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TAFT LIKES THE WHITE HOUSE

Received a Reception in the Historic East Room and Welcomed Newspaper Men From the Big Dailies.

TAFT LIKED THE PLACE

Expected to Move Into it Next March—Candidate Shows the Effects of a Strenuous Campaign.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—William Howard Taft held his first reception in the historic east room of the White House late yesterday afternoon. His guests were newspaper men, representing all the great metropolitan dailies of the country, as well as some of the foreign countries. The experience was pleasant to both.

"Gentlemen, I like the place first hand," he said, as he looked about him, taking a sweeping glance over the big room. He admitted, when asked, that he hoped he would have the pleasure of meeting the fifty or more correspondents in the same place after the 15th of March next.

Mr. Taft had full possession of the White House this afternoon. The president and the first lady of the land had gone driving and were absent at the time of the reception. Mr. Taft was a guest in the house from 10:30 this morning until near midnight.

Shows Effect of Campaign.
The republican presidential candidate is showing the effects of the wearing campaign that he is making. His personal appearance is peculiar evidence of that to those who have not seen him since he left Washington. He seems to have lost quite a little of his avoirdupois, but he has enough left. When he speaks his voice reveals the real effects of his arduous work on the stump and the rear platform. Were he an opera singer, the gallery would say his voice needs filling. As he warms up in speaking, however, the newspaper men who have been with him on his tours say his voice improves. He has made 270 speeches to date since he started on his tour.

Mr. Taft has lost none of his good humor. On the contrary, in a half hour's rapid cross-fire conversation with the newspaper men he displayed the utmost good humor, and the latter found that he was quicker on the trigger with his repartee, due to his training in the last several weeks. Tense formality was shelved, notwithstanding the environment, and Judge Taft talked in the same spirit of goodfellowship that he has always shown.

Confident He Will Be Elected.
Judge Taft had little to say about his conferences with the president. When questioned on the point as to how he and the president viewed the situation after their full and frank talk, Mr. Taft, by way of answer, asked a question:

"Now, if you had visited a brother or other near relative after an absence of some time and had spent a day with him, talking over one thing and then another, do you suppose that at the end of the conversation you could give an accurate account of just what you had talked about? Or, if you could, would you do it? The president, I will say, is not a pessimist, as you all know."

"You are not, either, are you?"
"No, I am not. I believe I will be elected."

Judge Taft parried questions regarding his conversations with Secretary Root, Justice Moody and Senator Knox by saying that they had reviewed past associations in the cabinet. He said they had not discussed futures in the cabinet, however.

Taft at Newark.
NEWARK, N. J., Oct. 19.—Taft opened the New Jersey campaign in a speech here this morning. He was met by former Governor Franklin Murphy on his arrival. A large crowd greeted him at the station. His voice was improved by yesterday's rest, but it still is in bad condition. He will have to be careful during the rest of the campaign. He will speak at New Jersey and Delaware points today, Baltimore tonight. Tuesday he will tour West Virginia, Wednesday rest in Cincinnati. Thursday he will go to New York state.

NEWARK, Oct. 19.—Taft took breakfast with Gov. Murphy at the latter's home. Murphy introduced Taft to a big crowd at the theatre.

ROSEBUD LAND DRAWING IS ON

First Name Drawn Was May A. Metser of Kennebec, S. D., Who Will Get Her Choice of the Land.

USE SEALED ENVELOPES

Day Opened With Unfavorable Weather, Drizzling Rain, but the Big Tent Was Crowded.

DALLAS, S. D., Oct. 19.—The drawing in the Rosebud lands began here today. All applications were in sealed envelopes and put in a large tin box. The box will be opened on the platform before the people and the envelopes will be mixed, then drawn one at a time.

The day is gray and a drizzling rain is falling. The land seekers were early on the streets. The big tent in which the drawing occurred was filled early. Twenty-one cans full of applications are placed on a big platform, like a prize ring in the center. Several cameras photographed the view.

Thomas Call of Alaska, formerly of South Dakota, addressed the crowd while workmen removed the covers of the cans and scattered the envelopes about in a promiscuous heap on the stage.

May A. Metser, of Kennebec, S. D., was the first name drawn for the Rosebud lands.

Dema Rose and Virginia Wagner, both six years of age, were selected to make the drawing. Dema resisted the efforts to blindfold her. After a struggle it was announced owing to the nervousness of the girls not to punish them further. Dema picked first, a cheer greeting her. The other names drawn were:

B. Swift of Ponca, Neb.
E. Hannen of Meadow Grove, Neb.
Ott. Snyder of Mitchell, S. D.
Jacob Edwards of Wichita, Kan.
Samuel Anderson of Albert City, Iowa.
Homer Anderson of Mt. Vernon, S. D.
H. E. Clark, Girard, Kan.
C. P. Johnson of Decatur, Ill.

Other winners are:
Bert Tokle, Jacobs, Iowa.
W. A. Craig, Junction City, Kans.
John Foster, Creston, Neb.
S. K. Beghtol, Gottenberg, Neb.
Arthur W. Lamp, Rock Island, Ill.
T. N. Hutton, Pontiac, Ill.
J. M. Marshall, Arlington, Neb.

GOVERNOR DENEEN AT CARTHAGE TODAY

Executive of the State Stopped for Twenty Minutes and Delivered a Short Address.

[Special to The Gate City.]
CARTHAGE, Ill., Oct. 19.—Governor Charles S. Deneen of Illinois, stopped in Carthage this morning for twenty minutes while on a tour through the western part of the state and delivered a short address which was listened to by quite a crowd of people.

There were quite a number in the governor's party, including Congressman McKinley, Senator Berry, R. R. Wallace of Hamilton and others.

After a twenty minute stop here, the party left for Basco, West Point and other places.

Quite a number of people have already arrived in this city to be present at the court house dedication ceremonies, which take place tomorrow and Wednesday.

PAPER WORKERS REFUSE TO STRIKE

Had Only Hear-Say Evidence and Would Not Strike on Such Unsatisfactory Testimony.

BERLIN, N. H., Oct. 19.—Five hundred workmen in the Berlin paper mills refused to strike today as ordered. President Corey of the union declared the Berlin mills were furnishing paper to the International Paper company and demanded a strike.

The Berlin company denied the charge and the men refused to go out on hear-say evidence.

Wright Speaks for Taft.
WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—Secretary of War, Wright, a life long Democrat, speaks at New York tonight for Taft. It will be the first time a southern Democrat has invaded the north in the interest of a republican candidate for Presidency. Later he will speak before a Taft club at Richmond.



F IGURING ON THE ELECTIO N.

TRIED TO KILL CHICAGO PRIEST

200 Chicago Sunday School Children Witness an Attempt to Murder Father J. K. Fielding.

TWO SHOTS WERE FIRED

Wounded Divine Knocks Assailant From Vestibule—Probably Member of Anticlerical Society—Assailant Escaped.

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 19.—A desperate attempt to assassinate Rev. Father J. K. Fielding, president of the Gaelic Athletic association and one of the most prominent Roman Catholic divines in the city, was made in the vestibule of Corpus Christi church Sunday afternoon by a man believed to be a member of an anti-clerical society.

Two hundred Sunday school children, horror-stricken, watched the frenzied attack, the would-be assassin firing two shots at the priest. Screams of terror by the boys and girls attracted hundreds of passers-by to the church and in the general confusion the priest's assailant escaped.

It was only through the bravery of Father Fielding, who with his bare fists knocked his assailant out of the vestibule of the church, was a tragedy somewhat similar to that in Denver, six months ago, when Rev. Father Leo Hendrichs was shot down at the altar at St. Mary's church, averted.

WAS ACCUSED OF BEING A SPY

Servian Authorities Claim Australian a Spy and His Arrest Forces Critical Situation.

BELGRADE, Oct. 19.—An Austrian army officer was arrested today as a spy by the Servian authorities. The Austrian minister has demanded the man's release and threatened to call the Austrian gunboats stationed a few miles away to enforce his demands.

The situation is so serious many foreign residents are sending their families out of the city. The Servian authorities refuse to release the prisoner.

ABRUZZI'S MIND CHANGES OFTEN

Announced a Few Days Ago Engagement With Miss Elkins Broken, Now Says It Was Not Broken.

REASONS FOR CHANGE

Within Twenty-Four Hours After His Renunciation of Love For Miss Elkins He Decides to Disobey the King.

ROME, Oct. 19.—Within twenty-four hours of his renunciation of love for Miss Elkins, Duke Abruzzi decided to disobey the command of the king and today officially announced his engagement was not broken. The United Press correspondent was informed today the reason for the many conflicting stories concerning the affair. Recently King Emanuel told the Duke, his cousin, unless he could obtain the consent of his brothers, Duke Aosta, Count Turin, and Queen Margherita, the wedding would not be permitted. Realizing the hopelessness of trying to win their consent, the Duke announced the engagement would be broken. Within a few hours he concluded the separation was impossible and he would continue his suit even if it involved expatriation. The king reluctantly consented. The change was so sudden the royal family decided it best to deny any break of the alliance occurred.

Battleship Completes World Cruise.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Oct. 19.—The battleship Maine, the first of the Atlantic fleet to complete the cruise around the world, was docked at the Portsmouth navy yard this morning.

The Maine entered the lower bay at six o'clock this morning. It has been in communication with the command of the navy yard since yesterday evening. Tugs went to the shoals before daylight to help her in. For the first time, the wireless operator here was ordered not to give out the contents of the message that was received. It is understood that the ship will be here twenty one days in the dry dock at Kittery point. It will have its hull scraped.

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Governor Warner of Michigan Issues a Proclamation Asking For State Help For the Forest Fire Sufferers.

RAILROADS FREE HELP

Rushing Supplies Into the Stricken District by Special Trains For Which Railroads Make No Charge.

DETROIT, Oct. 19.—Gov. Warner today issued a proclamation calling on the people of the state to help the fire sufferers. Mass meetings will be held in the larger cities. Supplies will be rushed into the stricken districts of special trains furnished by the railroads, free. The total number of dead today is approximated at fifty, and four thousand are homeless.

Reports today from the fire district say shifting winds sent the flames back towards the districts already burned and are gradually burning themselves out. Considerable fire is about Rogers City, but it has passed the acute stage and the people believe it to be now out of danger.

NOT MUCH CHANCE OF A SETTLEMENT

Bulgaria Receives a Commission to Negotiate Adjustment of the International Dispute.

SOFIA, Oct. 19.—King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, today received a commission sent to Turkey to negotiate if possible the settlement of the international dispute. Little hope is entertained that the negotiations will succeed. The influence of other nations forced Bulgaria to receive the commission.

Russian Battleships Watch.
CRONSTADT, Oct. 19.—The Russian battleships, Czarevitch and Slava and the cruiser, Bagrovitch sailed today for Turkish waters to watch the developments between Turkey and Bulgaria.

"INDIAN JOE" WANTS 160 ACRES

Character in Mark Twain's Book "Tom Sawyer" Having Hard Time to Prove up.

HANNIBAL, Mo., Oct. 19.—Joseph Douglas, who is said to be the original "Indiana Joe" in Twain's book of "Tom Sawyer" is having a fight to secure a hundred and sixty acres of Cherokee strip. More than ninety friends on whom he relied to establish claim are dead.

JAPS WELCOME AMERICAN FLEET

Japanese Children Sing the American Anthem in Welcome to the Yankee Blue Jackets and the Fleet.

A MAGNIFICENT DISPLAY

Singing of the National Anthem Was a Distinct Compliment to America and Made the Heart Thrill.

YOKOHAMA, October 18.—Swelling above the booming of salute guns, the shrieks of steam sirens, the sharp blasts of guiding whistles and attendant noises that greeted the great white fleet of American battleships, came from the shores the strains of America sung by thousands of Japanese school children in welcome to the Yankee blue jackets.

Not even the magnificent display of official hospitality by Japanese dignitaries equalled this patriotic courtesy, and the heart of every American, civilian and sailor, within hearing thrilled as the beloved strains came floating over the harbor. To the sailors of the fleet did this particularly appeal, for they are patriotic, these Jack tars that are representing Uncle Sam's fighting ability to preserve peace in the greatest cruise ever attempted by any country. The singing of the national anthem was a distinct compliment to America, and they appreciated the generous courtesy of the little brown children.

The fleet rides safe at anchor in the harbor here today, though all of the sixteen huge vessels show the effects of the terrific typhoon they encountered off Luzon on October 12 and 13.

The ships show the tremendous battering of the waves, which is described by old officers as the worst they have even encountered. The Kearsarge, which got separated from the fleet, only picked up the others early this morning and is still undergoing repairs. Rear Admiral Sperry said immediately after anchoring that he was glad to arrive in Japan, and that he greatly appreciated the evidences of a sincere welcome, the arrangements for which appeared to be perfect.

The array of warships in the harbor is one of the grandest ever accomplished in one port. The American sea dogs in spotless white front the shore line, and behind them the somber gray-hulled men-of-war of the mikado lie as guards of honor, while in and out among the battle ships thousands of small craft, chartered by individuals and associations, gayly decorated in flags of the two nations, make their way.

The moment the fleet dropped anchor the admirals, in formal dress, hastened from the flagships of the various divisions to the flagship of the fleet, the Connecticut, which also was boarded by Japanese sub-ordinate officers who came to arrange details.

Shortly, the commander in chief and the other admirals, accompanied by their staffs, entered a motor boat and proceeded to the flagship Mikasa of the Japanese fleet to pay an official call upon Vice Admiral Sir Gero Ijima.

Admiral Ijima Calls on Sperry.
The Japanese admirals immediately returned the call. Vice Admiral Ijima resplendent with gold lace and magnificent decorations, was given a hearty welcome by Admiral Sperry on board of the Connecticut. After a brief visit the Japanese departed and as they went down the side the Japanese flag was broken out at the mainmast and the guns belched forth a salute.

A short time later Francis B. Loomis, formerly first assistant secretary of state and now the United States commissioner to the Tokio exposition, accompanied by Mrs. Loomis, Joan C. O'Laughlin and Mrs. O'Laughlin and Acting Consul General Babbitt, called upon Rear Admiral Sperry and paid their respects. They were given fifteen guns as they left the ships. In the meantime visits were exchanged between the captains of all the vessels.

Bryan Gets Excited.
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Oct. 19.—Bryan today charged the republicans were planning to buy the election and the recent Washington visit of Sheldon was for the purpose of arranging a corporation fund. He referred to Taft crediting the republican party with good crops instead of Almighty, Dolly, declaring God made the trusts and he should regulate them.

MRS. HAINS DENIES THE CONFESSION

Says It Was Secured While She Was Ill and After She Had Been Drugged and Dazed With Whiskey.

HER HUSBAND DOUBTED

Listened to the Report of Gossipers About Her Being the Mistress of Annis Which Provoked the Murder.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—Mrs. Peter Hains' document was made public today in the Supreme court records. The charges are that T. Jenkins Hains revenged himself because she repulsed his advances when her husband was away, by leading Capt. Hains charge of infidelity to murder Annis. The document submitted has connection with the divorce case. She charges the novelist with attempting to enter her room, declaring his intention to be revenged when he was repulsed. She declares she was forced by her husband and his lawyer to sign a confession while she was drugged. She denies the allegations of relations with Annis. The statement begins with a recital of the events when her husband suddenly appeared at Fort Hamilton from Frisco and accused her with being Annis' mistress.

The statement declared Hains doubts were removed upon his return from Frisco. The captain, his wife and Annis were in an auto party and Annis and the Captain were unusually friendly. The statement says Hains was not shown the letter from his brother arousing suspicion on the night of the auto ride nor referred to the matter. Next day he visited his father and returned in an excited condition saying he had seen his brother and he still believed his wife the mistress of Annis. He declares that at the time he was so ill he did not know what to say. Gen. Hains called the following day and the husband repeated the charges. The Captain swore to kill Annis on sight. Later in the afternoon T. Jenkins, with a lawyer named Bennett, called on his wife and compelled her to answer their questions. She was so ill she did not recall what was said. She says: "I do remember they became very angry and put me in another room. T. Jenkins entered and coaxed me to drink some whiskey and brace up. Then I was more dazed. I returned to the parlor and signed the paper, following their orders."

It is stated that it is believed this confession is the one alleged to be attributed to her.

ROOSEVELT TO BE WITH OUTLOOK

New York Times Says He is to be Associate Editor of Magazine.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—The Times today says Roosevelt will become associate editor of the Outlook Magazine on his retirement from the presidency and his return from Africa. The Times declared the contract had already been signed and he is to assume a place with Dr. Lyman Abbott.

TROLLEY CARS DASH DOWN HILL

Kansas City Electric Line Has a Collision Fatal in Effect When Brakes Refused to Work.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 19.—A car refusing to obey the brakes, dashing down a hill and colliding with an approaching car, on the trolley Troost Avenue line, today caused the wreck of three cars in which a man was killed, and twenty-four persons, including several of the best known Kansas City men were injured.

I. P. Smith of Nevada, Iowa, while visiting his son was instantly killed by the car called the "Bankers' Special" on account of the business men passengers at that hour. Among the injured are W. P. Portland, the democratic nominee for congress; Denton Dimm, the republican candidate for judge; Frank B. Sebree, a lawyer, and Mortimer Platt, a broker. After colliding at the bottom of the hill, the cars continued their flight, striking a third car at Thirteenth street. All were derailed.

British Aeroplane Smashed.
LONDON, Oct. 16.—The British army aeroplane testing at Aldershot today fell 20 feet, and was destroyed. Col. Cody, the inventor, was severely injured.