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ILLINOIS REPUBLICANS IN STUBBORN DEADLOCK

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

The Society of the Army of the Potomac at its annual meeting at Hartford, Conn., elected Col. Horatio C. King of New York president. A resolution was adopted favoring the assent to hold a peace conference of the blue and the gray at Washington in 1916.

Justice Anderson of the district equity court at Washington signed a decree in the Knights of Labor case directing the Hayes faction to deliver immediately to the Burns adherents all the property of the order. The Hayes faction gave notice of an appeal.

Jealous without cause, Clyde Robinson, aged 21, shot and killed his 18-year-old wife at Belle Vernon, Pa., and then blew out his own brains. The woman in falling plunged down a flight of stairs with the baby, which she was nursing, in her arms, but the child miraculously escaped injury.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, in session at Los Angeles, Cal., unanimously adopted a resolution requiring President Roosevelt to urge an immediate decision by the postal investigating committee in the case of Third Assistant Postmaster General E. C. Maddox, who is an honorary member of the organization.

The Golden Rule dry goods store of Kokomo, Ind. has filed a bankruptcy petition. Liabilities are $25,000 and assets $12,000.

John Gerber, a farmer living near Cheviot, O., was arrested after a post-mortem had shown that Rudolph Bermann, Gerber's father-in-law, died from injuries indicating murder. Gerber had reported his living friend Bermann dead in the barn and said he had tied him for about four hours to prevent him from burning himself in a fit.

The Rockbridge County, Ill., Republican convention instructs for Congressman Williams, defeating the Hearst managers.

Inquiry at Washington has brought out the fact that Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Taylor of Wisconsin was the original proposer of Congressman Hitt for the nomination for the vice presidency.

The coroner's jury at Elgin, Ill. returned a verdict that the new born baby whose body was found on the river bank between Elgin and Cohasset had been murdered.

The New York Yacht Club replying to Sir Thomas Lipton, says that Sir Thomas may challenge again with any kind of a yacht that does not exceed the measurement stated in the deed of gift of the America's cup.

Prince Hohenlohe, son of the former German chancellor, is in Lexington, Ky., with his sister. Under the escort of Col. R. D. Williams the party is visiting stock farms in the blue grass region.

As president of the triennial international convention of the I. O. O. F. at Boston, Ill. R. P. Marshall of Washington presented to president Roosevelt the greetings and good wishes of the convention.

The executive council Sovereign Camp, Woodmen of the World, in session at Omaha, elected Dr. A. D. Floyd and Dr. Frank Lord, both of Omaha, sovereign physicians of the society. They will serve four years.

Dr. Grant Showerman, assistant professor of Latin in the University of Wisconsin, has been appointed to fill the chair of Latin at Princeton university during the college year of 1904 and 1905. Dr. Showerman will occupy the position held by Prof. T. B. Carter, who has been granted a year's leave of absence by the faculty.

Rabbi David Lefkowitz of Spring field, Ill., proposes to bring action in the courts to prohibit the reading of the Bible in the public schools.

The national convention of the Alpha Xi Delta Sorority, which closed at Allison, elected Mrs. Ada M. Belt of Lombard college as grand president.

Officials at Jacksonville, Fla., have discovered a Chinese bureau where bogus certificates of citizenship and to residence in the United States are issued to order.

Because she refused to marry him, William Loudon shot and fatally wounded Nora Howells, aged 17, daughter of a farmer near Peoria, Ill. Loudon was arrested.

Dr. J. S. Wentz sent a letter to the Bristol, Tenn., coroner's jury denying that he had criticized its verdict of accidental death in the case of his son, Edward L. Wentz.

Mrs. Daisy Markin at Terre Haute, Ind., carried her body of the man she had in a room to show the mourners "how nice he looked," was adjudged insane.

James Gillespie offered no resistance when taken in court in Rising Sun, Ind., but the court warned him that if he repeated his outbreak of rage he would be sent to the penitentiary. Several witnesses gave circumstantial evidence as to the murder of Miss Gillespie.

Judge Vaas has ordered the Injury Inspection Bureau, charged Dean of Milwaukee on a charge of boodling placed in charge of the sheriff.

Frost has injured the peach and other fruit crops of Michigan.

There were contests in several of the district caucuses before the Illinois Republican State convention when it met at Springfield, May 12 and separate sets of committeemen were named.

The Twelfth and Twenty-second districts indorsed Congressman Hitt for Vice-president. Several other districts indorsed Senator Fairbanks.

Chairman Rowe presented as the temporary chairman of the convention Congressman Joseph G. Cannon, who was greeted with applause. Speaker Cannon spoke briefly: "I guess without saying," he remarked, "that the man selected as chairman of this convention whose breast would not swell with pride, would be less than human." The currency system affected by the party he declared to be better than any save that of France, and the internal commerce of the United States, he said, was worth more than all the commerce of all the nations of the world. The policy of the Republican party, he said was to uphold this system as against the systems of all other nations.

When the reports of the caucuses had been submitted the convention, on motion of Congressman Fuller, took a recess until 3 p. m.

At 3 p. m. Fred H. Rowe, on behalf of the state committee, presented the following secretaries of the temporary organization, who were declared elected: Temporary secretary, L. T. Hoy, assistant temporary secretaries, J. E. B. Van Vleave, J. H. McCann, Charles E. Sherman, Wm. G. McRoberts, Charles O. Carter, W. H. Full, Fred C. Dodds, C. S. Webster.

Friday's Session.

When the convention met Friday Judge Elbridge Hanecy, chairman of the committee on credentials, presented a report recommending that the sitting delegates be declared the delegates on the convention. This was adopted, and then, on recommendation of the committee on organization, the temporary organization was made permanent.

Then, after a twelve-hour session of the most tumultuous convention ever held in the state during which it was doubtful whether the party organization would result, the Republicans adjourned until 10 o'clock Saturday morning. The seven candidates stood almost exactly where they did on the third ballot.

The indorsement of Representative R. R. Hitt for the vice presidency was unanimous.

The platform gives credit to the money policy of the national administration, it is assertion to bring about present unexampled prosperity, and pledges the party to the preservation of the gold standard. Loyalty to the protective tariff is reaffirmed. Approval is given to the action of the navy in point of strength and efficiency and its proper position among the navies of the world.

The possession of the Philippines is declared to be the United States the right to a voice in the affairs of the East of the Philippines. The action of Secretary Hay in securing the open door policy of trade in the Orient is recognized as a great diplomatic achievement of modern times. Reciprocity with the Philippines is favored, as well as the maintenance of the open door policy of trade in eastern Asia.

The policy of the Democratic party in the Philippines is shaken. The Philippines is denounced. The attitude of congress and President Roosevelt regarding anti-trust legislation is commended, and such further legislation as may be necessary to deal with corporations is urged.

A compulsory primary election law and a civil service law for the state are favored, as well as a new charter for the city of Chicago.

The administration of President Roosevelt is praised, and the delegates to the national convention are instructed for him, and to use all honorable means to secure the nomination of Congressman Robert R. Hitt of Illinois as vice president. The vote on the adoption of the platform was unanimous.

Friday's Session.

A deadlock that seemed unbreakable—seven candidates for the Republican nomination for governor practically the same positions as when the balloting started, twenty-four further roll calls, and politicians all further at sea than ever regarding the outcome—that was the story at the close of the third day of the Republican state convention, which at 7:30 adjourned until 2 o'clock Monday afternoon.

The day was productive of nothing save nine ballots, none of which reveal a change in the relative positions of the candidates, although in the eighth ballot of the day—the seventeenth in the convention—there was a slight flurry when some of the county delegations whose votes had been scattering went to Hanecy. Of the thirty-eight votes thus gained, thirteen were lost immediately afterward.

Monday's Session.

The convention began its monotonous work Monday afternoon again promptly on schedule time. Chairman Cannon rapped the huge gathering to order at 2 o'clock and after a pause of five minutes while the delegates were congregating, began to send his ruling on the questions of alternates and proxies made necessary by the absence of many of the regular delegates.

Judge Cannon said in part: "The convention adopted a rule that in case a vacancy occurs in any delegation in the convening delegation present in such delegation shall cast the full vote of such delegation. After the best examination the chair has been able to give touching the question of half-a-half states that under the rule, to put the most extreme cases that can occur, the chair thinks the construction to be given would be as follows:

"If there is one delegate present and nine absent the chair would rule that the one present should cast the ten votes. Assuming that there are two delegates from such county or district, each delegate would be entitled to cast his own individual vote and the two delegates, if they can agree between the other eight to cast, would be permitted to cast the votes of the other eight. If they do not agree how the votes of the absent delegates should be cast then the eight votes could not be divided and would be lost.

Assuming that there are three or four delegates present the chair would hold that the three constituted a quorum and that a majority of the quorum would determine how the votes of absent delegates should be cast."

After this announcement the roll was called for the twenty-fifth ballot. There being practically no change on the ninth ballot adjournment was taken the convention adjourned after the twenty-ninth roll call to 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Tuesday's Session.

The convention was late in getting together Tuesday morning, it was 10:25 o'clock before Chairman Cannon rapped for order.

The monotonous singsong of Assistant Secretary Van Cleave on the ninth ballot showed that the co horts of the candidates were standing pat. Only Cook county made a change when the vote, which had always been delivered to Yates, was split up, 20 votes going to Hanecy and 10 to Yates. Will county followed this lead and Lee Davis, who had been giving him a larger total vote that Governor Yates. Other changes were slight.

After the twenty-second roll call, twenty-eighth ballot James L. Monaghan, deputy comptroller of Cook county, Democrat, arose and in a speech moved that the convention take a recess until 2 o'clock Wednesday. Senator J. Murphy of Will county seconded the motion. Deneen delegates protested vehemently, but Chairman Cannon adjourned the convention.

"I do not like to have it," announced the chairman in the face of hundreds of delegates who stood on their chairs to overhear the proceedings. "The eyes have it," he continued and with the gavel bringing the fifth day of the convention to a close.

Wednesday's Session.

When the convention adjourned Wednesday night, after three sessions and nine ballots, neither candidates nor delegates knew any more about the governorship situation than they did when they came to Springfield. Except for the increased vote for Mr. Deneen, caused by the Sherman vote being cast for him, the ballots practically the same position as when the balloting started, twenty-four further

FIRST AND LAST ROLL CALL ON FIVE DAYS OF BALLOTING:

	Yates.	Lowden.	Deneen.	Hamlin.	Sherman.	Warner.	Pierce
Friday, 1st	507	354	386	121	87	45	
Friday, 15th	495	465	381	111	51	36	21
Saturday, 16th	472	428	379	109	50	36	21
Saturday, 24th	486	398	375	135	46	36	21
Monday, 25th	489	407	381	111	46	39	21
Monday, 29th	481	404	382	115	58	37	22
Tuesday, 30th	475	425	382	111	51	44	21
Tuesday, 38th	490	393	382	113	52	37	25
Wednesday, 39th	483	396½	442½	112	36	2	30
Wednesday, 47th	482	403½	432½	111	36	2	33

PLAN TO CRUSH RUSSIANS

Japanese Will Before Reinforcements Can Reach Him. Gloom at St. Petersburg.

Endeavor to Strike Kouropatkin

London, May 16.—The Japanese armies are in force within forty miles from Liaoyang and all military observers here believe Gen. Kouropatkin is on the eve of a most disastrous defeat.

Gens. Kuroki and Oku, it is believed, plan to march Port Arthur with a relatively small force and to endeavor to envelope and destroy Gen. Kouropatkin's force before it can be organized and reinforced.

The St. Petersburg estimate of the number of Japanese soldiers actually landed is taken as probably more the truth—that is, eight divisions of 32,000 men each, or a total of 192,000 men, with 50,000 horses and 250 guns. Where may be more, but available information, even as numbers stand, that the Russian held force is inferior to the armies advancing against it.

The Times estimates that Gen. Kouropatkin has no more than 100,000 men and 216 guns apart from his heavy guns, to defend 100 miles of front from Siuyen-cheng to Mukden. These are drawn up parallel to the line of communications and there is no single line of retreat.

Japanese Divisions Cut Off Kouropatkin's Retreat.

Rome, May 19.—A telegram from Tokio states that two divisions have arrived close to Mukden, cutting off Kouropatkin's line of retreat northward.

Torpedo Raid Results in Crippling Japanese Cruiser.

Liaoyang, May 16.—The Russian fleet scored its first distinct naval success of the war on May 15 by its torpedoing and crippling, though not the sinking of an armored Japanese cruiser the Kasuga by name.

The Russian attack was carefully planned and the Russian torpedo flotilla squadron was concentrated outside of Dalny, devoting its whole attention to Talienwan bay, as had been carried out the same night.

The attacking force was not a regular torpedo boats, but was only a small naphtha launch in command of a young naval officer in the uniform three jackets. The launch mounted a small machine gun and carried three torpedoes.

When darkness fell the launch crept out of Port Arthur harbor against the shore with no lights aboard and no glow from engines to betray its presence. It was late when the launch gained the outer line of the Japanese squadron. Slipping through the Japanese picket lines and selecting the nearest warship, a big armored cruiser, the launch stole toward the great warship and succeeded in dodging against its side a single torpedo.

A deafening roar followed he explosion, which echoed far ashore. Immediately flames enveloped the cruiser, which evidently was badly crippled.

The crew of the cruiser was seen to be fighting the fire, which they at last succeeded in extinguishing. The cruiser ship took the damaged vessel in tow and disappeared in the darkness.

The launch escaped the hot fire directed against it by the Japanese ships, but being unable to return to Port Arthur or to get into Dalny it was beached not far from Dalny.

Only a few of the higher officers were aware of the plan, the success of which depended upon secrecy. The achievement raised the spirits of the Russians afloat and ashore, and the young naval officer who was the hero of the exploit was feted and recommended for the cross of St. George.

The Russians, on May 11, approximating into a battle with a Japanese squadron meant an attempt to capture Dalny, but the Japs, the piers and quietly evacuated the place.

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Russian Newspapers Admit Kouropatkin is in Danger.

St. Petersburg, May 16.—From Mukden the Japanese armies are reported to have turned up at six different places, to have occupied four stations on the Port Arthur railway, blown up the line for three miles to low Port Adams and taken Dalny.

At the same time Gens. Kuroki and Oku, with their divisions, are advancing in a line nearly 100 miles long, with Kuroki on the left, with the bottom of Siuyan is being strongly fortified with the object of securing the left flank of the main Japanese forces. There is a large amount of artillery in the brigade.

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"We believe that two Japanese divisions are marching from Siuyen-cheng wangcheng, on the Liaoyang road. The presence of a large force of artillery at Siuyen-cheng fifty-five miles southwest of Fengwangcheng may indicate a Japanese intention of forcing that place so as to protect the left flank of their base of operations, which probably is confined to a quadrilateral bounded by lines connecting Siuyen, Takushan, Fengwangcheng and Antung. The advancing lines are probably endeavoring to Japanese lines through Hanialdzy, on the road leading to Pitsewo and Wiju and Anju into Corea.

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Gloom Over Japanese Advance.

St. Petersburg, May 18.—The news that the Japanese army has appeared in force thirty miles northeast of Mukden and that Gen. Kouropatkin's armies are on the retreat in Eastern Asia is received here with general astonishment.

The enemy's force northeast of Mukden is reported to consist of 60,000 troops, with nearly 100 guns. This, it is rumored, is the army which was first landed in Corea by March and from which nothing has been heard since it marched into the interior.

It is announced in the Journal that Gen. Kouropatkin will abandon Liaoyang and retire upon Mukden with 120,000 troops and there await the arrival of 40,000 more, who are now with Kharkoff, in southern Russia, and of 50,000, which are about to be dispatched from the Moscow district.

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Russian Commander Plans Rearward Move to Mukden.

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While the superior numbers of the enemy compel a retirement it does not follow that Gen. Kouropatkin will not strike a stinging blow should a strategic opportunity be made manifest. He is able him to throw a strong force against the Japanese, who are now in a position to strike a blow at Port Arthur.

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COMPLETE MAP OF THE THEATER OF WAR BETWEEN RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

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