

Fair Tonight. Friday Probably Rain.

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CUT AND DRIED PLANS OF TAFT LEADERS FAIL

Efforts to Put Roosevelt "In a Hole" Are Futile.

HARVESTER TRUST FACED WITHHELD

Former President Declares He Has Nothing to Fear and Will Reply.

By JUDSON C. WELLIVER.

In a desperate effort, on the eve of the Massachusetts primaries, to "put Roosevelt in a hole," the combination of Lorimer Republicans, Tory Democrats, and the Taft Administration made a ludicrous mistake in forcing the International Harvester Company into the limelight as a political issue.

Some time ago the Senate passed a resolution calling on the Administration for all correspondence, etc., concerning the Government's relations with the Harvester Company. The Administration replied, by direction of the President, that the information could not be furnished because it would not be compatible with the public interest.

Inquiry Is Unanswered.

Later, the Senate passed a resolution confining the inquiry to affairs developed since the Taft Administration came into power. At the end of three days that inquiry remains unanswered.

But meantime the Administration had determined to make a bitter personal attack on Roosevelt. So arrangements were made, according to charges freely made, to have a resolution introduced and passed, that would call forth just such documents as the Taft Administration believed would most injure Roosevelt.

The resolution was introduced by Senator Johnson of Alabama, at 2 o'clock yesterday, passed, and at 4 o'clock brought its answer in the form of a mass of correspondence during the Roosevelt Administration.

Collusion Charged.

Senator Brewster promptly charged that there had been collusion. He demanded to know why the Administration should flatly refuse to answer a request for ALL this information, should delay to send a part of it, but should be able on two hours' notice to rush along the particular parts which were expected to be most injurious to Roosevelt, while suppressing all the rest.

The answer, of course, was politics. Today's explanation is most interesting. It is charged that Senator Crane of Massachusetts induced Senator Johnston to introduce the resolution that passed and brought such a hurried response yesterday. The latter, according to the circumstantial story, had his arrangements made in advance. The Department of Justice was ready with copies of the documents—a great volume of them—and wanted only to receive notice that the resolution had passed, to hurry them to the Senate.

To make the thing look innocent, it was arranged to have a Democrat introduce the resolution. Mr. Johnston did it. He is one of the Senators commonly known as "Aldrich Democrats," that is, Democrats who always are to be relied upon to "come across" when the Tory Republicans are in need of a few votes.

Has Made Record.

Johnston made a record of this sort during the tariff session, and during the Lorimer trial he has stood firmly for Lorimer and the Taft-Lorimer combination to keep Lorimer in his seat. He is a member of the investigation committee in this case, and has joined the majority in reporting that Lorimer should retain his seat.

The correspondence transmitted to the Senate shows that the Harvester Company was under investigation in 1907, by the Bureau of Corporations; that before this investigation was done, the Department of Justice was preparing to file a dissolution suit under the Sherman act; that President Roosevelt corresponded with the Harvester Company's advisers, and that the Commissioner of Corporations, Herbert Knox Smith, in charge of the inquiry, strongly recommended that no suit be filed, at least pending completion of the investigation.

Taft Approved Course.

This course Mr. Roosevelt adopted. It was approved by the Cabinet, OF WHICH MR. TAFT WAS A MEMBER. It is also notable that Mr. Smith, on whose recommendation this policy was (Continued on Second Page.)

WEATHER REPORT.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT. Fair tonight. Friday increasing cloudiness; probably followed by showers Friday night.

TEMPERATURE.	
U. S. BUREAU.	APPELCK'S.
8 a. m. 56	8 a. m. 59
9 a. m. 56	9 a. m. 58
10 a. m. 57	10 a. m. 57
11 a. m. 58	11 a. m. 57
12 noon 59	12 noon 56
1 p. m. 60	1 p. m. 58
2 p. m. 61	2 p. m. 56

TIDE TABLE.
Today—High tide, 2:30 a. m., and 2:37 p. m.; low tide, 9:48 a. m., and 9:46 p. m.
Tomorrow—High tide, 3:30 a. m., and 4:05 p. m.; low tide, 10:12 a. m., and 10:47 p. m.

SUN TABLE.
Sun rises..... 8:09 | Sun sets..... 6:46

SPEAKER CLARK IS TAKEN ILL SUDDENLY

Compelled to Go Home For The Day Due to Attack of Lumbago.

Speaker Champ Clark suffered a sudden attack of lumbago when he opened the session of the House today and was compelled to go to his home for the day. The Speaker's friends said that the attack was not serious, and that he would probably be on hand tomorrow. He had a similar attack of this trouble about a year ago. His secretary assisted him to a taxicab and he left the Capitol shortly after noon for his residence. Representative Saunders was appointed Speaker pro tem in the Speaker's absence.

HELD FOR PASSING WORTHLESS CHECK

Former Washington Woman And Daughter Are Detained In Atlantic City.

Mrs. Ellen Commell, sixty years old, and her daughter, Miss Alisa Commell, aged nineteen, formerly of this city, are under arrest in Atlantic City, N. J., on a charge of passing an alleged worthless check for \$50, according to a dispatch received at headquarters today from R. E. Whalen, chief of detectives at Atlantic City. Mrs. Commell and her daughter had been living at one of the leading hotels in the resort city for some time, and their arrest caused considerable surprise among the other guests of the hotel. The couple were arrested on complaint of L. F. Hall, manager of the Criterion Theater, who, it is said, cashed the check. For several years Mrs. Commell kept a fashionable boarding house on G street, between Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets northwest. Early in 1909 she sold out her business and took the management of a cafe in an apartment house in the northwest section of the city. A few months later she and her daughter moved to Atlantic City.

MRS. MUSSEY MAY BE JUVENILE JUDGE

Attorney General to Be Asked To Appoint Woman Lawyer to Bench.

The name of Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey, head of the Washington College of Law, will be presented to Attorney General Wickersham as a candidate for judge of the juvenile court to succeed Judge L. L. Leary. Yesterday afternoon a group of fifteen of the women lawyers of the District of Columbia met in the office of Miss Ida M. Moyers, in the Bond building, and drew up resolutions favoring the candidacy of Mrs. Mussey. A committee was appointed to represent the attorneys in filing the name of Mrs. Mussey as a candidate tomorrow. Mrs. Mussey is a graduate of the law at the University of Michigan. She has been active as a member of the Board of Education of the District of Columbia. The Ohio delegation of the Daughters of the American Revolution, during the recent session, was the only organization to declare itself in favor of the candidacy of Mrs. Mussey.

BANKERS IN WRECK AND MANY INJURED

Fast Express from Virginia Beach Crashes Into Freight Train.

PORTSMOUTH, Va., April 25.—The express running from Virginia Beach to Norfolk, with many bankers and business men en route to business from their seaside cottages, ran into an open switch at Greenwich station this morning, striking a freight waiting for it to pass. Twenty-one passengers were removed to hospitals, most of them seriously injured. Others were bruised and cut by flying glass.

Bookmakers to Carry Case to Higher Court

The effort to have the conviction of Ezra Collins for handbook making set aside was begun today by the filing of a bill of exceptions in United States court by Attorney J. R. Archer, counsel for the defendant. Attorney Archer will carry the case to the District Court of Appeals on the ground that the Government used arguments to the jury that are not sustained by the evidence in the case. Collins was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Ralph Given and Harvey Given. The latter, in argument to the jury, said that Collins had failed to testify as to what his business is. The defense claims that Collins was not asked as to his business, hence it was not necessary for him to state it, and the Government had no right to make imputations on it that might prejudice the jury against the defendant. Within a few days Collins will be brought into court and sentenced. The case will then be sent to the Court of Appeals by Judge James L. Pugh on appeal. The bill of exceptions will be held under bonds until the higher court passes on the exceptions. A jury in Police Court found guilty on March 28 on one count out of four, of accepting bets on horse races from Clyde Ambrose, an agent of the Department of Justice.

FRICITION AGAIN CROPS OUT IN HEALTH OFFICE

Commissioners Take Up Removal of Dr. Sawtelle.

DEFINITE ACTION NOT YET TAKEN

None of the Interested Ones Will Discuss the Subject.

The retirement from the service of the District of Dr. H. F. Sawtelle, Deputy Health Officer, was the subject of a lengthy conference between the Commissioners in board session this afternoon. No action was taken, according to Commissioner Rudolph.

The statement was made by Dr. Sawtelle two months ago that his resignation was sought by Health Officer W. C. Woodward. At the time Dr. Woodward denied having asked directly for Dr. Sawtelle's resignation, but it is understood that the conference this morning was the result of an intimation on the part of Health Officer Woodward that Dr. Sawtelle's services are no longer desired.

Comment Is Declined.

Commissioner Rudolph this afternoon declined to comment on the question of Dr. Sawtelle's removal. Dr. Woodward said that he had no action had been taken by the Commissioners. Dr. Woodward was summoned to the board session, but after remaining in the ante-room of Commissioner Rudolph for half an hour was not taken into the conference.

Asked if the statement that he had recommended Dr. Sawtelle's removal, Dr. Woodward said that he would have nothing to say until the action of the Commissioners became known. Dr. Sawtelle also declined to make any statement.

Has Been Friction.

It is known that for some time there has been friction between the Health Officer and the Deputy Health Officer. When the matter was discussed two months ago, Dr. Sawtelle said he knew of no reason why Dr. Woodward should be dissatisfied with his services, and did not propose to retire from public service without demanding an explanation for his removal.

By order of the Health Officer, Dr. Sawtelle was recently relieved from his duties inside the office and assigned to the work of supervising the inspectors on the outside. Dr. Sawtelle has held the position about four years. The salary is \$2,500 a year.

BODIES MAY NEVER COME TO SURFACE

Captain of Morgue Ship Believes Majority Can Not Be Recovered.

NEW YORK, April 25.—Two hundred and five bodies of victims of the Titanic disaster were on board the morgue ship Mackay-Bennett on her gruesome cruise off the Newfoundland Banks, according to a wireless dispatch given out at the White Star offices here today.

The sea is strewn for miles with bodies of victims, according to the dispatch, but the captain of the Mackay-Bennett expressed the belief that a majority of the lost would never come to the surface. The wireless read:

"Bodies are numerous in latitude 43.3 north, longitude 43.3 west, extending many miles east and west. Mail ships should give this a wide berth. Medical opinion is that death has been instantaneous in all cases owing to exposure when bodies drawn down in vortex. Drifting in dense fog since noon yesterday. Total picked up, 26. We brought away all embalming fluid in Halifax, enough for seventy. With a week's fine weather think we would pretty well clean up the relics of the disaster. It is my opinion that the majority will never come to the surface."

RECOMMENDS TERMS IN COAL SITUATION

Subcommittee of Mine Operators Ready to Report to Conference.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 25.—The subcommittee of the miners and mine operators conference committee has prepared a report recommending terms and conditions looking to a settlement of all points in dispute. Chairman George F. Baer announced here today. Baer said a meeting of the general committee had been called to receive the report Thursday, May 2 in New York. No information as to the basis for settlement will be made public until it has been accepted by the full committee, he said.

MARCONI TESTIFIES HE DID NOT TELL WIRELESS MEN TO KEEP THEIR MOUTHS SHUT



GUIGLIEMO MARCONI, Inventor of wireless telegraphy, who tells Senators how system operates.

MORE SPEAKERS ARE SELECTED TO MAKE MEMORIAL TALKS

Senator Smith, Bishop Harding and E. C. Snyder to Eulogize Major Butt.

Senator Hoke Smith, Bishop Harding, and Edgar C. Snyder are additional speakers announced today for the Major Butt memorial service to be held under the conduct of Temple Lodge, A. F. and A. M., Sunday afternoon, May 5, at 3 p. m. at the New National Theater. Bishop Harding will deliver the invocation and Senator Smith has accepted an invitation to speak in place of Senator Bacon of Georgia, the change being made at Senator Bacon's suggestion.

Senator Bacon informed the committee on speakers for the memorial service that while he desired to speak himself, he thought that Senator Smith rather than himself ought to be heard, because Senator Smith gave Major Butt his first employment as a newspaper man and sent him to Washington later as correspondent of the Atlanta Journal. Mr. Snyder, who is a veteran correspondent here, and Major Butt had offices together when Major Butt arrived in the Capital as a correspondent. Mr. Snyder's theme will be "Major Butt, the Washington Newspaper Man."

President Taft and Secretary Stimson will be the other speakers as has been hitherto announced. Announcement of the plans matured by various committees will be made this evening at a regular meeting of Temple Lodge, several committee meetings being held before the lodge convenes. The committee on decorations, of which Harry Hapley is chairman, will meet at its offices in the National Theater at 430 this afternoon, and the ticket committee will be convened at 7 tonight by Chairman Stirling Kerr.

Harmony Lodge No. 11, F. and A. M., adopted resolutions on Major Butt's death at a meeting held last evening, and will present these at the Temple Lodge meeting tonight, a committee composed of Past Master M. D. Rosenberg, Carl H. Claudy, and Robert M. Young acting for Harmony Lodge.

Marine Band to Play. Music at the memorial service will be given by the United States Marine Band, according to announcement of the committee of Temple Lodge on music for the services.

The first definite steps toward the collection of funds for the erection of a memorial to Major Butt are being taken in Washington today. Mrs. Evelyn Gurley-Kane, of New York, is here concentrating the support and efforts of those most anxious to see a memorial erected to Major Butt. Mrs. Kane will during the first week in May give a recital in the New York Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul, of which Father Dowling has been rector. Bishop Haas, of Providence, officiated, andishop Hop-Keane, of Dubuque, gave the sermon.

DID NOT TRY TO BLOCK NEWS, HE SAYS

Expresses Regret That Information Was Withheld.

SMITH ASKS HIM SCORES OF QUESTIONS

Operator Got \$500 for Story of Titanic Disaster.

By JOHN SNURE.

The grilling of Guglielmo Marconi, the great wireless expert, on the subject of whether the Marconi Company exercised a censorship of the news of the loss of the Titanic, before the arrival of the Carpathia in New York, was the feature of the morning session of the Senate subcommittee, which is investigating the facts as to the recent disaster.

It is doubtful if ever in the career of the suave Italian, whose wizardry of the wireless is known the world over, he was put in a more embarrassing position than when plied with questions by Senator Smith about the part he is alleged to have taken in ordering the operators on the Carpathia to keep their mouths closed.

In response to hundreds of queries put to him bearing on this matter, Marconi admitted that he had given permission for the operators on the Carpathia, Cottam, of that ship, and Bride, of the Titanic, to sell their stories. But he denied emphatically that it was his intention that there should be any withholding of general news.

Shown Messages.

He was confronted with the messages intercepted by the American naval vessels Florida, coming apparently from the Marconi office in New York, and one of them signed by the name of Marconi himself, telling the operator on the Carpathia to "keep his mouth shut." He flatly denied he had sent or authorized such a message, and denied he had told Operator Cottam, of the Carpathia or Operator Bride, who was saved from the Titanic, to keep still and sell his story to the highest bidder.

In the end, Marconi expressed his regret for what had occurred and made it clear that he disapproved strongly of what had been done.

In a word, he was willing for the wireless men to sell the stories of their personal experiences as they could and gave permission to this end, but, according to what he told the committee, he never purposed this should go to the point of any sealing of the news of a general sort on the subject of the horror for which the whole world was breathlessly awaiting.

Questioned by Senator Smith as to whether it would not have been far better for the wireless men on the Carpathia to have flashed the news to the Marconi office or to the Chester and thus to have allowed everybody to know what had occurred, Marconi said it would.

That both Cottam and Bride sold their stories, and that Bride got \$500 for his, but that he did not know what Cottam got, and that the New York Times purchased each one was stated by Marconi.

He said the first information he had got that the Titanic had gone down with great loss of life was Monday evening, between 7 and 8 o'clock. He had called up the Marconi offices repeatedly through Monday, he said. He said he made no attempt to extract information from the Carpathia, as he had no authority to do so. He said that at that time he said nothing to Cottam about keeping silent.

Gave Him Permission.

Later that evening, Marconi told the committee that Cottam telephoned him and asked him if he could sell his story, that some of the "journalists" wanted to know it and would pay for it. "I said certainly; that he could disclose anything he knew about it," said the witness.

He added that there was a rule that operators should not act as reporters, and that if he had sent him to the Carpathia by imprisonment for an operator to report the contents of a message.

"In a case of this kind it would have been a good thing if he had sent information and had used his discretion about it. But he did not send anything," he said.

This statement was made by Mr. Marconi.

TAFT INVADES BAY STATE TO WIN PRIMARIES

President Knows Massachusetts Election Foretells His Fate.

IMPORTANT ADDRESS TONIGHT IN BOSTON

Chief Executive Expected to Refute Charges Made by Col. Roosevelt.

ON BOARD PRESIDENT TAFT'S SPECIAL TRAIN, En Route from Springfield, Mass., to Boston, April 25.—Realizing that this is probably the critical moment of his preconvention campaign, President Taft, with blood in his eye, invaded Massachusetts today.

He made his first speech of his whirlwind tour of the State in an effort to capture the Presidential primaries vote on Tuesday before a crowd of 10,000 people in Springfield at 1 o'clock this afternoon. His arrival at the station at 12:40 was the signal for the firing of the Presidential salute of twenty-one guns. He was driven to Court square in an automobile under escort of a local committee, where from a stand erected in front of the First Congregational Church, he spoke to an immense crowd.

Practically every speech made, it was said, will be an attack on Col. Theodore Roosevelt. Returns from Iowa showing that the President was given a majority of the delegates, made him jubilant, and primed him to put Colonel Roosevelt into the Ananias Club with such severity of speech as his judicial temperament will permit.

Bay State Important.

The President realizes that he now must either slink or swim in the Presidential renomination race, and the Massachusetts primaries on Tuesday may fortell his fate. Even his staunchest supporters say that if Colonel Roosevelt succeeds in capturing a majority of the Bay State delegates that Taft will have a heart-breaking time obtaining the renomination at the Chicago convention. President Taft's managers have told him that one week of tame oratory in New England will be equal to none at all, and that he might as well remain in Washington. He must fight and fight hard, his managers declare. The recent Taft victories in New Hampshire and Iowa have given the Administration a new heart, and, consequently, the President is setting forth in his present invasion to attack his former friend with an energy seldom ever exhibited by the President.

Reply to Roosevelt.

The most important speech of the first day out will be delivered tonight at the Boston Arena. In it the President will make his first lengthy reply to Colonel Roosevelt's charges made in Illinois, that the Taft Administration is friendly to and has supported Senator Lorimer. It is learned on good authority today that the President will read documentary evidence probably tonight to refute the charges.

Meanwhile in Washington a formal attack on the colonel will be opened in the Senate, when further attempts will be made to show that Colonel Roosevelt, while President, showed favoritism toward the Harvester trust in the anti-trust prosecution.

"Fight" is the watchword of the Administration, and from now on the President and his managers will counter their attack on Colonel Roosevelt, it is said. Steps will be made by the President's special today at Springfield, Pa., and South Framingham. He expects to arrive in Boston late this afternoon.

Teachers Meet.

CHARLESTON, S. C., April 25.—With President Finley, of the Southern railway; Prof. Charles W. Kent, of the University of Virginia, and several other persons of wide note on the list of speakers, South Carolina school teachers assembled in this city today for what promises to be the best convention ever held by their State organization. The sessions will last three days.

IN CONGRESS TODAY

HOUSE.

The House met at 10:30. The conference report of the diplomatic appropriation bill adopted.

Congressman Henry called up the resolution to broaden the scope of the Money trust investigation.

Foreign Affairs Committee held a hearing on the Alexander resolution asking a conference of maritime nations.

The Patents Committee held a hearing on bills to amend the patent law.

Judiciary Committee reported on the Norris resolution, asking for information from the Department of Justice relating to charges against Judge Archibald.