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Anticipated Changes—Liberal Party Reorganizing—Vexatious Action Bill.

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MONTREAL, July 18.—Emanuel St. Louis, the contractor, has received a cable stating the privy council had refused the attorney-general of Canada permission to appeal against the decision of the supreme court in the suit taken against St. Louis by the Crown for the recovery of \$140,000 alleged to be obtained by fraud on the part of St. Louis, or his agents, in connection with the contract for the Lachine bridge. The case was decided adversely for the government in the supreme court, as well as in the exchequer court and the privy council have confirmed the verdict.

POPULISTS LIKELY TO SPLIT.

CHICAGO, July 20.—There are reasons for believing Chairman Taubeneck's secret mission to this city had something to do with another Populist convention to be held here by the "middle-of-the-road" faction of the party in case the regular convention at St. Louis indorses Bryan. A movement looking to the holding of this convention was known here on Friday, and two well known hotel men visited other hotel men and the officials of the Illinois Central road with the purpose of raising \$1,500, the amount necessary for bringing the convention here.

BRYAN'S CANDIDATURE.

His Friends Jubilant Because They Believe They Can Control the Populist Convention.

A Party Which is Utterly at Sea Has No Terrors for Silverites.

St. Louis, July 21.—Nothing better illustrates the chaotic condition of the Populist convention than the fact that on the very eve of the convention, there is not an approach to crystallization of thought by the anti-Bryan element on any candidate for President. It is anybody rather than Bryan with the "middle-of-the-road" Populists. Though few names are mentioned, Paul Vandevre, of Omaha, has been named, but unfortunately he has not the support of his own state, Nebraska. Eugene V. Debs is also spoken of, but not seriously. Congressman Towne is mentioned, but probably to lead up to the proposal of Senator Pettigrew, who has openly joined the Populist party. Perhaps the focusing of preferences upon some one man would have proceeded further by this time were the anti-Bryan delegates more certain than they are in majority. This however still remains a question. The pro-Bryanists were in a jubilant frame of mind to-day. This evening they announced that their control of the convention was practically assured. Bolters there might be, but defeat never. Notwithstanding their confidence, however, they will not relax their efforts, and they are well organized and disciplined for a hard battle.

The Populist and Silver conventions convene to-morrow, the former in the hall in which the National Republican convention was held, and the latter in the Music hall, where Grover Cleveland was re-nominated in 1888. Interest in the Silver convention has been eclipsed by the bitter struggle among the Populists over the struggle of nominating or opposing an Bryan. The programme of the Silver convention is out and dried. There is no division of sentiment. Congressman Francis Newlands, of Nevada, will be temporary chairman, and William F. St. John, the New York banker, permanent secretary. They will deliver their speeches; a platform of a single plank in favor of the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1 will be adopted, Bryan and Sewell will be endorsed as the convention's candidates for president and vice-president. The Populists on the other hand are rent and torn by internal dissensions and contending factions will plunge immediately into a fierce and determined fight, which may be prolonged for four or five days, and which will adjourn. The Populists will probably result in a bolt, no matter which faction prevails. The heterogeneous complexion of the convention, comprising as it does many whose opinions on the question seem diametrically opposed, and who hold different views on the silver question, and advocate these opinions with a bulldog tenacity that neither argument nor suasion seem able to shake; the conflicting interests and the conditions that hedge the situation about would stagger the oldest political prophet were he to attempt to forecast the result with anything like detail.