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CONFIDENT OF HIS ELECTION

William H. Taft is Sure the Voters Will Endorse His Candidacy at the Polls Next November.

THE TRIP SIGNIFICANT

Taft Pleased to Visit Missouri and Considers the State Good Fighting Ground—Ransdall is Confident.

[By Walter S. Dickey.] KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 5.—William H. Taft, Republican candidate for the presidency, entered the state of Missouri Sunday morning at 7 o'clock. Today and Tuesday he will spend in the state, making a series of speeches. Sunday evening, after a restful though busy day, he said to me in answer to my questions: "I am confident I will be elected to the presidency. I don't see how the electoral vote in the country can be figured out in any other way. The reports given me on my trip through the middle west, northwest and north have been most gratifying. Our best information is that only a great Democratic landslide can defeat the ticket, and we can see no signs of such."

Ransdall Also Confident.

Earlier in the day Maj. Ransdall, sergeant-at-arms of the United States senate and a most conservative politician of the Indiana school, told me that the trip of Mr. Taft had demonstrated that the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin and the Dakotas, which were partly classed as doubtful, are surely in the Republican column.

"I am glad of the opportunity to come into Missouri," Mr. Taft said in continuing his talk with me. "I am glad I can say that I do not come into the state as a stranger. So far as St. Louis and Kansas City are concerned, I have been in both cities frequently and have many warm friends in them whom I value highly. I will take peculiar pleasure in visiting St. Joseph, as I have some old classmates there as well as friends. I would feel as though I was not doing the square thing by them if I did not stop there at this time. I feel the more pleasure in going to St. Joseph now because of my failure to do so during the military tournament. I surely would have gone, and told the good people so, if I had remained secretary of war."

Missouri Good Fighting Ground.

"It would perhaps come with poor grace from me to make claims about Missouri in the light of so little information as I possess, but I can say that we all consider Missouri good fighting grounds."

"It is a pleasure for me to come into a state where the party is headed by an American of such high type, such high ideals and strong character, as well as ability, as Herbert S. Hadley. I can't overstate the regard and high opinion entertained for him generally. I will be delighted if I can assist him in any way in his candidacy for the governorship."

Campaigns Kansas and Missouri.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 6.—Taft left here this morning for an eleven hours' campaign of Kansas and Missouri. He makes speeches in a number of the larger towns of the state. Tomorrow he speaks at St. Louis, then returns to Chicago. His voice is improved after Sunday's rest.

Bishop Tierney Dying.

HARTFORD, Oct. 5.—It is stated at the Diocesan house at Hartford today that Bishop Tierney of the diocese of Connecticut is not expected to survive the day on account of an apoplectic stroke. His brothers and sisters are at his bedside. The last rites of the church were administered.

Want Wagner to Make Good.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 3.—Captain Wagner, who declared the tugs Hatt Gage and Niyak destroyed his ship, the Star Begal, allowing 111 men to drown when they could have prevented it, was asked today to swear to his charges before the surveying inspector at Washington.

Yale to Test Her Strength.

NEW HAVEN, Oct. 3.—Yale is expected a real test for her foot-ball team this afternoon when she lines up against the heavy eleven from the Syracuse University. She believes she will be able to get a real line on the strength of her players.

INDEPENDENCE PROCLAMATION

Bulgaria Announces Itself as an Independent Kingdom and Gets Ready For a Fight With Turkey.

LONDON NOT SURPRISED

Prince Ferdinand and Cabinet Acted in Complete Harmony—News Sent to Other European Countries.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Oct. 6.—The proclamation of Bulgaria as an independent kingdom was formally made at the ancient Bulgarian capital at Tirnova today.

Prince Ferdinand and cabinet are reported to have acted in complete harmony in declaration of independence. The cabinet promulgated the document and the Prince signed it. The text of the declaration has been telegraphed all European chanceries. It is being withheld from the public pending replies from various governments. The delay is being utilized in rushing the completion of the Bulgarian military plans.

No Surprise in London.

LONDON, Oct. 6.—The news of the declaration of the independence of Bulgaria occasioned no surprise at the foreign office here. It is believed the plan will be to force a declaration of war from Turkey when the Bulgarian soldiers mobilizing near there will seize Adrianople, a European Turkish city, preparatory to an attack on the capital.

On the arrival of Ferdinand last night from Austria he received a note calling him to Tirnova where he went and was closeted with the cabinet until 8 o'clock this morning. The proclamation was issued then but held back to be sent to the powers before given to the press. A conference of the war minister and chief of staff followed. Ferdinand is now in conference with foreign banks relative to financing the war.

Turkey Will Fight.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 5.—Turkey will likely meet Bulgaria's proclamation of independence with war. On receipt of the official message from Bulgaria of independence the cabinet of Turkey assembled and had a long secret conference. The minority members are understood to favor acceptance of the situation fearing a war would wreck the new regime. A majority, however, consider that immediate resistance is the only possible course. They say Bulgaria wants war and submission means only future trouble. It is feared among the young Turks the sultan may take advantage of the situation to abrogate the constitution. It is whispered sentiment is in favor of deposing Abdul Hamid prior to the declaration of hostilities.

PARIS, Oct. 5.—The French press generally views the Balkan situation as alarming with the possibilities of upsetting the entire European entente.

That Emperor Franz Josef cannot easily be persuaded to drop the plan to annex Bosnia is indicated by letters to the various powers. It is said to have annexed a desire to break up the Berlin treaty by this act.

POLITICAL RUSH ON IN CHICAGO

National Politics to be Directed From Chicago Until the End of the Campaign.

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 6.—National politics will be directed from Chicago until the end of the campaign. Mack with Herman Rider, the new treasurer arrived today. Hitchcock is expected tonight. Both chairmen expect to remain here until the end of the campaign. Both headquarters are busy preparing for the simultaneous visit of Taft and Bryan during the week.

FRENCH AND BRITISH OBJECT

Foreign Officers Preparing a Joint Note Against Austria-Hungarian Annexation.

LONDON, Oct. 6.—The French and British foreign offices are preparing a joint note of protest against the Austria-Hungarian proposal to annex Bosnia and Herzegovina, now virtually part of the empire but nominally belonging to Turkey. The stock market reflected the war conditions, consol dropping from eleven to sixteen points.



SCENE—MOST ANY STREET CAR. Mere Man—I'd like to soak the fellow who said that pill-box hats would be worn by women this fall.

THREE DEAD; MANY INJURED

Auto Accidents in the East Numerous—Are Caused From Fast and Reckless Driving of Machines.

THOMAS LAWSON HURT

His Horse Frightened at a Fast Passing Automobile and He Was Thrown and Dragged.

RABBI SONNESCHEIN DIES IN ST. LOUIS

Was Much Respected and Loved While Rabbi of Congregation B'Nai Yeshurun.

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FOUND BODIES IN EVERY ROOM

Black Hand Society Starts an Incendiary Blaze That Brought Death to Many Tenant House Inmates.

FIREMEN FIND BODIES WADE IMPLORES AID

Almost Every Room Contained the Dead Bodies of Men, Women and Children—Escape Cut Off.

NEW YORK, Oct. 6.—Ten are dead, several fatally burned, six severely injured as the result of an incendiary fire which early today gutted a tenement in the heart of a crowded east side district.

Cut off from a possibility of escape, the inmates crazed with terror plunged into the roaring flames. Before the inmates of the building awake, one of the stairways was a mass of fire. Escape from the rear was choked with debris and it was impossible to get away. Firemen were unable to reach the terror stricken inmates to guide them to safety. A few who escaped jumped to the roofs of adjoining buildings, many being internally injured. Six babies were thrown from upper windows to the policemen on sidewalks. The fire was first discovered by the people in the district, which is foreign, who were so frightened they did not think to turn in the alarm until too late for the firemen to make rescues.

Bodies in Every Room.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—The firemen, after a fight with the flames, broke in the tenement and stumbled over the body of a baby at the entry. They found the dead bodies of people overcome with smoke and heat in every room. Fire Marshal Kelly, after an investigation, said the fire was incendiary and the result of a black hand threat. Two men were seen rolling a barrel into the house early today and the fire started a few minutes later. Two explosions were heard. It is supposed the barrel contained oil.

Hughes' Voice Troubling Him.

LACROSSE, Oct. 5.—It seemed that Hughes was speaking confidentially to the men in the first few rows, when he endeavored to address fifteen hundred people here today. He spared his voice as much as possible, never rising above a conversational tone. He only talked a few minutes. He does not anticipate serious trouble with his voice, but is sparing himself as much as possible.

Wright Makes a Flight.

LEMANS, Oct. 5.—Wilbur Wright made a flight in his aeroplane today for four minutes and nine seconds with a passenger, the car carrying a weight of 238 pounds.

BRYAN PREPARES FOR LAST TRIP

Leaves Tonight For His Final Campaign Tour That Will Take it up to the Morning of Election.

FAIRVIEW, Oct. 5.—Bryan leaves tonight for his final campaign tour that will take it up to the morning of election.

His plans for a couple of days more rest were broken by Committeeman Wade, of Iowa, who assured him today by telephone his presence was needed in eastern Iowa. He has practically been decided that if Roosevelt takes the stump Bryan will campaign on his trail. He does not think Roosevelt will speak, however.

CHICAGO BALL ENTHUSIASM

See Opportunity to Win Another Pennant and Fans go to Grounds Early.

CHICAGO, Oct. 5.—Chicago fans are base ball mad today. They see in the winning of the Cubs yesterday the probability of another pennant. The Sox winning gives them a chance to win the pennant if they defeat Detroit in all games of the series and Cleveland loses one of the three games yet to play. The enthusiasm of the Sox is great and early today the fans went to the park to get seats.

FLENDISH NIGHT OF WORK RIDERS

Raid a Negro's Home, Kill Husband, Daughter and Baby and Fire the House.

HICKMAN, Ky., Oct. 5.—Night riders raided the home of Dave Walker, a negro, when he refused to come out for a whipping and fired the home and shot the members of his family. Today his wife and three children are dying. One body is believed to be in the ruins of the house. Walker, his five year old daughter, and baby were killed.

Enter Land Rush.

DALLAS, S. D., Oct. 5.—Thousands of people today entered the rush opening of the registry in which Uncle Sam gives away eight hundred thousand acres in the Rosebud Indian lands. Thousands of men and women have come into this section the last few weeks to wait for the opening.

FLEET BATTLES WITH HURRICANE

Battleships Encounter a Storm That Sends the Wind Along at a Speed of 100 Miles Per Hour.

IT CAME UNEXPECTEDLY

Damage on Shore Was Extensive But the Big Battleships Weathered the Storm—Cutters Scurry to Safety.

MANILA, Oct. 4.—The Atlantic battle ship fleet has safely outridden a hurricane which swept Manila Bay for twelve hours and did much damage ashore. Typhoon signals were displayed early Sunday morning, but the storm broke over the bay suddenly and unexpectedly at noon. It was impossible to hoist the cutters and launches belonging to the fleet because of the danger of smashing them against the steel sides of the battle ships, and the little craft were sent scurrying inside the breakwater to the Pasig river, where they remained all night. The storm increased in intensity and the torrential rains shut in the ships.

At 8 o'clock Sunday night the storm had reached its height, and it then gradually tapered down until at midnight it was comparatively calm, though heavy seas swung across the harbor. During the storm all the battle ships had steam up, ready for any emergency. Rear Admiral Sperry finally ordered the flagship Connecticut and the Kansas, Minnesota, Vermont, Virginia and Ohio under way. They were close to the breakwater and Admiral Sperry feared they might drag anchors. The six vessels steamed down close to Cavite, where they anchored.

Wind Blows 100 Miles an Hour.

At times the wind blew at the rate of 100 miles an hour. All communication with shore was cut off. It was impossible during the height of the storm to see the warships through the haze of rain and spray. On shore it was dangerous to go about. Several carriages were overturned by the wind, trees were blown down, electric wires were prostrated, and several buildings were unroofed. Among the buildings unroofed was the depot of the commissary. Several navy officers ashore on various errands were compelled to remain ashore all night.

MORE GRIEF FOR TREASURER (?) HASKELL

Attorney Prosecuting Oklahoma Politician Says He Defrauded the Indians.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—W. L. Studevant, of St. Louis, wrote a letter to Roosevelt today regarding the town site suits in Oklahoma in which Haskell is the defendant. Studevant is special attorney prosecuting the cases. He declares Haskell is charged with direct fraud in which the Indians were deprived of their rights and property. He says Haskell's attorneys have been endeavoring to secure delay in the hearing of the cases. The letter will be made public today.

CANADIAN PACIFIC STRIKE ENDED

Political Considerations and Threats of Other Unions to Join Strikers Brings Trouble to an End.

WINNIPEG, Oct. 6.—Political considerations and threats of other unions to join the striking machinists, is said to have figured in the ending of the strike in the Canadian Pacific. The men are expected to resume work today. Officials declare the men employed in their places will not be discharged but the old men will get their places back. It is declared they return to work unconditionally.

Big Catholic Event.

CHICAGO, Oct. 3.—Preparations for the greatest demonstration of Catholics since the plenary council at Baltimore are under way here. The event will be a Catholic missionary congress in the United States which begins Nov. 15. Sixty archbishops, bishops and Mitred abbots are expected to attend.

That Contested Game.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 5.—Directors of the National League met here today to decide the contested game between New York and Chicago. The meeting is a preliminary one, and adjourned until this afternoon to wait for John L. Brush of New York.

HEARST SCORES SENATOR BAILEY

Reads Letters in a Speech at El Paso, Texas, Showing Texan's Connection With the Standard Oil.

H. C. PIERCE INVOLVED

Representatives Sibley Was a Messenger for Archbold—Forker and Haskell Again Hit by the Editor.

EL PASO, Texas, Oct. 5.—William R. Hearst carried his fight against the junior senator from Texas into his own state when Saturday night he read in the course of a speech here letters from J. W. Bailey to H. C. Pierce, a copy of a note for \$5,000 and extracts from a speech by Bailey in defense of Joseph Sibley. Mr. Hearst said:

"I said in Denver that I would deliver one final broadside at Mr. Foraker and Mr. Haskell, and then leave them to the peaceful solitude of their tombs. I say here that I will give one final review of Mr. Bailey's spectacular career and then resign him into the hands of his constituents to be reverently reposed upon the vacant democratic slab beside the late lamented Haskell of Oklahoma. I shall read documents and records almost without comment, lest I be accused of partisanship."

Reads Bailey-Pierce Letters.

"Mr. Foraker received polite messages from Mr. Archbold requesting his appearance at headquarters. Mr. Bailey received equally polite messages from Mr. Archbold requesting his attendance at the captain's office. Mr. Bailey, being a democrat, denies the Standard Oil association and attempts to evade it. First a letter from Mr. Archbold to Mr. Foraker: "December 11, 1900.—My Dear Senator: Referring to our telephonic conversation of today, I now beg to inclose certificates of deposit to your favor for \$5,000. Truly yours, "JOHN D. ARCHBOLD."

"Hon. Joseph B. Foraker, 1500 Sixteenth street, Washington, D. C."

"Second, a photograph of a letter, in Mr. Bailey's handwriting: "Lindsay House, D. McGaw, Proprietor—Headquarters Post K. T. P. A. of A. Gainesville, Texas, 3-28, 1901: Mr. H. C. Pierce, St. Louis, Mo.—My Dear Pierce: Send me New York exchange for \$1,750. Have it made payable to my order, so that it will not be necessary for you to indorse it. Send it at once, as I ought to have had it several days ago. Your friend, "J. W. BAILEY."

"Next, a photograph of an entry on the books of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company:

"To J. W. Bailey, Gainesville, Tex.—For legal expense, account Texas matter, \$1,750, as per letter to J. W. Bailey, herewith attached, dated May 28."

An \$8,000 Note to Pierce.

"Next a photograph of a letter to J. B. Foraker, Washington, D. C. Mr. Foraker says that the large amount mentioned was a loan and I have reason to believe that it was a loan:

"January 27, 1907.—My Dear Senator:

Responding to your favor of the 25th, it gives me pleasure to hand you herewith certificates of deposit for \$80,000, in accordance with our understanding. Your letter states the condition correctly, and I trust the transaction will be successfully consummated. Very truly yours, "JOHN D. ARCHBOLD."

"Next a photograph of a note reading:

"Washington, D. C., March 1, 1901.—Four months after date I promise to pay to the order of H. C. Pierce eight thousand dollars, at his office in St. Louis. J. W. BAILEY."

"Next a photograph of an entry upon the books of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company:

"St. Louis, Mo., March 6, 1901.—For amount of loan, to J. W. Bailey, as per note in hands of treasury, \$8,000."

"Next a photograph of a letter written from the Waldorf-Astoria:

"New York, March 4, 1901.—J. P. Gruet, secretary: Dear Sir—Make this note into bills receivable and deposit company checks for like amount, my credit with Fourth National bank, as I have given C. B. my check. Yours truly, H. C. PIERCE."

"Next a letter to:

"Hon. J. B. Foraker, 1500 Sixteenth st., Washington, D. C.: My Dear Sena-

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