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competition hereafter, lessens interest.

Death of American tourists in the Salisbury train disaster is mourned by all London, and Fourth of July festivities are made gloomy affairs.

Count Boni de Castellane tells an enemy in Paris that he "may consider himself slapped," and Marquis de Montebello administers a real blow in a dispute with a foe, but no duels result.

Canadian railroads are facing a famine in ties and the great work of extending their lines may be stopped.

Demands of the Russian parliament that the Goremeykin ministry resign are to be backed by the zemstvo congress, which will stop all famine relief work until its end is attained.

Next three days considered crucial time in cholera outbreak in Philippines. Relief sent.

Russian government is shown to be in desperate financial straits and the douma attempts to utilize this fact to gain control of the nation's purse strings.

Walter Wellman, with his chief aids in the Wellman-Chicago Record-Her-

alds polar expedition, sail from Tromsøe for Spitzbergen on the Frithjof. This begins the second half of the great undertaking and the last stage by sea of the journey to the far north.

Evidence to show that the massacre of Russian Jews at Blalystok was planned and carried out by the civil and military authorities, and probably was inspired by General Trepoff, is presented to the douma by the commission which investigated the affair.

Jules Adolphe Breton, the famous French genre painter, dies in Paris.

British grocers' association cables President Roosevelt a request for assurance that in the future American meat products will be cleanly and healthful, and says that unless it is satisfied on these points a boycott will be declared.

Crown Princess Cecile of Germany presents new heir to the German throne to her husband, Frederick Wilhelm.

Stars and stripes are hoisted on the mainmast of the steamer Frithjof of the Wellman-Chicago Record-Herald polar expedition at Tromsøe, Norway, in honor of July 4, the vessel remaining there for another day because of a slight delay.

Massacre of Jews at Blalystok was due to a plot on the part of the troops and police, there being no religious hatred of the Jews among the peaceful Russians there, reports the investigating commission appointed by the douma.

Count Boni de Castellane's election to the French chamber of deputies is annulled by that body on the ground of corruption and bribery during his recent election.

William Jennings Bryan arrives in London and says he is not willing to be placed in the position of a candidate for the presidency at this time, as it is two years before the convention and he wishes to remain free to do and say what he pleases.

Doomed Russian cabinet holds a midnight session to consider the change in the ministry. Constitutional democrats in the douma persist in their refusal to participate in a mixed cabinet.

Cholera of virulent type is reported to have broken out in the Philippines. Four Americans are stricken at Manila and one is dead.

St. Michael's Church, in Hamburg, one of the most famous structures in Europe, is destroyed by fire. Four men are burned to death, twenty are missing and thirty are wounded.

Russian government yields to the douma's demands for liberty of religious belief and for freedom of meetings.

Mystery envelopes the cause of the wreck at Salisbury, England, which cost the lives of more than a score of American tourists and so badly injured R. S. Critchell of Chicago that he is critically ill.

HEARST NOT IN THE RACE

Positively Will Not Enter Race for Presidency. Will Support Either Bryan, Folk or Stevenson

San Francisco—The San Francisco Chronicle prints the following interview with William Randolph Hearst today:

"I would like to state very positively that I am not a candidate for the democratic presidential nomination in 1908.

"Mr. Bryan said the other day in London that there were others besides himself who had claims on the nomination through previous service rendered the democracy and mentioned pleasantly Mr. Folk, Mr. Bailey and me.

"While appreciating Mr. Bryan's compliment I must decline to be considered a candidate.

"Let the list stand, if Mr. Bryan pleases, Bryan, Folk or Bailey. For my part I would substitute Stevenson for Bailey.

"Mr. Bryan's services to the democracy are too well recognized to be rehearsed. He has led the party conspicuously in presidential campaigns and one senatorial campaign. In the national campaigns he has made the issues himself and expounded them with a brilliancy unequaled, unapproached.

Folk's Services Real

"Mr. Folk's services to the democracy are notable and real. In fact, his services have been rendered to all citizens, irrespective of party, for his career as an honest and efficient public servant is an example to republicans and democrats alike.

"As for Mr. Bailey, well, Bailey's services have been rendered to that corporation end of the democracy that I do not consider democracy, and whose control of the machinery of the democratic as well as the republican party has led me to seek my ideals of the democracy of Jefferson and the republicanism of Lincoln in the independence league. Bailey's nomination for the first place, even by the machine that nominated Parker, would be impossible, but Bailey's nomination for second place is conceivable.

"It would have the material advantage of insuring Texas to the democracy and of eliciting a substantial campaign contribution from John D. Rockefeller. But its disadvantages are obvious. Folk and Bailey for instance would be an oil and water ticket that wouldn't mix—a ticket of good, pure water and Standard oil.

Praise for Stevenson

"Bryan and Bailey would be alliterative and tickling to the ear, but would sound too much like Barnum and Bailey to suit the discriminating taste of the convention. Bailey, I am afraid, must continue to waste his fragrance on the desert air of the senate. But there is Stevenson of Illinois, than whom there is no finer figure among democratic satesmen. He stand with Tilden and Thurman, a noble type of true American and old-fashioned democrat, respected by all men, but neglected in the greed and graft of modern politics.

"Why not Bryan or Folk or Stevenson in 1908 on the democratic side and why not Roosevelt or LaFollette on the republican side?

"I repeat definitely and positively I am not a candidate.

"I made the first fight in 1904 for what I considered true democracy, for the democracy I had been taught and the democracy I believed in, for the democracy that represented the will of the majority and the best interests of the majority.

"I made the fight against what I honestly believed to be, and still believe to be, the forces of corporation corruption. I offered to lead that fight

only when no other would undertake that task. I consider that I did my duty in that contest, but I will never undertake another one in that way. A man's motives are much misunderstood and his purposes much misrepresented if he can be charged with having a personal object to attain.

Will War On Trusts

"I am, moreover, well pleased, as I am well satisfied, to use the power of my publications to drive out of office the white slaves of the trusts and to promote the fortunes of the honest servants of the people and I can not do this as effectually if I am mixed up in purely party politics. In the political fair, whenever I see a trust-owned head I am going to hit it, no matter what party it is said to belong to. I have been hitting the corporation crown of Mr. Tom Taggart, best known as a gambling house keeper, and after that as chairman of the national committee, and am glad that the governor of Indiana has just ordered the attorney general to proceed against Mr. Taggart for maintaining a gambling den, and that the sheriff has raided his establishment.

"I have been hitting the head of Mr. Guffey of Pennsylvania, a gentleman who is a politician in business and a Standard Oil agent in politics. I am glad to see that the sincere democrats of Pennsylvania have repudiated Mr. Guffey and have united with the Lincoln republicans in an honest effort to represent the people.

Aiding Fellow Men

"I think that I am doing a work that is of value to my fellow citizens and I am content. I do not say that I will not run for any office, for I am willing to run as I did last fall to break up a political trust, a criminal combination between both parties or to help defeat those wretched little political sneak thieves that are lifted into the open window of public office by the corporations to pass out to them the people's property.

"I am willing to join in any independent movement, the object of which is to free parties from boss rule and corporation control, and to give the people a free voice in the management of their own affairs.

"I am eager to see the line drawn, irrespective of party, between those who believe in special privileges and those who believe in popular rights, between the producing classes and the plundering corporations, and wherever that line is drawn I will gladly fight in the lead or in the ranks as required."

Contest Over Estate

San Francisco—A contest over the estate of the late Jackson McKenty, valued at \$175,000, has been instituted by the decedent's heirs, Clayton and Howard McKenty, who assert that the signature to the will was forged and that McKenty was of unsound mind at the time it was executed. Matthew H. Messebert of Douglasville, Pa., the sole legatee and executor, died recently.

DECLARE IN FAVOR OF BRYAN

Baton Rouge, La.—The Louisiana house of representatives last night in regular session adopted a resolution recommending the endorsement of W. J. Bryan by the democratic party of this state.



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