

TAFT ADOPTING FIGHT TACTICS

WILL COMBAT MISREPRESENTATION OF ENEMIES.

MAY HAVE INSIDE WORD ABOUT ROOSEVELT ACTION

Devote Next Four Months to Severe Rebuttal Against Lies and Misrepresentation of Facts Brought by Enemies, Says President Taft—To Use Hammer and Tongs Method.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Indications that President Taft has inside information that Roosevelt will not be a candidate for the republican presidential nomination, is seen in a statement made today by the president on his return from New York.

"The time has come," said Taft, "when the political atmosphere must be cleared. The next four months will be consumed in showing up the lies, hypocrisy and misrepresentation. Misrepresentation must be expected and met during the coming campaign. The confidence of the democrats is clearly misplaced. It is due to a misunderstanding."

Stung by recent attacks, President Taft indicated that his future course will be of the offensive order as well as the defensive.

Taft opened his attack in Ohio and followed it up last night with a speech at the republican club banquet. He told callers today that he would continue to "combat misrepresentation" of his administration both within and without the party and declared he intended to make "direct attack and form a defense" in every speech he delivered from now on.

Georgia G. O. P. May Split

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 13.—Arrangements have been completed for the holding of the republican state convention here tomorrow to name delegates to represent Georgia at the national convention in Chicago. Walter H. Johnson, the state chairman, and other leaders of the organization are Taft men and if present plans go through the president will be endorsed for re-nomination. Among the rank and file, however, there appears to be considerable Roosevelt sentiment and it is rumored that a rival convention may be held later in the interest of the Roosevelt movement.

AFFINITY LIFE SHORT.

Wife of Upton Sinclair Returns to Her Parents After Short "Trial"

New York, Feb. 13.—After a few months of "affinity" life, Harry Kemp, the "tramp poet," according to mutual friends has deserted Mrs. Meta Sinclair, divorced wife of the author, Upton Sinclair. She has returned to her parents. Mrs. Sinclair recently startled the world with announcement of disregard for social laws, clinging to the affinity faith.

JOHNSON GEM TAKEN BY FORCE

CHAMPION PUGILIST WILL BE FINED IN BELIEF.

Splendid Necklace Smuggled From Europe Is Seized by Police.

Chicago, Feb. 13.—Government secret service men today raided the home of Jack Johnson, the champion pugilist, and seized a \$5,000 diamond necklace which it is charged he smuggled in from Europe.

Jack will have to pay \$12,000 duty and a penalty if he redeems the necklace.

Charleston Host of Y. M. C. A.

Charleston, S. C., Feb. 13.—In conjunction with the Men and Religion Forward convention being held here at present, the Young Men's Christian associations of North and South Carolina met here today for their ninth annual convention. Every one of the 60 or more Y. M. C. A. branches in the Carolinas is represented by delegates and in addition to them many ministers and laymen from various parts of the two states, who are interested in the work of the organization, are in attendance. The convention will last two days and according to every indication promises to be one of the most successful gatherings ever held in the Carolinas.

Ice Men Meet in Tampa.

Tampa, Fla., Feb. 13.—Members of the Southern Ice Exchange, representing all of the states from the Carolinas to Texas, assembled at the Tampa Bay Hotel today and began their annual convention. The sessions will last three days and will be liberally interspersed with features of entertainment.

GERMANY EYES MEXICAN FIGHT

MURDER OF GERMANS THERE IS THE CAUSE.

Monroe Doctrine May Be Put to Test by German Officials.

Berlin, Feb. 13.—The German foreign office announced today an investigation into the murders of German subjects in Mexico has been ordered. This is the first intimation that Germany might take a hand in Mexico's international troubles.

It may possibly forecast action that would conflict with the Monroe doctrine on the non-interference of any European powers.

SOUTHERN MERCHANTS MEET.

One Thousand Merchants Aim to Better Conditions.

Atlanta, S. C., Feb. 13.—Joined in a movement which has for its object the strengthening of the commercial independence of the south, nearly one thousand representative southern merchants assembled in this city today to confer regarding the betterment of existing trade conditions and to discuss various problems of interest and importance. The Atlanta Merchants and Manufacturers' association took the initiative in bringing the merchants together and will act as host to the visitors during their five days stay in the city.

The relation of southern agricultural interests to the development of commerce and manufacturing is the general subject selected for discussion. The reduction of the cotton acreage will be exhaustively considered, also the encouragement of diversified farming and the furtherance of the stock breeding industry. In addition, the merchants will discuss advertising methods, semi-annual clearance sales and numerous other matters relating to their daily business.

The initial session of the convention was held this morning in the assembly room of the Piedmont hotel and was devoted to the work of organization. This afternoon the visiting merchants inspected a number of the large manufacturing and mercantile establishments of Atlanta. The business sessions will be resumed tomorrow morning and will continue until Friday. A notable feature of the gathering will be a dinner Thursday evening at which Prof. J. Lawrence Laughlin, of the University of Chicago, will speak on the subject, "How Currency Reform Will Benefit the Merchants of the South."

American Cruisers Cruise.

Honolulu, Feb. 13.—The cruisers California, Colorado and South Dakota today started on a ten days' cruise to various islands of the group.

LABOR REVOLT NEARS-WILEY

MOB RULE IS BOUND TO COME UNLESS RELIEF HURRIES.

OVERCAPITALIZATION, WORTHLESS SCHEMES ARE CAUSES

Pure Food Expert Predicts Mob Rule and Revolution by the Underpaid and Underfed Unless Relief Comes Quickly—Education to Bring Relief Is His Panacea for Evils.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—Prediction of a revolution by underpaid and underfed Americans was made today by Dr. Wiley, the government food expert.

"The time is rapidly approaching," said he, "when the wealthy will face mob violence on the streets. This situation is due to the fast approaching day when the working people will be deprived of means of subsistence. Every day the position of the working man is becoming worse."

Wiley continued: "I am thoroughly agreed with Judge Gary that unless something is done to alleviate the present conditions of unrest, mob rule is bound to come. The sentiment of unrest and abhorrence comes from over-capitalization, selling of watered stock, promotion of worthless land schemes and extortions of the express, telephone and telegraph systems, and dozens of other schemes for deceiving and defrauding the people."

"The great vice of this country is an insane worship of money."

He recommends education that will bring relief.

Norris Scouts Bank Theory.

Washington, Feb. 13.—"Great political, social and economic reforms for which the people are clamoring will be gained without recourse to bombs" said Congressman Norris, (Nebraska) today in discussing Judge Gary's speech in New York in which the trust head predicted that a revolution in America is near. Norris said the reforms are being accomplished daily by the actions of the people.

"Evolution, not revolution, will be the saving of the country," he said, adding that the fact that such men as Gary are making such statements is an indication that the time for reform is at hand.

Referring to the rich men, Norris continued, "These men are already planning to accede to the people's demands and when they have done so, a revolution is needless. American people throughout the history of their nation, have accomplished great reforms peaceably. I notice Taft has the mob idea. In his speech last night he showed entire inability to grasp chance in which he assumes that progressives are synonymous with revolution, and that sincere friends of popular government are "neurotics and emotionalists."

Iowa Retail Clothiers.

Dubuque, Ia., Feb. 13.—Nearly five hundred members of the Iowa Retail Clothiers' association are in attendance at the annual meeting of the organization which opened here today for a session extending over three days. The local members of the association have arranged an elaborate and attractive program for this occasion, which includes a number of interesting addresses and the annual banquet to be held at the Wales hotel tomorrow evening.

Boundary Commission Meets.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 13.—The joint committee of the Wisconsin and Minnesota legislatures, appointed to settle boundary differences between the two states, held a meeting at the capitol here today. The principal matters for the consideration of the joint committee are the state boundary lines on the St. Louis river, and in Lake on the Mississippi.

FRANK RYAN IS AMONG ACCUSED

GENERAL ROUNDUP OF INDICTED TOMORROW IS PLAN

RYAN SAYS HE HAS NOTHING TO FEAR FROM THE ARREST

Ten Besides President and Secretary of Structural Bridge Workers Arrested on Transportation of Dynamite Charges—Rochester Machinist Among Those Accused of Crime.

Chicago, Feb. 13.—Commissioner Foote today issued warrants for the arrest of First President Frank Ryan, of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, Secretary Houlihan of the Chicago local and ten others, all based on the Indianapolis probe.

Ryan Not Afraid.

Indianapolis, Feb. 13.—"The authorities can find me right here whenever they want me," said Ryan. "I am not afraid of the charge and am confident I shall be able to prove my innocence in any connection with the McNamara dynamitings."

Ryan and Houlihan are indicted for conspiracy in transportation of interstate shipment of dynamite.

Owing to delay of the indictments reaching the cities, the general roundup of the indicted men for conspiracy in the dynamitings will not come until tomorrow.

Rochester Machinist Arrested.

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 13.—Clarence Dowd, business agent for the local branch of the Machinists' union, was arrested on a federal warrant today. He was indicted at Indianapolis.

Officials in the department of justice announce the arrests of Chicago men, indicted, is planned for tomorrow.

Cleveland Men to Be Arrested.

Cleveland, Feb. 13.—The arrest of two Cleveland men, indicted at Indianapolis, is expected tomorrow.

Maple Trial Under Way.

Los Angeles, Feb. 13.—The trial of A. B. Maple, charged with complicity in a plot to dynamite the Hall of Records building, was begun today before Judge Ganliss, sitting in the place of Judge Willis. Conners' second trial on the same charge is set for April 16. Bender's trial date is not set.

ENGLISH STRIKE SURE.

British Coal Miners Will Walk Out Six Hundred Thousand Strong Soon.

London, Feb. 13.—All hope of averting a general strike of 600,000 coal miners in Great Britain was lost today when 12,000 miners in Wales gave notice they will quit Feb. 29.

Commission to Inspect Capitols.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 13.—E. W. Stephens, the chairman, and the other members of the Capitol Building commission entrusted with the planning and the erection of a new capitol to replace the structure destroyed by fire on Feb. 5 of last year, started today on a tour of inspection to visit the capitols of Arkansas, Mississippi, Indiana, Kentucky, Minnesota and Wisconsin, with a view of gathering valuable information which will guide them in their future work.

Camarrist Trial a Failure.

Viterbo, Italy, Feb. 13.—With the resumption of arguments in the trial of the accused Camarrists, it is generally believed the state has failed to prove its case and practically everyone connected with the famous trial expects the men to be acquitted.

Peace for New Years.

San Francisco, Feb. 13.—Warring Chinese tongs have prepared to sign an armistice until March 7. This insures peace through the Chinese new year, anyway.

Illinois Live Stock Breeders Meet.

Bloomington, Ill., Feb. 13.—With an attendance larger than usual, the Illinois Live Stock Breeders' association opened its 17th annual meeting at the coliseum in this city today and everything indicates that the three days' session will be eminently successful and profitable to the attending farmers and stock breeders. The program includes addresses by noted authorities on live stock topics, lectures and demonstrations on cattle tuberculosis and hog cholera by Dr. A. D. Peters, superintendent of the state biological laboratory and Dr. H. T. R. Schwarz, the annual banquet on Wednesday evening and the usual stock judging contests for valuable prizes by persons competing for expert certificates.

Clark and Taft Dine.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Speaker Clark and his wife will be guests of President and Mrs. Taft tonight at speaker's dinner which was inaugurated last year. It is the last formal state dinner of the white house this season. Unofficial entertaining continues until Lent.

REVENUES ON CHEMICALS RISE

DEMOCRATS ALLOW INCREASED REVENUES.

First Departure From Revision Downward Methods Shown.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Revision of the chemical schedule of the Payne tariff law was accepted today by the democratic house committee on ways and means. The new measure is expected to increase the governmental revenues from \$12,000,000 to \$16,000,000 a year. This is the first of the tariff bills reported favorably by the democrats which fails to reduce revenues and also departs from the democratic system of making all duties on an ad valorem basis. The rates will be made specific because it is hard to ascertain the exact value of chemicals.

MCKINLEY IS SNUBBED.

Roosevelt Tells Public He Can Do His Own Talking.

New York, Feb. 13.—"Please say for me that Congressman McKinley is not my official mouthpiece. I am capable of doing my own talking." This is the only reply Roosevelt today had to make to the statement issued by McKinley to the effect that Roosevelt was concentrating the progressive strength and that this branch of the party would line up solidly for Taft when the proper time arrived and that Roosevelt would not be a candidate.

GENERAL LEA DYING.

Soldier of Fortune Who Was Brain of Chinese Revolution, Ill.

Shanghai, Feb. 13.—General Lea is reported dying tonight of diabetes. The American soldier of fortune was largely responsible for the overthrow of the Manchus. He was the chief military counsellor to the rebels.

Shoe Machinery Hearing.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—Of interest alike to shoe manufacturers and makers of shoe machinery throughout the country is the hearing begun before the house judiciary committee today on the two bills introduced by Representative Thayer of Massachusetts intended to prevent discriminations in the sale or lease of machinery used in the manufacture of shoes. The bills are aimed directly against the United Shoe Machinery company, commonly called the "shoe machinery trust," against whose officers a criminal action is pending in the federal courts. The bills make it a criminal offense for any firm or individual to place any restrictions upon the free purchase and use of any tools, appliances or machinery used in the manufacture of shoes.

5-STORY BRICK AIM OF FOLEY

PLANS FOR THE STRUCTURE ARE UNDER REVISION.

ILL BE LOCATED AT ADAMS AND CHESTNUT THIS SUMMER

E. Foley Announces Practically Final Decision to Commence Construction of Five Story Pressed White Brick Building on Adams Avenue—Plans Now With Architects.

Plans and specifications for a five-story white pressed brick office building, 30x110 feet, to be erected at the corner of Adams and Chestnut, have for some time been in the hands of the makers and are right now being corrected and revised. J. E. Foley is promoting the big building operation and has about definitely decided to accept the proposed plans. The original plans have been returned to the architects for revision along minor lines and will shortly be turned out again complete and to the full satisfaction of Mr. Foley.

The exact cost of the building has not been determined but it will be considerable in view of the fact that Mr. Foley has determined to make the five-story structure up to the minute, and supplied with elevators.

It is to be an office building pure and simple, when built, and will afford splendid office facilities, it is aimed, having added attractions by the close proximity to the federal building.

Details as to the exact cost of construction and the probable date of the commencement of work which will be shortly, if at all, will be announced within a few days by Mr. Foley.

To Probe Canadian Freight Rates.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 13.—Preliminary to a sweeping investigation which it is proposed to make into the freight rates charged by the railroads in the western provinces, the board of railway commissioners met today to map out a line of procedure. The inquiry is expected to be the most important of its kind ever undertaken in Canada and the importance of the results on the commercial and industrial interests of the west can scarcely be overestimated. The railway commissioners were prompted to begin the investigation by the receipt of numerous complaints alleging discriminations against Alberta and Saskatchewan in favor of Manitoba and also making general charges of excessive rates throughout the west.

Ohio Furniture Men at Dayton.

Dayton, O., Feb. 13.—An unusually fine program has been arranged for the eighth annual convention of the Retail Furniture Dealers' association of Ohio, which opened here today for a three days' session. The headquarters of the convention are at the Phillips house. Practically every large city in the state is represented by some its leading furniture men.

42 DIE WHEN SHIPS COLLIDE

JAPANESE SHIPS GO DOWN WITH CREWS.

A Few Escaped but Balance Caught Between the Decks.

Nagasaki, Feb. 13.—Forty-six lives were lost today when the Japanese steamers Ryona Maru and Moria Maru collided and both sank. Thirty-two of the Ryona's crew and 14 aboard the Moria were caught between the decks. The rest were rescued by nearby ships.