

TAFT WAS PRIMED FOR HIS ANSWER TO BRYAN'S FLASH

Got Roosevelt's Ear, Then Shot Off Burrows Letters in Reply to 'Will You Join Me?'

WASHINGTON, May 25.—When Secretary Taft reached his office to-day he found a number of newspaper men charged with inquiry as to what answer he intended to return to the invitation from William J. Bryan to join in an effort to secure the enactment of a bill requiring publication of campaign contributions. The Secretary replied that he had not seen any communication from Mr. Bryan on this subject, and in fact it was several hours later before the telegram reached him as follows:

"I beg to suggest, as leading candidate in our respective parties, we join in asking Congress to pass a bill requiring publication of campaign contributions prior to election. If you think best, we can ask other candidates to unite with us in the request."

(Signed) W. J. BRYAN.

Secretary Taft had meanwhile, and before he had received this communication, had a talk with the President at the White House, so that he was prepared immediately upon his return to the War Department to give out for publication his answer as follows:

"Your telegram received. On April 30 last I sent the following letter to the Chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections of the Senate:

"My Dear Mr. Burrows: I sincerely believe that it would greatly tend to the absence of corruption in politics if the expenditures for nomination and election of all candidates and all contributions received and expenditures made by political committees could be made public, both in respect to State and national politics. For that reason I am strongly in favor of the passage of the bill which is now pending in the senate and House bringing about this result so far as national politics are concerned. I mark this letter as 'sensible' because I am anxious to avoid assuming an attitude in the campaign which it is quite possible I shall never have the right to assume, but so far as my personal influence is concerned I am anxious to give it for the passage of the bill. Very sincerely yours,

"WILLIAM H. TAFT."

"Since writing the above in answer to Henry I have said publicly that I hoped such a bill would pass."

"W. H. TAFT"

BALLOT BOXES IN HEARST SUIT OPEN TO-MORROW

Mayor McClellan's Lawyers Fail in Their Efforts to Block Recount.

Mayor McClellan's lawyers failed to-day in their efforts to block a recount of votes in the Hearst contest for the Mayoralty. Five ballot boxes will be produced to-morrow and the actual recount will begin.

When Justice Lambert resumed the hearing of the case to-day he directed John J. Dooling, President of the Board of Elections, to produce the ballot boxes used in the Second Election District of the Sixth Assembly District. In this he overruled the objection made yesterday to the opening of the boxes.

Then an effort was made to obtain a stay for the purpose of taking that branch of the case up on appeal, but that, too, was denied.

Then Mr. Shearn demanded that the boxes be produced forthwith and that a Hearst representative be designated to accompany the ballot boxes in transit between the Manhattan Storage Warehouse and the court. Justice Lambert designated Lieut. Ward, who had charge of the police at the trial.

The next thing was to engage a truck to bring the boxes. There was a lot of telephoning and while it was going on John J. Dooling walked in and announced that he was ready to produce all the ballot-boxes called for, but he asked for twenty-four hours' notice, as the boxes needed must be hunted up and dug out of the heaps of boxes in storage.

This was granted and Mr. Shearn made-up a list of five boxes for to-morrow and ten for the next day. Those which will be opened to-morrow are from the Second Election District of Newark; the Seventh, Eighth and Tenth from Florio Sullivan's Eighth Assembly District, and the Government from Sheriff Tom Foley's Second Assembly District, and to-morrow will bring a mighty array of the forces of

the Sulkvans and Big Tom Foley to court. Early in the day there was a move that may prevent Mr. Hearst from taking his contemplated trip to Europe.

"It has come to my knowledge over night," said Mr. Richards, acting for Mayor McClellan, "that Mr. Hearst intends to sail for Europe to-morrow. Now, although I have to need for his presence here just now, I do not know when I shall need to call him. If there is any one in court who can give me assurance that he will be here when wanted I shall let it go at that. I do not want to put Mr. Hearst to any inconvenience, but I think that he should be here when

wanted. Mr. Hearst has made the statement himself that he would sail. I desire to examine him on some points."

There was a dead silence. Mr. Shearn, Mr. Hearst's personal and devoted counsel, had left the courtroom to telephone to Mr. Dooling. Mr. Dolson said nothing.

The silence was becoming oppressive when it was suddenly broken by the sturdy county judge on the bench. "I do not know Mr. Hearst or anything about this matter," said Justice Lambert. "I have never seen him. If I were an attorney I think I would subpoena him if I wanted him here."

In another ten seconds two process-servers hurried out of court with subpoenas for William Randolph Hearst.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD Bulletin.

MEMORIAL DAY AT THE SHORE.

Memorial Day, May 30, marks the opening of the Summer season at the great seashore resorts of the New Jersey Coast. Occurring this year on Saturday, thousands will avail themselves of the opportunity of visiting one of the forty pleasure places which line the one hundred and twenty-five miles of ocean beach.

Asbury Park and Long Branch will be especially attractive on Memorial Day. The entire beach front at Asbury Park will be illuminated at night by thousands of incandescent lights. There will be fine band concerts in the Arcade, a high-class theatrical entertainment at the Casino; all the boat docks on Deal Lake will be opened and surf bathing will be inaugurated.

Long Branch will have a special G. A. R. celebration, with a street parade in the morning and a patriotic address in the afternoon. Bicycle races will be held at Manasquan.

An elaborate celebration will be held at Wildwood. There will be a big parade, a May Pole dance on the beach, the launching of the floral boat in honor of dead naval heroes, and a big baseball game. Sea Isle City will hold a similar celebration. Ocean City will celebrate the day more quietly but not the less delightfully.

Atlantic City and Cape May will be important points of interest for Memorial Day parties. The delights of these two resorts are too well known to need description. All the Summer pleasures will be inaugurated.

The Pennsylvania Railroad affords direct and convenient service to all of these resorts. Increased service to and from Long Branch and Asbury Park under the early summer schedule has been recently established. To Atlantic City through trains leave New York at 9.55 A. M., 2.55 P. M. week-days; 1.25 P. M. Saturdays only; 7.55 A. M. Sundays. Connecting trains for Cape May leave New York 7.25 A. M. week-days, 12.10 A. M. Sundays. Time tables may be obtained of any Ticket Agent.

For Tomorrow, May 27---John Wanamaker

Don't Desert Your FURS During the Summer

It is downright cruelty to leave your valuable furs to the tender mercies of a hot attic or cupboard during the Summer. It may be even more dangerous to store them in a place about which you know nothing. HEAT dries them out, hardens the skin, ruins the lustre. MOTHS can do them irreparable damage in a short time. DAMPNESS from leaky pipes is a frequent source of danger. FIRE and THIEVES leave nothing but vain regrets. Your furs will be free from all these perils in

The Wanamaker Pure Dry-Air COLD STORAGE

A temperature of 15 to 20 degrees above zero is constantly maintained in this modern, fireproof vault. Dust and dampness are absolutely lacking in the pure dry air constantly circulating. Each garment hangs free and clear of any other, and can be removed at a moment's notice.

COME and SEE for YOURSELF— You Need Not Take Any Chances

The Summer months are the best time in which to do repairing and remodeling. We do this in expert fashion, in our own factory, before storing the furs—ready for you in the Autumn. Our wagon will call for your furs on receipt of a postal card from you.

Fur Storage, Eleventh floor, New Building
Fur Storage Desk, Third floor, Old Building.

The Superb Parisienne Corsets Special at \$5

The makers of the Parisienne have designed this fine model for us to sell at \$5, so that women may, without great outlay, test the many merits of these splendid corsets. If imported from Europe they would cost twice as much. Although made in America, they are the product of French corset makers who gained their skill in Paris, where corset making is an art—therefore it is, that this fashionable model at \$5, has the beauty of contour, correctness of line and plant grace of French models costing much more.

Made of imported coutil and batiste. They follow the prevailing modes and are especially designed to give the slenderness demanded by certain styles approved by fashion. Our expert fitters will assist in selecting and fitting models perfectly suited to the figure. \$5 each.

Fourth floor, Old Bldg.



The "Parisienne Corset," \$5

Now Begins the Reign of The Men's Serge Suit

What is the Summer suit that every man knows he ought to own? Blue Serge. What is the coolest looking, neatest, and really most serviceable Summer suit? Blue Serge. No wonder it's popular; that all sorts and conditions of blue serge are sold; that every now and then you get a bad bargain. But not at WANAMAKER'S. WE ARE SERGE SPECIALISTS. We know what good serge is; see that we get it, and have it made up properly. No shrinking, or pulling, or changing color. WE GUARANTEE OUR SERGE SUITS—so sure are we of them.

\$15, \$16.50, \$18, \$20, \$22.50, \$25, \$28 and \$30

We have them this year in fancy effects—they are replacing the fancy worsteds. Plenty in black serge, too. Better get yours before Decoration Day.

Main floor, New Building.

Women's Imported Lace Coats

Lace Coats still lead in the fashion race. Your choice is easy here, because Wanamaker assortments are unrivaled in beauty and variety of styles. Incoming steamers are constantly replenishing our stocks with models designed by the best coat artists of Europe. Two of the groups offer lace coats at ONE-THIRD to more THAN HALF below their regular value:

At \$20, regularly \$30—Of black lace elaborately applied in braid; neck and bottom of coat finished with accordion-plaited chiffon; front trimmed with ribbon stole effect; lined throughout with soft silk; 33 inches long.

At \$25—A stylish coat of black lace; large elbow sleeves finished inlaid taffeta; kimono sleeves; neck, sleeves and bottom of coat with accordion-plaited silk; lined throughout with taffeta silk.

At \$30—A pretty model of black lace, beautifully applied with trimmed with plaited silk.

Also at \$10, regularly \$25—A limited number of rich imported Lace Coats, in champagne color; stylish hip-length models; large sleeves; lined throughout with taffeta silk.

Third floor, Old Building.

Boys' Play Suits at \$1

"Boys will be boys," but if parents will put them into these play suits they need not worry about them. Stout, well made, comfortable suits of tan khaki cotton, in regulation military blouse style, with long trousers that boys can play around in to their heart's content without danger of spoiling them. Sizes 3 to 12 years. Caps to match. \$1 a suit.

Boys' Washable Trousers at \$1

Cool Summer trousers in bloomer or knickerbocker style, of duck or khaki, linen and crash. Sizes for 6 to 16 years. \$1 a pair.

Main floor, New Building.

The Wanamaker Optical Goods Store

Is prepared to fill orders for eyeglasses in the most careful and satisfactory manner.

EXPERT OPTICIANS

Will Test Your Eyes Without Charge

If the advice of a physician is desirable we will so inform you.

We fill oculists' prescriptions and do repair work promptly, and at moderate charges, in our shop on the premises.

Main floor, Old Building.

Last Hints from The May WHITE SALE

This is the last call to you from the May White Sale, but bear in mind that up to the last minute you will find a satisfactory variety in all sorts of dainty undermuslin, at the lowest prices consistent with the fine quality of the garments.

We emphasize in this last notice several groups of well-made, handsomely trimmed chemises and drawers, very inexpensively priced.

Chemises

At \$1—Nainsook; embroidered yoke, ribbon-run eyelets; or with hemstitched ruffles. Good style for slender figures.

At \$1.50—Nainsook; yoke of lace and embroidery; or embroidered yoke, lace-trimmed, and with heading and ribbon. Skirt finished with lace-edged ruffle.

At \$2—Lawn; puff sleeves, trimmed with heading, run with ribbon; hemstitched ruffle on skirt. Of nainsook, trimmed with medallions, lace, heading and ribbon. Also Empire style, front of lace insertions. Skirt length, trimmed with lace-edged ruffle.

Drawers

At 45c—Cambric; lawn ruffle; hemstitched plait.

At 75c—Cambric; ruffle, plait and scalloped embroidery; ruffle of embroidery; or trimmed with hemstitched plait and lace edge.

At \$1—Cambric or nainsook; ruffle of embroidery; or lawn ruffle, lace-trimmed.

At \$1.50—Nainsook or cambric; ruffle of handsome embroidery and plait above; or with circular lace ruffle, veining and ribbon bow.

Fourth floor, Old Building.

A Holiday Coming Are You Well Shod for It?

Tan Shoes for country outings. White Shoes for the beginning of the yachting season. Tennis Shoes, Golf Shoes, Shoes for the piazza. Slippers and Pumps for the Decoration Day dance. All here, for grown-ups and little folks. Special emphasis on TANS:

For Women—\$2, \$3, \$3.90, \$5.
For Men—\$3, \$3.90, \$5.
For Children—\$1 to \$4, according to size. Also Barefoot Sandals, at \$1.25 to \$2.

Men's and Boys' Shoes, Main floor, New Building.
Women's and Girls' Shoes, Main floor, Old Building.

Women's Calfskin Belts at 35c

Smart, effective Belts for women's Summer wear, neatly made of calfskin. Belts that have regularly sold at 75c; now at the specially attractive price of 35c each. In white, tan, brown, gray, navy blue, red, pink and light blue, also black patent leather. Backs fitted with stitched back-piece and harness buckle.

Main floor, Old Building.

Women's \$5 to \$7 Hats, \$2.50

This assortment of fresh, pretty trimmed hats shows a marked variety of shapes, styles and colors, at the reduced price of \$2.50. Some are stylish shirt-waist hats, others are more dressy. Any one of these smart \$5 to \$7 hats now \$2.50, will help to save your "best" hat.

Royal Salon, Third floor, Old Bldg.

Women's Hosiery & Underwear

Stockings and Vests of precisely the qualities and weights that women most want for Summer wear, at a quarter to a third less than they could be regularly bought for outside of the Wanamaker Store. Examples of very complete stock:

Women's 38c Stockings at 25c a Pair
Fast black lisle thread, with openwork ankles in pretty design.

Women's 50c Stockings, 35c pair; three pairs, \$1
Black mercerized lisle thread, in gauze or light weight. Black lisle thread, with openwork or embroidered ankles.

Women's 38c Vests at 25c Each
Of fine ribbed white cotton, low neck and sleeves, lace-trimmed in pretty designs.

Main floor, Old Building.

2nd Century COWPERTHWAIT & SONS

East 125th St. near Park Avenue
Park Row near Chatham Sq.

Summer Necessities and some are not—but all are mighty useful in hot weather and very moderate in price.

And our credit system is most liberal—\$100 worth at the rate of \$1.50 per week or \$6 per month—sales of any amount in proportion.

10% discount to those who prefer to pay cash.

Special Lot of Go-Carts

Every one knows this style of folding cart. It is selling everywhere at from \$6.50 up. We bought a close-out lot at auction, and are selling the three grades only a few cents above wholesale cost.

\$4.89—\$5.65—\$6.35

Other Baby Carriages and Perambulators up to \$50.00.

Porch Rocker, \$1.98

This Rocker is finished in white, red or green. It is substantial and comfortable; regular \$3 value. Reed, Wicker, Grass and Rattan goods. Tables, Chairs, Rockers, 98c to \$25. Also "Crex" and "Cocoz" Matting for the veranda.

White Enamel Iron Bed, \$6.75

Formerly \$9.75. This and several others have been reduced to close out remaining odd sizes. Good styles, good values. Not many left.

Beds and bedroom furniture in enormous variety.

Cowperthwait Sanitary Bedding is the best Health Insurance—especially in hot weather. It costs no more than the ordinary kinds.

"Polar Star" Freezer, 75c

Hot weather is coming, and you'll want cold food. This is the newest ice cream freezer on the market. Cheapest, quickest, simplest, easiest and cleanest. 2-quart size, \$1.00. Also the "Gem Freezer," in 9 sizes, from 1 quart at \$1.49 to 14 quarts at \$8.75.

Special Refrigerator, \$10.75

This is one of our exclusive styles. The removable galvanized iron shelves and compartments make it most convenient as well as easiest to clean. Of well finished hardwood.

Others in a large assortment of sizes, styles and prices.

Summer Floor Coverings

3x6 "Crex" Porch Rugs	\$1.15	Heavy China Matting	17
6x9 "Crex" Porch Rugs	4.40	Extra China Matting usually 45, now	29
9x12 "Crex" Porch Rugs	8.75	Olefinolts at	33, 50 and 82
6x9 Reversible Barodas	5.25	Linoleums at	39, 50 and 70
9x12 Wiltons	37.50	Cocoa Rugs and Matting	
10x12 Velvets	29.00	Art Squares, various kinds, from	\$4.90

Also Smyrnas, Tudors, Axminster, Astorias, Brussels, Ingrains, Tapestries, Savonneries. All kinds of Rugs and Carpets. Cool Summer colors. All sizes and all prices.

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Furniture for every kind of room in every kind of Home. Things that are cool and comfortable in hot weather, as well as the substantial, every-day household goods.

Cash or Liberal Credit
Everything for Housekeeping

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Sale of BICYCLES

At \$15—Without Coaster Brake and \$18.50—With Coaster Brake

Sixty in all—Men's, Women's, Boys', Girls'. Mostly 1907 wheels; some older. All our regular stock of bicycles, including,

Continental that were \$20 and \$25 Barnes that were \$25
Continental that were \$25 and \$30 Juveniles that were \$18.50 to \$25

All in perfect condition, except for surface scratches from having remained in stock. All offered tomorrow at \$15 and \$18.50, according to whether they are coaster brake or not. This is our annual clean-up—the bargain chance will not be repeated this season. All sizes to start. THE BIGGEST PRIZES WILL GO FIRST.

Sporting Goods Store, Main floor, New Building.