

TAFT AS MEDIATOR  
WHITES WHITE PARTY  
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MESSAGE TO OUTLINE PLAN

Cummins Will Be Accepted as Senate  
Leader Instead of Aldrich, and  
Hitchcock May Be Super-  
seeded as Chairman.

JOHN CALLAN O'LAUGHLIN IN CHICAGO  
TRIP

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—(Special.)—President Taft proposes to bring into play his personal ability as mediator to restore harmony in the Republican party.

He has set himself to do a task calculated to appeal the stoutest heart. He is facing a mass of discordant elements which have opposed mixture in the past as tenaciously as oil and water. He must arrest criticism and recrimination, allay irritation and draw the fangs of revenge.

It will be his duty by sweet persuasion to induce the warring Republican factions to forget their hostilities and act amicably together for the common good. The work he will engage in from now until the short session of Congress closes on March 4 next will be in large part a preparation for the time when the historic members of his party, the Democrats shall be in power in the House of Representatives and when moves must be made in the absorbing political game which will have control of the Government in 1912 as the prize.

Way Made for Harmony.

In a word, President Taft has ceased to be the "titular head" of the Republican party and today is manifesting his purpose to be the actual leader. He will remain, of course, as he has been, President of the whole people; but this duty does not conflict with the responsibility which rests upon him of bringing order out of the chaos of the ranks of his own party. He paved the way for harmony last Summer in his appeal for the election of "progressives" as well as of "stand-patters," and in his announcement that in the matter of patronage both wings of the party would be treated exactly alike.

He has let it be known he would be content with the selection of Senator Cummins, of Iowa, as leader of the Senate in place of Senator Aldrich, of Indiana. He has also selected Frank Hitchcock, Postmaster-General, as chairman of the National Republican committee. Indeed Hitchcock announced long ago that he had resigned, but he seems still to be in control of the committee.

Both Factions to Confer.

The President desires "progressives" as well as "stand-patters" to call at the White House and confer with him about matters of general legislation, and before the session is over there will be a general conference at the White House in which representatives of the two factions will participate.

Whether one is for or against Mr. Taft, he must give him credit for a genial and magnetic personality and for sincerity of purpose. It may be expected, therefore, that the contact he will have with his fellow Republicans will be productive of party benefit. But it is not the intention of the President to stop there. He proposes to lay down a sound platform of Republican conduct, upon which all Republicans can stand.

It will be a platform which, in Mr. Taft's judgment and in that of his advisers, will be approved by the people generally; and in view of the defeat the Republicans sustained in recent elections and the lessons thereby taught, it is believed practically all of those who support the President and his ideas will be in a frame of mind to make concessions and sink their differences upon matters of major moment.

Message Work of Months.

The platform the President favors will be described in the annual message he is now preparing. Although the message will not appear until the final page before the lapse of some days, the work of preparation has been one of many months.

The prominence the tariff issue assumed in the recent campaign would seem to justify the President in devoting a part of his message to a discussion of his purposes with respect to a further revision. He is being urged to give the Republicans the chance to amend the law. Some of his advisers want him to recommend the creation of a permanent tariff commission instead of the temporary tariff board which he himself created under authority contained in the Aldrich law.

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The tariff will be dealt with by Mr. Taft in his message, but he will not recommend any present modifications, nor will he advise transformation of the tariff board into a commission as it at present exists is capable of performing to the full the important duties entrusted to it. He has not got to the point where he favors a commission which shall make a tariff law. He realizes, moreover, that to recommend anything of the kind would be to throw another bomb into the disrupted ranks of his party.

Board to Continue Work.

It is his desire that the tariff board shall continue its work of investigation. When its conclusions have been reached, he expects them to be the result of exhaustive labor and careful judgment, and to be such that if adopted they will be for the benefit of both capital and labor and the prosperity of the country as a whole. He will transmit these conclusions to the next Congress. The President will not recommend the enactment of the bill he favors for the Federal incorporation of business enterprises doing an interstate business until after the Supreme Court has given its decision in the Standard Oil and tobacco trust cases. That he adheres to the general principle of this reform is not to be doubted. On the part of some of the insurgents there was opposition to a few of the features of the bill drafted by the Attorney-General, relating to these objections have been met and that the latest draft of the measure will meet with general support.

PERSONAL MENTION.

W. D. Wood, of Seattle, is at the Portland. J. E. Thorn, of Astoria, is staying at the Cornelia. W. T. Wright, of Union, is staying at the Cornelia. Gilbert Hunt, of Walla Walla, and Mrs. Hunt are staying at the Portland. Mrs.

W. A. Toner, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, accompanied her parents. C. F. Van de Water, of Walla Walla, is at the Perkins. Leslie Butler, of Hood River, is registered at the Perkins. E. L. Maney, of North Yakima, is registered at the Imperial. M. M. Hill, of Hood River, and Mrs. Hill are at the Imperial. J. P. Enright, of Salem, and Mrs. Enright are at the Imperial. David Wilson, a capitalist of Spokane, is staying at the Portland. A. W. Hendrick, of Walla Walla, is registered at the Portland. Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Prince, of Dundee, Or., are at the Portland. W. H. Eldridge and Mrs. Eldridge, of Salem, are staying at the Imperial. E. O. Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, of The Dalles, are at the Imperial. Bill Rocky, of Bay Center, Wash., a prominent member of the Southwestern Washington Development League, is registered at the Oregon.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—(Special.)—People from the Pacific Northwest registered at New York hotels are as follows: From Portland—Mrs. D. McAllen, at the Denma. From Spokane—H. A. Colby, at the Grand Union; E. H. Hutchinson, at the Marlborough.

ROADS ARE INDICTED

THREE LINES CHARGED WITH VIOLATION OF LAWS.

Wrath of Federal Government Follows Complaints Made to Interstate Commission.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 2.—After hearing testimony since noon on Monday, the Federal grand jury of the United States District Court handed down indictments early this afternoon charging an infringement of the anti-trust laws on the part of three large corporations and two individuals. The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and Seaboard Air Line Railroad were each jointly indicted with the Merchants & Miners Transportation Company for specific violations of the Sherman anti-trust and Elkins law, while Harvie Miller and Morris Miller, grain merchants and members of the firm of L. P. Miller & Sons, of Philadelphia, were the individuals to feel the wrath of the Government.

Each indictment is signed by Alexander A. Akerman, assistant District Attorney for the southern district of Georgia, and by John F. Price, foreman of the grand jury. The beginning of the investigation against the defendants arose from complaints registered with the Interstate Commerce Commission during the Summer to the effect that the Miller firm had effectively destroyed competition in grain shipments over an enormous territory, embracing not only along the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers and in the South Atlantic States. Proceedings were held before Commissioner Clements in Philadelphia during July, and the relations were sufficient to start the powerful machinery of the Government against not only the Miller firm, but also the intermediaries.

MAILS WILL GO BY WIRE

Western Union Institutes New Service for Business Men.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—It will be possible tomorrow for a merchant sitting in his San Francisco office to dictate an urgent letter to his stenographer in the morning with reasonable certainty that it will make the mid-afternoon steamer from New York for Europe on the same day.

This abridgment of time and distance becomes possible through the special ocean mail service announced by the Western Union Telegraph Company tonight.

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It is confined to no port or city and is available in either direction—from Chicago to Baltimore or from Boston to Portland.

CHINESE LOAN TERMS OUT

American Agent Resumes Plans on \$50,000,000 Deal.

PEKIN, Dec. 2.—Willard D. Straight today resumed negotiations with the Chinese Government over the proposed loan of \$50,000,000 by an American financial syndicate of which he is the agent.

Mr. Straight returned to Peking Monday on a visit to New York, where he conferred with representatives of the leading houses of J. P. Morgan & Co., Kuhn, Loeb & Co., the National City Bank and the First National Bank of New York City.

Today Mr. Straight had new terms to propose, suggesting the participation in the loan of European financiers. In asking the consent of the Government to make the loan an international, rather than a distinctly American enterprise, Mr. Straight emphasized the advantages to China, which he thought would accrue. He said that the Americans were ready to conclude a agreement on the original terms if this was insisted on by the Chinese, but he pointed out the political importance to China in allowing other nations to participate.

TRIPLE ALLIANCE STANDS

Italian Policy Looks to Maintenance of Status Quo.

ROME, Dec. 2.—Marquis San Giuliano, Minister of Foreign Affairs, in making a statement for the Foreign Office in the Chamber of Deputies today said that the Italian policy aims at the maintenance of peace and the status quo, having the triple alliance as a solid base, but neither the renewal nor the modification of the alliance has been discussed in our meetings with foreign Ministers.

In harmony with the provisions of the triple alliance, Italy maintains cordial friendship with France, Great Britain and Russia. The armaments of Italy and Austria are not directed against each other. It is to the interest of Italy that Austria be strong and it is to the interest of Austria that Italy be strong, while every time an attempt is made toward disarmament a coolness in the relations between the powers is the only result.

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SUBSIDY HEARING ENDS

FOREIGN STEAMSHIP LOBBY IS NOT PROVED.

Passenger Rates Fixed Mostly in Europe, but Obedience Law of Supply and Demand, is Asserted.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Continuing the inquiry to find out whether foreign steamship interests maintained a paid lobby at Washington, the special congressional committee today met for its final session here. The sub-committee composed of Representatives Garrett, Johnson and Clegg reported that an examination disclosed nothing tending to show that the Transatlantic Steamship Company had anything to do with the maintenance of the alleged lobby at Washington.

Lawson Sanford, secretary of the conference, testified that passenger rates were fixed on the other side as a rule, but the rates fluctuated according to the law of supply and demand. He said there was no agreement to maintain rates. His lengthy examination was concluded when he was asked if he had ever heard of a "gentleman's agreement" among steamship men to maintain rates. He replied: "Not in recent years."

Herman Winter, of the North German Lloyd Company, admitted that his line had a representative at Washington, who sent out copies of all bills pertaining to shipping and immigration. The company, Mr. Winter said, did not maintain a lobby or pay an attorney at Washington.

The committee then adjourned to meet again next week in Washington.

Colorado Not Envious of Nevada. DENVER, Dec. 2.—Although he granted

SPIRIT FAKERS IN FLIGHT

SAN FRANCISCO MAKES WAR ON SWINDLING MEDIUMS.

Conviction of Clairvoyant Starts Exodous—Large Sums Obtained From Confiding Women.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—(Special.)—Terrified by the conviction of Mrs. Desale Arnold, one of the most notorious clairvoyant fakers in the country, on a charge of grand larceny for swindling a trusting woman out of \$150, more than a score of spiritualistic mediums and clairvoyants are said to have left the city hurriedly in the past three days.

District Attorney Fickert today declared that the Arnolds have been "king pins" among a small army of fakers who have reaped a golden harvest by playing on the superstitions of ignorant men and women.

"You have no idea of the enormous sums of money obtained in this city by these fakers," said Fickert. "An investigation by this office has been startling in its results. Most of the and in many cases they have given all they had to the medium. The money handed over on the advice of some spirit, usually that of a dead relative.

Double Murder is Confessed. TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 2.—A coroner's jury today returned a verdict that Res.

MILL TO BUILD RAILWAY

Company With \$1,000,000 Capital to Manufacture Lumber.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—Articles of incorporation have been filed for the Lovgren Lumber Company, capitalized at \$1,000,000 with headquarters at Cherry Grove, in this county. A huge sawmill, with dry kilns, and door factories, etc., will be operated on the Lovgren holdings in the Patton Valley. The incorporators are August Lovgren, Phillip Lovgren and Levi A. Lovgren.

The same men have also filed incorporation articles for the Willamette Valley & Coast Railroad, which proposed road will be built from a point on the Southern Pacific, between Forest Grove and Gaston to Cherry Grove, on the Lovgren holdings. The capital stock is \$300,000.

MRS. YERKES WINS POINT

Late Husband's Executor Compelled to Advertise Stock Sale.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—Judge Cutting in the Probate Court today ordered Louis Owsley, executor of the estate of the late Charles T. Yerkes, to advertise for bids for the sale of bonds of the underlying companies of the Chicago Consolidated Traction Company.

Mrs. Yerkes, here and in New York, sought by court action to prevent the effort of Owsley to sell the bonds for approximately 90 per cent of their par value to the Chicago Railways Company.

Amel L. Armstrong and his wife, who were murdered in their home at Dutch Neck, near here, on Thanksgiving evening, came to their death through being shot by John Sears, the mulatto who lived at the Armstrong home. The verdict was based on the testimony of County Detective Kirkham, who told the jury that Sears had confessed.

More Midshipmen in Hospital. ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 2.—Three more

midshipmen were sent to the naval general hospital today, but the officials desisted from trying to send them there because of typhoid fever. Surgeon McCornack, senior medical officer at the Naval Academy, expressed the opinion that the trouble might be merely typhoid attack of the zymotic. Of the are reported to be on the road to recovery, except C. K. Woodward, whose case is considered serious.

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