



CHAIRMAN HITCHCOCK FORECASTS BIG MAJORITIES

Is Confident of New York, Indiana and Ohio.

OF RELIABLE SOURCE

Information Received from the Leaders Throughout the Entire Country.

DENIES OIL CONTRIBUTIONS

Chairman After Reading Statement of Democratic Chairman Mack, Says Report of Standard Oil Funds is Absolutely False.

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—In his forecast of the composition of the electoral college which will choose the next President and Vice-President made public at Republican headquarters tonight, Chairman Hitchcock claims 325 Republicans or 82 more than required to elect. Hitchcock is sure of New York, Ohio and Indiana. He also includes in the Republican column Nebraska, Montana, Maryland and Nevada. In explaining his list Hitchcock said he believed the chances were even in Kentucky and Missouri. If any of the states claimed went Democratic they would be Maryland, Montana and Nevada, still leaving the Republican margin of 69 and of this advantage he expressed himself as perfectly confident. Hitchcock concedes that the chances in Tennessee and Oklahoma are against the Republican ticket. Hitchcock said his forecast is based upon information received by him up to tonight from party leaders throughout the United States.

After reading the statement of Chairman Mack in which the Democratic national chairman charged the Republican organization with having recently received contributions from the Standard Oil Co., Chairman Hitchcock said that the statement is absolutely false and that his committee has not received directly or indirectly from that organization or any of its officers a single dollar.

Hitchcock says when the sworn list of contributions is published after the election, according to the state law, it will show the falsity of the charge that the Republican organization has received a dollar from any corporation, any trust or any officer of any corporation or trust.

THEATRICAL SPLIT.

CHICAGO, Oct. 30.—A dispatch from New York to the Tribune says:

TAFT AND HUGHES GET MANY CHEERS

Carnegie Hall at New York Filled to Overflow at Big Republican Rally.

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—College cries as plaudits punctuating addresses of speakers, and college flags waving frantically upon the same frequent provocation, were the dominating features of the political rally at Carnegie Hall tonight under the auspices of the national Republican college league. The crowd cheered vociferously at every mention of

An interesting story is being told on Broadway tonight to the effect that Klaw, Erlanger and the Shuberts had come to the parting of the ways and that the latter had decided to join forces with the independent movement as represented by David Belasco and Harrison Grey Fiske.

SLATE, VERSUS WHITE.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—As the battleships of the Atlantic fleet proceed to the navy yards for target practice next Spring they will be painted a slate color which is being done with the vessels of the third squadron of the fleet now in Atlantic waters. With the color of slate the ships are less visible and in the maneuvers they are thus able to better simulate war conditions.

BRYAN WAS WORNING IN OHIO YESTERDAY

WAS GIVEN ELABORATE RECEPTION AT CLEVELAND.

DENOUNCES ROCKEFELLER

Said That Oil King is Supporting Taft in Return For Like Support—Bryan Leaves For Indiana Today.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 30.—After traveling up and down across the state of Ohio today, Colonel Bryan arrived here tonight and was the recipient of a great demonstration. A dozen or more marching clubs escorted the Democratic candidate to the armory where he spoke to a vast concourse. Later he went to Gray's Armory and spoke to another immense crowd.

Beginning at Napoleon early this morning Bryan hurled an avalanche of condemnation upon the heads of John D. Rockefeller and Andrew Carnegie at every point where the train stopped. He had observed in the morning papers authorized statements by two financiers that they were supporting Taft.

Of Rockefeller he said that the oil magnate is supporting Taft because Taft is supporting him and concerning Carnegie he accused him of having absorbed a competitor of the steel trusts after securing the approval of President Roosevelt and said that the steel trust was today, "supporting Taft, as it helped to secure his nomination."

Northern Indiana will claim Mr. Bryan's attention tomorrow previous to his arrival at Chicago tomorrow night.

MRS. WILLIAM ASTOR PASSES AWAY

New York Society Leader Dies of Heart Trouble.

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—Mrs. William Astor, who for 30 years prior to two years ago was an acknowledged leader of New York society, died tonight of heart trouble, at her residence on Fifth avenue. Mrs. Astor, who was advanced in years, was first seized, so far as is publicly known, with the affliction about two years ago, when for the first time in years her summer home in Newport was not opened. Since then she has taken no part in society functions.

FOURTH MAN ACCUSED.

Blake, Already Convicted, Now Implicates An Attorney In Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 30.—A fourth name has been added to the trio accused yesterday in the confession of E. A. S. Blake, the convicted jury briber, who declared that he had been offered \$10,000 and a pension of \$100 per month for his wife to serve a term in the penitentiary without revealing the identity of his alleged confederates. According to the statements made by Blake to District Attorney Langdon, supplementing the dramatic confession he made in the open courtroom, Martin Stevens, an attorney, was made the custodian of notes for \$10,000, alleged to have been executed by Abraham Ruef, now on trial for bribery. Stevens when asked to explain Blake's accusation, refused to make any statement except under oath. Stevens was attorney for Blake when first accused of having offered \$1,000 to John M. Kelley, a venireman, in order that Kelley should attempt to qualify on the Ruef jury and vote for acquittal.

JOHN D.'S DECLARATION CAUSES AMUSEMENT

Administration Looks On it as Intended to Injure Taft.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—The following official statement was issued from the White House tonight: "At the White House the announcement of Rockefeller through a press agent of the Standard Oil Company was regarded with some amusement in view of what the administration has done to the Standard Oil Company and of the bitter hatred borne by Standard Oil Co. to the administration. It is a perfectly palpable and obvious trick on the part of the Standard Oil Co. to try to damage Taft—a trick so palpable that it cannot deceive one." The statement was issued in answer to the declaration of John D. Rockefeller, published in a Chicago paper that he intended to support Judge Taft for the Presidency.

DESPONDENT HE DIES.

Oakland Druggist Takes The Poison Route Out Of Difficulties.

OAKLAND, Oct. 30.—Mrs. Paul N. Hanby, wife of a well known West Oakland druggist, returned to her home late yesterday and found her husband dead upon the floor. By his side was an empty bottle with a poison label. He leaves a widow and a daughter. Despondency is supposed to have been the reason for the suicide.

Walter McPeck, a railroad employee was found dead in his room by his son yesterday when the boy returned from school. McPeck had committed suicide by inhaling illuminating gas through a tube. The dead man was partially paralyzed and feared he would be unable to resume work.

TAFT TAKES UP STANDARD OIL MATTER AT BUFFALO

Ridicules Idea of Rockefeller's Support in the Present Campaign and Election.

STANDARD CO. DID NOT CONTRIBUTE A CENT

Some One With Lively Imagination Starts Story Which is Considered as a Foolish One Owing to the Manner the Company Has Been Treated by the Administration.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Oct. 30.—

Sledge hammer blows at Gompers' and Bryan labor legislation plans were delivered here tonight by Judge Taft before two immense audiences. Taft gave the names of many labor leaders high in the councils of the American Federation of Labor who he said were leaving Gompers. Taft said the attempt to deliver the labor vote of the country is as audacious an act of political effrontery as has ever occurred in the history of politics. The meeting at Utica today between Taft and Sherman and the magnitude of the enthusiasm of the reception the Republican presidential candidate received here tonight were the features of the campaign Taft is making in Northern New York.

At Batavia he left his car in a driving snowstorm to speak to many thousands of people. Buffalo has two enormous meeting places, the convention hall and the Broadway arsenal. Two hours before the time set for these meetings, the two places were filled and outside many were clamoring for admission to fill the speaking places the second time.

GOVERNOR PATTERSON SPEAKS OF NIGHT RIDERS' ACTIONS

WAS A RUEF MAN.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 30.—The jury that is to try Abraham Ruef on a charge of bribery, which was yesterday believed to have been completed after weeks of effort, still lacks a member. At a night session of court, during which the arguments of the attorneys several times grew heated, Judge Lawlor discharged from the box George H. Cross, who was yesterday accused by Prosecutor F. J. Heney of having obtained a saloon license through the influence of Ruef. Cross denied the imputation, but at the night session the records of the police commission and the testimony of witnesses convinced the court that Cross was not an unprejudiced juror and the challenge of the state was allowed.

POSSE AFTER BANDIT SHOOTS WRONG MAN

BELLINGHAM CITIZENS IN HOT PURSUIT OF KIDNAPER OF ED. ENGLISH.

THOUGHT THEY SURE HAD HIM

Excited Men See the Kidnapper and Instantly Their Guns Flashed Fire Injuring One of Their Own Party. Hunted One Escapes Meanwhile.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Oct. 30.—Twenty determined men are today trailing the bandit who Monday night kidnapped Ed. English, a wealthy lumberman of Mount Vernon. Last evening word was received from Sylva that the bandit, whose identity is not known, was seen there. A posse was at once organized by Sheriff Harmon at Mount Vernon and started on the trail.

The party divided, and the kidnapper was overtaken at English, four miles below Mount Vernon, by Deputies Stephenson, Mason and Dunham, of the Sheriff's office, and Special Deputy Braunstad, of Sylva. The hunted man was first seen on the Great Northern Railroad track. He was commanded to throw up his hands and surrender. Instead of heeding, he dashed into the woods.

Instantly the guns of the deputies flashed fire, and a fusillade of shots were sent after the fleeing man as he disappeared in the dusk. In the excitement Braunstad was shot in the hip. The kidnapper escaped, and the deputies then gave their attention to the wounded man, placing him on the first train for Everett, where he received medical attention.

Positive Proof of Guilt in Rankin Lynching.

CONFESSION IS FULL

About Ten Men Were Actually at Killing Though 25 More Are Implicated.

ARRESTED MEN INVOLVED

Frank Furriner's Confession is Complete, Giving the Names of Those Participating in the Hanging and Shooting.

CAMP NEMO, Oct. 30.—We know who fired the shots and who put the rope around Rankin's neck," said Governor Patterson this afternoon. The governor also stated that the proof thus far developed is positive as to the guilt of some of the men under arrest and it implicates others. He said the number of men actually at the killing was probably not more than 10, while some stood guard and others held the horses. The whole number engaged, he thinks, will not exceed 35. It is learned that Frank Furriner's confession is full and complete; that he said he was with the men who took Rankin and Taylor to the bank of the slough; that he gave the names of the men who pulled the rope and the man who fired the first shot into Rankin's body.

PINCHER BROWN DEAD.

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—Edward Brown, once famed as a baseball player and more recently a member of the police department from which he was retired five years ago with the rank of captain, succumbed to an attack of apoplexy last night at the home of his son in Brooklyn. Brown, who was 71 years old, enjoyed the appellation of "Pincher" Brown in the heyday of his baseball glory. Under that sobriquet he was known throughout the country as one of the Brooklyn team of a generation ago.

PAPKE TO MEET KELLY.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 30.—Billy Papke has signed articles calling for a 25-round contest with Hugo Kelly within 30 days. Kelly it is said is certain to agree to terms.

BASEBALL GAMES.

Los Angeles 3, Portland 1. San Francisco 9, Oakland 2.

PASSENGERS PLEA FOR GIRL'S RELEASE

Fourteen-Year-Old Child in Care of a Chinaman Arouses Passengers to Action.

OGDEN, Utah, Oct. 30.—West-bound passengers in tourist car No. 3051, leaving Ogden this morning, attached to Southern Pacific No. 3, appealed to local authorities to release a young girl from the bondage of a Chinaman and white woman. The girl had cried out for assistance, but had not been allowed to leave her berth.

The passengers took up a subscription with which to send mes-

sages to Chicago newspapers, asking if a child had been abducted answering the description of the girl.

Local officers were notified too late to act, but Superintendent Manson, of the Southern Pacific, ordered the railroad detectives at Montello, 160 miles west of Ogden, to search the car and report on his investigation, and if advisable accompany the child to San Francisco, the destination of the party, there to make further investigation.