

the new one will not go into effect until August. Consequently the convention was largely composed of members of the Roger C. Sullivan faction. They elected national delegates who for the most part are Sullivan supporters, elected eight instead of four, giving to each half a vote, and imposed the unit rule on all questions; but they instructed unqualifiedly for Bryan. The language of this instruction was as follows:

Recognizing the broad statesmanship, matchless eloquence and untiring efforts of our great leader, William Jennings Bryan, in the cause of humanity, we, the Democrats of Illinois, honoring a native son and taking pride in his distinguished leadership, instruct the delegates to the national convention of our party at Denver, from this State, to support his candidacy for the nomination for the Presidency, and to use all honorable means in his behalf.

Judge Owen P. Thompson tried to secure an instruction requiring the support of Bryan as long as he should remain a candidate, but could not get recognition from the chairman. The eight delegates at large are Roger C. Sullivan, Samuel Alschuler, Edward F. Dunne, Fred J. Kern, Harry M. Pindell, Carroll C. Boggs, Andrew J. Hunter, Reddick Ridgeley; the alternates are Henry Phillip, H. R. Lemon, William E. Dever, Albert Watson, Walter I. Manny, Isaac B. Craig, Joseph S. Martin, Paul A. Dratz.

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A protest against unlawful selection of delegates by the Sullivan faction, which had been presented to the State committee by William Prentiss, Robert E. Burke and others, was ignored. In consequence a protesting committee, if not a contesting delegation, will be sent to Denver to represent the districts affected.

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Testing the New British Cabinet.

In accordance with the old English law which requires that the elevation of a member of the House of Commons to the cabinet must be endorsed by his constituents, Winston Spencer Churchill, appointed President of the Board of Trade in the Asquith cabinet (p. 62), has been through an election in Manchester and been defeated, his unionist opponent receiving 5,417 votes to his 4,988. The Socialist candidate received 277 votes. Unfulfilled promises and a drift toward fiscal protection seem to be assigned as the causes of this blow at the new cabinet. Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Education, was re-elected by his constituents at Dewsbury, but by a reduced majority.

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Death of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Prime Minister of Great Britain from December, 1905, until

the 5th of last month, when he sent his resignation to the King (p. 38), died on the 22d, in his seventy-second year. After the death of Lady Campbell-Bannerman in August, 1906 (vol. ix, p. 541), the Premier failed visibly, and in November, 1907, was stricken with heart disease. Funeral services were held in Westminster Abbey on the 27th. The interment was in Scotland. Campbell-Bannerman was the son of James Campbell of Forfarshire, Scotland, and assumed the additional name under the will of his maternal uncle, Henry Bannerman, who bequeathed him a large estate. He married Charlotte, daughter of Major-General Sir Charles Bruce, in 1860.

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The Tolstoy Jubilee.

Leo Tolstoy has requested that the plans for an international celebration of his eightieth birthday (vol. x, p. 1020) at his home at Yasnaya Polyana, be abandoned. In a letter addressed to Michael Stakhovich, made public on the 26th, he says:

I address myself to you with a great request—namely: to stop the plan of a jubilee celebration, which will give me nothing but pain, and, what is worse, the consciousness of evil doing. You know that particularly at my age, when I am so near death, nothing is more precious than the love of my fellow men, and I fear lest this affection suffer from this jubilee.

I received yesterday a letter in which it was said that all members of the orthodox church [from which Tolstoy, as is well known, was excommunicated], would be affronted by this celebration. I had never thought of it in that light, but what was written is correct. Not only among the orthodox, but also among many others, the celebration of my jubilee would provoke evil feelings.

Those who love me (I know them and they know me) need no outward forms to express their affection. Therefore, do what you can to prevent this celebration and free me from this sorrow. I shall ever be very thankful.

Friends of this "foremost citizen of the world" are now considering the formation, during this his eightieth year, of an international Tolstoy society, similar to the Goethe, Dante, and Shakspearean societies, for the purpose of studying and propagating his ideas.

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Tolstoy's views on immortality, as given in a recent letter to a friend, have been received in America by way of a dispatch from Paris. They are thus quoted in the daily press:

I know with certainty that I am dying. I shall be happy and that I shall enter a world more real.

In our earthly life one dreams of another and more real life, and in that other life dreams of yet another, and so on ad infinitum even to the last life, the life of God.

Death in youth is as when man is awakened before he has slept the full measure.

Death in old age is as when a man awakes of his own accord after a good sleep.

Suicide is as a nightmare which man banishes by remembering that he is asleep. He makes an effort and wakes.

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A Protest from Mohammedan Women.

Mohammedan women of the province of Orenburg, which lies at the southeastern border of European Russia, have petitioned the Douma (p. 84) to afford them relief from marital oppression, according to a press dispatch of the 23d from St. Petersburg. The petition is reported to read as follows:

Although our holy religion declares us free, some of the ignorant despots, our husbands, are oppressing us and forcing us slavishly to submit to their caprices. According to the books of doctrine, women have the right to learn, to travel, to pray in mosques, engage in business, become nurses, etc., and in Arabia and other countries there have been noted women writers and poetesses.

Now our husbands would forbid us even to study our own religion. But we Mohammedan women, Allah be praised, now begin to receive education and to understand our holy charlat [book of doctrine], which did not deprive the women of any right.

Mohammedan deputies, you are obliged to demand all rights for Mohammedan women. You must carry through legislation defending us against the arbitrariness of these despot husbands, against oppression and torture. We, mothers of the people, have in our hands the education and progress of the people, and if our status be not changed the day will come when the men, too, will become slaves, and then the whole Mohammedan world will perish.

NEWS NOTES

—Selig Silverstein, reported by the New York police to have injured himself while trying to throw a bomb at policemen in Union Square after the police had dispersed a labor meeting (p. 37), died from his wounds on the 28th.

—For the promotion of the Single Tax campaign in Oregon (p. 79), Mr. Daniel Kiefer of Cincinnati has forwarded \$450, collected by him for that purpose, along with the names of the contributors and their amounts respectively. The committee at Portland is acknowledging these contributions directly to the donors.

—An avalanche of rocks and mud, a loosened mountainside, overwhelmed the little Canadian town of Notre Dame de Salette, in Quebec near Ottawa, early last Sunday morning, just as the little church was tolling for early mass. About thirty persons, including several entire families, were buried under the tons of fallen clay (vol. x, p. 564).

—A gigantic cyclonic storm, apparently moving in three curved currents, struck four of the Gulf States on the 24th and 25th, creating terrible devastation and destroying many lives. Forty-six towns in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana suffered severely, some of them being nearly wiped out.

About 350 persons were killed, 1,200 painfully or seriously injured, and thousands rendered homeless (p. 62).

—In a blinding snowstorm, the worst that has visited the south of England since 1881, the American Line steamship St. Paul rammed and sunk the British second-class cruiser, the Gladiator, off the Isle of Wight in the afternoon of the 25th. The St. Paul was but slightly damaged, and its command succeeded in saving more than four hundred of the officers and crew of the cruiser, twenty-eight being lost (p. 39).

PRESS OPINIONS

The Minnesota Diversion.

San Francisco Star (dem. Dem.), March 28.—It isn't that Jim Hill, Thomas F. Ryan and the corporation crowd want Johnson elected. The idea is to prevent the nomination, and thus the election, of Bryan. That was the idea in 1904, when they nominated Parker, but didn't want him.

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Senator Daniel in a Fog.

W. G. Eggleston in San Francisco Star (dem. Dem.), March 28.—When Senator Daniel opposes public ownership of the railroads, which are public highways, he places himself in the ranks of those who believe in private ownership of public highways. A Democrat in that position should feel uncomfortable, for he is in bad company.

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Kansas City Politics.

George Creel in the (Kansas City, Mo.) Newsbook (ind.), April 11.—Now for the work of city building. Elected on a definite platform that was made still more sweeping and specific by campaign speeches, and backed by majorities in both houses of the common council, Mr. Thomas T. Crittenden, Jr., has greater opportunities than any mayor in the history of the municipality. There are more things—finer, larger things—to be done than ever before, and there is nothing to hold back his hand. The way lies straight before him, and never was there a time when the people were more willing to reward the man of purposeful achievement. Let him but do his duty, swiftly, surely, and a second term will find him in a position to ask and receive gubernatorial honors. It is a royal road that circumstance is pointing out to him, and one most easy to follow, for the planks of his platform mark the way.

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The Missouri Senatorship.

The (St. Louis) Mirror (ind.), April 9.—Senator Stone and Gov. Folk have tentatively outlined their line of appeal to the voters of Missouri for the United States Senatorship, in last Sunday's Republic. Senator Stone's platform is, with a claim that he has been misrepresented and even lied about: "I am a Democrat." The answer to that is historic: "Peanuts!" This is no time of the world for David Bennett Hillism to rear its dishonored