TAFT HAS BURNED ALL HIS BRIDGES

Is in Presidential Race to Finish.

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Crafty Scheme of Ohio Senators to Kill Boom.

AIM TO ALIENATE FRIENDS

Secretary Has Abandoned Ambition to Be Chief Justice and Block Enemies' Game-Cannon Is Still a Candidate.

WASHINGTON, April 24 .- (Special.)-Secretary Taft is in the Presidential race to stay. He will direct his fight to the end. If the Chief Justiceship of the Supreme Court was offered him, he would not take it. The Secretary does not know the little details of politics, but he is fast mastering the bigger game. and his friends predict that he will run his own campaign and will not place his affairs in the keeping of any man

An intimate friend of Mr. Taft talked with the Secretary today and afterward made an explanation of the Secretary's attitude, which is accepted here as authorized. The Ohio Senators, he said, Mr. Dick particularly, are circulating the story that Mr. Taft would drop his chances for the Presidency on the very eve of the National convention for the coveted woolsack. This is a crafty at tack. Naturally the man of politics might well hesitate to link his fortunes with a candidate who might desert him at any nent during the canvass, leaving him to the scant mercy of a successful op-

Crafty Trick of Enemies.

There is no doubt that many Ohio Republicans have been wavering because of the doubt suggested by the Senatorial propaganda as to whether Mr. Taft would stick. The friend asserted that the Senators have been shrewd enough to keep this story out of print, because once it came to the surface, an official denial might be expected from Mr. Taft's The charge has whispered from man to man, and it has been backed with a statement that no less a person than Mr. Taft himself told Elmer Dover-sometimes the name of Senator Murray Crane is used-that the offer of the Chief Justiceship would mean Mr. Taft's instant withdrawal from the others, a doubt has been skilfully raised Stroup. in other states than Ohio as to the sincerity of the Taft boom.

Taft Is in Fight to Finish.

The facts are exactly contrary to this rumor circulated by the opposition. When Mr. Taft permitted his brother to use his name in connection with the Presidency, he told Charles P. Taft that he would give up his dearest ambition, the chief Justiceship, while his friends thought it proper to continue efforts for his remination as President.

Tonight at 9 o'clock to Miss Druisella Sampsell, of this city. There were no witnesses to the shooting. The murderess and suicide was a former sweetheart of the dead man.

Ross was dining at home with his family discussing the coming marriage ceremony when the telephone bell rang. His father answered the call and a woman's voice inquired for "Thad." The The facts are exactly contrary to this his nomination as President.

whole war.

didate. He has not withdrawn from the race in favor of Vice-President Fairbanks or any other candidate and has no present intention of doing so. This statement made after a talk with the Speaker, who reached Washington today on his way to the Jamestown Exposition.

ROOSEVELT MEN ALL THROUGH

Hitchcock Thus Describes Sentiment of Southern Republicans.

WASHINGTON, April 24.-First Assistant Postmaster General Hitchcock returned today from the South, where he has been for the past week, primarily on an inspection tour of the Southern post-Mr. Hitchcock said he learned only today that his trip had been given political significance in newspapers in the North, in which the statement appeared that he was on a mission for the President to ascertain at first hand re-

one of inspection." he said, "and one which I had planned months ago, I discussed politics to some extent. This was only natural, as I was called on by many Southern Republicans officially connected with the Government and others." interested

"I saw no evidence to justify published reports of dissatisfaction in the ranks of some of the Republicans in the South, such as organization of opposing movements and that sort of thing, which we have been hearing about for some time In those states which I visited-South Carolina, Georgia and Florida-the Re-

gruntled and discredited men" who have dropped out of the old organizations, but that such were in the minority.

canvass of the votes cast at the state election in April shows Republican pluralities exceeding 100,000 except in the contests for regents of the University. Supreme Judge Carpenter led the ticket with a plurality of 111,191.

SHOULD WITHDRAW REFUSAL

Cummins Says Roosevelt Should Accept Nomination

DES MOINES, Iowa, April 24.—In a letter addressed to George E, Bowers, of Orange, Iowa, Governor Cummins declares President Rossevelt should withdraw his statement that he will not accept a renomination. The letter was written in response to an inquiry

was written in response to an inquiry concerning presidential politics.

"There is a great deal being said," writes the Governor, "with regard to the candidate for President, but it is vastly more important that we succeed in announcing a platform that will be expressive of our purposes than it is now to determine who the candidate shall be.

"Personally I believe that President Roosevelt's plain duty is to withdraw

Roosevelt's plain duty is to withdraw his former statement and to say that, under the demand now made and the evident state of the public mind, he will accept another nomination, if it is tendered to him with practical un

MACHINE CUTS OFF GILLETTE

Man Who Exposed Filtration Steal Not Wanted by Reyburn.

PHILADELPHIA, April 24.-Major Cas sius Gillette, who left the United States Army to become chief of the Bureau of Filtration in this city, today tendered his resignation at the request of Director of Public Works George Stearns. Major Gillette came to Philadelphia in June, 1995, under permission of Secretary Taft to investigate the filtration plant. He

to Investigate the filtration plant. He reported that the city had been robbed of several million dollars.

Mayor Weaver, whose term of office was expiring, induced Major Gillette to become Chief of the Filtration Bureau, to succeed John W. Hill, removed, Mayor Reyburn said the resignation of Major Gillette had been asked as a matter of economics. ter of economy

Taft Not Ready for Politics.

WASHINGTON, April 24.-In answer to tended to make any announcement in the near future regarding his political pur-poses, Secretary Taft today said that he certainly would make no such statement before his Ohio trip, which begins Friday, and he was not prepared to state whether he would have anything to say after that

Cannon Denies Fairbanks Yarn.

WASHINGTON, April 24. - Speaker Cannon today emphatically denied a re-port that he had agreed to deliver the Illinois delegation to the Republican Na-tional Convention of next year to Vice-President Fairbanks.

TRAGIC END OF TWO LIVES

JILTED GIRL SHOOTS FORMER LOVER AND SELF.

News of His Intended Marriage to Another Infuriates Miss Belle Stroup.

OIL CITY, April 24.-Thaddeus Stevens in the office of Dr. George W. Magee while the physician was at lunch. Both lies. Ross was to have been married the steel trust mins, together with the tonight at 9 o'clock to Miss Druisella formula of their manufacture, accom-

woman's voice inquired for In short, Mr. Taft is culisted for the shole war.

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Miss Stroup arrived at noon from Bradford, Pa., where she had been employed in a hospital, and went directly to the office of Dr. Magee. Finding nobody in the office she called Ross on the telephone and asked him to come to the office and see her. When Dr. Magee returned from lunch he found the dead hosfice.

In a chair in a corner of the office sat Ross, his head lying back on the chair and blood streaming from a bullet wound in his neck. His forehead was burned with powder where a builet had entered his brain. Another ball had pierced his heart. Miss Stroup was lying a few feet away. Blood was flowing from a wound in her left side.

MISS STROUP IS ILL A WEEK

Bradford Milliner Who Kills Her Faithless Lover.

BRADFORD, Pa., April 24.-Miss Hala President to ascertain at first hand regarding any new direction in the Republican sentiment in the South. Mr. Hitchcock denied with emphasis that President Roosevelt directed his movements.

IDAHO DEPUTY KILLS MAN

Billy Quinn Shot in Early Morning Saloon Row

WALLACE, Idaho, April 25.—(Special.)
—Deputy Sheriff C. C. Hicks shot and
fatally wounded Billy Quinn at 1 o'clock Carolina, Georgia and Florida—the Republicans are in hearty accord with the administration. They are Roosevelt men through and through."

Referring again to the question of opposing organization, Mr. Hitchcock remarked that of course there were "discounted and discounted and

marked that of course there were "disgruntled and discredited men" who have
iropped out of the old organizations, but
that such were in the minority.

Official Vote of Michigan.

LANSING, Mich., April 24.—The official
ime like that, and whipped out his revolver and shot.

The bullet entered the right side and
three doctors pronounced the wound
fatal. Hicks is in jail. There was said
to have been no trouble whatever between the men, and the tragedy is supposed to be simply the result of a
drunken whim.

Due Solely to Increase of Traffic.

RAILROADS PROPOSE REMEDY

Increase Penalty for Delay in Returning Cars.

SOME ROADS BORROW CARS

Stern Measures Against Delinquents. Ultimatum Sent Steel Trust Demanding Better Rails up to the Canadian Standard.

CHICAGO, April 34.-(Special.)--During he month of February the railroads of the United States were, it is estimated, nearly 150,000 cars short of the demands made upon them by the actual traffic offered for transportation. This amazing fact was given to the American Railway Association at its closing session today and the knowledge of it won the day for

ome drastic measures to correct the evil. The problem of car shortage, the operiting men declared, is today the greatest and the gravest which the railroads have to face and to solve. It was stated that a searching investigation disclosed the fact that the car shortage is not due to decreased car efficiency, as the records showed that the average dally movement of all freight cars had been 25.4 miles. It was therefore concluded that the shortage is due to the extraordinary increase

in the demands made upon the railroads, Measures of Relief Proposed.

The committee also reported that it had onfirmed the general opinion that a great deal can be accomplished to improve the situation which has been effecting a partial paralysis of the business country: First, by the railroads themselves; second, by the raffroads in their relations to the public, and third, by the railroads in their relations with each other,

The question of increasing public safety has been an engrossing topic at the American Railway Association. It was said in a report adopted today that many of the recent disastrous wrecks could be traced directly to imperfect rails, and new rule the chairman of the clearingthese, it is said, could be traced to undue haste at the steel mills in filling orders

Demand for Better Rails.

Railway managers have made it plain the makers of steel rails in this cou woman then shot herself try that they want something as good through the heart. The tragedy occurred as that furnished the Canadian Pacificadmittedly the best rails in the world. Samples of these rails have been sent to the steel trust mills, together with the panied by an invitation-which amounts to an ultimatum-to produce a better rail, or at least one as good. A reply was received through the Frick

mills that the Canadian rails or formula could not be improved upon and that the product was as perfect as the science of the age could make it. It was explained that, when these rails are made, they are subjected to a most rigid test in order to get as near absolute safety as possible The samples are frozen with liquid air to a temperature of 200 degrees below zero and then battered with a trip-ham mer. Batches which do not stand this test are rejected. Consequently, broken rails are practically unheard of in Can-

REMEDY FOR CAR SHORTAGE

Railroads Propose to Expose Delin quents-Better Rails Demanded.

CHICAGO, April 24.—Decisive action was taken here today by the American Rallway Association to remedy the car short age, which for several months has been causing so much worry among shippers throughout the country. The failure of some roads to furnish a sufficient quota of equipment for their own traffic and the fallure to provide and enforce proper



United Railroads of San Francisco

rules for the return of foreign cars to their own roads are responsible for the shortage, and to remedy the evil the association today adopted a rule, to be con-firmed later by letter ballot of all the railroads, providing that any railroad which hereafter shall not promptly return to its owner, after unloading, all cars consigned to it will be penalized \$5 for each car so misused, to be paid to the owner of the car. This penalty is in addi-tion to the per diem charge of 50 cents, which, after July 1, each railroad must pay for each car not its own which may

In order to make the new rule more effective, the principle of publicity is to be invoked through the instrumentality of the so-called car-clearing-house, recently established in Chicago. Through the house committee is now authorized to send to each of the roads a statement comprising the information already collected as to the car location, percentage of equipment on line, total owned and road in the country to know exactly which lines are delinquent in the matter of furnishing adequate cars or failing to return cars to their home lines.

The report of the committee on standard rail selections was adopted unanimously, and the steel rail manufacturers will be told that the present rails are not

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TRIBUTE ON ABODES OF VICE

Police Force Found Rotten to Core.

SHAMEFACED SAN FRANCISCO

Captain Mooney Tells Revolting Story.

REGULAR RATES OF GRAFT

Grand Jury Informed How Abandoned Women and Keepers of Low Dives Make Bay City Peace Officers Very Rich.

GRAFT RATES IN TENDERLOIN.

Weekly charge for police protection houses of fil-fame-Patrolmen on the beat, \$5; sergeants, \$15; captains, \$25; chief of police, \$75 to

Barbary Coast dancehall dives-Captains and chief of police, \$50. All-night sporting saloons-Cap-tains and chief of police, \$50.

Gambling houses-Police graft varies according to the size of the place and volume of business. Average price for protection, patrolmen on the beat sergeants, \$15; captains, \$25; chief of police, \$75 to \$100.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24 .- (Special.)-It is impossible to make even an approximate estimate of the total amount of money which the police have extorted from keepers of houses of ill-fame, gam bling houses and other dens of vice. After the great disaster of last April or as soon as the new tenderioin began to baild up and the Barbary Coast district began to establish itself, a schedule of prices for protected vice was formulated. This

schedule has been rigidly adhered to. In the case of houses of ill-fame, the proprietors were required to pay the patrelmen on the beat the sum of \$5, the sergeants \$15, the captains \$25 and the Chief of Police \$75 to \$100 every week for the privilege of conducting their ne-farious business. The gambling houses were assessed according to their ability to pay, but the average price for police protection was about the same as the ouses of prostitution

The dives along Pacific street and in tain and the chief those two functionaries presumably dividing the money. The sporting saloons, where women of the night-life congregated were taxed a sim-

This amazing condition of affairs has existed ever since the establishment of the new tenderloin and the upbuilding of the Chinatown and Barbary Coast dis tricts. Assistant District Attorney Heney

and W. J. Burns long suspected the state of affairs and some evidence was gath ered by them, but the complete revela tion did not come until Captain of Police John Mooney enlightened them. Mooney has even told Heney and the grand jury how the tell on the underworld was col lected. He has given an account of the methods pursued by Chief of Police Dinan, the names of the collectors, th names of the police captains, who, not daring to trust others to collect their graft, went in person to the landladies of the houses of ill-fame and received their blackmail in cash every week.

Grafters Trust Not Each Other.

According to the story Mooney has told the grand jury, the patrolmen collected their regular \$5 graft from the houses or their beat in person. The sergeants followed the same course, going in person to the houses of their district. Some of them collected for their captains, but most of the captains preferred to collect themselves. The notorious "Kid" Sullivan was one of Dinan's collection agents, but the graft is so large that he had to employ others to help out.

As a result of these revelations, the grafting members of the Police Department will be relentlessly prosecuted by the District Attorney. In many instances the rank and file are held far less culpa ble than the superiors. Had discipline been preserved and had their superior set an example of probity, it is believed by the graft prosecutors that the patrol men would have remained honest.

Under the existing circumstances many xcuses are found for them, but the ac tions of Dinan and many of his captains and sergeants cannot be condoned.

Chief Dinan is supposed to be a rich man as the result of the graft from pro. tected vice, and some of the captains are nearly as well off. It has been impossible o ascertain to what extent other officers of the municipal government shared in the graft.

EXCITING INCIDENTS MARK HIS LECTURE AT PITTSBURG.

All Whites in Audience Vote Negro Not Equal to White-Denounces European Critics.

PITTSBURG, April 24.-As a precaution ry measure, 22 detectives and a squad of miformed policemen were stationed in Carnegie Music Hall tonight during the address of Senator B. R. Tillman, of South Carolina, who discussed the race problem. Several exciting incidents occurred ,but no trouble resulted. Ten negroes were present.

After declaring the races in the South

were gradually becoming more antagonis-tic, Mr. Tillman called for a vote of the audience as to whether the negro was the equal of the white man. The entire audience except the ten negroes voted in the negative by rising.

One man interrupted Mr. Tillman sev-eral times during his address, Mr. Till-man had him admit he came from Eu-

rope and then bitterly denounced Europeans in America who undertake to judge questions concerning this country.

Mr. Tillman declared Booker T. Washington was the harbor of refuge to which

The dives along Pacific street and in the Barbary Coast district were required to pay \$50 every week to the police cap-negro in ten million and was half white

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Will Demonstrate Against Roosevelt.

IN EVERY CITY ON SAME DAY

Letter of Jaxon Which Brought Forth Reply.

SAYS CASE WAS PREJUDGED

Calls on Roosevelt to Either Retract or Give Reasons for Letter Which Condemned the Federationists as Undesirable

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 24.-A movement, National in scope, to set aside a Moyer-Haywood day early in May, on which day every union in the country is to protest against the action of President Roosevelt in calling Moyer and Haywood indesirable citizens has been launched in Milwaukee. The plan contemplates that the President shall be taken to task also for his communication to Honore Jaxon, of Chicago, in which he reiterates his

LETTER SENT TO ROOSEVELT

Protest Which Called Forth Denun-

ciation of Moyer and Haywood. CHICAGO, April 24.-Following is the letter from the Moyer-Haywood Defense Conference which called forth President Roosevelt's letter to Honore J. Jaxon:

Conference which called forth President Roosevelt's letter to Honore J. Jaxon: To the Honorable Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States.

Dear Sir: This note of inquiry and protest is respectfully addressed to you by the Moyer-Haywood-Pettibone Defense Conference of Chicago and Cook County, Illinois. Its intent is to elicit from your pen either a denial or a retraction of that portion of your widely-quoted recent criticism of E. H. Harriman, in which you are reported to have classified Charles H. Moyer, Eugene V. Debs and William D. Haywood, alone V. Debs and William D. Haywood, alone of the publicly pilloried are all allike nonored by the esteem and confidence of a large number of the most honorable and intelligent citizens of our common country, we believe that you no less than ourselves will readily perceive that to place them in the same class with the railway magnate is in reality and to that extent equivalent to investing the latter gentleman with the commendation rather than the censure of the author of the criticism referred to; and whether that author shall prove to have been yourself or some other person endeavoring without authority to place his own words in your mouth, our own criticism of that particular phase of the letter attributed to you is that the comparison confers altogether too high an honor upon a financier who would himself be among the first to admit that his activities as thus far rewho would himself be among the first to admit that his activities as thus far reyealed to the public have been inspired by purely selfish motives rather than by that overmastering love for humanity which is the most striking characteristic of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone.

Say He Prejudges Case.

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Our principal objection, however, is based upon the fact that of these three man who in words attributed to the official head of the whole people have thus been publicly labeled as "undesirable," two at least are shortly to be tried for their lives under circumstances which cause the attack thus attributed to you to operate as a serious infringement upon their constitutional right to be treated as innocent until by the processes of the law they shall have been proved to be guilty.

The jury which will determine the justice or injustice of the charges which have been brought against these men has yet to be drawn. It will be drawn from the ranks of a community whose members are known to be eagerly perusing every single item of current news or comment which has any bearing upon the important cause which is shortly to be tried among them, and to be deeded by some of their number; and it is therefore evident and indeed conclusive that nothing could be more sinisteric estimated to prevent a just decision of this case than would any prejudgment of their defendants by officers of that very law which is pledged to impartiality.

And of all such invasive and subversive prejudgments, a prejudgment fulminated with Nation-wide publicity in words attributed to the Nation's leading official must necessarily be most subversive of that even justice between man and man the maintaining of which has always been put forward as the main reason for the creating of law, and for the placing of the law in au-

ward as the main reason for the creating law, and for the plucing of the law in thority over the lives and libertles of people.

Make All Allowance for Him.

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It is against this dangerous prejudgment, thus widely heralded as a deliverance from the official head of the Nation, that we chiefly protest; and we protest all the more earnestly because up to the time of the mailing of this note there has appeared no public sign that the prejudgment in question has been either withdrawn or contradicted by you. While, therefore, we are anxious to make every allowance for the difficulties which maturally environ a man, who, notwithstanding the inability of any process of human action to raise a fellow human above the common weaknesses and impulses of our common human nature, is nevertheless surrounded through the weaknesses of other men, with an atmosphere which constantly tempts him to essay deeds and utterances which are beyond such power and wisdom as have been granted to human nature, we are nevertheless constrained by our sense of fair plus and by our conception of the requirements of good citizenship to make such endeavor as we can and may to find our way through this atmosphere which surrounds you and to respectfully call your attention to the fact that the prejudgment attributed to you is one which does indeed call insistently and incessantly for either denial or retraction by you.

Constitutional Principle Violated.

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For, whether really uttered by you or not-but simply because it has been widely accepted as having been uttered by you-the effect of this prejudgment has been to cast into the adverse side of the scale of justice the full moral weight, not simply of yourself as an individual citizen, but rather of the official position which you occupy, a position which is the creation and property, not of yourself, but of the entire people of the United States, and which therefore cannot be thus misused or perverted without serious impairment of both

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