

TAFT REPLY TO DEFI IS WAR CHALLENGE

Would Wipe Secretary or Foraker Off Boards.

MAKES ROOSEVELT ISSUE

Ohio Editor Said to Speak on Brother's Authority.

No Second Honors in Primary Contest Proposed by Senator's Opponent—Means Expression of Ohio's Choice for President in Next Republican National Convention—Opposition to Roosevelt Heavy Load.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Cincinnati, Ohio, March 30.—Senator Foraker's challenge to Secretary Taft, and the valued attack on President Roosevelt in his statement demanding primaries to decide the Presidential and Senatorial situation in Ohio, has met with a ringing response.

This afternoon Charles P. Taft, the brother of Secretary Taft, issued a definition of Foraker, which means a war of extermination.

Taft or Foraker must be wiped off the political map as a result of the acceptance of the challenge, and Ohio is to be the battle ground of one of the fiercest fights ever known in the political history of this country.

Roosevelt in the Fight. The Cincinnati editor is careful to bring out in his reply to Foraker that the fight is not alone between the Senator and the Cabinet officer, but that President Roosevelt stands with Taft.

Up to this time Roosevelt has not permitted himself to be drawn into the controversy as directly as this, but unless he repudiates the last paragraph of the statement issued to-day he will be as much a participant as Taft himself. Following is the statement:

"Senator Foraker's statement indicates that he is running for the Presidency and for the Senatorship. The friends of Secretary Taft are urging him for the Presidency. As the Senator has included the two offices in this primary contest, Secretary Taft's friends accept the proposition and will make it a distinct contest; Taft for the Presidency or Senatorship, or Foraker for the Presidency or Senatorship."

"If the Republicans of Ohio, by their votes at the primaries, indicate that they prefer Foraker for the Presidency or Senatorship, Secretary Taft is eliminated from the political situation. If the people of Ohio indicate Secretary Taft for the Presidency or Senatorship, Senator Foraker is eliminated from the political situation in Ohio."

"This is a direct contest between the friends of the administration of President Roosevelt and his friends. We are willing to submit it to the Republican voters of Ohio, and the sooner the better."

(Signed) CHARLES P. TAFT.

Matter of National Importance. Foraker's set the politicians buzzing, but this answer from the Taft camp has roused interest in the contest to a boiling pitch. The matter is of national importance, of course, because in whatever form the contest is held it will decide whether Ohio shall go into next year's national Republican convention with united or broken forces in support of a favorite son.

Under the Taft plan, if it should be accepted by Foraker, there would be no second honors in the race. Each man would stake all his political fortunes on the contest, and the loser would be down and out for all time. It is assumed that Editor Taft has absolute authority to speak for his brother. It is believed that Secretary Taft, when he landed on the Isthmus to-day, received a cablegram putting him in possession of every development since he was called, and that Editor Taft's deed was then O. K.'d by the big Secretary.

What Victory or Defeat Means. In case Foraker should win both Senatorship and Presidential endorsement, he would have the Senatorship as a certainty, providing, of course, the Republicans control the legislature, and the support of Ohio for the Presidency.

If Taft won, he could take the Presidential nomination, if he won in the national convention, and in case of defeat for the Presidency fall back on the Senatorship, or indicate a man who represents his policies. It is believed that Taft has no personal ambition to be Senator, and that, if defeated for the Presidency, he would either go on the Supreme Court bench or retire to Cincinnati to practice. If elected President, he would be in a position to name the next Senator from Ohio.

Foraker, in his challenge, showed that he had taken an irrevocable step, and the reply to his defiance, indicates that the opposition will give no mercy. It is evident that no quarter will be asked. Foraker is too well known a fighter to ever back down for mercy. He will go down fighting, and the betting already is that he has lost. His hostility to President Roosevelt is considered too great a handicap for any man, even though he has control of the party machinery of his State.

KILLS GIRL AND SELF.

Texas Youth Commits Crime, but Motive Is Not Known. Dallas, Tex., March 30.—A case of murder and suicide came to light to-day when the dead bodies of Bertie Balkum and Edward Patrick were discovered on a road near Cold Springs. Miss Balkum had been shot through the chest and head, while Patrick had a bullet hole in his head, his right hand clutching a revolver.

Miss Balkum was the daughter of E. D. Balkum, formerly district clerk of San Jacinto County, while Patrick was employed at Cold Springs. No cause for the crime is known.

Richard Croker's Niece Dead. New York, March 30.—Miss Florence Franklin Croker, nineteen years old, favorite niece of Richard Croker, is dead, at her home in Brooklyn. News of the death has been sent to the former Tammany leader.

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TAFT IN CANAL ZONE

Secretary of War Visits the President of Panama.

DINES AT AMERICAN LEGATION

Present Plans of Party Are to Leave Isthmus for Cuba and Porto Rico Next Thursday—Speaker Cannon Makes Tour of Inspection of Havana—Andrew White Not Sick.

Panama, March 30.—Secretary Taft paid an official visit to President Amador this afternoon. He dined to-night at the American Legation. To-morrow morning he will make a special visit to Taboga Island, twelve miles from Panama.

On Tuesday night there will be a reception in his honor at President Amador's residence. The present intention is for the party to leave Thursday for Cuba and Porto Rico, but they may be delayed until Saturday.

Taft Party at Colon. Colon, March 30.—The United States dispatch boat Mayflower arrived here early this morning from Charleston with Secretary Taft and his party on board. On landing they were welcomed by Chief Engineer Stevens, Dr. Gorgan, the chief sanitary officer; General Manager Bled, of the Panama Railroad, and others, and took a special train for Panama. The voyage was uneventful, and all the members of the party are enjoying good health.

The Hotel Tivoli, at Ancon, will be Mr. Taft's headquarters during his stay on the Isthmus.

Cannon Inspects Havana.

Havana, March 30.—Speaker Cannon and the other members of the Congressional party visiting here started out early this morning and saw about everything in Havana. Maj. Slocum, of the regular army, took them to Morro Castle and the Cabana fortress. Then they boarded a launch and sailed around the wreck of the Maine. They went on board the cruiser Bluecher, where Congressman McKinley gave a luncheon. A Cuban artillery band accompanied the party aboard. This afternoon they went about the city in automobiles and visited the largest cigar factory. Speaker Cannon was the recipient of a number of cigars. Then the party took dinner with Minister Morgan at the American Legation. Later they saw a game of jai alai.

Ultimate Ownership Inevitable. Mr. Cannon apparently enjoyed every minute. He was not inclined to discuss the situation, not wishing to comment upon the administration's policy. The members of the party, however, seem to think that ultimate ownership by the United States is inevitable.

Mr. Cannon and Gov. Magoon conferred for two hours this afternoon on Cuban conditions. The steamer Bluecher, with the party aboard, will sail for Nassau to-morrow morning.

The story printed in the Havana papers that Andrew White, of the McKinley party, is seriously ill, is not true. Mr. White says he never felt better in his life. Speaker Cannon met his Waterloo to-day. Somebody gave him a cigar which he admitted was too long to smoke. A hand played at the Palace yesterday in honor of Speaker Cannon. This was the first time a hand ever played on such an occasion on Good Friday.

JOHN D.'S CURE-ALLS ON SALE.

Refuses to Pay Duty on Hair Restorer and Dyspasia Cure. New York, March 30.—John D. Rockefeller's would-be hair restorer and would-be dyspasia cure, sent to him by cranks who had the restoration of his health at heart, and on which the oil king refused to pay duty, will go under the hammer at the appraiser's store Monday.

The hair restorer was sent to John D. from Berlin and guaranteed a luxuriant growth of hair two feet long and a full set of whiskers if the contents of the bottle was used; while the cure for dyspasia was forwarded by a Scotchman from Edinburgh, who advised the oil magnate to take one lozenge and cure his indigestion. But John D. would not pay the duty on the articles, hence the sale.

DOLLAR BILL HAS MESSAGE.

Last of \$47,000 Lost in Wall Street Saved as Souvenir. Oil City, Pa., March 30.—Charles A. Newton, a Warren County grocer, came into possession of a dollar bill to-day that seemed like an echo of the recent disastrous slump in Wall street.

Across its back is: The last of \$47,000, mostly lost in Wall street, in Union Pacific. Reading, St. Paul, Northern Pacific and a few others.

The grocer will frame the bill as a souvenir.

Southern Railway Announces.

Discontinuance of Its Southern's Palm Limited for the season, last train leaving Washington southbound, April 5.

Libbey & Co., 6th st. and New York ave.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia and Maryland—Partly cloudy and cooler to-day; to-morrow, fair; light northwest to north winds.

HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

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SPORTING.

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MRS. EDDY'S SON EXPLAINS.

George Glover Makes Statement Concerning Institution of Suit.

Declares Action No Reflection Upon His Mother, Her Writings, or Christian Science.

Deadwood, S. D., March 30.—George Glover, son of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, to-night gave out the following signed statement in regard to his suit now pending against his mother's cabinet.

"Never, until the commencement of the present action, did I contemplate any suit or proceeding of any kind in which my mother might be in any way concerned. When my daughter Mary and I visited her at Concord there was no quarrel, nor at any other time. This suit, as has been stated, is not brought against mother; it is brought for her and in her behalf, and in no way is it any reflection or attack upon her or any of her writings, or upon the Christian Science or its members. Only once have I ever asked my mother for money, and on that occasion she gave it to me willingly, refusing to consider it a loan."

Glover's statement was brought forth by the statement credited to Attorney James P. Wilson, of Denver, formerly legal adviser of Mrs. Eddy's son. His charges are startling, and have caused a large sensation among the friends of Glover, as well as members of the Christian Science faith.

Attorney Wilson, among other things, speaks of a "desire to break down the growing power of the church and make it appear ridiculous in the eyes of the world" as a possible motive of the suit, and he also charges that Glover's wish for money to operate his big cinema in that State and his mania for lawsuits might have promoted the action.

THREATEN OPEN SHOP.

Brewers at St. Louis Issue Ultimatum to Striking Workmen. St. Louis, March 30.—At a conference of the St. Louis Brewers' Association, including the entire twenty-three breweries in St. Louis, East St. Louis, and Granite City, late this afternoon, it was decided to declare an open shop in all the breweries on Monday morning unless the strikers returned to work by that time. A telegram to that effect was sent to the international executive committee of the Brotherhood of Brewery Workers. The brewery bosses insist that the troubles between themselves and their employees will be arbitrated, according to an agreement entered into by the unions years ago. As a counter move, it is said, breweries in other cities will be placed under boycott should they attempt to ship their product into St. Louis.

Hails Reduction of Rates.

Montgomery, Ala., March 30.—Judge Thomas Jones, of the United States Court, by a restraining order issued to-day, has temporarily prevented the State from reducing the passenger fares from 3 to 2 1/2 cents and from classifying and naming the rates on the different articles of traffic.

International Christian Endeavor.

Seattle, Wash., July 10 to 15. Most attractive trip on all-expense plan. For particulars see Edward Tarring, 730 Bond Bldg.

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COMET HOAX SCARES

Texans Hear That City of London Is Burned.

PEOPLE PREPARE FOR END

Joker Sends Bulletin to Austin Newspapers, Which Get Ready to Issue Extras When Meteor Begins Destruction in America—Temperature 114 Is Startling Report.

Austin, Tex., March 30.—Newspaper bulletins dated London and signed "Great Eastern Press" were received by telegraph here this morning saying that the Matteucci comet was devastating that side of the world, and that it would reach the United States to-day. The bulletins were posted by the local evening newspapers, and caused intense excitement. The first bulletin read:

"The tail of great Matteucci comet is now brushing the side of the earth's surface, showing in its wake myriads of shooting stars and falling meteors. Temperature has rapidly risen to 114 in the shade. Great damage resulting, including fires. People are panic stricken, and great confusion prevails. The earth's surface will be destroyed in parts, and the escape of our planet has been miraculous. The showers of meteors will reach the United States about 11:30 a. m."

Following this bulletin came another saying that London was burning. Great crowds of people gathered around the bulletin board, and few expressed doubt as to the truth of the reports. As the time approached for the comet to reach this side of the water, there was a general surging toward home by business men, laborers, and others.

All wanted to be prepared for the dire calamity that was at hand. The negroes were terrified. Many of them gathered in the churches and prayed to be spared from death.

The local newspapers were preparing to get out extra editions containing the startling bulletins, when advices were received that the reports were probably a hoax. The telegraph company made an investigation and discovered that the bulletins were from some Eastern place and were relayed in Dallas this morning.

GOLD TO END RACE SUICIDE.

Nebraska Man Plans to Make Babies Popular in His County.

Fifty Dollars for Each Baby and \$100 for Every Couple Married There.

Special to The Washington Herald.

North Platte, Nebr., March 30.—Mr. Roseman, a retired cattleman of McPherson County, who has accumulated a large fortune, and has no wife or children to bestow it upon, has devised a unique plan for increasing the population of the county, which is very sparsely settled.

Roseman proposes to give \$50 in gold to every baby born in the county, and \$100 in gold to every couple married in it.

The \$50 will be given in trust to the parents of the baby as soon as satisfactory proof of its birth within the county is furnished him, and the \$100 will be given the husband and wife as soon as satisfactory proof of their marriage in the county is furnished him.

Mr. Roseman believes that his plan of giving money to babies born and to women married within his boundary will have a tendency not only to increase the number of children in families already residing in McPherson County, but to stimulate immigration to the county, which is capable of supporting many more people than now live in it.

BEAR AT LARGE IN OYSTER BAY.

Roosevelt's Home Town Tries to Lasso Real Live Bear.

Oyster Bay, March 30.—A big, dark-brown bear, owned by Bradford Weeks and his brother Harold, who have quarters on West Main street, got loose to-night. He was kept chained to a stump on the Weeks brothers' premises.

In the evening the bear broke his chain and made for an unusually tall tree in front of the house. It took a very short time for the whole village to learn that the bear was loose.

Several attempts were made to lasso the bear, but failed. The bear finally became hungry and descended from the tree and entered his den, which had been placed near the tree.

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Lumber trust broken—Libbey & Co.

Baltimore and Return \$1.25.

Baltimore and Ohio R. R. Every Saturday and Sunday. All trains, 50¢, 75¢, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$7.50, \$8.00, \$8.50, \$9.00, \$9.50, \$10.00.

Alabama Flooring, mostly edge grain.

MRS. WHITE NOT IN DEBT.

Widow of Slain Architect Denies Sale of Art Treasures.

Boston, March 30.—Mrs. Stanford White to-day gave the first interview she has submitted to since the killing of her husband by Harry Thaw. By inference she denied the reports that White was greatly in debt to the firm of architects with which he was connected at the time of his death. It was noticeable that throughout the interview neither the name of her husband nor that of Thaw was mentioned by Mrs. White, except once, when Thaw's name was put to her directly.

Mrs. White explained that she is not reading the newspapers, and is keeping herself aloof from anything connected with the Thaw trial. Later, when asked if she did not find it hard to part with her art treasures, she said:

"I do not care to talk of that. If they are sold they will give pleasure to others at least. They are not sold to pay debts, but because I want to dispose of them. If there were debts, they would be paid."

THREE DIE IN NIAGARA.

Workman Drowns in Accident and Two End Lives.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., March 30.—Three persons have been swept over Niagara Falls within the past twenty-four hours. Shortly before noon to-day an unknown workman was seen to lose his footing and fall into the river while running a boom of logs.

Late last evening a Japanese, T. Tamai, leaped into the river from the outermost of the Three Sister Islands and was carried over Horseshoe Fall.

About the same time an unknown woman jumped into the stream at Prospect Point.

FIGHT TO SUCCEED DOWIE.

Voliva and Gen. Lewis Each Seek to Control Zion.

Former Held to Be Too Conservative—Several Thousands Look for the Old Days.

Chicago, March 30.—A battle for a kingdom, the temporal and spiritual leadership of the sect founded by John Alexander Dowie, promising more pyrotechnical features than the most exciting chapters of the dead prophet's career, is being played in Zion City by the opposing forces of Dowie and Voliva.

Gen. John A. Lewis, believed to have been named in a will by Dowie as successor to the title of Elijah III, first apostle of the Christian Catholic Church, arrived to-day from Mexico. The religious frenzy of the formative days of Zion appears to be returning among Dowie's followers, many of whom regard the arrival of Lewis as a divine inspiration.

A great defection from Voliva's support is said to be taking place, as the people are not satisfied with his conduct of affairs. If Gen. Lewis combines the dictatorial force of his predecessor with ability to preserve with the world at large the religious and financial integrity of his peculiar constituency, a noble career awaits him.

There are several thousand people in Zion City who need the direction of some such a leader. They want fireworks as Dowie gave them. If they get them they will be satisfied. Voliva is said to have been too staid, too conservative.

There are likely to be some dramatic and pathetic displays of hysteria in the neighborhood of Zion City when the conflict opens.

BONILLA IS SURROUNDED.

Nicaraguan Troops Closing In on Honduran Vassalage President.

San Jose, Costa Rica, March 30.—President Bonilla, of Honduras, who has been a fugitive from the Nicaraguan troops ever since his capital fell into their hands, has been surrounded and is almost certain to be captured, according to information received here from Honduras.

No details are given as to where the Nicaraguans have cornered the fugitive, but it is believed the report is true and that Bonilla will soon be a prisoner. If Bonilla is captured, it will probably end the war between Nicaragua and Honduras.

Senor Gutierrez, the provisional President, is regarded as his likely successor, as President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, is said to favor him.

The Navy Department yesterday received a despatch from Commander Winterhalter, of the gunboat Paducah, which is at Port Limon. He reports the fall of Tegucigalpa, and adds that President Bonilla is believed to be surrounded.

The State Department continues without definite information as to the status of affairs in Honduras and has no dispatch confirming the report that Costa Rica has recognized the provisional government.

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DR. MARVIN IS HERE

Kidnapped Delaware Boy's Half Brother Seeks Aid.

ABDUCTORS DEMAND \$10,000

Relative Has Letter Sent to Father of Missing Lad, and Will Ask Postal Authorities to Take Action—Envelope Postmarked "Richmond, Va."—Visitor Is Big Ranch Owner.

Dr. Harvey N. Marvin, a half-brother of little Horace Marvin, the central figure in the mysterious Delaware kidnapping case, arrived in this city at 1 o'clock this morning from Philadelphia. When seen at the Baltimore and Ohio station, he stated that he came here to confer with the Federal authorities to secure their aid in the search for the boy, and with the postal authorities to run down the letters demanding a ransom.

A letter was received by the boy's father yesterday demanding a ransom of \$10,000. Dr. Marvin has this letter in his possession, and will present it to the postal officials at the earliest possible moment. It is postmarked Richmond, Va. The handwriting is clear and legible, but gives no further clue to the identity of the writer.

Is Dakota Ranch Owner.

Dr. Marvin is a big ranch owner of Blunt, S. Dak., and is in the East riding in the search for his little brother. He is a typical Westerner, tall and good looking, and wearing a broad-brimmed soft hat. He came here from Philadelphia, where he conferred with the postal and police authorities in regard to the boy. He has the following to say of the case:

"We have found absolutely no trace of little Horace as yet, but I cannot give him up as dead. It is my belief that the child is within five miles of the Bay Meadows farm, near Dover. I held a long conference in Philadelphia to-day with various officials, as well as the Pinkerton men, and I have hope of important developments within the next twenty-four hours or so."

Capital His Last Stop.

Washington is my last stop. From there I will go direct to my ranch in South Dakota, only to return as soon as possible. We will not give up the search, and my family will give up its last cent to find the boy. Gov. Lea and the Delaware authorities are of the same opinion as I—that the child will eventually be found. We are receiving hundreds and hundreds of anonymous letters every day, and I believe the postal authorities will be able to locate the senders of these."

LOSE ON TIP FROM HARRIMAN.

Astor, Golet, and Vanderbilt Said to Have Dropped \$8,000,000.

New York, March 30.—Wall street learned to-day that Col. John Jacob Astor, Robert W. Golet, and Cornelius Vanderbilt were three of the heaviest losers in the recent Wall street slump, which has been designated the "rich man's panic."

Their aggregate losses are said to have exceeded \$8,000,000. The three men were induced to buy Union Pacific on a "tip" given by E. H. Harriman. They are reported to have held over 200,000 shares of its stock purchased at prices ranging from 150 to 180. They held on to it after the drop began, finally closing out at an average price of 125.

The Harriman tip was said to have been given about the time Harriman was trying to oust Stuyvesant Fish as president of the Illinois Central. All the men are directors. They had previously voted with Fish. After they were given the tip they switched to Harriman's side, and Fish was ousted. How valuable the tip was is proved by the losses they sustained.

TREASURE CHEST FOUND.

Alleged Viola Box in Mayor Schmitt's Home Explains Mystery.

San Francisco, March 30.—When the plush-lined treasure chest was discovered under the bed in Mayor Schmitt's old home, now used as a jail for Abe Ruef, the mayor declared jauntily that it served as a safe place for keeping his choice Stradivarius and Cremona violins, which he used when he was orchestra leader of the Columbia Theater.

This story was proved a pleasant fiction to-day, when one of Ruef's men tried to put two violins in the chest. They wouldn't fit.

This discovery of the treasure chest of the mayor has excited more comment than any other phase of the graft developments of the week. It explained how Ruef was able to build his new home without drawing on his bank account.

Rough Rider to Seek Office.

Guthrie, Okla., March 30.—Announcement was made by Gov. Frantz, who was a Rough Rider captain in the Spanish-American war, that he is a candidate for the Republican nomination as the first governor of the new State.

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HEARST THE ISSUE IN CHICAGO BATTLE

Mayorality Campaign Unraveled in Bitterness.

BUSSE IS NOW LEADING

Better Street Car Service Is Cry of Both Sides.

Hearst Rushes to Aid of Mayor Dunne in Terrible Struggle for Municipal Ownership—All Papers Save His Lined Up for the Postmaster. Bitter Vituperation and Venom Hurled at the Candidates.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Chicago, March 30.—The election for mayor in this city next Tuesday stands out as conspicuously in the municipal elections this spring as did the contest between Hearst and Hughes in the State of New York last fall. Here, as there, a national element is injected into the campaign.

Secretary of State Wood made the speech to which many attribute Hearst's defeat for governor, and shrewd observers here believe that same speech will prove a big factor in the election of Postmaster Busse and the defeat of Mayor Dunne, the rival candidates for the mayorality under the new charter.

Heretofore the mayor was elected for two years, with a salary of but \$10,000 a year. Beginning next week the term of office will be for four years, and the salary will be \$15,000. Salaries of members of the mayor's cabinet will be raised from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year, thus adding to the value of the office in a financial way because of the patronage.

When Edward F. Dunne, a judge of the superior court, was elected mayor two years ago, it was on a municipal ownership platform, and the promise was then made by the Democratic campaign speakers that within six months the city would have municipal ownership. Two years after the inauguration of