

LA FOLLETTE HARLS TAFT AS RADICAL

Candidate Heartily Indorsed by Senator From Wisconsin.

TAFT TALKS ON REVISION

Answers Bryan's Criticism by Repeating Pledge of Extra Session. Recommends Tax to Restrict Swollen Fortunes.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Sept. 24.—Wisconsin had a political climax today in the complete and emphatic manner in which United States Senator La Follette first declared Mr. Taft to be a radical in political ideas and then gave him his own unqualified indorsement.

"That should provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, having convictions," and then adding: "Such is the great leader that we have with us today. Nature gave him poise, judicial temperament, great force of character, tenacity of purpose. His long life in the public service is distinguished for its marked ability, its wisdom, its integrity, its patriotism. He has taken advanced ground upon the great issues that engage the profoundest thought of the people of this great country. He is progressive in principle. He is equipped most wonderfully by experience. Two Presidents in succession have named him their aid the man who is our honored guest today."

Mr. La Follette was welcomed by the audience, which filled the gymnasium of the State University, and what he said about Mr. Taft was observed with interest by the thousands of the candidate, who in turn, before delivering a speech showing his appreciation of the importance of agriculture, paid his compliments to the Senator.

In his tariff speech tonight at Milwaukee Mr. Taft stated that he believed he would be elected President. He reviewed the promises of his party for tariff revision and then showed that in doing this work the party would adhere to its promises. Those tariff schedules that were too high, he said, will be lowered; those that are too low will be increased. But the revision, contrary to the Democratic doctrine of tariff for revenue only, would be along protection lines only.

Mr. Taft dressed hurriedly before 7 o'clock to meet the demands of the people of Caledonia, Ill., who came to the station to see the Taft special as it emerged from a siding in a cornfield, where it had stood for several hours of the day previous had made him hoarse. Several treatments were applied during the day, but it was evident that he would experience great difficulty in making his tariff speech.

He spoke at Beloit, Janesville, Evansville, Madison, Waukegan, at the Illinois Chalmers Machine Works at Racine and at Milwaukee. There were enthusiastic manifestations of friendliness throughout.

At Madison Mr. Taft, after he had expressed himself in appreciation of the La Follette declaration, commented on a request to the state university by an ex-United States Senator, which would amount to several millions a year shortly, and added that this, in his opinion, was a good manner in which to dispose of "swollen fortunes," and that "some of the wills that we have known that have sought to perpetuate enormous gatherings of money in one family and in one person should be restrained by laws of the state."

Mr. Taft expressed his ideas regarding the tariff before an audience in the Hippodrome at Milwaukee. After reviewing the whole question in an extended manner, he made this positive declaration on the subject:

Answers Bryan on Tariff. "Mr. Bryan is concerned because he thinks that the Republican party is unable to carry out its promise of revising the tariff. He says that the protected interests are so necessary to the success of the Republican party that they will control it and prevent a revision on proper lines, and that there has been no indication that the revision may not be made upward rather than downward."

"In answer I can say that the party is pledged to a genuine revision and, as the temporary head of the party, and as President of the United States if it be successful in November, I expect to use all the influence that I have for calling a special session and recommending to Congress a measure for a genuine and honest revision of the tariff in accordance with the principle of protection laid down in the platform, based upon the examination of appropriate evidence and impartial as between consumer and manufacturer."

Mr. Taft left Milwaukee tonight and, passing through Chicago early in the morning, will continue his campaigning through Iowa tomorrow, beginning as early as 7:30 o'clock at Clinton, Ia.

COAST IS UNITED FOR TAFT. First Report on Canvass Encourages Republican Committee.

CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—The return from the first canvass of the Far West, made under the aegis inaugurated by Chairman Hitchcock and Secretary Hayward, of the Republican National Committee, indicates, according to statements made at Republican headquarters today, that Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Wyoming and Colorado will be carried by Taft and Sherman.

The state chairman, in response to the National committee, gives estimates of possibilities, but these were not made public by Mr. Hitchcock. He said that returns from Montana are less encouraging and predict that the contest there will be very close. The Nevada report is the only one that favors Bryan, and the Republican managers hope to turn the tide before the election day arrives.

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Though the local option bill, when reported by the committee of public morals today, appeared to have clear sailing and was passed to second reading by a vote of 51 to 49, the Republican managers are by no means certain that it will receive the same vote when it comes up for passage on Saturday. In fact, the feeling is strong that some Representatives are "monkeying" with the bill and are preparing to give it the quietus when motion is made on Saturday (as it will be) to strike out the enacting clause. So definite is this information that the names of Representatives who are mentioned as being in the line of those who would strike out the enacting clause are mentioned as two men who are going to reverse today's vote and thus kill the bill.

The scenes in the House today did not differ materially from those of preceding days, save that the hundreds of abstinent workers here were not so aggressive, having learned that they were injuring their cause by trying to force men to support the bill against their convictions and contrary to their party platform.

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my colleagues of the executive council of the Federation on many occasions."

"In whose interest?" "All the instance of Mr. Van Cleave." "For what purpose?" "For the purpose of bringing to him such information as might reflect on my course in the cause of labor."

Mr. Gompers then related the particulars of an effort to have himself followed, which, he said, had occurred in Washington the latter part of the Summer of 1907 and had continued for several days. He said that he had first observed a man following him from his home to his office, which was kept up daily and nightly for some time, the man accompanying him on the streets and standing outside his office until he was ready to return to his home.

Turns and Confronts Shadow. "On one occasion," Mr. Gompers said, "he kept closer to me than ordinarily. That was one evening when I attended a meeting of a lodge of Elks, where I had a member. He followed me to the lodgeroom and again took the same car which I boarded to reach my home. It is a pretty lonesome road from the carline to my house and, when the man followed me, I turned upon him and demanded to know why he was following me, and I directed him to desist from doing so. He at first replied that he was not dogging me, but afterward admitted that he was doing so. I recognized him, and he, as a member of the Masonic fraternity. He then told me that he would desist from pursuing me and admitted that he was a detective, saying that Mr. Van Cleave had employed him to dog me."

Attempt to Bribe Gompers. Mr. Gompers then told of being approached in New York by Broughton Brandenburg of New York, who he said, had attempted in 1907 to bribe him in the interest of Mr. Van Cleave. Mr. Davenport gave notice of a motion to strike all this matter out of the records as not only irrelevant, but as scandalous.

Mr. Gompers had not concluded when the examination was suspended for the day.

Sailor Badly Injured. Y. A. Lewis, a sailor on the steamship Rose City, which is at Montgomery dock No. 1, was seriously injured yesterday morning while at work about some machinery on the ship. He sustained internal injuries which it is said may prove fatal. He was removed in the Red Cross ambulance to St. Vincent's Hospital.

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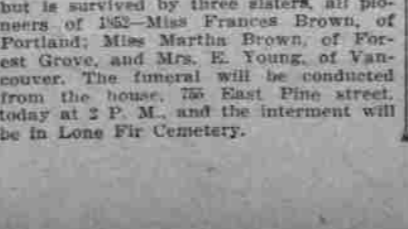
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plains to Portland in 1852, and shortly afterwards the couple made their home in Milwaukee. They moved to Portland in 1870 and Mr. Merrick became prominent as a member of the East Portland City Council. He died several years ago.

Mr. Merrick was stricken with paralysis five years ago and had been nearly helpless ever since. She had no children, but is survived by three sisters, all members of 1852—Miss Frances Brown, of Forest Grove, and Mrs. E. Young, of Vancouver. The funeral will be conducted from the house, 755 East Pine street, today at 2 P. M., and the interment will be in Lone Fir Cemetery.



The Late Mrs. Jane B. Merrick.

Fire Destroys Hophouse. HILLSBORO, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special.)—The hophouse on the Pollock ranch, near Cornelius, burned yesterday. R. B. Porter had the hophouse under lease, and there was a quantity of dried hops in the building.

TAFT MAKES ADMISSION. Candidate Says He Wrote Letter to Republican Chairman. CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—The identity of the man to whom was addressed Judge Taft's letter protesting against the in-