

TAFT POLICIES BEFORE PEOPLE IN TWO FIGHTS

State Administration Faces Embarrassment in Two Congressional Districts

Contests of Kent and Curry Will Test Governor's Strength With People

By GEORGE A. VAN SMITH

The new first and third congressional districts will be the fields for the showdown battle for supremacy between the radical and conservative forces in the republican party in California.

In the fights for the republican nomination for congress in both districts the state administration and La Follette forces will be lined up against Taft men and Taft policies. In both fights more than the nomination and election of a congressman will be at stake.

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KENT AS PUNISHER

Straws whirling in the political breeze indicate that the administration would prefer to sidestep the first district congressional shindy, but there seems to be no avenue for such an out. Kent invested heavily in the Johnson campaign. He did not plunge against Taft men and Taft policies. In both fights more than the nomination and election of a congressman will be at stake.

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PROSPECT FOR HUNTER

Humboldt county people, progressives, reactionaries and plain garden variety republicans, divided though they may be on the question of candidates, are agreed that the first congressman from the new first district must be a Humboldt county man. All of which means more embarrassment for the administration forces and makes Judge G. W. Hunter of Humboldt loom up as an extremely formidable bidder for the nomination.

Hunter is a progressive republican of the Taft type. He is a tariff man. He is a farmer and heavily interested in both sheep and cattle. Wherefore he is with Taft in the matter of wool and other tariff schedule revision. He has already made a tour of the counties in the new district, and he has made his position so plain that the wool men of the district are organizing to make his fight.

FIGHT AGAINST RADICAL

Apparently the majority of the republicans of Humboldt county take the talk about progressives and "reactionaries" for just what it is worth. They are prepared to believe that Connick is not progressive enough to be taken seriously in that connection and that Hunter is not sufficiently a reactionary to be a menace to a republican form of government.

What they are most interested in is the defeat of Congressman Kent, radical, and a citizen of Marin county, by a citizen of Humboldt county.

As a means for simplifying their fight against Kent some of the republicans of Humboldt county are vigorously advocating an extra-legal elimination primary contest to decide whether Connick or Hunter shall have the honor of retiring so that Humboldt may center its efforts behind one of them.

THREE HANDED SCRAP

No definite plan for the elimination has been suggested, but the sentiment is so strong that both the Atchafalaya and the Ferndale Enterprise have taken an editorial stand for it.

The Hunter people are confident that their man could easily win in a local elimination contest and are even more confident that he can beat both Connick and Kent in the district at large. They seem to see nothing objectionable in a fight that would divide the extreme progressive vote between Kent and Connick.

PROBLEM FOR CAMPAIGN

If Connick stays in the race it will be difficult for the administration to take Kent and against him and in view of what Kent has done for the administration and his association with the La Follette campaign it will be difficult for the administration to maintain a policy of "hands off."

That difficulty will not abate itself into the third district fight. The third district man, Frank R. Devlin of Vallejo. He will be opposed by the republican nomination by former Secretary of State Charles F. Curry.

Devlin is one of the men who helped make the Johnson administration. He was the first president of the Lincoln Roosevelt league. He was the choice of hundreds of the genuine reformers for chairman of the reorganized republican state central committee. Both Johnson and Curry have done all that could be expected of them to dispel any doubts about their lack of regard for each other.

TAFT POLICIES INVOLVED

Devlin is not in the fullest sense or in any offensive sense a radical. However, his association with the administration and the administration support of his congressional aspirations must put him in the La Follette fight. That there may be no room for doubt that that score Curry's announcement of his candidacy was a formal declaration for Taft and Taft's policies. That was definite notice of an intention to force an issue that could not be evaded by the administration forces, and which they probably have no desire to evade.

Curry not only invited the opposition of the administration which he was sure to have in a negative way, but he announced a platform that reasonably assured him of that opposition in an affirmative way.

In both the third and the first districts the cards have been dealt in a manner that will subordinate the personal equation to an issue of state administration and state policies against federal administration and Taft policies.

Bandit Registers at Hotel, Gags Clerk and Takes Cash

Elevator Boy Runs for Aid and Scars Robber Away

Police Chase Fugitive, Who Disappears With \$800 In the Darkness

Single handed and unmasked a bandit held up the night clerk of the Winchester hotel, Third street near Market street, early yesterday morning, kept several guests in the lobby, and then disappeared down Jessie street in the growing dawn, taking with him more than \$800 of the hotel's money. Three startled policemen, who saw the man run out the place, followed along in vain, and last night he remained at large.

In design and execution the robbery was one of the coolest and most skillful holdups in many years, and calls to mind the daring exploits of the early desperadoes. No suspicion attached to the stranger until a second before he disappeared, so carefully had he planned the whole affair, and his skill leads those concerned to believe he is an old hand at the game.

BANDIT PAYS FOR ROOM

The man arrived at the hotel, which is located at 76 Third street, at 2 o'clock in the morning, registered as "B. Hardy" and was assigned to a room on the seventh floor. He paid Night Clerk T. N. Tved and took his key, but did not ascend to the room. For an hour he lounged about the lobby, walking around and sitting in one of the chairs. Through exchanging signs of Odd Fellowship, he struck up an acquaintance with J. C. Kirby of Portland, a regular guest at the hotel, and the two talked for an hour about the affairs of the lodges in the west. After a time they went outside for a drink, returning shortly before 5 o'clock.

As they entered the front door, the elevator boy on night duty, A. A. Robertson, went up in one of the two elevators in answer to a call.

CLERK TIED ON KEY

The stranger told Kirby he was going to bed, as well as a few dollars Tved asked the clerk to show him to his room. Tved was making up his accounts, but willingly left off, putting the money into a sack which he locked in the cash drawer.

When the pair came to "Hardy's" room on the seventh floor, Tved entered first to switch on the lights. The robber fired two big revolvers while the clerk's back was turned, and then ordered him to lie down on the bed, where he tied his hand and foot with cord and with sheets and towels. Before he left he thrust a towel into Tved's mouth, nearly choking the clerk to death.

PISTOL FOUND ON GUEST

Robertson, the elevator boy, was staying at the desk near the money, but the robber walked leisurely behind the counter, ordered him to throw up his hands, and proceeded to take all the loose gold and currency, as well as one package containing about \$800.

He paid no attention to his friend of a few minutes before, Kirby, who was still seated in the lobby with George Mygatt and J. C. Kirby Jr., all guests of the hotel. One of them started to rise, but got no further, as the robber turned his pistol in that direction and ordered all to hold up their hands.

Meantime the elevator boy, who was near the stairs, made a dash for the mezzanine floor, intending to get out by the rear door and call the police. The robber did not shoot at the fleeing man, but hastily jumbled all the money in sight into his pockets and ran out of the front entrance.

POLICE PURSUIT FUTILE

Policemen William Jurgens, Frank Ruggles and Henry Gaylor were standing on the sidewalk less than half a block away and saw the man dash out of the hotel, followed by the Kirbys and Mygatt. They joined in the pursuit following the robber into Jessie street and then along Anne lane to Mission, where the bandit was lost in the darkness. All the police in the city were notified at once, and special guards were stationed at the depots and ferries, but "Hardy" had disappeared.

In appearance he was about 30 years old, smooth shaven and fairly well dressed. According to both Tved and Kirby he spoke with a pronounced English accent.

CLERK ALMOST SUFFOCATED

Detectives Nick Bachlich and Charles Gallatin were detailed on the case, and arrived at the Winchester within a few minutes after the robbery. They found the man in the room, who had been tied to the bed, and it was with difficulty that he was revived sufficiently to tell a coherent story of the attack. He had not suspected the stranger until Kirby arrived in the room, when he turned around to see the revolver pointed at him. Even then he thought it was a joke for a moment until the robber lost his courteous manner and commenced to curse and threaten him.

Tved said that the man evidently was familiar with binding and gagging victims, as it was all done in a few seconds.

Office of Winchester hotel, in center, and picture showing how the night clerk, T. N. Tved, was held up. The lower portrait is that of the elevator boy, A. A. Robertson, who scared the bandit away.



SLEUTH ALARMS DARROW'S FRIENDS

Says Attorney's "Tight Fistedness" Filled His Offices With State's Agents

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31.—That the confession of Bert H. Franklin was recorded by the dictagraph and that Clarence Darrow was betrayed by his own men because of his alleged tight fistedness were two developments in the Darrow bribery case today.

The feature that has caused most alarm among Darrow's friends is the statement by Chief of Detectives Browne that Darrow's office was filled with agents of the state during the preparation and preliminaries of the McNamara trial. Browne said:

"There appears to be no further need of keeping this quiet. I was warned long before Darrow got here how the detective force for the defense would operate. We had word from reliable eastern sources that jurymen would be bribed and witnesses intimidated. We acted on this information. Darrow's offices were filled with detectives in our employ. Darrow is a shrewd lawyer, but he has one great failing—that of being too close fisted with his help."

"Now that this case is practically over as far as this office is concerned, it will do no harm to say that several of Darrow's supposedly trusted men came to me for money. I slipped them some, but asked no favors. Pretty soon these men began giving me information. Later they would come across with more."

Browne said that he allowed the defense to believe from the start that he was blind to many of their games, while he was watching every move. Browne spread his men in the labor temple, as well as in Darrow's office.

It was learned today that Darrow's defense will be that Franklin was discovered to be a spy, and, accordingly, the alleged bribery was framed up to get him into trouble.

When Darrow appears before Judge George H. Hutton of the superior court for arraignment tomorrow he will ask for further time in which to enter his plea, according to his attorney's statement today.

It was expected that at the same time Judge Hutton would name the judge who would hear the cases and that an agreement would be made as to when a transcript of the testimony which formed the basis of the indictments against Darrow would be furnished by the state to the accused attorney.

More Dynamite Hidden

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 31.—Through evidence given by Patrick Boyle of Kansas City, a watchman in the investigation of the dynamite conspiracy by the federal grand jury, it is believed that the government obtained information about stores of explosives hidden by McNamara's "dynamiting crew" which never have been found.

Boyle told about an explosion in Kansas City in August, 1910, and of recently finding nitroglycerin at the spot described by Orin McManigal, the confessed dynamiter.

Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, is expected to be the chief witness tomorrow.

THIRTY MILE LINE TO POWER PLANT UNDER WAY

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FRESNO, Jan. 31.—Graders will begin tomorrow the construction of a railroad from Gordon switch, five miles east of Clovis, to Finnels station in the Sierras. The railroad is being built by the Pacific Power and Light company, and will be used to haul material to the Big creek plant, now under construction. This new power plant will be the largest in the state, and will furnish power for Los Angeles and other southern California cities.

The railroad will only go about half way to Big creek, at a distance of 30 miles. The cost will be \$750,000. It is planned to build the entire distance ultimately.

The road is being built by the Stone-Webster Construction company of Seattle. In addition to hauling material, the road will be used for summer travel, as short stage connections can be made from it to the various summer resorts around Pine Ridge, Shaver and Crane valleys. The railroad will eliminate 30 miles of staging now necessary.

THREE POSTMASTERS NAMED BY PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 31.—President Taft has appointed the following postmasters: California—Rosamond, Kern county, T. W. Hamilton, vice J. A. Budd, resigned. Arizona—Hackberry, Mojave county, William S. Nichols, vice W. L. Kayser, resigned. Oregon—Dundee, Yamhill county, Joseph Edwards, vice H. S. Imus, resigned.

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TAFT FISHES FOR CURE IN HIS OWN PRIVATE STATE

Anti-Trust Law Will Stand, President Tells Ohioans at Akron Banquet

Make the Best of the Sherman Law, None Better Proposed, He Says

AKRON, O., Jan. 31.—President Taft brought his three day trip through northern and central Ohio to an end here tonight with a reception and a dinner given in his honor by the Akron Chamber of Commerce.

The president spoke on the tariff board at the dinner and gave his reasons for wishing its continued existence. He made it clear that the administration intends to enforce the anti-trust law, but said he favored the enactment of a federal incorporation act to enable great corporations to operate under the "shield of a national charter."

"But," said the president, "whether we have a national incorporation law or not, we have an anti-trust law on the statute books. That law is not going to be repealed."

The president said his hearers had doubtless heard 25 lectures with 23 different laws to replace the Sherman act. All different and none better than that law. "Probably the best thing to do," said Taft, "is to take this law that has stood the test more than 20 years and do our best with it."

CURRENCY REFORM INDORSED

The president ended with an indorsement of the plan for currency reform proposed by the national monetary commission and with a plea for the arbitration treaties.

Leaving Akron late tonight, the president is due in Pittsburgh early tomorrow and should reach Washington late tomorrow afternoon.

Taft came to Akron from Columbus in his private car. On the trip from the capital were former Senator Dick, Republican National Committeeman A. C. Vorys and L. C. Laylin, one of the managers of the Taft forces in the state. The president appeared on the rear platform of his car at Westerville, Gambier, Galena, Danville, Orrville and a few other stops. The crowds that came to the stations to greet him were large and their greetings were friendly, although much of the trip was through territory that went democratic at the congressional election in 1910.

In an address to more than 50 republican editors of Ohio at Columbus early today Taft declared that he believes the party will win in November, but said that much of the brunt of the fight will rest on the editors.

EDITORS TO WIN FIGHT, HE SAYS

The president confessed that he had forgotten much about Ohio politics, but said he depended on the editors to bring a victory in the fall.

He said in part:

"The party has had during the last two or three years a hard time, but it is not the first time in its history. It has been through rougher places. It is not the first time in history that it has been unjustly attacked; when has been misunderstood by the voters and its own members. I verily believe this coming campaign to show that it has the power in itself to overcome obstacles and to win victory again and show that it is the real agency in the United States upon which real progress can be based."

"The real truth is that we have not had the whole story told and we have not been out in such a way that the issue has been distinctly made and the facts bearing on that issue brought out. There has been a great deal of talk, but I think when we get stripped for the fight and get down to the arena with only two antagonists, we shall be able to show a warrant for our continuance in power, and a discomfiting people can not ignore."

"Upon your energy and faith in republican principles and in your belief that the party has a large future of usefulness before it, rests a question whether we are to be successful in the coming campaign."

Watterson's Last Word

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 31.—Colonel Henry Watterson, en route to his winter home in Florida, issued the following statement this afternoon on the subject of the Harvey-Wilson controversy:

"Touching the Harvey-Wilson letters given out yesterday, I have to say that from first to last they have been acting in full accordance with my full knowledge and approval, but upon his insistence that from the beginning he was most impatient of delay, sending a personal representative to me at Arlington the 21st of December and again the 31st of December, urging me to take the initiative; that when announced in indorsement and statement of the Manhattan club incident, wiring forthwith to declare it 'perfect' and he was in Washington with me last Sunday night, sharing all I did and had done."

"As to those democrats who have made a hero of Watterson because of his break with Harvey, how shall they square themselves with the eternal verities of the party? Harvey and Wilson and Harvey are weeping upon one another's bosom?"

Folk in High Dudgeon

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 31.—Former Governor Joseph W. Folk refused today to take part in the democratic presidential primary in St. Louis because he held that "virtually every member of the democratic city committee, under whose auspices the contest is to be held, either fled or defected or was a member of the Champ Clark delegation from his ward. The Joplin convention will determine whether Folk or Clark shall have the Missouri indorsement of the president. The Clark delegations were all in all wards of the city. Political leaders are of the opinion that Governor Folk will contest the Clark St. Louis delegation in the state convention."

"Chicago for Roosevelt"

CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—"We are going right ahead with our movement and our people are with us," said Alexander Revell, president of the Roosevelt national committee, today, after a visit to Theodore Roosevelt in New York.

A call was issued for a meeting of the committee here February 10 for discussion of future plans.

"I will not enter the lists," continued Revell, "as I know exactly what the Roosevelt intentions are concerning the mention of his name for president."

"I am convinced that the exigencies of the country will appeal to the patriotism of Colonel Roosevelt and that the force that all other considerations ultimately will be swept aside."

WOMAN REVEALS FRAUDS IN REALTY MORTGAGES

Confession Involves Dealer and Lands in Coast Cities

SAN DIEGO, Jan. 31.—According to District Attorney H. S. Utley, the woman arrested as Mrs. Hattie Telson, who says her true name is Hattie Cortez, for complicity in swindling Mrs. Eugenia Townsend out of \$2,000 in a fake sale of a lodging house, has turned state's evidence.

Her statement involves gigantic real estate and mortgage frauds in San Diego, Los Angeles, Portland and Denver. It resulted in the arrest this afternoon of Louis Kleinman, a realty broker, previously a year ago was a barber in Los Angeles.

Of the \$2,000 received from Mrs. Townsend, Mrs. Cortez says she paid Kleinman \$400 for preparing a mortgage. The remainder Mrs. Cortez turned over to District Attorney Utley, who said that it would revert to Mrs. Townsend.

Kleinman refuses to give up the \$400, maintaining innocence of wrongdoing.

CHARLES G. WHEELER, NOTED CHEMIST, DEAD

CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—Charles Gilbert Wheeler, noted chemist and mining geologist, is dead here at the home of his brother. Death was due to heart trouble. He was 75 years old. Professor Wheeler taught the first class at the University of Chicago and was the last survivor of the original faculty at the old university. He had traveled extensively and was the author of many books on chemistry.

Most girls dislike being kissed—by the wrong fellow.

WOMAN IDENTIFIED AS TRUNK MURDER SUSPECT

Waives Extradition on Charge of Killing Chinese

BILLINGS, Mont., Jan. 31.—The Chinese woman arrested here under the name of Me Fung was identified today as Ol Sen, wanted on a charge of complicity in the murder of Seld Bink, whose body was found in a trunk at Seattle, by Wong Hong, an interpreter employed by the Portland police. She waived extradition and was taken to Portland this afternoon by Detective Day. She refused to discuss the case.

YARD ELECTRICIAN TO STUDY AVIATION

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

MARE ISLAND, Jan. 31.—G. S. Whitcomb, chief electrician, formerly attached to the cruiser West Virginia, and one of the inventors of wireless telegraph outfit being tested at Mare Island, will leave the service Monday. He will join Glenn Curtiss and study aviation.

FOUR YEAR OLD GIRL IS FATALLY BURNED

BAKERSFIELD, Jan. 31.—Vera, aged 4, daughter of Henry Dover of Taft, was fatally burned when her clothes caught fire from a bonfire. Judge O'Boyle tried to smother the flames with a bed quilt.

JOHN K. ORR BURIED—Berkeley, Jan. 31.—The funeral of John K. Orr, pioneer merchant of San Francisco, was held today from the Orr residence, 1740 Walnut street. Rev. Edward L. Parsons, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church, officiated. Interment was in Mountain View cemetery, Oakland.

GUATEMALA

A Country of Great Openings for Americans

President Manuel Estrada Cabrera.



J. A. G. Champion de S., Consul General of Guatemala.

J. F. Bracamonte, Secretary to the Consul.

Watterson's Last Word

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The following are a few facts that speak for themselves and readily show that Guatemala, that beautiful southern republic, is not losing time and is every day a greater country. President Estrada Cabrera is devoting the best of his efforts to promote progress, and his energies are all aimed to maintain peace for the sake of the nation's welfare and advancement.

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All possible support has been given to the public instruction in its various forms and especially to the primary education. On the 15th of February, 1909, the government declared the study of the English language obligatory in all the primary schools of the republic. There are more than 1,600 schools in Guatemala, located in the principal towns, villages and even in every large plantation. Under the able and enthusiastic leadership of President Estrada Cabrera, all branches of public instruction and the increase of public schools is most carefully attended to. The interest taken in this advance by the public at large as well as by the pupils of the schools are commendable features of Guatemala.

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General drilling and evolutions are admirably conducted by the army. Same is equipped with the most modern armament; the soldiers are thoroughly disciplined and constitute an efficient class. Amongst its military instructors let us mention a captain of the French army specially engaged by the government.

The police force is organized after the American system, and in fact differs very little from the American uniform and equipment by a few details.

GUATEMALA, A SECOND HOME FOR AMERICANS

Many immigrants are today enjoying a peaceful and productive life in Guatemala, and I could mention instances of many of them having chosen Guatemala as their second home.

From now on, more than ever, will be understood the statements that the mere geographical position of Guatemala is a happy augury for its future destinies; from now on as ever before its life will be more active, its progress greater, its productions and sources of wealth will increase daily in abundance; its physical and moral economy is expanding.

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