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MR. HOBART WILL LEAVE PUBLIC LIFE

Republican Politicians Speculating as to His Successor.

SECRETARY ROOT MENTIONED

Probability That General Grant Will Also be a Candidate—Mr. Hobart's Engaging Qualities.

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

Vice President Hobart's announcement, through members of his family, of his retirement from public life will make it necessary for the republican national convention to choose another running mate for President McKinley, should the president be re-nominated next year. It will also necessitate the choice of a president pro tem for the senate to preside over its deliberations until a new vice president takes office.

Republican politicians are practically agreed that Mr. Hobart's successor on the republican ticket next year must come from New York state. Senator Platt was in this city today, and it is understood that candidates were discussed. If Governor Roosevelt had not so clearly indicated his disinclination to accept the second place on the ticket, he would be an important factor in the speculations as to the candidates.

His nomination is regarded, however, as being practically out of the question, and the two men more discussed are Secretary Root and General Frederick Grant. Which one of them receives the republican nomination may depend upon the fortunes of war in the Philippines. There are men who have served with General Grant since his appointment to the army who believe that he has inherited to a great degree the military genius of his father, and that all he needs is an opportunity.

He has not thus far had a chance to show whether these opinions are well founded, but if he should command the troops in some brilliant action against

the Filipinos, or perhaps direct the final movement in overwhelming the insurrection, there is little doubt that he would be the man selected.

Should this opportunity not come to General Grant, and should the Philippine war end successfully within the next few months, the nomination would probably be given to Secretary Root, who infused new life into the war department, and whose zeal in enlisting and sending forward reinforcements has made it possible for General Otis to undertake an aggressive campaign. There are many indications already that he may be the administration's candidate.

Mr. Hobart will be greatly missed in the senate. Probably never in the history of the country, and certainly not in recent years, has a presiding officer of the senate been so generally admired and respected by senators regardless of party lines.

Mr. Hobart has made an excellent presiding officer, mastering the details of the senate's business, rules and traditions, and none of his rulings has been questioned.

Upon the occasion of the vice president's first absence after the beginning of each congress, the senate elects a vice president pro tem, who occupies the chair whenever the vice president is away.

Senator Frye of Maine was the president pro tem in the last congress, and he will without doubt be re-elected for the new congress, and will be the real presiding officer of the senate until March 4, 1901.

MAHER AND MCCOY.

Another Fight Arranged and New York Will Have Another Big Time Soon.

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—The match between Peter Maher and Kid McCoy, scheduled to take place at Coney Island on November 30, was clinched last night. As a guarantee of good faith, Maher and McCoy have each posted \$1,000 with Jimmy Wakeley to insure their appearance in the ring. According to the articles of agreement signed by the principals, they will fight 25 rounds at catch weights for a purse of \$29,000. The winner will receive \$17,500. Maher will begin training Saturday at Chester. McCoy will receive his preparation for the battle at William McMoon's farm at White Plains.

JEFFRIES AND TOM SHARKEY

THE BIG CONTEST TONIGHT

The Sailor is in a Better Physical Condition Than the Conqueror of Fitzsimmons.

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—Jim Jeffries and Tom Sharkey say they are already for tomorrow night's prize fight for the world's heavyweight championship.

Everybody who knows anything about training, and who has seen Sharkey, knows that the sailor is fit and trained to the hour. Jeffries and his trainer and manager say that he is in condition, but a great many sporting men who have seen Jeffries question his judgment and the judgment of his trainer and manager on his condition. Jeffries may be in condition, but his condition is not so good as that of the man he will meet.

The training of both men has been completed. Nothing remains for their trainers to do but to send them into the ring and coach and attend them there until one or the other is knocked out, or the battle has gone the full 25 rounds. The last tap of hard work has been done, and both men not only express themselves as well pleased that the days of training are over and the day of battle near at hand.

This will be a day of rest—a day in which the muscles and sinews and nerves of these mighty gladiators of the modern arena will be relaxed for the rough work they must do tomorrow.

Because of this brief relaxation, they will enter the ring tomorrow brighter, stronger in limb, quicker in movement, mighty and more vigorous in every way.

All round town the battle of dollars, in which the men will back their opinions with their money are engaged, is being waged vigorously. Here the Jeffries forces are mightiest. The champion continues to rule favorite, 10 to 7, and many bets have been made at these odds.

In the Delavan hotel last night, Tom O'Rourke, the manager and trainer of

Sharkey, made one of the biggest bets recorded on the fight. He wagered \$1,400 to \$2,000, Martin Dowling taking the Jeffries end of the bet. O'Rourke is confident that his man will win and has more money to wager at the same odds. Many smaller bets were made at 10 to 7, although in some instances the backers of Jeffries got 4 to 5 for their money.

The indications are that the odds against Sharkey will shorten rather than lengthen. Already the impression that Sharkey has an even chance or better of winning this battle is gaining ground. A little more ground gaining and it will be even money and take your pick.

Both men will come to town today. This afternoon, Billy Brady, representing Jeffries, and Tom O'Rourke, representing Sharkey, will meet George Siler, who is to referee the fight, and talk over the conditions which will govern it. The object of this conference is to preclude any possibility of any difficulty or argument arising at the ring side.

READY FOR TONIGHT.

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—Jim Jeffries and Tom Sharkey will fight tomorrow night in the arena of the Coney Island Sporting Club for the heavyweight championship of the world.

Although Jeffries as the champion and bigger man is the favorite of sporting men, many strange stories have been told of him since he went to England and since his return.

Both pugilists left their training quarters and came to town today. Sharkey was never in better condition. A comparison between his condition and that of Jeffries could scarcely be drawn. Both are fit.

A prominent man up town who is in the habit of holding a great many bets said tonight:

"There seems to be a lack of sporting blood, so far as bets go on tomorrow's fight. The interest seems to be at a fever heat and yet men will not wager their money. Queer reports in the respective training quarters of the fighters as to their inability to put up a good argument seems to have had a deterrent effect in the betting market."

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