Roosevelt Takes Occasion to Discuss Ante - Election Issue.

### MATTER FOR MAN AND GOD

President Reprobates Those Who Would Inject Religion Into Political Questions - Has Men of All Faith in His Cabinet.

WASHINGTON. Nov. 8 .- "Secretary" WASHINGTON. Nov. 8.—"Secretary Taft's religious faith is purely his own private concern and not a matter for general discussion and political discrimination," says President Roosevelt in a letter he made public tonight, in which he answers numerous correspondents. The President mays he deferred the publication of the letter until now to avoid any agitation likely to influence the election. The letter follows:
"November 6, 1968.—My Dear Sir: I have received your letter running in

have received your letter running in part as follows: "While it is claimed part as follows: While it is claimed almost universally that religion should not enter into politics, yet there is no denying that it does, and the mass of the voters that are not Catholics will not support any man for any office, especially for the Presidency, who is a Roman Catholic.

Brother Catholic, It Was Said.

President by the Republican party, it is being circulated and is constantly urged as a reason for not voting for Taft that he is an infidel (Unitarian), and his wife and brother Roman Catholics. \* \* \*

"If his feelings are in sympathy with the Roman Catholic Church on account of his wife and brother being Catholics, that would be objectionable to sufficient that would be objectionable to authorise number of voters to defeat him. On the either hand, if he is an infidel that would be sure to mean defeat. I am writing this letter for the sole purpose of giving Mr. Taft an opportunity to let the world know what his religious belief is."

### Subject Outside of Politics.

"I received such letters as yours during the campaign, expressing dissatisfaction with Mr. Taft on religious grounds; some of them on the ground that he was a Unitarian and others on the ground that he was suspected to be in sympathy with Catholics. I did not answer any of these letters during the campaign because I regarded it as an outrage even to agitate such a question as a man's religious convictions with the purpose of influencing a Presidential election. But now that the campaign is over, when there is opportunity for men to calmiy consider whither such propositions as those you make in your letter would lead. I wish to invite them to consider them and I have selected your letter to answer because you advence both the objections commonly I received such letters as yours during yearce both the objections commonly urged against Mr. Taft, namely—that he is a Unitarian and also that he is suspected of sympathy with the Catholics. You ask that Mr. Taft shall 'Let the world know what his religious belief is.'

# Matter of Private Concern.

This is his own private concern, and it is a matter between him and his maker, a matter for his own conscience, and to require it to be made public under penalty of political discrimination is to negative the first principles of our Government, which guarantee complete religious liberty, and the right of each man to act in religious affairs as his own conscience distates. Mr. Taft never asked my advice in the matter, but if he had asked it I should have emphatically advised him against thus stating publicto negative the first principles of our Government, which guarantee complete religious liberty, and the right of each man to ac' in religious affairs as his own conscience dictates. Mr. Taft never asked my advice in the matter, but if he had asked it I should have emphatically advised him against thus stating publicity his religious belief. The demand for a statement of a candidate's religious belief can have no meaning except that there may be discrimination for or the belief the beauty of that helief. The lief can have no meaning except that there may be discrimination for or against him because of that belief. The inevitable result of entering upon such a practice would be an abandonment of our belief in freedom of conscience, which in so many lands has proved fatal to true liberty and true religion and fatal to advance in civilization.

Liberty of Conscience Guaranteed. "To discriminate against a thoroughly upright citizen because he belongs to some particular church or because, like Abraham Lincoln, he has not ayowed his allegiance to any church, is an outrage against the liberty of conscience which is one of the foundations of American liberty. You are entitled to know whether a man seeking your suffrage is a man of clean and upright life, honorable in all his dealings with his fellows and fit by qualification and purpose to do well in the great office for which he is a candidate; but you are not entitled to know matters which lie purely between himself and his Maker. If it is proper or legitimate to oppose a man for being a Unitarian, as was John Quincy Adams, for instance, as is the Rev. Edward Everett Hale, at the present moment chap-Abraham Lincoln, he has not avowed his faith, or the method of administering the sucrament, or the gospel of salvation by works. If you once enter on such a career there is absolutely no limit at which you can legitimately stop.

# Criticism Was Slander.

"So much for your objections to Mr. Taft because he is a Unitarian. Now for your objections to him because you think his wife and brother to be Roman Catholics. As it happens, they are not; think his wife and brother to be Roman Catholics. As it happens, they are not; but if they were, or if he were a Roman Catholic hereafter. It ought not to affect in the slightest degree any man's supporting him for the Presidency. You say that the mass of voters that are not Catholics will not support a man for any office, especially for President of the United States, who is a Boman Catholic. I believe that when you say this you foully stander your fellow-countrymen. I do not for one moment believe that the mass of our fellow-citizens or that any considerable number of our fellow-citizens, can be influenced by any such narrow bigotry as to refuse to vote for any thoroughly upright and fit man because he happens to have a particular religious creed. Such a consideration should never be treated as a reason for either supporting or opposing a candidate for political office. Are you aware that there are aeveral states in this Union where the majority of the people are now Catholics? I should reprobate in the severest terms the Catholics in those states for in any other states) who refused to vote for the most fit man because he happened to be a Protestant; and my condemnation would be exactly as aevere for Protestants who, under reversed circumstances refused to vote for a Catholic. under reversed circumstances.

### ed to vote for a Catholic. Men of All Faiths in Cabinet.

"In public life I am happy to say that

constituents were of a different religious betief. I have known Catholics who have for many years represented constituenties mainly Protessant and Protestants who have for many years represented constituenties mainly Catholic; and among them the Congressmen whom I know particularly well, was one man of Jewish faith who represented a district in which there was hardly any Jews at all. All of these men by their very existence in political life refute the slander you have uttered against their fellow Americans. I believe this Republic will endure for many centuries, if so, there will be doubtless among its Presidents Protestants and Catholics and very probably at some time Jews. I have consistently tried while President to act in relation to my fellow Americans of Catholic faith, as I hope that any future President who happens to be a Catholic will act toward his fellow Americans of Protestant faith. Had I followed any other course I should have feit that I was unfit to represent the American people.

"In my cubinet at the present moment

Had I followed any other course is should have feit that I was unfit to repeasent the American people. "In my cubinet at the present moment there ait side by side Catholic and Professiani. Christian and Jew. each man chosen because, in my belief, he is particularly fit to exercise on behalf of all people the duties of the office to which I have appointed him. In no case does the man's religious belief in any way affect his discharge of duties, save as it makes him more eager to act justly or uprightly in his relations to all men. The same principles that have obtained in the appointing of members of my cabinet, highest officials under me, the officials to whom is trusted the work of carrying out all the important policies of my Administration, are the principles on which all good Americans should act in choosing, whether by election or by appointment, the men to fill any office from the highest to the lowest in the land. Yours truly. land. Yours truly, "THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

"J. C. Martin, Dayton, Ohio.

# CRIME RUNNING RAMPANT

SERIES OF RECENT TRAGEDIES IN PARIS.

Jealousies and Fancied Wrongs Lead to Frequent Murders and Suicides.

PARIS, Nov. 7.—(Special.)—A series of terrible tragedies has taken place in the city. The most revolting of the batch was enacted in the Rue Saulnier, where a German couple and a 4-year-old boy lodged. The woman had abandoned her husband to follow her lover, taking with her \$5000 of the former's money.

The couple quarreled yeaterday. The man left the house, but returned shortly afterward with a revolver. Seising the boy, who was the son of the deserted husband, he lodged a bullet in his head, killing him on the spot. Then he turned to the woman and fired several shots at her, mortally wounding her. It was the intention of the murderer to take his own life, but there were no more cartridges in the revolver. He began to batter his head with the weapon and inflicted serious wounds. The woman was removed to the hospital in a dying condition and the murderer was arrested. dying condition and the murderer was

a dying condition and the arrested.

Mme. Plusquellec, a concierge, was sitting in her lodge in the Rue de Saintouge yesterday, when Alfonso Le Beuze, who imagined he was her lover, appeared. Without uttering a word the man produced a revolver and shot the woman, afterwards blowing out his brains. The concierge is lying in the Hotel Dieu.

Hotel Dieu.

A model lodging-house at Charonne, belonging to the Duchess de Bellune, was the scene of another tragedy. A couple named Bouc and the husband's brother occupied one of the lodgings. During the night Bouc roused the neighbors and informed them that his wife and brother had committed suicide. The wife was found on the floor of a room dead, and the lifeless body of Alexander Bouc lay on the bed.

The husband was at first suspected of

The took her own life. A workman discharged from a factory at Puteaux resolved to be revenged on M. Salot, his foreman. As the latter was returning home last night the workman discharged two revolver shots at him. He was taken to Beaujon Hospital, but is not expected to recover. Finally a man named Lacrols is dying in the Lariboislere Hospital, having been shot by his brother-in-law in the Rue de Torey.

# FIND MAFIA HIDING PLACE

Police Make Grewsome Discoveries in Palermo Grotto.

MILAN, Nov. 7.—(Special.)—A ghastly discovery has been made in a cavern near Palermo, Sicily, which has long since acquired such notoriety in the Mafia criminal trials as to be dubbed the Grotto of Horrors."

The alarming revival of brigandage and rufflanism of late in the neighborhood of the Sicilian capital induced the police to undertake a thorough search of the natural biding places in which the country abounds.

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While exploring an inner chamber of the grotto in question, they came across the skeleton of a girl, a man of 24 and a boy of 12, together with remnants of clothing.

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The police believe the remains to be those of the Mafia vendettas during the past ten years. Fragments of an evening dress and a theater ticket favor the supposition that the girl was a tradesman's daughter who was kidniped by mysterious emissaries of the secret society on emerging from the operahouse at midnight five years ago.

# POISONS HER HUSBAND

Russian Baroness Wants Fortune to Marry Her Lover.

BERLIN, Nov. 7 .- (Special.)-The St. Petersburg newspapers report a singular

Petersburg newspapers report a singular poisoning case at Seftroreak. Baroness Ludwig is under arrest on the charge of having poisoned her husband, a well-known philanthropist. She was the Baron's housemaid, and he married her after she had been if years in his service. Shortly after the marriage the Baron who was very old died auddenly.

The girl had a workman for her lover and it is alleged that she poisoned the Baron in order to obtain possession of his wast fortune and then marry the workman. It was only after the police discovered the Baroness relations with the workman that she was suspected of poisoning her husband. The couple were watched and finally arrested. The Baroness, who denies that her lover is implicated in the affair, has offered a large sum for his release.

I have known many men who were elected and constantly re-elected in districts where the great majority of the Don't forget to read Gus Tips. Tomorrow (Tuesday) positively last

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR IN VARIOUS STATES



DEM. NEBBASKA

WILLIAM W. KITCHIN

inspired only by the desire of preserving peace and concord in Scandinavia.

The Norwegian papers are much dissatisfied with Count Baben's explanation, and state that the question of a monarchy or a republic was settled by a vote of the people and according to the information of M. M. Michelien and Loevland, without the exercise of foreign influence.

CAN'T SHOOT PISTOL.

Recovers in Hospital and Declares

Terrible as Ordeal Was, He

came round.

In the young man's pocket was found a letter, in which he stated his intention to commit suicide. When questioned, he said that at the very moment he was about to pull the trigger he lost consciousness and so was unable to carry out his wish. This is probably the first time that a science of this kind has prevented suicide, but the man says that though the psychological moment was terrible indeed, he will again attempt to take his life.

So-Called Gentleman Turns Out to

Be Grafter

take his life,



COMMEDITOR PENNEWILL REP. DELAWARE

Paris to Raise Revenue From Foreigners' Purses.

## HOTELS TO DO COLLECTING

French Capital Expects in This Way to Rapidly Reduce Debt Accumulating at Rate of \$1;-200,000 Yearly.

PARIS, Nov. L.—(Special)—Paris revenues have been going to the dogs since the Octroi tax on wine, beer and cider was abolished in 1901. The deficit is \$1. was applied in the first the municipal budget, which in seven years makes \$8.40,000. People drink more wine than ever, much to the despair of municipal finance administrators, and consume less alcohol than before, though the duty on

alcohol than before, though the duty on this commodity was raised.
Did the Municipal Governors think that people would drink more spirits because they were dearer? However that may be, M. de Selves, who, with the Municipal Council, is responsible for the city's budget, has had to devise a means for filling up the gap. Dogs and other luxuries could not be further taxed, pianos failed in Parliament, and hotel-keepers threatened a strike if their licenses were touched.

actly how many foreignes visit as a great. Perhaps 1,000,000, perhaps 3,000,000. They are all very good-natured customers. They come to Paris because they like it, and they will be the last to protest against a little transitory tax of \$1.50 or \$2.50. The only difficulty was to catch them at a moment when they were

eatch them at a moment when they were in a paying humor.

M. de Selves' advisers considered that this was when they had to pay their hotel bills. To add 2 per cent to foreigners accounts for the city's treasury was a mere trifle. They would be only too happy to throw in a few extra quarters, which would go as the city's "pour-hoire." The project, therefore, has been drawn up, and will be put before the Municipal Council to levy a tax of 2 per cent on all foreign travelers visitper cent on all foreign travelers visit-ing Paris.

# Hotel-Keepers Collectors.

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The hotelkeepers will be responsible for collecting the new tax. A special book is to be supplied to them by the Prefecture, on which they will have to note the price of the room or apartment occupied by foreigners, the length of their stay, and the amount of their bill, to which the hotelkeeper will have to add 40 cents as a tax for every sum of 20 charged. The receipt is to be stamped and sent to the Prefecture.

The only exceptions will be for persons who pay less than 40 cents a day, or fiz a month for their room, or who reside permanently or keep up a constant domicile in Paris. The bill is to comprise all such accessories as service, lighting and heating. This seems to indicate that foreigners will be spared a tax on their meals or drinks at their hotels while in

meals or drinks at their hotels while in Parls, a condescension for which they should really be thankful. Persons living in furnished apartments will have to pay, as well as those living in hotels. Pay for Pleasure.

But persons occupying a flat furnished by themselves will be exempt, as they are considered permanent residents. As Paris goes to much expense to keep its public parks, avenues and muscums in such beautiful order, from which the for-eign visitors derive much of their pleastre, it is only just, it is argued, that they should contribute to the public funds. Paris, therefore, to all intents and purposes, for the foreigner, will be considered a pleasure resort, with a nice little tax on the pleasure.

# THROWS LIGHT ON HISTORY

Norway From Republic.

BERLIN, Nov. 7.—(Special.)—Because it has become known that the Kalser evidently lives in the belief that it was he who "saved" the kingdom of Norway from becoming a republic, he will probably have to stay away from Norway for some Summers, at least for the Norwegian people with whom he was formerly very popular are now furious at him.

It was the former Danish Minister of It was the former Danish Minister of neighborhood.



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Confident Germany Will Meet Germans Feel Confident Friendly Her Demands.

## NO WORD FROM BERLIN

French Believe England and Russia Will Back Her Claims, and Feels She Is Out From Under "German Domineering."

Foreign Affairs, Count Baben Levetzau, who let the cat out of the bag and revealed a page of secret history when, after having been forced to resign because of the Alberti scandals, he submitted to an interview by a Swedish PARIS, Nov. 8 .- No word has com from Berlin with reference to the Ger-man government's attitude with refer-The interview throws some new and interesting light on the election of King Haakon to the throne of Norway in 196. The information given by the former Foreign Minister was quite unknown hitherto except, of course, to the very limited circle of persons who were directly interested in the matter.

Count Raben said that in Sweden an entirely false opinion prevails with regard to Denmark's action three years ago. The Kalser was anxious to piace on the throne of Norway cither the Duke of Augustenberg or the Duke of Glucksburg, but this was impossible. It was a question of Prince Charles of Denmark, or a republic. to the Casa Blanca affair and a further delay is considered likely owing to some confusion which prevails among the German officials and the necessity of maneuvering before the reichstag. But French opinion remains serenely confident that Germany eventually will yield upon the point upon which France insists and express regret for the incident.

There is no trace of "bluff" French attitude and the spectacle presented by France last week must have

other luxuries could not be further taxed, planos failed in Parliament, and hotel-keepers threatened a strike if their licenses were touched.

Tax All Visitors.

Finally. M. de Selves, or one of his advisers, hit upon a brilliant idea. Why not tax foreigners? Nobody knows exactly how many foreigners visit Paris a year. Perhaps 1,000,000, perhaps 2,000,000.

France.

Europe is now witnessing the first real test of the strength of what amounts to an Anglo-Russian-Franco triple alliance and France already balls it as marking her definite emancipation from what is "Garman domineering." termed here a "German domineering."

# SUGAR BEETS IN WALLOWA

Utah Growers Say Oregon Country Finely Adapted to Industry. MAN'S HEART FAILS AND HE

ENTERPRISE, Or., Nov. 8.—(Special.)—Manager Fred G. Taylor, of the Amalgamated Sugar Company, of La Grande, and General Field Superintendent Job Pingree, of Ogden, made a tour of inspection of the Wallowa Valley this week with a view of introducing the sugar beet industry into Wallowa Valley.

Will Try Again.

MADRID, Nov. 7.—(Special.)—Last night a cab driver, on giancing over his ahoulder, noticed that his fare was lying back on his seat unconscious, and with a revolver grasped in his hand. As the weapon was pointing toward him, the driver jumped off his box and called for help. A jarge crowd soon gathered around the cab, when it was found that the young man who was inside was still senneless and that the revolver which he held was fully loaded. On his being taken to the hospital the doctors pronounced the fit to be due to heart trouble, and after some attention the patient came round.

In the young man's pocket was found a letter, in which he stated his intention to commit suicide. When questioned, he agid that at the very moment he was about to pull the trigger he lost confactories will be required here to take care of the enormous crop this country

# ITAFT FINDS REST

Sunday Quiet Contrasts With Election Turmoil.

# CONFERS ON NEW TARIFF

Has Long Talk With Representative Gains, Who Says President-Elect Is in Harmony With Majority of Committee on Protection.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Nov. &-"I really did some great work at sleeping la night and am already beginning to feel

the tired disappear."

This was President elect Taft's comment this afternoon as from the wide porch

This was President-elect Tait's comment this afternoon as from the wide porch of the cottage among the trees he watched the red sun slip behind the mountains over which lazily hung the blue smoke of many forest fires.

The Sunday quiet which Mr. Taft rejoiced in, was in striking contrast to the days of turmoil he had gone through and he gave himself up entirely to rest. Cameron Forbes, Vice-Governor of the Philippine Islands. Mr. Larainaga, a Filipino member of the Philippine Commission, and others called today. They will return to the Islands soon.

Representative Joseph H. Gaines, of West Virginia, stopped here today and had a long talk with Judge Tait. Mr. Gaines is on his way to Washington to attend

a long talk with Judge Taft. Mr. Gaines is on his way to Washington to attend the tariff hearing. It is his belief that there is unanimity of opinion between Judge Taft and the majority of the committee, in that all are believers in the principle of protection and that the measure of protection and that the measure of protection should be the difference between the cost of producing an article here and abroad, including a fair profit in the calculations.

The difficulty of the work to be done in framing a new tariff, he added, was in arriving at the base of cost.

Representative T. E. Burton, of Cleveland, will arrive here for a conference on Wednesday.

LIKE THE NEXT PRESIDENT

Relations Will Be Continued. BERLIN, Nov. 8.-The Nord Deutsche

BERLIN, Nov. 8.—The Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, discussing the election of Mr. Taft, from a semi-official point of view, says:

'The election of William H. Taft is heartily welcomed by Germany. The successor of Mr. Roosevelt is far from being an unknown personality in our political circles, where his career has been followed with interest for years. The impression gathered in this way, as well as acquaintance with his personal qualifications, cause us to greet his attain-

as acquaintance with his personal qualifications, cause us to greet his attainment to the highest office of the great Republic with sincere good will.

"We are confident that under Mr. Taft's Presidency the fundamental lines of American politics and more particularly the friendly relations between Germany and the United States, will continue the same as heretofore. The wish expressed by the vast majority of German people that Mr. Taft will steer the United States toward a new period of economic prosperity from the standpoint of extended German-American commercial relations can only be ardently reechoed."

TAFT INCREASES BY SEVEN

Official Returns Give Him Plurality of 910 in Clackamas.

OREGON CITY, Or., Nov. 8.—(Special.)—The official count of Clackamas County increases Taft's lead by seven votes over the early returns, giving him 210. While Bryan's vote was several hundred over his nominal party strength in this county, the plurality of the Republican candidate is in excess of all forecasts and a source of jubilation among the Republicans. jubilation among the Republicans. Clackamas has always been unreliable to a degree, giving Furnish a masenting Chamberlain with handsome pluralities in 1906 and 1908, though assisting in the nomination of H. M. Cake at the primaries this year

TAFT'S BIG OHIO PLURALITY

### With One County Incomplete, He Has 74,610 Over Bryan.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 8.—Eighty-seven of the 88 counties of Ohio, Lucas being still incomplete and not included in these fig-

incomplete and not included in these fig-ures, give Taft 565,977. Bryan 451,367; Taft's plurality, 78,610.
Eighty-seven of the 88 counties, Bel-mont being still incomplete and not in-cluded in these figures, give Harmon, Democrat, 540,788; Harris, Republican, 523,957; Harmon's plurality, 16,891.
The total vote for President was 1,037,-344; for Governor, 1,064,685.

HITCHCOCK IS SEEKING REST

## Goes to French Lick Before Holding Conference With Taft.

FRENCH LICK, Ind., Nov. 8.—Chairman Frank H. Hitchcock, of the Republican National Committee, arrived here today for a short period of rest. He was accompanied by Secretary William Hayward, Fred W. Upham, of Chicago, and The party will leave tomorrow after-noon in a special car for Hot Springs, Va., where on Tuesday Chairman Hitch-cock will hold a conference with Presi-dent-elect Taft.

White Bluffs to Have Telephones. NORTH YAKIMA Wash, Nov. 8. (Special.)—A company has been organized to build and operate a long-distance tel-phone line from White Bluffs, on the

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Those who suffer and are accustomed This is a simple home recipe now being made known in all the larger compels these most vital organs to filter through the newspapers. It is intended to check the many cases of Rheumatism, kidney and bladder trouble which have made so many cripples bie which have made so many cripples and invalids and weaklings of some of our brightest and strongest people. The druggists here have been notified to supply themselves with the ingredients, and the sufferer will have scription is as follows: Fluid Extract Dendelion, one-half ounce, Compound Kargen, one ounce, and Compound Kargen, one ounce, and Compound Syrup of Sarsaparilia, three ounces.



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