

Opens Congressional Campaign With Speech at Greensboro, N. C.

GIVES ADVICE TO THE SOUTH

Greensboro, N. C., July 10.—Secretary of War Taft, before a meeting of North Carolinians on the eve of their convention, delivered a speech that was generally anticipated as the opening gun of the congressional campaign of 1906.

In opening he said that when he was invited to address this meeting the committee advised him "that the political situation was such that if a proper effort was made at the coming election it would be possible to carry the state for the Republican party."

"I believe that nothing that could happen in the politics of this country would work greater advantage to the country at large, and to the south in particular, than the breaking up of what has been properly known as the 'solid south.'"

"The solidity of the south has, in a measure, furnished its own antidote in restraining many voters in the north, who might have left the Republican party but for what they regard as the injustice and danger of southern political conditions."

"The south has been kept solid by the spectre of negro domination and by stirring up racial prejudices and arousing unfounded alarm over an impossible return of reconstruction days," said the secretary.

"The secretary said it is impossible to frame a law establishing an educational qualification for suffrage which will stand the test of the 15th amendment, and which will not operate ultimately to exclude impartially the negroes and whites from the ballot who lack educational acquirement."

"During the past decade, Mr. Taft pointed out, a period of unprecedented prosperity has come for the fair southern states. 'Under the circumstances,' he said, 'it is not to be expected that the sensible, clear-headed business men of the south do not perceive the tremendous disadvantage under which the southern states labor in having only one party with any voice in their state governments, and in being herded together always as the hide-bound support of the Democratic party of the country, no matter what wild fallacies it may adopt in its platform or what candidate it may put before the country.'"

"The effect of the change of industrial conditions in eliminating the cry of negro domination from the politics of the former slave owning states has manifested itself first in the border states. West Virginia has become permanently Republican, and Maryland and Missouri put themselves in the Republican column in the last presidential election, while Kentucky nearly brought forth works meet for repentance in the first McKinley campaign."

"Mr. Taft contended that if the southern people 'had kept up with the times; had they at the ballot box expressed their sentiments on the living issues of the day, instead of allowing themselves to be frightened by a specter and a shadow of the past, their political importance as communities and the significance of their views upon measures and men would have been vastly enhanced.'"

"The Republican party and Theodore Roosevelt," he declared, "are in favor of the just and equal operation of the law, whether it be by civil suit, by the process of injunction in equity or by indictment at the bar of the criminal court against the man who violates the law and another's right, whether he be rich or poor, a corporation president or a wage earner. They are against immunity from prosecution for violation of law either on the ground that a man has money or industrial or political power, or on the ground that he has not either."

SAYS BRYAN'S A WINNER

Senator Stone Bets Three to Two Against Roosevelt.

St. Louis, Mo., July 10.—Three to two on Bryan against Roosevelt; even money Bryan against Taft. This is the way that United States Senator William J. Stone figures the chances on the 1908 presidential campaign.

Senator Stone has arrived in St. Louis fresh from Washington and New York and in full possession of the latest developments in the field of presidential possibilities, including William J. Bryan's letter from abroad to United States Senator Jones, saying that he would accept the Democratic nomination for the presidency if it was the wish of the reforming element in the party.

"There is no question in the world that Bryan will be the Democratic nominee by unanimous vote of the next national convention," said Senator Stone. "In common with the friends of Mr. Bryan all over the country, I should be overjoyed to see Roosevelt renominated by the Republicans. Three to two conservatively figures the Bryan chances against President Roosevelt in the election."

"If Taft should happen to be nominated by the Republicans the race might be somewhat closer. The odds would be nearer even, but at that Bryan would have a shade the better chance."

Senator Stone asserted that Bryan's chances to be the next president of the United States were better than those of any other American statesman.

FIVE STAGE COACHES HELD UP

Lone Highwayman Secured Much Booty By Nerve Deed.

Wawona, Cal., July 9.—Five Yosemite Valley stage coaches were held up near the entrance to the National Park by a lone highwayman, who obtained a considerable amount of money and jewelry. The stages were halted in rapid succession at the identical spot where a bandit a year ago robbed several wealthy tourists of their valuables.

The stages were traveling sufficiently far apart to avoid each other's dust, and when the first vehicle reached the turn in the road the highwayman, whose features were hidden by a duster thrown over his head, stepped out, pointed a gun at the driver and commanded him to halt. Some of the women passengers screamed, while others began wildly to secrete their valuables.

The highwayman directed all passengers to throw out their money and jewelry, and when the order met with compliance he directed the driver to move on. The second stage arrived within a few minutes after the first, and the driver and passengers suffered a similar experience. The process was repeated until all five coaches had been halted and robbed. Then the bandit disappeared in the brush.

PANIC ON YOUNG'S PIER

Moving Picture Machine Takes Fire in Atlantic City Resort.

Atlantic City, N. J., July 9.—A slight fire in a moving picture machine, in operation in the theatre on Young's pier here started a panic among the several hundred persons who were in the auditorium, and a number of persons were injured in the rush for the exits. Those who were injured disappeared in the crowd on the boardwalk, and their names could not be learned. Assistant Stage Manager Freund, of the pier theatre, was slightly hurt.

When the moving picture machine took fire there was a puff of smoke and then darkness. Some one cried "fire," and then a rush was made for the doors. Women were knocked down and children were separated from their parents, but all escaped from the building without serious injury, so far as known. The fire was out in an instant, but some one turned in an alarm and the entire Atlantic City fire department answered the call, causing additional excitement on the pier.

DAVENPORT FOUND GUILTY

Attempted to Murder His Child With Box of Poisoned Candy.

Trenton, N. J., July 7.—Charles T. Davenport was found guilty in the Mercer county court on the charge of attempting to poison his 12-year-old daughter Josephine about two months ago. The jury arrived at the verdict after deliberating an hour. Davenport was charged with sending the girl a box of candy for the purpose of killing her, thereby securing a small amount of life insurance.

Held Baby as Shield From Bullets.

Beattyville, Ky., July 10.—Attorney B. R. Jonett made the opening statement for the commonwealth in the case against Hargis and Callahan, who are charged with the assassination of J. B. Marcum. Jonett implicated in the conspiracy James Hargis, Ed. Callahan, B. F. French, Joseph Smith, John Abner and Tom White. One incident which the attorney promised to prove was a plot for Tom White to shoot Marcum with a shot gun as Marcum passed Hargis' store. Marcum passed by holding his baby in his arms. White, Jonett said, was upbraided for not shooting and replied that he did not want to kill the baby. Hargis is quoted as saying: "You ought to send the brat to — with its daddy."

Seven Burned to Death.

Lafayette, Ind., July 7.—Mrs. Solomon Gobbau and her six children were burned to death in a fire that destroyed their home here. Solomon Gobbau, the husband and father, was badly burned, but will recover. The entire family was asleep when the fire started.

Awful Death From Dog's Bite

Louisville, Ky., July 9.—Lynch Henson, a moulder, died of hydrophobia after frightful suffering. Henson was bitten two weeks ago. He had 200 convulsions, and during his last hours his agonies were such that it required the efforts of three men to hold him in bed.

POLICYHOLDERS ORGANIZE

To Overthrow the Management of Two Life Insurance Companies.

New York, July 10.—The international policyholders committee, organized to overthrow the present management of the New York Life Insurance company and the Mutual Life Insurance company of New York, effected a permanent organization at a meeting here by the election of the following officers:

Chairman, Richard Olney, of Massachusetts; vice chairman, Governor J. Frank Hanly, of Indiana; executive committee, Alton B. Parker, of New York; Governor J. D. Johnson, of Minnesota; Charles Emory Smith, of Pennsylvania; Harlow N. Higginbotham, of Illinois; A. M. Shook, of Tennessee; Governor Henry Roberts, of Connecticut; Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker, of Pennsylvania; PePnypacker, of Pennsylvania; finance committee, Thomas B. Wanamaker, of Pennsylvania; F. G. Neidringhaus, of Missouri; Samuel Newhouse, of Utah; Samuel Untermyer, of New York (of counsel); Seymour Eaton (secretary), G. B. Scrugham (organizer).

After the meeting the committee issued an address to the policyholders explaining the inception of the committee and outlining its plan of action.

Reciting that the voting power has gradually been transferred from the policyholders to a few of the executive officers centered in New York, the address says that it is necessary for the 1,200,000 policyholders to organize without delay, as this year under the law recently enacted affords the policyholders their only opportunity to obtain complete control in one election, while hereafter only half the directors can be chosen in any one election.

ASKS IF THEY'LL HANG HER

Girl Who Says She Killed Her Lover Grows Anxious.

Pottsville, Pa., July 9.—While her story is not yet authenticated, the police now place more credence in the confession of Emma Stephany that she killed her lover, James Frizel, whose body was found lying on a street here on the morning of the Fourth of July. It has been ascertained that Frizel had a revolver, just as the girl says he had, and she repeated her story to Warden Mulholland that she shot Frizel with his own weapon.

"Do you think they will hang me?" she asked. Chief of Police Davies is one of those who do not believe the girl's story. He still thinks that she sprung her confession merely to puzzle the police, and that the real murderer is going as fast as possible across the state border to some remote locality, where concealment is possible. When his escape is assured, the chief thinks, the girl will make a clean breast of the whole case.

This man, in the opinion of the chief, was also a lover of the girl, and shot Frizel out of jealousy. Chief Davies thinks that the course of the bullet shows conclusively that Frizel was shot from ambush.

TRIED TO CREMATE EIGHT ALIVE

Diabolical Avenger at Reading Oils and Fires Their Homes.

Reading, Pa., July 9.—The police were informed of a dastardly attempt to take the lives of six adults and two children when a person, whom the police hope to take into custody, coal-oiled and fired the house of Peter Katzenmeyer.

The family who narrowly escaped cremation consists of the following: Mr. and Mrs. Katzenmeyer, aged 60 and 65 years, respectively; Mrs. Caroline Fritz, their daughter; Samuel and Peter K. Katzenmeyer, their sons; Frederick Smith and children, Eva, aged 10, and Leon, aged 3 years.

The fire department saved the house and inmates after hard work. The police believe the crime was executed by one bent on wreaking vengeance upon Mrs. Fritz for some fancied grievance.

Panic Followed Collision.

New York, July 9.—Fire following a collision in Coney Island between the elevated railroad express train and a local trolley car caused a panic in which six persons were injured by being trampled upon. Bound for Coney Island and going at high speed, the express had just turned the curve in the road near the Sea Beach Palace, when just ahead the motorman saw the local car stationary and passengers alighting from it. He tried to stop his train, but it crashed into the local. By the force of the impact a fuse of the local was blown out and flames threatened the car. The passengers fought fiercely with each other to escape.

Child Burned to Death.

Lynchburg, Va., July 10.—The home of Fitzhugh Moore, 25 miles from here, was burned, and the 8-year-old daughter was burned to death and two other daughters injured. The family was aroused by the flames, and the father did not discover that the daughter had not gotten out until it was too late to rescue her. It was only by the most desperate efforts that he was kept from rushing into the tottering building as he heard the cries of the child for help.

Wife Murderer Electrocuted.

Boston, July 9.—John Schidlofski, a Lithuanian, was electrocuted at the state prison at Charlestown for the murder of his wife at Belmont, July 12, 1905.

The Dewey Near Destination.

Manila, July 10.—The dry dock Dewey has arrived at Olongapo. The trip from Singapore was uneventful.

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An African Sea Serpent Story.

Here is a sea serpent story from one of the great fresh water lakes of central Africa. The Globe Trotter of Natal, British East Africa, tells it: "According to natives on the shore and

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