



FAIRBANK'S CHANCES

Taft and Foraker His Rivals.

OHIO IS BATTLEFIELD

Should Taft Boom Fail in Ohio Then Fairbanks Will Get Roosevelt's Support.

LOYAL TO ADMINISTRATION

So No Charges Can Be Brought On That Score—Foraker and Result of Brownsville Investigation Will Be a Factor in Race For the Nomination

Two conflicting opinions concerning the political situation are of interest as relating to the chances of Vice-President Fairbanks for the Republican presidential nomination. According to some he is in danger of having the ground cut from under his feet by Senator Foraker. This opinion is based on the presumption that Fairbanks is aligned with the "reactionaries" or what might be termed the "Old Guard" of McKinley's time. Foraker undoubtedly could command considerable support from the conservative Republicans, perhaps as much as the vice-president. In addition he is an aggressive and resourceful fighter. His boldness in challenging the administration and the dashing brilliancy with which his campaign promises to be conducted, cannot fail to arouse admiration on the part of the people. Should he win in the Brownsville investigation it will give him a support among delegates from certain quarters scarcely obtainable otherwise. Thus, it is argued with plausibility, Foraker will draw support from those inclined toward Fairbanks and at the same time a popular support which the latter cannot command.

The other theory is also supported by plausible arguments. It is that in event that the Taft boom falls, President Roosevelt will throw his support to Mr. Fairbanks. The latter has been popularly regarded as not altogether in sympathy with the president. Probably this is due as much as anything to the fact that he was closely identified with the McKinley forces and probably would have received their support in 1904 had Mr. McKinley lived. But no suspicion has been cast on the loyalty of the vice-president to Mr. Roosevelt. On the contrary he left the senate to accept the second place on the ticket against the advice of his most intimate counselors. In the campaign he supported his chief loyally. Since then he has been deprived of the opportunity to be heard on the floor of the senate, but on every public occasion where he has made a speech, Mr. Fairbanks has lauded the administration and its policies. Consequently no charge of irregularity can be brought against him nor has the president ever adversely criticized him, at least, openly, as he has others. The fate of the Taft boom rests with Ohio. Having precipitated the fight it is now up to the Taft forces to make good for if they lose there the president will scarcely undertake to press the boom in other parts of the country.

"CRY OF THE UNEMPLOYED."

Workmen Discharged From Woolwich Arsenal—Reduction of Expenses.

LONDON, April 22.—The "cry of the unemployed" was raised again tonight when several thousand workmen were

discharged from the Woolwich arsenal as a result of the war secretary's scheme of reducing the military expenses. The men marched with bands and banners from Woolwich to the House of Commons to impress their grievances upon the government. The complaints of the men are far reaching, representing not only the loss of employment but wiping out of their savings invested in the little properties located in Woolwich. A deputation waited on Premier Campbell-Bannerman, Secretary Haldane and Baron Tweedmouth being present. The Premier made a sympathetic reply and assured the men that the government's anxiety over the inevitable changes should work as little hardship as possible.

STORM ON ATLANTIC.

Gales Caused By Mexican Earthquake Impede Progress of Liners.

NEW YORK, April 22.—Incoming liners report heavy weather on the trip across the Atlantic. The skippers say it was the worst April they had seen in many years. The steamer America, which arrived yesterday, was a day late.

The captains attributed the gales and hurricanes that beset their vessels to the recent earthquakes in Mexico. La Provence, of the French line, in last Friday, fought a gale for five hours had her compass and wireless apparatus put out of commission. Shortly after midnight Wednesday the hurricane hit the Etruria. The liner's speed was reduced and she logged only 371 miles, as against 464, her best day's run on the trip. The Philadelphia also fought her share of bad weather.

BRUTE DISCOVERED

Unknown Assailant Who Nearly Killed Young Girl.

TEETH MARKS ON FINGERS

An Identification by Fellow Employees Clinch His Identity—Is in Employ of the United Railways Company—Positively Declared To Be Right Man

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—Alvin Eddy, of 1102 Fillmore street, a motor-man on the Fillmore street line, was arrested yesterday and positively identified later by Miss Ethyle Hergaton as the man who had beaten her nearly to death at midnight last Friday, when ostensibly leading her to the house at 115 Point Lobos avenue, into which her mother had moved that day, he enticed her out Masonic avenue and here choked her and pounded her face until she was unrecognizable when she resisted him. He bears toothmarks on his fingers. Eddy declares he is not guilty and asserts he can establish an alibi. Besides the identification by Miss Hergaton and the marks of teeth on Eddy's fingers the police have obtained still further evidence against Eddy. This evidence was given by Bert Valera and William C. Smith, both United Railways car men living in a Geary-street refuge camp. They saw a man leave the Fillmore-street car on Friday night; they saw aboard the Geary-street car with Miss Hergaton and they say positively that the man was Alvin Eddy. They called at the city jail yesterday and picked him out.

PRINCE ALBERT AT JAMESTOWN.

NEW YORK, April 22.—H. R. H. Prince Albert Leopold, of Saxo-Coburg Gotha, a son of the late Prince Philippe and nephew of Leopold, King of Belgium, arrived here yesterday from Quebec. Prince Albert is at the St. Regis preparatory to leaving for the Jamestown Exposition where he will represent his government at the naval review.

FIVE JURORS ACCEPTED

The Seven Offers Peremptorily Challenged.

NEW VENIRE NECESSARY

Jurors Questioned on Effect of Langdon and Heney's Speeches.

HENEY AND ACH IN COURT

As Result Several Spirited Clashes Occurred Between the Opposing Counsel—Issuing of Second Venire Will Delay Trial For Day Or So.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—The first four of the 12 jurors who will try Abe Ruef, were today secured and sworn in. Eight others composing the probationary panel were peremptorily challenged, three by the prosecution and five by the defense. As only two names remain on the special panel it will be necessary tomorrow to issue a second special venire, necessitating an adjournment of one or two days. It is hoped to complete the jury by the end of the week and actually begin taking testimony by the first of next week.

A new line of questioning was developed today by the defense in the cross-examination of the talesmen. Ruef's counsel desired to know whether the jurors who attended the earthquake anniversary dinner, on April 18 had absorbed any bias against Ruef from the speeches of Langdon and Heney in which Ruef and other alleged grafters were vigorously denounced. On the technical grounds that Langdon and Heney did not discuss this particular case but merely denounced Ruef and his associates generally as grafters, the challenges for cause laid by the defense against the jury banqueters were not allowed by the defense and they retained their seats. Today's proceedings were frequently enlivened by clashes between the opposing counsel. Ach had so far recovered from his attack of ptomaine poisoning that he resumed his place at the counsel table, though he left the active conduct of the case to Shortridge and Murphy.

Langdon assisted Special Prosecutor Johnson and Heney made his appearance for the first time in many days. He entered the court room late in the day and hat in hand rose again and again to enter spirited objections to Murphy's questions and engaged later in verbal combat. The number of jurors was increased to five just before the adjournment by tentative acceptance of Juror Davis.

CAB DRIVERS STRIKE.

CARIO, April 22.—Serious disorders have occurred here as a result of a strike of the cab drivers and tramway employees of this city. Mobs attacked tramcars which attempted to run and much damage followed. British troops will patrol the chief thoroughfares today to preserve order.

CZAR COUSIN DETAINED.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—A woman named Martha Covallnsky, claiming to be a princess and a cousin of the Czar of Russia, is detained on board the liner Ventura awaiting the decision of the immigration commission as to whether or not she is a victim of trachoma. If she is, she will be deported to Australia from whence she came.

PORT BLAKELY MILLS ON FIRE.

Seattle, April 22.—The Port Blakely mills are burning. A fireboat has been dispatched to the scene from Seattle. The loss so far is estimated at \$500,000.

TAFT HOME.

Arrived Last Night From Cuba, Panama, and Porto Rico.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Secretary of War Taft and party arrived at the Washington Navy Yard tonight on the yacht Mayflower from Cuba, Panama and Porto Rico. Secretary Taft in a statement says that he found the conditions in Cuba "in what under the circumstances must be considered a very satisfactory condition."

Taft said in Panama the engineers reported to him that the foundations for the locks were entirely satisfactory.

A ROYAL QUARREL.

Causes Absence of Italian Queen From Ceremonies of Note.

ROME, April 22.—According to the Tribune the absence of Queen Helena from the launching of the battleship Roma yesterday at Spezia was due to a disagreement between King Victor Emmanuel and Prince Danilo, the Queen's brother. While the Prince and another were guests at the quiral, a quarrel arose which caused their sudden departure. This so saddened the Queen that she did not attend the meeting of King Victor and King Edward last Friday and declined to attend yesterday's ceremonies.

MONGOLIA ASHORE

On Reefs Near Mayeda Light-house Nagato Japan.

TRIED TO AVOID COLLISION

With Sailing Vessel and Landed on Rocks—Rescue Within Reach From All Directions and No Lives Will Be Lost As a Result.

TOKIO, April 22 (Afternoon).—The Pacific Mail steamer Mongolia ran aground this morning near the Mayeda lighthouse, in the Province of Nagato, Japan. The locality is full of reefs. The steamer, with a list of 45 degrees, lies quite close to the shore, within reach of rescue from all directions. Her proximity to the land prevents any loss of life. The accident was caused by an attempt to avoid collision with a sailing ship.

The Mongolia is a twin-screw steamer with a registered tonnage of 13,639 tons. She was built in New York for the Pacific Mail Steamship Company in 1904. She has but recently been put in commission again after repairs necessitated by grounding on a reef off Midway Island, on which she struck on September 16 last. She was floated again without outside assistance on September 21. On her present trip she was homeward-bound from Yokohama, and was under command of Captain Hathaway.

SCARCITY OF SUGAR.

BUENOS AYRES, April 22.—The Government has reduced the duty on sugar to six centaves gold instead of seven a kilogram because of the scarcity of this product. Under the law the government is authorized to reduce or even suppress the duty on sugar when the price reaches a certain limit.

STRIKE ENDED.

LONDON, April 22.—A cable dispatch has been received by the directors of the Paraguay Central Railway saying that the strike on that road is ended.

MILLIONAIRE SUICIDE

Cut Arteries With Broken Pitcher.

BRIBES THE DETECTIVES

And is Also Charged With Making Improper Suggestion to Young Boy.

OVERWORK DETHRONES MIND

Released on Heavy Bail, Started For Home But Went to Hotel and Gashed Throat and Wrists, Dying Later in Hospital.

NEW YORK, April 22.—Benedict Gimbel, the wealthy Philadelphia merchant, who cut his throat and wrists with broken glass in a hotel in Hoboken after he had been arrested on serious charges in this city, died in St. Mary's Hospital, Hoboken, shortly before 3 o'clock this morning. His wife was at his bedside, also his two brothers who came here at once on receiving word of his trouble—one from Milwaukee and the other from Philadelphia. His personal physician, summoned from Philadelphia was at his bedside also.

The arrest of Benedict Gimbel, a man of wealth, member of a prominent and prosperous firm, married, and of hitherto spotless reputation caused great surprise. Thursday afternoon he was taken from a cab in this city while in company with Ivor Clark, a 16-year-old boy, by two detectives who acted on the complaint of Clark's parents. Gimbel, according to the detectives, resorted to an attempt at bribery and offered the detectives \$2000 if they would release him. The detectives apparently consented and demanding cash were driven with Gimbel to his banker's office here and given \$2000. They then informed Gimbel that the additional charge of attempted bribery would be placed against him and took him to the District Attorney's office, where, it is alleged, Gimbel, who keenly felt his predicament offered Assistant District Attorney Krotel any amount of money to gain his release. Later Gimbel was released on heavy bail and started, ostensibly for his home in Philadelphia. He never reached there. Instead he went to the Palace Hotel, in Hoboken, and there with jagged glass obtained from a water pitcher which he had broken, he cut his throat in many places and gashed his left wrist. He was discovered several hours afterwards almost dead from the loss of blood. At St. Mary's Hospital, to which place he was removed Friday night, it was thought for a time that Gimbel's life might be saved but Sunday he began suddenly to fail and late last night hope was abandoned. Gimbel's wife and two brothers who have shown confidence and devotion to the husband and brother went to his bedside late Friday night and have remained near him ever since. In a statement the family notified the public that Benedict Gimbel had been ill for some weeks as the result of overwork and that this had undoubtedly dethroned his reason.

DISCRIMINATION CHARGED.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—An interesting complaint, directed against the so-called asphalt trust, was filed today with the interstate commerce commission. The title of the case is American Asphalt Association against

Utah Railway Company. The complainant is that the corporation is engaged in the mining and shipment of gilsonite from Utah, and in the conversion of gilsonite into asphaltum. The defendant operates the railway line between the towns of Dragon, Utah, and Mack, Colorado, a distance of 54 miles. The complainant says it is charged 5 cents per hundred pounds by the railroad company for the transportation of gilsonite from Dragon to Mack, or at the rate of \$150 per car although the railroad transports livestock between the same points at a rate of \$25 per car. It is claimed that this is a discrimination. The commission is asked to give the complainant reparatory damages in the sum of \$10,000 and the issue of orders to prevent a continuance of the discrimination.

MERRY DEL VAL TO RETIRE.

Will Be Succeeded By An American As Secretary of State.

NEW YORK, April 22.—Private advices received in this country says the Tribune today tend to confirm the cable reports that Cardinal Merry del Val will retire from the office of secretary of state for Pius X. It is stated that he is to be succeeded by an English-speaking prelate and that Mr. Kennedy, rector of the American College at Rome, may get this high office. Mr. Kennedy has been rector of the American College for years and in a way, has been the intermediary between the Pope and the bulk of the English-speaking countries. Mr. Kennedy is a Pennsylvanian by birth. He is in his 50th year and at the time of his appointment to Rome was stationed at Overbrook Seminary.

A DELMAS MOVE

Believed Subtle Californian is Planning Shrewd Move.

JEROME IS IN THE DARK

Other Counsel Profess to Know Nothing of New Move and Delmas is Ostensibly Out of the Case For Good.

BINGHAMTON, April 22.—Attorneys Delmas and McPike of the counsel for Thaw, are guests of Dr. Wager, superintendent of the State Insane Asylum. It is believed that Delmas's coming is preliminary to bringing Thaw here for the second trial. The lawyers had a conference with Justice George F. Lyon.

Clifford J. Hartridge, counsel for Thaw, said today that so far he knew there is no move contemplated toward holding the second Thaw trial at Binghamton. Hartridge interpreted the visit to Binghamton on the part of Delmas and McPike as a social call on Wager. Jerome said tonight that he had no intention either asking for or consenting to a change of venue for Thaw's next trial. Assistant Attorney Garvin said there was no foundation for the suggestion that Thaw will be tried at Binghamton.

RANCHER KILLED.

BUTTE, Mont., April 22.—A Miner special from Lewiston, Mont., states that Burt Kinchter a well known cowboy and rancher was shot and instantly killed by E. F. Moulton a stock man yesterday. Moulton had objected to the attentions Kinchter was paying to his young daughter and shooting followed in Moulton's ordering Kinchter away from the ranch.

GOLD STRIKE AT CHELAN.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 22.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Chelan says there is great excitement over a rich find of gold within a few miles of town. Miners say the rock resembles Cripple Creek. Ledges are well defined. A number of claims are staked and there are indications of big things.