

DAVIS IS NOTIFIED

Democratic Nominee for Vice President Receives Convention's Committee.

JOHN SHARP WILLIAMS DELIVERS ADDRESS

Ceremonies Held on Lawn of the White Sulphur Springs Hotel.

CANDIDATE MAKES A BRIEF SP

Approves Sentiment Expressed by Pe on the Money Question.

LETTER DELIVERED BY THE COMMITTEE

Venerable Candidate Accepts Tender, Saying He is One with the Principal and Platform of the Party.

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., Aug. 17.—Henry Davis today was formally notified of his nomination by the democratic party for vice president of the United States.

An invocation by the Right Rev. Dr. W. L. Gray of this Episcopal diocese was the first of the series of ceremonies which occupied an hour in speaking.

Many Were Present. Hundreds of enthusiastic democrats had assembled from the Virginia and bordering states, and heavy train loads brought others from a distance.

Chairman Thomas Tergart of the national committee, who had planned to attend the ceremonies, wired last night that it would be impossible for him to get to White Sulphur.

Mr. Davis was an early riser this morning. His attire was a dark business suit, with sack coat, made distinctive by his old-fashioned white shirt, with high, standing collar attached and black tie.

The notification committee, with thirty-eight members present, fifteen of whom were proxies, met in one of the hotel parlors at 11 o'clock today, organized and then sent Mr. Davis and presented him the following letter of formal notification:

Mr. Davis: As the committee on notification to the vice presidential election has the honor, in the name of the democratic national committee, to notify you with that degree of formality which custom and the exigencies of the case require, we have the honor to inform you that you were unanimously nominated by that body as their choice for vice president of the United States for the term beginning on March 4, 1905, and to accept of the nomination.

Mr. Davis accepted the nomination and made response later on the day. "Your chairman has told me to make response later on. I hope you will all make response on November."

The march from the hotel to the platform on the lawn was begun at 10:30 o'clock. Mr. Davis and Representative Williams led the procession of committees, preceded by the band.

Mr. Davis made a brief speech, in which he expressed his appreciation of the honor conferred upon him, and his approval of the platform which was adopted by the party.

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PORTE FORMALLY PROMISES

Delivers Note to American Legation Setting Forth Intentions as to Settlement.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 17.—The porte has addressed a formal note to the American legation confirming its undertaking to accord equal treatment to American schools and kindred institutions as that granted to the most favored nation.

There is some comment in diplomatic circles regarding the alleged incompleteness of the American settlement compared with the settlement obtained by France on the occasion of the occupation of the island of Mytilene in 1881.

DROUTH IS SEVERE IN EUROPE

Many Houses Burn and Whole Forests Are Destroyed. VIENNA, Aug. 17.—Disastrous conflagrations are occurring in Hungary in consequence of the prolonged drouth.

CONDITIONS ARE INSUPPORTABLE

Refugees from Paraguay Say Revolution Has Paralyzed Business. BUENOS AYRES, Aug. 17.—Refugees from Aruncion, the capital of Paraguay, declare that the conditions there are insupportable.

NO CUT IN THE STEAMER RATES

London Denies Story from New York of Reductions to Be Made. LONDON, Aug. 17.—At the London office of the Cunard line today it was said that the officials had no knowledge of the report published in the United States of a reduction of the first and second class rates, as well as the steamer rates.

WHEAT PRICE JUMPS HIGH

September Option Goes to \$1.15 at Minneapolis on Nervous Market. CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—September wheat sold at \$1.09 on the Chicago Board of Trade today, a gain of 1/8 cent over the previous day's closing.

Reports of a more alarming outlook for the wheat crop of the northwestern states and Canada seemed to turn nearly every individual in the pit into a frantic buyer.

Several Persons Injured and One Fatally in Accident Near Scranton, Kansas. SCRANTON, Kan., Aug. 17.—A special train from Cincinnati, bound for Coronado Beach, Cal., and running as the second section of the grand American tour, was derailed on the Santa Fe railway.

FAMILY BURNED WITH HOME

Lightning Strikes Farm House in Oklahoma and Wipes Out Four Lives. GUTHRIE, Ok., Aug. 17.—The farm house of E. A. Dowling, near Perth, was struck by lightning and burned early today.

BUSINESS SESSIONS BEGIN

Grand Army Convention at Boston in Full Swing.

COMMANDER BLACK DELIVERS ADDRESS

Remarks Ring with Patriotic Sentiment and Urge that Memorial Day Be the Sabbath of Time.

BOSTON, Aug. 17.—The real business of the Grand Army of the Republic, which is holding its annual encampment in this city, began today.

In the afternoon thousands of them journeyed to the United States navy yard at Symphonie hall this morning. The speaker of the day, and in renewing their army friendships fighting their battles over again and in enjoying the many attractions offered for their entertainment.

Commander-in-Chief Black referred to the acquisition of the Philippines and declared that it is only under the American flag that the people of the islands can preserve public order, the individual freedom and the national wellbeing.

Commander-in-Chief Black referred to the question of immigration. He declared that the Grand Army of the Republic owed it to those who have come to this country to let them know how high should be the character and how ample the preparation of those who seek the privileges of blood-bought franchises.

STATSBORO GUARDS RESIGN

Military in Georgia Lay Blame on Captain Hitch, Who is Severely Criticized.

STATSBORO, Ga., Aug. 17.—Over half the members of the Statesboro guards, one of the two companies that were guards over the prisoners who were lynched, have asked for their discharges.

AMERICAN SABBATH OF TIME

Speaking of Memorial Day, he recommended that overtures to the secretaries and all the people of the republic to help make Memorial day the grand American Sabbath of time.

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CALIFORNIA ARMY MANEUVERS

Supplies for Imaginary Forces Raided and Galling Artillery Duel Fought on Coast.

CAMP ATASCADERO, Cal., Aug. 17.—The problem set for solving today in the army maneuvers was the attack and defense of a convoy.

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Japanese Give Categorical List to the Government at Seoul. NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—The Japanese minister at Seoul has, according to a Times dispatch from Tokyo, advised the Korean government that the following essential reforms must be carried:

FATAL WRECK IN CHICAGO

Loaded Trolley Train Collides with Passing Passenger Express.

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—Four people were killed and fatally hurt and twenty-three severely injured in a collision late this afternoon between an express train on the Chicago Great Western and a train of three trolley cars bound for Hawthorne road.

MRS. FRANCIS RAUTMAN, WILLIAM IRVING, died in hospital at 10 o'clock today.

The trolley train, which was made up of a motor car and two trailers, was in charge of Conductor W. H. Condon and Motorman Michael Ryan, approached the crossing at a rapid speed.

General Terms Identical. LONDON, Aug. 17.—Regarding the British note in respect to contraband of war just handed by the Russian government to Foreign Minister Lansdowne at St. Petersburg, the Associated Press is informed that the general terms thereof are identical with the representations made by Ambassador McCormick to the Russian government.

WONSON TO BE ATTACKED SOON

Russians Gathering a Force to Continue Raid in Corea. (Copyright by New York Herald Co., 1904.)

WONSON, Aug. 15 (Via Seoul), Aug. 17.—(New York Herald Cablegram—Special Telegram to The Bee.)—A Co-rean runner reports that the Russians are encamped at Ham Heung awaiting the arrival of infantry, when the attack on Wonson will be renewed.

URAL STILL HOLDING UP STEAMERS

Russian Converted Cruiser Keeps Busy with Mediterranean Shipping. AJACIO, Corsica, Aug. 17.—The British steamer Scotia, coal laden from the Tyne, arrived here today and reported that it was stopped August 15 by two blank shots, followed by shell from the Russian cruiser Ural, formerly the German steamer Kaiserin Maria Theresia.

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FOODSTUFFS NOT CONTRABAND

United States and England Send Notes to Russian Government.

NO CHANGE IN ATTITUDE ANNOUNCED. Seizer Must Prove that Articles Are Destined for Belligerent Use Before They Can Be Confiscated.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 17.—2 p. m.—The United States and Great Britain have formally raised the question of foodstuffs as being not contraband of war, except when directly proved that they are destined for belligerent armies or navies.

England's Note Explicit. The views are practically those embodied in the king's speech at the proroguing of Parliament. The communication takes exception to the Russian declaration that foodstuffs are contraband, takes position against the right to search for and sink neutral merchantmen, and demands compensation in the case of the Knight Commander.

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NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Showers Thursday and Friday.

Table with 4 columns: Hour, Deg., Hour, Deg. Rows include 6 a. m., 7 a. m., 8 a. m., 9 a. m., 10 a. m., 11 a. m., 12 m.

OFFICER DESCRIBES FIGHT

Csarovitch Struck by Three Large Shells in Space of Five Minutes.

(Copyright by New York Herald Co., 1904.) (SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE BEE.)—I have just had an interesting talk with the officer in charge of the Russian battleship Csarovitch. His statement, which was kindly interpreted for me by the ship's paymaster, follows:

"We left Port Arthur at 8 o'clock in the morning and immediately saw the Japanese fleet on the horizon. It was drawn up in half circle formation, with the large ships in the rear.

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AT MERCY OF THE JAPS

Port Arthur Must Be Surrendered or Reduced by Shells of Belligerents.

FORMAL NOTICE SERVED ON STOESSEL

Permission Given for the Removal of the Noncombatants.

FLANKING MOVEMENT IS DEVELOPING

Involves the Entire Mass of Jap Troops from Dalin Pass.

RYESHITELNI WILL NOT BE RESTORED

Japanese Decide to Neither Apologize Nor Return the Boat Taken from Che Foo Harbor, and Give Reasons.

REMARK AT ST. PETERSBURG

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TOKYO, Aug. 17.—10 a. m.—The commander of the army besieging Port Arthur reports that Major Yamoka, a member of his staff, was dispatched under a flag of truce to the outskirts of the Russians, where he delivered to a Russian staff officer the offer of the emperor of Japan, granting the removal of noncombatants. He also demanded the surrender of Port Arthur. An answer is expected today.

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CITY IN SORE STRAITS

LONDON, Aug. 18.—According to the correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Che Foo, refugees arriving there bring news of a serious condition of affairs at Port Arthur. They say that the Japanese have ignited the houses in the docks which contained supplies of coal, resulting in a terrific conflagration. Many of the buildings have been demolished and the hospitals are crowded.

BIG FLANKING MOVEMENT

LIAO YANG, Aug. 17.—A general Japanese flanking movement is developing to the east and parallel with the railway. The movement involves the whole mass of troops from Dalin Pass, about twenty-five miles southwest of Tatchekiao, in Manchuria, on the Taisie river, thirty-five miles southeast of Mukden. It is evident that these troops have combined with the object of forcing the Russians out of Liao Yang without a fight and thus securing advantages of winter quarters. It is not thought the Japanese have enough men to consummate the movement until the release of a large number of the troops now besieging Port Arthur.

CHINESE BANDITS ARE MORE ACTIVE THAN EVER

They again blew up the railway near here and fired during the night on a train bearing Chinese soldiers. The night wing of a railroad battalion. They are rendering the environs of the town unsafe after dark by sniping from the tall corn in the fields and have kidnapped and tortured a number of victims.

BANDITS UNDER THE COMMAND OF THE CELEBRATED TOUTSIEN OUT ON A PARTY OF SCOUTS

under the command of Captain Transoff in the village of Syaba, twenty-five miles west of Liao Yang yesterday. Captain Stankovsk, coming up with reinforcements, scattered the bandits, killing eighteen and capturing four. The village was burned and many explosions were heard, evidently of concealed ammunition. The place was the headquarters of Toutsien, who seems to be a colonel in the Japanese service.

JAPANESE CORDEON TIGHTENS

CHEE FOO, Aug. 17.—7 p. m.—According to news received here today the Japanese line has been drawn still closer around besieging Port Arthur. The night wing of the Japanese line has penetrated to the vicinity of Pigeon bay, while the center has moved forward from Falingching, which is south of Shushyien and two miles north of the town. Chinese are authority for the above outline of the new Japanese positions.

PASSENGERS ON BOARD THE STEAMER DECIMA, WHICH ANCHORED OFF PORT ARTHUR LAST NIGHT, WITNESSED THE BOMBARDMENT FROM PIGEON BAY

The Japanese shells were visible during their whole course. They circled comet-like to the town and their explosions were marked by great splashes of fire, which shot up into the sky. The bombardment from this and other points began at midnight and lasted until morning. The Russians did not reply to the Japanese shells.

MAJOR SEAMAN, FORMERLY A SURGEON IN THE AMERICAN ARMY, WAS A PASSENGER ON THE DECIMA

The Decima weighed anchor from Port Arthur at 5 o'clock this morning. At some distance out she saw five Japanese warships guarding the harbor.

EVERYTHING IS QUIET AT TIENTSIN

Nothing is reported from Tientsin.

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