



Eugene V. Debs was "notified" of his presidential nomination by the socialists. The "notification" ceremonies were peculiar. There was no committee and no speech. Mr. Debs, at his home in Terre Haute, Ind., gave out for publication his "speech of acceptance" in which speech he says: "Intelligent workmen are no longer deceived. They know that the struggle in which the world is engaged today is a class struggle and that in this struggle the workers can never win by giving their votes to capitalist parties. They have tried this for many years and it has always produced the same results to them.

"The class of privilege and pelf has had the world by the throat and the working class beneath its ironshod hoofs long enough. The magic word of freedom is ringing through the nation and the spirit of intelligent revolt is finding expression in every land beneath the sun.

"Poverty, high prices, unemployment, child slavery, widespread misery and haggard want in a land bursting with abundance; prostitution and insanity, suicide and crime, these in solemn numbers tell the tragic story of capitalism's saturnalia of blood and tears and shame as its end draws near.

"It is to abolish this monstrous system and the misery and crime which flow from it in a direful and threatening stream that the socialist party was organized and now makes its appeal to the intelligence and conscience of the people. Social reorganization is the imperative demand of this world-wide revolutionary movement.

The socialist party's mission is not only to destroy capitalist despotism but to establish industrial and social democracy. To this end the workers are steadily organizing and fitting themselves for the day when they shall take control of the people's industries and when the right to work shall be as inviolate as the right to breathe the breath of life.

"Standing as it does for the emancipation of the working class from wage-slavery, for the equal rights and opportunities of all men and all women, for the abolition of child labor and the conservation of all childhood, for social self-rule and the equal freedom of all, the socialist party of the future, and its triumph will signalize the birth of a new civilization and the dawn of a happier day for all humanity."

Following is a Chicago dispatch: Joseph E. Davies, of Wisconsin, secretary of the democratic national committee announced that Rudolph Spreckels, of California, and John J. Blaine, of Wisconsin, both supporters of United States Senator Robert M. La Follette in his campaign for the republican presidential nomination, had agreed to head an organization to work for Woodrow Wilson in the presidential campaign.

According to tentative plans of the democratic managers the organization will be known as the Wilson National Progressive Republican league, and will make an active fight in support of Wilson among republicans.

In reply to a telegram from United States Senator Thomas P. Gore, of Oklahoma, one of the democratic leaders at the Chicago headquarters, Mr. Spreckels telegraphed that he would be glad to act as president of the proposed league.

Blaine, who directed considerable

of the work of Senator La Follette's pre-convention campaign, also telegraphed that he would assist Spreckels in perfecting the organization of the league.

It was said that Spreckels would organize the western division of the league at San Francisco, then come to Chicago and organize the middle western division, and finally go to New York to open an eastern headquarters. Allied with Spreckels and Blaine in this work will be Cass R. Crane, of Chicago, also formerly active in the republican party.

A. S. Burleson, of Texas, chairman of the democratic campaign speakers' bureau, arrived here to assist the leaders already in Chicago. He will go to Maine to make a series of speeches there during the state campaign, and then return to Chicago.

E. M. Grossan, of St. Louis, was another arrival at democratic headquarters. He will act as an assistant treasurer during the campaign.

Governor Marshall, democratic nominee for vice president, campaigned in Maine. Speaking of the tariff he said:

"Why must the consumer always be the goat? I believe in vested rights but I do not believe in vested wrongs. I do not particularly censure the manufacturers for getting all they can but I contend that the proof of the iniquity is so plain that the blame is the people's.

"It is idle for some men to make declarations. Broken promises are oft times more eloquent than their words.

"Who is going to believe the regular republican organization when it declares that it is opposed to special privilege? Who takes it seriously when it points with pride to its enactments to curtail monopoly?

"Does anyone doubt that for seven and one-half years the leader of the progressive party was in power in this country? Can any one put his finger upon a single effort made by him to curb the monopolistic tendency which was then rampant? Does anyone believe that his new platform, which stands both for socialism and for a system of licensing and curbing is anything more than a bid for votes?

"To standpat or progressive, every man opposed to special privilege may say as Nathan said unto David: 'Thou art the man.' If there are laws to eliminate special privilege, the republicans did not enforce them; if there are no effective laws, they failed to enact effective ones; if conditions are such as to prevent proper control they became so under their responsibility.

"I, myself have never been able to determine what system of business or ethics should induce a government to form a partnership with the man who made the cloth that is in my coat while totally refusing to form a partnership with me who buys the suit and wears it. It is not the business of government to form a partnership with anyone unless it forms a partnership with all."

An Elmira, N. Y., dispatch says: Henry Rappelye, a model prisoner at the Elmira reformatory, stepped before Governor Dix, a free man at the governor's command. As the governor reviewed the line, a telegram had come announcing the sudden death of Rappelye's father at Oswego. He was pardoned instantly and within an hour was on his way to the

funeral. Rappelye's had been sent to the reformatory for attempted robberies and had been acting as a stenographer for the institution.

John Wanamaker is seriously ill at his home in Philadelphia.

At London twenty thousand Salvationists followed the body of General William Booth to the grave.

A Denver dispatch says: William Baskin, 62, a court clerk is dead, and though confined in a hospital and unable to see anyone during the last hours, the dying man made goodby to a score of his friends. Baskin had a telephone installed in his room when the physicians told him there was no hope.

"Hello; is that you, Jack? This is Bill Baskin. The doctors say I've only a few hours to live, old pal, and I just called you up to say goodby. It's pretty hard, I know, but I'm ready, and before the end comes I will call up some of my old friends. Goodby.

These were the last words of the dying man as he hastily called up his friends. When the last call was made he sank back exhausted. Within an hour he died.

A Beaver, Pa., dispatch, carried by the United Press, says: Investigation of alleged ballot debauchery and charges that \$10 a head was the prevailing price of voters in Beaver county, as alleged by the citizens' committee, will be begun by Judge Robert S. Holt.

Every saloonkeeper in the county and many other voters have been summoned.

State Insurance Commissioner Johnson, of Norristown, Pa., treasurer of the republican state committee, also has been subpoenaed. It is charged that he forwarded \$3,000 to be used in the April primaries, and that the Beaver county republican chairman, E. H. Porter, United States marshal for this district, spent \$6,000. The citizens' committee, in its bill of particulars, declares much more was spent in a district where less than 5,000 votes were cast in the primary.

Senator Borah and Former Vice President Fairbanks will take the stump for Taft.

A New York dispatch says: Police Commissioner Waldo made public a list of places raided by the police as gambling resorts during the last year and the names of owners of the property on which the resorts were conducted.

Among the names mentioned are those of many prominent in financial and religious life of the city. The commissioner turned the list over to the district attorney. Nearly 400 places are mentioned in the gambling list, which, with the statistics as to the raids made upon them, covers 100 typewritten pages. The summoning of many of these owners as witnesses at the John Doe proceedings is understood to be part of the plan of the district attorney.

The American Bar association in session at Milwaukee, practically barred negro lawyers from membership in the association. The association adopted a resolution in such form that negroes will not hereafter be admitted, and the three negro lawyers already regarded as members resigned from the association.

After the hottest sort of political fight in South Carolina, Cole L. Blease was renominated for governor. Senator Tillman was renominated.

The Wilson and Marshall progressive democratic league was organized at Lincoln, Neb. The following officers were selected: President,



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