

BATTLE ROYAL IS ON

President Throws Down Gage and His Enemies Are Taking It Up.

HARRIMAN STARTS INTENSE STRUGGLE

Coerced Effort to Lead Reactionist in White House.

FIGHT IS BROUGHT INTO THE OPEN

Roosevelt Believes Movement Inspired by Trust Magnates.

LIKENS HARRIMAN TO HEARST OR DEBS

Systematic Feeling of Sentiment Already Begun to Ascertain Strength of Opposition to Administration.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, April 7.—(Special.)—As magnificent a game of politics as has been played in a quarter of a century, if not since the foundation of the republic, is now on, and unless all fall the interest will grow in time. The national convention meets in St. Louis, Mo., on the night of April 15th, and the battle royal of political battles, and the men who are engaged in it, will be in every state of the union by then. They are either disgraced or have been out of office because of inability, or cause of worse things they have done. T. Harriman letter to Sidney Webster and the instant reply of President Roosevelt will give the political sensation of the week and cannot help but have a decided effect upon the campaign being waged in several states in behalf of favorite sons.

Edward H. Harriman may be a novice in the game of practical politics, but he is no spring chicken. He has been engaged in ceaseless activity since his 21st year, and the property which he has amassed, to say nothing of the vast railroad holdings which he has gathered together and which he controls through agents, being looked upon as one of the great forces in the commercial life of today, warrants the assertion that when his name is mentioned in connection with the name of Sidney Webster, it is not surprising that a concerted effort upon the part of those inimical to the theories and principles of Theodore Roosevelt to bring about his undoing if such a thing is possible.

TESTIMONIAL TO STEVENS

Engineer Pays a Tribute to Work of His Predecessor, Mr. Wallace.

COLON, April 7.—John F. Stevens, former chief engineer of the Panama canal, was given a splendid send-off last night previous to his departure today for the United States. The reception was held on Pier 11, Cristobal. W. G. Bied, general manager of the Panama canal, acted as chairman.

Mr. Stevens, in a speech, modestly gave credit to the credit for the organization of the work. This, Mr. Stevens declared, he had modified only when necessary. He said the preparations made two years ago were undermanned and, though the working forces since had been doubled, were still inadequate. He said the machinery had been completed, homes had been provided for 20,000 persons, there were railroad facilities for handling over 1,000,000 yards of earth monthly and the organization was so advanced that it was possible to carry on the work in both wet and dry seasons. He said he firmly believed the canal would be opened in January, 1915. He said he would be glad to see Stevens at the end of his own volition.

TAKT ARRIVES AT HAVANA

Prominent Cuban Among the Party Which Comes Out to Welcome Him.

HAVANA, April 7.—Secretary of War Taft and party arrived here this morning on board the Mayflower. The trip from the isthmus was uneventful. All the members of the party are well. Governor Magone, accompanied by Brigadier General Barry, commanding the army of pacification; General Rodriguez, commander of the Rural guards, the mayor of Havana, the heads of departments and prominent Cuban officials went out in launches to welcome Secretary Taft. The secretary surprised the Cubans greatly by needing no introduction to them and calling a majority of them by name. He refused to discuss politics or his plans in Cuba.

ELECTION SURPRISE AT ODESSA

Jews Fear Renewal of Outrages as Outcome of Overthrow of the Liberals.

ODESSA, April 7.—A sensation has been caused by the results of the municipal election just ended, which resulted in a victory for the Union of True Russian People. Out of seventy-two members of the town council, sixty-seven are now members of the union. The previous liberal council was regarded as the only safeguard against anti-Jewish disorders and the only body capable of interfering with the authorities against the Black Hundred. The Jews are in fear of fresh outrages and believe these will occur if Parliament is dissolved.

TROUBLE THREATENED IN CHINA

Conflicts Common in Shanai Between the Christians and Non-Christians.

LONDON, April 8.—The correspondent at Shanghai of the Morning Post says that trouble is threatened at Tai Yuen, in the province of Shanai. A large portion of the population being of the opinion that the Roman Catholic natives are supporting what is known as the Peking syndicate, fights between Christians and non-Christians are frequent. The governor has telegraphed the foreign office for advice.

SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Monday, April 7, 1907.

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THE WEATHER.
FORECAST FOR NEBRASKA AND IOWA.—Fair and colder Monday; Tuesday fair and warmer.
Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday:
Hour. Deg. Hour. Deg.
4 a. m. 49 2 p. m. 66
5 a. m. 48 3 p. m. 69
6 a. m. 45 4 p. m. 70
7 a. m. 43 5 p. m. 70
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9 a. m. 41 7 p. m. 68
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12 m. 38 10 p. m. 63

DOMESTIC.

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RESEARCH IN AGRICULTURE

President of National Commission Writes of Scope of the Work.

WHAT EACH MEMBER IS TO DO DECIDED

Letter to Chairman Indicates Some of the Problems Which It is Imperative Should be Taken Up and Solved.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The nature and scope of the work of the commission recently appointed to inquire into and report on the organization and policy that should prevail in the expenditure of public moneys provided for scientific experimentation and research in the interest of agriculture are discussed in a letter from L. H. Bailey of Cornell university to President David Starr Jordan of Leland Stanford university, a copy of which was received by Gifford Pinchot, chief of the forestry service. Mr. Bailey is president of the Association of Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations, which the commission represents, and Dr. Jordan is chairman of the commission. This Washington has held several conferences in the last few days, during which the work of the various members was laid out. The members have discussed the proposed work with President Roosevelt and it is said he is much interested in what is expected to accomplish.

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STEAD HAS PLAN FOR PEACE

Living Petition from All Nations to The Hague Conference.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS POWERLESS TO ACT.

ATTORNEY GENERAL RECOMMENDS THAT STOCKHOLDERS BRING ACTION TO RECOVER AMOUNT FROM THOSE WHO WRECKED COMPANY.

NEW YORK, April 7.—W. T. Stead occupied the pulpit in Plymouth church, Brooklyn, tonight, and set forth his views as to the opportunity afforded Americans by the coming Hague conference of arousing other nations to the sense of the importance of making immediate progress toward the ideal described by the phrase, "The United States of the World."

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PROFITS IN THE ALTON DEAL

Big Profit to Syndicate.

MEXICAN EDITOR IN JAIL

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BUSSIE WAITS FOR FIFTEENTH

Has No Intention of Trying to Oust Mayor Dunne at the Present Time.

BRYAN TALKS TAINTED MONEY

Praises Institutions Which Refuse to Take Funds of This Character.

MURDER PREYS ON MAN'S MIND

Confesses to Crime and Then Takes His Own Life by Shooting.

ATTEMPT TO DYNAMITE STORE

Supposed to Be Work of Men Who Demanded Money of Owner of Property.

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CHARGES OF IRREGULARITIES

Policy Holders' Committee Says Recent Insurance Election Was Unfair.

NEW YORK, April 7.—The international policyholders committee issued a statement today, pointing out alleged violations of the present insurance code by the companies in the recent election of officers and the alleged irregularities of the Department of Insurance in conducting the supervision of the election.

"The international committee," says the statement, "has maintained for months in both the Mutual and New York Life cases a force of watchers and translators, and every effort has been made to protect the interests of policyholders who have voted against the old management, but the rulings of the inspectors have been so uniformly against us, and being fully satisfied that it is impossible under the present conditions, to secure a fair count of the votes as cast, we withdrew our watchers."

"From the beginning the companies, with the assistance of the Department of Insurance, have evaded and nullified in every way possible the law as enacted. The companies filed lists of policyholders at many places, and in many instances of incorrect names, with false and misleading addresses, while they gave agents and canvassers, not alone the correct names and addresses, but the policy numbers of the insured."

"The statement sets forth the various forms of irregularity charged and declares it was practiced on a wholesale scale. Illustration is given of a family which was recorded as casting five votes, the statement adding: 'Investigation showed that not a member of the family voted in the recent election and that they had not resided at the stated address in over two years.'

"Numerous instances developed where agents had sent in proxies and ballots bearing the names of policyholders who had been dead for years, while many ballots were cast bearing the names of former policyholders who had allowed their policies to lapse."

"The officers of these companies and the Department of Insurance are responsible for this condition of affairs."

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NEW YORK, April 7.—When Judge Fitzgerald tomorrow morning announces formally the findings of the commission in lunacy which inquired into the present mental condition of Harry K. Thaw the curtain will rise on the last act of the long case.

Dr. Allan McLane Hamilton, who was on the stand when District Attorney Jerome asked for the appointment of the commission, will, it is understood, be recalled and be allowed to retire without further examination.

Mr. Delmas, it is said, will ask an adjournment till 10 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. It is because he finds it impossible to make his address to the jury in one day that he will make his opening tomorrow afternoon to leave him the full day Tuesday in which to conclude his summing up.

Mr. Delmas remained at his home today, putting the finishing touches on his plea. District Attorney Jerome is expected to appear three or four hours of Wednesday and his summing up may take more time. There will then remain only Justice Fitzgerald's charge before the case goes to the jury, which can hardly be later than Friday morning, unless unforeseen obstacles arise.

Most of the members of the jury have had previous experience in criminal cases. Three have sat in homicide cases before and eight have been jurors in criminal cases where the charge was other than murder. Only one man new to the jury profession has sat in homicide cases, one man was on a jury that brought in a verdict of acquittal; the second man served in two cases, in each of which the verdict was murder in the first degree, and the third man was on a jury returning a manslaughter verdict. Thaw passed the three men who have sat in homicide cases, one man was on a jury that brought in a verdict of acquittal; the second man served in two cases, in each of which the verdict was murder in the first degree, and the third man was on a jury returning a manslaughter verdict.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Officers Elected for ensuing year and Plans Laid for Future Work.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., April 7.—(Special.)—The annual convention of the South Dakota Sunday School association, which has just been concluded in this city, was one of the most successful and interesting gatherings ever held by the association. The attendance was large and great interest was manifested in all the sessions. At the annual business meeting of the members of the association the following officers were elected for the coming year:

President, M. M. Ramer of Milbank; vice president, G. A. Cline of Deadwood; secretary, C. N. Anderson of Rapid City; treasurer, C. N. Anderson of Rapid City; executive committee, Rev. Dr. Fox, Rev. J. E. Anderson, and Rev. H. H. Hagen of Huron, Grace S. Demore of Valley Springs, F. E. Vandermark of Hartford and A. H. Seymour of DeSmet.

The executive committee at the close of the session held a meeting and re-elected Rev. P. P. Leach of Sioux Falls to the position of general secretary of the association for the coming year. He has filled the position acceptably since September, 1906.

The next annual convention of the association will be held at Brookings in 1908.

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Civic Federation Calls Meeting for Chicago the Later Part of May.

NEW YORK, April 7.—The executive council of the National Civic Federation has decided on Chicago as the place and May 25, 26, 27 and 28 as the dates for the holding of the national conference on combinations and trusts, which recesses will be announced by that organization. Prominent men from the different walks of life have signed the invitations asking the appointment of delegates by governors and presidents of the industrial, manufacturing, agricultural, labor, economic, financial and law associations.

The purpose of the conference is to consider the trust and combination problems, especially the question of what amendments, if any, should be made to the Sherman anti-trust act.

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