

Will Cummins Be President Taft's Running Mate?

Friends of Taft Are Said to be Figuring on Naming Iowa Senator for Nomination as Vice President in 1912 Campaign.

"Missionaries" in the South And Elsewhere Make Favorable Reports - Leaders Busy Working - Sentiment Favorable.

Washington, May 20.—Politicians will be shocked—not the least of all Senator Allen B. Cummins, of Iowa—to learn that the friends of President Taft are figuring on making the senator Taft's running mate in the 1912 campaign.

Information to this effect has been given to the International News Service by a correspondent by the name of one of the close friends of the President who have embarked on the active work of promoting his re-election. These friends, among them Senators Lodge and Chase, of Massachusetts, are hard at work right now.

With the President's re-nomination assumed, who do you figure on for Vice President? The U. S. correspondent in charge of the news of the President's friends.

"What would you think of Senator Cummins?" was the reply. The correspondent laughed at the idea of one of the leaders of insurrection taking second place on the Taft ticket.

"It may not be so much of a joke," urged the Taft man seriously. "The senator is a republican, and he would have been nominated for vice president in 1908 if the Iowa people had stood on him. Of course, he has never since then, but there are few men that would positively refuse the nomination for vice president."

Senator Cummins' sentiments on the latest development of the presidential campaign are not known. Meanwhile, the Taft campaign is on. It really is inaugurated last September, when, on Sept. 15 Mr. Taft made it known that "if at the expiration of the term there yet remained a doubt as to whether he had not been elected, and the American people demanded that he remain in office and fulfill them, the President will be at the command of the people."

At about that time it was determined by the President's friends that a strengthening out of the kinks was one of the immediate necessities. The plan to secure the resignation of Secretary Ballinger was devised, but it failed because of a bundle.

It is interesting to know that the credit for the conception of this plan is due to William Loeb, Jr. It may also be remembered that it is quite likely Mr. Loeb will be summoned to serve as republican national chairman in the 1912 campaign.

Missionaries are now in the South, and favorable reports are coming in. From other sections, it is said, good reports are likewise being received. According to the International News Service correspondents informant, the New York delegation is now assured to Taft.

The Taft people are not really fighting any other well defined candidacy. They do not believe LaFollette can secure any considerable number of votes, and the mention of the name of Hughes does not create a ripple of comment.

When the friends of the President are anxious to do now is to deal so far as possible the breaches in the party, and put his re-nomination beyond dispute.

pute. In every way possible the progressive wing of the party is being placated.

As for former President Roosevelt, it is positively stated that he will not attend the national convention. He is neither for nor against Taft. He has informed his friends that he desires to be let alone.

HAIL AND LIGHTNING HURT

Gettysburg, Pa., May 20.—A terrific hail and electrical storm swept over Adams county yesterday afternoon and damaged fruit trees, which are in full blossom. Wheat was severely hurt.

The rain which accompanied the storm relieved a condition which threatened to become serious, as all crops were suffering from drought, while streams and wells were getting very low.

HEAVY CUT TO BE MADE IN RAW WOOL

Washington, May 20.—Democratic advocates of free raw wool had completely surrounded, it was declared today when the house ways and means committee continued the work of revising the tariff on wool.

Though the exact rates to be assessed on raw wool and manufactured articles have not been disclosed, the tentative bill to be submitted to the democratic caucus probably will be a flat revenue measure, with raw wool cut about fifty per cent, or more, and manufactured articles reduced from fifty to sixty per cent dependent upon the decision of the committee as to how low the figures can go without seriously impairing the revenues.

Washington, May 20.—With the mercury near the 100 mark, the Senate committee on the District of Columbia voted to report favorably a bill providing penalties against citizens who fail to remove snow or sleet from sidewalks.

To permit ice and snow to remain on the sidewalks of the city," said Senator Dillingham, author of the bill, as he vigorously piled a palm-leaf fan, "is indefensible, and the practice should be punished."

"Exactly," agreed Chairman Gallinger, mopping his brow, "it should be stopped."

Sensors Works, Uayne and Smith of Maryland, sitting in the purring draft of an electric fan, nodded jaquid assent.

THREE DEAD FROM HEART FAILURE NOW

Chattanooga, Tenn., May 20.—A peculiar chain of fatalities appeared to be pursuing a prominent family here. Mrs. William Dorsey died a week ago from an attack of heart failure. Yesterday Mrs. M. J. Stevens, a daughter of Mrs. Dorsey, fell dead of heart failure at exactly the same hour as her mother, and today another daughter, Mrs. N. F. Walker, died of the same malady. The third death occurred at the identical hour of the other two.

Washington, May 20.—Holding that "in the absence of routing instructions, the shipper is entitled to have his shipment moved via the cheapest available route," the interstate commerce commission granted reparations to Gooding Bros., of Helena, Mont., against the Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville railway and other carriers. The principle involved in the decision had been in dispute for a year and now is determined finally by the commission.

Taft Don't Worry Over Adjournment

Washington, May 20.—Congressmen who get into see President Taft these days are not surprised to learn that he isn't worrying about the date of adjournment. While all Washington is sizzling with the thermometer around the 100 mark, the President's office shows a temperature of about 80. The President sits over a ton of ice each day, for the White House refrigerating plant is just beneath his desk. The cooled air is forced into the room by fans and statemen who wind their perspiring way to the executive offices and Mr. Taft smiling and comfortable.

If it comes to a struggle between congress and the President, Mr. Taft will have an aid in the hot weather. The capital is a hot spot and even the aid of lemonade and iced carbonated water does not offset the advantages of twenty degrees difference in temperature.



TROUBLE COMING. The Supreme Court decision will go into effect within six months.—News Item.

Henry Clay Pierce Told Amazing Story Of His Son's Life

Famous Millionaire Tells How Son Attempted Suicide when He Refused Him the Coin to Marry Actress--Married Her Anyhow.

Tells Whole Story of His Sons Life The Troubles Boy had And How Near the Family Name Came to be Used On The Stage.

Newburg, N. Y., May 20.—Henry Clay Pierce, famous as head of one of the Standard Oil subsidiary companies, and many times a millionaire, told an amazing story of his son Roy's extraordinary life and views of matrimony in court here today.

Twice the young man attempted to commit suicide his father said, when \$25,000 a year was refused to his actress bride. Roy Pierce married the beautiful Betty Chapman, whose romantic career has thrilled Europe and America alike. Effort is now being made to have this marriage annulled.

Theron Pierce, a brother of Roy, and a number of alienists, including Dr. Charles F. MacDonald, Dr. Charles L. Dana and Dr. William K. Draper, also testified. Although aware that her fate, as coupled with that of the millionaire's son lay in the balance here, Mrs. Pierce did not appear. Instead she contented herself with issuing a brief statement in New York.

"My son," said the father, "told me in December that he had met Mrs. Chapman in Paris in 1908, and in this country later. He said he had married her knowing her previous life and character. In fact, he said a woman of her type was more agreeable to him."

"The question is," said my son, "how much will you give me to make up to her for what she is losing by marrying me?"

"Then my son told me that she was receiving \$25,000 from another source which she would lose if she accepted my son, and she did not feel that it was well to let the money slip away from her until she was certain of as much through him."

"I told my son that she was dragging him down and pointed out the necessity of giving her up. He told me that he was satisfied. He said he wanted her and demanded that at least \$25,000 a year be settled upon her as his wife."

"I refused absolutely to have anything to do with it, and then he told me that she had said she could get \$500 a week by returning to the stage and using the name of Pierce and the facts of her marriage. He said she would do this unless a change took place.

"At that time Roy was taking from 30 to 40 drinks a day and was smoking from 40 to 60 cigarettes daily. In the evening, after I had told him what my decision was, that there would be absolutely no concession to his wishes, my son was found unconscious in his room as the result of an overdose of morphine."

"We sent for physicians, and after a great effort on their part his life was saved. This was about the situation until January 9 of this year. Then he renewed the subject of money."

"At that time he declared to me that he must have the money and must know my decision in two hours. I refused to give the money and without her, and that she would not live with him unless he gave her money freely."

"He did not come down to dinner that evening, and at 9 o'clock, as he had not been seen, a visit was paid to his room. The doors were locked. Repeated knocks failed to bring a response and the door was broken down. He was again an unconscious condition. Physicians were called and Roy worked over him the entire night out of the comatose condition he was in because of the drugs."

"In his room at that time were found a diary he had kept telling of his love and affection for Mrs. Chapman, with a record of the places they had visited and the evenings they had spent together. There were also several letters."

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PITY PEERESS LIVING APART FROM HUSBY!

King and Queen Determined Not to Honor Peeresses Separated From Their Husbands—Divorcees Who Have Remarried Are O. K.

Queen Mary Cuts Two Well Known American Ladies, Mrs. Ava Willing Astor and the Duchess of Marlboro, Former Miss Vanderbilt.

London, May 20.—Queen Mary loses no opportunity to let some American women here know they do not enjoy the favor from her that King Edward and Queen Alexandra bestowed on them.

She snubbed Mrs. Ava Willing Astor yesterday in Hyde Park, and today made known the first royal snub for the Duchess of Marlborough, formerly Consuelo Vanderbilt.

When the list of official invitations to last night's state ball at Buckingham palace in honor of the German emperor and empress was published today, it did not contain the name of the Duchess of Marlborough.

The former Miss Vanderbilt is the only duchess in the kingdom who was not invited. Practically all other titled American women were present.

The royal snubs of Mrs. Astor and the Duchess of Marlborough prove the accuracy of the statement that the king and queen are determined not to honor peeresses living apart from their husbands with invitations to royal functions. This includes the coronation.

The ban, however, does not apply to divorcees who have remarried. This fact is demonstrated by the presence of Mrs. Waldorf Astoria, who wore the famous Astor diamonds at the ball last night.

Contrast between the costumes of the two women was most striking. Mrs. Astor was a perfect picture of modern "smartness"; the queen wore one of the sedate British gowns of which she seems so proud.

WOULD BE ASSASSIN'S AIM POOR. Luray, Va., May 20.—An attempt was made yesterday to assassinate Michael Painter, a farmer of the Honeyville section of this county. Painter was seated in his home near a lighted lamp when some one outside the building fired a shotgun at him, the load tearing away a portion of the window and imbedding the shot in various portions of the room. The person who fired the shot appeared to have hidden himself and fired from an angle that would insure Painter's death, though it is supposed the glow from the lamp made his aim bad. Painter, a short time ago, returned from a search after his wife, who had eloped with another man.

Prominent Citizen Is Stricken With Apoplexy on Street

CIVIL WAR VETERAN TO WITNESS DEDICATION. Madison, Wis., May 20.—A special train carrying Governor McGovern, members of the Vicksburg monument commission, representatives of state offices, besides the nucleus of nearly 200 veterans of the civil war left this afternoon for Vicksburg, Miss., to witness the dedication on Monday of the Wisconsin monument on the site of the Vicksburg siege.

Forty-five true bills by YHAMILTON GRAND JURY. Chattanooga, May 20.—Forty-five true bills were returned by the grand jury Saturday morning in its third report to Judge McReynolds. Three of the bills are for selling liquor, eight are for burglary, one for murder and a number for caying pistols.

SENATE GETS DEMOCRATIC ULTIMATUM

Washington, May 20.—What is practically an ultimatum was served on the senate today by the democratic leader of the house that there must be a vote in the senate at this session on Canadian reciprocity, on the Farmers' Free List bill and on the revised wool tariff. Provided these terms are met, the house will agree to a recess from July 1 to October 1. Otherwise the senate will be held in continuous session throughout "dog days."

The democrats do not expect that the senate will ratify all of their tariff legislation of the special session but they want a record vote. It is declared, whether affirmative or negative.

DISASTROUS FIRE VISITS GAFFNEY, S. C.

Gaffney, S. C., May 20.—The most destructive fire that has ever visited Gaffney occurred tonight about 8 o'clock, when the old Central hotel building, one of the largest buildings in the city constructed entirely of wood caught on fire. Great damage was done but the fire was finally extinguished by the heroic work of the firemen, who acquitted themselves better than ever before.

The building is owned by Dr. J. N. Nesbitt, of this city, Isaac Turner, of Spartanburg and Horace Brown, of Cowpens, and valued at \$10,000. No insurance.

The hotel part of the building is not occupied, but the firms of Vinesett Brothers, grocers were heavy losers, with some insurance. Sarratts Barber Shop's loss is estimated at \$800, no insurance, Greens Cafe was an entire loss, no insurance; the Cherokee Commission Company, suffered small loss; Postal Telegraph and Western Union Telegraph Companies also small losses.

All of the occupants of the building removed their goods and accordingly what damage was done was through water and handling.

The loss to the owners of the building will be quite large as the damage was such that it will never be of great value again. This same building caught a number of times before and has been condemned by the insurance commission.

The origin of the fire tonight is a mystery as the fire started in a closet in the part vacant.

Mr. R. M. Staley, for Years an Officer of the State Senate, Died While Being Taken to a Physician After Collapsing.

With Suit Case by His Side he Was Standing on Independence Square Corner When he Topped Into Street—Home in Wilkesboro.

Stricken with apoplexy while presumably waiting for a street car upon the northeast corner of Independence Square about 9:30 o'clock last night, Mr. R. M. Staley, for years the sergeant-at-arms in the North Carolina senate, a prominent citizen of Wilkesboro, and one of the highest ranking Masons in the state, died in an automobile that was hurriedly conveying him to medical assistance. His body lay in police headquarters until friends recognized it and had it removed to Harry's undertaking establishment, where it was prepared for burial. This morning it will be taken to his home, there to be interred.

Mr. George Ketchie was the nearest to the stricken man when the stroke of apoplexy came. Falling heavily forward, Mr. Staley struck upon the pavement, making a small gash in his nose. In company with a friend, Mr. Ketchie lifted him from the street, recognizing at once that he was ill. An automobile was near and the driver agreed to take the man to some physician. The machine was hurried along South Tryon street, but death was swift. When at the city hall it was thought best to turn the body over to the police. Sergeant Earnhardt, who was on duty says he is positive that life was extinct when Mr. Staley was lifted from the auto.

For a time no one knew his name, but when Chief Christensen arrived he made a search of the dead man's pockets and found a handsome gold watch upon the inside of which was an inscription from the members of the senate of North Carolina in 1909. Not long afterwards Dr. John Q. Myers, whose home was previously in Wilkesboro, arrived and positively identified the body.

"Why, he has been sergeant-at-arms in the senate for almost a dozen years," said Dr. Myers. He has a family and two daughters living in Wilkesboro. He feared a year ago he would be suddenly stricken, for he was not as healthy as he should have been. Being a very large man, the heat easily reached him and it may be that he suffered from this in the afternoon.

When Mr. Staley dropped from the sidewalk to the street, his suit case was on the curbstone by his side, evidencing the fact that he intended to leave on some passing car. He had been in the city, to the best of information that could be received last night, but two days. He was not a drinking man, and nothing of this nature can be attributed to the sudden attack.

Telegrams were sent to his friends in Wilkesboro—one to the clerk of the court there, Mr. Summers—who will break the sad news to his wife and daughters. The news of his death spread through the city even at the late hour of night and many of his war companions called the police headquarters and the undertaking establishment anxiously making inquiries for particulars.

For years Mr. Staley was a justice of the peace in Wilkesboro. He had been a staunch democrat all of his life and when the office of sergeant-at-arms of the senate was presented to him he was elected scarcely without an opposition. He has held the position for many years, and could have held it for as many more.

Relatives and friends are expected here this morning to convey the remains to his home for burial.

The King Snubs The Kaiser And The Kaiser Snubs the King--What Does it Mean?

London, May 20.—An extraordinary scene capable only of one interpretation occurred at the Victoria station this afternoon on the occasion of the departure of the kaiser. The king passed through the royal reception room to the platform talking heartily to the kaiser, emphasizing his argument by repeatedly smiting his palms severely and so engrossed was the king in his argument that he was apparently unaware that he was with in the public view. Suddenly with an expressive gesture, the kaiser turned away from the king and began talking to Lord Londonderry. King George thereupon deliberately turned his back upon the kaiser and commenced talking to the duke of Connaught without taking notice while the kaiser bid farewell to the other members of the royal party.

Without further word with King George, the kaiser and kaiserin entered the parlor car, while the king disdainfully continued his conversation with the duke of Connaught. King George seemed suddenly to think better of his position and went on board the car, bowed gravely and only once to the kaiser and kaiserin, without shaking hands. He then turned his back upon the emperor and resumed his conversation with the duke of Connaught and did not look around before the train steamed out.

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Washington Has no Sunday Law Says Report Offered At Presbyterian Assembly

Atlantic City, N. J., May 20.—The report of the committee on Sabbath observance aroused an animated discussion at the morning session of the Presbyterian general assembly.

The report is severe on the city of Washington. "The capital has no Sunday law," it says. "On Sunday retail stores are open, building operations are published and repairs go on. On Sunday papers, are cried out through the streets. The theatres and saloons are in full blast.

"Dinners, receptions, teas, musicales, golf, etc., abound, are elaborately announced in the papers and among the guests mentioned are constantly seen the names of people active and even prominent in church circles."

"Sunday is a popular dinner and luncheon day in Washington society. Some Washingtonians place the blame of it upon the diplomatic corps, whose continental Sunday is gaining ground."

The report of the permanent committee on Sabbath observance and family religion reported that a letter had been addressed to all Presbyterians regarding the Sabbath day as a day of rest and worship. Of the thirty-six Presbyterians that answered, 15 reported gain, 10 loss, 8 no apparent change, two an increase, one did not answer the question. The reasons assigned for the loss in Sabbath observance was given as Sunday papers, Sunday theatres, excursions, influx of continental ideas, advent of automobiles, worldly pleasures, incessant work through the week and commercialism.

Rev. Rockwell Smith, D. D. of the synod of Brazil, addressed the assembly, giving a history of the Presbyterian church in Brazil. He said there were only 400 ministers in Brazil and asked that additional men be sent there.