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DEFIANCE TO TURK

Bulgaria Formally Proclaims Its Independence of Sultan.

ARMIES MOVING TO FRONTIER

Clash Between Opposing Forces is Not Improbable.

EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS AT WORK

France Takes Lead in Attempt to Prevent Conflict.

AUSTRIA IS AFTER TERRITORY

Announcement by Francis Joseph that He Intends to Annex Bosnia and Herzegovina Causes Further Alarm.

Neb. State Historical Society

BULLETIN.

PARIS, Oct. 5.—The Temps today publishes a message from Vienna saying that the Bulgarian army is marching toward the frontier and that the Turks also are moving forward to the encounter and Austria-Hungary is mobilizing two army corps.

No official confirmation had been received in Paris up to 6 o'clock this evening of the reported mobilization of the troops by Turkey and Bulgaria. It is believed here that Bulgaria will remain on the defensive.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Oct. 5.—Bulgaria, a tributary principality under the suzerainty of the sultan of Turkey, today proclaimed its independence of Turkey.

This action was taken at Tirnovo by Prince Ferdinand, who was elected prince of Bulgaria in 1887. The Bulgarian cabinet was present with the prince, having met him yesterday at the frontier and journeyed with him to Tirnovo. The party reached Tirnovo last evening.

Tirnovo is the ancient capital of the kingdom of Bulgaria and it was there in the olden days that the kings of Bulgaria were crowned.

Turkey Does Not Want War.

LONDON, Oct. 5.—Turkey is not inclined toward war with Bulgaria and intimates that it will call a conference of the powers to consider the matter of Bulgaria's proclamation of independence.

Indications from the other capitals of Europe are that the powers will intervene to prevent hostilities in the near east. All the chancelleries of Europe are busy today with efforts to discover a modus vivendi which will result in the maintenance of peace.

France has decided to act as mediator for the purpose of preventing war between Turkey and Bulgaria, and M. Pichon, the French minister of foreign affairs, is today actively engaged in negotiations to this end which he began a week ago.

Great Britain also has made mediatory proposals to the governments of Turkey and Bulgaria. Germany, it is announced in Berlin, has associated itself with these proposals and will not counsel Turkey to go to war.

The proclamation of Bulgarian independence has been immediately preceded by a conflict between Bulgaria and Turkey concerning control of the Oriental railroad in eastern Rumelia. Bulgaria took possession of this line in September because of a strike and started to operate it with its military forces. When the strike had been settled Bulgaria refused to return control to Turkey, which action led to a sharp conflict between the two states.

Both Sides Make Ready.

In spite of the peaceful endeavors of the powers concerned in this near eastern difficulty, the military forces of both Turkey and Bulgaria are preparing for eventualities. The Turkish army is stronger numerically, but the Bulgarian army is in a better condition of efficiency.

That all energies are being bent towards the maintenance of peace is clear. The foreign offices of Europe are keeping the wires hot today in an effort to find a basis of agreement satisfactory to the powers chiefly concerned that shall take the place of the treaty of Berlin. This Austria-Hungary and Bulgaria have torn up and thrown into the faces of the signatories of the convention, which has governed the situation in the near east for the last thirty years.

The action taken today by Bulgaria and Austria-Hungary is practically condemned in all official and diplomatic circles of London, but at the same time the British government is preparing to co-operate in any pacificatory steps which may be decided upon by the powers concerned. The main idea is the prevention of a warlike outbreak.

Francis Joseph After Territory.

News no less interesting than the act of Prince Ferdinand is brought in the Vienna dispatches to the effect that Austria-Hungary has practically decided to annex the occupied provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Emperor Francis Joseph has addressed an autograph etter to the heads of all states, in which he explains the necessity of altering the political status of these provinces. This communication is being delivered today.

Prices on the Bourses of Europe have fallen sharply on these two political developments.

Revision of Berlin Treaty.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 5.—It is announced with authority today that Russia probably will propose a congress of the powers for a general revision of the Berlin treaty. This is an outcome of the proclamation of Bulgarian independence. Russia has reason to believe that the annexation of Bosnia and Hersegovina by Austria-Hungary is imminent.

Count Berchthold, the Austro-Hungarian ambassador to Russia, who has been away on leave of absence, returned to this city today and demanded an immediate audience of Emperor Nicholas. It was arranged that he should see his majesty tomorrow. The emperor is cruising in the gulf of Findlay. A naval yacht has been placed at the disposal of Count Berchthold.

Test of New Ministry.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 5.—Turkey is convinced that Austria, backed by Germany, encouraged Bulgaria to declare its independence in order to strike a blow at the Kaimil ministry and compromise the new constitution.

It is not known what steps Turkey will take, but one impression prevails that a European conference will be held to consider the whole question.

Advices obtained in an authoritative quarter of Sofia are to the effect that only some of the powers supported the British proposal for the settlement of the railroad question. This want of unanimity among

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SUMMARY OF THE BEE

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THE WEATHER.

FOR OMAHA, COUNCIL BLUFFS AND VICINITY—Tuesday fair and cooler.

FOR NEBRASKA—Tuesday fair, with cooler in east portion.

FOR IOWA—Threatening, with showers in east central portions Tuesday; cooler in west portion Tuesday.

Temperature at Omaha:

Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	57
6 a. m.	57
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POLITICAL.

George W. Berge writes his declination to run as the populist nominee for governor and places it in the hands of Bryan's friend, A. S. Tibbetts. **Page 1**

Judge Taft begins two days' invasion of Missouri and is well received by the laboring men of that state. **Page 1**

Governor Hughes makes speech in Wisconsin in which he again declares the remedies of Mr. Bryan will be futile if applied. **Page 2**

Extensive preparations are being made for Hughes day at Grand Island. **Page 3**

Nebraska democrats are planning to have Mr. Bryan deliver seventy speeches in three days in the state. **Page 2**

Congressman Nicholas Longworth explains the origin of the story that he said the president would again be a candidate for office. **Page 1**

FOREIGN.

Bulgaria declares itself independent, and while the powers are anxious to avoid war, there seems little likelihood of doing so. **Page 1**

DOMESTIC.

Incendiary fire in New York causes the death of ten persons. **Page 2**

It took a letter thirteen years to make the trip from New York to Brooklyn. **Page 1**

LOCAL.

Charles E. Hughes, governor of New York, George L. Sheldon, governor of Nebraska, and A. W. Jefferis, republican candidate for congress, will speak at the Auditorium this evening. **Page 1**

Rural mail carriers, holding meeting of national association in Omaha, talk good roads and may send resolutions to congress asking for some action. **Page 1**

Committee of National Wool Growers' association will visit Omaha Thursday to look at sites and receive propositions from business men for locating the association warehouse in Omaha. **Page 10**

Grand jury for October term is drawn, C. C. George of George & Co. made foreman and Judge Sears delivers a long charge. **Page 3**

Electrical decorations for Ak-Sar-Ben will remain in place for the National Corn exposition and thousands of new lights will be added, corn color being the favorite shade. **Page 2**

Chances are good for Samson having a neat balance on the credit side of the ledger, regardless of the heavy expense to which the governors went to entertain the city's guests. **Page 5**

SPORTS.

Results of the ball games:

4-6—Philadelphia vs. Brooklyn—2-1.
5—New York vs. Boston—1.

6—Chicago vs. Detroit—1.
5-1—Cleveland vs. St. Louis—3-3.
2—Washington vs. Philadelphia—0.
4—Boston vs. New York—0. **Page 9**

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL.

Live stock market. **Page 7**
Grain markets. **Page 7**
Stocks and bonds. **Page 7**

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

Port.	Arrived.	Sailed.
NEW YORK	California	
NEW YORK	Bluecher	
LIVERPOOL	Etruria	Siberian.
MOVILLE	Columbia	Caledonia.
QUEENSTOWN		Lusitania.
FIUME	Ultonia	

CONFERENCE ON GRAIN RATES

Kansas City Asks for a Greater Differential as Against Omaha to the Southeast.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 5.—(Special Telegram.) — An important conference, which may result in a compromise in the differential grain rate complaint of Kansas City against various railroads, will be held here tomorrow. The complaint of the Kansas City grain dealers is that the rates given Omaha are so slightly higher than those given Kansas City to St. Louis, Cairo, Memphis, New Orleans and Galveston as to constitute in fact discrimination against Kansas City.

The men to be in the conference here tomorraw are Theodore Brent, assistant to the third vice president of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific; E. B. Boyd, assistant to the third vice president of the Gould lines; some traffic official of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, E. J. McVann, secretary of the Grain exchange of Omaha; J. C. Lincoln, transportation commissioner of St. Louis, and H. G. Wilson, commissioner of the Kansas City transportation bureau. The differential case is set for hearing here before an examiner October 12.

FATALITIES IN TENEMENT FIRE

Eight Supposed to Be Dead and a Number Injured, One Fatally.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—Eight persons are believed to have been burned to death and several were injured, one fatally, in a fire in a crowded tenement house on Mulberry street, between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning. Several tenants jumped from windows and fire escapes when flames cut off their retreat.

The fire started on the first floor in a dry goods store and spread rapidly. There is a fire escape on the front of the building, but it was of little use, as the fifty persons in the building lost their heads and children were thrown from the windows to the street. Fortunately nearly all of the children were caught by persons on the sidewalks.

At 2:35 o'clock this morning the police reported eight persons dead in the fire. Four bodies have been removed from the building, those of two men one woman and a little girl

CARRIERS WANT GOOD ROADS

Rural Mail Messengers Hold Sixth Annual Convention Here.

MAY SEND CONGRESS A PETITION

Delegates Come from All Quarters and Several Squads Will Ask for the Next National Gathering.

The sixth annual convention of the National Rural Letter Carriers' association will be held in Omaha, opening morning and closing Friday morning, morning, afternoon and evening sessions to be held each day. The sessions of the convention will be held in the convention hall of Hotel Rome and the Rome will be headquarters of the convention.

The association is composed of mail carriers on free delivery routes throughout the country and delegates from the four corners of the United States arrived Monday, the officers expecting a total attendance during the week of between 1,000 and 1,500. The delegates will come and go and it is expected that there will not be more than 400 at any one meeting of the convention, though the officers, members of the executive committee and some of the delegates will remain throughout the entire convention.

The discussion of good roads will be a leading subject in the convention. President Paul L. Lindsay of Tucker, Ga., says one whole day will be given over to this one subject. The association may adopt a memorial to congress on this subject.

To Double Per Capita Tax.

Considerable discussion is also expected on the proposition to double the per capita tax of members of the association and the payment of the expenses of delegates, and President Lindsay says that he looks for a fight on the floor of the convention. The last convention decided to raise the per capita tax to $1 and to pay the expenses of delegates, but this has since met with considerable opposition and the sixth convention will be asked to overrule the action of the last meeting.

The convention will be called to order at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning. Addresses of welcome will be delivered by Governor Sheldon on behalf of the state and by Mayor Dahlman on behalf of the city. H. H. Windson, editor of the Rural Free Deliver News, will deliver the response to the addresses of welcome. In the afternoon the program calls for addresses by Senator Brown, Senator Burkett, Congressman Hinshaw, Congressman Hitchcock, Postmaster Thomas, Ashton C. Shallenberger and George Washington Berge. Committees will also be appointed at the afternoon session.

Business of the Meeting.

Tuesday evening the real work of the convention will begin, the program for that evening and the following three days being as follows:

TUESDAY EVENING.
7:30—Convention reassembles.
7:35—Report of credentials committee; delegates seated.
7:45—Report of officers.
9:00—Adjournment.
WEDNESDAY MORNING.
9:00—Convention called to order.
9:05—Report of State Secretaries club; time allowed each state, three minutes.
12:00—Opening question box.
1:00—Adjournment for lunch.
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.
2:25—Convention reassembles.
3:30—Subject, "Good Roads," C. M. Adams, president Iowa association; E. R. Maxey, Jerseyville, Ind.
6:30—Adjournment.
WEDNESDAY EVENING.
7:30—Convention reassembles.
7:35—Discussion of good roads.
9:00—Adjournment.
THURSDAY MORNING.
9:00—Convention called to order.
9:05—Report of standing committee.
9:45—Report of special committee.
11:15—Unfinished business.
11:45—New business.
12:15—Adjournment for lunch.
THURSDAY AFTERNOON.
2:30—Convention reassambles.
2:35—Closing of unfinished and new business.
5:00—Adjournment.
THURSDAY EVENING.
Some form of entertainment.
FRIDAY MORNING.
9:30—Convention called to order.
9:40—Election of officers.
11:15—Selection of place for next convention.
12:30—Convention closed.

"The sole object of the National Rural Letter Carriers' association is to exchange ideas, and by discussion and the listening to addresses by men who know and who have had experience to increase the efficiency of the men who carry Uncle Sam's mail on the rural free delivery routes," said President Lindsay. "We held our first convention in Chicago in September, 1903, and now have an association composed of several thousand carriers. Rural free delivery was started by the government as an experiment some twelve years ago, but three years ago it decided upon it as a permanent branch of the mail service, and we who are in the work first hand are trying to improve ourselves and the conditions under which we work."

Largest from Indiana.

The largest delegation to arrive Monday was that from Indiana with thirteen delegates, two of whom are women. Miss Leona Funhouses of Yorktown, Ind., 21 years of age, has carried the mail over a route twenty-seven and one-half miles long for four years; and Mrs. Alice Condo of Alexandria, Ind., has driven the rural mail wagon over a route twenty-five miles long for six years. Miss Funkhouser, a pretty blond, took up the work when her father died in August, 1904, and has since supported her mother and several young young brothers and sisters.

"I don't think it very remarkable, this work I am doing," said Miss Funkhouser, who is a delegate for the third time to a national convention. "I would much rather carry mail than teach school, and teaching school is about the only work a young woman in the rural districts of the Hoosier state can do to support herself and those dependent upon her. I have had no remarkable experiences, the people on my route are nice to me, even though they do not get mail every day, and being a mail carrier I get a chance to attend these conventions, where I always have a good time."

Mrs. Condo is carrying mail over a route where five male carriers in two years failed on account of the bad roads. Mrs. Condo says that her perseverance was tougher than the roads and that she won in the fight with all manner of obstacles which confronted her. She will be a leading speaker when the subject of good roads comes up for discussion in the convention.

The other members of the Indiana delegation are: Elias Frey of Pendleton, chairman of the executive committee; Bruce Rathbun, Orland, Addison Scott, Fairmont; John Grimes, Elmwood; James H. Working, Anderson; Charles Ware, Greentown; George Maxwell, Portland; Corwin G. Overheiser, Bentonville; Mr. and Mrs. Babcock and George B. Robbins, Rochester; R. R.

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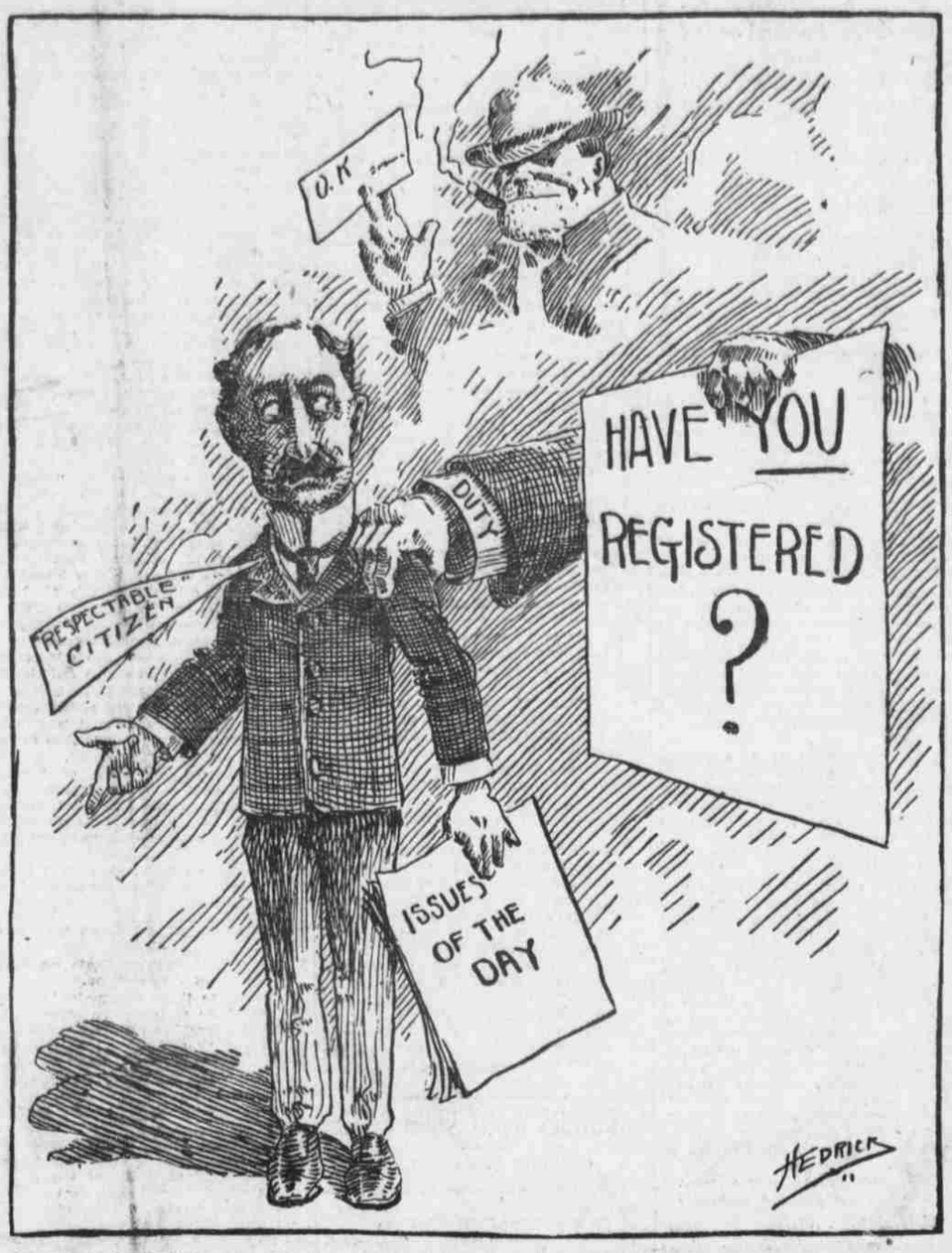

From the St. Louis Times.

REGISTER AND HEAR HUGHES

Time to Do Both Tuesday Night, When New Yorker Comes.

AUDITORIUM PLACE OF MEETING

Governor Sheldon and A. W. Jefferis Will Speak and State and County Officials Will Be Present.

Charles Evans Hughes, governor of New York, will speak at the Auditorium Tuesday evening, but on account of Tuesday being registration day he will not be introduced until 9 o'clock, the hour the registration booths close. This will give an opportunity to all men who will no have the time to register during the day to visit one of the fifty-four registration booths in the evening and register and still get to the Auditorium in time to hear the governor of the Empire state speak.

Governor Hughes' original itinerary called for arrival in Omaha early in the evening, but members of the committee appraised him of the fact that Tuesday is registration day and for that reason he will make one more stop during the day and reach Omaha at 8:30 in the evening, coming from Missouri Valley in the special train.

The governor will be introduced at 9 o'clock, but the big political meeting will begin at 8 o'clock, Governor Sheldon to precede the New York executive. A. W. Jefferis, nominee for congress, will be the first speaker, Governor Sheldon to come next and Governor Hughes last. Music will be furnished by Finn's Greater Omaha Union band and all state, county and city candidates will have seats on the stage, as well as the accredited delegates to the national convention of the National Rural Letter Carriers association, which begins its session Tuesday morning.

Governor Hughes will be met at Missouri Valley by Frank Crawford, county chairman; Myron L. Learned and Isadore Ziegler, members of the state committee; Howard W. Baldrige, chairman of the reception committee; John C. Wharton, treasurer of the state committee, and Postmaster B. F. Thomas.

Governor Hughes will spend Tuesday night in Omaha, leaving Wednesday morning at 7:30.

EVANS COURT-MARTIAL BEGINS

Charges Read to Board and Taking of Testimony Postponed for Day.

MANILA, Oct. 5.—The court-martial appointed to pass on the charges against Lieutenant Frank T. Evans met today aboard the battleship Vermont. The charges and specifications were read and the court adjourned until tomorrow when the taking of testimony will be begun. The court is composed of Captain Seaton Schroeder, judge advocate; Captains W. P. Potter, T. B. Howard, Lieutenant Commanders W. C. Bartollet, H. C. Scales, L. M. Nulton, W. C. Cole, Lieutenants J. H. Holden and L. C. Palmer.

Major Williams of the marine corps is prosecuting officer and the defense is in the hands of Captain Harding and Lieutenant Kayser.

STOCK RATE CASE ADVANCED

Attorney General Orders Suit of Western Roads Placed Ahead of All Other Litigation.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 5.—James R. Gray, clerk of the United States circuit court, today received a communication from Attorney General Bonaparte, asking that the injunction suit filed by fifty-five western and southwestern railroads to restrain the Interstate Commerce commission from enforcing an order reducing live stock rates on shipments from the southwest to Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joseph be advanced on the docket ahead of all other litigation. The attorney general also asked that the papers in the case be sent as soon as possible to Judges Vandeventer, Hook and Adams.

SLOW MAIL FOR BROOKLYN

Thirteen Years Taken by Letter to Travel Across Bridge from Manhattan.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—Thomas F. Davis, a roofing contractor, upon receiving a letter at his home in Brooklyn, made a hurried trip to Manhattan, turning over in his mind the prospects of fat profits from a very promising bid for work made in the letter. When he arrived at an office in a downtown building he asked if he could see the bidder whose name signed the letter.

"He has been dead for thirteen years," a clerk replied.

Inspection of the envelope showed that the letter had been mailed August 6, 1894.

BERGE IS OFF THE TICKET

Declines to Run as the Populist Nominee for Governor.

PLAYED TO LIMIT BY DEMOCRATS

Would Not Trust Him to File Document Himself, but Was Placed in Hands of One of the Bryan Leaders.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Oct. 5.—(Special.)—George W. Berge has quit. The idol of the populists has acceded to the demands of Mr. Bryan's Tom Allen and has filed his declination of the populist nomination with the democratic state committee, or rather with A. S. Tibbetts. The committee took no chances and would not even permit the populist nominee to file his papers with the secretary of state. The papers have not yet reached that officer.

Mr. Berge made a fight for the democratic and populist nominations and he secured the latter. As soon as this became known he was ordered to withdraw. Notwithstanding he received a larger per cent of the populist votes than Shallenberger did of the democratic vote, there was no talk of Shallenberger declining the democratic nomination.

As a matter of fact, Shallenberger, Mayor Dahlman, Tom Allen and other close intimates of Mr. Bryan had the cards stacked on Berge from the very first. They did not want him nominated for governor, and there was no chance of his nomination at the hands of the democrats, even if he had received a majority of the combined democratic and populist votes. Bryan's schemers saw to that. Here is how it was done.

Shallenberger filed both as a populist and a democrat. Mayor Dahlman filed only as a democrat. These schemers knew that the democratic nomination would go either to Shallenberger or to Dahlman. Now had Dahlman received a larger democratic vote than Shallenberger, he would not have withdrawn, even though Berge's combined democratic and populist vote was larger than the Dahlman vote. Dahlman would simply have said he did not run as a populist and therefore it would not be fair to compare the Berge combined vote with his democratic vote. Shallenberger filed both as

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If you want to vote at the coming election, and at the Omaha or South Omaha primaries next spring, you must register this fall. No former registration will avail. The registrars will sit on Tuesday, October 6, at the following places from 8 o'clock a. m. until 9 o'clock p. m., and all voters who did not register on the day of the primary election in September should register today.

City of Omaha.

FIRST WARD.
1st Dist—1203 S. 6th.
2d Dist—801 Pacific.
3d Dist—1703 S. 10th.
4th Dist—919 Bancroft.
SECOND WARD.
1st Dist—2323 S. 29th.
2d Dist—2023 Vinton.
3d Dist—1523 Vinton.
4th Dist—1704 Vinton.
5th Dist—2204 S. 16th.
THIRD WARD.
1st Dist—1519 Webster.
2d Dist—218 S. 10th.
3d Dist—313 N. 15th.
4th Dist—410 S. 13th.
5th Dist—508 S. 13th.
FOURTH WARD.
1st Dist—1618 Davenport.
2d Dist—422 S. 18th.
3d Dist—718 S. 16th.
4th Dist—316 S. 20th.
5th Dist—2301 Davenport.
FIFTH WARD.
1st Dist—3504 Sh'rm'n Av
2d Dist—2825 Sherman Av
3d Dist—2601 (barn) Sherman Ave.
4th Dist—1546 Sherman Ave.
5th Dist—1138 N. 16th.
SIXTH WARD.
1st Dist—2307 N. 24th.
2d Dist—1908 N. 24th.
3d Dist—2004 N. 25th.
4th Dist—2122 Military Ave.
SEVENTH WARD.
1st Dist—2719 Leavenw'th
2d Dist—1507 Park Ave.
3d Dist—1333 Park Ave.
4th Dist—2106 S. 23d (barn, rear).
EIGHTH WARD.
1st Dist—1304 N. 24th.
2d Dist—1909 Cuming.
3d Dist—1804 Cass.
4th Dist—2415 Cuming.
NINTH WARD.
1st Dist—2579 Cuming.
2d Dist—3227 Cuming.
3d Dist—3304 Davenport (barn).
4th Dist—211 S. 36th (barn).
5th Dist—2914 Farnam.
TENTH WARD.
1st Dist—1018 S. 10th.
2d Dist—1521 Leavenw'th.
3d Dist—2121 Leavenw'th.
4th Dist—1420 S. 16th.
5th Dist—1443 S. 13th.
ELEVENTH WARD.
1st Dist—4046 Hamilton.
2d Dist—3926 Farnam.
3d Dist—3420 Leavenw'th.
4th Dist—705 S. 27th.
TWELFTH WARD.
1st Dist—4418 N. 24th.
2d Dist—5524 Ames Ave.
3d Dist—5015 Corby (barn, rear).
4th Dist—2909 N. 24th.

City of South Omaha.

FIRST WARD.
1st Dist—548 N. 20th.
2d Dist—625 N. 24th.
SECOND WARD.
1st Dist—199 S. 20th.
2d Dist—109 N. 24th.
THIRD WARD.
1st Dist—Broadwell & Rich Coal Yd., Washington St. & R. R. Ave.
2d Dist—W. side M. E. Sunday school, 24th & U Sts.
FOURTH WARD.
1st Dist—212 N. 26th.
2d Dist—3017 Q.
FIFTH WARD.
1st Dist—810 N. 27th.
2d Dist—Lenagh Bldg., 39th & L.
SIXTH WARD.
1st Dist—1214 N. 24th.
2d Dist—415 N. 25th.

TAFT IN MISSOURI

Republican Candidate Begins Two Days' Tour of State.

BIG CROWD AT ST. JOSEPH

Speech Made to Workingmen from Steps of Stock Exchange.

LABOR SITUATION ANALYZED

Stock Yards Meeting Followed by Address at Opera House.

PARTING WORDS FOR KANSAS

Stops Are Made Earlier in the Day at Kansas City, Leavenworth and Atchison—Speeches Made in Rain.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Oct. 5.—The real Taft invasion of Missouri began today at noon here. The candidate will speak constantly in the state until tomorrow night, concluding then with a demonstration at St. Louis. The first Missouri audience was composed almost entirely of voters, men who work in the stock yards at St. Joseph, where Mr. Taft spoke in the rain from the steps of the Stock exchange. He was presented by President John Donovan of the exchange, who said he did not appear under false pretenses. He was, he added, a democrat, but he knew Judge Taft to be a thorough American in every particular and to have a clean record of achievements. "And should he be elected president there is nothing I would not feel it a privilege to do for him."

This speech was received with cheers by the men, who not only filled the street in front of the exchange, but stood on the low roof of the stock yards opposite. Replying to Mr. Donovan, Mr. Taft thanked him for his courtesy and frankness, and added:

"The word democrat is an historical description. It does not mean that a man who is a democrat will always vote the ticket of his party."

Friend, Not Enemy of Labor.

As is his usual custom to labor audiences, Mr. Taft analyzed the labor situation with reference to the two parties. He referred briefly to his own labor record, and again declared himself to be the friend and not the enemy of labor. What he said was cheered, but there was noticeable on the edges of the crowd where his voice did not reach, straggling cheers for Bryan.

St. Joseph presented a series of opportunities for the candidate to be heard. The stock yards' meeting was followed in a few minutes by a halt at the shops of the Burlington road, and to several hundred workmen Mr. Taft again reviewed his labor record briefly, while the men stood in the drizzling rain and listened.

Five minutes more were devoted to the crowd which greeted the candidate at the station, where he was presented by the station master. Automobiles were then taken for the Tootle opera house, where was assembled an audience which filled the place. An extended industrial speech was here delivered by Mr. Taft, after which the party joined the train at the Francis street station, and here an enthusiastic adieu was joined in by the crowd.

Nearly two hours were devoted to St. Joseph by the candidate.

Two Days in Missouri.

KANSAS CITY, Kan., Oct. 5.—With a parting word to Kansas, at meetings here at Leavenworth and at Atchison, William H. Taft crossed over into Missouri for two days of campaigning, after which he will go to Chicago to end his western trip Wednesday.

His day of rest in Kansas City, Mo., was decidedly more strenuous than was expecter; nevertheless, the candidate this morning pronounced himself fit for the work on hand.

In Missouri today Mr. Taft will speak in St. Joseph, Marysville, Chillicothe, and Brookfield, with a meeting tonight at Macon.

The first meeting, that at Kansas City, Kan., was added to the schedule yesterday at the earnest demand of the residents of that city, which lies directly across the river from the Missouri town of the same name. The trip across the river was made by the candidate in an automobile. His speech was delivered from the steps of the public library, and despite the early hour, the crowd was even to large for the voice of the speaker to cover. After the meeting, the train was taken and the regular itinerary begun.

Speech in Rain.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Oct. 5.—William H. Taft stood for five minutes in a drenching rain this morning and spoke to fully 2,000 men, most of them laboring men. Every factory in the city closed down to give the employes a chance to hear the candidate. Mr. Taft confined his remarks almost exclusively to explaining his views on the labor question. He said that his action in the injunction cases needed no defense, as he simply enforced existing laws. He was greeted with deafening cheers at this declaration. There were not a dozen umbrellas in the crowd, yet not a man left until the candidate had finished speaking.

Mr. Taft wore a raincoat and soft felt hat pulled down over his eyes, and before he finished speaking water was trickling down his hat and face in streams. At the close of his remarks there was a rush of workingmen in overalls to shake hands with him, many of the men following his train out into the yards. He showed no aversion to their grease-stained hands. Several hundred old soldiers from the home were present in the crowd. Cyrus Leland joined the party here.

Taft Statue of Liberty.

ATCHISON, Kan., Oct. 5.—The Kansas crowds and enthusiasm of Saturday were strikingly recalled by the three meetings in that state this morning. The Kansas City, Kan., gathering was hilarious and jolly throughout. Three bands dispensed music—two made up of white men and one negro organization. Because the crowd could not see the candidate on the library steps, he was requested to mount a pedestal whereon a statue is shortly to be placed.

"He looks like the statue of liberty to me," shouted a workingman.

"I am for the greatest possible liberty to every individual," said Mr. Taft. He was cheered again and again. As his audience was largely made up of laboring men, Mr. Taft began by referring to the claim of Gompers that Bryan would get the laboring vote.

"No, no," came cries from a number of voices. "He won't get the labor vote of this place."

This interruption was concluded by a