

FIRE SMOLDERS IN COMMISSION

Discord Reigns in Interstate Board.

CHARGES OF NEPOTISM MADE

Two Members Employ Sons as Confidential Clerks.

ONLY WORK TO DRAW PAY

One Traveled With Father at Government Expense, Now Studies Law—Working Clerks Jealous. Deadlock on Spokane Case.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—(Special.)—In administration circles it is well known that perfect peace and brotherly love do not exist any longer in the ranks of the Interstate Commerce Commission. There has been no open breach, but the smoldering fires have been smoldering so long that a tiny flame now and then tries to burst out, though it is extinguished before it has a chance to do much harm.

Sinecures Given Their Sons.

A long time ago some of the commissioners thought it might be well to lighten their burdens. In order to do so, they succeeded in securing the right and the appropriation necessary to employ one "confidential clerk" to each commissioner. The salary was fixed at \$2000 a year, but, of course, the duties of the new position were never defined.

Studies Law Under Salary.

His traveling education finished, one "confidential clerk" settled in Washington and began the study of law. His course is uncompleted, but it is presumed that when he graduates he will be given the position of special examiner for his father, which position has a little better sound than that of "confidential clerk."

Make Other Clerks Jealous.

Both of these employees have their quarters at the commission offices, he fact their accommodations are so much better than the average clerk's that the fact has created comment and jealousy. Space is valuable at commission headquarters, which are cramped. This does not affect the situation so far as the "confidential clerks" are concerned.

ENGLISH HOPMEN ASK PROTECTION

GREAT DEMONSTRATION IN FAVOR OF IMPORT DUTY.

Growers and Pickers Say Dumping of American Hops is Ruining Home Industry.

LONDON, May 16.—A great army of men and women interested in the hop industry in England, estimated to number more than 50,000, held a demonstration in Trafalgar Square this afternoon in favor of imposing a duty of \$10 on every hundred weight of hops imported into this country. Special trains brought in thousands from Kent, Sussex, Hampshire, Worcester and Hereford, the great hop-growing counties, while the East End of London, whence emanate almost all the hop-pickers, furnished a contingent perhaps twice as large as the growers and laborers from the provinces.

EDNA GOODRICH TO MARRY

Announces Engagement and Brings Trousseau for Wedding.

NEW YORK, May 16.—(Special.)—Edna Goodrich, the actress, returned from Europe today accompanied by her mother. She brought with her a dozen trunks. Pointing to them, she said, with a smile:

"Yes, they contain my trousseau. I am going to marry Mr. McMillan in Berkeley on June 10. I want to deny right here all that talk about Nat Goodwin. He has no strings on me. My contract has expired and all I can say is that I am going to forget the stage, at least for some time.

Harry McMillan is a well-known mining man residing in Berkeley, California. He made a fortune in Nevada and recently his engagement to Miss Goodrich was announced. A short time ago, when Nat Goodwin was interviewed in regard to the report that he was to retire permanently from the stage, he answered, "There is no more truth in that than in the absurd report that Miss Goodrich is to marry a mining man of Berkeley."

After the announcement of the engagement, Goodwin hurried from Rawlids, Nevada, to Europe, but if he hoped to intercept Miss Goodrich he was unsuccessful, as they passed each other on the Atlantic.

OFFICER SHADOWS BRYAN

Crank Makes Threat of Violence and Protection Is Given.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Unknown to himself, William J. Bryan, during the three days of his stay here this week in attendance upon the Governor's conference, was the object of watchful care by central office detectives. This was caused by threats involving personal violence made against him by a white man who called at the office of Willis J. Abbott, a friend of Mr. Bryan. Mr. Abbott did not see the man, who left the message with a clerk in the office. Mr. Abbott thinks the man was simply a harmless crank, but as a matter of prudence communicated with the police authorities, suggesting that the man be watched during Mr. Bryan's stay here. The police, however, centered their attention on Mr. Bryan.

TORNADOES KILL FOUR

Small Storms Sweep Louisiana, Doing Little Damage.

CROWLEY, La., May 16.—Reports reached here tonight of four deaths today in tornadoes near this place. The dead: At Chataigne—Henry J. Young and a child of Thomas Young. At Plaquemine Ridge—Two negroes. About a dozen persons were injured, but none fatally.

TAFT IS SURE OF CLEAR MAJORITY

All Delegates Elected and Totals Made.

OPPOSITION WILL FADE AWAY

Secretary Has 592 Delegates Nailed Down.

CONFIDENT OF TWO-THIRDS

Fairbanks Is Only Favorite Son Who Has Own State Solid—Knox Is Second in Race, 500 Votes Behind.

FIGURES ON TAFT'S LEAD. Instructed or committed delegates 472. Uncommitted delegates for Taft 58. Contested delegates for Taft 64. Taft vote on first ballot (estimated) 394. Necessary to choice 491. Taft's majority on first ballot 103.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—(Special.)

William H. Taft will be the choice of the Republican National Convention for the Presidency. His nomination is assured on the first ballot. It is within reason that all opposition will fade away before the balloting begins at the Coliseum in Chicago, and that the unanimous nomination of the Secretary of War immediately will follow.

The last delegates to the convention were elected this afternoon. The list of men who will represent the 46 states and the seven territories, whose delegates will gather in Chicago just one month from today, furnishes the basis for the forecast which is presented herewith. Careful compilation, honest allowance for conflicting claims, sifting and harmonizing of estimates which have issued from the headquarters of all of the candidates for the chief place on the National ticket, produce the following results:

Clear Majority Assured.

Mr. Taft has tonight actually instructed for him or otherwise committed to his candidacy, together with his friends among the uninstructed, a clear majority of the 390 delegates to the Chicago convention.

At the lowest estimate, one-third of the uninstructed and unpledged delegates expect to vote for Mr. Taft. Supporters of the Taft candidacy will be in complete control of the organization and of the committees of the convention.

Taft Has Won in Walk.

When the final figures came in late this afternoon, the Taft managers "toted up" the columns, sat back and with pleasurable pride announced that the fight was over and that the Secretary of War had won in a walk. Their figures indicate confidence in the claim that practically two-thirds of the delegates will take their seats in the Chicago convention prepared to vote for the Ohio man. The compilation of the states and territories, as indicated above, shows that nothing but a dispensation of providence will prevent the nomination of Mr. Taft on the first ballot.

Sure of 592 Delegates.

In the first place, Mr. Taft has 592 delegates either nailed down by instructions or definitely committed to his cause by resolution of the conventions which chose the delegates, or by personal pledges and public announcement of their pro-Taft views. In the next place, of the 196 delegates who are either uninstructed or unpledged, or who have not expressed their feelings, the Taft managers could

HELIE AND ANNA DODGE REPORTERS

COMPLETE JOURNEY TO PARIS BY AUTOMOBILE.

Paris Journalists Go to Meet Lovers and Only Find Their Baggage at Depot.

PARIS, May 16.—In order to escape observation, Prince Helie de Sagan and Mme. Anna Gould, who left Monte Carlo for this city last night, alighted from the train at La Roche, where two automobiles were in waiting for them. The motors took them to the Chateau Marais, Mme. Gould's summer residence outside of Paris.

When the Monte Carlo train arrived here, there were newspaper men at the station, but they found only the baggage of the couple. After taking luncheon at the chateau, the couple came into Paris by motor. Mme. Gould went to her residence on the Avenue Malakoff and the Prince de Sagan to his lodgings.

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RAILWAY EMPLOYES ENTER POLITICS

Purpose to Fight Rate Reduction.

ENOUGH VOTES TO CONTROL

Leaders Say They Can Swing the Election.

OPPOSITON IS DETERMINED

Farmers and Other Wage-Earners Declare They Will Fight for Continued Regulation and Lower Rates.

LINCOLN, Neb., May 16.—(Special.)

Employes of railroads in Nebraska have entered politics in earnest, and they are not a bit backward in announcing the fact that they have lined up with the companies against the regulation of the roads by the state and against a reduction in rates. Some of the leaders declare they have enough votes to swing the election, and they propose to use the ballot against every candidate who will not declare himself in a satisfactory way. The committee which authorized the declaration, and which claims to represent practically the entire railroad working force in Nebraska, has been holding meetings in Lincoln and Omaha for a month past. The committee declares that the movement is spontaneous among the men, and has not been stimulated by the managers.

Means Political Revolution.

The declaration is not wholly a surprise, but if it is adhered to and the employes can control anything near the number of votes they say they can, it will work a political revolution in the state.

Six years ago such a movement would hardly have caused a ripple, because except for occasional spasmodic rising, no serious opposition to railroad domination had been attempted. As the situation now stands, every political party in the state is committed to railroad regulation, and the Legislature, at its last session, did more to correct abuses than any ten previous Legislatures. Regulation and rate reductions have been the order of the day for a year and it is the fear that the reductions in freight and passenger rates will eventually fall on the employes in the shape of lower wages that has prompted the present action.

Farmers Ready to Put Up Fight.

Their declaration, they say, is not sudden. It has been brewing ever since the 2-cent fare law took effect. As to the strength of the movement, Clark Powell, of the Nebraska Railway Commission, finds there are 2,000 railroad employes in Nebraska. Of that number, roughly divided, there are 300 in the train service, 500 in the track service and 1,500 in all other branches of railroading. The men assert that they control three times this number. As a reply to the threats of the railroad men, it is asserted that the farmers and wage-earners in other lines declare their readiness to combine and wage a battle for continued regulation and rate reduction, even if it is necessary for the time being to desert old party lines. The farming classes assert they have asked nothing unreasonable of the roads and that more than one can play at the proposed game.

No Rivers and Harbors Bill.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—The announcement that there will be no rivers and harbors bill at this session, and that no surveys will be authorized until the next session, was made today by Representative Burton, of Ohio, chairman of the committee on rivers and harbors. Mr. Burton stated that there would be merely an administrative bill at the present session, slightly modifying plans already approved, but carrying no appropriations and authorizing no surveys.

EXPRESS ROBBERS QUICKLY CAUGHT

TWO MEN WHO DYNAMITED SAFE IN NEW MEXICO.

One of Them, Identified as Man Who Fired Charge, Is Saloon-Keeper.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., May 16.—A report received late this afternoon from Dawson, N. M., says that T. E. Cartwright, of the Santa Fe secret service, who had been heading one of the posses in pursuit of the men who robbed the Wells-Fargo Company of \$25,000, at French, N. M., Thursday night, has captured one of the robbers at Roy, N. M. A dispatch received here tonight from Springer, N. M., says that Ben Williams, chief of detectives of the Santa Fe system, has arrested Henry Farr, a saloonkeeper at Springer, charged with being implicated in the robbery at French. Farr has been taken to Las Vegas for safe keeping. The man arrested at Roy today on the same charge by Santa Fe Detective Cartwright has been identified as Henry Stone. It is reported at Springer tonight that Farr has been identified as the man who broke open the safe containing the money.

LOST IN DIVORCE TANGLE

British Columbian's \$500,000 English Fortune Vanishes.

LONDON, May 16.—A decision was handed down in the Chancery Court this morning, holding that a divorce secured in Dakota was not valid in either Canada or Scotland. By it a youth named Richard Stirling, a resident of British Columbia, is deprived of estates in Scotland worth \$500,000. Richard's mother was married first to a Scotchman named George Smith and the couple went to Canada. Smith subsequently secured a divorce from his wife at Fargo, Minn. Mrs. Smith later married a man named Walter Stirling in San Francisco. Richard, an offspring of this later union, would have succeeded to the estate of George Smith but for the decision of the court that he is illegitimate on the ground that George Smith was not domiciled in Dakota. The court holds that the divorce and the subsequent remarriage of Mrs. Smith both are invalid.

C. E. KEYES IS PRINCIPAL

Former Portland Boy Chosen to Head Oakland Schools.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 16.—The Oakland Board of Education last night appointed C. E. Keyes principal of the Oakland High School vice J. H. Pond, resigned. Mr. Keyes will take charge at the beginning of the present year, June 30, when the resignation of Mr. Pond takes effect.

Mr. Keyes has been principal of the Lafayette School at Seventeenth and West streets 12 years, coming here from Portland, Ore., High School. He is considered one of the most capable and efficient educators in the state. He is being congratulated on all sides on his appointment, as he has many friends among both educators and students.

CUB BEARS FOR WARSHIPS

Aberdeen Will Present 16 "Teddies" to the Fleet.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 16.—(Special.)—George Wolff, a business man, proposed a few days ago that when the excursion from this city by steamer to see the battleship fleet leaves Grays Harbor, that 16 live bear cubs be taken and one presented to each ship. The idea at once took popular fancy and up to this evening ten Teddy bears had been gathered from surrounding towns, and the total number necessary is expected to be rounded up by Wednesday next, when the excursion is promised by the Chamber of Commerce.

CHALLENGE BY AERONAUT

Farnam, of England, Issues Aeroplane Defi to Wright Brothers.

LONDON, May 16.—Special dispatches from Paris announce that Henry Farnam, the English aeronaut who holds the aeroplane record in that country, has challenged the Wright Brothers to an aeroplane contest in France for a stake of \$500.

CONGRESS ORDERS TARIFF INQUIRY

Both Houses Tell Committees to Act.

JEERS FROM THE DEMOCRACY

Williams Says Republicans Fear Political Storm.

SCHEME TO FRY THE FAT

Payne Declares Programme Is to Establish Maximum and Minimum Tariff, With Which to Drive Reciprocity Bargains.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Steps looking to a revision of the tariff were taken by the House when it passed a resolution authorizing the committee on ways and means to sit during the coming recess of Congress.

Payne of New York, who offered the resolution, said that, in order not to disquiet the country before election, the committee would make no general inquiry involving the question of rates in the schedule. After the election, he said, that subject would be gone into.

Only for Campaign Purposes.

Underwood of Alabama, a member of the committee, declared that the resolution came as a surprise to the minority. The resolution was described by Williams as one that could be understood by a child 14 years of age. It was not, he said, the fear that business interests would be disquieted but that things would be disquieted in a political sense. He asserted that the Republican majority dare not bring up prior to election a proposition for tariff revision.

In the opinion of Randall, of Texas, the resolution was but a "fryingpan to fry the fat for campaign purposes."

Payne Tells Programme.

Payne closed the debate by stating that the Republican programme for tariff revision "will be a protective tariff." He continued: "It will be a maximum and a minimum tariff, putting us on an equality with France, Germany and Russia, and we will go out with the tariff as we did with the Dingley tariff in the firm belief that it will bring renewed prosperity to the people of the United States, that it will broaden our markets with the nations of the world and that it will bring blessings to all the people."

SENATE ALSO ORDERS ACTION

Instructs Committee to Inquire as to Cost of Production.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Senator Aldrich today reported from the committee on finance a resolution authorizing the committee to secure certain assistance in pursuing tariff investigations, and it was adopted by the Senate without debate. The resolution provides: "That the committee on finance is authorized, in connection with investigations heretofore ordered by the Senate, with the view of promptly securing the information necessary for a revision of the customs laws of the United States, to call to their assistance experts in the executive departments of the Government, and to employ such other assistants as they shall require, and they are especially directed to report further legislation which is necessary to secure equitable treatment for the agricultural and other products of the United States in foreign countries. They shall also, in the consideration of changes of rates, secure proof of the relative cost of production in this and in principal competing countries for the various articles affected by the tariff upon which changes in rates of duty are desirable."

It is announced that the committee will begin investigations shortly after the adjournment of Congress.

HARRY MURPHY FINDS SOME THINGS TO MAKE FUN OF IN THE EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

