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MRS. TAFT AND DIVORCE.

Wife of Candidate Would Have Strict Notional Law.

No Divorce For Her—Lax Moral Law.

New York, June 29.—If a woman could be president of these United States of America, and that woman were Mrs. William Howard Taft, there would be no divorce granted to anybody for any cause whatever—that is, if such a thing were in the power of a president. That is what Mrs. Taft said during a two hours' talk on the train from New York to New Haven.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT, Republican Standard-Bearer in Presidential Struggle.

For the past year or more Secretary Taft has allowed himself to reflect the opinions and policy of President Roosevelt so faithfully that the idea has to some degree got abroad that he is a man of but small mental calibre, who owes his distinction to the fact that he is the President's friend and henchman. But such is not the case. Taft has a native ability of no mean order, and long before Roosevelt's appearance on the scene as a political force had won distinction as a lawyer, as a Judge and to some extent as an administrator. Last winter, after the secretary's speech to the Socialists and Labor men at Cooper Union, the Evening Journal, in an editorial, called him "a good, earnest, honest, manly, better-than-average man," and the Free Press, the arch-enemy of the administration, is no small meed of praise. President Roosevelt has said that Mr. Taft combines qualities which would make a first rate President with those that would make a first class Chief Justice.

Born in Cincinnati in 1857, the son of a man who was afterwards to become Attorney-General and Secretary of War, William Howard Taft entered Yale at the age of seventeen, and graduated in 1878, second in a class of 121.

Like William Jennings Bryan, who will probably be his opponent in the coming fight, Mr. Taft is well known in Canada. He has a home at Murray Bay, on the St. Lawrence, and for some years has spent his summers there. Of course, if he is elected President he must forego the pleasure of these visits to Canada, as Uncle Sam's Chief Magistrate is not allowed to leave his own country during his term of office. Mr. Taft has also come into contact with Canadians through his work on the Taft Commission, which regulates the amount of power that may be developed at the American Niagara.

The Rub. "You can't imagine," said the musical young woman, "how distressing it is when a singer realizes that she has lost her voice." "Perhaps not," replied the plain man, "but I've got a fair idea how distressing it is when she doesn't realize it."—The Catholic Standard and Times.

WELCOME WAS BEAUTIFUL.

Scores of White Doves With Streamers of Crimson and Gold

Let Loose by Spaniards at Havana to Receive War Vessel.

Spanish War Ship Enthusiastically Welcomed by People.

Havana, June 29.—The schoolship Nautilus, the first Spanish naval vessel to enter the Cuban port since the relinquishment of Spanish sovereignty over the island, came into the harbor of Havana yesterday and was hailed with enthusiastic expressions of delight by the entire Spanish colony of the city, many thousands of Cubans joining in the demonstration.

The roofs of the houses in the city, the Matron Sea Wall and the battlements of Morro, Punta and Cabana were covered with spectators. Over Morro flew the original Cuban flag which replaced the Stars and Stripes on the birth of the Cuban Republic on May 20, 1902.

As the Nautilus came abreast the historic fortress for centuries, the emblem of Spanish domination, she broke out a single starred flag at her mainmast, thundering forth the national salute. At the same moment there was released from the committee steamer of the Spanish colony a flock consisting of scores of white doves. Attached to their tails were streamers of crimson and gold which swung in the air as the birds flew hither and thither in the smoke of the cannon. Some of them took refuge on the yard arm and rigging of the ship.

Surrounded by the escorting fleet the Nautilus slowly passed Cabana, whose batteries returned her salute, and proceeded to her anchorage in the harbor within a few hundred yards of the wreck of the Matrone.

Extensive preparations are under way for the entertainment of the visitors who will remain here about ten days during which time the city will be in fête.

PUSHING WHITE SLAVE WAR.

FEDERAL MARSHALS TAKE THREE GIRLS FROM RESORT

Syndicate Heads in Jail—Alphonse and Eva Dufour Surrendered by Bondsman, Pat O'Malley.

Chicago, June 29.—In pursuance of his plan to drive "white slave" dealers out of Chicago and break up the syndicate of Frenchmen that has been selling French girls in the south side levee, United States District Attorney Edwin H. Sims last night ordered a raid upon Mrs. Eva's resort at 221 Armour avenue.

A squad of deputy United States marshals under charge of William Griffiths surrounded the Armour avenue house in the evening and captured three young French girls, who were arrested on a special warrant that came from Oscar S. Straus, secretary of the Department of Commerce and Labor.

The Government has evidence that these girls have been in the United States less than three years and an attempt will be made to deport them, as well as to punish those responsible for their presence here. Charles J. Kelly, 26 years old; Mary Penroy, 18 years old; Harriet Richards, 19 years old.

In default of bonds the women were locked up in jail. They will be arraigned on a specific purpose under a board of special inquiry to be named by Immigration Inspector Davies. The hearing will be held in the offices of the Department of Commerce and Labor in the Commercial National Bank building.

Mr. Sims came down to his office in the evening to interview the prisoners. "They show in that they have been drilled remarkably well," he said. "When I asked them separately how long they had been in this country, each said five years. Asked how they got here and into disorderly houses, they told stories of similar character. One said she came over to work in a cord factory in New York and was unable to get any more work. Another said she had come over with a French family two years ago and after the family went back to Paris she stayed in New York. The step from the Tenderloin to the Armour avenue house in Chicago was easy. We have information sufficient to deport these girls, and it will be brought out in the hearing."

It is believed the three women arrested are among those brought to this country by the Duval-Dufour-Boesque syndicate, against whom raids were made last week. The heads of the syndicate, which conducted a "retreat" for girls in Blue Island, were arrested and their cases will be taken to the grand jury this week.

Government agents have been working since last week's raids to establish the fact that the inmates of the Armour avenue place were brought here for a specific purpose during the last trip to Paris made by the agent of the syndicate. The raid was conducted quietly, and few in the district knew what was going on. Deputy Marshal Donovan made a rush through the house as soon as entrance was gained and took up a stand to cut off escape. Griffiths made the arrests, while Assistant District Attorneys Ben Davis and Harry Parkin, who are in charge of the legal end of the investigation, stood on the sidewalk and awaited developments.

Mr. Sims took another step in the afternoon which he believes checked the plans of Alphonse and Eva Dufour, proprietors of the house in Armour avenue, to escape to Paris. Dufour and

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An Elderly Bachelor Farmer Took Poison to End His Life.

Lipton, Sask., June 29.—K. Ince, a bachelor farmer, about fifty years old, and living nine miles north, burned his shack in some manner, and then appeared at the scene of the destruction. The remains were found about one mile from his home. Dr. Hall, of Port Qu'Appelle, is holding an inquest, and the police are investigating. One ear was injured and the other ear was found on the forehead and in his pockets. Neighbors say he had told them of his intention of taking poison.

TORONTO MAN PRESIDENT.

Deaf Mute Association Elections Held Yesterday.

TAKES OVER BANK.

Bank of Montreal to Open In St. Hyacinthe.

Montreal, June 29.—The Bank of Montreal has taken over the Bank of St. Hyacinthe, an action that will guarantee the depositors. This decision was reached this afternoon during a conference between the St. Hyacinthe directors and the Bank of Montreal management. To-morrow the latter will open a branch at St. Hyacinthe, occupying the premises of the defunct institution.

Further advances to the Southern Railway, which went into liquidation, and a steady run caused by the alarm following La Banque d' St. Jean suspension were the cause of the closing of the St. Hyacinthe institution. Hon. M. E. Bernier of the Railway Commission and Senator Desaulles are the heaviest stockholders.

SAW DEAD MAN'S HEAD.

Engineer on Cobalt Express Was Startled.

A Cobalt despatch: After he had on the Cobalt express, was startled this morning on looking out of his cab window at a point on the line midway between Cobalt and La Placette, by observing the glassy eyes of a dead face looking up at him from the side of the track.

On backing down, the terribly mangled body of a young man, about 30 years of age, of splendid physique, was found lying in the ditch. The head had been carried about fifty yards from the body, having been cut off as with an axe, showing hardly a bruise, and with its shock of curly black hair presenting a peculiarly gruesome appearance.

No one on the train could identify the face, and it is surmised that the man had been attached to Cole's circus, which had crossed the special about half an hour previous. Coroner Field, of Hailybury, was notified by wire, as were the circus authorities at North Bay.

G. T. P. RAILS AT MONCTON.

New Brunswick City Scene of Great Activity.

Moncton, N. B., June 29.—The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway has entered Moncton quietly. The rails of the new Transcontinental Railway were run into Moncton to-day, and now stretch within a few hundred yards of the I. C. R. depot. Several surveys have recently been made by the G. T. P. engineers but no one except the evening contractors knew exactly where the new line was to be located. In a single day the rails were laid, and now a steam shovel has been installed and is rapidly excavating the trench for the new line. From there the I. C. R. track, and from there will parallel the I. C. R. depot.

Work on this division of the Transcontinental has been going ahead rapidly. Close by line where the special steam shovel is tearing up the ground in readiness for the permanent rails of the transcontinental, work on the I. C. R. new shops is rapidly going forward, and the provinces to-day probably present no busier locality than the west end of this city.

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PRESENCE OF MIND.

AS A PANIC-PREVENTER MISS CHUBBUCK EXCELS.

An Ottawa Elucidator Who Saves Life by Her Coolness in Time of Danger—A Remarkable Scene in Her Presbyterian Church at Carp.

Ottawa despatch: Fire following the fall of a lamp in the midst of a crowded hall caused a panic at the concert given in the Presbyterian Church at Carp, Carleton county, last evening. Only the presence of mind of an Ottawa elucidator, Miss Chubbuck, prevented what might have easily been a serious disaster. A large audience was present and the concert was in full swing when a large oil lamp, suspended from the ceiling over the centre of the hall, fell to the floor, burst and scattered the oil over the neighboring seats and occupants. Instantly the oil was aflame, and the flames caught on the ceiling, the floor and the adjoining seats. The centre of the hall was soon filled with flame, and those near the danger spot at once made a rush for the doors, which were already blocked with people seeking exit. Ladies screamed and fainted and the excitement was intense.

At this point, with rare presence of mind, Miss Chubbuck calmly announced that there was no danger, began a recitation, and the audience in reach of her voice, who had ceased to continue the rush and a serious panic was averted. The blazing lamp was thrown out, and with their coats and a few pails of water the men smothered the flames.

This is the second occasion on which Miss Chubbuck has by her remarkable presence of mind prevented what might have been a terrible accident. At Mount Allison University, College, Sackville, N. B., a year ago, during graduation exercises, the curtains surrounding the stage of the auditorium took fire. The flames shot up towards the ceiling. At the time Miss Chubbuck was reciting. With the same calmness which she showed last evening, she continued her recitation, and while the fire was being brought under control, the attention of those present remained riveted on the young lady.

BURNS ARRESTED.

Alleged Hamilton Man Held by Buffalo Police.

Bufflo, June 29.—William Burns, of Hamilton, Ont., for whom the police have been searching for some time, was arrested last night by Patrolmen Driscoll and Coleman, of the Nyamcor Street station. He was charged with petty larceny. It is alleged by the police that Burns has been renting rooms from different people about the city and after staying a few days has ransacked the house and disappeared with what money he could find. Yesterday he rented a room of Mrs. John Mueller, of No. 236 Orange Street. He stayed but a few hours, according to the police report, his appearing with \$4.00 which he took from the trousers' pocket of the landlady's son.

Complaints of a similar nature have been received from Michael Mourian, No. 17 Louisiana Street, Mrs. Jackson, No. 80 Tenth Street, and Mrs. Ladley, No. 367 Maryland Street. It is said by the police that the man whom they arrested last night has rented rooms at each of these places.

JAPANS DEFEAT.

That Would be the Eventual Result of War With States.

Berlin, June 29.—A book the title of which is "The Banai," and the author of which writes under the pseudonym of "Parclum," will be published here to-day. It depicts phases of "the approaching war" between the United States and Japan, in which the latter is shown as invading America without warning, occupying the Pacific coast States before Washington is aware of the outbreak of hostilities. Incidents of fighting, with the eventual defeat of Japan are interspersed and there is discussion of the political aspects and of international relations as well as the naval policy of the United States.

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