



TAFT'S FRIENDS IN HIGH FEATHER

Supporters See Change in Sentiment.

EASY VICTORY PREDICTED

Washington Folk Declaring Confidence in Chief.

CABINET SHAKE-UP HELPS

Students of Political Situation Assured by Next Spring President Will Be Recognized as Real Progressive.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 14.—(Special.)

Those in the higher places of the Taft administration who are students of local political conditions in various sections of the country are immensely pleased with the changed character of comment and sentiment that is being reflected by the public press.

The President of the United States dwells in an atmosphere of political intrigue where his enemies generally are more actively active than his friends.

Taft's Insight Deep. In spite of such environment, there is no person in the country today who keeps in closer touch with the real sentiment of the country than President Taft.

There was a time when the criticisms were in the majority. That was before the country had begun to measure the Executive, when the difficulty of following the tremendously popular Roosevelt was most pronounced.

It is in this spirit that attention is directed to the situation in certain states—Illinois, for instance—details of which have been emphasized by the recent movement preparatory to next year's campaign.

It is the feeling in Administration circles at this writing that by next Spring the sentiment of the country will have turned so strongly toward the President as to make his nomination a mere formality.

With the partial reorganization of the Cabinet, it is felt that the official family now is more than ever representative of the President in his position as leader of the Republican party.

PATTEN MILLIONS CANNOT SAVE SON

FATHER WHO GIVES FORTUNE TO FIGHT PLAGUE LOSES.

Brother's Death Prompts Big Gift to Scientists, Then Own Child Dies of Tuberculosis.

CHICAGO, May 14.—(Special.)—James A. Patten, who has given a fortune to aid in the fight against tuberculosis, today was dealt a second blow by the scourge in the death of his son, Thomas Beveridge Patten, 17 years of age.

Mr. Patten's brother, George Patten, died last September of the same disease that today took his son. It was shortly after the death of Mr. Patten's brother that he announced his gift in furtherance of science's war against the dread disease.

The young man became ill with pneumonia last December. Of more than ordinary strength and ruggedness, half-back on the football team at the Evans-ton Academy, where he was a student in high standing, he threw off the disease, but his system had become infected with a germ that caused encephalitis and wore down his strong constitution.

FOWLS SCRATCH UP GOLD

Man Who Missed \$170 Finds All but \$10 on Farm.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 14.—(Special.)—When W. H. Robinson, of Selmon Creek, went into his barnyard this morning before breakfast to feed the chickens, he was astonished to find \$30 in gold, a \$10 gold piece and a \$20 gold piece which the chickens had scratched up. He went out to the road to talk to a neighbor who was passing and under the gate found a purse containing \$120 in gold, making \$150 in all.

Robinson was robbed of \$170 as he slept Thursday night. The purse containing the money was his as were the gold coins he found in the barnyard. Now he has all but \$10 of the original amount he lost.

CONTINENTAL TRIP IS CUT

New Schedule Will Save Half Day From Coast to Coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 14.—J. C. Stubbs, traffic manager of the Southern Pacific Railway, announced the new timetable today which the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific Railroads will put into effect May 25, cutting off four and one-half hours from the running time between San Francisco and Chicago.

Connections will be made with Atlantic Seaboard trains in such a way as to cut off, in some instances, 12 hours from the running time between the two oceans.

MADERO BANISHES ALLEGED PLOTTER

Orozco Declines Bribe to Desert Chief.

PEACE AGAIN IN PROSPECT

War in Mexico May Come to End Within 24 Hours.

REBELS ARE FAVORABLE

Plan Said to Contemplate Four Members of Revolutionary Party in Cabinet and Insurgent Governors for 14 States.

JUAREZ, Mexico, May 14.—Resumption of peace negotiations under so favorable auspices as to bring a prospect of an end to the war within 24 hours, and the banishment from Juarez of Senor Esquivel Obregon, who is suspected by Madero of directing a plot to break up the rebel ranks by offering bribes to his generals to induce them to quit the Madero standards, were the important developments today in the Mexican situation.

Senor Obregon, who was formerly one of the go-betweens in the peace negotiations, was informed by Provisional President Madero that the revolutionists did not desire his presence in this city. It was said at the insurrection headquarters that Obregon offered a large bribe to General Pascual Orozco, but that the latter indignantly refused it. Obregon denies the story.

In the meantime, peace negotiations, unofficial but auspicious, had been resumed between the federal government and the insurgents, and the prospects now are that a definite understanding will be reached within 24 hours. Proposition is Favored. Rafael Hernandez, the original go-between when efforts were first being made to bring the warring factions together a few months ago, has transmitted propositions looked upon favorably by both sides. Messages were passing back and forth today, but it was not expected that a plan of procedure would be determined upon before tomorrow.

PORTLAND HOLDS LEAD IN WHEAT

YEAR'S EXPORTS WILL EXCEED ALL PORTS OF NATION.

Third of Outgoing Trade of United States Controlled—Puget Sound Is Second on the List.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 14.—Portland continues far in the lead of all other wheat shipping ports of the United States, according to figures made public today by the Department of Commerce and Labor.

During the 10 months ended with April, 1911, Portland exported 7,125,190 bushels of wheat, one-third the total wheat exports of the entire United States. This is a greater shipment than made from Portland in the corresponding months of the past two years, and is nearly double the exports of Puget Sound, which now ranks second in wheat exports.

In the corresponding months of 1910, Portland's wheat shipment amounted to 5,422,337 bushels, and in 1909 to 6,909,023 bushels. During the past 10 months Puget Sound exported 4,235,921 bushels of wheat, which occupies third place in the same months of 1910, and 4,625,537 bushels in 1909. This it appears that Portland has made great gains over two previous years, while Puget Sound is materially below its own record for 1909.

Portland is the only important wheat exporting city in the United States whose wheat exports this year show an increase over 1910, with the exception of the slight gain made by Puget Sound. Portland will round out the fiscal year in first place, for its exports of wheat to date are greater than the combined exports from Puget Sound and Baltimore, which occupies third place. New York alone shipped more wheat than Portland in April. Portland's total wheat export last month was 340,663 bushels, as against 47,549 bushels in April, 1910.

CAR WRECKS AUTOMOBILE

Chauffeur Tries to Drive Between Two Coaches; Brakes Fail.

Because Glen Allen, of 531 Alder street, tried to drive an automobile between an outgoing Portland Heights car and an incoming Twenty-third-street car at Sixteenth and Washington streets last night, the automobile is ruined and James Foley, who was riding with him, carries an arm bandaged up as a result of cuts received from the broken glass of the wind break. The automobile is the property of E. E. Cohen, liquor dealer, 324 Fourteenth street.

BRIBERY CHARGES ARE HARD PUSHED

Ohio Prosecutors Fear Big Hush Fund.

DELAY WOULD BE DANGEROUS

Efforts Made to Begin Trial of Nye Wednesday.

DICTOGRAPH IN EVIDENCE

Detective William J. Burns' Men Use Unique Methods in Getting Direct Evidence of Banchery at Columbus.

COLUMBUS, O., May 14.—(Special.)—With a mass of alleged incriminating evidence in his possession and records of actual conversations in the course of which bribes are said to have been arranged or passed, such records having been made by means of a dictograph in the hands of detectives unknown to the alleged plotters, the grand jury investigating charges of bribery against 20 members of the Ohio Legislature is still hard at work.

The situation is so complicated because of the various forces at work upon the cases involved and the manner in which evidence was secured that a conflict of authority is feared. In addition to the legislative committee's work, the probe of the grand jury now in session is being inserted deep into the scandal and the committee is desirous of summoning many of the witnesses of the grand jury, which body has cautioned the persons it has examined not to reveal secrets of the juryroom on pain of punishment for contempt.

PROSECUTOR DESIRES HASTE

Prosecuting Attorney C. E. Turner, of Franklin County, tonight said that the first of the bribery cases would be tried next Wednesday, three days later than originally planned, owing to the Siml murder trial being uncompleted by Attorneys Belcher and Connors, who are also attorneys for the indicted legislators.

YALE PROFESSOR, DIVORCED, QUILTS

CHORUS-GIRL EX-WIFE WANTS HER \$100,000 ALIMONY.

Henry Lord Wheeler, Chemistry Expert, Separated From Wife for Cruelty, to Resign.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 14.—(Special.)—The formal retirement of Professor Henry Lord Wheeler from the Yale faculty at the close of the present school year is assured, according to a close friend of his here. Professor Wheeler has gone to his former home in Chicago and it is said that he will not return to resume his class in the Sheffield school, where he holds the chair in organic chemistry.

He is the first Yale professor from whom a divorce has been secured on the ground of intolerable cruelty, and while no rule exists to cover the case, there is no doubt of the faculty's wish that he retire and that he will do so without contesting the point. One object of his sudden trip to Chicago is said to be to make it impossible for his wife, formerly Eva Swarthout, a chorus girl, to collect the \$100,000 alimony he is expected to pay. It is said that Mrs. Wheeler will institute suit in Chicago to compel him to pay it, attaching property he is believed to have in that city.

QUEEN BANISHES SMOKERS

Women Who Use Cigarettes and Wear Hobble Skirts Barred.

LONDON, May 14.—(Special.)—Queen Mary has given notice that no woman who has smoked a cigarette may come near her. Smoking is so common among women here nowadays, after meals, that this order would entail serious deprivation if it could be enforced. It means that no cigarettes will be allowed at any party the Queen attends.

Queen Mary's order about hobble skirts was disobeyed at the two courts recently held by all except actual court ladies. All the rest wore tight skirts, but their trains covered them. They say they do not see why they should make themselves unfashionable because the Queen herself is abnormally large around the hips and unsuited to tight dresses.

ZELAYA'S FRIEND IS DEAD

Dr. Jose Madriz, Ex-President of Nicaragua, Dies in Mexico.

MEXICO CITY, May 14.—Dr. Jose Madriz, who was placed in the Presidential chair of Nicaragua by Jose Santos Zelaya, when he was forced to flee, died here today of bright's disease. Dr. Madriz came to Mexico City when he was forced to leave his country by Estrada.

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MRS. TAFT TAKEN ILL IN NEW YORK

Condition Not Regarded as Serious.

PRESIDENT'S PLANS CHANGE

Mrs. Taft Suffers Nervous Attack at Banquet.

DAUGHTER IS SUMMONED

Miss of White House Remains in Bed at Home of Brother-in-Law—President Goes to Harrisburg, but Hurries Back.

NEW YORK, May 14.—The sudden illness of Mrs. Taft tonight brought the President back to New York from Harrisburg, Pa., where he had gone this morning to deliver an address.

Mrs. Taft was taken ill here late last night at a banquet she attended with the President. Her illness was described as a nervous attack similar to that which she had two years ago. Her daughter, Miss Helen Taft, was called from Bryn Mawr this afternoon. The two Taft boys, Charles, who is in Watertown, Conn., and Robert, who is in Harvard, were notified tonight of their mother's illness, but were not asked to come to New York, as it was said that the attack was not at all alarming.

Following the President's arrival here tonight he was driven directly to his brother's home.

Mrs. Taft Improves. Soon afterwards a statement was given out which says:

"Mrs. Taft is much improved tonight. Dr. Evans says she will be able to return to Washington within a few days. President Taft will return to Washington at 10:30 tomorrow morning. Helen Taft will remain with her mother."

The President looked somewhat tired and careworn after his hurried and anxious trip. He found Mrs. Taft better than when he left this morning. Mrs. Taft came to New York with the President late last night and attended with him a banquet at the Hotel Astor given in connection with the conference on reform of criminal procedure.

ILLNESS COMES AT DINNER

Mrs. Taft first fell ill during the dinner but remained until after the President had finished his address, shortly after midnight. At 10 o'clock this morning, the hour the President had set for leaving New York, Mrs. Taft's condition was such that she could not accompany him. The announcement prompted over-alarmed reports of her illness, which the President thought would be still more exaggerated if he did not keep his appointment to speak in Harrisburg.

Henry W. Taft said tonight that the President's wife had remained in bed all day, but that she was less seriously ill than she was two years ago.

The first direct announcement that Mrs. Taft was ill came in a dispatch from the President's train while it was passing through Philadelphia this afternoon.

When Mrs. Taft suffered her first serious nervous breakdown in 1908 it was said she was overcome by the ordeal of witnessing an operation on her son Charles, in the Washington Eye and Ear Hospital.

TAFT SPEAKS AT HARRISBURG

Stay Is Cut Short on Account of His Wife's Illness.

HARRISBURG, Pa., May 14.—Much against his personal inclinations, but in the belief that it would do much to silence sensational reports of the seriousness of Mrs. Taft's illness, President Taft came to Harrisburg today. He had intended to spend the night here, but, instead, he remained three hours and then departed for New York. He will go to the home of his brother, Henry W. Taft, where Mrs. Taft lies ill. That there might be no misunderstanding of Mrs. Taft's condition, White House officials issued the following statement just after the President left New York:

"Mrs. Taft had a recurrence this morning of the nervous trouble which she suffered two years ago, but in less severe form. On account of this, she probably will not return to Washington for three or four days.

PRESIDENT'S PLANS CHANGE

This has caused a change in the President's plans for the Harrisburg trip, and he will return to New York tonight. The President will probably return to Washington tomorrow, unless there are unlooked-for developments." In the few hours he was here the President motored through streets lined by thousands of persons, visited Representative Olmstead, of Pennsylvania for half an hour, and made a speech to several thousand persons. The speech was delivered to the tenth biennial convention of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. The President was introduced by Governor Tenor. The President spoke of trades unions. (Concluded on Page 5.)

PROMINENT FIGURES IN OHIO BRIBERY SCANDAL, AND MACHINE SAID TO HAVE BEEN USED IN OBTAINING EVIDENCE.



ABOVE, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY EDWARD C. TURNER, IN CHARGE OF CASE; DR. GEORGE B. NYE AND SENATOR C. K. SETON, TWO OF THE ACCUSED—BELOW, DETECTIVE BURNS AND DICTOGRAPH, WHICH HE DECLARES CAUGHT INCRIMINATING STATEMENTS.