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TAFT MEN GIVEN ONE SHARP JOLT

Proposition for Compromise on Louisiana Delegation Comes as Big Surprise.

HURRIED ADJOURNMENT TAKEN FOR CONSULTATION

Senator Bradley Tells Taft's Manager He Is Weary of His "Brace Game."

CHICAGO, June 9.—A few handfuls of sand were thrown into the cylinders of the Taft political machine late today. So far everything that has come up has been handled quickly and decisively by the Taft men, but today, from their own membership, came a proposition to divide the Louisiana delegation with the opposition, seating both Taft and anti-Taft delegations with a half vote each.

Before the Louisiana case, which involves four delegates-at-large and fourteen district delegates, is brought to a vote tomorrow noses will be sharply counted. Members of the committee who are Taft and anti-Taft supporters, but who have shown a disposition to yield to the appeals from the allied forces to compromise in the interest of harmony, will be subjected to pressure from Washington.

Manager Frank Hitchcock announced tonight that there will be no compromise. He is determined to fight for the seating of the delegations in interest for Secretary Taft, and declared that he will insist that the committee pass upon all contests. To settle them in any other way, he said, would be unfair to the delegations themselves.

Thus far contests have been settled from the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia and Kentucky, and there has been no division of the committee in disposing of any of them. The reason for this has been the rule which denies a roll call on any question unless it is demanded by twenty members of the committee.

The political maneuvering by such members as the "Old Guard" of Senators Cross and Penrose, and Committee member Hart of Iowa and Mulvane of Kansas has not been without effect. The growth of the committee suggestion was noticed by the Taft men, and the decision was made to hold it until late today, when they learned to their surprise that the plan for a division in Louisiana was favored by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, and Gen. Powell Clayton of Arkansas.

Hasty conferences were held by the members of the committee during the hearing of the Louisiana contest, and the decision was made to adjourn until it was late today, when they learned to their surprise that the plan for a division in Louisiana was favored by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, and Gen. Powell Clayton of Arkansas.

Many Votes Involved. Manager Hitchcock takes the position, however, that all of the Taft delegates are mixed, there being several negroes on the delegation from each Southern State. More than 150 delegates are involved in the settlement of these contests. From Southern States yet to be settled, the Taft men expect further demands for a compromise. The committee has determined to prevent the injection of any opening wedge, if such a thing is possible.

Senator Bradley Active. Senator Bradley of Kentucky appeared at the Fairbanks contest. The Fairbanks contest was settled, as Mr. Bradley had no personal knowledge of the conditions involved, other than the views presented.

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Robbers' Assault Fatal. LINCOLN, Ill., June 8.—Frank Frorer, millionaire bank president and coal mine owner, died today from the effect of an assault by highway robbers. March 20, the robbers secured \$3000. Two of the robbers are now in Chester penitentiary and a third is in jail awaiting trial.

SHOT PHYSICIAN TO AVENGE HER HONOR

Young Russian Nurse in New York Private Hospital Kills Prominent Doctor.

SAYS SHE WAS VICTIM OF CRIMINAL ASSAULT

Suit in Court Failing, She Takes the Law Into Her Own Hands.

NEW YORK, June 8.—Sarah Koten, the young Russian nurse who lured Dr. Martin Weitzman to a house in New York last night, by a false telephone call, and shot him to death after she had lain in wait for him for many hours, declared today that she had no regret for her act.

"I shot him, but I did not murder him," she said in a cell in the police station, as she explained the summons for her arrest. "I killed him because he wronged me and then refused to help me. I tried to punish him in the courts, but found myself powerless. My father and mother are dead, so I had to protect my honor myself."

The Unwritten Law. There seems little doubt that when the case against the girl goes to trial a jury once more will have an opportunity to pass upon the "unwritten law" or the justification of murder under certain circumstances. Sarah Koten presented a most dejected appearance when she was arraigned in Police court, far different from the defiant young woman who surrendered herself to the police last night. She wept incessantly. She was remanded to the Coroner, who will hold an inquest.

As Koten wept as she told her story in the Coroner's court. She said she came to America from Russia six months ago and secured a position as nurse in Dr. Auspitz's private hospital last November. Dr. Auspitz, she declared, visited her room in the hospital and assaulted her. When she found that she was to become a mother, she said, the doctor suggested a criminal operation, but she refused to permit it and left the hospital.

Friendless and Penniless. "I had no friends and no money," said Miss Koten. "I was very poor and could not get work because of my condition. I went to the Coroner's court and Dr. Auspitz brought before the Court of General Sessions. My witnesses were discredited and everything went his way. After he was acquitted I was advised to call on the District Attorney's office. There the assistant District Attorney told me that inasmuch as the case had been tried there was nothing more to be done.

Here the young woman broke down, wept, and pulled her hair, striking her breast with her hands. "Then," she continued, "I decided that if I could not get justice in the courts I would be my own avenger. I could have killed him in his own home, but I feared to do that. I decided to injure some one else. So I decided to call him into that hallway. I waited and waited and then he came. I fired the shot."

A legal representative of a Hebrew organization was in court last night after the woman's arrest. Coroner Foxberger held Miss Koten without bail to await the inquest.

OFFICIAL INQUIRY INTO EXPLOSION ON TENNESSEE. SAN PEDRO, Cal., June 8.—The board of inquiry appointed by Rear Admiral Uriel Sebree to investigate the explosion on the battleship USS Oregon, which occurred Friday morning, will not complete its work until tomorrow night or Wednesday morning. The board, which is headed by Capt. C. E. Fox, commanding the cruiser South Dakota, Lieutenant-Commander C. M. Coffey, of the USS Maryland, and Lieutenant G. Robey, chief engineer of the South Dakota, and fleet engineer of the Pacific squadron, is making a thorough investigation of all phases of the accident. Many members of the crew who were in the vicinity of the boiler room at the time of the explosion have been examined.

PRICES OF MEAT TO BE AGAIN ADVANCED. CHICAGO, June 8.—It was announced today by the Chicago packers because of a shortage of cattle and canned meats will be increased. An official of Armour, a discussing the situation, said today: "There will be no great advance in prices. There is a shortage of cattle, but we don't expect it to last long."

Gets Heaviest Fine. PORTLAND, Me., June 8.—A fine of \$1000, the maximum penalty, was paid today by the United States District court by George F. Terry, the Waterville mail order house proprietor. The sentence was imposed by Judge Hays for conspiracy to defraud the government of postage on second-class mail matter.

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A Glimpse of the Government Assay Office With Fussy Jimmie in Charge



MURDERER BILKEK IS DOOMED TO HANG

Governor of Illinois Refuses to Interfere; Execution Set for Next Friday.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 8.—Governor Deneen today, on recommendation of the state board of pardons, decided not to interfere in the case of Herman Bilkek, under death sentence in Chicago for murder. The execution is scheduled to take place next Friday. Bilkek is a Bohemian fortune teller whose conviction was declared from the pulpit of St. Mary's church by Rev. P. J. O'Callaghan of the Paulist Fathers of Chicago to be the result of perjured testimony due to suggestion and intimidation on the part of the prosecuting attorney and police. The accusation against Bilkek was that he murdered in Chicago the woman's husband and four of the Vzal children. The alleged motive was to get life insurance money.

CONDEMNED MAN WEEPS WHEN TOLD OF FATE. CHICAGO, June 8.—When the news of the decision of the pardon board and Governor Deneen was taken to Bilkek, he collapsed and cried bitterly. "Well, of they are going to hang me, let them go ahead," he said, drying his eyes. "I am ready. I don't care so much for myself, but I do care for the sake of my wife and children."

MRS. BREWSTER ASPIRES TO ROYAL SOCIETY. SIOUX FALLS, S. D., June 8.—Mrs. Franklin Brewster, whose husband is a millionaire of Rochester, N. Y., has been granted a divorce here and left today for the home of her son-in-law, Senator Freelinghausen of New Jersey. Mrs. Brewster has said here that she might marry an attaché of the King of the Belgians. Her daughters, Mrs. Ashton Knight of Paris and Mrs. Freelinghausen, were present at the Grecian court at the time that Mrs. Brewster met the court official. If she marries him she will become a lady in waiting to the Queen.

STATE TAKES CONTROL OF MONTANA PENITENTIARY. BUTTE, Mont., June 8.—The State board of prison commissioners at Helena today abolished the prison contract system, taking over from Conley & McParque, the former prison contractors, their penitentiary equipment at Deer Lodge, on a lease of \$100 a year, appointing Frank Conley warden, at a salary of \$3000 annually.

Treaty Ratified. WASHINGTON, June 8.—Lloyd C. Garrison, American ambassador to Rome, today telegraphed the State department that the municipal treaty with San Marino had ratified an extradition treaty with the United States.

FIENDISH EFFORT TO FIRE CROWDED CHURCH

Cathedral is Ablaze While Congregation Kneels in Prayer; Priest's Coolness Saves.

BERLIN, June 8.—An attempt was made today to burn down the old St. Paulus Catholic church at Moabit, belonging to the Dominicans, which was crowded with people assembled to hear a sermon by the famous Dominican monk, Bonaventura. About 1500 persons were present, including more than a thousand women and children to hear the mass. While the congregation was kneeling in silent prayer some one informed Father Bonaventura that the church was afire. Those in the church, not knowing the extent of the fire, fortunately did not realize their peril, and on the clergy's advice the priest left the church. The flames were extinguished with difficulty after great damage had been done. The police suspect a gang of incendiaries, who, it is stated, set fire to the old garrison church, which was destroyed in April last. The firemen declare that only the coolness of the clergy today prevented a great disaster.

KILLS BEAUTIFUL WIFE, THEN COMMITS SUICIDE. CLEVELAND, June 8.—Charles F. Corlett, a prominent architect and head of the Corlett Engineering company, killed his wife, Elizabeth, and then ended his own life in a hotel at Winghamby, a Cleveland suburb, tonight. The tragedy is said to have been the result of jealousy.

ONE NEW BATTLESHIP TO BE NAMED 'UTAH'. WASHINGTON, June 8.—Secretary Metcalf today announced that the two new battleships authorized at the last session of Congress would be named Florida and Utah, respectively.

BIG STEAMER WRECKED; MANY CHINESE MISSING. HONGKONG, June 8.—The British steamer Pook An, running between Hongkong, Canton and Macao, struck on a rock off Lantau island last night and is a total wreck. Eighty natives are missing, but all the European passengers and officers of the steamer were rescued.

GRAFTING POLICEMAN SENTENCED TO PRISON. NEW YORK, June 8.—Charles J. Hausler, a former policeman, was sentenced today to not less than three nor more than four years in prison for complicity in the theft of jewelry worth \$2500, which was stolen by Sadie Papp, a manicurist, from Mrs. Benjamin F. Knoles of Brooklyn. Hausler and the girl pleaded guilty and Hausler admitted having pawned the jewelry. The judge suspended sentence against Sadie Papp on the ground that she had been misled by Hausler.

GOOD TEMPLARS GREET PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT. WASHINGTON, June 8.—The international convention of Good Templars today decided to hold the next triennial meeting at Hamburg, Germany, in 1911. The delegates visited the White House this afternoon and were received by President Roosevelt.

ROADS WILL NOT INCREASE CHARGES

Present Financial Depression Prevents Boosting of the Freight Rates.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—No general increase in freight rates is likely to be made by the railroads of the country in the near future, if it is to be made at all. At a recent meeting of presidents and operating officials of important railroads held in New York it was the consensus of opinion that it would be undesirable, if not absolutely impracticable, to put into effect at this time an increase of freight rates. It was pointed out that the proposed increase, in a time of depression, would tend rather to increase freight stagnation than to stimulate freight movement. Such a result would be an additional disadvantage to the carriers, the opinion being general that it would not induce increased revenues.

IMPROVEMENT PERCEPTIBLE. Most of the officials who attended the meeting indicated a belief that railway business conditions were improving. The freight revenues—and the passenger revenues, too—show a notable increase in the last month over the preceding three months, and a general revival of business in all industrial branches was reported from every part of the country.

SHIPPERS OF MIDDLE WEST WERE ALARMED. The judgment was expressed that if business conditions did not cover the increase of freight rates, it would be necessary for the railroads to adopt some method for protecting the interests of their stockholders. Only two methods were suggested: An increase of freight rates and a decrease in wages of employees. It is quite certain that neither will be resorted to before the first of next October, and some officials believe it will not be necessary for them to resort to either of the methods named.

STARTING RUMOR CIRCULATED. In some unaccountable way the report became general among shippers, especially in the Middle West and the South, that the President and the Interstate Commerce commission had approved their approval to the suggested increase in freight rates. Regardless of the improbability of such approval, the impression of it gives rise to rumors that have written to the members of the commission protesting that the rates be not increased. The members have spent a good deal of time trying to set the record straight on this matter. While the commission has no power under the law to prevent the establishment of such rates as the railroads see fit to put into effect, unless they are approved by the Interstate Commerce commission, it is not their duty to increase the rates, but to see that they are not increased.

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ELDBERS MATCHED IN STRENUOUS DEBATE

Who is the Legal Successor of the Prophet Joseph Smith?

MURRAY MEETING HOUSE SCENE OF THE POLEMICS

Elder Curtis of Reorganized Church and Elder Eades of Utah Opponents.

What promises to be an interesting debate and will throw an illuminating light on Mormonism, commenced at the Second Ward meeting-house at Murray Monday night, the subject being the legal succession to the presidency of the Mormon church, the affirmation being taken by Elder J. F. Curtis of the Reorganized church, Provo, and the negative by Jacob A. Eades of West Jordan. The debate will continue for four nights and the contentions at issue are: "Resolved, that Joseph Smith, president of the Reorganized church, is the legal successor of his father to the presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints," and, second, "Resolved, that Brigham Young was the legal successor of Joseph Smith, the martyr, to the presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints."

The former proposition was debated Monday night and will be again Tuesday night. The church was crowded with the adherents of both sides and order was maintained. Some difficulty was experienced in securing a chairman upon whom both sides were agreed, eventually Principal Smith of the Central school at Murray was agreed upon.

The rule of debate was that Elder Curtis opened with a thirty-minute speech for the affirmative, followed by a speech of similar length by Elder Eades for the negative. Then in the same rotation each speaker was again given thirty minutes.

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