

ENGAGEMENT IS CANCELLED

President Taft Now Says He Will Not Visit Indianapolis on the 5th of Next Month.

NO STATEMENT ISSUED REGARDING THE DECISION

Mr. Taft's Action Is Attributed, However, to Action of Indiana Republican Convention.

Washington, April 6.—President Taft has cancelled his engagement to visit Indianapolis May 5. While no statement was issued regarding the decision, it is believed it was the direct result of events at the Indiana state republican convention yesterday.

DID REPUBLICANS ENDORSE TAFT?

Some High Authorities Discuss Rather Noncommittal Resolutions Adopted by the Grant Convention.

Was President Taft really, as a matter of fact, endorsed by the Grant republican convention held in this city last Saturday? A number of very acute, and very careful political observers of the republican household, are moved to mirth when it is suggested that the national administration was endorsed by the Grant forces.

TO ADJUST WAGE SCALE OF SEABOARD ENGINEERS

Assistant Grand Chief Goes to Norfolk to Try His Hand at the Task.

Norfolk, April 6.—F. A. Burgess, assistant grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, of Cleveland, has arrived here for a conference with General Manager C. H. Hix, of the Seaboard Air Line, looking to adjustment of the engineers' wage scale on the Seaboard system.

THE FASTEST NAVAL VESSEL

Pennsylv. April 6.—A speed in excess of 25 miles an hour for four consecutive hours was the record made yesterday in the trial of the torpedo boat "Flamingo" at the recently torpedoed battleship.

FATHER RAN DEAD

Turin, April 6.—Father Rua, superior-general of the order of Salesians, died today.

PERU AND ECUADOR ENJOINED TO QUIT QUARRELING

Madrid, April 6.—The Spanish cabinet today dispatched to the cabinets of Peru and Ecuador telegrams enjoining their governments' adoption of a conciliatory attitude toward each other.

RECAPTURED BY THE WETS

Local Option Elections Held Yesterday in Illinois Cities and Towns.

A DECIDED REVERSAL OF LAST YEAR'S VOTE

But More Than a Hundred Dry Towns Remained True to Their Colors in Yesterday's Balloting.

Springfield, Ills., April 6.—Elections in 260 cities and towns in Illinois yesterday on the saloon issue show a decided reversal of the vote of two years ago. Judging from reports from 240 places received thus far the vote indicates a tendency to return to the "wet" column.

WIROGRAPHS

Late Afternoon News Stories in Condensed Form of World's Big and Little Events.

Carnegie's Friends Uneasy

New York, April 6.—Friends of Andrew Carnegie, who has returned from the west, were considerably perturbed today over his physical condition. At his home it was declared that he was merely fatigued.

Guarding Coal Property

Greenbush, Pa., April 6.—Deputy sheriffs are guarding the property of the Westmoreland Coal company, where men and women yesterday stoned and clubbed strike breakers.

Does Not Believe in Boycotts

Washington, April 6.—President Taft today told a delegation of 50 business men from Bethlehem that he did not believe in boycotts and that he did not believe disputes with third parties warranted the abrogation of government contracts with any company.

Again Promises "Great Sensations"

Pittsburg, April 6.—District Attorney Blakeley again today promised "great" sensations in the "graft" investigation being conducted by the grand jury.

Summers Wins

Sidney, April 6.—John Summers of England knocked out H. Mehrman today in the nineteenth round in the fight for the lightweight championship of Australia.

Roosevelt Immortal, Say Some, Was Very Impetuous, Say Others

News from Rome Is Discussed in New York and Varied Views Expressed.

COLONEL ROOSEVELT HAS VERY BUSY DAY IN ROME

It Was His Last Day There and There Was Much to Attend to—Visits Familiar Scenes.

Vienna, April 6.—Emperor Francis Joseph's state dinner in honor of former President Roosevelt will be given April 16.

Final Day in Rome

Rome, April 6.—The final day of Colonel Roosevelt's stay in Rome was quite as busy as the two preceding days. After disposing of his mail and telegrams he called upon Professor Giacomo Boni, the archaeologist.

Catholics Disapprove

A phase of the situation which is attracting more and more attention here is the open disapproval of the vatican's action expressed by numerous Catholics. This is not confined to laymen, but extends to the hierarchy and even to the Sacred college itself.

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IS CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL ASSAULT

M. A. Woolen Committed to Henderson Jail on This Charge This Morning.

THOMAS NOEL IS CAPTURED TODAY

A Condemned Negro Who Escaped from Norfolk Jail Is Chased by Bloodhounds.

STRIKE POLL ORDERED ON D. L. & W. RAILWAY

General Superintendent Refuses Wage Demand, but Offers a Compromise Scale.

ELGIN'S BOARD OF TRADE NOT GUILTY, NEWMAN SAYS

Demand for Better Butter, with High Price of Cow Feed, Causes the High Price of Butter.

THE WEATHER

Forecast until 8 p. m. Thursday for Asheville and vicinity: Fair, cooler tonight with possible frost; Thursday fair.

MEDINAH TEMPLE SHRINERS ARRIVE

Party, 160 Strong, Came This Afternoon and Will Remain Until Tomorrow Night—Trip This Afternoon in Automobiles and Tally-Hoes—Reception This Evening.

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STAR OR COMET? IS THE QUESTION

Something Out of the Ordinary in Sky Today, and Asheville is Frankly Star-Gazing.

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