

TAFT SWEEPING WEST AND SOUTH

Nearly All Delegates Elected Are Instructed for the Secretary.

FEW ARE UNINSTRUCTED

Strength Greatest in Big Northern and Western States—Little Opposition in South—Table of Votes by States.

COLUMBUS, O., March 7.—The Taft managers have issued the following bulletin:

Every delegate now selected to the Republican National convention from a Northern state that has no candidate of its own is under binding instructions to vote and work for the nomination of Secretary William Howard Taft. With the exception of Vice-President Fairbanks, who has 26 instructed delegates from the Congressional districts of his own state, not another mentioned candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination now has a real delegate that he can call his own.

The Taft strength is greatest in the big Northern and Western Republican states. It is not found merely in the South, as has been asserted. Although 12 out of 13 delegates now selected bear instructions for Taft, but 14 of the number are from Southern states—two from Alabama, eight from Florida and six from Tennessee; Maryland, which has been breaking away from the South politically, furnishes four more. The Philippines have given Taft two votes.

Two More States for Taft.

In the past week Kansas and Nebraska have commenced to elect Taft delegates. (Since the above was written state conventions have elected delegates instructed for Taft.)

Iowa has selected her first National delegates without a thought of considering any other candidate. The convention which selected these delegates unanimously instructed them for Secretary Taft. Iowa is a state which has been denied to the Secretary of War by all the Eastern political know-it-alls. It has at times been credited to Senator La Follette, but usually is given to Governor Cummins, while occasionally Cannon, Fairbanks, Hughes and Knox are generally given a few Iowa delegates. Governor Cummins and his followers are sincerely for Taft, as are Senator Allison and those of his friends who are engaged in a contest with the Governor for local party control.

The actions taken to date in the 13 states and Philippine Islands which have selected delegates to the Chicago convention furnish an answer to those who claim, in an effort to defeat Taft instructions, that it is wrong to instruct delegates anyhow; that the manhood of delegates should be preserved and that they should be commissioned to do what they seem best to them at the time, regardless of what the members of the party who sent them to the National convention may want.

Nearly All Delegates Instructed.

With the exception of two delegates from Alabama, two from Missouri and four from Louisiana, every delegate thus far selected is under positive and binding instructions. Omitting Indiana, the instructions are all for Taft. The Louisiana uninstructed delegates were selected during the past week in a convention representing one faction of the party. On May 11 the other faction will hold its convention, and is expected to instruct the delegates selected for Secretary Taft. The faction to meet in May is the one officially recognized in the state, and which nominates the Republican candidates placed on the ballot.

The table of actual delegate selections at this time does not indicate that there will be more than the usual number of contests from the Southern States. The seats of all of the Alabama and Florida delegates now named are in dispute, and the rights of the four from Louisiana, are to be questioned. Maryland, although on the border, is generally considered a Southern State, and has selected four delegates, and Tennessee, in the heart of the Southern Mississippi Valley, has picked six, all of them without contest. As the record stands today, 12 Southern seats are disputed and 10 are not questioned.

The following table, sent out by the Taft managers, has been brought up to date:

Name of State	Number of Delegates	Instructed for Taft	Uninstructed	Total
Alabama	20	18	2	20
Florida	10	8	2	10
Indiana	20	20	0	20
Iowa	20	20	0	20
Kansas	10	10	0	10
Missouri	10	8	2	10
Nebraska	10	10	0	10
Nevada	10	10	0	10
Ohio	10	10	0	10
Oklahoma	10	10	0	10
Philippines	2	2	0	2
Tennessee	10	10	0	10
Total	160	148	12	160

In Louisiana, a state convention will be held May 11, by that portion of the party which is recognized on the state ballot. In the Oklahoma contest, both sets of delegates are instructed for Taft.

KEYSTONE'S SECOND CHOICE

Pennsylvania Will Swing to Taft.

Knox Leader in Senate.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The Washington Times has published a story reporting that when the time comes for such action, Senator Philander C. Knox, the Pennsylvania candidate for President, will be found supporting Secretary Taft, and that at least 50 of the state's 60 votes will go to Taft. The Times says that Knox will probably be the recognized floor leader in the Senate of the Taft administration, and will work to secure the passage of administration measures.

Representative Ben R. Focht, of the Seventeenth Pennsylvania District, declares Secretary Taft will be the second

choice of the Pennsylvania delegation. Mr. Focht has been active in support of the Pennsylvania Senator, but says he is convinced that Taft is the favorite in the betting in New York and even in Pennsylvania.

HEARST'S FIGHT FOR MAYOR

Supreme Court to Begin Hearing of Case April 13.

NEW YORK, March 14.—The right of George B. McClellan to the office of Mayor of New York City, which was contested by William H. Hearst, will be determined at a trial which is to begin before the appellate division of the Supreme Court on April 13. This date was fixed in an order issued by the appellate division today, in pursuance of a recent order granting the right to open the boxes in disputed districts for the purpose of recounting the ballots. The order also commanded the drawing of a special panel of 100 talemens.

The Mayorality contest has been dragging through the courts for more than two years.

ALIA TRIES TO ESCAPE

SLASHES TRUSTY WITH RAZOR OBTAINED SOMEHOW.

Police Suspect He Has Organized Accomplices, Who Are Attempting to Aid Him.

DENVER, March 14.—An attempt was made about 8:30 o'clock today by Giuseppe Alia, the condemned murderer of Father Leo Heinrichs, to escape from the County Jail, where he has been under guard day and night. He made use of a razor blade, with which he slashed the neck of a "trusty" who was cleaning his cell, and then made a dash to get away.

The "trusty," despite his cut, rushed after him and pinioned him, and he was quickly overpowered with the help of Deputy Warden Carpen. Brunetti, an Italian, and companion of Alia's, had been held as a suspect and occupied the cell before Alia was placed in it. Brunetti was released from jail last night, and as he passed Alia's cell he spoke to the condemned man in Italian. It is surmised that Brunetti may have left the razor concealed and told Alia where to look for it when he passed out last night.

Michel Brunetti, who is suspected of having left the razor, was found by Alia, when interviewed this afternoon, denied emphatically that he had done so or that he had any knowledge as to how Alia obtained the weapon. Sheriff Alexander Nisbet and the police, however, are convinced by this incident that the murderer of the priest has accomplices or confederates who are determined to save his life, if possible, and that they belong to an organization.

Baron Gustavo Tosti, the Italian Consul, said today that Alia's hopeless attempt to escape from jail confirmed his belief that the man is insane. He added: "I have no intention of appealing to the Italian government or of trying to make this an international affair. It is purely a local matter." Attorney Widdicombe, who undertook the defense of the assassin under the court's order, said this afternoon: "I was not in the least surprised when I heard this morning that Giuseppe Alia had attempted to murder a guard at the County Jail in an attempt to escape. I have always regarded the prisoner as a dangerous man, and even when I defended him I had no belief that he was insane. I have always regarded him as a desperate and sane man who would not stop at anything to carry out his ideas."

FLEET PREPARES TO SAIL

Japanese Squadron Exhibits Activity at Naval Station.

HONGKONG, March 14.—Information has been received here from Formosa that the Japanese naval squadron will sail today on secret service. The cruiser Takasago, Akitsuma, Asama and flotilla of smaller vessels have been coaled ready to sail at a minute's notice since March 7. At Sabao, the naval station, everything is exceedingly busy. The Tatsu affair has caused a sensation in the Navy, and some action in the Department is surmised.

A dispatch from Tokio under date of March 9 announced that a part of the first Japanese naval squadron was to leave port on March 11. Coaling and other preparations for departure were proceeding rapidly.

At the office of the admiralty at Tokio, it was declared that the squadron was about to begin a series of maneuvers and that the activity of the Sasho should not necessarily be considered in connection with the difficulty with China arising from the Tatsu Maru incident.

PROGRESS IN THE TATSU CASE

China and Japan Agree on Definite Terms of Settlement.

PEKIN, March 14.—The negotiations looking to a settlement of the difficulty between China and Japan growing out of the seizure by China of the Japanese steamer Tatsu Maru, are making favorable progress. The Chinese Foreign Board approved the draft of a document in which China accepts the proposals made by Japan yesterday. China will pay \$1,000,000 (about \$1,000,000) to the arms that form the cargo of the Tatsu Maru, and she will pay also about \$1,000,000 (about \$1,000,000) to the Tatsu Maru, which is expected to be released March 15.

In addition Japan agrees to adopt and enforce strict regulations to prevent future traffic in arms, and to admit from Japan into China, but she refuses to include the territory of Macao in this limitation. China will soon take up negotiations with Portugal regarding the contraband traffic at Macao.

COULD NOT DRAW A WILL

Allegation Made Against Author of Illinois Revised Statutes.

CHICAGO, March 14.—Was Harvey B. Lord, father of the Illinois revised statutes, incapable of drawing a will which would bear legal scrutiny? Mrs. Ida H. Lord, his eldest daughter, apparently thinks he was and asks that the will of her late father, disposing of his \$200,000 estate, be set aside. The action, based upon an alleged technical error in the document, is likely to develop a fight on the part of the other heirs.

King Mannel Delays Amnesty.

LISBON, March 14.—It is announced that King Manuel will not sign a decree of general amnesty until it has been established that there was no connection between the assassinations of his father and brother and the political uprising planned for last year.

Married men of Belgium have two votes and the single ones only one. Priests and some other privileged persons have three.

SAVED FROM BUNCO; ANGRY

CHICAGO MAN WANTS TO PLAY TIP ON RACE.

Threatens Arrest of Detectives Who Save Him From Clutches of Notorious Bunco-Steerer.

CHICAGO, March 14.—Believing that he had lost an opportunity to make a small fortune, C. E. Vail, a building agent, threatened to prefer charges against two city detectives yesterday when they interrupted a conversation at the Western Union building and arrested William Loftus, said by the police to be a well-known confidence man. It developed that Loftus had induced Vail to agree to place \$2000 on a horse running in the third race at New Orleans, after he had been led to believe that Loftus would receive the first information of the winner because of an alleged acquaintance with the manager of the telegraph company. The detectives were walking by the building when they recognized Loftus and decided to investigate.

Faint Hope for Judge Halley.

Something of an improvement was reported last night in the condition of Judge Thomas G. Halley, although he was still low at a late hour. Hope of his recovery was not abandoned entirely, as the sick man showed signs of rallying from the relapse that followed his removal from the St. Vincent's Hospital to his home at 825 Marshall street.

Would Reorganize Foundry Trust.

NEW YORK, March 14.—E. H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel Corporation, made a statement to the stockholders of the American Steel Foundries Company at a meeting in Jersey City today advocating the reorganization plan proposed for the latter company.

Smallpox on Ocean Liner.

NEW YORK, March 14.—The steamer Graf Waldersee, which came in from Roulogne and Plymouth today with more than 1000 passengers, had a case of smallpox in her steerage. She was temporarily detained at quarantine.

South African Liner Wrecked.

DURBAN, March 14.—The British steamer Newark Castle, belonging to the Union Castle Line, has been wrecked at Richards' Bay. The passengers on board, together with part of the cargo, have been safely landed.

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