



PRESIDENT TAFT IS SURE HE WILL WIN

Republican Party Still Dominant. He Says, Though Third Party Will Reduce Its Majority; Democrats Hurt.

WHY HE PREDICTS SUCCESS

"Solid West" Reuniting with Party—Urges Need of Control in the House—Confers with Leaders Here, Then Visits Theatre.

President Taft came to town yesterday afternoon to get reports from Chairman Hill and a number of national committeemen on the progress of his campaign.

When I declared a few weeks ago that I felt reasonably sure of my own reelection in November and of the success of the Republican party I was regarded by some as an over-optimistic and unwary man.

The Republicans necessarily will have a reduced majority over 1908 because of the presence of three tickets in the field, but the Democratic party will suffer also.

Five or six weeks ago it was asserted generally that the Republican party would secure the vote of the solid West, leaving only the Middle West as a debatable ground.

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REYNOLDS FORSBREY. Indicted for murder, who escaped from the Tombs on September 2 and was recaptured last night.

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FORSBREY CAUGHT THROUGH HIS GIRL

Tombs Breaker. Accused of Two Murders. Trapped in The Bronx, and Yields Without Battle.

NEVER LEFT THE CITY

Dyed His Hair and Mustache and Just Hung Around The Bronx—Whines When Captured with Young Woman Accomplice.

The man who scaled the walls of the Tombs one dark and gloomy night three weeks ago, the man Deputy Commissioner Dougherty has described as the type of the most desperate criminal in the world—Reynolds Forsbrey—was taken last night in the dark living room of a flat in The Bronx.

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CROPSEY TESTIFIES HE REBUKED MAYOR

Says He Called Him Cowardly, Ungentlemanly, Unfair and a Whole Lot More He Did Not Care to Repeat.

WALDO, TOO, ON THE STAND

Curran Answers Charges of Tammany Members and Denies Police Investigating Committee Holds Star Chamber Sessions.

"I told Mayor Gaynor that I thought he had acted in a cowardly, ungentlemanly and unfair manner in giving out his letter which led to my resignation from the Police Department without informing me of its intention.

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JAMES C. CROPSEY. Former Police Commissioner, who testified before the aldermanic committee that he called the Mayor cowardly, ungentlemanly and unfair.



FATHER'S DEATH ADDS TO WHEELER MYSTERY

Secretary Stimson's Uncle Expires Suddenly When Probing Drowning of Daughter.

WENT WEST TO FIGHT WILL

Young Woman Had Left \$12,000 Insurance to Fiance's Brother—Jewels Gone from Body.

Denver, Sept. 24.—James Cooper Wheeler, of Hollis, Long Island, father of Miss Candace Wheeler, who was drowned in Bowles Lake, near Denver, on June 23, died here last night under circumstances which the authorities consider mysterious.

Mr. Wheeler came to Denver last Friday in connection with a suit involving his daughter's will, but the case was postponed until October 3.

Mr. Wheeler registered under the name of "James Woodrow," and his identity did not become known until today. He was accompanied by his attorney, Emil Schneelock, also of Hollis, who registered as "Emil Sheridan."

According to physicians, Mr. Wheeler died from uremic convulsions.

On June 23 last Miss Wheeler went to Bowles Lake, about ten miles from Denver, with an automobile party.

The fact that Miss Wheeler's body was not recovered for ten days after she was drowned gave rise to rumors that the drowned woman was not Miss Wheeler and that the real Miss Wheeler had gone east with the intention of going to Europe.

Mr. Wheeler's first wife, whom he married thirty-five years ago, was Annie M. Robinson. She was the mother of Miss Candace Wheeler.

Mr. Wheeler's most popular book was "There She Blows." He was also the author of three other books: "Cap'n Pete at Puget Sound," "Cap'n Pete of Portersburg" and "Cap'n Pete of Alaska."

HUNTING SEASON'S FIRST VICTIM

Ellsworth, Me., Sept. 24.—The first hunting fatality of the fall season in Maine was reported to-day.

STEAMER CALLS FOR HELP

Pounded by Heavy Seas, She Anchors Off the Carolinas.

Beaufort, N. C., Sept. 24.—Flying signals of distress and with heavy seas pounding her sides, a large, unidentified brigantine rigged steamer has anchored half a mile off the beach, about two miles south of the Core Banks Life Saving Station.

A heavy southeast sea prevails, and the name of the vessel and the extent of her plight cannot be learned. She apparently carries no deck load.

HADLEY STILL ON FENCE

Declines to Say He Will Come Out for Roosevelt.

Jefferson City, Mo., Sept. 24.—Governor Hadley and Judge Charles A. Denton, the latter a candidate for Supreme Judge, will arrive in St. Louis to-morrow and will confer with Chairman Elvins and other Republican leaders to-morrow.

The Governor declined to comment to-night on the statement of Roosevelt at Joplin to the effect that he believed Hadley would yet decide to join the Bull Moose, except to say that "the Colonel had only repeated in Missouri what he had frequently said in other places since the Chicago convention."

MR. RIVES GETS DIVORCE

Well Known New Yorker Set Free by Reno Court.

Reno, Nev., Sept. 24.—Calling her husband, Reginald W. Rives, president of the Dutchess County Agricultural Association and a member of half a dozen important commissions, a "drunken liar," Mary C. Rives, his wife, ordered him from her home in New York in November, 1910.

In Judge Moran's court to-day Mr. Rives obtained a divorce. He testified that his wife told him if he did not go in a hurry she would have all his clothes dumped on the sidewalk.

Since coming to Reno, Mr. Rives has been a judge at horse shows in San Francisco. He stated his intention of living in the West.

"I am alone in the world," Mr. Rives declared. "I have lost all interest in my estate and have given up all business connections in New York."

IMBECILES IMPERIL OHIO

Says State Official.

DELEGATES CHARY OF ANY DICTATION

Determined That the Republican State Convention Shall Not Be Managed by Would-Be Bosses.

SOME OBJECT TO GUTHRIE

Movement Against the Proposed Temporary Chairman Because Barnes Suggested Him—Still All at Sea on State Ticket.

(From a Staff Correspondent of The Tribune.) Saratoga, Sept. 24.—Revolt broke out to-night against William D. Guthrie, who has been selected by State Chairman Barnes as temporary chairman of the Republican State Convention, which will open to-morrow noon.

Mr. Guthrie is a well known corporation lawyer of New York City, formerly a partner of Paul D. Cravath. For years the firm handled the street railway business of the Ryan interests and similar legal work.

The men in the movement against Mr. Guthrie—which actually is a movement against Barnes to that extent—are mostly upstate Republicans of independent proclivities and a profound idea that no "corporation taint" must be permitted to attach itself to the proceedings of this convention.

Both these men and others have protested to Mr. Barnes against the selection of Mr. Guthrie, but without result. They have talked over the situation with upstate men and men from greater New York, and believe that when the delegates understand just what appearance Guthrie delivering a keynote speech will have the convention may decide, if it is "unbossed," that somebody else might be a wiser choice.

Opposition Unexpected.

Mr. Guthrie is Barnes's personal selection, a choice made after consultation with various lawyers and others in sympathy with the Barnes views on saving the constitution and regulating corporations and political parties. No opposition to his election had been expected from any quarter.

The opposition to the state chairman is precisely the opposition voiced by Mr. Bryan at Baltimore to the selection of Alton B. Parker as temporary chairman of the Democratic National Convention.

They contend that for this convention to select a lawyer who had been connected with the old railway interests, even if in a very slight degree, would be worse than silly, whatever his special qualifications in denouncing attacks on the Constitution might be.

Little Effect on Mr. Barnes.

All this has been told to Mr. Barnes. Apparently it has had little effect on him.

"What's all this talk about an attack on Guthrie?" he queried. "What is it? Are the newspapers going to give big headlines against him? What do these fellows want anyway? Somebody who don't know anything and has never done anything?"

Mr. Guthrie, of course, is a corporation lawyer. Mr. Barnes said, a moment later, "I suppose no man of any size in New York doesn't get corporation business, or wish he had it. But he is also professor of constitutional law at Columbia. Don't forget that. What if he was in Cravath's office? So was Charles E. Hughes."

Thereafter Barnes apparently dismissed the subject from his mind, but it is deemed sufficiently important by many of the men here to be the subject of a midnight conference with Senator Root.

Mr. Root considered any such fight on Mr. Guthrie as extremely unwise and damaging at this time. He advised strongly against it. If the New York and Erie county leaders can do it, they will deliver their delegations solidly for Guthrie.

The situation, if it could be called one, regarding candidates was unchanged to-day. The three leaders, Wadsworth, Hedges and Bennett, seem

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