BRYAN IS NAMED.

Democrats Unanimous For Famous Nebraskan.

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Imperialism Is Made the Chief and Foremost Issue.

SPEECHES AROUSE ENTHUSIASM.

The Convention Held Two Sessions. A Long Wait For the Resolutions Committee—Free Coinage and 16 to 1 Carries the Day. Presidential Nomination In the Evening.

KANSAS CITY, July 6.—William Jennings Bryan was nominated last night for president by the Democratic national convention on a 16 to 1 platform.

The nomination was made by acclamation after a presentation followed by scenes of delirious excitement. For more than half an hour the vast audience of 20,000 persons gave themselves up to demonstrations of delight, cheering wildly while the delegates marched about the hall with flags, state standards and extemporized banners with inscriptions upon them, borne high in the air.

The big hall was crowded when the second day's work of the Democratic national convention began.

Mr. Richardson now announced that the platform committee was not ready to report, and, pending word from them, he invited to the platform ex-Governor Hogg of Texas to address the convention.

The giant form of the Texan advanced to the front and was greeted enthusiastically. He was in good voice, and his words reverberated through the hall.

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At the termination of Governor Hogg's address Chairman Richardson stepped forward to say a few works to Sergeant-at-arms Martin, and the crowd took advantage of the opportunity to start the cry of "Hill!" It came from all quarters of the galleries, but practically little of it from the delegates. Mingled with the calls were hisses.

Chairman Richardson wielded his gavel vigorously and when order was restored in some degree announced:

"Gentlemen, I have the honor to introduce to you Hon. A. M. Dockery, Missouri's favorite son."

Mr. Dockery was warmly received, and his prompt attack upon the conduct of the Republican administration for its management of the Philippine question was greeted with the usual demonstrations of applause.

Other speakers were Mayor Rose of Milwaukee, J. E. McCullough of Indianapolis and Governor Beckham of Kentucky. Finally the committee on resolutions, not being ready to report, adjournment was taken to 3:30 p. m.

It was not until 4 o'clock that Chairman Richardson, turning from a conference with Governor McMillin and Senator White, picked up the gavel and brought the convention to order for the second session of the day. The platform committee, headed by Senator Jones, D. J. Campau, Senator Tillman and Judge Van Wyck, had just pushed their way through the dense throngs and, proceeding to the platform, had taken seats facing the chairman. Mr. Richardson appealed long and vainly for order. The portly form of Senator Jones, silver haired and serious, advanced to the front of the stage. He held a roll of manuscript in his hands. But it was useless to talk against such a tumult, and he dropped back in his seat until order was restored. At last the confusion ceased, and Mr. Jones announced, "I am authorized by the committee on resolutions to present the platform agreed upon."

Senator Tillman then read the document. His voice throughout was admirable, and he made himself heard throughout the vast hall. His reading was forceful and effective.

When the applause had subsided, Chairman Jones of the platform committee said he had been instructed to move that the platform be adopted by the convention by acclamation.

The motion was put, and amid a roar of cheers the platform was adopted without a word of dissent. The announcement of Chairman Richardson of the adoption of the platform was followed by a stunning shout which made the building ring from one end to the other.

Following is the official text of the more important planks of the platform as agreed upon by the committee on resolutions and adopted by the convention:

We, the representatives of the Democratic party of the United States, assembled in convention on the anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, do reaffirm our faith in that immortal proclamation of the inalienable rights of men and our allegiance to the constitution framed in harmony therewith by the fathers of the republic. We hold, with the United States supreme court, that the Declaration of Independence is the spirit of our government, of which the constitution is the form and letter. We declare again that all governments instituted among men derive their just powers from the consent of the governed; that any government not based upon the consent of the governed is a tyranny and that to impose upon any people a government of force is to substitute the methods of imperialism for those of a republic. We hold that the constitution follows the flag and denounce the doctrine that an executive or congress deriving their existence and their powers from the constitution can exercise lawful authority beyond it or in violation of it. We assert that no nation can long endure half republic and half empire, and we warn the American people that imperialism abroad will lead quickly and inevitably to despotism at home. Believing in these fundamental principles, we denounce the Porto Rico law, enacted by a Republican congress against the protest and opposition of the Democratic minority, as a bold and open violation of the nation's organic law and a flagrant breach of the national good faith. It imposes upon the people of Porto Rico a government without their consent and taxation without representation. It dishonors the American people by repudiating a solemn pledge made in their behalf by the commanding general of our army, which the Porto Ricans welcomed to a peaceful and unresisted occupation of their land. It doomed to poverty and distress a people whose helplessness appeals with peculiar force to our justice and magnanimity. In this, the first act of its imperialistic programme, the Republican party seeks to commit the United States to a colonial policy, inconsistent with Republican institutions and condemned by the supreme court in numerous decisions.

We demand the prompt and honest fulfillment of our pledges to the Cuban people and the world that the United States has no disposition nor intention to exercise sovereignty, jurisdiction or control over the island of Cuba except for its pacification. The war ended nearly two years ago, profound peace reigns over all the island, and still the administration keeps the government of the island from its people while Republican carpet bag officials plunder its revenues and exploit the colonial theory to the disgrace of the American people.

We condemn and denounce the Philippine policy of the present administration. It has involved the republic in unnecessary war, sacrificed the lives of many of our noblest sons and placed the United States, previously known and applauded throughout the world as the champion of freedom, in the false and un-American position of crushing with military force the efforts of our former allies to achieve liberty and self government. The Filipinos cannot be citizens without endangering our civilization; they cannot be subjects without imperiling our form of government, and as we are not willing to surrender our civilization or to convert the republic into an empire we favor an immediate declaration of the nation's purpose to give to the Filipinos—first, a stable form of government; second, independence, and third, protection from outside interference, such as has been given for nearly a century to the republics of Central and South America.

The greedy commercialism which dictated the Philippine policy of the Republican administration attempts to justify it with the plea that it will pay, but even this sordid and unworthy plea fails when brought to the test of facts. The war of criminal aggression against the Filipinos, entailing an annual expense of many millions, has already cost more than any possible profit that could accrue from the entire Philippine trade for years to come. Furthermore, when trade is extended at the expense of liberty the price is always too high.

The importance of other questions now pending before the American people is in nowise diminished, and the Democratic party takes no backward step from its position on them, but the burning issue of imperialism growing out of the Spanish war involves the very existence of the republic and the destruction of our free institutions. We regard it as the paramount issue of the campaign.

Private monopolies are indefensible and intolerable. They destroy competition, control the price of all material and of the finished product, thus robbing both producer and consumer. They lessen the employment of labor and arbitrarily fix the terms and conditions thereof and deprive individual energy and small capital of their opportunity for betterment.

They are the most efficient means yet devised for appropriating the fruits of industry to the benefit of the few at the expense of the many, and unless their insatiate greed is checked all wealth will be aggregated in a few hands and the republic destroyed. The dishonest paltering with the trust evil by the Republican party in state and national platforms is conclusive proof of the truth of the charge that trusts are the legitimate product of Republican policies, that they are fostered by Republican laws and that they are protected by the Republican administration in return for campaign subscriptions and political support.

We pledge the Democratic party to an unceasing warfare in nation, state and city against private monopoly in every form.

We condemn the Dingley tariff law as a trust breeding measure, skillfully devised to give the few favors which they do not desire and to place upon the many burdens which they should not bear.

We reaffirm and indorse the principles of the Democratic national platform adopted at Chicago in 1896, and we reiterate the demand of that platform for an American financial system made by the American people for themselves which shall restore and maintain a bimetallic price level and as part of such system the immediate restoration of the free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1, without waiting for the consent of any other nation.

We denounce the currency bill enacted at the last session of congress as a step forward in the Republican policy which aims to discredit the sovereign right of the national government to issue all money, whether coin or paper, and to bestow upon national banks the power to issue and control the volume of paper money for their own benefit. A permanent national bank currency, secured by government bonds, must have a permanent debt to rest upon, and if the bank currency is to increase with population and business the debt must also increase. The Republican currency scheme is therefore a scheme for fastening upon the taxpayers a perpetual and growing debt.

We favor the continuance and strict enforcement of the Chinese exclusion law and its application to the same classes of all Asiatic races.

Jefferson said, "Peace, commerce and honest friendship with all nations; entangling alliances with none." We approve this wholesome doctrine and earnestly protest against the Republican departure which has involved us in so called policies, including the diplomacy of Europe and the intrigue and land grabbing of Asia, and we especially condemn the ill concealed Republican alliance with England which must mean discrimination against other friendly nations and which has already stifled the nation's voice while liberty is being strangled in Africa.

Believing in the principles of self government and rejecting, as did our forefathers, the claim of monarchy, we view with indignation the purpose of England to overwhelm with force the South African republics. Speaking, as we do, for the entire American nation except its Republican officeholders and for all free men everywhere, we extend our sympathies to the heroic burghers in their unequal struggle to maintain their liberty and independence.

We denounce the lavish appropriations of recent Republican congresses, which have kept taxes high and which threaten trade with perpetuation of the oppressive war levies. We oppose the accumulation of a surplus to be squandered in such barefaced frauds upon the taxpayers as the shipping subsidy bill, which, under the false pretense of prospering American shipbuilding, would put unearned millions into the pockets of favorite contributors to the Republican campaign fund. We favor the reduction and speedy repeal of the war taxes and a return to the time honored Democratic policy of strict economy of government expenditures.

We favor the immediate construction, ownership and control of the Nicaragua canal by the United States, and we denounce the insincerity of the plank in the Republican platform for an isthmian canal in face of the failure of the Republican majority to pass the bill pending in congress.

We condemn the Hay-Pauncefote treaty as a surrender of American rights and interests, not to be tolerated by the American people.

After the reading was concluded Webster Davis went upon the platform, and his appearance was greeted with cheers. Mr. Davis in a brief speech announced his withdrawal from the Republican party.

At 5:44 p. m. a motion was carried to proceed to the nomination of a candidate for president. The roll was called, and Alabama yielded to Nebraska. Mr. Oldham took the platform to place Bryan in nomination. His eulogy of Mr. Bryan was delivered with impassioned fervor. As he approached the close of his address he raised both hands high over his head and spoke slowly and with an energy that caused his voice to penetrate into every corner of the hall.

"And that man is William Jennings Bryan," he concluded, bringing his hands lower with each word until the last had been uttered, when he brought them up with a sweep, but quicker than his motion was the answering cheer that swept across the convention. It was a simultaneous roar from all parts of the hall. Up went the delegates upon their chairs, over their heads went the flags, and above them all soared and rang the cheers for Bryan. The band loyally performed its share, but the noise of its creation was but a drop in the torrent. The men from the state of Nebraska flung up a large banner bearing a likeness of Mr. Bryan upon one side and upon the other the word "Nebraska" and a smaller portrait. Mr. Oldham spoke in part as follows:

More than 100 years ago the Continental congress of America adopted a declaration which had been drafted by the founder of the Democratic party, and the joyous tones of the old Liberty bell which greeted the act announced to a waiting world that a nation had been born.

With hearts unchilled by the selfish sentiments of cold commercialism you have responded patriotically to each sentiment contained in Democracy's first platform as it was read to you at the opening of this convention, and in view of the radical departure which the party in power has made from the principles set forth in that historic document it is meet that we—true

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believers in the republic of old—should, when choosing a field and forming our lines for the bloodless battle of ballots now impending, say in the language of one of the loved patriots of long ago: "Read this declaration at the head of the army, and every sword shall be drawn from its scabbard and a solemn vow taken to maintain it or to perish on the bed of honor."

Democratic skies are tinged with a rosier hue today than when we met in convention four years ago.

While discord, with her flaming torch confused the counsels there, from out the Sunset Realm a champion came and bid defiance to the oncoming host.

With the strength of youth and the wisdom of age, with knightly mien and matchless speech, he towered above his peers, and all who saw him then with one accord did hail him "Chief," and gave our party's banner to his hand. Slowly despair gave way to hope; confidence took the place where timorous feet had been; the broken, shattered columns formed again, and behind him, singing, came 6,500,000 valiant men to that unequal fight.

For four years he has waged an unceasing warfare against the people's enemies—for four years he has held up the party's standard, and his voice has cheered the hosts of Democracy in every state and territory.

When the trusts began to increase under the protection of a Republican administration, he was the first to point out the danger and prescribe a remedy.

When the alarums of a war for humanity roused the heroic spirit of our land, he offered his sword to his country's cause on the day that war was declared.

With the issues now clearly drawn, no doubt remains as to the name of our candidate. On that question we are a reunited Democracy.

Already worthy allies, differing from us rather in name than faith, have shouted for our gallant leader again, and every state and territory has instructed its delegates to this convention to vote for him here. So it only remains for Nebraska to pronounce the name that has been thundered forth from the foot of Bunker Hill and echoed back from Sierras' sunset slope and that reverberates among the pine clad, snow capped hills of the north and rises up from the slumbering, flower scented savannahs of the south, and that name is the name of William Jennings Bryan, her best loved son.

When the demonstration had spent itself, the speeches seconding the nomination of Mr. Bryan were in order. Senator White spoke for California, giving the tribute of the Pacific coast to the Nebraska candidate. When Colorado was reached, that state yielded to Senator Hill of New York. The audience had anxiously awaited the appearance of the distinguished New Yorker, and as he took the platform he was accorded a splendid reception, the entire audience rising and cheering wildly with the single exception of the little group of Tammany leaders, who sat silent throughout the cheers for their New York associate. Mr. Hill was in fine voice, and his tribute to the Nebraskan touched a sympathetic cord in the hearts of the audience. Several other speeches were made. Then came the voting. State after state recorded its vote in behalf of the Nebraska candidate and giving him the unanimous vote of all the states and territories. The convention managers had already agreed that this was sufficient work for the day, and the vice presidential nomination was allowed to go over.

The great battle of the convention has not been fought under the eyes of cheering thousands, but in the privacy of the closely guarded quarters of the committee on platform. Here was waged throughout Wednesday night and again yesterday morning one of the most remarkable struggles that has ever racked this historic party. On the one hand was the influence of Bryan and the absolute unity of devotion felt toward him and the cause of silver with which his name is inseparably linked. On the other hand were many of the patriarchs of the party, men like Daniel of Virginia, insisting that the very life of the organization was endangered by changing its old issues and that the duty of the hour called for new issues based on new and vital events. And out of this fierce strife the adherents of Bryan emerged scarred but victorious. They have written the platform in their own way, with 16 to 1. But it was a victory by a scratch, for a single vote would have turned the scale. And it has not been a victory without concession, for in the final draft silver is no longer "paramount." It is far down in the platform, while in the very forefront is the declaration that imperialism is the "paramount issue of this campaign."

VICE PRESIDENT NAMED.

Stevenson of Illinois Nominated on the First Ballot.

KANSAS CITY, July 7.—The Democratic national ticket was completed yesterday by the nomination of Adlai E. Stevenson for vice president. The nomination was made on the first ballot, state after state joining in the wild scramble to record their support of the winning candidate. It was not accompanied by any such frantic demonstration of approval as had marked the proceedings at previous stages, although the result followed a spirited and at times highly dramatic contest between the advocates of Stevenson, Towne, Hill and the lesser candidates. The distinct triumph of the day in the way of a popular ovation was that accorded to Senator Hill and in its spontaneity and enthusiasm was one of the most notable features the convention has produced. It was accompanied, too, by a remarkable scene when Hill earnestly protested to his friends against being placed in nomination and then, finding his protest in vain, when he strode to the platform and in tones which left no doubt of their sincerity earnestly besought the convention not to make him the nominee.

Senator Jones of Arkansas has been reelected chairman of the national committee, and all the officials of the last national committee have been re-elected—Governor Stone of Missouri vice chairman, C. A. Walsh secretary and John I. Martin of Missouri sergeant-at-arms.

SCOUTING IN LUZON.

Results of a Week's Fighting—Amnesty Slowly Accepted.

MANILA, July 9.—The past week's scouting in Luzon resulted in 11 Americans being killed and 16 being wounded. One hundred and sixty Filipinos were killed during the week, and eight Americans who had been prisoners in the hands of the rebels were surrendered and 100 rifles were turned over to the United States officials.

The enemy ambushed a wagon train between Indang and Naic.

The Third infantry lost nine men while on an expedition to punish the ladrones in the delta of the Rio Grande.

In the Antigue province of Panay a running fight of three hours' duration resulted in the killing or wounding of 70 of the enemy. There were no casualties among the Americans.

The insurgents are slowly accepting the amnesty provisions. In some instances the Americans are suspending operations in order to give the rebels an opportunity to take advantage of the decree.

Many paroled rebel officers are agitating for the formation of native regiments for service with the Americans in China. They say that they would be able to raise 10,000 men accustomed to arms for this purpose, and as for the soldierlike qualities of the Filipinos they point out the famous Seventy-third regiment, composed of natives, which served under Spain.

STANDARD OIL FIRE.

Loss Now Estimated at $2,400,000. Fire Department's Great Fight.

NEW YORK, July 7.—The fire at the Standard Oil company's works at Bayonne, which was kindled by a stroke of lightning shortly before midnight July 5, is practically under control. It was thought yesterday in the afternoon that the fire in tanks 10 and 14 would extend to 9 and 13 and thus render the whole plant subject to total destruction. The efforts of the combined fire departments of the Tidewater and Standard companies, using 14 streams, to keep the two threatening factors cool were successful, and despite an unfavorable wind the tanks did not ignite.

The official estimate of damage is $2,400,000. The Standard Oil company insures itself, a fund being set aside for that purpose.

The Bayonne fire companies have been at work continuously for 36 hours. The loss is as follows: Twenty oil tanks and contents destroyed, paraffin plant, including pressroom, in which was installed very expensive machinery; the sweetening plant portion of the new refinery, crude stills, 15 Union line tank cars and contents and four cars of the Central Railroad of New Jersey.

GOEBEL MURDER CASES.

Trial Begun at Georgetown of the Five Suspects.

GEORGETOWN, Ky., July 10.—Not since the civil war days has this quaint Kentucky town held so many strangers as are here to attend the trial of the quintet of men accused of participating in the assassination of Governor William Goebel.

The accused, who are to have a final hearing at this special term of the circuit court, are Caleb Powers, Henry E. Youtsey, "Tallow Dick" Combs, Harlan Whitaker and John Davis. They all declare themselves innocent, ready and anxious for trial. The commonwealth says also that it is ready.

Chinese Here Are Not Boxers.

NEW YORK, July 9.—Manifestations of growing intolerance of the resident Chinese have alarmed the merchants and head men of Chinatown, and yesterday a proclamation was read on the streets signed by several prominent Chinese. The matter had been under discussion for several days, and mistreatment of Chinatown residents at points along the Bowery on Saturday night precipitated the matter. The head men estimate there are 15,000 Chinese in New York and vicinity and say not one of them is from the north of China or even of the same tribal races involved in the disturbances.

Mayor McGuire at the Head.

ALBANY, July 9.—Chairman Frank Campbell of the Democratic state committee has appointed Mayor James K. McGuire of Syracuse chairman of the executive committee of that body. As the head of this committee Mayor McGuire will handle and direct the gubernatorial campaign in the state this fall. Mayor McGuire was a conspicuous figure at the Democratic national convention which was held in Kansas City last week by reason of his stanch support of former Senator David B. Hill in his fight to secure a modification of the 16 to 1 silver plank.

Four Years More For Diaz.

CITY OF MEXICO, July 10.—Electoral colleges met in the chief towns and cities all over the republic yesterday and cast their votes for president. The returns will come in slowly from the outlying states, but a great majority of the votes were cast for General Diaz, insuring his re-election for the term of four years, dating from Dec. 1 next. The Clerical and Conservative party made no nominations this year.

Another $100,000 For Starving India.

NEW YORK, July 10.—In response to an urgent appeal from Rev. Mr. Frease, who is treasurer of the interdenominational missionary relief committee in India, The Christian Herald has cabled a further remittance of $100,000 from the relief fund, to be expended in the famine districts where, in the committee's judgment, it is most needed.

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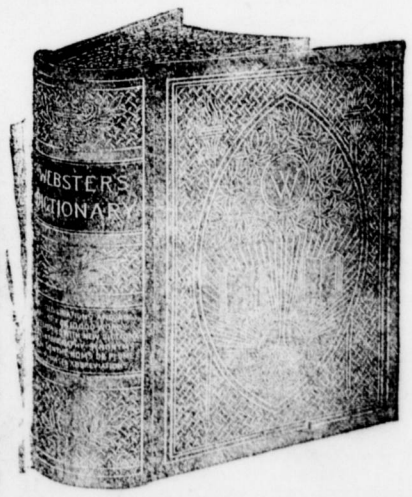

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