

AMERICANS IN TOKIO

Emperor of Japan... Officers of Battleship... BRILLIANT FUNCTION... ALACE... Empress Shakes Hands... One of Visitors... SPERRY PRESENTS MESSAGE... Greeting of Good Will is Cabled by President Roosevelt.

REPLY OF EMPEROR CORDIAL

He Hopes that Historic Relations of Good Understanding May Long Continue—Reception is Followed by Luncheon.

TOKIO, Oct. 20.—The most significant event of the visit of the American fleet to Japan took place today when Rear Admiral Sperry, his flag officers and the captains and commanders of the sixteen battleships were presented to the emperor and empress under circumstances evidencing a radical departure from all court precedents in order to do favors to the Americans. That it was the most brilliant function that the palace has ever known is attested for by those who have been attached to the court of the emperor of Japan for many years. The emperor assumed a most cordial manner and the empress shook hands with every officer. To the message from President Roosevelt delivered by Admiral Sperry, the emperor responded as follows: "Admiral Sperry, it affords me especial pleasure to welcome you as the representative of the American navy and to receive through you from your respected president his very friendly message. I request you to assure the president that I most sincerely appreciate and most cordially reciprocate his sentiments of friendship and good will. It is a source of profound satisfaction to me that the most cordial relations of regard and good correspondence exist between Japan and the United States, and my thanks are due to the president for affording my subjects by your visit an opportunity to give new proof of their sincere attachment for your countrymen. I also wish you to convey to the president this message: "The historic relations of good understanding and genuine friendship with the United States I count as a valid heritage of my reign and it shall be in the future, as it has been in the past, my constant aim and desire to weld the ties of amity, uniting the two countries into indissoluble bonds of good neighborhood and perfect accord. "I trust the same success that has so far attended your voyage may still be with you to the end."

Message is a Surprise

The exchange of messages between President Roosevelt and the emperor was evidently planned as a surprise. When the president's message was received its evident cordial tone was at once accepted as the highest official endorsement of the peaceful mission and friendly spirit with which the fleet left the Atlantic and is now visiting Japan, hence the unusual tone of the emperor's reply, which has been published here, was understood immediately as indicating that the entente between America and Japan, although unwritten, was most sincere and real. The procession of carriages conveying the officers of the fleet to the palace through the streets lined with cheering multitudes was most imposing. When the spacious grounds opposite the approach to the palace, what is known as the "double bridge," was reached the enthusiasm reached its height. Only a select few Japanese have ever visited these grounds and few indeed have ever been given an audience by the emperor.

Entering into the palace, the visitors were ushered into the great audience hall, where the admirals were introduced by the American ambassador, Thomas J. O'Brien, who, with Admiral Sperry, was invited to enter the emperor's room, where the message from President Roosevelt, which, of course, had already been submitted to the emperor, was read. This was translated, and the emperor replied: "Officers are Presented."

The emperor and Admiral Sperry then re-entered the audience hall, the emperor standing at one end of the room, Admiral Sperry on his left and an interpreter on the right. Rear Admiral Emory then approached and presented the officers of his squadron. The same program was followed by Rear Admirals Schroeder and Walnwright, each admiral taking his place by the side of the commander-in-chief of the American fleet. The whole scene was repeated in another magnificent room, where the empress stood and received the admirals and other officers of the fleet. The presentation was followed by an elaborate luncheon, at which forty-five persons were present, the emperor occupying a position at the center of the table, with Rear Admiral Sperry sitting opposite him, the officers on both sides being graded down according to rank, with the Japanese and American officers intermingled. The table was magnificently decorated and the menu service was most elaborate.

At the end of the meal, the emperor retired, meeting Rear Admiral Sperry at the door and bade him a most cordial farewell, and presented him with a magnificent silver vase. As the emperor retired, the American and Japanese officers also left. This afternoon the officers of the American and Japanese fleets, the visiting delegation of Pacific coast business men and their ladies, and many of the most prominent citizens of Tokio, numbering in all about 1,000, were entertained at a garden party at Asano. Tonight the naval officers were the guests of the naval clubs at a reception given by Vice Admiral Salto, the Japanese minister of marine, and at which the scenes of yesterday evening were reproduced. Only officers of the American and Japanese navies and the foreign ambassadors and ministers were invited.

There are festivities in every direction in Yokohama and Tokio for the men of the American fleet, who are hugely enjoying their visit to Japan.

Message of the President

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—The following is the text of President Roosevelt's message to Rear Admiral Sperry for transmittal to the emperor of Japan: "Sperry, Flagship Connecticut, Yokohama: Convey to his majesty, the emperor of Japan, my best wishes for his continued good health and happiness and that of all

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SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Table with columns for dates from 1908 to 1908, listing various events and prices.

THE WEATHER

Table showing weather conditions for Nebraska and Iowa, including temperature and wind direction.

POLITICAL

Judge Taft expressed himself on labor problems in his speeches in West Virginia, yesterday.

DOMESTIC

President Roosevelt given expression of his views upon the Philippines in an article in The Outlook.

The Mohonk Indian conference is in session at Lake Mohonk, N. Y.

Statistics reveal the production of oil was greater than ever last year and the price was higher.

A filing in the federal court at St. Louis, is that poker debts, urged as liabilities by a Des Moines man, are not valid.

Forest fires have again revived in the east and north.

Night riders committed cold-blooded murder upon two prominent men of northern Tennessee.

Numerous Omaha men were winners in the land drawing at Dallas.

An irate Kansas City father is going to law because a teacher pasted court plaster over his boy's mouth.

FOREIGN

Rear Admiral Sperry presented to the emperor of Japan the message of friendship sent by President Roosevelt and was given a cordial greeting in return in a function that will be memorable in Tokio.

Paraguay is reported to be in the utmost distress financially.

Commercial Without opened the Prussian Parliament yesterday.

Austrians detain a Montenegrin general while he is en route to Belgrade.

It is reported the dowager queen of Italy has given consent to the marriage of the duke of the Abruzzi to the daughter of Senator Elkies.

LOCAL

Local democrats criticize Mayor Dahlman for his frankness in talking about demand of Bryanists for \$5,000 subscription to buy back the lake.

Commercial club will advertise cheapness of living in Omaha as inducement for conventions to come here.

Emil Ruser of Sarpy county decides to prosecute his wife on charge of attempt to shoot him, and is preparing to apply for a divorce.

"Uncle" Joe Redman has plan backed by park board to establish an ice skating rink at Cut Off lake next winter.

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

Live stock markets.

Grain markets.

Stocks and bonds.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS

Table listing ship arrivals and departures from various ports including New York, Boston, Glasgow, Liverpool, Naples, and London.

MORE OIL AND HIGHER CHARGE

This is Statistical Revelation of Petroleum Production in United States.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—The petroleum production of the United States in 1907, as revealed by the geological survey reports issued today, was characterized by a total output far in excess of any previous year, an unparalleled accumulation of stocks, in spite of which the price of all grades of oil was kept at a high level.

The phenomenal developments were the great increase in the new Illinois field and the phenomenal yield in Oklahoma, together with increase in both quantity and price in California. The total product was 196,953,335 barrels in 1907, an increase over 1906 of 20,289,389 barrels, or more than the total product of any year up to 1889. The total value increased from \$22,447,732 in 1906 to \$120,167,479 in 1907. The average price decreased only slightly.

FOREST FIRES AGAIN REVIVED

Gale in "Soot" District Brings Flames Into Life and Many Lives Are Endangered.

SAULT STE MARIE, Mich., Oct. 20.—A gale which is blowing from the southeast today has revived the forest fires in Chippewa county to greater fury. There are many fires reported from Canada, with many homesteaders driven from the woods. JAMESTOWN, Pa., Oct. 20.—The forest fires throughout the Allegheny mountains are spreading rapidly today and conditions are reported alarming. The eastern slope of the mountains is ablaze for several miles and a number of villages are threatened with destruction.

PLASTER OVER BOY'S MOUTH

Irate Kansas City Father Will Find Out if This is Legal Punishment.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 20.—A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Miss Edith Wirt, a grade school teacher in Kansas City, Kan., because she pasted a strip of court plaster across the lips of Harvey Gallaway, a 5-year-old pupil, who talked too much in school. The warrant was sworn out by the boy's father and charges cruel punishment.

MURDER BY NIGHT RIDERS

Prominent Tennessee Men Taken from Hotel and Killed.

MOTIVE NEW LAW ON FISHING

Sheriff of Obion County in Pursuit and Battle with Posses May Result—Threatening Letters Sent.

UNION CITY, Tenn., Oct. 20.—Colonel R. Z. Taylor, aged 50 years, and Captain Quinton Rankin, both prominent attorneys of Trenton, Tenn., were taken from Ward's hotel at Walnut Log, Tenn., fifteen miles from here, at midnight last night by masked night riders and murdered. Captain Rankin's body was found this morning riddled with bullets and hanging from a tree one mile from the hotel. Efforts to locate the body of Colonel Taylor have been futile thus far, but it is believed that he was also killed. Sheriff Eastwood of Obion county and a posse of armed men left Union City this morning for the scene of the murder. These men are determined to arrest those guilty of the crime and if they meet any of the night riders it is expected that a pitched battle will be fought. Sheriff Haynes of Lake county is also on his way to the scene with a posse from Tiptonville. The trouble which resulted in the death of Captain Rankin and the probable murder of Colonel Taylor was caused by the passage of an act by the legislature regulating fishing in Reelfoot lake, a short distance from Walnut Log. Night rider disturbances over the same matter occurred about a year ago. Ever since then Colonel Taylor and Captain Rankin have been in constant receipt of threatening letters, to which they paid little heed. Mr. Ward, the manager of the Ward hotel, a stockholder in the West Tennessee Land company, stating that about twenty-five night riders came to his hotel at midnight last night.

How Deed Was Done

According to this report the night riders lined up outside the hotel, pulled out their revolvers and called Colonel Taylor and Captain Rankin. The two men did not suspect trouble and came down immediately. As the attorneys from the front yard of the hotel the night riders covered them with their revolvers. Before Captain Rankin and Colonel Taylor had an opportunity to retire they were surrounded and seized. They were put on horses behind night riders and carefully guarded.

The night riders quietly took up their march from the hotel, turning down the road toward Reelfoot lake. Guests at the hotel in a few moments lost the sounds of hoof beats and nothing more was heard of the fate of Captain Rankin and Colonel Taylor until this morning.

Proceeding to the edge of Reelfoot lake the night riders pulled out a rope with which they had provided themselves, and placed the noose about Captain Rankin's neck.

Examination of the scene of the murder failed to reveal evidence of any struggle.

Captain Rankin was strung up from a limb on the edge of the lake for the fishing privileges of which he had contended with the night riders. The masked men then stepped back and opened fire on the hanging body, riddling it with bullets.

R. Z. Taylor was the father of the Vanderbilt foot ball star, Hilsman Taylor, who was married to Miss Katherine Taylor, the daughter of Senator Robert Taylor, late of One of R. Z. Taylor's sons is Don Taylor, a traveling salesman for the Simmons Hardware company of St. Louis. Captain Rankin was a prominent lawyer of Trenton. He commanded a company in the Spanish-American war and served in the Cuban campaign.

Witnesses Death of Partner

Colonel Taylor was evidently alive at this time and witnessed the murder of his law partner.

Leaving the corpse of Captain Rankin hanging on the bank of the lake, the night riders took Colonel Taylor to another spot. Search near Captain Rankin's body has failed to reveal a trace of Colonel Taylor.

The trouble between inhabitants on the banks of Reelfoot lake and Colonel Taylor and Captain Rankin originated several years ago when the two latter men incorporated and organized the West Tennessee Land company.

They bought Reelfoot lake from nonresident property owners and immediately made regulations of their own concerning fishing privileges. The lake separates Obion

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WHO SAID "DOUGH"?

From the New York World.



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MITCHELL OBJECTS TO POSTER

Labor Leader Says His Position on Politics is Misrepresented.

INTERVIEW NOT AUTHORIZED

Telegram Given Wide Circulation Telling His Friends How to Vote for President is Forgery.

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 20.—John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers of America, today furnished the following statement to the Associated Press: During the last few days I have received numerous inquiries from secretaries of local unions in reference to a poster containing an enlarged likeness of myself, below which is printed what purports to be an interview with me bearing on the present political situation. Some of these letters are written in an spirit of criticism, while others are complimentary and request that additional posters be mailed for distribution. It is obvious that these posters have been received by many if not all the secretaries of our local unions. It is apparent that at least some of our members believe that they were sent out by me, and the assumption is that I am attempting to dictate, or at least influence, the manner in which our members should vote. In order to remove any misunderstanding that may exist, I take this means of informing our members that I have not mailed or authorized anyone else to mail to any member or official or anyone else any poster containing my likeness or giving expression to my political views, except as these are given in a circular authorized by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor.

RECEIVER IS NOT DISTURBED

Judge Grosscup Denies Petition of Minority Stockholders of Strawboard Company.

CHICAGO, Oct. 20.—Judge Grosscup in the United States circuit court today denied the petition of minority stockholders of the American Strawboard company for the removal of Receiver Sidney Mitchell. A similar petition was refused by the federal court in New Jersey recently. The court ordered, however, that the present relation of the accounts between the Strawboard and Paper company, for both of which Receiver Mitchell is receiver, be not disturbed. The court made it plain that he was not passing on the accounts of the two enterprises, nor the acts of Receiver Mitchell, but held, however, that no sufficient ground had been shown for the removal of the receiver.

THAW WRIT IS DISMISSED

Judge Young Enters Order at Pittsburgh and He Will Not Leave Mattewan.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Oct. 20.—The writ of habeas corpus and testificandum recently issued by United States Judge Archibald S. Young, against Superintendent Lamb of the New York State Hospital for the Criminal Insane, which ordered the presence in this city of Harry K. Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, to testify in bankruptcy proceedings, was dismissed this afternoon by United States Judge James S. Young of this district. This means that Thaw will not be brought to this city for the present at least. Judge Young said that there was no necessity of bringing the prisoner away from his proper place of confinement into this district. He said if his evidence is necessary his depositions can be taken without bringing Thaw here. The writ must therefore be quashed, he said, and the petition dismissed with costs.

SLUSH FUND TO BUY PAPERS

Bryantite Boogie Will Go Into Coffers of Purchasable Organs.

DEMOCRATS DEAL WITH SHEETS

Lincoln Journal and News and Omaha Daily News Reported to Have Sold Their Columns to Tom Allen.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Oct. 20.—(Special.)—The democratic state committee has bought space in some near republican newspapers and beginning the first of the week this bought space will be filled with matter advocating the election of Mr. Bryan.

The papers which are reported to have contracted for a consideration to permit the democratic state committee to use their columns in opposition to republican candidates and republican principles are the Lincoln State Journal, the Lincoln Evening News and probably the Omaha Daily News. The latter two claim to be independent, though the editor of the Lincoln News until recently has been a member of the republican state committee.

The story of this purchase of republican newspaper space follows the announcement that Tammany had contributed \$10,000 to Mr. Bryan's campaign fund. Just how much of the tainted money is to be used in an effort to influence republican newspapers cannot be learned at this time, though from one usually reliable source it is said the amount is \$15,000.

The contract for the space in the Lincoln Journal has already been signed and by the time this story reaches the public it is reported the contract will have been signed by the Omaha Daily News.

Having paid for the space out of its corruption fund, the democratic state committee will publish what it chooses in the space. It will denounce republican principles, republican candidates and the acts of republican officials. These will all be misrepresented. The fallacies and follies of Mr. Bryan will be glossed over in beautiful rhetoric by competent writers who draw big pay for their work. So the readers of republican newspapers which have sold space at an enormous rate to the democratic state committee may know what to expect when the mud batteries open next week. It is the understanding now that the first gun through the republican papers named will be fired next Monday, but the exact date has not been learned for sure.

The democratic state committee intended to keep quiet the fact that it had spent money with these republican newspapers, but one big democrat to whom it was told was so tickled at what he termed the "buying up of republican papers" that it leaked out. The committee expected to spring the matter as a complete surprise in the hope that such matter being published in so-called republican newspapers would stampede republican voters into supporting Mr. Bryan. But the democrat could not keep it. He bragged about the action of the committee.

"Suppose it becomes known that these papers are going to publish Bryan matter, will they not cancel their contracts?" he was asked.

"Not on your life," he said. "The contract has been signed and the goods will be delivered."

"What will the people think of republican newspapers that sell their space to democratic campaign committees just before an election?" he was asked.

"Well the republican state committee bought space in the Omaha World-Herald just before an election one time and the people are still cursing that sheet. You can imagine what they will think of these republican papers that sell space to the democratic state committee."

No Country Weeklies In

So far as could be learned not one single country republican weekly has contracted to sell its space to the democratic state committee, though in view of the above information, which came from the most reliable sources, and which cannot be contradicted, there is no doubt republican county

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CLOSING THE FIGHT

Judge Taft to Speak in Indiana, Ohio and New York.

STATE REGARDED AS PIVOTAL

Many Speakers of National Reputation Sent to These Sections.

TAFT ON LABOR PROBLEMS

Republican Candidate Speaks in West Virginia.

ORGANIZATION IS GREAT FACTOR

Judge Says While This is True, Courts Must Be Sustained in Order to Administer Justice to All.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—Mr. Taft will leave Cincinnati tomorrow night and begin at once a tour of Indiana. On his return from New York he will close the campaign in a speech at Youngstown, O., Monday night, November 2.

The impression that the republican national committee has virtually taken charge of the campaign in Ohio is erroneous. The impression doubtless grew out of the statement made today by Chairman Hitchcock that the national committee had arranged to send a number of eminent speakers into the state. The national committee has done this after a full understanding with the committee in Ohio, as the matter was explained at republican national headquarters today. The national committee is interested in the Ohio situation because of the many, though disputed, reports of dissatisfaction in parts of that state, but the committee insists that it has no doubt of the result in the state as a whole. It now proposes, it was said, "to clinch the deal." Mr. Taft will appear at all the day meetings which had been announced in his itinerary in Indiana and Ohio, but he will not speak at any. The arrangement has been agreed to by the committees in Indiana and Ohio. The object of this is to satisfy the crowds that are expected to attend and to save Mr. Taft's voice for the night meetings that have been announced. This statement was authorized today by Chairman Hitchcock.

Hitchcock Goes to Chicago

Chairman Hitchcock will leave for Chicago tomorrow or Thursday, but will be in that city for only two days. After that he will return to New York and remain here until after election. After a conference late today with State Chairman Woodruff Mr. Hitchcock said that while he had never had any doubt about New York he was more confident than ever that the Taft and Sherman electors would have a great plurality in the state, and he was just as confident of the re-election of Governor Hughes. The final whirl of the republican national campaign will occur in Indiana, Ohio and New York. From now until the day of the vote every available speaker of national reputation will be heard in the three states which both parties regard as pivotal.

The national committee has arranged to throw the following speakers into Ohio: Mr. Taft, Postmaster General Meyer, Secretary Garfield, Secretary Straus, Senator Dooliver, Senator LaFollette, Leslie M. Shaw, General O. O. Howard, Representative Foster of Vermont and Representative Longworth of Ohio.

The campaign in Indiana will also be conducted with all the vigor the national committee can put into it.

Labor Address at Cumberland

CUMBERLAND, Md., Oct. 20.—Fifteen speeches were on the itinerary of Candidate Taft today. All but two of them were delivered in West Virginia. The people of Martinsburg, W. Va., were at the station an hour before the train arrived there. "What a wonderful day," said the people, made their interest apparent and he took it as a good augury of republican success in that state. Today's tour ended with a night meeting at Parkersburg. To an audience which filled the theater here, Judge Taft delivered his speech.

"What a wonderful day," he said, "in words and wind," he declared in asking the question as to which party ought to receive the support of the labor vote, "the democratic party has greatly the advantage, but when it comes to things accomplished and progress made, the advantage is always with the republican party."

Mr. Taft explained that the Washington administration and congress were limited in their judiciary action over labor and labor legislation to government workmen, those engaged in interstate commerce and the workmen of the territories and of the District of Columbia. Nevertheless, he said, there had been a number of important laws passed in the last seven years affecting labor within the jurisdiction and for the purpose of furnishing model laws for the states to follow. After enumerating these laws and demanding others, Mr. Taft paid his respects to Mr. Gompers, saying that it was his judgment that the American laboring man had intelligence and independence enough to use his own judgment and not be "delivered" by Mr. Gompers to any one. After reviewing at length the cases he decided while on the bench which have been made the subject of attack upon him, Mr. Taft concluded: "I only cite them to show that when I am charged with being hostile to labor organizations, when I am charged with being unfair to labor, it does me gross injustice. I yield to no man in my sympathy for the men who earn their livelihood by the sweat of their brow, and I would join in any legal struggle to encourage them in their hard struggle upward in this life of ours."

Labor Powerful Factor

These combinations of labor that ought to be encouraged, that are necessary to enable labor to assert its right in its necessary controversy with capital have enormous power, both for good and for evil, just exactly the same as the combinations of capital have enormous power both for good and for evil, and no sympathy with the illegality and attempted monopoly of capital on the other hand and no sympathy with the unlawful methods when it resorts to unlawful methods on the other side.

"In other words, you have got to maintain the power of the law in order that there may be justice administered with an even hand as to both these great influences in the country so that they may be kept within the law, and you can be sure if you weaken the power of your courts

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Questions Bryan Did Not Answer in Nebraska

V. S. ALLEN, Chairman. R. S. DANIELS, Secretary.

DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

LINCOLN HOTEL, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

W. D. WHEELER, Chairman. G. W. BROWN, Secretary. S. S. WALKER, Treasurer. J. S. BOTT, Recording Secretary.

Lincoln, Nebr., Oct. 19, 1908.

Dear Sir:

I enclose you herewith a copy of an editorial which appeared in the Blair Pilot, a republican paper. I think this is good stuff and if you can find space for it or frame up an editorial in your own language conveying the same idea it will be effective.

The republican platform has a "terminal taxation" plank that will give to Omaha the benefit of all the terminal taxes instead of distributing the same out over the entire state as is now done. If the republican platform is enacted into law it will mean that every town in the state will lose their proportionate share of the railroad taxes and that Omaha will be the beneficiary. The Omaha Bee has already pledged ninety republican candidates in the legislature on this proposition. The other republican candidates refused to give their assent to the scheme. I think this is important.

Yours truly,

V. S. Allen

Chairman