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MITCHELL AND BARLOW FLEE TO COVER

WHAT WILL TAFT DO?

WILL HE STAND BY HIS FRIEND NELSON ALDRICH?
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 12.—The conference between President Taft and Senator Nelson W. Aldrich, following the publication of his letter of explanation regarding his connection with the Thier-Colonial Rubber company and the charges made by Senator Bristow of Kansas that the company is a trust and derives great profits from the tariff, is causing wide comment in political circles. From the explanation and the visit the political viscerae here predict that the coming campaign will be an effort to "explain" the whole tariff situation and they further predict that the clash between the regulars and insurgents, which many republican leaders ardently hoped would end with the primaries, will be fought out even more bitterly as the campaign advances.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY.

Friday, Aug. 12, 1898, readers of evening papers in the United States were looking up the meaning of a "protocol" which had been signed that day at the White House. This particular one meant, it said, that Spain should take its troops out of the West Indies at once, release all claim to Cuba, cede Porto Rico and other islands to the United States, which would also hold Manila pending the conclusion of a treaty of peace.

BEATS WORLD'S RECORD FOR AEROPLANE

LONDON, Aug. 12.—The world's record for altitude in an aeroplane flight was broken here today by J. Armstrong Drexel, an American millionaire. He attained a height of 6750 feet.

TAFI'S VACATION PHIZ



FROM A SNAPSHOT TAKEN AT PRINCETOWN, MASS.

Interviewer: I understand your husband was a self-made man.
Widow Henpeck: Yes, poor fellow, he once was—but I trimmed him over.

LOUISVILLE, Aug. 12.—That Miss Lillie Hunt died as the result of swallowing her false teeth, the near-molars lodging in her throat and strangling her, is the verdict of the coroner's jury here today. She was chewing gum to keep her mind off her work while sweeping in her home and abstractedly detached her removable teeth, swallowing them.

"Henry, where on earth have you been?" asked Mrs. Jollykidd when Henry got home at two bells.
"I cannot tell a lie: I've been at the office," said Henry.
"That's where we differ. I can tell a lie—when I hear it."

P. G. Egbert, in announcing his candidacy for member of the senate from the Twenty-sixth district, says he is a supporter of Miles Poindexter and will work to put the election of supreme court judges back under the direct primary law. Egbert was a member of the legislature in 1903.

In some cities a loving cup is given each year to the citizen who has done most during the year to better the town.

The biggest reunion of Spanish-American war veterans held in the Northwest for some time will be at a banquet by John R. Thompson camp at the Armory Tuesday night in honor of the visiting members. It is expected 500 will be present. All the companies of soldiers at Camp Cosgrove have some Spanish war men among them, and several of the officers saw service in the Philippines.

"Pa, what is tact?"
"Tact, my son, is the ability to lie without getting caught at it."

Here is one woman who doesn't want alimony from her divorced husband. Nellie B. Perkins filed a motion in the superior court asking that she be permitted to rent out her house and to relieve B. F. Perkins from the obligation of paying her \$10 a month. She asks the court to allow her to take her son, Cecil, to Idaho, where the dry climate will improve his health.

LOWER TAXES SLOGAN AT MEETING

Lower taxes. Everybody wants the assessed valuation reduced and the levy cut. That was the unanimous opinion of the citizens who packed the federal court room last night at the Chamber of Commerce tax meeting.

But how to do it and raise money enough to meet the demands made by the people is the question. Public officials, the city commission, the park board, the library board, the school board and the county commissioners, all insist they need more money to do the things the people want done.

Views Did Not Harmonize. The question is now how can both horns of the dilemma be taken. All sorts of opinion were in evidence last night. Some wanted the assessment of real estate put—they owned real estate. Others wanted the taxes cut on personal property to encourage manufacturing—they had personal property or wanted to attract it here. There was no way of harmonizing the different views and the meeting finally quit with a movement started to form a committee of 25 to institute a permanent tax league that will discuss and investigate thoroughly the whole problem of local taxation.

County Commissioner Dickson (Continued on Page Seven.)

The Second infantry, Montana National guard, left Camp Cosgrove this afternoon in response to a dispatch from the governor ordering them to join the forces fighting forest fires on the Montana-Idaho line.

FIRES RAISE THE DEVIL

(By United Press Leased Wire.) MISSOULA, Mont., Aug. 12.—"The forest fire situation looks worse. The high winds that have been blowing are raising the very devil." In these words Forester Silcox of the forest service summed up the condition of fires in Western Montana today. At Bear creek the forest conflagration today swept away tents, tools and equipment of the fire fighting forces stationed there, men and pack horses barely escaping with their lives.

Harmon Takes a Hand Again

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 12.—Acting upon information that gambling was permitted at the Randall racetrack with the acquiescence of the authorities, Gov. Harmon today telephoned Sheriff Hirstius to stop the alleged violation of the law. The governor's action was prompted by the alleged failure of the authorities of Newark to enforce the law and the resultant riots in that city.

FEAR CHANGE FOR WORST IN MAYOR GAYNOR

(By United Press Leased Wire.) HOBOKEN, N. J., Aug. 12.—The following bulletin was issued at St. Mary's hospital at 7 o'clock this morning: "Mayor Gaynor passed a good night. He slept seven hours and was comfortable this morning. He is in excellent general condition. Temperature 100; pulse 70; respiration 16."

A surgeon who will direct an operation upon the patient, if such is determined upon, is constantly on watch beside the mayor. Apprehension is felt that infection may appear.

Margaret Illington Putting On Finishing Touches

SCENERY AND COSTUMES ARRIVE AND REHEARSALS ARE HELD DAILY.

Margaret Illington Bowes, who has been rehearsing her new play, "Until Eternity," which will have its first production at the Tacoma theater on Friday, August 26, beginning a two-nights' engagement, is now daily engaged in putting the finishing touches upon the production in which she expects to exceed even the success she made in "The Thief," which dramatic reviewers everywhere pronounced one of the finest examples of dramatic work seen in a decade.

During next week Mrs. Bowes intends to establish a series of dress rehearsals to continue until a day or two previous to the production on August 26. In doing so the company will practically have the advantage of a series of performances which will insure an exceedingly smooth presentation when "Until Eternity" is first given to the public.

Scenery Here. The scenery and properties, which are described as representing the highest perfection of stage production, have already arrived from New York, so that everything is ready for the final rehearsals.



(Mrs. E. J. Bowes.) MARGARET ILLINGTON.

And They All Sign Pledge

The following candidates filed with the county auditor this morning: Ernest M. Card, judge of the superior court; Wesley L. Lloyd, democrat, representative, thirty-eighth legislative district; Fred T. Taylor, of Stellacoom, representative, thirty-sixth district; J. H. Easton, representative, thirty-seventh district; Wm. D. Askren, representative, thirty-sixth district. All the legislative candidates filed the pledge.

'THEN IT HAPPENED'

Our Daily Discontinued Story.



Augustine Angelocke was on a ranch for the first time. For the first time did Augustine stack up against the wild part of the woolly west. Augustine sauntered forth to examine the cows and other agricultural implements. About the soonest thing he saw was a native Texas steer. "So, boss," cooed Augustine, tripping up to pet it. Some moments later they identified him by his red necktie. (THE END.)

Jimmie Still Has His Little Dog Though It Has a Bandaged Leg

Little Jimmy O'Hara, 3001 Madison street, was down at the dock with his dog. He was busy playing, and did not notice the dog. The pup, however, got into trouble in some manner and a thoughtful person slashed him with a knife, cutting a bad gash in his leg. Persons waiting saw the dog limping and blood streaking the dock. Jimmy's attention was called to it and he was told to take the dog and have him fixed up by a doctor. But Jimmy is just a newsboy

and his pockets were not bulging with money and he hesitated to bother a doctor. J. K. Ingersoll, chief clerk to the vice president of the Milwaukee railway here, saw the situation and calling an express wagon he bundled Jimmy and the bleeding dog into it and told the driver to deliver them to the doctor's office. Then he called up the doctor and told him what to do. Jimmy and the dog are both out again today and the dog has his leg sewed neatly with a rag around to keep out the dirt.

BABY FAMINE IN 'FRISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—San Francisco faces depopulation in a few years, unless the stork is cajoled into making his visits more frequently. Babies are not becoming scarce but scarcer, according to the report of Health Officer McNeill. It shows an annual decrease of more than one per cent in the last three years.

Baby clothing stores are said to be going out of business.

ON ROOSEVELT'S TRAIL THROUGH THE HOMES OF WEARY TOILERS

DOROTHY DALE SEES THE THINGS THAT T. R. SAW AND TALKS WITH THE PEOPLE WITH WHOM T. R. TALKED—FATHER MURPHY AND THE COLONEL AGREE ON DANCE HALLS AND SUNDAY BALL, AND ROXANA ELY AGREES WITH THEM BOTH ON THE DANCE HALL QUESTION.

DOROTHY DALE. By Dorothy Dale. SCRANTON, Pa., Aug. 12.—I came here to see the things Col. Roosevelt saw in his trip through the anthracite country, and to talk to the people with whom he talked. A bleak and unlovely mountain country; straggling stringtowns along "mud roads"; squalid and dingy houses; towering "breakers" that roar like thunder mills; barn-like factories, noisy with the whir of myriads of spindles—these are some of the things one sees here. Also one sees little boys working all day in the dust and roar of the breaker, and little girls carrying heavy loads of bobbins and winding and lacing

at clacking machines—girls and boys whose weazen faces serve well to back up their certificates of age—they look old before they are twenty.

For this is one of the country's most notable districts for the coining of youth into money. I have talked with Supt. Cummings and with Father Murphy, with John Pressman and Matthew Kavanaugh and Mrs. Ely, just as did Roosevelt, and I have climbed the stair of the Johnson breaker to the place where Col. Roosevelt stood when he talked to Fred Davis, the breaker boy, and have talked to the boy himself there.

And this is the story of what I saw and of what the people who

talked with the ex-president told me of their meeting with him. The region visited by Col. Roosevelt (in company with Lyman Abbott, jr., and Misses Florence Sanville and Fannie Cochran, social workers) lies about Scranton and Wilkes-Barre. The ground covered was marvelous. The best sections were investigated, and so were the worst. Col. Roosevelt went into the homes of towns like Dickson, and Oliphant, where there are electric street lights and other improvements, as well as into the straggling communities on the mountain sides.

People there in Dickson, Oliphant and Jessup say they have the best and steadiest mines in the country. There about about 30,000 people in the district. It's a series of towns along the rough, dusty road, with houses and stores, all frame, crowding down to the roadside. From this thoroughfare lead straggling

streets with more nondescript houses, a rare grass plot now and then, lots of out-cropping rock, and some houses, notably those in the mill district of Jessup, that are little more than sheds. One of the first visits Col. Roosevelt made was to M. W. Cummings, superintendent of the Oliphant schools. Supt. Cummings was one of those who sought to get the Pennsylvania child labor law, which went into effect Jan. 1, 1910. "In 1907 I found 72 children in six weeks in the mills and breakers who were under age," said Supt. Cummings. "When the law went into effect the number was tall so great that in Dickson they had to open two schools."

Cummings: They are mixed, mostly Slavonians and Russians, and of Catholic faith.

Roosevelt: What amusements does the place afford for the young people? Cummings: Some nickle picture shows, poolrooms, and the Holy Ghost dance hall, rented for lodge parties. But the dances for the foreigners are rare. Roosevelt: Are there any libraries? Cummings: None except some circulating book shelves in drug stores.

Roosevelt: Is there a working age law in effect for children now and is it observed? Cummings: There is a four-year age law, and I believe it is observed, at least by all the children that I have to do with. Roosevelt: How do the children of foreign parentage do in school? Are they as apt at learning as the American children?

See Handwriting On Wall and Take Pledge

Both Agree to Vote for People's Choice for Senator to Save Themselves, Even Though They Concede It Will Be for Poindexter.

HERE IS THE PLEDGE. "I hereby declare to the people of the state of Washington, and particularly my legislative district that during my term of office I always will vote for the candidate for United States senator who has received the highest number of votes upon my party ticket for the position at the primary election next preceding the election of United States senator; and in such cases there shall be printed on the official ballot opposite or just below said candidate's name the following: 'Pledged to vote for party choice for United States senate.'"

The politicians are seeing the handwriting on the wall, and Joe Mitchell has taken "the pledge." Not the total abstinence pledge, but the senatorial pledge, agreeing to abide by the people's choice and vote for the primary nominee for senator in the legislature.

Joe filed for the legislature without the pledge. He take the pledge? Not much! Why should he pledge? Wasn't he Joe Mitchell, county chairman and would-be political boss? Think he would pledge himself and perhaps have to vote for Poindexter? Well, not this year!

That was Joe's attitude when he filed a couple of weeks ago when the campaign was new and the party bosses and the interests were chummy.

But the people have begun to talk. Straws are fluttering around showing the popular currents of thought to be for the rule of the people, not the rule of the bosses for the interests, and the politicians have heard something.

Yesterday Mitchell sneaked up to the auditor's office and filed a pledge to supplement his candidacy, agreeing to vote, if elected, for the people's choice.

Concede Nomination to Poindexter

There is no shadow of doubt about the proposition that the interests and the politicians are in a conspiracy to defeat the will of the people for senator in Washington. The Wilson-Ashton-Burke cabal openly hints that if Poindexter gets the nomination, as they all by their actions now practically concede he will, that the legislature will not heed the voice of the people. In other words, if Poindexter has the people, the politicians expect Wilson, Burke and Ashton to rush to the legislature with their barrels and try to buy the toga which the people have already conferred.

Finds Things Are Different

And Mitchell, as the willing tool of the bigger bosses was in the deal. He filed for the legislature without the pledge and expected the people to elect him as they have elected party bosses in the past.

But he discovers that times are changing. He discovered that he was likely not to get to the legislature at all to vote for anybody for senator, and so he broke for shelter.

Whether the people will take much stock in this sort of death-bed repentance remains to be seen.

At all events it points a clear course for other legislative candidates.

P. S.—The above article likewise applies to O. W. Barlow.

Barlow filed for the legislature Tuesday, but didn't take the pledge. His friends were astounded but Barlow was firm. Yesterday the Times had something to say about it, and before noon today Mr. Barlow's pledge was filed at the court house!

DO YOU KNOW

That the National Realty building is the highest building in the Northwest?

That when Mayor Fawcett came to Tacoma there were many days the first year when the cupboard was empty?

Tacoma mills shipped 9,000,000 feet of lumber sawed here during the month of July.

That the democrats are grooming ex-Mayor George P. Wright for the race for county assessor with a view to making a fight for lower taxes?

That City Controller Meads was "raised" in a children's home in Pennsylvania and afterward became a molder by trade?

That Postmaster Votaw is a very sick man and has been confined for several weeks and may never get well?

That Poindexter voted in the house of representatives to take the tariff off hides that the people may have cheap shoes; but that the stand-pattens outvoted him, so you still pay tribute to the beef trust in leather?