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TAYLOR REFUSES TO SIGN

After a Conference of Republicans He Determines to Let Courts Decide Matter.

LEGISLATURE RECALLED TO FRANKFORT.

Orders Issued for Troops to Return Home--Judge Taft Decides That the Federal Court Has No Jurisdiction in the Contest--Suits Filed in State Courts.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 12.—Nearly every republican county committee came to Frankfort Saturday. On the early morning train came large numbers of republican leaders from all parts of the state. Several republican members of the legislature were among the number, including Senators Kirk and Johnson and Representative Lewis. Shortly before 11 o'clock the doors of the capitol were opened and the state delegation went up to the assembly room the first time it has been opened since the shooting of Gov. Goebel.

Taylor Wildly Cheered. At 11 o'clock Gov. Taylor, accompanied by Private Secretary Todd, Secretary of State Caleb Powers and Hamilton Thacker entered the assembly room. His arrival was the signal for a wild outburst of cheering, men standing on chairs and yelling and waving their hats in greeting. The doors were then locked and a guard placed at the door.

Discuss Two Propositions. The assembly discussed two propositions, one that the governor sign the agreement, the other that he refuse to sign, "and let the law take its course."

Will Not Sign. It was definitely decided that Gov. Taylor should not sign the Louisville agreement. He made the declaration at 15 minutes after one o'clock as he came from the legislative hall, in which he had all morning been in conference with the republican committee men.

He has decided to allow the matter to be settled in the courts and will abide by their action.

Legislature Ordered Back. At 2:45 p. m. Gov. Taylor issued the following proclamation:

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 10, 1900.—The excitement recently prevailing in this city having to some extent subsided, and there appearing hope to be no necessity for the general assembly to remain in session in London, I do hereby by this proclamation reconvene the same in Frankfort, Ky., February 12, 1900, at 12 o'clock noon. (Signed) "W. S. TAYLOR," "Governor of Kentucky."

Troops Ordered Home.

Immediately after Gov. Taylor came from the hall orders were issued to the troops to return to their homes and Col. Williams at once sent messages ordering cars to be prepared for their transportation.

Statement by Taylor.

Saturday afternoon the governor explained his position in a formal statement, he having retired to his home. "I have only this to say: After mature deliberations and conference with my friends from every section of the state, I have concluded to allow this controversy to take its due course, vigorously contesting every inch of the ground and upholding the rights of the people to the uttermost. If those rights be destroyed the responsibility for that destruction must rest with those who sit in judgment.

"It is due to say that the eminent gentleman, my friend, who suggested the proposition resulting from the Louisville conference, acted in perfect good faith, from the highest motives of patriotism, and did the best they could."

Stetion Unchanged.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 12.—There is no change in the political situation. The republican legislators met in the capitol yesterday and the democrats met in Louisville. Judge Taft heard arguments in Cincinnati on the contests, but reserved his decision.

Will Bring Suit.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 14.—There is no change in the political situation. The Goebelttes will bring suit in the Kentucky circuit court to oust W. S. Taylor from the governorship and to seat Beckham.

No Jurisdiction.

Cincinnati, Feb. 15.—Holding that the federal court had no jurisdiction in the contests in Kentucky, Judge Taft Wednesday afternoon refused to grant the application for injunctions against the Kentucky state board of elections and the democratic contestants for state offices other than governor and lieutenant-governor.

Calls It Infamous.

After citing the law showing that the federal court had no jurisdiction in such cases, he reviewed the Goebel election law as the most infamous statute that had ever come before the attention of a court, and also denounced in very vigorous terms the conditions that have existed in Kentucky, and that are cited in the bill of facts. But he held that it was merely a matter of law with the court, notwithstanding the outrages that are alleged in the undisputed statement of the facts of the petitioners. There was an immense crowd in the federal building awaiting the decision of the court.

Suits Filed.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 15.—Suit was filed in the circuit court Wednesday afternoon by counsel for Gov. Taylor, seeking to restrain J. C. W. Beckham from acting as governor and Gen. John B. Castleman from attempting to discharge the duties of adjutant general. Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 15.—Gov. Beckham's suit to compel Gov. Taylor to surrender to him the office of governor was filed Wednesday afternoon.

Will Dispose of His Fortune.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Dr. D. K. Pearson, who has given \$2,500,000 in charities, will dispose of the rest of his fortune, \$1,500,000, and live on an annuity.

CROSS THE FRONTIER.

For the First Time Since the War began British Troops Enter Orange Free State Territory.

London, Feb. 12.—From advices received here Gen. Buller is believed to be in a difficult situation and the relief of Ladysmith is almost out of the question. Boers were threatening Kimberley, and were assuming the offensive at Modder river and other important points. Gen. Joubert had sent 6,000 men across the Tugela, probably to outflank Buller.

London, Feb. 13.—Official announcements having been made that Lord Roberts is personally in command of the British forces at Modder river, there is reason to expect important developments in the campaign in South Africa. An early invasion of the Orange Free State seems imminent.

London, Feb. 14.—After two days of hard fighting near Colesberg the British forces were withdrawn to Rensburg. Gen. Buller in his last three advances lost 1,747 men. Troops embarking at Cork for South Africa were greeted with cheers for Kruger and groans for the queen.

London, Feb. 15.—A dispatch says that Lord Roberts has succeeded in pushing a considerable British force over the border into the Orange Free State. Gen. Cronje's army seems in considerable danger. The latest news causes fresh hope to rise in the minds of the British.

BREAKS HIS SILENCE.

Macrum Gives His Reasons for Resigning as United States Consul at Pretoria.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Mr. Macrum, ex-consul at Pretoria, made his long deferred statement Wednesday night, and, in the opinion of those who have seen it, it undoubtedly will have great influence on the attitude of the United States. Mr. Macrum makes the positive and reiterated statement that the official mail of the United States was opened and examined by a British censor, and it is believed this declaration will be made the subject of immediate congressional action. He says his cablegrams were also held up, and declares he was unable to hear from Secretary Hay except at England's pleasure. He says that Americans in the Transvaal sympathize with the Boers, and that many of them are in the Boer army.

USE BURNING ARROWS.

Rebels Keep Up Guerrilla Warfare South of Manila—American Flag on Two New Islands.

Manila, Feb. 12.—Information has been received that Gen. Pio del Pilar, the insurgent leader, died of fever in the Morong mountains and that his forces had been disbanded. The rebels in Albay, Luzon, are using burning arrows in fighting against Americans. Guerrilla warfare continues south of Manila.

Manila, Feb. 13.—The United States gunboat Princeton has raised the American flag over Batan and Calayan islands, the most northern of the Philippine archipelago.

Paris Commissioners.

Washington, Feb. 13.—The president Monday sent the following nominations to the senate: "To Be Commissioners of the United States to the International Exposition at Paris: Bertha Honoré Palmer, of Illinois; Brutus Clay of Kentucky; Charles A. Collier, of Georgia; Michael H. DeYoung, of California; William L. Elkins, of Pennsylvania; O. H. Fishers, of Wisconsin; Peter Janes, of Nebraska; Calvin Manning, of Iowa; Franklin Murphy, of New Jersey; Henry A. Parr, of Maryland; Henry M. Putney, of New Hampshire; Alvin H. Sanders, of Illinois; Louis Stern, of New York; William G. Thompson, of Michigan; William M. Thornton, of Virginia; Arthur E. Valpey, of New York; Thomas F. Walsh, of Colorado.

Seven Burned to Death.

Petersburg, Va., Feb. 13.—The home of Maria Smith (colored), near Stony Creek, on the Atlantic coast line, was destroyed by fire Sunday and the woman and her six children burned up. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

Six Lives Lost.

Port Chester, N. Y., Feb. 15.—The coal barges Blossom and Alice Tryon foundered off this port and six lives were lost.

THE MARKETS.

Table with market prices for New York, Feb. 15. Includes categories like LIVE STOCK, WHEAT, CATTLE, SHEEP, EGGS, etc.

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