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CONTESTS IN COMMITTEE ROOMS DELAY WORK OF BIG CONVENTION

Adjourn After Short Morning Session Awaiting Reports From the Platform and Credentials Committees--Bryan Given Ovation--Champ Clark Chosen Permanent Chairman

ST. LOUIS, July 7.—The democratic convention was called to order at 10:12 this morning by Temporary Chairman Williams. Prayer was offered by Archbishop John B. Glennon of St. Louis.

Rules Committee Reports emf..

The report of the committee on rules was presented, and a hot argument followed on the question of allowing delegates from Porto Rico and the Philippines representation in the convention. The committee reported in favor of giving the Porto Rico votes, and immediately South of Arkansas proposed an amendment giving the same rights to the Philippines. His statement that Philippines were as much entitled to votes as Porto Rico was loudly applauded.

Status of Philippines.

Congressman Handy of Delaware objected to the amendments on the ground that the Philippines are not a part of the United States. Delegate South protested, declaring that the convention would only reject the report committee seating Porto Rico members he would withdraw his own amendment. Grady of New York, chairman of the rules committee, denied that the committee had exceeded its authority. He said the courts had decided that Porto Rico was a part of the United States. "Once a part of the United States," he said, "it will never be a part of any other country." (Loud applause). "Supreme right of the United States," he continued, "has declared that the Philippines are not a part of this country, and it is for those reasons the committee has taken the action it did."

A VICE-PRESIDENTIAL BOOM FROM THE WEST

EX-SENATOR GEORGE TURNER OF WASHINGTON.

All Islands on Equal Basis.

South of Arkansas declared that this opinion of the courts had never been approved by the democratic masses of the country (applause), and contended that Porto Rico, the Philippines and Hawaii were all entitled to receive the same recognition. Handy of Delaware again took the stand to argue the point, and when he said the democratic party hoped that the Philippines would in time elect their own president, the convention cheered lustily.

Convention Votes on Question.

The report of the committee as made was then put to the convention and carried by a viva voce vote. Arkansas, however, demanded a recall which resulted in its being voted down, and the head of the delegation from Porto Rico, Senor Molinad, proceeded to the platform to address the convention.

HE WILL NOMINATE HEARST FOR FIRST PLACE

HON. D. M. DELMAS OF CALIFORNIA.

Convention Adjourns.

The committee on credentials announced that it would not be ready to report until 2 o'clock. Sheehan of New York moved a recess until 2 o'clock.

Short Session a Disappointment.

The short session this morning was a great disappointment to the audiense, but it could not be avoided. Both the credentials committee and the resolutions committee were overloaded with work. The crowd was in fine fettle, clearly keyed up with the expectation of a struggle among the party giants on the floor, and was prepared to cheer on the party gladiators.

GEORGE E. CHAMBERLAIN, GOVERNOR OF OREGON.

The flurry over the report of the rules committee afforded an excellent opportunity for the pent-up enthusiasm to tbreak forth. It brough Grady, the Tammany star, to the front, and introduced a tip-top convention orator in the person of South of Arkansas. He can be proud of his reception, even if he was beaten in the Porto Rico contest.

MAKE USUAL CLAIMS.

The anti-Parkerites seemed quite demoralized early today, but still made their usual claims. They wouldn't conceal their fears over the outcome of the contemplated meeting of the New Jersey delegation today, which state the Parker leaders predicted would declare for their candidates.

BRYAN IS SILENT.

Bryan made no official statement admitting defeat for the antis, and it seemed that he had reached a decision to do his talking on the convention floor. There was no outward sign of bitterness in the hour of his apparent political destruction.

WILLIAM SHEEHAN

Sheehan is credited with having been an original Parker man, and it is claimed that he began three years ago to lay the foundation for the New Yorker's nomination.

PARKER GETS 24 VOTES.

New Jersey had a protracted meeting this morning and finally decided to cast its 24 votes for Parker. But the decision has a string to it reserving the right to vote for Cleveland at any time the delegation sees the opportunity. Therefore, in all human probability, Parker will be the presidential nominee of the convention.

NIGHT SESSION PROBABLE.

St. Louis, July 7.—The sub-committee on the platform recessed at 1:30 until 2:00. It is understood that they will report to the full committee at 5:00 p. m. This probably means a night session and the tip is out that the strong Parker people may refuse to permit an adjournment tonight until the nominations are male.

Crowds Gather Early.

ST. LOUIS, July 7.—At 2:08 Chairman Williams had not arrived, but the delegates and spectators were filing in to the music of the band. The weather was extremely warm and all stripped off their coats.

At 2:10 W. J. Bryan entered and was given a great ovation.

Ovation for Bryan.

Delegates all over the floor jumped to their chairs, yelling and waving their coats and hats, the people in the galleries joining in the demonstration. The New York, Delaware and Indiana delegates kept quiet. The Nebraska standard was picked up and waved in the air by enthusiastic delegates. South Dakota, Arizona and Massachusetts delegates waved their standards and the cheering redoubled and pretty nearly all the standard went into the air.

Excitement Runs High.

Chairman Williams arrived and pounded for order without avail. Bryan arose and bowed and then resumed his seat, but the cheering showed no signs of diminution. The Nebraska and Rhode Island delegations paraded the hall and the Georgia delegation waved a big flag over the heads of the delegates and carried it down the aisle and waved it over Bryan's head.

The report of the committee on permanent organization unanimously named Champ Clark of Missouri as permanent chairman, but two reports came from the committee on credentials, Bryan handing in the minority report.

St. Louis, July 7.—The platform makers are proceeding with the utmost deliberation. At 10 this morning the sub-committee of the resolutions committee went to work again. It is their expectation to be able to present the platform to the full committee this afternoon, to secure its speedy endorsement and then give it to the convention today, even though it be necessary to have a night session for that purpose.

FORMER PLATFORMS NOT CONSIDERED.

The platform will be strictly con-

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THE GREAT LOBBY OF THE SOUTHERN HOTEL, ST. LOUIS, IS A FAVORITE PLACE FOR DELEGATES AND BOOMERS TO CONGREGATE.

ARMIES ENGAGE IN FIERCE FIGHT AT CLOSE RANGE DURING NIGHT

Japs Are Routed With a Loss of 1,000 Men by Russians Under Keller, Near Lantyasan—Japanese Cruiser Reported Sunk

LONDON, July 7.—The correspondent of the Central News reports a fight between a Russian force under General Kaspatalsky and a force of Japanese near Lantyasen. The Russians made a sudden attack in the darkness, during a heavy rain, on the Japanese outposts.

Japanese Lose 1,000 Men.

The Japanese casualties are reported to be 1,000. Strong Japanese reinforcements appeared, but were twice repulsed. Finally the Japanese made a flanking movement and the Russians narrowly escaped being surrounded. The Russian reinforcements then came up and the czar's forces were enabled to retire. The Russian casualties were 300.

Another Report of Battle.

Another report of the battle says the Russians were under General Keller, but it is apparently the same fight. It gives the Russian casualties as 13 officers and 300 men killed and wounded.

Japanese Cruiser Sunk.

TOKIO, July 7.—The Japanese cruiser Kaimon was sunk by a mine in Talienwan bay Tuesday last.

Report Is Confirmed.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 7.—A dispatch received this evening confirms the report of the fight between the Russians under General Keller and a force of Japanese. The Russian losses were 100 men killed and 17 officers and 273 men wounded.

The Japanese lost heavily, the battle being fiercely fought between riflemen at short range.

FIRE CHIEF DIETSCH STEPS DOWN A PEG

Campaign Arrangement Results in Shake-up in Fire Department--Georce McAlevy to be Chief

John L. Dietsch has resigned as chief of the Tacoma fire department. The resignation was submitted to Mayor Wright on July 4.

When Chief Dietsch was called up over the phone at his residence late this afternoon he refused to speak for publication, and when asked if the mayor had demanded his retirement from the service he emphatically answered "No!"

Although Mr. Dietsch will not talk of the matter, two stories have leaked out that bear on the situation. One is that the resignation was brought about through some warm words between Chief Dietsch and Mayor Wright over the Fourth of July celebration. The committee asked Mayor Wright if the fire department would make an exhibition run July 4. The mayor said "Yes." When the proposition was brought up to Chief Dietsch he said "No," and there was a locking of horns.

Chief Dietsch gave as his reason for not making the run that it was unwise to take the department away from headquarters on a day when there was so much danger from fire. The run was not made and Chief Dietsch lost his job.

It is reported that the chief refused to let one of his men act as assistant marshal in the parade for the same reason.

Another report is to the effect that the resignation is part of an arrangement entered into when Mayor Wright took up the reins of government. The story is that George McAlevy, who was made assistant chief, was slated for the place, but, as stated in The Times at that time, was not eligible under the charter because he was not a bona fide resident of Tacoma.

The arrangement was that somebody else should be appointed chief for 90 days and then resign in favor of McAlevy. The appointment was offered to Captain Knoell on that basis, but he refused to accept. The appointment of Mr. Dietsch was then announced, but whether he was in the deal or not was never known. Meanwhile Mr. McAlevy was appointed assistant chief. The understanding was, it is said, that at the end of 90 days the two offices would be switched.

The time has not yet expired, but it is said that the Fourth of July fracas precipitated the change a few days earlier than was intended.

Mayor Wright was found late this afternoon. He stated that the change was made in accordance with a campaign arrangement and that Assistant Chief McAlevy would be appointed chief and Chief Dietsch would take the subordinate position.

CLASH IN THE COUNCIL OVER SOUTH K STREET SALOONS

The question of renewing the liquor licenses of the two saloons on South K street, which gained a good deal of notoriety some time ago on account of the strong protests raised against them by residents in that vicinity, was brought before the council last night, and a lively discussion and a clash between Councilman Conrad, chairman of the license committee, and Councilman Richards resulted.

The saloons in question are owned by William Herd, 1204 South K street, and Kellogg & Ford, 1105 South K, and their present licenses will expire on the 24th of this month.

Councilman Richards desired that the renewal of these licenses be deferred for one week, as the people in that neighborhood wish to circulate a remonstrance for signers against the renewal. He said that the licenses were being rushed through the council and that the citizens were unaware of the fact that the matter was to have come up this week.

The charge made by Mr. Richards somewhat aroused Chairman Conrad and he stated that the committee was not railroading any liquor licenses through the council. Other members of the body also participated in the debate, and when the roll was called the vote read 9 to 6 in favor of postponing the renewals for one week.

The session of the council last night was an exceptionally busy one. Many street improvements were included in the mass of routine business and the meeting dragged along until a late hour.

An ordinance which the city officials have looked forward to for some time was introduced, and later adopted, despite the fact that Councilmen Roice and Martenis were opposed to the idea of rushing matters. The new ordinance provides for the repair of all paved streets. Henceforth when the commissioner of public works advertises for bids for the construction of brick, asphalt or bituminous pavement, he shall also receive bids to maintain the pavement in repair for a period of 10 years. The ordinance provides for the payment for repairs out of the general fund in annual installments.

Councilman Read introduced a resolution asking Senator Foster to lay before the postoffice department the need of more mail carriers in this city. Mr. Read said it was a fact that Tacoma has less mail carriers according to its size than any other city in the state. The resolution was adopted.

The city clerk was instructed to advertise for sealed bids for the city printing for the year beganning August 1, 1904, to August 1, 1905. Bids will be received July 13 and the contract will then be awarded.

The ordinances providing for the paving of Yakima avenue and C street were passed.

As a result of the disaster in Wright park Monday night, Councilman Giblett introduced an ordinance prohibiting the discharge of fireworks in any of the city parks. The ordinance carries a heavy penalty.

Chairman Lamborn of the franchise committee announced that the independent telephone franchise would probably be considered by the committee of the whole July 18.

CIRCUS LEMONADE PROVED TOO STRONG FOR ROYALTY

Circus lemonade threw consternation into the court of Queen Pauline yesterday afternoon. The queen, with her bevy of young ladies, was present at the ball game, and to make a thoroughly pleasant afternoon for the royal party they were served with "ice cold lemonade, 5 cents a glass" by the management.

The plebeian beverage, however, didn't agree with royalty, and for a time after partaking of the management's hospitality the queen and her attendants could well sympathize with the small boy who has eaten too many green apples.

Several of the young ladies turned very ill at once, and it was reported last night that they were all sick at their homes.

Manager Fisher of the ball club says he will determine what was the matter with the lemonade, and if it is found that the drinks served to the girls were contaminated someone will likely be prosecuted.

NEW YORK IS IN DRY DOCK

BREMERTON, July 7.—The ships of the Pacific squadron arrived at the navy yard yesterday afternoon from Tacoma, where they had taken part in the big Fourth of July celebration in that city.

The gunboat Bennington, which was detached from the squadron and sent to Port Angeles to help out the celebration there, arrived also yesterday afternoon.

Admiral Barclay has received a dispatch from Washington authorizing him to dock the cruiser New York and make all the repairs required by estimates and surveys of all the departments at the navy yard. He has also been instructed to take up the work of repairing the other vessels of the Pacific squadron in accordance with the surveys made by the navy department. This work was started today. The New York will be docked first and the other vessels will be attended to later.

When finished the New York will be fitted for a voyage to the Atlantic coast. The Bennington, Concord and Marblehead are in need of several months' work. Whether it will be done here or not is a question that can only be settled by Washington officials. Unless political influence is brought to bear, it will naturally be done here at Bremerton.

BAR MEETING OPENED TODAY

Judge C. E. Griffin left for Seattle at noon today, where he went on invitation of the State Bar association to deliver an address before the convention of that organization, which opened there today.

R. G. Hudson of Tacoma will present the report of the committee on judicial administration. Among other things, the report will recommend the establishment of juvenile courts in Washington.

During the meeting a general debate will take place on the railroad merger as it affects this state.

The concluding event of today will be a reception and band concert under the auspices of the King County Bar association.

ALLEGED ROBBERS' ROOST IS RAIDED

The police made a raid on a house in the outskirts of South Tacoma this morning where it was reported a gang of suspicious characters were making their home. When the officers arrived the house was deserted, but it was evident that someone had been sleeping there recently.

Residents in the neighborhood of the place declare that they have seen two men enter and leave the place often during the last few days, and it is believed that they had received a tip and cleared out before the police arrived.