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The national liberal convention at Havana, Cuba, elected Joseph Miguel Gomez, now governor of Santa Clara province for president, and Senator Alfredo Zayas for vice president. Gomez is fifty years of age and fought in two revolutions.



Judge Albion W. Tourgee of Mayville, N. Y., American consul at Bordeaux, is dead. He was born at Williamsfield, Ohio, May 2, 1828, and was well known as a lawyer, writer and lecturer.

The Ohio republican state convention met May 24.

The Pennsylvania democratic state convention met May 24.

E. M. Nash, president of the American Smelting and Refining company, was stricken with paralysis at Omaha May 24.

Senator Millard of Nebraska has announced that he will be a candidate for re-election subject to the action of the republican state convention.

Mrs. Mary A. Livermore, well known as a writer and reformer, died at her home in Melrose, Mass. She was born in Boston in 1820 and was active in the anti-slavery agitation.

Brigadier General Alfred T. Smith died at his home in Buffalo, New York.

The Merchants Trust company of New York closed May 24, by order of the state superintendent of banks. The company was charged with having made loans amounting to \$1,250,000 upon which it had not been able to realize a sufficient sum to pay depositors.

The Goldfield Bank & Trust company at Goldfield, Nevada, with liabilities of \$78,227 has failed. Warrants have been issued for the arrest of the officers. Although it is known that several hundred dollars was deposited in the bank two days before it closed, examination of the vaults revealed only \$15.05 in nickels and dimes, and a five-dollar gold piece.

The Chicago strike has spread. Sheriff Barrett has taken charge, and announces that at the first outbreak he will call for troops.

Rev Herbert S. Johnson, pastor of the Warren Avenue Baptist Church at Boston, says that the Baptist clergymen of the country are about to raise a revolt against accepting John D. Rockefeller's money. Mr. Johnson says: "This is not a sporadic uprising, but part of a movement calculated to change the standard of ethics in the churches of the United States."

The Illinois Southern railroad, of which John R. Walsh and C. F. Weinland of Chicago are respectively president and secretary, has filed at Nashville, Ill., a certificate of increase in capital stock from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

John Stewart Cressy, known in the theatrical world as J. C. Stewart, one of the "Two Johns" famous fat men of the stage, died in St. Louis.

President Roosevelt has issued an order prohibiting the employment of convict labor on government works.

A New York merchant recently gave to the Mercantile Agency a statement that his assets were \$45,000 in excess of his liabilities, and obtained credit on the strength of that rating. He was arrested, charged with having made a false statement

and was found to be guilty, the United States court holding that presenting to a Mercantile Agency a false statement as to one's financial condition is as much a crime as giving such a statement directly to a creditor.

At the Presbyterian assembly at Winona Lake, Ind., a proposition to substitute a brief statement of faith for the Westminster confession was voted down. The assembly then formally endorsed the confession.

August W. Machen, formerly superintendent of free delivery of the post-office department, pleaded guilty to the charge of conspiring to defraud the government, and received an additional sentence of two years in prison.

At a meeting of the Jefferson club of Wellston, Ohio, May 19, the following resolutions were adopted: First, to use their influence in having the Ohio campaign this fall on state issues. Second, to favor a 2 cent fare on Ohio railroads. Third, to favor election of United States senators by the people. Fourth, to use their influence with the democrats throughout the state to secure a national platform favoring a tariff for revenue with incidental protection. Fifth, to urge more stringent laws against combinations and trusts. Sixth, to maintain a vigorous democracy against all encroachments of socialism and against government ownership of public utilities. Seventh, to favor a law defining the rights of railroad corporations and establishing a tribunal for its enforcement. Eighth, to appoint five men in each voting precinct to work for selection of delegates agreeable to these resolutions. Ninth, to submit these resolutions to candidates for state and national honors and secure their pledge if nominated they will stand on that platform.

On Sunday, May 28, the first news came of a great naval battle between the Russian fleet under Admiral Rojestvensky and the Japanese fleet under Admiral Togo. The first news came from the American consul at Tokio and indicated a sweeping victory for Japan. The dispatches Monday more than confirmed the first reports. The Japanese, in a running fight lasting several days, destroyed and captured nineteen Russian war vessels, and took an immense number of prisoners. The Tuesday morning dispatches said that Admiral Rojestvensky's flag ship had been sunk, and that the admiral was killed. The Japanese maintain their strict censorship and reports concerning the losses sustained by Togo are very meagre. There is a seemingly well authenticated report, however, that the Japanese sustained only a trifling loss. The battle was one of the greatest, if not the greatest, ever fought on the sea. Paris dispatches indicate that French feeling is decidedly in favor of Russia seeking peace in the most favorable terms possible.

An Embarrassing Orphan. (Novel) by W. E. Norris. The John C. Winston Co., publishers, Philadelphia. \$1.50.

The Four Orphans. A tale of Twentieth Century Slaves. B. W. H. Mangold and O. Lund, publishers, Spokane, Wash. 50 cent., paper cover.

The Ideal City. By E. Peterson. Published by the author, Independence, Mo. Price 25 cents.

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