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TAFT MEN FOIL ALLIES PLOT TO SEAT DELEGATES

Scheme to Give Contested Nominations Each Half a Vote Is Checked

Determined Effort Made to Force Vote on the Louisiana Case

Hitchcock Fights Compromise and Denies That Race Problem Is Involved

CHICAGO, June 8.—A few handfuls of sand were thrown into the cylinders of the Taft political machine late today. So far everything that has come up has been handled quickly and decisively by the Taft men, but today from their own membership came a proposition to divide the Louisiana delegation with the opposition, seating both Taft and anti-Taft delegates with half a vote each.

Many Contests Settled

Thus far contests have been settled from the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia and Kentucky, and there has been no division of the committee in disposing of any of them.

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Trip to See Massachusetts Rival, Politicians Believe, Is Fruitless

Governor Guild Goes to Confer With Roosevelt and Secretary Taft

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL NEW YORK, June 8.—Mrs. John Hays Hammond will be her husband's only companion and principal assistant when he goes to Chicago for the latter part of this week to prosecute his campaign for the republican vice presidential nomination.

Mrs. Hammond is at Lakewood, N. J., where her husband joined her tonight, after a trip to Massachusetts, where he went to ascertain whether the vice presidential boom of Governor Guild would last longer than the first ballot.

GUIDE TO SEE TAFT What the outcome of Hammond's visit to Massachusetts was could not be ascertained today, but it was learned that he did not see Guild.

BUTTONLESS CAMPAIGN John C. Montgomery, campaign manager for Hammond, left today for Chicago to take up the fight. He will open headquarters as soon as he arrives.

HAMMOND NOT ON LIST FAILS TO OBTAIN REGISTRATION, BUT IS ELIGIBLE NOW

BOSTON, June 8.—The city authorities of Gloucester say that although John Hays Hammond, who has announced his candidacy for the vice presidential nomination, claims Gloucester as his home, he is not a registered voter.

MISS SPRING SAYS SHE WILL STICK TO SNYDER Colton Society Belle Tells Why She Eloped With a Married Man

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL SAN BERNARDINO, June 8.—Miss Edna Spring, the society belle of Colton, today made her first public statement in regard to her recent elopement.

MAKES ANIMALS IMMUNE FROM WHITE PLAGUE Swiss Scientist Discovers a Method of Inoculation to Prevent Tuberculosis

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL VIENNA, June 8.—What is believed to be an extremely important discovery in the inoculation of animals for tuberculosis was announced at a meeting of the Vienna medical society today.

MARINE Pacific Mail liner San Juan brings word that the railroad from Callisno to Manzanita has been postponed for several months.

LABOR The millers' union expects to have a lively campaign in the election of officers for the next term.

BRUSIE, IRONED AND STRAPPED, RAVES AT FATE

Surgeons Fear He May Not Be Able to Return to North for Days

Nervous Collapse Comes to Clubman, Who Declares His Innocence

Friends Supply \$15,000 Bail and Biggy Sends Wire to Release Him

Bail in the amount of \$15,000 was supplied last night by F. E. Deitz and Phil Bekeart of San Francisco for the release of Judson C. Brusie. As soon as the bond was deposited a telegram was sent to Los Angeles by Chief of Police Biggy ordering

that Brusie be released from arrest.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL LOS ANGELES, June 8.—With his legs in irons and his arms strapped, Judson C. Brusie, secretary of the state railroad commission, who was arrested Sunday on the charge of embezzling funds from the Metropolitan surety and bonding company of New York, lies tonight delirious on a cot in the receiving hospital.

Wheeler Takes Oath as Straus' Aid

California Becomes Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Labor Amid Cheers

WASHINGTON, June 8.—William R. Wheeler, assistant secretary of commerce and labor, took the oath of office today.

ALLEGES SPITE WORK Before he suffered a nervous collapse Brusie talked much about his case. According to his story, his arrest is the result of spite work on the part of Joseph McClosky, president of the Metropolitan surety and bonding company.

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Sketches in court during first day of Walter J. Barnett's actual trial. At the top is a drawing of Barnett, while below, from left to right, are William Hoff Cook, assistant district attorney; James Conning, secretary of the bank, and Judge Conley.



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BARNETT'S SPIRIT AIDS SIT AT BAR

Mystic Circle of Phantom Financiers Destined to Play Part in Banker's Trial

Fantastic Tale of Hypnotism and Ghostly Midnight Seances Bared by Prosecutor

W. Hoff Cook in Opening Statement Tears Away Veil of Superstition Causing Wreck

Story of How Weird Trumpets Directed Deals of Safe Deposit Managers

Destined to play a part in the trial of Walter J. Barnett, former vice president of the California safe deposit and trust company, are two distinct sets of characters as widely different in their being as are fact and fantasy.

Although the embezzlement trial is but one day old, hypnotism and spiritualism have already sprung to the front as important factors in the case, and with them has come mention of the names of noted financiers long dead.

WALKER HYPNOTIZED Cook hinted at even more. He suggested that through catering to the superstitious weaknesses of President David Walker of the bank, Barnett exercised a hypnotic control over the nominal head of the institution.

Without charging Barnett directly with such deception, Cook hinted broadly that the defendant himself entertained no belief in spiritualism, but simply adopted a pretense of belief that he might, by the more readily bring the other bank officials under his control and operate the bank to his personal ends.

BARNETT KNEW OF WEAKNESS "As the California safe deposit and trust company tottered to ruin," declared Cook, "Barnett knew of its actual condition, yet he wrote to J. Daisel Brown not to tell. There is no attempt on my part to excuse Brown. Brown was just as big a thief as Barnett, but in the case of the Colton securities, with which we have to do here, Brown was advised by Barnett, the guardian of this trust, to use the trust in behalf of the bank. And in

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