

TAFT ASSAILS HIS FOES IN CONGRESS

Clark, Underwood and La Follette Named.

CAMPAIGN OPENS VIGOROUSLY

"Tariff for Politics" Measures Condemned.

FACTS WHOLLY IGNORED

President Says Bills, Prepared in Hope of Veto, Would Have Cast Discredit on Congress Responsible for Them.

HAMILTON, Mass., Aug. 26.—President Taft began the Presidential campaign of 1912 today in a speech that breathed defiance and condemned the insurgent Republicans and Democrats who combined to revise several schedules of the present tariff at the special session of Congress just closed.

The President singled out Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin; Speaker Clark and Chairman Underwood, of the House ways and means committee, as leaders of the revision and charged them with "playing politics."

Several times he referred by name to Mr. La Follette but mentioned the other insurgent Republicans merely as La Follette "associates."

Business in Danger. Mr. Taft indicated that he regarded the proposed revision as injurious and dangerous to business, but made it plain that if the tariff board in December reported in favor of downward revision of the cotton and wool schedules, he would recommend a reduction.

Standing on the broad terrace of Representative Gardner's farm, with Senator Lodge and other Massachusetts Republican leaders, the President seemed to scent the smoke of the coming battle.

Many of the 500 members of the Essex County Republican Club gathered to listen, thought they heard the "key-note" speech of the coming campaign and their cheers were loud and long.

"I am here to speak words of encouragement as to the outlook for Republican success. You have a state election immediately before you, into which it seems to me National issues ought to enter. We have just finished an extra session of Congress and the matters considered were of such importance to the commonwealth of Massachusetts that I do not see how the people of the state can withhold an expression of opinion upon them."

Combination Not Sincere. The extra session of Congress was called for the purpose of confirming the Canadian reciprocity treaty, which it did by a support made up of votes from both parties.

"Tariff for Politics Only." The bills bear internal evidence of the fact that they rested on a basis not of "tariff for revenue only," but of "tariff for politics only."

YOUNG GATES IS REDUCED IN WILL

MILLION IN CASH, TWO IN TRUST, TOTAL BEQUEST.

Mrs. Gates Will Give Part of Her Share, However, to Conform With Husband's Dying Request.

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—(Special.)—Announcement was sent to the newspapers today of a will of John W. Gates, later in date than that of which some of the terms were described on Wednesday last, by ex-Supreme Court Justice Gildersleeve, who drew the will for Mr. Gates in May, 1910.

The more recent will was made last March and is modified by a codicil dated two months later. The will, the existence of which was announced today, differs from Judge Gildersleeve's recollections of the earlier will in several particulars. While in the earlier document the son Charles shared with his mother all the estate, with the exception of about \$1,000,000, the son in the more recent will receives only \$1,000,000 as an outright bequest. In addition, a trust fund of \$2,000,000 is created for his benefit.

It is announced, however, that Mrs. Gates will conform with the wish of her husband, expressed in his last illness, and will herself give to the son enough of her share to make their shares approximately equal.

Further, the statement sent out with regard to the later will makes no mention of a prohibition against the sale within ten years of the securities left by Mr. Gates, which was so conspicuous a feature of the earlier will. It is presumed that this clause does not appear in the latter paper.

GOVERNMENT WANTS CASH

Little Leniency to Be Shown Settlers on Irrigated Lands.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 26.—Settlers under Western reclamation projects may expect no undue leniency from Director Newell as to deferred payments. On his return from the Northwest, the Director made this significant statement: "There is nothing paternalistic in the Government's irrigation work."

Director Newell nearly always has argued against the extension of payments when Western members could present the claims of worthy settlers, and statements made since his return indicate no change in his opinions. It is believed here that only the most meritorious cases will be approved by Mr. Newell, and unless action is taken over his head he will insist on payments being made when due.

MAN IS KICKED OFF TRAIN

Negro, Beating His Way, Suffers Broken Back.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Aug. 26.—Jerry King, beating his way to Portland on a freight train today, was kicked out of a train and his back was broken and this is expected to cause his death. King is the negro who cut a Centralia policeman seriously two years ago and was sent to Walla Walla to serve a two years' sentence.

HUGE GUN MAY BE MOVED

16-Inch Cannon Likely to Be Sent to Panama Canal.

SANDY HOOK, N. J., Aug. 25.—The big 16-inch gun on the coast defenses here may be taken away by the War Department to become a part of the defenses of the Panama Canal according to advices received by Army officers.

The gun has been shown by official tests to be the most powerful piece of ordnance in the world. At its extreme it will send a 2400-pound projectile through the thickest armor known to naval construction and then explode a charge equal to 140 pounds of the highest explosive.

26 KILLED AS FILM MACHINE EXPLODES

Panic Precipitated by Cry of "Fire."

THROUGH HEMMED ON STAIRS

Women and Children Forget to Use Fire Escape.

LIST OF INJURED IS LARGE

Most of Victims Found Smothered to Death in Mass of Bodies as People Battle to Gain Egress to Street.

CANNONBURG, Pa., Aug. 26.—Twenty-six persons were killed and more than 60 injured tonight when a moving-picture film exploded in the Cannonburg Opera-House.

Immediately following the flash of the film some person shouted "fire." There was a rush for the exit and in a moment there was a writhing, screaming mass of humanity ten feet high in the narrow stairway leading to the entrance of the theater. Most of the dead were smothered.

A great majority of the spectators were women and children. In the fierce rush for the exit they were trampled on. Others were thrown upon them and those at the bottom of the human pile were suffocated.

When two volunteer fire departments reached the theater those of the spectators who had escaped from the building—and other persons drawn to the scene were running about ineffectively in front of the building. The firemen were making an effort to aid the struggling mass within the theater. The firemen pushed into the building and threw many persons into the street.

"As the ejected ones regained their feet they ran about, shrieking in terror about the streets. When the firemen bedded the bottom of the pile they began to bring out the forms of the injured and later came the dead.

Women and Children Killed.

The dead were laid in a row on the sidewalk and relatives fought and struggled to break past the guards to reach the victims. The dead are: Arthur Beak, 22 years old; Frances Bird, 12 years old (colored); Mangella Robinson, 17 years old; Mrs. Frederick Marshall, 40 years old; Mrs. Harry Kelly, 39 years old, of Houston, Pa.; Karl Kelly, 5-year-old son of Mrs. Kelly; Adolph Buttesky, 25 years old; Walter Nish, 12 years old; Wolcott, 12 years old; George Kay, 14 years old; Paul Mastick, 12 years old; Frank Syborak, 12 years old; Five-year-old daughter of Tony Gledish; Sydney Rittler, 26 years old; Mrs. Callie Young, 35 years old; Kluge, 9 years old; Mary Hill, 16 years old; Five-year-old daughter of Wilbur Lane.

Nellie McKettrick, 25 years old; Infant daughter of Mrs. Green, Weaver, Pa.; Two unidentified women, about 22 years old; Two men, about 25 years old and 20 years old; A 6-months-old infant.

Within a few moments after the film flashed and the panic started the fire whistles were blown. The entire population responded and packed in narrow Pike street, into which the fatal theater opens.

All of them were apparently terror-stricken and could give little aid.

TRADESMEN, HEIRS TO FORTUNE, WORK

SPOKANE BROTHERS, ONE A CARPENTER, LEFT \$200,000.

Portion of Estate Worth \$6,000,000 Left to Alvin and Alonzo Davis From English Grandfather.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—Two Spokane men, Alvin Davis, of East 1611 Fifth avenue, and his brother, Alonzo, of East 2025 Second avenue, have each inherited in the neighborhood of \$100,000 out of an English fortune, estimated at between \$6,000,000 and \$7,000,000.

Though they have been informed of the fact and are daily expecting the receipt of their funds, Lon Davis went to work as usual this week at his carpenter's trade and his brother will again drive a hardware wagon.

The share of each in the vast estate left by their grandfather is estimated by them to be at least \$100,000. Thirty heirs will divide an estate of between \$5,000,000 and \$7,000,000.

The money was inherited by their grandfather in London from a brother, whom the Spokane nephews have never seen.

Lon Davis says the estate is about all in negotiable papers and he believes there will be absolutely no legal impediments in the way of an early receipt of their share of the fortune. Lon Davis is a carpenter, who has worked at his trade in Spokane for 12 years, after coming here from Wisconsin.

Near his home in East Second avenue, he is now remodeling a small dwelling house.

WAVE TAKES AND GIVES

Man Washed Overboard Is Then Washed Back Again.

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—(Special.)—The following brief entry in the log of the steamer Indra, which arrived today from Far Eastern ports, tells how Gul Mamud, a Hindu, was saved from a watery grave:

"August 12, 8 P. M.—Native fireman washed overboard forward and washed back aft, rescued by carpenter." The Indra, which came here via Gibraltar and Boston, was 1200 miles from the East African coast when she ran into a blow that sent the sea crashing over her deck. Mamud was standing by the forward rail on the starboard side, feeling his way to the forecastle. Water was knee-deep on deck. Suddenly the bow dipped deep into an enormous wave and Mamud was swept clear over the rail into the boiling sea.

The next moment the Indra lurched so far to starboard that her rail dipped into the foaming water. Mamud had come up. He caught the rail as the Indra righted herself. John Hendrickson seized Mamud and pulled him aboard.

RAILROAD BIDDERS KEEN

Eugene to Coos Bay Route Scene of Engineering Activity.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—Arnold & Fox, railroad contractors, arrived in the city today to look over the right of way of the Southern Pacific with a view of making bids for sub-contracts when the railroad lets a general contract for all of the line from Eugene to Coos Bay.

Engineer Astor, of the Coos Bay & Eastern Electric Railroad, has started out with a crew of surveyors on the proposed road from Myrtle Point to Roseburg.

BEE'S STING HURTS THREE

Horse, Victim, Runs Away and Occupants of Buggy Are Thrown Out.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—Mrs. J. W. Munn and two daughters, of Tenino, narrowly escaped serious injury as they were driving down a steep hill between that city and Bugday yesterday. A bee stung the horse that they were driving, causing the animal to bolt.

The buggy was overturned, precipitating the occupants in the road, but aside from a few minor cuts and bruises they were unhurt. The buggy was completely wrecked.

TREACHERY CHARGE HANGS OVER EIGHT

Arrests Made Hanniford Effigy Case.

PROMINENT MEN CAUGHT

Editor, Publisher, Councilman and Labor Leader in Net.

BAIL IN CASES PUT HIGH

Indictment on Which Octet Are Taken Charges Conspiracy to Obstruct Justice in Railway Action.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 26.—Charged with conspiring to obstruct the administration of justice in a United States court, Oliver T. Erickson, member of the Seattle City Council; Le Roy Sanders, editor of the Seattle Star; B. H. Canfield, publisher of the Star and manager of a string of newspapers on the Pacific Coast; John H. Perry, attorney for Canfield and Sanders; Sheriff Hugo Kelly; Paul K. Mohr, a labor leader; Thomas Homer, an attorney, and Will Atkinson, a real estate dealer, were arrested today on warrants sworn to by United States District Attorney Elmer E. Todd.

A warrant for the arrest of A. W. Fawcett, who was ousted from the office of Mayor of Tacoma in a recent recall election, was issued and sent to Tacoma for service.

Erickson, Mohr and Kelly refused to give bail and were sent to the county jail. Atkinson was released on \$1000 bail, and the others on \$5000. Preliminary hearing was set for next Wednesday.

Effigy Hanging Arrest Cause. The warrants for the arrest of the alleged conspirators were issued as the result of the hanging in effigy of United States District Judge Cornelius H. Hanford and the utterance at a mass meeting last night of inflammatory speeches denouncing the court for issuing an injunction restraining the People of Rainier Valley from interfering with the Seattle, Renton & Southern Railway, which is involved in a dispute with its patrons.

The indictment charges all the leaders of the mass meeting with conspiring to obstruct justice by arousing people to disobedience of the injunction and refers to remarks made at the mass meeting.

It also charges Canfield, Sanders and Perry with responsibility for the hanging in effigy of Judge Hanford.

Chicagoan Cause of Petition. The injunction that caused the outbreak was granted on the petition of Augustus Peabody, of Chicago, trustee of the bondholders.

At first it enjoined the patrons of the carline from refusing to pay second fares demanded at Kenyon street and from asking for transfers. Later the injunction was modified so that the passengers were issued receipts for their second fares and transfers upon the payment of 2 cents additional.

Patrons of the line ignored the injunction. In this they were encouraged by Canfield and Sanders in their paper and by the speakers at the meeting last night. Petitions asking Congress to investigate Judge Hanford's acts and for impeachment had been circulated, and a resolution denouncing the court and demanding Judge Hanford's removal was adopted last night.

Humphries and Bryan Out. Two speakers at the meeting, State Senator J. W. Bryan, of Kitsap County, and John E. Humphries, candidate for the Republican nomination for United States Senator last year, did not make inflammatory addresses and were unconstituted.

TRUCKS FALL 60 FEET, DRIVERS SAFE

HOT ASPHALT ESCAPED IN COUNCIL CREST PLUNGE.

Heavy Autos Roll Over Bank, One Somersaulting to Bottom—Both Used Again in 90 Minutes.

Clifford Harrison and W. S. Simpson, drivers of two five-ton auto trucks of the Warren Construction Company, narrowly escaped death or severe burns when Harrison's truck, loaded with hot asphalt, and Simpson's empty truck went over the 60-foot embankment of the road leading to Council Crest late yesterday, piling up in a heap at the bottom. Neither driver was injured.

While Simpson was looking back watching Harrison, he lost control of his car and it went over the edge. Both rolled all the way to the bottom. Although the cars were battered, the engines of both trucks were not damaged and a repair crew, under the direction of Frank C. Riggs, had the trucks back on the road in 90 minutes after the accident. Both cars went under their own power to the garage.

MOTHER-LOVE BRAVES FIRE

Mrs. Otto Meingie Dashes Into Her Burning Home, Saving Babe.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—With rare presence of mind, displayed while her house was in flames, Mrs. Otto Meingie, of Clackamas Heights district, near here, today litigate and saw the flames eating their way through the roof. Her first thought was her babe. She rushed up the stairway and ran a gauntlet of flame, rescuing the child as the fire was spreading to the bed covering in the crib. The mother and babe were burned about the hands and face, but neither was seriously injured. The house was totally destroyed, as there was no fire department in the district. Mr. Meingie was at work in town when his home was burning.

FIRE WARNING IS ISSUED

Forester Elliott Says Permit to Burn Slashings Required.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—Warning against burning slashings without a permit was again issued by State Forester Elliott today, and he called special attention to the fact that just at the present time is the most dangerous of the year.

"We receive repeated reports of slashings being burned without permits, and when the attentions of those doing the burning are called to this violation of the law, they plead ignorance of the provisions of the statute. In every case where possible we intend to allow people to burn slashings, but occasionally in some cases it is ill-advised just at this time of the year, as great danger is caused, and we request that the burning be postponed."

FIVE DAYS' PAY IS DENIED

First District Prosecutor to Get Salary From Filing Time Only.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 26.—(Special.)—Assistant Attorney-General Van Winkle today held that Edward S. Van Dyke, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the First District, whose office was created by the Las Legislature, is not entitled to receive compensation for his services from May 26, when the law went into effect, but from May 25, when he filed his oath of office.

Van Dyke's office was covered by the peculiar wording of the statute creating the office. This wording provided for 180 days in which to file the referendum against the bill, or 180 days after the act became operative. This portion of the act is considered to be unconstitutional.

2 AUTOISTS DEAD; GRANDSTAND FALLS

Veteran Driver and Mechanic Die.

LORIMER'S DAUGHTER HURT

30 Spectators Injured When Structure Collapses.

TERRIFIC SPEEDS MADE

Wife of Elgin Racer in Throng That Sees Carving Car Kill Men. National Wins at Average of 66 Miles an Hour.

ELGIN, Ill., Aug. 26.—The 205-mile automobile "road race" today, won by Len Zengel in a National, with Harry Grant second and Hugh Hughes third, was not contested without its toll of death and injuries.

David Buck, veteran Chicago automobile racer, was within 11 laps of the finish, going 65 miles an hour on the back stretch, when his right forward wheel threw a tire. The machine turned a somersault and Sam Jacobs, mechanic, was killed. Buck's back was broken and he died tonight. Following the accident a messenger was sent to Mrs. Buck.

Wife's Fears Prove True. "Tell me the truth at once," the driver's wife said. "You wouldn't send for me if his injuries were slight."

Every spectator in the stands watched her as, supported by militia-men, she left her chair and went in a machine to the field hospital, where her husband had received first aid. She became hysterical when she learned that her husband's injuries were fatal. Another accident, in which 20 persons were injured, most of them slightly, occurred while the first lap of the race was on. Several sections of the poorly built grandstand gave way. When the stringers by which the seats were supported collapsed, the backs weaved over and spread out like a pack of cards thrown on a table, thus saving thousands of spectators from a sheer drop to the ground.

Miss Lorimer Injured. Four of the spectators suffered broken legs, among them being a daughter of Senator William Lorimer. The others escaped with cuts and bruises.

A number of women and children left the grounds after the accident. The 10 cars which were on the course were stopped as soon as they reached the repair pit, but a new start was made 50 minutes later.

Ralph Mulford, whose Lorier was the last away and who had won the race last year, set a terrific pace at once. For 59 miles he drove at 69 miles an hour, leading the field by a good six minutes. On the next lap he went out of the race with a burned connecting rod bearing.

This placed Len Zengel in first position, with Harry Grant two minutes behind him. It was in this relation that they finished, although Grant lost an additional two minutes when he stopped to mend tires. Zengel made two stops, both for gasoline and lubricant. Hugh Hughes the Mercer driver, who won the Kane County cup yesterday ran another consistent race, finishing third. He was closely pressing Grant for second place at the finish. He lost out by 11 seconds.

Zengel Passes Mulford Mark. Zengel's time average for the race was four miles an hour faster than that set by Mulford last year. Mulford got the prize for the fastest lap, covering the eight and half miles in seven minutes, 14 seconds.

Ralph De Palma and Spencer Wishart, Simplex drivers, went out of the race.

HARRY MURPHY OFFERS A WEEKLY SERIES OF CURRENT JESTS ON EVENTS.

