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"IMPERIALISM" THE ISSUE

Bryan and Stevenson are Notified Of Their Nomination.

At Indianapolis, Ind., Wednesday, William J. Bryan and Adlai E. Stevenson were formally notified of their nomination by the Democratic party for president and vice president respectively.

Military park, where the exercises were held, was a seething mass of humanity, 25,000 people crowding into the open space to hear the nomination and acceptance speeches.

The greatest enthusiasm prevailed despite the hot weather, and the leaders of the party were given a magnificent reception.

Hon. James D. Richardson, chairman of the nomination committee, made a brilliant speech in announcing to the candidates the honor conferred upon them at Kansas City.

Mr. Bryan spoke on the question of imperialism, entirely ignoring silver, trusts and other issues of the campaign. This was the sensational feature of the day.

Mr. Stevenson covered the several issues, but made scant reference to silver, confining his remarks on the subject to the statement that the party had reaffirmed the demand for bimetallism.



Hon. Wm. J. Bryan.
Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson.

Hon. William J. Bryan, in accepting the Democratic nomination for president, began his acceptance speech as follows:

"I shall, at an early day and in a more formal manner, accept the nomination which you tender, and I shall at that time discuss the various questions covered by the Democratic platform. It may not be out of place, however, to submit a few observations at this time upon the general character of the contest before us, and upon the question which is declared to be of paramount importance in this campaign.

"When I say that the contest of 1900 is a contest between Democracy on one hand and plutocracy on the other, I do not mean to say that all our opponents have deliberately chosen to give to organized wealth a predominating influence in the affairs of the government, but I do assert that on the important issues of the day the Republican party is dominated by those influences which constantly tend to elevate pecuniary considerations and ignore human rights."

"The Democratic party is not making war upon the honest acquisition of wealth; it has no desire to discourage industry, economy and thrift. On the contrary, it gives to every citizen the greatest possible stimulus to honest toil, when it promises him protection in the enjoyment of the proceeds of his labor. Property rights are most secure when human rights are respected. Democracy strives for a civilization in which every member of society will share according to his merits.

The most striking sentence of Mr. Bryan's speech were the following:

"If elected president, I shall convene congress in extraordinary session as soon as I am inaugurated, and recommend an immediate declaration of the nation's purpose.

"First, To establish a stable form of government in the Philippine Islands, just as we are now establishing a stable form of government in the island of Cuba;

"Second, To give independence to the Filipinos, just as we promised to give independence to the Cubans;

"Third, To protect the Filipinos from outside interference while they work out their destiny, just as we have protected the republics of Central and South America, and are, by the Monroe doctrine, pledged to protect Cuba.

"The Republicans shall not be permitted to evade the stupendous issue of imperialism.

"We cannot repudiate the principle of self-government in the Philippines without weakening that principle at home.

"The advocates of imperialism in this country dare not say a word in behalf of the Boers.

"The Democratic party does not oppose expansion when expansion enlarges the area of the republic.

"If we have an imperial policy we must have a large standing army.

"The Republican party has accepted the European idea and planted itself upon ground taken by George III.

"History furnishes no example of impudence baser than ours if we substitute our yoke for the Spanish yoke.

"A war of conquest is as unwise as it is unrighteous."

RESTRICTIONS ABBROGATED.

China Reconsiders and Will Allow Cipher Messages an Open Door.

A Washington special says: Minister Wu Wednesday morning received an edict under date of August 5, in which the Chinese government permits the powers to hold open and free communication with their ministers. This includes the sending of cipher messages.

Condemned Murderer Escapes.

Nathan Carters, a murderer, convicted and sentenced to be hanged, escaped from jail at Memphis, Tenn., Wednesday morning. He assaulted the jailer at the breakfast hour, dashed from the prison and made away.

Eight Per Cent Sick.

Secretary Root states that the latest reports from General MacArthur shows that the sickness in the army in the Philippines is 8 per cent, which was considered a remarkably good showing.

TRAIN SMASHES BUS.

Frightful Accident on a Pennsylvania Railroad—Eleven Lives Crushed Out.

Eleven persons were instantly killed and a dozen others, several of whom will die, were seriously injured Sunday night in a grade crossing accident three miles east of Slatington, Pa., by a passenger train on the Lehigh and New England railroad crashing into an omnibus containing twenty-five persons. All the dead and injured were in the omnibus and but three escaped uninjured.

The accident occurred about 5 o'clock. The omnibus driven by a man named Peters, was returning to Slatington, from a funeral the occupants had been attending at Cherrystone.

The coach belonged to Henry Bitter, of Slatington, and the dead and injured were nearly all relatives of Sophie Schoefner, at whose obsequies they had been present. The train was a special and consisted of an engine and one car.

At the point at which the collision occurred there is a sharp curve in the road and the omnibus came along at a good rate of speed, the occupants unconscious of any impending danger. As the bus swung around the curve the engine and car came in sight. It was too late to stop either the omnibus or the train, and as the driver of the former whipped up the four horses to cross the track ahead of the train, the latter crashed into its middle.

The occupants were thrown in all directions, bruised and bleeding. The eleven dead were killed outright. Physicians and a special train were sent for and the injured were taken to South Bethlehem.

No watchman is employed to warn teams or pedestrians of any approaching train and those living in the vicinity state that it is impossible to hear an approaching train.

A peculiar feature of the accident was that the horses drawing the bus escaped unharmed.

THREATENED RACE WAR.

Two White Men Killed By Negroes on the Public Highway.

News reached Sylvania, Ga., Sunday of a colored race war in the upper part of Scoville county, twenty miles north of town, which though already serious, threatens to grow more so.

Saturday night, about 9 o'clock, R. F. Herrington and Milton Mears, two white men, were driving in a buggy. They met two negroes, named Alexander and in passing their buggy wheels collided. Words ensued and the negroes drew pistols and shot the white men to death.

"Imperialism means a permanent departure from all the traditions of the past; from the high ideals of the founders of the republic. It abrogates the holding of our great court that the declaration of independence is the spirit of the government—the constitution but its form and letter.

"Imperialism knows nothing of limitations of power. Its rule is outside the constitution. It means the establishment by the American republic of the colonial methods of European monarchies. It means the right to hold alien peoples as subjects. It enthrones force as the controlling agency in government. It means the empire.

"As a necessary corollary to imperialism will come the immense standing army. The dead hand of militarism will be felt in the new world, as it is in the old."

"In the light of history, can it be possible that the American people will consent to the permanent establishment of a large standing army, and its consequent continuing and ever increasing burden of taxation?

"Only those who believe that our own country has outgrown the doctrines of the fathers are in sympathy with England's attempt to establish monarchy upon the ruins of republics.

"The hateful but logical result of the tariff law condemned by our platform is seen in the sudden growth of giant monopolies, combinations in restraint of lawful trade and trusts more threatening than foreign foes to the existence of popular government.

"The ills resulting from unjust legislation, and from unwise administration of the government, must find their remedy in the all-powerful ballot.

"McWade."

More Missions Destroyed.

The United States consul general at Hong Kong, Mr. Wildman, has received a telegram from the American Baptist mission at Swatow, province of Kwang Tung, saying that three more chapels have been demolished and that there has been much looting of mission property.

NON-UNION PRINTERS WIN.

Georgia Supreme Court Declares Union Label Ordinance Illegal and Void.

The union label ordinance, passed by the Atlanta city council some time ago, which required that all the city printing should bear the union label, has been declared ultra vires and illegal by the supreme court of Georgia. The court also held that such a procedure would tend to encourage monopoly and defeat competition.

The non-union printers of the city fought the movement, when it was adopted by the council. The case was first carried to the superior court by them and afterwards to the supreme court by the union printers.

REFUSES TO SIGN WRIT.

Judge Lacombe Makes a Decision Favorable to C. F. W. Neely.

Judge Lacombe, of the United States circuit court at New York, Monday, refused to sign the writ of extradition of Charles F. W. Neely on account the action of Judge Wallace in granting an appeal to the supreme court in the habeas corpus proceedings, but indicated that he did not think Judge Wallace understood the real situation of the case, and he believed if it went to the supreme court in its present shape the application for a writ of habeas corpus would be denied.

JAIL BREAKERS CAUGHT.

All But Six of the Marianna, Fla., Escapes Are Captured.

All but six of the Marianna, Fla., jail breakers, whose escape was chronicled some days ago, have been captured and lodged in jail at Pensacola. Among them are Raymond West, negro murderer, and the most desperate of the gang, and Dallas Miller, who planned the escape. Miller was captured about three miles south of Sneads, Fla.

FAMOUS CLAIM DECIDED.

General Land Office Settles River Island Contest in Kansas City.

Commissioner Hermann of the general land office, in the homestead entry contest of John H. Mensing, for valuable land now within the corporate limits of Kansas City, Mo., but formerly an island in the Missouri river, has decided in favor of the Mensing heirs, permitting their entry for all land within the Mender boundary lines of the island.

RUSSIANS FIRE ON AMERICANS

Mistaken For Chinese and Many Were Killed or Wounded.

THE ERROR A DEPLORABLE ONE

Sir Claude MacDonald Again Sets Forth Fearful Condition of Affairs in Pekin.

A special cable dispatch to the New York Evening World of Monday, dated Che Foo, August 9th, via Shanghai, says:

A terrible mistake occurred at the taking of Yang Tsun. Russian artillery opened fire on the American troops. Before the mistake was discovered many American soldiers had been killed or wounded by the Russian shells.

The Fourteenth took part in the attack on the Chinese trenches. As the Chinese fired the regiment entered and occupied one of the Chinese positions.

The Russian battery, it seems, did not notice the movement. It opened fire on the position and planted shells among the American troops.

The Russians were quickly notified, and ceased their fire.

Commenting upon this occurrence, The London Standard says:

"It is melancholy to learn that the losses of the Americans, who seem to have borne themselves with conspicuous gallantry, were increased by a deplorable error, in consequence of which one of their regiments was pounded by Russian and British cannoneers. The incident emphasizes the necessity of that close co-operation which is not easily obtainable without a single commander and a general staff."

SITUATION OF FOREIGNERS IN PEKIN IS DESPERATE.

The British consul at Canton, says The London Daily Telegraph's correspondent there, has received the following message, dated August 6th, from Sir Claude MacDonald, British minister in Pekin:

"Our situation here is desperate. In ten days our food supply will be at an end. Unless we are relieved a general massacre is probable.

"The Chinese offer to escort us to Tien Tsin, but remembering Cawnpore, we refused the offer. There are over 200 European women and children in this legation."

The Shanghai correspondent of The Daily Express, writing Monday, says:

"The allies are now Saturday evening within twenty miles of Pekin."

As General Chaffee's report, which is the only authentic news received at Washington regarding the advance, located the international forces about forty miles from Pekin on Friday, it seems probable that the Shanghai report is optimistic. The Chinese advance is backward, and the number of bales ginned each week will be furnished each ginner. The ginner will post it in a conspicuous place in the warehouse, where the farmers can judge for themselves whether it is wise to sell or hold.

These associations to be inaugurated in each cotton state:

COMMEMORATIVE OF LAST FIGHT.

There was a celebration at Shiloh church, ten miles from Piedmont, in Anderson county the past week, commemorating the last fight between organized bodies of the contending sides in the civil war, at least the last fight between such organized bodies east of the Mississippi river.

On May 1, 1865, a company of South Carolina Arsenal Cadets, under Captain J. P. Thomas, and a squad of military returning to Anderson county to disband, were met by a company of federal cavalry. Of course, it was after the surrender of Lee, but neither of the confederate organizations mentioned had either surrendered or been paroled, although they were part of the confederate army, and when the federal showed fight, the boys deployed into the woods and a sharp skirmish ensued, the blue coats finally fleeing leaving more than one man on the ground.

The celebration was prepared by a committee appointed months ago and was a big affair. Several thousand people gathered from the adjoining counties, and there was an immense basket picnic. Colonel John P. Thomas, who commanded the cadets, was the orator of the occasion. A speech was also made by Captain Ellison A. Smyth.

It is proposed to erect a monument on the spot.

PERFUME POISONER

Tries to Put an End to the Chinese Minister at Paris.

A special dispatch from Paris to The New York Evening Telegram, says:

"An artful attempt at poisoning by the use of perfume, which recalls memories of Lucretia Borgia, is exciting all the gossiping of Paris.

"Thursday the Chinese minister, Yukeng, received a letter. It was signed 'Julie Czerwinski,' and contained some dried flowers which the writer asked the minister to accept.

The secretary to the legation, Armani di Parma, opened the letter and was immediately overcome by the deadly emanations from the flowers. He fell in a faint and was with great difficulty revived.

MERCY IS REFUSED.

Georgia Prison Commission Turns Down Application for Clemency.

The Georgia state prison commission Thursday refused to recommend to life sentence James L. Baker, of Atlanta, and Dillard Herndon, of Wilkes county, both of whom were under sentence of death for murder.

The action of the commission leaves the men without the shadow of hope unless the governor interferes in their behalf, and as it is not Governor Candler's custom to make recommendations against the decisions of the commission, it is likely that both the men will be hanged on the date named by the courts.

GUARDED BY MILITARY.

Guarded by 100 picked military men, Sam Robinson, the negro charged with assaulting Mrs. George Inzer, was taken from the Atlanta jail and carried to Marietta, Ga., Friday morning.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

The Prince of Wales has been made a member of the Royal College of Surgeons.

Samuel W. Trombley, dean of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, is seventy-eight years old.

Former Mayor Josiah Quincy, of Boston, will hereafter reside in London, retaining American citizenship.

The Czar and Czarina received the Rev. Dr. T. De Witt Talmage at the Peterhoff Palace in St. Petersburg.

President Loubet of France, according to rumor, will pay a visit to St. Petersburg, Russia, early in the fall.

The Pope has written a Latin hymn in memory of all the martyrs who have died in advancing the civilization of the world.

Judge William A. Holt, of Kentucky, who has been appointed Chief Justice of Porto Rico, is one of the best known lawyers in his state.

Prince Sheng, the Chinese director of telegraphs, is said to be one of the best telegraph experts in the East and has had a long, practical experience.

The new provincial marshal of Manila, Brigadier-General Bell, began his career as a soldier in 1862 as a lieutenant of the Eighty-sixth Ohio Volunteers.

Henrik Ibsen intends, should his health permit, to pay a visit in September to Orkney and Shetland, where several relatives of his are reported to reside.

Former Governor William Marvin, of Florida, now a resident of New York State, has sent his portrait to Tallahassee, where it is now displayed in the executive chamber. He is ninety-two years old.

The Duc d'Acoss, Spanish Minister at Washington, who sharply refused an invitation to the Dewey celebration at Chicago, has accepted an invitation to the G. A. R. encampment to be held in Chicago.

Mr. Gary is himself a member of the house and speaker