

LAYING STRINGS FOR NOMINATION FOR NEXT TERM

Administration Building up a Machine to Control the Next Convention

HITCHECOCK AT HELM

The Postmaster General is Well Qualified to Build up a Taft Machine in the South and in the West and These Two Sections Will Undoubtedly Control the Nomination for President Four Years Hence—Some Criticism of the President for Appointing Democrats to Office, Mr. Hitchcock's Previous Experience in Machine Organization—Gambling Republicans Will be Modified.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Aug. 27—President Taft will probably be a candidate to succeed himself in 1912. While this does not come from the president himself, certain movements on the part of the chess board during the past few days clearly establishes this fact.

Those close to the administration are at work now building a machine that will control the next republican national convention. Postmaster General Hitchcock, who manipulated the "steam roller" at Chicago in 1908 with such marked success will be in command.

The postmaster general is well qualified to build up a Taft machine not only in the south but in the west, as these two sections will undoubtedly name the candidate for the republican nomination for president four years hence. True, some criticism has been made of the president's policy of recognizing democrats in certain southern states in the matter of appointments and some of the old republican leaders in the south are inclined to resent this recognition, but it is here that Mr. Hitchcock comes into particular notice. No member of the administration is better acquainted with republican conditions in the south than the postmaster general.

It will be recalled that in the fall of 1906 Mr. Hitchcock, who was then first assistant postmaster general, made a tour of the southern states in the interest of Postmaster General Cortelyou, who was at that time flirting with the presidential nomination. President Roosevelt having repeatedly declared he would neither seek nor accept nomination for the presidency. The work then done by Mr. Cortelyou had been transferred to the treasury portfolio. Indeed, the Cortelyou boom, if such it may be called, because of the sentiment aroused in his favor among prospective southern delegates, was so pronounced that Colonel Roosevelt gave it notice, as he had caused it to be known far and near that Taft was to fall heir to "my policies."

For a time strained relations, it is said, existed between Roosevelt and Cortelyou and the upshot of it was that the Cortelyou machine organized in the south by Hitchcock was turned over to Taft. The machine is and has been in well working order and under the full control of Postmaster General Hitchcock.

The southern republicans who are grumbling because President Taft believes it good politics to select a number of southern democrats for census supervisors will be mollified by "Warwick" Hitchcock. It goes without saying that the republicans in the south who have just been appointed supervisors will be faithful and loyal to the Taft machine, while every republican enumerator in the south will have a warm spot in his heart for the Taft administration. But it is not alone with patronage that Taft will prove strong in the south. His conservatism has won him many influential friends, who will prove of value when the time arrives for the election of delegates to the next republican national convention.

Southern republicans in congress, speaking of the campaign four years hence, asserted recently with much confidence that President Taft will prove himself the republican Moses and the one man in the party to break the solid south. They directed attention to the large white republican vote Taft received in Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky and said that on the tariff issue, the question of negro domination having been eliminated, the republicans

FIRST ACTUAL CONFLICT IN THE MIMIC WARFARE

Invading Force Lands and Tries to Take Boston But Is Repulsed

A LOSS OF 18 MEN

Invading Force of the Enemy Landed Shortly After Midnight in An Effort to Take Boston But Were Wiped Out After Spirited Fighting With a Company of Blues at the Government Signal Station at Bass Point—Fighting Was Terrific—Blues Were Outnumbered But Have the Advantage of Position—Operations by Sea Against Boston Will Continue Every Day.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Boston, Mass., Aug. 17—In their first attempt to take Boston by a move from the north, while the main army of the Reds are engaged in the lower counties, an invading force of the enemy, landing shortly after midnight at Swampscott were repulsed and wiped out early today after spirited fighting by a company of Blues at the government signal station at Bass Point, Nahant. Two hundred men of the 168th and 137th coast defense, New York, were landed from the transport Sumner, the flagship of the Red fleet that in attempting to take the Boston forts made a quick run under cover of darkness from Provincetown and landed its force on an obscure beach near the new ocean house, Swampscott.

The Reds made a forced march to the government signal station at Bass Point. Here the garrison of sixty men, Blues, were awaiting the attack. At 2:45 o'clock the battle opened. The Reds divided as the Blues poured a galling fire into their ranks from the elevations near the Tri Mountain House. Six pounders, one pounders and small arms were brought into play on both sides. The reverberations echoing along the north shore were heard as far off as Beverly. The Blues had the advantage of position and though outnumbered three to one, so maneuvered by dividing their force between the two hills that the plans of the Reds for an attack in force and the capture of the signal station was frustrated.

The umpires decided that the Reds were "wiped out" and the Blues had suffered a loss of eighteen men.

Today's is the first actual conflict of the Reds and Blues in force since the opening of the mimic war.

The plan of the Reds was to effect a landing today, capture the government signal station at Nahant and there land troops from the ships that had assembled off the north shore and make an attempt to capture Forts Banks and Heath.

With these two forts in possession of the Reds, a division or brigade of the army of General Bliss could be transported by water from New Bedford to within striking distance of Boston and General Pew would be forced to abandon, partially at least, his operations in Plymouth county and hasten to defend Boston.

The operations by sea against Boston will continue every day during the week between 6 o'clock in the evening and 6 o'clock in the morning and decisions of umpires will be made immediately after each engagement or attempt to land.

AMERICAN KILLED AT MONTE CARLO

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Aug. 17—New York waited anxiously today to hear the details of the killing of "Ned" Marshall, said to have been an American millionaire, who was shot by a hospital guard at Monte Carlo. The only "Ned" Marshall heard from in the vicinity of Monte Carlo lately was Edward R. Marshall, who described himself as a brother of Flis E. Marshall, president of the Phoenix National Bank, who was arrested in Nice last February while trying to disrobe in a public square. He gave his address as 407 Central Park West, New York, and after his release advertised for sale all the clothing he had worn, saying that he was going to begin life anew and "go upon the water wagon forever."



The Great Race for the Two Valuable Canadian Tours which will be given to the two most popular Contestants on August 26th. Is your favorite one of the leaders?

HOME STRETCH FOR CONTESTANTS GETS EXCITING

Big Race Nearing Close and Clubs Are Being Formed Everywhere

LAST BONUS OFFER 20TH

All the State is the Grand Stand, and Everybody is Watching to See Who Will be the Two Lucky Contestants For the Grand \$125 Trip to Canada—Wilson Holding First Place, While Other Contestants Are Rushing to the Front—Seaboard Making All Arrangements and Home Stretch Will be Interesting. Big Race Will End August 26th.

Have you picked the winner in the Great Canadian Tour? Look how the contestants are rushing for the wire. The home-stretch is going to be worth seeing. Mrs. McFarland, of Wilson; Mrs. Amos, of Reidsville; Miss Dement, of Raleigh; Miss Walters, of Raleigh; Miss Clark, of Raleigh, have been the leaders, but look at the line today and see how others are coming up the line. Some of these contestants have been keeping very quiet, but on August 26th they are going to make the home-stretch look interesting to the friends who are backing them to win. That they are doing lots of work cannot be denied and that each contestant is getting thousands of votes is shown by the cash subscriptions received by The Times each day. Mrs. McFarland, of Wilson, still holds first place, and her friends in Wilson and all over the state are going to back her to the finish. She is making a fine race, and the Wilson people say she must continue to hold first place.

The TWO PEOPLE holding the highest number of votes on the last day after the count has been made by the judges will be awarded the trip to Canada. These trips cost \$125 each and the Seaboard is booking numbers of people each day. This will be one of the finest Pullman tours ever operated by the Seaboard and Major Chas. H. Gattis will see that the two people who win this trip have a fine time. Nothing will be left undone that would give his party a good time, so you can prepare to have the best time of your life. Who will be the two contestants to pass the wire?

Table listing names and vote counts for various locations like Wilson, N.C., Raleigh, N.C., Hillsboro, N.C., etc.

Table titled 'Schedule of Votes' showing amounts and corresponding vote counts, and 'Payments Made in Advance'.

PATTON LINED UP BY THE STORM

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Aug. 17—The entire fleet of the Patton Line, running to Long Branch, is tied up today as a result of the storm. Orders that no vessel was to move till further orders were issued after the flagship of the fleet, the Thomas Patton, crawled into port, hours late, after battling her way against terrific seas. Her steering gear broke, and as the ship wallowed about helpless, the 300 passengers, led by a Salvation Army detachment, knelt and prayed.

AMBULANCE STRUCK BY CAR

Patient and Ambulance Surgeon Thrown Out—Patient Said to be Dying. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Aug. 17—An automobile ambulance belonging to Flower Hospital, in which a patient was being conveyed to the hospital, was struck by a northbound car at 61st street and Lexington avenue today. The chauffeur, H. J. Murphy, was injured, the patient and ambulance surgeon thrown out and the vehicle smashed. The patient, who was reported to be dying, was placed in a passing market wagon and rushed to the hospital. The street car was filled with passengers, many of them women, who were thrown into a panic by the collision.

WILL LOOK AFTER THE SICK

Insurance Companies Will Enter the Field in Combating Diseases. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Aug. 17—A new factor in combating disease has entered the field in Washington. In cooperation with the Instructive Visiting Nurses Association, the Industrial Life Insurance Companies have inaugurated a "social programme" which promises to have a far-reaching effect upon the life of the masses. The work involves the establishment of free nurses for the sick. The companies aim to exercise scientific care over those of its policyholders who will accept its aid in the event of illness.

So successful has been the plan in the larger cities that the insurance companies are contemplating its rapid expansion. It will soon reach all the important cities of the country.

The Sutton Case.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Aug. 17—Assistant Secretary of the Navy Winthrop said this morning that the findings of the court of investigation at Annapolis in the Sutton case would not be made public today. Mr. Winthrop explained that he has not yet had time to go over the report of the court as thoroughly as he desires. He said that it was possible an announcement concerning the report may be made tomorrow afternoon or Thursday.

SOUTHWEST IN GRIP OF DROUGHT

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 17—The southwest is in the grip of the worst drought since the memorable dry spell in 1901 and some places report temperatures exceeding the terrific heat of that year. Crops in Missouri, Northern Oklahoma, Arkansas, Southern Arkansas, Nebraska and Illinois are drying up and unless there is rain soon the loss will be enormous. The highest temperature recorded by the government so far is 110 which was reported from Muskogee, Okla. At Oklahoma City 103 was recorded by the government and in the business districts the temperature was 112. Reports from Wellington and Coffeyville, Kan., say there has been no rainfall in the corn belt for two weeks and the temperature has been hovering about the 100 mark. Trees and shrubbery are dying up, and the development of corn has stopped. In central Missouri late corn is suffering for the want of rain and the pastures are burning up. The water-meal crop is ruined. Dispatches from Oklahoma report temperature above 100, and the hot winds are damaging corn, cotton and vegetables.

HARRIMAN IN MYSTERY.

Mystery as to When He Sails From Europe For Home. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Aug. 17—E. H. Harriman became the center of mystery today. Reports from London declared that he would sail from Cherbourg. This was denied in New York. Mr. Harriman was in Paris this morning in cable communication with his representatives in New York, but it could not be learned here whether he had changed his plans to sail for America earlier than September 4 or not. September 4 was the date he decided upon several weeks ago.

The executive committees of the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific Railroad companies did not hold meetings today, but nobody would take the responsibility of saying that they had been postponed until Mr. Harriman arrives. A representative of the companies said that meetings have been held fortnightly by the executive committees and there is no immediate need for a meeting.

TENEMENT BURNED.

One Hundred People Rendered Homeless—Fled in Night Clothes. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Aug. 17—The second attempt of an incendiary to burn 100 persons to death in the four-story tenement at Morris Park avenue and Melville street, Van Ness, Westchester county, resulted today in the complete destruction of the building. One hundred persons were rendered homeless, fleeing in their night clothes into a cold rain. The tenants have been receiving threatening letters.

WU'S RECALL PUZZLES THE DIPLOMATS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Aug. 17—Diplomats and government officials are still wondering why Dr. Wu has been recalled and why China is sending a new minister to this country. Considerable credence is given the report that Dr. Wu is wanted at home to take charge of codifying the laws of the Celestial empire. Officials in touch with Chinese conditions say that the codification of Chinese laws as planned by the government at Peking is of the utmost consequence and is the essential preliminary to an effort for the abolition of extra territory and special rights of foreigners in China.

BURTON AGAIN A CANDIDATE.

Man Who Served Six Months in Jail While Senator Again in Race. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Aug. 17—Word was received here today that former Senator Ralph Burton, of Kansas, who had trouble with the postoffice department several years ago, while Senator Bristow was fourth assistant postmaster general and was convicted of a violation of the statute forbidding a member of congress to appear as an attorney before an executive department and served six months in jail, has recouped his fortune. According to the information Mr. Burton recently completed a deal involving the sale to a New York syndicate of 500,000 acres of Texas land, receiving as his commission about \$200,000. He has returned to Kansas and it is said will seek to succeed Senator Bristow in the United States senate.

WRIGHT IN WASHINGTON.

Came Without Letting Public Know and Departed Almost Before He Was Known to be in Town. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Aug. 17—A flying visit to Washington was made by Wilbur Wright yesterday. He came unheralded and departed for his native town, Dayton, almost before the fact of his presence had been noised about. The trip was abortive, according to officials of the signal corps, with whom he spent an hour in conference. He came to ascertain when he would begin his duties as pedagogue and professor of aviation for the benefit of the young army officers who hope to navigate in the circumambient.

He was not given any definite date because the field upon which the experimental flights are to be made has not been chosen.

Shot By Robbers.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Tulsa, Okla., Aug. 17—In a revolver battle early today City Marshal Inford was shot and killed at Kiefer, Okla., and Cashier Wobling, of the Kiefer State Bank, was seriously wounded by two robbers whom they surprised in the act of looting the bank. The bandits escaped but are being pursued by a posse.