

WILL WORK FOR TAFT

Frank H. Hitchcock to Take of Secretary's Campaign.

TO LEAVE POSTAL DEPARTMENT

Resignation as First Assistant to Go in Soon.

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Mr. Vorys Will Retain Direction of Work in Ohio.

DR. GRANDFIELD SUCCEEDS HIM

He Has Been Connected with Department for Twenty Years and is Widely Known Personally and Officially.

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Mr. Hitchcock will be succeeded as first assistant postmaster general by Dr. Charles P. Grandfield, who for a little more than two years has been chief of the bureau over which Mr. Hitchcock presides. Dr. Grandfield has been actively identified with the postal service for about twenty years and is widely known and highly esteemed, personally and officially.

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SUMMARY OF THE BEE

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THE WEATHER.

FOR OMAHA, COUNCIL BLUFFS AND VIOLET—Fair Saturday, with rising temperature.

FOR NEBRASKA—Partly cloudy Saturday.

FOR IOWA—Partly cloudy Saturday, with slowly rising temperature Saturday. Temperature at Omaha yesterday.

Table with columns for hour and temperature: Hour, 5 a. m., 6 a. m., 7 a. m., 8 a. m., 9 a. m., 10 a. m., 11 a. m., 12 m., 1 p. m., 2 p. m., 3 p. m., 4 p. m., 5 p. m., 6 p. m., 7 p. m., 8 p. m., 9 p. m., 10 p. m., 11 p. m., 12 m.

DOMESTIC.

Page 1 Letter in the McDonald case proves important to show threats on the part of the defendant.

Page 2 Hospital ship Relief has been placed in service.

Page 3 Dynamite blast near Chicago proves fatal to three men.

Page 4 Women in Chicago join in search for their husband and learn of other wives he has.

Page 5 Wife of Banker Morse says he is on the steamer Campana, where he went to secure a rest from nervous strain.

Page 6 Congressman Timothy Sullivan of New York gave every man in his district who was in need a pair of shoes.

Page 7 Treasury department refuses to approve the bond of Rosier and another man takes his place in the Department of Printing.

Page 8 Senate committee decides at the outset not to favor bills enlarging the scope of free transportation permitted under the law.

Page 9 Governor Pennybacker dragged into the Harrisburg capital scandal by witness.

Page 10 Arrangements made for the republican convention in Chicago will be the most complete of any for a similar meeting.

Page 11 P. A. Caldwell Edger has demanded a distance tariff in Nebraska from the Railroad commission.

Page 12 Packers' National bank of South Omaha raises an important state telephone question.

Page 13 Festivities in honor of the American fleet were of a notable character at Punta Arenas.

Page 14 Ex-Premier Franco of Portugal crosses the Spanish border and finally consents to discuss affairs in his country.

Page 15 Body of King Carlos has been taken to the mortuary chamber.

Page 16 Bill to refer claim of Omaha Indians to court of claims delayed by referring it to interior department. Washington view of the Iowa fight for the senatorship.

Page 17 First Assistant Postmaster Hitchcock will resign within a few days to take charge of Secretary Taft's campaign.

Page 18 C. J. Smyth, president of the Jacksonians, urges harmony with the Dahlmans, now in order to concentrate later and get the mayor's political scalp.

Page 19 Live stock markets. Grain markets. Stocks and bonds.

Page 20 MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

Page 21 NEW YORK—Lucania 68 miles east of Sandy Hook at 5 p. m.; will dock at 9 a. m. Saturday.

SNOW PREVENTS RESCUE WORK

Firemen Delayed at New York Fire and Death and Injuries Follow.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—One woman is dead and several persons are injured as the result of a fire which early today destroyed the five-story apartment building at the corner of Columbus avenue and Seventeenth street.

The fire is supposed to have started in the laundry in the basement and, owing to lack of water pressure, spread with such rapidity that the occupants had little opportunity to reach the street.

Margaret London, 22 years of age, fell from the fifth floor and was fatally injured. She had been sitting on the fire escape, waiting for the arrival of the firemen, when she slipped on the ice grating and fell on the paving. She was removed to the Hotel Walton, across the street, where she died a few minutes later.

Owing to the snow piled in front of the building the firemen had great difficulty in raising ladders to take down the tenants. As a result of this delay many were overcome by smoke and cold and were carried to the Hotel Walton, where they were attended by doctors and nursed for by the hotel management. The building was damaged to the extent of \$25,000.

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FRANCO STOPS IN BORDEAUX

Spanish Soldiers Guard Train Until it Reaches Frontier.

INTERVIEW WITH EX-PREMIER

He Says Time Will Bring a Truce and Fair Judgment of His Conduct—Has Abandoned Politics.

BORDEAUX, France, Feb. 7.—Ex-Premier Franco and his family left the South Express here today and took up their quarters at a hotel near the railroad station where, it is said, they will remain until tomorrow.

HENDAY, France, Feb. 7.—The South Express passed through here this morning. Ex-Premier Franco did not leave the train at the frontier, but continued on to Bordeaux.

The train was guarded by Spanish soldiers as far as the frontier. The representative of the Associated Press traveled with Senator Franco as far as Henday and on the way Franco finally consented to discuss the portentous events of Saturday.

"The tragedy was a sad blow for me," he said, "I have been struck to the heart. Yet, in spite of everything, I hope to see my country recover. I have confidence in the future of Portugal and in the monarchy which has been so cruelly tried. When I offered my resignation I told Queen Amelia that all monarchical parties had rallied around the throne and that my friends would give the ministry the most loyal and the most complete support."

"I wish henceforth to live in peace, far from the politics I have abandoned forever."

"I believe that time will bring a truce and fair judgment of my conduct and with this I content myself."

Senator Franco denied with indignation the public statements that Queen Amelia has accused him of being morally responsible for the assassination of the king.

FRANCO DEPARTS FROM MADRID. MADRID, Feb. 7.—Ex-Premier Franco and the members of his party, who left here last evening on the "South Express," bought tickets only to the frontier. Where they are bound is not known. Some say they are bound to Paris, where this train is due tonight, but in other quarters it is declared that the eventual destination of the ex-premier is Geneva, where he intends placing his son in a university. Franco is accompanied by his wife and son and one of his intimate friends, Senor Novas.

Senator Franco was approached for an interview. He explained that under the circumstances he preferred to say nothing, but he authorized a member of his party to converse with a representative of the Associated Press and say for him that he suffered no remorse for his conduct and that he desired to avoid the publicity which was being given to the case. He was firmly convinced that the policy he had pursued was the wisest one possible.

"Portugal was in a state of demoralization," said the spokesman for Senator Franco, "and every excess of liberty today, which has been the result of the assassination, is in reality only a result of the violent passions of the people, which later will explode with greater violence."

MURDER ACT OF MADRID. "Senator Franco does not believe that the murders of the king and crown prince resulted from any plot, but that they were the acts of madmen inspired by a passion for the money they received for their crime. The best proof of this is found in the fact that after the assassinations, when the monarchy was passing through its critical period, he was without a government, no serious attempt was made to proclaim a republic."

"Senator Franco is now leaving Portugal, but he does not take this step because he is trying to forget his acts and policies, but because he wishes to avoid the occasion for further political disturbances which would only inflame the passions of the people."

In conclusion, the spokesman for the ex-premier said he thought it probable that Senator Franco eventually would go to Switzerland.

BODY OF KING LIES IN CHAPEL

Solemn Cortege Attends Removal in Royal Palace.

LISBON, Feb. 7.—The body of King Carlos was placed in his coffin yesterday, after which the queen mother, Maria Pia, Queen Amelia, his wife, and Manuel, his son, were admitted to view the remains.

There was then a painful and heartrending scene, for the two queens broke down and wept. Maria Pia had been kneeling beside the body in a prayer. Suddenly she grasped the dead man's hands in hers and kissed them repeatedly. Her face was streaming with tears. Friends were obliged to remove her gently. When the wife and son of the dead monarch were admitted to the mortuary chamber they knelt in prayer, their faces glowing with their eyes and their voices choked with emotion.

It was midnight when the body, in its coffin, was solemnly transported to the royal chapel. All the doctors and high officials of the palace were in attendance. The head priest attached to the palace led the procession, carrying in his hands the palace cross. He was followed by a group of courtiers and other officials. Behind the coffin marched the duke of Oporto, the king's brother, and Vice Admiral Capello, the latter bearing the king's plumed helmet and sword. The troops presented arms as the cortege passed.

On the king were various signs and orders. On his fingers was a rosary, the beads being black pearls. As the procession moved slowly priests recited the prayers for the dead. A while from afar could be heard the boom of cannon on board the warships. When the final prayers were said the palace church bells broke out in a rhythmic and cadenced dirge. A similar ceremony marked the transfer of the body to the royal chapel.

The face of the young man was covered with a Portuguese flag to hide his wounds. King Carlos died a poor man. His entire fortune consisted of insurance policies held by the Bank of Portugal as security for advances made. After these repayments have been made, it is declared, that there will not remain to him \$25,000 to be distributed to the heirs of the king.

Senator Machado, the leader of the republican party, in an interview today denied indignantly that there was any connection between his party and the assassin, which tragedy the party greatly regretted. Machado explained that the republican opposition party's course had been perfectly legal, and that nothing was further from his mind than a propaganda of force. He said he was certain the monarchical regime in Portugal was doomed and that it would die out peacefully within a few years.

"There would, however, be no violence. The days of the barricade are gone forever."

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PASSENGERS HURT IN WRECK

Ten Out of Twenty on Pennsylvania Train Injured Near Franklinville, N. Y.

FRANKLINVILLE, N. Y., Feb. 7.—Ten of twenty passengers were injured in a wreck of a Pennsylvania train twenty miles south of this village today. No one was killed. The injured:

Wilson Guggenheim and wife, Buffalo, A. E. Neil, Buffalo, traffic manager of the Erie, and Eugene D. Kleist, mayor of North Tonawanda.

Clawson, Toronto, Julia Hooper, York, Pa., W. Klinger, Ottawa, C. P. Townsend, Washington, D. C., A. Mercer, Toronto.

Of the injured Mr. Clawson was most seriously hurt. His chest was crushed and he is thought to have been internally injured. He is expected, however, to recover. The others were not seriously hurt.

General Superintendent R. L. O'Donnell of the Pennsylvania Railroad company said this afternoon:

"The train which met with the accident was train No. 67 and was running about twenty-five miles an hour. The engine was not derailed, but the tank, one passenger coach and one Pullman car tipped over on their sides. The cause of the derailment has not been ascertained, although the officers on the ground have started an investigation. The train was the Washington section of the early morning express and consisted of only one coach and a Pullman."

THIS MAN IS REAL MORMON

Wives of Much Married Male Person Join in Suit and Find Surprises.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—Two women, both claiming to be the wife of the same man, and both having letters purporting to prove that he was the husband of two other women, were introduced to each other yesterday at the Maxwell street police station. Photographs of the husband, who both said had deserted them, carried by both the complainants, Mrs. Anna Reigold, of this city and Mrs. Sarah Dossin, of St. Louis, led at once to the discovery that the missing spouse of each was the same man. Another joint surprise came when Mrs. Dossin asked Mrs. Reigold, "Are you Mrs. Julius Brown of Montreal, Canada? I've got letters from you, and I'm not asking for anything, neither is he asking that his policies be endorsed. What, then, is the use of all this rumpus. For one, I am most emphatically in favor of a compromise, though we do not want to give the Jims anything and I understand the opposition only the Jims do not want anything to us."

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DYNAMITE BLAST IS FATAL

Carelessness of Workman Results in Fatal Injuries to Three in Quarries.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—Three men were fatally injured and several others seriously hurt as the result of an explosion of dynamite in the quarries of Dolores at Shepard, in the suburb of Hawthorne today. The tragedy was caused by the carelessness of Richard Schoelard, a workman, who rammed the explosive too tightly into a hole which he had drilled for a blast. His face was blown entirely off, and he was otherwise mangled in a terrible manner.

TO EVERY MAN PAIR OF SHOES

Congressman Timothy Sullivan Keeps Solid with His Constituents of the Bowery.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Yesterday was "shoe day" on the Bowery and today 5,000 men are tramping the Bowery sidewalks wearing new shoes and new woolen socks. It is an institution and was established by Congressman Timothy D. Sullivan, known to his constituents and New York generally as "Big Tim." Every man of his district who needs them and yesterday more than 5,000 were in line long before the doors of the club rooms were opened for the distribution. The annual distribution of shoes is Sullivan's pet charity, for, he says, "A man can march to glory in a pair of new shoes and dry

PEACE NOW, GET JIM LATER

Concede, Says Smyth, and Scalp Dahlgren When Time Comes.

DON'T WASTE FIRE AT PRESENT

President of Jacks Urges Compromise with Jims and Slaughter of Mayor When He is Really Up for Something.

Three times and out. Advising that the two warring factions in the camp of Douglas county democracy still endeavor to get together and save their money for battling against the common enemy, C. J. Smyth, president of the Jacksonians and nominated by them as a delegate-at-large to the convention, says he is yet in hopes that a compromise will be effected on the ground that the truce committees Thursday evening came nearer to getting together than at any previous conference.

At the first meeting practically no semblance of an agreement could be reached; at the last meeting both committees agreed on President Rogers of the Jims and President Smyth of the Jacks. But they broke on the third delegate.

"Personally, I do not counsel a fight, for if we Jacksonians do win what have we gained?" asked Mr. Smyth. "No precedent will have been established, the Dahlgren Democracy will still consider itself as being as high in Douglas county and Mr. Dahlgren will think he is next in rank to Bryan himself. It tells the boys not to waste their powder now, but to save it for a future occasion when Mr. Dahlgren comes up for something personally and we can show him once and for all where he is."

Favors Peace Now. "I do not understand that Mr. Dahlgren is projecting himself or his policies into this primary campaign," continued the leader of the Jacks. "He is not asking for anything, neither is he asking that his policies be endorsed. What, then, is the use of all this rumpus. For one, I am most emphatically in favor of a compromise, though we do not want to give the Jims anything and I understand the opposition only the Jims do not want anything to us."

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