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WILL HEARST BE NEW YORK DEMOCRATS' CHOICE?

All Eyes Turned on Buffalo to Watch Proceedings at Convention

Jerome and Mayor McClellan on the Ground to Battle Against Tammany Leader and His "Yellow" Candidate Gov. Higgins Declines a Renomination from Republicans, and Herbert Parker is Likely to Be the Party's Standard-bearer.

From Our Own Correspondent. New York, Sept. 24.—The Republicans and the Democrats hold their state conventions tomorrow, the former at Saratoga and the latter at Buffalo, and no one knows or even has a clear idea about what the result will be. The situation is really most confusing in both parties, and sudden changes and developments are the order of the day. The one feature of today's events was the nomination of Linn Bruce, the present lieutenant governor. Bruce has no record, but he is not well known, and he would not be a strong candidate. There is a considerable boom for Herbert Parsons, the young congressman and friend of President Roosevelt, who achieved the feat of wiping up the ground with that old war horse Ben Odell, at the primaries last week. If Roosevelt cares to let it be understood at Saratoga that he favors Parsons, the young man will get the nomination. There are those who say the present incumbent, Chas. L. Hughes, the insurance investigator, Republicans May Choose Parsons.

There are little booms for former Governor Frank Black and for Tim Woodruff. The situation at the present writing seems to depend upon Roosevelt. If he keeps hands off, Parsons seems the most likely candidate. Should Parsons be named he would most likely win against any ordinary candidate that the Democrats name. If Hearst should capture the Democratic nomination he would be the most interesting. The Democratic situation is most interesting. It revolves around Charles F. Murphy, the Tammany boss. With Murphy's active support, Hearst can probably get the nomination, even if Murphy is not able to deliver the entire delegation. It is the most expert opinion tonight that Hearst cannot get the nomination. Murphy continues to speak favorably of him but avoids any definite pronouncement.

Murphy on the Fence. From the moment of his arrival at Buffalo yesterday the Hearst boomers, led by Connors, have begged and pleaded with him to come out in the open for Hearst. Murphy said this afternoon that he had not yet made up his mind for or against Hearst and would not decide until he had talked with the delegates from New York county tonight and tomorrow. Mayor McClellan, who is also at Buffalo, opposed to Murphy and Hearst, said this afternoon: "I believe that there is not enough Democrats in the convention to control and nominate a Democrat for governor."

Jerome Silent. District Attorney Jerome, of New York, is looked upon as the leader in the fight against Hearst. Jerome would not talk for publication today, but to his friends he said that he has never for a moment wavered in his confidence that Hearst cannot capture the convention. Mr. Jerome and Mayor McClellan may go into the convention as substitute delegates to lead in the fight against Hearst. Murphy, however, seems to be the absolute master of the situation. He is being subjected to pressure such as no political boss has had to endure for many years. His closest friends say that he would willingly declare in favor of Hearst in advance of the convention if he could assure himself that what is represented to him as Hearst strength is not largely unreal. Murphy's friends say he is in control of the state committee. His candidate for temporary chairman of the convention is Lewis F. Nixon. It is believed that Nixon is acceptable to Mayor McClellan and District Attorney Jerome. The Hearst people in the committee will have to make a fight on Nixon, but whether they have to line up on a vote and show their real strength is a question.

Hard Fight Against Hearst. The opponents of Hearst are working hard today. Arrangements are being made to take control before the state committee on almost every Hearst delegation that has been elected from the western counties in the state in the past ten weeks. The result of these contests will have a marked effect upon Hearst's chances of nomination. Most of the talk in Buffalo is anti-Hearst. The enemies of the Independence League are there in force and their arguments are put out on every occasion. The Hearst boomers are there in plenty, ranging in rank from managing editor to copy boys, but the Hearst special is keeping quiet. William J. Connors, editor and Eric county boss, is doing the talking and manipulating in the open, and Mr. Connors says that he was never more confident of the nomination of William Randolph Hearst than he is this Monday morning.

On the other hand, it was stated positively this afternoon by those in a position to know that Murphy cannot under any circumstances deliver a majority of the New York delegates to Hearst should he be attempted to do so. It was also pretended that Murphy would abandon Hearst. When it is finally decided that Hearst cannot be nominated, if it turns out that way, it is possible that Jerome may have a chance after all. He is in Buffalo mingling with the delegates and if the plans of some folks are carried out he will sit in the convention as a substitute delegate ready to make one of his pyrotechnic speeches at the proper moment. It is possible also that Mayor McClellan may address the convention for Jerome.

Mayor Adam a Dark Horse. Mayor Adam, of Buffalo, is the man most talked about of the others. The Suizer boom, while noisy, is not serious. Higgins, in his formal statement given out at Albany today declining to be a candidate, took a rap at Odell. Higgins said: "Two years ago I began my campaign with the pledge that I would if elected have an administration of my own. I have kept that pledge. By doing so I have met opposition from those who believe that governors and legislators are safer public servants when they follow the guidance of a party boss than when they think for themselves and act on their own responsibility. I have incurred the displeasure of those who might have been friendly had I become their follower and sought the editorial sanction for counsel and advice. But the party in its primaries has endorsed my administration throughout the state and elected delegates favorable to my renomination. I have long been conscious of the fact that the office has been exacting from me sacrifices that I can ill afford. I need time for rest and for attention to my personal affairs. The result of the contest in the primaries for the principle of executive independence has given courage to all who believe that the governor should not be the puppet of the party organization and hope to all who deplore the supremacy of irresponsible political absolutism. It also leaves me free to gratify my personal inclination with honor and to withdraw my name from further consideration. I have no fear of the result. When the party enters the contest, I believe that some condition the people of Hearst cannot prevail against. I have not sought and I shall not accept a renomination."

Both Parties Whacked. The Sun today in a remarkable editorial took a vigorous whack at all the parties. It said: "Two political parties assemble tomorrow to do something, one at Saratoga, the other at Buffalo. Very much the same necessity confronts each, and the issue is a desperate appeal to public confidence. The great mass of the people of this state is sick of both of them, sick of the party in power because of its unexampled corruption, apathy and depravity and sick of the Democracy because of its ingrained imbecility, incapacity of purpose and suppression of its democratic elements. The Republicans are in power, they fill the offices, they enjoy the vast majority of possession and the potential mistress of the federal state. They have everything save a good character. "More deplorable still are the Democrats, except that they have no character at all. Mr. Roosevelt is now the wind, and they are not content to let him reap the storm himself, but must needs strive out of the materials he discarded or despised to fashion a worse case of their own. "Distracted and dismayed by a national fanatic and vulgar mountebank, themselves the chaff and the prey of the lowest type of brutal and degraded creatures that ever attained to leadership in any party's history, they came together at Buffalo pledged to mischief and consecrated to disaster. "The Republicans have lately cast out their head devil of uncleanliness and perversity but he has left his sty behind him, and tomorrow it will be at Saratoga unsterilized as ever but fully occupied. Every rogue in the state who has fattened on corruption, who has blackballed a corporation or a citizen, or who has according to his lights achieved eminence in disgracing the Republican party, every one of them will be at Saratoga to swear fealty to a new boss. "That emphatic and capricious entity, that man who has made the governorship as contemptible as Odell made it odious, he by the irony of fate will be in spirit at the head of this baleful and sinister assembly, the Republican convention of the Empire state. If only an inscrutable but ever benign Providence would raise up in either convention, or in both of them, the figure of a man of parts, a man of integrity and of courage, a man of head and heart, how might the black and cheerless prospect of the morrow be changed to radiant sunshine. Oh for a man, a full grown adult man!"

INTERNATIONAL LEGAL POINT DECIDED

Ottawa, Sept. 24.—(Special)—An interesting point in international law was brought out in a case at the division court today. Sydney Smith, of Ogdensburg (N. Y.), sued J. C. Macfie, of Ottawa (formerly of Ogdensburg), for the amount of two notes. Macfie acknowledged the notes, but held that they were outlawed according to the laws of Ontario. Judge O'Meara held that the laws of Ontario did not apply, as the notes were given in Ogdensburg. Judgment was given for the plaintiff on both notes, which amounted to about \$60.

KILLED IN RING AT PORTLAND

Jack McKenzie Collapsed After Finish of the Fifth Round

DIED INSTANTLY. Terry Martin, His Opponent, Gave Himself Up to Police, as Did Manager and Referee—Victim Belongs to Philadelphia and Leaves Wife and Four Children.

Portland, Me., Sept. 24.—A boxing match under the auspices of the Casco Athletic Club, at the Portland Auditorium this evening between Terry Martin and Jack McKenzie, both of Philadelphia, came to a sudden termination in the fifth round with the collapse of McKenzie and his death ten minutes later. Just before the close of the fifth round McKenzie delivered a stiff uppercut which struck McKenzie over the heart and then glanced to his jaw. McKenzie staggered back, but immediately recovered and returned two blows before the gong rang. He went to his corner, and while his seconds were administering the usual restoratives he suddenly became unconscious and died soon after in the dressing room.

Martin and his brother, who acted his second; Steve Mahoney, of Boston, McKenzie's manager; Jack Sheehan, of Boston, the referee, and John Cauley, the manager of the contest, went to the police station immediately after McKenzie's death and remained there to await the action of County Attorney, W. C. Eaton. McKenzie, who was twenty-six years old, leaves a widow and child in Philadelphia. Martin is one of the best known heavyweight fighters in the country. Martin was scheduled to fight Herman Miller, of Baltimore, but the latter did not appear and the management induced McKenzie to go into the ring in his place. McKenzie had been in the city several days and not expecting to take part in any boxing contest, had not observed any training regulations. He was therefore in rather poor physical condition when he came into the ring.

BLOW OVER HEART

Martin had the better of the contest, but McKenzie seemed able to stand up under the heavy blows of his opponent. McKenzie was quite fit in the third round and returned some of Martin's rounds with considerable vigor. In the fifth round he weakened somewhat, but still seemed to be in fairly good shape. Even after Martin struck the blow over the heart McKenzie did not seem to feel the effects of the blow, but mixed up with his opponent until the bell rang some seconds later. McKenzie as soon as the bell rang, turned and walked to his seat at the end of the other rounds. His opponent struck him fairly good blows as usual. They had been engaged in this work about half a minute when McKenzie suddenly collapsed, his eyes rolled up and he fell back on his back. Restoratives were hastily administered and the lifeless form carried to the dressing room. Dr. Walker Robinson was called and arrived shortly before McKenzie died. Two physicians examined the body and immediately both were uncertain as to the exact cause of death. A black and blue spot was found over the heart and one of the doctors said it was possible that the man might have died from the shock of the blow. As soon as Martin, the seconds, referee and manager reached the police station, where they went of their own accord, County Attorney, W. C. Eaton, was notified and at once began an investigation. At a late hour tonight he was still unable to decide as to what action should be taken as the result of McKenzie's death.

ATLANTA NEGROES Avenge Murder OF THEIR PEOPLE

Two Policemen Ambushed and Killed, and Third Will Die—Other Whites Victims. Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 24.—Three mounted country policemen who with others were riding along their beat in South Atlanta near Clark University, a well known negro college, were ambushed from an alley tonight with the result that Policeman Heald and another officer were killed and the third officer was fatally shot. Still another officer is reported missing. A squad of militiamen with the police are pursuing the negroes into the woods. The casualties on the other side are not known. At Howell's Station, three miles west of the center of the city, the railway operator has been killed and another man in the same office either has been killed or wounded by the negroes. The city marshal of Edgewood was shot but not seriously hurt, while trying to arrest a negro late tonight. Other rumors of killing lack confirmation. In the city police court today Judge Broyles sentenced the extreme sentence of the law on six young white men charged with instigating a riot, giving each thirty days in jail, and binding them over to the higher court under a thousand dollar bond. The grand jury today brought in true bills against two negroes charged with assault with intent to commit criminal assault on two young white women.

NO TRACE YET OF A. J. GORHAM

Search All Day Monday Along Banks of Petitcodiac Was Fruitless

THIRD MAN WANTED. McSweeney Company Offer Reward for Person Who Was With Missing Man and Porter on Wharf—Board of Trade Wants Moncton to Have Same Freight Rates as St. John.

(Special to The Telegraph) Moncton, Sept. 24.—Search for the body of A. J. Gorham, believed to have been drowned in the river Saturday, has been kept up all day by the police and a number of citizens but without result. Search is also being made for the third party who was with Gorham and Porter on the wharf. The McSweeney Company have offered a reward for information concerning the third man. The river banks have been searched for miles up and down the river for a trace of the body or hat. Several quotes were in circulation about finding the question of securing better freight rates for the same rate as St. John has been kept up all day by the police and a number of citizens but without result. Search is also being made for the third party who was with Gorham and Porter on the wharf. The McSweeney Company have offered a reward for information concerning the third man. The river banks have been searched for miles up and down the river for a trace of the body or hat. 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