

EFFECT OF PARKER'S MESSAGE

SENATOR PLATT SAYS THE JUDGE IS CERTAIN TO BE BEATEN.

COCHRAN IS HOPEFULL

Gives Associated Press Statement Explaining His Refusal to Address Convention—Says Parker Will Win—Michigan Democrats Not Pleas.

New York, July 11.—Senator Platt was asked yesterday what he thought of Judge Parker's move in sending the telegram to the St. Louis convention declaring that he was for gold, and what the results would be, in his opinion. Senator Platt said: "I think that it was injudicious and a tactical mistake, as well as poor politics. It may draw Judge Parker some gold democrats, but what about the other fellows? What do you suppose they think? Are they likely to support a man who renounces them after they have clearly shown the power they still have by compelling the omission of a sound money plank from the platform?"

May Cause a Split.

"It looks to me as if it might cause a split in the party. At any rate it can not result in those democrats going to the polls with the zeal and enthusiasm necessary to elect a ticket. The omission of a declaration for sound money in the democratic platform I believe was an error that is irretrievable. I do not think that Judge Parker's personal declaration has helped matters any. Without such a plank the party still stands for free silver. Roosevelt will beat Parker in his state and will be the man elected."

Will Not Decline.

Asked whether he thought there was still a possibility that Judge Parker would decline the nomination on account of the platform, Senator Platt said: "Judge Parker has shown from the first that he wanted the nomination as badly as any man could."

Defeat Looks Certain.

In republican circles the opinion has expressed that while Judge Parker had somewhat improved his chances by his declaration, he still stood committed to his party to certain defeat. Wm. Barnes, Jr., chairman of the state executive committee a charge of republican headquarters here, said:

The Only Way.

"While Judge Parker took the only way out of the dilemma that he found himself in and has made a sort of personal platform so far as the money plank is concerned he can not reverse the distrust that will be felt of a party that refused to say it had one with free silver. That distrust will be felt everywhere among those who have watched the course of events at St. Louis."

Cochran is Optimistic.

New York, July 11.—The Associated Press today received a communication from Bourke Cochran, dated in Indianapolis, July 10, explaining his declaration to address the national democratic convention Saturday. In this communication Cochran intimated in his opinion that the action of the convention in omitting reference to the money question left Judge Parker without the faintest prospect of success.

Saw Defeat Ahead.

Inasmuch as he (Cochran) could not rophesy a victory he would not foretell defeat, hence silence was the only course left for him to pursue.

The Scene Changes.

Continuing, Cochran says: "When I reached Indianapolis I was handed a telegram from Charles F. Murphy informing me of Judge Parker's message to Governor Sheehan and urging me to return immediately. In an instant the whole situation changed, the prospect which had been black with signs of disaster at once became gleaming with promises of victory. The insillimity of Parker's managers which led them to surrender their own convictions and stifle every attempt of the New York City delegates to even the opinions of their constituents in this momentous question furnished Judge Parker with an opportunity which he improved decisively.

Praises Parker.

"It revealed him to the people of his country almost in an instant as great leader, the greatest of this generation of honest men, the most impressive in displaying that virtue that have ever known either through experience or reading, a courageous man such incomparable courage that he will throw away not merely the hope of a prospect of nomination, but the dual nomination for the presidency than stop to evasion or equivocation in a matter of principle."

Michigan Not Pleas.

St. Louis, July 11.—Thomas Barkworth, chairman of the Michigan democratic state committee, who has been attending the

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THE TWO MESSAGES

Judge Parker's Challenge to Silver Democrats and the Answer.

Judge Parker's message which caused the panic at the democratic national convention in St. Louis Saturday night was as follows: "I have been asked to accept the nomination for president of the United States on the platform of the convention. I deem it necessary to make this communication to the convention for its consideration, as I should feel it my duty to decline the nomination except with that understanding."

The Convention's Reply.

The convention, after a war of words between Bryan on one side and Williams and others against him, agreed to send the following answer to the candidate: "The platform adopted by this convention is silent on the question of monetary standard because it is regarded by us as a possible issue in this campaign, and only the campaign issues were mentioned in the platform, therefore there is nothing in the views expressed by you in the telegram just received which would preclude a man entertaining them from accepting a nomination on said platform."

BUTCHERS MAY STRIKE

AMALGAMATED ASSOCIATION OF BUTCHER WORKMEN THREATEN TIE-UP.

NO LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE

John Morrell, of the Local Company, Thinks a Strike, if One Occurs, Will Not Extend to the Ottumwa Plant. Men Demand Better Wages.

WILL NOT DECLINE

The Morrell packing plant in this city, which employs nearly all the members of the Amalgamated Association of Butcher Workmen in the city, has no agreement with the organization regarding wages. John Morrell, when asked today whether he threatened strike would affect the local institution, stated that he did not think it would, but that he had not acquainted himself with the facts regarding the probability of a strike.

CHICAGO, JULY 11.

Negotiations for the renewal of a wage agreement between the millionaire packers and the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America have been broken off, and a strike involving 40,000 men is imminent. Both sides are maintaining the strictest secrecy regarding their plans, but it is known that both are making active preparations for what may prove the worst labor struggle for years.

A special meeting of the local Packing Trades' council has been called for tonight at Schumacher's hall, 4650 Ashland avenue, and final action will be taken then. That the men at that meeting will not accept the terms proposed by the packers is almost certain, so that the strike order may be issued tomorrow.

The houses involved are Armour & Co., Swift & Co., Nelson Morris & Co., Schwarzschild & Sulzberger, Cudahy Packing company, and the National Packing company. The latter is known as the trust, and controls the Hammond Anglo-American, Continental, and Omaha Packing companies, in Chicago; the St. Louis Dressed Beef company, in East St. Louis; the Fowler Packing company and Ruddy Bros., in Kansas City, besides a number of smaller distributing houses throughout the east.

Eight Cities Are Involved.

The cities which will be affected by the strike if it is called are: St. Paul, Sioux City, South Omaha, St. Joseph, East St. Louis, Kansas City, Fort Worth, and Chicago. In New York the men handling dressed beef for export trade will also be ordered out, as the union intends to strike at every point controlled by the beef trust.

An Important Crisis.

The butcher workmen regard the issue as one involving the life of their industry.

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KILL WOMAN AND CHILD

Greensboro, Ind., July 11.—Mrs. William Starbuck died today from the effects of injuries received at the hands of unknown persons who are being trailed by bloodhounds. She and her child, whose bodies were found at the bottom of an abandoned well near here, will be buried in the same grave.

Unconscious Until the End.

Mrs. Starbuck was delirious when found and at no time did she recover consciousness sufficiently to give any information as to the identity of her assailants.

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PARKER CREATES A PANIC

CONVENTION THROWN INTO CONFUSION BY CANDIDATE'S ACTION ON MONEY QUESTION.

NEARLY WITHDRAWN

Leaders Had Much to do to Hold Delegates Together After Receiving Message From Nominee—Davis of West Virginia for Vice President.

St. Louis, July 11.—Judge Parker's ideas on the money question nearly caused him to lose the democratic nomination for president after it had been tendered him and it threw the convention into a panic which nearly caused the whole affair to break up in a row.

Despite every attempt on the part of the bosses of the party to forget the free silver fight and make the party admit that the gold standard is the only logical money scheme, Judge Parker was not content to let well enough alone, and Saturday night he sent a message to William F. Sheehan, of New York, stating that the convention must understand that he is a gold man. Rumor says he sent a message previously to a friend, stating his position on the money question in a much more pointed way. Whether this is true cannot be learned but at any rate the convention, after thinking its work was nearly finished, came near calling it all off and going back again to the place of beginning.

Davis Nominated.

It was after 1 o'clock Sunday morning when a reply to Judge Parker's message had been agreed to by the convention and a candidate had been nominated in the person of Henry G. Davis, of West Virginia.

The first news of the message came to the delegates from a local evening paper, which said Parker had refused to accept the nomination unless a gold plank should be inserted in the platform. This set many of the delegates wild and it was an angry lot of men that gathered at the Coliseum for the session at 5:30 o'clock Saturday evening. After a little discussion Parker's managers secured an adjournment until 8:30 and immediately several state conferences were held and the all-important event was discussed. Many were for withdrawing Parker's name and nominating another man for president. Others, who were most conservative, saw what a blow such unprecedented action would be to the already slim hopes of the democracy and these finally triumphed over the radical element.

Parker's Message.

When the convention met a message, said by some to be the one originally sent by Judge Parker and by others to be one sent later, when the judge learned what a furor the first had caused, was read to the convention from the stage. It follows: "I regard the gold standard as firmly and irrevocably established and I shall act accordingly if the action of the convention is ratified by the people inasmuch as the platform is silent on the subject I deem it necessary to make this communication to the convention for its consideration, as I should feel it my duty to decline the nomination except with that understanding."

Williams vs. Bryan.

J. S. Williams addressed the convention, saying that the platform had been made silent on the money question because it was realized that this was no longer an issue. He said the platform was one upon which all democrats could stand and asked that the convention send a message to Judge Parker telling him that inasmuch as the money question is no longer an issue the party cares not where he stands on it. The message which had been prepared by the leader, was read to the convention. It was as follows: "The platform adopted by this convention is silent on the question of monetary standard because it is regarded by us as a possible issue in this campaign, and only the campaign issues were mentioned in the platform, therefore there is nothing in the views expressed by you in the telegram just received which would preclude a man entertaining them from accepting a nomination on said platform."

W. J. Bryan, III and showing the effects of his physical collapse, dragged

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ICE HOUSES BURN.

Loss to Kenosha, Wis., Firm Amounts to Many Thousands.

Kenosha, Wis., July 11.—Fire of unknown origin totally destroyed the Jefferson Ice company's houses at Powers lake today. The loss is between \$90,000 and \$90,000. At the time of the fire there was between 65,000 and 75,000 tons of ice in the building.

THE WEATHER

Illinois — Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday with local showers.

Iowa — Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday with local showers tonight and probably in the eastern portion on Tuesday.

The Local Weather. 9 o'clock last night 71 7 o'clock this morning 72 2 o'clock this afternoon 82

SAY BELMONT IS BOSS

Reliably Reported at Washington That He Dictated Parker's Unusual Action.

(BY HAROLD J. MAHIN.)

Washington Bureau of the Courier, Washington, July 11.—According to a story told here today said to be founded on the best authority, Judge Parker sent his astonishing message to the convention Saturday night at the order of August Belmont, his New York millionaire manager and William F. Sheehan the noted New York politician. When the storm of protest arose in the east over the omission of a sound money plank in the platform Belmont and Sheehan telegraphed to Parker to send a telegram protesting.

According to the story Parker then sent the mysterious message to Cormick, his personal friend, stating flatly that he would not run on a platform without a gold plank. Cormick denies he ever received such a message and it was not read to the convention, but it is said that the operator at Esopus admits that it was sent.

Belmont and Sheehan immediately saw that Parker had overdone the matter and that the delegates would not stand such apparent dictation. They then telegraphed to Parker again, outlining for him the message which he sent to Sheehan and which was read to the convention. In this he simply stated his convictions on the gold standard. It has been rumored before that Parker was controlled by Belmont rather than by Hill and Belmont, who is one of the richest men in the country, is a typical representative of the insolent ultra-rich class and is connected with many trusts.

Loyal democrats are disgusted with this evidence of Parker's lack of good judgment and the absolute control exercised over him by Belmont.

SIXTEEN ARE KILLED

REAR END COLLISION ON ERIE ROAD NEAR MIDVALE, N. J., YESTERDAY.

MANY OTHERS MAY DIE

Three Score People Are Injured, Several of Them Seriously—Engineer and Firemen Who Are Blamed, Disappear Immediately After Accident.

New York, July 11.—Sixteen persons were killed and about three score were injured in a rear end collision between the two trains on the Greenwood Lake division of the Erie railroad at Midvale, N. J., yesterday. The official list given out here shows that fourteen adults and two children lost their lives. Many of the injured are seriously hurt and some may die.

Engineer William Landmaster and his fireman, Martin Bowers, of the rear train, who are blamed for the accident, disappeared immediately after the collision, the former taking refuge in a hotel. He said he disappeared because he was afraid the crowd would kill him.

If the excursionists could have found these men they probably would have been shot down, and only the cries of the dying and the injured distracted the frenzied crowd from the two men whom the railway officials blame for the accident.

The Dead.

BECKER, HENRY, 42 years old, Hoboken. BATTERSON, —, two boys, aged 6 years and 8 years, New York. GANZER, HENRY, 41 years, New York. KELLY, E. J., 23 years, Jersey City. KOCH, HENRY, 28 years, Hoboken. LANE, WILLIAM, 32 years, Hoboken. LENKHUHL, MRS. AGNES, 50 years, New York. MDERMOTT, EDWARD, 38 years, Hoboken. OTTERSTEDT, HENRY, 38 years, Hoboken. RENZ, WILLIAM, 38 years, New York. ROHLFRING, HENRY, 51 years, Hoboken. SHEARER, GEORGE, 25 years, Hoboken. WIDEMEYER, WILLIAM, 27 years, Hoboken. WINDKNECHT, —, 44 years, Hoboken. WISKOW, WILLIAM, 44 years, West Hoboken.

All the above except Renz, who died at St. Francis hospital, Jersey City, were killed in the last car. Their bodies were identified at Midvale.

VICTIM OF INSANE MAN.

Andrew Cuneo, Chicago Fruit Merchant, Fatally Shot.

Chicago, July 11.—Andrew Cuneo, of the firm of Cuneo Bros., prominent wholesale fruit dealers, was fatally shot today by a man giving his name as Crescio. It is believed Crescio is insane.

TO PROBE MYSTERY.

Grand Jury Begins Another Session on Schafer Murder Case.

Bedford, Ind., July 11.—The Lawrence county grand jury convened in special session today to continue the second official investigation of the murder on January 12 of Miss Sarah S. Schafer.

It is expected that at least two indictments will be returned by the grand jury.

HOT FIGHTS ARE ON AT PORT ARTHUR

RUSSIAN FLEET VENTURES OUT OF HARBOR BUT IS FORCED TO RETURN.

LOSSES NOT REPORTED

Land Forces Are Hardest Hit and Russian Warships Do Effective Work in Bombarding Shore—Oku Continues Advance After Battle.

The foreign attaches assigned to the second Japanese army are informed they will leave for the front on or about July 20. It is believed the newspaper correspondents with the second army will leave about July 23.

Chefoo, July 11.—There was heavy firing at Port Arthur from midnight until 3 o'clock this morning.

Chefoo, July 11.—The Port Arthur Novik Kral of July 7, a copy of which has just reached Chefoo, contains an account of the operations around Port Arthur from July 3 to 5. It says: "Heavy fighting occurred between the first line of defenses and the Japanese, the results of which are not announced. During the three days' battle the Novik and a fleet of gunboats left the harbor daily, covering the right flank of the army and stopping the fire of the enemy's artillery.

Russians' Fire Effective.

On July 4 the Novik fortunately obtained the range of the enemy's batteries and did frightful damage to them all morning. The gunboats without receiving any return fire shelled the enemy's troops marching towards our defenses. The Japanese fleet appeared in the afternoon and our gunboats returned to the inner harbor without sustaining any damage.

Togo Tells of Battle.

Tokio, July 11.—The Russian cruisers Bayan, Diana, Pallada and Novik, two gunboats and seven torpedo boat destroyers came from the harbor at Port Arthur Saturday morning, preceded by a number of steamers engaged in clearing away the mines.

Russians Make Attack.

In the afternoon the Russian vessels reached a point between Sensikat and the main batteries where they attacked a Japanese flotilla of torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers. Firing was exchanged with the Bayan and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon the Russian vessels retreated to the harbor.

Admiral Togo reports that his vessels sustained no damage.

Oku Routs Russians.

Tokio, July 10.—(Delayed.)—After three days' severe fighting characterized by desperate attacks by the Japanese and stubborn resistance on the part of the Russians, General Oku's army occupied Kaiping (Kai Chou) Friday, driving the Russians northward in the direction of Hai Cheng. The Russians had strongly fortified the hills situated in a semi-circle south of Kaiping. Their forces consisted of over 30,000 men. The losses are not reported.

Kuropatkin Retreat.

St. Petersburg, July 11.—General Kuropatkin, according to private advices from the front, will not make a serious attempt to hold Tatchekiao, above Kai Chou and midway between that place and Hai Cheng and where the railroad connects with the branch from New Chwang.

Japanese Develop Strength.

Developments of Japanese strength on the Suiven road seem to be forcing a Russian concentration between Hai Cheng and Liao Yang, but preparations seem to be making to defend the former as long as possible.

To Withstand Advance.

General Count Kellers force, which was a little southwest of Liao Yang, has apparently moved farther southward, to stay the advance of the Japanese direct from the Feng Wang Cheng-Hai Cheng road. The pressure on the Russian left rear as it withdraws continues.

New Chwang at Japs' Mercy.

There is now seemingly practically nothing in the way of Japanese occupation of New Chwang and the completion of the line across the head of Liao Tung peninsula. The fortification of the passes of the Fenshui range and of a semi-circle eastward of Liao Yang is reported.

Sts. Retreat Was Orderly.

St. Petersburg, July 11.—Details of the Russian retreat from Kaiping which is hailed as a great victory at Tokio, show, according to the official report of Lieutenant General Scharoff the commander of the eastern army that it was little more than a series of skirmishes. The Russian losses were 200 men. The Tokio reports that ten guns were captured in perfect order before General Oku's army consisting of four divisions,

NO FEAR OF RUSSIA

London, July 11.—The attempt of the London Daily Express to revive the bogey of a possible Russian invasion of India by General Kuropatkin has not created a ripple of excitement. Even if its authenticity were not doubtful, it is recognized that it will not give the slightest cause for alarm. It is pointed out that the whole scheme as published is of no authoritative character. There is nothing in the nature of a direct menace therein.