

## MRS. TAFT DEPLORES LAX DIVORCE LAWS

Wife of Republican Nominee Would Have Present System Done Away With.

### OUTLINES WOMAN'S SPHERE

IN TALK WITH CORRESPONDENT, MRS. TAFT SAYS THAT WOMAN SHOULD NOT ASSERT HERSELF IN POLITICS.

New York, June 27.—If a woman could be president of these United States of America and that woman were Mrs. William Howard Taft, there would be no divorces granted to anyone for any cause whatever—that is, if such a thing were in the power of the president. That is what Mrs. Taft said during a two hours' talk on the train from New York to New Haven.

"Yes, if it were in my power, divorce would be stopped entirely," she said. "Of course, there are cases where separation might be legally granted, but there should be no remarriage allowed. The laxity of our divorce laws is a menace to the moral fiber of our nation. It is an appalling evil and it seems to be on the increase instead of diminishing."

**Countenanced by High Circles.** "I remember the time when one read of persons one never knew who obtained divorces, but now every one comes in contact with divorced people—in every class of society—one's own personal friends on every hand. It is countenanced by the so-called highest social circles and it is made light of and a woman in many instances is received with as much favor after she is divorced as she was before. Such conditions are shocking and are most demoralizing. Wherever and whenever I could do anything to influence legislators to make more stringent divorce laws I would do it, and I believe that every woman in America should feel the same way."

"To begin with, if divorces are to be granted at all there should be a uniform divorce law for all the states—for the nation—and then there would be no opportunity to evade it, as is being done at the present time. It is getting to be a matter of such indifference to people that many persons marry with the thought in mind that they can easily slip out of the matrimonial knot, be freed from the bondage, so to speak, and in no way lose any social prestige by such a step. When a country's people—even a small percentage of them—go into the most sacred relations in life with such a thought as anticipated divorce, then there is grave danger ahead for the home and for the nation."

**Moral Laxity Imperils Nation.** "We might build up the greatest navy in the world; we might have the good will of every ruler of the earth; we might have a credit and commerce unparalleled in the history of nations; but when within the homes of our country this moral laxity exists and a family can be broken up in a twinkling, through a process of law that is looked upon as a matter of course—just as one would file a will or deed—then there is a greater danger to our country than could come from a war with a foreign nation. I may seem to be radical upon this subject," continued the wife of the secretary of war, "but to me there is no peril so great in our country today as the one we are now discussing."

**Content Keeps Her Young.** However, during that trip Mrs. Taft did not confine herself to the divorce problem. She talked interestingly of a number of interesting things. For instance, she told what she thought of women's clubs and club women, and a woman in politics.

"How do you keep so young—how do you manage it?" she was asked.

She laughed good-naturedly and said:

"Well, I suppose it is because I am a contented and happy woman. I should be, too, for I have three lovely children and a husband so good and kind and so companionable. He is devoted to all of us, and, really, I couldn't conjure up a single thing to make me discontented. I believe that contentment does away with wrinkles, don't you?"

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"Than being the wife of a possible president?"

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## CHINA ESTABLISHES CIVIL NORMAL SCHOOL

Government to Maintain a Training School for Native Teachers.

Peking, June 27.—The Chinese board of education is going to establish a Shih-fai Huseuh-tang, or civil normal college in Peking, for training teachers for service in the various civil schools and colleges throughout the empire. In addition to Chinese classics, English, French, German, Russian and Japanese will be taught in the proposed college, under the instruction of experienced teachers. The college will be established in the Chinese city in the course of the present year.

## RAILROAD COMPANIES REFUSE TO GRANT RATE

Will Not Carry Harvesters to Kansas for One Cent Mile

Topeka, Kan., June 27.—Application for a rate of one cent a mile for harvesters to go to Kansas to handle the wheat crop, has been pointedly refused by the Western Passenger association although it was urged by the governor of the state.

The reasons assigned are that it would be too much of a reduction from the present two-cent fare from the East through Kansas and that the present two-cent fare is a reduction of 33 1/3 per cent from the old rates and is as much as the railroads can afford to make.

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## GOVERNMENT WILL NOT COLLECT CLAIM

Indiana Need Not Pay Ancient Debt Now Amounting to Over a Million Dollars.

MANY OTHER STATES OWE.

BILL INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS BY SOUTH DAKOTA MAN WILL SWEEP ASIDE LAST VESTIGE OF FORGOTTEN DEBT.

Washington, June 27.—It will be a surprise to many Indians to learn that the Hoosier state is indebted to the federal government in the sum of \$860,254.44, but such is the fact. The payment of this sum, especially if interest were charged, would bankrupt the state treasury, but no Hoosier need become apprehensive on that account. Uncle Sam is not going to send any battleships to Indiana to force the collection of the debt.

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## RAILWAY EMPLOYEES FORM ASSOCIATION

Nebraska Organization Already Has More Than 10,000 Members.

Lincoln, Neb., June 27.—The foundation of the Nebraska State Railway Employees' Protective Association is laid upon the belief that organization is effective and of value when based upon sound principles and enlisted in a good cause. Although but recently formed, it has grown so rapidly that it has more than 10,000 members and promises to become a big factor in the affairs of Nebraska. It purports to take an active interest in political and other matters, especially with regard to what is believed to be for the welfare of railroads employing its members, on the ground that their own welfare is involved.

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### COIN IS TOSSED FOR VALUABLE PROPERTY

Chicago Partners Disagree Over Trivial Matters and Divide Holdings.

### COSTS LOSER OVER \$35,000

ONE MEMBER OF PARTNERSHIP WINS THREE OUT OF FOUR PIECES OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE IN BUSINESS DISTRICT.

Chicago, June 27.—After being amicable partners for a number of years, Roy Jones and George Little fell out and dissolved the firm.

They owned four of the most lucrative corners south of the loop, and from the income both amassed fortunes. Then over a trivial matter—the discharge of an employee—they split. Jones called Little into his office to talk the matter over.

"We've got to agree to disagree," said Jones. "Name your terms and I'll divide or settle any way you make it."

Little pondered a moment. The properties involved were worth in the aggregate about \$100,000. They are the saloons at the southwest, northwest and southeast corners of Twenty-first and Dearborn streets, and the cafe, restaurant and hotel known as "Buxbaum's" on the northwest corner of State and Twenty-second streets.

"You name the terms," said Little finally.