



A monument to the late William McKinley was unveiled at Columbus, Ohio, in the presence of 50,000 people. Mrs. Longworth, daughter of the president, officiated at the unveiling. Governor Harris presided. The speakers were William R. Day, associate justice of the supreme court of the United States; John W. Daniel, United States senator from Virginia; General Joseph McKay of Brooklyn, N. Y., national commander of the union veterans' legion, and General R. B. Brown, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. Mrs. McKinley, widow of the late president, was unable to attend the dedication exercises.

The Cuban congress, in extra session, gave President Palma unlimited power in the appropriation of funds and prosecution of the war against the insurgents. There were many rumors that President Palma intended to resign, but these were denied. It is reported that the landing of American sailors has made considerable impression on insurgent leaders. President Roosevelt has made public a letter written to Senor Quesada in which he urges that peace and concord prevail on the island. "Under the treaty with your government I, as president of the United States, have a duty in this matter which I can not shirk. The third article of that treaty explicitly confers upon the United States the right to intervene for the maintenance in Cuba of a government adequate for the protection of life, property and individual liberty. The treaty conferring this right is the supreme law of the land, and furnishes me with the right and means of fulfilling the obligation that I am under to protect American interests. The information at hand shows that the social bonds throughout the island have been so relaxed that life, property and individual liberty are no longer safe. I have received authentic information of injury to and destruction of American property. It is, in my judgment, imperative for the sake of Cuba that there shall be an immediate cessation of hostilities and some arrangement which will secure the permanent pacification of the island. I am sending to Havana the secretary of war, Mr. Taft, and the assistant secretary of state, Mr. Bacon, as the special representatives of the government, who will render such aid as is possible toward these ends. I had hoped that Mr. Root, the secretary of state, could have stopped in Havana

on his return from South America, but the seeming eminence of the crisis forbids further delay. Through you I desire in this way to communicate with the Cuban government and with the Cuban people and accordingly I am sending you a copy of this letter to be presented to President Palma and have also directed its immediate publication."

Four persons were killed in a heavy wind and electrical storm near Tecumseh, Neb.

Mrs. Emily White, 89 years old, who says she is a grand-daughter of Patrick Henry, has been found in a destitute condition in Chicago.

Rev. R. A. White, in a sermon at the People's Liberal church, Chicago, declared that the Christian church is neglecting its opportunities in social reform work, and has so far lost its prestige among the people that, considering its cost and dimensions, it has become the most useless organization now being supported by the public.

An Escanaba, Michigan, dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald says that James A. Devlin, a railroad fireman in that city has been paid \$975,000 for a patent on a turbine steam engine. The North German Lloyds made the purchase. Devlin is 31 years of age and has been working for \$60 per month.

Twelve hundred persons, mostly Jews, were killed or wounded in the massacre at Siedice, Poland.

Governor Folk of Missouri, who was seriously ill, is better.

The Chicago Record-Herald says: "The engineers of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, who are protesting against the recent order excluding men who have to wear eyeglasses from running passenger engines, from the suburban service and from freight locomotives at congested terminals have refused to submit the question to the interstate commerce commission. Officials of the company suggested that as the safety of the traveling public was concerned the interstate commerce should be allowed to pass on the rule."

The receiver of Zion City reports that the assets amount to \$2,528,481 instead of \$20,000,000 as claimed by Dowie, while the liabilities are \$6,125,018.

Colonel Culver C. Sniffin has been appointed paymaster of the army to succeed General Dodge, who retires.

The will of Herman Oelrichs, the millionaire, made no provision for the widow and son of the deceased. Oelrichs declared that they had sufficient money of their own.

James S. Harlan of Chicago has entered upon the discharge of his duties as an interstate commerce commissioner.

The Erie Railroad company has given notice of its intention to reduce the passenger fare from three cents to 2½ cents per mile by November 1 and at the same time to issue an unrestricted thousand mile book for \$20.

Political Conventions

The Alabama convention endorsed railroad rate reform and adopted resolutions looking to the control of corporations, prohibiting the use of the free pass, and providing for the domestication of all foreign corporations. B. B. Comer is the nominee for governor.

The state convention of the Independence League held in New York City September 12, nominated a full state ticket with W. R. Hearst for governor. A dispatch to the Denver News says: "The delegates cheered for thirty-three minutes when Mr. Hearst appeared on the platform to make a brief speech of acceptance. His address also aroused much enthusiasm. After the cheering had gone on for half an hour Mr. Hearst himself tried to stay the tumult with outstretched arms. He was finally successful. He then spoke briefly, saying: 'I have said that my program is not socialism or radicalism or extreme of any kind. It is simply Americanism. If this platform is not Americanism, then common honesty is no longer a measure of American morals. If this platform is not Americanism, then a free ballot and a fair count are no longer the basis of our American government. If this platform is not Americanism, then independence, equality and opportunity have ceased to be American ideals; then Jefferson's teachings have been forgotten, and Lincoln's labor was in vain.'"

The rest of the ticket nominated by the Independence League was as follows:

Lieutenant governor—Lewis Stuyvesant Chanler, of Dutchess.

Secretary of state—John S. Whalen, of Monrie.

State treasurer—George A. Fuller, of Jefferson.

Comptroller—Dr. C. H. W. Auel, of Erie.

State engineer and surveyor—Frank L. Gettman, of Tompkins.

Attorney general—John Ford, of New York.

George A. Fuller, the nominee for state treasurer, declined on account of business engagements.

The Colorado democrats met at Denver and nominated the following ticket:

Governor—Alva Adams, Pueblo county.

Lieutenant governor—Elias M. Ammons, of Douglas county.

Secretary of state—Horace W. Havans, Lake county.

State treasurer—Edward E. Drach, Garfield county.

Attorney general—William E. Morgan, Las Animas county.

State adjutant—Andrew Sandelberg, Clear Creek county.

Superintendent of public instruction—Miss Honore Maloney, Denver county.

Regents of state university—Benjamin Cobey, Pitkin; Harry Bryant, Denver.

Congressman at large—Samuel Bedford, Denver.

Justice of the supreme court—George J. Harkinstein, Chaffee county, William P. Seeds, Teller county.

The Associated Press report says: "The platform opposes an alliance between the democratic party and corporations, which attempt legislation through the executive and judicial branches of the government to exploit the people; would require corporations which attempt legislation state under oath semi-annual reports of receipts and expenditures and statements whether they or their officers contributed to the support of any political party, committee, person, candidate or nominee for any political office; pledges the enactment of a law

forbidding under forfeiture of charter by corporations any contributions to campaign funds of political parties and making such action by officials of corporations a felony; denounces the republican party of the state for 'its open, nefarious and unholy alliance with semi-public corporations of the state and for the encouragement by it given to these corporations to interfere in political affairs and for its solicitation and acceptance of large amounts of money in return for governmental favors and legislation; favors a direct primary law and the election of senators by direct vote; advocates acquirement by the people of the common utilities of daily life; favors the creation of a commission to control the railroad, telegraph and telephone companies; denounces 'the theft of the governorship' two years ago 'as a wrong only to be righted by the re-election of Alva Adams as governor; denounces the majority of the state supreme court for 'numerous and continued decisions in open violation of the state constitution and theories of American government; the price paid for contributions from public and semi-public corporations to the campaign funds of the republican party; charges that the smelter trust has laid a heavy hand upon the mining industry of Colorado and is slowly throttling it by extortionate charges and in addition to this is foisting one of its officers on the state as a candidate for the United States senate. The action of the convention which is considered by all concerned as the most momentous, was the reading out of the party of the Speer faction of Denver county because of their alleged subserviency to local utility corporations. The debate on this matter lasted nearly a whole day and the matter was before the credentials committee of the convention for nearly an entire night. The renomination of Alva Adams was demanded in the platform and was practically unopposed because of the general opinion that he should be vindicated in his claim

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