

ODELL'S ILLNESS MAY HARM HUGHES

Governor's Forces Lack Strong Leader.

BOSSSES WORKING AGAINST HIM

Would Oppose Presidential Boom, but Dares Not.

POPULAR WITH THE PEOPLE

Campaign Managers Hope to Thwart Public's Wishes by Securing Un-instructed Delegation to the National Convention.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—(Special.)—The critical illness of ex-Governor Benjamin B. Odell, Jr., may have a serious effect upon the political fortunes of Governor Charles Evans Hughes.

There is no denying the fact that a vast majority of the Republican voters of the state, with Roosevelt out of the race, favor Hughes for President.

But as a rule, public sentiment alone does not count. It takes leadership to direct public sentiment so that delegates will result.

Odell is admittedly one of the shrewdest politicians in the Empire State. This is not denied even by his enemies or those who criticize his actions.

Odell does not care particularly for Hughes, but he is a Hughes man because he sees a chance to ride back into political power.

The popularity of Hughes and the leadership of Odell would have made an almost invincible combination.

But now the ex-Governor is in a precarious condition at his home in Newburg, and the loyal Hughes army is without a leader.

Would Down Hughes if They Dared. There isn't a single one of the big Republican bosses in the state who wants to see Hughes promoted or even kept in office.

Several of the county candidates-elect, notably the Sheriff and Register, who possess the bulk of the patronage, have served notice that they do not intend to be dictated to by Mr. Woodruff or anybody else.

Woodruff is Anti-Hughes. Woodruff doesn't want Hughes to remain in office, but he doesn't say so.

It would surprise nobody if Hughes made a practically clean sweep in Greater New York, but it is in the upstate districts that the loss of Odell's experience is most acutely felt.

It is not the intention of the Governor's enemies to make an open fight upon him. They will work to secure an uninstructed delegation; some of them may be for Hughes, and some against him, but they aim to deprive the Hughes boom of the "favorite son" aspect.

The Governor's enemies know that open hostility would be dangerous in the extreme, and would be inevitably calculated to arouse the voter's ire, and stimulate a desire for revenge.

Bosses Work Under Cover. They also realize that if the clear issue can ever be raised in the state of Hughes' candidacy, that nothing except Roosevelt's personal candidacy could do it.

So it is the business of the bosses, henceforth, to stave off this issue, to keep the matter in abeyance, to urge Roosevelt's third term, and to prevent the popular sentiment from crystallizing about the Governor until the machinery has been organized to extinguish the whole blaze, or the time passed for any decisive commitment of the New York delegation.

The Empire State bosses are also doing missionary work among bosses in other Eastern states. They are pointing out that Hughes is a man who absolutely cannot be controlled, who makes whatever appointments he likes, and follows any line that strikes him as best.

"Why, he wouldn't even consult Congressmen regarding the appointment of Billy Barnes, of Albany."

Game in Which Voters Hold Trumps

"It's a new kind of a game," remarked one of the Governor's critics today. "But it seems to me to be the best on record. Just tell people you are not trying to get votes, and they will work night and day for you."

This of course is the machine way to look at it. The attitude of the average voter is that the Governor is doing the right thing, upholds the dignity of his high office, and all around is the best Governor New York has had in several generations.

In January he will have the Legislature

with him again, and it is confidently predicted that the Senators and Assemblymen will look several months for Hughes to convince them what kind of a man he is.

Keep Flames Smothered. It will be several months before the conventions are held to elect delegates, and the Republican bosses hope that the friends of the Governor can be kept quiet until it is too late to do effective work.

They do not want the direct issue raised, and are longing and praying that Odell may be kept out of active politics until next Summer.

As for public sentiment—well they say privately it does not worry them, but really it does.

For Governor Hughes has accomplished a great deal already, armed only with that new-fashioned political weapon—public sentiment.

FORAKER STILL IN THE RACE Scheme to Sidetrack Taft by Coming Out for Roosevelt.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 17.—The unconfirmed report comes from Ohio that Senator J. B. Foraker intends later on to declare himself a candidate for the Republican nomination, not with any idea of being nominated, but solely to prevent Taft from securing the solid Ohio delegation.

Friends of the Senator here do not place much credence in the report, for they do not believe Foraker would make such an announcement unless he intended to follow it up with a fight that would end in the National convention.

Furthermore, they say that Foraker does not need to declare himself a candidate in order to divide the Ohio delegation. The Foraker followers believe that they can control a majority of the Ohio delegation, and that Taft will not be able to have the solid Ohio delegation behind him, unless Foraker relents, and Foraker is not of the retreating kind.

Coincident with this talk is the rumor that Foraker and his colleague and loyal follower, Senator Dick, have been asked to join the Roosevelt movement and declare in favor of the renomination of the President. It is difficult to conceive of Foraker advocating Roosevelt's renomination, even if by so doing he could put Taft out of the way.

Of course, Dick stands with Foraker. Of the two men, there is no question that Foraker dislikes Roosevelt the more, and if he had to take a choice, it is more than likely he would accept Taft in preference to the President. Nevertheless, rumor has it that strings are being pulled to get Foraker to turn to Roosevelt, on the theory that by so doing he can obliterate Taft and put an end to the Taft boom.

If Foraker ever takes up this suggestion it will be with the idea of annihilating Taft, and then turning to some other man than Roosevelt when convention times arrives. It is not like Foraker to advocate Roosevelt if he believes Roosevelt would accept the nomination.

Hughes Will Answer Call. NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—In an address at Cooper Union tonight, President Schurmann, of Cornell University, discussed Governor Hughes as a Presidential possibility, and he declared that while Mr. Hughes would not lift a finger to secure the nomination, if the people summon him to service, he would unhesitatingly respond with loyal devotion to their call.

OAKLAND FIREMAN KILLED Several Others Are Overcome With Ammonia Fumes.

OAKLAND, Cal., Nov. 17.—Fire tonight broke out in Collins' drugstore at Washington and Twelfth streets, and caused \$29,000 or \$30,000 damage. Edward Brandt, a fireman, was killed, and several other firemen were almost overcome with ammonia fumes.

WOMAN'S STORY OF THE MURDER

Sees Steele Bending Over Dead Husband.

HEARS THREE BLOWS STRUCK

Murderer Then Coaches Woman in Story She Is to Tell.

HELPS HIM REMOVE SPOTS

Fully Under His Power, She Aids Him in Covering His Tracks—The Strain Is Too Great After Two Months and She Confesses.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Nov. 17.—(Special.)—A portion of the statement made by Mrs. Frank Todd to the officials, which led to the arrest of Ralph W. Steele, who committed suicide in the county jail yesterday, has been given out and it has developed that Mrs. Todd saw Steele immediately after he struck the fatal blows which crushed the life out of her husband and the father of her children.

The statement is in her own writing and the gist of it is as follows: She had been friendly with Steele while he was living at her home for several months. Todd became suspicious and after a talk she told him of Steele's attention. This enraged the husband, who ordered Steele from the house. Then began the bad blood between the two men. Todd came home from camp a short time afterward but Steele had gone from the house, leaving his effects there.

Mrs. Todd Sees the Murder. The night of the tragedy Mrs. Todd went to bed about 8:30 and left Todd reading. She read for awhile and Todd went out to the toilet. She heard a scuffle and three blows struck, and thinking something was wrong went to the back door, opened it and saw the massive form of Steele bending over the prostrate form of her husband, who was wailing in his life-blood. The small electric light shed a mystic glimmer over the ghastly scene of the brute standing ready to strike another blow with his heavy revolver should the convulsing form show signs of moving.

Steele Carries Her to Her Bed. The shock proved too great for her and she fainted. Steele then turned her attention to the prostrate woman. He immediately picked her up in his arms and carried her to her bed and waited for her to regain consciousness. She soon revived under his treatment and it was then he told her if she ever told on him he would kill her. He forced her to look over his face, hair and clothing for any signs of blood which might be there and with unheeded coolness began cleaning the revolver with which he delivered the blows that sent Todd into eternity.

Coaches Her in Her Part. He drilled Mrs. Todd in what she must say and she spent nearly all the rest of the night rehearsing her part to him. He then went about to cover up any suspicion of his deed. He went to the shed, robbed the body and left the rifle pockets turned wrong side out. Last of all he turned off the electric light and threw the piece of switch in a bucket of feathers lying close and made Mrs. Todd tell the authorities that she had seen the murder the night before.

For over two months she stood up under the strain but it proved too great for her and the breakdown came at last when she received a note from Steele, that he might kill her and then himself. She confided in Marshall McKenney, who got her to play the part of a detective, thus enabling her to tell the story of the murder from his lips.

CLERKS ARE PROMOTED Postoffice Department Advances the Salaries of Three Employees.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 17.—At the request of Senator Bourne, the following details have been authorized in the Portland Postoffice, to become effective November 18, 1907:

Otto J. Hirsch from mailing clerk at \$180, to assistant superintendent of mails at the same salary; Weston G. Shellenbarger from clerk, sixth grade, at \$120, to assistant superintendent of money order at the same salary; Edward J. Ball from registry clerk at \$120, to assistant superintendent of delivery at the same salary.

MEANS BREAK WITH JAPAN Policy Pursued in Far East Distasteful to Great Britain.

PEKIN, Nov. 17.—The speech delivered at Kobe by Count Okuma, who was at one time head of the progressive party in Japan, in which he declared that Japan would sorely disappoint the people of India as well as ignore the opportunities given by heaven if she failed to afford protection to the millions of Indians now being oppressed by Europe, has caused great excitement among the British newspapers published in Northern China. In this section of the empire the Japanese expansion movement is interfering greatly with British interests, and there is open warfare between Japanese and British merchants.

Since last May Englishmen have been the leaders in the anti-Japanese campaign in Peking and Tientsin. The Times, which is the principal English organ in North China, gives expression to the "deep-seated, smoldering wrath" of Britons in the Far East, and accepts Count Okuma's words as a national expression. They reveal, this paper declares, "the cloven hoof and the attitude of a precocious and ill-mannered baby among the civilized nations toward a country the support of which gave her present position in the world. We hope that the revelations made by Count Okuma will open the eyes of King Edward and his countrymen, as the eyes of the Britons were opened here long ago."

The pro-Japanese British press in the South of China has recently indicated its purpose of fighting the Japanese, "whose operations," it is declared, "now conflict with those of Great Britain from the Yantse to Manchuria." One paper expresses the conviction that agitation of the present situation probably will result in breaking up the Anglo-Japanese alliance.

GIVES KAISER THE GLAD HAND King Edward Doing Much to Arouse Good Feeling with Germany.

BERLIN, Nov. 17.—The ten years of estrangement between Germany and Great Britain appears to be coming to an end, and the conviction is held in governmental offices in Berlin that the present journey of the German Emperor to England, taking into account the events which led up to it, is likely to have an enduring value. The courtesies which are now being extended to Emperor William in England were preceded, it is reported here by the decision on the part of King Edward to discontinue his personal policy of endeavoring to isolate Germany.

German comment on the courtesies being extended to the Emperor by King Edward is distinctly appreciative, and indicates a great deal of good will.

SINGER CRUSHED BY HIS ARREST

Monkey-House Incident Ruins Career.

LEON CAZURAN BROKEN MAN

Sits All Day in Room Wringing His Hands.

DROPPED FROM THE OPERA

Hammerstein Declares He Will Have Nothing More to Do With Young Tenor—Court Dismisses Serious Charge.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—(Special.)—Crushed and spiritless, Leon Cazuran, the young tenor, who came to America two weeks ago to sing in Hammerstein's Opera Company and was arrested near the monkey house in Central Park yesterday, sat all day today in his room wringing his hands. He is a delicate, intelligent-looking man of about 27. Mr. Hammerstein will have nothing more to do with him, he says, and that as a singer his career is blasted.

"Get is amazing," he repeated, over and over, and that is all the English he knows, though in French and Spanish he vehemently denies his guilt of the charges on which Detective James J. Cain arrested him—that of attempting to corrupt the morals of boys.

Finds No Balm of Gilead. The fact that the court did not hold him or his friend, Claude Modjeska, and discharged both, after finding Modjeska \$10 for having in his possession a bad French photograph, does not lessen his dejection.

Cain says he had been watching the two young men for a long time. They had been talking to boys and in the monkey house had stood with their hands in their coat pockets so close to the boys as to be annoying. The only boy he took along as a witness was 13-year-old Eugene Koch, of Rockaway Park.

Modjeska, who is a dark-skinned East Indian, born in Bombay, came to America with Cazuran. He is an impersonator, and says he earns a good salary on the stage in Europe. He had plenty of money today, showing nearly \$1000 in bills.

Career Blasted, Says Modjeska. "This arrest will hurt me much, except in this country, but for Cazuran it is a tragedy," said Modjeska. "Innocent or guilty, the arrest on such a charge destroys his career. Mr. Hammerstein notified him today that he could not keep his engagement with him."

Mr. Hammerstein sent out this statement simply: "A man to whom any suspicion attaches cannot find employment in the Manhattan Opera House."

"It was intimated, however, by a representative, that Mr. Hammerstein did not believe the charge and that he had not changed his engagement with the young man."

Cazuran has a contract, it was acknowledged.

START THE WHEAT CROP Inland Empire Ready to Move Its \$30,000,000 Yield.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 17.—Arrangements finally concluded yesterday at a meeting held here in the Bank of Commerce between representatives of the bank and the wheat exporters, and of the banks and wheatgrowers of the Inland Empire assure the financing of the movement of the wheat of that region.

The wheat crop of the Inland Empire is conservatively estimated to be worth \$30,000,000 and the new movement to the markets of Europe, Asia and Africa will eventually result in the return of that amount of money for circulation in this country. It is announced that an adequate number of vessels are within reach of the exporters for the shipment of the cereal, and that the railroads are providing sufficient cars to carry the wheat to Pacific ports. Shipments will be started at once.

CUPID IS BRUISED AGAIN

Midshipmen Forbidden to Protect Women With Their Overcoats.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Nov. 17.—The Commandant of Midshipmen has issued an order which puts a ban on the practice of midshipmen surrendering their overcoats for protection of their women friends. The new order is similar to the one issued at West Point, which caused such a storm of protest from the social continent.

GOMPERS AFTER CANNON

Reported He Will Endeavor to Defeat His Re-election as Speaker.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 17.—President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, forgetting his experience in politics a year ago, is going to undertake to prevent the re-election of Speaker Cannon—not his re-election to Congress, but his re-election as Speaker of the

FIFTY MILLIONS IN CANAL BONDS

Cortelyou Announces Government Plan.

RELIEF TO MONEY STRINGENCY

Scheme to Attract Gold to the United States Treasury.

BASIS FOR NOTE ISSUES

Roosevelt Approves Move and Makes Appeal to People of Nation to Keep Their Money in Active Circulation.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Secretary Cortelyou tonight made the important announcement that as a means of affording relief to the financial situation, the Treasury would issue \$50,000,000 of Panama bonds and \$100,000,000 certificates of indebtedness, or so much thereof as may be necessary. The certificates will run for one year, and will bear 3 per cent interest.

The Secretary's action in coming to the relief of the financial situation meets with President Roosevelt's hearty approval, and the plan is the outcome of the several White House conferences which have been held within the past few days, when the financial situation was under consideration.

Expand Money Supply. Secretary Cortelyou says that the Panama bonds will afford substantial relief, as the law provides that they may be used as a basis for additional National bank circulation. He also states that the proceeds from the sale of certificates can be made directly available at points where the need is most urgent, and especially for the movement of crops, which he says, "if properly accelerated, will give the greatest relief and result in the most immediate financial returns."

The Secretary calls attention to the attractiveness of the bonds and certificates as absolutely safe investments. Secretary Cortelyou adds that these relief measures will enable him to meet public expenditures without withdrawing from that purpose any appreciable amount of the public moneys now deposited in National banks throughout the country. Two Treasury circulars, one inviting proposals for the issue of bonds and the other asking for the certificates, will be sent out under date of November 18.

JUDGE WICKERSHAM TELLS

Explains Reason for Unfriendliness of Governor Hoggatt.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 17.—A special from Fairbanks to the Post-Intelligencer says:

"The Wickersham letter of resignation was made public in the News of Tuesday. One of the principal reasons for the resignation is the enmity of Governor Hoggatt. The letter says: 'At the recent term of court held at Juneau, on special request of the Attorney-General, I had the misfortune to decide an important case involving the case of a young lawyer in a way contrary to Governor Hoggatt's views. Thereupon the Governor withdrew the friendship, which I highly valued, and criticized me, so that the loss of his confidence became publicly known. His views were unjust and presumptuous, but his opposition and his refusal to support the court added greatly to my burden.'"

"President Roosevelt, in reply to the letter of resignation, says the resignation is accepted with regret."

FOUND WITH THROAT CUT

Jacob Lutz Wanders for Three Days. Too Weak to Tell Story.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 17.—(Special.)—The mystery surrounding the disappearance from his home at Youngstown, November 14, of Jacob Lutz, an iron molder, was partially cleared up today when he was found wandering in the vicinity of Oxbow, a suburb of this city, with his throat cut so badly that it is the wonder of the physician who is attending him that he is alive.

Lutz is so weak that he cannot tell as yet the story of his wanderings. It is not known whether he was the victim of his own act or a murderous assault. Lutz disappeared after making an attempt to kill his wife and three children with an axe according to the wife's statement. They fled and the home was found in flames and the walls of the rooms splattered with blood.

WORK FOR DEEPER HARBOR

Meeting in Washington Promises to Be Largely Attended.

CINCINNATI, O., Nov. 17.—Secretary Ellison, of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, is in daily receipt of letters from members of the Senate and House, from governors of states and from representatives of commercial and industrial organizations, accepting invitations to attend the meeting of the congress to be held at the Lower Willard, in Washington, on December 4, 5 and 6, and the assurances of a thoroughly representative assemblage are most gratifying. The list of acceptances includes the names of Ambassador Sternberg, of Germany; Ambassador Jusserand, of France; Chairman Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and President Hill, of the Northern Pacific Railway.

PROVIDE COALING STATION

Mexico Will Grant United States Right to Use Magdalena Bay.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Assistant Secretary of State Ades tonight conferred with the Associated Press dispatch from Mexico City which stated that the United States would be allowed to maintain two coaling ships at Magdalena Bay, on the coast of Lower California, for a period of three years, provided the concession was made to the government of Mexico by the United States.

Appeals to the People.

"The banks and trust companies are pained. There is more currency in the country today than there was a month ago, when the supply was ample. Since then \$5,000,000 in gold has been imported and the Government has deposited already \$20,000,000. These are facts, and I appeal to the public to co-operate with us in restoring normal business conditions. The Government will see that the people do not suffer if only the people themselves will act in a normal way.

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