

TAFT JOINS UNION OF SHOVELMEN

Canal Diggers Initiate Candidate.

ALWAYS GAVE SQUARE DEAL

Men Who Work in Big Ditch Acknowledge Fact.

OTHER UNION PRESIDENTS

Taft Leaves Cincinnati for Hot Springs Till Campaign Begins. Shots Fired at Steamer During Notification Excursion.

CINCINNATI, July 29.—William H. Taft, accompanied by Mrs. Taft, left Cincinnati at 9:10 o'clock tonight for Hot Springs, Va., where they will remain until the opening of the campaign the first week in September. At that time Mr. Taft will return to this city, where it is his present intention to remain until election day.

The day after the notification ceremonies was one of comparative quiet for the candidate. He had an extended conference with Arthur I. Vorys, his chief of staff, touching many minor matters in connection with the Ohio situation. He also saw State Chairman Williams and Elmer Dover, secretary of the National committee. He was made a member of the International Brotherhood of Steam Shovel and Dredgemen, and late in the afternoon went in an automobile to the home of his father-in-law, Mr. Herlin, where Mrs. Taft spent the entire day. Mr. Taft said he felt no ill effects of his speechmaking exertions yesterday, but will go back to the mountains with some relief for a month of comparative quiet and golf.

Why He Joins Shovelers' Union.

In accepting membership in the shovelers' organization Mr. Taft had this to say regarding labor:

I am glad to have at your hands this expression of confidence in my efforts to do justice while I was in office. The work upon which I am engaged is one of the most important in our country. It is one which I have endeavored to facilitate the greatest constructive work of modern times, adds a great deal of interest to me in the compliment you pay me today. I am especially gratified because you voice a liberal and impartial view in this tendering me this compliment, because in the administration of the isthmus I did not always decide in favor of your contentions. But when I decided contrary to the claim which was made by you, I tried to give reasons, which I think, by your action today, were convincing of my desire to reach a just conclusion.

President McKinley had the honor to be an honorary member of the Shovelers' Union. President Roosevelt has the honor to be an honorary member of the Farmers' Union. With such examples as that and with the precedents in my own life in becoming an honorary member of a number of useful organizations, it is not surprising that I have no objection to my accepting this compliment at your hands, which I appreciate highly and which I shall always cherish as one of the evidences that there are some men whom I have convinced through my official work of my desire to do the square thing for everybody.

Always Gave Square Deal.

T. J. Dolan, president of the organization, speaking of the manner in which Mr. Taft had treated the organization in connection with canal work said to Mr. Taft:

"We have always been treated by you in an eminently fair and just manner; you always have shown your appreciation of our efforts in securing voluntary workers from our organization from all parts of the country, it being necessary to ask for volunteers because of the climatic conditions that exist on the isthmus."

Shots at Taft's Steamer.

It became known publicly today that the steamer Island Queen, which last night carried Mr. Taft and a distinguished party, including the notification committee, up the Ohio River, was fired upon by an unknown man on a shanty-boat moored on the Ohio side of the river opposite Dayton, Ky. Several shots struck near by and one struck but did not seriously injure Mrs. Charles E. Russell of this city, who was standing with her husband near the rail on the deck directly below where Mr. Taft was at the time. An investigation of the affair is being made by the steamboat company.

The Island Queen had steamed slowly around the bend at Dayton, Ky., and was near the middle of the river when persons leaning on the harbor wall saw a man emerge from the cabin of a shanty boat moored on the Ohio bank and fire a shotgun. He was in his shirt sleeves and wore a straw hat. Mrs. Russell gave a scream and declared she had been shot. She was hurried into the cabin, where it was found she was not seriously injured. One of the shots had penetrated the skin over her left eye and another had struck her on the chin. The distance was so great that the charge of shot had almost spent itself when it reached the boat. A number of pellets pierced her decks. A man standing by Mrs. Russell's chair was also hit by one of the shots, but he was not hurt.

C. R. Russell said today: "I was standing at my wife's side, but none of the shot struck me. It

IRELAND CALLS GERMANY BRUTAL

ARCHBISHOP DENOUNCES CRUELTY TO POLAND.

Predicts Resurrection of Oppressed Nation and Prays It May Become Victorious.

CHICAGO, Ill., July 29.—(Special.)—Archbishop Ireland caused a sensation today in a speech, during which he excoriated Germany for her brutal treatment of Poland and the Polish people. The occasion was the induction of Rev. Paul Peter Rhode into the office of auxiliary bishop of Chicago, and he invited together a group of the most distinguished Roman Catholic ecclesiastics in America. Rev. Father Rhode is the first cleric of the



Archbishop Ireland, who excoriated Germany for brutal treatment of Poland.

Polish nationality to be elevated to the episcopacy in this country. "I sympathize at this time with the Polish people in Poland under German rule," the archbishop said, "and I deem the efforts of the Prussian government against them to be brutal, vicious and unchristian. I believe in the resurrection of Poland, or, rather, that Poland will again come into her own, for Poland is not dead. I salute the flag of Poland and pray that it be immortal and the Polish nation victorious."

RED MEN HERE NEXT YEAR

Sun Council of Improved Order to Convene in Portland in 1909.

MEDFORD, Or., July 29.—(Special.)—At a session of the Great Council, Improved Order of Redmen, here, Portland was selected as the meeting place for the great sun council for 1909. W. A. S. Bird, great inchoon, arrived tonight and at the close of this session will go to Washington to attend the sun council session there.

FORCE PARIS TO REFORM

Police Stop Sale of Obscene Pictures on Boulevards.

PARIS, July 29.—Following up his crusade against the appearance of nude women in the Paris theaters, Prefect of Police Leprieux has given orders that the sale of obscene pictures on the boulevards, which has been for so long a disgrace to the city, be rigorously suppressed. The establishments producing these pictures will be prosecuted.

EXPULSION OF RELIGIOUS ORDERS

Portuguese Chamber of Deputies Is Asked to Pass Bill.

LISBON, July 29.—A bill has been introduced into the Chamber of Deputies by Alfonso Costa, the republican leader, which calls for the restoration of the legislative act of 1577, under which the religious orders were driven out of Portugal.

COLONEL SYMONS RETIRES

Veteran Engineer Ends 37 Years' Service in Army.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—Colonel Thomas W. Symons, corps of engineers, was placed on the retired list of the Army today on his application, after more than 37 years of service. Colonel Symons is now employed on the New York State Canal Commission. He was formerly Superintendent of Public Grounds in this city.

LIGHTNING KILLS THREE

Sheltered Under Tree, Man, Son and Nephew Are Struck.

HURLEY, Wis., July 29.—While sheltered under a tree from a severe storm which passed over Captain Henry's Lake, near Emerson, yesterday afternoon, J. W. Emerson, his son Harold and nephew Paul were struck and killed by lightning.

BRYAN REPEATS LARGENY CHARGE

Says Taft Takes Democratic Plans.

TALKS ON CINCINNATI SPEECH

Candidate Not Satisfied With Own Platform.

FEARS POPULAR UPRISING

Nebraska Twists Rival With Ingratitude in Not Giving Democrats Credit for Borrowed Reforms. Programme for Campaign.

LINCOLN, July 29.—Charging that William H. Taft was not satisfied with the work of the Chicago convention which nominated him as the Republican candidate for the Presidency, and that in consequence he is deeply impressed with the work of the Democratic convention at Denver, W. J. Bryan today issued a statement in which he expressed the opinion that Mr. Taft "fears the uprising which Republican abuses have caused, and yet he hesitates to adopt his real and substantial reforms."

The statement was called forth because of the allegation made by Mr. Taft in his speech of acceptance at Cincinnati yesterday that Mr. Bryan was a destroyer of business. In regard to the speech Mr. Bryan said:

Takes Democratic Planks.

"The most notable feature of his speech is his attempt to amend the Republican platform by grafting upon it some planks of the Democratic platform. He is evidently not satisfied with the work of his convention and is deeply impressed by the work of the Democratic convention. He is incharitable, however, in not giving the Democratic party credit for having pointed out the reforms which his own convention repudiated, but which he in a half-hearted way indorses. The speech shows that he fears the uprising which Republican abuses have caused, and yet he hesitates to adopt his real and substantial reforms."

Bryan's Share in Campaign.

Confirmation was given by Mr. Bryan to the story printed in the afternoon that it was not his intention to make any extended campaign, but only to deliver a few speeches at central points before October 1, and that during that month he expects to remain at home and assist in the educational work of the campaign through the discussion of public questions in the form of signed articles, interviews and letters.

The actual writing of his speech of acceptance has not yet been begun by Mr. Bryan, but he stated today that his ideas were about formulated, and he would enter upon the work of preparation in a day or two. The fact that an additional stenographer has appeared on the scene is an indication that all is in readiness for this important task.

Subscriptions Coming In.

Much satisfaction is felt by Mr. Bryan by reason of the responses which are being made to his appeal to Democratic newspapers of the country to open subscription lists for campaign contributions. He said today that the fund at

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RACE TO HOLD MAIL CONTRACT

RIVAL LINE STEAMERS LEAVE FOR HONOLULU.

Columbian and Hilonian in Speed Trial to Get Award in Government Service.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 29.—(Special.)—With one steamer intent on maintaining her supremacy and the other endeavoring to regain the prowess wrested from her, the Columbian, of the American-Hawaiian Line, and the Hilonian, of the Matson Navigation Company, started today on a race to Honolulu.

The prize is the contract for carrying the United States mail between the two ports. On the last trip the Columbian beat the Hilonian over eight hours and will hold the mail contract if it can keep up the work.

The Hilonian is equipped with wireless apparatus and there will be news of how she races the Columbian before the steamers reach their destination.

Both boats were pretty well out of the water as they started for the open sea.

SOCIAL LEADER, SUICIDE

Mrs. Joseph Thompson, Famous Southern Beauty, Takes Life.

ATLANTA, Ga., July 29.—(Special.)—Mrs. Joseph Thompson, for many years a social leader in Atlanta and one of the most beautiful women in the South, was found dead in her room today under circumstances that indicate suicide. Mrs. Thompson had been in ill-health for several years and recently had been suffering from melancholia. Her death is said to have been caused by gas.

Mrs. Thompson was a daughter of the late Major Livingston Mills. In 1896 she was president of the Women's Board of Managers of the International Cotton Exposition. She entertained President Cleveland and Harrison on their visits to Atlanta.

Mrs. Thompson was among the guests of James Gordon Bennett on the editor's yacht voyage around the world.

STEAMER IS BOYCOTTED

Dutch Colony Takes Revenge on Venezuela for Her Wrongs.

WILLEMSTAD, July 29.—The Venezuelan schooner Maria Abigail, from Maricao, loaded with Venezuelan products and dispatched to this port by a Venezuelan firm, has been boycotted. On her arrival here a guard of police and troops was stationed at the wharf to protect the vessel. Later the schooner sailed, and on leaving the harbor dipped the Venezuelan flag, the salute being answered.

CUTS HER BOYS' THROATS

Insane Farmer's Wife Then Ends Own Life With Knife.

BONESTEELE, S. D., July 29.—Mrs. Frank Finkham, wife of a homesteader near Bonesteel, last night cut the throats of her two boys, aged 14 years, and six months, and then committed suicide by cutting her own throat. Ill-health is supposed to have unbalanced her mind. The older boy may possibly recover.

TROOPS GO INTO MEXICO

Investigate Killing of American in Battle Opposite Comstock, Tex.

EL PASO, Tex., July 29.—A special to the Herald from Del Rio says that Mexican troops and revolutionists had an engagement in Mexico opposite Comstock, Tex., and that two American residents of Mexico were killed. American troops, it is said, have been dispatched from Del Rio to the scene of the fight.

GOULD CONFERS WITH HARRIMAN

Seeking Aid For Distressed Railroads.

ALLIANCE PROBABLE RESULT

Harriman to Find Money for \$8,000,000 Notes.

AND BECOME DIRECTOR

Traffic Agreement Between Erie and Wheeling & Lake Erie Roads. First Step Expected in Gigantic Railroad Deal.

NEW YORK, July 29.—A conference today between George J. Gould, head of the Gould railroad system; E. H. Harriman, president of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Railways, and representatives of the banking firms of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and Blair & Co., was accepted as giving substance to the report that Mr. Harriman and his associates are about to enter upon a friendly arrangement with Mr. Gould which will harmonize the relations of the Gould and the Harriman railroad interests.

Help Gould to Pay Debts.

One of the immediate results of this and other similar conferences is expected to be the financing of the \$8,000,000 of notes of the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad Company, which fall due next Saturday, and which are guaranteed by the Wabash Railroad.

Both of these roads are Gould properties. Blair & Co., who participated in today's conference, have financed the Gould properties extensively in recent years, while Kuhn, Loeb & Co. have been associated with Mr. Harriman in some large financial undertakings. It is understood that a formal plan will be adopted to make some of the "planned" public tomorrow.

Harriman to Be Director.

It is believed that Mr. Harriman will accept a place in the Wheeling & Lake Erie directorate, and that this will be followed by an alliance, or at least a working agreement, between that road and the Erie. Rumor further has it that the Harriman influence will be used to improve the physical condition of the Gould road, in return for which the Erie will get a large share of Pittsburg tonnage, now carried by the Wheeling & Lake Erie.

All Wall-Street Rumor.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 29.—Warren J. Olney, Jr., general counsel for the Western Pacific Railroad Company, today stated positively that there has been no merging of the Harriman and Gould interests, as has been published in the East. Mr. Olney and other officials of the Western Pacific here declare the whole thing originated in Wall Street.

Strikebreakers Filling Mines.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 29.—Four carloads of strikebreakers were placed in the mines in the Birmingham district today under military escort. There was no trouble.

STEEL WORKERS STRICKEN DUMB

TERRIFIC DIN CAUSES LOSS OF POWER OF SPEECH.

Two Chicago Husbands Accused by Wives of Pernicious Silence Revealed Real Cause.

CHICAGO, July 29.—(Special.)—Judge Torison, of the Municipal Court at South Chicago, today began a searching investigation into the causes that appear to be producing dumbness among steel workers, the startling fact having developed that dozens of steel men are misanthropic husbands, when Mrs. John Lauchman had her husband arrested because he had not spoken to her for three years. Lauchman is the second steelworker



E. H. Harriman, who will assist George J. Gould to finance notes of his railroad properties.

to be haled into court for the same offence within 24 hours. Frank Lisika, a steelmill man, was arrested Monday on a warrant sworn to by Mrs. Lisika for "pernicious silence." Lisika had not spoken to her for years.

Dr. William J. Hoffman, who has devoted special attention to the form of paralysis of the vocal muscles among steelworkers, said today:

"The terrific clangor that goes on inside the mills is what makes these men dumb to a certain extent. When a man first enters the mills he shouts his lungs out, trying to make his neighbors comprehend. Within a month he adopts a sign code and after that he has very little use for speech."

KILLS FAITHFUL BULLDOG

Nevada Robber Shoots When Animal Won't Relax Grip.

RENO, Nev., July 29.—(Special.)—A lone robber held up the Northern saloon in Sparks late last night, taking the roulette bank roll, \$250. When he was turning to flee a bulldog blocked his escape and he shot the faithful animal to death. The robber left no clew to his identity.

The robber entered the Northern saloon about 11:15 o'clock, and, lining the patrons against the wall, went to the cash register. The bulldog seized him. The robber killed the animal after dragging him to the roulette wheel.

This is the third time the Northern has been robbed in a year.

FIVE-YEAR-OLD FIREBUG

Small Spanish Boy With Matches Causes \$55,000 Loss.

SAN JOSE, Cal., July 29.—It was discovered today that the six fires of the past few days, which caused a loss of \$55,000, were started by a 5-year-old Spanish boy. The youngster had secured a box of matches and made his way from place to place throughout the city, lighting and dropping the matches into inflammable matter. Detectives had been on the lookout for an organized band of firebugs.

HIGH FINANCE IN 1896

Northern Pacific Reorganization Syndicate Cleaned Up \$22,200,000.

ST. PAUL, July 29.—The greater part of today's session of the Northern Pacific reorganization case was taken up in waiting for the state's attorney to present their exhibits. The only fact developed was that the syndicate that carried through the reorganization of the railroad in 1896 received from the sale of stocks, bonds, etc., in the new company \$17,900,000, which cost them \$5,700,000, leaving them the tidy sum of \$12,200,000 clear profit.

The state will now endeavor to show that this amount was not reported to the State Railroad Commission.

FALLS, BUT IS LITTLE HURT

Baby Rolls From Window of Rapidly-Moving Train.

RENO, Nev., July 29.—While train No. 5 was speeding between Sparks and here, the 18-month-old daughter of A. H. Pett, assistant division freight and passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, fell out of the window, and when the frantic mother and conductor reached the little body, they found it bleeding from several bad cuts, but otherwise unhurt.

SHIPPERS MOVE TO AD RAILROADS

Alarm at Withdrawal of Oriental Lines.

INQUIRY BEGUN IN CHICAGO

May Appeal to Commission to Change Ruling.

RAILROADS WELCOME STEP

Association of Commerce Rises to Defense of Oriental Trade—Aim of Radical May Be to Force Revision.

CHICAGO, July 29.—(Special.)—The decision of the transcontinental railroads to abandon the export Oriental trade and a large proportion of the import trade has aroused the Chicago Association of Commerce to make an investigation of the subject. The management of that organization has secured all of the papers on file before the Interstate Commerce Commission, and is making a careful examination of the arguments advanced by the railroads in support of their action.

It is possible that the investigation may result in an appeal to the Commission for a rehearing or an appeal for aid in preventing the railroads from going out of that business. If the association's officers decide that the railroads were justified, it is possible that the Commission will be asked to change its ruling.

Such action, it is stated, would not be altogether objectionable to the railroads, because it might result in the Commission's ruling that the carriers were justified in charging between 40 and 50 per cent less on exports than on the same articles for domestic consumption at the coast cities. If this should be the result, the carriers would be only too glad to "continue" in the business, as their revenues on domestic business would not then be threatened. The carriers insist that, in order to compete with the Suez Canal route, they are compelled to furnish a better service and to be at liberty to change their rates at a moment's notice.

HILL LINES TO KILL TARIFFS

No More Through Oriental Business After November.

ST. PAUL, July 29.—W. W. Broughton, general traffic manager of the Great Northern Railway, which is affiliated with the Great Northern Steamship Company, said tonight, when asked as to the effect of the Interstate Commerce Commission ruling on Oriental traffic:

"The ruling of the Commission has no affected matters that the through traffic to the Orient will be withdrawn about October 1 or November 1. As to the effect of the withdrawal of the tariffs on the traffic of the American lines I cannot say."

J. J. Hill, chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern, refused to make any statement of the matter.

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