



ROOSEVELT GAINS HELP FROM TAFT

Pledged Moral Support in New York Fight.

INTERVIEW SOUGHT BY COLONEL

Hasty Journey Made to New Haven to See Taft.

SHADOW OVER FRIENDSHIP

Campaign of 1912 Not Mentioned, but in Both Men's Minds—Taft Is Willing but Not Anxious. Mutual Regard Has Cooled.

ON BOARD TAFT'S TRAIN, Albany, N. Y., Sept. 19.—President Taft today again pledged his moral support to Colonel Roosevelt in the latter's fight against the New York bosses. He favors direct primaries, but not abolition of conventions.

Two other important facts were brought out at the conference which the President had with the ex-President at New Haven, Conn., today. One is that Mr. Taft will run for President in 1912, if his friends think he can be elected.

The other is that there is not the same cordiality between Mr. Taft and Colonel Roosevelt as there was when they first met after the latter's return from Africa. The fall report of a deal between Mr. Taft and the New York bosses and the possible rivalry for the nomination in 1912 cast their shadows on the meeting.

It was plain from all that transpired before and after the meeting that the Colonel and his close political advisers are not a little worried over the situation in New York State and came to the President for further evidence of his moral support.

Taft Pledges Roosevelt Aid. This, the President was glad to give. He declared his position in the New York State fight had been clear from the very first. He said he sympathized heartily with the fight against "bossism" being waged by the people of the state.

Mr. Taft reiterated the statements he made in his letter to Lloyd C. Griscom, chairman of the New York County Republican committee, at the time of the Sherman-Roosevelt controversy over the temporary chairmanship that he favored direct primaries for the nomination of Representatives and state legislators.

The President and Colonel Roosevelt did not discuss the question of the Presidency in 1912. The President has not been advised as to what Mr. Roosevelt's attitude is toward that campaign. From sources close to the President it was said there was no occasion to discuss the subject. Mr. Taft's position is this:

Taft Willing to Run Again. He is willing to run if nominated. If his friends think there is a good chance for him to be re-elected, Mr. Taft feels that they will see to his nomination.

Mr. Taft's political friends say that, if the American people want him for a second term, not even Colonel Roosevelt can prevent his nomination. If the people do not appear to want him, Mr. Taft will be only too glad to submit to their decision.

It can be stated of today's meeting at New Haven that, while it may have been successful in its "moral effort" and of moral advantage to the Roosevelt leaders in New York State, it was absolutely barren of results as to any better understanding between the President and Colonel Roosevelt as to National issues or their personal relations.

Something in the nature of a truce seems to have been arranged regarding the New York State situation. After that is over, events will shape themselves. Colonel Roosevelt himself is said today to have let drop the hint that as to his side of the matter, "something would be done" after the elections. Mr. Taft is letting 1912 look out for itself. He declares he has other matters of concern at the moment.

Convention Will Indorse Taft.

It came out at today's conference, which, in addition to the President and Colonel Roosevelt, included Lloyd C. Griscom, Otto Barnard and Secretary Norton, that the Taft Administration is to be indorsed at Saratoga. No mention of Mr. Taft as a candidate in 1912 will be made.

"It is not the province of a state convention to nominate any man for President two years ahead," said Mr. Barnard after the conference. "Connecticut did not do it, so why should New York?"

In this connection it became known that today Mr. Taft deprecated the action of the Ohio Republicans in declaring for him in 1912. He did not think he should be made an issue. The Ohio leaders were anxious, however, that the Taft Administration and the Congressional Record should be made a part of the state campaign and took this means of bringing it about.

Today's conference, it is believed, (Concluded on Page 2.)

ROAD FROM SOUTH TO TAP LAKEVIEW

SOUTHERN PACIFIC LETS CONTRACT IN CALIFORNIA.

Railroad When Completed Will Afford Portland Another Southern Route to Los Angeles.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—Contracts have been let for a railroad between Fernley and Lassen, in the northeastern part of the state, which railroad will eventually be extended into Lakeview and Klamath Falls. This will afford Portland a new southern route all the way to Los Angeles.

Erickson & Peterson have secured the contract for the 190 miles of railroad. The same contractors are now building a large section of the Southern Pacific cutoff in Placer County.

Two hundred carloads of rails and great quantities of ties and other materials are being unloaded at Lassen and Fernley, Nev., and construction equipment is being taken there in big shipments. The Fernley and Lassen is to run from Fernley, near Wadsworth, northwesterly through Washoe County, Nevada, and Lassen County, California, touching at Susanville.

Over other roads yet to be constructed it will reach the Sacramento Valley at Chico or Vina, and will reach Klamath Falls, Or.; Alturas, Modoc County, and Lakeview, Or. Surveys for all these routes have been made and companies have been incorporated. Over this road and the Oregon Southern, now building between Natron and Klamath Falls, a new north and south route will be secured from Portland to Los Angeles, and Portland will have shorter connection with the Central Pacific.

RATE NOTICE IS NOT GIVEN

Interstate Commission Has No Information From West.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 19.—(Special.)—The Interstate Commerce Commission has thus far heard nothing official regarding the rumored purpose of the Hill and Harriman Railroads to advance the lumber rates next month. No new lumber schedules from the Pacific Coast points eastward have been filed.

One of the tariff experts of the Commission said today that he did not believe any attempt would be made to put in effect rates that were set aside by the Commission two years ago, for, he declared, those rates would today be in violation of the long-and-short haul clause of the interstate commerce act, and would not be operative. If any advance is to be made, said this official, it must be along different lines from the advance that was prevented by the Commission order in October, 1908.

SHOTGUN BRINGS OUT COIN

Bricklayer Adopts Effective Method of Collecting Money.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—John Allen, a bricklayer, this morning held up C. A. Bodack, a carpenter contractor, at the muzzle of a shotgun and compelled him to deposit the contents of his pockets on the ground.

Officers in the United States reclamation office witnessed the act and telephoned for the police. They arrested Allen and the explanation he gave was that \$7 was due him for building a chimney on the house Bodack was erecting and that he was collecting his wages.

He was locked up in the County Jail and charges of robbery and carrying a dangerous weapon were lodged against him. Allen is evidently mentally unbalanced.

TWO CHILDREN DIE BY FIRE

House at Douglas, Alaska, Burns While Aunt Is Absent.

JUNEAU, Alaska, Sept. 19.—Two children were burned to death today in the home of their uncle, George Myers, a merchant of Douglas.

Last month Myers was asked to take care of the four orphaned children of his sister. He went to Seattle and brought them to Douglas. This morning Mrs. Myers went down stairs to the store, leaving three of the children in the rooms above.

During her absence the building caught fire. Mrs. Myers rescued the third child.

BALLINGER TO BE GUEST

Denver Chamber of Commerce Will Entertain Secretary.

DENVER, Sept. 19.—The Denver Chamber of Commerce has arranged to entertain at luncheon Wednesday, Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, who is scheduled to arrive in Denver from Salt Lake tomorrow night.

Secretary Ballinger will speak on investigating of withdrawals of land, and several others will speak.

EVANS GOING TO SALT LAKE

Famous Fighter Returning to City Which Sent Him Into Navy.

SEATTLE, Sept. 19.—Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans, U. S. N., retired, departed today for Tacoma, whence he will go to Spokane, near which city he has a ranch.

From Spokane he will go to Salt Lake City, which gave him his appointment to the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

3 BALLOONS MAY STILL BE IN AIR

All Others Have Made Reports of Landing.

NEW YORK IS NOT SIGHTED

Trio of Pilots Qualify for International Races.

SOME HAVE CLOSE CALLS

Buckeye and Miss Sophia, Which Have Not Descended, Seen in West Virginia and Ohio Respectively and Moving Fast.

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 19.—If they have not met with disaster or landed safely at some isolated spot from which they have not been able to report, these three balloons and their crews have qualified tonight as the American contestants in the International balloon race which will start at St. Louis, October 17.

New York—Clifford B. Harmon, New York, pilot; Thomas Baldwin, New York, aide. Not sighted.

Buckeye—J. H. Wade, Cleveland, pilot; A. H. Morgan, Canton, O., aide. Sighted at Charleston, W. Va., 7 P. M., Monday.

Miss Sophia—W. T. Assman, St. Louis, pilot; P. J. McCullough, St. Louis, aide. Sighted at Pomeroy, O., 7:45 A. M., Sunday.

All Others Are Down. "We passed all but Hawley, in America II, Saturday night during a storm that blew great gusts. In the storm our drag rope caught in a tree top and held up two hours, during which four balloons went by at great speed. We finally aroused a farmer, who, with his son, came to our aid in a drenching rain. They climbed the tree and cut us loose, then we proceeded, tree and all."

Louis Von Phul, who piloted the Million Population Club balloon of St. Louis, assisted by Joseph O'Reilly, described his trip as follows:

Rain Drenches St. Louis Men. All the other balloons that started from the Indianapolis Speedway Saturday afternoon in the free-for-all contest are down.

The sixth of the nine starters in the afternoon race to alight was the American, which landed at Warrenton, Va., at 2:20 P. M. today. Allen B. Hawley, New York, was the pilot, and Augustus Post, New York, the aide.

Stories of the flight told by the pilots of the balloons which have landed are beginning to come to Indianapolis.

Carl G. Fisher, who with George L. Baumbaugh, was in the Indiana II, wires from Pittsburg as follows:

Farmer Comes to Rescue. "We had been in the air only a short time when the rain hampered us. We were going in the direction of the Great Lakes, then we struck a current that"

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DIVIDENDS HIDDEN BY MANIPULATION

Practice of Railroads Is Investigated.

INFLATION IS ALSO ALLEGED

Stockholders Get Stock Worth Above Par at Parity.

GAIN HIGH AS 50 PER CENT

Queer Transactions Are Revealed at Rate Hearing—\$49,000,000 in Stock Is Secretly Sold for Far Below Market Price.

CHICAGO, Sept. 19.—Alleged stock inflation and manipulation, designed to turn over to the stockholders large sums of money without putting in the company's records any reference of more than passably fair dividends, was the subject into which the Interstate Commerce Commission delved today at its continuation of freight rates of Western lines, scheduled to take effect September 1.

The stock manipulation feature of the inquiry was suggested by Commissioner Clements and was immediately taken up by the Commission's attorney, Frank Lyon, and by Attorney Atwood, of Kansas City, who appeared for the general shippers' committee, which is fighting the increase.

Illinois Central Man Witness. Controller Blauvelt, of the Illinois Central Railroad, was the witness from whom the disclosures which followed were obtained.

Commissioner Clements called the witness' attention to figures he had furnished on direct examination by the railroad's counsel. The Commissioner said:

"You say, Mr. Blauvelt, that in 1891 your capital stock was \$40,000,000 on 275 miles of road, and in 1910, on only about 1700 miles more it was \$102,000,000? Also, that in 1891, the bonded indebtedness was only \$62,000,000, while in 1910 it had reached \$176,000,000. Why is this?"

"Well," was the answer, "what would appear to be the excess went to improve the roadway and for equipment and purchase of other roads."

Stock Is Sold Secretly. "And how was the stock raised for these purposes sold?" continued the Commissioner. "Was it on the open market?"

"Part of it was, but most of it was sold to the stockholders at par."

"Was there ever declared a stock dividend?"

"Oh! I am sure there was not. That would amount to the same as any other dividend, you see. That Illinois stock sales represented real values, you must see, in dollars and cents."

Here Attorney Lyon sought to give the witness differentiate between having stockholders a stock dividend or giving them stock worth more than par at purchase.

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MILLIONAIRE MUST SPEND OWN CASH

CALIFORNIA PRISON BOARD REFUSES TO HANDLE IT.

HEIR OF HOLSTEIN ESTATE IS FOUND

Man Sought by Danish King Is in Seattle.

SAILOR WILL GET MILLIONS

Disinherited Son of Nobleman Trailed Over Earth.

SEARCH OF 2 YEARS ENDED

Fleeing From Home After Angering Father by Intended Marriage Below Station, Son Is Laborer, Miner and Sailor.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—A nattily-dressed man of 30 walked into Detective William Peterson's office early this morning and said that he was Olaf Holstein, the sailor who had been trailed for two years at the request of King of Denmark as the heir to an estate and title in Holstein.

Detective Peterson's caller said that he had been known in this country as Ben Suhr.

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CROP EXCEEDS ESTIMATE

55 Bushels an Acre Reported, 30 Common in Western Canada.

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, Sept. 19.—(Special.)—Reports from threshing outfits throughout the three western provinces that the estimated 1910 wheat crop will be exceeded are generally being borne out. During the last few weeks before harvest the crops came along in a wonderful manner, surpassing all expectations.

Several yields from large fields of over 55 bushels to the acre have been reported, and 30 bushels to the acre for Spring wheat is quite common. It is now believed that the total wheat yield will be 119,000,000 bushels, against some 112,000,000 bushels for last year.

MUCH PROGRESS IS MADE

Many Improvements Made at Burdoin Heights on Columbia.

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The mill has recently installed an electric lighting plant. Will Bates is setting up a wireless station, and with specially contrived batteries Bates Bros. are blowing up powder-loaded stumps in the clearings. Mills & Sheldon have eight teams at work grubbing 40 acres, and S. R. Glavis will soon put a donkey engine to grubbing his 180-acre patch.

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Takes Name of Suhr. The stranger explained to Detective Peterson that he had taken the name of Ben Suhr of America, for the reason that members of his family who had been in this country for many years had been known by that name. He has a second cousin in Seattle, employed by the Pacific Balata Company, at 624 First avenue, South.



PER SCHEDULE.