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TAFT CAMPAIGN MANAGER CHOSEN

McKinley of Illinois to Direct Work.

CONFERENCES TO BE CALLED

No Attacks on Other Candidates Will Be Made.

BUREAU TO TELL FACTS

New Executive Also Chosen Chair- man of Congressional Commit- tee at Harmonious Meet- ing Yesterday.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Taft headquarters are to be opened here immediately, and Representative McKinley, of Illinois, chairman of the Republican Congressional committee, will be in charge of the President's political interests from now until the Chicago convention. This announcement was made tonight.

Mr. Taft's friends have advised such a step, but no action was taken until the pressure of political work became so great that Secretary Hillis found it almost insupportable.

Conferences to Be Called.

In his capacity as chairman of the Republican Congressional committee, Mr. McKinley will have exceptional means of keeping in close touch with political affairs throughout the country. The headquarters will be opened as soon as suitable quarters can be found.

Mr. McKinley announced tonight his intention of holding a series of conferences at once. He will begin tomorrow morning and the rest of the week probably will be devoted to mapping out a plan of campaign. Mr. McKinley later gave out a statement concerning his appointment and his plans.

Taft's Election Predicted.

"The suggestion came to me late this evening, came as such a surprise that I must plead for time to think," he said.

"I cannot make any predictions tonight except to reiterate what Secretary Hillis has said, that the renomination of Mr. Taft is assured. It is, however, the desire of the friends of the President throughout the country to have some central place from which they can be kept advised of the details of the campaign.

"The idea now is to arrange within a few days for a central bureau, from which the country also will be informed in a thorough manner as to what the administration has accomplished. There still be no attacks on other candidates, no intriguing. It will be an open campaign. Mr. Taft will stand on the record of his Administration and the record of his party.

"As to when the headquarters will be established in Washington, I cannot state, until I have had opportunity to confer with the party leaders. I will start to work in the morning."

Committee is Harmonious.

Mr. McKinley's election as chairman of the Congressional committee was made at a harmonious meeting of the committee held here today. Representative Woods, of Iowa, an insurgent, placed Chairman McKinley in nomination. Appointed to the executive committee were: Representatives Burke, South Dakota; Utter, Rhode Island; Woods, Iowa; Davidson, Wisconsin; Moore, Pennsylvania; Weeks, Massachusetts; Hodgson, North Dakota; Bartholmew, Missouri; Fairchild, New York; and Nyedham, California.

The sudden announcement of the decision to open Taft headquarters here immediately came as a complete surprise, but occasioned no more surprise than did the selection of Mr. McKinley to take command. It was recalled tonight, however, that Mr. McKinley has been a frequent visitor at the White House in the past few weeks. He has conferred with the President and Mr. Hillis almost daily.

Past Work Recognized.

On one of his recent visits he was asked whether he would accept reelection as chairman of the Republican Congressional committee.

"Well," he said, laughingly, "I'm a little fellow and I would have some difficulty in resisting."

In the last National campaign the Congressional committee, of which Mr. McKinley then, as now, was chairman and worked in complete harmony with the Republican National committee in advancing Mr. Taft's political fortunes. The work done then by Mr. McKinley, it is believed, had much to do with his selection again in look out for Mr. Taft's success.

Postmaster-General Hitchcock, who is taking an active part with Secretary Hillis in the pre-convention work for Mr. Taft, will be among the first men whom Mr. McKinley will consult. The Postmaster-General, Mr. Hillis and Mr. McKinley probably will go over the situation together tomorrow and make tentative plans for launching the campaign.

The enthusiasm shown here today proved most gratifying to the supporters of the President, all of whom are most confident that the move will make great headway now.

ACQUITTED SLAYER PESTERED BY GUILT

CONSCIENCE MAKES WRECK OF IDAHO MANKILLER.

Broken in Mind and Body L. E. Larkin Tells Preacher How He Murdered Charles Edwards.

MASON CITY, Iowa, Feb. 8.—(Special.)—With a gnawing conscience, which drove him almost to desperation, L. E. Larkin called at the home of Dr. L. C. Clark, of the Methodist Church, and later the story was related that in February, 1905, he had murdered Charles Edwards.

Larkin said that in a poker game at Rexburg, Idaho, the two had quarreled and that he deliberately shot and killed Edwards. After some time he was arrested and at the time of the trial he was acquitted on the ground of self-defense. While this cleared him in the sight of the law, the fact that his liberty was secured by false plea has so preyed upon his mind that he is now almost a physical and mental wreck. If there is any way he can atone for the crime, he now offers himself up.

The authorities at Rexburg have telegraphed the authorities here that Larkin's story is correct. It is a case with hardly a parallel.

HOOK IS STILL HOPEFUL

Friends Renew Efforts to Secure Appointment.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—President Taft's selection for the vacancy on the Supreme Court bench—believed generally in Washington to be Secretary Nagel—will be discussed and probably ratified at the regular meeting of the Cabinet tomorrow.

Efforts in behalf of Judge Hook, of Kansas, were renewed today. Representative Anthony, of Kansas, took to the White House an analysis of Judge Hook's opinion in the Oklahoma "Jim Crow" case. It was that decision which was said to have eliminated Judge Hook from the President's list of possible appointees.

Some Kansans expressed the opinion that Judge Hook's opinion in the "Jim Crow" case had been presented to the President by those friendly to some other candidate. Anthony said his analysis would present to the President another view of the case.

NOME TOLLS CONDEMNED

House Told Seattle-London Cable Charges Are Cheaper.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The cost of a cable message over the Government lines from Seattle to Nome is 250 per cent higher than the cost of a Seattle-to-London message, according to statements made before the House committee on territories today by ex-Senator Wilson, of Washington.

Governor Clark, Bishop Rowe and other Alaskans urged the committee to aid in reducing cable tolls, to provide an adequate system of fish protection, to increase the number of lighthouses and aids to navigation in Alaskan waters and to provide for the construction of Government railroads to the coal fields.

NATIONAL RELIGION IS PLAN

God-Fearing Cult and Sentiment of Morality to Be Raised.

VICTORIA, Feb. 8.—The Japanese Home Minister has called a conference of the representatives of Christian, Buddhist and Shinto religions to discuss a national religion for Japan. Official recognition is now given to Shintoism, a cult for the worship of ancestors. Mr. Tokanami, Vice-Minister, said the primary aim of the conference was to bring the religions into closer relationship with the state and to raise a God-fearing cult and sentiment of morality among the people.

LIFE ENDED OVER ERROR

Steamer's Fuel Gives Out, Jap En- gineer Jumps Overboard.

VICTORIA, Feb. 8.—News was brought by the Canada Maru today of the arrival at Yokohama of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha steamer Kiyu Maru from South America without fuel. The steamer of 17,000 tons encountered heavy weather after leaving Honolulu and when 300 miles from Yokohama the coal supply gave out. Chief Engineer Yamashita committed suicide, leaving a note saying that he did so to atone for his fault in allowing the vessel to run short of fuel. He jumped overboard.

TURTLE RANCH ON ROOF

Students on Top of Washington Science Hall Study Tortoises.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, Feb. 8.—(Special.)—Four good, old-fashioned Hoosier mud turtles stuck their snake-like heads from under their shells yesterday and regarded with some interest 90 young men and women who with notebooks and pencils were sidestepping around them trying to determine their exact species of the testudinalia.

Professor Trevor Kincaid has started a turtle ranch on the roof of Science Hall and it is here that the little animals are being experimented on.

RUEF "BACK HOME" TO GREET MOTHER

Convict Pretends He Was in Europe.

BRIEF VISIT IS AFFECTING

Ex-Boss Is Alone With Aged and Bed-Ridden Parent.

JUDGE RELENTS AT LAST

Invald Woman of 83 Years Cheered by Son for Whose "Return From Abroad" She Had Waited for More Than Eleven Months.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8.—(Special.)—Convict Abraham Ruef "came back from Europe" today to his aged mother.

In view of general public condemnation of his order forbidding Ruef the privilege of visiting his aged parents, Judge Lawlor relented this morning and issued an order enabling Sheriff Eggers to convey Ruef to the Pierce-street home, where the mother, bed-ridden, has waited his "return from Europe" for these 11 months. She does not know the truth. To her, her "boy," as she has always called him, was traveling, recuperating from his long exile during his trials. Eighty-three years old, she has lain on her bed of pain awaiting his return. It came this afternoon.

Shortly before 2 o'clock Ruef, his eyes moist after his first embrace with his sister on the steps of their home, passed on through the familiar doorway, up the carpeted stairs, to enter his mother's room.

Ruef Goes Alone to Mother.

He went in alone. None of the family, not even his aged father, or his sister, or his niece, went with him. What passed between Abraham Ruef and his aged mother is theirs alone to know.

For him it may be his last parting, for the faith that has sustained the 33-year-old mother during her heavy trouble may not support her longer. What passed between Ruef and his aged mother is theirs alone to know.

Convict's Eyes Dim.

Ruef, stepping from the Union-street car in company with Under Sheriff Kieversall, was met in the garden of his home by his sister, Mrs. Henrietta Attenfield. She threw her arms about his neck and broke into convulsive sobbing.

Ruef made a strong effort for control and, other than the dimming of moisture in his eyes, did not betray his emotion. He did not trust himself to speak.

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MAY SUTTON GOES ALOFT

Tennis Champion Enjoys Every Minute of Aeroplane Flight.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 8.—Miss May Sutton, champion tennis player, made her first ascent in a hydro-aeroplane on North Island this afternoon. She was taken up more than 400 feet with Lieutenant Theodore Ellison, acting as pilot.

"I enjoyed every minute of it," she said, as she alighted after 10 minutes in the air.

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YUAN WILL SAVE THRONE, IS BELIEF

Rebels Lack Power to Compel Action.

ABDICATION TALK ABATES

Premier Repudiates Promises of His Adherents.

OPPOSITIONS ARE BAFFLED

Many Members of Legations Foresee Dictatorship, With Weakened Imperial Power Preserved Only for Temporary Ends.

PEKIN, Feb. 8.—It is believed here in many quarters that Premier Yuan Shi Kai possibly will succeed in saving the throne.

The Peking papers no longer mention abdication or discuss the throne's retention. Certainly Yuan Shi Kai does not intend to proceed with abdication unless compelled to do so.

The opinion here is that the rebels do not possess power to compel the premier to act. The readiness of the republicans to agree to a permanent armistice and also their willingness to grant the court liberal concessions inspires the belief that they themselves recognize their inability to capture Peking.

Republicans Sorely Pressed.

Reportedly received at the capital indicate that the republican predicament is worse than that in which Premier Yuan finds himself. Confiscations of property, forced assessments and brigandage are causes of discontent throughout the republican provinces.

Should Yuan Shi Kai accede to the republican demands of the court, including even a provision for the annulment of the heretofore loyal army would divide between the republicans and Manchus, with the latter's supporters hostile to him, believing that he had been treacherous.

But retaining the throne, whose power has already been delegated to him, he would be the country's strongest man.

Adherents' Acts Repudiated.

The imperial premier's proposal of terms in behalf of the court, including even a provision for the annulment of the opposition of minor Manchus nobles, Yuan Shi Kai has encouraged his followers to make promises of abdication to the rebels and publicly to arrange plans to this end, but he now repudiates them, declaring that the Empress Dowager authorized him only a week ago to enter into negotiations for a week.

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RICHEST WOMAN IN WORLD IS ACCUSED

LAWYER SAYS HETTY GREEN TRIED EXTORTION.

William Randolph Hearst Alleged Intended Victim—Mrs. Green Makes Strong Denial.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—(Special.)—C. M. Bovee, attorney for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, and active in behalf of William R. Hearst, declared before Justice Davis in the special term Supreme Court today that Mrs. Hetty Green had "attempted extortion" on Mr. Hearst. Bovee said that when representatives went to the office of Mrs. Green last Monday to pay money due on a mortgage against property owned by Hearst on Columbus Circle she "slammed the door in their faces and called for the police."

The lawyer explained that Mrs. Green held a mortgage of \$275,000 which had been due since 1904, and upon which Hearst has been paying interest ever since. He said that Hearst had obtained a loan of \$470,000 from the Metropolitan Life Company on Monday last and wished to pay off the Green mortgage with part of it. Mrs. Green refused to turn over the satisfaction piece unless she were paid an additional interest of \$1145.52, which was not legally hers, Bovee said.

Mrs. Green later turned over the mortgage for the amount named by Mr. Hearst. Mrs. Green is quoted as saying:

"The charge that I tried to extort money is absurd. I simply asked Mr. Hearst's representatives to wait until the return of my son, who was handling the business and when they refused I asked 30 days' interest to which I believed I was entitled under the law."

TOWEL HATS ARE LATEST

Turkish Motif in Riots of Color Seen in Spring Millinery.

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—(Special.)—The National Association of Retail Milliners, opening its annual convention tonight, had on display an exhibit of women's headgear which indicates that things Turkish, for both young and old, will be on call for Spring wear.

A prominent novelty is the Turkish towel hat, following in the wake of the Turkish towel coats and dresses. These hats are radical in design and comprise every color in the rainbow in Turkish combinations.

"Riots in colors and daring designs" is the prediction for Spring wear, made by Miss Marie S. Harris, president of the association. "Large hats for all occasions will be misad among the fashionables next Spring. As for colors, for getting wear, plain red will be by far the most popular."

COTTON KING "COMES BACK

Theodore H. Price Takes Another Fortune Out of Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—(Special.)—Theodore H. Price has "come back" and taken another fortune out of the cotton market. It is not as big as the profits he took earlier in his career, but sufficiently large to demonstrate that the veteran operator has lost none of the skill which made him a conspicuous figure in trade a decade ago.

Trade gossip is that a short time ago, when the market was fluctuating between 9 1/2 and 9 3/4 cents. Price, through a well-known house, accumulated a long line of December, March and May and July cotton. In the last week the market has "boomed" on several occasions and cotton crossed the 10-cent level. On this advance the firm has been credited with selling 150,000 bales.

ELECTRICITY MOCKS DEATH

Youth and Girl Given Up for Dead Brought Back to Life.

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—(Special.)—The restoration of apparently extinguished life through the agency of the "pulsator" was effected today with dramatic features. The mother and father of the victims watched the battle between science and nature. Frank Kreutz, 29 years old, and his sister Anna, 20 years old, were overcome with illuminating gas at their home and brought back to consciousness after a hard fight by the pulmotor experts of the Commonwealth Edison Company.

The victims were given up for dead, but physicians and pulmotor operators were called, and after working for half an hour the victims began to breathe again. The mother of the young people, who thought her children were dead, fainted when she saw them revived.

WOMAN URGED FOR BENCH

Suffragists Ask President to Fill Supreme Court Vacancy.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—President Taft's meditations on filling the present vacancy in the Supreme Court were momentarily disturbed today by a communication from the Woman Suffrage Association of the District of Columbia, suggesting that a woman be appointed to the bench.

On the ground that women now are voting in six states, while three more states are preparing to adopt woman suffrage, the President was urged to appoint one of three women suggested—Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey, Miss Emma M. Gillett and Mrs. Belva A. Lockwood.

TORRENT MENACES OLD SPANISH CITY

Raging Rivers Damage Two Countries.

LIVES ARE LOST IN PORTUGAL

Boat Swept to Destruction; Trains May Be Destroyed.

KING ALFONSO ALARMED

Ruler and Premier Will Hurry to Seville, Where Citizens Frantically Improvise Barricades in Effort to Stem Flood.

MADRID, Feb. 8.—The flood situation is rapidly becoming worse and the Minister of Works left tonight for Seville, where the situation is critical.

The people of Seville are frantically throwing up barricades in an almost hopeless attempt to stem the torrent. Part of the civil guard's barracks have been undermined, causing its collapse.

The occupants were rescued with difficulty and one of the rescuers was drowned. Conditions are so alarming in that city that the King and Premier have decided to proceed there.

City Is in Darkness.

The electric light station was flooded tonight, plunging the city into darkness. Fifteen thousand workmen temporarily are thrown out of employment. The tributaries of the Guadalquivir River are over their banks, carrying everything before them.

A boat on its way to LaAlgraha, three miles from Seville, was capsized today, three persons being drowned.

Trains May Be Destroyed.

There is no news of two trains on the Cadiz line and it is feared they have been caught in the flood. At Madrid the Manzanares River has overflowed, inundating the houses along its banks.

LISBON, Feb. 8.—The number of victims of the floods in Portugal will be large. Large numbers of injured are being cared for in hospitals in the flooded districts.

The River Tagus is a raging torrent, carrying seaward corpses and merchandise of all kinds. Many barges which were anchored in the navigable section of the Tagus were sunk at the first onslaught of the flood current; others were swept seaward with a great mass of debris from the upper part of the river, including uprooted trees and the bodies of cattle and livestock. Crops through the flooded district are ruined and all communication by wire is severed.

The Chamber today voted \$500,000 to aid victims of the disaster.

TWO CHIEFS RULE TODAY

Oregon City Mayor to Name New Police Head, Old One Stays.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—Two chiefs of police will attempt to enforce the law in Oregon City tomorrow. Mayor Dimick, after several weeks of disagreement with the Council, decided today to swear in Charles E. Burns, ex-chief, tomorrow, E. L. Shaw, who has been chief of police for the past year, will also continue in office, as the City Council refuses to confirm the appointment of a successor to him and under the city ordinances the chief holds office until the Council has taken such action.

Mayor Dimick appointed Burns chief of police once before, but the Council refused to confirm the appointment. Then S. H. Green was appointed to the office by the Mayor and again the Council demurred.

Exasperated by the continued opposition of the City Council, Mayor Dimick announced tonight that at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning he would administer the oath of office to Burns. Trouble is expected to develop rapidly when Burns attempts to take possession of a desk at police headquarters.

RAIL RATE REDUCTION BIG

Spokane Falls & Northern Makes Almost 50 Per Cent Cut.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—The new tariff schedule on the Spokane Falls & Northern Railroad will go into effect February 12. The schedule contains a big reduction on freight to and from Spokane. In some cases the cut is nearly 50 per cent. The rate on cordwood, which is now \$1.75 a cord, is cut about 50 cents a cord. This will make possible the shipping of more wood from points on the Spokane Falls & Northern to Spokane.

On first-class freight the old rate was 75 cents a hundred, while the new rate is 48 cents. The second-class rate, which was 65 cents, has been reduced to 35 cents. The third-class rate, which was 55 cents, has been reduced to 33 cents and the fourth-class rate has been changed from 47 cents to 29 cents. The fifth-class rate is now 25 cents, as against 39 cents for the old rate.

