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Parker Throws Bombshell Into St. Louis Convention

Sends Message Demanding a Gold Standard.

Delegates in a Frenzy at Threat to Refuse Nomination.

**Party Submits to Dictation—
Davis for Vice-President.**

of West Virginia, was nominated on the first ballot. He received 652 votes. The various states which supported other candidates changed their votes, and the nomination was made by acclamation. The convention then adjourned sine die.

the one which the Democratic party believed in and supported. The speaker did not care to show the telegram that he had just received from Judge Parker, aside from a few personal friends. The dispatch, it is said, read: "I deem it my duty to inform the convention that I am firmly and irrevocably committed to the gold standard, and desire the delegates to understand my views so that if they wish to make any other nomination before adjourning they can do so."

The first presidential convention session was called for 2 o'clock this afternoon. The presidential session has been in session all night until after 6 o'clock this morning. For that re-

son the vice-presidential session was delayed until as late as possible that afternoon. The delegates seemed to astray over something. There was excitement and an intensity beneath the preliminary proceedings which were not understood except by a few. All sorts of rumors were floating about, and it was clear that Judge Fairbank would not accept the nomination. President on the platform adopted Mr. Hill, of New York, and Col. Guffey, of Pennsylvania, hastily left the convention.

tion and drove rapidly to the Southern Hotel. Things were in such a mixed up condition, principally because of the vice-presidential session which was not actually convened until nearly 3 o'clock, that only a twenty minute session was held and the convention hastily adjourned until 5 o'clock this afternoon. The Par-

leaders were late in arriving at session and when they did reach the seats in the convention they were surrounded by leaders from other states and many hurried conferences were held. Parker's managers wo

not divulge the wording of the telegram, in fact, they were loth to admit that one had been received, until this evening when Mr. Sheehan admitted that he had received a dispatch from Judge Parker the purport

The action of Judge Parker was taken to mean dictation to the convention, and this roused the greater anger.

Governor Vardaman, speaking in Mississippi, said that the delegation of that state would not consent to any gentleman shall dictate to the convention, as to what should be the platform, and would join an effort to reconsider the nomination if such a reconsideration should be attempted. The proceedings up to the time the receipt of the telegram became known was of little fame.

The Vice-Presidency.

visible. Alabama gave way to Illinois, and Freeman B. Morris spoke for the state. Mr. Morris took the platform.

James J. Williams, of Illinois, declined to run for reelection to Washington, and Chairman Clark, of Michigan, declined to run for reelection to that state, who succeeded him as ex-Senator George Turner, of Connecticut yielded to Indiana, and I. G. Spencer, of that state, seconded the nomination of Williams, of Illinois. Delaware gave way to West Virginia and the name of Henry G. Davis, of that state, was placed in nomination. Senator Dubois, of Idaho, was elected speaker, and he rose to second the nomination of George Turner, of Washington. David Overmeyer, of Kentucky, placed former Senator William

Harris, of that state, in nominating a brief speech from the floor, Mr. Brask's response was a statement that she waited with interest the election of New York. New York requested that he be passed when called on the floor. The candidate who was announced when that state was read. Finally, shortly after 7 o'clock, the convention had ordered a ballot for the nominees for vice-president and the secretary was about to read the roll, Senator Culberson, of Texas.

arose, and in an excited manner that before a vice-president was named, "we had better find out to be the candidates for president." He moved a recess until half past this evening. The motion was unanimously carried.

Intense Excitement.

The confusion before Culberson was intensified greatly when he came down, after intimating that he

Parker might possibly vacate the of the ticket. As soon as the r was announced, the delegates, in of leaving the hall, rushed into ferences. The leaders disappeared the session closed with an atmos

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