

WRIGHT SUCCEEDS SECRETARY TAFT

One-Time Confederate Captain Becomes Head of War Department on July 1st.

PRESIDENT PRAISES WORK HE HAS DONE

Resident of Tennessee, and One of Most Prominent Lawyers in South—Governor of Philippines and Ambassador to Japan—Resignation of Taft.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 19.—Secretary Taft to-day tendered his resignation, to take effect June 30th.

The correspondence between the President and Secretary Taft relating to the latter's resignation is very brief. Secretary Taft simply said: "I hereby tender my resignation as Secretary of War, to take effect June 30th next."

The President, in his reply, said: "Your resignation is hereby accepted, to take effect June 30th."

The resignation was dated yesterday, and the acceptance to-day.

Appointment of Wright. The statement given out at the White House concerning General Wright's appointment says:

"The Philippine commissioner and later as Vice-Governor, and Governor he won the affection and regard of the army to a high degree, and many of the most distinguished of the men who served in the army at the time he was in the Philippines have urged his appointment as a young man who was in a peculiar way their champion and to a peculiar degree understood them and their needs. This is especially true as regards the men who were Union veterans of the Civil War, for these grew to feel that he was always specially interested in their welfare, and, moreover, his great administrative and legal ability both peculiarly fit him to deal with the problems in the Philippines, Panama and Cuba, for the work of the War Department is now such that only a man with special fitness and unusual training is able to do justice to the men in the country. The President feels that Luke E. Wright is the man best equipped to take up the work of the department, which for the last seven years has been under the control of Root and then of Taft, and he has named him as a captain in the Confederate Army."

"He is one of the leading lawyers not only of his State, but of the entire South. He has also been foremost in advocating and insisting upon fair treatment for the colored people. He is a man of high ability, and has been in the terrible days of the yellow fever epidemic at Memphis when he practically made himself Mayor of the town, and took charge of all the relief measures, showing what may justly be called devotion to duty and indifference to his own life, together with the masterful qualities of a successful administrator in a great crisis. He was himself struck down by the plague he was fighting, but lived to see it stamped out and himself to take part in introducing into Memphis the hygienic measures which have made it one of the most healthy cities in the world."

"He was appointed by Mr. McKinley as one of the Philippine commissioners and enjoyed Mr. McKinley's hearty confidence, being selected as one of those southerners who were in sympathy with the administration. President Roosevelt felt he was promoted first to be Vice-Governor and then Governor of the Philippines, and was afterward made the first ambassador to Japan."

"In all positions he served with signal ability and ability, and has been in hearty and outspoken accord with the administration and with all its main policies."

MRS. MERRILL ARRESTED

She and Others to Answer Perjury Charge in Levy Case.

NEW YORK, June 19.—Justice Fitzgerald of the Supreme Court, to-day ordered the arrest of Mrs. Sadie Merrill, formerly of Boston; Mrs. Timothy Lynch and Dr. Edward Paulding, on a charge of perjury in the trial of Mrs. Sadie Merrill against Banker Lazarus Levy for \$100,000 for breach of promise.

Dr. Paulding and Mrs. Lynch were witnesses for the plaintiff. Dr. Paulding was paroled in the custody of James Osborne, and the women were sent to prison in default of \$2,000 bail.

JUDGMENT FOR DEFENSE IN SUIT AGAINST ROGERS

BOSTON, MASS., June 19.—The \$50,000 suit of Cadwallader M. Raymond against Henry H. Rogers of New York, was closed in the Supreme Court to-day by a judgment for the defendant by agreement.

Raymond was assignee of a claim that the late Benjamin F. Greenough, of New York, had against Rogers, and his former partner, the late Charles Flint, under a contract made in 1878, whereby the latter had agreed to supply crude petroleum and its products non-explosive. The defense of Mr. Rogers was that the process was never a success, and was not used.

WILL PROSECUTE BUTT

Other Charges to Be Pressed When Term Is Out.

NORFOLK, VA., June 19.—Fifteen depositors of the defunct People's Bank of Portsmouth to-day filed a request with the court asking that Walter Butt, now serving a penitentiary sentence for embezzlement of the funds of the institution, be held when his present sentence is completed, as they propose to insist that he be prosecuted on the nineteen charges which were pending against his head.

The penitentiary officials have been given the same notice. The making public of these requests has caused a sensation.

NITRO-GLYCERINE BOMB THROWN AT CLUB-HOUSE

NEW YORK, June 19.—A bomb, said by the police to have contained nitro-glycerine, was thrown at the front of the house occupied by the Kanawha Club, the Tammany organization of the Thirtieth Assembly District on East 122d Street, to-night, resulting in an explosion that frightened the club members, damaged the building and smashed most of the windows.

At the time of the explosion Daniel Coleman, secretary of the club, was collecting dues and had \$1,000 in front of him on a table. No arrests were made.

TAFT LOSES THE WAGER

Must Give Navy Yard Man Clear as Result of Indiana Vote.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, VA., June 19.—Because Indiana cast a valid vote yesterday against Secretary Taft for the presidential nomination of the Republican party, thus making one State in which the big candidate did not receive a vote, an enlisted man in the United States navy, stationed at the Norfolk navy yard, will be paid a cigar by Secretary Taft.

Several days ago, when down here to witness the winter Florida convention, Secretary Taft made a wager with Seaman Burns, of the Florida, that he would get votes from every State in the Union at the Chicago convention. The bet occurred as follows:

Secretary Taft was examining the hole torn in the side of the Florida by the torpedo.

"It is quite a big circle," said the Secretary.

"If you do as well at Chicago you will have rings around all of the other fellows," said Burns.

"That will be easy," was the confident reply. "If I don't get votes in every State of the Union at Chicago I will buy you a good cigar."

And the wager was on.

DEATHS IN MIMIC WAR

Two Soldiers Aged Dead and Third at New York, June 19.—Two soldiers were claimed as victims in the mimic warfare down the bay to-day, when Private John Welsh, aged twenty-five years, and George Harvey, aged twenty-two years, members of the Ninth Regiment, New York National Guard, died as the result of injuries received from a flareback while swabbing a six-inch gun last night.

Private McDowell, another member of the same regiment, who was caught in the flareback, was reported near death at midnight from his wounds. Harvey's skull was fractured and McDowell's head was blown off in the premature explosion of the charge of powder.

The explosion took place at the volunteer drill ground, but did not halt the war game. Two attempts were made by the hypothetical battleship fleet to pass the batteries. An afternoon attack upon the Narrows brought about two hours of terrific cannonading, when the hostile fleet was forced to retreat.

Late to-night a second attempt was made to pass the harbor defenses, but again the fleet failed.

To-night the war was pronounced over, and to-morrow the militiamen will return to this city.

GOES FOR THE BAILEYS

H. H. Myers and Captain Oxley Also to Be Arrested.

NEW YORK, June 19.—A warrant was issued to-day by the Federal authorities for the arrest of H. H. Myers, an associate of Francis G. Bailey, president of the Export Shipping Company, who, with his brother, A. W. Bailey, is in custody in Honduras. The Baileys purchased the steamship Goldboro, and are loading it with contraband cargo of merchandise, which, it is charged, was never paid for, sailed for Honduras.

Myers, it is charged, conspired to use the mails for fraudulent purposes. Captain Oxley of the Goldboro, was charged to-day in connection with the case, in that he made a false statement with regard to the presence in his cargo of fifty guns.

An officer sailed from New Orleans to-day for Honduras to bring back the two Baileys, Myers and Captain Oxley.

SURGEON KILLS HIMSELF

While on Steamer Dr. Small Sends Bullet Into His Temple.

NEW YORK, June 19.—Dr. Thomas W. Small, chief surgeon of the American Line steamer St. Louis, committed suicide in his cabin early to-day. No cause for the act is known. He had been absent from the ship all night. When he returned this morning, he appeared to be in a cheerful frame of mind, and after chatting pleasantly with one of the officers on duty, retired to his stateroom. A moment later the report of a shot was heard and when the door of the doctor's cabin was opened he was found dying from a bullet wound in his temple. His right hand clutched a revolver from which the shot was fired.

Dr. Small had been in the employ of the American Line nine years, and had an extensive acquaintance among ocean travelers. When ashore he lived with his wife in this city.

LEGLESS BOY SAVES FRIEND

Rescues One from Drowning and Dives Saving of Another.

MORRISTOWN, N. J., June 19.—Joe Gilligan, who has only stumps for legs and but one arm, saved a boy from drowning in the afternoon. Gilligan, who had been with the rescue of another. Without hesitation, he leaped into the water when he heard the cries of the drowning child. He pulled the boy to the shore, and then, seeing another child in the water, he swam to his aid, and pulled him to shore. The two boys had been out on the little pond and had been playing with their legs. Gilligan, who is eighteen years old, learned to swim four years ago.

BODIES FOUND IN PARK

Not Known Whether Suicide Pact or a Double Murder.

NEW PHILADELPHIA, O., June 19.—The bodies of Miss Arline Kully, fifteen years old, and Charles Stach, fifty years of age, were found late to-night in the City Park. Both had been shot in the back of the head. The police are investigating the case, and a picture show at Akron, while the girl acted as his cashier.

Whether the tragedy was the result of a suicide pact or the couple had been murdered, the officers have not determined. Stach and Miss Kully were driving early in the morning. Later a passerby found the horse standing in the roadway, with the girl's body in the buggy. Stach's corpse rested in the road nearby. A revolver was found on the floor of the conveyance.

GOES TO OYSTER BAY

President to Leave This Morning for Summer Home.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 19.—All preparations have been made for the President's departure for Oyster Bay to-morrow morning. He will go on a special train, accompanied by Mr. Roosevelt and other members of his family, and will reach Oyster Bay about 5:35 o'clock to-morrow night.

Secretary and Mrs. Loeb and family and other officials and employees of the White House, to the number of about thirty, will accompany the President.

Secretary Root will leave on the same train with the President for his summer home at Clinton, N. Y., where he expects to spend the greater part of the summer. After a stay of about ten days at his home he will receive physical training instruction at White Plains, N. Y., for a short time.

TO HAVE JURY SAY IF THAW IS SANE

Counsel in Asking Modification of Commitment Order Gives This Notice.

OFFER TO PAY GUARDS TO PREVENT HIS ESCAPE

Justice Dowling Declares He Would Not Hear to This, Says He Believes Thaw Is Dangerous, and He Will Go to Matteawan Himself.

NEW YORK, June 19.—Attorneys for Harry H. Thaw applied to Justice Dowling to-day for a modification of the order by which Thaw was committed to the Hospital for the Criminal Insane, at Matteawan, at the conclusion of his trial for the murder of Stanford White. Colonel Frank Bartlett appeared for Thaw, and District Attorney Jerome opposed the application. Justice Dowling reserved decision.

In argument in support of the application to transfer Thaw to another asylum than Matteawan, Colonel Bartlett made known that it is the intention of the Thaw family, at some later time, to ask for a jury trial to determine the question of Thaw's insanity. Colonel Bartlett said that the demand for a jury trial would be made in behalf of Thaw, Thaw's mother, brother, sister and friends. He made no mention of Thaw's wife in the argument. Colonel Bartlett suggested sending Thaw back to Matteawan on the ground that he is not a criminal.

Justice Dowling asked if there was any different situation since he committed Thaw to Matteawan. His said that from the testimony of Thaw's own experts, it was clear that Thaw was not in his right mind, and that the only proper place to which to send him, and where he could be under supervision, and where he would not be likely to escape, was Matteawan.

Justice Dowling said he was convinced that Thaw's condition of mind was such that he was likely to escape, if not properly safeguarded, and do injury to himself or others.

Suggests Middletown. Colonel Bartlett suggested the asylum at Middletown as a proper place for the incarceration of Thaw, but Jerome objected because of its proximity to the Pennsylvania line.

"We will furnish a whole platoon of guards," said Colonel Bartlett, "and pay for them ourselves if the district attorney thinks such a step necessary."

Justice Dowling said he would consider the idea of a special constabulary at an insane asylum to do the work of safeguarding the interests of the State.

District Attorney Jerome made a strong plea to the justice to send Thaw back to Matteawan. He declared that Thaw is an incurable psychotic, and at the conclusion of the arguments Justice Dowling said he would reserve his decision until he had an opportunity to personally go to Matteawan.

WOMAN MUST DIE

Hacked Aged Friend to Pieces With a Hatchet.

WATERLOO, N. Y., June 19.—In the case of Mrs. Martha Farmer, charged with the killing of Mrs. Sarah Brennan, the jury to-day returned a verdict of murder in the first degree. The jury was out three hours. Justice Rogers sentenced Mrs. Farmer to be electrocuted at Auburn prison during the week beginning August 2d.

The crime for which Mrs. Farmer, who is twenty-nine years old, was convicted was most fiendish. Her victim, Mrs. Brennan, was fifty-five years of age, and was her neighbor and intimate friend. The motive was to gain possession of the Brennan home, deeds of which Mrs. Farmer had forged October 2d. The crime was committed on April 2d. Mrs. Brennan was hacked to pieces with a hatchet, and her body was thrown into a well.

Mrs. Farmer's husband is also under indictment on a charge of murder in the first degree as accessory to the crime.

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LITTLETON TALKS TO STATE BANKERS

Great New York Lawyer Delivers Address Before Association.

SHOULD KEEP OUT OF DOMAIN OF BUSINESS

Paternalism, Though Apparently Helpful When Friendly, Very Harmful When Hostile.

Other Good Speeches and a Brilliant Banquet.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] OT SPRINGS, VA., June 19.—This was a day of great interest in the annual meeting of the Virginia Bankers' Association being held at the Homestead Hotel.

An address most entertaining and eloquent by Martin W. Littleton, the prominent New York lawyer, whose defense of Harry Thaw added to his reputation and gave him worldwide fame; an exceedingly clever address on "Some Lessons of the Late Panic," by Mr. W. Meade Anderson, chief of the National Bank of Virginia; Secretary George E. Allen's address on the "American Institute of Banking," and the annual banquet to-night were the features that combined to make the day one of both enjoyment and profit.

And the bankers vined as much interest in the ball game at Recreation Park this afternoon as they did in the financial discussions. Nearly all of them attended the game, and they were surprised at the excellent exhibition given. The local team defeated Roncerverte by the score of 2 to 0.

The local team, Roncerverte, was a very thoughtful, and was followed closely by the members. The popular Richmond banker was liberally applauded.

Mr. Littleton's Address. Although the thermometer registered June weather Martin Littleton held his audience spellbound for two hours.

It was a notable speech, and the bankers enjoyed it. The speaker was given a tremendous ovation.

Mr. Littleton's theme was "Paternalism—Friendly and Unfriendly—But Paternalism." He said the Federal and State governments for a great many years did everything they could to encourage men who had money and nerve in the development of the country, including mining, railroading and banking.

The Federal government gave them a credit, and the State governments gave them a higher and keep them up. Both Federal and State governments gave part of their public domain to railroads.

"Although this patron government of our country is friendly to all of us. Of course, people grew very wealthy and people began to ask where and how they got it. Suddenly the government, both State and national, swept down on them and began to take away their property. It had been a captain of industry who suddenly a crook, and every man who had been regarded as an adventurer anxious to develop the country was put under suspicion.

Neither the national nor State governments should be allowed to try to help any particular individual. The government ought to keep its hands off, being neither friendly nor unfriendly, and allow the individual and his enterprise to work out the industrial and commercial life of the country. Friendly paternalism as long as it encourages and helps a great blessing, but when it becomes hostile it seems to be a great curse."

Followed Government Example. Touching on the subject of railroad discrimination, Mr. Littleton said: "Railroad companies followed the example of the government, and practiced discrimination in their tariff rates. If the government could in justice afford to make one part of the community pay toward the wealth of another, it was not to be wondered at that discrimination in rates, and into and formed part of the practice of railroads and industrial enterprises."

"Railroad companies, not only unrestrained, but encouraged by law, acquired vast interests outside of strict railroad business. The period of combination and monopoly, and business enterprises fell together, and melted into each other under the warm and approving smile of the government. The demand of the individual was for cheap commodities and employment for labor. The public demand was for commercial and business development. The man who could produce these results was hailed as a captain of industry, and the party that could maintain this condition was welcomed as the party of prosperity."

Not For Government. "That there were great evils which demanded treatment, no honest man disputes," Mr. Littleton continued. "But it is not the duty of the government to spread encroachment by both State and national governments upon the domain of economic liberty. I claim the privilege to doubt. That wrongs had grown up which required the enforcement of the law against larceny and breach of trust, no intelligent man will deny; but that it was necessary or wise on this account to tie up all forms of development in arbitrary statutes and make economic initiative and activity an economic crime I reserve the right to dispute."

"That outrages against honest commerce were committed, of such a grave character as to arouse the righteous indignation of all right-thinking people."

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PEOPLE WON TWO POINTS IN GAME

President Gave Them Taft and They Gave Platform to Machine.

SUCCESS OF TICKET DEPENDS ON BRYAN

Republicans, to Win Out, Must Profit in Several States by His Blunders—Sherman a Better Man Than Most of Those Supported by Machine.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] HICAGO, ILL., June 19.—The President gave Taft to the people; the people gave the platform to the machine, and the machine got Sherman.

That is the story of the day's work in the National Republican Convention, and every one should be satisfied. The President and the people got what they desired, and Congress, which is the Republican national organization, got its heartiest desire.

Senator Curtis, who is going from Congress to Kansas this summer, proudly announced that he voted for the Aldrich-Vreeland bill because he saw "it will do no harm." He and all the Senators and Congressmen may now go home and make the same proud boast about the candidate for Vice-President.

Always Second Thought. But it is the old story. A vice-presidential nominee is always a second thought, and often second thoughts are good ones. It was not by fortuitous chance that Theodore Roosevelt was a Vice-President, the second thought of Senator Platt, who desired Roosevelt shelved in New York politics.

In 1900 the conservatives had the ticket and the platform, and the people got the Vice-President. This year the people got the platform, and the conservatives got the Vice-President. This year the people won two out of three of the points in the game, and should be satisfied. Also there is more to Sherman than meets the eye. He is the best man the machine has stood for in American politics for many years, which indicates that we are all jogging along together towards the millennium in fairly good machine order.

VETS WELCOME HOWITZERS

Richmond Soldiers Given Very Cordial Reception at Front Royal.

BY REV. JAMES POWER SMITH, D. D., Aide on Sherman's Jackson's Staff. FRONT ROYAL, VA., June 19.—The Howitzers' camp last night was in a bottom by the road on Flint Run. The sleeping was more than fine. At 4 A. M. the cooks were quietly at work, and the bugle loud and clear, sounded the reveille at 5 A. M., and at once the camp was on its feet, and with the stream was the private bath for 100 men. Slap-jack, bacon and coffee was the menu for breakfast.

Tents are down, wagons are packed and at 6:35 the sixth day's march begins. Our popular young doctor has proved foot specialist, and the walking facilities are much improved.

The owner of the ground has been anxious about damage to his little piece of land on which tents were pitched, but a bottle and some smoking tobacco sent him off with a broad grin, and he was ready to welcome the people of Warren county, who have been most kind and hospitable.

We have had a fine reception in Front Royal. As we drew near the town we were charmed to see the old battle flag and a number of Confederate soldiers. A detachment from the William Richardson Camp, Confederate Veterans, welcomed us to the town and escorted us through the streets. Before the courthouse green the battery halted in the midst of a crowd. Speeches of welcome were made, which were most gracefully responded to by our young captain and by Captain John Lamb.

After rest under the shade of the public square, march was resumed. The halt was made for lunch a little way out of town. We hope to reach Markham to-night, a small town of 100 people. A detachment from the company at Front Royal, and was devoured most eagerly.

AGREEMENT WITH MEN

Cleveland's Municipal Company Enters Into Long Term Compact.

CLEVELAND, O., June 19.—The Municipal Street Railway Company, operating Cleveland's traction system, to-day signed an agreement with the American Federation of Car Men, Local 415, for one year.

The agreement provides that the company will ask all employees to join the union, and that it is to meet and treat with the men on all questions. No adjustment is reached, a question can be appealed to President Dupont, and if there is no agreement, then arbitration must follow. On request of the union, the company must give its reasons for dismissing any employee.

Wages are fixed at 23 cents an hour for the first year, 24 cents for second, and 25 cents for third or men in the employ of the company for a longer period. Ten hours shall constitute a day's work, and this time, whenever possible, is to be served in twelve consecutive hours.

THE BIBLE FOR MEN

Rev. A. C. Dixon Addresses Sunday School Convention.

LOUISVILLE, KY., June 19.—A spectacle unusually impressive was witnessed here to-night, when hundreds of men interested in Sunday school work, among them the international officials and committeemen, marched in a body, carrying banners and singing, down the principal streets to the First Regiment armory, to attend the fifth session of the International Sunday School Convention.

The session was devoted to addresses on the work of the adult department. Prominent on the program was Rev. A. C. Dixon, pastor of the Chicago Avenue Church, Chicago, which was founded by Dwight L. Moody. He had as his subject "The Bible for Men."

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FATAL MINE EXPLOSION

Three Men Killed and Two Others Perhaps Fatally Injured.

MONONGAHELA, PA., June 19.—Three miners are dead and two others perhaps fatally injured, as the result of an explosion at the Ellsworth No. 1 mine of the Pittsburg Coal Company here to-day. All the men were gotten out of the mine, the total number of victims being ten. Two injured men, both named Peter Hazot, cousins, are at the hospital here, terribly burned. Five other injured were taken out of the mine several hours after the explosion and brought to the hospital here to-night.

Mine Inspector Henry Loutil, who has been in consultation with the mine officials, says that practically all of the men were out of the mine when the explosion occurred in west entry No. 9. Little damage was done inside the mine. Owing to a storm, which interrupted telephone and telegraph communication, full details cannot be had from the mine until relief parties return here with the injured. As the miners were numbered, their names are not known.

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