

PRESIDENT WILL KEEP HANDS OF

DECLARES HIS BELIEF THAT CHICAGO MEAT STRIKERS ARE ABLE TO MANAGE THEIR OWN FIGHT.

CHICAGO, Ill., Monday.—Joseph W. Morton, business agent of the International Brotherhood of Sanitary Firemen, members of which are on strike in sympathy with the butchers, returned to-day from Washington and declared President Roosevelt gave him assurances that he considered the Chicago strikers were able to take care of themselves.

"A committee from our convention visited the President at the White House," said Mr. Morton, "and I was introduced as one of the striking butchers from Chicago.

"I do not doubt," the President said, "that your people are abundantly able to take care of your own fight."

"In a subsequent chat of a few seconds the President referred to the efforts made by various agents to have him interfere and added that he could not see his way clear to do so."

Chicago meat packers asked to-day for an injunction preventing the city from interfering with the housing of employes in stock yards plants during the continuance of the strike. Arguments were heard by Judge Bretano for three hours and will be continued to-morrow.

POLL IN CHICAGO FAVORS ROOSEVELT

OF 10,988 VOTERS 6,504 PREFER THE PRESIDENT, WHILE 3,789 ARE FOR PARKER.

CHICAGO, Aug. 23.—Of 10,988 voters personally asked by the Chicago Tribune to announce their preference for President, 6,504 named Roosevelt, 3,789 were for Parker and 548 expressed themselves for Debs, the Socialist candidate. There is a gain shown of 498 in the usual Republican vote and a loss of 420 from the usual Democratic vote.

Many union men said the Democratic or Socialist party held out the greatest hopes to union labor, and expressed bitterness toward Roosevelt for what they called his share in the responsibility for the use of troops in the Colorado mining troubles.

The proportion of Roosevelt men among laborers was large, and there was a Democratic loss. The socialistic vote showed a considerable increase. The two large parties ran close among the teamsters, there being 280 for Parker and 277 for Roosevelt.

"FIVE SKELETONS" DEMAND BLACKMAIL

LEADER AMONG CHICAGO ITALIANS IS THREATENED WITH DEATH UNLESS HE HANDS OVER \$10,000.

CHICAGO, Aug. 24.—Antonio Sbarbaro, a leader among Italians on the North Side, asked the police to run down the writer of a letter in which Sbarbaro was threatened with death in default of payment of \$10,000 to an organization called "The Five Skeletons."

Sbarbaro was ill in a hospital when the letter was delivered at his address, and did not receive it until his return. The letter set August 14 as the time and the prairie at Chicago and Western avenues as the place for the payment of the money.

Sbarbaro says the letter was dated August 12, and reminded the recipient that many of his countrymen had recently met death by violence, and declared that their fate was the result of failure to comply with the demands of "The Five Skeletons."

RUSSIA MODIFIES DIVORCE.
Husband or Wife Allowed to Marry Again After Two Years, Instead of Seven.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 24.—The rigor of the divorce laws, which formerly did not allow a husband or wife guilty of misconduct to marry again except after seven years' irreproachable conduct, has been modified by the Holy Synod, making the period two years in case of offenders agreeing to do public penance according to the direction of their bishops.

The newspapers hail this modification as being a step in the right direction, and express the hope that the Draconian laws governing divorce, which date back to the Byzantine epoch, will be further amended in conformity with the requirements of modern life.

Uncle Joe's First Case.
Boston Transcript.

Uncle Joe Cannon tells this story of his early days in the practice of the law in Illinois.

Patrick McDonald, an Irishman, was a well-known character in the town of Danville. He was a loud talker and was constantly "butting in" where he wasn't wanted. Harrison Wheelock, who was known throughout the country by the contraction of "Hat," was another local celebrity. Wheelock was talking with a fellow-citizen in the main street one afternoon, when McDonald came up and attempted to participate in the conversation. "Get out of this," said Wheelock, and when McDonald attempted to parley the former made a lunge at him with his strong right arm. McDonald ran like the wind and Wheelock was close after him. Later in the day Wheelock was placed under arrest by a constable on a warrant sworn out by McDonald, who charged that Wheelock had threatened him and that he felt his life endangered.

Hat Wheelock retained Cannon, then a young lawyer struggling for a reputation, to defend him. The case, which was heard before the local justice, attracted a large number of townsmen. McDonald had given his version of the affair, when Uncle Joe started in on the cross-examination. After leading him on for a while, Cannon asked, in all seriousness:

"Mr. McDonald, you say you are afraid of being deprived of your life by the defendant?"

"I did, sor," replied McDonald. "Then you admit that Mr. Wheelock the defendant, can whip you?"

"Not by a long sight! I kin lick a dozen of him."

"That's all, Mr. McDonald," responded the young attorney. "That's all, your Honor," he said, turning to the court.

The justice, with great dignity, dismissed the case.

MR. CLEVELAND FISHING.
He Tries His Luck on Lake Winnepesaukee as Guest of Representative Powers.

BOSTON, Mass., Aug. 23.—Former President Cleveland went on a fishing trip to-day on Lake Winnepesaukee as the guest of Representative Samuel L. Powers. They are being entertained at the cottage of Philip H. Downes, at Meredith Neck, N. H. Mrs. Cleveland and the ladies of the party spent the day cruising on the lake in the yacht Gilnockie.

Riding an Avalanche.
Seven Alpine tourists, representing five different nationalities—namely, two Englishmen, a German count and his valet, a young Russian lady, a Dutchman and a Swiss guide, have just had an extraordinary escape from destruction by an avalanche. The party started from Arosa to ascend the Arosar Weisshorn onski. When about 700 feet from the summit, which is 8,710 feet above the sea level, the steepness of the ascent and the hardness of the snow necessitated the removal of the ski, and the party proceeded on foot.

When nearing the top, an immense avalanche suddenly rushed down the mountain side. Most of the party at once sat down to receive the impact on their backs, and some succeeded in riding the waves of snow with tolerable success for some distance. Then came a series of somersaults. Five of the party were involved in the avalanche, and four were swept down to the bottom of the slope, a distance of about 700 feet, arriving in all manner of attitudes. The German count collided with a rock and was cut about the face; the Dutchman finished up in a standing posture buried in snow to his chin.

The Russian lady was the first to extricate herself, and she behaved throughout with remarkable pluck and endurance. Wonderful to relate, no bones were broken, and all escaped with a few bruises and scratches, and reached Arosa in safety. Had not the ski been taken off before the accident serious results must almost certainly have ensued.—London Mail.

MR. ROOT SAYS "NO."
He Will Not Be the Candidate for Governor of New York.

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—Senator Platt said to-day that he had received a letter from Elihu Root declining to be the Republican nominee for Governor.

"I received Mr. Root's letter two days ago," said Senator Platt. "As far as I am concerned, it settles the question. I don't believe that his being the nominee of the party is in the range of possibility now. He writes me that he will not accept it he is nominated, and nothing could be more positive or final. I am in favor of an open convention. Governor Odell says that he is. Of course we all have our preferences, but I do not believe the candidate will be selected until the convention assembles in Saratoga."

In speaking of the prospects for the National ticket in the State, Senator Platt said:

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Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., September 19-25. One fare for the round trip to Chicago or St. Louis added to fares tendered therefrom (Chicago \$50.00; St. Louis \$47.50). Dates of sale to be announced later.

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BRYAN'S VIEW OF PLATFORM.

"I shall not misrepresent the situation, or appeal for votes for the ticket upon false grounds. A Democratic victory will mean VERY LITTLE, IF ANY, PROGRESS on economic questions so long as the party is under the control of the Wall Street element. * * * The LABOR PLANK as prepared by Judge Parker's friends on the sub-committee was a straddling, meaningless plank. * * * The nomination of Judge Parker VIRTUALLY NULLIFIES THE ANTI-TRUST PLANK."—William Jennings Bryan, in "The Commoner," July 13, 1904.

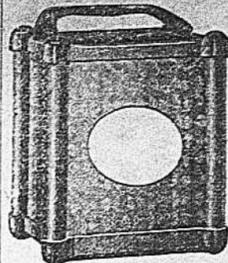
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No. 5.—Wheeling Accommodation. 7:47 A. M.
No. 55.—Wheeling & Cincinnati Express. 7:29 P. M.
No. 71.—Wheeling Accommodation. 1:36 P. M.

EAST BOUND.
No. 8.—New York, Baltimore and Washington Express. 3:25 A. M.
No. 72.—Grafton Accom'n 10:53 A. M.
No. 46.—New York, Baltimore and Washington Express. 1:48 P. M.
No. 4.—Grafton Accom'n 8:38 P. M.

F., M. AND P. BRANCH. ARRIVES.
No. 50.—Pittsburg Accom'n 1:00 P. M.
No. 4.—Pittsburg Accom'n 9:55 P. M.

DEPARTS.
No. 3.—Pittsburg Accom'n 7:50 A. M.
No. 51.—Connellsville Ac'm 2:10 P. M.
No. 69 leaves daily for Morgantown at 9:05 P. M. No. 62 arrives from Morgantown at 6:55 A. M., daily except Sunday; at 8:00 A. M. Sunday only.

MONONGAH DIVISION.
No. 5.—Arrives at Fairmont 5:35 P. M.
No. 1.—Arrives at Fairmont 12:10 P. M.
No. 3.—Arrives at Fairmont 7:45 A. M.
No. 2.—Leaves Fairmont... 7:10 A. M.
No. 6.—Leaves Fairmont... 1:53 P. M.
No. 4.—Leaves Fairmont... 9:55 P. M.

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