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TAFT, FACING TUMULT, PREDICTS ELECTION

Nothing Like the Ovation to the Big Candidate Ever Before Witnessed in Wilmington, the Crowd Being Estimated at Twenty Thousand--Women Fainted in the Crush, and Judge Taft Saves a Little Boy

MR. TAFT'S SPEECH:

Ladies and Gentlemen of Delaware: (Amid the confusion) If you will keep still, I'll try and make a little noise. If you keep still you will be more comfortable than I am in trying to make a noise.

I congratulate the people on being alive to the importance of the November election, and I see before me the augury of Republican victory in November.

It indicates that the people of Delaware believe in order, that we shall enjoy prosperity. In order that the unemployed shall become employed, they should continue the Republican administration, and thus make the wheels go round, the smoke to pour out of the chimneys and the factories to resume.

I ask you who have money to invest, whether you would care to invest it under Republican prosperity, or invest it under a leader who has advocated so many panaceas, quick remedies in the past twelve years, none of which has proved a success.

I believe from what I have seen in New Jersey to-day, from what I have seen in Delaware to-day, from what I saw in the South and West in the past three weeks, that I am going to be elected, and it will give me the greatest pride if with these electoral votes I am going to have three from Delaware.

(Cries of "You'll get them.")

MR. TAFT'S MESSAGE THROUGH THE JOURNAL

Because of the inability of many persons to hear him, Judge Taft was asked if he cared to deliver a message to the people of Delaware through THE EVENING JOURNAL. He gladly accepted the opportunity and said:

"This is a fine meeting. There must be twenty thousand people here. Rarely do I have a larger meeting than this.

"My regret is that conditions are such that I cannot reach every person present with my voice in a discussion of the great Republican issues, and that I cannot grasp the hand of every person here. But it is impossible to have my voice reach them to-day, and time is not at my command to grasp the hands of this great assemblage of Delawareans.

"I congratulate the people of Delaware on being alive to the importance of the November election, and I appreciate their kindly expressions.

"It augurs a Republican victory in November, I am convinced that any general poll, impartially made, will forecast clearly the success of the Republican ticket in November and furnish some surmises as to the attitude of States classed heretofore as Democratic or doubtful."

SHOPKEEPERS TO LIGHT STREET

Shopkeepers on Market street, between Eighth and Ninth, propose to flood the block with light in order to make their stores more attractive to shoppers. At the meeting of the Street and Sewer Directors this morning Charles C. Kurtz detailed a plan of the storekeepers to string incandescent lights across the street at intervals, and sought the sanction of the board. The directors readily gave their consent.

The idea is to have strings of incandescent lights across Market street, 50 lights being on each string. The lights are to be about thirty feet above the street and are to be lighted until about 1 o'clock in the morning. Mr. Kurtz said that the same idea is being entertained by shopkeepers on Madison street. The lighting of the main streets in this manner by shopkeepers is now practiced all over the business district of Seattle, Wash.

Second Ward Republican Rally. Republicans of the Second ward will hold a big rally at Heald and A streets tomorrow night. The speakers will be William H. Heald, Walter F. Hayes, Herbert L. Rice and City Solicitor Townsend.

JAPAN GREETES OUR FLEET

Mikado Grants An Audience to the American Admirals

FIRST TOASTS FOR THE JAPANESE NAVAL MEN

By United Press Leased Special Wire TOKYO, Oct. 20.—After a day of brilliant social functions, Admiral Sperry and his staff officers are resting to-night in Shiba Palace, firmly convinced that no nation can outdo Japan in the heartiness of welcome extended to the representatives of a foreign government.

The chief event of the day was the audience granted Admiral Sperry, Schroeder and Emery and Ambassador O'Brien by the Mikado at the Imperial Palace. To-morrow they and the captains of the fleet will be the guests of honor at a reception given by the Emperor.

A formal exchange of greetings between President Roosevelt, acting through Admiral Sperry, and the Mikado will take place at this reception and it is expected that the interchange will mark a new epoch in the friendly relations between America and Japan.

Toast to Japanese Admirals.

The action of Admiral Sperry at the dinner given by Ambassador O'Brien in dramatically proposing the toasts of Admiral Togo and General Kuroki, before permitting the host to toast the American fleet, has deeply touched the Japanese and to-day the incident is being commented on throughout the island kingdom.

Prime Minister Komura and Naval Minister Saito entertained the officers of the fleet to-night with dinners. While the admirals and captains are being feted in Tokyo word comes from Yokohama that the petty officers and men of the fleet are having the time of their lives.

The shore privilege of the men has been increased during the stay in Japan in order that the men will enjoy to the fullest the fairly late attractions prepared for them. Thousands come to Tokyo daily and the road between the two great Japanese cities is chiefly traveled by the Jackies.

Hear Testimony in Railway Case. Special Examiner Victor B. Woolley, heard additional testimony this morning in the forcible suit of the Real Estate Trust Company of Philadelphia, vs. the Wilmington and New Castle Electric Railway Company.

TAFT TO SPEAK NO MORE OUTDOORS

Specialist Didn't Want Him to Make an Address in Wilmington Yesterday

On the advice of a throat specialist, William H. Taft will make no more outdoor speeches during the campaign. He will cancel some of his night engagements and will cut out altogether his trips to West Virginia and Connecticut. This announcement was made after the Wilmington meeting yesterday, which was the last outdoor meeting at which Mr. Taft will speak. Several of Mr. Taft's speaking dates for New York State will be given up and he will not appear in Chicago for the big mass meeting on Saturday night.

His throat has been bothering him a good deal recently, and it became so painful yesterday that he sent to Washington for Dr. Richardson, a specialist, who told him that he would have to do little talking from now on if he wished to remain on the stump up to the close of the campaign. He was told that outdoor talking has affected his vocal chords and that all his future speeches would have to be delivered indoors.

Dr. Richardson treated Mr. Taft's throat while on the way to Wilmington in order that he might say a few words in this city. Mr. Taft spoke in Wilmington despite the advice of the specialist that he not do so.

POLITICIANS SENT LETTER, MR. WELLS THINKS

Rector of St. Andrew's Commented on the Anonymous Communication in Church

DEALT WITH CANDIDATES

There has been much comment made, and a degree of surprise expressed because of the action of Rev. Hubert W. Wells, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, who on Sunday read from his pulpit an anonymous letter commenting on the religious beliefs of the political candidates for President in this campaign. This letter, purporting to come from an Indian missionary and in part states that Mr. Taft was a Unitarian and intimating that he is an agnostic.

Mr. Wells said to-day that he had read the letter and commented upon it for the reason that he believed that it was either the work of extreme partisans in the church, or of low politicians who sought to make capital out of the religious views of the candidates.

"I said, in commenting upon the letter," said Mr. Wells to-day, "that the letter either proceeded from one or two sets of people. Either the narrowly pious, or a set of politicians who were ready to take advantage of a certain narrow phony, which, as they know exists in all churches. But whatever the source of this communication, it is intolerable and contemptible to men of breadth and fairness."

The clergyman said he believed that it was an effort to strike at the candidacy of the Republican nominee through the medium of an alleged communication from the missionary.

Read it in Fairness. Mr. Wells declared that he had no intention in Mr. Taft, or in politics, but that in fairness he deemed it proper to read the letter and comment as he had. He says he believes in fairness and in the broadness which should characterize Christianity, and said that his action was entirely in abeyance to this thought.

The letter, which purports to come from a missionary to the Indians, tells of a conversation between that person and a native in which the missionary in catechized as to the religion of the Republican candidate for president. The letter claims that the missionary stated that President Roosevelt was a Christian gentleman, and he believed, a church member, but only occupied his office for four years. According to the letter nothing more was said until the native again asked about the religion of the man who would succeed the present president.

Then the letter states that the missionary was unable to reply because he recalled the fact that Taft was a Unitarian. The letter claims that this worked and is working harm to the missionary cause and goes on to ask for religious matter written by Mr. Bryan.

Mr. Wells declared that in all fairness he was justified in what he said in commenting upon the letter. It developed to-day that other Protestant Episcopal clergymen had received similar letters, which are printed and anonymous and dated from Philadelphia. None of the clergymen aside from Mr. Wells, referred to the letter in the church.

CHARLES M. SCHWAB GUEST OF BOARD OF TRADE TO-DAY

PICKPOCKETS IN BIG CROWD Relieved a Number of Persons of Cash, But Were Stung in Two Instances

With Other Capitalists, He Comes to Talk Over Plans for Making the H. & H. Plant a Great Steel Car Manufactory

Charles M. Schwab, the great steel magnate, is a guest of the Wilmington Board of Trade today. Mr. Schwab is president of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, which owns and operates great industrial establishments throughout the country, one of which is the Harlan and Hollingsworth Corporation of Wilmington.

Mr. Schwab was accompanied to Wilmington by several other men, high in the world of finance and industry, and their visit it is felt cannot do otherwise than to bring a great benefit to Wilmington.

The particular object of Mr. Schwab's visit is to talk over with the officers and directors of the Board of Trade and with the officials of Wilmington his plans for enlarging the plant of the Harlan and Hollingsworth Corporation, which he desires to convert into one of the greatest establishments for the manufacture of steel-cars in the country.

To enlarge the plant and erect the immense concrete shops in which cars are to be built, Mr. Schwab and the Harlan and Hollingsworth officials desire that Justice street shall be vacated and turned over to them as a site for shops. At the same time they have evolved a plan whereby the course of Madison street shall be diverted as a roadway to the southern part of Wilmington along the Marsh Road, including the Delaware Pulp mills and the Liebig Chemical works.

It is on this subject that Mr. Schwab, the city officials and the Board of Trade are to confer this afternoon. Mr. Schwab had made no statement this morning touching on that point, but it is expected to do so at a dinner being given at Hanna's cafe early this afternoon.

Great Industrial Center. He had no hesitancy, however, in reiterating the statement made by him sometime ago to the Board of Trade.

DELAWAREANS TO ATTEND MISSIONARY CONVENTION

The National Convention of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church will begin to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock at the Church of the Covenant, Eighteenth and Spruce streets, Philadelphia.

Twelve missionaries and several very prominent speakers will be present. The meeting will last a week. The delegates from the Delaware churches are Mrs. C. Wesley Weldin, Mrs. J. B. Quigg, Miss Grace Quigg and Mrs. N. M. Browne, but many Delaware women will attend.

DRUGGIST ALLEN WAS ARRESTED

Accused by Charles H. Colbourne With Carrying a Concealed Weapon

After the proceedings in the City Court to-day, in which he testified against Richard E. Craig, colored, one of the men arrested on warrants sworn out by ex-Mayor Charles D. Bird in connection with the trouble in the Second ward on Saturday, Benjamin B. Allen, a druggist in that ward, was arrested on the street by Patrolman Conner on the charge of carrying a concealed deadly weapon. The warrant was sworn out before Magistrate Robertson by Charles H. Colbourne, a colored carter, living in that section of the city.

The warrant was given to Officer Conner to serve and meeting Mr. Allen on the street read the warrant to him. Mr. Allen was accompanied by ex-Mayor Bird and after calling upon State Senator Thomas M. Monaghan, the four proceeded to the office of the magistrate. Mr. Allen waived a hearing and was held in \$500 bail for his appearance in court.

Security was furnished by Mr. Monaghan and Mr. Allen was released. Mr. Bird asked Magistrate Robertson if there was a warrant out for his arrest and was told that there had been none issued at that office.

"I heard that I was to be arrested," said Mr. Bird, "and did not want to put anybody to any inconvenience to find me."

THREE THOUSAND CHINESE PERISH IN THE TYPHOON

AMOY, Oct. 20.—Nearly 3,000 Chinese lost their lives in Thursday's typhoon, according to reports received today.

The work of rehabilitating this city for the reception for the American fleet is progressing rapidly and it will present a gala appearance.

Commissioner Mark today received a message of sympathy from Admirals Emery and Sperry over the 10,000 wrought by the storm.

Injured by Fall From Tree. Falling from an apple tree, Harvey Crothers, of Colora, was badly bruised.

Kills Three Foot Black Snake. A three-foot blacksnake was killed by Morris Blackstone and James C. Ashelman, two small boys of Rock Run.

Eastern Shore Population Decreases. A decrease in Eastern Shore population of from 7000 to 10,000 has taken place in the past few years, due to the country foreigners returning to Baltimore.

DIAMOND STATE STEEL PLANT MAY BE SOLD

Negotiations Pending for Sale to a Company That Proposes to Enlarge and Operate the Big Establishment

Negotiations are pending for the sale of the plant of the Diamond State Steel Company to a company that proposes to enlarge it and operate it on a greater scale than ever.

The negotiations have been under way for two weeks, and George S. Capelle and John Richardson, Jr., trustees of the company now owning the plant, have had several conferences with the prospective purchasers, but negotiations have not developed to a definite stage. They are still under way, however, and while no word is given of whether the deal will be consummated the hope is expressed that the plant will be sold.

The plant was bought in at receiver's sale by John B. Newkirk of Philadelphia and a syndicate, composed of fifty or sixty persons, including Mr. New-

kirk and former stockholders and bondholders of the Diamond State Steel Company formed the Newkirk Company. Mr. Richardson and Mr. Capelle by agreement were made trustees of the company.

The plant has been for sale for a long time. It was the original intention of the Newkirk syndicate to operate the plant, but this was not done, and since then negotiations have been started several times for the sale of the plant.

The prospective purchasers are said to have expressed an intention to enlarge the plant if they get it and to operate it on a more extensive scale than it ever was operated. This would mean the employment of more than a thousand persons.

CRAIG HELD FOR HIGHER COURT

Election Officer Accused of Having Incited to a Breach of the Peace

EX-MAYOR BIRD DID NOT HEAR ALLEGED THREAT

Richard E. Craig, colored, was held in \$1000 bail for his appearance in the Upper Court by Judge Cochran this morning in City Court on a charge of having incited a breach of the peace in the Fourth district of the Second ward last Saturday.

John W. Thompson, colored, who was arraigned on a similar charge, asked for a continuance until next Thursday which was given him. Noah Gorum, colored, charged with illegal registration, had his case continued to next Thursday and William Boyer, colored, charged with the larceny of a book, alleged to have been a record of the registered voters, had his case set down for a hearing to-morrow.

John W. Godwin, charged with a breach of the peace and with threatening bodily harm to former Mayor Charles D. Bird, his case to allow him time to secure counsel and summon his witnesses. The continuance was granted by Judge Cochran.

The cases in City Court this morning came as the result of the trouble last Saturday in the Fourth district of the Second ward in South Wilmington.

Court Room Filled. The court room was crowded to suffocation with interested spectators who filled all the available seats and were ranged along the center and side aisles.

The only case that was given a hearing was that of Richard E. Craig. It was alleged that Craig incited a breach of the peace by making a loud threat against ex-Mayor Bird on Saturday evening during the registration in the Fourth district of the Second ward at A and Buttonwood streets. Craig, it was alleged, ran out of the registration place yelling, "Where is Charlie Bird, get him. We'll kill him."

These words incited the colored men gathered on the outside. It was alleged, and following this came several disturbances in that district.

Mr. Bird was the first witness called. Testifying, Mr. Bird said that he had had no personal trouble with Mr. Craig.

"With whom?" asked Judge Cochran. "With Craig," replied Mr. Bird. "That's what I wanted to know," replied the judge.

Mr. Bird said that he did not hear Craig yell the words that it was alleged the colored men used.

Benjamin B. Allen was then called as a witness. Mr. Allen testified that he was standing just outside the door of the registration place when Mr. Bird came out calling for Police Sergeant McDermott. Craig came out, said Mr. Allen, crying "Where is Charlie Bird," making this emphatic by using indecent language, and continuing, it was testified by Mr. Allen, to yell, "Get him, kill him," meaning Mr. Bird.

A crowd, said Mr. Allen, quickly gathered outside and surrounded Craig. This happened about twenty minutes to seven o'clock Saturday evening.

Witness Must Appear. At this point Assistant City Solicitor Fetherthall called the court's attention to the fact that witnesses who had been summoned to be in court this morning had not shown up in time to be examined as to what they knew in the case. Mr. Satterthwaite said that he wished the court would speak of the matter as it hindered the prosecution not to have the witnesses on time. Judge Cochran warned the witnesses present to be on hand the next time in good season, speaking particularly of the other cases that will be heard later on, and said that if it was necessary, attachments would be issued, the witnesses brought to the City Hall and kept under police surveillance until the time for the hearing.

Police Sergeant McDermott was the next witness. He said that he found Craig in the rear of the building when he came up. He didn't hear Craig say anything against Mr. Bird. Mr. Bird told the sergeant that a book had been stolen. The officer said that he then saw Craig go into the building.

"I started to enter the building," testified the officer, "and Craig said that I could not."

"Said you couldn't go in, you an officer of the law," said the court. "That's a pretty state of affairs."

James L. Conner, who said that he had

SHERMAN HAS A BIG CROWD, TOO

Scholarly-Appearing Candidate for Vice-President Given Ovation

FINE PARADE BEFORE RALLY

James S. Sherman, candidate for the vice-presidency on the Republican ticket, spoke before an overwhelming audience in the Grand Opera House last night. It was a tremendous crowd that gathered in the Opera House after the big parade of Republicans. But the scholarly looking man with the school-master's sideboard did not quail before the thousands that mobbed into the seats, the aisles and the gallery of the big playhouse. Mr. Sherman was fully equal to the occasion and during the hour and a half in which he spoke enthusiasm was unbounded. Snoring with Mr. Sherman the honors of the meeting were Judge E. F. Lovett and Isaac Puid of New York, whose comicalities served as a spice to the more serious words of Mr. Sherman.

The meeting was preceded by a monster parade. Nearly two thousand men were in line, comprising several brass bands, a file and drum corps, clubs from the city wards and from nearby towns, among the visitors being nearly 200 members of the Mill Creek Hundred Mounted Republican Club.

The paraders formed on King street at the Young Men's Republican Club and at 7:30 o'clock marched down King street to Fourth to Market, to Seventh to Madison, to Ninth, to Market and to the Opera House. Joseph C. Lawson was the marshal.

Much Red Fire. All over the route red fire was lavishly displayed and the side walks on King and Market streets were jammed to impassability.

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Breaks Ribs By Fall

Falling from a chair on which she stood, Mrs. Frank H. Jacobs, of Prospect Hill is nursing several broken ribs.

SHOT SELF AS WOMAN LISTENED ON THE 'PHONE

By United Press Leased Special Wire. PITTSBURGH, Pa., Oct. 20.—With two self-inflicted bullet wounds in his abdomen, Jerome Compton Council, aged 28, formerly of St. Louis, is dying to-day at the Homeopathic Hospital. Last night Council called up Miss Florence Warman and told her to hold the line open for a minute and she would hear something. When the telephone shots fired in rapid succession came over the wire Miss Warman called up C. H. Garner, head of a local detective agency, by whom Council had been employed, and told him something had happened at his office. Descriptions from his wounds Council declared to the police that he had been shot by Garner and the latter was arrested. Several hours later Council regained consciousness and confessed that he had shot himself.

WEATHER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 20.—The storm that was central Monday morning over the middle-eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains, has moved northward to the upper Missouri valley.

Fair weather is indicated for the next 25 hours in the middle eastern and southeastern states, with slight changes in temperature.

Forecast till 8 p. m. Wednesday: For Delaware—Fair tonight and Wednesday; fresh northeasterly winds.

Table with 2 columns: Time and Temperature. Rows include 1.30 P. M. (64), 12 M. (63), 9 A. M. (59), 9.00 A. M. (48).

Republicanism was rampant yesterday. The visit of William Howard Taft, candidate for President, and James Schoolcraft Sherman, candidate for vice-President, was an unprecedented occasion in the political history of the State. And the people, regardless of party, although the proud Republicans naturally were dominant, arose in their might to greet the stalwart Republican standard bearers. Those persons who have been hitherto the passing of old time campaigns, the relaxing of momentary meetings and the fading away of picturesque political pageants with blazing transparencies, have had hope born afresh. Yesterday vied mightily that this is an old-time campaign. No such meeting as that which Judge Taft essayed to address on Tenth street in the afternoon, has ever before been recorded in Delaware. For a number of persons congregated and for enthusiasm it is unparalleled in this State. Judge Taft says he rarely has had larger meeting than that at which he was the stellar figure—a big, searable if not hearable figure. And at night, the assemblage that invaded the Opera House and tried to crowd within its doors to hear Congressman Sherman was one of the largest indoor political rallies ever held in the city. Along with it was a great, long parade of marching Republican clubs, bubbling over with shouts for Taft and Sherman and presaging a sweeping Republican victory in Delaware on November 3. At least the Republican leaders after the great outpouring of voters yesterday afternoon and night, and the wonderful demonstration for Mr. Taft, had no hesitancy in elevating the majority by which they hope to retain the Diamond State in the Republican column in November. Judge Taft had no hesitancy in expressing his belief that he will be elected.

ad "Bill," and to which salutation he repeatedly waved his hand and doffed his hat. He is used to hear that friendly "Hello, Bill" wherever he goes, and he heard it right and left in Wilmington. The dignity of "Mr." and "Judge" were swept aside by the popular outpouring of the hearty "Bill," and Judge Taft himself in all his heartiness acknowledges that name, which has drawn him closer to the multitudes of the country whom he has faced while campaigning.

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From Philadelphia to French street station the process of the Taft train was greeted with rooting whistles and the cheers of workmen of the industrial plants who crowded out along the tracks to greet the Republican nominee as he strode on to Wilmington. From French street station to the Court House green his trip was one grand ovation of cheers, shouts, waving flags, public exhilaration. The throng that lined Market street was like that which waits for hours to view the parade of the greatest show on earth. Judge Taft was the "big show" yesterday. Seldom has the public poured out to greet him in any city of the land like it did in Wilmington yesterday, for he himself appreciated that and said so. And when he made his way to the speakers' stand facing the Court House green, which was one dense mass of humanity, the tribute to him was picturesque, exciting, unceasing. Flags were waved frantically, men and women cheered and tried to jump up and down, but the mob was so tightly compressed that getting off the earth was impossible, unless it was by the sheer surging of the crowd that they were swept along bodily.

Women Crushed in Crowd. It was amid this wild outburst that Judge Taft, Senator duPont, Senator Richardson, Governor Lea, General T. C. duPont, Mayor Wilson and other members of the escorting committee made their way to the gaily-decorated stand. The clanking of the Court House bell added to the din of frenzied humanity.

Then began trouble that threatened to become serious and crush out some lives. The crowd surged toward the

Wheels Passed Over Boy's Head. HONEOYE FALLS, N. Y., Oct. 20.—Howard Rath, 13, jumped on his father's farm wagon this morning and seized the reins. The horses took fright and bolted. The wagon struck a post at the barnyard entrance and the boy was thrown out. The wheels passed over his head killing him instantly.

Sells Keiffer Crop. Walter T. Morris, a Kent county, Md. grower, has sold his entire crop of Keiffer pears for 5 cents a basket on the trees.

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