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TAFT SHOWS HIS NOMINATION WAS VALID AND FAIR

President Issues Statement Setting Out Flimsy Nature of Roosevelt Contests

Resume Proves That Bull Moose Did Not Act in Good Faith

National and Credentials Committees Decide Cases Logically and Fairly

WASHINGTON, July 28.—A statement approved by President Taft, defending his nomination by the Chicago convention, was made public at the White House today. It reviews every contest before the republican national convention committee and the credentials committee of the convention, and asserts that each contest was settled logically, upon its merits. The statement was submitted to the cabinet at a recent meeting and received the approval of the president's official family.

The statement, which is a document of 144 printed pages, is a detailed denial of the charge that the renomination of President Taft was accomplished by the seating of fraudulently elected delegates to the convention. It takes up individually the 238 contests instituted by the Roosevelt forces against Taft delegates who were seated, and presents evidence in each of these cases to show that the Taft delegates were regularly elected.

A resume of the statement prepared by Charles D. Hilles, formerly President Taft's secretary, and now chairman of the republican national committee, takes up each contest briefly.

This resume opens with the declaration that the Roosevelt contests, as originally filed before the national committee, were not instituted in good faith.

Roosevelt Contests Insincere

"The total number of delegates summoned to the convention," says the resume, "was 1,075, with 549 necessary to a choice. Mr. Taft had 561 votes on the first and only ballot, and was declared the nominee. There were instituted against 238 of the delegates, regularly elected for Taft, contests on behalf of Roosevelt. These contests avowedly were instituted not for the purpose of really securing seats in the convention, not for the purpose of adding evidence which would lead any respectable court to entertain the contests, but for the purpose of deceiving the public into the belief that Mr. Roosevelt had more votes than he really had, as the convention and primaries were in progress for the selection of delegates. The 238 contests were reduced by abandonment, formal or in substance, to 74. The very fact of these 164 frivolous contests itself reflects upon the genuineness and validity of the remainder."

The resume then enumerates the contests and reviews the arguments in each case. The review of the evidence in the contests embraced in the White House statement is certified to by Victor Rosewater, chairman of the national committee, and Thomas H. Devine, chairman of the credentials committee.

The resume of contests for delegates at large and district delegates by states includes the following:

Taft Majority in Arizona

In the Arizona convention there were 93 votes. All the delegates—six in number—were to be selected at large. The counties were entitled to select their delegates through their county committee or by primary. In one county, Maricopa, a majority of the committee decided to select its delegates, and a minority to have a primary. In other counties there were some contests and the state committee, following the usage of the national committee, gave a hearing to all contestants in order to make up the temporary roll. There was a clear majority of the Taft delegates among the uncontested delegates. The committee made up the temporary roll, and then there was a ballot, 64 remaining in the hall and 25 withdrawing therefrom. The case of the Taft majority was so clear that it is difficult to understand why a contest was made.

The fourth congressional district of California presented this question: Under the state law, the delegation, two from each district, was elected on a general ticket, in a group of 26. Each delegate might either express his presidential preference or agree to vote for the presidential candidate receiving the highest number in the state. In the fourth district the two candidates from that district on the Taft ticket expressed a preference for Taft, but did

NEWS ACROSS THE SEA BY WIRELESS TELEGRAPH



SHIP IS SUNK BY COLLISION IN DENSE FOG

Atlantic Liner Sends Collier to Bottom and Is Limping to Port

MONTREAL, Que., July 28.—The Canadian Pacific Steamship Empress of Britain, outward bound, collided with the collier Helvetia in a dense fog in the St. Lawrence estuary Saturday evening.

The collier was sunk, but its crew rescued. The Empress of Britain is badly damaged, and turned back for Quebec, where it is expected to arrive late tonight.

Compartments Filled

The Empress of Britain sailed from Quebec Friday evening with 700 passengers for Europe. The Helvetia was bound from Sydney for Montreal with 8,000 tons of coal.

The collision occurred about 10 miles west of Fame point, Quebec, a light-house station on the southern shore of the St. Lawrence river, near where it empties into the gulf of St. Lawrence. This is approximately 300 miles from Quebec.

Although the accident occurred at 4.45 o'clock yesterday afternoon, definite news was not received until today, when Captain Murray of the Empress reported to the authorities here and at Quebec that his vessel was badly stove in about the bows and its fore compartments were filled with water. It was believed that the vessel was in no danger of sinking. The wrecking steamer Lord Strathcona and the Canadian Pacific tug cruiser hastened to meet it.

Ship Cut in Two

It is understood that the Empress of Britain struck the Helvetia amidships, cutting the collier squarely in two. The smaller vessel sank almost immediately, but there was quick work aboard the liner and all hands were rescued.

The passengers on the steamer were awakened by the collision and many rushed to the deck in fear, but a serious panic was averted. At 5 o'clock this afternoon the damaged liner had reached Feather point, making slow progress up the St. Lawrence. The Allen liner Pretoriana was standing by at that hour, and some of the passengers and the mails were being transferred to that vessel.

WOMAN AGED 104 ISSUES CHALLENGE

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA, July 28.—Mrs. Rebecca Klissick of this city, who will be 104 years old September 14, today challenged all women of more than 50 years of age to race with her to the top of the city hall. The city hall is 548 feet in height, and to go to the top it would be necessary to climb 500 steps, finishing the journey up a ladder to the tower.

Mrs. Klissick says the pace at which the present day women are living takes a decade from their lives and weakens them physically and mentally. She says she feels no older now than she did 60 years ago and that she can do just as big a day's work now as she did when she was 50 years old.

Peanuts and Beer Are Stowed Away By This Gourmand

SHAMOKIN, Pa., July 28.—John Rigel, in a cafe here today, ate five quarts of peanuts and drank 30 glasses of beer in 57 minutes to win a wager.

To convince the crowd he was not completely full, he also consumed a sandwich.

Recently Rigel ate one peck of apples, including skin and seeds, and later consumed a big watermelon entire.

Sporting men will match him against "Hungry" Sam Miller of Columbia county, who is the champion eater in his locality.

MISSING HIGH SCHOOL GIRL IS FOUND IN GULLY

Charlotte Martens Is Unconscious, Apparently Poisoned, When Discovered

SAN RAFAEL, July 28.—Lying unconscious in a gully less than a quarter of a mile from her home, Miss Charlotte Martens, a pretty San Rafael high school girl, who disappeared Saturday afternoon from her home in Plonik valley, was found this evening by Edward Sals, one of the members of the searching party that has scoured the mountains and hills of the vicinity for 24 hours in quest of the girl.

When found she seemed to be dead, and evidently had been unconscious for several hours. An examination of her pulse showed that she was still alive, and Sals called the other searchers, who helped carry her to the home of her parents. Doctors are working over her in an attempt to revive her.

It was stated tonight that the girl had been drugged, but whether the poison was administered by another or was taken with suicidal intent is still unknown. At the time she disappeared her parents said she had rebelled recently against home restraint and had threatened to leave unless her father allowed her more liberty. One theory is that she had grown despondent from brooding over these restrictions and had sought to take her own life.

Miss Martens is 20 years old and is the daughter of John Martens, a wealthy retired business man, who lives south of here. In the San Rafael high school, which she attends, she is popular with her classmates and has always been regarded as a happy, carefree girl. Saturday afternoon she went to San Rafael on an errand that took her to a shoe store. She was expected home in an hour from the time she left, and when she overstay her father picked up a pair of field glasses and looked through them down the road toward town.

His daughter was wearing a red dress, and he thought he discerned her through glasses, walking slowly up the road a half mile distant. Believing she would reach the house in a short time, his anxiety for her safety left him, but when she failed to return the family was panic stricken.

Martens telephoned to her friends when night came, and obtaining no information from them he notified Sheriff Keating, who started immediately with a number of volunteers to look for her. The search was kept up all night and all day today until the girl was found.

JAPAN'S EMPEROR IS UNCONSCIOUS

TOKYO, July 28.—The condition of the emperor of Japan is such as to cause abandonment of all hope of his recovery. From dawn he has been unconscious. An examination by the court physicians at 6 a. m. disclosed a high temperature, weak and rapid pulse and shallow respiration, which was greatly accelerated from the previous night.

The critical condition of the emperor was announced in a bulletin last evening, and all the imperial princes were summoned to the palace. The physicians employed artificial measures to prolong life, but the injection of stimulants seemed to be of little avail. The temperature increased from 100 to 102.3, which, with the increased heart action and shallow breathing, indicated that the emperor could not long withstand the calls upon his strength.

Chicagoans Will Pay High Prices For Their Verse

CHICAGO, July 28.—More than 100 citizens have subscribed \$5,000 a year for five years to publish a magazine of verse in Chicago. The first number, it is announced, will appear in December or January.

WHIRLPOOLS SUCK DOWN FOUR TO THEIR DEATH

Three Bathers and Rescuer Drown in Kankakee River

KANKAKEE, Ill., July 28.—Drown under by the whirling current, three persons were drowned in the treacherous Kankakee river this afternoon. A fourth, who attempted to rescue the three, also lost his life.

The dead are Walter Webster, Mrs. Paul Mastello, Miss Wida Hemstock of Hammond, Ind., and Louis Berkhalter.

The first three were bathing in the river and were caught in the current and drawn down. Berkhalter swam to the rescue and was also sucked down in the whirlpools.

The fatalities of today make a total of six drownings in the same spot this summer.

LARGE SUM RAISED FOR A MCKINLEY MEMORIAL

Martyred President to Be Honored in Birthplace

NILES, O., July 28.—More than \$35,000 has been subscribed by the citizens of Niles toward a fund of \$100,000 for the erection of a memorial to William McKinley. Niles is the birthplace of the martyred president.

A six days' campaign was started yesterday at noon toward the raising of the \$100,000. Last night \$27,000 had been subscribed and tonight almost \$30,000 more has been added to the list. A meeting of the school children will be held tomorrow and 6,000 children will join the committee raising the money.

GIRL KILLS HERSELF IN HER BRIDAL HOME

Before Committing Suicide She Murders Intended Husband

BOMB IS EXPLODED IN BIG TENEMENT

Hundreds Survive Fiendish Plot; Babe Sleeps as Explosive Wrecks Room

NEW YORK, July 28.—In the vestibule of a tenement house on the lower east side, a bomb exploded in the early hours this morning, wrecking the lower part of the building, yet not injuring a hair of the 25 families asleep in the building.

The explosion demolished part of the cot in which a six months old baby was slumbering on the fire escape just outside a back window. The babe slept on until the mother, awakened by the noise and excitement, hurriedly picked it out of the cot and joined the screaming crowd of women in the back yard.

The police have found evidence pointing to a deliberate attempt to destroy the entire tenement house. An iron bar was wedged against the rear door so as to prevent egress.

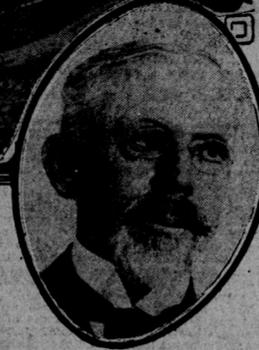
MONSTER DINOSAUR FOUND IN WYOMING

Bones of Prehistoric Animal in Good Condition

SHERIDAN, Wyo., July 28.—A dinosaur of immense size is being uncovered at the Jensen quarry near Rock Springs, and already 75 lengths of vertebrae, beginning with five lengths of the neck and extending far out on the tail, have been uncovered and found to be in place. The animal evidently was 65 feet long when it lived, 1,000 or more years ago. Along with the big fellow is another, almost as large but not so well preserved.

SIX PERSONS KILLED AS TRAIN HITS AUTO

TOLEDO, Ohio, July 28.—Six persons were killed 11 miles north of here this afternoon when an eastbound Michigan Central train struck an automobile driven by Gideon Cousins of Erie, Mich. Two others may die.



The Federal Telegraph company's wireless station at San Bruno point near South San Francisco, whence messages were sent to the Hawaiian islands last night, and Beach Thompson, the president of the company.

TOURING CAR HITS AUTO TRUCK

One Victim May Die; 43 Persons Shaken Up; Owner of Machine Flees From Scene

A heavy yellow touring car whose owner is unknown crashed into an auto truck bearing an outing party of Empire club members from this city near Sunnyvale, Santa Clara county, yesterday afternoon, fatally injuring one man and hurting several.

The picknickers, who numbered 43, were returning to San Francisco from a day's jaunt down the peninsula, when the automobile "sideswiped" their truck at a narrow spot in the road, tearing off the seats and hurling out the passengers. In the confusion the car was driven southward at high speed.

Emergency treatment was given the injured until doctors could be summoned, when they were brought by train to San Francisco. The list includes:

E. Lang, San Francisco, a hired musician; basic fracture of the skull; will die.

James Ryan, 333 Ninth street, Iron worker; fracture of the pelvis on right side and possible internal injuries.

Robert McKeever, 2494 Howard street, president of Empire club; cut and bruised.

Frank Bird, 780 Fourteenth street, secretary of club; cut and bruised. Several others were slightly bruised and shaken up by the spill into the ditch, but were not seriously hurt. The

DEATH KNELL OF OCEAN CABLE IS RUNG

Greatest Achievement in the History of Communication Is Attained by the Federal Telegraph Company

NEW POULSEN WIRELESS SYSTEM JUMPS 2,100 MILES

Residents in Hawaiian Islands Now Will Have Latest News Flashed to Them by "Ether" Route

SAN BRUNO POINT MASTER OF TRACKLESS DEPTHS

FLASHING the success of the most distinctive achievement in the history of wireless telegraphy, newspaper dispatches amounting to 1,800 words were sent direct from San Francisco to Honolulu early Sunday morning, a distance of 2,350 miles, and opened for commercial business the longest wireless "bridge" in the world.

Like the telephone, the automobile and the incandescent lamp, which a few years ago were curiosities—mere inventive freaks—the wireless has emerged from the doubtful stage. It has become a commercial utility, for the test yesterday proved conclusively the possibility of maintaining direct and constant communication with Honolulu. At the same moment it sounded the death knell for the old, out of date cable.

Trial Messages Sent

Actual communication by the Federal Telegraph company's system was established early last week, when complimentary messages between the company's new Hawaiian station and the brand new station at San Bruno point, South San Francisco, showed that the line was clear. It only remained for the line—or is it a line?—to be opened for commercial service, and yesterday morning was chosen for this auspicious event.

The world's news follows the line of least resistance—the shortest, quickest and easiest line. Wherefore Honolulu residents have ceased to read "Special by cable" in their papers. Instead it will be "By Wireless from San Francisco." The gap is bridged and the Hawaiian city is moved up next door to the world.

Greatest Service in History

The distance traversed is the greatest ever which a regular service has ever been accomplished. From time to time, under favorable conditions, wireless stations in San Francisco have "picked up" the government stations in Key West, or off the coast of Maine, and sometimes in Japan, but there has never been any possibility of sending commercial messages. The Marconi wireless across the Atlantic is about 1,800 miles, but the cable there still is the chief means of communication.

Poulsen System Is Used

By means of the Poulsen system, which is a radical departure from the earlier styles of wireless communication, the distance to Honolulu is made a small factor. With the possibility of crossing the Pacific rendered thoroughly certain by the performance yesterday, the Federal company will commence at once to build stations similar to those in Honolulu and San Francisco, either on one of the Midway islands, which is the near-

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