

HAPPENINGS OF A WEEK

Record of the Most Important Events Condensed for the Perusal of the Busy Man.

CONVENTION NOTES.

Two sessions were held the second day of the Democratic national convention, but little was accomplished. In the afternoon there was a remarkable Bryan demonstration, the cheering lasting one hour and 15 minutes. In the evening, after several speeches, the credentials committee reported, unseating eight of the Guffey Pennsylvania delegates. A minority report was made and after an acrimonious debate was rejected by a vote of 615 to 387. The majority report was adopted by a viva voce vote. The second day's session of the Democratic national convention at Denver was presided over by Congressman H. D. Clayton of Alabama, the permanent chairman, who delivered an able address. The committee on platform, with Gov. Haskell of Oklahoma as chairman, heard arguments in favor of many planks and announced that it could not report until the third day. The committee on credentials heard contests from five states and the District of Columbia. The Democratic national convention was opened in the great Denver hall by National Chairman Taggart. Theodore A. Bell was introduced as temporary chairman and delivered the "key-note" address before an immense crowd of delegates and spectators. Bryan seemed certain to be nominated for the presidency on the first ballot, but the race for second place was an open one.

PERSONAL.

Gov. Sanders of Louisiana decided to appoint a permanent state board of arbitration to handle labor troubles. William L. Wilson, who embezzled more than \$75,000 of the funds of the United States Home Protectors' Fraternity of Port Huron, Mich., was sentenced to the penitentiary. The president accepted the resignation of Judge William Lochren, judge of the United States court for the district of Minnesota at St. Paul, and appointed M. D. Purdy, assistant to the attorney general, to the vacancy. Charged with disorderly conduct in masquerading for nine years as a man, Mrs. August Sieb, 36 years old, of New York, was sentenced to the workhouse for five days. Frederick Gies, foreman of a department in the pressrooms of the Curtis Publishing company of Philadelphia was taken into custody by the police as a suspect in connection with the murder of Dr. William H. Wilson.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Republican national committee, in session at Hot Springs, Va., elected Frank H. Hitchcock of Massachusetts its chairman and made him manager of the presidential campaign. George R. Sheldon of New York was chosen treasurer and Arthur I. Vorys was given charge of the Ohio Republican headquarters at Cincinnati. Fire on the harbor front of East Boston destroyed piers and warehouses and an elevator, the property loss being about \$1,500,000. A watchman was reported missing. A loss estimated at nearly \$200,000 was suffered at College Point, L. I., by a fire which destroyed Zehden's hotel and casino, Dondera's casino and a number of small buildings. A fire that threatened to sweep over much of Coney Island burned several hotels and other structures, the loss being \$150,000. Armed revolutionists from Salvador, after capturing the town of Gracias, in Honduras, attacked Choluteca. The residents strongly resisted, holding back the revolutionists for three days. The two-masted schooner Acacia, owned and captained by William Simmons of Kingston, went ashore on Bull Rock point, near Sackett's Harbor, and the crew of eight was rescued by S. Gibble. Richard Alexander, treasurer and a member of the board of governors of the real estate board of brokers of New York, shot himself twice at Dexter, Me., and probably will die. Edward H. Evans was arrested in Boston on a charge of having murdered Frederick G. Singleton in Cincinnati on August 26, 1907. The Northern Beach hotel on North Fort Bay in the Leelanau peninsula, 30 miles from Traverse City, Mich., was burned to the ground. Since the first of the year 77,067 stray dogs and cats have been destroyed in New York by the agents of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. An electric car struck a carriage near Los Angeles, Cal., killing four children. The revolution in Paraguay was successful and a new government was set up with Dr. Naveiro as president. About 500 persons were killed or wounded in the fighting in Asuncion. The battleships Alabama and Maine, preceding the Atlantic fleet, arrived at Guam a day ahead of schedule time. Count Sumarakoff-Eliston, the eldest son of Prince Yusupoff, was killed by Count Manteuffel, an officer of the court guard, in a duel with pistols at St. Petersburg. Bishop Potter of New York showed so much improvement that his physicians began to hope for his recovery.

Reports that Frank J. Gould and his wife have become reconciled were circulated following the striking from the court calendar of an action entitled "Gould versus Gould." Count Boni de Castellano, whose former wife was married in London to Prince Helle de Sagan, the count's cousin, has opened what promises to be a sensational legal battle for the possession of his three children, the offspring of his marriage with Miss Anna Gould. Three military prisoners serving from 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 years for desertion, escaped from the prison at Fort Hamilton by sawing off some of the bars. William M. Ingraham, Jr., of Waverly, N. Y., has begun contest of the will of his father, a lawyer of Brooklyn, who died June 7, leaving an estate of more than \$2,000,000. Loot valued at \$25,000 was secured by safeblowers, who drilled their way through a 20-inch brick wall into the offices of the Diamond Point Pen company in New York. Emil Sandoza, a well-known stockman of Pine Creek, Neb., was killed by F. E. Newman, a hired man on a neighboring ranch. President Roosevelt and party, under the guidance of Commander Peary, inspected the Arctic steamer Roosevelt at Oyster Bay, after which the vessel sailed for Sydney, Cape Breton. Fifteen battleships of the Atlantic fleet sailed from San Francisco on their round-the-world trip. The Nebraska was delayed by an outbreak of scarlet fever among the crew. The printers' strike started in the job offices of Hartford, Conn., September 14, 1905, was ended because the strike benefits ceased. Nicholas Chlars, 24 years old, shot and severely wounded his sweetheart, Anna Weingartz, 20 years old, at Newport, Ill., and then killed himself. Mrs. Ada Reichers of Dallas, Tex., was murdered by unknown persons at Hot Springs, Ark. The United States consul at Tampico, Mex., has reported that the oil fields between Tampico, on the Gulf of Mexico, and Tuxpan are burning and that the blaze is visible for a hundred miles on the Gulf. Snake Indians near Henrietta, Okla., armed themselves and defied the laws of the state and nation. Nicholas de Mazo of Scranton, Pa., killed his 15-year-old wife because she left him. Mme. Anna Gould and Prince Helle de Sagan were married at a registry office in Henrietta street, off Covent Garden, London. A subsequent ceremony was conducted at the French Protestant church on Soho square. Twenty-three persons were killed by the boat in New York in one day. Revolutionists in Honduras captured the town of Gracias. Fire in Carnegie, Pa., destroyed several business houses, the loss being \$60,000. The fisheries question between the United States and Canada will be submitted to The Hague tribunal. A German driving a Mercedes car won the Grand Prix at Paris. The driver and assistant of one car were killed. One man was killed, a woman fatally injured and damage amounting to \$50,000 was done at Monongahela, Pa., when a boiler in the waterworks plant exploded. Judge John C. Pollock, in the federal court at Kansas City, ordered that the property of the Great Western Life Insurance company be disposed of and that the policies amounting to \$2,000,000 be reinsured in some reliable company. Commander Peary took his Arctic exploration steamer Roosevelt from New York to Oyster Bay, where it was inspected by the president, after which it started for the polar regions. Senator Beveridge conferred with W. H. Taft at Hot Springs, Va., and assured him that Indiana was safe for the Republican ticket. Vandals and incendiaries set fire to the village of Cardinal, Ont., and a number of buildings were destroyed. Mrs. Arlie M. Heaton shot and killed her divorced husband, Clint M. Heaton, in his restaurant in Iola, Kan. Albert McVay, a wealthy cattle dealer, was shot while sitting with his wife at a window of their home near Pine Bluff, Ark. A flood at Lincoln, Neb., caused the loss of at least five lives, immense damage to property and suspension of railroad traffic. The appellate court at Chicago declared that former Judge Abner Smith and G. F. Sorrow must go to the penitentiary and pay \$1,000 fine each for conspiracy in connection with the defunct Bank of America. Adolph S. Levi, a St. Louis jeweler, was robbed of \$900 and \$15,000 worth of jewels. Mrs. Nathaniel B. Treat of Monroe, Wis., wife of Capt. Treat, a widely-known state politician, capitalist and banker, jumped from a runaway hack and was so badly injured that she died. The bodies of 214 persons recovered from the Rikovsky mine at Yozovo, European Russia, which was the scene of an explosion of gas, were buried. The horror of the situation was added to by fire. Nine balloons which started from Chicago all descended, without loss of life, though the occupants of one were nearly drowned in Lake Michigan, another fell in Quinte Bay, Lake Ontario, and others had thrilling experiences. The long distance record was claimed for the Fielding-San Antonio, which landed at West Sefford, Que., about 895 miles. Seven persons were killed, at least two others were fatally injured and fully 30 more were severely hurt as the result of a fire in Cleveland, O. The fire followed an explosion of fireworks on display in the store. Four hundred buildings, including the courthouse, jail and arsenal, at Fort Au Prince, Hayti, were destroyed by fire. As a climax to a series of mysterious hold-ups on railroad tracks west of Coldwater, Mich., Libro Lombardi was found dead with nine cuts in his throat and Cascano Di Gio has two bullets in his arm. An infernal machine, the explosion of which would have wrecked the courthouse, killed Sheriff Beck and family, as well as prisoners in the jail, was received at the courthouse in Houghton, Mich.

CONVENTION IS AT WORK Representatives of the Democracy of United States Begin Their Sessions

Denver, Col.—Chairman Taggart of the national Democratic committee called the convention to order in the new auditorium Tuesday. The Rt. Rev. James J. Keane, archbishop of Wyoming, made the opening prayer, and Secretary Woodson read the call for the convention. The temporary organization was announced, as follows: Temporary chairman—Theodore A. Bell, California. General secretary—Urey Woodson, Kentucky. Assistant general secretary—Edwin Sefton, Washington, D. C. Assistant secretaries—Charles S. Northern, Atlanta, Ga.; H. C. Richmond, Fremont, Neb.; C. A. Nash, Perry, Ia.; Edward Cahill, Springfield, Ill.; Will Reid, Rawlins, Wyo., and Frank B. Ross, Indianapolis, Ind. Reading clerks—William McEniry, Rock Island, Ill.; T. F. Smith, New York city; William E. R. Byrne, Charleston, W. Va.; C. J. Gavin, Denver, Col.; Rees F. Horrocks, Little Rock, Ark., and Joseph L. Rely, Indianapolis, Ind. Sergeant-at-arms—John I. Martin, Missouri. Chief assistant sergeant-at-arms—J. C. Fann, Indiana. Chief doorkeeper—Eugene W. Sullivan, Illinois. Tally clerks—Ruby LaFoon, Madisonville, Ky.; V. Allert, Langdon, Md.; E. E. Murphy, Leavenworth, Kan.; Thomas H. Lovelace, St. Louis; Thomas B. Collier, Memphis, Tenn., and C. C. Ernst, Decatur, Ind. Messenger to secretary—W. V. Richardson, Danville, Ky. Parliamentarian—N. D. Crutchfield, Ky. Official stenographer—M. W. Blumberg, Washington, D. C. Chaplains—Tuesday, Rt. Rev. James J. Keane, archbishop of Wyoming; Wednesday, Rev. C. F. Reimer, Denver, Col.; Thursday, Rabbi Samuel Kerch, Seattle, Wash.; Friday, Rev. P. T. Ramsey, Denver, Col. Temporary Chairman Bell then delivered his speech. He arraigned the Republican party for alleged failure to keep its pledges to the people, and outlined the aims of the Democracy. He denied that the party was an enemy of corporation properly conducted, claimed that the checking of corporate abuses was the only aim. Respecting the question of the alleged abuse of the writ of injunction, Mr. Bell declared that the party only sought to confine the equity powers of the federal judiciary within such bounds as the people of the United States, through the legislative branches of their government, may determine. This Democratic convention must formally and unequivocally pledge itself to such legislation as will prevent the writ of injunction from being converted into an instrument of oppression. A revision of the tariff in the interests of the people, as against trust extortion, he asserted, was the policy of the party on tariff revision. Transportation Question. On this subject Mr. Bell said: It is eminently proper that this convention should define the Democratic attitude toward the regulation of transportation companies and call the attention of the country to the indisputable fact that it was only after years* of Democratic effort that an amendment was made to the interstate commerce law authorizing the commission to establish reasonable rates whenever it appeared that an existing schedule was unjust and unreasonable. The national platforms of the Republican party remained silent upon this great question for years and the fact that the necessary change was advocated by a Republican president, who succeeded only through the aid of the Democrats in both branches of congress in placing the amendment upon our statute books, does not affect the credit to which our party is entitled for having worked persistently for such an enactment. Further amendment to our laws giving the federal government supervision over the issuance of railroad stocks and bonds is demanded. Permanent Organization. The roll call of states for the membership of the committee on rules and order of business, credentials, permanent order and resolutions followed. Henry D. Clayton of Alabama was announced as permanent chairman, and the rest of the temporary organization was made permanent. Honor Memory of Cleveland. Resolutions of respect for the memory of Grover Cleveland were adopted, and as a further mark of respect the convention adjourned until Wednesday. Tribute to Grover Cleveland. The following resolution was offered by I. J. Dunn of Omaha, who will place William J. Bryan in nomination: "As it has pleased the ruler of the universe to remove from our midst Grover Cleveland, late president of the United States, who was three times the candidate of the Democratic party, be it



HENRY D. CLAYTON

SHOW AN ASTONISHING POWER.

Growing Plants Capable of Lifting Tons of Weight. Experiments of a peculiar character have been carried out at several of the noted agricultural colleges of the United States, the object being to ascertain the lifting power of growing plants of different species. Farmers are well acquainted with the fact that the roots of trees will disrupt and sometimes overturn a stone wall, but the lifting power of tender vegetables is equally surprising. The one result which has, perhaps, attracted the greatest attention is the discovery that a weight of 2 1/2 tons can be lifted by the common Yonke pumpkin in the course of its development. Dr. Carpenter relates the story of a paving stone, weighing 85 pounds, that was raised from its bed (when joined by others on all four sides) by such a soft piece of fungi as the common mushroom. And still another and more remarkable story is added to the above. A man having a cask of sweet wine,

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