

## FORAKER HELD KEY TO PROBLEM

### Why He Abandoned Brownsville Fight.

## AVERT ROOSEVELT STAMPEDE

### Leaders Feared Result of Negro Opposition.

## MEANT DEFEAT FOR TAFT

### Fend Between Ohio Leaders May Be Settled When Taft Returns From Panama—Olive Branch Likely for Mr. Foraker.

Walter Wellman to Chicago Record-Herald. WASHINGTON, May 15.—An interesting story of high politics lies behind the successful efforts of the Republican leaders of the Senate to postpone the Brownsville negro soldier case and secure apparent harmony within the party ranks. It is a story which shows in graphic fashion what a queer game politics is. Beaten to a standstill in his own state on the Presidential issue and threatened with retirement from the Senate and from public life by the overwhelming Taft victory in Ohio, Senator Foraker suddenly loomed upon the horizon as the tactical master of the situation.

### Feared Idol of Negroes.

It has already been told in these dispatches that for a certain reason the Republican leaders were afraid that President Roosevelt might after all be nominated at Chicago, and that on account of this fear Senators Aldrich, Crane, Hale and others came out for Secretary Taft. That certain reason was Mr. Foraker. The Ohio Senator, in a way, held the key to the situation. He had become the idol of the negro race. He had won his power—which he still has, for that matter—to inflame their passions to a still higher pitch. If he were to go, he could incite them to wholesale revolt against the Republican Presidential ticket. Whether this power of his, and the danger that he might use it disastrously, was or was not in part imaginary, fear of him took possession of the big men of the party. For a few days he was the pivot about which the Presidential contest somewhat uncertainly swung.

### Support Roosevelt, Not Taft.

Naturally, the Republican leaders did everything in their power to learn what Mr. Foraker intended to do. They learned that he was willing to support Mr. Roosevelt; he frankly said so. If Mr. Roosevelt were nominated, he would use his influence among the negroes for the Republican ticket. But if Mr. Taft were nominated? He declined to say what he would do. Mr. Foraker's willingness to support Mr. Roosevelt and his silence as to Mr. Taft were understood. The Ohio Senator has no quarrel with the President. Mr. Taft was not supposed to be Foraker's re-election. But he point blank refused to enter into a bargain, or understanding or truce which would bind his Ohio friends or tie their hands in any way. If Mr. Taft had accepted these terms long ago, he would have been assured of the nomination which at last every one conceded to him. Mr. Foraker thinks Mr. Taft determined to destroy him and to retire him from public life. This explains why he declared his willingness to support Mr. Roosevelt and why he refused to say what he would do as to Mr. Taft.

### Might Cause Roosevelt Stampede.

Here was a pretty problem for the Senate leaders who wanted Mr. Taft only because that was the best way to beat Mr. Roosevelt, and who wanted Mr. Taft to win, not only at the convention, but at the polls. This was the Roosevelt danger which spurred the Senate leaders to action. Left to himself, carrying out his programme, making a speech, forcing a vote, compelling the Republican majority to stand against the colored soldiers, Mr. Foraker might easily put the match to the tinder of fear and start a conflagration which would end in a Roosevelt stampede at Chicago.

### How Cleverly This Crisis, Real or Fancied, was met by Messrs. Aldrich and Crane and Hale has already been narrated. But the end is not yet. They induced Mr. Foraker to forego his speech in the Senate and himself to move postponement of the whole matter till after election, so far as the Senate action is concerned. How did they induce him to pour this bit of oil upon the troubled waters? By a tacit promise to take the matter up with Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Taft at the first convenient opportunity, which means after the return of Mr. Taft from Panama.

### Hope for Olive Branch.

Again Mr. Taft is to have a chance to "do something for Foraker," to take an action which may result in the Senator's re-election to his present place. They know it cannot be a bargain, because Mr.

## LIVE MAN FROZEN TO TWO CORPSES

### RESCUERS OF STRANDED SEAMEN CHOP HIM APART.

### Sole Survivor of Schooner John F. Miller Found on Unimak Island by Ivy.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—The schooner Ivy, which arrived in port today from Eagle Harbor, reports that the rescue party which went from Eagle Harbor to the assistance of the crew of the wrecked schooner John F. Miller, which was driven ashore at Shattuck Peninsula, Unimak Island, on January 8 last, reports that, upon reaching the wreck, it found three of the crew frozen together—two seamen and a colored cook. The cook and one seaman was dead, but the other seaman was still alive.

It was necessary to chop him away from the others. He was taken to Eagle Harbor, where he is now employed as a fisherman.

The Ivy reports that on April 15 she sighted part of a vessel's rudder, which from appearances had been in the water only a short time.

## LETTERS ARE ADMITTED

### Both Sides Claim Victory in Land-Fraud Case at Washington.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—Both sides claim victory in the land-fraud case at Washington when Justice Stafford, ruling on the question of the admissibility of the anonymous letters attributed by the Government to Diamond and by him as vigorously denied, declared that the printed letters should be admitted practically in their entirety and typewritten letters might be admitted with the condition that the Government's circumstantial evidence, so far presented, has been found sufficient by the jury to consider them as it considers any other evidence.

The case seems to grow more complicated, the jury having been instructed by the court that anything in the anonymous letters can be taken only as against Diamond, though the content may be taken to prejudice strongly the interests of Hyde particularly and Benson and Schneider occasionally.

In a general way the letters show an intimate knowledge on the part of the writer concerning the inner workings of the alleged conspiracy, and the fact of the Government's claim is that no one except Diamond could have written them. After the reading of the letters the Government recalled the expert J. Sherman, and he testified to the similarity of the handwriting in a great number of applications to purchase school lands in Oregon and California.

## COURT IS BRILLIANT SCENE

### Hindoo's Robes Blaze With Diamonds—Americans Presented.

LONDON, May 15.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra held a brilliant court in Buckingham Palace tonight. There was a large attendance, especially in the diplomatic circles, and unusual splendor was given the function through the presence of the Dewan of Kashmir and a large Indian suite, whose robes were a perfect blaze of diamonds. Their majesties and the officials all wore Indian orders and decorations. Mrs. White-law Reid, wife of the American Ambassador, presented Miss Jenny Crocker, of California; Mrs. H. P. Thompson, of New York; Mrs. M. C. Ramsey, of Virginia; Mrs. Cole Scott, of Virginia, and Mrs. Henry Bacon, widow of the American artist.

## PROTEST AGAINST ARREST

### Russians Take More Than 200 Chinese Without Passports.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 15.—The Chinese Legation here is in receipt of a telegram from the Chinese Legation at Khabarovsk, Siberia, complaining of the arrest there of 200 Chinese residents because they were without passports. The Russian authorities raided the Chinese theater and imprisoned the entire audience, including many prominent merchants.

It is becoming apparent that Russia is acting upon a desire to prevent Siberia from being overrun with Chinese emigrants.

## ECHO OF CRAPSEY CASE

### Ohio Clergyman Is Deposed From Priesthood for Sympathy.

BOSTON, May 15.—Rev. George Clark Cox, of Cambridge, formerly rector of an Episcopal church in Cincinnati, has been formally deposed from the priesthood by Bishop Vincent, of Southern Ohio. At the time of the trial of Rev. Algernon S. Crapsey, of Rochester, N. Y., who was convicted of holding religious views not countenanced by the Episcopal church, Rev. Dr. Cox expressed sympathy with the Rochester clergyman and endorsed some of his statements.

## PUNISH BANDITS FURTHER

### Russian Force to Burn Persian Towns.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 15.—General Sarnski, commander of the Russian punitive expedition into Persian territory, has been ordered to resume his advance into Persia and to punish its bandits with fire and sword. He will destroy villages, but spare the women and children.

## Assets Worthless Mining Stock.

RENO, Nev., May 15.—W. J. Arkell, well known in Reno and a prominent stock broker at Manhattan, Nev., is bankrupt. His liabilities are \$275,000 and assets consist of some worthless mining stocks and about \$200 in money. The principal creditors are New York and San Francisco brokers. One or two London firms are mentioned.

## GOVERNORS UNITE ON NATION'S DUTY

### Declare for Preservation of Resources.

## HOLD FUTURE CONFERENCES

### Roosevelt Speaks on Control of Natural Wealth.

## LAYS STATE RIGHTS GHOST

### Wants Either Nation or State to Exercise All Power Necessary. Bryan Joins in the General Sentiments.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—The first conference of the Governors of the states of the American Union ended today. Like many of the important events of history, time is to reveal the epoch which the President and Governors believe has been made. The accomplishments of the conference, which has been in session at the White House for three days, cannot be set forth with mathematical precision. That its immediate results are more than ample is the expression of President Roosevelt, who brought it about, and of the Governors who participated.

### Declaration Is Startling.

The printed record of the conference, which will later be available to every American home, will be a compilation of facts, startling in their meaning, convincing in their universal conclusion, that the states and the Nation must cooperate to the end that to the whole people of the Nation may accrue the best benefit of its natural resources. Besides the compilation of facts by the experts and the freely expressed opinion of the Governors, the conference leaves as its permanent record a thousand words of "declaration," not a "declaration of independence," but a "declaration of cooperation."

### Make Conference Permanent.

Perhaps greater in importance than all else was the determination of the Governors of the states to perfect a permanent organization whereby a heretofore unknown intimacy may be developed among the executives of the 46 sovereign states made strong by a common purpose and made potent by pronouncements which may not lightly be disregarded.

Of the last day the story is one of many features. The set programme was swept aside. The President presided throughout. He interjected remarks and speeches. He brought to the platform men who made plain the prevailing feeling that thoughtful care must be exercised for the future. The prepared papers were not presented, but they will be printed in the permanent record. Their place was first taken by the "declaration," which was adopted after discussion which brought to light no serious objection to its affirmation. Then William J. Bryan was presented by the

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## BOGUS PAINTINGS SOLD COLLECTOR

### CAUSES NEW YORK DEALER'S ARREST FOR FRAUD.

### Authenticity of Work Attacked, Evans Sues Clausen for Price He Paid.

NEW YORK, May 15.—An art scandal, begun early this month with the withdrawal of three paintings from the Corcoran Art Gallery, at Washington, D. C., led to the arrest of William Clausen, an East Thirty-fifth street art dealer today.

The pictures withdrawn were part of the collection of 50 presented by William T. Evans, a well-known art collector, to the proposed National gallery. They were withdrawn by the donor after much gossip attacking their authenticity.

Clausen was arrested on an order granted by Supreme Court Justice Davis in a suit brought by Evans to recover \$6500 paid for the three paintings. Bail was fixed at \$2500. Clausen maintains that the paintings are genuine.

The canvases in dispute are: "Late Afternoon at Medfield," sold as the work of the late George Inness, and "Old Mill Near St. Cloud," and "Near Newport," sold as the work of the late Homer D. Martin. The three pictures have been exhibited in various places of artistic resort and have won encomiums from eminent critics. They are said to be intrinsically beautiful.

Otto Karch and Charles Grasel, formerly employed by Clausen, have made affidavits concerning the canvases, which affidavits are attached to the plaintiff's complaint.

## NO LIQUOR AT CONVENTION

### Republican Committee Will Also Bar Favorite Sons' Portraits.

CHICAGO, May 15.—The sub-committee on arrangements, of the Republican National committee, passed a rule today which declares that no liquor shall be sold or brought into the convention hall, either at the committee meetings or during the convention week.

The committee also placed a ban on portraits as adornments for the walls of the hall. The reason given for the latter prohibition was the number of favorite sons whose pictures delegates might insist upon having placed, and the jealousy and friction that might grow out of the placing of them.

The committee also decided to authorize Chairman New to arrange for a parade of the marching clubs, which are expected from all parts of the United States.

## TRY TO BLOW UP WHITES

### Hindus Put Bomb on Carline, Injuring Four Natives.

CALCUTTA, May 15.—A bomb was exploded on the rail of a streetcar line here today and four natives were injured. It was evidently the intention of the perpetrator of the outrage to wreck a streetcar containing white persons.

This being the fifth attempt within five months to blow up streetcars with bombs, much uneasiness has resulted.

## FIFTY DIED BY TORNADO

### Reports From Storm in Northern Louisiana Still Come In.

SHREVEPORT, La., May 15.—Probably 50 persons met death in Wednesday's tornado in Caddo and Bossier parishes. The number at present known to have been killed is 44. Eight were added to the list today at Red Bayou. All are negroes.

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## CLAIMS SHARE OF YERKES MILLIONS

### LAWYER SUES WIDOW AND PRODUCES AGREEMENT.

### Wants One-Fifth of Traction King's Wealth for Adjusting Dispute With Wife.

NEW YORK, May 15.—Mrs. Mary Adelaide Yerkes, widow of Charles T. Yerkes, the traction promoter of Chicago and London, was in court today to answer to a writ brought by Joseph D. Redding, a lawyer, to recover 20 per cent of the amount Mrs. Yerkes received from her husband's estate. It has been estimated that Mrs. Yerkes received the income from \$7,500,000 cash to the amount of \$200,000 and the use of Mr. Yerkes' residence on Fifth avenue, this city.

Mr. Redding declared in his suit that he was entitled by Mrs. Yerkes in London in 1904 to bring about an adjustment of differences between Mr. and Mrs. Yerkes. He produced a letter from Mrs. Yerkes, in which she declared that she agreed to give him 20 per cent of all she received, either from Mr. Yerkes or from his estate. Mr. Redding asserted that he continued to act as Mrs. Yerkes' counsel until the day following the death of her husband, when she dismissed him.

Mrs. Yerkes was called to the stand as a witness, but before she gave any testimony the counsel in the case agreed to postpone the hearing until tomorrow.

Counsel for Mrs. Yerkes stipulated in court that she should be addressed as Mrs. Yerkes, not as Mrs. Mizner, which was the name of her last husband, from whom she has been divorced.

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## HOPES OF BOURNE FORCES NOT DEAD

### Confident of Reaction From Convention.

## SEE TROUBLE FOR FULTON

### Democrats Believe Result Will Be Caké's Defeat.

## WOULD ALSO EXTEND LAW

### Supporters of Direct Primary Declare Slate Methods Employed Will Lead to Choice of National Delegates by Voters.

Political suicide for Fulton, the strengthening of Bourne with the people and the election of Governor Chamberlain as United States Senator in June, are three of the results predicted from the Republican conventions Thursday by Democrats and the advocates of Statement No. 1. While the Bourne men came up yesterday smiling and declaring that they were good losers, it cannot be denied that the wounds resulting from their treatment by the Fulton delegates will not be entirely healed for some time.

That Fulton in his desire to shut out Bourne has injured himself among the voters of the state is alleged, because of the tactics that were resorted to in order to organize and to control the conventions. This same "programme" convention, it is charged by supporters of Bourne, will react in his behalf for the reason that it was he who took the initiative to declare for the direct primary method of selecting candidates for office. The manner in which both the Presidential electors and the National delegates were selected, aver the Bourne men, will awaken public sentiment to demand amendment of the direct primary law for the nomination in the primaries of these candidates in the same manner that all other candidates are now chosen.

## Resent Attack on Kennedy.

The Bourne forces do not object to the rejection of E. E. Kennedy, of Baker, as a National delegate, but they resent the attack that was made on him by one of Fulton's supporters, for the reason that Kennedy supported Caké in the primary election. That the rupture between the Fulton and Bourne people will extend to Caké's candidacy for Senator seems inevitable. The attack on Kennedy by the Fulton-men is considered significant, as showing animosity toward Caké. While pleasant-sounding resolutions pledging the loyal support of Caké were adopted, there is every reason to suspect that the Fulton people, not satisfied with Fulton's vindication by a well-organized

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