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TAFT FORCES IN BEAR STATE ARE READY TO QUIT

Probably No Further Effort Will Be Made to Get Taft Presidential Electors on the Ballot in November—Leaves Wilson and Teddy

Further Steps are Planned to Keep Roosevelt Electors Off Ballot in State of Kansas

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 6.—Frank admission that the Taft forces in California probably will make no further effort to get Taft presidential electors on the ballot in November and will abandon all further efforts to defeat the progressive domination of the state was made here today.

Final decision in the matter will be reached late this afternoon or evening, when a big meeting of Taft men from all over the state is to be held at the St. Francis Hotel. Before the meeting it was generally admitted that Taft supporters throughout the state will have to cast their ballots for either Wilson or Roosevelt.

"I feel that it would be absolutely useless to attempt to get the necessary 11,000 signatures to secure a Taft column on the ballot," said Charles H. Forbes, secretary of the Taft republican county central committee here today. "And I know a great many other republicans throughout the state that share my views."

"We feel the only thing we can do is to pass up to Roosevelt and Johnson the theft of the party column in California and the denial of Taft men the chance to vote for the president."

Will Appeal in Kansas

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 7.—Following the denial by United States Judge Sanborn of an injunction asked by the Taft forces to keep the Roosevelt electors off the Kansas state republican ticket, further steps to carry out this action by appealing from the decision will be taken at once, according to a statement here today by R. D. Hite, attorney for the Taft forces.

Falling in the higher courts, it is expected that the Taft leaders will act on Judge Sanborn's suggestion that the "remedy is at law, not by injunction in equity."

It is claimed by the Taft adherents that with the Roosevelt electors on the ballot, the former are virtually deprived of votes.

MOUNT MAGEIK WAS VOLCANO THAT ERUPTED IN ALASKA

VALDEZ, Alaska, Sept. 7.—Mount Mageik was the volcano which created all of the commotion this summer which was credited to Katmai, says William A. Hesse, in a letter to Sergeant Barrett of Valdez. Hesse is a well known civil engineer and was in the Lillama country, near Katmai, when the eruption started. He says: "I was in the Lillama region when the eruption started, went down the lake to Bristol Bay and caught the Dora at Nushagak, making a complete circuit of the disturbed area. I was within fifteen or twenty miles of the former village of Katmai five days ago. The volcanoes are still smoldering and are hidden under great banks of smoke and vapor."

"The volcano that was the most violent was not Katmai, but one nearby, and somewhat to the westward. It is unnamed locally, but was given the name of Mageik by the coast and geodetic survey."

ENGLAND'S HANDSOMEST ACTOR COMING TO AMERICA.



MR. BASIL GILL

Mr. Basil Gill, considered England's handsomest actor, is coming to America under contract to the Liebler Company to take the role of the Tartar Emperor in "The Daughter of Heaven," the Chinese drama to be produced in New York in November.

ITALIANS INSIST ON SQUARE DEAL FOR AGITATOR

ROME, Sept. 7.—As a means of forcing the Italian government to make representations at Washington in behalf of Joseph Ettor and Arturo Giovannitti, the Lawrence, Mass., strike leaders confined there on a charge of murder, Syndicalists throughout Italy today are organizing a monster general strike to paralyze all industries in the country.

The case of Ettor and Giovannitti has aroused intense feeling throughout Italy. In parliament the republican, socialist, clerical and social democratic deputies recently demanded that the government make the case an international issue. No action so far has been taken to this end but the demand is supported by a majority of the people, and the newspapers have published columns on the case. All of them declare substantially the same as the Tribune illustrates, that the men are "victims of the capitalists, who provoked the strike by the terrible living conditions the workers were forced to endure."

Today posters are being put up in every village of Italy calling upon the workmen to join the movement in their countrymen's behalf.

Despite the agitation, the attitude of the government so far remains unchanged. The only action taken has been to instruct the Italian consul at Boston to see to it that the men receive a fair trial.

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—The local council of the Industrial Workers of the World today prepared for a giant demonstration here September 14 in behalf of Joseph Ettor and Arturo Giovannitti, the Lawrence, Mass., labor leaders held on a charge of murder.

Circulars declaring the men are to be "rallied to the electric chair" and demanding that all workers join in a general strike in protest are being sent to all unions in the country.

William D. Haywood, who was prominent in the Lawrence textile operatives' strike is en route to Chicago to ask union aid there for the movement to free Ettor and Giovannitti.

SAFE DYNAMITED AND BAG OF PENNIES STOLEN

TACOMA, Wn., Sept. 7.—S. Twitcheil, fruit man on Yakima avenue, was much surprised this morning when he found his safe door open and almost fainting when to his amazement he discovered that his silver coin was still in the same place but his bag of pennies gone.

EASTSIDERS WANT WORK RUSHED ON BEAR CREEK BRIDGE

Residents of the East Side of the city are urging that greater progress be made on the construction of the new bridge over Bear Creek in order that the bridge be completed before the fall rains set in earnest and flood waters put an end to the season's work. The East Siders state that the work is not progressing as rapidly as it should, only a few men being employed and little progress discernable.

City Engineer Arnsperger, however, differs in opinion as regards the progress of the work, stating that the contractor is making rapid progress and that the objections of the East Siders are unfounded.

During the past few days the small crews at work have been cut down considerably owing to weather conditions, it is said, and now that the weather has cleared full crews will again carry on the work. Small crews are at work both on the Main and Jackson street bridges.

AMERICAN TROOPS SLAY INSURRECTOS

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Sept. 7.—Five Mexican rebels have been killed and a number wounded in a clash with United States soldiers on the Lang ranch, 50 miles east of here, according to reports received today from that section.

Thirteen American troopers, the reports say, encountered a band of 25 rebels who at once opened fire. No Americans are reported wounded in the fighting.

The rebel band is believed to have been part of the force of General Salazar, whose main force is reported to have engaged American troops near Hachita, N. M.

RAILROAD COMMISSION WILL RULE ALASKA

SEATTLE, Wn., Sept. 7.—That the railroad commission in Alaska is more important than the new legislature, which only has limited powers, was the statement made by Governor Walter E. Clark of Alaska this morning.

JUDGE CALKINS REMITS FINE OF EARL JACKSON

Man Convicted of Assault With a Deadly Weapon Completely Escapes Penalty of the Law—Minimum Fine Assessed and Remitted

Jack Gibbs Convicted of Simple Assault Pays Fine of \$100 and is a Free Man

Judge Calkins has remitted the fine of Earl Jackson, who was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon in the circuit court Wednesday and later fined \$100 and costs which was the lightest penalty provided under the law.

Jackson was convicted of an assault upon George Matthews near Talent two years ago. Following a quarrel Matthews was shot through the thigh with a .22 calibre rifle, the bullet coming within half an inch of the femoral artery.

Jack Gibbs who was convicted Wednesday of simple assault was fined \$100 Friday by Judge Calkins. Gibbs succeeded in raising the money Friday afternoon and paying the fine. He was mixed in a street row with a neighbor and beat him up.

Bert Van Sycle convicted of stealing two oil stoves from the Medford Theater was sentenced Friday to serve from one to seven years in the penitentiary.

Richard Moe of the Dead Indian country was convicted Friday of stealing a number of traps from a forestry cabin.

M. W. Dunlap plead guilty to a similar charge Friday.

The circuit court today is engaged in trying Alva Walker of Gold Hill upon a charge of non-support of wife and child. The Cool assault case and Jim Ling stabbing affray will be tried next week.

LEASED WIRES TO BOOM ROOSEVELT

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—Widely circulated stories that George W. Perkins for Colonel Roosevelt planned to install a system of leased wires to Chicago, Denver, New Orleans and San Francisco to handle "boom news" for the bull moose party were denied today at progressive headquarters here. The leaders of the new party admitted, however, that they have had a leased wire to Chicago since the campaign began, and said that, if necessary, more wires would be installed, but that up to the present there had been no need of them.

TRAVERS AGAIN GOLF CHAMPION

WHEATON, Ill., Sept. 7.—Jerome D. Travers of Montclair captured the national amateur golf title here today for the third time, defeating Chick Evans of Edgewater, 7 up and 6 to play, after one the greatest exhibitions of the game ever seen in this country.

MISS BROOKS LEAD RAID UPON DENS

CHICAGO, Sept. 7.—Following a sensational raid led in person by Miss Virginia Brooks, the woman crusader who is on the trail of West Hammond vice resorts, Henry Foss and Cornelius Moore were arraigned here today as leaders of the vicious system of the suburb. Both were charged with violating the white slave act.

Twelve others were arrested during the raid, Miss Brooks personally pointing out the persons desired.

DAUGHTER OF FAMOUS AUTHOR TO ASSIST BULL MOOSE CAUSE IN RHODE ISLAND



MRS. MAUD HOWE ELLIOT.

One of the most ardent admirers of Colonel Roosevelt in the East is Mrs. Maud Howe Elliot, daughter of Julia Ward Howe, author of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." Mrs. Elliot has started a vigorous campaign in behalf of the chief bull moose in Rhode Island. Mrs. Elliot has been appointed a member of the Executive Committee of the State progressive party and is to have full charge of the women's movement in the campaign of the Nutmeg State.

WALDO ACCUSED OF HAVING ORDERED CRIME PROTECTION

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—Putting the protection of gamblers and vice resorts in New York squarely up to Police Commissioner Rhinelandter Waldo, former Police Inspector Cornelius G. Hayes resumed the stand today in his trial here on charges of having made false statements concerning his superior officers. Under steering by Hayes' counsel, the trial of the accused police official practically has become a probe into the whole New York police situation.

Hayes flatly declared that Waldo ordered him not to raid gambling houses or vice resorts without explicit orders. He said he received Waldo's order in February and in proof of this cited the fact that there was not a single arrest of that character in his police district between February and August.

FIRST BLOODSHED IN MINERS' STRIKE

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Sept. 7.—The first bloodshed in the Paint Creek mining section since Governor Glascock proclaimed martial law in that region came today when one man in a group of striking miners was shot and killed by private Long of the state militia after the soldier had been fired upon.

Shots were also exchanged near Burnwell, but at that point no one was killed. Feeling between the miners, the company detectives and the militia is high, and the gravest trouble is feared.

BITTERNESS IS FELT AGAINST AMERICANS

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Sept. 7.—Refugees who arrived here today from Mazatlan, Mexico, declare that conditions there are such as to be very dangerous to Americans. The feeling against Americans is intense, they say. Food has gone up 200 per cent since the revolution began. Mazatlan is in the hands of federal troops, who are said to be poorly paid.

CITY REFUSES \$20,000 OFFER OF ELECTRIC CO.

Maintaining That Franchise of Company is Invalid City Insists That Electric Company Continue to Pay Five Per Cent of Earnings to City

Electric Company Would Take Advantage of Clause in Franchise and Pay City Lump Sum

Refusing a tender of \$20,000 in lieu of the five per cent of the annual gross earnings of the Oregon and California Power company in Medford, the city will probably bring suit in the near future to annul the franchise of the electric company in Medford. The company recently made the tender of \$20,000 under the terms of its 25-year franchise, which the city authorities now claim invalid. An attempt to settle the matter out of court is being made but it seems probable that the case will go into court soon.

In 1907 the city of Medford by ordinance granted the Condor Water & Power company, later known as the Rogue River Electric company and recently merged into the Oregon California Power company, a 25 year franchise. By the terms of the franchise the power company took over the municipal light plant, agreeing to pay the city therefor, five per cent of the gross earnings in the city. It was further provided that by the payment of \$20,000 to the city, the electric company could cease to pay the city the five per cent of the gross earnings. This payment of \$20,000 was to be made within five years from the date of the granting of the franchise.

Recently this five year period expired, but just previous to that time the electric company tendered the \$20,000 to the city. Believing that the franchise held by the electric company was invalid inasmuch as it was for a period of 25 years when the charter prohibited granting a franchise for a longer period than ten years, the city officials refused to accept the \$20,000, insisting that the company continue to pay the city five per cent of its gross earnings, which amounts to about \$3,000 a year or considerably more than the interest on \$20,000.

The electric company insists that their franchise is valid inasmuch as the franchise contains a clause which repeals all laws in conflict with it.

An attempt to compromise the matter is now being made, but it seems probable that the case will go into court. A. E. Reimes is appearing for the electric company, P. J. Neff for the city.

CITY TO FORCE BARNUM ROAD TO STREET CENTER

The street committee of the city council and City Engineer Arnsperger Saturday went over the railroad situation at the corner of Fir and Eighth streets where the Barnum road cuts a close curve about the new Neidemeyer brick building, and decided to enforce the terms of the Barnum franchise which provides that the road shall follow the center of the street. This is impossible owing to the curve of the railroad at that place but it is possible for the railroad to be put back from the building several feet.

In a recent suit Barnum succeeded in forcing the Neidemeyer building back from the corner several feet but the street committee believes that public safety demands that a wider space be provided and they have set about enforcing it.

Whether the education of animals is accomplished by the gift of imitation or the force of instinct is the subject of inquiry at two eastern universities.