

LAY PLANS TO CONTROL HOUSE

Democrats Will Concentrate the Fight in Forty Districts to Win Majority.

Only Fifteen Seats Needed to Put Republican Party in the Minority.

Last Speeches Made in Congress Sent Out as Campaign Literature.

New York Sun Special Service. Washington, May 4.—Movements about the democratic congressional headquarters here indicate that the minority intends to make a determined effort to secure control of the next house of representatives. A gain of fifteen seats would put the democrats in control.

The contest will be concentrated in about forty of the closest districts, for, of course, the democrats will lose on a presidential vote some of the districts they now hold, and they must overturn many more than fifteen. New York will be looked to for an increase in the number of democratic representatives, as her delegation is composed of twenty republicans and seventeen democrats.

The democrats also hope to gain several members in Illinois, which now sends seventeen republicans and eight democrats. In Indiana they hope to gain two or three seats.

Chairman Cowherd has already put the congressional committee to work. The democratic speeches delivered in congress during the closing days are going out rapidly as campaign documents. Babcock and Overstreet of the republican committee recognize this fact and are preparing to act accordingly.

PLANNING CAMPAIGN

President and Leaders Discuss Tariff Issues and Funds.

New York Sun Special Service. Washington, May 4.—Yesterday was the third day of President Roosevelt's conference with senators, representatives and other leading republicans on the party and in the campaign except the tariff and incidentally the prosperity of the country.

Mr. Bliss is one of the leading protectionists and he expressed his opinion that the democrats would not carry New York, also the contest might be close. He also thought it will be close in either New Jersey or Connecticut.

Mr. Bliss and Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island, father-in-law of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., in the campaign talk with President Roosevelt about campaign funds.

There is an understanding between the Rockefeller interests and Senator Stullman and the president. The Rockefeller family has promised to contribute reasonably to the president's fund. Inasmuch as the president has this week made J. P. Morgan the fiscal agent for the transfer of the Panama canal funds it is quite likely that the Rockefeller family will ask how about it.

It is settled that Mr. Bliss can be treasurer next time if he cares to take the place.

The question of national chairman is still undecided. Governor Murphy of New Jersey, Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania and J. W. Blaine of New York are all vying for it. No other republican of prominence seems to care for the job.

PLATFORM FOR DEMOCRATS

John Brisben Walker Defines Issues for His Party.

New York Sun Special Service. New York, May 4.—John Brisben Walker hired Cooper Union to tell what he thinks the democratic party ought to do, and to read a platform he has prepared for adoption at St. Louis. He came out for Joseph W. Folk of Missouri, for president, opposed W. R. Hearst as "too immature," and spoke against Judge Parker.

Mr. Walker's platform was widely advertised as having been submitted to all brands of democratic leaders and received their approval.

He had plans for an "elastic currency," trust regulation, tariff reform, for the independence of the Philippines, for good roads to be built by the government, for the government purchase of express companies, and the establishment of a parcel post.

CANNON WILL DECLINE

Speaker Makes Positive Statement as to Vice Presidency.

Washington, May 4.—"Even at the risk of being accused of declining that which I could not get if I desired it, I answer most unequivocally that if the nomination is tendered to me, I would not accept it under any circumstances whatever."

Thus strongly did Speaker Cannon in an authorized interview with a Post reporter yesterday emphasize his determination with reference to the vice presidency. As he concluded the speaker added:

"If there is any language which can be more decisive, write it in."

LODGE PREPARES PLATFORM

Protection with Necessary Revision Probably the Principal Plank.

Washington, May 4.—Senator Lodge, who is slated for chairman of the committee on resolutions of the republican national convention, expects to have ready a complete platform approved by the president. All ready various topics have been submitted to leading republicans for approval.

The principal feature of the platform will be the tariff plank, which will declare in the strongest terms the adherence of the republican party to the principles of protection, but will not bind the party not to revise the tariff.

It will say that the party is not committed to any schedule, but that changes should be made only when changed conditions of business or of the treasury render it necessary or advisable.

Some difficulty has been experienced in finding the proper wording for a reciprocity suggestion. Nearly

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SENATOR CLARK TO WED ABROAD

Bride Was Born in Butte and is Ward of the Bridegroom.

New York Sun Special Service. Washington, May 4.—The secret of Senator Clark's European trip, his Washington friends say, is that when he returns he will bring a bride, Miss Anna La Chappelle, daughter of a prominent physician in Butte, Mont., now dead.

Senator Clark was left guardian for Dr. La Chappelle's children and his interest in Miss Anna dates from her early girlhood. She has spent the last eight years in Paris studying the harp and vocal music and is a musician of rare skill.

Senator Clark's falling health is given as the reason for his hasty and quiet marriage, altho his friends assert that he has been engaged to his ward for three or four years.

His children are opposed to his remarriage and there has been some old troubles between the younger members of the Clark family and the La Chappelles dating from years back.

Miss La Chappelle is described as an exceedingly handsome young woman about 28 years of age. Her mother lives in Minneapolis with her married daughter.

CANAL IS TAKEN OVER FORMALLY

Stars and Stripes Hoisted Over Legation and Offices of Company.

Panama, May 4.—The United States canal commission to-day took formal possession of the canal route and the property of the Panama Canal company.

From to-day the canal works will be under the direction of Major Mark Brooks of the engineer corps of the United States army, who represented the canal commission at the ceremony of the transfer.

Immediately after the transfer the United States flag was hoisted over the legation and over the canal offices in the cathedral plaza.

PRESIDENT WILL OUST GOTHAM'S POSTMASTER

New York Sun Special Service. New York, May 4.—Whether Postmaster Van Cott of New York will be asked to resign before his term expires, a few months hence, depends entirely upon the nature of the report of the second investigation of the New York postoffice, which now is going on by order of the president.

If nothing more conclusive than was contained in the first report develops Van Cott will be allowed to serve out his term.

But Van Cott will not be reappointed. When Senator Platt sought this information of President Roosevelt, he was informed that he and Senator Depey must look around for a new man.

NEW ORLEANS MAYOR OUSTS POLICE BOARD

New Orleans, May 4.—Mayor Capdeville last night asked the members of the board of police commissioners of New Orleans to resign. Commissioner John A. Woodville alleges that the commissioners are grafters and are responsible for gambling-houses and lottery shops.

The mayor's action produced a sensation. The board met on adjournment, Woodville was cheered and carried about by a crowd of his supporters.

BABCOCK'S HANDS FULL; ASKS BEDE FOR HELP

From The Journal Bureau, Colorado Building, Washington.

Washington, May 4.—The democratic congressional campaign committee is laying plans for the defeat of Representative Babcock of Wisconsin and Overstreet of Indiana, chairman and secretary, respectively, of the republican congressional committee.

The best democratic speakers will be sent into their districts and all the money needed will be furnished to the local democratic leaders.

Representative Babcock has asked Representative J. Adam Bede to devote four weeks of his time after Sept. 1 to speaking in various states under direction of the committee.

Mr. Bede is doubtful if he can accept the invitation if it will carry him outside Minnesota.

He is willing, however, to do what he can to elect a republican congressman from the Minneapolis district and will place himself at the disposal of the committee for speeches in Hennepin county.

—W. W. Jermans.

HURRICANE RAVAGES FRENCH COCHIN CHINA

Saigon, French Indo-China, May 4.—A hurricane ravaged Cochin-China May 1. About a hundred natives were killed and a great damage was done. All the telegraph lines in Saigon were destroyed. Many native vessels sustained injuries, but otherwise there was no damage to shipping here, and small craft in minor ports suffered.

WOULD PROBE TOBACCO TRUST.

Atlantic City, N. J., May 4.—At their final session the National Cigar Leaf Tobacco association adopted a resolution asking that congress probe the proceedings of the tobacco trust, which the association alleges is operating in defiance of the Sherman antitrust law.

HUNGARIAN NOVELIST DYING.

Budapest, May 4.—Maurice Jokai, the Hungarian novelist, is very ill and his death is hourly expected.

ADVANCE OF JAPANESE ARMY THRU KOREA



This picture shows a column of infantry filing out of Sondo early in March, moving north. The frozen roads were found to be no more than trails climbing thru a country forbidding and difficult. Pack trains and the carts pulled by Japanese ponies broke down in such marching, and the supplies were packed thru the passes on the backs of Japanese and Korean coolies, fifty to seventy-five pounds per man. Until the breaking of winter, the mobilization of the Japanese forces in northern Korea was beset with such obstacles as are vividly glimpsed in this picture. The hardy soldiers and Mr. Dunn, Collier's photographer, likewise bivouacked in these snows and on these unsheltered hill-sides.

Photograph by R. L. Dunn, Collier's Special War Photographer in Korea.

RUSSIA HONORS NAVAL HEROES

Return of Survivors of Variag and Korietz Strengthens War Party.

Wave of Enthusiasm Sweeps Over the Country and Offsets Rebellion.

By John Callan O'Laughlin

Collier's Special War Correspondent at St. Petersburg. Published in advance by Arrangement with Collier's Weekly. Copyright, 1904.

St. Petersburg, April 10.—When the survivors of the Variag and Korietz arrived in Russian territory, M. de Plehve, the minister of the interior, raised the prohibition against patriotic demonstrations.

The people became almost delirious with patriotic exultation, and they were roused, it should be noted, not by returning conquerors, but by men who, however gallant their conduct, had suffered complete defeat.

Public opinion has no influence upon the policy of the czar, but the emergencies of war demand a united people, and the attitude of the hundreds of thousands who took part in the ovations to the Chemulpho fighters has shown the government, according to its declarations, that it need have no fear of internal strife while the war is in progress.

Upon the arrival at Constantinople of the steamer Malaya, which was bringing them home, the unspeakable Turk, with courteous disregard of the valor of her passengers, held her in quarantine for twenty-four hours. Russia chafed at the new delay.

For weeks Odessa, the industrial center of the Black sea, and one of the most imposing cities of the empire, had been the scene of magnificent her war-stained countrymen.

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DRUGGED AMES AND 'WORKED' HIM

The Former Mayor's Defense This Time Will Be Rather Picturesque.

Conspiracy to Keep Ames Drugged Will Be An Important Feature.

AMES JURORS SECURED TO-DAY

Thomas F. Barber, manager E. C. Atkins company.
John C. Halloran, dairyman.
Garrett A. Kelly, plumber.
William G. Thomas, elevator superintendent.
Edwin J. Foster, real estate agent.
Franklin J. Gerhart, lumberman.

JURORS SECURED YESTERDAY

Otto Greeley, insurance agent.
George Odium, Newport investment company.
E. Fitch-Papely, contractor, American Bridge company.

A conspiracy between Irwin A. Gardner, Thomas R. Brown and others to gather in the "graty" and lay the blame upon the mayor who was kept drunk and under the influence of some drug to make possible the machinations of the "ring."

This is what the defense in the trial of Former Mayor A. A. Ames will attempt to prove, and upon it as the corner stone they will endeavor to rear a perfect defensive structure.

The plea of insanity which figured largely in the former Ames trial will in all probability not be heard from the efforts of the defendant's quartet.

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3,000 METHODISTS SUFFER IN WRECK

Special Train Bearing Delegates to Los Angeles Breaks Down.

Stranded and Hungry, Passengers Have to Help Build New Track.

New York Sun Special Service.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 4.—Over 3,000 Methodists to the world's conference which opens here to-day, were stranded in the Grand canyon of the Colorado, without food and water from 3 o'clock Sunday until late Monday. More than 800 were forced to remain until the next morning.

Dr. S. W. Thomas, editor of the Philadelphia Methodist, told the following story:

"Every car was dangerously loaded down and when the train began the ascent from Williams Junction, several of the engines went dead and the roadbed gave way, causing a general wreck."

"All Sunday afternoon and night trainmen, hotel hands, ranchers and Methodists helped to construct a new railroad. It was literally a Methodist rail."

"Monday morning found every able-bodied man at the pick and shovel and so it continued until nearly sundown Monday."

"The new rail was built around the wreck and the first load of worn-out railroaders pulled out for Los Angeles about 4 o'clock."

"I never heard of a more complete isolation than that. The people were only a few hours distant from relief and yet the entire contingent hung on the brow of the great canyon, helpless, foodless, drinkless."

Convention Opens.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 4.—The thirty-first general conference of the

SAM PARKS DIES IN PRISON CELL

New York Labor Leader Succumbs to Consumption in Sing Sing.

Ossining, N. Y., May 4.—Sam Parks, the New York labor leader, who was sent to Sing Sing prison some months ago after his conviction on a charge of extortion, died in the prison to-day. He had consumption at the time of his conviction and had fallen rapidly since he was sent to Sing Sing.

The prison physician visited Parks in the hospital at 9 o'clock last night. The patient was then barely conscious. Later he became unconscious and remained in that condition until his death. Only the hospital attendants and one or two prison officials were at his bedside when he expired.

Parks after his first conviction was brought to the prison Aug. 27 last. On securing a new trial he was released on bail Sept. 5. After his second conviction he was brought back to the prison Nov. 6 to serve a term of two years and three months.

He was at first put to work in the fire brush shop, but his condition soon became such that he was admitted to the hospital and was under treatment there to the time of his death.

MENACES LIFE OF JUSTICE FULLER

Insane Preacher, Failing to Get Hearing for Grievance, Becomes Dangerous.

New York Sun Special Service.

Cincinnati, Ohio, May 4.—The first news of an attempt recently made on the life of Chief Justice Fuller of the United States supreme court got out to-day.

Two government officials arrived here last night with John Buchanan, a negro preacher, who went to Washington to interest Justice Fuller in a grievance.

He refused admittance to the justice's chambers, and then tried to get into his house. Then he made threats against the life of the justice, and was arrested and found insane.

THREE DIE IN LABOR RIOT IN ARGENTINA

New York Sun Special Service.

Buenos Aires, May 4.—A collision occurred Sunday afternoon between the police and the workmen's federation which was parading the streets on the occasion of Labor Day. Some one fired a shot and the police emptied their revolvers into the air.

One policeman and two manifestants were killed. The municipal ambulance picked up twenty-three wounded, but it is known there were about 100.

The manifestants carried away the corpse of one killed, but an armed police picket obliged them to surrender. Meanwhile a demonstration was organized by the socialist party and carried out with perfect order.

CLOUDBURST IN TEXAS; FIVE CHILDREN DROWN

Austin, Texas, May 4.—As a result of the cloudburst in central Texas and this section, no trace of the dead to the north. About five miles of the International & Great Northern tracks have been washed out north of here.

Five children were drowned in a creek five miles from this city. Fields are under from four to eight inches of water to the south of here, for fifteen miles. Rivers and creeks are swollen far beyond their banks.

NEW YORK TIMES SUES W. R. HEARST FOR LIBEL

New York, May 4.—The Times this morning makes the following statement:

Papers were served yesterday in an action for libel brought by the Times against William R. Hearst and his newspapers because of the publication in the New York American and the Evening Journal of April 7 of an article which, it is charged, was intended to injure the reputation and business of the Times.

The article in question was of a nature to create in the minds of those who should be its readers the belief that the Times is owned and controlled by August Belmont, and that its editorial influence has been and is employed to serve the private, personal and political interests of Mr. Belmont.

The Times adds that it has also brought action against the Chicago American. It announces that Adolph S. Ochs, editor of the Times, has begun a similar set of actions. No amount of damages is mentioned.

ATTEMPTED TO KIDNAP CONVENTION DELEGATES

New York Sun Special Service.

Peoria, Ill., May 4.—At the county convention held here yesterday the Peoria delegation wrangled over Committee W. E. Hull being a candidate for re-nomination opposed by County Clerk Lucas Butts. At noon Butts kidnapped one of the delegates from the county who was standing in front of the National hotel, putting him into a closed carriage in which two men were waiting.

They drove off rapidly, intending to get their prisoner out of the city and keep him away from the caucus.

He fought them for fourteen blocks and succeeded in making his escape and returned to the hall with his clothes in rags and covered with blood.

Three other county delegates, friends of Hull, reported attempts to kidnap them.

"PILGRIM'S PROGRESS" IN PLAY

London, May 4.—A dramatization of "Pilgrim's Progress" will be produced next season in New York and London. There will be nineteen scenes and over 200 persons in the cast.

JAPANESE SEAL UP PORT ARTHUR

Authorities Declare Togo's Last Attempt to Block Channel Successful.

Two Stone Laden Vessels Said to Have Been Sunk at Harbor Entrance.

Russians Land Guns from Fleet and Prepare to Make Desperate Defense.

Special to The Journal.

Tokyo, May 4.—A report of Admiral Togo's attempt, Monday night, to block the Japanese straits, has been received by the Japanese authorities. It has been made public, but it reported that the channel was blocked and that two stone-laden vessels now lie in the harbor entrance.

It is also reported that the Russians are removing the guns from the disabled warships and are being taken ashore. The Russians are preparing for a desperate defense.

Admiral Togo is still bombarding the forts. He is believed to have three battleships, four cruisers, two or three coast defense vessels and several torpedo boats and destroyers before the stronghold.

WILL NOT ADMIT DEFEAT

Russians Take Heart from Reports of Fight on Yalu.

St. Petersburg, May 4.—The gloom which prevailed here yesterday was almost completely dispelled this morning, when the people read the story of the glorious fight made by General Sassulitch's handful of rough regiments against the flower of the mikado's legions at the Yalu, and of the utter defeat of Vice Admiral Togo's new attempt to seal the entrance to Port Arthur.

It is now plain that not more than 8,000 Russians were actually engaged in the fighting at the Yalu against the Japanese army of a total strength of between 30,000 and 40,000. The losses on both sides which are expected to reach 1,000 and possibly 1,200 in the Russian force and twice that number for the Japanese, make it one of the bloodiest fights in history.

At the river crossing the Russians dead lie piled up literally in heaps and General Kuropatkin's success was purchased at such a heavy cost that the Russians are disposed to regard it as rather a defeat than a victory for him.

General Kuropatkin's dispatch shows that the Russians fought with such bulldog tenacity and bravery against the overwhelming superiority of the enemy that the Japanese victory was eclipsed by the prowess of the czar's soldiers.

About bulletin boards, the people are discussing the details of the desperate bayonet charge of the Eleventh regiment advancing against the enemy with fixed bayonets and the priest with cross aloft at the head, appealed to the dramatic sense of the Russian population as nothing of the kind could be done.

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JAP VICTORY DENIED

Rumor of Capture of Niu-chuang Is Not Believed.

New York, May 4.—A special telegram to the London Chronicle dated Chi-fu asserting that the Japanese had taken Niu-chuang is obviously false. Niu-chuang, which is on a river, and about thirty miles from the sea, could not possibly be taken except as the result of an attack of at least two or three days' duration.

The Associated Press has moon-kun correspondents at Chi-fu, Shan-hai-kuan, Niu-chuang and Yinkow any one of whom would have reported an attack upon Niu-chuang.

THE RUSSIAN VERSION

General Sassulitch Submits Official Account of Yalu Battle.

St. Petersburg, May 4.—The emperor has received the following telegram from General Kuropatkin:

"General Sassulitch's report on the fight of May 4 says that the battle was fought under the following circumstances:

"The Twelfth and Twenty-second regiments of the Second and Third batteries of the Sixth brigade of artillery were engaged in the battle, which began with heavy cannonading on our left flank, and continued until the withdrawal of our infantry from the bank."

"After a lull, the fighting was resumed with extraordinary violence against the left flank of our main position at Kiulen-cheng and our position at Potietinsky. A fusillade was also begun by small parties of Japanese across the Yih river."

"The situation of the defenders' position became increasingly difficult, especially as the Japanese were bombarded on the front and on both flanks."

"Thirty Japanese guns were pitted against our battery at Potietinsky which after having silenced the enemy's mountain battery, directed its fire on the Japanese infantry, and sustained few losses in doing so, was obliged to take up another position owing to the withdrawal of our infantry from the bank."

"The Japanese, on our fire, made continual bayonet attacks on our troops. Japanese bodies lay in heaps at the river fords."

Attacked on Flank.

"Simultaneously with the attack at Potietinsky an attack was being made on our left flank at Kiulen-cheng, and the Russian trenches had to be abandoned under the Japanese enfilading fire. Our reserves several times mingled with the first line, thus enabling it for a long time to maintain its position."

"Finally all of the supports were brought up into the firing line, but owing to the great distance from our main reserves it was impossible for them to reach the advanced force in time, and our men retired from the principal position to another position in the rear of Kiulen-cheng, followed by the concentrated fire of the Japanese, who could not make up their minds to descend from the crest they occupied and face the fire of our batteries at Potietinsky. They dug fresh trenches and opened a heavy artillery fire on the crest."

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THE PEN IS MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD.
Russia—Old Man, I have the Other Eye Black Now. The Only Hope I Have Now Is in Your Fighting My Battles for Me.
St. Petersburg Correspondent—I Think I Have Proven Myself Equal to the Task.