

## LEAGUE GETS TO BUSINESS

### Pledges Itself Anew to the Task of Redempting the State

### WANAMAKER IS PRESENT

He Makes a Speech in Which the Career of the Business Men's League is Reviewed—He Believes That the Overthrow of Senator Quay Should be the Main Issue and Intimates That the Swallow Ticket is an Inadequate Rallying Center—Homer Greene, of Honesdale, is a Member of the Committee on Resolutions.

Philadelphia, Aug. 25.—The Republican Business Men's League of Pennsylvania today, in this city, held its first meeting since March 16 and outlined the plans of the association with respect to the election of members to the next legislature. The resignation of Elias Deemer, of Williamsport, as president of the league was accepted and Thomas Hoopes, of Chester county, was chosen to fill the vacancy. Homer Greene, of Wayne county, was named as Mr. Hoopes' successor on the executive committee. Among those present were Hon. Charles Tubbs, Tioga county; Homer Greene, Wayne county; Captain W. H. Lanier, York; R. J. Huston, Lancaster; Hon. E. L. Luden, Reading; J. L. McCaskey, Cumberland; Frank W. Stewart, Huntington; Robert H. Patterson, Juniata; S. L. French, Luzerne; Hon. Daniel F. Moore, Chester; Hon. Phyllis B. Jeffries, Chester; General Charles Leiper, William Sellers; Joseph M. Huston, William T. Tilden; Howard B. French and James A. Hayes, Philadelphia.

### THE RESOLUTIONS.

The report of the committee, which was adopted, is as follows: Whereas, the machinery of the Republican party in the state of Pennsylvania, including county and district organizations, has been controlled and used by the machine leaders for selfish and unscrupulous ends, with the result that the will of the voters has not been fairly expressed, nor their interests properly cared for, and whereas, believing that only the personal defeat of Senator Quay can destroy his machine, which is essentially a personal organization, based on selfish and unscrupulous ends, and that it is possible for him to command because of his official position, therefore,Resolved, That the executive committee of the Business Men's League of the state of Pennsylvania hereby pledges itself anew to the task of redempting the state by the overthrow of Senator Quay, and that it has degraded and plundered it and disgraced the Republican party.

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## THE PROBABLE PEACEMAKERS

### THEIR NAMES MAY BE ANNOUNCED TODAY.

Expansionists Will be Pleased—All the Members of the Commission Except Judge Day Staunch Advocates of an "Imperial" Policy, It is Reported—Senators Frye and Davis in Conference with the President—Gen. Tracy Not Likely to Be One of the Envoys to Paris. Washington, Aug. 25.—When President McKinley announces the names of the peace commissioners, which will probably be soon after the cabinet meeting tomorrow, the friends of territorial expansion will be satisfied with the character of the men selected. With the exception of Secretary Day, all the members of the commission are staunch advocates of the retention of such holdings in the Philippines as will insure the commercial and political supremacy of the United States in the Pacific.

### Judge Day's Position in the Commission is Likely to be as Peculiar as it is in the Cabinet.

From the day of his appointment to the office of secretary of the commission, Judge Day has been in a minority in the cabinet, usually with no support except that of Secretary O'Connell, and yet there is no other member of the cabinet who is regarded as more highly by his colleagues as a level-headed, conscientious counselor, or on whose soundness of judgment and personal loyalty the president leans so trustfully. In spite of his conservatism, he has always been regarded as the President's personal representative in the cabinet, and on the peace commission he will be regarded as representing in his official actions the purposes of the executive, without regard to his individual predilections, or in other words, Judge Day will serve as the president's confidential personal friend, and will not attempt in any way to impress his own views on his associates.

### THE MASTER MIND.

The master mind of the commission will be Senator Davis, of Minnesota, whose position with regard to the Philippines is not subject to doubt. The senator is not afraid of the word "imperialism" or of the doctrine of expansion. Since his selection as a member of the commission he has been reticent in regard to questions likely to come up before it for a decision, but there is no reason to think that he has changed his opinion in the last month. It will be Senator Davis' aim to help formulate a treaty which shall go to the extreme limit of his personal views without encountering any opposition in the senate as well as in the ratification of congress.

### FRYE'S OPINION.

In the same interview Senator Frye, who is this morning in conference with the president and Senator Davis, said that if he were to write the Republican platform this year it would contain the following propositions: First, the annexation of Hawaii; second, the construction of the Nicaragua canal; third, the revival of our merchant marine; fourth, every possible extension of our commerce with foreign countries; fifth, the enlargement of our navy.

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"Nations, like individuals," he added, "must have a care for the future and plan accordingly." The dream of today may prove reality tomorrow, we must go forward; we dare not go backward." To Davis and Frye, as members of the senate foreign relations committee, the commission will look for counsel as to the temper of the legislative branch of the treaty-making power. It is doubtful whether General Tracy will become a member. He is engaged now in preparing the case of Venezuela which will meet in Paris this fall. Ex-President Harrison and General Tracy were engaged to make the final arguments for Venezuela, and that task will fully occupy them.

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## SHAFER'S ARMY SAILS.

### His Command Nearly All Out of Santiago Yesterday.

Washington, Aug. 25.—The last of Shaffer's army will sail from Cuba tomorrow. The following dispatch was received at the war department late this afternoon: Santiago, via Hayti, Aug. 25, 3:30 p. m. Adjutant General U. S. A. Washington: Command all embarked this morning except Twenty-fourth United States Infantry; detachment of recruits for First Rhode Island volunteer infantry; and a part of the Ninth Massachusetts volunteer infantry, all of which will embark tomorrow morning on transports now here. General Shaffer and Major General Berlin and Berkshire with 350 convalescents, leave this morning for Montauk Point. I will leave with headquarters and one company of First Infantry on Mexico by noon today. Instructions about Grizaba proceeding to Montauk Point just received. Alpheney left yesterday with 500 convalescents. Remainder of army having on board one company of First Illinois and private horses leave today; Saratoga with Lieutenant Colonel and 200 convalescents. Arrived this morning; 300 more expected on the Knickerbocker in two or three hours. Shaffer, Major General. (Signed) Shaffer, Major General.

### WARRING DEMOCRATS.

The Gordonites and Anti-Gordonites Present Their Claims at Headquarters. Philadelphia, Aug. 25.—The executive committee of the Democratic state committee held here today and heard statements from each of the Gordon and anti-Gordon city committees, with a view of determining which is the legal committee. After a session lasting from early in the morning until nearly 8 o'clock at night, during which there were a number of exciting scenes between rival local Democrats, the committee adjourned until next Friday, without coming to any decision. This was based on the failure of the executive committee to notify each of the six representatives of each faction claiming membership on the committee. Instead of doing this, but one of each faction had been notified to be present, and the executive committee feared that as a result there might be some legal complications.

### HAWAIIAN COMMISSIONERS.

They Arrived Safely at Honolulu on Aug. 17. San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 25.—The steamship Moanah arrived here today from Australian ports via Honolulu. An Associated Press correspondent writes from Honolulu under date of Aug. 18, as follows: The Hawaiian commissioners arrived here on August 17 on the Mariposa.

### MILES WILL RETURN.

Sickness Among Troops at Porto Rico on the Increase. Ponce, Porto Rico, Aug. 25.—The United States transport Ordan, from Charleston, arrived this morning bringing Mrs. Miles and her daughter, the wife of Col. Rice. General Miles contemplates an immediate return to the United States.

### WILL BE MUSTERED OUT.

Seventy-First New York and Second Massachusetts Regiments. Washington, Aug. 25.—By the first of October the Seventy-first New York regiment and Second Massachusetts regiment, now at Montauk Point, will have been mustered out of the United States service.

### DROWNED IN CONOWINGO.

Lighted Horse the Cause of Miss Bigley's Death. Lancaster, Pa., Aug. 25.—Miss Margaret Bigley, aged 13 years, was drowned in the Conowingo creek in Fulton township, this county, this morning. A bridge had been carried away by the high water, and Miss Bigley and her brother were fording the creek in a carriage. The carriage became frightened in mid-stream, upset the vehicle and the young woman was drowned. The body has not been recovered.

### GRAND CIRCUIT RACES.

Glens Falls, N. Y., Aug. 25.—The grand circuit meet at Glens Falls was continued today in good weather. The 2:30 trot, which had been interrupted by rain, was finished and John Nolan got the three straight heats. Best time, 2:24 1/2.

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## THE NEWS THIS MORNING

### Weather Indications Today:

Threatening; West to Southwest Winds.

1 General—Sixteen Men Drowned in a Collision at Sea.

2 Personal of the House Commission, Business Men's League Would Redeem the State.

3 Sick Soldiers from Camp Alger Taken to Philadelphia.

4 General—Secretary Alger Visits Soldiers at Fort Mifflin.

5 Financial and Commercial.

6 Local—Gas and Water Company Will Run a Pipe Line Through the Mountains.

7 Overt Affecting Mail to and from the West Indies.

8 Editorial.

9 Superiority of American Machinery.

10 Local—Convention of Deaf Mutes Closes.

11 Providence Vest Will Be Held Up.

12 Local—West Scranton and Suburban.

13 News Round About Scranton.

14 General—Thirteenth Boys Running Down Ramona.

15 Base Ball.

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## DISASTER ON THE DEEP

### Fishing Schooner Sunk by the Steamship Norge

Lost Vessel Hailed from Bayonne, France—Nine of Her Crew Rescued and Brought Here—List of 16 Men Are Drowned. New York, Aug. 25.—A gray mist settled over the Grand Banks during the afternoon of Aug. 10. The Thingvalla line steamship Norge, Captain Knudsen, reached through the fog at full speed, the watch being able to see three cables length ahead. Although the decks of the liner were wet and cheerless many passengers strolled up and down, wrapped in waterproofs. Suddenly the watch in the bow shouted an alarm to the officer on the bridge. There was a hurried interchange of orders, a jangling of bells in the engine room and a quick shuffle of men across the decks. Then the sails of a schooner were seen dead ahead by the passengers. Then came a shock which jarred the liner slightly, a sound of splintering wood, crash of falling masts, cries for help in French and then all was quiet save for the rumble of the steamship's machinery which had been set at full speed astern. The Norge was once more wrapped in the fog.

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Captain Knudsen reached the bridge at the moment the collision occurred, and when the ship began to lose speed ahead and answer the reversed propeller, he ordered one of the life-boats cleared away starboard. While the crew was obeying the orders three men were helped aboard the Norge by the men in the bow. They had been found clinging to the anchor chains into which they had jumped when their vessel was cut down. They pressed to the cabin and two men of the fishing schooner La Coquette, from Bayonne, France, the Norge's life-boat picked up six of the Frenchmen's sailors, who were found clinging to wreckage. Sixteen men went down with the schooner.

### CALIFORNIA CONVENTION.

Republicans of the State Make Nominations. Sacramento, Cal., Aug. 25.—The Republican state convention finished its nominations today and adjourned. The full ticket nominated is as follows: Governor, Henry T. Gage; lieutenant governor, Jacob F. Neff; secretary of state, Charles E. Curtz; controller, E. H. Colgan; treasurer, Truman Reeves; attorney general, Percy L. Ford; chief justice of the Supreme Court, Justice supreme court, W. C. Van Fleet; justice supreme court, D. McFarland; surveyor general, M. J. Wright; superintendent public instruction, Thomas J. Kirk; railroad commissioner, E. B. Edson and N. E. Blacketer; Congress: First district, John A. Barnham; Second, Frank Ryan; Third, H. Victor Metcalf; Sixth, Russell A. Waters; Seventh, J. F. Neenan.

### Ill from Eating Canned Meat.

Cleveland, O., Aug. 25.—Four companies of the Eighteenth Pennsylvania infantry arrived today by steamer from Sault Ste Marie, where they have been guarding the canal during the war. All but two privates departed by train for Middletown, Pa., where they will be mustered out. Privates William C. Fry and William T. Wall, of Pittsburg, became ill on arriving in port, having eaten canned meat which proved poisonous. They were taken to a hospital. Their cases are not dangerous.

### Sick Members of the Ninth.

New York, Aug. 25.—Two hundred and nine members of the Ninth regiment of New York volunteers arrived on the Pennsylvania railroad from Chickamauga today. They went to their respective homes, all being on the sick list.

### WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Aug. 25.—Forecast for Friday: For eastern Pennsylvania, threatening weather; west to southwest winds. For western Pennsylvania, fair; fresh southwesterly winds.

New York, Aug. 25.—(Herald's forecast)—In the middle states and New England, today, fair, less sultry weather will prevail, preceded by some cloudiness and local fog on the eastern New England coast with slightly lower temperature, and with fresh southwesterly to northerly winds.