



## TAFT STATEMENT SAYS RACE IS WON

### Bureau's Estimate of Delegates Is 562.

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### No Political Event, Is Declaration, Can Change Outcome.

### RIVAL CLAIMS RIDICULED

### President's Managers Say Disagreement in Figures of Roosevelt and His Manager Is One of Humorous Features.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—(Special.)—In the regular weekly statement from the National Taft bureau, given out tonight, it is declared that no possible political event in the coming week can shake the control of the Chicago convention by Taft delegates, who already, it is asserted, constitute a majority. The statement follows: "President Taft has passed through the crucial week of the contest for the Republican nomination for President and emerges from it in full and undisputed control of the Republican National convention, which meets in Chicago in June. With two district conventions to hear from today, the President has 562 delegates to his credit, or 23 more than an actual majority in the National convention.

Only 366 to Be Chosen. Theodore Roosevelt, on the other hand, is forced to face a combination of his certain defeat and ends the week with 194 delegates to his credit, or 174 delegates short of a majority at Chicago. Including the two Congressional districts yesterday and the 100 other delegates which remain to be elected between now and June 4, there remain to be chosen for the Chicago convention 194 delegates all told, so that Mr. Roosevelt's defeat for the nomination is absolutely certain. There is no possible political event involved in any subsequent choice of delegates to the Chicago convention which will shake the control of that convention by President Taft's delegates. The primaries in Ohio, New Jersey, South Dakota and Arizona will add material strength to President Taft's list of delegates and increase the majority by which he will control.

Nomination Declared Certain. "The President's renomination is assured. The Republican principles for which he has waged this contest will be written into the National platform of the Republican party this year. These facts are already recognized and understood by the rank and file of the party everywhere, and only the hysterical vapors of Mr. Roosevelt's campaign managers, naturally chagrined at having lost the battle and striving only to make the defeat as honorable as possible, now rend the air. The bandwagon is going by and they know it, hence their desperate misstatements of facts.

One of the most ludicrous events of the whole campaign has been the utter inability of Mr. Roosevelt and his campaign managers to agree on the number of delegates they should claim for Roosevelt when it became evident that Mr. Taft, on Wednesday last, was about to pass into absolute control of the Chicago convention. At Toledo, O., Mr. Roosevelt, without consultation with anyone, claimed 108 votes for himself, while at the same time in Washington, Senator Dixon, his campaign manager, claimed only 419. The next day Mr. Dixon came back with another claim, this time of 422 delegates, although only 12 delegates had been elected in the meantime.

Dark Horse Talk Laid to Rest. "These humorous incidents merely indicate that at no time in this campaign have Mr. Roosevelt or his managers ever taken the trouble to figure out their exact strength in the Chicago convention. Characteristically they have taken everything for granted and, severely trusting in their own infallibility, they have claimed everything in sight and a good deal that never was in sight.

"The evidence of the utter rout in the Roosevelt camp lies in the fact that they have again begun to talk about a third candidate."

### TEXAS FIELD OF BITTERNESS

### Taft Men Claim 27 Votes; Roosevelt Man Concedes One District.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—(Special.)—Texas affords a field where much bitterness may be expected to grow out of Republican contests. National Committeeman Lynn, of Texas, was in Washington today, and declared that the Roosevelt side had carried every district in the state except the second. He added: "The other fellows can bolt and be d—d. They can't get it away from us."

## SIXTH SENSE MAY PROTECT LINERS

### MAXIM WOULD EMPLOY CERTAIN ANIMALS AT SEA.

### Knowledge of Nearness of Icebergs, Says Inventor, Can Best Be Obtained in That Way.

LONDON, May 19.—(Special.)—"I am working hard on an idea that, when perfected, will make a disaster like that to the Titanic impossible," said Hiram Maxim. "It is not beyond the realm of science to provide a ship with means of ascertaining whether any icebergs are within 10 miles, even in dense fog, rain or snow storms. "I am not a spiritualist and I don't believe in any humbug of a superstitious nature, but I do know there are certain animals in the world, having no religion and therefore not superstitious, which can form a clear opinion and, you might say, have definite knowledge of objects in their vicinity without seeing or hearing them—that is, they possess a sixth sense.

### CANADIAN BUYS BRANCH

### Kootenai Valley Line of Great Northern Is Secured.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 19.—(Special.)—News reached here today that the Canadian Pacific Railway has purchased the Kootenai Valley Railway from the Great Northern, and that the operation will be turned over on June 1, when through trains will be run from Kootenai Lake to Spokane. The Kootenai Valley line was inspected by the Canadian officials in regard to making several changes at Bonner's Ferry to connect with the Spokane International line. The Kootenai Valley line runs from Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, to Creston, B. C. This will necessitate a change in the route of the Spokane International. The Canadian Pacific would build its line, starting at Elko, B. C., running south to the international boundary line, where the Spokane International Railway line would build to Libby, Mont., coming down the Kootenai River to Bonner's Ferry, thus eliminating the Moyle grade.

## "GOOD THING" BEGETS JAIL

### Races Breed Forgery and Bad Checks Bring Arrest in Spokane.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 19.—(Special.)—Confessing that he forged and passed several checks on Spokane merchants that he might obtain money with which to play the races, B. F. Lathrop, 24 years old, bookkeeper and of good family, was arrested this morning by Detectives Thompson and Dial. He was locked up at the City Jail on a charge of forgery. "I was certain I could win and return the money," said young Lathrop. "I was told by some nicely-dressed young fellows at the track that they would give me a 'good thing.'" Lathrop's arrest resulted from his passing a check for \$25 on a store, where he bought a suit of clothes, paid \$5 down on it and had the firm cash a check for \$25. Kemp & Hebert, Lew Hunt's buffet and other firms were victimized. The young man took his arrest complacently, saying, "Some might think me clever, but it doesn't look like it now."

## TAXICABS CRASH; 4 HURT

### Inexperienced Driver Loses Head and Wrecks Cars at Walla Walla.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 19.—(Special.)—When C. C. Hubbard, an inexperienced taxicab driver, lost his head and swung to the left side of Alder street this afternoon he crashed head-on into a taxicab driven by C. C. Miller, which was trying to make a trailer. The injured are: F. W. Cobb, cut about face, arm, and chest; Hunsville, Wash., school; Rose N. Cobb, wife, deep gash in forehead and cut on arm; Josephine Cobb, daughter, 5 years old, throat severely cut; Virginia Cobb, aged 4 years, slight cuts about the face; Mrs. W. A. Cobb, the aged mother of F. W. Cobb, escaped injury, as did both drivers.

### RAIN GLADDENS FARMERS

### Wasco, Gilliam and Sherman Counties Expect Record Crops.

"The rain which today visited Wasco County undoubtedly extended into Gilliam and Sherman counties," said Dr. J. W. Donnelly, of Condon, at the Imperial, last night. "With this additional moisture, a big crop is virtually assured in that section. Because of lack of rain or other unfavorable climatic conditions, the farmers of Gilliam County have harvested short crops for four consecutive years. Indications today are most propitious for a bountiful yield of all cereals. If the growing crop as it stands today fully matures, every farmer will be on 'easy street.' "The proceeds from the harvest will be adequate to wipe out all mortgages and leave to the producers comfortable bank accounts. Instead of becoming discouraged with successive crop shortages, the farmers of my county this year increased their acreage and are in position to enjoy the full profit."

## SUICIDE FOLLOWS REVERSE IN LOVE

### Apple Grower Takes Life at Chicago.

### ROMANCE WRECKED BY DRINK

### Jilted Man of Noble German Lineage Dies by Shooting.

### WIDOW'S REFUSAL FATAL

### Henry Spruck von Armenthal, Said to Have Interests in Northwest, Ends Career at Following Repeated Sprints.

CHICAGO, May 19.—(Special.)—Suicide followed disappointment in love, when Henry Spruck von Armenthal, reputed to have interests in apple orchards of the Northwest, ended his life by shooting in his room at the Palmer House here Saturday night. He was of noble German lineage and is said to be wealthy.

### STORM KNOCKS OUT WIRES

### Telephones and Streetcars Go Out of Commission in Walla Walla.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 19.—(Special.)—More than 150 telephones are out of commission in this city tonight, all streetcar traffic was tied up for almost an hour and it was late when the electric lights were turned on as a result of a severe electrical storm which passed over this city about 3:30 this afternoon. Several houses were slightly damaged by lightning, but no injuries or serious property losses had been reported at a late hour tonight.

### ANDREW MERCER EXPIRES

### Former Resident of Corvallis Dies at Home of Son in Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 19.—(Special.)—Andrew Mercer, 62 years old, died today at the home of his son, Dr. I. J. Mercer, of this city. He is survived by a widow and four children, Mrs. J. J. Hillis, of Portland; Mrs. George Siskler, Missoula, Mont.; George E. Mercer, Keston Station, Portland. He was an Oddfellow and a Universalist. Mr. Mercer lived in Corvallis, Or., before coming to Vancouver.

## CURB ON AMBITION CHAFES COLONEL

### REQUEST TO BE MADE MAJOR-GENERAL ONCE DENIED.

### Desire to Enter Mexico at Head of Rough Riders Outgrowth of Rumors About Japan.

NEW YORK, May 19.—(Special.)—Reports were circulated some time ago that Colonel Roosevelt had asked President Taft to appoint him to the head of a body of cavalry in the event of an invasion of Mexico. This request was said to have been made by the Colonel in the presence of President Taft as he was assembling troops for the Mexican frontier. Semi-official denials of this report were issued when it was made public, but the real story of the incident, which is said to be responsible for part of Roosevelt's resentment against President Taft, has just become known.

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### OFFICER TREATS LOST TOT

### Little Beatrice McHale Given Meal by Detective Hawley.

"I'm hungry," were the first words of Beatrice McHale, 2½ years old, yesterday, after she had wandered half a mile from her home. The touching appeal met with ready response from Detective Hawley, who gathered the tot in his arms and carried her to a restaurant, where she had her fill of milk and sweetstuffs.

### GEODUCKS FOR ELK SPREAD

### Olympians Will Demonstrate Reality of Much-Discussed Sea "Bird."

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 19.—(Special.)—Monday night the Olympia Lodge of Elks will give a most unusual banquet, as it has arranged for a "spread" of geoducks. These "birds," which are neither fish nor fowl, are caught only when the tide is extremely low, and so as to be sure to have a bountiful supply on hand, teams have been formed to do the losing squad is forced to pay a penalty.

### FAST IS ALMOST FATAL

### Homesteader Voluntarily Goes Without Food for Three Weeks.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 19.—Terribly emaciated and almost dead from a voluntary fast lasting more than three weeks, James Potter, an Idaho homesteader, was picked up today near Chatteroy by a party of Spokane business men on an automobile tour and brought to this city. After food and stimulant had been given him, Potter declared that he had gone into the woods to fast three weeks ago, and had eaten nothing since. He had ample money to buy food, but seemed unable to tell why he had chosen to abstain from food. Although a man of big frame, he weighed less than 80 pounds when found.

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### LEPROSY-STRICKEN MONK COURAGEOUS

### LAST OF PIONEER NURSES AT MOLOKAI FACES DEATH.

### Brother Ira Dutton Awaits Fate With Same Fortitude as Father Damien Did Before Him.

BOSTON, May 19.—(Special.)—Confronting death with as much fortitude as his noted predecessor, word has been received in this city that Brother Ira Dutton, of the Dominican Order, a former New England man, has been stricken with leprosy on the island of Molokai in the Hawaiian group. He is the last of the pioneer nurses who first took care of the unfortunate on the island in the North Pacific.

### GANG PLANK SNAPS; 2 DEAD, 50 INJURED

### 60 Boarding Flyer at Seattle Plunge.

### RESCUE WORK DIFFICULT

### Victims Are Penned Between Steamer and Pier.

### DIVERS HUNT FOR BODIES

### Water by Coleman Dock Is Dotted With Screaming, Struggling Persons—Saved Taken to Hospitals for Treatment.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 19.—Two persons are known to have been drowned and 50 were injured today when the adjustable end of a temporary passenger gangplank at the Colman Dock dropped, precipitating 60 passengers into the water as they were preparing to board the Puget Sound steamer Flyer, for Tacoma.

### RAIL CONTRACTORS BUSY

### Heavy Construction Work Encountered on Natron Cutoff.

EUGENE, Or., May 19.—(Special.)—Eugene E. Hyland, down from Oakridge, rail head of the Natron extension, brings word of great activity on the part of the Utah Construction Company. With the opening of regular train service to Oakridge the first of the month, the construction company removed its headquarters buildings, repair shops and supply sheds from Natron to Oakridge and now is at work on the 10-mile contract that was let several months ago.

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### NEGRO SAVES MANY

### Newton Johns, a Negro Bootblack, leaped from the wharf when the accident happened and saved several women. Johns is at home in the water, having learned to swim when a child on the Delaware River. He was in the water half an hour helping women into the lifeboats. When Mayor Cotterill, who hurried to the scene, heard of his conduct, he sought the youth and commended him warmly, much to the embarrassment of the bootblack, who was busily polishing shoes.

### EXPERIENCE IS RELATED

### Mr. and Mrs. C. Bruder, whose child was drowned, were rescued, although Mrs. Bruder suffered severely and is unable to leave the hospital.

### MISS LILLIAN E. HALVERSON, a recent arrival from Chicago, told of saving herself after sinking three times by holding to the clothing of a foreigner, who was clinging to a piling until picked up by a lifeboat.

### MR. and Mrs. James Dalton, of Scranton, Pa., were just about to step from

