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## PROGRESSIVES WILL NOT NAME TICKET IN NORTH STAR STATE

Decision is Reached at Conference with Minnesota Bull Mooseers at Oyster Bay.

PLAN TO STEAL TAFT SLATE

Primary Nominees to Resign and Run by Petition.

COLONEL TO TAKE OFFENSIVE

Will Try to Place Opponents on the Defensive at Outset.

WILL NOT TALK OF BRYAN

Roosevelt Refuses to Discuss Report that Nebraska Will Follow His Trail Throughout the Campaign.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., July 25.—The national progressive party will not put a ticket in the field in Minnesota. This decision was reached today at a conference between Colonel Roosevelt and Lieutenant Governor Sam Gordon of Minnesota and C. J. Knapp, a member of the Minnesota legislature.

"The progressives are in control of the republican party in Minnesota," said Mr. Gordon. "Under the law, it is necessary to run the names of Taft and Sherman with the regular republican candidates for presidential electors. To meet this condition the candidates already chosen, almost all of whom are Roosevelt men will resign and the same men will be nominated by petition as progressive republicans."

Under this plan, it was explained there will be two sets of republican candidates for electors on the ballot, one of them running under the names of Taft and Sherman and one under the names of the "third party" candidates.

Will Not Talk of Bryan.  
July 25.—Colonel Roosevelt smiled today when he was told of reports that William Jennings Bryan would follow his trail through the campaign.

"Bryan" he asked. The colonel's jaw shot forward aggressively and his teeth came together with a sharp click. "I don't see that there is anything for me to say at this time," he added.

It was pointed out that Colonel Roosevelt and Colonel Bryan have crossed swords in two national campaigns and that the ex-president is thoroughly familiar with the characteristics of the Nebraska, while thus far he had had no opportunity to become acquainted with the fighting qualities of the democratic nominee of 1912. Colonel Roosevelt intends to attack the democratic and republican organizations with equal vigor as he has already done, in the hope of placing his opponents on the defensive at the outset.

Critiques Livingston Report.  
Colonel Roosevelt was irritated by the opinion given by Jacob Livingston, New York state election commissioner to the effect that under the law no candidates for presidential electors could be named by petition by the national progressive party in this state.

"That seems to be a development of this national committee's idea that it is supreme," he said.

"Mr. Livingston will find that he is much mistaken. He will find that the people are supreme and that he and the politicians are the servants of the people and not their masters."

The colonel said that he expected visits from several of his political advisers late today. With them he expects to go over some of the main points of his Chicago speech.

Lieutenant Governor Gordon of Minnesota and C. T. Knapp of Minneapolis reached Oyster Bay this afternoon. They said they had come to discuss the Minnesota situation with Colonel Roosevelt.

FRANK T. SEABRIGHT, HUMORIST, SERIOUSLY ILL

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 25.—Frank T. Seabright, humorist and journalist, and formerly president of the American Press Humorists' association, is critically ill at the Clara Barton hospital and his physicians state today that there is little hope for his recovery. Mr. Seabright suffered severe injuries in an automobile accident several months ago, since which time he has been practically helpless.

TELEPHONE MERGER IN SIOUX CITY GIVEN A JOLT

SIOUX CITY, Ia., July 25.—(Special Telegram.)—City Attorney Strong today gave the proposed merger of the Sioux City Telephone company and the Iowa Telephone company a hard jolt by ruling that the council could not sanction the merger and that the matter would have to go to a vote of the people.

The Weather

Official Forecast—  
Forecast till 7 p. m. Friday:  
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity  
—Fair tonight and Friday; slightly cooler tonight; warmer Friday.

Temperature at Omaha—  
Hours. Deg.  
5 a. m. 72  
6 a. m. 73  
7 a. m. 73  
8 a. m. 73  
9 a. m. 73  
10 a. m. 73  
11 a. m. 73  
12 m. 73  
1 p. m. 73  
2 p. m. 73  
3 p. m. 73

Local Weather Record.  
1912. 1911. 1910. 1909.  
Lowest last night. 70 57 69 62  
Precipitation. 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00  
Normal temperature for today. 77 degrees.  
Deficiency in precipitation since March 1. 7.51 inches.  
Deficiency corresponding period, 1911. 8.01 inches.  
Deficiency corresponding period, 1910. 10.25 inches.

## Helen Gould Objects to Preacher's Slurs at Bachelor Maids

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., July 25.—Rev. Elmer V. Huffner, just resigned as pastor of the First Christian church, who delivered a sermon recently advocating the exile of "old maids" to a barren island as waste humanity, has found himself at issue with Miss Helen Gould, of New York.

In a letter he just received Miss Gould declared that many preachers would be without work and without wives and homes were it not for old maids.

"Glancing over a Denver paper, I notice an item concerning your sermon on 'Love, Courtship and Marriage,'" she wrote. "One part of which I especially notice saying that all old bachelors and bachelorettes should be isolated on an island or they could not hinder the progress of civilization. I do not know why you made this statement, but I feel that it is a great injustice to the bachelor maids of our country. There are, I admit, many man haters in the world, but a great many bachelor maids are not living alone because they so choose, but because they have been unable to find a suitable companion."

"I must admit that I am speaking from the standpoint of the bachelor maid. I feel that such persons as myself are not hindering the progress of civilization, but advancing it. If I had found a suitable helpmate, I might have spent my money in a different way, and a way which might not have done as much good as it has.

"Please think this question over and before preaching on this subject again, make up your mind that there is some good in living a single life."

## Mountain Clans in Virginia Are Lining Up for Big Fight

JONESVILLE, Va., July 25.—The killing of Dr. James W. Walden, a prominent democrat, last night by Perry Wallin, a republican leader, has fanned to a threatened outbreak the smoldering political feud in the Black Water district. All through the mountain district the clans are lining up.

The coming trial of 200 mountaineers charged with vote selling is causing the local authorities to make preparations for the protection of the court and jury. They fear an outbreak paralleling the tragedy at Hillsville last March when, with the exception of one man, the entire human fabric of the court was wiped out.

Judge Skeen today got a message from the mountains, reading:

"There are thirty-eight in our party. Before we will submit to going to jail we will die and go to hell."

## Butter Firm Bids Premium to Get Entire Output

CHICAGO, July 25.—Thomas A. Comer-ville, a member of the quotation committee of the Chicago Butter and Egg board, testifying in the government's suit to restrain the board from "controlling the market," said his firm was able to secure the entire output of a number of creameries by offering a premium over the price set by the board. He said that in January, 1911, his firm paid half cent a pound more than the market.

## Doubt Cast About Death of Denver Girl

DENVER, July 25.—Developments seemingly strangely contradictory to the theories of suicide, accidental death, or even death at all, have resulted in the demand by two insurance companies for the exhuming of the body buried as that of Miss Candace Wheeler of this city and drowned. Their attorney here will confer today with the attorney for Dr. J. H. W. Meyer, the beneficiary of \$12,500 insurance left by Miss Wheeler.

Miss Wheeler, a young woman of comfortable circumstances, visiting a lake resort a few weeks ago, suddenly declared she wished to catch a fish "all by herself." She rowed out to a cluster of reeds. Two soldiers saw her in the boat, and a few minutes later found the boat empty.

After dredging for two days a body, identified as that of Miss Wheeler, was recovered and buried.

## MURDERER OF MADGE YORKE DIES IN PHILADELPHIA

NEW YORK, July 25.—James R. Sanchez, a former actor, found dead in a hotel here today, was involved in a sensational murder in Philadelphia several years ago. He was infatuated with Madge Yorke, both being members of "The Baggage Check" company, but she refused to marry him, and on February 17, 1906, when the company was in Philadelphia, Genley shot and killed her. He escaped, but was found the next day in Fairmont park almost dead from cold and exhaustion.

Genley was convicted on June 27, 1906, and sentenced to be hanged. The sentence was commuted on April 21, 1907, to imprisonment for life, and efforts to have him pardoned were successful June 23, 1909.

## EMPEROR OF JAPAN IS SLIGHTLY BETTER

TOKYO, July 25.—At 8 o'clock this evening an official bulletin said: "The emperor's condition is unchanged, except that his pulse has been reduced to 100."

## GAGE REPUBLICANS HOLD TWO SESSIONS

Roosevelt Men Withdraw from Regular Convention and Hold Their Meeting Later.

NAME FIVE SETS OF DELEGATES

Resolutions Passed Commending the National Ticket.

PRAISE ROSEWATER'S FAIRNESS

Regulars Adopt Resolutions Complimenting Him.

SALINE COUNTY FOR TAFT

Resolutions Favor President—Lincoln County Favors Recall of Judges and Their Decisions by Close Vote.

BEATRICE, Neb., July 25.—(Special Telegram.)—Two republican conventions were held today. The Roosevelt forces were in control and organized the convention without opposition. General Colby introduced a resolution which he tried to have considered, in which the Taft administration was endorsed and the party was pledged to support all republicans from the top to the bottom of the ticket. The Roosevelt forces refused to let this be considered and refused to discuss it. Over the protest of the Taft forces, the Roosevelt faction fled out at noon. General Colby called upon all republicans favorable to the republican nominees to remain. About half of the delegates remained in the court room and organized a convention of their own.

Fulton Jack was elected chairman. A resolution commending the Taft administration and complimenting Victor Rosewater for his honorable course in the national committee was adopted. The resolutions follow:

"Resolved, That we, the republicans of Gage county, Nebraska, in convention assembled, hereby endorse the republican platform adopted at the national republican convention held in Chicago in June, 1912, and we pledge our loyal support to the republican national ticket, William H. Taft for president and James S. Sherman for vice president, and to such state, congressional and county nominees who support the national nominees and platform of the republican party, and be it further

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention and we hereby demand that all republican electors who have been nominated on the republican ticket shall pledge themselves in writing to support, if elected, William H. Taft for president and James S. Sherman as vice president of the United States, and unless they do make such pledge they resign or be removed, and that their places may be filled by loyal republicans who will be faithful to the trust, and be it further

Rosewater Landed.  
"Resolved, That we commend the fearless and honorable course of Victor Rosewater as republican committeeman from the state of Nebraska, for the fair, just and impartial manner in which he presided over the deliberations of the national republican committee at Chicago."

Samuel Rinaker, L. W. Colby, Charles McColl, John Stroemer, R. J. Kilpatrick, James Casbeer, George M. Steco, Philip Binderhagel, W. W. Scott, John Dobbs, Ed Hinds, R. W. Sabin, F. C. Draw, R. R. Kyd, C. B. Dempster, Harry Foster, Christ Anderson, H. J. Dobbs, E. H. Begole, D. W. Cook, John R. Ellis, H. A. Miller, Jesse Newton, S. C. Smith, John Wardlaw, George Humphrey, C. E. Emery, J. M. Howe and Adam McMullen.

The Roosevelt forces returned to the court room after lunch and finished their business. They adopted resolutions "declaring support of the national republican ticket to be unnecessary as a test of party loyalty, commending Norris, Aldrich, Congressman Sloan and endorsing all republican candidates except the national ticket."

The Roosevelt delegates chosen were: H. E. Sackett, chairman; J. H. Shaw, Dr. F. J. Woods, D. K. Callhoun, H. W. Steinhilber, Dr. C. S. Boggs, W. E. Robbins, C. P. Horn, J. W. Marples, George Corlin, Dr. W. M. Thomas, Dr. I. N. Pickett, R. W. Bockens, Ed Johnson, J. A. Bridgman, E. H. Biddle, W. Garritt, S. J. Lewis, H. L. Millen, W. H. Atkinson, D. W. Carr, H. E. Spafford, E. L. Hevelon, W. S. Bourne, Ray Weaving.

Saline County for Taft.  
WILBER, Neb., July 25.—(Special Telegram.)—The republican convention was held here today. The present administration and all previous republican administrations were endorsed. The delegates to the state convention are: G. M. Murphy, S. P. Ojers, Hugh McCargay, I. A. Kessler, Thomas Lane, R. M. Prouditt, Thomas Rinehimer, P. F. Dodson, T. A. Clements, Joseph Sobotka, Henry Keller.

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## Cunningham Not Guilty of Murder

CODY, Wyo., July 25.—(Special.)—The first trial by jury for the crime of murder in the new county of Park ended yesterday in a verdict of acquittal for John F. Cunningham, who was charged with killing Juan Sanchez, a Mexican sheepherder, in August, 1912.

Prosecuting Attorney Wells tried this, his first case, as state's attorney and lost. The men to have the distinction of being the first jurymen are Harry Thurston, Alcott Johnson, Thomas Monk, S. I. Parke, J. V. Corder, Louis Chevalls, Ben C. Brown, Henry Sirrine, E. O. Simpson, Nels Nordquist, A. B. Larson and G. R. Winchester.

The defendant showed that Sanchez was the aggressor in a quarrel over range. Sanchez, it was shown, bore an evil reputation as a gunman and fighter. Cunningham testified he shot Sanchez as he was riding rapidly down upon him and apparently reaching for his gun, which the Mexican habitually wore in his bootleg. It was shown that Sanchez had threatened to "get" Cunningham the day preceding the killing and that Cunningham had been warned of the Mexican's threats, but laughed at them. Cunningham proved a most excellent character and reputation and his acquittal seems to be generally approved.



Woodrow Wilson Had to Go Start that Limerick Business.  
From the Chicago Post.

## SHAPIRO WILL TELL ALL House Demos May Caucus Again on Battleship Bill

Chauffeur of Murder Car Agrees to Turn State's Evidence.

REISLER MAKES AN AFFIDAVIT

"John the Barber" Says He Saw Bridge Webber Running Away from Scene of Rosenthal Murder.

NEW YORK, July 25.—Efforts to discover the identity of the men who plotted the murder of Rosenthal's chauffeur, Harry Valton, not one of the gray automobile passengers has been arrested since the killing, nine days ago.

District Attorney Whitman today scored what he believes to be two important points in the Rosenthal murder case. The first he counted when John J. Reisler, otherwise known as "John the Barber," previously to the arraignment on a perjury charge, made an affidavit regarding "Bridge" Webber's connection with the case. The second, even more important, came in the announcement that William Shapiro, chauffeur of the "murder car," would turn state's evidence, telling all he knew about the case this afternoon.

Shapiro's statement is expected to do much toward fixing the responsibility for Rosenthal's murder.

See Webber Run Away.  
Reisler's affidavit stated that he and his wife were in the vicinity of the Hotel Metropole on the night of the killing.

"I went over to where Rosenthal's body was lying and observed 'Bridge' Webber running away from the scene of the crime," said Reisler. "I asked a man known as 'Kid' Lewis, 'What is Bridge Webber running away for?' I did not catch Lewis' reply."

Lieutenant Becker, who was invited by the grand jury to appear and give testimony, made his appearance in the criminal courts building this afternoon and announced that he was ready to testify.

He went to the district attorney's office and there waited with Costigan and Reilly, who also had responded to invitations to be escorted by District Attorney Whitman into the grand jury room.

## Manicure is Charged With Kidnaping Girl

CHICAGO, July 25.—Anna Hoffart, a manicure, 31 years old, was arrested last night on a charge of having kidnaped the 5-year-old daughter of Joseph Daniels, a barber. The motive for the offense is alleged to be a warrant which Daniels' wife recently swore out against her husband and the manicure. Misconduct that the wife complained of was not proven and Miss Hoffart is said to have demanded \$500 recompense, which if not paid would result in the Daniels' child being kidnaped.

The child disappeared yesterday after Mrs. Daniels had left Chicago to visit relatives in New York. Detectives found the child later in the apartments of Miss Hoffart, who was said to be preparing to start for Pittsburgh, Pa.

## The National Capital

Thursday, July 25, 1912.

The Senate.

The house convened at noon. General deficiency appropriation bill reported by Chairman Fitzgerald.

## House Demos May Caucus Again on Battleship Bill

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Representative Sulzer of New York started the circulation of a petition today calling for another democratic caucus on the battleship question. Mr. Sulzer thinks that when absentees return, a caucus will authorize the construction of one battleship, for which the senate is standing.

The house today receded from its stipulation that all navy coal shall be mined under eight-hour labor conditions, and agreed to a round-the-world wireless system, with stations in Panama, California, Hawaii, Samoa, Guam and the Philippines. The house opposed the establishment of a station on the Washington or Alaskan coast.

An amendment was also agreed to which will cause to be built on the Pacific coast one of the new fuel ships authorized.

The senate amendment applying the federal eight-hour law to all government naval contracts rather than a provision that all contracts must be under eight-hour work conditions was accepted by the house.

## Turkish Officers Demand Closing of Deputies Chamber

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 25.—A group of Turkish military officers today lodged a demand with the president of the chamber of deputies that the chamber be closed within twenty-four hours.

## Hartzell Guilty of Robbing Mummy

CHICAGO, July 25.—A verdict of guilty was returned today against John C. Hartzell, who was accused of stealing from the Haskell Oriental Museum of the University of Chicago a small bar of gold, once the amulet of a Pharaoh.

Finger prints in the dust on the museum case which were declared to coincide with the finger prints of Hartzell, were introduced by the state to prove the guilt of the accused.

## Little Girl Killed By Hailstones

SHERIDAN, Wyo., July 25.—A 5-year-old daughter of M. Walsh, a ranchman who lives five miles northwest of Sheridan, was caught out in a hailstorm of Monday and so badly bruised that she died yesterday. Damage by the storm in Sheridan county is estimated at \$75,000.

## NEGRO LAWYER ATTACKS WOMAN AND IS KILLED

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., July 25.—After he had shot a young woman who resisted when he attacked her here today J. B. Brown, a negro lawyer, was killed as he sought refuge in the home of another negro. The young woman was Miss Maude Sumner. Brown got into her home and began firing when she fought him off. Miss Sumner was slightly hurt.

Little Rock officials believe Brown was the black who attacked numerous women here during the last six months. Brown's lawyer was Sam Collins. He shot when Brown tried to clamber into a rear window.

## NORRIS RESUMES HIS ATTACK

Nebraska Congressman Continues Address on Chicago Convention.

MORE CHARGES AGAINST TAFT

He Says Delegates Won Over to the President's Cause Have Been Provided with Good Offices.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Representative Norris, progressive republican, of Nebraska, resumed his speech in the house today, attacking the nomination of President Taft by the Chicago convention. He renewed his charge of yesterday that delegations from certain southern states were virtually all office holders sent to the convention to insure the nomination of the president.

Turning up specifically the Texas delegation, he read a letter purporting to have been sent to republicans in that state before the convention by H. F. Magregor, who overthrew Colonel Clegg as national committeeman. The letter warned the office holders that the patronage would not be in the hands of Colonel Lyon on the re-election of Mr. Taft.

Referring to the activities of the Taft managers in Ohio and Massachusetts, Mr. Norris declared that, in the face of preferential primaries carried for Roosevelt, President Taft commended his managers to fight the contests to the last ditch.

"And what became of the Taft delegates who were won over?" he asked. "The most of them are in office; they have got their reward and the nation is footing the bill."

Reads List of New Officials.  
Mr. Norris cited a list of new officeholders who, he said, had been rewarded for voting for Mr. Taft in the convention. "I hope the time will come," cried Mr. Norris, "when a man who gains or holds office by the bribery of patronage will be held in the estimation of the American people as guilty as he who buys office with cold cash."

Taking up the Thirteenth Indiana contest, Mr. Norris said the district convention was made riotous by the Taft delegates who were in the minority. Taft delegates were elected and seated at Chicago.

"And yet," said Mr. Norris, "Senator Beveridge submitted an affidavit signed by a majority of the delegates to the district convention that they had voted against the election of Taft delegates."

Mr. Norris' parting shot at the Chicago convention was to refer to it as "the worst political highway robbery ever committed in this country."

Representative Humphrey of Washington, republican, announced his intention of replying to Mr. Norris later.

## THREE-SCORE LIVES ARE TOLL TAKEN BY STORMS AND FLOODS

Series of Cloudbursts in Southwestern Pennsylvania Turn Mountain Streams Into Torrents.

SIXTY-ONE DEAD OR MISSING

Heaviest Loss is at Superba Mine, Where Fifteen Men Drown.

MANY WORKINGS ARE FLOODED

Will Be Months Before Some of Them Can Be Cleared.

PROPERTY DAMAGE ENORMOUS

Devastated Region Extends Far Up Youghiogheny Valley Into West Virginia — Death List Still Incomplete.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 25.—Death and desolation spread broadcast over the southwest counties yesterday and last night, through cloudbursts and overflowing streams. Three score or more lives are the toll, while the damage to homes and industries cannot be estimated.

Fifteen lives were lost in Superba Mine No. 2, near Uniontown; seventy-five miners narrowly escaped death, while from many other sections come reports of lives lost by the mountain torrents rushing into mine slopes.

During the night meager reports filtered in that if later verified will run the list of fatalities up to sixty-one. The places and number reported to have been drowned at each are as follows:

Uniontown, Pa., fourteen drowned.  
Smock, Pa., located in Redstone valley, fourteen reported drowned.  
Grindstone, Pa., fourteen miners missing and reported drowned.  
At Linn, Pa., two miners reported drowned.

At Wheeling, W. Va., three drowned.  
At Lemont, Pa., mine, four miners reported drowned.  
At Ellenwood, Pa., H. L. King, wife and child, drowned.

At New Martinsville, six reported drowned.  
Monongah, W. Va., one drowned.  
Fairmont, W. Va., two drowned.

Of this list of sixty-one fatalities, it has been possible to account definitely for twenty-three. Those who are known to have met death are at Uniontown, Wheeling, Ellenwood, Fairmont and Monongah.

Admittedly the death list will not be known for many days. It will take months to clear up some of the mines of water.

Hundreds Are Homeless.

Hundreds of families, deserting homes in a mad rush for safety on the mountain sides, sought shelter beneath improvised shacks and tents, toward the construction of which every available piece of debris was turned to account. At daybreak shivering women and children gazed over the scene of desolation in the upper Youghiogheny valley, and, as the waters receded, upturned dwellings, shattered buildings and crumbled piles of mortar were held in a conglomerate mass by a railroad bridge or trestle, or the progress of the debris had been impeded by some larger and stancher building.

It was long after midnight before the waters began to recede. Rain had ceased falling some hours earlier, but the heavy precipitation soon made the usually dry beds of mountain torrents veritable cataracts.

Floods in these regions are of annual occurrence, for which preparations are made and comparatively little damage is done; freshets caused by heavy summer rains occur several times a season, but the heavy waterfalls are carried away, with only little damage. The cloudburst of yesterday, however, came before the district had recovered from more than twenty-four hours of torrential rains on Sunday and with every stream bankful, soon all were out of their banks.

This morning as the waters cleared away, a stricken community gazes at the power of the elements. Heavy rocks have been split, heavy railroad iron has been lifted from almost solid beds and dropped into rivers, while on all sides deep scars mark the surface of the earth where the crowding waters have made new courses for themselves.

Dunbar, near Connelsville, was inundated. The waters raged through the main streets, upsetting massive structures and endangering the lives of hundreds of persons. A cloudburst was the cause, although it is thought a dam broke. The Turtle Creek valley was visited by a disastrous flood and the damage is enormous. Crops were blotted from the earth.

Railroad Traffic Impeded.

Railroad traffic through a great territory is hampered. With four connections into Uniontown the Pennsylvania was unable to get passengers into the city early today. Several railroad bridges of that system and the Baltimore & Ohio were torn from foundations thought impregnable and hurled into the maddened waters.

Hundreds are homeless. Thousands

You can rent that room or house, and rent it quick. Hundreds read Bee want ads daily, and among them are many who are looking for rooms and houses. Use The Bee now. Tyler, 1000.