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DETERMINED EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO NAME HIM

TAFT MEN JUBILANT

Delegates Favorable to Secretary of War Consider They Have Positive Assurance of Victory—Several Contests Settled.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, June 11.—There is no doubt that a determined effort will be made to stampede the convention to Roosevelt, whether he gives his consent to such action or not.

Chicago, June 11.—Enough pledged Taft delegates to insure his nomination on the first ballot had been placed on the temporary roll of the convention today when the national committee ended the contests in the First and Fifth districts of South Carolina by seating the Taft men.

Taft leaders are jubilant over what they consider final positive assurance of victory. It is generally believed here now that Taft will capture the entire state delegations from Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

When the Taft men were seated from the First district of South Carolina the boomerang of the secretary of war announced that they then had positively pledged 488 delegates with their names on the temporary roll.

Conquests Follow.

The contest in the Fifth Carolina district quickly followed and was disposed of in short order, giving the desired two more, making the 491, which is the number necessary for nomination.

The "allies" still are inclined to discredit the claims of the Taft men and assert they have some surprise springing, but the general consensus of opinion is that the Taft men will substantiate their claims.

The center of the fight from now on will be the credentials committee, where the permanent roll will be made up, as far as ultimate results are concerned and the fate of the candidates will be practically decided.

Allies Will Fight.

The "allies" will fight hard in the credentials committee, but Manager Frank H. Hitchcock today said there is no absolutely no question of a possible contingency arising that might prevent the nomination of Taft in the first ballot.

Former Governor Benjamin B. Odell of New York was brought forward to

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TOWER LEAVES GERMAN EMBASSY

Declares He Will Never Return to Berlin and Is Sorry About Scandal.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Berlin, June 11.—Charlesman Tower, former ambassador from the United States to Germany, who has been succeeded by David Jayne Hill, by the action of President Roosevelt, left this city today for Paris.

"I never expect to visit Germany again," said Tower. "Under the conditions of my farewell, I feel that I could never return. I shall spend the remainder of my life in America, and I am through with it. I only wish that I might have withdrawn under more favorable circumstances."

Tower was plainly dressed. Only those members of the embassy who were in duty bound to see him off accompanied him to the station. Mr. and Mrs. Tower will make a tour through Europe before returning to the United States, where they expect to arrive about the first of October.

Hill to See Europe.

New York, June 11.—Former Governor David E. Hill will be one of the notable absentees from the Democratic national convention at Denver next month. Mr. Hill sailed on the steamship Baltic today and will spend the remainder of the summer in Europe. It is his first trip abroad.

BORAH MAY HAVE BOOSTED FOR JOHN HAYS HAMMOND



John Hays Hammond, His Wife and His Daughter Natalie.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Washington, June 11.—Now that Senator Borah's name has been mentioned in connection with the presidential nomination, there is a belief among the wise ones that the western man in question may be nominated.

Senator Borah may mean that Senator Files of Washington has ambition to become the running mate of Secretary Taft and he may have an idea that a man from Oregon or California might be available vice-presidential timber.

LARGE SUMS FOR ADMISSION CARDS

Demand for Tickets to Republican Convention Sends Prices to the Top Notch.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, June 11.—The demand for tickets to the Republican national convention, which convenes next Tuesday, is so great that \$100 is the least figure at which one can be obtained.

The men who subscribed toward the expenses of the convention are receiving tickets at the rate of one for each \$100 contributed. No one has yet admitted receiving over one ticket.

Three thousand tickets are to be distributed to Chicago politicians, and the rest of the space in the Coliseum is to be devoted to delegates, press and friends of the leaders. Many politicians have offered to act as call boys to get inside the great convention hall so great is the demand for tickets.

BUSINESS PARALYZED BY FLOOD

Wholesale and Packing-House District of Kansas City Under Water and Missouri and Kaw Rivers Are Still Rapidly Rising.

Mississippi Forced Out of Its Banks by Missouri and Lower Shore on Illinois Side Near St. Louis Has Been Inundated.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Kansas City, June 11.—The wholesale business and packing-house district of this city is paralyzed today by the flood, which has cut an end to practically all commercial occupations. The flood is now within 200 yards of the Union depot and practically all railroad traffic is cut off.

The Kaw and the Missouri rivers continue to rise and have inundated such a wide sweep of country that the lower sections look like a great inland sea.

Thousands of the homeless are being fed at relief quarters established by charitable institutions. The great convention hall has been turned into an enormous dormitory where whole families are "camping." So far it has been impossible to estimate the amount of property loss in the high water, but it is believed the flood is more disastrous than that of 1903.

St. Louis, Mo., June 11.—The floods in the Missouri river are forcing the Mississippi out of its banks and the water is rising here at an alarming degree.

This afternoon the river was a foot above the danger mark and is spreading over the lower shore on the Illinois side. Reports from up the Missouri indicate that conditions are much worse than yesterday and firms with buildings near the water front are preparing to move everything possible out of the lower stories. Many of the residents along the river have left their homes in anticipation of being driven out.

FEDERAL OFFICIAL ROBBED BY THUGS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Tacoma, June 11.—O. J. H. Swift, United States deputy shipping commissioner, after spending the evening with friends in the north end, on his return home took a short cut through Wright park. As he was passing a clump of shrubs two men stepped out and ordered him to throw up his hands, at the same time striking him over the head with a blackjack, inflicting a deep scalp wound that rendered him unconscious. The thugs rifled Mr. Swift's pockets, securing a valuable gold watch and \$50 in gold.

Mr. Swift remained unconscious for some time, but by hard effort was able to reach his home without assistance. He at once notified the police department, who detailed plain clothes men on the case. Owing to the darkness and suddenness of the attack Mr. Swift was unable to give the police descriptions of the thugs.

SUBMARINE BUILDER INVENTS AIRSHIP

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, June 11.—Plans of the new style airship, invented by Simon Lake, the submarine boat builder, were made public today in a confidential information that preparations for the building of the ship were already fairly under way. The airship is to be constructed by one of the best-known experts of aerial navigation in this country, on the lines suggested by Lake.

The design is to be a combination of aeroplane, dirigible balloon and helicopter. The design has been shown to several of the most skilled aeronauts in this country, who have declared they are practical.

In his application for patents, Lake says that the objects of his invention are to provide an airship of great stability which will permit of safe and easy operation in case of failure of its propeller or steering mechanism.

SUBMARINES ARE PUT INTO COMMISSION

(United Press Leased Wire.) Vallejo, Cal., June 11.—The submarines Pike and Grampus have been put in commission with Lieutenant Castle in temporary command. The crews for the two divers assembled at the navy yards today and will leave on the boat some time this week. The submarines will leave for the lower bay to make tests near San Francisco.

GAMBLING ON RACES ABOLISHED

The New York Legislature Passes Hughes Bill Making Bookmakers Liable to One Year in Prison With No Alternative of Fine.

Senator Foelker, Who Was Taken to Session in Serious Condition, Cast Deciding Vote Which Won Governor's Victory.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Albany, N. Y., June 11.—The senate today passed the anti-race track gambling bill, which makes bookmaking punishable by a year in jail with no alternative fine. The vote was 26 to 25. Senator Foelker of Brooklyn, who was brought here seriously ill, was able to take his seat and cast his vote for the measure.

The other bill, which will complete the Hughes anti-racing legislation and put an end to the "sport of kings" in the Empire State, is expected to be passed by the same vote. This is the greatest victory Governor Hughes has won since he began his term of office.

Both bills were passed by the lower house yesterday. The anti-race track gambling legislation was urged by Governor Hughes at the beginning of the regular session of the legislature in January. It was laughed at when first mentioned, but the legislators soon found he was serious.

Every effort was made to postpone and block the bills which were introduced by Assemblyman Hart and Senator Agnew. When the committee hearings were held August Belmont, J. B. Haggin and James R. Keene, millionaire racehorse owners, appeared in person with attorneys and made a bitter fight. The session was adjourned after the bills were beaten in the senate by a tie vote.

Albany, N. Y., June 11.—A daring plot to defeat the anti-race track gambling bills was frustrated today by the cleverness of a trained nurse, who blocked four men in an effort to kidnap Senator Wallace, whose vote was needed majority that won the victory for Governor Hughes against the racing interests.

The kidnapers called at Foelker's house. One represented that he was a doctor. Foelker was ill in bed. They said they had come to convey him to the capitol. The nurse, who had been warned that such an effort might be made, delayed them while a telephone message was sent to Foelker's friends. In the meantime the regular physician arrived and the kidnapers made their escape.

Reception on Ship Chicago.

New York, June 11.—The French line steamship Chicago, which is here on her first trip from Havre, was the recipient of a notable reception and luncheon today given by the steamship company. The special guests of the occasion included Ambassador Jusserand and Mayor McClellan of New York and Mayor Busse and a score of aldermen of the city of Chicago.

STREETS NOT FOR SWEEPINGS

Arrests Will Follow Unless Debris From Stores and Sidewalks Is Deposited Somewhere Else Than on Clean Pavements in Early Morning Hours.

Despite the warnings that have been sent out by the city officials in regard to sweeping upon sidewalks and into street gutters, merchants and residents have continued the practice and arrests will probably follow. Superintendent Donaldson went to the trouble of notifying the merchants in the downtown district and asked them to have their janitors sweep their stores before midnight so the street sweepers could remove the rubbish during the night.

Instead of complying with the request the stores are swept out in the morning after the city has gone to the expense and trouble of sweeping the streets and the rubbish and refuse is littered about the pavements. Mayor Lane has pointed out that the question is one of whether the citizens want a clean city and further whether they will perform their part in keeping it clean.

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BILLEK GOES TO SCAFFOLD

Man Convicted of Murdering Mary Vrzal and Accused of Poisoning Five Others Is Condemned to Die Tomorrow by Supreme Court.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Springfield, Ill., June 11.—Herman Billek, the Bohemian fortune-teller, who was convicted of the murder of Mary Vrzal in Chicago in 1905, and accused of the poisoning of five other members of the Vrzal family, must hang tomorrow, according to a decree handed down by the supreme court today.

Billek had applied for a stay of execution and a writ of habeas corpus on the technical ground that the judge who sentenced him had not asked him before whether he had anything to say. The court said that this contention had no merit.

The governor and the prison board have already refused to pardon Billek.

Chicago, June 11.—Following a pathetic leave-taking with his mother in Cleveland, Ohio, over the long-distance telephone today, Herman Billek, the condemned murderer almost collapsed. His nerve returned after he had had a conference with Father O'Callahan, who is conducting a whirlwind speaking tour over the city today in an effort to save the condemned man.

Billek's wife visited his cell this afternoon. When she was ready to go Billek said: "I guess it's all over. I've got to die. I don't care much. Through all these things I can see the light. I don't care any more about my life. Remember that when the time comes, I will go to the scaffold as bravely as any man ever did."

DREW PENSION GIVEN TO HIS DEAD FATHER

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Santa Cruz, Cal., June 11.—A peculiar case of double identity that was a puzzle to the government agents for a long time, has just come to light here in the arrest today of Elishah M. Franklin, a San Francisco man, who made fraudulent claims against the government. It is charged by Deputy United States Marshal Ben Toil, who made the arrest, that Franklin has represented himself as his father, Warren P. Franklin, and drawn pension as a veteran of the civil war.

The elder Franklin has been dead for some time, but the son made out the application for the pension each month.

PLEASANT BURGLARS ROB HOUSE

Calmly Greet Maid and Young Son But Do Not Overlook the Jewelry of the J. B. Frem Family on East Third Street.

Daylight Robbery Supreme in Its Audacity Ended by Arrival of Son, Who, However, Believes the Thief Is an Electrician.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Unparalleled in the history of Portland police annals for audacity and consummate cunning, a daylight robbery was committed in the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Frem, 261 East Third street, yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, while Mrs. Frem's maid was watching the house in the absence of the family.

Two diamond scarfpins and a brooch set with pearls, the total value of which is placed at about \$50, were taken. The timely arrival of Mrs. Frem's son from school saved several hundred dollars' worth of valuables which were in close proximity to the stolen jewelry.

From their methods burglar Detective Baty places the thieves in the class of professional daylight men. Shortly before 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon two men tallying with their description knocked at the door of the house adjoining the Frem residence.

When the knock was answered, they immediately began rummaging the house, walking away after asking some question as a subterfuge. They knocked at the Frem residence was not answered, as the maid is a trifle hard of hearing, and was in her room on the second floor. They entered the house, one going to the room, while the other remained on guard downstairs.

The maid met the man on the first floor when she had occasion to go downstairs. He was standing near the door of the kitchen. He told her he had an appointment at the house at 4 o'clock. The maid supposed he was there on business for a man named Frem and she no more about it. It is the presumption that he remained in the vicinity of the house while his partner was working the inside.

Burglar Welcomes Son.

Some minutes after the maid had talked with the man and retired to her room the Frem boy arrived home from school. He was standing near the door, and saw the burglar. He was an electrician or some one with business in the house.

Nothing was suspected until Mrs. Frem arrived home and missed that part of her jewelry which had been lying on the chiffonier in her bedroom. Immediately she looked through the drawers and found the missing items. A different complaint was made by the other valuable man. It is the suspicion that the thief had just begun to ransack the room when the arrival of the little boy frightened him away from the compartments of the chiffonier had been opened.

None of the compartments of the chiffonier had been opened. The drawers were ransacked. The director of the police on the case. The police have made a description of the thieves, both of whom are described as being stylishly dressed.

HOTEL DECLARES GOOD DIVIDEND

Most Prosperous Year in Experience of the Portland Except Fair Year.

Net profits for the Hotel Portland during the 12 months ending April 1, this year, were the largest in its history with the exception of the fiscal year of the Lewis and Clark exposition.

These facts were made known yesterday at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Hotel Portland, which was for the purpose of selecting the board of directors, all of whom were re-elected. The directors are: Harry L. Corbett, president; W. H. Alvord, vice-president; C. A. Ralph, William M. Laid, and Martin Vaughn, the board of directors.

The hotel is now paying an annual dividend of 12 per cent. The rental of the hotel has increased almost 50 per cent and retained its general popularity.

Last summer's business was unusual and all seasons there were crowded at the hotel. When the currency famine began, however, the business decreased almost immediately and remained so for several months. But in spite of the setback which began in August, the hotel's profits were only about \$100,000 short of the record year of the institution.