

## 'PLOT' DISCOVERED BY MUNSEY ABSURD

Roosevelt Newspapers Tell of  
Extra Session to Embar-  
rass Campaigners.

## Taft Would Lose Most

Political Advantage, if Any, Would  
Be Opposite to That Suggested.  
Colonel Would Be Deprived  
of Few Orators.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU,  
Washington, Oct. 5.—The Frank A.  
Munsey newspapers — Munsey being a  
supporter of the third term candidate—  
have discovered and laid bare a "rank  
plot" hatched by President Taft and  
his advisers for the sole and only pur-  
pose of taking Roosevelt Senators and  
Representatives out of the campaign  
during the month of October. Briefly,  
these papers have discovered that the  
President intends to convene Congress  
in extra session next month to deter-  
mine whether or not this country shall  
engage in war with Mexico, the Con-  
stitution conferring upon Congress ex-  
clusively the power to declare war.

For gross absurdity, this story, writ-  
ten by Munsey's star \$10,000 man, takes  
precedence over anything and every-  
thing thus far produced by the cam-  
paign fakery this year. Yet the Bull  
Moose papers have played up this story  
as if there were some substance to it.

**Roosevelt Numbers Not Numerous.**  
To begin with, there are not to ex-  
ceed a dozen Roosevelt Progressives in  
Congress. The remainder of the Re-  
publican membership of Senate and  
House advocates the re-election of  
President Taft and most of them ex-  
pect to devote the month of October  
to campaigning for themselves and for  
the Republican ticket.

There are 50 Republicans in the Sen-  
ate and 161 in the House. Six Sen-  
ators, Dixon, Poindexter, Bourne,  
Clapp, Cummins and Eristow, have de-  
clared for Roosevelt; all others among  
the progressives have declined and will  
support Taft, as will all the regular  
Republicans. Few House members  
have come out for the Colonel, not more  
than six thus far, including Mr. Laf-  
ter, of Oregon, and Mr. Warburton,  
of Washington. On the basis of these  
figures, the President, by calling an  
extra session in October would take  
out of the campaign six Senators who  
are opposing him, and in the House he  
would take off the stump 12, or at the  
most liberal estimate 20 Representa-  
tives who are supporting Roosevelt, and  
141 Republicans who are running  
as Republicans and who intend to cam-  
paign for the Republican ticket.

**Advantage Not Made Apparent.**  
Just how President Taft could gain  
any political advantage by such tactics  
as this is not explained by the bril-  
liant young man employed by Mr. Mun-  
sey. He rather conveys the impression  
that the only Senators and Represen-  
tatives who will go on the stump this  
Fall will be those who intend to  
urge the election of P. V. Roosevelt. He  
completely ignores the fact that there  
are nearly ten times as many Taft  
men in Congress as there are support-  
ers of the Colonel.

Looking a little further into the  
absurd story, what would be the ef-  
fect upon the Roosevelt Senators of  
calling an extra session in October to  
consider the advisability of declaring  
war on Mexico? Senator Dixon de-  
serted the Senate early in the Spring  
to manage the Roosevelt campaign, and  
appeared in that body only twice be-  
tween April 1 and adjournment. Sen-  
ator Dixon is the Colonel's manager  
today, and it is not to be supposed  
he would give up his political job  
merely to attend an extra session to  
consider the Mexican situation. Sen-  
ator Poindexter is another Roosevelt  
Senator who never hesitated about de-  
serting Washington to make political  
speeches and an extra session would  
not call him back to Washington, for  
he intends to go through with his cam-  
paign programme, war or no war. Sen-  
ator Clapp is chairman of the commit-  
tee which is to reconvene September  
29 to continue the investigation of  
campaign contributions, and he cannot  
go on the stump, even if Congress is  
not in session.

**Marked Contrast Shown.**  
Therefore, a special session, at most,  
would only take out of the campaign  
three Senatorial supporters of Roose-  
velt, Bourne, Cummins and Bristow,  
and Bourne will not take the stump  
even if there is no special session. In  
reality, then, a special session such  
as concocted in the brain of the Mun-  
sey writer would deprive Roosevelt,  
at the most, of the campaign support  
of Senators Cummins and Bristow, and  
maybe a dozen in the House. Contrast  
these figures with the 200 and more  
Republicans who will be called on the  
stump by an extra session, and the  
utter absurdity of the yarn is appar-  
ent.

President Taft is no politician, and  
he would not undertake to call a spe-  
cial session of Congress for political  
purposes, but lacking political judg-  
ment as he does, he would not be fool  
enough to attempt any such nonsensi-  
cal scheme as this supporter of the  
Bull Moose suggests.

The writer of the Mexican war spe-  
cial session plot story was one of the  
collaborators on the Controller Bay  
scandal two years ago. This may throw  
some light on the workings of his  
brain.

## TWO TESTIFY FOR CREECH

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later, and then he passed at least 50  
minutes searching the house.

The time that elapsed would have  
been ample time for Creech to have  
passed more than an hour with Mr.  
Tebb before he went to his home.

Mrs. Brown testified that she asked  
Creech whether the shooting was an ac-  
cident, to which he replied: "Not by a  
d— sight," this being his last state-  
ment.

Prosecutor Campbell asked both wo-  
men whether they were acquainted with  
William F. Kincaid, and both replied in  
the affirmative. An attempt to prove  
the relations or visits to the Creech  
home by Kincaid was not allowed by  
the court. An attempt to prove the  
ownership of the watch found in the  
Creech home the morning following the  
murder proved futile, both women tes-  
tifying that if Kincaid owned a watch they  
knew nothing about it.

The day proved a good one for the  
defense, and the testimony was well  
given. Both women stood the cross-  
examination well, but grew angry when  
certain questions as to relations with  
Kincaid or any trouble in the family  
was brought out by Prosecutor Camp-  
bell.

On Monday Mr. Creech, his wife and  
daughter will be recalled to the stand  
for the purpose of further cross-exami-  
nation.

As soon as the defense completes its  
case the state will call at least 10 more  
witnesses for the purpose of establish-

ing the exact time that Detective Welch  
left downtown for the Creech home,  
also will try to prove that the call to  
the police station was made a few mo-  
ments before that time, and that Mrs.  
Creech called twice for an officer, the  
last time stating that unless one had  
been sent to the house to hurry up,  
that something dreadful was sure to  
happen.

The state tried to prove that Creech  
had shot at a man several years ago,  
but witnesses, testifying as to Creech's  
character, had never heard of the af-  
fair.

**Raymond Men Testify.**  
Creech's chances were materially  
bettered by testimony of a number of  
prominent Raymond men to the effect  
that it was at their urging that he  
carried a revolver, and substantiating  
his own statement to the effect that

the defense had nearly finished its  
case when court adjourned tonight and  
after that remains rebuttal, the sum-  
ming up of the case by the defense and  
prosecution, and the decision of the  
jury. Monday night or early Tuesday  
morning should see the case decided.

Mrs. Brown took the stand at the  
morning session, and after telling her  
story was attacked by the state as to  
her friendship for Kincaid.

The situation was less tense today,  
although Creech bore all reference to  
the murder with ill-concealed nervous-  
ness. He is calm, however, and talks  
somewhat to his closer friends. He  
avoids discussion of the tragedy.

**Creech Aides Banister.**  
Creech found banister witnesses in  
Mayor A. C. Little, of Raymond, and O.  
C. Fenelon, of Hoquiam, who owns a  
large box plant in Raymond. These  
men gave the history of the Raymond  
strike; said that Creech had not de-  
sired to carry a gun, and it was only  
on their urging that he consented to  
do so; that he went to the City Marshal  
with them and was given a gun to use.  
This weapon had a strap attached to  
it for use in attaching to the wrist at the  
time Creech got it. He has previously  
said that he has never used the strap,  
Little and Fenelon also told how dan-  
gerous was the neighborhood in which  
the Creech home is located, and how  
he himself had been held up there.

"All men in Raymond carried guns  
under and outside of their clothing,"  
said Fenelon. "Many do now," in fact  
it looks pretty much like that.

C. W. Lewis, representing the Pa-  
cific Lumber Agency on Willapa har-  
bor, said he was the man who told  
Creech that he should carry a gun, and  
that Manager Peterson, of the  
Pacific Lumber Agency, would be in  
Aberdeen Monday, June 3, and was in  
a way responsible for Creech having  
come home the night of the murder.

Among the prominent men who tes-  
tified as to the veracity, good character  
and peaceful nature of Creech today  
were W. J. Patterson, Eugene Fenelon,  
L. J. Koltz, A. P. Stockwell, Mayor  
Parks, Joseph Graham, former Sheriff,  
and now guard at the penitentiary, and  
A. W. Barclay. Some of these men  
are millionaires many times over, and  
all are well-to-do.

Although it has been stated by men  
close to the situation that the friend-  
ship of Kincaid will be made one  
of the prime features, yet it does not  
appear, following the rulings of Judge  
Kincaid, that the state will be allowed  
to introduce evidence of this nature.

Sheeks ruled that Kincaid's former  
visits to the women have nothing to do  
with the case.

## WEST'S ACTION UPHELD

County Court Refuses to Reappoint  
Huntington's Justice.

BAKER, Or., Oct. 5.—(Special).—  
Governor West's work of ousting W.  
J. Woods from the office of Justice of  
the Peace of Huntington has proved to  
be permanent through the action  
of the County Court despite the fact  
that a petition was presented to that  
body to reappoint Mr. Woods Justice.  
The petition favoring the reappoint-  
ment of Mr. Woods was presented to  
the City Commissioners yesterday,  
but not considered till today. In tes-  
tifying down the petition which was  
protested by many of the residents of  
Huntington, Commissioners Saunders  
took the stand that he would not sanc-  
tion the reappointment of Mr. Woods  
as Justice of the Peace till that  
gentleman had vindicated himself of  
the charge that caused him to be  
ousted. The other members of the  
court acquiesced in this stand, taking,  
as did Mr. Saunders, the stand that  
the court by so doing was making it-  
self liable to criticism.

Though the petitioners for the re-  
appointment of Mr. Woods offered  
more names today, they did not appear  
before the court in behalf of their  
man, as did Rev. R. C. Lee for the  
protest. Rev. Mr. Lee made some serious  
charges against Woods as an officer  
and said that the Governor, the  
railroad officials, were op-  
posed to the manner of things in  
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a rousing welcome, the sincerity of  
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**CROOK COUNTY HAS THREE-  
CORNERED FIGHT ON OVER  
COUNTY JUDGE.**

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A triangular fight for the posi-  
tion of County Judge is over-  
shadowing all other things po-  
litical in Crook County, even a  
three-cornered Presidential con-  
test. The latest entry in the  
field is Dr. U. G. Coe, who was  
nominated at a Citizens' meeting  
here recently as a non-political,  
independent candidate. Opposing  
him are the regular primary  
nominees—G. Springer, Demo-  
crat, and G. A. MacFarlane,  
Republican, of Redmond.

Dr. Coe's candidacy is the result  
of a demand of a large number of  
taxpayers for an economical and  
business administration of county  
affairs. Being a big property-  
owner and taxpayer himself, Dr.  
Coe announces that he "stands  
for a square deal for all sections,  
economy and efficiency in county  
expenditures and full publicity in  
all matters that concern tax-  
payers."

Dr. Coe has resided in the coun-  
ty eight years and is well ac-  
quainted with the voters, and  
they are rallying to his support.  
The election promises to be hotly  
contested, with the odds that Dr.  
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