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COLONEL'S DENIAL POSITIVE IN 1911

Letter Intensifies Personal Issue.

ASSURANCE IS GIVEN FRIENDS

Stimson and Meyer Present, Own Declaration Shows.

INTENTION PLAINLY TOLD

Plans Made by Members of Taft's Cabinet on Strength of Declaration Made at Luncheon at Roosevelt Home.

ROOSEVELT'S PROMISE THAT HE WOULD NOT RUN.

I have expressed myself perfectly freely to a large number of men in this matter, always to the same effect, telling you, for instance, personally and those who were with you at lunch at my house, and telling signed friends, Jim Garfield and Congressman Madison and Billy Leah and Secretary Meyer and Secretary Stimson all alike, just exactly what I have said always—that I would not be a candidate in 1912, and that I had no intention of taking any part in the nomination for or against any candidate. Sincerely yours, THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

BY SUMNER CURTIS.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—(Special.)—The personal issue between Theodore Roosevelt and members of the Administration, which seems certain sooner or later to involve the President himself, was intensified tonight by the giving out of the extract from a letter written by Colonel Roosevelt under date of June 21, 1911, declaring that he would not be a candidate for President in 1912.

It was on the strength of declarations made to Secretary Stimson and Secretary of the Navy Meyer by Colonel Roosevelt to the effect that he would not be a candidate against Taft that the friends of the former President in the Administration circle laid their plans of action.

Assurance Had Been Believed.

They had told the President that Colonel Roosevelt would not be a candidate and that he would not stand in the way of President Taft's renomination.

On Saturday Colonel Roosevelt was quoted in press dispatches from Oyster Bay as denying the fact that the two cabinet members in question any reason for denying reports that Colonel Roosevelt had given assurance to President Taft that he intended to support his candidacy for renomination. Reports to this effect were widely published following the meeting of the President and his predecessor at Cardinal Gibbons' residence in Baltimore last summer.

Stimson Avoids Predictions.

Secretary Stimson could not be reached tonight for any comment on the latest developments in the situation. Secretary Meyer is in Massachusetts. Persons who talked with Secretary Stimson yesterday, however, say that he abruptly cut short a discussion of what he had understood Colonel Roosevelt's attitude to have been when casually informed that Colonel Roosevelt denied saying he would not be a candidate.

SUICIDES CALMLY PLANNED

Russians at Meeting Propose That All Drink Poisoned Wine.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 2.—(Special.)—A contributor to Vechernyaya Vremya describes one of the meetings of the friends of Death, a suicide league, which he said to have a large membership in St. Petersburg. The meeting, which was held in a house in the heart of the city, began early in the evening.

Not to excite the attention of the police, members arrived singly, many by back entrances. The attendance included men and women, young and old. Several of the men were in uniform. A greater part of the discussion turned on the devising original methods of suicide.

It was proposed that a dinner be arranged at a fashionable restaurant and that the diners swallow a canister of potassium out of champagne glasses. Their funerals would be organized with great pomp to affect the impressionable people.

ROOSEVELT "MAD," SAYS AUNT DELIA

TAFT'S LOYAL RELATIVE HAS QUOTATION AT HAND.

Miss Torrey Honestly Thinks, She Tells Reporter, That Colonel Has Lost His Reason.

MILLBURY, Mass., March 2.—(Special.)—Miss Delia Torrey believes "Nephew Bill" should be renominated by the Republican party for the Presidency. "I was looking up a quotation when you came in," said Miss Torrey to a reporter. "The quotation is: 'Whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad.' This is applicable, I believe, to Mr. Roosevelt.

"Isn't it dreadful," she said, "how these two friends have parted? Do you think," she asked, "that I am overstating it when I say the separation is due to the selfishness of one man? I honestly look to me as if Mr. Roosevelt has lost his reason, judging from some of his recent utterances and doings."

That Miss Torrey has been following the trend of events in the Republican party was evidenced by her discussion of her nephew's opponents.

"Some will call them neurotics," she said, "but I suggest that they be called Roosevelt's bullfrogs. They must have a name, and the term 'insurgents' does not describe them."

COLD WAVE HALTS ON WAY

Disturbance Will Not Cross Country Until End of Week.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—There is nothing to indicate the cold wave will cross the country this week, according to the weekly bulletin of the Weather Bureau, issued tonight.

"There will be," says the bulletin, "a general, though gradual, reaction to normal temperatures over the region east of the Rocky Mountains Tuesday and Wednesday, and moderate temperatures thereafter until the close of the week. The disturbance that now covers the West and Southwest will advance slowly eastward and cause a continuation of unsettled weather, with rains in southern and snow and rain in Middle and Northern States east of the Rocky Mountains during the next several days."

The next disturbance to cross the country will appear in the Far West Thursday or Friday and prevail over the Middle West at the end of the week.

AVIATORS IN ACCIDENTS

Bianche Scott Has Narrow Escape in Attempted Dip.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 2.—Two minor accidents marred the aviation meet at the State Fair grounds here this afternoon. Miss Bianche Scott, in attempting a dip from an altitude of about 100 feet, struck the ground with sufficient force to break several of the struts on her machine, but she escaped uninjured. A few moments later Farnum Fish, while making a landing, was unable to bring his machine to a stop and crashed into Philip Parmelee's machine. Fish escaped without injury, but both his and Parmelee's machines were badly injured.

Charles K. Hamilton won a five-mile handicap race, starting from scratch, from Parmelee, Fish and Glenn Martin. His time was 3:58. He also won a mile race against an automobile, his time being 1:28.

OPPOSITION ADDS TO TAFT STRENGTH

Sentiment Behind Candidacy Developing

7 GOVERNORS OVERSHADOWED

Figures Show President Received 180,189 More Votes.

LEAD IS HELD IN IOWA

Head of National Delegation in Columbus Speech.

Delegation in New York is Loyal in Retirement.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—(Special.)—All of the 74 delegates so far elected to the Republican National convention at Chicago are for Taft, according to a statement issued tonight by the Taft campaign managers, embracing the developments of the last week. The statement says that the week just ended brought 26 more delegates into the Taft column, all except four of them instructed, and a contest threatened with regard to the Taft delegates from the Third Missouri District, four delegates altogether of whom in thus far chosen are in possible contests. Continuing, the statement declares: "Announcement of organized opposition has resulted in stimulating the activities of Mr. Taft's supporters and in developing the overwhelming sentiment that is behind his candidacy.

Seven Governors Outvoted.

Twelve Republican Governors also came out in the open and avowed their support and figures were advanced to show that President Taft in the respective states whose seven Governors now oppose him received a popular vote exceeding that of the seven Governors by 288,188.

Senator Root and every Republican member of the New York delegation remain loyal to President Taft. In Massachusetts, Senator Lodge, because of his personal relations, although strongly opposed to the recall of judicials, announced neutrality, while Representative Gardner and Lieutenant-Governor Frothingham declared for President Taft.

Other progressives, like Senator Borah, have withheld their support, and yet others, like Representatives Martin and Burke, of South Dakota, and Humphrey, of Washington, and Senator Jones, of Washington, took their stand in favor of President Taft.

Grange President for Taft.

Ex-Governor Bacheelder, of New Hampshire, president of the National Grange, declared that the Columbus speech made the opposition impossible. Fifty New Hampshire "progressives," previously associated with Governor Bass, pledged their support to Taft.

In Michigan, enthusiastically described as a stronghold of the opposition, National Committeeman Blodgett

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FORTUNE YIELDED BY OLD FIREPLACE

\$13,000 FOUND TO HAVE BEEN SAID IN BRICKS.

New Jersey Man Will Tear Open Another Hearth in Ancient Mansion in Search for Riches.

ASBURY PARK, N. J., March 2.—(Special.)—Behind a brick fireplace in the old White homestead on Deal Lake border, a Jeffry, who acquired the property from his mother, one of the White family descendants, yesterday found a small fortune in silver and gold coins that had evidently been concealed more than a century.

Jeffry lifted a brick from its place and the coins began to drop out. He declines to tell the amount of his find, but neighbors say the sum aggregates \$12,000.

It is said that tomorrow Jeffry will tear apart another fireplace in the old dwelling which was bricked over about 50 years ago and which it is believed may have been a second hiding place for the savings of unknown occupants of the house in colonial times.

UNION MEN FLAY HEARST

Chicago Federation of Labor Scores Publisher as Wanton Villifier.

CHICAGO, March 2.—(Special.)—William Randolph Hearst and his newspaper were condemned and denounced today by the Chicago Federation of Labor in the most vitriolic language ever heard on the floor of the central labor body. In a set of resolutions which were adopted after a two-hour debate by a vote of 292 to 56, it was declared that Hearst had wantonly vilified and abused every official of the labor organization in the country who could not be lured or cajoled into his political camp to further his "Presidential hallucinations."

The discussion of the attitude of the Hearst papers toward organized labor came before the labor body on a special order of business from a previous meeting. In spite of the emissaries of the Hearst papers, who tried to fill the meeting with delegates friendly to the Presidential aspirant, labor men were strongly in favor of placing the papers on the "unfair list," although it was announced that such action could not be taken under the constitution at this time.

SMUGGLING SECRETS SEEN

Operator of "Pleasure" Launch Said to Be Impoverished Chinese.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 2.—The inner workings of the smuggling ring which is credited with having landed 400 contraband Chinese in this port every month are said to have been revealed in the capture of the launch Morning Star, which was taken in Oakland Creek last night in an attempt to evade the immigration officials and land 21 Chinese brought from Escondido, Lower California.

R. J. better known as "Scott," McCarran, a San Francisco boarding-house keeper, was arrested on the Oakland wharf where the Morning Star landed. Immigration officials accuse him of complicity in the plot, but the machinery of the gang is believed to have been controlled from Los Angeles harbor by Harry Lynch, a boatman for whom a warrant was sworn today, who operated as an owner of freight and pleasure launches.

The captured Italians say they have lived at Los Angeles Harbor for two years and are honest fishermen.

REBELS MARCH TO TAKE CHIHUAHUA

Mexican Conflict Temporarily Shifted.

FORCES ARE WELL EQUIPPED

Orozco Declared to Have Deserted Government.

AMERICANS ARE WATCHFUL

Guard Patrolling Border Deemed Sufficient for Present Needs.

Soldiers of Fortune Will Man Machine Guns.

EL PASO, Tex., March 2.—A telegram saying that fighting for the possession of Chihuahua City, capital of the Mexican state of that name, had begun, was followed today by the hasty departure of the rebel garrison at Juarez to join their comrades in the fight. Two telegrams bearing on the fight were received by General Ynes Salazar, the Juarez commander, from Braulio Hernandez, one of the rebel leaders in the district about Chihuahua. Neither message was as detailed as its recipient could have wished, but both were sufficient to dispel languor which has characterized the work of the Juarez forces, and the detachment of from 800 to 1000 men was speedily placed on board three sections of a freight train. The first telegram from Hernandez said that his force, numbering about 220 men, and some of the force of Pascual Orozco, had been defending Chihuahua against attack by Federal troops under Colonel Pancho Villa. "Orozco is with us," the telegram said, meaning, the rebels declare, that he has announced himself openly as an ally against Madero. The second telegram merely said, as divulged by General Salazar, that Hernandez was on his way to join Orozco, who desired Salazar to join the movement with all possible speed. Attack Probably is Surprise. The messages were received over the wireless of the Mexico-Northwestern Railroad, as the line commonly used for commercial and official messages is interrupted. This accounts for the fact that newspaper correspondents in Chihuahua were silent. There was no intimation as to how serious the reported fighting was, but the Juarez leaders received the impression that Villa's attack had been a surprise and that Orozco, if not defeated, was in immediate need of assistance. Recently Hernandez, with his command, was at Gallegos, about 37 miles north of Chihuahua. Maximo Castillo, another rebel chieftain, with 300 or 400 men, has been at Villa Ahumada, 50 miles north of Chihuahua. He, too, (Continued on Page 2.)

GIRL MAY OPPOSE FENCING BARONESS

SOCIETY DEBUTANTE WOULD ACCEPT CHALLENGE.

Miss Wakefield, of Pittsburg, Will Cross Foils With Titled Athlete, if Addressed Personally.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 2.—(Special.)—A prominent society girl of this city, Miss D. R. Wakefield, daughter of James A. Wakefield, Democratic candidate for Representative to Congress in 1910 against John Daisell, will accept the challenge of the Baroness de Meyer to all America to fence with her, at any time, if the challenge is made personally to Miss Wakefield.

This was announced today by T. W. Postgate, fencing instructor of the Pittsburg Athletic Association class of which Miss Wakefield is a pupil.

Miss Wakefield is 17 years old and a college graduate. She has been for six months a pupil of Mr. Postgate, who said of her today:

"I never have found a girl or woman more skillful with foils than Miss Wakefield. She has a rare combative spirit and uses either hand in a match. She is the equal of most men fencers. Miss Wakefield has great courage and daring and all the enthusiasm of youth."

WILES IS STELLAR ANGLER

Portland Man Lands 55-Pound Albacore on Light Tackle.

AVALON, Cal., March 2.—(Special.)—Elwood Wiles, of Portland, Or., today landed an albacore weighing 55 pounds, after a snappy tussle, using light tackle. The feat was witnessed by a large throng of anglers in launches. It entitles Mr. Wiles to the silver button prize from the Light Tackle Club here.

Mr. Wiles is president and general manager of the Portland Glazed Cement Pipe Company, and is well-known in this city. He left his home at 554 East Salmon street two weeks ago for Southern California and visited Los Angeles and Catalina Islands. He will return March 5 or 6.

YOUNG ASTOR HAS DENIAL

Colonel's Son Says He is Not Engaged to Broadway Star.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 2.—(Special.)—Vincent Astor, son of Colonel John Jacob Astor and a freshman at Harvard, emphatically denied today the published report that he is to marry a popular Broadway musical star, Miss Ina Claire.

"Nothing to it," said young Astor. "Miss Claire and I are just good friends. I have met her several times, but as for a lingering attachment and that sort of mush, why, it is absolutely unfounded."

"You may say without fear of contradiction that I am not engaged to any girl, nor do I intend to become so."

WOLVES KILL MANY DEER

Game Driven From Hills in Idaho by Cold and Wild Beasts.

GRANGEVILLE, Idaho, March 2.—Scores of deer have been killed by wolves and cougars within the last few weeks by stockmen on the Salmon River.

The animals have been driven near the city by the cold in the mountains.

\$7000 GEMS, LOOT OF BOY, REGAINED

Chinese Steals Miss Linden's Diamonds.

LAD'S FATHER BARES THEFT

Aged Parent of Youth Returns Jewels in Immunity Pact.

SON SAVED FROM PRISON

Detectives Return to Woman Precious Stones Carried Off by Former Employee, Giving Pledge Not to Prosecute Thief.

Diamonds valued at \$7000, stolen Wednesday from the home of Miss Pearl Linden, East Third street and Holladay avenue, were recovered yesterday by Detectives Day and Hyde, through the honesty of Wong Chong, an elderly Chinese farmer, living below Vancouver, Wash., who is the father of the thief, Wong Chong Sing, 15 years old.

The recovery was effected after elaborate negotiations conducted through Portland Chinese, clan cousins of the boy and his father, looking to the saving of the youth from prosecution. This was agreed to and he was not arrested, remaining with his father at the farm.

Detectives Comb Chinatown.

Feeling assured that the boy must have committed the theft, the detectives had combed Chinatown for three days, seeking some information as to his whereabouts, and they made numerous trips to Vancouver, where he said he was employed in a restaurant. Saturday, by telephone, the officers received a veiled offer to put them in communication with those who could restore the gems, but only upon assurance that the boy would not be prosecuted.

After the conference with Miss Linden, this was agreed to, with the result that Detectives Day and Hyde brought the diamonds to detective headquarters yesterday shortly after noon, after an automobile trip to the ranch of Wong Chong. Detective Day carried the chamong sack containing the diamonds in his hip pocket. His first act was to telephone to Miss Linden that her gems had been recovered. She was profuse in her expressions of gratitude to the officers and the department.

Daughter of Dr. Linden.

Miss Linden is the daughter of Dr. Emma H. Linden, a physician, who had offices in the Washington building up to the time of her death, a little over a year ago.

Wong Chong Sing had been employed in the home and was a general favorite, receiving many kindnesses at the hands of his mistress. Since he ceased to work there he has been a frequent caller, and always has been welcomed. He has an elementary American education and wears the Western costume.

Last Wednesday Miss Linden was ill in bed and, was receiving callers at her bedside. Two women were with her when Sing called and was shown to the room about 3 o'clock. Towards 5 o'clock the other visitors were called away for a short time, and in their absence Miss Linden dropped asleep.

Gems Stolen as Woman Sleeps.

The jewelry, contained in a chamong bag and that in turn in a suede bag, had been under Miss Linden's pillow, but before taking her nap she transferred it to a position under the counterpane in the presence of the boy. She awoke in a short time and Sing remained in the house till about 5 o'clock, maintaining his usual demeanor. Then he took his leave, promising to call again, and half an hour later Miss Linden discovered that her jewels were missing.

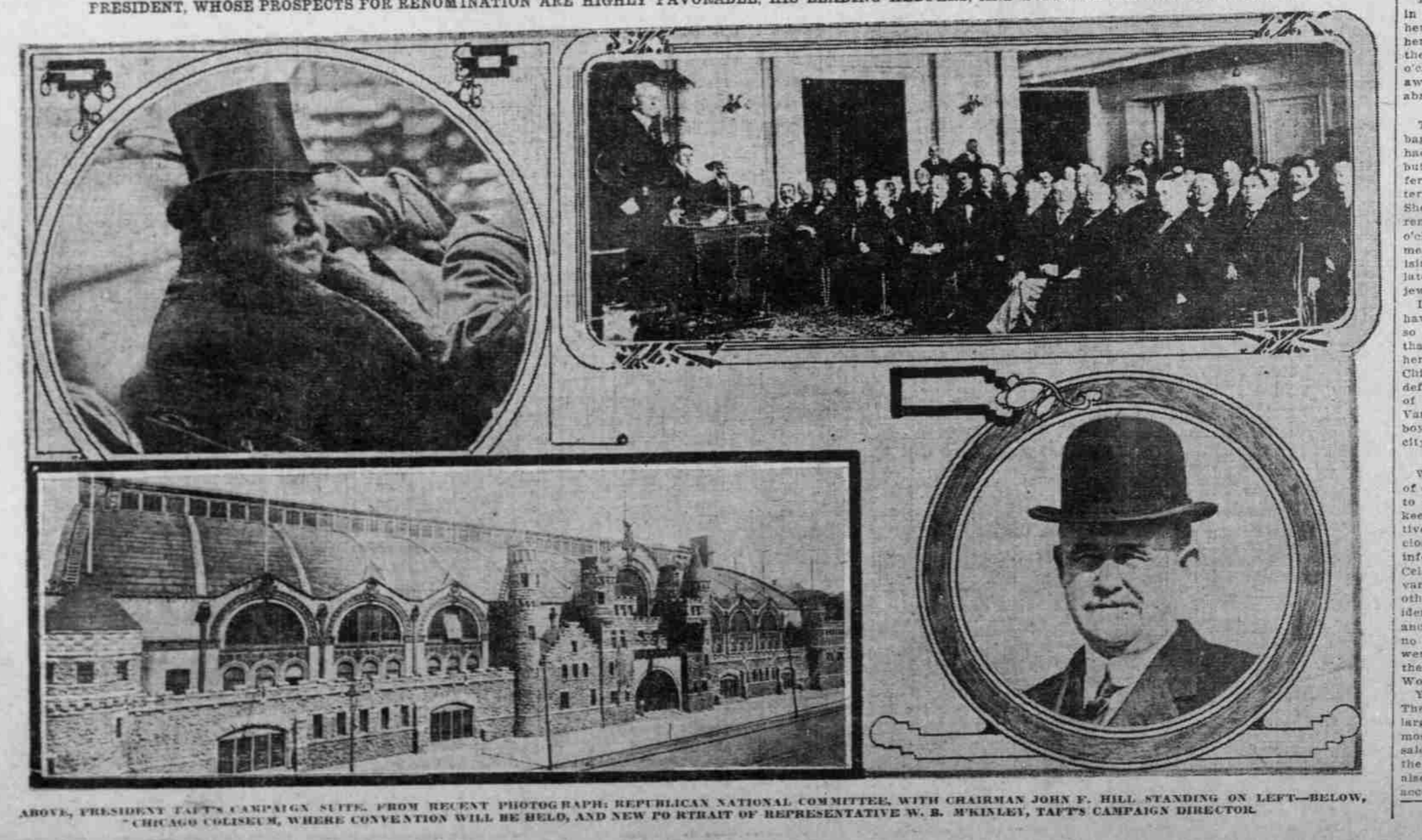
It was apparent that the boy must have committed the theft, and the loser so notified the detectives. Knowing that the boy had friends and clansmen here, they made a thorough canvass of Chinatown, but could obtain nothing definite. They soon proved the falsity of Sing's statement that he worked in Vancouver. Those who knew that the boy's father lived five miles below that city failed to mention it.

Celestials Show Craft.

When about to give up the thought of catching the thief in this vicinity and to send the search further abroad and keep watch of the pawnshops, Detective Day received a telephone message cloaked in mystery, but pointing to information on the case. With truly celestial craft, the negotiation was advanced step by step, the Chinese at the other end of the line keeping their identity secret (ill a positive assurance was obtained that there would be no prosecution. Then the detectives were informed that they could recover the jewels by calling at the farm of Wong Chong.

Yesterday the recovery was made. The officers found Wong Chong a large-sized, horn-horned farmer of most simple and honest bearing. He said that his boy came home, carrying the sack of jewels and \$21, which was also in the purse. Through the boy's accession of wealth the father was led

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ABOVE, PRESIDENT TAFT'S CAMPAIGN SUITE, FROM RECENT PHOTOGRAPH; REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, WITH CHAIRMAN JOHN F. HILL, STANDING ON LEFT—BELOW, CHICAGO COLISEUM, WHERE CONVENTION WILL BE HELD, AND NEW PORTRAIT OF REPRESENTATIVE W. B. M'KINLEY, TAFT'S CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR.