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ANTI-HUGHES FORCES

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was that it could have but one end—the recognition of defeat of the anti-Hughes forces. Meanwhile the committee on resolutions appointed a sub-committee to draft a platform and adjourned until tomorrow. Root was the central figure of the first day's session of the convention. The convention effected temporary organization, heard the speech of Root as temporary chairman and adjourned until tomorrow afternoon. The welcome accorded Root surpassed in enthusiasm if not in duration those which were accorded the names of President Roosevelt, Governor Hughes or the presidential nominee, Judge Taft. Secretary Root's address consumed a little less than an hour and a half in delivery.

AERIAL STOCK RISING

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about 1,200 officers and men. The bill awaiting the action of the military committee of the senate provides for a full peace strength of 2,500 officers and men and if passed will put the signal corps in the line of the army. Military experts estimate that two and one half per cent of the entire force of an army is the minimum that can safely be used for signal work. The present strength of the signal corps is slightly more than 1 per cent of the authorized strength of the army in time of war. The signal corps has a large number of officers detailed from the infantry, cavalry and artillery, for a short period of time and others who are only attached to the signal corps. More than in any other branch of the service, the officers and men of the signal service require special training. Their work involves the establishment and maintenance of cable, telegraph and wireless system, the installation of fire control systems in all fortifications, military aeronautic, cable and telephone equipment for army posts and target ranges, electrical equipment, participation in military maneuvers and all signal work. In the Russo-Japanese war the value of maintaining constant means of communication between the units of an army in active field operations was well illustrated. Military experts the world over claim the Japanese won because of their efficient "team" work.

TEN DAYS OF SPEAKING.

Taft Will Leave on Special Train For Tour Starting September 25.

CHICAGO, Sept. 14.—Ten days of traveling with almost constant speaking has been arranged for Judge Taft. The trip will be made on a special train starting from some Illinois point, probably Chicago about September 25th. The tour will extend as far north as Minneapolis and Fargo, N. D., as far south as several points in Kansas and west to Denver. He will be back in Chicago in time to speak to the deep waterways convention on October 7.

BIG INHERITANCE TAX.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Sept. 14.—An inheritance tax of \$90,615 has been paid into the state treasury by the heirs of R. B. Thomason, a San Francisco capitalist who died some time ago, leaving an estate valued at \$3,285,508. A prompt cash settlement with the state netted the heirs a discount of over \$4,700.

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VATICAN WAS ANXIOUS OVER PROCESSION

AN INSPIRED ARTICLE, HOWEVER, SEEMS TO STATE POPE'S SATISFACTION.

OUTBURST OF INTOLERANCE

Although Procession Did Not Occur it is Pointed Out That the Liberty and Respect Accorded to Eucharistic Congress Are Appreciated.

ROME, Sept. 14.—Considerable anxiety had been felt at the Vatican since the opening of the Eucharistic Congress in London with regard to the procession of the blessed sacrament in the streets, partly because it was feared the procession might be prohibited and partly because if it was not prohibited it might be the cause of unpleasant incidents.

The pope, whose faith in British liberty is very great, has been optimistic at the while, and when it was learned that it had been definitely decided to abandon the procession on the original lines he felt greatly disappointed, although, after deep thought he concluded that perhaps this was the wisest thing, for fear the Catholic manifestation might create a misunderstanding as to the intentions and desire of the Church of Rome.

The Correspondenza Romana, a Catholic organ, publishes the following communication which evidently is inspired by the Vatican:

"The procession did not occur. Although regretting this omission, we wish to point out that we appreciate the liberty and respect which surrounded the Eucharistic Congress, under the shadow of the British flag.

"A few protestant societies, aspiring to archeological fame by exhuming past prescriptions, were merely the proverbial fly trying to drag the coach. If the fly had been alone the anti-Eucharistic coach of the sixteenth century would never have left the museum of religious persecutions. What moved the coach was the efficacious intervention of certain politicians who depicted the procession as a manifestation disagreeable to the French 'bloc' and thus hurtful to the interests of the Anglo-French entente.

"For the same reason, the words of the pope to the French pilgrims on Monday were taken advantage of, the enemies of the church pretending that the pontiff had praised British liberty for the purpose of punishing in the pillory, the small tyrants of Paris. "Nevertheless the Eucharistic Congress remains a glorious memory for the Catholic world as well as a proof of British liberty and hospitality. The omission of the procession will serve to show to the public from what quarters come directly or indirectly all sectarian inspirations against the Catholic church."

BACK INTO EXILE.

War Department Change Plans and Col. Stewart Will Not Take Test.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 14.—A dispatch from Huachuca says that Col. William Stewart has been ordered back into exile and will not be allowed to make the 90-mile test ride prescribed for him by the War Department. No reason is assigned for the change in plans. Colonel Stewart will resist the retirement. He declares he can prove himself fit for service if given court martial and will never surrender until he is given a hearing.

ENGINE STARTS FIRE.

MISSOULA, Mont., Sept. 14.—Fire believed to have started from a spark from an engine almost totally destroyed the town of St. Regis today. Loss, \$17,000.

TO HELP CONVICTS.

Ignomy Of Prison Life May Be Abated For Some.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 14.—In an experimental effort to open to the young and better behaved convicts of the two state penitentiaries every possible avenue of reform, the state board of prison directors has under consideration a plan whereby those prisoners, to be hereafter known as inmates of the first class, shall be relieved from the ignomy of wearing striped uniforms and shorn heads and faces. Alterations in process of construction at Folsom and San Quentin will add about 800 cells at each prison, and when these are available the

prisoners in each penitentiary will be segregated into three classes. The incoming offender will enter a neutral class, whence they will be advanced to the first grade or dropped to the third as their conduct merits.

COLD RACING DEAL.

American Thoroughbreds Barred From The Buenos Ayres Track.

BUENOS AYRES, Sept. 14.—Much unfavorable comment has been created by the action of the racing commission of the Buenos Ayres Jockey Club in adopting a resolution excluding foreign born horses from all the classic races, just as consignments aggregating nearly one hundred of the pick of American horses from the stables of J. B. Haggin and James R. Keene are on the way to this city.

Members of the Jockey Club declare that the adoption of this resolution has been contemplated for some time, solely with the object of compelling the transfer to this country of Uruguayan studs and that it had no relation whatever to the draft of American horses which will arrive here tomorrow.

MORE MONEY ON FORTS.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—The quartermaster's department of the army has plans to increase the accommodations at Fort Ward, Washington, to provide for a garrison of two companies of artillery. About \$75,000 will be spent this year in improvements. Later other work will be done.

A plan for providing at Fort Winfield adequate accommodations for the Coast Artillery garrison of the military reservation of the Presidio of San Francisco, contemplates construction this year of two barracks and quarters for six non-commissioned staff officers, at a cost of about \$100,000 and eventually provision for barracks and officers quarters for 14 companies of Coast Artillery.

KANSAS IN THE REAR.

ALBANY, West Aus. Sept. 14.—A wireless despatch received from the battleship Kansas, which remained at Melbourne, for a few days after the sailing of the American fleet, states that she will arrive here tonight. The Kansas encountered very heavy weather, which compelled the supply ship, Culgoa to put into Adelaide for shelter and repairs. No official functions in connection with the visit of the fleet were scheduled for Sunday and the officers and men had an opportunity to rest.

WHALE PHOTOGRAPHS.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—Roy C. Andrews of the Museum of Natural History has been hunting whales with a camera since April. He has just reached this city from Vancouver Island and Alaska with more than 300 photographs, the most complete set of pictures of whales in the world. The museum authorities say that Mr. Andrews was sent on this expedition because Dr. E. E. Bumpus, director of the museum, is convinced that the whale is becoming extinct and in a comparatively few years will take its place beside the dinosaur of the prehistoric age.

A LITTLE ONE SIDED.

In Exchange of Presents That Was Not Wholly Satisfactory.

John Mitchell, the labor leader, was discussing on one occasion a labor struggle of the past. "You see, they didn't give us a fair deal," he said. "It looked fair on its face, but really it was like the deal of Harvey Barr of Braidwood."

"Harvey Barr, a successful lawyer, had a wonderful talent for getting the best of people. Even at home he kept this talent in play. His wife said to him one morning:

"Harvey, dear, this is the fifteenth anniversary of our wedding. What are you going to give me?"

"This is what I am going to give you," Harvey answered affectionately, and he handed his wife \$15 in crisp, fresh bills.

"Oh, thank you! And what shall I give you?" the gratified wife asked.

"That meerschaum pipe I've been admiring so long," Harvey promptly announced.

"In the evening on his return home the pipe awaited him. It had cost just \$15. He lit up and began to color it carefully. But as the evening wore on his wife seemed ill at ease.

"Where is my present, Harvey?" she said at last fretfully.

"Why, my dear, Harvey explained, 'you gave me a pipe. I gave you \$15. Don't you see? We're just even.'"—St. Louis Republic.

For a Sprained Ankle.

A sprained ankle may be cured in about one-third the time usually required, by applying Chamberlain's Palm Balm freely, and giving it absolute rest. For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

WAGNER A WHOLE TEAM.

Pittsburg's Great Shortstop Playing Most Wonderful Game of His Career.

In a class by himself is Hans Wagner, the crack shortstop of the Pittsburg Nationals. Players come and players go, but Hans evidently goes on forever. The great old veteran is playing better ball this year than ever before. Like old Cy Young, the venerable Boston American twirler, age seems to have no terrors for the peerless infielder. It has been his phenomenal work in the season so far that has put Pittsburg in a commanding position for the National league pennant this year. Not only has Wagner established an unprecedented record as a champion batsman, but he is a fielder of exceptional ability.

Plays that the ordinary shortstop would not think of attempting, the great German effects with such mar-



HANS WAGNER, PITTSBURG NATIONALS' GREAT SHORTSTOP.

velous ease that they really appear easy for him. More than a month ago Wagner made his two thousandth hit in the National league, a record which no one has anywhere near approached. Since 1900 he has led the National league hitters five years and during that time has a grand average of a trifle better than .313.

Hans Wagner is one of the most unassuming players the game ever developed. There is nothing chesty or vain about his bearing either on or off the field. He has always a word of encouragement for the young player and never "knocks" a rival. It is this disposition that has earned him the undying respect of his team mates and the baseball world in general.

Paige to Coach Middies.

Jack Cates, the fast former end of Yale, will not coach the middies in football again this season, as he has for the last two years. The executive committee of the Navy Athletic association has signed with Ray Paige to coach the young sailors next year. Paige is also a Yale man, having played on the Elf eleven last year, so that the Yale style of game will be that in use at Annapolis next fall. Yale coaches have been in charge at the Naval academy gridiron for a number of seasons, one of the graduates from there being the field coach, while Lieutenant Paul J. Dashiell and graduate coaches from the academy have made up the rest of the squad of teachers. Captain Percy Northcott, with the midshipmen of the team, will report back from their vacation about the last week in September for the early fall practice.

Mexico May Prove Racing Mecca.

Mexico may prove the Mecca of horsemen, according to information furnished Memphis turfmen who have heard from official sources in the City of Mexico. Official sanction from the government has been granted, it is reported, for establishing a magnificent course at Aguas Calientes, the concessions providing for bookmaking and all accessories.

Data sent to Memphis show that a breeding bureau has been established and that a chairman of racing commission—Alexandra de la Arena—has recently been appointed by President Diaz. Many of the Memphis turfmen believe that Mexico will go out in earnest after racing, but few owners here will say they intend shipping horses there.

Wisconsin to Race Eastern Crews.

The Wisconsin crew will go to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., next year to race with Cornell, Syracuse and other crack eastern teams. This has been decided through the formation of a new athletic management system which will give Wisconsin's athletic fund \$15,000, of which \$3,000 will go to pay the crew's expenses to the Hudson races. The Wisconsin crew is not discouraged at the loss of the last race, but the Wisconsin fighting spirit is fully aroused, and there will be such an outburst of enthusiasm the coming year as the old school has never seen before.

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RUMORS OF CONCRETE BUSINESS BLOCKS

ONE MAN HOLDS OPTION ON COMMERCIAL STREET PROPERTY FOR THIS PURPOSE

The statement is made that there is a plan being contemplated to construct a two or three-story concrete building on the vacant lot near the Svenson book store on Commercial street. The name of the man who proposes this fine improvement is not divulged. An option is now held on the property.

In addition to this it is said that August Danielson also is contemplating the erection of a fine concrete building in the same locality next Spring.

There have been various rumors of several big buildings going up in Astoria in the near future, and that the question of constructing them is being considered is known. In one or more instances the plans have progressed so far that plans have been drawn.

Of great importance to all those who are figuring on building, however, is the question of grades and permanent street improvements. The agitation for a raise in the grades of many if not all of the downtown streets is so persistent and is for an end so apparently desirable that those who wish to build naturally hesitate. To put up a fine structure and then have the grades changed would be a costly and unwelcome improvement to the owners of such new buildings.

Various dwellings are now being erected in the city, as a walk over the residence portions will show, and while there is no marked building activity, nevertheless there is enough

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to show that the city is progressing even during the "hard times."

DANGER POINT PASSED.

Forest Fires Are Still Raging in the Minnesota Forests.

DULUTH, Minn., Sept. 14.—While forest fires are still burning along the north shore it is believed the danger point has passed so far as threatened destruction of the villages is concerned. Hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of good timber is being destroyed however. On the Mesaba Range the flames are no longer considered a menace to villages.