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DEVELOPMENTS OF WEEK FAVOR TAFT

28 Delegates Chosen All for President.

FAST CAMPAIGN IS FLANNED

Three "Rump" Conventions Instruct for Roosevelt.

CONTESTS PROVIDED FOR

Colonel's Supporters Concede Tide Is Ebbing, but Contend It Will Change—Radicalism Alienates Followers.

NEW YORK, March 2.—(Special.)—Livelier each week grows the battle for delegates to the National convention. Headquarters are being opened and representatives of the various candidates—Republican and Democratic—are circling the entire country in quest of supporters. The Republicans occupied the limelight during the week just passed. The Democrats were quiescent, but they will be keenly active next week.

On the Republican side President Taft easily has the best of it. All the delegates thus far chosen by the regular district or state conventions bear instructions for him. In three districts "rump" conventions were held and the delegates were instructed for Colonel Roosevelt. In his home district—the First, of Long Island—he is assured of his two delegates. Men nominated there are avowedly for him.

Week Adds 25 to Column. Twenty-eight delegates to the Republican convention were chosen during the week. Four of them are delegates-at-large from South Carolina. The others are distributed as follows: Michigan, eighth district, two; South Carolina, second district, two; Missouri, third district, two; Alabama, first, second and seventh districts, six; Virginia, first district, two; Georgia, 10th, 11th and 12th districts, six; Tennessee, first and second districts, four.

The state committee of North Carolina and Washington passed resolutions endorsing the Taft Administration, thus virtually, it is said, assuring the delegates from those states to the President. Taft Managers Careful. Fully confident that they can muster an easy majority of the 1976 delegates to the Chicago convention, the Taft managers are nevertheless fully aware that they have a fight on their hands, and they are leaving no stone unturned. Their new plan is to have a quick fight and a merry one. Meantime the Roosevelt forces have prepared for a heroic battle, and they expect to show results the coming week. They will elect contesting delegations from scores of districts, thus paving the way for a stormy session at the convention.

Persons who have observed developments closely declare that Colonel Roosevelt has been losing ground rapidly. His friends admit that there has not been the spontaneous growth of his boom that they expected. In some sections it has fallen flat. His radicalism, as set forth in his Columbus speech, continues to alienate from his standard many who were staunch Roosevelt followers up to that time. The third-term issue also, according to information from various parts of the country, is hurting him, as is also the attitude he has assumed toward his one-time intimate friend, President Taft.

Roosevelt Reaction Hoped For. Conceding that it is ebb-tide now, the

"HOODOO"-RIDDEN WARSHIP IN TOW

FAMOUS SLOOP-OF-WAR TOLLING WEARILY UP COAST.

Shearwater Battered by 100-Mile Gale Off Mexico Until Algerine Goes to Rescue.

LOS ANGELES, March 2.—(Special.)—Shattered and broken by a series of misfortunes without parallel in the records of the British admiralty, the sloop of war Shearwater—famous for the shelling of the Taku forts in the Boxer uprising—is totting up the Coast in tow of her hardly less broken consort and sister ship, the Algerine. Should the grim "hoodoo" which has pursued the vessels for months permit, they will reach San Francisco tomorrow. There, according to the officers of the all-but-wrecked men of war, at least two months will be required to repair the damage suffered in storms off the Mexican coast.

For 14 days the Shearwater and her rescuer fought a wind and sea unexampled in ferocity on the Southern coast. The Shearwater, under sealed orders, sailed January 4 from Acapulco for Guaymas to protect British subjects, and a few days later the elements literally tore her to pieces, the tall shaft and propeller going to the bottom of the ocean.

Sea 50 feet high broke over the helpless ship and she was saved only by prompt and masterful work. The wind blew 100 miles an hour, the vessel lagged two knots, and all hands stood by for the worst. Finally the Algerine came, aided by chance, February 12, and since then the two craft have had a mighty struggle, with mishap after mishap to delay them.

LAD SAVES SISTER IN SURF

Son of Army Officer Rescues Girl Nearly Drowned in Deep Water.

ASTORIA, Or., March 2.—(Special.)—Master Spencer Addison, the little son of Lieutenant Addison, of the revenue cutter Tahama, proved himself a hero today by saving his little sister, Virginia, from drowning. The children were playing on the beach, near the Welchman Hotel, when the little girl ventured out on some timbers and fell into deep water. She went under, but her brother bravely dived to her rescue and finally succeeded in getting her ashore. Beyond a thorough drenching and severe fright the girl is no worse for her mishap, and the Welchman is receiving much praise for his presence of mind and bravery.

MRS. ASQUITH THREATENED

Anonymous Letters Alarm British Premier for Safety of His Wife.

LONDON, March 2.—(Special.)—Premier Asquith is worried over threats contained in anonymous letters which are being received by his wife. These are to the effect that unless women are enfranchised the Asquith family will be poisoned.

It has been noticed that no windows with mirror panels were smashed by the suffragettes in their raid last night. This is attributed to the old superstition that it is unlucky to break a mirror. Some shopkeepers are now thinking of placing mirrors in the centers of all their show windows.

STORY GETS HIS DIVORCE

Jury Believes Story of Misconduct With Actor.

NEW YORK, March 2.—(Special.)—A jury in the suit of Allen Lawrence Story for divorce from Helen Hilton Story, grand-daughter of Judge Henry Hilton, returned a verdict for the plaintiff this afternoon, after being out nearly two hours.

The charges against Mrs. Story are related to misconduct with Stanley H. Ford, the actor, and contained four specifications, one of which was based on the defendant's alleged intimacy with the actor at her Navesink Beach cottage last summer.

PEKIN LEGATIONS PREPARE FOR SIEGE

Capital Is Almost Cut Off From Outside.

AMERICANS ARE DUE TODAY

Martial Law Restores Relative Quiet for Present.

MISSIONARIES IN DANGER

Pao-Ting-Fu Looted and Much of City Burned—Sevens Are Sacked—River Raids to Sea Still Open.

PEKIN, March 2.—Martial law, which has been proclaimed in the capital, is operating successfully. At 1 o'clock this morning quiet prevailed near the legations, but continual cannonading appeared in the direction of Feng-tai, with which communication has been cut off temporarily.

A detachment of American troops is due at 5:30 o'clock this morning. The legations are preparing for a siege. Direct attacks on the legation quarter are not feared, but the Chinese troops possess many modern guns which might be used effectively if turned on the legations. The fighting along the Tien-tsin line has put Pekin out of communication with many places. The foreign guard along the railroad will be increased.

The diplomatic body held a conference last night and considered measures for their restoration of communication with Tien-tsin. The river route is open; therefore it may not be necessary to guard the line between Tien-tsin and Chinwang-tao, as it would be possible to reach the sea by way of the river.

It is reported here the Third and 20th divisions are battling at Feng-tai, where 100 British troops are stationed. The Britishers, while protecting women and children, were unable to stop the looting and could not prevent the burning of the station. A passenger train, which was bound for Pekin, returned to Tien-tsin, fearing to pass through the Feng-tai region.

The legations would not be surprised should all telegraphic communication be interrupted, and because of this they are arranging a wireless system between the Italian towers and a Japanese warship at Tien-tsin. The Ministers are agreed that the present garri-son is sufficient to protect the legation quarter, but think it advisable that the guards be reinforced by 1000 additional troops.

Fears are entertained for the safety of missionaries at Pao-ting-fu, which has been looted, and large portions of which have been burned. They have been unable to escape, owing to the destruction of bridges. News reaching here indicates that several towns have been sacked.

The American women and children have been concentrated from the other missions into the ample compound of the Methodist mission, a block from the legation quarter. This compound is surrounded by high walls and can be defended easily. The men connected with the missions remain in their own quarters.

MANCHU ATTACK THREATENED

Ten Thousand Foreign Troops Now Disposed Near Capital.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Messages from Minister Calhoun, at Pekin, received at the State Department today stated that a Manchu attack on Pekin

MAJOR BUTT STILL LOOKING FOR WIFE

ENGAGEMENT TO MISS WILLIAMS IS DENIED.

White House Arbitrator, Often Wrongly Placed by Rumors, Smiles and Does Not Lose Hope.

NEW YORK, March 2.—(Special.)—"I am not engaged," was the greeting Major Archibald W. Butt gave newspaper men on the Berlin just before she sailed with him today.

Major Butt, who is both the White House social arbitrator and Mr. Taft's aide, had been reported engaged to Miss Dorothy Williams, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. John F. Williams, of Washington, and sister of Mrs. Joseph Leiter.

"Every time I start anywhere," he said, "reports have me engaged. Formerly I have been reported engaged to young women I know better than Miss Williams. She is so busy denying it that there hardly is any need for me to say anything."

"However," he laughed, "I still have hope that I will leave bachelorhood some day. I'm looking for a wife."

LAD, FATHERLESS, WINS

Wyman Albee, Not Yet of Age, Gets Jobs Formerly Held by Parent.

MARSHFIELD, Or., March 2.—(Special.)—Wyman Albee, son of Ira Albee, who was drowned when the launch North Star No. 1 was wrecked on the Coos Bay bar some weeks ago, has been appointed harbor light-tender to succeed his father, after the accident the Chamber of Commerce here requested that the position be given to the son of the unfortunate man and the lighthouse service complied with the request. The young man also will be made tender of the county bridge at South Slough and the two positions will give him a good salary.

Albee is not yet of age but understands the work, as he had assisted his father previous to the latter's death and was lighting the harbor lights when he saw his father float out over the bar in the ill-fated launch.

FAIR STAMPS BEAUTIFUL

Panama-Pacific Designs Represent Historical Scenes of Coast.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—(Special.)—Preliminary designs for the printing of suitable commemorative postage stamps for the Panama-Pacific Exposition are well under way at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Half a dozen designs are in course of preparation, most of them representing historical American scenes and scenes connected with early events on the Coast. The stamps are intended to be the most beautiful in design and artistic finish ever issued by the Government.

PASTOR HITS GOLDEN RULE

System of Sending Drunken Men to Home in Des Moines Decried.

DES MOINES, March 2.—Rev. J. W. Graves, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, a prominent social worker, severely criticized today the "Golden Rule" system as adopted by the Des Moines police.

Graves believes "drunken men should be arrested and sent home." He asserts the "Golden Rule" must think of the family as well as the man.

COST OF DYING DECLINES

Undertakers at Kansas City, Kan., Engage in Price-Cutting War.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 2.—A price war is on between the undertakers of Kansas City, Kan., and funerals are cheaper than they have been in several years. The undertakers are advertising extensively in newspapers.

The trouble began several months ago when one funeral director reduced prices and asked that a "trust" be instituted in the city.

SQUABBLE MARKS TEXTILE HEARING

Lawrence Citizen and Berger in Clash.

TERM "BLOOD MONEY" STIRS

House Committee Session Almost Ends in Blows.

STRIKE CONDITIONS HEARD

Witness Tells of Children Being Hurled Into Patrol Wagons by Police—Girl of 16, Scalded in Mill, "Exhibit" at Inquiry.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—At the conclusion for the day of an unusual hearing before the House committee on rules on bills proposing an investigation of conditions relating to the strike of textile workers at Lawrence, Mass., Representative Berger, of Wisconsin, and Robert McCarty, of the citizens' committee of Lawrence, almost came to blows and were separated by Representative Wilson, of Illinois.

The rules committee had adjourned the hearing to Monday, necessitating the stay in Washington of women and children from the Lawrence woolen mills who had come to testify concerning strike conditions.

Collection Is Taken. "Who is going to pay the expenses of these people?" asked Representative Berger, the Socialist member of the House, as the committee was about to adjourn.

Representative Henry, chairman of the committee, said nothing could be done by the committee, whereupon Representative Wilson, of Pennsylvania, suggested that a collection be taken to defray the expenses. Samuel Gomper, president of the American Federation of Labor, was the first to contribute, and Representative Berger held the hat. Several Lawrence young women collected the contributions from men and women in the committee room. When Lewis S. Cox, postmaster of Lawrence, contributed \$1, Representative Berger protested.

"Give him back his money," said Berger to Miss Josephine Liss, who had collected it. "We don't want any blood money."

Insultation Brings Protest. McCarty, who was standing near by, protested against Berger's insultation.

"Who are you?" demanded McCarty of Berger.

"I represent the people of Wisconsin," Berger hotly replied, "and I don't propose to have these people receive any blood money."

"I probably have as much money as you have," McCarty replied, "and it is not blood money."

The Massachusetts man was shaking his fist in Representative Berger's face, and the Socialist Representative was emphatic in his language demanding that Miss Liss give back the dollar.

As she gave back the dollar Representative Wilson, of Illinois, a member of the rules committee, intervened between Berger and McCarty, who were almost on the verge of combat. His interference in the squabble ended the controversy and McCarty and Cox left the room.

Strike Conditions Revealed. This was the climax to an exciting session of the committee, in which the Lawrence strike conditions were revealed from several rival sources.

In a room crowded with spectators Samuel Lipson, a member of the Law-

GRATEFUL HEN LAYS EGG; LIFE IS SAVED

NO CHICKEN DINNER TODAY FOR VANCOUVER FAMILY.

Tramp White Leghorn Rides Far on Train Trucks and Finder Would Slay; Coin to Rescue.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 2.—(Special.)—A white Leghorn tramp hen, which had ridden several hundred miles on the rods under a freight car, which pulled into Vancouver over the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad at midnight, was found by J. J. Curtin, night inspector, and taken home, this morning.

Mr. Curtin desired to kill the hen and have a chicken dinner for Sunday, but Mrs. Curtin championed her cause and finally agreed to let the toss of a coin decide the fate of the daring bird that had ridden so many miles in such an unusual place, bending the railroad company out of its revenue. Mrs. Curtin said that she knew the hen would bring good luck.

It was agreed that if heads were turned up, the poor hen would go to the block, but if tails won, she would live, and become a member of the family. The coin was tossed and "tails" won, saving the precious life of the tramp fowl, and Mrs. Curtin rejoiced.

To prove her gratitude for sparing her life, the hen this afternoon laid a large egg in her nest, which had been provided, and now Mrs. Curtin says she will keep the stranger and place her on exhibition in the Clark County Harvest Show, this Fall. Had Mr. Curtin not found the hen when he did, she would have gone another 100 miles before the train stopped. She was tired and hungry and ate greedily when food was placed before her.

ARMY MEN TO WEAR BLUE

War Department Says Khaki Uniform Doesn't Inspire Respect.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., March 2.—(Special.)—When officers or enlisted men leave this post in uniform, unless exercising, they must wear dress uniforms of blue, according to a new order just received from the War Department. However, they may wear civilian clothes, if they desire.

It is presumed that the khaki-colored uniform does not inspire as much respect and admiration as the Army blue, hence the new order.

It has been customary for both officers and enlisted men to go to Vancouver and Portland, wearing their service or khaki uniforms instead of the dress blue, but this will be eliminated in the future.

CITY MAY STOP MERGER

Order Issued Restraining Telephone Companies From Joining.

SEATTLE, March 2.—A court order was issued today temporarily restraining the Independent and Sunset Telephone companies from effecting consolidation of their systems. The order was issued on a complaint of the city, which claims an equity of \$200,000 in the poles, wires and conduits of the Independent Company, which equity will be placed in jeopardy if the merger is completed. Three deputy sheriffs who sought to serve copies of the order on the telephone officials were unable to find them. Meanwhile the merger of the companies continued to connect the wires of the two systems.

HUNGARIAN HOUSE IN RIOT

Presiding Officer's Tribune Wrecked to Show Disapproval of Ruling.

BUDA PEST, Hungary, March 2.—Wild disorder today marked the session of the lower house of the Hungarian Parliament, culminating in the partial wrecking of the speaker's tribune.

The members of the opposition objected to Speaker Navay's method of conducting the business of the house. Finally, the speaker suspended the sitting and retired.

MOTHER POISONS SELF AND 4; ALL DIE

Poor Salem Woman Ends Life Struggle.

PATHETIC IS PLEA IN LETTER

Mrs. L. F. Jellison Writes Friend to Care for Son.

BODIES HUDDLED ON BED

Slaying of Own Children and Suicide Well Planned—Own Insurance Expired but Eldest Son's Policy Paid in Advance.

SALEM, Or., March 2.—(Special.)—Huddled together in two beds in a tent behind their home, 459 North Liberty street, the bodies of a mother and her four children, poisoned by cyanide of potassium, administered by the parent, were the gruesome find made by the police here today. The dead are: Mrs. L. F. Jellison, aged 40; Espey, aged 15; Harlan, aged 13; Maude, aged 11; Raymond Swanson, aged 9, son by a former husband.

Apparently the children, except Raymond, willingly carried out the wishes of their mother, for there appears to have been no struggle. But in the case of the youngest his body showed marks of violence, as though he had resisted and finally been forced to yield.

Woman Was Hard Worker. Mrs. Jellison had been known as a hard worker from the time she arrived here from Lebanon, where a former husband, John Swanson, is living. For the past few weeks she had been laboring in a cafeteria at a salary of \$10 a week, a sum not sufficient to support herself and four children.

Russell K. Strong, 17, another son by a former husband, Mrs. Jellison having been married three times, ran away a week ago. The mother had been dependent to a degree on young Strong's aid in supporting the children, and after he left it seems the woman became despondent and felt that life no longer was worth the living.

An empty bottle which contained the poison, found near the beds, told the story of the final act in the life tragedy of the quietest, the mother first making sure that all the children were dead or dying before she took the last capsule. The bodies were yet warm when the police arrived at the death scene.

Co-Workers Give Aid. A week ago Mrs. Jellison quit her position in the restaurant and told her co-workers that she was going to Colorado. The waitresses, with whom she had worked, realizing her destitute condition, had lately sent her food and labored under the impression that she soon would secure financial assistance from friends or relatives in Colorado and would go there.

No one here knows anything of Mr. Jellison, but it is said he visited the family recently. However, there is no knowledge that he ever aided the family financially.

Mrs. Jellison apparently had carefully planned the wholesale suicide, having secured the poison Friday at a Salem drugstore.

About a week ago she gave up her position. From the way in which she adjusted insurance, which she carried on herself and her son Russell Strong, the police believe that the woman had planned to take the lives of herself and children for some time past. Strong's insurance was paid for three

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CARTOONIST REYNOLDS PICTURES HIS IMPRESSIONS OF A FEW OF THE WEEK'S TURBULENT TOPICS.

