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CHURCH AND SABBATH SCHOOL.

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TIONESTA LODGE, No. 369, I. O. O. F. Meets every Tuesday evening, in Odd Fellows' Hall, Partridge building. FOREST LODGE, No. 184, A. O. U. W. Meets every Friday evening in I. O. O. F. Hall, Tionesta.

FIGHT AT PORT ARTHUR

Russians Lose a Battleship in a Sortie.

Better Crop Advices—New Chairman Republican National Committee. Missing Kent Loomis—Medina National Bank Closed—Nearly 1,000 Bodies Recovered.

A Japanese account of the naval battle at Port Arthur says: "The Russian battleships Peresviet, Poltava and Sevastopol and the cruisers Bayan, Askold and Novik attempted to emerge from the harbor at dawn on June 23, led by steamers used for clearing the mines. At 11 a. m. the battleships Czarevitch, Retvizan and Pobleda joined the others.

"All the ships then advanced endeavoring to dispose of the mines laid by the Japanese, but they were hindered by two Japanese torpedo boat destroyers, which had been guarding the mouth of the harbor.

"At three p. m. the Japanese torpedo boats exchanged shots with seven Russian destroyers which were covering the clearing operations. One of the Russian destroyers was set on fire and retired inside the harbor.

"Subsequently the Japanese decoyed the Russians out to sea and awaited an opportunity to begin a general action, but between 8 and 9 p. m. the Russian ships made for the harbor. The Japanese torpedo boat destroyers and torpedo boats chased the Russians, and at 9:30 p. m. delivered the first attack, in consequence of which the enemy was thrown into disorder.

"During the night eight separate attacks were delivered, lasting until dawn of Friday.

"In one of these assaults the Chirivita twice torpedoed a battleship of the Peresviet type and sank her. A battleship of the Sevastopol type and a cruiser of the Diana type were disabled and towed away.

"The Russian vessels re-entered the harbor during Friday.

"The newspapers publish enthusiastic articles upon Vice Admiral Togo's prompt action.

Russians Forced to Retreat. The Russian hope of relieving the pressure on Port Arthur by threatening the rear of General Oku, the commander of the Japanese forces investing the Russian stronghold, came to an end Wednesday at Telissu, a point on the railroad 50 miles north of Kichou and 25 miles north of Vafangou, when the Russians were outmaneuvered, enveloped and sweepingly defeated.

They left more than 500 dead on the field and the Japanese captured 500 prisoners and 14 quick-firing guns. The Russians retreated to the northward.

NO DISSIDENTING VOICE.

Roosevelt and Fairbanks Nominated by Acclamation.

Nominating Speeches Made by Ex-Governor Black and Senator Dolliver—Resounding Demonstrations of Approval by the 10,000 People Gathered in Chicago Coliseum.

For the second time in the history of Republican conventions a national ticket was selected without a dissenting voice. Theodore Roosevelt for president and Charles W. Fairbanks for vice president received every vote in the convention.

Regardless of the fact that the nomination of one had been assured for months and the other for days, the announcement of the choice was accompanied by a resounding demonstration which attested the candidates' universal popularity.

The cheering was led by figures known through the breadth of the land and echoed by a mighty throng of enthusiastic men and radiant women assembled in the Coliseum to witness the crowning feature as well as the close of the national convention that marks the semi-centennial of the Republican party in the United States.

No less than 10,000 men and women participated in the ratification of the party program and the consequent roar of cheering and handclapping was deafening. The band stationed high among the girders of the hall was drowned by the tumultuous, unbounded demonstrations. Hats were tossed in the air, state emblems were waved and flags, beautiful tri-colored shimmering silken flags, fluttered from every hand as though stirred by a gale.

Mr. Black entertained his audience by a discussion of party principles. As he named Theodore Roosevelt as the best example of the type of man best suited for the nomination the convention rose. The New York delegation led in the cheering which at last immediately spread to every part of the great hall.

Senator Beveridge was recognized by the chair for the purpose of seconding the nomination of Mr. Roosevelt for president. He was followed by George A. Knight of California.

Medina National Bank Closed. The Medina National bank of Medina, N. Y., has been closed by the acting comptroller of the currency on the report of an examination made by Examiner J. W. Schofield, showing the bank to be insolvent.

912 Bodies Recovered. The federal grand jury will meet on Thursday next to investigate the disaster to the steamer General Slocum. By that time the coroner's inquest will have been closed.

Raisuli's Captives Released. Ion Perdicaris and Cromwell Varley, who were captured by the bandit Raisuli, arrived last week at Tangier. Perdicaris is very much fatigued after his long ride, but says he is glad to get back. He is already pleased with the reception accorded him by the townsmen, who met him in great numbers.

Advocates McClellan's Nomination. The New York Daily News, which has changed hands and come out as a straight Democratic newspaper and is recognized as the organ of Taunamyer Hall, has printed a three-page article advocating George B. McClellan, the present mayor, as nominee of the Democratic party for the presidency.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS.

Pointed Paragraphs Chronicling the Week's Doings.

Long Dispatches From Various Parts of the World Shorn of Their Padding and Only Facts Given in as Few Words as Possible For the Benefit of the Hurried Reader.

Wednesday. From Russian headquarters at Liao Yang it was reported that a general engagement was in progress near Kai Chou.

Thursday. Arguments for a woman's suffrage plank are made to the committee on resolutions at Chicago by four female orators.

Friday. The first train on the Capoto-Cairo railroad left Cape Town for Victoria Falls, 1,633 miles distant.

Saturday. Kent J. Loomis' disappearance at Plymouth is still unexplained, but the Abyssinian treaty, which he was carrying has arrived safely at Paris.

Sunday. The Russian army in a heavy engagement at Simentig, 40 miles east of Kailchow, in which 16,000 men are lost, follows closely upon a naval defeat suffered by the Port Arthur squadron.

Tuesday. In a manifesto the senate of Finland condemns the assassination of Governor General Bobrikoff.

Wednesday. Little Mississippi girl adjusts the nose about the neck of a negro, her alleged assailant, and leads a horse from under him in the presence of a mob.

Thursday. Defeat of the Russian army near Tatchegia is reported at St. Petersburg. General Oku's forces are said to be withdrawing from the position they have held.

Friday. The French chamber of deputies has appointed a commission of inquiry of alleged corruption in connection with the question of the expulsion of the Carthusian monks.

Saturday. The coroner's jury investigating the General Slocum disaster was taken to the hulk of the burned steamer at Erie basin and after an inspection of the wreck and the examination of several witnesses proceeded in a police patrol boat over the route followed by the steamer on the day of the ill-fated excursion.

INSPECTED SLOCUM'S HULK.

Evidence That Fire Started in a Barrel in Forward Hatchway.

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Commander Winslow of the navy who was appointed to make federal inquiry into the disaster, was on board the Slocum when the coroner and his party arrived. He was accompanied by Supervising Inspector General Usher and District Head Inspector Rodde. Commander Winslow compiled a description of the Slocum's interior as he found it.

On board the Slocum, Coroner Berry led the way to the forward hatchway, a blackened opening in the midst of a pile of rotting life preservers tangled iron and half-burned barrels.

Terrance McManus, counsel for the Knickerbocker Steamboat company was asked by the coroner if he would concede that that was the spot where the fire was first discovered. Mr. McManus declined to concede anything and when Mr. Brandon, the assistant engineer, was called, answered the question affirmatively.

Former Fire Marshal Thomas F. Freel said that he had examined the hold of the vessel on the day it was raised. He found that the fire started in one of the barrels.

"The barrel tells," Mr. Freel replied holding up one of the loosened staves. "The blackened edges show that it was burned from the bottom and from inside out. There are no marks of burning on the outside except in a small place where it burned through."

After seeing all of the hulk they desired the patrol boat started up river. Captain Edward VanWart, chief pilot of the Slocum, took the helm and pointed out to the jury men the exact course taken by the Slocum. Captain VanWart believes that Captain Van Schaick, in running his vessel to North Brother Island, did the best that could be done under the circumstances.

Kuropatkin's Position Untenable. Chicago, June 28.—A special to the Daily News from Tokio says: "It is stated by the war office that General Oku's army has passed the mountain barrier, protecting the right flank and rear of Kuropatkin's forces. The Russian position has thus been rendered strategically untenable and it is expected it will be made actually untenable in the course of the operations of the coming week unless the Russians resist the advance of the Japanese more successfully than hitherto. In that event General Kurki will be relieved of the necessity of attacking frontally the main strongholds of the Manchovites between Feng Huang Cheng and the railway."

Man Freed, to Be Tried Again. San Francisco, June 28.—The supreme court of California has decided that a man once acquitted may be tried again for the same offense, despite the provision of the constitution to the contrary. The decision was rendered in the case of Dr. Benjamin F. Stoll, who was charged with the murder of Dr. Robert J. Blake on Oct. 16, 1902. Stoll claimed the shooting was in self-defense. When the case came to trial the court instructed the jury to acquit. The supreme court holds that the judge exceeded his powers.

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PENNSY'S ECONOMY.

Enforced Vacations Without Pay Is the Latest Policy.

Philadelphia, June 27.—It has practically been determined to make no public official announcement of the character and extent of the proposed retrenchment among the clerical and accounting forces in the Broad street general offices of the Pennsylvania railroad. Notices announcing the lengthening of the office hours an hour per day on and after July 1 have been posted in the different auditing departments, and others are expected to be posted daily.

From the best information obtainable it is apparently not the purpose of the management to reduce the force to any extent, but the policy to be pursued is that of enforced vacations without pay.

These vacations are to be distributed among the employes wherever possible during the summer months, beginning with July, at the rate of five days per month, instead of the usual two weeks' vacation taken at one time. Owing to the withdrawal of the usual vacation pay the reduction in time will be distributed over several months and will prove less of a hardship to many of the clerks, who can ill afford to lose any amount of time.

In discussing the proposed retrenchment, one of those likely to be affected said that President Cassatt could issue no more popular order than one announcing that the entire general office force, from the president down, would be obliged to take their usual vacation without pay. By such an order, he said, a saving could be effected that would amount to something and everyone, under the circumstances, would be in hearty sympathy with the president.

The announcement that the passenger conductors are to be given the usual two weeks' vacation with pay is likely to be a discrimination in favor of a certain class of employes that is not warranted under present conditions.

IS BRYAN FOR OLNEY? Pennsylvania Delegates Have a Mysterious Letter to Be Sprung at St. Louis. Pottsville, Pa., June 27.—"Keep your eyes on Richard Olney of Massachusetts if you want to see a statesman whose star is rising," said a prominent Pennsylvania Democrat here after attending a caucus of a number of delegates from this state to the St. Louis convention.

All of the 10 delegates present, with the exception of one, were in favor of Olney, and this one delegate became an advocate of the Massachusetts man when he read a letter from Bryan about Olney which will be presented at St. Louis. The contents of this letter are kept secret in order that it may be sprung as a surprise at the convention. Ex-Congressman James B. Rully says that Mr. Olney possesses ideal qualifications for the presidency.

Pennsylvania Day at St. Louis. Harrisburg, June 27.—According to arrangements now being made Pennsylvania day at the St. Louis exposition will be a big gala celebration. Governor Pennypacker, his cabinet, his military staff and the judges of the supreme and superior courts will leave here on Aug. 18 and will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the First Troop of Philadelphia going in a special train as escort. On Tuesday, Aug. 23, there will be a reception at the Pennsylvania building to the exposition commissioner, Governor Pennypacker receiving. The party will leave for home on Wednesday.

Firebug in Lumber Yards. Cleveland, June 27.—Fire, supposed to have been of incendiary origin, caused losses aggregating \$300,000 in the lumber district lying along the river front. Several acres covered with big lumber piles were swept clean by the flames. The firms suffering loss were the J. N. Hahn Co., the Nicola, Stone & Meyers Co., and the Guy & Ralph Gray Co. At one time the fire threatened to wipe out the entire lumber district and every available engine and fireboat was called into service.

Wolf's Bite Proved Fatal. Pittsburg, Kan., June 27.—Kinzie Smith, a farmer who lived near here is dead of hydrophobia, the result of a wolf's bite on April 10. The wolf was on a chicken house, and when Smith went to chase it away the animal rushed at him and bit off three fingers of his left hand. But little attention was paid to the wound. Several days ago spasms seized the farmer and the combined strength of three men was required to restrain him. In his sane moments Smith begged to be killed.

Analyzing Connellsville Milk. Connellsville, Pa., June 27.—Pure Food Agent Hutchison of Jeannette was in town last week conferring with Health Officer Allan Hyatt relative to the recent discovery of a new acid poison which is being used extensively in milk. Samples were taken from all the daily wagons and sent to State Chemist Aschman of Pittsburg for analysis.

Deadlocked on Principal. Roscoe, Pa., June 27.—The school board is deadlocked over the election of a principal. W. B. Cober and H. B. Saylor are the applicants. The following teachers were elected: Mary Mathewson, Margaret Fallow, Annie Murhey, Mary Blankenshiner, Della Kirk, Grant Furlong and Elgie Tobin.



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