

CALL BY TAGGART

Formal Order for Assembling of Democratic National Convention.

MEETS IN DENVER JULY 7

States and Territories to Have Usual Number of Delegates.

HONOR FOR MAYOR

Our Jim Member of Spec. Committee on Arrangements

FIRST INSTALLMENT OF CASH

Denver Committee Sends \$25,000 to French Lick on Contract to Pay \$100,000 for Convention Expenses.

FRENCH LICK, Ind., Dec. 23—Chairman Taggart of the democratic national committee today issued a formal call for the national convention. The announcement says:

"The democratic national committee has appointed Tuesday, July 7, 1908, as the time and place for the first appearance of the democratic national convention. Each state is entitled to representation therein equal to double the number of its senators and representatives in the congress of the United States, and each territory, Alaska, District of Columbia, Hawaii and Porto Rico shall have six delegates. All democratic citizens of the United States, irrespective of past political associations and differences, who can unite with us in the effort for a pure, economical constitutional government are cordially invited to join us in sending delegates to the convention."

Mr. Taggart also announced the following special committee on arrangements for the national convention:

Roger E. Sullivan, Chicago; James C. Dahlgren, Omaha; Norman S. Mack, Buffalo; R. M. Johnson, Houston; John T. McGraw, Grafton, W. Va.; John M. Osborne, Rawlins, Wyo.; Clark Howell, Atlanta, Ga.

Denver Sends Cash.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 23—The first installment of the \$100,000 fund pledged to the democratic national committee by the Denver convention league was forwarded today to Chairman Thomas Taggart at French Lick, Ind. The remainder will be paid in equal installments on January 22, February 22 and March 22.

STORY OF MUTILATED LETTERS

Black Hills Mail That Went Astray Was in Pouch Robbed at Nebraska City.

LEAD, S. D., Dec. 23—Evidence of robbery was revealed here by the receipt of a number of envelopes which had been opened and badly mutilated. Across these envelopes were stamped: "Mutilated by pouch robbers." The letters were forwarded from the office of the chief clerk of the postal service in Omaha.

Postoffice officials at Omaha have no trouble in explaining why a few pieces of Black Hills mail matter should appear with the stamp "Mutilated by pouch robbers," as the depot at Nebraska City was broken into last Wednesday and mail sacks left in its rubble.

In distribution of the mail for outgoing trains the Northwestern sacks for the Black Hills and the Missouri Pacific sacks for Kansas City stand side by side. In the Christmas rush a new distributor threw several letters for the Black Hills country into the Missouri Pacific sacks, and instead of throwing letters off to catch the first train back to Omaha, they were carried to Nebraska City before they were thrown off. They were in the sacks which were robbed at Nebraska City December 22. As far as the Omaha officials are concerned they see little mystery in the appearance of the letters at Lead, as they are stamped "Nebraska City" and the robbery there is still fresh in the memory of postoffice inspectors.

TYPEWRITER FIRM'S BONUS

Remington Manufacturers Distribute Money to Retain Employees at Iliou.

ILION, N. Y., Dec. 23—The tenth half-yearly bonus payment at the Remington typewriter factory of Wyckoff, Seaman & Benson, Iliou, N. Y., took place today. More than \$25,000 has been distributed in this way to the most efficient of the employees, who have been able to retain their positions for ten years and more. In the factory hall on this occasion \$2,500 in gold was distributed among 275 selected workmen, including twenty-three yearlings, thirteen twenty-five-year-olds, twenty-eight, forty-four, fifty-year-olds and 137 ten-year men. The certificates and prizes for good suggestions adopted during the last six months were awarded at the same time.

FOR NATIONAL TRADES UNION

Building Organizations Will Confer in Hope of Protecting Their Interests.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23—Plans have been completed for the first appearance of a temporary organization which will embrace all the building trades unions in the country in accordance with the proposal made at the last annual meeting of the American Federation of Labor. A charter for the new organization will be asked for at the next meeting of the executive council of the Federation, which will be held in New York, January 28. A meeting to form a permanent organization will be held January 31. It is said the new federation will include 1,000,000 members.

Bova Accused of Bootlegging.

MITCHELL, S. D., Dec. 23—(Special.)—Since prohibition went into effect in Alexandria there has been a close watch kept by the authorities for the first appearance of bootlegging whiskey and beer. Two young men, Roy Austin and Charles LeClair, were discovered in the act of supplying liquid refreshments to friends and they were placed under arrest by Deputy United States Marshal Peter, who took the young men in Chamberlain for a hearing before the United States commissioner. Both boys were bound over to the term of federal court on the charge of selling liquor without a government license. They both gave bond for their appearance. The Alexandria authorities are also trying to discover the whereabouts of John Voss, a German boy, who had been working in the country all day for a farmer. When the boy quit he signed the name of his employer to three checks, aggregating \$3, which he cashed at stores by buying small articles.

SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Tuesday, December 24, 1907.

Table with columns for 1907 and 1907, and rows for SUN, MOON, WED, THU, FRI, SAT.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast till 7 p. m. Tuesday. For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity: fair and colder Tuesday.

Nebraska—Tuesday fair. Iowa—Partly cloudy Tuesday; colder today.

Table with columns for Hour and Degree, showing temperature forecasts for various hours.

DOMESTIC.

President Roosevelt will remain in his attitude against permitting troops to stay at Goldfield.

New York business men are restive because so many western firms are sending remittances in western exchange.

Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy has planned a charity for the benefit of the poor that will cost \$1,000,000.

Street storm in Illinois causes first telegraphic communication.

Kansas City pool hall owner denied writ of habeas corpus in test of Sunday law.

Steps have been taken for the organization of a national association of room.

An accident to one of the torpedo boats in the flotilla that preceded the big fleet caused delay of a day.

One hundred men see for their lives in the Schoenberg mine at Baird Station.

Contractors Green and Gaynor have been refused an appeal to United States supreme court.

The holiday period in California has been ended and business is again in normal channels.

Testimony in the Powers trial to show that someone else than Powers was responsible for Goebel's death.

Dynamite wrecks, fifty houses at Lawrence, Ill.

Secretary Taft pays a visit to his mother's grave at Cincinnati.

A public retraction by W. R. Hearst of a story that W. R. Chanler was implicated in the Rayburn-Hitchcock fraud.

The details of the agreement of the Shah of Persia are read to the assembly by the president.

Chinese troops engage in mutiny.

Express companies doing business in Nebraska will be compelled to submit full reports showing interstate business.

Sheriff Young of Pender has brought Old Olin and his two sons to Fremont for a consultation over the mystery of his child's disappearance.

Defense in the Wallace murder trial introduces some strong testimony.

Commercial and Industrial.

Live stock markets.

Grain markets.

Stocks and bonds.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

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RETURN OF THE BATTLESHIPS

Secretary Metcalf Says Route of Voyage Back to Atlantic is Not Determined.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23—"The program for the return of the battleship fleet is a matter that has been discussed among the officials of the Navy department, but as yet no decision has been reached, and will not be for some time to come," said Secretary Metcalf today. The secretary's remark was called out by a wireless message from the flagship Connecticut, stating that Admiral Evans had authorized the Associated Press to say it is his personal belief that the Navy department's present intention is to have the battleship fleet return by way of the Suez canal next summer or fall. As the president, through Secretary Loeb, previously had spoken to the same effect, it seems clear that Admiral Evans' statement was not suggested by those supreme in authority. In naval circles the opinion prevails that almost the only serious impediment of such vessels as the voyage to the Pacific shall have demonstrated to be the "puck of the fleet" will be sent home through the Suez canal, while the remainder will take the shorter route around the Horn. It is not likely, however, that all sixteen battleships will make the return voyage, as the desirability of a stronger fleet in the Pacific may be met by the retention of perhaps several of Admiral Evans' ships in those waters. But the returning Admiral Evans' belief as to the returning by way of the Suez canal, the question of permanently reinforcing the Pacific squadron has not progressed beyond the discussion stage, and its final determination hinges upon developments of the next six months.

ROOSEVELT STREET TRIPLET

Kansas City, Kan., Mother Follows Out Theory of President to the Letter.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 23—In Roosevelt Place, a street in Kansas City, Kan., last night, triplets were born to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Curry. The babies, a girl and two boys, and the mother are doing well. Curry is a laboring man.

Special Train for Wool Growers.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 23—(Special.)—The Wyoming Wool Growers' association has chartered a special train of two Pullman sleepers, a coach and a baggage car to make the trip to the national convention at Helena. The train will consist of the woolgrowers' train, and will leave Laramie at the close of the state convention on January 11. Many of the government officials and others who will address both the state and national meetings will go in the special train.

NEW YORK MEN GET RESTLESS

Interior Customers Are Sending Western Exchange.

CUSTOM STARTS DURING FLURRY

Result Means Smaller Deposits with Eastern Banks and is Causing Business Men Considerable Alarm.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23—The Journal of Commerce this morning says that commission houses and other wholesale distributors of New York are becoming restive under what they consider the distinct absence of appreciation by their interior customers. During the recent panic when it was impossible for these customers to purchase New York exchange, the wholesale trade here showed every possible consideration, going as far as to accept checks on their customers' local banks in settlement of accounts and then holding such checks until collections were possible. It appears that their system having once found a footing has grown much in favor among the interior dealers and out of town checks are, it is understood, forming a much greater proportion of the remittances to New York than has been the case for years.

Will Demand New York Exchange.

The contracts made with New York merchants usually specifically call for payment in New York exchange, and there is a distinct disposition on the part of the larger class of merchants to compel a full recognition of this requirement. Any waiting of this kind is considered a distinct injury to New York banks, in that the country institutions have less incentive to keep funds on deposit here so long as their customers are not buying New York exchange, and this, in turn, encourages hoarding of unnecessary balances throughout the south and west by banks there located.

New York banks are of the opinion that a concerted action by New York merchants to demand New York exchange will do more to compel the out-of-town banks to immediately discontinue their hoarding tactics than anything else. The interior banks, it is known, are averse to acting upon such suggestions, on the ground that they might be brought by New York banks.

Several large houses, the paper continues, will hereafter refuse to credit out-of-town checks until they have been collected.

HEARST'S RETRACTION GOES

Clearance of W. A. Chanler Serves to Bring About Dismissal of Criminal Case.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23—The publication today of a retraction of statements made in the New York American and Evening Journal in connection with the case of Raymond Chanler with the case of Raymond Hitchcock, may result in the abandonment of the criminal libel proceedings instituted by Mr. Chanler against W. R. Hearst.

The retraction is so thorough and so complete that it is believed that it will not be necessary to press the proceedings against Hearst further to get the personal regret expressed by Mr. Hearst in today's retraction before libel is gained by arguing the matter before the grand jury.

Hugo Voelck, brother of Elsie Voelck, in whose behalf charges were brought against Raymond Hitchcock, the copedist, pleaded guilty to an indictment of libel yesterday and will be sentenced tomorrow. Voelck is accused of obtaining \$1,000 from Hitchcock for keeping quiet concerning the charges against the actor.

OUTLOOK IN NEW ENGLAND

Wool, Cotton and Shoe Industries Do Not Expect Prolonged Depression.

BOSTON, Dec. 23—The opening of the last full week of the year finds conservatism prominent in all New England industries, but there is no feeling of helplessness apparent anywhere and no general sentiment appears to be that trade will partially recover during 1908, though a full revival is not looked for until after the presidential election.

As this city is the center of the wool, hide, leather boot and shoe and shoe machinery trades of the United States and nearly a hundred cotton and woolen mills and nearly a hundred shoe mills, the commercial situation in the country at large is usually accurately reflected here. New England banks stood the financial strain better than institutions in other sections, only three banks being compelled to close.

Of these, one has resumed and a second is making arrangements to be generally re-opened. The financial outlook is brightening.

As a natural outcome of the financial disturbances, New England industries are being conducted cautiously and a policy of curtailment and reduction of expenses has been adopted in practically all branches of trade.

Many manufacturers regard it advisable to restrict the output in order to prevent a slump in prices and a great surplus of goods in the spring. Curtailment is general among New England woolen mills, many of which are running at only four days a week, and estimates that 20,000 hands are affected in the woolen trade at the short time. The machine shops, chair factories and shoe factories have also been restricting the output, but the shoe factories are gradually going on full time again, as the industry shows more improvement than most of the others.

Hundreds of establishments will take advantage of the holiday week and close in part or entirely. Nearly all will resume work next week. A gradual improvement is looked for in 1908. It is estimated that from 200,000 to 250,000 employees of New England industries will be on a short time basis during the first part of the year.

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This is Prevailing Impression in Famous Trial Now in Progress at Berlin.

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FRISCO BUSINESS RESUMES

Period of Holidays Ends and Banks Resume Dealings in Western State.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23—The period of legal holidays declared by Governor Gillette to meet the recent financial stringency having expired at midnight last Saturday, all of the leading banks transacted business as usual today. Normal conditions prevailed and there was no run nor crush of deposits. Clearing house certificates continued to circulate, but when coin was required it was readily obtainable. The principal bankers unite in declaring that the financial trouble, which for a time caused some inconvenience, is a thing of the past.

Milk Men Give Bonds.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23—The men indicted for alleged conspiracy in connection with the advance in the price of milk today gave \$500 bonds each for their appearance for

NEW ORLEANS BANK SOUND

Clearing House Examines State National at Request of Directors.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23—At a late hour tonight the New Orleans Clearing House association issued an announcement that a committee from that organization, which had made a thorough examination of the resources and liabilities of the State National bank of this city, had found the bank absolutely solvent and that the New Orleans Clearing House association would render the bank any assistance it might need.

The examination was made at the request of the directors of the State National, who said that they wished the condition of their institution officially passed upon. The State National has a capital stock paid in of \$200,000, surplus fund of \$70,000, and undivided profits amounting to \$64,828. Its last statement was issued at that time, which was on December 1, when it was stated that outside of the amounts subject to the check of other national and state banks there were liabilities to foreign banks amounting to \$717,800.

The bank is one of the oldest institutions of its kind in the city, being a corporation under the Louisiana State bank, founded in 1818.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23—Following the resignation last night of William Adler, as president of the State National bank of New Orleans, the examination by a clearing house committee of the bank's resources and liabilities, and the action of the New Orleans Clearing House association will render it any assistance it may need, the wholesale grocery firm of Adler & Co., today issued a statement that the firm had met with financial difficulties.

William Adler left for New York several days ago, and is brightening out the financial difficulties of his firm. Owing to the condition of the Adler firm it was deemed advisable that Mr. Adler resign as president of the bank. Pending the election of a successor, the other officers of the bank requested that the clearing house association pass upon the resources and liabilities of the institution. The prompt announcement of the result of this examination has prevented the confidence of depositors from being impaired.

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The battleship fleet has not yet been sighted.

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SLEET STORM IN ILLINOIS

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CHICAGO, Dec. 23—A severe sleet storm which set in last night has badly demoralized telegraphic communication in all directions. Early today it was impossible to reach St. Louis from Chicago, save by way of Omaha and Kansas City. Reports from Bloomington were cut out of the world as far as reaching here by wire was concerned. All wires to the north were working badly, and in the east it was difficult to make a wire through from Chicago to New York, most of them being cut and dispatches relayed at Pittsburg.

The weather bureau predicted that the storm would continue the greater part of the day and night in the middle west.

SWORD FISH FIGHTS FOR LIFE

California Fisherman Has Stronous Experience Landing Big Ocean Monster.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 23—Lorenzo H. Zogletti, a fisherman, had a terrible adventure with a swordfish yesterday while trolling outside the bay. Zogletti had hooked the fish and was drawing it to the boat, when the fish drove its sword through the gunwale. Zogletti then attacked the fish with a hatchet and finally stunned it. During the fight the fisherman's right hand was so badly injured that he will probably lose the use of it. The fish was eleven feet long and weighed 45 pounds.

DYNAMITE WRECKS HOUSES

Fifty Thousand Dollars Loss Caused by Explosion at Ottawa, Illinois.

OTTAWA, Ill., Dec. 23—As a result of an explosion of a quantity of dynamite here today upwards of a dozen houses were wrecked and glass was shattered in fifty homes. Several persons were injured, but none fatally. The loss exceeds \$50,000. The dynamite was intended for use in small quantities in excavating a sewer.

J. F. CARPENTER KILLS SELF

Secretary of Carpenter Paper Company Ends Life With a Revolver.

ILLNESS CAUSE OF THE ACT

Had Been Confined to His Room for a Week and Previous to That Had Been on a Trip for His Health.

J. Frank Carpenter, secretary of the Carpenter Paper company, committed suicide about 4:30 last evening at his residence, 750 aPrker street. The family were seated at the dinner table at the time and Mr. Carpenter was alone in his room, where he was confined by illness. He returned a week ago from a trip taken with the object of benefiting his health, but in this it proved disappointing and since his return he has been confined to his room. While alone he secured a revolver and shot himself through the head, being dead when the members of the family who heard the shot reached the room.

No reason for the act could be suggested except sickness and a nervous breakdown producing insomnia, due to overwork and too close application to business without enough recreation. The firm of which he is secretary is one of the largest in the paper business in the entire west, having branches in several western cities.

TALLMADGES ARE NOT GUILTY

Decision in Land Fraud Cases Cause of Rejection to Family of Accused.

ROSWELL, N. M., Dec. 23—When the verdict of "not guilty" in the case of F. L. Tallmadge of Chicago, tried on the charge of conspiracy to defraud the government of valuable public lands, was announced in court here Saturday night Mrs. E. R. Tallmadge, the wife of a brother of the two defendants, wept copiously for joy. Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Tallmadge, both of whom had been in attendance in court throughout the trial, were impressed to the juryman in the sheriff's office after the adjournment of court and cordially thanked them for their verdict. After the verdict was returned United States Attorney D. J. Leahy gave notice that the case against Walter Hains would be dismissed, making the Tallmadges' government in the Tallmadges' case consumed thirteen days and the defense submitted the case on the evidence of the government without putting a single witness on the stand.

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