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BRYAN MUST DEPEND ON THE GREAT "SILENT VOTE" FOR VICTORY OVER TAFT

Surface Indications and Persistent Taft Betting Point to Republican Success, But There is an Undercurrent That Worries Taft Leaders.

NEW YORK, Oct. 11.—The Herald (Ind.) thus sums up the political prospects in a despatch from Washington: Persistent betting in favor of Taft of 3 to 1, 3 1/2 to 1 and even 4 to 1 would indicate that some persons with a great deal of money were fully convinced that the Republican presidential candidate was going to be elected. The market has been held up just as stiffly as it was in 1904 and 1906. The Herald reporter is informed that this betting is based entirely upon the belief of financial interests that Taft can win if he carries the States of Illinois and New York; that Illinois is regarded as perfectly safe; and the financial interests have decided that he "must" carry New York.

This information, coming with the election just three weeks and two days distant, rather shows that the 3 to 1 and 4 to 1 betting on Taft really represents "the gambler's chance." A careful survey of the situation, supplemented with reports from states east and west in which the fighting has been fiercest, leads those unimpaired by partisanship to the opinion that the presidential battle of 1908 has to be fought and won.

Information derived from unbiased sources all over the country is to the effect that there is as yet an unknown element in this campaign that must be reckoned with and cannot yet be gauged or enumerated.

The Surface Indications.
On the surface Mr. Bryan will apparently be beaten. On the surface Mr. Taft will carry most of the western states, including Kansas, Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan and with a fair fighting chance in Ohio.

On the surface he will slightly better it in New York, New Jersey, Delaware and in Connecticut and the remainder of New England. He also has the advantage on the surface, remember—in West Virginia. These states are sufficient to give him the election.

On the surface, also, Taft should be able to hold enough of the Republican majority given by Roosevelt to sweep almost the entire territory that has been regularly carried by the Republicans since 1904.

On the surface the business interests are for him, the banking interests are for him, the industrial interests are for him. In spite of the coming of October and in spite of the fact that a large number of employes are out of work, the polls the Republican vote very generally.

On the surface the bad business conditions of various sections are offset by tremendous crops and the great regions of the west are not yet willing to make a change.

But these things are only on the surface. They furnish the view favorable to Taft.

Beneath the Surface.
Underneath the surface there are many disquieting indications. A great blanket manufacturer came to Washington the other day from Ohio. He reported that his workmen, who have for many years been Republican, are this year going to vote for Bryan. He said that he had under officials making enquiries, have brought back reports that the engine drivers, firemen, switchmen and telegraphers, who have been emphatically Republicans under Roosevelt's leadership, are now indifferent to Taft, and a very little would be required to turn the scale and send them all to Bryan.

Under the surface in the far west there has been great resentment against the fact that President Roosevelt vetoed the federal patronage he has dictated the nomination of Judge Taft.

Under the surface in the great centers of population, such as New York and Chicago, there has been noted a marked disinclination of foreign voters who have in recent years been supporting the Republican ticket to give their votes to Republican nominees. Added to this all over the country are sharp lines of demarcation between support to the Republican national ticket and the Republican state ticket. Chaotic conditions in consequence exist in New York, Ohio, Illinois, Minnesota, Kansas and a dozen other states that have heretofore gone to the Republican ticket.

"On form" on general appearances, on the confidence of men willing to wager their money, Taft ought to win. Mr. Bryan's hope appears to be in catching the great, silent, deciding vote, which he expects to detach from the great mass that went rolling into the Roosevelt column four years ago.

The Probabilities.
The Republican ticket appears to be reasonably sure of 188 electoral votes of the 483 in the electoral college. It will be necessary for the Republican ticket to poll 54 more votes in order to obtain the necessary 242, which is the majority.

The reasonably sure Republican states, according to the estimates made, are: California 10 votes; Connecticut 7, Delaware 3, Illinois 27, Iowa 13, Maine 6, Massachusetts 16, Michigan 14, Minnesota 11, New Hampshire 4, New Jersey 12, North Dakota 4, Oregon 4, Pennsylvania 13, Rhode Island 4, Vermont 4, Washington 5, West Virginia 7.

Democratic, Reasonably Sure.
Alabama 11, Arkansas 9, Florida 5, Georgia 13, Kentucky 13, Louisiana 9, Maryland 8, Mississippi 10, Missouri 18, North Carolina 12, Oklahoma 7, South Carolina 9, Tennessee 12, Texas 13, Virginia 12, total 166.

Doubtful, With Republican Leanings.
New York 33, Idaho 3, Kansas 10, Wisconsin 13; total 65.

Doubtful With Democratic Leanings.
Colorado 5, Montana 3, Nebraska 8, Nevada 3; total 19.

In the Balance.
Indiana 15, Ohio 23, South Dakota 4, Utah 3; total 45.

BALLOON BURSTS THIRD PARTY

Two Aeronauts Have Remarkable Escape From Death in Beginning Big Race.

BERLIN, Oct. 11.—The international balloon race, which started to-day from the suburb of Schramberg, was the occasion of a thrilling accident, two American aeronauts having a miraculous escape from death. The American balloon conqueror, the only American built craft in the contest, having on board A. Holland Forbes and Augustus Post, less than 20 minutes after the start, burst at an altitude of 4000 feet.

For 2000 feet it shot down like a bullet, and then the silk assumed the shape of a parachute and the rapidity of the descent was checked. Coming close to the earth, however, the basket smashed into the roof of a house, but the two men escaped with but slight injuries.

The race, at which twenty-three balloons participated, representing Great Britain, France, Germany, the United States, Switzerland, Italy, Belgium and Spain, started at 3 o'clock this afternoon in the presence of at least 80,000 spectators.

A. Holland Forbes, who appeared to be very little the worse for his experience, except that he was suffering from a severe headache, gave a thrilling account of the accident.

"We have some difficulty," he said, "in getting away, but once we left the ground, everything seemed to be right. We mounted almost perpendicularly to an altitude of 4000 feet. As I looked at the recording instrument to make a note of the altitude, I heard a peculiar swish and saw a piece of silk, some 200 yards long, and several hundred feet wide, immediately I saw that the envelope was rapidly deflating. Instantly I threw the appendix clear of the basket and the ropes, and drawing my jack knife, cut the ropes that were attached to the thirty-nine bags of sand hanging around the basket.

"Post in the meantime threw over everything portable. We could see, however, that we were falling more rapidly than some of the ejected articles. But later when the descent of the balloon was checked, we observed one bag of sand fall into a baby carriage which was smashed to pieces, but fortunately the nurse snatched out the baby and saved its life.

"Each of us sprang up and held on to the ropes, but the ropes were so taut that we could not get up to avoid the crash. Then above us could be seen the envelope gradually spreading out. It continued to fall with terrific speed, until it was clear that unless a further mishap occurred, we would probably be saved from death.

"Our speed did not decrease as much as we should have liked, and we were still moving at a rapid pace when we reached the tops of the houses in the streets, which greatly increased the danger. We passed over one roof, almost touching it, and then, holding on to the ropes, we avoided the next block, but finally struck the mansard roof of a house in the block adjoining the net and envelope fell to the opposite side. We avoided the one way against the tiles and went partly thru an occupied room. The man in the room was terrified, but recovering himself assisted us to the roof, from there the skylight and to the street below."

IS THE SULTAN TO ABDICATE?



PARIS, Oct. 11.—Special despatches received here from Constantinople say it is rumored that the sultan, under pressure from the committee of union and progress, will abdicate in favor of his brother, Mahammed-Reshad Effendi.

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NEVER FOR WAR ABATING IN SERBIA

Boycott of Austrian Goods May Be the Peaceful Mode of Revenge Decided Upon After All.

BELGRADE, Oct. 11.—After a secret session, lasting for more than twenty-four hours the national assembly adjourned this evening without having arrived at any definite decision with regard to the action against Austria-Hungary. The assembly will meet again to-morrow, and the session will be open to the public.

The meeting was a very stormy one and was interrupted by various recesses. War was demanded with Austria-Hungary, but the leaders of the war faction cooled down after Foreign Minister Milovanovic had made a lengthy statement in which he claimed that one reason why hostilities were impossible was the scarcity of ammunition for the new batteries, which is now being assembled here, but had been detained on the Austrian lines.

The leaders of all the parties complained earnestly that the government's ground, to the contrary, the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina was not couched in sufficiently strong terms, but the foreign minister eventually succeeded in convincing the house of the correctness of the cabinet's attitude, and it is anticipated that to-morrow the assembly will adopt a vote of confidence in the government. Thus for the moment the longest point in the Balkan crisis is passed, and Serbia is expected to content herself temporarily by instituting a boycott against Austria-Hungary, which is in the way of revenge. It was stated to-day that M. Milovanovic will shortly proceed to London, Paris and Rome to lay Serbian claims before the powers. A representative of the French foreign office has arrived here on a special mission.

Despite the warlike language of the crown prince on Saturday, when he declared before the angered thousands who had gathered at the palace, that he believed for the moment he was able to offer their lives in defence of the king and fatherland, demonstrations in the streets are becoming less numerous and less serious. Apparently the people are beginning to realize that what would mean the annihilation of Serbia is not in the cards. The general mobilization of the Serbian army has been ordered, and it is reported that the first reserves have been called out and it is not intended to withdraw them from the beginning of the war. With other classes of the army there will only 400,000 men under arms altogether.

Conferring in London.
LONDON, Oct. 11.—The near cessation of the Anglo-Russian negotiations are being reported. It was 24 hours ago. There has been unusual activity at Buckingham Palace to-day, and at the British embassy in Paris. The Russian foreign minister is staying, the officials were busily engaged with the European capitals. The Russian minister lunched to-day with the Prince and Princess of Wales at Marlborough House. The day was received by King Edward at Buckingham Palace.

Something definite doubtless will transpire before the close of another day. Secretary Gray at a cabinet meeting to-morrow morning will formally acquaint his colleagues with the progress of the negotiations. The British quarter conference is expressed in Sir Edward's ability to reach a friendly settlement, and the policy has been settled from the beginning of the crisis has received the unanimous endorsement of the government leaders, the newspapers and all parties of the Italian and German ambassadors to the foreign office on Saturday, and the friendly exchanges between their governments and Great Britain according to officials who were interviewed to-day, has helped to smooth the path of those who are undertaking the negotiations.

More favorable news from the Balkans, including the reported action of the Serbian national assembly in voting for war, has further strengthened the belief that there will be no eruption.

The Greek Government, in reply to the British pronouncement, that until a legal status has been restored in the island of Crete Great Britain cannot hold out any hope that the Cretan aspirations will be granted, points out the difficulty of the position of the administration at Athens, which in no way prompted the Cretans to declare union with Greece.

The Greek Government expresses its willingness that the powers should decide the question of union between Crete and Greece, but at the same time it declares that there is no means within its power of forcing the Cretans to restore the legal condition of affairs.

The Greek Government, the reply states, will continue to act with moderation, altho it cannot understand why the powers cannot consider Bosnia and Herzegovina at the same time it takes the Bulgarian and Austrian questions under advisement.

Servians Cheering for Britain.
CETTINE, Montenegro, Oct. 11.—Replying to Montenegro's note protesting against the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign minister, has sent a telegram to the government, saying that the annexation is a violation of the Treaty of Berlin, which cannot be altered without the consent of the signatories. Sir Edward's telegram was read at a mass meeting held here yesterday, after which the people marched in procession to the palace, cheering for Great Britain as the defender of the Servians.

Tom Murray, ex-M.P., Says So—Meanwhile, Appears on Borden's Platform at Cobalt Meeting.

COBALT, Oct. 11.—(Special)—Tom Murray, ex-Liberal M.P. for Pontiac, sat on the platform with R. L. Borden here on Saturday afternoon and raked his old friends fore and aft for their desertion of Liberal principles.

He unhesitatingly accepted Mr. Borden as his leader, believing him to be an honest and honorable man, and expressed the wish that the best men of both parties would combine under Mr. Borden.

A new factor was also injected into the campaign when Hon. Frank Cochrane discussed the refusal of the Laurier government to give assistance to the T. & N. O. And he made it plain that should there be a change of government at Ottawa Sir James Whitney would make an assault on the capital hill the usual bonus to pioneer roads was forthcoming. This would enable the Whitney government to build branch lines and thus assist in the further development of this rich district.

The meeting was held in the opera house. It will hold 1200 people and was crowded. On his arrival at Cobalt at noon Mr. Borden was greeted by a crowd at the station, including the Halleybury Band. After lunch Mr. Borden was driven to the Crown Reserve mine. On entering the opera house the Conservative chief was given a vociferous cheer, many stars and waving handkerchiefs and flags.

Tom Murray, once Liberal M.P. for Pontiac, was introduced to tell why he was supporting the Conservative party. He said that he had been a Liberal, but the Liberal candidate, owed his political career to him.

"Why did you change your mind?" called out a member of the audience.

"Because Sir Wilfrid Laurier," replied Murray, "has not lived up to his promises."

Mr. Murray then went on, had promised reform of the senate and purity of elections. The Liberals professed to be the guardians of provincial rights, but when the time came to take the provinces the right to make the voters' lists, altho they had decided that when in opposition.

Mr. Murray took issue with the government on the question of increased indemnity. Perhaps Mr. Borden was to the point in his speech, but the government was responsible and must get the blame.

Cabinet Changes.
He condemned the appointment to the senate of rich men who were not otherwise qualified. Senator Fulford was a rich man, over the head of Comstock and old time Liberals.

"If I was worth a million," said Mr. Murray, "I would willingly spend half of it to educate the people in the advantages of having a third party."

Mr. Devlin had said that Murray was a man who had no backbone, but he explained his present position. This was a deliberate untruth, and Mr. Murray promised to go on the hustling in the next election, and he will be wigs on the green."

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FISHERMEN ARM FOR BATTLE

Go to Sea in Boat Riddled by Bullets
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It was alleged to-night that a party of fishermen came to the teacher's afternoon, secured a number of rifles and left immediately for the last resort trip. Their boat carried several who had been in the city, and were received in the recent battle.

Game Warden L. A. Hand of the Canadian Soo, who has returned from up the lake, says that he was not with the party, but that he heard of the trouble. Warden Calbeck when the fight took place, altho he heard of the trouble.

TRUANT IS MARRIED.

But School Authorities Wonder if the Can Stay Away.

WINDSOR, Oct. 11.—(Special)—Michigan authorities are trying to figure out whether they can compel a married "woman" who is fourteen years of age to attend school or not.

For several days a truant officer in Bay City has been searching for Bertha Groves, who was reported absent from her school class by the teacher. Finally he located the girl, but completely lost his nerve when she told him that she had married John Black, eighteen years of age, in Windsor.

COTTON WORKERS AGREE

Manchester Operatives Accept Reduction, Pending Readjustment.

MANCHESTER, Eng., Oct. 11.—The operative spinners and cardroom workers have at length succeeded in adjusting their differences with the cotton manufacturers, both kinds of workers agreeing to accept a five per cent reduction.

The question of wages, however, will be asked in three months later for the purpose of readjustment.

FROM FRISCO TO HAWAII A RECORD BY WIRELESS

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 11.—A new record in wireless telegraphy is claimed by the United Wireless Telegraph Company, which established communication with the Island of Hawaii, one of the Hawaiian group. The station at Kahuku was caught at 1.30 o'clock this morning and messages were exchanged until 4 o'clock.

The distance to Honolulu is 2200 miles.

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