

MORE BODIES RECOVERED

Heavy Peals of Thunder Raise the Dead.

CANNONADING IS BEING TRIED

Testimony at the Inquest Today Shows Gross Negligence by the Steamship Company.

NEW YORK, June 21.—At 8 o'clock this morning twelve additional bodies of victims of the Slocum disaster were recovered, making a total of 746. Sixty four unidentified bodies are at the morgue. A severe thunder storm early this morning caused the bodies to come to the surface. Eight were found floating near where the steamer was beached. The relief fund now stands at \$25,000. Two four-inch guns will to-

day be taken out on floats and fired along the river where bodies are supposed to have sunk. The first of damage suits has been filed by Mrs. Kate Mattler, who lost four children. She asks \$50,000 from the Knickerbocker Steamship company.

Coroner's Inquest. TREMONT, June 21.—When the inquest on the Slocum disaster was resumed this morning a deck hand, Daniel O'Neil, swore that he never participated in a fire drill aboard the Slocum. He denied knowing that there had been a fire aboard the Slocum the day previous. He told a graphic story of the fire and declared that the fire hose burst as soon as the water was turned on. An attempt was then made to bring the deck hose into use, but the coupling did not fit. He jumped overboard and swam ashore. He landed in a small boat which capsized. He admitted being warned by a man in the small boat not to jump as the boat was full.

Second Engineer Brandow swore that he received no verbal orders from the captain while the fire was in progress. He remained in the engine room until the Slocum was fast aground. There were no appliances for flooding the holds in case of emergency.

Inspector Henry Ludenberg of the state inspection service has been held under \$500 bail by order of the coroner to await the result of the inquest.

NATIONAL REPUBLICAN RATIFICATION MEETING

Roosevelt and Fairbanks Sure of Nomination---Elihu Root as Temporary Chairman Makes an Able Plea for the Retention of the Republican Party in Power--Secretary Cortelyou Will Be Chairman of the National Committee.

CHICAGO, June 21.—It is a Roosevelt convention now. A heave has come with the arrival of the great mass of delegates and thousands of lusty republicans. Roosevelt badges galore adorn the coats of men to be seen on the streets, the men not registered among the leaders at parlor conferences. Until Monday the leaders held sway. They were the old guard of the machine organization, whose one great purpose was to perpetuate their rule, some of whom were anti-Roosevelt and in whose eyes the president is a political accident, who was to be given the nomination by force of circumstances. They threw cold water whenever the Roosevelt sentiment appeared. They ignored the president in convention arrangements and had not thought of him in planning the decorations. Most important of all, they decided that one of their own selection should be the new chairman of the national committee and leader of the party. Then it was that the president's friends on the ground made a determined stand, insisting that Cortelyou should have the place. These Roosevelt men held their guns until the army of delegates began flocking in Sunday night.

Monday the entire force arrived and the old guard was routed. Talk to one of them today and you get the meek statement that Cortelyou will be chairman and they are for him. They have heard from the little fellows who represent districts and who are direct from the people, they find a mighty sentiment among the mass of republicans in favor of Roosevelt. The list of the old organization displaced on the national committee by new men include Kearns of Missouri, Sheldon of New York, Stewart of Illinois and Lawley of Texas. The old machine has been shattered. Roosevelt is the leader. His picture now hangs in public places and on thousands of badges and his name figures in the conversation of groups of men and in the cheers of the crowds.

Fairbanks' Nomination Sure. If ever there was doubt about the nomination of Senator Fairbanks of Indiana for vice president, late developments have set it at rest. When Pennsylvania and New York fell into line other boomlets did not have a leg to stand on. Speaker Cannon's forceful and picturesque expressions on the subject of his candidacy settled the matter so far as the New York scheme to nominate him was concerned. President Roosevelt kept his hands out of the fight, but Cornelius Bliss, who represents the president, was consulted and acquiesced in the program. There will be no fight in the convention, although there may be complimentary votes for a number of others, whose enthusiastic friends refused to permit the withdrawal of their names. The rebellious talk against the selection of Cortelyou for the national chairmanship has almost entirely subsided, nor is there longer talk of a compromise looking either to Cortelyou's selection and subsequent resignation to accept the postmaster generalship or looking to the selection of Cortelyou as chairman of the executive committee, and the choice of some one else as chairman of the national committee itself.

Cortelyou is detained in New York on account of the Slocum disaster, but he is expected here Wednesday. His coming however, will have little effect on the situation. The revision of the tariff readjusters for a hopes plank in the platform is doomed to disappointment. But little talk is heard foreshadowing the slightest concessions on the part of the "stand patters." The western delegates continue their agitation against the proposed anti-polygamy plank, a matter in

which the delegates from Utah, Idaho, Colorado, Wyoming and other intermountain commonwealths are standing together. Another fruitful topic for the westerners is the statehood question, the last two congresses having refused to carry out the platform pledges looking to the admission of Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico. But the statehood boomers have not lost hope and the struggle will be renewed before the committee on resolutions.

Four women are among those at the convention hall who occupy the green chairs reserved for the select. They come from western states, where women vote, to sit as alternates in the convention. Mrs. J. E. West of Idaho, heads the quartet in point of national experience. She was one of the representatives of Idaho at the republican convention in 1900. Mrs. Jennie Nelson, of Utah, another alternate, is the wife of Charles Nelson, a prominent business man.

It is her first experience at a national convention, although she has been a delegate at many state conventions in Utah. Mrs. O. E. Leferve and Mrs. A. A. Eldridge, come from Colorado. The latter is entitled to a seat as a delegate as Judge Nixon, for whom she is alternate, was unable to come. Tentative efforts were made by the New York delegation this morning to rush the program of the convention and complete all business by tomorrow night. Many delegates believe that with the ticket settled in advance and with no situation to clear up, it is fruitless to drag the convention over two days. The question of early adjournment rests entirely within the discretion of the convention. Chairman Payne of the national committee says there is strong under current of sentiment favorable to early adjournment. Senator Foraker says he would not be surprised if the business of the convention were concluded Wednesday night. Ex-Governor Black is also of the opinion that the convention ought to be put through with snap, as everything is cut and dried.

THE PROCEEDINGS.

Called to Order by Vice Chairman Henry C. Payne.

CHICAGO, Ill., June 21.—The opening session of the national convention of the republican party was called to order at 12:14 today in the Coliseum building by Henry C. Payne, vice chairman of the republican national committee, and postmaster general. Probably not since the days of Washington and Grant did a body of men having to do with the selection of the governing personnel of this nation meet under what might be called such unanimous conditions as to a proposed ticket and platform.

Scramble for Tickets.

Contrary to many predictions of a lack of general interest in this convention because of the foregone conclusion that President Roosevelt would be nominated, the crowds of visitors literally have overrun the city's hostilities, while hundreds vainly endeavored to secure entrance tickets to the Coliseum. Two weeks ago the price of convention seats were quoted at \$50, and today instances were cited where almost double that figure was offered for the coveted pasteboards.

Six thousand seven hundred persons composed the gathering that participated in the opening ceremonies. Almost twice that number would have listened to the proceedings had there been room, but no one was admitted to the vast building who was not provided with a seat.

All Must Have Seats. The "standing room only" signs were not painted, for the reason that

since the memorable Iroquois theater horror, the municipal laws of Chicago have been revised so that no public hall shall exceed its licensed seating capacity. In the Coliseum that is 6400. The platforms upon which the officials of the convention and the representatives of the press sat brought the quota of the number first stated. Nine hundred and eighty-eight delegates and nearly as many alternates found their places at an early hour and without confusion.

The Decorations.

The convention hall presented a brilliant scene of color this morning. Hanging as a sort of canopy above the single gallery was a long festooned strip of red, white and blue bunting stretched from end to end on each side of the vast amphitheater. From each point where the bunting was caught up was suspended a large hanging basket filled with graceful ferns. Above every second one of these was tastefully arranged a group of five American flags, in the bosom of whose folds reposed a picture of Roosevelt. Between these stands of flags boughs of trees were placed, the green foliage affording a pleasant relief to the eye.

The steel girders on the way to the roof were entwined with green foliage and each girder bore another portrait of the president. At the south end of the hall on a temporary stand the First Regiment band held forth. At the north end was strung a large placard announcing "Under this banner both Harrison and McKinley were twice nominated." An immense oil painting of the late Mark Hanna lighted from above by electricity and draped in flags was suspended directly over the speaker's platform, where the furniture was of dark fleamish oak with the exception of the chair and desk of the presiding officer which was mahogany. Vice Chairman Payne was supplied with two gavels, one a great mallet three inches in diameter and six inches long, the "storm gavel," the other for ordinary conditions. A handsome little affair of rosewood, decorated with a gold band bearing his name and title, similar to gavels provided for Temporary Chairman Root and Permanent Chairman Cannon.

Greet the Celebrities.

As there came into the hall a delegate of more than usual eminence, the crowds would send up a welcoming shout. On every hand were to be found portraits of President Roosevelt, but, generally speaking, the decorative scheme of the convention hall was more subdued.

The officers of the convention made their appearance on the platform at 10:20, while very few people were in the hall. About 11 the Coliseum began to fill, the earliest arrivals being four women alternates from Idaho, Utah and Colorado. Half an hour later not more than 50 delegates were in their seats. The first full delegation to appear was that of Delaware under Adick's leadership. The Oklahoma men with sombreros came next. The first applause of the day from the galleries came with the advent of a party of Iowans with Senator Allison at their head. Senators Depew and Cullom were the recipients of applause, which was doubled a few minutes later when Uncle Joe Cannon entered with Cornelius Bliss of New York. At 11:45 Postmaster General Payne, the presiding officer, made his way to the platform, accompanied by Temporary Chairman Root. Every one in the hall joined in the greeting. The delegates now came in droves and in 20 minutes nearly all were present, but the galleries were not half full. Few ladies were present compared with previous conventions. The first real enthusiasm came when Senator Fairbanks with

the Indiana delegation entered the hall. The people howled and clapped but it was all over in a few seconds and quiet reigned again.

The preliminaries were so mild that this enthusiastic opening was hailed as a good omen. Uncle Joe Cannon wore an expansive smile when the cheers welled up for Fairbanks. It made plain the fact that the delegates had boarded the Fairbanks wagon.

As the hour approached for the actual commencement of the proceedings, the vast audience settled down into a quiet hum which ceased entirely as Chairman Payne stepped forward, rapped for order and addressed the convention briefly. Then followed the prayer by Rev. Timothy F. Frost, of Chicago, pastor of the First Methodist church of Evanston, Ill., as follows:

"Almighty God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, we thank Thee for Thy goodness to the people of this land. Our sins have been many, but Thy mercies have been great. Thou hast poured out Thy gifts without measure. The opening years of a new century have been freighted with wealth for hand and mind and heart. Best of all Thou art giving Thyself in a perpetual offering of Thy life for the life of man. We do not forget that in the hour of deep sorrow when the heart of the nation was darkened by the murder of the nation's chief there was no break in the march of Thy purpose, the orderly administration of our government or the faith of the people in their God. Under the guidance of Thy holy spirit we were brought by our national woes to be nearer to Thee. Surely Thou wilt never forsake this people. May no dominance of greed, no riot of passion, no weakening of religious conviction or enthronement of matter over spirit cause the people to forsake Thee.

May the heritage of honor coming to us from the fathers in memories of noble sacrifices and valiant deeds be at once our glad possession and our sacred trust. While we are grateful for the past may we remember that today is better than yesterday, and so act that tomorrow shall be greater than today. Wherever our country's flag floats as the symbol of government, even unto the isles of the sea, may we cleave to the righteousness that exalteth a nation, and cast out the sin that is a reproach to any people. Save our nation, we beseech Thee, from all the evil things which defile the home, impair civil liberty, corrupt politics or undermine the integrity of commercial life. Bring to naught the schemes of men who would debauch or oppress human life for the gratification of lust or for personal enrichment or power. May exaltation come only to men who despise the gain of oppressions and shake the hands from holding of bribes. May all sections and races, all creeds and sentiments, all occupations and interests become united through the Spirit of the Highest into a citizenship with a passion for righteousness, wherein each individual shall look up to God as the Father of all and upon every man as a brother.

We pray Thee to overrule the deliberations, conclusions and issues of this convention for the good of the American people and the welfare of mankind. Bless Thy servant, the chief magistrate of our nation. May he and all others clothed with authority by the sovereign people be protected by the powers of Thy kingdom and contribute to its ultimate triumph and consummation in all the earth.

All nations are Thy children. Guide and keep them by Thy gracious providence, and hasten the coming of the day when love shall have conquered

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