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SEEK SINISTER, HIDDEN MOTIVES

Interview of Emperor William Dumfounds the Entire Diplomatic World.

THINK HE COMMITTED GREATEST BLUNDER

Whatever His Object, He Has Failed Utterly—England Is More Alarmed Than Ever, and the Triple Entente Is Now Closer Together.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]

LONDON, October 31.—Europe has not yet recovered from the universal amazement caused by the Kaiser's interview. The diplomatic world, at first dumfounded by its "calculated indiscretion," sought for hidden and sinister motives on the part of the illustrious spokesman. Was it designed to breed dissension in the new triple entente? Why was it issued at the present moment of a delicate and dangerous crisis? These and similar questions, amid the general consternation, gave expression to the natural suspicion in all the European chancelleries.

I have no hesitation in affirming that no deep design lies behind William's extraordinary utterance. It is just what it purports to be, an impulsive expression of his sincere feelings at the particular moment when he spoke. This was no isolated outburst.

It was thoroughly characteristic of the man. He speaks always in private conversation in the same unrestrained fashion. I have heard him quoted as using language just as emphatic and just as sincere for the time being of a strongly anti-English tenor.

Frankness Startles Foreigners.

Every foreigner, and they are many, English, French, American, who has been honored with his confidence, says the same thing of the Emperor. They have been astonished by his reckless frankness and startled by his bold and always extreme views. He has preached vigorously in private, in the past few years, several crusades which have never been publicly avowed in the German policy. He advocated at one time a United States of Europe, against the rivalry of America. At another time he was for a continental league against England. More recently he urged eloquently a German-American alliance.

His views as to the yellow peril are well known. All his statements are alike in this. They aim at combinations against some one or more powers. He is quite superior to the rules of consistency, but he is always an enthusiast and always sincere. Nothing is outside the scope of his activities, and nothing gives him such deadly offense as to be ignored. Hence his indignation the other day over the report that the triple entente was arranging a Balkan program without consulting him.

Committed Great Blunder.

His blazing indiscretion this week is undoubtedly the biggest blunder of his career. Whatever his object, he has failed in it utterly. If he sought to placate England he has only made her more alarmed over the German peril. He admits that the great majority of his people are unfriendly to England. England thanks him for that information, and will proceed forthwith to build more battleships. If he sought to break up the triple entente he has drawn it nearer together, and given unpardonable offense in Paris and St. Petersburg, where he is already denounced as a violator of international confidences.

If he expected to retain the sympathy of his own people he has been rewarded by such an outburst of national lese majeste as has not been witnessed in his own or any previous reign. Moreover, he has increased appreciably the appalling difficulties which face Europe in striving to reach a peaceful solution of the great problem in the Balkans. These are serious consequences to spring from an impetuous attempt to secure by maladroit means better relations with one's neighbor. Some of them were so obvious to the veriest tyro in diplomacy that one is left to wonder even now what else may be behind the strange move.

It is because the case as it stands is such an insult to the Emperor's justice that one hears suggestions of a personal nature in explanation of his blunder. William's bitterest enemies never accused him of being a fool. Hence the keen curiosity throughout Europe to know more of the genesis of this extraordinary interview.

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RESIGNATION DECLINED

Emperor William Refuses to Accept That of Prince Von Buelow.

BERLIN, October 31.—According to the Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, Prince Von Buelow, the Imperial Chancellor, to-day offered his resignation to Emperor William, in consequence of the publication in London of the interview with His Majesty, for which the prince took responsibility. The Emperor would not accept the Chancellor's resignation, and at the same time permitted Von Buelow to publish a full explanation, so as to meet the unjustifiable attacks that have been made upon His Majesty.

His Explanation.

Prince Von Buelow's explanation in the Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung is as follows: A great portion of the foreign and internal press publishes criticisms directed against His Majesty relative to the article in the London Daily Telegraph. These criticisms are founded on the assumption that the Emperor permitted the publication of the article without the previous knowledge of the government authorities responsible for the imperial policy. This assumption is unfounded.

Swiss Balloon Won.

BERLIN, October 31.—The official award of the long distance balloon race on October 11th was made public to-day. The Swiss balloon, Helvetia, is placed first and the English Banshee second.

TURMOIL AND UNCERTAINTY

Situation of Europe at the End of Another Week of the Crisis.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]

LONDON, October 31.—Turmoil and uncertainty are the only terms with which to describe the European situation at the end of another week of the crisis. Local conditions in the Near East are less threatening. Bulgaria, at least, has been brought under control.

News comes to-day from Constantinople of the first of the mutinous movements among a section of the Turkish troops which have been heard for some time. The mutiny was easily quelled, and this encourages the hope that the new regime will survive the reactionary plots, which are being organized on a large scale.

May Remove Sultan.

Some reports accuse the Sultan of being concerned in these, and it is repeatedly affirmed that the Young Turks will soon remove him from the throne. It may be said in this regard that such a move would be adopted only as a last resort. The efforts of the reform party have for some time been exerted in another direction; namely, toward the reconciliation of a certain reactionary leader.

This has gone so far as to include Isset Pasha, who is still living in London under an assumed name. This cleverest of all the Turks, who for a decade was the real ruler of the Ottoman empire, has affirmed his full sympathy with the reform movement, and it is by no means impossible that he will return to Constantinople within a month and take a high position in the new government. Such a paradox seem impossible, but the difficult situation created by the Balkan crisis compels the new regime to use every resource available for its self preservation. No man in Turkey, it must be admitted, could do so much, if so disposed, to protect the Young Turks against their domestic enemies. But the sangfroid which would accept his co-operation is truly Oriental.

The Pan-Slav Movement.

Another feature of the general situation, which causes growing anxiety, is the great Pan-Slav movement in Russia against Austria. The Czar's personal sympathy is strongly involved also, and it is still an open question whether Iswolsky will obtain the consent of the Emperor to the conciliatory attitude the baron desires to adopt toward the treaty wreckers. The latest from St. Petersburg is to the effect that Iswolsky's position is safe for the present.

It will not be possible, however, for Russia to turn a deaf ear to the Servian and Montenegrin appeals. To do so in the present stage of the public feeling in those countries would be to precipitate a suicidal war with Austria, which the leaders of the Austrian policy would secretly welcome. The dual monarchy would expect to absorb Servia as the result of such a conflict. But Russia, impoverished and crippled as she is, would scarcely tolerate this without resort to armed intervention. Russia is wisely using all efforts to hold in check the Pan-Slav anger, with every prospect of temporary success.

The chaos of events in Europe has destroyed almost all interest in England and on the continent in the American campaign. It is hardly discussed by press or public. There is no betting, and it is accepted as a foregone conclusion that Taft will be elected by a substantial majority.

FLEET ENTERTAINMENTS

Exchange of Courtesies in China—Tars Have Football Game.

AMOY, October 31.—Rear-Admiral Emory, the commander of the second squadron of the American battleship fleet, made an official call this morning on board the German cruiser Niobe. At noon he gave a lunch to Prince Yu Lang, the chief representative of the Chinese government, and Laing Tun Yen, vice-president of the board of foreign affairs; Rear-Admiral Sah, of the Chinese navy; General Swoon, of the Chinese army; Viceroy Song, of Fukien Province, and other notables. In the afternoon there was a reception on board the flagship Louisiana.

The Imperial Commission entertained the officers and foreign guests at the Chinese dinner, which was followed by a concert, acrobatic performances and juggling. The bluejackets were entertained at one of the theatres.

The football team from the Louisiana defeated the team from the Kentucky by 6 to 0.

First Squadron at Olongapore.

MANILA, November 1.—The first squadron of the American battleship fleet, under command of Rear-Admiral Sperry, will remain at Olongapore, where its arrival will be celebrated to-day. It is expected that the celebration will be speedily finished and that the squadron will begin target practice.

The Vermont will come to Manila to-morrow, and the other vessels are expected to follow at intervals during the week.

TO ELEVATE DUKE

Will Be Promoted to Rear-Admiral. Dowager Queen Ceases Disapproval.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]

ROME, October 31.—The Agenzia Politica says the promotion of the Duke of the Abruzzi to the rank of rear-admiral is imminent. The paper says that it is informed from an unimpeachable source that although the Dowager Queen Margherita disapproves of the match on the ground that princess should marry those of their own rank, her relations with the duke are cordial, and since the marriage has been decided upon her disapproval has practically ceased.

Order for Portrait.

TURIN, October 31.—It was learned here to-day that the Duke of the Abruzzi has placed an order for the painting of a large portrait of Miss Katherine Elkins, to whom he is engaged to be married.

KENTUCKY FEUD

Pistols and Knives Used With Deadly Effect by Two Families.

LEXINGTON, KY., October 31.—Word reached here to-day of a clash on Standing Rock Creek, in Wolfe county, between the Hall and Ashley feud factions, in which two of the Hall boys were shot, one fatally, the other seriously. One of the Ashleys was fatally stabbed.

Two of the combatants were arrested. The Halls were armed with knives and the Ashleys with pistols.

HAINSES' LAWYER ROBBED IN NIGHT

Burglars Boldly Enter House and Get Money and Jewelry.

BREAK WOMAN'S JAW WITH BUTT OF A PISTOL

One of the Quartet Stated He Has Been Out of Work for Eleven Months, and His Wife and Family Were Starving.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, October 31.—Four masked men broke into the house of Joseph Shay, the Hains brothers' lawyer, at Cedarhurst, L. I., shortly after midnight this morning. Mrs. Lena Hamburger, Mr. Shay's mother-in-law, had her jaw broken by being hit with the butt end of a revolver. All the members of the family were held at revolvers' ends for an hour, while the burglars looked over the house for valuables. They got $40 in money from Mr. Shay and a quantity of jewelry.

Mr. Shay was awakened by a scream from the room of his mother-in-law. Both he and his wife ran towards the room, which is on the second floor of the house. He saw a man standing over Mrs. Hamburger.

Demanded Money and Jewels.

A man shoved a revolver in his face and said quietly:

"We want your money and jewels."

Shay said he had no jewels, and asked them if they would leave, providing he gave up his money. The man consented, and he handed over the $40. Then the invader asked for his watch.

"I haven't got a watch. It is at the jeweler's, and I have just been wondering what time it is," Shay answered.

"It's just a little after 1 o'clock," was the reply.

Broke Woman's Jaw.

Pretty soon another man with a revolver joined the two. There was a scream again from Mrs. Hamburger. She had refused to do the bidding of the man with the revolver, and he hit her in the jaw.

"Now if you don't shut up I'll put a bullet into you," he warned.

"What kind of men are you who come into a man's house like this?" Shay said to those with him.

"Well, we are only human, and it is only business with us," said one.

"I have been out of work eleven months," the other replied; "my wife and kids are starving."

"Come to me in town and I will give you a job," Shay said.

"Like hell you would; you would give me twenty years. You're a lawyer. I know who you are."

A terrific noise followed this. A fourth man, who had been going over the house, ran across Mr. Shay's father-in-law, Jacob Hamburger, and after covering him with a revolver, ordered him to throw up his hands. The burglars then escaped.

PHILIPPINE DEFENSE

Many Companies of Coast Artillery Are to Be Sent There.

WASHINGTON, October 31.—The ordering of four additional companies of coast artillery to the Philippines marks substantial progress in the work of constructing fortifications in those islands.

The National Coast Defense Board estimated the cost of its project for the defense of Manila at $6,168,819, and for Subig Bay, $2,248,199. The first appropriation for that project was made June 28, 1906, since which time a little more than one-half of the work has been done.

The entire project will be completed in about two years if ample appropriations are made, and as the work advances additional companies of artillery will be sent there for duty on the defenses. The coast defense project contemplated an expenditure of $3,254,244 on the defenses of Honolulu and Pearl Harbor, Hawaiian Islands, about one-half of which has also been completed.

SEEKS DIVORCE

Former Belle of White Sulphur Asks Separation, Alleging Desertion.

ST. LOUIS, MO., October 31.—Mrs. Cora Baker Chouteau, a former St. Louis belle, who for several seasons, a quarter century ago, was the belle of White Sulphur Springs, to-day filed suit for divorce from Azby A. Chouteau, a scion of the family that founded St. Louis.

They were married in 1884, and she alleges he deserted her in 1904. They have two grown sons.

EMPIRE STATE IS ALL REPUBLICAN

Judge Taft Says It Is More So Than the State of Pennsylvania

HAS ROSEATE VIEW OF THE SITUATION

Following the Election, Republican Candidate Will Come to Virginia to Recuperate—Says Bryan Always Wins in August and September.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., October 31.—After a week's campaigning in New York City and State, which ended here to-night with a duplicate of the rousing demonstrations he has inspired wherever he went, William H. Taft, the Republican presidential candidate, made this statement to the Associated Press:

"The State of New York is the most Republican part of the United States—even more Republican than the State of Pennsylvania.

"There is every indication, through that part of the State above the Bronx, that there will be a majority for the Republican ticket nearly equal to that of Mr. Roosevelt four years ago.

"The Democratic majority of the city of New York will probably not exceed 70,000 votes. This will be overcome by the votes of the Bronx, with such overwhelming force as to give the Republican ticket in the Empire State a clear majority of from 100,000 upwards."

Made Ten Speeches.

This roseate view of the candidate has been reflected in each of the ten speeches he has made to-day. Judge Taft has had cordial receptions in Elmira, Waverly, Owego, Lestershire, Binghamton, Withers Pond, Marathon, Cortland and Ithaca. In this city to-night his presence inspired a monster parade, which he reviewed before going to Convention Hall, where thousands paid their tribute to his presence in a demonstration of enthusiasm equaling that of any audience the candidate has addressed.

Judge Taft left to-night for Buffalo, where he will spend Sunday with Mrs. Taft, who will join him there and accompany him Monday to Ohio, where he will speak in Cleveland at noon and at Youngstown in the evening, going from there to Cincinnati.

Coming to Virginia.

After the election Judge and Mrs. Taft will go to Hot Springs, Va., for a few days of absolute rest.

"Mr. Bryan has always won in August and September," said Judge Taft in one of his speeches to-day. "This grows out of the character of the policies he advocates. They are always plausible; they are always useful for the first two months of their use on the stump, and then the power of a logical analysis that the American voters bring to bear in the long campaign that precedes a presidential election scatters his policies to the wind, as they ought to be scattered. It does not happen by accident. It happens because of the character of the man and the character of the platform and principles advocated by the Democratic party.

"I cannot conceive how wage-earners or business men who understand the difference between the two parties as to the tariff can vote for Mr. Bryan under the circumstances.

"Of course, they might vote for him on the theory that he could not do any harm; that he would have a Republican Senate, and so he could not do anything, and we would satisfy our curiosity in knowing what he would do when he got into the White House.

"But it is not wise to make the error of supposing that the President of the United States has not an enormous influence in respect to the business interests of this country, even without regard to his power over legislation and over the Congress.

Just Suppose.

"Mr. Bryan for three presidential terms advocated the free coinage of silver. But we have no reason to believe that he has departed from the faith.

"Suppose he were to get into the White House and we had a monetary stringency, which might be likely to follow his party to power, and suppose there should be a drain on our gold; suppose then the question arose whether executive order now in force in the Treasury Department, by which gold is paid out for silver and for other obligations of the government on demand should be reversed and such payment refused, as it might be under the orders of the Secretary of the Treasury, and of course the Secretary

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ESTIMATES FROM THE NEWSPAPERS

How the Campaign Situation Is Sized Up by Them.

OPINIONS DIFFER IN DIFFERENT SECTIONS

Chicago Tribune Gives Nebraska and Maryland to Democrats, and Says Hughes and Taft Will Win or Lose Together in New York.

THE following forecasts of the election have been received by The Times-Dispatch, upon the request of this paper:

Chicago Tribune.

CHICAGO, ILL., October 31.—A forecast made by the Chicago Tribune, from nonpartisan reports from all over the United States, indicate that Taft will have 295 votes in the electoral college, while 188 will be given to Bryan. This, according to the Tribune, is a conservative estimate.

Nebraska and Maryland, both claimed to have been taken out of the doubtful list of States during the last week, in this forecast are counted in the Democratic column.

According to this table, Bryan must carry New York to win. Taft can lose New York and Indiana, and yet have a majority in the college. At the same time, it is believed that the Empire State will cast a majority of its votes for Taft, the reports of the leaders in both parties in the last three days showing that heavy gains have been made in the whirlwind campaign that has been made by Governor Hughes.

It is believed by the Tribune that Hughes and Taft will win or lose together in New York. If one fails the other will fail. In Indiana it is expected that Taft will carry the State, while the Republican candidate for Governor, Congressman James Watson, may lose.

The factional fight in Ohio in the Republican party has made the result in that State a matter of conjecture. However, the State is believed, from the private reports that have been received, to be Republican by at least 15,000.

St. Louis Republic.

ST. LOUIS, MO., October 31.—The St. Louis Republic's estimate of the electoral college is as follows:

Surely Democratic—Alabama, 11; Arkansas, 9; Florida, 5; Georgia, 13; Louisiana, 9; Mississippi, 10; Nevada, 3; North Carolina, 12; South Carolina, 9; Tennessee, 12; Texas, 18; Virginia, 12. Total, 123.

Surely Republican—California, 10; Iowa, 13; Maine, 6; Massachusetts, 16; Michigan, 14; Minnesota, 11; New Hampshire, 4; North Dakota, 4; Oregon, 4; Pennsylvania, 34; Rhode Island, 4; Utah, 3; Vermont, 4; Washington, 5; Wisconsin, 13; Wyoming, 3. Total, 148.

Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri and Oklahoma are transferred from the disputed States to those certainly Democratic, making a total of 169.

Colorado, Idaho, Montana and Nebraska, with 19 votes in all, are claimed as Democratic.

Connecticut, Illinois, Kansas and West Virginia are hopefully considered Democratic.

Truly doubtful States—Delaware, Indiana, New Jersey, New York, Ohio and South Dakota. Delaware and South Dakota are considered more favorable to Bryan than to Taft.

From Republican Headquarters.

CHICAGO, ILL., October 31.—In my judgment there are but four doubtful States in the Western division—Nevada, Colorado, Montana and Missouri. By this I do not mean that we have no chance in Oklahoma, but not as good a chance as in the four States just named.

Of these, Colorado and Montana are reasonably safe for Mr. Taft. The prairie States west of the Missouri River, as well as Wyoming, Utah and Idaho, of the mountain States, and all of the Pacific coast States, are and have been surely Republican since the beginning of the campaign.

There has never been any real doubt in the mind of any one about Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, or Iowa. Mr. Bryan will certainly lose his own State, Nebraska. Personally, I have never had any doubt of Indiana, and have not now. Of the States in the Eastern division there is no question about New York, Ohio, or West Virginia. They will all be for Mr. Taft by good big majorities. Maryland and Kentucky are so-called doubtful States, but we believe that they will cast their electoral vote for Mr. Taft.

WILLIAM HAYWARD,
Secretary Republican National Committee.

New York Herald Forecast.

NEW YORK, October 31.—The fol-

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Who Will Be the Next President?

Every one in and around Richmond will know on Tuesday night who watches The Times-Dispatch election signals. As the town bells strike 9, 10, 11, 12, 1 and 2, great colored rocket bombs will be sent up from the roof of The Times-Dispatch Building.

If the color is RED, Bryan leads.
If the color is BLUE, Taft leads.
If the color is WHITE, election in doubt.
If the colors are RED AND WHITE, Bryan wins.
If the colors are BLUE AND WHITE, Taft wins.

Watch the sky as the bells strike the hour.

The Times-Dispatch is Supreme in Virginia.

FROM THE CANDIDATES

Mr. Bryan Believes Himself a Winner; So Does Mr. Taft.

LINCOLN, NEB., October 31.—Candidate Bryan sent to-day to several of his friends here, including Dr. L. P. Hall, national committeeman from Nebraska, the following dispatch:

"The fight is over. I believe that I shall be elected by a handsome majority. Many of the close Republican States and several of the so-called doubtful States will swing into the Democratic column.

"The great labor vote is with the Democratic party also to a man. This will be shown in the results in Indiana, Ohio and New York.

"I have never had any doubt about the West. We have a fighting chance in several States that are regarded surely Republican.

(Signed.)
"WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN."

CINCINNATI, OHIO, October 31.—W. H. Taft sent this message to-day from Elmira, N. Y., to his friends here:

"The issues of the campaign are now understood by the American people and the lines are drawn. I have no fear, no doubt, as to the outcome. I believe victory to be assured. I hope that supporters of the Republican doctrines and policies will get out a full and early vote, and that my Cincinnati friends and neighbors, whose encouragement has been a source of pride and inspiration, will personally contribute toward this end.

(Signed)
"WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT."

MARRIED BUTCHER BOY

Millionairess Takes Him for Husband. He Will Return to Block.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, October 31.—A romance begun at the back door with the delivery of a porterhouse steak has culminated in the marriage of Frederick G. Bird, an orphan butcher boy, and Mrs. Mare Nutting Kennedy, daughter of a Brooklyn millionaire.

On October 22, 1907, the present bride of Butcher Boy Bird obtained a divorce from her husband, Robert D. Kennedy, of Brooklyn, father of her four-year-old daughter. Kennedy asserts that he permitted his wife to obtain the divorce, and says he will attempt to prevent his daughter from being fathered by the wielder of the cleaver.

The marriage of young Bird, a strapping youth of twenty-two years, to the matronly Mrs. Kennedy, ten years his senior, was celebrated on Monday last in the home of the Rev. C. E. Benedict, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at New Canaan, Conn. Andrew Nutting, father of the bride, attended and presented his daughter a handsome check.

Young Bird is now installed in the splendid residence of his wife at New Canaan, but it is said he will return to the block in the butcher shop of Ernest J. Brown, from which he has been absent for only a few days.

TO WED AMERICAN

Miss Maloney Will Not Marry Englishman, With Whom She Eloped.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

PHILADELPHIA, PA., October 31.—According to information received, Miss Helen Maloney, daughter of Millionaire Churchman Martin Maloney, will not marry Captain Samuel Clarkson, the Englishman, with whom she eloped to Europe a year ago, but it is reported will wed instead an American of her own faith, who lives in Chicago, if the ecclesiastical court at Rome will permit.

Her father, Martin Maloney, is now understood to be in Rome. It is not believed that his presence there has any significance regarding the case of his daughter. At any rate, no decision in the matter has yet been made, and until it is Miss Maloney is debarred from marriage within the church. Because of her father's prominence as a household officer of the papal court, it is certain her family will not sanction a marriage by any other ceremony, although the courts have declared that the ceremony between her and Osborn was illegal, and that she is free, under the law, to marry whom she pleases.

Regarding the identity of the Chicagoan who is regarded as a possible husband for Miss Maloney, the greatest secrecy has been maintained. He is said to be a rich bachelor and several years older than Miss Maloney.

ASKS RECEIVER

Southern Savings Life and Accident Insurance Company in Difficulties.

CHICAGO, ILL., October 31.—A bill asking that a receiver be appointed for the Southern Savings Life and Accident Insurance Company, a Virginia corporation, was filed in the Circuit Court to-day by three stockholders of the company. The complainants allege that H. O. Jackson, president of the organization, and who is in full control of the company, has squandered $75,000 of its assets, and at the present time owes the company $125,000 for stock held by him. He also is declared to have borrowed $48,000 from the concern.

The bill was filed by Charles L. Hillgartner, Andrew Hillgartner and Addison E. Mulliken, who claim to own sixteen shares of stock, valued at $4,000. The company was organized January 27, 1906, and among other objects, was the manufacture, sale and lease of machines for vending life or accident insurance. These applications were to be installed in railroad stations.

The above company was organized in Norfolk shortly after the close of the Jamestown Exposition and makes its headquarters in that city.

MUST BE MISTAKE

Wife Refuses to Believe Her Outlaw Husband Has Been Captured.

DES MOINES, IOWA, October 31.—"It must be a mistake. I do not believe Frank has been caught. He is too shrewd for a thing like that. I shall not believe it is him."

Mrs. Frank Schercliffe, wife of the alleged bandit fugitive under arrest at Knoxville, Tenn., declared to-day she believed it was not her husband held by the Tennessee authorities. The police say there is little doubt that the man arrested at Knoxville is Schercliffe. Shercliffe says he will not resist extradition to St. Paul, but refuses to go to Colorado, where he is under sentence for murder.

$51.75 to California
Via Washington-Sunset Route. Tourist Sleeping Cars without change; personally conducted; berth, $8.00. 320 E. Main St.

BOTH PARTIES ARE CLAIMING THE VICTORY

Issue Statements From Their Respective Headquarters in New York.

REPUBLICAN TRUST DONATIONS DENIED

Chairman Hitchcock Issues an Official Statement—Mr. Mack Claims 333 Votes for Bryan, While Mr. Hitchcock Is Positive of 325 for Taft.

NEW YORK, October 31.—With only the trees, fountains and green lawns of Madison Square separating their quarters, the rival managers of the Republican and Democratic national campaigns issued to-day final sweeping claims of victory. Against the 325 electoral votes claimed by Chairman Frank H. Hitchcock for Mr. Taft, Chairman Norman E. Mack late to-day set an estimate of 333 votes for Mr. Bryan.

The close of the campaign to-night found the Republican offices in the lofty Metropolitan tower, and the Democratic offices in the Hoffman House, just across the park, humming with activity. Both headquarters are to remain open to-morrow, and there will be still many details to be attended to on Monday. But Chairmen Mack and Hitchcock feel that their hard work is ended, and that little remains now but casting and counting of the ballots. State and county chairmen have been intrusted with the work of getting out the voters in their respective communities.

Mack's Estimate.

Chairman Mack's estimate of votes for Mr. Bryan does not differ greatly from his previous statements. He includes Maryland, Delaware and Missouri in the Solid South and claims seventeen of the States classified by Mr. Hitchcock as "sure for Taft." These include such States as New York, Ohio, Indiana, Kansas, Nebraska, etc.

Mr. Bryan and Mr. Taft were still on the go to-night in carrying out their record-breaking itineraries. Mr. Taft wound up at Rochester practically an entire week of campaigning in New York State. Mr. Bryan, who spent the first four days of the week in this State, spoke to-night at Chicago, on the route to his home in Lincoln, Neb.

There was a big parade of merchants and workers to-day in New York City in behalf of Mr. Taft. The long procession was reviewed by James S. Sherman, Republican candidate for Vice-President; by Secretary of State Root, who spoke here to-night, and by Chairman Hitchcock.

Republicans Claim New York.

New York State, as always, has been one of the great storm centres of the campaign, and to-night is claimed by both old parties for their respective national and State tickets. The Republican managers are apparently confident that Mr. Taft will have a substantial plurality, and in the past week have grown more bold in their claims as to the re-election of Governor Charles E. Hughes, although they admit that his vote will fall far short of that polled for the presidential candidate.

Republican State Committeeman Ward went so far today as to say that Judge Taft would carry Greater New York.

The Democrats have claimed, ever since the renomination of Governor Hughes in the face of opposition from certain leaders in his own party, that the Governor will be defeated. They are willing to admit that he has made gains during the last two weeks of his campaign, but assert that Lieutenant-Governor Chanler will be victorious by a large plurality, and that Mr. Bryan will receive the electoral vote of the State by a comfortable margin.

Democratic Forecast.

The Democratic chairman, in giving his forecast to-night, declared that it meant a landslide for Mr. Bryan. He said:

"In my estimate of electoral votes for Mr. Bryan, I include in addition to the 169 votes of the Solid South, the following States: Colorado, 5; Connecticut, 7; New York, 39; Kansas, 10; New Jersey, 12; North Dakota, 4; Oregon, 4; Rhode Island, 4; West Virginia, 7; Wisconsin, 13; Wyoming, 3; Indiana, 15; Idaho, 3; Montana, 3; Ohio, 23; Nebraska, 8; South Dakota, 4. Total, 164.

California and Illinois I place in the doubtful column, but from the reports I have received from those States, the chances are extremely in favor of their being included in the landslide for Bryan.

"Maryland and Delaware, I include, of course, in the Solid South."

Mr. Mack will leave for Buffalo tomorrow night, and after voting will return here to receive the returns election night at headquarters.

Clean Campaign.

Chairman Mack said to-night:

"The Democrats have conducted a clean, open campaign. Our candidate, William J. Bryan, has conducted an almost superhuman canvass, which appeals not alone to our party pride. The plain people understand what he, his party and platform mean. We have stood in the open. Our cause is just and right, and must survive. The masses have given with alacrity contributions to defray our necessary expenses and publications.

"The Republicans have appealed to the offspring and beneficiaries of high tariff trusts and combinations for funds to run their campaign, and for for what else we know not, because they have refused to take the people into their confidence and publish the names of contributors, the amount given or the total amount contributed.

"I believe a Democratic victory is sure. The party is reunited, and a reunited effort throughout the United States will be made for the success of the entire Democratic people. From ocean to ocean and from the Lakes to