

WASHINGTON

From our Regular Correspondent.

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The reiteration by President Roosevelt of his statement made on the night of his election, that he would under no circumstances accept a third term, has added greatly to the discomfiture of the Foraker, Cortelyou, Cannon boomers who have, under cover of third term talk, been working most assiduously for their respective candidates. Now that the President has made his statement so incontrovertible the various candidates for Presidential honors in the Republican party will have to declare where they stand. Of course the President has made this public statement in the interests of Secretary Taft as it must forever silence those enemies of Taft and the administration policies who have been disseminating so persistently and for their own purposes, the idea that Mr. Roosevelt was disloyal to Taft and was quietly working for his own nomination. The President believes that he has had the sympathy and faith of the people of the country in his stand against a third term, but he has felt called upon to issue this reiteration of his original statement so that they may know the attitude of the various candidates for the Presidency now that they are obliged to dispense with the third term cloak.

The curtain has only just rung down on the Republican National Committee meeting and now the stage is again becoming crowded with national committeemen, but this time it is the Democratic committeemen who are gathering in Washington to settle the time and place of their next convention. Louisville, Cleveland, Denver and St. Paul are all in the race. Norman E. Mack, national committeeman from New York, says he thinks it will be St. Paul or Louisville. Mayor "Tom" Johnson has arrived with all his old time energy to work for Cleveland. The Louisville boomers are doing everything possible and the guess of many of the committeemen is that it will be either Cleveland or Louisville, with Cleveland a little ahead in the betting. Chairman Tom Taggart, however, is in favor of Chicago and there is no doubt that, as was the case with the Republican convention, the Windy City can have the convention if she will put up the cash. Kansas City looked like a dead certainty last week and she was, until Chicago woke up and made an offer, not as good an offer as Kansas City's but still a good one. That settled it. The fact is that everyone likes to go to the larger cities. The railroad facilities are greater. The hotel accommodations are better, more abundant and at a greater variety of prices, and when the political work is over there is more chance for amusement. However, "Tom" Johnson promises the boys all the fun they want if they will only come to Cleveland.

Of course there is a good deal of talk about the candidate but it seems mostly one way. Pretty much all the committeemen say it will be Bryan, although many of them admit their fear that he cannot be elected. It is said that at the recent meeting of ten national committeemen at French Lick only one believed that Bryan could be elected and yet all ten were for him. "We can't get away from it and we must nominate Bryan for good or ill," said a national committeeman who is dubious about the result, and that seems to be the sentiment pretty much throughout the committee. Governor Johnson of Minnesota is, however, the second choice of the committeemen and Judge Grey of Delaware seems quietly to have slipped out of notice.

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lost out on the Democratic convention. When Chicago took the Republican convention, Kansas City determined to get the Democratic meeting and her delegation, or a good part of it, stayed right here and began work early. But suddenly Senator Stone of Missouri, better known, however, as "gumshoe Bill" heard what was going on and put his number 18 squarely down on the scheme. "Nay, nay," he is reported to have said. "No wedding bells for Kansas City and the Democratic Convention. That would mean the glorification of Joe Folk and I can't stand for that. Take the convention as far from Folk as you know how, and then some" insisted the Missouri statesman and the Kansas City boomers, filled with depression and other things, have departed for the city by the Kaw.

The most extraordinary exhibition of lion taming was given in the Senate one day last week. Tillman of South Carolina had introduced a resolution calling on Secretary Cortelyou for all sorts of figures and the Senator was actually breathing fire in anticipation of the things he was going to do to Cortelyou when he made his speech on that resolution. Culberson of Texas, the new Democratic leader, also had a similar resolution and he proposed to make Cortelyou's ears turn purple before he got through speaking about him. Finally, Clay of Georgia had a resolution calculated to make Cortelyou confess in public as to how many millions of dollars of the people's money he had turned into the private pockets of national bankers—and everybody knows that Cortelyou's administration must have converted over \$30,000,000 into the pockets of the bankers. All three of these forceful speakers proposed to make vigorous speeches when the Senate convened last week but Aldrich objected. Aldrich would like to see his dear friend Cortelyou the next President and he doesn't want his little weaknesses and his favoritism to the bankers aired in public. So he sent for Clay and Culberson and Tillman and talked them over; gave them taffy (Aldrich's chloroform, they call it in the Senate) until he put them all to sleep. Then when the resolution came up in the Senate they were all referred to Mr. Aldrich's committee without debate. "There," said Mr. Aldrich, "we can talk over these matters without the embarrassment of a vulgarly curious and gaping public. It will be just among ourselves and so much nicer," and Tillman, the fire-eater, Clay, the energetic, Culberson, the valiant, fell victim to the honeyed words of the Republican leader who was seeking to protect his dear friend Cortelyou. Of course Bailey, who when Aldrich speaks "hears his master's voice," Teller who used to be a Republican and work with Aldrich and Daniels of Virginia helped Aldrich, having themselves first fallen victims to his alluring adulation.

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Trade is not booming as it did before the panic. This can be seen with half an eye. It would be folly to deny it. On the other hand, it would be quite as foolish to insist that the setback has stopped the wheels. There is no longer a roaring, heedless, onward rush; but there is a steady volume of wholesale and retail transactions that will compare favorably with the business of soberer years when the tide of prosperity was not in so large part made up of speculative foam. There has been a slowdown; but no stoppage. The business of the country is righting itself as fast as could be expected and facing the new situation with courage and confidence.

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"It was in the year '86, as near as I can remember," said Frontollet, better known as Sawdust Jim, as we lay under the equator, homeward bound, "that I shipped in Charlestown, Boston, in the bark Barleduc. A neat critter she was, a little too broad in the bows and a bit cranky at beating, but weatherly, take her all in all, and a good sea boat. I never see the skipper till after we left Trinidad, West Indies, and if I had, may I be hung if I'd ever 'a' shipped with him. A dead face and a living body, mates; the face of a man that had done some dreadful deed and was follored by a ghost he couldn't lay, nohow. It were awful to see him mates; an old sea dog, tall and slim, with the breath of the salt sea about him, but that pale, ghastly face, and that look over his shoulders when no sound could be heard. The first officer sent me down to ask for a sextant, below Martinique, and when I see'd that face I'd have given my chances of whiskey, stungullion, beans and hard tack for life to be out of that Barleduc. He see'd the look in my face and snatched up a hammer and made a stroke at me. 'You are like the rest, you useless tramp!' he howled. 'What the deuce do you see in my face that you must start when you see me, as if you had seen a ghost?' 'A ghost—ha!' 'He looked over his shoulder again in that quick, startled way, and dropped the hammer. Something I could not see scared him and drove the little color out of his face. 'Keep off,' he hissed. 'Stand by me, Frontollet, and I'll be your friend for life. Strike at it; beat it to the earth, and tread it under foot! See how pale and hollow he looks, and how ghastly that mark is—the mark of Cain, the slayer. Ha, he's gone! Now, Frontollet, what do you want?' 'I told him, and got the sextant, but made up my mind I wasn't going into that cabin again if I could help it. I thought he had snukes, but it turned out worse than that—a blamed sight worse. I didn't see him again for three days, and the first officer seemed to sail the ship. 'Going to have a dirty time soon, Frontollet,' he said, glancing at the sky; 'we'll have to take in our kites before three hours.' 'Mr. North was a good officer, and we respected him as such. I give him my manners—I always do when an officer uses me as a man, and I said, 'It ain't many could make bad weather out of that sky, Mr. North, but you're right, all the same. We'll have a blowout. It will be likely to bring the skipper on deck.' 'I went away from him. Before the first watch was over I heard the first mate at the forecandle: 'Hi, you, timbertoes—Rouse and shake yourselves. Tumble up, tumble up, there! All hands on deck, ahoy!' 'Away, you sea draft!' roared the mate. 'Lay out there, lively. Strip her, strip her, my sons! She don't want as much clothes as a South Sea woman.' 'We didn't need much ordering, for we saw the danger, and in a few minutes the Barleduc was ready for business. I was standing by the rail, holding on to a line, when I heard such a cry as I never want to hear again, and there was the skipper, holding a lantern in his hand. 'Hi, there, Mr. North! what are you doing, you lubber? Do you dare strip the Barleduc without asking me?' 'Mr. Whitmore—captain,' replied the mate, turning white as a ghost. 'I did not like to disturb you.' 'Cowards!' yelled the skipper, jumping on the quarter-deck with his gray hair floating in the wind. 'Lay her a course; keep her to it. Do you hear, there on the wheel?' 'Aye, aye, sir.' 'Keep her sou'-sou'-east.' 'But, captain,' gasped the mate, 'for the love of heaven, don't cast away the ship!' 'Minday, by—' screamed the skipper. 'Ha, ha, ha! here is more work for me to do. Wait till I lay her course, and then I'll make you sweat blood. Aloft there, and shake out everything that will draw.' 'Boys!' cried the mate, jumping up on the deck, 'this man is mad. Secure him and take your orders from me.' 'Before we could stop him the mad skipper drew a pistol and fired at the mate, who dropped on the quarter-deck. We ran in to seize the mad man, who was making for the wheel, but he skipped by us and jumped on the sea rail. 'Ha! curse your white face. I have done it again,' he cried. 'Do you think I will live with two such faces on my track? Hurrah for a grave in the sea!' 'He flung his lantern upon the water, threw up his hands and plunged head first into the boiling surge, and we were half a mile away in four minutes. At the same time the mate rose upon his elbow and stood up sniggering. So Mr. North was skipper of the Barleduc, and a good one, too. He told me that the captain struck his third mate with a marlin spike in the Pacific, and the man died from the blow. Brooding over it, he got the idea that the white face of the dead man was always looking at him, and was getting madder every day. Mr. North knew, after we left Trinidad, that the case was hopeless, but if he had thought that the captain would take his own life would have secured him long before. The skipper's body was never found—Slog Prison Star of Hope.

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