

BOTH FACTIONS WORKING HARD IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

Taft Forces Anxious to Win for Moral Effect on Country.

FAIRBANKS DECLINES TO OPPOSE COLONEL

Senator Bourne, in Statement, Blames Defeat to Misrepresentation.

By JUDSON C. WELLIVER.

New Hampshire Republicans occupy the center of the political stage today. They are holding their caucuses, selecting delegates to the State convention that will meet one week from today to choose the delegates to the national convention.

New Hampshire has only eight delegates, and therefore its determination is rather of sentimental importance. The Taft managers would be immensely pleased to save it, because they would be able to magnify it into the proportions of a real victory, and claim that they had at last stemmed the Roosevelt tide.

On the other hand, the Roosevelt people want to capture it, because it would strengthen the impression that they have everything surrounded, and that there aren't going to be any more Taft delegates from anywhere.

Looks Like Taft's Doom. This is really the general view of the Roosevelt headquarters. Everything that has been happening of late indicates the swamping of the Taft movement.

The people, convinced by the results in Illinois and Pennsylvania that there is a chance to win, are turning out, and the officeholders and machines are not having things their own way any longer.

Illustrations of the effect of this popular uprising came from Missouri and Indiana. The Sixth Missouri Congressional district held its convention and elected two delegates to the national convention. The Twelfth Indiana did the same.

There was no Taft bolt in either convention, and the reason was highly suggestive.

There wasn't a Taft delegate in either gathering to bolt! North Carolina sent along another bunch of county convention reports, of the same monotonous character that has been coming from that State. All instructed for Roosevelt by unanimous vote.

As matters now stand, Roosevelt had something over 400 delegates in that State, about a dozen are uncommitted, and eight and three-tenths votes are for Taft.

Davis Explains. "How about the three-tenths of a delegate that Taft gets?" somebody asked O. K. Davis, publicity manager. "Oh," replied Davis, "I guess that the case where a man with a wooden leg was elected delegate. Taft got the wooden leg and we got the rest of 'im."

The disposition of everything to join in the slump away from Taft got further illumination when word came today that Charles W. Fairbanks had declined to be a delegate-at-large from Indiana. He had been put on by the Taft convention, which controlled by dint of snatching the contested Indianapolis delegation, and permitting it to vote on its own credentials. The former Vice President explained that he had been a member of the Roosevelt Administration, that he entertained a very high regard for the Taft machine in grabbing the State convention, and astute persons with consideration for their political future are not disposed to become partisans, defenders, and beneficiaries of the proceeding.

Mr. Fairbanks' attitude has given the Taft people a bad blow, for it greatly weakens their case in the contest for the State's credentials before the national committee. Mr. Fairbanks is the acknowledged head of the old organization in Indiana, and when things get too raw for him they are calculated to impress very favorably the committee who must decide which convention was the real one.

Michigan's situation is similar. Both factions held conventions and named

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MRS. MARY GAGE IS FREED AFTER SHE GIVES BOND

Wealthy Widow Pleads Guilty to Making Threats of Violence.

PEACE BAIL GIVEN BY ONE OF COUNSEL

Sensational Case Comes to an End With the Woman Victorious.

Court proceedings against Mrs. Mary E. Gage ended today when this wealthy widow, living in Dupont circle, pleaded guilty to making threats of personal violence against a prominent banker.

Following the plea of guilty Judge A. R. Mulloony imposed sentence that the defendant shall furnish \$300 bonds to keep the peace, with alternate sentence of sixty days in Occoquan. Attorney Belva Lockwood, one of the defendant's counsel, immediately furnished the required real estate bond and Mrs. Gage left the court room accompanied by her daughter, Miss Margaret C. Gage, who has stood so loyally by her mother through the arrest for threats, the lunacy proceedings and the other troubles growing out of this case.

Proceedings Are Short.

Mrs. Gage came into Police Court today and entered her plea of guilty after a jury in Justice Barnard's court had pronounced her to be of sound mind.

The defendant was placed in the custody of Attorney Belva Lockwood to appear in the Police Court today to answer to the threats charge that has been held in abeyance since March 11, pending the result of the lunacy proceedings.

The disposal of the case occupied but a few minutes in Police Court today. Mrs. Gage entered the court room accompanied by her daughter and Attorney Belva Lockwood and Attorneys Evans and L. R. Hitt, Jr.

The charge was read and in a voice that trembled and was scarcely audible Mrs. Gage pronounced the word "guilty." Attorney Lockwood repeated the plea, and asked that bonds of \$300 be fixed. Assistant United States Attorney Ralph Givens agreed and Judge Mulloony made the order.

Women Not Present.

The many prominent figures in Washington society circles who have closely followed the lunacy proceedings against Mrs. Gage were not present in court today.

The sensation caused by the arrest on March 11 of this prominent woman for alleged threats that she would horse-whip a banker, did not in the least subside until the jury yesterday afternoon brought in the verdict of sanity.

That Mrs. Gage's friends knew that the plea of guilty would be entered today, it is believed, is the reason why they were not present in court.

"UNCLE JOE" SEEKS TAX OFFICE CZAR

Went to Pay Wheel Assessment and Gets into the Wrong Place.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon stopped at the District building on his way to the Capitol today to pay his automobile wheel tax. The tax has been generally opposed by automobilists, and there is not a motorist in the District who has paid it with good grace.

"I'm not the czar," replied one of the clerks, "but I can wait on you." "All right, I'll pay this then." "I'm sorry, Mr. Cannon," the clerk answered, "but you're in the wrong place. It's right around—"

"The h—, I guess I won't pay it then." He started out the building, then changed his mind, went to the special wheel tax office where he paid his bill and got a receipt.

LAUNDRYMAN SHOT IN CHINESE TONG WAR

Louis Chow Dying As Result of Wound Inflicted by Rival.

NEW YORK, April 22.—Louis Chow, thirty years old, of 13 Pell street, was shot by a rival tong member, while he was working in his laundry at 13 West 133d street, early today, and is in a dying condition at Harlem Hospital. How Lee Sing, twenty-one years old, a peddler, is under arrest charged with the shooting.

Before Chow was taken to the hospital he made a statement to the police in which he accused Sing of the shooting.

ASSESSORS TELL WHY TAX RATES WERE INCREASED

Estimates of Previous Years Too Low, Board Members Say.

ATTEMPT MADE TO RECTIFY MISTAKES

Explanation of Higher Valuations Given at the Hearing.

Questions involving the increased assessment of the larger buildings in the business district of Washington marked the hearing on taxation conducted today by the subcommittee of the House District Committee at the District Building.

District Assessor Richards and the members of the Board of Assistant Assessors of the District acknowledged in answer to questions put to them by Chairman Henry George, jr., of the committee, that many buildings in the business district had been assessed to a much greater extent at the last assessment than at the preceding assessment. When asked why this increase had been made members of the Board of Assessors said that the board had made mistakes in previous assessments, and sought to rectify them.

McKenzie Explains.

Assistant Assessor McKenzie in explaining the reason for the increased assessments on property improvements said that it was occasioned in a great measure by a change in the judgment of the members of the board of assessors.

"Am I to understand then that the board of assessors think that the buildings in the business section of the city increase in value with age," inquired Chairman George.

Thereupon the members of the board sought to emphasize the fact that mistakes had been made in the initial assessments of certain buildings, and defended their action in increasing the assessments.

"Should we find today that we made mistakes in the past assessments," said District Assessor Richards, "we would in turn reassess the building involved until in our judgment the proper tax had been levied according to law."

The values of the building lining Fourteenth street northwest from Pennsylvania avenue to New York avenue was thoroughly gone over by the committee, as was the property values in the immediate vicinity.

Assessor Richards told the committee that he thought the value of the property on the east side of the Fourteenth street, as far as G street, was more valuable than the property on the west side of the thoroughfare, because the traffic on the east side was greater.

The traffic checkers at the west side of the street at the intersection of G street, the assessor said.

Big Difference. Just why the property occupied by the Corcoran building was assessed at \$15 per foot, while the property on the northeast corner of Fifteenth street and F street was assessed at \$40 per foot was also explained by the board of assessors at the request of the committee.

Assessor Richards said that the northeast corner of Fifteenth and F streets, which is occupied by a drug store and the National Press Club's headquarters, was appraised more highly than the Corcoran building property because it was a corner lot and was of such small size.

Other questions taken up by the committee involved the increased valuation of property on the north side of Pennsylvania incident to the proposed improvement of the south side of the thoroughfare by the construction of Government buildings.

Rumored Engineers Will Win Their Fight

NEW YORK, April 22.—That the railway managers had decided to accept the offer of Government mediation to prevent a general strike of engineers was considered certain at their headquarters, at 59 Church street, today.

One of the officials, who refused to permit the use of his name, said: "There will be no strike. We will accept the offer, and there will eventually be an amicable agreement."

The committee promised a definite answer to Messrs. Neill and Knapp this afternoon. Both of the Government officials said they expected this answer to be favorable.

The engineers sent a formal letter to Neill and Knapp expressing great confidence in them, and asserting that they considered their interests safe in the hands of the Government representatives.

They called their attention to the fact that any award that might be made date from today, and also insisted that the railroad presidents observe an armistice during the progress of the negotiations. The engineers cited the action of the railroads in trying to hire strike-breakers during the period of the recent negotiations, and said that such action would not be tolerated in the present instance.

HEARERS WEEP AS TITANIC OFFICER TELLS STORY OF NEEDLESS LOSS OF LIFE



HERBERT J. PITMAN, Third Officer of the Titanic, Who Testified Before Senate Investigating Committee Today.

Government Transports No Better Equipped Than Was the Titanic

NOT HALF WOULD BE SAVED IN A WRECK

Soldiers Called Upon to Face Needless Risks of Life.

The deluded self-complacency which made possible the Titanic horror was sharply brought home to the United States Government itself today with the disclosure that in one of its most important activities it is equally, if not more, reckless of life than were the Titanic officials, against whom is charged the awful toll of more than 1,500 sacrificed human beings.

Urged into a fear-quickened investigation by that greatest of marine disasters, the Government has found that its transport service, to which it continually intrusts the lives of its soldiers, is no better prepared to protect its passengers than was the giant steamship which found a last resting place two miles under the surface of the sea.

CRIES OF AGONY HEARD FOR AN HOUR

Herbert J. Pitman Says Passengers of His Lifeboat Balked Rescues.

WOULD NOT GO BACK TO PICK UP DYING

Witness Declares Ismay Acted in Brave Manner—Unnerved by Recollection.

By JOHN SNURE.

That Death reaped a greater harvest of lives than it was entitled to, and that it would have been possible, even with the meager means of life-saving at hand, to have cheated him of the prey for which he hunted so remorselessly, was made all too plain today before the Senate subcommittee charged with the investigation of the sinking of the fated Titanic.

It was a somber and gruesome story told to the committee, in which this was made clear, and it moved listening men and women to tears as they heard it recited.

Herbert J. Pitman, third officer of the Titanic, graphically telling of his experiences when the vessel struck and when she went down, admitted he might have saved more lives than he did save through use of the lifeboat of which he was in charge.

He was in command of the second lifeboat that left the ship. It was not filled to its capacity. It contained more members of the crew than it should have contained. It rowed away to a safe distance from the great liner and when the Titanic went down did not attempt to go to the rescue of any of the drowning passengers or crew.

Moans and cries of distress arose and swelled on the air in their harrowing chorus. For more than an hour, these cries for help could be heard.

Pitman, according to his story, wanted to row back to the scene of the wreck, but he declared the people in his boat told him it would be madness to do so.

Gave Orders to Back.

He actually gave orders to the oarsmen to row back to the wreck, he said, when the protests of those in his boat were stirred against it, and he allowed himself to be dissuaded, though he was in command of the lifeboat.

Pitman told this part of his story to the committee today with every

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WEATHER REPORT.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT: Fair tonight and Wednesday; cooler tonight, probably light frost in exposed places.

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