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Cleveland's Candidacy the Subject of Much Speculation and Discussion—New York's Rival Factions—Rumors and Gossip of the Coming Convention.

CHICAGO, Ill., June 18.—The opening of convention week will find the line of battle closely drawn and every candidate seemingly assured of the exact strength with which he will enter the contest. Every delegation of the forty-four states of the union will be on the ground, and the chief uncertainty will be as to the probable action of Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky. Should all of these states cast their solid support for Cleveland on the first ballot there is little doubt but that he will receive the two-third vote requisite for nomination. But should each of these states, on the other hand, cast the full strength of its delegation for its favorite son, the probabilities of Mr. Cleveland's nomination on the opening ballot would be very remote indeed. In the estimates given out this evening by some of the Cleveland people, purporting to show that the ex-president is reasonably sure of receiving the requisite two-thirds on the first ballot, it is observed that all of these states are not credited with allegiance to their favorite son.

Cleveland's Inexpediency. The aggregate votes of Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky are 104, and thus the importance of the vote of these three states can hardly be overestimated. Congressman William M. Springer of Illinois, chairman of the committee on ways and means of the national house of representatives, is on the ground, urging that the Illinois delegation, in the interest of expediency, should vote for John M. Palmer on the first ballot and continue their efforts on behalf of the Illinois leader until a nomination is reached. Henry Waterson of Kentucky is understood to be laboring with the delegation from the blue grass state in the effort to secure the solid vote of that state for John G. Carlisle, and Senator Daniel Yandell of Indiana is making a like demand on the Hoosier state in behalf of ex-Governor Gray. It is reported tonight that the prominent democratic leaders of these states are endeavoring to arrange a conference of delegations by which it will be mutually agreed that the nomination of one of the states be declared incumbent, and that the 104 votes which he might otherwise receive from these states are to be distributed among the favorites, Palmer receiving the 48 votes of Illinois, Carlisle receiving the 26 votes of Kentucky and Gray receiving the 30 votes of Indiana.

Free to Act as They Please. Palmer and Gray were formally endorsed by their respective conventions as presidential candidates, and they only refrained from instructing for Cleveland because of the probability that Carlisle might be ushered into the contest at the latest hour. Thus the delegates of these states are practically free to act as they please in an emergency, and the great question of the hour is, will they abandon Cleveland in the interest of their western candidates?

The conferences of Indiana delegates held during the afternoon do not indicate that Gray can possibly secure the unanimous vote of the blue grass state, or, on any other hand, unless Grover Cleveland should have been practically retired from the race. It appears that Cleveland has about twelve delegates in the Hoosier delegation who will insist on voting for the ex-president from the very beginning. Despite the efforts that are being made to induce them to go with the clear eighteenth vote, they are still showing no signs of wavering up to this time. And so it is not unlikely that this convention may develop one of the usual fights which has been so common in the past among the Indiana leaders, and that the result may be that the delegation from that state will go to pieces on the first ballot, giving Cleveland twelve votes, Gray seventeen and John M. Palmer of Illinois one, as one of the northern Indiana delegates, who is a great admirer of General Palmer and has been waiting many years to vote for him for the presidency, seems to consider it his religious duty to improve this time.

Kentucky an Unknown Quantity. The greatest mystery surrounds the Kentucky delegation, and the only clue to the outside seems to have any very positive indication of the way that state will go. Henry Waterson, the great Kentucky editor, has shown that he can be secretive when he wishes, and the tactful reply which he has given to all inquiries affords but little indication of what he and his fellow leaders of the Blue Grass state intend to do. Carlisle has gone to the extent of saying that he views with great gravity the situation that will be presented by the nomination of Cleveland, but he does not go so far as to express the opinion that the defeat of Cleveland will be the penalty of that nomination. There is no doubt that with Carlisle out of the race, fully half the Kentucky delegates are disposed to favor Cleveland. Only the iron will of Henry Waterson could keep them from casting their vote for the ex-president, and even Waterson is so uncertain of his influence that it is believed he will not attempt to determine the Kentucky delegates as to the only effective means of keeping the Kentucky delegates away from Cleveland.

Illinois a Controlling Influence. Illinois, which in the past has been such a power in the republican convention, is suddenly assuming a position of almost equal prominence in the democratic convention. For this reason every course known to astute politicians is being urged to be taken by the different factions upon the delegates of the state to control the influence of the delegation. The anti-Cleveland people are evidently very anxious the Illinois delegation should think it expedient to come west for its presidential candidate. The person who is the most strongly opposed to this plan is General Palmer himself, who has written to virtually all the members of the Illinois delegation, advising them to give Cleveland honest sup-

port so long as he shall be in the race. There is no doubt that he is sincere for the nomination of the ex-president, and if Cleveland gets the vote of Illinois on the first ballot it may be credited to General Palmer's work.

Blossomed into Radiant Room. Two booms which have blossomed today are causing considerable anxiety to the Cleveland leaders tonight. They are the Gorman boom and the Morrison boom, and there is no doubt but that the friends of both these gentlemen are laboring assiduously to bring them into the contest as compromise candidates. Gorman, of course, can get the solid vote of the Maryland delegation whenever he desires it, and it is known that his action in opposing the forces bill in the United States senate would cause him to receive a substantial support from the various southern delegates.

William E. Morrison appears to be principally urged by delegates from Kentucky, Arkansas and Texas, and there is no doubt that he is being pushed very friendly to him in the event of Cleveland's rout. The great difficulty under which Morrison labors is that his own state, Illinois, is pledged to another candidate—General John M. Palmer. The recent Illinois state convention, after endorsing in a general way the administration of President Cleveland, declared that in view of its becoming expedient to come west for a candidate the Illinois delegation should support General Palmer, now the United States senator for the prairie state. And so it would appear that Morrison has not much chance to enter the convention with his own state delegation unless the administration of Palmer shall have been given a thorough opportunity to develop a following outside of his own state.

For Cleveland on the First Ballot. A majority of the Illinois delegation appears to be for Cleveland on the first ballot. After that the demand of the Morrison people that the tariff reformer be given a chance would doubtless be complied with, but the first choice of the delegation after Cleveland appears to be General John M. Palmer. Many of Palmer's friends believe that he must be nominated as the legate of Grover Cleveland, if nominated at all. It would be wise for the Illinois delegation not to support Palmer on the first ballot, but to remain loyal to Cleveland until the nomination of the latter shall have appeared impossible. Then by the Illinois delegation voting solidly for Palmer they believe the Cleveland people would be disposed to come to Illinois as their second choice. It is manifest, however, that the Morrison leaders are also counting upon the Cleveland following for the support which will make their candidate a prominent factor in the race. For this reason the Morrison people are not likely to be brought forward as a candidate until after various ballots are taken and the nomination of Cleveland appears impossible. And so the proposition to vote for Palmer, whenever the nomination of Cleveland shall appear inexpedient or impossible, finds no particular opposition tonight from the Cleveland people, and it is probable that the great tariff reformer will only be ushered into the presidential contest as a dark horse after Cleveland shall have been retired and Palmer shall have received the loyal support of the Illinois delegation for several ballots.

Harmony Not to Be Thought of. The events of the day have not been such as to give any narrow distinction to the Cleveland leaders. The Tammany organization in the state of New York stands as an impressive sphinx, warning by its very attitude the democracy of the nation against selecting a presidential candidate from the Empire state. The much-vaunted harmony between the two sections in New York has no signs of realization, and even the most sanguine Cleveland enthusiasts are forced to admit that the utterances of Tammany leaders do not give any assurance that they will support the presidential ticket in the event of Mr. Cleveland's nomination. It is this solution of the problem which causes the Cleveland anti-Cleveland people to cry out against the expediency of the ex-president's renomination; but to some extent the importance of the state of New York is offset by the latest advice from Michigan and Kansas. The decision of the supreme court of Michigan, a majority of the members of which are republicans, affirming the constitutionality of the Mine Law, practically assures the democrats eight electoral votes this fall from the state of Michigan.

Democrats and Alliance Men to Fuse. Ex-Governor Glick of Kansas also authoritatively announced in the Cleveland headquarters today that the democrats of that state would endorse the ticket put up by the people's party and that, therefore, the republican party would not receive an electoral vote from the whole state. As there promises to be no doubt of the well established fusion between the democrats and people's party in Kansas, the prediction of ex-Governor Glick as to the loss of Kansas to the republicans appears to be quite on the lines of probability. And so it is not an actual in-tervention which is causing the Cleveland admirers to exclaim in the lobbies of the hotels that Cleveland can be elected without the vote of the state of New York and that the regular democracy of the Empire state should be defied.

Palmer's Name Receives an Impetus by the Arrival of Congressman Springer. Chicago, Ill., June 18.—The Palmer boom received an impetus today by the arrival of Congressman Springer, and his declaration that Cleveland's nomination would be political suicide and that it was the duty of the Illinois delegation to support General Palmer from the very opening of the convention. "I think," said Mr. Springer, "the time has arrived when, in view of the controversies in the state of New York, which now have assumed a very serious attitude, it is expedient that the candidate should be taken from the east. I believe that the Illinois delegation should give a resolution to that effect, or have it done. They are instructed by the state committee to present Palmer's name and use all honorable means to secure his election."

Palmer First and Last. "I take no stock in the statement that the Illinois delegation will give a resolution to that effect, and withdraw his name and put some other Illinoisan in his place. This cannot be done without a violation of instructions and there is no member of the delegations who will violate the instructions of the convention which appointed him. If, therefore, the resolution should determine that it was expedient to go west they have but one course to pursue; that is to follow the instructions of the convention which appointed them, present General Palmer's name and use all honorable means to secure his election. If Mr. Cleveland should be nominated, it would be necessary to reorganize the democratic party of the state of New York. The regular organization which supports the candidacy of Governor Hill is the best political organi-

TO THE BITTER END

Parrellites and the Antis Will Fight to a Finish at the Polls.

ULTIMATE DEMAND OF THE HEALYITES

Two Dozen Parrell Seats Must Be Delivered Over to the Opposition.

THIS WILL NOT BE LISTENED TO

Followers of the Uncrowned King Will Not Give Up Until Completely Beaten.

WHERE GLADSTONE MAY BE FOUND

He is Determined on His Program, Which Puts Home Rule Ahead of Everything Else—The Present Situation.

LONDON, June 18.—(New York Herald Cable Special to The Bee.)—It is known to the House of Commons now that another committee or delegation from the United States is coming over here with representatives of both Parrellites and anti-Parrellites. I can tell you precisely how matters stand at the present moment. The anti-Parrellites, including Seaton, Dillon, Healey and O'Brien are firm on one point. They will have nothing to do with any arrangement which will not give them the two dozen seats in Parliament now held by the Parrellites. That is their minimum demand. I need not say it is bitterly resented by the followers of Parrell, who now muster thirty in the House of Commons. Their ultimatum is, "Give us the seats we have not got, we'll talk about minor matters afterwards."

Between these two demands there is no possibility of compromise. The deputation which is coming from America should have that fact well in their minds. "But," I asked an anti-Parrellite, "How can you reasonably ask for the surrender of twenty-four seats out of thirty?" For this reason, the Parrellites are not likely to be brought forward as a candidate until after various ballots are taken and the nomination of Cleveland appears impossible. And so the proposition to vote for Palmer, whenever the nomination of Cleveland shall appear inexpedient or impossible, finds no particular opposition tonight from the Cleveland people, and it is probable that the great tariff reformer will only be ushered into the presidential contest as a dark horse after Cleveland shall have been retired and Palmer shall have received the loyal support of the Illinois delegation for several ballots.

Power of the Priests. My friend did not altogether deny it, but the clerical influence he felt confident would be supreme in the approaching election and would be hostile to any man who called himself a Parrellite. Redmond had gone to America to pick up some money, but would not get much, and what he got would do him no good. The priests are more powerful than money.

The Parrellites take a different view and say they may be outnumbered at the polls through the exertions of Archbishop Walsh and his brethren, but they are sure to take all the prizes. His followers cannot do more than win six seats in the whole Ireland. "I said," they would do so if the priests were to stand off. The people are still Parrellites, are they not?" "One thing is certain," said my informant, "that we shall not voluntarily part with any of our seats. All these men on the other side would be licking Parrell's boots now, were he alive, and would be afraid in his presence to call their souls their own. They fancy they will be able to manage old Gladstone, but he is too arifal for them. Parrell found that out long ago. You can never trust that old man. He will get the Healeyites just where they want them, and then sell them out. We don't intend to part with any such game. We will stick to Parrell's program. That is our only crick. If the people of Ireland dared set up to their own opinions we would sweep the Healeyites clean off the land. But the priests get hold of the women, the women influence their husbands, and they are all against us. It is going to be the hottest fight you ever saw, at any rate since you watched what took place in committee room 15."

Gladstone is Grim Resolve. "I have reason to know that the leading supporters of Gladstone are not blind to danger thus opened up before them. In their hearts some of them rather a gloomy view of the prospects for home rule, and wish to goodness they could buy it fifty fathoms deep. There is still, however, a hardy remnant of the old man, however dogged, unmovable. The standards will have home rule first, even if it involves him once more in a disaster. The workmen who waited on him Thursday on the eight-hour question tried to induce him to relax his determination, but he stoutly failed to make the Irish question his ally, subordinate to any other. He would sacrifice himself to the lowest point to which the most unappreciated sink."

After that there then is no hope of getting him to postpone home rule, even for a few months. This announcement will have great effect upon the approaching elections in England, where the feeling is that Ireland ought now to take a back seat, and let England herself have a chance for making known her wants. Every day indeed seems to improve the prospects of the conservatives. Local issues here and there may lose them a few seats to the liberal-unionists. They are not strong, but in the main the conservative managers are certainly looking forward to victory, at the very least running Gladstone so close that he will not be able to keep a government together. A majority of less than fifty would be utterly useless to him. The conservatives could go on with him, but the Irish are a thing that should be shouldered whenever a pinch arises. The liberals are like the Irish. They split up into factions. If Gladstone were to come out and say he had consented to abandon home rule for a time—a thing which is now impossible—he would not improve his position, for then the whole eighty-five Irish votes would be cast against him. Liza Macbeth, he is chained to a stake, and must fight. Of course some of his most intimate friends are very despondent, though they do not like to tell him so. It does not do to go to him with bad news or gloomy prophecies. His friends must take their cue from him in all things. Next week he will be off to Scotland to

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Blocking Russia's Road to the Bosphorus. During his stay in London Ferdinand asked for the hand of Princess Maude of Wales. Her father refused the request, but he promised to give his consent as soon as Ferdinand is recognized as the prince of Bulgaria. The prince of Wales is naturally reluctant to give his daughter to a man who cannot give her a throne. Queen Victoria, however, is decidedly in favor of the match, and as she has great influence in British politics it is certain that Great Britain will strive hard to secure recognition

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WILL MEET THE CZAR

Emperor Francis Joseph Invited to Go Hunting with Alexander.

IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO THE MEETING

It is Hoped That it Will Result in a Settlement of the Balkan Question.

WILLIAM AND BISMARCK STILL AT ODDS

No Trust in the Report That They Have Resumed Friendly Relations.

MOVING HIS PLANT TO THE UNITED STATES

John Hoff the Famous Malt Manufacturer Coming to America—Bad Condition of German Wagon Earners—The McKinley Bill.

[Copyrighted 1892 by New York Associated Press.] BERLIN, June 18.—The leading topic of conversation in court and diplomatic circles is the projected conference between the czar and Emperor Francis Joseph. It is known that the conference was at first suggested by Emperor William at a late meeting between himself and the czar at Kiel. Communications on the subject have since been exchanged between St. Petersburg and Vienna, which promise to result in the extending of a formal invitation by the czar to Emperor Francis Joseph to take part this autumn in the imperial hunting expeditions at Spain. The utmost importance is attached to the arrangements as tending to modify the Russian entente with France. The official feeling here is sanguine enough to hope that a personal exchange of view between Emperor Francis Joseph and the czar will result in detaching the latter from his French alliance and lead to a permanent settlement of the irritating Balkan question. No special significance is attached to King Humbert's visit to Berlin.

Still at Odds.

The latest phase of the controversy that has arisen over the reports of a reconciliation between the emperor and Prince Bismarck discloses the hollowness of the whole affair. The West Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, Bismarck's new organ in Cologne, denies that any overtures looking to a reconciliation have been made by either side. It says that Baron Stumm, after the emperor visited him, was the guest of Prince Bismarck. The baron communicated to the prince certain remarks that had been made by the emperor during his tour in the east, and some semi-official papers toward the ex-chancellor. Nothing more was said, except that Baron Stumm seems to have suggested that Prince Bismarck take the initiative in seeking to re-establish a rapprochement by making some form of apology to his majesty. On this point, adds the paper, Prince Bismarck cannot admit, even if the admission led to his reinstatement in office, of ever trying to do wrong to the emperor. It is the prince's enemies who ought to ask pardon before the emperor and the country. The internal history of the events which led to Prince Bismarck's retirement from the chancellorship cannot be revealed now, but all precautions have been taken to prevent the future passing an incorrect judgment.

Interested in England's Election.

The government is watching with the keenest interest the developments of the approaching election in England. Its sympathies are altogether with the conservatives, as it is known that the advent of Mr. Gladstone to power would mean directly against the interests of the dreadnought. King Humbert is specially concerned, as a Gladstonian victory would imperil the entente with Lord Salisbury on the co-operation of the English and Italian fleets against France for certain contingencies. Official statistics by the trade associations in the various towns in Germany have created a bad impression, as to the condition of workmen. The statistics will be a powerful weapon for the socialist propaganda. The extremists are already incensed over them. In consequence of the McKinley bill, John Hoff, the famous malt extract manufacturer is about to open a factory in New York. He will start with 500 men.

ALL ABOUT CATTLE

Mexican Officials and American Cattle Owners in a Serious Dispute. PHOENIX, Ariz., June 18.—The cattle trouble of last winter has again broken out on the border of Mexico, and promises to involve knotty questions of international law. Last winter the state of Sonora imposed on all cattle running in Mexico and belonging to American owners a tax which was exorbitant and amounted to a confiscation. The tax was not revealed until the cattle owners finally gave up the stock and matter was settled. Many stock wandered back, and as the line was neither fenced nor guarded, the tax collectors occupied the ranches until a few days ago, when they were all seized by the Mexican officials and are lying for a tax. The cattle are very irritable and they will not part. They threaten to take the stock by force. Trouble is expected at any time.

UNBEARABLE HEAT.

Pennsylvania Visited by a Hot Wave—Numerous Fatalities. GREENSBURG, Pa., June 18.—The scorching rays of the sun, together with the awful heat from the coke ovens, is killing the Hungarians in the coke regions. At Moorewood yesterday fourteen of the foreigners succumbed to the heat, and it is believed that three of them will die. Many more exhausted from the heat were unable to resume work today. At Heck and Mammoth and the works in the vicinity of Labrobe the laborers suffered terribly and were unable to work.

Will Celebrate the Event.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., June 18.—A committee composed of leading citizens of Columbia left for Chicago today to invite prominent citizens to attend the grand celebration which will be held in Columbus July 15 and 16, when the United States arsenal, which has been in course of erection for several years, will be dedicated. The attention of the whole country, prominent orators from all over the country will attend and the largest gathering held in the state for years will assemble to do honor to this great work.

Ended His Life.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., June 18.—A. S. Randall, of Chicago committed suicide today at Brockport at the residence of his nephew Amos C. Randall, where he was visiting. He shot himself through the head.

The First to Arrive.

TACOMA, Wash., June 18.—Phranang, the first vessel of the Northern Pacific steamship line between Tacoma and China, arrived here yesterday with a cargo of tea and silk.

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Blocking Russia's Road to the Bosphorus. During his stay in London Ferdinand asked for the hand of Princess Maude of Wales. Her father refused the request, but he promised to give his consent as soon as Ferdinand is recognized as the prince of Bulgaria. The prince of Wales is naturally reluctant to give his daughter to a man who cannot give her a throne. Queen Victoria, however, is decidedly in favor of the match, and as she has great influence in British politics it is certain that Great Britain will strive hard to secure recognition

Broken Dam Causes a Flood.

MOUNT CARMEL, Pa., June 18.—A dam near this city broke last evening, washing out the tracks of the Lehigh Valley road. It is reported that a number of houses in a mining village have been carried away. It was feared that the miners had been lost, but from late reports it is not believed that any lives were lost, although two people are missing.