



ROOSEVELT IS FOR TAFT, SAY FRIENDS

Fears of Convention Crisis Are Quieted.

RENOMINATION IS APPROVED

Close Relations of Old May Be Restored.

COLONEL'S FEELINGS HURT

Friends of Both Men Say President Is Partly to Blame for Cessation of Cordiality—Arifal Advisers Blamed.

BY SUMNER CURTIS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Another turn of the kaleidoscope today presents the Taft-Roosevelt National political situation in some new angles.

In cabinet circles, as well as in the public prints and in all the corner groceries throughout the land, the overtopping political interests of the moment centers in the position—the problematic position—of the ex-President.

Chasm Can Be Bridged.

That the chasm between Taft and Roosevelt is not so wide it cannot be bridged is now declared in certain political circles, where it is asserted that there is intimate knowledge of the ins and outs of the matter and of the state of mind respectively of the individuals directly concerned.

Never a suggestion has been made by President Taft, so far as anyone knows, of taking a step toward soliciting the good will of his predecessor, relative to the Presidential contest or even of sounding him as to where he might be expected to be found in the hour of crisis.

Everything that has been done in the sounding line from the Taft side has been absolutely voluntary on the part of mutual friends. Some of them are beginning to think the time is approaching when the President ought to make some advances of his own account and it is probable that efforts will be made to have him take the initiative in the not distant future.

Way Open for Advances.

There is a feeling that he can do this without any sacrifice of pride, because he has been largely responsible for the cessation of the correspondence that once began "Dear Will" on one side and "Dear Theodore" on the other.

Learning from what they regard as authoritative sources that Colonel Roosevelt is suffering more from wounded feelings than from anything else and that he thinks a renomination rightly should go to his successor, and believing that something of the old personal friendship can be restored, the close friends of the President here are not so apprehensive of direct convention calamity as are some of the politicians farther removed from the scene.

President Taft probably will get advice of a variegated character, so far as the Roosevelt proposition is concerned, and there is no telling as to exactly what he may do.

Suspicion Fostered by Design.

Roosevelt and Taft both have been the victims, if it may be stated that way, of overzealous friends and advisers, with ulterior motives.

So much for a day of buoyant spirits among Taft's friends, based on information (Concluded on Page 2.)

PRISONER MAKES JAILER HIS VICTIM

LAWYER RETAINED, ALSO PAID WITH BAD CHECK.

Man Arrested in Portland Is Not Daunted by Cell Bars When He Reaches Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Frank C. Smith, alias Dr. J. C. Day, who was arrested in Portland and is held in the County Jail awaiting trial on a charge of embezzlement, has added another original chapter to his career by passing bad checks on his jailer and his lawyer when in a state of incarceration.

Smith's victims were George Gallagher, chief jailer of the county institution, and the law firm of Wilder & Vermilyea.

Both checks came back today from the South Spring Street Bank, on which they were drawn, bearing the notation, "No funds." Smith had secured some cash and special privileges for the checks.

MORGAN'S NEPHEW SILENT

Financier's Relative Who Married Japanese Woman Won't Talk.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—George D. Morgan, nephew of J. Pierpont Morgan, and who was said to have been disinherited by the financier several years ago for marrying a Japanese woman, arrived here yesterday to await the arrival of his wife on the steamer Tenyo Maru, which is due Thursday.

The manner in which Morgan has provided for the reception of his wife and the fact that a valet accompanied him from the East indicate that he is not in immediate need of money.

On the occasion of a former visit here Morgan and his wife were the guests of Rev. Mr. Champett, of Trinity Episcopal Church. Dr. Champett was at one time a tutor of young Morgan.

RAILROAD WAGES HIGHER

Proportion, as Compared With Net Earnings, Still Growing.

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Railroad wages for the last fiscal year aggregated about \$1,170,432,469, as compared with \$1,072,386,427 in 1907, at the climax of the boom in railroad business.

Wages in 1905, which was the boom year, amounted to 109 per cent of the net earnings, and in 1907, the next boom year, to 119 per cent.

HAND PRESSES WILL STAY

Senate Will Not Consider Bill Making Change in Engraving Bureau.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The Senate today refused by a vote of 26 to 34 to consider the printing bill that would supplant with power presses the hand presses now in the bureau of engraving.

Democrats generally voted against the measure and Republicans divided.

The bill codifies the printing laws and provides that power presses be used in printing paper money for the Government.

SURGEON MAY TELL ALL

Court Rules It Is Not Violation of Ethics When Doctor Is Suing.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—The rule that a physician may not reveal any of the secrets of his consultation-room does not apply when the physician is suing to recover for the value of his services, according to the ruling of the courts here in a suit brought by a New York surgeon against Malcolm D. Whitman, former National lawn tennis champion.

WALLACE BANKER DENIES

Trial of Cashier of Suspended Institution Is Fixed.

SPOKANE, Jan. 23.—Edgar S. Wyman, ex-cashier of the defunct Bank of Commerce at Walla Walla, Idaho, pleaded not guilty to the charge of issuing false reports as to that institution's condition, this afternoon, and his trial was set for Monday, January 29.

KING'S UNCLE SEES GREAT WHITE WAY

Tallest Sky-Scraper Is Royalty's Viewpoint.

CROWD GREET'S DUCAL PARTY

Roosevelt Meets Visitors at Reids' Luncheon.

DUKE DEMOCRATIC CHAP

Governor-General of Canada Strolls Through Fifth Avenue With Aide-de-Camp—He Shrinks From Interviewers.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—The royal trio of Connaughts—the Duke, Duchess and Princess Patricia—had their first opportunity tonight to make something like an intimate acquaintance with American life.

From the tower of the highest office building in the world they surveyed the forest of downtown skyscrapers, and with the aid of glasses they viewed the entire metropolitan district for 25 miles around.

At the foot of the tower, after they had shot down 48 floors in an elevator, they came face to face with their first American "mob."

The royal visitors tonight met nearly 300 of New York's society folk at a ball in the home of Ambassador Reid.

The impressions New York has made upon the Duke have been but meagerly told in the exclamation that the city has changed wonderfully since his visit here as Prince Arthur in 1869.

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The Weather. YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 44 degrees; minimum, 27 degrees. TODAY'S—Rain; southwesterly winds, shifting to southwesterly.

Foreign.

Premier Yuan in danger from Manchú plots, says he agrees to fight for throne.

Politics.

Steel Corporation president says concern has done no business with harvest combine for five years.

Domestic.

Accused embezzler fleeces jailer and attorney with bad checks.

Pacific Northwest.

Portland girl is state's second star witness in Hazzard trial.

Sport.

San Francisco wins trapezoid at Bellingham.

Commercial and Marine.

Hop markets East and West being manipulated.

Portland and Vicinity.

Wide jury selected; trial to begin today.

Reported use of oleomargarine at state asylum is assailed as blow to Oregon's dairy industry.

Loan sharks suddenly withdrew suit against borrower.

Chicago wheat market affected by foreign weather report.

Street preacher hurls defiance at clergy, police and others.

NEW STEAMER IS ORDERED

Hamburg-American Line Prepares for Panama Business.

HAMBURG, Jan. 23.—The Hamburg-American line has just placed a contract for the construction of a big steamer to be attached to the passenger service to Panama, which was foretold in the annual report presented to the stockholders January 16.

The new steamer is to displace 15,600 tons and will ply between New York and Valparaiso.

PORTLAND MAIDEN IS STAR WITNESS

Esther Cameron Testifies in Hazzard Case.

BACKBONE OF VICTIM IS FELT

Claire Williamson Weighed 50 Pounds, Says Nurse.

BODY IS PURPLE-SPOTTED

Margaret Conway, Williamson Family Caretaker, Declares She Could Not Recognize Dead Girl as Claire—Diary Is Read.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 23.—The state's second star witness, Miss Esther Cameron, an 18-year-old girl of Portland, Ore., was placed on the stand at Port Orchard today in the trial of Mrs. Linda Burfield Hazzard, a fasting specialist accused of murdering, by starvation, Miss Claire Williamson.

Miss Cameron testified that from May 1 to 15, 1911, she was employed at Mrs. Hazzard's Ollala institution to assist the nurse care for the Williamson sisters, who were undergoing Mrs. Hazzard's starvation treatment.

She said that when she arrived at Ollala she found Claire emaciated. Her body had the appearance of a skeleton with skin drawn over it and at the lower part of the spine there was large ulcer.

Claire had difficulty in speaking, said Miss Cameron, because of her tense lips. Her body was covered with purple spots and there was no flesh on her limbs.

Witness said that the tomato broth (Concluded on Page 5.)

LONE JUROR GIVES VERDICT OF \$18,075

MONEY WILL GO TO YOUTH MAIMED BY LOCOMOTIVE.

Judgment Against Southern Pacific Made Regular in Court by Act of Single "Ventureman."

A jury of one man, J. Sandrosky, who happened to be a spectator in Judge McGinn's court yesterday, returned a verdict of \$18,075 in favor of Charles Winfield Wise and against the Southern Pacific Company and Gelbisch & Joplin.

Charles Wise, a boy, then 15 years of age, was an assistant engine hoister for the Southern Pacific last May. He was riding an engine traveling across a section of the Hoigata sewer, in course of construction by Gelbisch & Joplin, when the track sagged and he was thrown from the pilot of the engine.

The smaller case went on trial first, and resulted last week in judgment for the full amount asked, which will make a total of \$20,000 that the defendants will have to pay.

The young man will net more than \$14,000, said Attorney Logan. "I understand his parents have made arrangements to purchase a farm near Gresham for \$10,000, and the balance will be used to give the boy a thorough education."

TRAIN GOES THROUGH FILL

Fireman Killed When Engine, Tender and Boxcars Sink.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., Jan. 23.—(Special.)—W. E. Crane, fireman on extra freight No. 1613, was crushed to death when the train went through the newly-made fill about 100 feet from the station at 7 o'clock tonight.

The engine toppled over and the fireman was caught and killed instantly. The engineer, John Hallman, remained in the cab and was uninjured.

TAFT WINS IN OKLAHOMA

Convention Naming First Delegates Indorses President.

COALGATE, Okla., Jan. 23.—President Taft was indorsed for renomination by the Fourth Congressional District Republican convention here tonight after Roosevelt supporters had made a determined effort to stampede the convention.

Defeat came only after a hard struggle, during which spectacular methods were used to impress the delegates with the boom which the supporters of Roosevelt had set in motion.

The delegates selected tonight as the first to be chosen of those who will select the Republican Presidential nominee at Chicago in June.

SITKA STATION ABANDONED

Mine and Tourists Sole Support of Once Russian Capital.

JUNEAU, Alaska, Jan. 23.—The United States marine barracks, maintained at Sitka for 20 years, has been ordered abandoned by the Navy Department as an unnecessary expense to the Government.

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SPOKANE TO AID PUPILS

Free Meal Tickets to Be Provided by City Appropriation.

SPOKANE, Jan. 23.—For the immediate relief of 200 or more Spokane school children who are forced to attend school unfed, the City Commissioners this morning authorized the city charity board to make an appropriation of any sum the board may find sufficient.

RICHESON'S LIFE EBBING

Sheriff Reports Minister Who Murdered Girl Is Dying.

BOSTON, Jan. 23.—Sheriff Quinn told a City Council committee today that Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, the slayer of Avis Linnell, was in a dying condition, although it was expected that he would survive until the day set for the execution, May 12. The (Concluded on Page 2.)

WILDE JURY PICKED; FAST TRIAL AIMED

Defense Suddenly Foregoes Challenges.

NIGHT SESSIONS TO BE HELD

Judge Orders Dozen Deliberators to Be Locked Up.

TESTIMONY BEGINS TODAY

Opening Statements to Be Made by Counsel This Morning—Hearing to Take Only Week, Says Prosecutor Fitzgerald.

JURY THAT WILL DECIDE FATE OF LOUIS J. WILDE.

H. M. Callwell, bill clerk Wells, Fargo & Company, 300 San Rafael. J. H. MacDonald, contractor and builder, 1070 East Portland South. C. F. Baump, lineman, East Eighty-sixth and Base Line Road. Martin Sattler, contracting painter, 422 Golog. J. A. McArthur, merchant, 4106 Sixteenth avenue Southeast. W. G. Easton, real estate broker, 75 East Sixteenth. F. E. Jackson, commercial traveler, 1282 Belmont. L. A. LaJolla, wholesale jeweler, 1221 East Morrison. Charles A. Kalsu, retired, 140 East Forty-seventh. J. B. Tanner, accountant, 520 Weidner. L. C. Batschelder, assistant foreman American car company, 353 Borthwick. R. H. Handolph, contractor and builder, 4903 Thirty-second avenue Southeast.

Opening statements by opposing counsel in the trial of Louis J. Wilde will be made before the jury in Judge Kavanaugh's court beginning at 9:30 o'clock this morning.

With the acceptance of R. H. Randolph, contractor and builder, 4903 Thirty-second avenue Southeast, the jury was completed and sworn in by Court Clerk Fields shortly before noon yesterday.

Just before the jury was sworn, P. E. Jackson, one of its members, addressing court and counsel, said he had an intimation that the trial would be protracted one and for that reason he would be excused from service for the reason that if he should be detained in the case longer than February 1 he would lose the position he accepted recently with the Routledge Seed & Floral Company.

Mr. Fitzgerald, of counsel for the prosecution, predicted that the case would be concluded in a week and with this assurance Mr. Jackson resumed his seat.

Since seven and one-half days were required to select a jury, it is not believed that the actual trial of the case, regardless of the number of night sessions that may be held, can possibly be concluded inside of two weeks.

Neither side has made a definite announcement as to the number of witnesses it will use, but it is known that the defense some time ago obtained an order from Presiding Judge Gatens authorizing the summoning of 30 witnesses.

Immediately on opening of court yesterday morning, Mr. Clark, representing the prosecution, asked a few minor questions of J. T. Lacey, special agent of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, whose examination as a witness had not been completed the day before.

The defense at this time does not desire to exercise a further preemptory against any of the men now in the jury box, announced Mr. Malarkey. It then became incumbent for the (Concluded on Page 2.)

