

LEAKED OUT LITTLE TOO SOON.

Petition Plan Against Taft Only "Flash in Pan"—One Man Openly Admits Part in "Conspiracy."

Washington, July 9.—The scheme of Republican progressives in house of representatives, to launch a fresh campaign against asking him to withdraw as the Republican nominee, proved to be a "flash in the pan" today.

When pinned down to it, the members who had participated in the conference which developed the idea hastily joined the "don't mention my name club." Those who started the movement abandoned their efforts to show the participation of the regular Republicans in it, and it was clearly apparent that there was little support forthcoming from that direction.

Only one of the participants in the informal conferences, Representative Rolin Rees, of Kansas, publicly admitted his share in the proceedings. He admitted that he had a petition aimed at Mr. Taft and he made it public, coupled with the following statement:

Mr. Rees's Scheme.

"My scheme was to appeal to President Taft's patriotism and well known love for party solidarity. To be successful, my petition would necessarily have to be presented to him by those who were his political adherents at the time he sought the nomination. I had no thought that my own views or those of other progressive members would make much impression on him, but it seemed to me that if those who really have his welfare at heart would urge the views upon him that I tried to set out in the petition, he would take the step suggested or devise some other plan that would relieve the party from its present embarrassment. I did not intend that the press should get hold of this scheme until I had a fair opportunity to try it out, but since it has become known I prefer that a correct version be given. I had not proceeded far enough to solicit any signatures, but had submitted the plan to several colleagues for their suggestions."

The heading of Mr. Rees's petition recited the charges of fraudulent nomination against President Taft freely made by the supporters of Col. Roosevelt.

Progressives See Defeat.

It proceeded on a new tack, however, by asserting that whether the charges were false or true they, nevertheless, would have an effect in the election, and in the minds of progressive Republicans; they would result in the defeat of the Republican ticket. The petition of Mr. Rees has not been adopted by the insurgents.

While some of them were of the opinion today that premature publicity had killed the scheme, others thought differently and all concluded that it would be best to hold another conference when more insurgent leaders are in Washington.

Not one of the parties to the conference had any direct word from Senator Dixon, Mr. Roosevelt's campaign manager, as to his attitude. In the absence of word from him the insurgents were divided upon the best method to pursue. Some believed in a conciliatory petition and others favored a bludgeon. All decided to await developments.

HILLES TO LEAD

TAFT'S CAMPAIGN

Is Chairman of Committee With J. B. Reynolds Secretary—Will Start Fight At Once.

Washington, July 9.—The campaign for the re-election of President Taft will be formally launched tomorrow in New York, James B. Reynolds, of Massachusetts, who today was named as secretary of the Republican national committee, will do the launching, and C. D. Hilles, President Taft's secretary, who was selected for chairman of the national committee, will join him in New York Monday to help sail the political ship.

The subcommittee of the national committee announced the selection of Mr. Hilles and Mr. Reynolds today after a half hour session with President Taft at the White House and a few minutes in conference in a downtown hotel. Both men were chosen unanimously. The members of the subcommittee expressed belief that Republicans would find Hilles an admirable captain. President Taft was plainly pleased with the committee's choice and members of his cabinet spoke of Mr. Hilles in high terms of praise.

The subcommittee adjourned until July 19, when it will meet in New York. Mr. Hilles and other leaders were hopeful tonight that the treasurer would be named at the next meeting. Although many of the members of the subcommittee left Washington after the chairmanship was settled,

several remained to organize a Taft campaign quite undisturbed by the report that a number of progressive Republicans were trying to circulate petitions to ask him withdraw from the ticket. None of these committeemen regarded that movement seriously. They admitted that the campaign would be bitterly fought, but among them there were many expressions of confidence in the re-election of Mr. Taft.

Mr. Hilles issued a statement tonight declaring the confidence of the Republican party in its cause and in its candidates.

69 MEET DEATH IN MINE.

Thirty Underground Workers and 39 Rescuers—Gallant Men Overwhelmed.

Conisborough, Eng., July 9.—The bodies of 69 victims of a series of explosions in the Sadeby colliery this morning have been brought to the surface. It is feared that a further search of the mine will increase the death roll to 80. Of the killed 30 were mine workers; the others were men who went into the pits to rescue the entombed. Among those were government inspectors, including William Henry Pickering, chief inspector of mines, Yorkshire and North Midland districts, who was to have explained to King George and Queen Mary this afternoon the workings of another Yorkshire colliery.

The king visited a colliery adjacent to that in which explosions occurred today. The presence of their majesties in the district greatly minimized the fatalities because the miners were celebrating and had taken a holiday. Therefore, instead of the usual 130 only 31 men were working that part of the mine when the accident happened. Thirty of these were killed outright and one, the manager of the pit, was brought up alive but died later.

The first explosion, which killed the miners, occurred early in the morning. It was followed by an explosion about 5 o'clock in the afternoon which resulted in the collapse of the roof overwhelming the entire rescuing brigade.

The king and queen visited the scene tonight and personally expressed their sympathy.

An accumulation of gas which was ignited by the firing of a shot is believed to have been the cause of the disaster.

John C. Seegers Dead at Age of 82.

Columbia Record, 9th. The funeral services of John C. Seegers will be held at Ebenezer Lutheran church tomorrow afternoon at 6 o'clock. Interment will follow at the churchyard.

Mr. Seegers, one of the oldest and best known of Columbia residents died last night after an illness of several months.

On account of the extreme years which he had attained, it was feared from the first stages of his illness that he couldn't survive and the fears were true, as he gradually grew weaker with the passing of the hours.

Mr. Seegers lived a very active life and in consequence of this he was a vigorous and busy man until very recently.

During the years of his life he was kind and charitable and there are many persons who will long remember him for the good he did and his kindly relations with his fellow man.

He was 82 years of age. He came to Columbia from Charleston in 1850. He was active in public affairs and during his residence here was a member of the house, a trustee of the city schools, and of Newberry college. The first ice factory in South Carolina was built in Columbia by Mr. Seegers and it stood in the rear of the asylum grounds until destroyed by an explosion about 30 years ago.

He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Mary Schroeder, and two brothers, Wm. Seegers, of Germany, and Conrad Seegers, of Des Plaines, Ill., and the following children: Mrs. M. S. Habenicht, Mrs. A. M. Milne, Mrs. Wm. Morton, Mrs. W. G. Alworden, and Frank C. Seegers, all of Columbia, and Rev. J. C. Seegers, of Pennsylvania. There are 19 grandchildren surviving.

HYDE AWAITS ALIENISTS'

DECISION WITH INDIFFERENCE

Columbia, July 9.—The much talked of electric chair has at last arrived and work of installation will begin at an early date under the supervision of T. Q. Boozer, State electrician, and C. F. Adams of the New Jersey firm from which the chair was bought. Work on the death house will be completed today and as soon as the house has been wired, work of putting in the chair will commence. The first execution will take place August 6 when a Charleston negro convicted of rape will be

electrocuted. Samuel N. Hyde, the Anderson county wife murderer, who is now at the penitentiary awaiting the decision of three physicians as to his sanity, before the execution takes place, was seen this morning in his cell. Hyde has not yet been transferred to the death house, but if the physicians decide that he is sane, the transfer will be immediately made from his present quarters to the death chamber. This morning the impending danger of execution seemed to worry him but little. He talked cheerfully to those who saw him, making remarks about the weather and the dinner which he was eating.

The physicians who are to determine the question of Hyde's sanity are Dr. J. W. Babcock, of the State Hospital for the Insane; Dr. R. E. Wilson, of Charleston, and Dr. Houseal, of Newberry.

Recommended Clemency For Many.

Columbia, July 9.—The report of the State board of pardons was sent to the governor today by J. A. Summersett, the secretary of the board. The board passed on 87 petitions and recommended clemency in a number of cases. There were few notable cases to be passed on by the board. The other members of the board are R. Mays Cleveland, of Greenville, and E. Frank Warren, of Hampton, and chairman of the board.

The following cases will be carried over to the meeting of the board in October: Fred Reeder, Newberry, manslaughter, 20 years, June, 1907; William Ray, Newberry, manslaughter, 5 years, March, 1908.

In announcing the report Secretary Summersett said: "It is remarkable the number of petitions favorably acted upon. It can be accounted for only from the fact that there was merit in the cases and were well presented as to endorsement, petitions and evidence. Each one of the petitioners that has been returned to the governor carries with it the unanimous action of the board."

Die From Drinking Wood Alcohol.

Ninety Six, July 9.—The body of Curry Taylor was carried to Augusta on Saturday and that of Mr. Hugh Aiton was buried in Elmwood here on Sunday evening. Both died from drinking some kind of beverage said to contain wood alcohol. It is a most lamentable affair. We all sympathize with Mrs. Aiton and children and the parents of young Mr. Taylor. They were employees of the cotton mill and were well thought of.

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ANNUAL MEETING. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers' Bank, of Silverstreet, will be held in the president's office at Silverstreet, S. C., on Monday, July 29, 1912, at 11 o'clock, for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of other business. Please attend in person or by proxy. W. A. Asbill, Cashier.

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BARBECUE NOTICES. (Barbecue notices \$1.00 each up to eight lines; all over eight lines at the rate of one cent a word.) We will give a first class barbecue at Keitt's grove August 20. A good dinner is guaranteed. O. A. Felker. B. M. Suber. I will give a first-class barbecue at my residence Tuesday, August 13, State campaign day. Will sell meat and hash at 11 o'clock. 7-9-11. J. M. Counts. We will give a first-class barbecue at Silverstreet on Friday, July 12. All candidates are expected. J. W. Berry. W. V. Bledsoe.

We will give a barbecue at Mt. Pleasant on campaign day, Tuesday, July 23. Dinner 50 and 40 cents. We will also serve cold drinks during the day. This is the opening of the county campaign, and we will prepare a fine dinner and expect a large crowd. G. H. Cromer and Son.

I will furnish a first-class barbecue at my home at the late J. A. Cromer's old home place on Saturday, July 13. Dinner, gentlemen, 45c., ladies 35c. There will be plenty of amusement for the young people. J. A. Felker.

I will furnish a first-class barbecue at my residence on Friday, July 19, 1912, near St. Phillips church. The public is cordially invited and also the jolly candidates. Special arrangements will be made to serve a first-class dinner. D. E. Halfacre.

We, the undersigned, will furnish a first-class barbecue at the residence of W. W. Kinard, known as the Jno. B. Fellers' place, one mile north of Prosperity, July 26. A good dinner guaranteed, an invitation is extended to all. Wilbur W. Kinard. I. H. Wilson.

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