

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?

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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

Pennsola, 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 Pennsola at the recently torpedoed battles.

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.

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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.

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.

Justice Brewer's Will Filed. Washington, April 6.—The late Justice David J. Brewer's will, filed for probate, does not show the value of his estate.

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

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

Peru and Ecuador Enjoined to Quit Quarrelling. 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.

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.

Tonight Colonel and Mrs. Roosevelt leave for Spezia to which point they will begin a carriage drive over the route to Genoa, which they traveled on their honeymoon.

When the vatican statement, likening the situation to what might occur in Germany, if he visited the Polish separatists after seeing the emperor was called to Mr. Roosevelt's attention, he said:

"If the German emperor should place as a condition to an audience that I should not see the Poles, I should make a similar reply: Upon that condition I shall be compelled to forego the pleasure of an audience."

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.

Responsibility generally is placed personally on the shoulders of Cardinal Merry Del Val, the papal secretary of state. An eminent ecclesiastic is reported to have said:

"It is not the church, but the private act of the Spanish secretary of state against the colonel of the Rough Riders in Cuba."

Merry Del Val's father, formerly the Spanish ambassador to the vatican, who is now in Rome, and who often complained of the haughty and boastful attitude of the United States in the days of Spanish defeat, said to a friend:

"It seems providential that my son should be the man to humble a Yankee president."

Mr. Roosevelt has received many messages not only from friends in the United States endorsing his action, but from people through Europe, many of whom he does not know.

The ex-president, however, declines to give out any of the telegrams, on the ground that they would only serve to envenom the controversy he seeks to abate.

Yesterday afternoon in company with Professor Jesse B. Carter, director of the American school of classical studies at Rome, Mr. Roosevelt spent considerable time exploring the capitol forum. He was exceeding enthusiastic, saying:

"No man can inspect the ruins of classic Rome, without feeling that he is visiting the birthplace of civilization."

Returning he stopped at an antique jewelry store which he visited 43 years ago as a boy. The proprietor searched the old register and found Mr. Roosevelt's name.

Signor Ferris, sovereign grand commander of the supreme council, called at his apartments and conferred with him a high Masonic title. Mr. Roosevelt expressed gratification at the honor and insisted upon the principles of brotherhood, liberty and tolerance which, he said, form the basis of regular free Masonry throughout the world.



IS CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL ASSAULT

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

Special to The Gazette-News. Hendersonville, April 6.—M. A. Woolen, said to be an Asheville man, was committed to jail here without bail on the charge of attempted criminal assault, after a hearing before Justice Lance at Fletcher's.

Woolen is charged with attempting to assault the six years old daughter of his stepdaughter, who is pressing the charge. Sadie Pressley is the name of the little girl. Woolen, when seen by a Gazette-News reporter, admitted that he was in company of the little girl yesterday afternoon in the vicinity of the lime works at Fletcher's.

THOMAS NOEL IS CAPTURED TODAY

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

Norfolk, April 6.—Thomas Noel, one of the condemned negroes who escaped from the Norfolk county jail March 30, was captured on the outskirts of Norfolk this morning, after being chased during twenty-four hours with blood hounds.

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

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

Scranton, Pa., April 6.—General Superintendent Clarke of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad today refused to grant the scale of wages asked by conductors and trainmen, but offered a compromise of a six per cent. increase in wages.

This is the officers of the trainmen's organization refused to accept and at once sent out orders all over the system for a strike poll.

To Remain on Strike. Pittsburg, April 6.—The union miners of Western Pennsylvania will probably remain on strike thirty days longer. Operators are standing firm against allowing the mine to be worked.

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.

The nobles of Medinah temple arrived this afternoon at 2:40 o'clock and have taken possession of the city. They will reign supreme until tomorrow night at 10 o'clock, when they move towards Atlanta.

Upon arriving at the Asheville station the party was conveyed around the town in automobiles and tally-hoes. There were about 40 automobiles at the station and these were quickly filled. Many of the ladies came up in tally-hoes.

The street lights on Patton avenue and on the square have been put in good condition, tested out, etc., today and will shine forth tonight and tomorrow night. There are about 160 nobles and ladies in the party.

The personnel of the Chicago party which arrived here this afternoon on the special train is as follows: Officers—John C. Hallenbeck, potentate; Robert J. Daly, chief rabbi; Harry D. Platt, assistant rabbi; Frank G. Roundy, past potentate.

Members and guests—C. B. Head and wife, Dr. Philip Sattler and wife, L. F. Bliss and wife, H. Dralle, Miss E. J. Dralle, Miss B. A. Dralle, James W. Low, George Earle, L. C. Spear, Niles Buck and wife, A. R. Clyde and wife, E. R. Teasdale, A. C. Gerhard, wife and daughter Florence, E. M. Middleton, E. A. Ricketts, A. E. Hallgren, J. E. Wallbridge and wife, Walter D. Foss, wife and son, Dr. A. N. Barothy and wife, James L. Lee, John J. Brittain, Dr. A. Myers, Hiram Vandenberg, E. S. Bannister, M. A. Adams and wife, Dr. T. B. Moore, C. R. Eagan, John McLaughlin, H. Schweitzer, A. B. Anderson, C. T. Hood, R. H. Gillespie, George J. Halberstam, wife, Henry G. Zander and wife, C. F. Bennett and Mrs. L. A. Lane, P. F. Max, C. A. Nathan and wife, Dr. R. A. McClelland and wife, R. A. McClelland, Jr., H. S. Osborn and wife, C. J. Judd, V. A. Wright, Henry E. Ackenberg, H. A. Swanzey, E. T. Skinkie, Louis J. Timm.

Arab patrol—Capt. Benjamin S. Wilson and wife, First Lieutenant W. M. Graham, Second Lieutenant C. F. Allen and wife, First Sergeant William Strube, Second Sergeant A. A. Valaque and wife, Third Sergeant W. B. Moak and wife, Fourth Sergeant F. Whitfield, A. Schmidt, J. R. Burgess and daughter Etheldreda, A. Foss, S. C. Seley, H. S. Simpson, S. S. McDonald, C. W. Hibbard, J. L. Strong, R. E. O'Connor, J. E. Randall and wife, W. P. George and wife, A. E. Green and wife, C. H. Brown, L. W. Krueger, C. A. Mayo, C. Maurer, E. A. Rice and wife, J. M. Knight, L. Pickett, C. C. LaPlamby, L. L. Abbott, A. M. Moore, wife and daughter Eugenie, L. A. Waber, W. J. Frisbie, F. G. Frank, E. C. Pachaly.

Medina Oriental band—Linus H. Allendorf, C. H. Babbe, J. H. Baxter, Theodore Christensen, William R. Duncan, Homer A. Drake and wife, C. F. Dodge, Herman Erby, wife and son Philip, F. J. Knowles, John E. Moeck, J. R. Matheny, Edward Nieburger, Max E. Peltzer, A. H. Ranous, A. N. Schneider, John Schuize, Owen B. Smith, Frank F. Winter, John Woollett and wife, Miss Mabel Hamilton, Miss Ethel Hamilton, Adolph Moeller.

AVIATION MEET THIS AFTERNOON

There is a Promise of Perfect Weather at Memphis and New Records Will Stand as Official.

Memphis, Tenn., April 6.—With a promise of perfect weather conditions today, all is in readiness for the open Memphis aviation meet this afternoon at the Tri-state fair grounds. The flights are under the auspices of the Aerie club of America.

New records will stand as official, Glenn H. Curtis will attempt to lower his own quick start record of ninety-eight feet, using his new racing machine.

Composed and Committed to Paper by One of the Asheville Bunch, Enroute.

Ed. Simpson, he belongs to Asheville, did the Southern railway proud in his conduct of the visitors, from the splendidly decorated engine, all through the organization of the crew, to his personal attentions every minute.

A. J. Lytle of the Q. & C., Cincinnati, and H. A. Swanzey of the Pennsylvania railroad, efficiently represent their roads.

Nobles Randolph and Gerard were initiated into membership of the Medinah patrol after the special left Knoxville. Oh, you initiation.

Frank F. Hallenbeck accompanies the party as the official reporter and photographer. Mr. Hallenbeck is under the chaperonage of Dr. C. V. Reynolds.

The ladies of Medinah were presented with bunches of carnations at Knoxville by the Oaks representatives. Every noble of the Asheville committee showed up at 2:40 this morning and hiked to Knoxville with the Asheville welcome.

STAR OR COMET? IS THE QUESTION

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

All Asheville has been star-gazing today.

By 9 o'clock this morning a pale new moon had climbed nearly to the meridian, and just above it there hung a tiny, bright star. The sight of a star so late in the day—an unusually bright day, the atmosphere so clear that one could see, it seemed, anything that might be visible in space—

attracted a great deal of attention. Many believed the star to be Halley's comet; others held that it was the morning star.

Venus is now on duty in the morning watch. The morning star moved along toward the west, plainly visible until well along toward noon. Several persons who were supposed to know something of astronomical science were asked to give an opinion on the subject, but none was found who would undertake to name the heavenly body.

It looked like a star, however, and not like a comet; and there seems no particular reason for supposing that it was the comet.

THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY AND THE TELEGRAPHERS

Differences Over Wages to Be Submitted to Arbitration, by Erdman Act.

Washington, April 6.—Differences between the Southern railway and telegraphers will be submitted to Chairman Knapp, of the interstate commerce commission and Dr. Charles P. Neill, mediators under the Erdman act, as the company and operators were unable to reach an agreement.