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MUCH IN SMALL SPACE FOR THE HURRYING READER.

EVENTS COVERING WIDE FIELD

Something of Congress, Political Gossip Here and There, and News and Notes of General Character.

Political.

Chairman Hitchcock, after an extended conference with republican leaders in New York, announced that the national committee would take no part in selecting a candidate for governor in New York or any other state.

Chairman Mack of democratic national committee has announced the appointment of subcommittees.

To hold the Democratic state convention August 20 and the Republican convention August 21, the two opening days of the Iowa state fair, is a plan submitted by Secretary John Simpson to the two state party committees.

Unlike his distinguished opponent, who refused to accept an elephant as a mascot, Mr. W. J. Bryan, in response to a letter from the Agricultural Society of Minnesota, telegraphed that he would be delighted to avail himself of their offer to send him an "educated" mule as a mascot.

Hearst's independent league sees no hope in old parties and declares for reforms on its own behalf.

Attorney General Bonaparte and legal experts are laying plans to push the prosecution of the Standard Oil company.

Bryan will make a few speeches at central locations and will remain at home most of the time during October.

The national convention of the independent party nominated Thomas L. Hisgen and John Temple Graves for president and vice president.

Judge Taft in an address to the Ohio republican committee gave his endorsement to the work of leaders in that state and advised workers against over-confidence.

William R. Hearst in his speech opening the convention of the Independence party advised organization of a new national party that will work for interests of the people independent of all other organizations.

W. J. Bryan the presidential candidate, was initiated into the Ak-Sar-Ben at Omaha in the presence of a large crowd.

At the Union railway station in New Orleans there arrived on a Southern Pacific train a large shoe directed to "Bill Taft, Washington, D. C." The shoe, which is about a No. 14 in size, is reported to have come all the way from San Francisco.

General.

The New York, New Haven & Hartford road has attacked the nine-hour law affecting railroad employees.

The first test of Henry Farman's aeroplane in New York was a success. Dun's review of trade says the jobbing business in western cities is improving and that the production of factories is increasing.

Prof. P. G. Holden of the Ames (Ia) college says the reason for low corn yield is that too many stalks are doing nothing.

Mr. Bryan's notification will take place August 12th and it will be strictly nonpartisan.

Relations between Honduras and Uncle Sam are not altogether lovely.

The Nebraska state board of equalization tentatively raised the assessments on land in thirty eight counties and lowered it in eight counties.

Judge Taft has all his campaign plans laid out and will not change them.

The old age pension bill passed the house of lords on the 31st ult. in the form adopted by the union of commons.

The American Lumberman has been investigating the condition of the building trade in Nebraska, and after getting figures on material and lumber, in comparison with last year, it says that now is a good time to build.

Fires in the "millionaire colony" of New York summer homes are becoming of almost daily occurrence.

It is unlikely that Cortelyou will make the race for the republican nomination for governor of New York.

William J. Bryan declares that the independence platform is an imitator of the democratic, but not nearly as good.

Judge Taft has been made a member of the dredgers' brotherhood.

President Roosevelt declared himself pleased with republican prospects over the country.

The suit brought by Count Boni d'Castellane against his former wife, who is now Princess de Sagan, for the possession of his three children has been postponed until the fall term of court.

Samuel Gompers denied that he said he could deliver the labor vote.

It is estimated that forty per cent of the automobiles in the Nebraska are not assembled.

J. A. Delfelder, president of the Wyoming Wool Growers' association, believes the National Wool Growers' association will locate their big warehouse in Omaha.

In a successful effort to lynch a negro three men were killed and many wounded at Pensacola, Fla.

The Interstate Commerce commission has announced that it will investigate the proposed increase in rates without waiting or them to become effective or the filing of protests.

Governor Haskell of Oklahoma will be treasurer of the democratic national committee.

Shippers in session at Chicago decided to take no action against the proposed increase in freight rates until after conference with the presidents of the eastern trunk lines.

The Irish university bill was passed in the House of Commons by 207 votes to 19, amid loud cheering, in which the nationalists took the lead.

By a vote of 74 1/2 to 5 1/2, the delegates in the Seventh Iowa district republican convention nominated Judge S. F. Prouty for congress over Congressman J. A. T. Hull.

Cotton growers of Mississippi have organized and will hold the crops until better prices prevail.

The Kansas national guard will be the only state troops to stay the full ten days at the army maneuvers at Fort Riley in August. Nebraska will not send its troops at all.

President Roosevelt orders that immediate steps be taken for a rehearing of the Standard Oil case.

Governor Charles E. Hughes of New York will accept a renomination if the republican party of that state desires him again to be its candidate.

Promulgation of the new constitution in Turkey was received with little enthusiasm in Constantinople, but it is believed that it marks a step forward.

President Roosevelt in an extended address to naval officers at Newport said the United States needs a large and strong navy, because of its peculiar situation and many international obligations.

Foreign.

The sultan of Turkey has appointed a special council to put the new constitution into effect.

President Castro of Venezuela demands an apology of government of the Netherlands.

The Thomas car in the New York to Paris race crossed the frontier at noon July 30 and reached Paris at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Delegates to the universal peace congress were tendered a banquet at London.

The French government will prosecute leaders in the labor demonstration at Vigneux.

Demonstrations over the new Turkish constitution which was promulgated July 24 continue. A crowd of over 200,000 persons gathered outside the palace in Constantinople and cheered the sultan.

Rev. E. C. Dinwiddle of Springfield, Ohio, legislative superintendent of the National Anti-Saloon League, has accepted an invitation to conduct a parliamentary campaign in England for local option after the American plan.

The armored cruiser Milwaukee has been ordered to Honduras on account of unsettled conditions there.

Washington.

"The report that I have said that I would or would not deliver the labor vote to any political party is an infamous lie," said Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor today. "Organized labor is not only honest, but intelligent enough to choose the party for its support which will best represent its interests."

Frank H. Hitchcock, chairman of the republican national committee, devoted his time chiefly to correspondence and to making preliminary arrangements in connection with the headquarters work at New York which was done by telephone. Mr. Hitchcock has arranged with Francis Curtis for the printing that is to be done.

The Appalachian national forest association unanimously elected D. A. Tompkins of Charlotte, N. C., as president. This is said to signify renewed efforts on the part of southern people to make a great national forest of the Appalachian and White mountains.

Attorneys for the government have determined to make application for reargument and modification of decision of court of appeals in Standard Oil case. It was also agreed to push the other cases pending against oil corporations.

Acting Secretary of the Navy Newberry announced that none of the bids submitted for colliers under the provision of the naval appropriation act of the last session of congress are satisfactory and all of them were rejected.

Representative Lloyd of Missouri, chairman of the Democratic congressional committee, indulges in prediction that his party will carry the next house.

Personal.

William B. McKinley of Illinois will succeed James S. Sherman as chairman of the republican congressional campaign committee.

Hisgen and Graves were nominated for president and vice president by the independence party. I. S. Shepard of Kansas, who attempted to nominate Bryan, was escorted from the hall to prevent personal injury.

Secretary Bonaparte and assistants will meet to decide on details of legal fight against the Standard Oil Co.

Norman Mack decides to open democratic headquarters in Auditorium Annex in Chicago.

The Sultan of Turkey thanks the people for the manifestations following the grant of the constitution.

Wm. Randolph Hearst, who recently arrived from Europe, says he cannot be a candidate for the presidency on the independent ticket.

Notification of Judge Taft of his nomination as republican standard-bearer was made a general holiday in Cincinnati. Ceremonies incident to the occasion began early in the day and lasted until late in the evening.

HUNDREDS ARE LOST

A LARGE AREA IN BRITISH COLUMBIA DEVASTATED.

TOWN COMPLETELY WIPED OUT

Up to Last Accounts Seventy-four are Dead, With Many Casualties Yet to Be Reported.

Winnipeg, Man.—As a result of bush fires, the town of Fernia, B. C., is wiped off the map as a child cleans a slate; Michel, fourteen miles distant, is in flames, and the fate of Homer, Olsen and Sparwood, intervening towns, is in doubt, they being cut off from all communication. Over 100 lives are known to have been lost, seventy-four of them in Fernia. A territory of 100 square miles in extent is a seething mass of flames. Through it are scattered hundreds of lumbermen and prospectors, so that the actual loss of life will not be known for days.

The properties of the Canadian Pacific and Great Northern railways are destroyed the bridges and rolling stock burned, so that it is impossible to enter or leave the burning area. The inhabitants of the towns have fled to open districts in the vicinity in the hope of safety. The railway companies have placed all available trains at their disposal and unless there is a change of wind within the next twenty-four hours the whole of the Crow's Nest Pass country will be left to the flames. There is no possibility of estimating the loss of life especially which will result, for the flames are driven by a hard gale, making it impossible to put up a fight against their advance. The conflagration is the greatest which has ever been witnessed in Canada and ranks only with the San Francisco disaster.

For the last month forest fires have been raging in the mountains of the Elk river valley country, but they have not been considered serious. Saturday morning a heavy wind sprang up from the crest of the mountains to the west of Fernia. They ran down the west and early in the afternoon the flames appeared over the mountain side, and before a fire guard could be organized had entered the town. Within an hour the town was doomed and the inhabitants sought safety in flight, leaving their all behind them. All night and in the morning the exodus continued, the destination being a small prairie in the valley three miles south of the town. At present 3,000 people are camped there in the open, their only protection being shelters built of brush or blankets, while a constant shower of sparks from the burning area kept falling through the pall of smoke. For a time communication with towns to the east was kept open, but with the burning of the bridges across the Elk river this way was closed. Scattered through the valley are many small prairies and all of these have their groups of refugees.

The hills in all directions are a seething mass of flames, cutting off every avenue of escape. The fire spread with unprecedented rapidity and it is feared that several parties who tried to get through the pass have been cut off. Families have been separated and there is at present no means of checking up the fatalities.

At present the fire is following the crest of the mountain chain above Sparwood, eating down into the valleys on either side. It is traveling at a tremendous rate and unless there is a change of wind will cross the boundaries into Montana within the next twelve hours. There are thousands of mines and prospectors' claims in the track of the fire, all of which are in peril.

Pittsburg, Pa.—The price of window glass was advanced Aug. 1 by the American Window Glass company, the increase being 20 per cent on single strength and 33 1/3 per cent on double strength. The advance, it is said, will be followed by an early resumption of operations in most of the glass factories.

Fears Trouble With Navajos. Denver, Colo.—General Earl D. Thomas, commanding the department of Colorado, has been instructed to dispatch immediately six troops of cavalry to the Navajo reservation. The order came from the war department and was induced by the fear that renegade Utes will induce the Navajos to rebel.

Curtis Moves to New York. Washington.—The republican national and congressional committee's literary bureau which has been conducted in this city under the direction of Francis Curtis, has been closed, the furniture and documents shipped to New York.

Indian Chief Slowly Dying. Menominee, Mich.—David Croch, head of the once mighty Pottawatomie Indians, is slowly dying at the Indian reservation of his tribe at Hermandville. The aged Indian chief is said to be close to 80 years. He is said to be a descendant of the chief who signed the treaty with the United States in 1833. In his youth and prime he was considered one of the most powerful Indians in this section and his will was law. For the last two years his health has failed and he has had few well days since.

"HELP! HELP!"



SANDS DIES AWFUL DEATH

VANDERBILT'S STEPSON DIES IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT.

Smash-up and Explosion of Motor Car Occurs Near Stepfather's Beautiful Country Seat.

Paris.—In one of the most terrible automobile accidents in many years in France G. Winthrop Sands, a stepson of W. K. Vanderbilt, was killed Wednesday morning just outside the grounds of Mr. Vanderbilt's beautiful country seat, the Chateau St. Louis De Poissy, 20 miles from Paris.

Mr. Sands was driving his 50-horse power car along at a terrific clip, in a desire to reach the chateau, where Mrs. Sands and her infant daughter were staying. He had always been known as a reckless driver, and as he had been delayed at railroad crossings, he opened the throttle wide as he approached the chateau grounds.

Almost immediately a tire burst and the machine crashed into a tree, turning turtle and burying Mr. Sands under the forward part and plowing into a chauffer, Pickens, to the ground. An explosion followed and in a moment the car was in flames.

Peasants working in the adjoining fields were the only witnesses to the accident. They rushed to the rescue, but fearing a further explosion of the gasoline tank and deterred by the sweep of flames, they stood idly by, not knowing how to give assistance to the injured men. Finally they managed to raise the rear of the car and release the chauffeur, and a little later, after beating down the fire, they dragged out the torn, bleeding and burned body of Sands.

Help soon arrived from the chateau, which is in the center of Mr. Vanderbilt's great breeding farm. The injured men were carried to the house, where it was found that Sands was beyond the hope of recovery, but that the chauffeur was not seriously injured.

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FARMAN FLIES WELL.

Successful Tests of French Aeroplane Are Made.

New York.—Rising from the ground like a giant bird and darting through the air at express train speed, Henri Farman's aeroplane, the interesting heavier-than-air flying machine he brought here from France to demonstrate his ability to fly, made its initial flight in this country late Friday afternoon at Brighton Beach.

It rose from an especially prepared runway at the will of the inventor and after attaining a height of 25 feet flew straight ahead on a direct line, finally alighting with exquisite grace when the noted air pilot diminished the motive power.

During the brief space of time in which the aeroplane was skimming over the center field of the racetrack, the few hundred spectators, most of whom were friends of the inventor or rival aviators, watched the flight with breathless interest. The instant the trim-looking machine landed cheers rent the air—cheers far more enthusiastic and vociferous than those of a racetrack crowd. Farman was surrounded and literally hugged by the jubilant aeronauts. Members of the Aero Club of America, under whose auspices Farman will conduct his public flights at Brighton Beach, wanted to carry the successful inventor off the field on their shoulders.

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