



FACTIONAL POLITICS

Will There be a Schism in Republican Party.

QUESTION TAKING SHAPE

Anti-Roosevelt Spirit Responsible for the Growing and Dangerous Idea.

ACUTE POLITICS BEHIND IT

Foraker, of Ohio, the Stalking Horse of the Faction, Brewing the Trouble—its Energies Directed to Downfall of President.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Is a schism in the Republican party imminent? The question is asked hourly in Washington, by men high in council in both the Republican and Democratic parties. Some who ask the question hope the answer will be affirmative. Others dread the possibility. All agree as to the criticalness of the situation.

That there is in Congress, especially in the Senate, a powerful faction opposed to President Roosevelt is so well known as to need no argument to support the fact. This faction eagerly desires and persistently seeks the President's undoing. It is personally opposed to Roosevelt, but more strongly opposed to Rooseveltism as a Republican creed. It opposes things advocated by Roosevelt which under other circumstances it might espouse, opposes them simply and solely because they are advocated by Roosevelt. A great deal of its opposition is under cover, indirectness being made necessary by the fact that the country appears to be in support of the President.

In the matter of the discharge of the battalion of colored troops because of the riot at Brownsville, Tex., the anti-Roosevelt Republican senators believe they have a chance to put the President in a bad light before the country, and they have taken instant advantage of it. If any one supposed that all this outcry results from outraged feeling over an alleged injustice to negro soldiers, he is very simple indeed. The "Brownsville affair," as it has come to be known, is merely a pawn, and a minor one at that, in the big game being played under the dome on Capitol Hill. There is not at the Capitol any genuine sympathy for the discharged soldiers. It is a game of politics pure and simple, and it is being played by a cabal of the craftiest politicians to be found anywhere on earth.

The game that is being played, moreover, is for the biggest stake in American politics—the Presidency. There is some fear that, should there be no check in Mr. Roosevelt's popularity, the 1908 nomination may be forced upon him; but it is not especially against this opposition Senators are bending their efforts. The thing they really fear is that Mr. Roosevelt may be in a position to dictate the selection of his successor, and this they are determined to prevent. They are resolved there shall not be another President of the Roosevelt school, if they can prevent it; and if the past is any index to the future, there is at least an even chance they can.

It is doubtful if the Senate combination has yet selected a man to pit against Roosevelt, or Roosevelt's choice, for the nomination, but there are strong indications that Senator Foraker of Ohio is largely favored.

It is admitted there is a substantial element of Republicanism in Senator Foraker could command, but it is believed he will gain enough conservative Democratic votes to offset any Republican disaffection.

It is this situation that raises the query as to an impending Republican schism. The break, if break there be, is not likely to occur at once; because the wise old politicians who are conducting the Senate opposition have no stomach for forlorn hopes, and they will not show their hand until they feel assured victory within their grasp.

NEW ORIENTAL LINE.

Will Run from Portland to North China and Vladivostok.

PORTLAND, Dec. 26.—Beginning early in the spring, a new steamship line is expected to be in service between Portland and North China ports and Vladivostok, unless present plans miscarry. Frank Waterhouse & Co., one of the strongest steamship firms on the Pacific Coast, are back of the venture.

It is planned to have three steamships, each carrying about 6,500 tons, ply regularly between Portland and the Orient. They will be vessels of the fleet owned by Andrew Wier & Co., of Liverpool.

On January 6, Frank Waterhouse & Co., agents for the Wier steamers on this Coast, will establish a new Oriental line out of Seattle and Tacoma. The vessel scheduled to sail from the Sound on that date is the British steamship Wyneric. She will be followed on February 20 by the British steamship Quito. The Boveric will sail from the same ports on February 28. On March 17 the Inveric will sail from the Washington ports, and eight days later she will be followed by the Aymeric. Printed schedules of the sailing dates of these five steamers are being sent to the various shippers.

FOR BIGGER DREDGE.

Senators Fulton and Bourne Ask for One Hundred Thousand Dollars.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—When Senator Fulton and Jonathan Bourne called on the chief of engineers today to urge favorable action on the recommendation of Colonel Roessler that \$100,000 be immediately appropriated to construct a dredge for use along the Oregon coast, they found that the engineers' board can act only on the estimates of this character upon the request of the House committee, so they will urge Chairman Burton or Representative Jones to call for the report. If this can be done, General Mackenzie believes the board will increase the estimates from \$60,000 to \$100,000, and he will approve their action. Unless such recommendation is made, Congress will appropriate not over \$60,000 for the dredge.

RAISE FOR MACHINISTS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—The Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad has announced an increase in pay to all machinists. They will receive an advance of 2 cents an hour, the maximum being 37 cents and the minimum 25 cents.

OLD MAN DEFAULTER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Antanas A. Joci, 66 years of age, was arrested yesterday, charged with being a fugitive from justice. The arrest was made in Brooklyn, where Joci had taken rooms for himself and wife, on the request of the police of Chicago. Joci, the police here say, is wanted for the default of \$1,500.

LOVE WAS FLEETING.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—A Viennese dispatch published here today says Archduke Leopold Salvator, who renounced his family rights four years ago and married Wilhelmine Adamovic, the daughter of a postoffice employe, with whom he has since lived near Geneva, is now seeking a divorce. He has summoned a Vienna lawyer to arrange terms with his wife who has already agreed to the separation.

RELATIONS PEACEABLE

President Has Not Clashed With Congress.

RUMORS ARE NOT TRUE

President Within Rights in Brownsville Affair; Acted Justly.

CASE WAS PECULIAR ONE

Situation Was Acute Many Months Before Shooting Occurred and Before the Battalion Was Withdrawn from Fort Brown.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Washington says:

There is not the slightest danger of a real clash between the President and Congress over the Brownsville affair. There has been an honest defense of opinion, and some heated argument, but there has been no time when the cordial relations between the executive and the legislative branches of the government have been in danger of being severed.

In point of fact, throughout the whole of this extraordinary Brownsville incident, the President has acted strictly within his rights, and there has not been any evidence on the part of either to interfere with the prerogatives of the other. The Brownsville case has been full of surprises and peculiar incidents. It became acute many months after the actual shooting, and long after the battalion had been withdrawn from Fort Brown. Much of the inflammation of the public mind was accomplished while the President was out of the country.

Since Congress has adjourned there has followed the extraordinary shooting of Captain Macklin, officer of the day when the outbreak took place, and several of the colored troops have been arrested in connection with a street car riot at Leavenworth. There have been incidents upon incidents, and still with it all, in spite of the reports which have gone out to the contrary, the President and Congress are still in accord and are still within their constitutional rights.

SLOANE NOT YET FREE.

Will Go to Penitentiary to Await Further Orders.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 26.—Sidney Sloane, the brutal young murderer, who slew his own father, is not to go free. Though the jury on Saturday pronounced him "not guilty, by reason of insanity," Judge W. A. Huneke, at noon today ordered that he should be taken to the Walla Walla penitentiary, there to remain until the further order of the court. The judge stated that this action was taken for the safety of the community, it having been shown that the prisoner's insanity was of a permanent character and that he might again become violent at any time. The court also held that he had no power to dictate to the warden of the prison as to his method of treating the prisoner. Young Sloane, who was happy, jubilant and singing yesterday, appeared distressed and discouraged when his sentence was pronounced.

SPOKANE, Dec. 26.—Later: The attorneys of Sidney Sloane, who was recently acquitted of the murder of his father on the grounds that he is insane and who today was ordered by

the court to be incarcerated in the penitentiary because he is liable to become dangerous at any time and a menace to the community, have not stated what action they will take to prevent their client from being sent to prison and treated like a felon, but the line of their procedure indicates there will be serious objections to such a proceeding and the court officials look for a bitter legal fight.

THREATEN TO DYNAMITE.

Manager of Sugar Plant Receiver Letter from Blackmailers.

BILLINGS, Dec. 26.—Several days ago the manager of the Billings sugar factory here received a threatening letter, stating that unless the factory paid the writer \$25,000, the plant would be blown to atoms. The sugar company turned the letter over to the authorities and plans were made to capture the blackmailers. The company was directed to put a man on the back platform of the Burlington train on Christmas night, directed that he carry a red lantern and bring a package containing \$25,000. Between Billings and some point west the train would pass a man bearing a red lantern and at a given signal the package was to be thrown onto the track. The sheriff last night placed a posse on the train and an employe of the company carrying a red lantern. They traveled as far as Livingston, but no sign of the blackmailers was seen.

TAFT AT NEW PROBLEM.

Will Investigate the Diverting of Waters from Niagara Falls.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Secretary Taft is preparing to take up for final disposition the complex questions presented to him under the terms of the Burton act, relative to the conservation of the waters of the Niagara river, so as to prevent the sacrifice of the falls to the commercial interests of the country. Grave constitutional questions are involved.

Attorneys for the electric lighting and power companies which have been taking the water are insistent that the national government has no right to regulate the disposition of waters of streams save where the navigation thereof is concerned. In the case of the Niagara river, where the water is taken from the stream above the falls, only to be returned to it again below, this issue is not involved. So far, however, the right of the United States government to regulate the admission of currents of electricity generated on the Canadian side of the river, has not been challenged, and to this question the secretary intends to first address himself.

GROOM ABDUCTED.

Trouble Between Two Families of Farmers Near Richmond, Va.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Richmond, Va., says:

R. S. Chandler, a farmer, procured a license at Bridgetown for the marriage of his daughter and Richard Elam, a young farmer, then returned home and forced young Elam to marry his daughter, Bessie Chandler. Last night Watson Elam, father of the young man, with a party of twenty neighbors, all armed, went to Chandler's house and after surrounding it, demanded the surrender of young Elam. He was given up and taken home. Elam swore out a warrant against the Chandlers, charging abduction.

TROOPS IN CONTROL.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 26.—Advices from Scooba and Wahalak tonight state that quiet prevails at both of these towns, as well as throughout the surrounding territory and that troops and civil authorities are in complete control of the situation.

CAPTAIN SEABURY DEAD.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Captain William B. Seabury, commodore of the Pacific Mail Company's fleet and one of the best mariners on the Pacific coast, is dead at San Rafael, as a result of injuries resulting from a fall about a week ago.

ANGRY MOB WOULD LYNCH

Shocking Butchery Rouses People's Wrath.

FARMER IS MURDERED

Refused Lodging, He First Burn Hay Stacks Then Slays Owner.

MUTILATES BODY WITH KNIFE

Crowd Swarms to County Jail, Breaks Down Doors and Tries to Obtain Prisoner—Is Finally Dispersed, Unsuccessful.

LAS ANIMAS, Colo., Dec. 26.—A mob has battered down the walls of the jail for the purpose of lynching Lawrence Leberg, a tramp, who yesterday murdered Henry Lavenmeyer, a prominent farmer, near here.

Leberg's crime was the work of a head—Alighting from the Santa Fe train yesterday afternoon at Robinson station, near this city, he crossed the river and secured a meal from a farmer named George Pavis. When Leberg finished eating he demanded lodging but was refused because of his abusive language. Leberg left the Purvis farm and after preparing a camp on the river bank started toward the Purvis place, evidently bent on revenge. He set fire to a haystack belonging to Lavenmeyer, who took Leberg into custody, allowing him to ride behind him on his horse. When at the road entering his ranch, Leberg struck him on the head with a hammer which he found tied to Lavenmeyer's saddle. The latter fell stunned and Leberg beat him until he became tired. Leberg left his victim on the road and went back to his camp by the riverside. He soon returned with a pocket knife, cut Lavenmeyer's throat from ear to ear and attempted to scalp him. The burning haystack attracted the neighbors to the scene and they found the mutilated body.

A posse was formed and Leberg was caught a mile or two away, riding Lavenmeyer's horse. He submitted to arrest quietly and even boasted of his crime, saying he drank the blood of his victim. Leberg was brought here and lodged today. At noon today Sheriff Brown started for Pueblo with his prisoner for better protection, but was met by a crowd of 300 people who protested against Leberg's removal and he was again placed in jail here. Although there were frequent reports of mobs organizing to dispose of Leberg not until tonight did they set about carrying out their work of vengeance. Soon after dark several hundred men and boys appeared at the jail, but were refused admittance. They then began an attack on the jail.

After several hours' diligent effort at storming the county jail the mob was dispersed and it is not thought that further attempts will be made tonight to carry out the plan for vengeance. The mob worked its way into the jail as far as the steel doors by breaking down the wooden doors, but were met with a stern refusal from the jail officers to turn over their prisoner and finally gave up. When apprehended the murderer gave his name as Lawrence Leberg. Many believe him insane.

STANDARD OIL PETITIONS.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—The Standard Oil Company and sixty odd other corporations allied with it as defendants

in the government's suit to break the alleged oil monopoly, today filed a motion in the United States circuit court attacking the jurisdiction of that court to bring in non-resident defendants by press and petitioning the court to vacate the order of service issued by Judge Sanborn on November 15.

POISON FOR SEDUCERS.

Drank Carboic Acid Before the Eyes of an Armed Guard.

ELMIRA, N. Y., Dec. 26.—With a guard standing directly behind him, Frank Delaney, a railroad man, who succeeded in gaining entrance to the jail on a pretense of wishing to have Bessie Wills, awaiting sentence for abducting a young girl for immoral purposes, sign some legal papers, succeeded in passing the woman a vial of carboic acid which she drank. At the same time Delaney put another vial of acid to his own lips, and although the guard tried to overpower him, succeeded in draining the bottle. Delaney died before a physician could be summoned and when the cell door was opened the woman was already dying. She died within a short time.

IRELAND'S REMARKS UNPOPULAR

Summary of American Archbishop's Speech Not Liked in Rome.

ROME, Dec. 26.—The local press published a summary, which appeared in the Paris Matin, of Archbishop Ireland's statement at St. Paul on the French-Vatican conflict. The summary has not found favor with the Vatican authorities, as it blames the French clergy, who are praised by the Pope. The Osservatore Romano says this summary should be accepted with reserve as coming from an infected source, explaining that the Matin's correspondent may have misunderstood the Archbishop.

RUSSIAN WHEAT SHORTAGE.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 26.—It is rumored that a big deal is about to be closed whereby a Minneapolis company will consign a large quantity of flour for Russian consumption. Exportation of Minneapolis flour to Russia is without precedent. Only through an immense shortage in Russian crops could a condition arise by which prices would so rise that foreign millers can pay the high import duty and still sell at a profit.

BURGLAR DRUGS FAMILY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Burglars entered the residence of W. A. Cox, a prominent merchant at 826 Ashbury street, early yesterday morning and after administering an anesthetic to the sleeping members of the family, ransacked the house, stealing jewelry and money to the value of \$1,000, and departed without disturbing the sleep of any of their victims. The police are now working on the case.

BRUTE SHOTS CHILD.

MUSKOGEE, I. T., Dec. 26.—Great excitement prevails at Stillwell, near here, over the attempted criminal assault on Miss York, a 14-year-old girl, by Braham Hughes. The girl repulsed Hughes, and as she fled, he fired a shotgun, pointing at her back, at short range. Hughes was arrested and taken to Vinita to escape mob violence. As the town is wrought up, a lynching may follow.

RUSH CURTAILS HOLIDAYS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—John A. Roebings Sons Company of Trenton, N. J., employing 7,000 men in their steel mills, closed down for only four days during the Christmas holidays. Work will be resumed today. Annually this concern shuts down for two weeks at this time for needed repairs and stock taking, but the rush of orders this year forced a curtailment of the holiday.

FIREMEN'S STRIKE FUTILE.

HOUSTON, Dec. 26.—Reports to the headquarters of the Atlantic system of the Southern Pacific today show the lines are experiencing little difficulty in operating trains on account of the strike of the firemen.