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Partly cloudy today and
Tuesday, with probably
light showers.

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TAFT COMES, SEES AND CONQUERS

Presidental Candidate Visits Gary
And Hammond And Is Hero Of
A Monster Demonstration

G. O. P. SURE OF VICTORY

Judge Taft, Senator Beveridge and Others Make
Splendid Speeches to
Thousands.

Thousands of people who had clamored to hear William Howard Taft, republican candidate for president, some of them doubting perhaps his friendship toward labor; many uncertain as to the republican tariff policy and questioning other matters in dispute, heard him Saturday night at Gary, and their doubts were dispelled. The speech, which was typical of the man, broad, honest and conservative, brought forth volumes of applause.

Such a splendid success was the monster rally that it is believed that the event sealed the doom of democracy in northern Indiana. There was glee and enthusiasm prevalent everywhere. Over two thousand people participated in the parade, while over five thousand people looked on. Two thousand five hundred people heard Judge Taft speak, while over three thousand were unable to get within the hall.

It was a great parade. The floats and parade was all that could have been hoped for. It was a grand spectacle, more than a mile in length, and composed of the most enthusiastic crowd that ever walked a street in Lake County. During the course of its march, from Fifth avenue to Eleventh, Broadway was ablaze with brilliant lights, the air was resonant with cheers and music, and the shouts of approval from the spectators.

There was scarcely a feature of the parade which was not followed out in detail. The steam roller was there, the horsemen cantered down the street at the head of the procession, gaily decorated automobiles parked along behind the splendid delegation from the Hamilton and Marquette clubs of Chicago. Numerous bands played familiar airs, delegations from many cities in the vicinity joined in the procession and added to the generous supply of noise, fire and enthusiasm.

Owing to several misunderstandings in the general arrangements, several complications resulted in the program, only one of them, however, being serious.

Speakers Are Delayed.

Long before the time scheduled for the speakers to arrive at the hall, the Blazenhof was filled by those who desired to hear Taft and Beveridge. Those who came early secured advantageous seats and were content to wait a hour and a half or two hours. Then it came 8:30 o'clock, the time set for the speakers' arrival. No one appeared upon the platform to address them, but they were still cheerful and content, believing that they would soon be able to hear the distinguished orators. At 9 o'clock Chairman Hodges announced to those who had been in a delay, but that if they would remain patient just a few minutes longer Beveridge would arrive.

The great crowd was coaxed to remain in quiet until 9:30, but after that they became disgruntled and set up a vociferous yell for a speaker. None of the regular speakers of the evening could be found or induced to come to the Blazenhof to talk, and it developed upon Attorney Clarence Bretsch to volunteer his services to entertain them with a political discussion for the few minutes which he supposed would elapse before Beveridge would arrive.

At the conclusion of his speech, talk, the crowd, however, which had packed the hall almost to suffocation, and which was estimated at over 1,000 people, broke up and swarmed to the outside.

All Nationalities in Line.

But the people who were unable to hear either Taft or Beveridge seemed satisfied with the splendid spectacle of the parade. At 6:30 o'clock the lines began forming on Fifth avenue, both east and west. There were men present from every nationality, headed by their leaders carrying banners with the name of the club inscribed upon it. The foreigners and the negroes were an enthusiastic crowd and furnished much of the noise which filled the air while the lines were forming. Grand Marshal C. H. Maloney had his hands full in placing the delegations in line as they arrived, but perfect order was maintained at all times.

The great mass of humanity stood ready to move but was delayed by the non-arrival of the Chicago delegation, whose train was nearly an hour late. As soon as they came, however, bringing with them the First Regiment band of Chicago, the procession started

SEWARD LIGHTENER DIES AT HOBART

Ex-County Treasurer Passes Away at His Home
Yesterday.

WELL KNOWN OVER COUNTY

At Time of His Death He Was President of First State Bank of Hobart.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Hobart, Ind., Oct. 26.—Seward Lightener, for four years treasurer of Lake county and one of the most prominent republicans in Lake county, is dead at his home in this city at the age of nearly 59 years. Mr. Lightener's death will come as a distinct shock to his friends over Lake county, who thought knowing that he was in poor health, had no idea that he was near death's door. Mr. Lightener had been in poor health for about two years and yet was on the streets of Hobart on Friday afternoon. His death was due to Bright's disease.

Mr. Lightener was a Hoosier in every sense of the word. He was born in Russiaville, Ind., Jan. 5, 1850. He was a son of Daniel D. and Poly Seward Lightener, and was married on Christmas day, 1872 to Ellen M. Frank, who survives him. Mr. Lightener's sufferings ended at half past six yesterday morning. He came to Hobart in 1865 and lived here ever since, except for the four years that he lived at Crown Point when he was treasurer of Lake county. He succeeded John W. Dyer, of Hammond, as treasurer and was elected in 1900 and re-elected in 1902. Mr. Lightener was a member of the following orders: Masonic, Odd Fellows, Foresters and Maccabees.

The Mason's will have charge of the funeral service, which will be held at the Lightener home on Center street, on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial will be at Crown Hill cemetery. Mr. Lightener leaves besides his wife, an adopted son, Leslie, and three sisters.

After the expiration of his term as county treasurer, Mr. Lightener was made president of the First State Bank of Hobart, and was engaged in the building of cement walks.

FIRST TASTE OF WINTER

Foreigner Dies in Critical Condition at St. Margaret's Hospital.

The first taste of winter was experienced in Lake county yesterday when a near-snow rain of .03 of an inch fell, while the temperature varied but four degrees, from 43 to 47 degrees, in the twenty-four hours. The twenty-four-minutes-an-hour wind from the southwest, where snow and cold blasts have been raging, and the mean temperature of 45 degrees made the day cold and dreary. Unsettled conditions prevailed throughout the west, with snow in the northwest and rains in the middle west. Cold temperatures were recorded northwest and north. Battleford being the lowest, with 24 degrees above zero, while San Francisco and Los Angeles held the high mark with 82 degrees. Portions of the western storm may be expected in this region.

MISSION AT ST. PAUL'S

Rev. Walter Howard Rector of Plymouth Church Is Coming.

Rev. Walter S. Howard, rector of St. Thomas' church of Plymouth, Ind., will conduct a mission at St. Paul's Episcopal church, on Rimbach avenue, from Nov. 12 to 24, inclusive.

The purposes of the mission are for enlightenment and instruction on the faith, practices and teachings of the church.

Rev. Father Howard has successfully conducted missions in various parishes throughout the diocese of Michigan City and is a very eloquent, forceful speaker.

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JOHN POPE BATTLES WITH THE "D T'S"

Aged Hammond Spending His Last Hours on Cot in Jail.

VICTIM IS NEAR HIS DEATH

Chief of Police Rimbach Is at a Loss to Know What to Do With His Patient.

John Pope lies in the city jail on the little cot fighting off what is believed by the doctor to be his last attack of delirium tremors. It will be his last for it is believed that the aged man can not survive the continuous convulsions which are wrecking his old and emaciated form.

John Pope is another Hammond man who is going over the terrible route in the foot steps of many other victims of drink. His struggles are not as terrible as some of the others because he has very little strength left, but they are still terrible to behold.

Puzzled With the Case.

Chief of Police Rimbach does not know what to do with his patient. The sisters at the hospital say they can not afford to take in such a case for the reason that they have neither the accommodations or the help which is required to look after violent patient.

Owing to the fact that the city has failed to provide adequate hospital facilities for sick prisoners, it is necessary for John Pope to lie in the poorly ventilated cell in the jail and there struggle until his life ends.

Dr. H. E. Sharner was called to attend the patient and pronounced his case a dangerous one. He realized that the sisters in the hospital had their hands full and could not take care of such a patient and also deplored the fact that the city did not provide hospital facilities for such prisoners.

WHY TRY TO GET HIM THERE.

He decided to see what he could do to get the prisoner into the hospital and in the event of his failure it will be necessary to have Mr. Pope turned over to the township trustee and have some arrangements made for his care.

John Pope was taken to the county poor farm some time ago on the verge of delirium tremors, but his condition was improved somewhat and he was released. It is believed that he deliberately suicided by going back to drinking and is now paying the penalty.

MRS. E. C. McGINNIS

DIES IN KENTUCKY.

Former Hammond Girl's Sad Death Comes Known Today.

Mrs. E. C. McGinnis, formerly Miss Bellamy of West Hammond, died at her home in Berry, Ky., last Friday after a comparatively short illness. Only 19 years old, she was married last July by the Rev. W. F. Switzer, of the Methodist church.

She was in Hammond about six months ago, and was well then. The remains will be sent from Berry to Hammond for interment in Oak Hill cemetery.

The funeral has been arranged for tomorrow afternoon to take place from her father's home, 25 West State street.

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DEATH OF MR. GERIKE

Aged Hammond Man Answers the Last Roll

Call Today.

Dents of Hammond passed away at his home last night at 10 o'clock after an illness of several weeks. The deceased was 73 years and his demise was largely due to old age. His death was not unexpected, and at his bedside were the members of his immediate family. The deceased leaves a wife and two daughters, one of whom is Mrs. M. M. Towle, Jr., and the other John Cervin. It was only recently that another daughter, Mrs. Frank Davis, died.

The funeral of Mr. Gerike has been arranged for Wednesday afternoon, interment to be at Oak Hill cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS.

The relatives of Mrs. Byron E. Burge extend their sincere gratitude to the societies and many friends who were so kind during her illness, and whose sympathy was expressed at our bereavement. Their many kindness will never be forgotten.

MONON ENGINEER HURT

Harry Sarles Hit By Rowdy

Who Throws Rock at Him.

As the north-bound passenger train on the Monon, due in Hammond in the evening, was pulling out of the station at Crawfordsville Thursday night, a big rock crashed through the cab window from the east side and struck Engineer Henry Sarles a hard blow on the side of the face. The missile was thrown with such force that an ugly gash resulted. The rowdy who threw the rock must have been concealed in the bushes which skirt the deep ravine at Crawfordsville. It is not known what object the man had in hurling the stone and the motive of the act is not known. The train was stopped when the engineer was struck and a search was made for the assailant to no purpose. The Monon detectives are investigating the matter.

A GREAT CROWD GATHERS

W. H. Taft Is Greeted By the Largest Crowd of People Ever Gathered in Hammond in City's Entire History.

The largest crowd which ever gathered together in Hammond, heard William Howard Taft, candidate for president of the United States, make a brief speech from the rear end of his special train at the Michigan Central depot last Saturday evening, and although Mr. Taft's voice was broken and an affection of the throat made it a torture for him to speak, he talked for about ten minutes and before the crowd realized what had happened the train started and he was taken out of the crowd.

It has been estimated that between 6,000 and 7,000 people gathered in a great circle around the candidate and if they could not hear what he said they saw him and heard the sound of his voice.

Many of those present were disappointed, first, because they could not get within seeing distance of the republican candidate, and secondly because they could not hear him. Those who were near enough to hear were not surprised, considering the condition of his voice and the effect of the damp night air, that he did not speak longer.

WHENCE CAME THEY?

But the crowd showed its interest in the man by coming out to see him, and the marvel of it all, where did they come from. Shortly before 7 o'clock long converging lines of people came from every direction and poured their thousands of spectators into the space around the depot.

It seemed as though the crowd would never stop coming. Hundreds of Hammond people never saw such a crowd together before in their lives. Even the politicians on the Taft special, who

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STABBING AFFRAY AT STANDARD DISTRICT

"Skins" Get In a Lot of Trouble and One of Them Is Stabbed.

There was another stabbing affair in the Standard district last evening at 8 o'clock and had it not been for the fact that when Voeck Kovalski plunged a long knife into the side of Peter Wykkski, the blade struck a rib and did not go any farther, there might have been a murder case to deal with.

Voeck Kovalski succeeded in getting away and the police have not yet arrested him. The fight occurred in a saloon on Fields avenue. The officer on the beat says that those who mixed into it are members of a tough gang who have been infesting the place for some time.

It is said that Pete Wykkski hit Voeck Kovalski over the head with a lantern. Kovalski started after his assailant. Just as Wykkski was about to enter a saloon and get away from his pursuer, it is said that Mike Topolski prevented him from entering the place and as a result the man was stabbed in the side.

A Hammond doctor attended the injured man and it is not believed that he will suffer any permanent injury as a result of the encounter.

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JUDGE TOUCHED FOR ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS

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