

TAFT'S ELECTION ASSURED SAYS HIS SECRETARY

Hilles Claims All of Ohio Delegation Will Be for His Chief

as a Fiddle, President Returns From His 2,000 Mile Jaunt

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Cheerful and apparently none the worse for his 2,000 mile trip to Ohio and back, President Taft arrived in Washington late today.

The president came by special train from Pittsburg to Harrisburg, Pa., and slept for several hours after leaving the western Pennsylvania city.

Hilles Sees Victory In the first authorized statement he has issued in connection with the Taft nomination, Charles D. Hilles, secretary to the president, predicted today President Taft would be nominated and elected.

"President Taft's nomination in June is as certain as anything could be," said Hilles in his statement. "I am confident there will be comparatively little opposition to him in the national convention when the nomination is made the republicans of the country will rally to the party standard and win a great victory in November."

"I would not make this prediction did I not feel that my information from all parts of the country warrants me in doing so. It is easy to make big claims and to try to deceive people, and I think that a man who has seen without facts and figures to justify is guilty of deception."

SITUATION HAS CLEARED

"A month ago, before I had got in touch with republicans in all the states, I would not have said this much. In that month I have seen lines drawn closer and closer. In the last week the situation has cleared wonderfully with republicans in all directions falling into line for the president and manifesting a determination to bring about his nomination."

"It is useless to speak in general terms or to undertake at short notice to go into conditions in each state, but developments in three of the big states within a few days ought to point conclusively to the present trend."

Hilles goes on to refer to conditions in New York, Ohio and Indiana, claiming that President Taft has received endorsements in those states which indicate they will give their delegates to him in the convention.

"There has been lots of noise in Ohio," said Hilles, "but the substantial republicans in every congressional district are determined that the president shall have the delegates, and he will get them too."

"I have a telegram from Indianapolis saying that every single member of the republican state committee elected in the thirteen congressional districts yesterday is for Taft. That is a big change from a committee whose chairman, Mr. Lee, went around Washington in December, proclaiming that Indiana was hostile to the president."

In regard to New York state, Hilles said: "The president's speeches in New York so enthused the republicans there that the executive committee of the county committee of New York county passed, by a unanimous vote, resolutions endorsing the president and declaring for his re-nomination in the strongest terms."

"This was followed by a meeting of the general republican committee of Kings county, Brooklyn. By unanimous vote Mr. Taft's re-nomination was urged. I was told today by two of the leaders of Brooklyn that it had not been the intention of the leaders to bring about an endorsement at that meeting, but the action was spontaneous after a member had introduced the resolution. The information from the leaders in New York was uniformly that the president will have the delegation of the state."

"In Ohio the president's speeches have awakened republicans to a degree that was not expected. I have not a doubt that every delegate from the state will be for him."

Brandeis Starts Tour

FREMONT, Neb., Feb. 1.—Louis D. Brandeis launched his speech making tour in Nebraska here this afternoon, when he advocated the policies of Senator La Follette before a large crowd.

Brandeis devoted his speech mostly to decrying the trusts. While the meeting was advertised as a La Follette rally the reception in Fremont had the flavor of a nonpartisan affair. A dozen prominent republicans and democrats dined with him at noon.

In his speech Brandeis declared that the country faces a crisis equaled in seriousness only twice in its history—once in 1776 and again in 1861.

Resolutions were adopted endorsing La Follette for president and pledging support to Congressman Norris of the Fifth district was endorsed for senator and recognized as the "ideal progressive legislator."

The policies of Roosevelt were approved. The delegates were pledged to abide by primary references.

Clark Men Cheered

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 1.—By relinquishing claim to St. Louis' 216 delegates to the democratic state convention at Joplin February 20, managers of Former Governor Joseph W. Folk's campaign took a long step toward turning Missouri over to Speaker Champ Clark, according to comment of the latter's friends today.

COLONIST RATES MADE BY WESTERN RAILROADS

One Way Fare From Chicago to Coast

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—Western railroads have issued a joint passenger tariff containing second class one way colonist fares to points in Alberta, British Columbia, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Mexico, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Saskatchewan, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming from Chicago the one way fare is \$23, from St. Louis \$32 and from Kansas City \$25.

A plunge in comfortably heated ocean salt water at the Lurline Baths before breakfast makes the day's work easy. Baths open at 7 a. m. and until 10 p. m. Bush and Larkin streets.

Feminine Jury Says Woman Was Squeezed in Corset Transaction

At the top is San Francisco's first woman jury, they are, lower row, from left to right, Dr. Blanche L. Sanborn, Dr. Amy Florence Temple, Mrs. J. J. Whitney. Left to right, upper row, Miss Cora Morris Otis, Mrs. Lloyd Ackerman, Miss Frederick E. M. Otis. Below, at left, is Mrs. Helen Burdell, the defendant; at right, Mrs. Marion Penn.



She Insisted on 21 When Her Size Was 23 Says Defense

It was all about a pair of corsets, pink of brocaded silk, with "frillies" of Valenciennes lace and having several sets of dangling, elastic appendages so Justice called into his court yesterday the first jury of women that San Francisco has had to aid him in his decision.

Mrs. Marion Penn brought suit against V. O. Burdell, H. E. Burdell and E. L. Burdell, who conduct a corset house in Stockton street, to recover \$10 which she had paid for a pair of corsets that proved unsatisfactory and the costs of the suit.

It took just seven minutes to get a verdict in favor of the plaintiff from the jury, who were: Maria Whitney, 1164 O'Farrell street, who is Mrs. J. J. Whitney, the trance medium; Cora Morris Otis and Frederika E. M. Otis, both of 2251 Broadway, the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. James Otis; Louise Sloss Ackerman, the wife of Lloyd Ackerman, 2175 Pacific avenue; Dr. Amy Florence Temple, 1145 O'Farrell street; Dr. Blanche L. Sanborn, 1715 Scott street.

With these pioneers among the newly enfranchised in jury duty came a smiling, springlike atmosphere of smiles and politeness and a ceremony with softening of the stern technicalities of the law.

PLEASE DESIST, BEGS BAILIFF

Millinery and manners were on every side, gentle requests took the place of "orders of the court," the bailiff was so busy making jurors happy and comfortable that he forgot to rap for silence, errors in court etiquette were overlooked and ignored and the attorneys wooed justice with most persuasive mien.

The jurors had a becoming sense of the dignity and gravity of their position and listened attentively to the testimony. Mrs. Whitney yielded to the testimony to pertinent comments at inopportune moments, which led the attorneys to beseech her to have pity on them. They pointed out that they were accustomed to addressing anything but masculine jurors and they were nervous already. Interruptions were bad for them, they said.

A DELICATE PINK, THEY WERE

Mrs. Penn was the first witness called. She said that she had entered the corset house last summer to buy a pair of corsets. Pink was the color she wanted and the corset she was shown. Her time in town was limited, she had a number of engagements, so, having paid \$10 for the corsets, she took them home. Instead of waiting there to try them on, they proved unsatisfactory and she returned them the following day, saying that she would return to see about another pair in two hours if she was able to arrange it. She was unable to return before her train left for the north, so it was two weeks later that she came back to get her corsets.

Then she found, she declared, that her corsets had been sold, that there were none others like them, and in place of what she wanted, she was shown cheaper corsets, white, which she would not have, her heart being set on the rosy hue—or else pink, but more expensive.

There were offers to send elsewhere for corsets for her, but she was leaving town in a day or two, so refused to wait and demanded her money back. This was refused, she said, "with impertinence." Her friend, Mrs. Leona Askew, of 1270 McAllister street, corroborated Mrs. Penn's story, she having accompanied the plaintiff on her shopping expeditions.

Miss Elizabeth Smith, a saleswoman

In the corset house, was the first witness for the defense. She had sold Mrs. Penn her corsets, which were on special sale, \$10 marked down from \$12.50, because they were last year's model.

Mrs. Penn insisted, she said, on having a 21 corset, although her measurements showed plainly that it was impossible for her to wear less than a 23.

Finally Miss Smith turned to Mme. Burdell, knowing that it was not the custom of the house to permit the return of articles on special sale, and asked if she should sell Mrs. Penn what she wanted or what she ought to have. She was told to give her what she wanted and it could be exchanged for the right size later when Mrs. Penn found it was impossible for her to get them on.

Mrs. Helen Burdell was then called to the witness stand, bringing with her the pair of corsets which she said had been sold originally early last August to Mrs. Penn and which she had not returned for until six weeks later in the middle of September. She had, instead of selling these corsets, kept them laid away for Mrs. Penn.

BUT WAS CHANGED TO 23

Of course they were too small, she said, and when Mrs. Penn had refused to wait until she sent elsewhere for them she had promised to make them fit.

As she is an expert corset maker, she had taken another pair of corsets, cut proper pieces and inserted them in the back of the corsets to make them a 23 size. The corsets were offered in evidence and examined minutely by the members of the jury.

She had expected Mrs. Penn to return at 4 o'clock the next day to see if the corsets were satisfactory, but this she had not done.

Mrs. Penn returned to the stand to say that she had been told that her corsets were sold, which Mrs. Burdell denied.

Mrs. Penn then made conversationally the remark which proved, it is said, the strongest factor in winning her case. She did not wish, she said, to pay \$10 for a pair of corsets unless she got a perfect pair, and she did not consider a made over or patched up corset perfect.

Many further details of fittings, original models, special sales, return of goods, return of money, were handled back and forth, the attorneys, Howard Harron for the plaintiff and James E. Colston for the defense, were given a few minutes to address the jurors, the judge making a brief charge, and they retired to deliberate.

The foreman of the jury was Doctor Temple, and it was rumored that the jurors were unanimous, save for Mrs. Ackerman, who held out for several minutes in favor of the defendants.

BOOKKEEPER IN TROUBLE—Charles Tull, a bookkeeper, was arrested yesterday by Police J. B. Hunt and charged with petty larceny. Tull entered the store of M. Baumgardner, 1420 Stockton street, and while playing a golf watch "nick" got a note valued at \$25 in his mouth and attempted to run out.

Darrow, ACCUSED BRIBER, ARRIGNED

Judge Hutton Designates Saturday as Date for Attorney to Enter Pleas

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 1.—Clarence S. Darrow, former chief counsel for the McNamara brothers, was arraigned before Presiding Judge Hutton of the superior court today on the two indictments charging him with jury bribery in the dynamiting trial. Judge Hutton designated next Saturday as the date for the entering of pleas to both indictments.

Darrow's attorneys lost the first technical move they made when Judge Hutton overruled the objection of Earl Rogers to the sufficiency of today's arraignment on the ground of differences in legal opinion regarding when the transcript of grand jury evidence should be available for the defense.

Darrow does not yet know what alleged facts or evidence was marshaled against him before the inquisitors who indicted him last Monday.

Judge Hutton ruled in favor of the assistant district attorney, Rogers, stated that when Darrow is called upon to plead next Saturday demurrers will be interposed attacking the validity of the two indictments on every possible ground. This action, Rogers asserted, was not intended primarily to impede progress in the case, but merely to safeguard the rights of the accused lawyer if necessity arose in the future to exonerate them.

Among the grounds upon which Rogers will ask that the indictments against Darrow be set aside will be "verbosity, redundancy and tautology." According to present plans, Judge Hutton will decide Saturday whether he will try the Darrow cases himself or use his authority as presiding judge and assign them to another of the superior judges.

Arthur L. Veitch, deputy district attorney, who took to Indianapolis for the use of the federal grand jury there evidence obtained by the state authorities here, and who returned home yesterday, said today that Ortle E. McManigal could be brought back to Los Angeles in about two weeks.

McManigal Starts West

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 1.—Ortle E. McManigal, the confessed dynamiter, who has been here several weeks aiding the federal grand jury in its investigation of an alleged nation wide dynamiting conspiracy, departed secretly for Los Angeles yesterday afternoon, according to federal officials.

With him was Detective Malcolm McLaren, who has been his constant companion since his arrest. In the party also were Sheriff William A. Hampe and Under Sheriff Robert T. Brain of Los Angeles county. It is understood the party went by way of St. Louis.

A short time before reaching Indianapolis McManigal and his associates and in this manner sought to evade detection. It is not known that he wore a disguise on leaving, but it was intimated by the officials that they had no fear that he would be recognized on his return to California.

Questions as to the uses to which the \$25,000 McNamara defense fund was put are believed to have been asked Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, before the federal grand jury in the investigation of the dynamite conspiracy today.

Conners' Defense Attacked

A nugatory bombshell apparently shattered the defense of Bert H. Conners, alleged dynamite plotter, at the close of the arguments of the state to the jury late today when G. Ray Horton, deputy district attorney, declared that the imprint of the defendant's teeth was upon the caps attached to the fuse leading to the dynamite found in the alley adjoining the county Hall of Records which Conners was charged with having conspired to blow up September 9, 1916.

When Horton reached that point in his argument Conners closed his lips firmly and the prosecutor noting the action, called out loudly: "Look at him! Look at him! He doesn't dare to open his mouth! He does not dare to show his teeth!"

Conners' attorney, Lecompte Davis, in seeming desperation, seized him, raised him from his seat and forced him to take a position before the jury box.

Then Horton went up to the defendant and ordered him to open his mouth. Conners parted his lips slightly and the prosecutor seized the defendant's mouth as he would that of a horse, pulling the lower lips away from the teeth and forcing him to parade back and forth so that each juror could have a good view.

Horton passed among the jurors the dynamite caps, and said that they bore the marks of Conners' teeth.

When the arguments were concluded the court ordered a recess until tomorrow morning when the jury will be instructed.

BRIBE OFFER TOLD ROGERS TO SERVE AT HAZZARD TRIAL IN STONE'S PLACE

Fasting Specialist's Friend Is Accused of Attempting to Limit Testimony Napa State Hospital Managers Designate Acting Medical Superintendent

SEATTLE, Feb. 1.—The murder trial at Port Orchard of Mrs. Linda Burfield Hazzard, fasting specialist, will reach the point of arguments by counsel after the introduction of evidence by two witnesses tomorrow morning.

The name of James Watson Webb, described by Mrs. Hazzard as the "pure minded youth," and delegated by the defendant as a companion and assistant nurse for Miss Claire Williamson, because of whose death the defendant is on trial, was prominent again today. Webb was accused by Miss Esther Cameron, at one time a maid at the Hazzard sanatorium, and Mrs. Amy Midgely, both of Portland, Ore., with attempting to bribe Miss Cameron not to appear at the trial.

Three physicians were called to combat the defense's contention that death was due to peritonitis or gastritis.

Dr. Ella Senge, of Seattle, an expert in the performance of autopsies, testified that with ailments indicated in the post mortem report, Claire Williamson must have been a chronic invalid for at least two years. Doctor Senge said that letters written by Miss Williamson indicated that she was a hypochondriac.

Miss Dorothea Williamson, sister of the dead woman and her companion in the fasting treatment, denied that any food other than vegetable broths had been furnished her sister up to her last hour. Miss Margaret Conway, the aged governess brought from Australia, testified that with her arrival at the Hazzard sanatorium, after the death of Miss Claire, she found Miss Dorothea dangerously ill, represented to be hopelessly insane and treated in an unkindly and unfeeling manner by the defendant.

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BRITISH NAVY CALLS FOR BIDS ON DESTROYERS

All Constructors Asked, for Tenders on Three Boats

LONDON, Feb. 1.—An unexpected call has been made today on all the ship builders in the list of contractors for the British navy to send in tenders for a new fleet of torpedo boat destroyers of the most up to date type.

No provision for the construction of these craft was made in this year's naval estimates, but prominent naval men have for a long time complained of the lack in the British navy of fast seagoing destroyers capable of coping with modern cruisers.

PARLIAMENT OF BISHOPS MEETS IN SACRAMENTO

Conservation of Morals of Nation Discussed

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 1.—The parliament of Methodist bishops which is meeting "for the conservation of the moral resources of our nation," convened here today for a two days' session.

Among the visiting church leaders are Bishop Edwin H. Hughes of San Francisco, Bishop Charles W. Smith of Portland, Dr. H. B. Johnson of Berkeley, Dr. I. L. Thomas of Baltimore, Dr. Louis M. Potts of Pittsburg, Dr. M. Hughes of Pasadena, Dr. H. W. Kinchison of Los Angeles, Bishop John Nielson of Omaha and Bishop William A. Quayle.

The main discussions are on missionary work in the church.

City of Paris Coat Announcement. We have made a fortunate purchase of forty Beautiful Zibeline Coats. Long and with contrasting colors, as lining, from a manufacturer who desires to lighten his load. Colors: Black, Navy, Bluet, Tan, Gray, Heliotrope and Brown. These coats have been regularly selling at eighty-five dollars and are splendid specimens of good style that high class workmanship and material obtain. They will be offered today and until sold AT \$32.50 Each.

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