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GOV. TAFT MAY SUCCEED HIM

Secretary Root Will Retire From Public Life

TO TENDER RESIGNATION

Before Departing to Sit With Alaska Commission in London

RESIGNATION MAY NOT BE ACTED UPON UNTIL AFTER CONGRESS SHALL HAVE MET—GOV. TAFT'S CHANCES MOST FAVORABLE AT PRESENT TIME.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—Before Secretary Root shall sail for London to sit with the Alaskan Commission, he will place his resignation in the hands of President Roosevelt, in order that the President may appoint a Secretary of War, if it shall be deemed necessary, during Root's absence. It is expected, however, the resignation will not be acted on until after Congress shall meet.

It has been known for some time that Secretary Root intended to retire, but he did not wish to leave the Department until the General Staff Bill was in operation and other matters pertaining to his office were well under way.

It is understood that the matter of his successor has been discussed and, while nothing official can be obtained, it is believed it will be tendered to Governor Taft. Secretary Root's desire to leave public life is based largely on personal grounds.

That Governor Taft will be Root's successor as Secretary of War there can be little or no doubt. He is familiar with many of the problems with which the Secretary of War will have to meet and solve; he is a warm personal friends of the President, who has an abiding confidence in his ability and it is understood he would welcome the change involved.

Of course his appointment as Secretary of War would necessitate the appointment of a new President of the Philippine Commission. In all probability General Luke Wright would succeed to the presidency of the commission, his work as a member of the body having been eminently satisfactory to the administration.

Some other changes also would be involved in the appointment of Governor Taft as Secretary of War, but nothing definite concerning them can be said at this time.

WAREHOUSE LICENSES ISSUED—So far only two warehouse licenses have been issued by the Marion county clerk, as required by the new law. Meiring & Finney, of Gervais, and the Jefferson Mill Company have secured the necersary permits and are now ready to transact business. Three or four other firms have applied for licenses and their bonds have been approved by the county court, but as yet they have not appeared before the clerk to secure their permits. Several new petitions have been filed by the Marion county warehousemen and these will be considered and acted upon at the September term of the commissioners court.

SOME BEANS—A bunch of string beans was hung in the Statesman's window yesterday that attracted a good deal of attention The longest one of the beans measured nine and a half inches, and the average of the bunch was eight and a half inches. The beans were raised in the garden of Mrs. Alice Sutton, wife of F. A. Sutton, in Yew Park addition. The beans are from Canada, or at least the seeds came from there. They are known as the Saskatchewan Beauty. With such a long name they ought to be long beans, and they are, but good all the way through and their whole length. If any one who knows beans can produce longer ones, will he please come to the front, or forever hold his peace.

DEPARTMENT WAS SUMMONED—At 7:40 p. m. last evening the Salem Fire Department was again summoned to the Capital Lumbering Company's mill, at the foot of Trade street, to extinguish a blaze which had caught in the sawdust. A line of hose was laid from a nearby hydrant and the fire was soon put out. The services of the department might have been dispensed with, but it was thought best to thoroughly drench the pile of sawdust in order to prevent the smoldering embers from being fanned into another blaze by the wind which was blowing at that time.

George Stuart, the well-known Wolcott Adventist, is dead. Mr. Stuart several times predicted the end of the world, and each time had so much confidence in his prediction that he climbed a tall poplar near his home and there awaited the final smash-up. In spite of such a succession of alarms, Mr. Stuart seems to have looked forward to the end of things with equanimity. At least he reached the ripe old age of 82 before death finally overtook him.

HE APPOINTED A DEMOCRAT

Charles B. McClelland, New York, Receives Boquet

MEMBER OF STATE SENATE

Offered Membership of Board of General Appraisers by President

ATTORNEY GENERAL KNOX HELD CONFERENCE WITH ROOSEVELT CONCERNING APPOINTMENTS—SAMUEL GOMPERS CHALLENGES D. M. PARRY FOR DEBATE.

OYSTER BAY, Aug. 11.—Attorney General Knox arrived here today from New York and was driven directly to Sagamore Hill. Knox remained less than an hour. Before leaving he said the President had desired to confer concerning pending appointments.

The President today tendered to Charles P. McClelland, of West Chester county, N. Y., a membership on the Board of General Appraisers. McClelland is a Democrat, and a member of the New York State Senate.

Indianapolis, Ind, Aug. 11.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, today challenged D. M. Parry, offering to meet the latter on the stump at a Labor Day celebration in this city and argue with him the question of Unionism.

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PECULIAR AND PERTINENT.

The casualty returns show 58 dead and 3431 injured as the result of the Chinese method of cu vating American independence.

The dahlia was introduced into Europe for the value of its bulb as a substitute for the Irish potato, which it resembles when baked.

Professor Dunbar, Hamburg, claims to have discovered the poison in the pollen of flowers which causes hay fever and also its antidote.

The German manufacturers of machinery are loud in complaint of the new tariff, which puts 3 to 5 per cent on their product, while the tariff of the United States is 45 per cent and the new Austrian tarriff is 20 per cent.

At present there are about seventy-five firms engaged in gem cutting in the United States with not far from $5,000,000 in capital invested. There are probably about 700 skilled lapidaries at work, earning an average of $1000 apiece a year.

Pelican island, in India river, on the coast of Florida, has been acquired by the department of agriculture as a government reservation. The step was taken to prevent the entire extinction of the brown pelicans which breed there.

A NOVEL HAT.

Rev. John Mathews, who was a pioneer Methodist preacher of Alabama, has been remembered for his strict views and many peculiarities, says Lippincott's.

His wife, who was more liberal in her ideas, was fond of dress, and once sold a bureau and with the money bought a new hat.

The following Sunday Brother Mathews, being disturbed at the beginning of his discourse by several of the congregation turning to see the late arrivals, said:

"Brethren and sisters, don't bother to look around any more. "I'll tell you who comes in."

This he did, calling each one by name, much to the mortification of the tardy members. His wife was among the last, and when she walked down the aisle he said:

"Make way there for Sister Mathews. She is coming with a bureau on her head."

THEY PLEADED GUILTY—Charles Parting and Charles Miller, who were gathered in by the police officers Wednesday night appeared before City Recorder Judah yesterday morning and pleaded guilty to having indulged too freely. A $5 fine was imposed upon each of the offenders, in default of which they will occupy cells in the city jail for two and one-half days.

REVOLUTION BREAKS OUT

Valleyets of Uskub and Adrianople in a Turmoil

MACEDONIAN COMMITTEE

Denies Reports of Bulgarian Atrocities Given Out by Turks

AN APPEAL ISSUED TO MACEDONIANS FOR AID TO INSURGENTS—RUMORS AFLOAT OF THE TURKISH SOLDIERS DESERTING AND SELLING THEIR ARMS.

SOFIA, Aug. 11.—Representatives of the Macedonian Revolutionary Committee announce a revolution broke out in Vallayet of Uskub Sunday and in Villayet of Adrianople Monday. Telegraphic communication is interrupted. They also publish a contradiction of the report of alleged atrocities committed by Bulgarians, and accuse the Turks of attempting to poison the mind of Europe.

The president of the Macedonian committee has addressed an appeal to his adherents to assist the insurgents even by revolutionary means. Prominent Macedonians have formed a charitable fund for the purpose of giving relief to the victims of the revolution.

Constantinople, Aug. 11.—It is rumored here that the Turkish troops in Macedonia have become so demoralized by their failure to receive pay that hundreds of them are deserting and selling their rifles to the insurgents in order to obtain provisions. The palace officials are distracted by the continual receipt of bad news and the necessity of despatching fresh roops. Bulgarian outrages are occurring daily accompanied by acts of cruelty equal to the worst deeds ever attributed to the Turks.

SCHEME DIDN'T WORK.

"Experiments don't always terminate as expected," said a stockyards man to a Kansas City Star reporter. "This morning I went to a strange barber shop, and for the purpose of heading off conversation, I played deaf and dumb. As I entered I put my fingers to work and I went through the motion with an affirmative shake of the head; gave the negative shake as I made the hair cutting motions, shampooing gestures, shoeblacking actions and application of hair tonic passes.

"Two idle barbers bowed in recognition of understanding me, and took positions at their chairs, waiting for me to make my selection, which I did by dropping into the first one.

"'That fellow looks daffy as well as dumb,' said the barber who wasn't putting soap in my mouth.

"'I guess he's all right,' answered the one who was rubbing in all the lather in one spot. "These dummies always do act queer.'

"'I bet he is too mean to give you a tip.'

"'He looks it,' answered the shaver. 'He will be a bald-headed lobster inside of six months. It looks as though his wife had been playing ping pong on his head.'

"'Sell him some hair tonic,' replied the other. 'I will write and ask him if he wants it.'

"'I'll be hanged if you do!' I cried out. 'Go on with the shave and let me get out of this.'

"The shave was completed after a fashion, and there wasn't a word spoken during the rest of the process. The tip was forgotten."

WITH VARIATIONS.

The way of the philanthropist, of whom the author of "A Third Potpourri" tells, seems unduly hard, says the Youth's Companion. The philanthropist, who was a gentle old lady of Exeter, England, got hold of a maimed sailor, who moved her to great pity. To help him along, she purchased a tray on which he was to expose gingerbread for sale. She gave him a start in gingerbread, also the privilege of standing before her most respectable residence to cry his wares. In addition, she composed and taught him the following words to repeat at intervals:

"Will any good, kind Christian buy some fine, spicy gingerbread of a poor, afflicted old man?"

The first morning the sailor sold a shilling's worth of gingerbread in a short time, and his success went to his head. Pretty soon from his station on the pavement in front of the gentle old lady's house his voice floated in to her in this appeal:

"Will any poor, afflicted Christian buy some good, kind gingerbread of a fine, spicy old man?"

Despite this sadly mixed up appeal, trade became very good—so good, indeed, that when the philanthropist again heard her words, they ran:

"Will any fine, spicy Christian buy some poor afflicted gingerbread of a good, kind old man?"

Do not use butter for greasing pans, as the salt in it may cause the cake to stick. Use lard.

A BIG STORM IN JAMAICA

A Fierce Hurricane Sweeps Over Entire Island

CROPS WERE DESTROYED

And the Entire Coast Is Literally Strewn With the Wrecked Vessels

THIRTY FATALITIES REPORTED, PRINCIPALLY AMONG SEAMEN—FRUIT TRADE WILL BE PARALYZED FOR NEXT YEAR—PROPERTY LOSS WILL BE GREAT.

KINGSTON, Jamacia, Aug. 12.—The effects of the hurricane which has been raging for the past two days were greater than at first believed. Port Antonio on the north coast was completely overwhelmed. Only six houses were left standing there. Five steamers were driven ashore. Port Maria also, on the north coast, suffered similarly. The coast is strewn with the wreckage of local sailing vessels. Thirty fatalities have already been reported, principally among the seamen.

On the entire eastern end of the island the villages have been wiped out. Thousands of peasantry were rendered destitute and are wandering about seeking food and shelter.

The fruit trade will be paralyzed for the next twelve months. The western end also suffered considerably. At Kingston several coasting vessels were sunk in the harbor.

The southeastern portion has been practically denuded of crops, and many men were carried out to sea and drowned. The present estimate now is the death list will reach fifty. The property loss is estimated at $10,000,000.

THE GOAT CLUB

IT WAS ORGANIZED DURING THE RECENT JOURNEY OF THE PRESIDENT.

The folowing from the Saturday Evening Post of July 11th may have some local significance, though it is to be hoped none of our people was elected president of the club:

The Presidential Goat Club.

A new secret society was organized on the President's train while he was on his recent long Western trip. The society is caddel the Goat Club. Its charter members are President Roosevelt, Secretary Loeb, Assistant Secretary Barnes and the newspaper and secret service men who were on the train.

The Goat Club has a simple set of bylaws. They are:

1. No charter member of the Goat Club is eligible for office therein.

2. There shall be but one office, viz.: the President of the Goat Club.

3. The President of the Goat Club shall be the most distinguished "butter in" the day brings forth.

4. Ordinary "butters in," such as office seekers, cranks and men with grievances shall not be eligible for office.

5. In case two men of equal station, as two Senators or two political leaders, try to "butt in" at the same time, their endeavors shall be critically canvassed by the Goat Club, and the man who is most persistent and the greatest bore shall be given the office.

6. Ballot is to be secret, and it the primary rule of the Goat Club that its President shall never know the honor bestowed upon him. The charter members, including President Roosevelt, shall be kept informed of attempts to "butt in."

7. Elections shall be held at any time. If, when a "butter in" is in President Roosevelt's private car, a member of the Goat Club appears in the car and scratches his nose three times in a reflective manner, and President Roosevelt responds by nodding his head three times and raising his right hand, it shall be a signal to the members of the Goat Club that it is time for an election, and it shall always be known that President Roosevelt votes for the "butter in" who is with him at the time the signals are interchanged.

"Butters in," it may be explained to the reader, are persons who force their presence on any party or person. The President had scores of them. The two most distinguished presidents of the Goat Club were a Senator from a Western state and a former diplomat. They were elected to the presidency several times on the trip, for although they were dropped at various points, they always "butted in" somewhere else.

President Roosevelt had much fun out of the Goat Club, although none of dignitaries honored ever knew it existed. Once or twice the President suggested the creation of the title "Honorary President." Some of the "butters in" were so persistent that the mere honor of being president of the Goat Club did not seem sufficiently great.

THE LINGERING DEPARTMENT.

"A large and overwhelmingly dressed colored woman came in here yesterday," said the floorwalker, according to the Washington Post. "She was evidently a stranger in the store, but the world was hers, and she felt at home anywhere. She sailed up to me with a rustle of nearsilk that you could have heard in Alexandria.

"I want to go to the lingering department," said she. I hesitated till she had repeated the remark, and then I said:

"'Oh yes; you'll find the waiting room at the head of the stairs, over there.'

"'I don't want the waiting room. I wants the lingering department,' she said.

"Then it dawned upon me what she wanted, and I sent her three aisles over and two floors up to the place where things made of white muslin and lace and baby ribbon are sold. And considering the length of time that the average shopper spends over the choice of a garment up there, I thought 'lingering' was just as appropriate a word as 'lingerie.'"

End of Bitter Fight.

"Two physicians had a long and stubborn fight with an abscess on my right lung," writes J. F. Hughes, of DuPont, Ga., "and gave me up. Everybody thought my time had come. As a last resort I tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. The benfit I received was striking and I was on my feet in a few days. Now I've entirely regained my health." It conquers all Coughs, Colds and Throat and Lung troubles. Guaranteed by D. J. Fry's Drug Store. Price 50c and $1. Trial bottles free.

LONG-LIVED FAMILY.

Joseph is a colored man who has been in the employ of a beach front hotel for a good many years, says the Atlantic City correspondent of Philadelphia Press. He was seemingly an old man when he went there, and strange as it may seem, he had not grown younger since.

The other day one of the persons stopping at the hotel undertook to ask him a few questions about himself.

"You're a rather old man, Joseph?"

"Yassar, yar, I'm rather old man, boss."

"Well, how old are you Joseph?"

"Couldn't say, 'zactly boss; but I mus' be 'long 'bout 96 now; I don' quit countin' birthdays when I was 90."

"But you're pretty hearty looking. Do you come of a healthy family?"

"'Deed I do that! Mother was jes' sayin' that very thing only las' night"

"Who was?"

"Ma mother."

"Your mother? Why, where's she?"

The questioner expected to hear that Joseph was a spiritualist and had just been attending a seance, but the negro quietly replied:

"Why, mother's home's up at Marietta, but she's down here jes' now."

"Do you mean to say your mother is in Atlantic City?"

"Yassir. She's jes' down here payin' a little visit to her grandmother."

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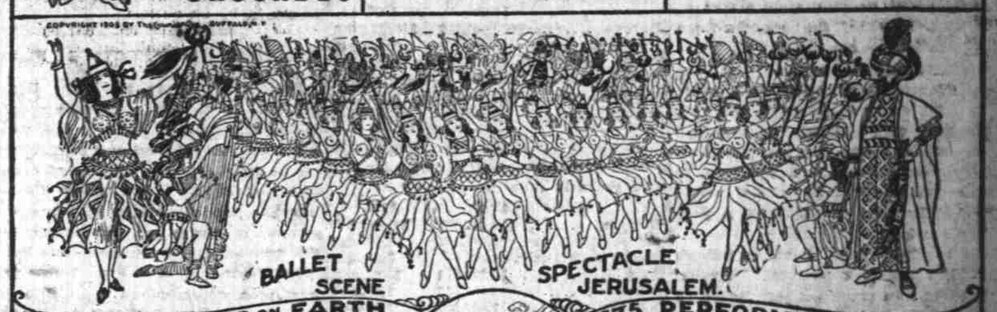

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