WILL NAME TAFT IN BIG LANDSLIDE

Roosevelt's Figures on Nomination.

MAJORITY ON FIRST BALLOT

Vote of 27 States Will Be Solid for Secretary.

SIX OTHERS TO BE DIVIDED

Roosevelt Also Calculates on Many Votes From Other States-Second Choice of Several Favor-States.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28. - (Special.) -A Taft landsilde is what politicians in Washington now are predicting, President Roosevelt's belief that Secretary Taft would be nominated on the first ballot at Chicago, announced semi-authoritatively several weeks ago, has not been shaken since the first statement to that effect. Recent developments have strengthened the first ballot conviction. Within a few days the Taft forces have been doing some figuring on the basis of results already achieved in several states, and all their tabulations give the Secretary of War many more than enough votes to nominate on the "initial and only"

How Roosevelt Figures It.

One of the tables in existence, it was stated today in a quarter intimately connected with both Mr. Taft and the White House, is the production of the President himself. Like many of lesser prominence, the President sometimes likes to get out his pencil and make figures. The table, which was given to The Oregonian correspondent this evening, and declared to represent the opinion of the President, puts Mr. Taft way across the 300 mark. It requires 491 to nom-

According to the table in question, the following states will vote practically solid for Mr. Taft when the first call of the roll is made:

States Solid for Taft.

| 46 California |
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| 24 Oklahoma |
| 22 Wyoming |
| 26 Tennessee |
| 36 Virginia |
| 20 North Carolina |
| 6 Arkansas |
| 16 Plorida |
| 8.Alabama |
| Silouistana |
| GTexas |
| 10 Idaho |
| 10 |
| S Total |
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Half Will Go to Taft. The following states are reckoned

as giving about half and halfi for Mr. Taft and some other candidates These six states have an aggregate

of 104 votes and, if half go to Mr. Taft, there would be 32 to add to the reputed solld delegations, giving the Secretary of War a total of 530, or 39 more than enough to nominate But that is not all. The figuring

declared to have resulted from a half hour of the President's leisure gives Mr. Taft a majority of the 14 votes of There are 14 territorial votes, and these are counted practically solid for Mr. Taft. It also is set forth that Mr. Taft will have most of the 16 votes of New Jersey, the 16 of Maryland and the 14 of West Virginia.

More on Second Ballot.

It is admitted by the Taft forces that Governor Hughes may get the eight votes of Vermont, and that he may divide the 12 votes of Maine and the eight votes of Rhode Island, but it is not conceded.

But supplementary to the table of reputed executive construction, a close friend of the Secretary of War, who exhibited the table in question, declared that Mr. Taft would be the sec and choice of the 78 delegates from New York, one-half of the 54 votes of Illinois, one-half of the 30 votes of Indiana and one-fourth of the 68 votes of Pennsylvania, Eventually, too, it was declared, that, if more than one ballot was required, the 26 votes of Wisconsin would go to Mr. Taft, but, if the first-ballot prediction holds good, the only thing for the favoriteson folk to do, of course, is to make it unanimous.

Another District for Taft.

PARSONS, Kan., Feb. 28 .- The Third. District Congressional Republican convention here today elected C. B. Stevens, of Parsons, and State Senstor W. S. Fitspatrick, of Sedanal, delegates instructed for Taft and Indorsed D: W. Muvane for National committee-

HONOR FOUNDER'S MEMORY

Stanford Remembers Mrs. Stanford Regatts to Be Held in April.

in the university chapel. The Rev. Dr. D. C. Gardner, the university chaplain, delivered a short address culogizing the life and work of the founder of the university.

of the university.

Seven men who were placed on strict probation at opening of this semester have been dropped from the university by the faculty committee on scholarship, as a result of the mid-semester examinations.

Managers Snedigar and Knupp have decided to hold the intercollegiate regatta on the Sausalito course between April 20 and 22. The day will be definitely chosen later, when tide and weather conditions have been figured. The University of Washington will be asked to participate, and the race will asked to participate, and the race will be a three-cornered onc.

INVENTOR IS RECOVERING

Favorable Reports on Condition Thomas A. Edison.

NEW YORK. Feb. 28.—Signs of improvement were noted today in the condition of Thomas A. Edison, who underwent an operation yesterday. It was said at the hospital tonight that the inventor's pulse and temperature were normal and no alarm was felt. No official bulletin was issued during the evening. The physicians who altended him an-



A. Edison, the Electrical Genius. Who Is Becovering From a

need today that, though his condition has become serious, he is in no imme-diate danger. A physician's bulletin is-sued today announced: "His condition is favorable, temperature normal and his chances of recovery

ROY CALLS ON PROSECUTOR

Leaves After Finding No Charge Has Been Filed.

PARIS, Feb. 28.—Paul Roy, who is charged by his American wife, Glacia Calla, with the murder of her brother, in January last, in New Hampshire, in January last, called with his counsel, M. Aubin, at the Public Prosecutor's office today and Public Prosecutors office today and placed himself at the disposal of the judicial authorities. The Prosecutor, however, informed Roy that no charges have been made against him, whereupon

May Bring Roy to America.

CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 28.-Late this afternoon Governor Floyd signed a requi-sition to the Secretary of State at Wash-ington for the extradition of Paul Roy, who is accused by his wife, known as who is accused by his wife, known as Glacia Calia, an opera singer, with the mirder of her brother at her New Hampshire home. Roy is a Frenchman and is now at his home in France.

demanded a recapitulation and all was disorder. In the midst of the confusion of

CROTHERS JURY COMPLETE

Testimony in Libel Suit Will Begin Tuesday.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 28.-The jury was completed this morning in the trial of R. A. Crothers and Fremont Older, owner and managing editor respectively of the Bulletin, who are jointly charged with criminal libel by E. P. E. Troy, who swore to the complaint on the same grounds on which William Tevis, of Bakersfield, charged that he had been The taking of testimony will be begun Tuesday.

Ruef Trial Is Continued.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.-The coun SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.—The counter affidavits that were to be filed this morning by the prosecution in the trial of Abraham Ruef on a charge of bribery, and which were to answer the affidavits made by Rabbi Nieto and Rabbi Kaplan relative to the immunity call they allege had been granted the former political boss, not being ready, the trial was continued by Superior Judge Lawlor partitioned by Superior Judge Lawlor partitioned by Superior Judge Lawlor partitioned. tinued by Superior Judge Lawlor until

MORE GRAFT IS SHOWN UP

Testimony Adds to Scandal in Capitol Investigation.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 28.-The commonwealth in the State Capitol con-spiracy trial today called additional ex-perts to show that the prices charged by Contractor J. H. Sanderson for the furniture of the Capitol were greatly in ex-

designed furniture.

designed furniture.

Charles A. Johnson, of Milwaukee, who has furnished many public buildings, testified that in his opinion a divan in the public ante-room of the Senate, which cost \$200, was worth but \$270.

Charles F. Retting, a manufacturer of furniture, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Frank E. Smith, Philadelphia, representative of a deak company, also testified.

The rebuttal testimony of the Commonwealth in the State Capitol conspiracy trial closed this afternoon. The defense announced that it had no evidence to announced that it had no evidence offer in sur-rebuttal.

New Professor at Harvard.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Feb. 28.—William Scott Ferguson, formerly on the faculty of the University of California, has been appointed assistant professor of the death of Mrs. Jane Lathrop Stanford, memorial services were held

Republican. Wins by Democratic Bolt.

BECKHAM MACHINE SMASHED

Wild Scene When Majority Is Secured in Assembly.

END OF LONG DEADLOCK

Four Bolting Democrats Support Republican Rather Than See Ex-Governor Win-Bradley Hero Campaigns.

CAREER OF W. O. BRADLEY. Born-Garrard, Hy, March 18, 1847; admitted to bar 1865, by sp cial act of the Legislature, being under 21 years of age.
Offices filled-Prosecuting Attor

ney, 1870; Presidential elector, 1872; delegate-at-large Republican National Conventions, 1880, 1884, 1888, 1892, 1900, 1904; member National Repub-lican Committee 12 years; appointed Minister to Corea, 1889, and declined to serve; first Republican Governor of Kentucky, 1895; elected United States Senator, February 28, 1907.

Other political activities-Defeated for Congress, 1872 and 1876; received 106 votes for Vice-President in 1888; four times nominated for United States Senator; unsuccessful candidate for Governor, 1887; indersed for President by Kentucky Republican

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 28 .- Four Democrats, who have stood out from the party machine, swung into line with the Republican members of the General Assembly today, resulting in the election of ex-Governor William O. Bradley, a Republican, to the United States Senate. The election followed a deadlock that has held for more than six weeks, the Democratic organization supporting ex-Governor Beckham. while the Republican members have been as a unit for Mr. Bradley from the first. The four Democrats who made possible an election have persistently refused to vote for Mr. Beckthat their party would unite on no other man, they withdrew their support from scattering candidates and

centered it on the Republican choice. Beckham Releases Supporters.

When the election of Mr. Bradley was announced, wild excitement prevailed on the floor of the House Democrats jumped to their feet and demanded a recapitulation and all was would release the Democrats from

their primary nomination pledge of

Immediately many took advantage of this permission to rise and change Withdrawing from Beckham list, the majority threw their support to Congressman James. In vain the four dissident Democrats were importuned to desert the Bradley forces and join with their party. They steadfastly resisted the impassioned appeals of party leaders, declaring that it was too late and allowing the election to stand.

What Made Election Possible.

Mr. Bradley's election was made possible by an agreement reached at the beginning of the contest that a majority of a quorum should be suffielent to elect. With 126 present today, it required 64 votes for a decisive choice. Of the four Democrats who made possible this majority for Bradley, three were from Louisville-Senators McNutt and Charlton and Representative Mueller. Representative Lilliard, of Boyle, was the other member of the quartet.

The many changes of votes made the recapitulation a very slow process, and it also developed an additional vote, but the vote for Mr. Bradley remained unchanged, still being a majurity of all members present and voting. There was immediately further delay in the announcement, but the Speaker finally announced that Mr. Bradley had received a majority of the votes and was elected.

Great Misfortune, Says Bryan. MEMPHIS, Tenn., Reb. 28.—Five speak at a local hotel tonight. After closing his speech Mr. Bryan immedi-ately boarded a train for Jackson, Miss., where, tomorrow afternoon, he will address the Mississippi Legislature

With regard to the election today of ex-Governor Bradley as United States Senator from Kentucky, Mr. Bryan

"I cannot see where the election of Mr. Bradley will have any effect on National politics, but I consider it a great misfortune."

EXPLOSION IS DISASTROUS

SEVENTY-SIX MEN KILLED IN LA ROSITA MINE.

Firedamp Slays Many Japanese in Mexican Colliery Just as the Miners Were Coming Out.

MONTEREY, Mex., Feb. 28.—A special ispatch from Musquiz to the News says: Details of the explosion in the La Rosita Details of the explosion in the La Rosita mine in San Jose de Sabinas, mention of which was made in yesterday's dispatches, were received today and indicate that the explosion was more disastrous than at first believed. Seventy-six men were killed by the explosion.

The explosion occurred a few minutes before 6 o'clock in the morning, just as preparations were being made to change the shifts. The disaster took place in

the shifts. The disaster took place in what was known as shaft No. 3, in which most of the laborers were Japanese. It is not definitely known at this writing what caused the explosion, but firedamp

Miner Murdered, Lynchers Threaten

WINNEMUCCA, Nev., Feb. 28 .- Tom Bean, a miner of Idaho Springs, Colo was murdered at Gold Circle, a mining and his frozen body was found this morning covered with snow. The back of his head had been crushed in and his pockets had been rifled. George lynching him.

A FEW LEAP-YEAR NOTIONS FOR THIS FEBRUARY 29

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Wu Ting Fang Does Not Seek Intervention.

LANDS WITH LARGE RETINUE

Says Japan's Policy in Manchuria Is Satisfactory.

TALKS OF EXCLUSION LAW

Upon Arrival in San Francisco, Distinguished Oriental Outlines His Plan to Encourage Emigration of Chinese Students.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.-Wu Ting ang, for the second time appointed Chinese Minister to this country, arrived today on the Pacific mail liner Siberia, with a large retinue of secretaries and egation and consulate attaches numbering 70 persons. He brought with him new Consula for Mexico, Havana, New York and San Francisco, besides three nephews and three secretaries and five other attaches for the Chinese Legation at Washington and 24 young students, who will enter various schools and colleges in this

Greeted by Brass Band.

At the Pacific mail dock, where the Siberia made fast, shortly before 1 o'clock, a large number of Chinese from the local colony were on hand with a brass band to greet their Minister. From the dock the Minister and itls party were taken to the Fairmount Hotel, where a large number of suites had been reserved.

Minister Wu denied the report that he was the bearer of an appeal to Washington, asking this country to assist in pr serving the Interests of China in Man churia and protesting against the alleged aggrandizement of Japan in that Pro ince, but admitted "there was some local friction." He said:

Comes With No Appeal.

I have no such document here. Neither an the bearer of such an appeal to President

are cordial. There may be some friction but it is local. That may occur in any

So far as my knowledge goes, Japan has not violated the Portsmouth treaty with ref-erence to the "open door" policy in Man-

He professed to be ignorant about the Kan Tao boundary dispute between China and Japan and the extension of the Hsinmintin-Fukemen rallroad, which has caused friction between the two countries.

Insist on Chinese Rights.

Asked whether he would endeavor to secure some modification of the exclusion

William: "Really, ian't this rather sudden?"

Waiting for the dulcet voice of the people

law, Minister Wu said that he had n particular instructions from his Govern ment with reference to that. "But I am going to see that my country-

men and their interests are properly pro-tected," he declared. He said that acecding to representations made to him at Honolulu from the highest to the lowest of the white population there, the sentiment in Hawaii was unanimous for the modification of the exclusion laws which would permit more Chinese to com to that territory, where they were much needed and wanted. He declared himself as being in favor of more Chinese students of the higher classes coming to this country and proposed to cause the or ganization of a Chinese students' so ciety which would have for its purpose the encouraging of students to come from Chins and see that they are protected in their rights after they arrive here similar to an organization now existing

China Forming Modern Army.

Touching upon the reorganization of the Chinese army, Wu Ting Fang said: "Yes, China is organizing an armygood army-yes, a modern army." "How large?"

"Really, I cannot say," adding with a



Wu Ting Fang, Chinese Minister to America, Who Arrived Yesterday in

"that's too long a story at this Discussing conditions in China, Wu Ting Fang said:

. China is now in a state of transition— between the conservatism of the old and the progress of the new ers—and that condition may continue for some time to come; yes, it may even become more marked and

Progress in Modern Methods.

China has made wonderful progress in the past few years. In its army, its schools, in rallroad developments, manufacture and industries, everywhere, it is not only noticeable but marked. China will become a modern nation, but it must go slow.

First the people must be educated, and modern ideas and improvements cannot be adopted any faster than the people are taught and can assimilate them and adapt themselves to the new conditions, utterly themselves to the new conditions, utterly strange to them and to their mode of life and thought. This is being done as rapidly as possible. For this reason I am encouraging the coming of more students to this country, that they may here acquire modern knowledge and ideas which they can impart to their people at home when they return as teachers. I have brought 24 young students with me, and hope to see others follow.

The people are now being educated and prepared for a constitutional government. When will a constitution be granted? I cannot say. At least not until the people

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CENTER IS IN PITTSBURG

Five Arrests There, One in New York, Others in Four Other Cities-Suspects Are Being Shadowed.

DENVER, Feb. 28.-Chief of Police Michael Delaney said this afternoon that a letter written by Gluseppe Alio to his son, which was found in the cell occupied by him while in jail at Colorado Springs, contained proof that men in six cities in the United States were connected with him in the killing of Father Leo. Almost at the moment he made his state-ment came news that six arrests had been

made in Eastern cities of men suspected of being accomplices of the murderer. J. Vannia was arrested in New York today, charged with being the chief of the society, while in Pittsburg Orestos Sodito, Masso Calabreso, Orestos Malavai and Mallo Tolmei were locked up for be-

ing implicated as members of the society.

The police of New York and Pittsburg say

they have evidence which connects these

men with the killing of Father Leo. Arrests have been made in four other cities, but, because the police of these cities are shadowing other men, formation is given out as to who the ar-

rested men are. Chief Delaney said today that he was not sure whether Alio was merely a tool of the anti-cierical society, to which he said, all these men belong, or whether he was the ringleader.

Anti-Clericals Not Anarchists.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.-Dr. C. Volint, president of the White Hand Society. which was organized to carry on a war of extermination against the Black Hand, is "under sentence of death." He has received many threatening letters. Dr. Volini's practice has dwindled since these threats have been made

against him, for he refuses to make any night calls. Dr. Volini is convinced that the anti-clerical trouble started over a personal difference between one of the eading Italians and a priest. "The anti-clerical society is a National movement in Italy," he said. "Here in

Chicago a society has been formed—the Glordano Bruno—which has for its ob-ject the spreading of the doctrine that the priests should not mix up in matters of local government. There is no anarchy in it, I know the men who organized it and I know that they are op-

Alio Tells a New Story.

DENVER, Feb. 38.-Giuseppi the slayer of Father Leo, after confer-ring with Robert H. Widdicombe, counsel appointed by the court to conduct his defense, has repudiated the orig-inal statement made by him in jail at Colorado Springs, as well as all his other confessions. "I didn't kill the priest; he fell dead,"

Allo declared last night. "I am a Catholic, and had gone to the church to pray. I didn't go there to receive sacrament. While I was kneeling the priest came along and put the sacrament in my mouth. It is against the rules of the Catholic Church to take the host without his having been to confession, so I spat it out. The priest fell back, and I heard everybody jump up. It being a strange place to me, I was afraid, and ran out."

WOMEN MAY GET BALLOT

COMMONS APPROVES EXTEN-SION OF THE SUFFRAGE.

Excited Crowds Break Into Cheers on Hearing Stanger Bill Has Passed First Reading.

LONDON, Feb. 28.-The woman's enfranchisement bill passed its first reading in the House of Commons this forenoon by a vote of 271 to 92 and as soon as the news reached Westminster Place the waiting crowds of excited women suffragists, who had assembled there, broke into

round after round of cheers. The measure, which was introduced by Henry Yorke Stanger, Liberal member for North Kensington, is identical with the bill of W. H. Dickinson, member of the House for the North Division of St. Pancras, which was defeated March 8, 1907. Party lines were completely ignored in the

Wall Street Mobs Suffragettes.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.-Mrs. Berman Wells, the English suffragette, Miss Elli-nor Murphy and other woman suffragists wall street from a carriage. They were surrounded by a mob of yelling messenger boys, while from windows in the neighborhood, rolls of tape and other articles including a number of wet sponges were thrown at them. They beat a basty extract.