.

On the journey back to the hotel Clement, the youngest of the children, complained of pains. So intense did his suffering become that haste was made to take him to his parents' apartments. In a short time the other children, Kathleen, aged 14 years; William, 13 years, and Howard, 9 years, were also stricken.

Vomiting began and fever set in. So strange were the symptoms and so violent the retching that Mrs. Carroll became frightened and, hastening to the office of the hotel, she asked that a physician be summoned immediately.

She returned to her apartments to attend her children pending the arrival of medical aid. So acute was the condition of Clement, however, that the distracted mother returned again to the office seeking assistance. Meantime the father was summoned.

Dr. Breyfogel, who is a resident of the hotel, attended the children. He found that they were all suffering from an acute attack of ptomaine poisoning. The children were in great agony and were vomiting copiously.

The physician relieved their distress. Clement, the youngest child, who was the first stricken and about whose condition the most serious apprehensions were entertained, rallied. The other children, however, did not develop so rapidly in the other children and they were in agony all evening.

A nurse was summoned and Dr. Breyfogel labored constantly over them. Last night they were reported to be resting more easily, and the parents' anxiety about their safety was abated.

PROGRAM OF SESSION

The program for today's session is as follows:
10 a. m.—Call to order by Andrea Shabrozo, chairman of the counties committee; address of welcome for Santa Cruz, Hon. S. A. Palmer, mayor of Santa Cruz; address of welcome for Santa Cruz board of trade, Thomas W. Kelley, president; response for the committee, Andrea Shabrozo; appointment of committees on credentials; appointment of committees on resolutions; report of committee on marketing of California products, Theodore Oler chairman, Alameda county; report of the United States in Good Roads; George L. Cooley, government engineer, Washington, D. C.; "Good Roads From a Farmer's Point of View," by J. H. Doolittle, Santa Cruz.

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