

DEMOCRAT SAYS TAFT WILL WIN

Has Traveled Over Country,
Finds Bryan Vote Will
Not Be Enlarged.

HUGHES WILL ALSO WIN.

SENTIMENT FAVORS PRESENT
NEW YORK GOVERNOR—GEN-
ERAL CONDITIONS POINT TO RE-
PUBLICAN VICTORY.

St. Louis, Oct. 10.—A personal friend of William J. Bryan, a representative of the Democratic national committee, a Democrat who has always been loyal to Bryan since 1896 and who has traversed the New England, eastern, middle western, northwestern and far western states, turned up here today and met a number of friends.

Later on in the day this friend of Bryan, whose loyalty to the Nebraskan, cannot be questioned, said:

"I sincerely hope that Bryan will be elected, but how he is going to be elected is not quite clear."

Continuing, this friend of Bryan said: "For the last three weeks I have given careful consideration to the political situation free from prejudice.

"The Vermont and Maine elections, of course, meant nothing, the latter even less than the former.

"What has impressed me more than anything else has been the results in the local party primaries in several states. Whenever the people have been keenly interested in the success of either candidate a large party primary vote is polled. Under other conditions this is rarely true.

Party Vote Falls Off.

"Local party primaries for the last few weeks have shown a decided falling off from the full party vote, and this tends to confirm my view that from a political standpoint the ordinary voter—the man who is not actively interested in any political organization and, of course, is vastly in the majority—is in the condition of an overworked athlete. He has gone stale. He wants now a complete rest from the political turmoil and resultant business uneasiness that have been going on for several years.

"He has said: 'Plague on both your houses; one seems to be no better than the other,' and as he has to take one or the other, he will vote the ticket he has in the past acquired the habit of voting.

"One thing that would particularly tend to upset this theory is the labor. I know from personal knowledge that within the last few weeks several of the large book publishing houses—those that sell on the weekly and monthly basis—have been instructing their collection agents to particularly inquire, in an offhand way, among the laboring men, how this vote stands at present. The report sent in shows an increase for Bryan, so small as to mean nothing important to him in November.

"Another thing, and one with which nearly all are perfectly familiar, is the noiseless, but deep-seated opposition to Bryan among so many leading Democrats. The appointment by Mack of a large number of men on various committees who bolted the ticket in 1896 and 1900, would seem a united party. This unity is true in a sense, but a full party vote alone will not elect Mr. Bryan.

Thinks Hughes Sure Winner.

"In New York state Mr. Bryan will receive a much larger vote than he got in 1900, but that he will fall at least 75,000 behind Taft. Chanler will run ahead of Bryan, but I think that Hughes' chances are about five to three over Chanler.

"In New Jersey the national committee is counting on the Methodist vote to swing the state, asserting that this vote is practically solid for Bryan. Reports coming to me in the last few days indicate that there are no good grounds for belief.

"Delaware is hopeless. The negroes could change the situation, if they voted large numbers for Bryan, but they are creatures of habit and will stick to their old-love.

"Maryland is a doubtful state, with political leanings to Taft. Bryan has increased in popularity outside of Baltimore, but not within that city.

Haskell Has Hurt Bryan.

"Rhode Island will most likely return a Democratic Governor and give its electoral vote to Taft.

"Connecticut is a Republican state this year.

"West Virginia is surely Republican on national ticket, as are Ohio and Illinois. Indiana will probably elect the Democratic candidate for Governor and there will be a close vote for President, with chances favoring Taft.

"The western states, with few exceptions, are Republican.

"Nevada and Montana may go for Bryan. Washington is the only coast state where the result will be close.

"Haskell has hurt Bryan very much in the East. Ridder could raise an appreciable sum of money, if allowed six months in which to do it. Without a considerable sum of money to whirlwind the finish we are apt to blow up about October 20. The tide is slowly setting against us now."

WOULD MORTGAGE THE FARM.

A farmer on Rural Route 2, Empire, Ga., W. A. Floyd by name, says: "Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured the two worst sores I ever saw: one on my hand and one on my leg. It is worth more than its weight in gold. I would not be without it if I had to mortgage the farm to get it." Only 25c at A. G. Luken & Co's drug store.

ENGLAND DREADS GERMAN ATTACK

Germany Has Already Ar-
ranged Diplomatic Let-
ter to Powers.

A WARNING IS SOUNDED.

DECLARED VICTORY OVER EN-
GLISH IN NORTH SEA IS OB-
JECTIVE OF GERMAN NAVAL
POLICY AT PRESENT.

Richard Abercorn.

London, Oct. 10.—War scares are seldom at their most dangerous stage when they are most talked about. Real and imminent peril in England, at any rate, produces silence. At present the writer is very far from saying that England and Germany are on the verge of conflict. He merely desires to record the facts that naval and military circles in this country are in a state of nervous dread of a sudden attack in the near future by German arms.

It is this fact that gives peculiar significance to one of the most alarming warnings ever addressed to a nation, which appears in the National Review just published. His sentence alone is sufficiently appealing:

"It is known to those who have their hands on national secrets that a German diplomatic circular to the powers is already drafted, announcing that Germany has delivered her attack upon England unexpectedly and in time of peace, because a responsible officer at the British Admiralty had intimated to all on innumerable occasions that England would deliver such an attack upon the German navy and supporting the statement by the evidence of diplomatists and parties whose word cannot be hastily rejected."

Condemns British Policy.

This statement, whether true or false, is the most striking demonstration ever made of the ease with which casuistry may, at any moment furnish a plausible casus belli.

To justify the article, which bears the signature "Ignotus" and which is strongly indorsed editorially, is a strong condemnation of the present British naval policy and an appeal for instant action to avert, if possible the supposed danger. Following is the concluding portion of the article: "Just as victory over the British fleet in the North sea is the objective of German naval policy, so is the destruction of the understanding between England and France the objective of German diplomacy. Germany is determined to break down the entente cordiale and estrange England and France as she estranged France and Austria in the critical years between 1865 and 1870.

"By keeping them apart she was able to defeat them in detail and to obtain the hegemony of Europe.

"If any disloyalty were shown by either power of the present understanding, peace would not be worth a day's purchase. War would be instant and inevitable. Nor can it be denied that some moral weakening of the entente has already followed the reduction in the British army and the failure of the British nation to reform its military system.

"The problem is not to injure Germany, but to prevent her from using her enormous strength to the ruin of her weaker neighbors.

"Had the British government, in 1907, replied to the German navy bill of 1906 increasing the German fleet, by corresponding augmentations of the British naval forces, a deathblow might have been dealt to Germany's naval projects for the present.

"Had England replied in the present year to the act of 1908 by voting inexorably two keels to Germany's one, it is at least possible that the German nation would have abandoned its efforts. But the two opportunities have been lost, and now there lies before England a desperate, prolonged and unprofitably costly struggle to hold her own at sea.

"Only the overwhelming preponderance of a British force can now maintain peace. The very moment of attack cannot be predicted. It will come when this nation least expects it.

"The watchword for the day must be concentration of all the available force in the North sea in one strong fleet, and for the future the laying down of two ships to the Germans' one, and the reform of the British army. That is the key to European peace, the only chance of averting a terrible and sanguinary conflict."

It may be said in general comment on the situation that the growing alarm in England has within the past few weeks communicated itself even to the present Liberal-Socialistic government. It may also be imagined from the foregoing what nervous chills are shaking the spines of British statesmen.

His Desserts.

They wanted an original closing episode for the great melodrama. Ordinarily the baffled villain walks away with a sly sneer, and the sheriff meets him at the left upper exit. But this was old and crude. So the playwright set his wits to work with the following result:

Just as the villain uttered his fare well curse the low cowering servant rushed forward and after smiting him over the head with a snuff box, violently pushed a custard pie in his face.

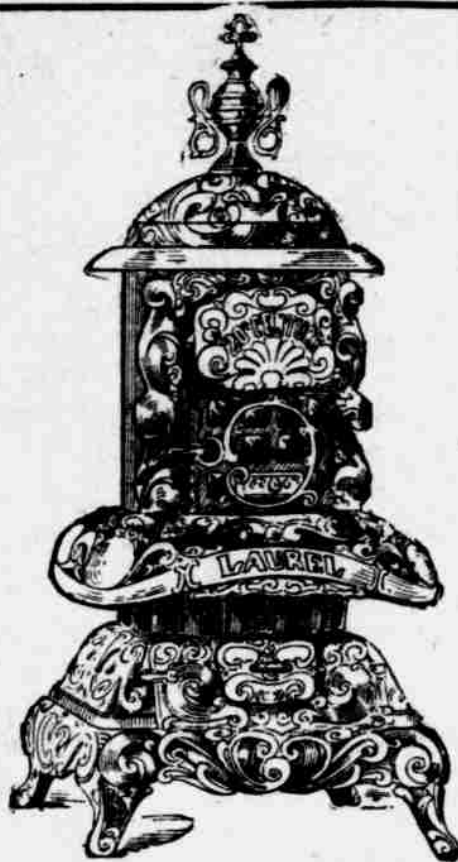
"Waste no sympathy on the wretch, my darling," the hero remarks to the rescued heroine. "He has received only his just desserts!"

Quick curtain.—Kansas City Independent.

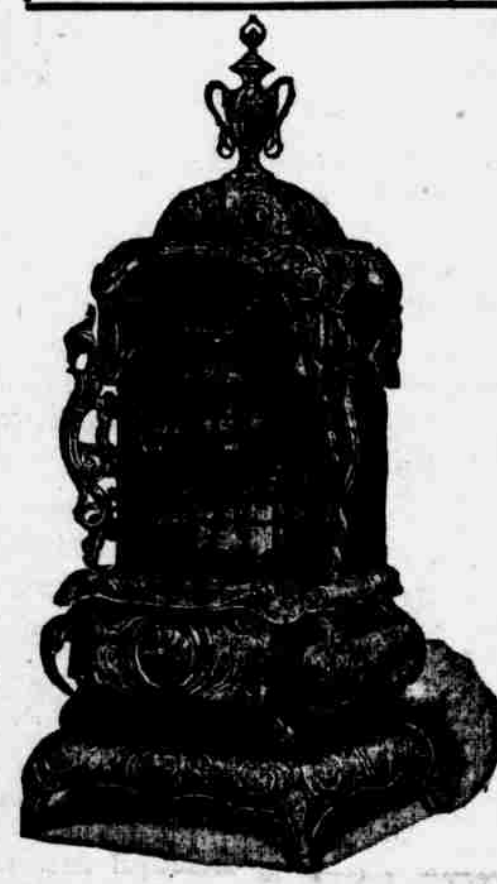
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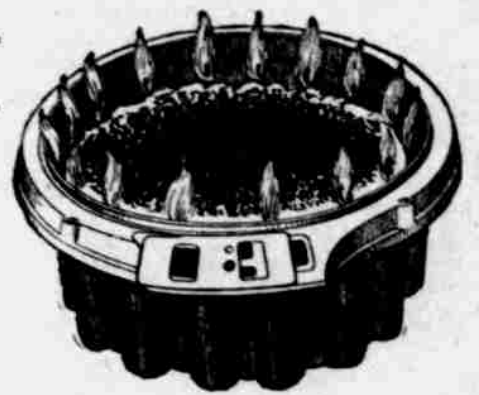
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Tales of Tenth Infantry Told By the Wayside

Half an hour after the Tenth regiment reached Liberty, after its wearisome tramp from Richmond, an automobile driven by J. Will Mount sped swiftly up to the encampment in the Liberty fair grounds and deposited a private who had disobeyed orders and remained behind in this city. The private marched up to his company commander, saluted and said, "Lieutenant, I report for duty."

"How did you get here so quickly?" replied the lieutenant.

"Why," answered the soldier, "I came in an automobile!"

"The — you did!" responded the lieutenant and continued, "Well, you may report yourself to the guard as under arrest."

Then the lieutenant turned to a brother officer and said, "Well, wouldn't that beat the band! Here I have hiked all the way from Richmond and this blooming private comes sailing down in an automobile!"

They tell a good story on the chaplain of the Tenth regiment, the account of an accident that happened while he was with the command at its Alaska post. The chaplain, who is a Roman Catholic priest, was agreeably surprised one day by a visit from the bishop of that territory. The chaplain took the bishop through the post and while going through one particular portion, they came across about 300 empty beer bottles.

"Horrors," said the bishop, "where did all these dead soldiers' come from?"

"Well, bishop," quickly responded the chaplain, "thanks be, none of them died without the priest being near!"

They tell another good one on the chaplain, that is supposed to have happened while he was in Richmond. The chaplain is one of the best looking men with the Tenth, and is also an extremely interesting conversationalist. Of course, being a Catholic priest, he is unmarried. He was telling a very entertaining story in his best vein at camp one afternoon last week, to a party of visitors from this city, one of which was a young lady. She listened breathlessly while he recounted a stirring tale of an experience in far away Alaska and, after the slight pause that followed the conclusion of his story, said to him, "Father Ferry, are you married?"

Before the Tenth reached Richmond and while it was encamped at Cam-

bridge City, a little incident occurred that illustrates the trials and tribulations of the officers when dealing with new recruits. Nearly half the privates of the Tenth have joined only recently. Two of these new members while in Cambridge City, were ordered to arrest another private who was much the worse for having imbibed too much, and take him back to camp. They returned to camp all right, but were minus their prisoner. Next morning these two worthies were haled before Major Kennon, who is the court of the regiment, on the charge of having disobeyed orders in not having brought the drunken soldier to camp. One of the culprits acted as spokesman in defense of this breach of orders, and said, "Well, Major Kennon, that man we were ordered to arrest and bring to camp was a great big fellow and, besides, he said he didn't want to go!"

A HEALTHY FAMILY.

"Our whole family has enjoyed good health since we began using Dr. King's New Life Pills, three years ago," says L. A. Bartlett, of Rural Route 1, Guilford, Maine. They cleanse and tone the system in a gentle way that does you good. 25c, at A. G. Luken & Co's drug store.

Eating the Octopus.

At Atlantic City one day a fisherman caught an octopus, a rare fish in those waters. The octopus, which resembled a frayed and ruined football of brown leather, was carried home by the fisherman in a bucket of water.

"What am I going to do with it?" he said. "Why, I'm going to eat it! I'd almost as soon eat octopus as scallops. I am a traveler, and I learned in Italy and France the octopus' excellence. You can't give an Italian of the Riviera or a Frenchman of the northwest coast, where the fish abounds, a more welcome dish. What does it taste like? It tastes like scallops or like tripe and oysters."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

"George, I was terribly shocked to say to hear our little Jimmie tell Bab: Augusta to go to blazes. Where do you suppose he could possibly have learned to use such a dreadful expression?"

"How the blazes should I know?"—Ireland.

MISSION BOARD IN CONVENTION

First Sessions of American
Board of Commissioners,
Tuesday.

OLDEST MISSIONARY BODY.

FORMED NEARLY A CENTURY
AGO AND ITS FOREIGN MISSION
OPERATIONS COVER PRACTI-
CALLY WHOLE WORLD.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Oct. 10.—The first great convention to be held in the Academy of Music will be a religious gathering. The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, which is the oldest missionary organization in America and which covers all the countries of the world, will possibly one or two exceptions, will convene there for its ninety-ninth meeting on the afternoon of October 13, at 3 o'clock and continue up to and including October 16. This is one of the most important meetings in the religious world.

The first session will be held in the large hall of the Academy of Music. Addresses on "The Year at Home" and "The Year Abroad" will be made by the Rev. Dr. Cornelius H. Patton, home secretary and the Rev. Dr. James L. Barton, foreign secretary on Tuesday evening in the Clinton Avenue Congregational church, the annual sermon will be preached by the Dr. Charles S. Miller, of St. Louis, Mo.

On Wednesday morning in the concert hall of the Academy of Music, six addresses on "China" will be made by the following missionaries: The Rev. William B. Stelle and the Rev. Howard S. Galt of North China, the Rev. Edward E. Smith, the Rev. George W. Hinman, the Rev. Dr. Edward L. Bliss and the Rev. Dr. Joseph E. Walker of Foochow.

Addresses on Japan will be made by two missionaries: Dr. Otis Cary of Kyoto and Dr. D. C. Greene of Tokio. An address will also be made by the Rev. Danjo Ebina, who is regarded

as one of the most wonderful men in the missionary field. He is often referred to as the Henry Ward Beecher of Japan.

In the afternoon of Wednesday, in the concert hall, an address on Africa will be made by the Rev. James D. Taylor of South Africa, Rev. Frank Dyer of Chicago will speak on the new Congregational Brotherhood. Four missionaries will speak on Turkey, the Rev. John W. Baird of European Turkey, the Rev. Charles T. Riggs of Western Turkey, the Rev. John Merrill of Central Turkey and Dr. Clarence B. Eshner of Eastern Turkey. An address on "The Significance of the Turkish Revolution" will be made by the Rev. George Washburn, D. D. LL. D. formerly president of Robert College, Constantinople.

On Wednesday evening, the Opera house of the Academy of Music, addresses on "Christian Leadership in the Making of Nations" will be made by the Rev. Dr. Charles L. Thwing, president of the Western Reserve University and Adelbert College, the Rev. Dr. Howard S. Bliss, president of the Protestant college of Beirut, Syria and the Rev. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, pastor of the Central Congregational church.

On Thursday morning, three missionaries will speak on India, the Rev. Henry Fairbank, the Rev. Lorin S. Gates of the Marathi Mission and the Rev. William W. Wallace of the Madras Mission. There will also be an address by the Rev. William W. McLane of New Haven on "The Value of the Apportionment Plan for Foreign Missions." An address to pastors will be made by the Rev. Dr. Dan F. Bradley of Cleveland. Two addresses by missionaries on Micronesia will be given by the Rev. Dr. Thomas Gray of Ponape and the Rev. Dr. Hiram Bingham of the Gilbert Islands.

Thursday evening, the meeting will be held in the opera house of the Academy of Music, when the subject will be "The Men and Missions."

A paper will be read by President Capen, followed by addresses by J. M. Shenstone of Toronto, Canada; Tactlott Williams, LL. D. of Philadelphia Press and Secretary Harry Wade Hicks of the American Board. President Henry Churchill King, of Oberlin college will preside.

The American Board, which is the oldest Foreign Missionary society in the United States, was formed nearly a century ago and was an outgrowth of the missionary uprising among the students at Williams college, which was connected with the famous Haystack prayer meeting.

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CELEBRATES 65TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. Newbury Was Born in
Richmond.

Spokane, Wash., Oct. 10.—Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Newbury, residents of White Sulphur Springs, Mont., celebrated the sixty-fifth anniversary of their wedding at the home of their son, C. B. Newbury in Spokane. They were married at Wilmington, O., in 1843, when they were both school-teachers. Mr. Newbury was born at Ithaca, N. Y., in 1820, and was one of the first engineers on the steamers running on the great lakes and the Mississippi river. During the civil war he served in the Seventy-ninth Ohio Volunteers in the same company as his oldest son and took part in Sherman's "march to the sea." His second son, C. B. Newbury, of Spokane, enlisted in the navy during the last year of the civil war. Mrs. Newbury was born at Richmond, Ind., in 1824. Her father was one of the pioneers of that state. Of five sons and five daughters born to Mr. and Mrs. Newbury, only three are living: A. T. Newbury, of Vermillion, Alberta; C. B. Newbury, of Spokane, and Mrs. H. E. Jones, who lives with her parents in White Sulphur Springs, which has been their home the last twenty-five years.

WORK AT NIGHT TO FACILITATE WORK

Traction Employees Laying
Rails on Bridge.

In order to lay new rails on the Main street bridge and not interrupt the operation of the cars, the construction gang on the Terre Haute, Indianapolis and Eastern Traction company has been working at night. Clusters of incandescent electric lights were used to illuminate the bridge. The lights are attached to the trolley wire and rail in order that a circuit may be provided.

The Heiress—Oh, papa! The earl has proposed!
Papa Bigwadd—H'm! What's his proposition?—Puck.

PALLADIUM WANT ADS. PAY