

CUBAN NATION IN PERIL

WARNING FROM MR. TAFT.

More Conferences at Havana—Mediation a Hard Task.

Havana, Sept. 20.—A second day of conferences with the leaders of the factions in the Cuban conflict has not enabled Secretary Taft and the Acting Secretary of State, Mr. Bacon, to announce any plan for compromising the difficulty.

The only counsel to the political leaders given by Mr. Taft was on the subject of not engaging in further agitation which might make intervention by the United States necessary.

DOUBT OF NEGOTIATORS' STANDING.

Whether the men whom they have met in Havana represent the sentiment of the entire island is a question that is troubling the American mediators.

Senator Zayas is generally regarded as the official representative of the rebellion, but he cannot assume that distinction in negotiating with Secretary Taft.

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LIBERAL GRIEVANCES NOT FILED.

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Mr. Taft's order this brief was sealed, and will not be taken up for consideration until it can be done in connection with the argument of the opposing side.

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URGE GOVERNOR TO RUN

FINAL DECISION TO-DAY?

Friends Believe He Will Consent—Bruce Their Next Choice.

[By Telegram to The Tribune.] Albany, Sept. 20.—Governor Higgins's friends are urging him to accept a renomination, but the Governor apparently prefers not to again be the Republican gubernatorial candidate.

The Governor was informed that he was the logical candidate to lead his party in the state this fall, especially in view of the recent victories in New York and Erie counties.

The friends of Governor Higgins believe that he will finally agree again to run, but in the event of the Governor declining to accept the honor they are looking to Lieutenant Governor Bruce to head the Republican state ticket.

Major Adam is looked on by Republican leaders as a strong candidate to head the Democratic state ticket.

CALLS HIGGINS ONLY CANDIDATE.

E. H. Butler, of Buffalo, Says There Will Be No Other Before Convention.

Buffalo, Sept. 20.—In an interview published this morning, E. H. Butler, the local Higgins leader, is quoted in reply to a question as to whether Governor Higgins would be a candidate at the Republican State Convention next week, as saying:

In my judgment, there will be no other candidate before the convention.

MAY HAVE COSMOS.

Police Think Prisoner Missing B. R. T. Motorman.

A man who told the police that he was Demos Cosmos, the Brooklyn Rapid Transit motorman wanted for running down and killing Miss Fannie Radinsky during the fare riots on that road, then retracted and said he was Demos's brother, was locked up in the Tenderloin police station last night.

The man locked up last night was arrested at No. 156 West 25th street by Patrolman Bernard Smith just as he was about to attend the funeral of his brother George, who died from consumption.

Asked at the station why he had made such an admission to the patrolman, the prisoner said: "I was only fooling."

KILLED IN SCHWAB AUTO.

Daughter of Cincinnati Financier Meets Death in France.

Cincinnati, Sept. 20.—J. G. Schmidlapp, president of the United Savings and Trust Company, in this city, was injured and his daughter, Charlotte, was killed, in the wreck of Charles M. Schwab's automobile, at St. Martin de Crau, France.

The news came in a cable dispatch received in Cincinnati to-day. Mr. Schmidlapp, who is widely known in financial circles throughout the country, was making a tour of France with his daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ault, in an automobile belonging to Mr. Schwab.

Seven years ago Mr. Schmidlapp's wife and another daughter were killed in a railway wreck in this country.

CALLED DEAD, BUT LIVES.

Man on Operating Table Pronounced a Corpse Revived.

Edward McElroen, of No. 51 North Broadway, Yonkers, was in court yesterday and listened to a physician tell how he had almost died and been brought back to life.

Seven weeks ago McElroen was hit on the head with a wrench by James Burns. He sustained a compound fracture of the skull and was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital.

Two hours later the heart was beating feebly and the lungs were working.

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SCENE ON THE CANTON RIVER, NEAR HONG KONG.

In the path of the typhoon that wrought havoc to property and caused the loss of thousands of lives.



MUTUAL'S AXE FALLS. FERRY STRIKE OVER.

T. R. FELL THE VICTIM. COMPROMISE SETTLES IT.

Agent Whose Name Appeared on Opposition Tickets Dismissed. Boats Resume Schedule for Rush—Early Morning Truck Crush.

The Mutual Life's committee on agencies yesterday dismissed T. Reid Fell, for many years one of the most prominent insurance managers in this city, because it believed he had accepted his nomination both on the "united committees" and "select fusion" tickets, and that he had been disloyal to the Peabody administration.

The committee's action is well in line with the company's reported fear of a revolt among its agents. Second Vice-President George T. Dexter has appointed John C. Elliot to take charge of Mr. Fell's branch office.

The action followed a "loyalty" meeting of the company's managers, which every general manager attended, with the exception of Mr. Fell. It is understood that the suspicion that Mr. Fell was opposed to the "administration" ticket was partly responsible for the committee's recent message to the company's agents that any manager or employee becoming a candidate would be held to have vacated his office.

For several days the company has been waiting, apparently in vain, to receive from Mr. Fell a disclaimer of his willingness to serve on any anti-administration ticket. Dismissals on the same terms of several other managers on the "select fusion" ticket are expected daily.

The managers' meeting took place in the offices of Manager George A. Brinkerhoff, at No. 149 Broadway. No explanation of their absence was forthcoming from the committee.

The managers present included William T. DeFendorf, Charles E. Bayless, Mr. Woloson, Robert H. Hardy, Charles H. Stonebridge, E. C. Ogbourn and Frederick W. Bliss. At the meeting the opinion was generally expressed that Thomas H. Bowles was the mover of the "select fusion" ticket.

For the organization of all certain members of the administration and the administration ticket. A committee of three then visited Herbert N. Fell, submitting the resolution for his signature. Mr. Fell declined to sign it, asking time for consideration.

No effort was made, apparently, to obtain T. R. Fell's signature, it being taken for granted that the appearance of his name on the "united committee" ticket was tantamount to its acceptance of the nomination.

After the adjournment of the managers' meeting a managers' committee laid the resolution before the company's committee on agency and insurance, then in special session. Mr. Fell's dismissal followed.

Positive information that Thomas H. Bowles, many members of the Mutual Life policyholders' association and, it is said, a minority of "international" committees were in favor of practically just such a ticket as the "select fusion" followed the report that Thomas H. Bowles was behind the third ticket, as was T. Reid Fell.

Through Bert Hanson, the association's organization manager, Mr. Bowles declared he had no part in the organization of the third ticket, although, with the exception of the names of President Peabody and the other officers named in the third ticket, it was conceded that it was just such a ticket as Mr. Bowles had sought to have framed.

"Mr. Bowles," said Mr. Hanson, "appeared both before our association and the international committee, urging that the agents have a large, reputable hand in the 'united committees' ticket. Single-handed he presented the 'united committees' ticket, the representation of the 'united committees' ticket. Mr. Bowles, however, loyally supports the 'united committees' ticket, and is in no way connected with any other organization of policyholders."

"I am told," said Mr. Hanson, "that President Peabody's name was not on the original 'Selected Fusion' ticket, but that Mr. Peabody permitted his name to go on the ticket as the result of strong arguments made to him by a member of the Colgate committee."

Alfred L. Bard, counsel to the "Select Fusion" Mutual Life ticket, made public last night his reply to President Peabody's letter of inquiry as to the motives and personnel of the third ticket, and intimated that it was an "agents' ticket" not originated by him to help elect either of the other candidates. The fact that the nomination came from the "united committees" candidates, he said, was evidence that it was "not backed by any class or signing interest."

To disclose the names of the supporters of the "united committees" ticket, Mr. Bard criticized the company's agency committee, composed, he said, of McCurdy nominees that the continued agency policy. He added that the continued agency policy was working incalculable injury to the company.

Mr. Bard then made this statement, considered especially significant in view of the recent attitude of the Mutual Life policyholders' association toward the "united committees" ticket. Speaking of the suggested retention of the "united committees" ticket of the McCurdy trustees, he said that "these considerations were urged upon the persons in and out of the company."

President Morton of the Equitable sent yesterday to officers and heads of departments a copy of a new rule, not to be construed as a recommendation by officers or employees of any agency or reduction of their policy premiums other than such dividend deductions as the contract may provide.

Johnson's Guest Hurt. Kentucky Woman Slips in Bath Tub—Visiting Mayor's Wife.

Cleveland, Sept. 20.—Mrs. Henry J. Tilford, of Louisville, wife of a well known business man of that city, slipped and fell in a bathtub in the house of Mayor Johnson to-day, and received injuries which may prove fatal.

Mrs. Tilford's skull was fractured, and she was removed to Lakeside Hospital, where an operation was performed. Mrs. Tilford arrived here several days ago, and had been the guest of Mrs. Johnson at the Mayor's home, on Euclid avenue.

Louisville, Sept. 20.—Mrs. Henry J. Tilford is the widow of Henry J. Tilford, who has been dead many years. Owing to Mrs. Tilford's age, considerable apprehension is felt by her relatives. The family is well known.

CONNERS FOR HEARST.

UNAFFECTED BY MACK.

Action Seems Not to Have Changed Editor's Erie Strength.

[By Telegram to The Tribune.] Buffalo, Sept. 20.—Erie County Democrats are all torn up to-night as a result of the day's developments, following the action yesterday of Norman E. Mack, Democratic National Committee member, in throwing Mr. Hearst overboard and declaring for Mayor Adam of Buffalo for the Democratic Governorship nomination.

So far as the day's doings are concerned, there is nothing to indicate that Mr. Hearst has lost any strength in Erie County; neither has he gained any. The Hearst Democrats have been suspicious of Mr. Mack for weeks, and W. J. Conners still stands by Hearst. Mr. Mack really never was strong in his home city, and the same applies to Mr. Conners.

It is known here that William F. Sheehan favors the candidacy of Mr. Adam, and Buffalo Democrats are anxious to ascertain what, if anything, Mr. Sheehan can do toward getting New York support for Mr. Adam.

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HEARST TIDE TURNING.

VOTES DRIFTING AWAY.

Even with New York Solid, Democratic Nomination Is in Doubt.

Mr. Hearst's canvass for the Democratic nomination showed decided signs yesterday of ending in a rout.

W. J. Conners, it was said at Buffalo, was still for Hearst, whose strength in Erie County seemed to be unaffected by Norman E. Mack's coming out for Mayor Adam.

A committee of Sulzer men, including Timothy D. Sullivan and Borough President Ahearn, will call on Charles F. Murphy and Patrick H. McCarren to-day and plead for the interests of their candidate.

It was said at Albany that friends of the Governor believed that he would consent to stand for a renomination, and would give a final decision to-day.

SULLIVANS STAND FIRM

Actively Pushing Opposition to Hearst Candidacy.

William R. Hearst is steadily losing ground in his canvass for the Democratic nomination for Governor. Unless he is able to do something at once to rally his wavering columns his campaign will end in a rout.

The total of 212 includes three delegates from Broome, where there is a contest. A tabulated statement of the Hearst and anti-Hearst strength is as follows:

Table with columns: County, For Hearst, Against Hearst, Unpledged. Lists counties from Albany to Yates with corresponding vote counts.

Mr. Hearst should get all of the delegates still to be chosen. But the necessary few are the hardest to get, and the drift of things now is against Hearst rather than in favor of him.

It cannot be denied, however, that he has a long lead over any of his competitors, particularly if Tammany's 105 votes are cast for him.

With the opposition scattered Mr. Hearst may be nominated on the first ballot if Tammany is for him.

The defection of Norman E. Mack in Erie and the failure of the Hearst men to carry Onondaga yesterday indicates that the tide which was flowing strongly toward Hearst now is dangerously near the ebb.

"Little Tim" Sullivan was at the City Hall again yesterday, and spent half an hour with Frank O'Brien, the Mayor's secretary. As he was leaving the City Hall he said:

"There is no change in the situation. The Sullivan men are for Sulzer. We are opposed to Hearst under any conditions or circumstances whatsoever."

Charles F. Murphy was not at Tammany Hall yesterday.

Mr. Murphy is going to Buffalo over the Central on Sunday, so as to be ready for the meeting of the state committee on Monday night.

He will have with him Thomas F. Smith, Philip J. Donohue and one or two personal friends. He has an appointment with William J. Conners and Norman E. Mack for Monday afternoon. It is expected that Mr. Murphy's attitude will be indicated unmistakably at the meeting of the state committee. By that time he will have a clear understanding with the Sullivans, and he will know exactly how many delegates he can control in the caucus.

If Murphy throws the Tammany delegation to Hearst it will not be for love of Hearst, but rather because he wants the Hearst vote for his local candidates. He is not at all certain of getting that support. Mr. Hearst's recent speeches have indicated that he is building up a national party of his own and that he is through with the Democratic party. If that is true, then there is no room for reasonable doubt that he would name a full local ticket in this county and compel Murphy either to accept it in toto or make Murphy's local ticket run third in the race.

Mayor McClellan said yesterday that he was undecided about going to Buffalo.

"Big Tim" Sullivan, who plans to go to the State Senate, wants to know a few things and he wants his esteemed colleague, William R. Hearst, to answer. This is one of the things he wants to know.

"If my friends in the Tammany delegation support you for Governor in the Democratic State Convention, will you support me for State Senator?"

William R. Hearst, in his last reference to Representative Sullivan, called him the "old high protector of crooks and criminals," and intimated clearly that his first business, when an opportunity offered, would be to drive Sullivan and McCarren out of politics.

"Big Tim," his friends said last night, believes that if he and his followers should decide to

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2520 TO ATLANTIC CITY AND RETURN. Atlantic City, Sept. 20.—The Atlantic City and return train leaves New York 8:45 A. M., stopping at Newark and Elizabeth. Returning, leaves Atlantic City 10 P. M. Last of the season.—Adv.