

TAFT'S MANAGER IS CERTAIN HE'LL WIN

T. R. Won't Get Nomination, Says McKinley.

FORGAN HOLDS SAME VIEW

President's Friends Are Not Alarmed by Outlook.

CHICAGO HAS "W. H. T. DAY"

Announcement of Roosevelt's Candidacy Will Make No Difference in Chief Executive's Campaign for Renomination.

AUNT DELLA IS CONFIDENT.

MILLBURY, Mass., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Miss Della C. Torrey, aunt of President Taft, familiarly known as "Aunt Della," is not pleased at the announcement of ex-President Roosevelt's candidacy for a third term. "I think the President has done nothing to cause the people to go back on him, and while I am a woman and do not know much about politics, I think public sentiment is with President Taft and will carry him through all right."

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—(Special.)

That President Taft will be renominated by the Republicans at the National convention in June, in spite of the open candidacy of Theodore Roosevelt for a third term, was the emphatic prediction made today by Representative William B. McKinley, of Illinois, who is directing the President's campaign.

This forecast was endorsed also by David B. Forgan, president of the Taft Club of Illinois, who has just returned from Washington, where he was in touch with the National work which is being done in the President's interest, and where he had a good opportunity to learn the sentiment of the people of the country.

Taft Day in Chicago.

In fact, it was distinctly Taft day at Hotel La Salle, where Republican leaders from all parts of the state gathered for one purpose and another, and that, too, notwithstanding the long-expected announcement by Mr. Roosevelt that he will accept the nomination for a third term if "it is tendered to me."

"The announcement of the candidacy of ex-President Roosevelt will make not the slightest difference in the world in the election, that is being carried on for the renomination and re-election of President Taft," said Representative McKinley. "Mr. Taft will be renominated at the Chicago convention. Of this there is to my mind not the slightest shadow of a doubt."

McKinley Not Alarmed.

"We have no quarrel with Mr. Roosevelt. It is his privilege to become a candidate for the Republican nomination for the Presidency if he so desires, and I was not surprised at his announcement. But we believe that Mr. Taft is entitled to renomination and we, who are in a position to know, believe that he will get that renomination."

"I am in touch with the situation. I know what has been done and what is being done. There is no doubt about Mr. Taft's nomination."

T. R. JUGGLED, SAYS EDITORIAL

San Francisco Republican Paper Assails Colonel's Methods.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—The Chronicle (Republican) says: "There was no equivocation whatever in the pledge which Colonel Roosevelt gave at the time of his re-election that under no circumstances would he be a candidate for a third term. It is for his supporters now to claim that he only meant that he would not be a candidate at the election of 1908, is for his supporters to claim that Colonel Roosevelt juggled."

"Whatever his meaning, he should be rigidly held to his pledge as intended to be understood at that time, nor is there any doubt that he will be held by the people."

"The reason why he should be held to that pledge is obvious. To confess that in this whole Nation there is but one man fit to be President is to lay the ax at the root of popular government. If that be true, the alternative is a dynasty."

Matiny on Vermont Denied.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The recent report that some of the enlisted men aboard the battleship Vermont had mutinied against inoculation with typhoid prophylactic was denied today by the Navy Department.

TAFT MAY ORDER ROOSEVELT TO WAR

COLONEL'S LETTER OF YEAR AGO COMES TO LIGHT.

Message to President, Addressed "Dear Will," Asks Right to Lead Regiment Into Mexico.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The announcement of Colonel Roosevelt's willingness to accept the Presidential nomination and his consequent open break with President Taft was said here tonight to have developed a picturesque possibility in connection with threatened trouble in Mexico.

Senators who assert knowledge of the facts said that about a year ago, when the Madero revolution was at its height in Mexico and the possibility of American intervention was being discussed, Colonel Roosevelt wrote to President Taft, volunteering to head a regiment of cavalry which was to be in the forefront of the invading force.

Colonel Roosevelt, it is said, stipulated that his subordinate officers were to be of his own choosing, and went so far as to name some of the men he would select. These included Colonel Cecil A. Lyon, Republican National committee man of Texas; Jack Abernathy, the wolf-strangling ex-Marshall of Oklahoma; Sloan Simpson, of Texas, a Rough Rider; James Sloan, Jr., secret service agent, now with President Taft, and several members of the old "Rough Rider" regiment of Cuban war fame.

Colonel Roosevelt at that time, it is reported, said it was his highest ambition again to be in the saddle in time of war.

The Colonel's letter to President Taft asking to be placed in command of a regiment in the event of trouble in Mexico was addressed "Dear Will," according to those who say they saw the document.

President's Taft's reply was addressed "Dear Theodore." It said, according to reports, that the Colonel's proposition was very "interesting, indeed," but that the possibility of American intervention was too remote a contingency to be considered at the time in any way.

PILLOW ROUTS BURGLAR

Woman Attacks Thief Whom Men Are Afraid to Molest.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—A brave woman had more terror for a burglar early this morning than did men, but the burglar was not captured.

Mrs. W. H. MacLaren, of Vancouver, B. C., who is staying at the Hotel Balboa, 1237 West Seventh street, proved her mettle by boldly entering her room when she saw a burglar at work and chasing him away with a sofa pillow. She lost several pieces of jewelry, the value of which was a trifle more than \$100. Several men had passed the partly opened door of her room, but the burglar continued to work until Mrs. MacLaren appeared.

She told the police that she saw him at work carefully selecting rings and stockings from her jewel box, and she became frantic. She ran in and, seizing a pillow, attacked him. The burglar's nerve deserted him and he jumped out of the window and fell to the ground, about 15 feet below.

POLL AGAINST COLONEL

House Press Gallery Predicts Roosevelt Will Be Defeated.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—In the press gallery of the House today a poll was taken on Theodore Roosevelt's chances of renomination and his chances of election if nominated. Here are the questions and results:

"Do you think that Mr. Roosevelt can capture the nomination?"

Answering "yes," 11; answering "no," 34.

"If Mr. Roosevelt is nominated, do you think he will be elected?"

Answering "yes," 9; answering "no," 37.

The poll was conducted by a representative of a Washington newspaper. Every newspaperman who entered the gallery was questioned and no one refused to reply. They represented "stand-pat," insurgent, Democratic and independent newspapers.

MEN REACH MT. M'KINLEY

Fairbanks Party Arrives at Base of Peak and May Defeat Rivals.

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—The Fairbanks Times party of Mount McKinley climbers that left here February 5 has reached the base of the peak, according to Jack Phillips, one of the party who returned here Sunday. The men are ahead of the Parker-Brown party and their trip has been successful as far as they have gone.

The mountain top was visible and the weather pleasant. The altitude at the head of McKinley River, where the party is camped at present, is 2600 feet. They expect to make the top within a month and beat the other party in the race.

SECRET VOYAGE IS ENDED

Big Cruiser West Virginia Back at Honolulu, Probably From Palmyra.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—After a ten days' absence, the big armored cruiser West Virginia turned up in Honolulu harbor today as mysteriously as she disappeared.

The Navy Department declined to make any statement as to her cruise, but it is understood that she was sent to look into conditions on Palmyra Island, about the title to which there is said to be some doubt.

TEXAS MILITIAMEN FIRED ON AT NIGHT

Attackers at El Paso Said to Be Mexicans.

AMERICANS ARE THREATENED

Mexicans Say They Will Unite if Border Is Crossed.

FLYING BULLETS FEARED

United States Troops in Readiness at Strategic Points but Lack Authority, as Yet, to Do More Than Protest at Position.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 26.—A small detachment of Company K, Texas State Militia, engaged in guarding the El Paso electric light plant, were fired upon tonight by parties concealed behind boxes and said to be Mexicans. Maxim silencers were used on the guns and more than 20 shots were fired, one bullet passing through the hat of one of the guardsmen.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 26.—At 11:15 o'clock tonight the rebel forces of Campa arrived on the river bank opposite old Fort Bliss and about one and a half miles northwest of Juarez. They are supposed to be extending a wing around the west side of the city.

EL PASO, Feb. 26.—El Paso speedily took on a martial appearance tonight upon announcement that a telephone conference between F. C. Lorente, Mexican Consul, and Emilio Campa, commanding the Yaquistas army at Juarez, had terminated unsatisfactorily.

Americans Flee Over Border.

United States troops of the Fourth Cavalry and the 18th Infantry together with machine guns were stationed at strategic points, although Colonel E. Z. Steever said he had no instructions to do other than protest should Mexican bullets be fired into American territory.

Americans in Juarez responded promptly to the warning issued by United States Consul Edwards, and crossed the Rio Grande to El Paso, together with hundreds of Mexican non-combatants.

These preparations were hastened by the report that Campa's troops had already begun their advance from Banche, but at 9 o'clock no information was obtained as to their distance from Juarez or the probable time of their arrival.

The defense of Juarez consists of about 100 police reinforced by 400 volunteers, who declare they will not surrender without a fight. Two machine guns (Concluded on Page 2.)

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PHOTO OF COMELY WOMAN JAILS HER

Pawnbroker Says She Sold Loot to Him.

ROBBERY OF HOUSE CHARGED

Police Borrow Picture From Resident Who Lost \$500.

HANDWRITING TRACED, TOO

Mrs. Myrtle Enes Is Arrested as Ransacker of East Side Home. Guilt Is Denied and Alibi Is Claimed.

Young, pretty and demure, Mrs. Myrtle Enes, wife of the station agent at Perrydale, Or., on the Yamhill division of the Southern Pacific, was arrested yesterday, after Captain Barty and his force of detectives had wrestled for two days with what they term the knottiest problem in their experience. Charged with stealing \$500 worth of silver and clothing from a woman friend, and identified by two pawnbrokers, Mrs. Enes maintains a steadfast denial, and brings two witnesses to establish an alibi for her. When a handwriting expert was called, and identified the pawnbroker's signature as her writing, the scalebeam tipped against her, and she went to jail, to be released in a short time under \$1000 bail. Mr. and Mrs. Enes have lived at Perrydale several months.

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OREGON WIDOW OUT TO BEAT OHIO ONE

WOMAN ASKS MAYOR FOR ADDRESS OF LANE MAN.

Rushlight's Office Becoming Matrimonial Bureau Due to One Request for Western Mate.

The receipt by Mayor Rushlight of a letter from a well-to-do Cincinnati widow recently asking that the Mayor obtain a real Western husband for her has transformed the Mayor's office into a veritable matrimonial bureau. The letter of the widow was published in part in The Oregonian, and as a consequence many letters have been received by the Mayor from aspirants for the widow's hand. The latest communication is from a merchant of Boring, Clackamas County. He says he is the owner of a good business and of 20 acres of land, is 26 years of age and good-looking and wants a wife.

Another wooer writes from Acme, Lane County, and still another from a remote part of Yamhill County. An advertisement in The Oregonian recently setting forth that a Lane County man is desirous of winning the Eastern widow has aroused competition for her. A good-looking widow of 30 summers appeared in the Mayor's office yesterday in quest of a husband, and asked for the name and address of the Lane County man, that she might correspond with him.

"The best thing for you to do is to send him your picture," said Secretary McCord to the widow who wants to get ahead of the Cincinnati widow. She replied that she would do no such thing, saying that if the Lane man wanted to win her he must come to see her. She took his address, and will write him her name and description. If all is satisfactory she may use her leap year prerogative.

REPUBLIC GAINS IN FAVOR

First Step Toward Recognition of Chinese Rule Is Taken.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The United States took one of the first steps today toward the recognition of the new Chinese republic.

Representative Sulzer of New York, chairman of the House committee on foreign affairs, after a conference with President Taft and State Department officials, introduced a resolution believed to be the forerunner of formal recognition by this country.

It expressed the "confident hope that in the adoption and maintenance of a republican form of government the rights, liberties and happiness of the Chinese people will be secured."

Mr. Sulzer insisted that the resolution was in diplomatic form and in no way contravened the status quo in the Orient, or interfered with the protocol existing between the allied powers.

SHIP TOSSED BY STORM

Lumber Carrier Blown Around Cape Flattery; Peril Great.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Captain Nielsen, of the schooner Alpena, which arrived here today from Puget Sound ports with a cargo of poles and lumber, says after getting as far south as Grays Harbor he was blown back beyond Cape Flattery and narrowly escaped going ashore on Vancouver Island.

He had reached the vicinity of San Miguel Island Friday and encountered the recent storm and was compelled to remain here for 24 hours with all sails reefed, and even then the jib top sail was carried away.

BLIZZARD MOVES ON EAST

Middle West's Big Storm Sweeps Toward Atlantic States.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—The storm which brought a heavy snow to the middle lake region and rain and thunder on a line south of the Ohio River tonight is moving rapidly eastward.

Snow is falling from the Lake Erie region on the north to Kentucky and below the snow belt there is rain. Forecasters here say the storm will continue its eastward course, reaching New York City some time tomorrow.

Through the Central West snow has ceased falling. A gradual rise in temperature is predicted.

ARMY OFFICER IN PRISON

Ex-First Lieutenant Orchard Begins Serving Two-Year Term.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Feb. 26.—Samuel C. Orchard, formerly First Lieutenant Third Infantry, U. S. A., today began a sentence of two years at the Federal penitentiary. He is the only military officer now under arrest in the prison.

Orchard was convicted of embezzlement by a court-martial at Fort Liscomb, Alaska. The embezzlement was committed while he was road commissioner in Alaska, with headquarters at Valdez.

ELECTION INQUIRY ASKED

Resolution in Senate Proposes Investigation of Dupont Case.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Senator Reed, of Missouri, introduced in the Senate today a resolution directing an investigation into the election of Senator Dupont, of Delaware.

2 DEAD; SLAYER JAILED, CONFESSES

Tacoma Crime Fixed Within 8 Hours.

SENTENCE SET FOR FRIDAY

Criminal's Little Sons Help Detectives in Work.

WIFE AND ESCORT SLAIN

Jealous Husband, Who Does Murder in Darkness, Eager to Begin Prison Sentence—Club Used to Deal Death Blows.

TACOMA, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Eight hours after the discovery of the bodies of Mrs. Willis Brown, aged 23, and John Aiden, also known as Jack Wilson, aged 38, on a county highway near East Larchmont, and 14 hours after they had been killed by blows on the head from a club, Willis Brown, aged 54, the dead woman's husband, pleaded guilty in the Superior Court to murder in the second degree.

As there were no witnesses to the crime, the Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney's office consented to this procedure, after a charge of murder in the first degree had been drawn up against Brown.

Sentence to Be Given Today.

Judge Chapman will pass sentence tomorrow and Brown probably will be on his way to the State Penitentiary tomorrow night, within 48 hours after the double murder.

Mrs. Brown and Aiden were together at the theater in Tacoma last night. They were seen to leave a late suburban car and start up a path toward the Brown home. A colored woman heard several screams.

At 6:30 o'clock this morning a lather, on his way to do some work on the Brown house, discovered the bodies in the road.

At noon officers took Brown into custody and statements by his two boys, aged 7 and 9 years, that he and his wife had engaged in a bitter quarrel over Aiden yesterday afternoon and that he had been absent twice in the night, led to vigorous questioning.

Fleeing Spouse Struck Down.

At 2:35 o'clock this afternoon Brown said he waited in the dark with a piece of scuffling and struck Aiden down, and when his wife fled, screaming, pursued her and killed her with a blow on the head.

"For God's sake, man, put a rope around my neck and do it now," sobbed Brown, after he had pleaded guilty.

"Hang me now or put me in the electric chair and do it quick. I'm sick and tired of it all. When I wake up I want to find everything ended."

Following his confession, arraignment and plea of guilty, just 14 hours after the double murder, Brown nearly collapsed. He said in his confession that he had known for the past year of the intimacy existing between his wife, Josephine, and Wilson, and had remonstrated with both, only to be told by his wife it was none of his business, that she would do as she pleased and that if Brown did not allow Wilson to come and live at the house, she would leave it.

Men Have Fight.

Brown said he and his wife had many quarrels over the younger man's attentions, but that she would go down town with Wilson twice a week, coming home on the last car, Brown said that about a month ago, while Wilson was at the house, he and Wilson almost came to blows over Wilson's relations with Mrs. Brown. Sunday, Brown said, the woman and Wilson went down town in the morning. Knowing that probably they would return on the last car, Brown said he obtained a piece of 2x4 board about three feet long, and waited for them. Wilson and the woman were on the last car, as Brown expected, and walked up the road arm in arm.

Brown said he came up quietly behind them and struck Wilson over the head with the club, killing him instantly. Mrs. Brown screamed several times and Brown said he dealt her a blow with the club, killing her also instantly. Leaving the bodies in the road, Brown said he went home.

Mrs. Brown was divorced from a man named Jackson before her marriage to Brown and came to Larchmont two years ago from Houston, Ind.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY FAVORED

House Goes on Record in Limiting Labor at Arsenals.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The House went on record today favoring the adoption of the eight-hour work day on all Government works when a provision for such a limitation of hours of labor was placed on the appropriation for the manufacture of armament in the Army fortifications bill for the coming year.

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