



TAFT KEEPS CLEAR OF STATE POLITICS

President Emphatic in Stating Position.

NOT HIS PLACE TO INTERFERE

Hands Full Enough With Congress and Pledges.

OHIO SITUATION IS CAUSE

Executive, Asked to Take Part in Fight There, Says Under No Circumstances Will He Express a Preference for Candidates.

BEVERLY, July 17.—President Taft today stated with striking emphasis the position he is taking on Republican state platforms and candidates.

As to planks in state platforms endorsing the Administration, the President feels that unless they can be written upon what he has said and done since taking office nothing he could add in a personal way would help matters.

The Ohio conference the last three days have served to bring out the President's attitude. He was informed of the general tenor of the platform to be adopted at the Columbus convention the latter part of this month, but he did not go into details of planks.

Under no circumstances would the President express an opinion as to candidates.

The fight this fall in Ohio, it is generally acknowledged, will be a hard one, but Mr. Taft has been told that none of the avowed candidates, Carmel Thompson, Warren G. Harding and O. E. Brown, has a majority of the votes.

Garfield After Nomination. The friends of James R. Garfield are hopeful the delegates may turn to him, but the state leaders who are friendly to the Administration and who will write a strong endorsement of Mr. Taft and all his acts in the platform, declare Mr. Garfield cannot be nominated.

Young Drexel is second. The only other candidate much talked of is Representative Nicholas Longworth. It is said, however, Mr. Longworth much prefers to remain in Congress, and it will take great pressure to get him into the state fight.

Judge R. Kinkaid, of Toledo, spent an hour or more with the President today. Judge Kinkaid was strongly urged for the gubernatorial nomination some weeks ago, but let it be known he preferred his place on the state bench.

Taft Confers With Senators. Senator Burton is coming tomorrow, Senator Dick is still here, and Wade H. Ellis, chairman of the Ohio executive committee, is within a few minutes ride. They all expect to have a final word with Mr. Taft tomorrow.

The President today consented to make three speeches in Maine—at Eastport, Bangor and Rockland—during his ten days' cruise in the northern waters. The Maine elections are held September 12.

Mr. Taft will speak at Eastport next Tuesday, at Bangor on Saturday and at Rockland on Tuesday the 26th. Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, lunched with the President today.

There was an amusing incident in Beverly this morning as the President was about to enter the First Parish Unitarian Church. Giuseppe de Vincenzo, recently naturalized, became excited over seeing the President and set off a firecracker. There was some excitement among the people near Giuseppe, but the man was not molested.

"HIGHER UPS" ARE WANTED

Immunity to Be Granted Subordinates in Beef Trust Probe.

CHICAGO, July 17.—(Special.)—Fifty subpoenas will be served tomorrow morning on officers and employees of meat concerns to appear before the Federal grand jury in the "beef trust" investigation. Officials of the National Packing Company will be visited first.

Despite the lid that has been clamped tight on all matters relating to the inquiry, it leaked out today that the Government plans to extend immunity to a number of packing officials in exchange for the evidence they may be able to give to the grand jury.

Who these officials will be was not made public. It is known that subpoenas have been issued for officials of the National Packing Company.

In summoning these officials it is shown that the Government does not care for convictions unless those gathered in the net are the men "high up" in the companies. Judge Landis in his instructions to the jury asserted that only the real malefactors, if such exist, should be dealt with.

CHURCH CUSTOMS UPSET BY JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER

OIL KING IS LATE TO BIBLE CLASS—BIBLE NOT USED.

Magnate Bases Talk on "Optimist's Good Morning" and Uses Selection by Arthur L. Weatherly.

CLEVELAND, O., July 17.—(Special.)—John D. Rockefeller upset a few traditions at the Euclid-Avenue Baptist Church this morning. He was late in arriving, he removed his automobile coat inside the church, did not stop to greet his friends, took the front steps to the Bible classroom, took a rear instead of a front seat, and, lastly, read from a secular volume rather than the Bible.

The oil king based his sermon on "The Optimist's Good Morning," choosing a selection by Arthur L. Weatherly. "I want to read distinctly," he said, "I want you all to understand, to grasp the meaning. We should derive great benefit from it. It should help us as medicine, almost immediately on taking." His voice became tremulous as he read: "Our Father, who art ever with us, help us this day to reveal these through our common tasks, our relations with one another, this is the most beautiful world; may we not mar it by our selfishness, but by the gentleness and sweetness of our lives make it more beautiful."

NO SEAT, FARE NOT PAID

Passengers Interfere to Prevent Putting Family Off Train.

MOCLIPS, Wash., July 17.—(Special.)—Because William Reine, a prominent citizen of Hoquiam, could not find a seat in a passenger train to Moclips today for himself and family, he refused to pay his fare, and trouble resulted when the conductor threatened to put them off the train.

Reine said the company advertised an excursion to Moclips and should provide ample accommodations. He was obtuse and it looked as if the conductor would stop the train and put them off, until the other passengers took the family's part.

TAFT WRITES TO MIKADO

President Thanks Emperor of Japan for Cordiality to Dickinson.

BEVERLY, Mass., July 17.—President Taft today sent a message of thanks to the Emperor of Japan for the cordial welcome extended to Secretary of War Dickinson, as follows: "I wish to express to your majesty my deep appreciation of the generous and courteous hospitality extended to Secretary Dickinson and his party while in Japan. The expression of cordial welcome evoked strengthens the bond of friendship between the two countries."

YOUNG DREXEL IS SECOND

Frenchman Defeats American in European Aeronautic Meet.

BOURNEMOUTH, July 17.—Leon Merane, the French aviator, has been formally awarded the first prize at the meeting just ended for speed, altitude, weight and general merit. J. Armstrong Drexel, son of Anthony Drexel, was awarded second place, while Graham White, the English aviator, takes third place.

Merane reached an altitude of 4100 feet and covered 18 miles around the Needles lighthouse and return in 25 minutes. Boyle, who was injured yesterday, is in a dangerous condition today. He has suffered concussion of the brain.

THREE PROMINENT CANDIDATES FOR REPUBLICAN PRIMARY NOMINATION FOR GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA.



FIRST CALIFORNIA PRIMARY RACE ON BITTERNESS MARKS CAMPAIGN

Candidates for Governor Are Many.

Possible Split in Republican Ranks May Help Democrat.

ASPIRANTS ALL ACTIVE

Contest Under New Law Results in Vigorous Word-War Between San Francisco Newspapers—5 Factions Represent One Party.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 17.—(Special.)—The entries for California's first election under the direct primary law closed last night at midnight and the race for the nomination for Governor of the state is on between five Republicans, one Democrat, one Prohibitionist and one Socialist.

In the Republican ranks, the contest will finally narrow down to three candidates, Alden Anderson, of the "stand-pat" faction of the party; Hiram Johnson, of the so-called "insurgent" or Lincoln-Roosevelt faction, and Phil A. Stanton, of Los Angeles, whose claim for the nomination is based on the plea that the southern part of the state should have the office for the next term.

Bell Has Chance. Theodore A. Bell, the one candidate for the Democratic nomination, is conceded to have a chance of election, providing the three-cornered split in the Republican ranks causes sufficient dissatisfaction in the party to cut down the vote for the candidate who is finally selected at the Republican primary election.

Another thorn in the side of the regular Republican faction is the candidacy of Charles Curry, who is going to the primary as a fourth Republican candidate, backed solidly by union labor.

On account of these many factions into which the Republican party is divided, many politicians freely predict the final election of the Democrat candidate, Bell.

Campaign Is Bitter.

While the different candidates have been carrying on a vigorous stumping campaign from one end of the state to the other, the San Francisco newspapers are engaged in a bitter warfare of words extolling the virtues of their chosen candidates and denouncing the enemy in the strongest language at the command of their editors.

Each candidate has covered thousands of miles in reaching the ears of the voters of the state. Stanton, of Los Angeles, has spent 10 weeks touring the state in an automobile, during which time he traveled over 3800 miles. The other candidates have used every mode of conveyance, from special trains to buckboards, and are still at it. The stumping campaign is about over and the candidates will from now on devote their energies to converting the big cities about the bay.



WRITER'S SON DIGS UP TREASURE BOX

BOY WHOSE FATHER WAS STEVENSON'S STEPSON, FINDER.

Lad Hums Verse From "Treasure Island" as Tiny Spade Strikes Valuables, Hidden in Sand.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 17.—When little Louis Osborne, 8 years old, the son of Lloyd Osborne, novelist, and stepson of the late Robert Louis Stevenson, armed himself with his midget shovel and went out on a sandhill to dig yesterday, he had visions of finding a treasure. His lad was not unusual thing for the lad, for he had not heard his father's illustrious stepfather talked about without getting some of the spirit of adventure of "Treasure Island" fixed in his mind.

So while Louis dug he hummed: Fifteen men on the dead man's chest. Yo, ho, ho, and a bottle of rum; Drink and be merry, then!

The lad stopped digging, because his shovel had encountered an obstruction. Tested carefully, the thing that resisted proved to be metal. Then Louis dug more furiously than ever.

In a few moments the lad unearthed a metal box. And, sure enough, it contained treasure. Opening it hastily, the lad found 2000 shares of valuable mining stock, some deeds to city property, other valuable papers and several empty ring boxes.

The papers belong to Augustus F. Imbrie, a wealthy man, whose house is closed and who is out of the city. Police think robbers have ransacked the Imbrie residence, and, after taking money and jewelry from the box, buried it.

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The Weather. YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 88 degrees; minimum, 54 degrees. TODAY'S—Fair and warmer; Tuesday fair and continued warm; Wednesday fair and continued warm; Thursday fair and continued warm.

GIRL WITHHOLDS TRAGEDY'S SECRET

Chicago Police Cannot Solve Riddle.

INSPECTOR EVOLVES THEORY

Mrs. Deufex' Silence Will Be Construed as Guilt.

STORIES DO NOT AGREE

Miss Wilson Caught in Seeming Misstatements—Hospital Authorities Prevent Examination of Wounded Woman.

CHICAGO, July 17.—(Special.)—Miss Mary Wilson, whose reticence in the Rigdon tragedy has baffled every effort of the police to solve that mystery, today spent more than an hour in conference at St. Luke's Hospital with Mrs. Emma Deufex, the woman who was shot by Rigdon in the office of John C. Petzer, before he shot himself.

What passed at this conference is unknown, for the hospital authorities have adopted a policy of silence as impenetrable as that of the principal figures in the tragedy itself.

Aside from her physicians and nurses, no other person except the "Wilson" girl has been allowed to enter Mrs. Deufex' sickroom. Even Inspector Lavin has been denied access to Mrs. Deufex' apartments, although at the very time he was in the hospital Miss Wilson was in the sick woman's room.

Police Are Discouraged. Baffled in their every effort to solve the riddle which lies back of the shooting, the police were not encouraged today when they learned that the two persons who knew most about it had been allowed for several days to hold secret conferences.

"A fine chance for a frame-up," was the way one detective expressed the general feeling of the men who are working on the case. "It seems strange that if Mrs. Deufex is strong enough to see the Wilson girl she should be too weak to talk to a policeman. I understand that the hospital people have even given the Wilson girl permanent quarters there."

The hospital authorities, however, insist that what they are doing is best for Mrs. Deufex. They deny that the two women have been allowed to talk over the incidents that led up to the shooting, and say that the Wilson girl is under instructions not to mention that subject to Mrs. Deufex.

Girl's Action Suspicious. The police recall that after Miss Wilson had got through the ordeal of her examination in Inspector Lavin's office she insisted on being allowed to see Mrs. Deufex again that night, and that it was she who proposed that she be allowed to go to the hospital to live instead of to a hotel while she was waiting for the police to release her.

Inspector Lavin was inclined today to (Concluded on Page 2.)

CLUBMEN GUESTS AT BANDIT LUNCH

MYSTERIOUS FEAST SERVED BY POET OF SIERRAS.

Joaquin Miller Leads 60 Members of Sequoia Club to Moses' Pyramid and Browning's Tower.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 17.—(Special.)—Joaquin Miller, poet of the Sierras, gave a Mexican bandit lunch yesterday to 60 members of the Sequoia Club at his home on the heights back of Oakland, where Fremont first saw the bay of San Francisco and named its entrance the Golden Gate.

There was much speculation over the mysterious lunch, but it opened with a cocktail mixed by the poet, who claimed the recipe came from Fremont and Walt Whitman. Then came the barbecued beef and the bacon and onions in Mexican style, all washed down with California claret served in large three-gallon demijohns.

After lunch Miller told of his first visit to the present home, when he surprised a black bear eating the carcass of a cow that had killed. This looked like a promising place for the poet, who wished to lead the simple life, so he bought two acres. Since he has added many acres and planted thousands of trees. He has raised a pyramid to Moses, built a Browning tower of rocks and a monument to Fremont.

Poet Miller, before he led his guests up to the hill to these monuments, warned them that no one who had violated any of the ten commandments could climb with him to the Moses pyramid. But everyone went up the trail.

MAN WEARS SUIT OF ARMOR

Individual Captured in Montana Is Protected Like Battleship.

BOZEMAN, Mont., July 17.—(Special.)—Under Sheriff George Huttenfelder and Deputy Horace Bell this afternoon captured near Belgrade a man whom, from his suspicious actions, they believe to be a refugee from justice and probably a desperate criminal.

When searched he was found to be almost completely protected with a homemade suit of steel armor. The front of his body, his right forearm and the front of his cap were all protected with steel plates. Those on his arm and chest were joined together by being sewed between cloth padding.

The man had a .38 Colt's automatic pistol and about 70 rounds of ammunition and also a hunting-knife attached to his wrist. He gave two names, Jesse Anderson and Albert Ross, and said he was glad the police had caught him. When he became aware that the officers did not know him, however, he refused to talk further.

PORTLAND COMES FIRST

James J. Hill May Turn Down Conservation Congress.

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 17.—(Special.)—James J. Hill returned today from his annual fishing trip off the coast of Labrador. The veteran railroad builder in discussing the conservation congress to be held in St. Paul in September, said he would be unable to comply with ex-President Roosevelt's desire that he speak at that time, owing to the demands made upon him from Portland people.

"I will speak in Portland, Or., early in September, probably during the time that the conservation congress is being held in St. Paul," he said. "If I do speak, however, at the St. Paul meeting, I will speak straight from the shoulder and will not mince matters."

NORTHWEST TO BE COOL

Reaction From High Temperatures Predicted at Washington.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—According to the Weather Bureau forecast, in the plains states and the Northwest this week will open with high temperatures and there will be warmer weather during the middle of the week in the Mississippi Valley.

By Monday night or Tuesday there will be a reaction in the extreme northwest to lower temperatures. High temperatures are indicated for the southwest.

In the Northwest and Pacific States and in the plateau region the weather will be generally fair, while there will be showers in the Middle West about Wednesday.

BRIBERY HEARING IS SET

House Committee to Hear Gore's Charges in Muskogee, August 4.

PIERRE, S. D., July 17.—Representative Burke, chairman of the House committee appointed at the last session of Congress to investigate charges of bribery in legislation dealing with the sale of Indian lands, made by United States Senator Gore against William McMurray, of McAlester, Okla., has notified members of the committee to assemble at Muskogee, Okla., on August 4. The investigation will begin on that date.

Senator Gore has agreed to be present at the meeting of the committee, according to Representative Burke, who has returned from Muskogee, Minn., where he held a conference with the Senator.

MINING DISTRICT SWEEP BY FLAMES

Settlers Flee to Save Their Lives.

SEVEN FIGHTERS HEMMED IN

Widespread Destruction Occurs in Coeur d'Alenes.

ONE MAN DRIVEN INSANE

Valuable Mines Destroyed, Others Threatened, Homes Wiped Out and Timber Burned in Fire Sweeping to Kellogg Peak.

WALLACE, Idaho, July 17.—(Special.)—Flames are tonight racing toward Kellogg Peak faster than a horse can run, after having destroyed the homes of a half dozen settlers, ruined thousands of dollars' worth of rich timber near Pine Creek, driven one man insane and engaged more than 200 men in an all-night fight to save the buildings of several large lead-silver mines of the district.

Starting from a surveyors' camp early yesterday morning, the flames gained rapid headway and have been burning fiercely, wiping out all the buildings of the Dainata Mining Company, seven miles west of Kellogg Peak, on Pine Creek.

Rich Mines in Path of Fire. Directly in the path of the flames are the large buildings of the Nabob, Surprise, Highland Chief and Little Pittsburg mines, and reports from the district brought to Kellogg by settlers who have brought their families to safety to escape the flames, say that these buildings will be destroyed if the fire fighters fail to check the flames.

The homes of Frank Brooks, Arthur Wade and William Gilbert have been wiped out, their stock cremated in the stables and their families forced to flee.

Relief Call Sent Out. Three square miles of the finest timber in the Coeur d'Alene mining district have been destroyed and the flames continue unchecked. Every available man in Kellogg and Wardner has been sent to the scene and a call has been sent to Wallace for reinforcements.

The fate of several fire fighters whose escape was cut off by a shift in the wind is unknown. An unknown settler whose home was wiped out in a twinkling by the flames is said to have lost his mind and stumbled through the timber raving mad. He is a new man in the region. Settlers in the burned district are flocking to Kellogg tonight with their loved ones and such belongings as they were able to carry.

CANADIAN FORESTS BURNING

Fire Loss Will Be Millions Unless Rain Brings Relief.

CALGARY, Alberta, July 17.—Forest fires are assuming alarming proportions. They are raging in several places in the foothills country of the Rockies southwest of here, and unless heavy rains fall immediately millions of dollars' worth of standing timber will be lost.

Five fire raising southwestern Priddles today. Chief of Dominion Free Rangers Margher left Calgary Saturday night for Priddle with a gang of 100 men.

WOMAN RACES BLINDNESS

Wreck Victim Is Threatened With Loss of Sight.

RAPID CITY, S. D., July 17.—In a desperate race against probable total blindness, Mrs. Edward A. Selter, wife of the vice-president of the Third National Bank, Cincinnati, O., is en route to Omaha tonight as fast as a special train will carry her.

Mrs. Selter was among the injured in a collision yesterday on the Rapid City, Big Bend & Western Railroad. When extricated from the wreckage, it was found that the broken lenses of her glasses had been driven into her eyelids, mutilating the muscles and nerves controlling the lids and it is feared the eyeballs. After a night of suffering she was taken to an Omaha hospital, where an operation was decided upon.

HAY DEMANDS COURTESY

Governor Would Protect Delegates to Conservation Congress.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 17.—Governor M. E. Hay today declared that until he received positive assurance that the Washington delegates will be accorded fair and courteous treatment, he will decline to appoint any representatives to go from this state to the National Conservation Congress to be held in St. Paul this summer.

Governor Hay said that last year Federal Judge Cornelius H. Hanford, who was appointed a delegate to the Congress which met in Seattle, received discourteous treatment from other delegates because he read a paper criticizing the conservation policy advocated by the congress and expressed himself as favorable to less stringent regulations.

HIRAM JOHNSON, OF LINCOLN - ROOSEVELT LEAGUE; PHILIP A. STANTON, SPEAKER OF ASSEMBLY; ALDEN ANDERSON, STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF BANKS.