



TAFT FAVORITE BY LONG ODDS

Big Ohioan Backed by Thousands.

BETTING BASIS IS 5 TO 2

Odds on Republican in Some Cities Run 20 to 4.

TAKERS NOT PLENTIFUL

Since First of Campaign, Odds Have Constantly Increased in Favor of G. O. P. Candidate, Even in Democratic States.

LONG ODDS ON TAFT. Thousands of dollars are being wagered throughout the country on the outcome of the election, with Taft by long odds the favorite.

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—(Special.)—Betters all over the country have made Taft an odds-on favorite in the coming Presidential election.

Many thousands of dollars have been bet in Chicago, all favoring Taft. The first odds which were offered by James O'Leary, a sporting man, were 1 to 4 on Taft.

St. Louis, Mo.—So far as figures are available, approximately \$5,000 has been wagered on the result of the Presidential election.

Baltimore, Md.—On the general election 5 to 1 is offered on Taft and it is difficult to get takers for any large amounts.

San Francisco.—There has been considerable betting in California on the local result, but few wagers on the general election.

New Orleans, La.—So far only small bets have been made on a basis of 2 to 1 that Taft will win.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Betting in Minneapolis favors Taft. The majority of the bets are posted at 2 to 1 though many are 2 1/2 to 1 for Taft.

Cleveland, O.—There have been no large bets posted here and practically all the wagers that have been made are on a basis of 2 to 1 on Taft.

Detroit, Mich.—There have been only small bets posted on the general result at the poolrooms. Six to one has been offered on Taft.

Philadelphia, Pa.—The betting has been quiet, with even money and 5 to 4 placed on Taft.

New York, N. Y.—At the present time the odds are 2 1/2 to 1 on Taft, although there is practically no betting on the National candidates.

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FACTS PROVE PROSPERITY National Bank Reports Show Great Increase in Deposits.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—An abstract of reports of the condition of the 4533 National banks under a call issued by the Controller of the Currency for statements of September 21, 1908, issued today furnishes evidence, in the opinion of Treasury officials, of vastly improved business conditions.

ADA GORMAN WEDS NAVAL DESERTER

Accused of Forsaking Service on Dolphin—Has Bride's Money and Bonds in Possession.

LOUISVILLE, Oct. 21.—Charles Joseph Magnus, charged with being a deserter from the United States Navy, and who says he recently married Miss Ada Gorman, daughter of the late United States Senator Arthur P. Gorman, was arrested at a local hotel last night and placed in the County Jail.

Magnus enlisted under the name of Hartlove, and was a first-class musician on board the United States ship Dolphin. When arrested he had \$12,000 in bonds and \$5000 in cash.

ABRUZZI KEEPS SECRETS

TURIN, Oct. 21.—The Duke of the Abruzzi, whose mysterious disappearance a few days ago led to the report that he had left Turin with the intention of proceeding to the United States, has been visiting Princess Clotilde, the aunt of King Victor Emmanuel, at the royal chateau at Moncalieri, for the purpose of investigating her case.

ROME, Oct. 21.—It was said here tonight that the Duke of Abruzzi would be a passenger on board the French line steamer La Lorraine, which will travel incognito.

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Gompers Held Up to Public Scorn.

BOTH PLACED IN TIGHT HOLE

Injunction Work of Labor Leader Far Too Raw.

ASKS BRYAN TO EXPLAIN President Says Special Interests Seek Nebraska's Election Because Laws He Advocates So Radical Courts Would Annul.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—Campaign literature was enriched today by a letter from President Roosevelt, addressed to United States Senator Philander C. Knox, of Pennsylvania, in which Mr. Roosevelt pays his respects to Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor.

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ENDLESS CHAIN IN MORSE'S BANK

Astonishing Juggles With Ice Stock.

KATE WILSON AS BORROWER

STENOGRAPHER'S PERSONAL NOTE Cashed Readily.

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