

VICTIMS OF FIRE.

Michigan Sufferers In Need of Food and Shelter.

GOVERNOR ISSUES AN APPEAL

Calls Attention to Pitiable Condition of Those Whose Homes Were Destroyed by Blaze in the Forests.

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 19.—Reports from the forest fire district of northern Michigan were fragmentary, but there were indications of improvement in the general situation as far as imminent danger to life and property was concerned.

Governor Fred M. Warner issued an appeal to the people of Michigan for contributions, and Mayor William B. Thompson of Detroit has called a special meeting of the common council to consider the matter of contributing relief.

President J. D. Hawks of the Detroit and Mackinac railroad received word that forest fires were seriously threatening the town of Oshtemo, south of Alpena, on Thursday.

Quartermaster General W. J. Rogers of the state troops, who was sent into the burned district to investigate conditions, telegraphed Governor Warner that there was no need of troops, as the fire situation was improved temporarily at least.

The newspapers, in the belief that the marriage is certain, say that Miss Elkins can now be considered as an Italian royal princess, while after her marriage she will have the position and honors due her rank as a member of the royal family.

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TURKISH TROOPS MASSED.

Bulgaria's Calling Out of Reserves Caused Activity in Macedonia. Sofia, Oct. 19.—The mobilization of Turkey's Third army corps in Macedonia is regarded here as due to a mistake on Bulgaria's part in calling out three series of reservists.

Army of 161,000 Men in Macedonia. Paris, Oct. 19.—The Salonika correspondent of the Temps gives a list of the effective men of the Third army corps now mobilizing in Macedonia.

Representative of 250,000 Bayonets. Belgrade, Oct. 19.—Milovanovic, the Serbian foreign minister, left for the capitals of the powers to place Serbia's wishes before the respective governments in an endeavor to reach an understanding in the Balkan situation.

KING HAS CONSENTED.

Report Abruzzi Has Royal Permission to Wed Miss Elkins. Turin, Oct. 19.—Although no official announcement has been given out with reference to the marriage of the Duke of the Abruzzi and Miss Katherine Elkins, it is asserted that the king has definitely given his consent.

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TAFT AT CAPITAL

Candidate Has a Day as the President's Guest.

THEY DISCUSS THE CAMPAIGN

After Conference With the Chief Executive the Former War Secretary Says, "He's Not a Pessimist."

Washington, Oct. 19.—"I expect to be elected to the presidency," said Judge Taft, standing in the White House facing newspaper men who had congregated to meet him after he had spent the day as President Roosevelt's guest.

The answer was in response to a question after a brief discussion of Mr. Taft's recent tour through the southern states, of which he had spoken as a pleasing experience. Judge Taft expressed a delicacy in revealing the issues which he and the president had discussed, and when pressed for a statement as to the president's view of the situation he would only say that "the president is not a pessimist."

They spent practically the entire day in the company of each other and for the most part with others excluded. It is known that they discussed most of the subjects that have come to the front since the campaign opened and that the president offered some suggestions on minor points which the secretary will probably adopt.

Not only was the secretary invited to breakfast, luncheon and dinner, but he was taken into the White House as if it were his own home, and in addition Mr. Roosevelt remained away from his own church in order to accompany Mr. Taft to his church. He also took him for a stroll after the service and then crowned the day by asking in a number of political and personal friends to meet the secretary and go over the situation.

The president and Judge Taft attended divine services at All Souls' Unitarian church. The sermon was preached by Dr. U. S. G. Pierce, the pastor of the church, but it contained no reference whatever to either of the two distinguished auditors.

At the close of the service the congregation remained seated long enough to permit the president and the secretary to pass out. They did not stop to greet any one, but immediately started on a brisk stroll back to the White House.

During the afternoon a number of callers visited Mr. Taft after the luncheon guests had departed, among them John Hays Hammond, president of the National League of Republican Clubs. About 3 o'clock the president and Mrs. Roosevelt took leave of their guest and went for a horseback ride, leaving Mr. Taft in full possession of the White House for the afternoon.

Robert Oliver, assistant secretary of war; Brigadier General Clarence Edwards, chief of the bureau of insular affairs, and General Henry C. Corbin called and paid their respects.

He spoke to the newspaper men of his voice and said that notwithstanding it had not been as good as he would like, still it had served all his needs. He referred with some apprehension to his prospective tour of New York state and expressed a determination not to make as many speeches in small places as he has been in the habit of making.

He was asked if he intended to speak for Governor Hughes in New York state. To this question he replied that he believed he was going to speak with Mr. Hughes on several occasions while he was in New York state, the principal meeting when he would thus speak with Mr. Hughes being the one in Madison Square Garden, New York city.

LEST WE FORGET.

Trouble Among the Pioneer Merchants.

FOURTH ARTICLE.

That "two of a trade can never agree," though not an absolute truism, is an axiom of great age and common acceptance. At least the saying was as well known when Honesdale was in its swaddling clothes as at present, and competition between the village merchants of the thirties of the last century as keen as in the first decade of this.

For many years most of the mercantile establishments of this place were what were known as "canal stores," mainly dealing in supplies for the boats and boat crews navigating the Del. and Hud. canal. They were located along the basin below Eighth street for the most part, with their fronts opening on Main street and rear doors on Basin street, or what was more generally called "the towpath," in the heyday of boating.

Among those who engaged in this lucrative trade was Joseph Belcher Walton, who came to Honesdale from Cooperstown, N. Y., where he had served as sheriff, in the fall of 1829, and took charge of the collector's office of the D. & H. Canal Co., as its first local incumbent. He was prominently identified with Grace, Episcopal, church from its organization in 1832 until his death in 1848, and was in every sense of the word a worthy and highly esteemed citizen.

After Mr. Walton's death, the latent opposition to company stores, or mercantile operations by corporation agents or employees, became more aggressive and outspoken. What had been tolerated out of regard for him, was, if possible, to be suppressed by absolute prohibition in the future; and the agitation just then commencing over the taking over by the State of that portion of the works of the Company located in Pennsylvania, soon reached the point of demands for supplementary legislation to remedy the incidental ills complained of.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met. The Petition of the subscribers, citizens of Wayne County and vicinity, respectfully pray that the following section be added as an amendment to No. 297, File of the House of Representatives, being a bill entitled, "A Further Supplement to the Act entitled 'An Act to improve the navigation of the river Lackawaxen.'"

It is by far the richest gold find ever made in this part of Canada or in the whole Dominion, even eclipsing the rich mine near Wabigoon owned and operated by Anthony Blum of Boston.

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 19.—Sewell Sleuman, reputed to be worth half a million dollars and well known as a broker, shot and killed Eva Hart, whose company he had been keeping for some time, and then took his own life.

behalf of said company." This petition was signed by nearly every merchant, manufacturer and dealer in Wayne and Luzerne counties, but the agitation attending its circulation proved to be a "tempest in a teapot" after all.

When presented to the Legislature, not only was there no opposition to its passage, but the late William H. Foster, having interviewed William Musgrave, then Vice President of the D. and H. C. Co., that officer voluntarily endorsed on the back of a copy of the petition shown him. "The Company has no objection to the passing of within section as an Amendment to the bill now before the Legislature, and shall use no measures to defeat it, and I shall instruct their agents to oppose no obstacle to its becoming a law, as it will be a means of satisfying the complaints of the citizens of Honesdale and vicinity."

Mr. Foster, on his return to Honesdale, made affidavit before Esquire Elkannah Patmor of the authenticity of the endorsement, and swore further that at the time of signing Mr. Musgrave declared that a Resolution of like tenor and effect had already been adopted by the Company.

Texas, No. 2, Rally.

The Texas, No. 2, Republican Club had an enthusiastic rally on Friday evening last, F. W. Bunnell presiding. Addresses were made by Geo. P. Ross, W. J. Barnes, Joseph Stevens and Harry Webber. Mr. Ross called attention to the "economical administration of county affairs" by the last Democratic board of commissioners by figures taken from the records, and asked if the people wanted another term of that kind of economy. Mr. Barnes spoke of Taft's qualifications for the office of President, and the fallacy of Bryan's theories. He also spoke of the candidates on the district and county tickets, and showed the inconsistency of giving complimentary votes to Democrats. Mr. Stephens, of White Mills, spoke from labor's standpoint, and urged all working men to support protection and the Republican ticket. He said that he had labored under free trade in England and does not want any more of it.

The members of Texas, No. 2, club anticipate showing what organized effort will do when the votes are counted on November 3rd. They propose to see that the polls are watched, and that complimentary votes are few. They feel that for many years past they have been giving these complimentary votes, and this year they expect some in return.

Milanville.

Oct. 17th.—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marten are entertaining a young son. J. J. McCullough returned from Binghamton last Saturday morning. The Misses Shivel, who have been visiting Miss Mabel Skinner, left for a visit with Easton friends, on Monday.

Rev. and Mrs. Theron Britton, of Middletown, N. Y., were guests of Mesdames Connor and Nichols, last week. Mr. Britton was for years pastor of the Presbyterian church at Cochection, N. Y.

Mrs. McKee, of St. Louis, Mo., Mrs. Stevenson and Mrs. Fremant, of Damascus, were recently entertained by their cousin, Miss Gay.

Messrs. Jenkins and Jones, of Honesdale, were in town on Wednesday last, enroute for Damascus, with a high grade piano for George Abraham.

Miss Minnie Gay and nephew, Monteith Brown, will visit relatives in Scranton, this week.

Mr. Lee Braman, the genial candidate for Sheriff, was in town on Monday last, shaking hands with old friends and looking over the political field. Mr. Braman found everything looking favorable in this part of the township, and will in all probability poll a large majority of votes.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson Young and children, of Scranton, who have been visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Eliza Young, have returned to their home.

Mrs. Willis Tyler is spending the week with her mother, at Kenoza Lake, N. Y. Mrs. John Sherwood entertained the Ladies' Aid Society, on Thursday last.

For County Commissioner.



J. K. HORNBECK.

LEAKE POUNDS BRYAN.

"Crucified Democracy on the Cross of Socialism," Democratic Congressman Says.

Congressman Eugene W. Leake, of the Ninth New Jersey district, who, although a Democrat, repudiated Bryan on the floor of the House, last winter, advocated the election of Taft in a speech at a Republican Club meeting at the Star Theatre in Harlem. He accused Bryan of having "crucified the principles of Democracy on the cross of socialism," and said his own refusal to accept his party's candidate was justified by these words spoken by Mr. Bryan in 1888:

"An individual member of a party reserves at all times the right to vote against a nominee of his party whenever in his judgment his duty to his country demands it." "Bryan is a right living, clean man," Mr. Leake said, "but he is a political fakir, and it is an insult to the American people for him to expect that a profitable purgatory spent on the Chautauque circuit before V. M. C. A.'s and church societies, with his Prince of Peace, will atone for his insincerity. No man of his stamp has ever been chosen for the Presidency. If such a calamity should occur it will be due not to the fact that the American citizen is less patriotic, but that he is politically stale and indifferent, not to the fact that Bryan represents the ideal of America, but because the people have been fools."

"It is amusing to hear Bryan speak of Roosevelt stealing his ideas. Why from the standpoint of the Populist and the Socialist, Bryan is a political kleptomaniac. The result of his imitation of Roosevelt's career reminds me of the story of Esop's ass, who after watching his friend, the dog, sportively clapped his fore feet on his master's shoulders; but a cudgel instead of a caress greeted his indiscretion."

"Shall the people be fooled into preferring Bryan to Taft? Bryan, a vacillating, uncertain quantity; Taft, a determined man of action. Bryan without any record; Taft one of the nation builders, with a record of successful accomplishment unsurpassed by any contemporary. Bryan without any experience in administrative affairs; Taft better qualified than the candidate of any party within many years; Bryan, who has been devoting his energies and talent to discovering and enlarging discontent in the land and using it to his immediate commercial advantage on the lecture platform, and in the newspaper; Taft, who has been serving his country at a grossly inadequate salary in some of the most important affairs which have demanded our attention since the civil war. Bryan, a wealthy man; Taft, a poor man. Bryan, a political fanatic; Taft, a statesman. Bryan, without judgment; Taft, with it. Bryan, who dispels confidence; Taft, who commands it."

"Taft is qualified for the Presidency, and Bryan is not."

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