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AN OVATION FOR WILLIAM TAFT

Sixty Thousand People Greeted the Republican Candidate on His Arrival in St. Louis.

TAFT IN HIS CARRIAGE

Demonstration so Vociferous That Taft Had to Acknowledge the Welcome on Way From Depot to Hotel.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 7.—With a twelve hour demonstration of cordiality political enthusiasm and intense interest, this city Tuesday and Tuesday night witnessed an appropriate climax to the western campaign trip of William H. Taft, which ended here.

The candidate spoke to an immense audience at the coliseum, from which many were turned away as got in. He followed this with an open air address at Clayton, a suburb and the county seat of St. Louis county, and then rushed to East St. Louis, where he addressed a large gathering of employees of the stock yards.

A Great Ovation.

It is estimated fully 60,000 strangers were in St. Louis, and the entire line of march from the station to the Planter's house was packed with people who gave the candidate a great ovation. He was compelled to stand with his hat in his hand the entire distance of more than a mile, acknowledging the salutations of his admirers. After a short stop at the hotel Taft was escorted to the coliseum by the committee in a long line of carriages.

The speech he delivered to this audience was comprehensive, but the question of the candidate on the question of trust regulation was made the important feature. During the speech one asked: "How about labor unions?"

"More Than Gompers."

"I have done more for union labor than Gompers," was the quick retort, as then Taft explained the decisions he had rendered as judge on the bench, and which were now being misrepresented as placing him against unionism, were really being used at present in courts by union labor as a basis of their rights.

He added that he should make this a feature of his speech to employees of the stock yards.

Another interruption was a query about campaign contributions. The reply was that so far as he knew, no contributions had been made that would have the slightest tendency to embarrass anyone.

"Any gentlemen here who desire to make a contribution to a good cause," he added, "may regard this as the time and place."

After three speeches had been made Taft was escorted to the hotel, from where he reviewed the grotesque parade of the Veiled Prophet, whose carnival has the city firmly in its grasp.

Strenuous Day.

Before reaching St. Louis Taft had a strenuous day in a number of Missouri towns. His work yesterday left him at Macon. With a night run he reached Moberly before 8 o'clock yesterday morning. Here he made a short speech. He also spoke at Mexico, Montgomery, Warrenton and St. Charles. At the latter place he discussed trusts at considerable length.

Taft left St. Louis at 1 o'clock last night for Chicago, where today he will address the Deep Waterways convention, go to Galesburg to attend the celebration of the Lincoln-Douglas debate and then return to Chicago in time for the banquet, at which Bryan is also to be a guest.

Crete Independence Expected.

SANSA CRETE, Oct. 7.—The Island of Crete which occupies the same position towards Turkey as Bulgaria did, is momentarily expected to declare independence and affect a union with Greece.

Roosevelt is Pleased.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—Treasurer Sheldon of the republican national committee, Tuesday lunched with the president. Upon leaving the White House Sheldon stated that he and the president had thoroughly discussed the general situation, and that the president heartily approves of the manner in which Hitchcock is managing the campaign, and that he is entirely confident of the result. The reports that Sheldon would resign the treasurership is positively denied by Roosevelt.

BRYAN CLAIMS TO BE PLEASED

After a Conference With Several Leaders He Issues a Statement respecting the Campaign Issues.

ADVISES HIS CAUSE GAINS

Advices From the East Are Reassuring—Bryan Leaves Friday For a Trip Through Illinois.

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 7.—Following important conferences at the democratic headquarters today Bryan declared reports from every section showed big democratic gains. This morning he conferred with Chairman Mack, Vice Chairman P. L. Hall, Judge Martin Wade of Iowa, and Robert Ewing of New Orleans. In a statement Bryan says: "There is not a state in the union where our reports don't absolutely show our cause is gaining converts daily. I have not been east personally in two weeks, but advices from that section are unusually encouraging. Especially in Ohio and New York." Bryan leaves Friday at 7:32 in the morning over the Santa Fe to speak Friday at Joliet, Streator, Galesburg, Quincy and Hannibal, Mo.

CHALLENGE ISSUED TO W. R. HEARST

Former Congressman Sibley, of Pennsylvania, States Standard Relations.

NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—Former Congressman Joseph C. Sibley, of Pennsylvania, last night made public a letter, in connection with the reference made to him in the recent speeches of Wm. R. Hearst.

Sibley says that for thirty years he has been more or less connected with the Standard Oil and Archbold, that he never has made a secret of it and that everyone knew his views on corporate problems. He adds that no letter of his in Hearst's possession will reveal any unworthy motive. He challenges Hearst to publish the letters of which he has copies.

LAWSON WILL SELL HIS HORSES

Will Retain Certain Favorites But Dispose of All Other Valuable Animals.

BOSTON, Oct. 7.—Except certain favorites, the whole stable of Thomas W. Lawson will be sold in New York this fall. Arnold Lawson, director of the New England Breeders' association, and owner of the Readville track, says that the closing of home racing has determined his father in disposing of his horses.

WRIGHT AFTER FRENCH CASH

To Make a Flight and Win, if Possible, the One Hundred Thousand Prize.

LEMENS, Oct. 7.—With every record to his credit and the requirements fulfilled for the winning of the French syndicate's prize of a hundred thousand, Wilbur Wright today was urged to make his flight across the English channel. His flights here have been greater and lengthier. It is estimated he could sail from Calais to Dover in five minutes.

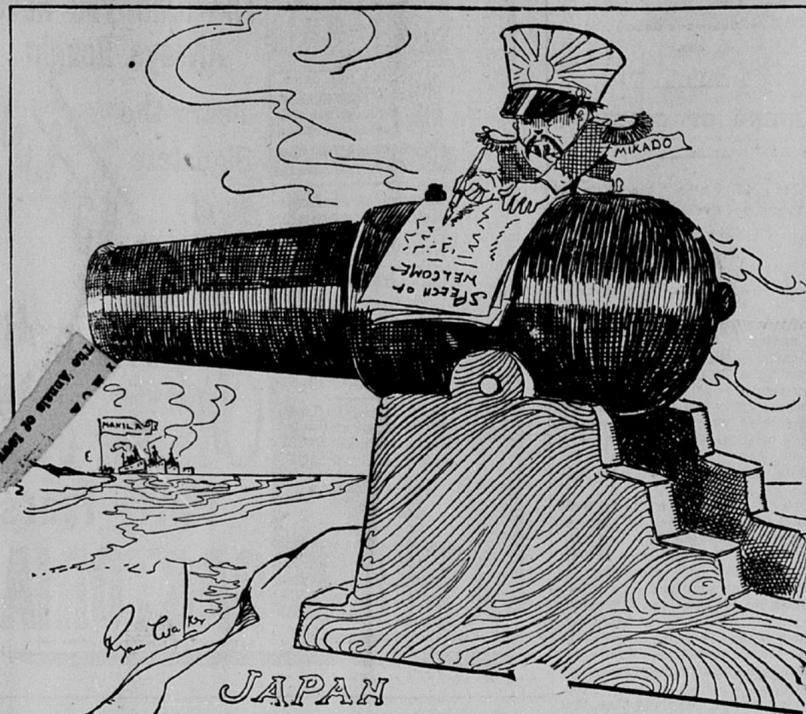
PRINCE CONSTANTINE ASSASSINATED?

Rumor that Greece Official Was Killed While Attending Serbian Army Maneuvers.

ATHENS, Oct. 7.—Dispatches apparently confirm the Constantinople rumor that Prince Constantine, of Greece, was assassinated while attending the Serbian army maneuvers. The city was thrown into the wildest excitement by the report.

Chairman Mack Nervous.

CHICAGO, Oct. 7.—Norman E. Mack, chairman of the democratic national committee, collapsed last night and is under the care of a physician, who said Mack was suffering from overwork and nervous exhaustion. He did not believe the illness serious and intimated the patient will be able to resume his duties in a few days.



Japan—The American fleet is getting near and I must draw up my plans of peaceful entertainment.

AUSTRIA IS VERY DEFIANT

Says the Declaration of Independence Was Not a Matter of Concern of the Other Powers.

POSITION ILL ADVISED

Will Increase the Determination of the Powers to Thwart Austria's Aggrandisement Schemes—Germany Opposes

VIENNA, Oct. 7.—The Austrian foreign office today announced that neither her annexation, Bosnia and Herzegovina, nor Bulgaria's declaration of independence was not a matter of concern to the other powers, and she did not care whether the annexation was recognized by other powers or not.

The statement was issued as a protest against the calling of an international conference to revise the Berlin treaty. The statement is regretted by many diplomats who fear the defiant attitude will increase the determination of the powers to thwart Austria's aggrandisement schemes.

Germany Opposition.

LONDON, Oct. 7.—Germany is the probable obstacle in the way of an international conference for the settlement of the Balkan embroglio according to the opinion expressed by British diplomats today. No matter what reasons are officially assigned for the failure of the proposed conference England will hold the Kaiser responsible. Austria and Hungary stand as the nominal leader to the opposition.

STRIKERS SHOW DISSATISFACTION

Settlement of the Canadian Strike is Not Satisfactory to the Mechanics.

WINNIPEG, Oct. 7.—Serious dissensions have developed among the Canadian Pacific Mechanics through the west about returning to work. Mass meetings from Port Arthur to the coast suggest the strike may be renewed. A few men returned to work. The men are indignant the strike was called off because they were not given a chance to vote on the question.

Balkan Situation Affects Market.

TORONTO, Oct. 6.—It is stated in well informed circles that a promiscuous London bond house has cancelled the outstanding bids for the various Canadian municipal bonds aggregating nine million. The step is regarded as a precautionary view of the uncertainty of the Balkan situation.

WARM DEBATES AT CONVENTION

Sessions of the Trans-Mississippi Congress Furnish Plenty of Interest for the Delegates at San Francisco.

HARRIMAN IS ATTACKED

Is Defended by Stubbs—Resolution Denouncing Gifford Pinchott Introduced—He is Defended by Ex-Governor Pardee.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 7.—Defending the Harriman railroad policy from a crimonious attack, J. C. Stubbs, vice president of the Southern Pacific, was the storm centre of the Trans-Mississippi congress today.

The assault was the result of a resolution that better service be maintained from San Francisco and Panama and brought in the Pacific Mail company. Resolutions denouncing the policy of Gifford Pinchott, head of the forest service, were supported by the cattlemen. Ex-Governor Pardee, of California, defended him. Fred W. Fleming delivered an address on insurance.

Gov. Cutler of Utah, defended Pinchott, and the president and exhortated the critics of conservation policy.

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GUFFEY HITS GOV. HASKELL

Says the Governor of Oklahoma Lied About Him in Order to Shield His Own Iniquities.

DEMOCRATIC QUARRELS

Pennsylvania's Former Democratic Committee Out With a Scorching Rebuke to Haskell.

PITTSBURG, Oct. 7.—In reply to Governor Haskell's letter to President Roosevelt in which Col. Guffey, former democratic national committeeman from Pennsylvania and T. W. Barnsdall, Pittsburg oil operators, are charged with being agents for the Standard Oil, and in that capacity having engaged in conferences with Roosevelt. Guffey last night declared that "Haskell's statement that I ever discussed the Osage oil lease with the president, is absolute a falsehood, that I am connected with the Standard Oil is a lie, more than thirty years old, revived every once in a while by some scoundrel endeavoring to shield his own iniquities."

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DEEP WATERWAYS MEETING

Four Thousand Delegates, Including Two Hundred and Fifty Governors and Notable Men Attend.

TAFT DELIVERS SPEECH

Forms a Liberal Policy of Improvement and Points Out Necessity of Increasing Freight Transportation Facilities.

CHICAGO, Oct. 6.—President Wm. K. Kavanaugh called to order the water ways association convention at 10 o'clock today. Four thousand delegates including two hundred and fifty governors, congressmen and public men were present. At the opening Kavanaugh outlined the purposes of the association, saying he could be expressed in a broad question, "Shall our national prosperity be promoted and perpetuated?" Bishop Samuel Fallows invoked. The report of Wm. F. Saunders, secretary paid a tribute to the aid given by Roosevelt and the governors who acted as members of the advisory board. He declared this assistance was responsible for arousing the sentiment to the necessity of the development of inland water-ways. He referred to the energy of members exerting an influence on congressmen to enact favorable legislation. Routine business followed Gov. Chas. Deneen of Illinois, introduced Taft. At the conclusion of Taft's speech the convention adjourned until Thursday. The delegates this afternoon went to Lockport to view the canal work.

Taft Talks to Convention.

Before the water-ways convention today Taft pledged himself to a generous policy of improvements of rivers and lakes. He declared the cost of making ocean harbors in the cities on the great lakes and the Mississippi and its tributaries will be enormous but a splendid investment, paying tremendous dividends, saving freight charges and opening undeveloped areas. He declared the time ripe to consider improvements "according to the general comprehensive plan so as to mould them into a complete system of transportation." He referred to the growth and industrial activity demanding an expansion of water ways. He said: "The policy of water-way improvement does not operate to the disadvantage of railroads. The natural economy of transportation of bulky raw material commanding the lowest freight rates falls to the water-ways, while the manufactured goods have the railway. By reason of lower water rates and the unlimited carrying capacity of the waterway, you carry millions of tons of raw material to the furnaces and factories to be converted in corresponding tons of merchandise capable of bearing a higher freight charge."

He declared the improvements proposed by the convention should be treated as one great enterprise like the Panama canal and that provision should be made by bonds or otherwise, for getting a fund sufficient to complete the project as rapidly as possible.

At the regular business of the convention Delegate Caldwell of Memphis tried to stamper the convention for the old officers without the formality of nomination. The action was declared out of order and the attempt frustrated.

RICHARD BELDING HAS RESIGNED

Former Burlington Young Man Becomes General Agent for the Great Western.

DES MOINES, Ia., Oct. 7.—Richard A. Belding, for a number of years in C. M. Levey's office of the Burlington at Burlington, has resigned his position as traffic manager of the Des Moines Interurban Co., to take effect this week, and will become general agent for the Chicago Great Western, with headquarters probably in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Upon leaving Burlington Mr. Belding became commercial agent of the Burlington at Des Moines. He resigned to become general manager of the Des Moines and Iowa Falls railroad, now the St. Paul and Des Moines, where he served a year, and then became western agent for the Great Western, with headquarters in Denver.

Resigning last year he became traffic manager of the electric road here. It is undecided when his family will move.

Holland Discusses Blockade.

THE HAGUE, Oct. 7.—Should Holland decide to blockade Venezuela the blockade will be directed especially against LaGuaira, Porto Cabello, and Maracaibo. The government has discussed the possibility of Castro's seizing Curacao, but former Minister De Reus declares that would be impracticable, Venezuelan troops being only adapted for guerrilla warfare.

Sherman in Ohio.

TOLEDO, Oct. 7.—Candidate Sherman left here early today in a private car for a day's tour through Ohio. The first stop will be at Piqua. Short stops will be made all along the line.

NIGHT RIDERS ISSUE WARNING

Notify Growers Not to Sell Cotton at Prevailing Prices and Buyers to Quit Buying.

THREAT TO BURN TOWN

District Near Van Buren Receives Notices to Quit Selling Under Penalty of Having Crop Burned.

CUBS GO FOR NEW YORK FOR TIE GAME

Chance Says His Team Had to Go But the Decision Was an Outrage.

CHICAGO, Oct. 7.—The Cubs leave this afternoon for New York to play off the tie tomorrow. Chance said today "We have to accept the decision of the board of directors, I suppose, but it's an outrage." Chance is angry over the alleged actions and words of President Ebbett of Brooklyn, one of the three men who rendered the decision and whom Chance said is in no way qualified to act.

CLARKE'S SON WAS FLEECE

Offspring of the Montana Senator Complains that Roulette Wheel Was "Fixed."

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 7.—Chas. W. Clarke, son of the Montana senator, has appealed to the authorities because he had been fleeced out of twenty thousand by ring gamblers operating in a fashionable apartment house. He declares he lost this sum playing roulette, when he discovered the wheel was being manipulated to the advantage of the gamblers.

SERVIANS ATTACK AUSTRIAN LEGATION

Troops and Members of the Legation Have a Hard Time to Prevent Mob Entering.

BELGRADE, Oct. 7.—Mobs of angry Servians today surrounding the Austrian legation and are threatening to renew their attack beginning last night, continuing until dawn when a detachment of soldiers dispersed the crowd. Troops are guarding the legation. Every window was broken during last night's assault. The legation attaches with soldiers prevented the mob from entering.

Independence Assured.

SOFIA, Oct. 7.—The permanency of Bulgaria's independence is taken as assured fact throughout the country and the event is being wildly celebrated in every city. Great crowds parade the streets in most towns. The populace is indulging in a revel of speech making and music. It is probable Ferdinand will make a special declaration of independence.

Wheat Conditions.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—Spring wheat averaging yield 12.2 bushels, quality 88.1; spring and winter wheat combined, production 650,020,000 bushels, quality 89.4. Corn conditions 77.8. Oats average yield 24.9 bushels, quality 81.3, say the government crop reports.