

HILLES WILL MANAGE TAFT

SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT MADE CAMPAIGN CHIEF

WITHDRAWAL OF TAFT IS URGED BY BIG DELEGATION

Sub-Committee of General Committee Selects Hilles Without Request to Do so From President Taft—Committee Names Secretary and Then Adjourns Until July 19th.

Washington, July 9.—Charles Dewey Hilles, secretary to the president, will manage W. H. Taft's re-election campaign.

He was unanimously chosen by a sub-committee of the republican national committee at its meeting here today.

Hilles was Taft's own choice but when the committee and executive met early today the president refused to even suggest a manager, leaving the matter entirely up to the committee.

Reynolds Is Secretary.

After the conference between Hilles and the sub-committee of the national committee, James E. Reynolds, a member of the tariff board, was shortly afterward chosen secretary to the national committee. The sub-committee then adjourned to meet at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, New York, on July 19.

Want Taft to Withdraw.

Last night it was announced that a nation-wide movement to petition President Taft to withdraw as the republican candidate for president is being backed by a large number of republican office-holders who feel that they are in the face of defeat in November unless the breach in the party can be healed.

These men include members of congress, members of state legislatures which will elect senators, state and county office-holders and candidates. If the movement succeeds in gaining any volume, it is said that the same men may ask Roosevelt to withdraw as a prospective candidate and permit a compromise selection of some man agreeable to both factions of the party. Republican leaders are unable to report to discover the source of the report that petitions asking Taft's withdrawal from the presidential race are to be circulated in a nation wide campaign.

Colonel, Too, Involved.

It is said that Roosevelt is also to be asked to withdraw. It is reported the plan is to have the national committee select a new "harmony" candidate.

Hilles No Longer Secretary.

Hilles said he would resign as secretary to the president at a meeting of the sub-committee in New York. National treasurer and an advisory committee of five will be chosen. The committee is considering the maintenance of three headquarters during campaign—at New York, Chicago and some Pacific coast city, probably Portland. Ralph Williams of Oregon probably be in charge at Portland.

Hilles said his resignation as secretary to the president will be effective Saturday night, possibly Sunday. Plans to formally open headquarters of the national committee next day in New York. Hilles said election as campaign manager was over his objections. For personal reasons he did not wish to take the office of the work.

A new national chairman is a step to the political game but Taft has shown his ability in the office of secretary to the president. Hilles is 4 years old, an Ohioan.

erman Hilles will practically discontinue membership of both the executive and advisory committees, members of the sub-committee indicated today.

Colonel Is Peevish

New York, July 9.—Whether it was the heat or the published suggestion that he might retire as a candidate for president Roosevelt was very peevish today. When his attention was called to the published story that he and Taft are to be asked by petition to retire from politics for the coming campaign, he refused to discuss that or anything else and retired to his sanctum and slammed the door.

North Dakota Merchants.

Dickinson, N. D., July 9.—The North Dakota Retail Merchants' association began its 14th annual convention here today with a large and representative attendance. Today's sessions were occupied with the work of organization and other routine business. At the subsequent sessions, which will continue over tomorrow and Thursday, addresses will be delivered by Thos. Cooper, vice president of the Northern Pacific road; John W. Lux of St. Paul, president of the National Association of Retail Merchants; Governor John Burke of North Dakota, and John J. Ryan, secretary of the Minnesota Retail Merchants' association.

ANDREW HARRIS DEAD.

Funeral of Late Pioneer to Be Held Tomorrow at 3 O'Clock.

Andrew J. Harris, a veteran resident of this city, died last night and the funeral will be held tomorrow at 3 o'clock from the Elks' hall. The funeral services will be followed by burial in a local cemetery.

Mr. Harris has been in delicate health for some time. He is survived by Mrs. Harris and several children and grand children, some of whom live here and others being located in British Columbia.

To Row for Title.

Toronto, Ont., July 9.—Followers of aquatic sports are looking forward with great interest to the match race to be rowed on Toronto Bay tomorrow by William Haines of Boston and Eddie Durnan, the noted Toronto oarsman. The race is considered the most notable event of its kind that has taken place hereabouts in some years. The contest will be over a three-mile course and will be for the championship of America and a side bet of \$1,000. Haines and Durnan have been training faithfully since the articles were signed and both appear to be in the best of physical condition for the race.

Bear Breeding Interesting.

Washington, July 9.—An interesting dissertation on bears appears in a publication just issued by the Smithsonian institution. It deals in part with the remarkable success of W. R. Lodge, proprietor of a summer resort in northern Ohio, in breeding bears. They rarely breed in captivity but that this Buckeye has raised 68 cubs in 21 years, is a statement made by Assistant Superintendent Baker of the National Zoological park, in this city. Speaking of the hibernation of Lodge's bears, Mr. Baker, who furnished the material for the Smithsonian publication, says:

"In the fall of the year when the bears are about to retire for the winter, they become very fat. As cold weather approaches large quantities of leaves are thrown into the pit and are carried by the bears into their dens. Much of their time is spent there but they come out for an occasional meal until the advent of settled cold, about the middle of December, when they finally retreat to their dens for the winter. Generally they come out from hibernation early in March, having remained in seclusion for about three months. The bears always come out, after hibernating for two or three months, in practically as good condition as when they went in, none of them showing thinness, despite the fact that they have eaten nothing during that time."

Hero Miners Brave Death to Save Dying

Conisboro, July 9.—The bodies of Government Inspectors Hewitt and Pickle have been recovered. The mine management said it had at first under-estimated the losses and said they would amount to not fewer than 60 and some estimates were as high as 80.

Conisboro, July 9.—Late tonight 30 rescuers' bodies of the 35 initial victims' bodies were recovered.

Conisboro, Eng., July 9.—The outer working of Cadeby colliery near here were destroyed by an explosion of fire damp early today. It is believed that all of the 31 miners in the workings were killed. At noon seven bodies had been recovered.

It has been officially announced by the mine management that there is

no hope of any of the miners having escaped. The explosion fired the lower workings and this made it impossible to send searching parties to the bottom of the shaft. At the time of the explosion the regular night shift had come off work and the day shift had not yet descended to the bottom of the shaft.

King George and Queen Mary who have been touring the mining regions by automobile, visited the mine yesterday.

Heroes Attempt Rescue.

Twenty heroes, including some of the most experienced miners in England, went to almost certain death today in a desperate attempt to rescue 30 miners pinned in the lower workings of the Cadeby mine.

Despite the fact that all of the 30 victims of the early explosion were

believed dead, the rescuers insisted on trying to penetrate to the bottom of the gas-filled working in the hope that some of them might still be alive.

Their efforts were futile. Four additional explosions completely shattered the shaft and the shaft house and put the hoisting and ventilating apparatus out of commission and imprisoned the entire rescue party in the shaft. Late tonight it was feared that all were dead.

While the rescuers were under the ground trying to penetrate the wrecked portions of the mine four additional explosions occurred. Several rescuers were seriously injured, one report says some were killed. The rescue work has been suspended until the mine can be cleared of the after-damp.

HEAT DAZES MANY CITIES

GREAT SUFFERING POOR CLASSES AT IDLE

TERRIBLE HEAT WAVE SWEEPS OVER GOTHAM'S STREETS

Men, Women and Children Wander Aimlessly About Seeking Shelter From Sun—Chicago Reports Five More Deaths, A Total of 35 Since Present Wave Began.

New York, July 9.—There is great suffering from the heat wave. Six deaths and 30 prostrations had been reported to the police up to 10:45 a.m. and no relief is in sight. It is believed that yesterday's high mark of 93 will be exceeded today.

Very old people and little children are suffering the most.

In the narrow, canyon-like streets of the business section and in the poorer sections the heat was stifling. Men, women and children shuffled along—all ambition vanished—trying to shade themselves from the sun. All hospitals had a double corps of doctors and nurses in attendance for the heat victims.

Five Chicagoans Die Today.

Chicago, July 9.—Five more are reported dead as a result of the heat wave, being a total in five days of 35.

Scores of prostrations have been reported to the police. A possible thunder shower was the only relief that could be seen this afternoon by the local weather bureau. The mercury climbed uncomfortably close to the 90 mark and it was believed it would go above that figure later in the afternoon. Thousands fled from the downtown districts and sought the shores of the lake. Suffering among the poor families is somewhat relieved by the distribution of ice at the expense of the county.

Boston, July 9.—Two deaths and six prostrations today brought Boston's total for the seven days' terrific heat to 11 dead and 108 prostrated.

ATTORNEY FINCH ON STAND.

Tells Congressional Committee That Hanford Silenced Important Facts

Seattle, July 9.—Attorney Jero'd L. Finch who made the sensational charge yesterday afternoon that Judge Hanford arbitrarily refused to take cognizance of fraud charges against Richard A. Ballinger, and other prominent attorneys in connection with the Heckman and Hanson bankruptcy matter, today resumed his testimony and outlined to the congressional committee the facts which he alleged were laid before Judge Hanford for which Hanford denounced him from the bench and threatened to disbar him.

From Banana to Fig.

Washington, D. C., July 9.—Making figs from bananas is a novel industry in Jamaica, described by the United States consul J. D. Dreher, in a recent report. Several factories are in operation, each with a secret process. "It is understood," says Dreher, "that the drying is done by hot air and that it takes from 400 to 500 lbs. of bananas to make 100 pounds of figs. The food products manufactured are fig bananas, cooking bananas, banana chips, flour and meal.

"One factory cuts the bananas into short pieces before evaporating them, thus making a product that looks like the dried figs of commerce. The figs are delicious and are likely to be preferred to real figs by many persons. It seems that all banana food products are wholesome and nutritious and they have been awarded many prizes, diplomas and certificates of merit."

COMMISSION CITY THRILLED

ATLANTIC CITY WRESTLES WITH ELECTION.

Seaside Resort Has Greatest Excitement in Years Over Election.

Atlantic City, N. J., July 9.—This most famous of the world's seaside resorts has experienced many sensations in its time, but it is safe to say that nothing has ever aroused its inhabitants to such a high pitch of excitement as today's municipal election—the first to be held here under the commission plan of government.

The commission plan was adopted about a month ago, following the exposure of alleged political corruption and graft in municipal affairs that would have put to shame the political ringsters in some of the largest cities of the country. The exposure was brought about largely by William J. Burns and his dictatorship.

When all the evidence of alleged graft had been made public the better element among the citizens decided they had had enough of the old order of things and turned to the commission plan as the best remedy in sight.

On June 11 a primary was held for the nomination of ten candidates for members of the board of commissioners, and today's election was held for the selection of five of the ten. These five will comprise the board.

When the results of the primary were tabulated the public was somewhat jarred to find that Mayor Harry Bacharach, under whose administration the grafters are alleged to have flourished, received the highest vote and was entitled to first place on the list of candidates for commissioners. Also among the successful ones were Dr. Jesse B. Thompson, millionaire banker and hotel man and leader in fusion movement a year ago to oust the "machine" from office, and Dr. P. L. Hawkins, a negro physician.

A peculiar feature of the situation was the fact that in today's election the old "machine" which put Mayor Bacharach in office last fall worked strenuously to prevent his election as a commissioner. The reason for this is found in the practical certainty of Dr. Thompson's election to the board and who, with Mayor Bacharach and others running with them on the ticket, are pledged to sweep the city hall clean of all the present officeholders. The new commissioners will take office July 16, when the present system of government will cease to exist.

Fights Scheduled for Tonight.

Jimmy Potts vs. "Kid" Scaler, 15 rounds, at Edmonton, Alta.

McCLURE QUALIFIES AT STOCKHOLM.

Stockholm, July 9.—American athletes today dazed Europeans when they qualified seven men for the 1500 meter race. Kviat, Hedlund, Jones, Shephard, M. Clue (an Oregon lad), Tanor, and Madeira was the Americans who qualified.

George V. Bonhag of New York was the winner of the first heat in the 5,000 meter run.

AVIATOR FALLS IN DENSE FOG

MACHINE STRIKES HILL, KILLING THE DRIVER.

Well Known Aviator, Bedell, Killed at St. Cyr, France.

St. Cyr, France, July 9.—Aviator Bedell lost his way in a fog while attempting a flight from St. Cyr to Châlons and was killed when he plunged head on into a hill today.

Bedell who was one of the best-known French aviators, was running nearly 80 miles an hour at the time of the accident.

It is thought that he was at least 2,000 feet in the air. The machine was smashed to bits, and the aviator caught under the heavy engine. This adds to the horrible total of air accidents the past 10 days.

Naval Review Under Way.

Portsmouth, July 9.—The greatest naval review in English history is taking place today off Spithead where practically the entire fighting strength of the British fleet, including four battle-ships recently withdrawn from Malta Base, is being inspected by members of parliament preparatory to the summer maneuvers. More than 200 vessels of all types are moored in six lines stretching 30 miles, headed by the first battle squadron with Admiral Sir George Callaghan on the Neptune in supreme command.

Many Visitors at Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Man., July 9.—Many visitors are arriving in Winnipeg to assist in the welcome to the Duke of Connaught and to attend the opening of Canadian Industrial exhibition at which his royal highness will officiate tomorrow. The exhibition, which is to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the coming of Lord Selkirk to Canada, promises to be one of the most successful as well as one of the largest affairs of its kind ever held in the dominion. Numerous large conventions and other gatherings are booked for the exposition period.

THOMAS MILLS EXALTED RULER

FORENOON SESSION GETS INTO BUSINESS.

Ward of Pasadena Esteemed Grand Loyal Knight Also.

Armory Building, Portland, July 9.—Thomas B. Mills, of Superior, Wis., was elected Grand Exalted Ruler, and Charles H. Ward, of Pasadena, Cal., was elected grand esteemed loyal night, at the session of the grand lodge of Elks today. This was all the business done up to noon but further election are being held this afternoon.

Interest in Morrow Trial.

Chicago, July 9.—Interest has increased in the trial of Mrs. Rene B. Morrow when the case was called for its second day's session today by Judge Kersten. The defendant is socially prominent. She is accused of the murder of her husband, Charles B. Morrow, a well-to-do inventor. Many of the women friends of Mrs. Morrow were in court.

Iowa to Be Progressive.

Des Moines, Ia., July 9.—Progressive republicans will control the republican state convention which will meet in this city tomorrow. As practically the entire state ticket was named in the spring primaries the work of the convention will be confined to the nomination of candidates for supreme court judges. The "progressive" sentiment, however, will have an opportunity to manifest itself in the makeup of the platform which will be adopted by the convention.

Building and Loan Men Meet.

Atlantic City, N. J., July 9.—The United States League of Local Building and Loan associations began its 20th annual convention here today with an attendance of delegates representing about 6,500 associations with a membership of nearly three millions and total assets of almost \$1,000,000,000. Governor Woodrow Wilson came to the city to welcome the delegates to the state. Mayor Bacharach also delivered a cordial greeting and Acting President Chas. O. Hennessy of New York responded for the delegates. At the afternoon session addresses on matters relating to the protection and promotion of building association interests were delivered by Julius Stern of Chicago, Charles F. Benjamin of Washington, D. C., Edward B. Ellis of New Orleans, William C. Sheppard of Grand Rapids and J. G. Butterfield of Jersey City. The convention will conclude its business tomorrow.