

ROOSEVELT WANTS THIRTY DAYS TO KILL HUGHES BOOM

Friends Say That the President Can Put a Damper on New York Man's Candidacy Within That Short Time.

PRESIDENT IS NOW WORKING FOR TAFT.

By "Squelching" the Hughes Boom Friends Say Roosevelt Will Have the Political Situation Under Thumb.

CANDIDATES ARE ACTIVE.

IN THE NORTHWEST, LAFOLLETTE IS GAINING GROUND, WHILE UNCLE JOE CANNON IS NOT AS SLOW AS REPUTED.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Herbert Parsons, the administration's political lieutenant in New York, left for home today to make another canvass of the republican committee of New York county. The president wants to be assured that the committee will not endorse Governor Hughes for the presidency at the meeting to be held next Thursday night. All the political resources of the administration are be-



WM. H. TAFT.

ing exerted in the effort to keep the Hughes boom smothered in the governor's home state. Close friends of the president say he is convinced that if he can keep the New York republicans from backing the Hughes candidacy for thirty days more he will have the national political situation just where he wants it.

The Hitchcock Program.

The Washington Post today prints as "inspired" a story to the effect that the administration will not fail to make use of Frank H. Hitchcock, first assistant postmaster-general as manager of the campaign of Mr. Taft. According to this story Mr. Hitchcock is to retain his position in the postoffice department "for several weeks yet," or until he can dispose of matters pertaining to legislation pending before

Harry Thaw's Only Emotion is a Continual Vision of His Wife's Pretty Face



A composite photograph of Harry Thaw, the slayer of Stanford White who, in the first interview after his long confinement in the Tombs prison, said that his one emotion was a continual vision of his wife's beautiful face.

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PROMINENT MAN DIES AT HAGERSTOWN

John H. Reogle, Victim of Pneumonia.

Hagerstown, Ind., Jan. 11.—John H. Reogle, aged seventy-nine years, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Will Burgess, north of town. The deceased had been afflicted with dropsy for several months, but not of such a serious nature to cause his death. A week ago he was taken with pneumonia and was too weak and feeble from the other disease to withstand the clutches of the pneumonia. Mr. Reogle was well known. He is survived by six children, one son and five daughters. L. E. Reogle of New York city; Mrs. Daniel Bowman of Anderson, Mrs. Ida Deardorff of North Dakota; Mrs. Catharine Hoover of Altoona, Pa.; Mrs. Will Burgess and Miss Nancy Reogle. Funeral services will be held at the German Baptist church, west of town, probably Monday. Interment in cemetery adjoining.

The False and the True.
"You need not be so critical," said the person accused. "You say I have a vinegar disposition, but every one knows you have one too."

"I acknowledge it," retorts the accuser, "but mine is a genuine pure cider vinegar disposition, while yours is the commercial compound of sulphuric acid and water."—Kansas City Independent.

Milk is suggested as a good extinguishing agent for burning petroleum. It forms an emulsion with the oil, and by disturbing its cohesion, attenuates the combustible element as water can not.

La Follette Gaining Ground.
Word reaches the capital that Senator La Follette is making much headway with his presidential candidacy in the Northwest and in some of the transmississippi states.

The senator's friends assert that he will surprise some persons by the strength he will display on first ballot.

This week has brought many evidences of renewed activity on the part of the candidates for the presidency—Taft, Foraker, Fairbanks, Knox, La Follette, Cannon and Hughes. Secretary Cattley is "sitting tight." Some of his friends believe he will yet occupy an enviable position as a dark horse. The developments of the week tend to strengthen the belief that the convention will be made up largely of uninstructed delegates.

Outside the states that have favorite son candidates the tendency is to send uninstructed delegates. A few seat-

THE TOSS OF A COIN.

Mathematics of the Turning of Heads or Tails.

CHANCE AND THEORY CLASH.

If Heads Turn Ten Times In Sequence, Theory Says The Odds Are Against Another Head, Yet Chance Says The Odds on the Next Toss Are Even.

A famous mathematician, Professor Karl Pearson, once spent the greater part of his vacation deliberately tossing a shilling and making careful notes of how it fell. He spun the shilling 25,000 times, and a pupil of his, working separately, spun a penny 8,200 times and also tested the drawing of 9,000 tickets from a bag.

It may seem strange that a learned professor should put himself to such an amount of trouble to demonstrate what every schoolboy who had ever tossed a coin already knew. Yet, as a matter of fact, few really do grasp the laws which govern such an apparently straightforward matter as the tossing of a coin. In the words of the mathematician, the theory of "runs"—that is, heads turning up repeatedly or tails turning up repeatedly—is precisely as follows:

The chance of a head is one-half; of two heads following, is one-half multiplied by one-half—that is, one-quarter; of three heads in succession, one-half multiplied by one-half multiplied by one-half—that is, one-eighth. Now, what do you suppose is the chance of a run of eleven heads? It is safe to say that not many persons, however accustomed to tossing coins, have reasoned this out. The fact is that one "run" of eleven heads is on the average only to be expected in 2,048 sets of coin tossing.

Although the man in the street may not have reckoned this, he is always quite positive that if, say, a coin has fallen ten times head upward he is safe to start backing tails. He puts his money on tails turning up because, he says, it stands to reason that the run of heads can't continue. But does it? At the eleventh toss the head of the coin is just as big as it ever was. What mysterious influence can a past event, the tossing of ten heads, have on a future one which has no link with them—namely, the tossing of the coin the eleventh time? Surely each toss is an event by itself, as Sir Hiram Maxim said of game at roulette at Monte Carlo:

"It is a pure, unadulterated question of chance, and it is not influenced in the least by anything which has ever taken place before or that ever will take place in the future."

A nasty piece of plain speaking this for the cranks who had published schemes for "breaking the bank" and whose plans depended entirely on the theory that if one game ended in a win for "red" the chances against it a third time less still, and so on.

This of course would be a sound enough argument provided that you regard some dozens of games of roulette or tosses of a coin all as one continuous event. It is quite safe, for instance, to offer beforehand big odds against a coin turning up heads ten times running. But in practice the roulette house dealer does not do this. What he does is to bet on each separate toss by itself, thus defeating his own aims. The odds against a coin turning up heads eleven times are as has been shown, something like 2,000 to 1. But suppose you only start betting at the tenth toss. What are the odds against the eleventh toss again being a head?

A Buffalo physician, in speaking of the benefits of charcoal, says: "I advise Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges to all patients suffering from gas in the stomach and bowels, and to clear the complexion and purify the breath, mouth and throat; I also believe the liver is greatly benefited by the daily use of them; they cost but twenty-five cents a box at drug stores, and although in some sense a patent preparation, the charcoal being mixed with honey.

The daily use of these lozenges will soon tell in a much improved condition of the general health, better complexion, sweeter breath and purer blood, and the beauty of it is that no possible harm can result from their continued use, but on the contrary, great benefit.

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The odds, so far from being 2,000 to 1, are actually 1 to 1! To use an Irishism, the odds are even—that is to say, if you split up the eleven tosses into eleven separate events to be bet on separately your bets should be "even money" all the time, however often heads turn up running. But if you view the eleven tosses as one combined event and you offer a preliminary bet against the whole eleven results being heads you will have to give gigantic odds.

All this goes to prove the absolute uncertainty of gambling. The greatest mathematicians of the day cannot be certain how a coin will fall, so that the man of merely average abilities who stakes anything important on the toss of a coin is allowing that part of his fortune to pass entirely outside his control.—Pearson's Weekly.

South Africa's Locusts.

Millions and millions of locusts settle, and millions and millions continue flying to settle farther on. They have been settling in myriads for a hundred miles and more, and yet enough are left flying to hide the sun. On the ground nothing can be seen but locusts. So thickly do they pack that not a square inch of earth or grass is visible. As you walk through them a narrow wake is left for a few seconds in your track where they have flown out of your way, and as they rise in thousands before your feet the noise of their wings is like an electric power station.—Grand Magazine.

Putting It Mildly.

The flooding of a Yorkshire mine had a tragic result, and a miner was deputed to break the news to a poor woman whose husband had been drowned.

"Does Widow Jones live here?" "No," was the indignant lady's reply. "She's a bar," he said.—London Tatler.

Never tell your resolution before-hand.—Selden.

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