



TAFT GETS A SETBACK

A Proposition to Divide Louisiana Delegation

FROM TAFT SUPPORTERS

Committee Brings About an Adjournment Rather Than Permit the Vote to Be Taken

COMPROMISE SENTIMENT

A Fisher of Ohio Appointed Assistant Secretary of Republican Committee, Succeeds Frank H. Hitchcock—W. B. McKinley Arrives.

CHICAGO, June 8.—A few handfuls of sand were thrown into the cylinders of the Taft political machine late today. So far everything that has come up has been handled quickly and decisively by the Taft people but today from their own membership, came a proposition to divide the Louisiana delegation seating Taft and anti-Taft delegations with a half vote each. The committee brought about an adjournment rather than permit the vote to be taken today. The members of the committee who have been ardent Taft supporters, but who have shown a disposition to yield to the appeals of allied forces to compromise in interest of harmony will be subjected to a pressure from Washington. To allow time for this was the purpose of the sudden adjournment today.

Manager Frank Hitchcock announced that there would be no compromise. He is determined to fight for the seating of the delegations instructed for Taft and declared that he will insist that the committees pass upon all the contests. To settle them in any other way, he said, it would be unfair to the delegates themselves. He expressed his opinion that the committee should not shirk the responsibility of sitting in judgment upon the merits of every contest, and in this view he is supported by practically every committeeman of the west and south and many from the north.

Thus far contests have been settled from Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia and Kentucky and there has been no division of committee. The reason for this has been the rule requiring twenty members necessary to demand a roll-call. The anti-Taft people have not this number on their committee.

The political maneuvering by such members as Senators Crane, Scott, Penrose and Committeemen Hart and

Mulvane, has not been without its effect. The growth of compromise sentiment has been noticed by Taft men, but they were not disturbed by it until late today, when they learned to their surprise that the plan for a division was favored by Lodge of Massachusetts and Clayton of Arkansas. A very hasty conference was held by the Taft members of the committee during a hearing of the Louisiana contests, and decision was reached that it would be wise to adjourn.

Hitchcock opposes the compromise idea regarding the Louisiana on the ground that it would be entering the wedge, and the Taft people intend to avoid such a thing if it is possible. Sixteen more votes were gained for Taft today. Two came from Florida six from Georgia and eight from Kentucky. The settlement of Kentucky contests engendered more ill feeling than has been manifested since the committee began to work. Senator Bradley of Kentucky represented Fairbanks' interests and during a consideration of claims of contestees from Louisville district, Clayton Blakey, attorney for the Taft delegation charged that Bradley had stumped the state for Fairbanks declaring that he was doubtful whether Taft could carry the state. Bradley denied the charge and Blakey claimed that he had seen letters written by Bradley making such claims. Bradley was defeated and he declined to continue with the two other contests from Kentucky, saying he would carry them to the credentials committee of the convention.

When Bradley came out of the

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\$8,871,000 CLAIMS

Are Thrown Into the Hands of Receiver

DUE NATIONAL CAR WHEEL CO

Million Dollar Note and Eight Million Dollar Mortgage Due in a Short Time, With no Funds Precipitated Receivership of Wheelings.

TOLEDO, June 8.—On the claims aggregating \$8,871,000 due the National Car Wheel Company of New York, the Wheeling and the Lake Erie Railroad was thrown into the hands of a receiver today, by United States District Judge Taylor. The petition alleges that the total indebtedness of Wheeling is more than \$28,000, B. A. Worthing, vice-president and general manager of the Wheeling appointed receiver to \$100,000 bonds. It is said the trouble of the Wheeling have their foundation in the building of the Pittsburg and Wabash terminals. Other matters which are said to have precipitated the receivership are a note of a million dollars due in August, and eight million dollar mortgage which falls due in a few months hence, with no funds available to meet them.

Oregon Short Line Run Trains Out of Butte

BUTTE, June 8.—The Oregon Short Line is the only line today operating trains out of Montana from this point, though late tonight the Northern Pacific will have three trains in from the east. A washout at Jefferson was repaired at noon today all in readiness to send trains over the line when a wreck occurred almost within sight of the city, blocking the line for a number of hours. Last train on the Great Northern reached Butte June 3. There is little prospect tonight of

a resumption of train service before the end of the week. Further information from the west is to the effect that miles of track of the Northern Pacific are washed out between Butte and Missoula, and marooned passengers at Drummond will not be able to get out of that place for a week. Boulder at Basin has reached the highest stage in 16 years, washing out three steel bridges on the Great Northern and carrying away a big dam of Basin Reduction Company together with a number of residences.

DISMISSES CHARGES

Against George H. Hill of Portland

FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE

Thorough Examination of Books of the Title Guarantee and Trust Company

WILL NOT PROSECUTE STEEL

The Dismissal of the Charges Against Hill Does Not Affect the Other Three Bankers and They Still Have Charges Hanging Over Them.

PORTLAND, June 8.—George H. Hill, vice-president of the defunct Title Guarantee & Trust Company, will not be prosecuted on the four charges on which he was indicted with J. Thorburn Ross, T. T. Burkhardt and John E. Aitchison. All four charges against Hill were dismissed this morning in the Circuit Court by Presiding Judge Gantenben at the motion of Deputy District Attorney Bert E. Haney.

Lack of evidence against Hill was the reason given by Deputy Haney for moving the dismissal. He said a thorough examination had been made of the books of the Title Guarantee & Trust Company, and that the district attorney is of the opinion that there is not sufficient evidence to warrant the state in going to trial in the Hill case.

Though Hill was indicted at the same time with the other three officials, he has never been arraigned, and no action has been taken as to Hill from the time the indictments were filed early in January until this morning, when the order of dismissal was entered.

Three charges of larceny and one of receiving deposits after the bank was known to be insolvent were dismissed. It was on one of the larceny charges that J. Thorburn Ross was convicted by a Marion county jury and sentenced by Judge Burnett to serve five years in the penitentiary and pay a fine of \$576,853. The three larceny indictments charged Hill, with the other officials, with the larceny of public money by converting it to their use and failing to repay it to the State Treasurer when it was demanded.

The fourth charge was that Hill, with his fellow bankers, accepted deposits in the Title Guarantee & Trust Company after they knew it was insolvent. All four of the bankers were named in each of the indictments, though only Ross, Burkhardt and Aitchison were arraigned and pleaded. It was contended by the three that the law making it a felony to accept deposits in an insolvent institution was not in effect, but the four Circuit Judges, sitting en banc, held otherwise. Ross, Burkhardt and Aitchison then secured a change of venue to Marion county, so that all the trials will be held at Salem. Hill's cases were not affected by the change of venue, however, as he had not pleaded.

The dismissal of the charges as to Hill, does not affect the other three bankers, and they still have the charges hanging over them. Ross is the only one who has had a trial, and he was tried on only one of the four charges.

It is the opinion of District Attorney Manning that Hill was not

active as an officer of the bank, and knew practically nothing of the deals which led to the indictments. The books of the bank revealed no active participation by Hill.

If State Treasurer George A. Steel is indicted because of the part he played in the handling of the educational fund of the state, which resulted in its dissipation by the officials of the Title Guarantee & Trust Company, it will be returned by a grand jury or an information will have to be filed by George J. Cameron when he assumes charges of the office of District Attorney.

THOMPSON SET FREE.

The Murderer of Judge Geo. Meade Emory.

TACOMA, June 8.—Chester Thompson, who was acquitted last year of the murder of Judge George Emory, on the ground of insanity, and sent to the insane ward of the penitentiary, was tonight given his liberty, the jury last week having declared he had recovered his reason and was safe to be at large.

CATCHING DRAGON FLIES

NEW YORK, June 8.—A number of Columbia University students are making a little vacation money just now by catching dragon flies. The flies are caught at night with nets and they are to be shipped to Brazil, which country has asked the U. S. Department of Agriculture for a supply. The dragon fly is the worst known enemy of the common mosquito and because of its desire for them is in line with a policy of extermination which has been decided upon for the mosquito.

SEVEN INDICTMENTS

Result of Investigating Land Fraud Cases

SEVERAL PROMINENT MEN

Charging Conspiracy to Defraud the Government Out of 30,000 Acres of Land in Umatilla Reservation in Umatilla County.

PORTLAND, June 8.—The special grand jury in the United States district court in this city which is investigating the alleged land fraud cases in Eastern Oregon today returned seven indictments charging a conspiracy to defraud the government out of 30,000 acres of unallotted land in Umatilla reservation in Umatilla county. The persons indicted are: J. H. Raley, a prominent Democratic politician, lawyer and former member of the state legislature from Umatilla; William Slusher also former legislator from same county; Alonzo Knotts, J. W. Crow, J. M. Wynn and William Caldwell, all sheepmen and ranchmen well known in eastern part of the state; C. W. Matthews, rancher; John Vert formerly president of the First National Bank of Pendleton, and Bailey Ross, Samuel Olmstead and William Rahe, the last three named are lesser lights in the community.

BASEBALL GAMES.

National League.

At Philadelphia—Philadelphia 0, Pittsburg 5.
At New York—New York 4, St. Louis 0.
At Chicago—Chicago 5, Boston 2.
At Brooklyn—Cincinnati 3, Brooklyn 2.

American League.

At Detroit—No game.
At St. Louis—St. Louis 10, Philadelphia 8.
At Cleveland—Cleveland 1, New York 6.
At Chicago—Chicago 2, Washington 1.

KANSAS AND TOPEKA SAFE

Crest of Both Rivers in Sight

ALL BRIDGES ARE SAFE

Boats Busy at Topeka Taking People From Homes in the Lowlands

NO DAMAGE AT KANSAS CITY

North Topeka Deserted, Thousands of Union Pacific Railroad Ties Float Through Streets—Weather Conditions Fair in Kansas.

TOPEKA, June 8.—The crest of the rise in the Kansas River is expected to reach here tonight. North Topeka is practically deserted tonight. Boat patrols are busy all day taking the people from their homes in the low lands. The water is deeper in the streets than in any time since 1903. The current is beginning to sweep the outbuildings and thousands of ties from the Union Pacific tie plant are pounding their way through town. No loss of life has been occasioned by the flood. All but a few of the refugees have been taken care of. There is no suffering.

KANSAS CITY, June 8.—The Missouri and Kaw rivers, continued to rise here today but the crest of the flood in both rivers, is in sight and will pass on Wednesday. The weather conditions in Kansas are fair, and apparently the rains are over. The tributaries of the Kaw are falling and it is discharging into the Missouri in great rapidity in great contrast to the flood of 1903 and 1904 when the Missouri was higher than the Kaw. Some lowlands about Kansas City are under water but no damage has been done. All the bridges are safe.

IN ROWING CIRCLES

NEW YORK, June 8.—There is considerable talk in rowing circles at present of the possibility of America sending a single sculler to take part in the Rowing events at the Olympic games in London this summer. Harry Bennett of Springfield, national champion, and Durando Miller of the New York Athletic Club, are two candidates. Friends claim that Miller has improved greatly and can defeat the title-holder in a match race. Though entries for the event closed June 1, Mr. Pinkington of the committee thinks an American entry would be received up to July 1. The decision of the committee will be made known in a few days.

Gompers Declares Federation Would Fight

WASHINGTON, June 8.—Indignantly defying the American Federation of Labor had attacked the integrity of the courts, state or national, President Gompers tonight declared that the Federation would wage the fight in Chicago on the memorial of New Yorkers asking for an insertion of plank in the Republican platform, affirming confidence in the integrity

2000 EMPLOYEES IDLE. American Waltham Watch Company Will Shut Down August 4.

BOSTON, June 8.—Two thousand employees of the American Waltham Watch Company at Waltham notified today that the works will be shut down June 26th until August 4. The factory has been running on short time for several months.

HOLD SMOKING SERVICE

NEW YORK, June 8.—Governor Fort of New Jersey was the principal speaker at a "Smoking service" held on the lawn of the Hyde Park Reformed Church at East Orange, N. J. last night. More than 500 men, most of whom availed themselves of the permission to smoke during the service, attended. The pastor of the church, Rev. F. B. Pulliam, announced further gatherings of like character said that the services were not held in striving for sensationalism, but in the belief that "common sense and religion can go hand in hand." The services were held on the lawn instead of in the church to promote comfort during the warm season. "Men would smoke if they were not at the church," he said, "and there is no reason that being, upon the lawn of the church, they should not smoke if they like."

Many automobile parties attended the service. Gov. Fort, speaking on the subject, "The real Meaning of Life in View of Eternity", urged his hearers to do everything in their power to develop not their own character but the character of others.

RUNAWAY KILLS BOY

5-Year-Old Kenneth Palmer of Portland

DEPARTMENT STORE WAGON

Boy's Obedience to Mother to Stay on Sidewalk Costs His Life—Playmates He Was Watching in the Street Were Unhurt.

PORTLAND, June 8.—A runaway team belonging to a local department store late today ran over and instantly killed 5-year-old Kenneth Palmer, son of a barber, near Grand avenue and Everett streets. The child was on the sidewalk near his home and too young to realize the danger. The saddest part of the accident is that the little fellow's obedience to his mother's injunction not to go off the sidewalk cost him his life. His playmates who were in the roadway and whom he was watching were never endangered.

DIAMONDS STOLEN

HOUSTON, Tex., June 8.—Diamonds to the value of \$5,000 were stolen from the jewelry establishment of Taylor Bros. here last night. The diamonds were all mounted in rings, the tray being removed from a show case.