

NOT A CANDIDATE

MR. BRYAN NOT NOW POSING FOR PRESIDENCY.

WANTS NO BOOM LAUNCHED

Believes His Place in History Will Be Determined by What He Can Do for the People—Banquet in Honor of the Nebraskan.

CHICAGO—"I want to make my position perfectly clear. I want to say to you that not only am I not announcing a candidacy, but I am not permitting announcement of a candidacy by any one else for me."

In these words William Jennings Bryan administered a check to the enthusiasm which at the Jefferson club banquet given tonight in Mr. Bryan's honor greeted the speeches advocating his nomination for the third time for president.

There had been warm words of praise for Mr. Bryan, particularly from former Congressman Ollie M. James of Kentucky and Judge James B. Farvin of Covington, Ky., who had declared unqualifiedly for Mr. Bryan as the democratic nominee for president in 1908, and from Mr. Alexander Troup of New Haven, Conn., who declared that Bryan was the natural and legitimate leader of the democratic party in the coming campaign. When Mr. Bryan, who came last on the program rose to respond to the toast, "Democracy versus Centralization," he deferred for a few moments entering upon his formal address until he had returned thanks for the words of praise showered upon him by the speakers who preceded him and until he had set himself right on the question of possible candidacy for the presidency. Mr. Bryan said:

"I am not now a candidate for any office. I have never said that I would never again be a candidate for office, but I want to say now that talk of candidacy for office does not affect me as it once did. I believe that my place in history will be determined not by what the people are able to do for me but what I am able to do for the people. (Applause and cheers.) I think it is now too soon to choose a candidate for president to make the race three years from now; it is too early to pledge ourselves to any one man. I trust that before the time comes to name a man for the next presidential race light may be thrown upon our party's pathway, and that a man may be chosen who will be best able to do for the party more than I have yet been able to do.

William Jennings Bryan, soon to leave for a tour of the world, received a notable testimonial of esteem at a banquet given in his honor by the Jefferson club at their rooms, Randolph and Clark streets. Covers were laid for 300 guests and among them were many prominent people.

THE FLOWERY KINGDOM ABOLISHES OLD METHODS

PEKING—An important edict has been issued in response to the memorial of Yuan Shi Ki and other prominent men, abolishing examinations for the old system of degrees. By means of this system, established from time immemorial, China has recruited government officers. The idea of obtaining by competitive examination the best educated men is essentially good, but it has been rendered entirely futile by the knowledge demanded. Hitherto the aspirant for honors was required to be proficient in the writings of Confucius and other classics, the ability to compose essays in a particular form, consisting really of a kind of literary jugglery. The learning so obtained was entirely useless for practical purposes, while the close study required to attain the necessary knowledge prevents attention to other modern and more useful subjects.

JAP FLAGSHIP SINKS

Vessel Which Led Fleet into Action in Sea of Japan Partly Destroyed.

TOKIO—The Navy department announces that the battleship Mikasa has been destroyed by fire and the explosion of its magazine causing the loss of 599 lives, including men of other ships, who went to the rescue.

The fire started from an unknown cause at midnight on Sunday. Before the officers could be rescued the fire reached the aft magazine, which exploded, blowing a hole in the port side, of the vessel below the water line and caused the ship to sink.

Both Sides Willing to Yield.

LONDON—The correspondent of the Times at Karstad says he believes there is a disposition on both sides to yield on the question of the demolition of the fortifications and an arbitration treaty. Sweden, he says, does not want the historical fortresses demolished, and that if Norway is willing to demolish the modern forts Sweden will be ready to conclude an arbitration treaty for the settlement of all future differences, but not those affecting the questions now under discussion.

Workmen Out at Warsaw, WARSAW, Russian Poland—In consequence of the execution on Friday of Ivan Kaspshak, a socialist leader, who was condemned by a court-martial for inciting political murders, all the factories in Warsaw struck today. Cossacks and infantry are patrolling the streets. A large number of arrests were made in a theater at Lodz last night. An individual in the gallery flooded the house with revolutionary documents whereupon the police surrounded the theater and arrested about 200 of the occupants.

TANNER IS CHIEF.

New Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic.

DENVER—The thirty-ninth annual national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic elected officers on Friday as follows:

Commander-in-chief, James Tanner, New York.

Senior vice commander-in-chief, George W. Cook, Denver.

Junior vice commander-in-chief, Silas H. Towler, Minneapolis.

Surgeon general, Hugo Philler, Waukesha, Wis.

Chaplain-in-chief, Rev. Father J. G. Leary, Chapman, Kan.

Minneapolis was chosen as the meeting place for 1906.

The contest for commander-in-chief was the most interesting feature of the sessions Friday. Besides Corporal Tanner, R. B. Brown of Zanesville, O., Charles Burrows of Rutherford, N. J., and Charles G. Burton of Nevada, Mo., were placed in nomination. Burrows' name was immediately withdrawn. As the roll call of departments proceeded it became apparent from the number of departments seconding Tanner that his election was a certainty. Although George Stone of San Francisco was not named formally as a candidate, the Department of California and Nevada cast its fifteen votes for him. The total vote for Tanner was 447. Brown received 187, Ohio and Pennsylvania giving him their full vote and Indiana a majority. The only large delegation that voted for Burton was that of Missouri. His total was 42 votes.

When the adjutant general announced the result the convention went wild. The old veterans leaped from their seats, shouting and cheering and throwing their hats in the air. Amid the din General Brown mounted the stage and moved to make Tanner's election unanimous. Messrs. Burton and Stone both seconded the motion, which was carried with a roar of applause. Commander-in-Chief King then appointed the defeated comrades a committee to escort Corporal Tanner to the stage. While the four were walking down the center aisle the delegates made a rush for Tanner and, lifting him into the air, carried him bodily to the rostrum. The delegates then rose en masse and cheered for several minutes.

A NEBRASKA MAN PRESENTED WITH BADGE

DENVER, Colo.—An interesting feature of the visit of the Nebraska department to the national encampment at the Albany hotel was the presentation to Past Department Commander Harmon Bross of Lincoln of a past department commander's badge. The presentation address was made by C. E. Adams of Superior.

"The badge is of gold, and is studded with seven diamonds. The emblem bears a cross and a sword. The cross denotes that Mr. Bross was department chaplain of Nebraska for three years, and the sword signifies that he was a commissioned officer in the union army.

Woman's Relief Corps.

DENVER—The Woman's Relief Corps of the Grand Army of the Republic elected the following officers: Senior vice president, Mrs. Julia G. Sine, Chicago; junior vice president, Eunice Munger, Oklahoma City, O. T.; treasurer, Charlotte E. Wright, Hartford, Conn.; chaplain, Catherine C. Kennedy, Denver. Executive board: Dr. Orpha Bruce, Tampa, Fla.; Sarah E. White, Rockville, Ind.; Florence S. Babbitt, Ypsilanti, Mich.; Maria E. Dean, Chattanooga, Tenn., and Mrs. Alice W. Fuller, Cleveland, O. The encampment adjourned sine die.

SUBSISTENCE BIDDERS HAVE A KICK COMING

OYSTER BAY—President Roosevelt is in receipt of a telegraphic protest from Hudgins & Dumas and Balfe & Company against the letting of a contract by Chairman Shonts of the Isthmian canal commission to J. E. Markel, of Omaha, Neb., for the hotel and subsistence concessions in the Panama canal zone. Chairman Shonts awarded the contract to Markel as the successful one of three bidders. Hudgins & Dumas and Balfe & Company being the other two. The protest to the president alleges that favoritism was shown to Markel.

Seize Cargo of Seal Skins.

VICTORIA, B. C.—The sealing schooner Carrerocita, now called the Acapulco, arrived flying the Mexican flag. It came from Clayoquot because of orders from the Victoria customs officials, her catch of 373 seal skins in Bering sea being under seizure here.

Kulikovskiy Gets Life Sentence.

MOSCOW—M. Kulikovskiy, who, on July 11 last, assassinated Major General Count Shuvaloff, has been sentenced to imprisonment for life.

Arranging for Armistice.

GODZYADINI, Manchuria—Major General Ovanovskiy, quartermaster general Linevitch's staff, has been appointed plenipotentiary to meet the Japanese representatives and arrange the terms of an armistice.

Spanish Republicans Gain.

MALRID—The results of the elections held Sunday are not yet definite. Republican gains are indicated. The monarchists have carried Madrid and the republicans have carried Barcelona and Valencia.

ANOTHER ONE OUT

STATE AUDITOR SPERRICK OF INDIANA REMOVED.

BAD USE OF STATE FUNDS

Charged With Plain and Inexcusable Violation of the Law and a Gross Betrayal of the Trust That Had Been Reposed in Him.

INDIANAPOLIS—Detectives from the Indianapolis department at 1:30 this morning went to the home of the former auditor of state, David E. Sterrick, with the intention of taking him to the Central police station to have served on him a warrant issued by the county prosecutor. On account of reasons not at this time clear they concluded not to bring him to the Central police station, but will remain on guard at his home and today he will be brought in and served with a warrant issued by the county prosecutor charging imbezzlement.

Following three demands for his resignation which was not forthcoming at noon, Governor J. Frank Hanley issued an order taking cognizance of a vacancy in the office of auditor of state, at the same time appointing Warren Bigler of Wabash to succeed David E. Sterrick, who was in effect summarily removed.

Later in the day Mr. Sherrick forwarded his resignation to the governor, which was immediately accepted. Upon receipt of Mr. Bigler's acceptance he was notified to arrange for his bond as soon as possible in order that he might take charge of the office at once. This was done and Mr. Bigler will become auditor of state tomorrow morning.

In the order which resulted in the virtual removal of Sherrick, Governor Hanley charged that the auditor had been guilty of a "plain and inexcusable violation of the law and a gross betrayal of a public trust" in investing and loaning funds belonging to the state to the amount of \$145,000.

This sum, the governor alleges, was misused, having been invested for private purposes.

No arrests have been made, but at a conference between Governor Hanley and Charles Benedict, prosecuting attorney for Marion county, the chief executive laid before the prosecuting attorney general certain evidence bearing on the case.

FOR THE SUPREME BENCH.

Chas. B. Letton of Jefferson County Heads the Ticket.

LINCOLN—In the republican state convention here Thursday the following nominations were made:

For Justice of the Supreme Court—Charles B. Letton of Jefferson county.

For Regents of the State University—V. G. Lyford of Richardson county and Fred H. Abbott of Platte county.

The platform indorses the Roosevelt administration; declares for "adequate and effective control" of interstate commerce against rebates and freight discriminations and favor conferring upon some branch of the executive government the power of effective action; demands that Nebraska congressmen co-operate with the president along these lines; declares in favor of the direct primary law; commends the present state administration as economical and business-like. Anti-pass plank: "We believe that the giving of free transportation upon railways is detrimental to the interests of the people and recommend that a law be enacted by the legislature of this state to prohibit it."

Loubet Will Visit Portugal.

PARIS—President Loubet has accepted the invitation of King Charles to visit Portugal after his sojourn at Madrid.

ENGINEER AND FIREMAN BOTH LOSE THEIR LIVES

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia.—Burlington fast flyer No. 8, leaving Omaha at 8 o'clock Monday night for Chicago, ran into a string of freight cars at the Wabash crossing, in the eastern part of this city and Engineer Nelson H. Woods and Fireman R. E. Hosier, both of Creston, Ia., received burns from which they died in a short time. The train carries only mail and no passengers were aboard. The engine was demolished.

Miss Money Will Be Sponsor.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—A special to the News from Jackson, Miss., says that Governor Vardaman, having been advised by the navy department that the battleship Mississippi will be ready for launching at Cramp's shipyards, Philadelphia, September 30, has appointed United States Senator H. D. Money to take his place as representative of the state, and Miss Mabel Money, granddaughter of Senator Money, as sponsor. Governor Vardaman will be unable to attend because of pressing business duties.

Norwegian Vice Consul a Victim.

PENSACOLA, Fla.—Nine new cases and one death is the yellow fever record for Pensacola Monday, concluding at 6 p. m. Suspicious or doubtful cases number about twelve. The death was that of A. Wolfburg, vice consul of Norway, who died today after a brief illness. He was taken ill five days since and did not call a physician, the case being located by inspectors. A post mortem examination revealed that he had died of yellow fever of the most malignant type.

PRESIDENT URGES SPEED.

Requests Consulting Engineers of Canal to Hurry Their Work.

WASHINGTON—Upon the occasion of the recent visit of the members of the board of consulting engineers of the Isthmian canal at Oyster Bay the president addressed to them a few remarks which will be printed shortly and presented to the different members. After bidding them welcome he urged them to use all the speed they could safely make in coming to a conclusion as to the best plan for digging the canal so that he might have ample time for studying the report before sending it to congress.

He did not express himself in favor of either a lock canal or a sea-level canal and refrained from any technical observations, but urged the members to state their opinion without the slightest hesitation and to send him reports, not as he should like to get them, but as he ought to get them. The members of the board have nearly all returned to Washington, but it had not yet been decided when the next meeting will be held. They will for some days occupy themselves studying the different plans and data with which they have been provided.

A METHODIST PREACHER WHO HATES THE NEGRO

OSCEOLA, Ia.—Dr. J. W. Lee of St. Louis, speaking before the Methodist church conference, took up the negro question and declared that in their forty years of freedom the black race had fallen below the station where 240 years of slavery had placed it. Dr. Lee asserted that the negro is 4,000 years behind the white man in civilization. Caste, spirit and race prejudice, he said, are right because God has planted them in men's hearts. The opinion was expressed by Dr. Lee that the negro should rejoice at the mere privilege of living and breathing in this country.

Ministerialists Secure Majority.

MADRID—Full results of the elections show that the ministerialists have obtained 240 seats and the opposition 167. Serious disorders are reported from Ferrol, while a number of persons were injured.

WILSON TALKS TO FARMERS.

Secretary of Agriculture at South Dakota Fair.

HURON, S. D.—The state fair grounds were dedicated today in the presence of an immense crowd, addresses being made by Governor Elrod and James W. Wilson, secretary of agriculture. Secretary Wilson spoke directly to the farmers, complimenting them upon the wonderful progress made in the development of the agricultural resources of the new domain and expressed surprise to see the marvelous agricultural products, stock and other exhibits, declaring they surpassed many seen at similar exhibitions in older states. He was frequently interrupted by applause and at the close of his address three rousing cheers were given for the best secretary of agriculture this government has ever had.

THE FRENZIED FINANCIER SUED FOR LARGE AMOUNT

BOSTON—Claiming that he has been damaged to the extent of \$3,750,000 by the failure of Thomas W. Lawson to keep an agreement with him, Louis H. Rahn, of Urique, Mexico, entered suit against Mr. Lawson in the supreme court here. He requests that the defendant deliver to him personally 7,500 shares of the Lawson Company, of Mexico, and in addition that he place in a safe deposit value for ten years 22,500 shares to bind the agreement on which the suit is based.

BUT ONE LARGER CORN CROP.

Kansas Yield This Year Estimated at 230,000,000 Bushels.

WICHITA, Kas.—F. W. Frasier, editor of the Southwestern Grain and Flour Journal of this city, is authority for the statement that the Kansas corn crop will reach 230,000,000 bushels. Only once in the history of the state was there a larger crop of corn than will be gathered this fall. That was in 1889, when the yield of Kansas was 270,000,000 bushels. Authorities all say that the present crop without doubt is the largest ever grown in the state, acreage considered.

Falling Off in Voters.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—The total number of voters in Philadelphia, according to the September canvass, the complete returns of which were announced today, is 339,960, a decrease of 35,819, compared with the canvass made in May, prior to the gas lease fight.

Money to Move Crops.

NEW YORK—The sub-treasury transferred \$500,000 to San Francisco for local banks, presumably for crop moving purposes.

Eight Die from Cholera.

WARSAW—In the village of Wysock, government of Volhynia, on the frontier of Russian Poland, a raftsmen who returned from Prussia and eight other persons have died from cholera. The village has been isolated.

Find of Spanish Gold.

DETROIT, Mich.—A special to the Tribune from Traverse City says that \$150,000 in Spanish gold has been unearthed on North Fox island, off Grand Traverse bay in Lake Michigan.

PLAN ARMISTICE

ARRANGE MUTUAL ZONE IN MANCHURIA AND COREA.

CAPTIVES ARE NOT SUSPENDED

New Reinforcements Not To Be Dispatched to the Theater of War—Where the Officers Will Meet to Arrange Details.

LONDON—The Japanese legation gave out the text of the Russo-Japanese armistice protocol as follows:

1. A certain distance as a zone of demarcation shall be fixed between the fronts of the armies of the two powers in Manchuria as well as in the region of the Tumen river, Corea.
2. The naval force of one of the belligerents shall not bombard territory belonging to or occupied by the other.
3. Maritime captures will not be suspended by the armistice.
4. During the term of the armistice new reinforcements shall not be dispatched to the theater of war. Those which are already on their way there shall not be dispatched north of Mukden on the part of the Japanese or south of Harbin on the part of Russia.
5. The commanders of the armies and the fleets of the two powers shall determine in common accord the conditions of the armistice in conformity with the provisions above enumerated.
6. The two governments shall order their commanders immediately after the signature of the treaty of peace to put the protocol into execution.

The protocol was signed by M. Witte, Baron Rosen, Baron Komura and M. Takahira.

MUKDEN—General Fukushima, representing Field Marshal Oyama, and the Russian commissioners met at Shaboth, a station north of Chantung, at 10 o'clock this morning. It probably will take several days to arrange the details of the armistice which they are to prepare.

FROM LIFE TO ETERNITY ON THE DOUBLE-QUICK

AUBURN, N. Y.—Record-breaking celerity was the unusual feature in the electrocution of Henry Manzer in the death chamber at Auburn prison. The witnesses entered the room at 6:05 o'clock. Manzer was escorted to the chair one minute later. In another minute he had been pinioned in the chair and the mask had been drawn over his face. State Executioner Davis immediately made connections with the fatal lever, and 1,780 volts coarsed through the victim for thirty seconds.

Promoter Killed By Wife.

BUTTE, Mont.—William Frost, a mining promoter from Battle Creek, Neb., was killed by his wife after he had tried to cut her throat with a razor. The woman blew his head from his shoulders with two charges from a shotgun.

MONEY ORDERED RETURNED TO THE SUBSCRIBERS

ST. LOUIS—Frederick Essen, receiver of the People's United States bank, reported to Judge McElhinney of the circuit court at Clayton, that there was in the bank \$233,536 credited to the special account of President E. G. Lewis which had been received by him on subscriptions for capital stock, and which represents over-subscriptions, received after all of the capital stock had been taken. The judge ordered that this be returned to the subscribers.

A \$50,000,000 CONCESSION.

It is Awarded to J. E. Markel of Nebraska.

NEW YORK—Chairman Shonts of the Panama canal commission announced Friday that he had awarded a concession for feeding and housing the greater part of the canal employes to J. E. Markel of Omaha.

Following a month's visit to Panama, Mr. Markel has worked out a comprehensive scheme, which includes the early establishment of ten hotels along the canal and railroad, each of them to accommodate from 150 to 250 laborers and twice as many diners. These hotels, it is declared, will compare favorably with the better class of commercial hotels in this country and will be used chiefly by the higher salaried employes. The average rate for board and lodging will be about \$36 a month.

Prospects of New Strike.

CHICAGO—Freight handlers sent a request to twenty-two railroads for a conference with the company managers by 10 a. m. Wednesday, at which time it is proposed to submit demands for a wage increase of approximately 10 per cent. If the request is refused it is the plan of the labor leaders to submit to a referendum vote immediately the question of calling a general strike of union freight handlers. What the railroads will do is a problem, but it is likely they will resist.

Death on the Elevated.

NEW YORK—Ten persons were killed and more than forty injured when the second car of a Ninth avenue elevated train jumped the track and fell from the structure to the street at the junction of the Sixth and Ninth avenue lines at Fifty-third street and Ninth avenue at 7 o'clock on Sunday morning. The rear car, seats and aisles and platforms, which were thickly packed with humanity, was turned bottom side up, its roof torn off and it stood on end in the street.

SUSTAINS TREATY.

Cabinet Ministers Advised to Remain at Their Posts.

TOKIO—In accordance with established usage, the cabinet ministers have presented an official statement to the Mikado explaining the necessity of instituting martial law at the capital and at the same time asking the imperial judgment as to whether they should remain in office or retire. The emperor's reply, which was made today, advises them to retain their respective posts.

The special session of the privy council Monday lasted for four hours. No bill was presented, only a report from the cabinet ministers, Premier Katsura making an extended statement of the peace negotiations.

According to the constitution a treaty with other powers must be submitted to the council before ratification. It is unusual to hold a special sitting for simply making a report on diplomatic affairs before a treaty assumes a form ready for ratification, and the sitting today without a special bill was rather unexpected.

Opposition political parties have appointed an extensive committee to fully report on sufferings alleged to have been caused by the police during the recent rioting. The progressives and their local branches continue to press resolutions against the government. The Shibus branch condemns the government's assumption of the power to suspend newspapers, declaring it to be wholly unconstitutional. Quiet, however, prevails in Tokio.

CHARGES OF MAE WOOD ARE "SILLY FABRICATIONS"

WASHINGTON—The state department is now investigating charges made by Mae Wood of Omaha, against Robert J. Wynne, consul general at London, and J. Martin Miller, recently appointed consul at Aix-la-Chapelle, Germany. The papers have been in the hands of the state department for several weeks. The exact character of the charges is not known. The fact that Mae Wood had made direct charges against Mr. Wynne was not generally known. Consul Miller denounces Mae Wood's charges as "silly fabrications."

UNCLE SAM GETTING HEAVY POSTAL RECEIPTS

WASHINGTON—Postal receipts for the fifty largest cities in the United States, compiled by the third assistant postmaster general, aggregated for the month of August \$5,819,151, against \$5,334,917 for the corresponding month in 1904, or an increase of 9.07 per cent. The highest percentage of increase shown by any city was at Portland, Ore., where the Lewis and Clark exposition raised the receipts to \$44,965, an increase of 54.05 per cent over the receipts for August, 1904.

DR. FILES BIG CLAIM.

Asks \$5,000 for Medical Attendance on Late Ellen McKee.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—A claim against the estate of the late Ellen J. McKee, amounting to \$5,520, for medical services from January 2 to May 3, 1905, was filed in the probate court today by Dr. W. E. Fischel.

Among the items of the claim is a charge of \$5,000 for ten days' service during the last illness of Miss McKee, when Dr. Fischel accompanied her from St. Louis to Asheville, N. C., where she died.

Miss McKee left an estate worth several million dollars. The hearing is set for September 14.

TO UNLOAD ARMENIANS ON UNITED STATES

BOSTON—Advices have been received at the local immigration office that 500 Armenians have been gathered at Harport and 500 at Malatia, Turkey, and thrown into prison to be deported to this country. The prisoners, it is said, are all returned immigrants, some of them having gone from the United States as far back as 1898. When the prisoners reach the United States it is believed that the most of them will have to be deported, as few, probably have any substantial claims to residence in this country.

Cholera Cases in Prussia.

BERLIN—An official bulletin issued Monday says sixteen cholera cases and six deaths were reported from noon September 9 to noon September 10, and fifteen cases and six deaths from noon September 10 to noon today.

Death of Mrs. Hoffman.

NEW YORK—Mrs. Sophia Curtis Hoffman, 84 years of age, a founder of Sorosis and of the Chapin Home for the Aged, died here.

Generals Meet September 13.

GODZYADINI—It is announced that Generals Ovanovskiy and Fukushima, representing General Linevitch and Field Marshal Oyama, will meet September 13 to establish a line of demarcation between the two armies.

Names Folk For President.

SALT LAKE CITY—Gov. Joseph W. Folk of Missouri, was recommended for the democratic nomination for the presidency by former Congressman William H. King at a banquet given here Monday night.