

BRYAN RAPS AT WAR SECRETARY

SAYS HE PROMISES THE PEOPLE NOTHING IN WAY OF REFORMS.

ON TARIFF QUESTION

Fairbanks Has Already Passed Him—Nebraskan Finishes Michigan Trip With Address at Detroit Last Night.

Detroit, Mich., April 16.—Wm. J. Bryan, tonight concluded a two days speaking trip through Michigan, with an address here. Bryan arrived at 6 o'clock from Jackson, Michigan, where he delivered an address this afternoon.

Taft Promises Nothing. Speaking of reform he said: "Taft, who seems to be regarded as a representative of reform in the Republican party, I do not mean to slight Senator La Follette, a real reformer, but he does not seem to meet with the favor on the Republican leaders' gives no promise of effective relief from the trusts, either through administration or legislation."

The people, however, understood the trust question better than ever before and will, I think, demand the enactment of a law embodying the Democratic idea that private monopoly is indefensible and intolerable.

On the Tariff. "On the tariff question the Democratic position is that we have the Republicans in a neck and neck race to see who can make the loudest promises in favor of tariff reform without really reducing the tariff. Taft was in the lead at first, but Vice President Fairbanks has already passed him, and is now already four months ahead of the special session idea."

The speaker approved railroad legislation as far as it has gone, but wants it strengthened. Discusses Imperialism. Bryan referred to the demand for four new battleships and congratulated congress for cutting it down to two. He used it to illustrate the evils of imperialism and said the Democrats had for several years been calling attention to the fact that the Colonial policy, if persisted in, will not only "weaken our attachment to the doctrine of self-government, but increase our army and navy and involve us in all the perils of a land grabbing policy."

He continued: "There is danger of war in the cultivation of the military spirit, and the best guaranty of peace is to be found in the establishment of a reputation for fair dealing, and in the consideration of the rights of others."

LINCOLN LEAGUE

Announces Plan to Assist Schools to Study Principles Expounded by the Martyr.

New York, April 16.—The Lincoln Education League, recently incorporated in this state, announced today that it had provided \$20,000 to be used towards placing in school houses throughout the country bronze tablets bearing the full text of Abraham Lincoln's address at Gettysburg.

NEW RECORD WAS SET

For Passage of Pacific By Steamer Teucer—Chinese Boycot On Japan Affects Shipping.

Victoria, B. C., April 15.—The steamer Teucer of the Blue Funnel Line reached port this morning, from the Orient and Liverpool. She broke all records for freighting across the Pacific, making the run in twelve days and one hour.

AGREEMENT IS STILL DELAYED

MINERS AND OPERATORS SAID TO HAVE TENTATIVE PLAN.

CHANGES IN WORKINGS

In Pennsylvania the Stumbling Block—Miners Want Better Conditions and the Operators Won't Accede.

Toledo, Ohio, April 15.—After two days spent at a discussion over several proposals, which are of such a nature as to not only to 200,000 miners in the coal belts of Ohio, Pennsylvania and Indiana, but to the commercial and industrial activity of the country at large, an injection of the questions affecting Pennsylvania alone delayed the consummation of the final agreement tonight.

Tentative Agreement. Reports from the committee would indicate that a tentative agreement to extend over two years with ninety cents a ton as the rate for mining has been agreed upon.

It has also been agreed that the committee will recommend to the conference that a joint resolution, signed by both the miners and operators, be drawn up, condemning any action which will result in the suspension of work in any mine in the central competitive field.

Alterations in Workings. After these two points had been satisfactorily adjusted, the committee which should be made in the workings to prevent accidents which have cost a half over so many of the Pittsburgh mines in the last six months.

It is the rock which split the committee and now menaces the success of the conference. The miners are firm in their demands, and the operators were decisive in their refusal to accede to them.

When the committee adjourned tonight no hope of an agreement was in sight. A meeting of the miners has been called for tomorrow morning, and the committee will continue its deliberations at the same time.

ILLINOIS MINERS HOPEFUL. Springfield, Ill., April 15.—A request was made by President Walker, of the state mine workers, to the joint state committee and to as many operators as are now in the city, to meet the miners in joint convention tomorrow afternoon.

At this time, various differences existing between the miners and operators will be discussed, and especially the matter of the hiring and paying of shot firemen. It is said by the members of the scale committee that the wages of shot firemen will probably be reduced, but the miners will continue to hire these men, and to pay them for their services. An agreement may be reached tomorrow or Saturday. This is said by many operators to be an impossibility, though the miners are hopeful.

CAPTAIN ARRESTED

For Smuggling Foreigners Into This Country—Canadian Boatman in Jail at Port Huron.

Port Huron, Mich., April 16.—The Point Edward ferry boat was seized on the American side here today, and her captain, Joseph Glass, lodged in jail on the charge of illegally importing foreigners into the United States. The boat is tied up at North Port Huron, by direction of the United States immigration officials, and Glass will have a hearing before United States Commissioner Harris tomorrow.

MANY MILES OF TRACK

Will Have to Be Reconstructed On Montana Central Railroad Because of Broken Dam.

Great Falls, Mont., April 15.—The loss of practically every foot of the Montana Central road between Dearborn river and Cascade by the breaking of a dam, will necessitate the reconstruction of about 22 miles of the line. In consequence of the crippling of all transportation facilities the Boston and Montana Smelter will be compelled to cease operations for a period.

WAR SECRETARY HAS FRE HAND

IN DETERMINING CHARACTER OF NEW SUBMARINE BOATS FOR U. S. NAVY.

AMEND SHERMAN LAW

So That Commerce Commission and Not President Will Be More Powerful—Currency Barred.

Washington, April 16.—The long existing controversy as to whether the United States navy should have submarine torpedo boats of the Holland type, as recommended by the committee on naval affairs, was settled in the house today when after a lengthy debate, the provision limiting only boats of the Holland type was stricken out. The effect of this action was to give the secretary a free hand in the selection of the submarine boats.

The members haggled over almost every line of the three pages of the bill remaining to be disposed of when the house met, but the principal action was that with regard to the submarines.

The humorous speech by Williams, in which he had several friendly allusions to Hobson, of Alabama, over warships and balloons, commanded the attention of the house for some time.

After agreeing to take up the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill next, the house recessed until tomorrow.

IN EFFECT AUTOMATICALLY.

Washington, April 16.—Pension Commissioner Warner today announced that widows now on the pension roll will not be required to make application for an increase from \$8 to \$10. The commissioner has instructed pension agencies throughout the country to put the law into effect automatically, the first payment of increase to be made May 1.

This action will result in a saving of hundreds of thousands of dollars to the pensioners affected. Widows not already on the rolls, but who are entitled to the increase, are required to make an application as in the past.

TO AMEND SHERMAN LAW.

Washington, April 16.—Hearings on the National Civic Federation bill to amend the Sherman anti-trust law were continued today before Chairman Littlefield's sub-committee of the house judiciary committee.

Seth Low, president of the federation, submitted amendments to his bill so altering its provisions, that the interstate commerce commission instead of the president and the commissioner of corporations shall be the arbitrator in all matters of reference, designation and decision which would arise upon the operation of the bill.

Low said these amendments had been agreed upon as likely to meet and satisfy the most serious objections thus far urged against the federation's measure.

CURRENCY HEARING CLOSED

Washington, April 16.—Chairman Fowler today announced the hearings on the Aldrich bill closed.

After a short executive session this afternoon the committee adjourned until tomorrow at 10:30 when it is expected that an adverse report on the Aldrich bill will be agreed upon. The Vreeland bill is before the committee and if Vreeland should desire to have a hearing on that measure he probably will be given an opportunity to present any testimony he desires.

BARTHOLOMT PEACE BILL.

Washington, April 16.—The Bartholdt peace bill was favorably reported today by the house committee on labor. It so amends the act to establish a foundation for the promotion of industrial peace, that there is created an industrial peace committee to consist of seven trustees, nine other people to be selected by the trustees, three to be representatives of labor and three of capital, "each chosen for distinguished services in the industrial world, in promoting industrial peace" and three to represent the general public.

The committee by the terms of the bill shall call a conference in case of a great industrial crisis, and shall take such other steps in its discretion "to promote the general purpose of the foundation."

ARRESTED IN CHURCH.

Adrian, Mich., April 16.—William McCarthy, aged 27, and Charles Clark, aged 29, both of Chicago, are the names given by two men arrested today in the attic of a church at Sylvania, Ohio, on suspicion of being connected with the plowing up of the postoffice safe at Jasper last night, when \$260 worth of stamps and \$145 cash were taken.

ELEPHANT HERD IN WILD PANIC

BECAME TERRIFIED AT EXPLOSION OF OIL TANK AT RIVERSIDE, CAL.

RUSHED THROUGH TOWN

Knocking Down Out Houses—Leader of Herd Charged Hotel—Trampled Woman to Death—Finally Subdued.

Riverside, Cal., April 16.—A result of a fire and explosion of an oil tank this afternoon at the Standard Oil company's storage tanks, a herd of elephants, attached to a circus, stampeded.

L. J. Worsley lies at the city hospital fatally burned, and Miss Ella Gibbs, church deaconess, is dead. Worsley, driver of the delivery wagon from which the fire was communicated to the tanks, was hurled many yards from the spot, and picked up with his clothing ablaze.

Elephants Do Damage. The elephants became unmanageable on the sound of the explosion, and dashed to the east side of town, knocking down fences, orchards and dispersing orchards in their path, and putting the entire town in an uproar.

In a short time, however, all but the largest elephant were rounded up. The leader of the herd then changed his course and entered the center of the city a mile distant.

Trampled Woman to Death. He entered the court of the Greenwood Hotel. Miss Gibbs was in the yard in front of the house. The elephant plowed her against the house between his tusks, threw her to the ground and trampled upon her, crushing her chest so that she died tonight.

The animal then proceeded to the doorway, the guests running panic-stricken. James D. P. Chapman, a swerve the animal from the doorway was knocked down and had several ribs broken and was otherwise injured.

Break a Window. The beast crashed through the door, walked through the barber shop, and into the main street, crossed the street and crashed through a heavy plate glass window in a store. Before being rounded up at a down town public stable, the animal trampled on another man and seriously gored him with his tusks.

REPORT CONFIRMED

Russian Paper Says Story of Military Expedition On Persian Frontier is True.

St. Petersburg, April 16.—The official Communiqué, issued tonight, confirms the Associated Press dispatches from Tiflis, that a punitive expedition composed of all branches of the army is operating on the Persian frontier. Slowness in the transmission of official communication is held accountable for the fact that the foreign office as yet has not been advised. The Russian force already has crossed the frontier and begun the work of pacification.

POSSE IN PURSUIT

Of Man Accused of Murdering His Brother—Victim's Wife Eye Witness to the Deed.

Springfield, Ohio, April 16.—Sheriff Ireland, of Urbana, and a posse of several hundred farmers are searching for Charles Brannon, wanted on the charge of murdering his brother, William Beane today. The wife of the murdered man claims to have been an eye witness to the shooting, and accuses her husband's brother. The upper part of the victim's chest was shot away. No cause is known for the shooting.

PANIC

Started in Church When Altar Cloth Caught Fire From Candles—No Casualties.

Minneapolis, April 16.—The altar cloth in the Church of Immaculate Conception (Catholic) caught fire from the candles today while 1,700 people were attending services.

At once there was a rush for the doors, and children in their excitement, blocked the aisles. Several men rushed to the balconies and shouted for help to the pedestrians below.

An alarm was turned in and on the arrival of the firemen the crowd was quieted, and the children hurried through the doors.

The blaze was extinguished with chemicals within ten minutes after the alarm was sounded and the church was emptied.

CANNON GETS ANOTHER.

Freeport, Ill., April 16.—The Republicans of the Thirtieth congressional district today elected A. F. Woodruff, of Savanna, Oscar Woods, of Morrison, delegates to the national convention and instructed for Cannon.

FIREWORKS ON THE BIG FLEET

SAN DIEGO BAY ILLUMINATED BY FLIGHTS OF PYROTECHNIC WONDERS.

PEOPLE VISITED SHIPS

Launches Busy Yesterday Transporting Through—Large Number of Sailors On Shore—Thomas Enjoys Picnic.

San Diego, Cal., April 16.—After two days pageantry on sea and land, there was a restful lull in San Diego's celebration in honor of the American battleship fleet today. A large number of officers, including Rear Admiral Thomas were entertained at a picnic some thirty miles in the country, while 700 blue jackets enjoyed a day of shore leave.

All the sixteen vessels of the fleet were thrown open to the visitors from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. and excursion launches ranging out to sea had all they could do to handle the throngs, which in most cases set foot upon a gun-war for the first time in their lives.

The third day of the fleet's stay ended tonight with an extensive fireworks display from the vessels anchored in the center of the bay. Aerial flights of all manner of pyrotechnic wonders could be seen for miles around, and were enjoyed alike by the sailors on the fleet, and the people ashore.

The display opened with the rear admiral's salute of 13 bombs, exploding high in the air. Then followed a brilliant ascension of thirty-six signal rockets. Next in bursts of varied colors, the bay was illuminated with twenty-five floating beacons so adrift from a barge and burning fifteen minutes.

Other features of the fire show were chains, azure mists, bonoms, coronas of chromatic stars, electric meteors, flying fish, floating festoons, eagles in fire, valleys of cobras, galleop rockets, wild water falls, mystic flash curtains, flights of bouquet rockets in groups of one hundred, and scores of other enchantingly named novelties.

The delegates at large are: Frank R. Kellogg, of St. Paul; Wisconsin senator Frank J. Taylor; Blue Earth; E. B. Hawkins, of Blue Earth.

CONVENTION HARMONIOUS.

The convention was harmonious throughout the only element of conflict being eliminated by the action of W. B. Parsons of Winona, who had contested with Senator Putnam for the honor of representing the southern part of the state as a delegate at large.

He surprised the convention by moving that rules be suspended, and the men who were finally chosen delegates at large be elected immediately. The motion was carried by a rising vote. All other resolutions and nominations were made without a division.

Former Congressman Snyder of Minneapolis, as temporary chairman, made a speech advocating a revision of the tariff, the regulation of public-service corporations, with fair play both to the public and to the corporations, and the supremacy of the nation over the states.

At the conclusion of Snyder's speech, the convention dispensed with the committee on rules and credentials, and elected State Senator Ripley P. Brower, of St. Cloud, permanent chairman. Brower made a speech referring especially to the unanimity of the convention for Taft, favored tariff revision and paid a tribute to President Roosevelt.

The platform as outlined above was then read by Mann and adopted by a rising vote.

JAP FISHERMEN BARRED

From Russian Waters—Pretensions With Regard to Treaty Revision Get Set Back.

St. Petersburg, April 16.—The Japanese pretensions with regard to the revision of the fisheries convention to which the foreign office at first was inclined to accede, suffered a reverse today at the hands of the cabinet ministers, who opposed the admission of Japanese fishermen within thirty four fathoms and bays from which the treaty excluded them.

The foreign office has accordingly cut short the negotiations in the convention which semi-officially have been proceeding for some weeks. It is learned that Baron Motono, Japanese minister at St. Petersburg, has written privately to Iswolsky, expressing dissatisfaction at the turn of affairs.

TAFT TO RETIRE SOON

Bacon Will Succeed Him—Determination Not Dependent On Outcome of Convention.

Easton, April 16.—Intimate friends of Assistant Secretary of State Bacon, have received information which leads them to believe that Bacon will become secretary of war about July 1 next, succeeding Taft, who is understood to be desirous of retiring from the cabinet at that time. The determination of Taft to retire is said to be quite definite, and it is understood not to be dependent upon the outcome of the national convention.

MINNESOTA IN LINE FOR TAFT

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION INSTRUCTS DELEGATES TO VOTE FOR HIM.

OFFER HISTORIC TABLE

To National Convention—Was Used By National Committee in '92, '96, '00 and '04—Proceedings Harmonious.

Minneapolis, April 6.—The Republican state convention today elected four delegates at large to the national convention and instructed them to vote for Taft until he is "selected by the convention."

The action of the convention today insures that the twenty-two votes of Minnesota in the national convention will be cast for the secretary of war, as all district delegates are under Taft instructions.

For Tariff Revision. In addition to naming the delegates at large, the convention today named four alternates at large, nominated eleven presidential electors, adopted a platform endorsing the administration of President Roosevelt, "especially his efforts for the establishment of a sound financial system, enforcement of the laws, and proper regulation of the corporation," and declared for a revision of the tariff by a Republican congress.

Offer Historic Table. The convention also instructed the Minnesota delegation to offer to the national convention the historic table that was used by the chairman of the national committee in 1892, 1896, 1900, and 1904. This table was made in 1892 by the students of the Minneapolis High school.

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COLLISION IN NEW YORK BAY

SHIPS CLASH WITH CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO ONE—FORCED TO RUN TO BANK—NO LIVES LOST.

New York, April 15.—Two ocean liners, the Monterey of the Ward Line, bound for Havana, and the Danish steamer, United States, of the Scandinavian American line, bound for Copenhagen, collided in the main shipping channel of lower New York Bay tonight.

Both vessels were damaged, but no lives were lost and no one injured. The Monterey had her stern damaged and several bow plates loosened, but she was able to return to her dock where her passengers disembarked.

The United States was more seriously damaged. A large hole was stove in her hull on the starboard side, about the engines, and so threatening was its nature that it was deemed wise to run her aground on the bank at the channel edge. There the steamer is resting easily tonight.

FARMERS ARE MISSING

Thought That Residents of Prairie Fire Swept Par of South Dakota Have Perished.

Norman, S. D., April 16.—Louis Oyan, his wife and five children, farmers, whose buildings were destroyed yesterday afternoon by the prairie fire, are missing, and are believed to have perished in the flames. The fire burned over several square miles, twelve miles west of Cogswell, and was the most destructive the county has ever known. Dozens of farmers lost their farms and granaries.

GETS DEATH SENTENCE.

Omaha, April 16.—Severia Colombo was today given a life sentence for the murder of his friend, Joseph Florenza. Colombo himself took the stand and testified that he first shot Florenza by accident and then by Florenza's request shot him in the body to relieve his agony. The case will not be appealed.

POLLUTION OF FAMOUS WATER

ADULTERATION WAS NECESSARY TO SAVE SARATOGA HEALTH RESORT.

TO INCREASE OUTPUT

Use of Salt, Citric Acid, Vitriol, Marble Dust and Other Chemicals Was Forced—Invasion of Gas Company.

Albany, N. Y., April 16.—"The hundreds of thousands of persons who quaff Saratoga water, drink a medicinal or beverage, doctored with salt, citric acid and other chemicals carbonated with vitriol and marble dust."

This was the charge uttered to the senate committee on judiciary by Robert C. Morris, former chairman of the New York Republican committee and counsel for the National Carbonic Gas Company.

Defenders of the springs, confessed that in some instances the charge might prove well founded, but excused the adulteration by saying that this method was the only one that could save the great natural health resort from ruin.

Morris, collaborating with Former Senator Edgar T. Brackett, appeared before the committee to try to defeat the Wemple bill which prohibits pumping in the vicinity of the springs. Brackett espoused the cause of the New York, the Lincoln and other gas companies.

GAS SUCKER INVASION.

Mr. Morris who claimed to represent a concern that has invested a million dollars in manufacturing gas at Saratoga, submitted sworn evidence of the contamination of the spring waters that startled the legislators.

Judge Nash Rockwood, speaking for because they ran dry through the invasion of "gas sucker companies" artificial means had to be employed to resuscitate them.

He denied, however, that the springs were poisoned. Mr. Morris complained that the promoters of the waters had combined to drive him and his company out of business and accused them of violating the pure food law.

THE INCREASED OUTPUT.

He said: "The Saratoga waters have not lost their prestige because of depletion by the gas companies, but because of adulteration and an increased output of water for the market, we present numerous affidavits, the result of an investigation, showing the existence of under ground piping, private rooms, concealed tanks of natural and manufactured gas for carbonated, and employment of chemicals and their secret conveyance to these private rooms, where solutions have been prepared for mixture with the waters of the springs."

"One spring gave out in 1890. A pump was installed. Ordinary water was put into the bottling house tanks in a private room and after the injection of chemicals, carbonated and sold to the trade.

At another spring large quantities of salt were delivered consigned as sugar. Cylinders of gas were shipped by a Philadelphia company. Vitriol and boxes of marble dust were used to generate gas. There was a fresh water spring from which the water flowed into the tanks. The pipes led from these tanks through a carbonator, to the main spring in the pavilion where the water was served to the public as a natural spring water."

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