

TAFT CAUTIOUSLY SOUNDING OPINION

White House Letter Is Sent Secretly.

PEOPLE'S VIEWS ASCERTAINED

Secretary Hilles and G. C. Rankin Are Authors.

NEXT CAMPAIGN FORECAST

Letter to Kansas Man Inclosed With Secretary's Missive, First Communication of Coming Political Campaign.

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—According to information published here today, there has been brought to light an extensive campaign, conducted in secrecy from the White House and other Federal offices in Washington, in behalf of President Taft's candidacy for re-election in 1912.

Charles D. Hilles, secretary to President Taft, and George C. Rankin, who is a Federal receiver, are said to have sent out a large number of confidential letters in the nature of inquiries concerning popular sentiment upon the President and his Administration.

Administration Is Praised.

In each letter, sent out by Mr. Hilles upon White House stationery, is inclosed another communication which in detail sets forth all of the claims for achievement and benefits under President Taft's regime.

Confidential Advice Wanted.

The text of Secretary Hilles' letter is as follows: "Confidential. The White House, Washington, D. C., Aug. 9, 1911.—My Dear Sir: I should be very glad to have you write me your estimate of the work of the present Administration and to have you give me a frank statement as to the sentiment of the people in general and the Republicans in particular with respect to the course of the President.

"I have recently had occasion to write a friend in Topeka and am taking the liberty of inclosing a copy of his letter in order that you may have my personal point of view. Sincerely yours, CHARLES D. HILLES."

Illinoisian Not Encouraged.

In Mr. Rankin's letter he says in part: "To an Illinois man up a tree, a long distance from home, the political situation in the state does not appear encouraging.

"With the best intention, may I inquire as to your candid views on this subject?"

"Is there, in good judgment, imminent danger of the party losing the state?"

DOCTORS SUE PATIENTS

Bellingham Physicians Lose Patience and Go to Law.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—As the result of a concerted movement on the part of all the physicians of Bellingham to collect bills for medical services, more than 100 lawsuits were filed today in Judge Featherstick's court and 25 garnishment proceedings were instituted.

Judge Featherstick has been forced to employ a special clerk to draw up the papers and two and possibly three extra constables will be sworn in to aid in obtaining service.

Most of these suits live in the city, but about 35 are scattered about the county. The suits are being brought by a Seattle man who went around and signed by nearly all the doctors in towns on an agreement to collect old bills on commission.

HURRICANE HITS FLORIDA

Pensacola Cut Off From Wire Connection With Outside.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Aug. 12.—Pensacola, Fla., was shut off from wire communication with the rest of the world today, as a result of a storm which swept that part of the Gulf coast.

Reports received late last night were that the wind was 50 miles an hour, and was the worst since the hurricane of September, 1894.

ARMED FACTIONS CLASH AT QUITO

SUPPORTERS OF PRESIDENT ARE ROUTED BY FORCE.

Alfaro's Men Defeated in Conflict on Floor of Congress and Principal Takes Flight.

QUAYAQUILA, Ecuador, Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Information confirms the earlier reports of a clash between the political factions at Quito.

President Alfaro has resigned and is now at the Chilean legation. The President of the Senate, Carlos Freije, has formed a provisional government with General Fresno as Minister of War and Octavio Diaz as Minister of Finance, the Interior and the Foreign Offices.

Congress opened on July 23, and soon afterward there was trouble between the respective followers of President-elect Estrada and General Flavio Alfaro, the military commander of Quayaquil.

The commander was defeated for the presidency by Estrada. Deputies supporting him proposed that Congress should Estrada's election as illegal. The motion was bitterly opposed by Estrada's friends.

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There was a fight in which two battalions in favor of Alfaro were defeated by Estrada's supporters.

ROAD'S VALUATION JUMPS

Northern Pacific's Wealth in Washington Increases \$17,000,000.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Today the Public Service Commissioner turned over figures to the State Tax Commission showing that that body on July 1, 1910, gave the properties of the Northern Pacific Railroad in Washington a value of \$127,250,000, which is an increase of about \$17,000,000 over the year previous.

These figures are to be used for taxation purposes as under the recent decision of the Supreme Court, the valuations fixed by the Public Service Commission take precedence over the values as fixed by the State Tax Commission.

TORPEDO BOATS COMING

Destroyers Lawrence and Rowan to Remain in Portland Four Days.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—The destroyers Lawrence and Rowan, of the torpedo flotilla, sailed today for Portland, where they will remain for four days.

On their return the second division of the flotilla will go up the river for a short stay.

ARMY VIES WITH NAVY FOR HONORS

Centennial Witnesses Spectacular Event.

PARADE NEARLY MILE LONG

Procession Wins Enthusiastic Applause of Thousands.

PORTLAND ELKS IN FORCE

Over Seven Score Members of Lodge "Best People in Earth" Visit Astoria Accompanied by Vancouver Band.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—This was military and naval day at the Centennial celebration and the state and Federal military and naval forces joined this afternoon in a parade that was the finest and most spectacular pageant of the kind ever seen in the city.

Detachments of regulars from the forts have often been seen in parade on the streets of Astoria and by their correct marching and soldierly mien they have always won the admiration and enthusiastic applause of the spectators, but today they were compelled to share the honors with the troops of the Oregon National Guard, the Oregon Naval Reserve and the jacksies from the torpedo flotilla, each of whom was greeted with hearty cheers and enthusiastic acclaim as they marched through the densely crowded streets.

The procession, which was over three-quarters of a mile in length, was headed by a platoon of police, Marshal Truand and his aides.

Coast Artillery in March

Immediately behind came the Fort Stevens military band, with Lieutenant-Colonel Poole and his staff and three companies of the Coast Artillery Corps, stationed at the forts. Next came the sailors from the torpedo fleet and they were followed by theillery band, which led the Fourth Infantry.

MAINE WRECK IS LOOTED

Investigation to Follow Recovery of Engineer's Ring.

HAVANA, Aug. 12.—A morning paper announces that it has possession of the class ring which belonged to Assistant Engineer Merritt, and that it would give the ring to American Minister Jackson. The emblem, it is believed, has been stolen from the Maine wreck. The incident will be investigated.

100 LOAVES MINUTE MADE BY MACHINE

BAKER'S INVENTION DOES WORK OF 32 MEN.

Unique Bread Making Apparatus in San Francisco Shop Costs as Much as Good Auto.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—(Special.)—A kneading, cutting, molding, weighing and measuring bread machine has been invented in this city whereby the baker saves himself \$2000 a month and does away with the services of 32 men.

The machine turns out 44 loaves a minute ready for the oven, and if necessary can be speeded up to 100. It takes two men to operate it, it does the work of more than 32 persons.

The big machine was invented by two Californians—J. E. Riddle and his son, G. W. Riddle. The cost of making this remarkable machine is the same as that of a good automobile. The machine requires one man to feed in the dough after it comes from the mixing troughs and one to take it off the trays when it is ready for the oven.

The bread is of unusually fine texture, being subject to little handling. The cutter is adjustable and the loaves can be made any size. The machine can make any bread except French bread.

It turns out 25,000 loaves in 10 hours. One of the machines is installed in a big bakery here and is doing wonderful work.

SOLDIER SHOT BY GUARD

Body of Political Prisoner Left Without Burial by Mexicans.

NACO, Mexico, Aug. 12.—Florentino Gacelo, who was arrested in Agua Prieta Wednesday on the charge of being a Magonista and who was on the way to Cananea under guard of soldiers, was shot here today by the guard, who said that Gacelo attempted to escape. Gacelo's 10-year-old son, who followed him here, said he found the body of his father lying on the ground where he was shot, no attempt having been made to bury it.

Gacelo was a soldier in the insurgente army and fought in both battles of Agua Prieta.

WEEKS OF BRYCE DELAY TREATIES

Coast Senators See Yellow Peril, Too.

TAFT'S WISHES DISREGARDED

Amendment Limiting Power of Commission Adopted.

CRITICISM STILL RANKLES

British Ambassador's Remarks on "Narrow Spirit" of Minority, Written Long Ago, Quoted to Defeat Compact.

FOREST INSECTS WORSE THAN FIRE

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF DAMAGE IS DONE.

Secretary of Jackson County Fire Patrol Association Seeks to Have Trees Saved From Bugs.

MEDFORD, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Presenting the fact that insects do more damage to the forest than do forest fires, B. L. Shannon, secretary of the Jackson County Fire Patrol Association, secured the assistance of the Medford Commercial Club in working for the establishment of a local fire station here by the Bureau of Entomology.

"There is more than four and one-half billion feet of good commercial timber tributary to this little valley of 20,000 acres, to say nothing of the immense acreage of yellow pine on the east slopes of the Cascades," said Mr. Shannon. "Besides that amount there is nearly 2,000,000,000 feet more accessible in West Josephine County and on the West Siskiyou."

"The damage done by insects alone, now, in the National forest is equal to the loss by forest fires, and in private holdings this is also true. There are variations of from 400 to 1400 feet in elevation in this district and there is the wet, warm climate of the west slope contrasting with the cold, arid conditions of the east slope, making the investigations cover a large field. An entomological station here would mean a saving of thousands and perhaps millions of dollars in timber destroyed in the Crater National forest and private holdings."

MEN SELL STOLEN WARES

Box Car Thefts Charged to Brothers Held at Hood River.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Acting on the instruction of a telegraphic message from Sheriff Leonard, of Multnomah County, Deputy Richard and Albert Emerson arrested John Beals, of Cascade Locks, on charges of having robbed boxcars at Troutdale. The men, who it is alleged, have committed a number of offenses in towns of the state, were brought here this morning by the Cascade Locks officer and placed in the city jail.

Portland authorities arrived here tonight and will take them to that city tomorrow.

The Emersons have imprisoned peddlers and thus sold the stolen wares. When caught at Troutdale this morning they were hauling a number of pairs of cheap shoes and a quantity of plug and smoking tobacco. The tobacco taken from their possession filled a large grain bag.

POPE OPTIMISTIC BUT STAYS IN BED

Swelling in Knee Is Growing No Worse.

PAINS, HOWEVER, CONTINUE

Physicians Talk of Complete Recovery in Ten Days.

SISTERS FEEL CONFIDENT

One of Faithful Nurses Is Herself Affected by Heat—Rampolla Informed That Austria Does Not Oppose Succession.

ROME, Aug. 12.—Pope Pius' condition tonight encourages his physicians. The pontiff suffered some pain today but it was said he was fundamentally in better condition to resist it.

The Pope this afternoon in a conversation more prolonged than usual the last several days, urged Cardinal Merry del Val, the papal secretary of state to go, as he had planned, to his villa at Monto Mario tomorrow. The cardinal had expected to be absent from Rome the remainder of the summer and His Holiness wished him to take a rest, saying that, as for himself, he felt sure of recovering from his sickness.

SYMPTOMS NOT UNFAVORABLE

Dr. Petacci and Professor Marchisani were at the Pope's bedside more than an hour before making another close examination of the patient. Attention was given to the kidneys, nothing unfavorable in this respect being discovered, except insignificant traces of calcium.

The Pope did not get up this morning, explaining that he felt better in his bed than in the chair which he occupied at times yesterday. The pains in his knee continued, but were less severe. The swelling, which diminished yesterday, has since remained stationary.

It is reported that Cardinal Rampolla, while at Einsiedeln, Switzerland, met a prominent Austrian, who notified him that independent of the bulletin issued by Pope Pius X. forbidding the papacy should a concclave be held, Austria would not oppose the election of Rampolla.

RAMPOLLA FREQUENTLY MENTIONED

Cardinal Rampolla was Secretary of State for Pope Leo XIII, and was frequently mentioned as his successor in the pontificate. It was reported that his candidacy was vetoed by Austria. In the first year of his reign, Pope Pius X pronounced a prohibition of every kind of intrusion of civil authority or influence in the election of a Pope.

The Pope's eldest brother, Angelo, who is living in Northern Italy, today telegraphed that he was about to start for Rome, but the Pope's sisters replied that the pontiff was wholly out of danger and that it might be unwise for Angelo to come to Rome, where the intense heat might endanger his health.

The Pope's sister, Rosa, who has been affected by the warm weather, was better today and this news afforded consolation to the pontiff, who expressed the hope that he might see her soon.

BIBLE CLASS SEES CONEY

Pupils of John D., Jr., Get Rates and Have Fine Time.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Fifty-four members of the Bible class of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., at the Fifth-avenue Baptist Church, went to Coney Island today.

They left the church in nine automobiles and visited Brighton Beach, where they secured bathing suits and towels for 25 cents instead of the regular charge of 50 cents. Later they had a 75-cent shore dinner at a restaurant for 50 cents. Here each one sent two postals, one to Mr. Rockefeller at Seel Harbor, Me., and one to their pastor, Dr. Addison Moore.

When they piled into the machines at 3 o'clock, after dining at Luna Park, with Fred Thompson as host, they had expended \$10 each. They were much interested in the sights. Several said it was their first visit to Coney Island.

CARD GAMES REGULATED

Eugene Residents Prohibited From Playing for Credits.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Intimating that he might even put a stop to the social games of card clubs who play for trophies, Chief Farrington last night issued an edict forbidding the playing in card rooms or cigar stores of any card games for which credit of any sort is given. Authority for the action is based upon an old city ordinance, which prohibits the playing of all card games for checks, cash or credits of any nature.

The Chief said that he had not yet decided as to the application of the ordinance to playing in private homes, but that he thought it would warrant the closing of the clubs which issue checks to their members. This would include the Commercial Club.

CAMERA CATCHES SCENES AND PERSONS AT ASTORIA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

