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TAFT NOW PLAYS TO PROGRESSIVES

Olive Branch Offered by Executive.

HARMONY IN PARTY IS AIM

Washington Stirred by Calling of Conference.

WILL UNITY ACTION WIN?

Prominent Senators Meet With President at White House, but Outlook Not Yet Bright for Opposing Factions Uniting.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—In what was said to be an initial effort to bring about a semblance of harmony in the divided Republican forces of the United States Senate, President Taft invited several regular and progressive leaders to the White House today.

The presence of the regulars, who dropped in singly and in pairs, attracted general attention. But political Washington began to sit up and take notice when Senator Cummins, of Iowa, the recognized leader of the insurgent wing of the Senate, arrived. He was quickly followed by Senator Borah, of Idaho, progressive. Later came the information that Senator Bristow, of Kansas, had been invited, but had failed to put in an appearance.

Taft Asks Harmony.

In insurgent circles it was said the preliminary conference with the President had given no definite promise of success. The President was reported as conciliatory and is said to have declared he was anxious to do all in his power to bring about unity of action in the party.

A leading member of the progressive wing in the Senate was asked for an expression as to the outlook for bringing the regulars and insurgents together. He shook his head.

"Such a thing is possible," he declared, "but it certainly is not probable."

This opinion was echoed by others.

President Is Anxious.

At the White House it was not admitted that President Taft was not making a special effort to bring the insurgents or progressives into line. It was declared with a great deal of emphasis that Messrs. Cummins, Borah and Bristow had been invited to call only as a part of the President's plan to consult as many as possible of the Senators and Congressmen regarding recommendations in his message and the legislation programme for the coming session.

Reports of the conference spread quickly through the city, however, and it became known that the President practically had offered the olive branch to the progressives, with many of whom he had not been on the most cordial terms.

The insurgents of both houses probably will hold a caucus before deciding on any course of action. Their tone tonight was hardly conciliatory.

"The fact that this is the short session of Congress, with the time for legislative action limited, will not prevent the bringing of important legislative proposals to the attention of the country and Congress," said Senator Cummins shortly after leaving the White House.

Progressive Programme Out.

The Senator gave the first outline of the programme that is to be followed by the so-called progressives in the session that opens Monday. It is the plan of these members to urge the further consideration of a tariff commission law similar to that embodied in the Beveridge bill and to draw attention again to measures for further control of common carriers.

"It is not probable that any measures of first importance can be passed by Congress at this session," said Senator Cummins. "Those of us who are known as

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HYPNOTIC POWER HELD OVER WIFE

MRS. LOUIS LANG ACCUSES HUSBAND OF USING SPELL.

Suit to Annul Divorce Says Wealthy Portland Man Obtained Decree by Strange Influence.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—(Special.)—A tale of the wielding of a strange hypnotic power by a husband over his wife, coupled with charges of fraud and the misuse of political power, are some of the sensational contents of a petition to set aside a divorce filed in the courts of Portland a few days ago by Mrs. Louis Lang, a well-known San Francisco woman and wife of Louis Lang, one of the wealthiest clubmen of Portland.

Mrs. Lang, who was Alice Baer, of 1200 Geary street in this city, declared last night the divorce was obtained by her husband through stratagem.

"I cannot explain the mysterious power that man had," said Mrs. Lang last night at her home. "I used to become tired when the spell was over me.

"One night my husband caused me to sign a paper. I don't remember the incident. I know that I was in his power. Since I have learned of the divorce I have learned that this paper was a summons which Mr. Lang said in court that I had received, and which notified me that a divorce was pending against me and that I would have an opportunity to file counter-charges. I did not know that the paper related to the divorce at all; in fact, I knew nothing about the divorce suit. I cannot understand how he obtained the divorce from a Judge," the wife continued, "but I have made the charge that he retained a representative who exercised influence with the courts in Oregon City and in that way secured a decree."

"What my daughter says about the strange power is true," said Joseph Baer, the father. "I am at a loss to explain just what it was, but it made an altogether different woman out of my daughter. She came home tired and worn out and seemed to have forgotten everything that had gone on about her. From what I have learned I am of the opinion that it was some sort of a hypnotic or mesmeric spell."

Mr. Baer said his daughter would sue for divorce and alimony.

MAN AGED 80 IN SCHOOL

University of Washington Lays Claim to Oldest Student.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—When it comes to a competition for aged students, Washington University lays claim to a world's record.

It has enrolled in the chemistry department one seeker after learning who was 80 years old last August. This venerable collegian is J. P. Frazer and he is conducting research in physiological chemistry.

At the other end of the scale Washington has students of 16 years, five of whose combined ages would only equal that of the old man who labors in their midst.

He is studying antitoxins. Whether he is trying to perfect some antitoxin long known to the medical profession or believes himself on the track of a cure for a disease that now baffles the medical profession, can only be conjectured.

Frazer is a retired physician. Since he ceased active practice he has devoted his life to delving into the secrets of the molecules.

HAMMERSTEIN WILL QUIT

Impresario Will Go to London and Produce Opera.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Oscar Hammerstein, the opera impresario, is going to quit this country for good and will leave in January for England, where he expects to open his Opera-House next season. Mr. Hammerstein said today:

"My business is opera. I can do nothing else. I must produce opera. Since New York does not want me, as the men who could have made it possible for me to remain showed within the last few years, I will go to London, where I believe I am wanted.

"After 40 years in New York, after realizing my ambition and giving opera here as it was never given before, and then being forced to give up my work, I shall go. Yes, I will sell my theaters if the offers I receive are sufficiently large and I shall live in London. That is all."

UNIONISTS MAKE NET GAIN OF THREE

Ratio, if Maintained, Means Victory.

FREE TRADERS BACK IN LINE

Government Cheered, However, by Manchester Result.

TARIFF REFORMER BEATEN

Though Tories Do Not Achieve Results Expected, Government May Be Forced Out—Figures Similar to Last January's.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—Including those unopposed, 125 members had been elected to the new Parliament at the close of today's polling.

The standing of the parties is: Government coalition—Liberals 51, Labor 7, Irish Nationalists 5; total 63. Opposition—Unionists 62.

The Unionists gained seven seats, six from the Liberals—Salford (south), Ashton-under-Tyne, Warrington, Darlington, Kings Lynn and Grimsby—and one from the Laborites—Wigan. The Liberals won four seats from the Unionists—Manchester (southwest), Rochester, the Peckham division of Camberweld and Exeter. So that the gain of the Unionists is three seats net.

Government Fears Outcome.

This result is not quite up to the expectations of the Unionists, but at that, if the current continues to run in their favor, the government will be placed in a very awkward position and in all probability will resign. Neither party received the lead from London and Manchester that it desired, although on the whole the government came off best, since it succeeded in holding the northeast division of Manchester against A. Bonar Law, one of the chief exponents of tariff reform, who was greatly assisted in his campaign by Mr. Balfour's pledge to submit the question of protection to a referendum.

The Unionists reported the return of a majority of Unionist Free Traders, of whom there are many in Manchester, to their party. In London the Liberals held their own and a little more.

Juniors Hold Seats.

Captain Norton, Dr. T. B. McNamara and C. F. G. Masterman, junior members of the government, all hold their seats and helped to win Peckham. In addition, the Liberals held Haggerston. The Right Hon. Augustin Birrell, Chief Secretary for Ireland, and the Right Hon. C. E. Hobhouse, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, maintained their own positions in Bristol, but were unable to improve conditions for Liberalism. Two Canadians, Sir Gilbert Parker and W. M. Aitken, a younger man from the Dominion, take seats in Westminster to represent Gravesend and Ashton-under-Lyne respectively. Both are Unionists, and Aitken, for a novice, accomplished the unusual. He had to contend against the cry that he had made his fortune in cornering cotton, having spent the greater part of his life in the Southern United States, Cuba and Porto Rico.

Unionists Regain Grimsby.

Another Unionist gain must be credited to Sir G. Doughty, who won back Grimsby, lost last January. Mr. Balfour personally took part in the speaking in behalf of this Unionist candidate, while Home Secretary Churchill helped the Liberal candidates.

Two seats, West Bromwich and Gloucester, are held by the Unionists by bare majorities of five and four votes respectively. In each case there will be a recount.

On the whole there is an extraordinary similarity in the majorities as compared with the election in January, although fewer persons voted.

The weather was very cold and wet.

Lancashire—George Toulmin (Liberal) 4509, E. L. Hartley (Unionist)

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PEACE OVERTURES COUNT BUT LITTLE

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DIAZ' OLIVE BRANCH IS CLUB

After Conference Federals Rush to Subdue Rebels.

GREAT BATTLE IMMINENT

Revolt Said to Be Gaining Power Daily—Insurrectos Well Officered, Have Money and Treat Foreigners Considerately.

DIAZ DENIES PEACE MOVE.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 3.—President Diaz, after reading the dispatch from Chihuahua in which was related the appointment by him of a commission to treat with the revolutionary leaders, told an Associated Press representative that he had appointed no such commission or written any letter of the nature referred to.

CHIHUAHUA, Mex., Dec. 3.—While the peace commissioners were conferring with the revolutionists along the railroad line today, 800 troops under General Navarro left here for the purpose of subduing the insurrectos in the mountains adjacent. Reinforcements arrived here from the City of Mexico to garrison this city.

The commission telegraphed today from San Isidro that the members would proceed to Guerrero to treat with revolutionist bodies there.

Unconfirmed reports have been received here that Guerrero had been attacked today.

The departure of troops on the heels of the commission is believed to indicate that that body carries a message more in the nature of an ultimatum than an olive branch. It is believed here that the proceedings will develop a battle by Monday or Tuesday.

The letter from the President was received today naming the following as commissioners:

Judge Jose M. Danders, Dr. Garcia Cardenas and Senors Amador and Santiago Gonzales.

The commissioners, among other things, will endeavor to ascertain just what grievances afflict the revolutionists. Terms of peace will be discussed and a report made to the national capital. These insurgents will be given to understand that if they persist in bearing arms against the government they will be given a lesson which will leave the State of Chihuahua in peace for many years.

The defeat of a detachment of government troops at Pederuales, on Tuesday, is admitted by those in authority here.

According to the most consistent information, the government troops who met defeat were a band of 150 who left the train at San Andreas nearly two weeks ago, when the coaches were attacked by revolutionists. They escaped at that time and up to last Tuesday had been moving west, gaining food and water in a precarious fashion.

Hunger, it is said, drove them to Pedernalles, where insurrectos were known to be. The revolutionists, by a longe range fire, drew them close to the village, where the former attacked in force, firing from roofs and windows. The two officers at their head were killed as were a number of soldiers, reported anywhere from nine to 20. Several prisoners were captured and are said to have followed the Latin-American custom of joining the enemy.

The Associated Press correspondent understood that about 50 of the soldiers made good their retreat and were endeavoring to return to Chihuahua.

The Governor confirmed the report that reinforcements are expected here daily to garrison the town while the force of 800 troops now here proceeds along the Mexican & Northwestern Railway in an attempt to pacify the disaffected district.

False alarms of fighting within easy riding distance of here have been fre-

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BOY BROKER GONE; LAUDER IS VICTIM

WHEN FINANCIER VANISHES $500,000 IS MISSING.

Scotch Comedian, Known to Be Cautious Investor, Is Loser in Boston Friend's Deal.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—After a meteoric career of several years in high finance, Robert E. Davis, the boy stock broker, is missing from Boston. Simultaneous with his vanishing a month ago, sums estimated at from $300,000 to $500,000 have disappeared. The police have a warrant for his arrest on a nominal charge of larceny of $10,000 worth of stocks from a woman. Davis is 23, one of the youngest and at one time the most successful man of affairs on State street.

Scores of firms in the financial district and brokers are losers through the speculations of Davis. His acquaintanceship consisted of the best class of bankers. He counted his friends in the Back Bay and Brookline districts by hundreds. The disposition of the money is one of the mysteries of the case. A thorough investigation has been made throughout the Boston financial district and no trace of speculation on the young man's part, save for legitimate deals involving perhaps $50,000 can be found.

Another victim was Harry Lauder, Scotch comedian. Davis entertained Lauder at his home in Brookline at two banquets. At one of these banquets many prominent people were present to do honor to the comedian. The alleged separation of Lauder from his funds took place at the second dinner. The comedian is a cautious investor, and it had been his boast for years that man who could trim him did not exist.

BEATING NOT NECESSARY

Old Man Objects to Superfluous Brutality of Robbers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—(Special.)—Because he was beaten as well as robbed and could not conceive of any humane and well-meaning footpads doing such things, Peter Dubio, an octogenerian street sweeper, today opposed the application of Lee Clark and Bruce Martin for probation.

The battery and robbery took place as the aged man was entering his apartments on Lower Market street, three weeks ago, $40 and a gold watch being taken from him. Called to the stand to give his opinion of the merits of the application, Dubio, leaning toward the bench in department 6, of the Superior Court, asked earnestly:

"Say, Judge, what in hell did they want to beat me for?"

Only after repeated rapping for order did the laughter, in which even the Judge joined, subside. Then the matter of releasing the young robbers on probation was continued for one week, with the chances apparently against them.

FATAL PORTENT FULFILLED

Youth Dreads Approach of 17th Birthday, Falls to Death.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—For the reason that both his brother and his sister had died just as each was approaching the age of 17, John Smyth, a young resident of the Upper East Side, had frequently expressed a fear that he would never live to celebrate his own 17th birthday.

He was nearing what he considered this crucial age, when today he fell eight stories through the elevator shaft of a new building at Broadway and Ninety-second street, and died as the last rites of the church were being administered to him.

5 YEARS, SEER'S SENTENCE

Clairvoyant Suffers Prison Penalty for Swindling Woman.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—Five years' imprisonment in San Quentin was the sentence imposed today by Judge Dunne on Mrs. Bessie Orloff-Arnold, the clairvoyant and medium convicted of swindling Mrs. Francis Shaw, of Oakland, out of $150.

When she heard the sentence, Mrs. Arnold fell into the arms of her husband, Oscar Arnold, who is awaiting trial on a similar charge. A ten days' stay was granted to permit appeal.

OREGON'S PEOPLE NUMBER 672,765

Idaho Count Is Given As 325,598.

MULTNOMAH CENSUS 226,261

State Entitled to Another Member of Congress.

INCREASE 62.7 PER CENT

Idaho, With Gain of 101 Per Cent, Leads All Except Oklahoma in Rapidity of Growth—Settlers in Country Swell Totals.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 3.—Oregon has a population of 672,765, as shown by the 13th census, announced today. The population ten years ago was 413,536. The increase in the past ten years, therefore, has been 62.7 per cent. The population in 1880 was 313,767. The increase in 20 years has been 114 per cent.

The Census Bureau's figures, announced this afternoon, indicate that Oregon will be entitled to another Representative in Congress two years hence, even if the ratio of representation is increased, in accordance with custom. The announcement of the population of Idaho, also made today, indicates that that state also will gain one Representative.

The figures show that there are in Multnomah County, outside of Portland, 19,047 persons. The population of the county is given as 226,261, the population of Portland having been announced previously as 207,214. The whole county shows an increase of 123,094. The county has more than doubled its population in the past ten years. It had a population of only 4150 in 1860, the first year in which there is a record of the county's people.

The state in 1850, when the first census was taken, had a population of 13,294. The state has an area of 96,030 square miles, of which 1470 square miles are water surface.

The figures of the bureau show that Idaho, which is credited with a total population of 325,598, as compared with 161,272 in 1900, a gain of 101.9 per cent, has a greater increase in the past ten years than any other state in the Union thus far announced, except Oklahoma. The population of Idaho by counties is as follows:

County—	1910.	1900.
Ada	29,088	11,550
Bannock	10,242	11,702
Bear Lake	7,729	7,051
Bingham	23,306	10,447
Blaine	8,387	4,900
Boise	5,230	4,174
Bonner	15,588	....
Canyon	25,327	7,497
Cassia	7,197	5,951
Custer	3,001	2,040
Elmore	4,785	2,286
Fremont	24,606	12,821
Idaho	12,384	9,121
Kootenai	22,747	10,216
Latah	18,818	13,451
Lemhi	4,788	3,446
Lincoln	12,676	1,784
Nez Perce	24,860	13,748
Oneida	15,170	8,933
Owyhee	4,044	5,804
Shoshone	13,963	11,450
Twin Falls	13,543	....
Washington	11,101	6,882
Totals	325,598	161,272

RURAL POPULATION GROWING

Increase Means Another Representative in Congress.

With a total population April 15, 1910, of 672,765, Oregon will have shown a remarkable growth, and when the bill is introduced in Congress as a result of the announcement of the population of the United States, will provide for another representative in Congress. Representation in the present House is upon a basis of one Representative for each 225,000 population or major fraction thereof. It is probable that the ratio will be increased somewhat by the bill, but in no case is it believed that Oregon will be deprived of additional representation.

Comparison of the figures, yesterday announced indicate that Wasco and Lane counties have approximately tied in the number of new settlers added during

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HARRY MURPHY GIVES A MOVING PICTURE SHOW OF SANTA CLAUS UNDER VARIOUS ALIASES.