

# POLITICAL GAME CLAIMS ATTENTION

## Taft in His Answer to Bryan Pours Hot Shot Into the Peerless One and Riddles His Record as the Great Friend of Labor--Says Democratic Candidate Was Supporter of Measure that Made Labor Helpless for More Than Four Years.

### FIGHT IN NEW YORK STATE BY DEMOCRATS DOWN TO TWO MEN.

(By Associated Press.)  
ROCHESTER, N. Y., Sept. 14.—At the conclusion today of the extended significant conference participated in by practically all the state leaders who are here the nebulous conditions surrounding the nomination by the Democratic state convention of a candidate for governor took definite form and the problem tonight is declared to have been reduced to a choice between Lieutenant Governor Lewis Chandler, who is being urged by State Chairman William J. Connors and Justice J. Gerard of New York City, who is announced as the choice of Charles Murphy, the leader of Tammany hall.

### ARRESTED FOR BILKING CREDITORS

(By Associated Press.)  
RENO, Sept. 14.—Louis Malcus, formerly a contractor at Shreveport, Louisiana, was arrested here today and is now held on the charge of deserting his wife and child of that city and defrauding creditors in Shreveport of more than \$8000. It is stated that Malcus was one of the most prominent contractors of Shreveport, and was engaged in building the Pythian temple in that city when he left with another woman.

On leaving Louisiana, it is said, Malcus went to Texas, where he boarded a steamer for Los Angeles, which was shipwrecked. News of his drowning reached Shreveport, which led the officers to a further search. The police here believe Malcus is the man wanted in Louisiana.

### IDLE CARS BACK IN COMMISSION

(By Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, Sept. 14.—Another big boost toward prosperity is indicated in the bi-weekly report of the car efficiency committee of the American Railway association, which was issued today. The total of surplus cars on the railroads of the United States and Canada has been reduced to 322,632, a decrease of 30,371 since the last report. Of this decrease, 21,723 are boxcars and 7253 coal and gondola. The decrease in box cars is the largest since the maximum surplus of 413,605 was reached.

An increasing activity in repairing cars is shown by a reduction of 7662 in the number of bad order cars. Small shortages are reported on a few railroads, the shortages totaling 1418. Regarding this condition, Arthur Hale, chairman of the committee, says: "Whenever these shortages are of such a nature and extent as to justify action by the committee, conditions are brought to the attention of the roads reporting surplus and arrangements made to transfer equipment to the road having use for it."

### CHECKS STOLEN FROM AN AUTO

(By Associated Press.)  
BOSTON, Sept. 14.—The robbery of certified checks to the value of \$10,000 on the Chapman National bank of Portland, Maine, was reported to the police today. The robbery took place from the automobile of Henry Baxter of Brunswick, Maine, in front of the Boston hotel. The checks were in a suit case.

### JUDGE TAFT DEVOTED DAY TO POLITICAL COMPOSITIONS.

(By Associated Press.)  
CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 14.—William H. Taft devoted himself today principally to a political composition. He wrote an answer to Bryan's comment on President Roosevelt's Taft letter, after which he spent the latter part of the day in the preparation of two speeches he is to make tomorrow, the first to a delegation from Greenfield, Indiana, and the other to the Methodist negro preachers of Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Pennsylvania. Taft in his answer to Bryan says the Democratic candidate should devote a little time to his own record from which he seems to be struggling to separate himself with all the adroitness acquired in twelve years' hunt for an issue on which he can be elected president. That Bryan professes to be the great friend of labor, yet was one of the chief supporters of the passage of the Gorman-Wilson bill that made labor helpless for four years. Further on in his answer Taft says Bryan's election may be averted by Republican success in November, and subsequent prosperity by the clinching of Roosevelt policies he may be again be shown to be a prophet without honor.

### CONTRACT LET FOR MANSION

RENO FIRM IS SUCCESSFUL BIDDER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION.

◆◆◆◆◆ CARSON CITY, Sept. 14.—◆◆◆◆◆ The construction of the governor's mansion was let today to a Reno firm. There were five bidders all under \$25,000, the appropriated amount.

### MARRIES WHILE DEATH STALKS

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 14.—Dr. David M. Goodwin, aged 75, who was indicted for an alleged complicity in the Oregon land frauds and held for removal to that state, died today of heart trouble. On Saturday Dr. Goodwin was married to Miss Catherine King in the presence of three physicians. Dr. Goodwin knew he was dying at the time of the ceremony, but wished it to take place at that time as it was feared death might come any moment to interfere. The woman who became his wife had been his constant attendant for many weeks. It is stated he left very little property, although once a rich man.

### RAILWAY WRECK IN MISSISSIPPI

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Sept. 14.—Train No. 314 on the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley railroad was wrecked near Clarksdale, Mississippi, this afternoon. Three persons are reported killed and thirty injured. The train was running at a high rate of speed when it jumped the track.

### GREAT FALLING OFF IN REPUBLICAN VOTES OF THE STATE OF MAINE.

◆◆◆◆◆ PORTLAND, Me., Sept. 14.—◆◆◆◆◆ Republican carried Maine today by about 8000 plurality, as against 26,816 of the last presidential year and 8,064 in 1906. At midnight the returns for governor from 468 of 519 cities, towns and plantations give Bert M. Fernald, Republican, 72,117, and Obediah Gardner, Democrat, 64,993. The Democratic vote increased over 13,000 over 1904, while the Republican vote fell off about 2500. The Republican plurality is the smallest recorded in a presidential year in twenty-five years. The two parties split even in twenty cities, each capturing ten.

### POLITICAL ACTIVITY ORDERED STOPPED

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—The disciplining of several government employes because of political activity was announced in a statement given out by the civil service commission today. J. S. Rhinehart, a letter carrier in the Denver postoffice, has been reduced; F. W. Hill and W. R. Phillips, clerks in Goldborough, North Carolina, postoffice, have been warned that their political activity must cease under penalty of dismissal. Hill has been nominated for state senator, and was informed if he desired to retain his position in the postal service it would be necessary to decline the nomination at once.

### ATTACKS RATES ON PULLMANS

CHICAGO, Sept. 14.—A general investigation of the Pullman company, its schedule of rates and its alleged discriminations is to be begun by the interstate commerce commission in Chicago next Thursday, according to plans announced today. The case grows out of complaints filed with the commission by George S. Loftus, former railroad man of St. Paul. He declares that the rates charged by the Pullman company can be reduced 50 per cent and still yield large profits. He also maintains that a smaller charge should be made for an upper than a lower berth.

Loftus first complained of Pullman rates between the "Twin Cities" and Chicago. The hearing on this complaint was begun in St. Paul nearly a year ago, but was adjourned to be taken up in Chicago. A little later a second complaint was filed by Loftus, asking for a general investigation. Commissioner Lane will probably hear the case.

### RETAIL GROCERS HOLD CONVENTION

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 14.—The California Retail Grocers and Merchants' association assembled in annual convention today and organized for a three days' session. John W. King, president of the Retail Grocers of San Francisco, called the meeting to order, and introduced Mayor Taylor, who welcomed the visitors. A response was made by Past President A. A. Jost of Sacramento.

### HUGHES IS PRACTICALLY SURE OF RENOMINATION AT THE HANDS OF REPUBLICANS.

(By Associated Press.)  
SARATOGA, N. Y., Sept. 14.—The renomination of Governor Charles E. Hughes by the Republican state convention at its session tomorrow seemed at a late hour tonight probably the outcome of a battle in which most of the fighting had been done by the opposition. Impartial observers see no means by which the defeat of the governor can actually be accomplished and anti-Hughes leaders themselves begin to admit that their cause is probably hopeless. Authorized dispatches from Oyster Bay reiterating the opinion of President Roosevelt that Hughes should be renominated added to the bitterness of the "allies" opposing Governor Hughes. Secretary of State Root, who is acting as chairman of the convention, has been the subject of appeals to assume the onus of the situation. Root told the leaders tonight, however, that he couldn't think of such a thing. Root was the central figure in the first session of the convention. The convention perfected a temporary organization, heard the speech of Root as temporary chairman and adjourned until tomorrow.

### MERGER SUIT IS BEGUN

HARRIMAN PACIFIC RAILWAY LINES TO BE SUED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

(By Associated Press.)  
SALT LAKE, Sept. 14.—In the federal court here an order was entered today appointing Sylvester G. Williams of Denver as special examiner to take evidence in the suit of the United States government against the so-called merger of the Harriman Pacific railway lines. The filing of the evidence in the merger suit will begin in Denver on or near the date, presumably October 1.

### HAS PASSED THE DANGER POINT

(By Associated Press.)  
DULUTH, Minn., Sept. 14.—While forest fires are still burning along the north shore it is believed they have passed the danger point so far as the threatened destruction of villages is concerned. Hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of good timber is being destroyed, however. Refugees picked up along the shore and taken to Grand Marais have been returned to their homes.

### MARKET RATHER APATHETIC.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—While not precisely apathetic today's stock market lost much in animation compared with last week's rate of activity. The dullness of trading through much of the session was due to the waiting attitude rather than to indifference. Bonds were irregular.

### DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FUND IS NOW BEGINNING TO GROW.

(By Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, Sept. 14.—Governor Haskell of Oklahoma, treasurer of the Democratic national committee, stated today that miscellaneous contributions to the campaign fund ranging from \$1 to \$100, were being received at the rate of \$3000 a day. This is exclusive of funds gathered by the finance committee. Vice Presidential Candidate Kern spent the day at the national headquarters discussing the details of the itinerary. He left this evening for Indianapolis.

### FEDERATION TO KEEP NON-PARTISAN

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—The executive council of the American Federation of labor after a protracted session today unanimously adopted the report of the labor representation committee. "We shall in the future," says the report, "as we have in the past, shape our course upon a non-partisan basis."

The attitude of the council toward President Gompers' position in the campaign is expressed in the report as follows: "We desire to refute here the aspersions cast upon the executive council practically and of its members and President Gompers, that it is not our purpose nor his to dictate to the working people of our country how they should cast their votes in the coming election, nor has any one promised the vote of the working men to any particular party. "We have strongly, clearly and emphatically, as it was our duty, presented the situation in which workingmen of the country find themselves, the demands which labor has made upon both political parties as to necessary action which they should take, the treatment they have received, and have appealed to the judgment and patriotism of labor throughout the country, since both political parties have spoken to make their choice as their conscience may dictate. "We have so conducted and propose to so conduct our course that the labor movement shall remain as free and independent from political partisan domination as it has ever been in its history."

### NORTHERN PACIFIC IS HELD GUILTY

MISSOULA, Mont., Sept. 14.—This morning the sealed verdict brought in last night by the coroner's jury sitting at Plains on the Northern Pacific wreck of Saturday morning, September 5, resulting in the death of nine persons, was opened by Coroner Victor Seward. The verdict holds Operator G. A. Mitchell and Dispatcher H. J. Keeley to be criminally responsible for the death of nine persons, and finds Chief Dispatcher E. M. Ringer criminally culpable. The railroad is also held liable.

### ELY MINER DROPS TO HIS DEATH

(By Associated Press.)  
ELY, Nev., Sept. 14.—Tom Nichols, a miner working in the Alpha shaft of the Giroux Consolidated mine, fell off a bucket as he descended at noon today and was instantly killed.

### BRYAN ADDRESSES CROWD ESTIMATED AT TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND PERSONS.

(By Associated Press.)  
BALTIMORE, Sept. 14.—William J. Bryan, Democratic candidate for president, today for the second time claimed the attention of the voters of Maryland. He spoke twice, first at Annapolis, where he discussed the issues of the campaign, and tonight in this city before an audience conservatively estimated at 25,000 persons. He stated with emphasis that there was nothing in the Democratic platform which need alarm any legitimate interest.

### TAFT FAVORS KANSAS SCHEME

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 14.—W. H. Taft, the republican presidential candidate, in a letter to Walter R. Stubbs, republican candidate for governor of Kansas, points out that the Kansas platform's reference to bank deposit insurance avoids the objections urged against the democratic national platform. Judge Taft's letter follows: "MIDDLE JASS ISLAND, Sept. 4. I agree with you that the action of the republicans of Kansas as to an enabling act by which banks in Kansas may voluntarily guarantee each other's deposits is very different from the proposition in the democratic platform, enforcing a tax against all banks, by which they are in effect to guarantee the recklessness and dishonesty of every other bank. Under the system proposed, for instance in the state of Connecticut, Mr. Hill has shown that in the course of four years the banks and depositors of Connecticut would pay out \$400,000 and receive nothing back, and that \$400,000 would go to help the depositors in Wall street banks, which, through the manipulation of stock gamblers, would use all the deposits for the purpose of promoting wild speculation. "I do not have the statistics, but I have no doubt the same thing, in perhaps a less marked degree, would be true in Kansas. Of course you could not expect me to express an opinion on a state measure of this sort, because state legislation is not involved in the national issues; but you are certainly at liberty to say, what I sincerely believe, that the proposition in the Kansas platform avoids altogether the objection, which I urged in my speech of acceptance, to the Democratic proposition for a national enforced insurance of deposits in all banks. The Kansas proposition comes within the saving clause, which I expressly inserted, to show that the objection I had to make was not applicable to such a system. Very sincerely yours, "WILLIAM H. TAFT."

### BASEBALL GAMES

NATIONAL LEAGUE.  
Results of Yesterday's Games.  
Philadelphia, 3; Boston 4.  
New York, 4; Brooklyn, 3 (ten innings).  
AMERICAN LEAGUE.  
Washington, 2; Philadelphia, 1 (ten innings; first game); Philadelphia, 5; Washington, 0 (second game; called on account of darkness).  
Boston, 2; New York, 1.  
St. Louis, 5; Detroit, 2.  
Cleveland, 10; Chicago, 4.  
◆◆◆◆◆ THE METAL MARKET. ◆◆◆◆◆  
NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—Lead, quiet, unchanged. Lake cop- per, unchanged. Silver, 51 3/4. ◆◆◆◆◆