

# SHALL GOV. HUGHES BE RENOMINATED?

Sagamore Hill Conference  
National Politics Subordinated  
To That Question.

NO ANNOUNCEMENT MADE.

Chairman Hitchcock Says Has Never  
Known a More perplexing Prob-  
lem Than Hughes Matter.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 20.—Republican national politics is being subordinated to consideration of the New York governorship at one of the most important conferences that has been held at Sagamore Hill this season. The first of which James S. Sherman, the Republican candidate for vice president, has made to President Roosevelt since the campaign began was the occasion for a gathering of a number of other figures prominent in Republican affairs. Among those who were present were: Representative W. S. Bennett and W. W. Coss, William J. Youngs, United States district attorney for the Eastern New York district; George J. Smith, formerly a member of Congress and recently appointed treasurer of the state committee; Robert Bacon, assistant secretary of state, and Michael J. Winkler, commander of the battleship New Hampshire, also was at Sagamore Hill.

Being interviewed at the railway station, Mr. Hitchcock said the Hughes governorship question would be considered in the conference, and he expected some announcement could be made later showing the sentiment of the party.

Mr. Sherman said he did not care to be interviewed concerning the governorship question at this time as his visit was solely for the purpose of paying his respects to the president.

Some Chairman Hitchcock's visit to President Roosevelt a fortnight ago, he has spent considerable time in consideration of the national situation. The governorship question for New York has been uppermost in his mind, for he realized that it was one of the most important matters that must be settled before the national campaign could be opened in this state. To all his callers he declared that the national organizers have no disposition to state who shall be the nominee of New York state convention, but at the same time it is his duty to inquire into and determine what is to the interests of the national ticket.

**PRESIDENT'S IDEA.**  
President Roosevelt approved of the idea of Chairman Hitchcock and made a number of suggestions intended to further bring out the sentiment of a majority of the Republicans of New York state.

As certain who is the man—the best—better—and not who is not the best—was the substance of his advice. To this end Chairman Hitchcock has been in correspondence and has taken his letters such expressions as "upon the governorship question," "indications today are that some decision has been reached in the mind of Mr. Hitchcock, and that he is ready to recommend to President Roosevelt what action he believes should be taken. The preponderance of the evidence which he will submit

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to the president is thought to be in favor of the renomination of Gov. Hughes.

Mr. Sherman was warmly greeted at the railway station and again when he arrived at the president's home. President Roosevelt thanked Mr. Sherman for the declaration in his speech of acceptance, that the question of the hour was "Shall the administration of President Roosevelt be approved?" The president assured Mr. Sherman that he was very anxious that his administration shall be approved, and that was his reason for desiring the election of Mr. Taft as his successor.

National issues were taken up at the conference and it was agreed that attention must be paid to the currency and banking question. It was said the Democrats intended to make an issue in the west on the plank of the Democratic platform which declares for a guarantee by the government of national bank deposits.

Republican leaders take the stand that government guarantee of bank deposits is unsound in principle and would be unsafe in practice. Chairman Hitchcock told the conferees today that he is arranging to have speeches made and arguments issued in pamphlet form bearing upon this subject.

### HITCHCOCK IS SILENT.

New York, Aug. 20.—Contrary to expectations, no announcement was made tonight by Frank H. Hitchcock, chairman of the Republican national committee, as to the sentiment developed at the Oyster Bay conference for or against the renomination of Gov. Hughes. Mr. Hitchcock and James S. Sherman, Republican candidate for vice president, returned to New York on the yacht of George J. Smith, treasurer of the state committee, in the same manner as they were taken to Oyster Bay in the forenoon.

Not only did Mr. Hitchcock fail to give out any statement, but he went to his apartments at the Manhattan hotel without seeing any newspaper men, in spite of the fact that he indicated at Oyster Bay that he might have something to say about New York politics after the conference with the president had been concluded.

Shortly before 10 o'clock tonight

the statement was made by James T. Williams, Jr., the chairman's secretary, that Mr. Hitchcock and Mr. Sherman had returned to the hotel some time before and that they had both retired. He said that the return trip had been made on Mr. Smith's yacht and that the party had stopped at Rye Beach to attend a clam bake given by a local Republican club.

Mr. Williams said further that Mr. Hitchcock had no statement to make in regard to the Hughes matter or the business considered at the conference. It was said, however, that the return trip on the yacht had been made slowly in order that Mr. Hitchcock and Mr. Sherman could confer with relation to campaign work, and that Mr. Sherman would remain over night in the city and visit national headquarters tomorrow.

A number of New York leaders were called together at Oyster Bay today by a luncheon party given by President Roosevelt, but most of them departed on an early train, leaving only Messrs. Hitchcock, Sherman and Robert Bacon, assistant secretary of state, with the president. These men talked over state politics and a few national issues until 3:25 p. m., when they left on the Smith yacht. Their departure was by a route that discouraged interviewers.

It was stated here tonight that the sentiment stated at the gathering was favorable to the renomination of Gov. Hughes.

The movement of certain state Republican leaders to defeat Gov. Hughes for renomination cannot be successful, it was said, unless some force such as President Roosevelt, Chairman Hitchcock, or Mr. Taft or Mr. Sherman should get behind it.

It is likely that it will be the policy at Republican headquarters not to make a statement concerning the state political situation, unless whatever program agreed upon by the national leaders appears to be in danger at any time of being overruled.

In every statement made thus far by Mr. Hitchcock there has been attached the condition that in the settlement of state disputes the interest of the electoral ticket must be preserved. With this string tied to his promise not to interfere he could with con-

sistency take a hand if he believed action was contemplated by state leaders or by a state convention to the detriment of the chances of the national ticket.

Before entering the conference today Mr. Hitchcock said that he had never known a more perplexing problem than the Hughes matter, but that it was one that he was not compelled to work out.

He said, however, that he wanted to secure full information concerning every phase of the situation.

## AMERICAN MARINES PARADE AT SYDNEY

Sydney, N. S. W., Aug. 20.—There arose today a circumstance in connection with the parade of American blue-jackets and marines in Sydney which at one time promised to make impossible the carrying out of the program as originally planned, but the matter has been adjusted and the men will march in accordance with expectations. The imperial regulations forbid the landing of armed men in Australia. This fact was communicated to Admiral Sperry, who in reply informed the government that he would not allow his men to participate in the processions and reviews unless they came ashore armed, but without ammunition. This proviso was accepted by the admiral, and the program will therefore be carried out unaltered.

This afternoon the admirals of the fleet and the captains of the various battleships came ashore and called officially upon Lord Northcott, governor-general of Australia, and Sir Harry Rawson, governor of New South Wales. The American officers were saluted upon landing. Later the governor paid his official call and was in turn saluted by the American fleet.

In the evening Lord Northcott gave a dinner in behalf of the American officers. There were present 66 Americans, including the admirals and the captains as well as Sir Harry Rawson, the British admiral, commonwealth and numerous other officers of high rank.

### AN OLD WOUND.

Twenty-Six Years After Being Made,  
Victim Removes Big Piece of Glass.

New York, Aug. 21.—Theodore Norman, an engineer at the Avon line, Avon-by-the-Sea, fell down a flight of stairs at his home in Hamburg, Germany, 26 years ago and received a deep cut over the right eye, that would never completely heal.

Yesterday when blood started to trickle from the wound, Norman pressed his handkerchief against it rather roughly. The handkerchief caught in something and when the engineer gave it a yank he pulled from the wound a piece of glass about three-quarters of an inch in length.

Then he remembered that he was carrying a glass bottle at the time he fell down the stairs.

### MANIAC ATTACKS MAYOR.

New York, Aug. 20.—Attacked in his office today by an insane man armed with a knife, Mayor Stein of Hoboken had a narrow escape from death. William Carmody, who a few days ago, entered the office when the mayor was alone and demanded pay for his time spent in the asylum. The mayor endeavored to comfort the man, but Carmody whipped out a knife and started for him. The mayor jumped behind his desk with the madman in pursuit, just as a detective entered the room. After a desperate struggle, the mayor and detective disarmed and arrested Carmody.

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## BELGIUM AND CONGO FREE STATE

After Months of Bitter Struggle,  
Chamber of Deputies Adopts  
Annexation Treaty.

LEOPOLD WILL ACCEPT IT.

King's Personal Rule Will Cease, and  
It Is Hoped Atrocities and Malad-  
ministration Will Also.

Brussels, Aug. 20.—After several months of bitter struggle, the chamber of deputies today adopted the Congo annexation treaty by 83 votes to 55, and although today's action probably will insure the solution of the great Congo problem, there still remains open the important question of Belgium's financial responsibility. This action on the part of the chamber had not been expected and at the last moment nearly caused the collapse of the cabinet. During the first reading recently of the colonial bill which provides for the administration of the Congo Independent State, and which with the treaty adopted today, Herr Weestee, leader of the Right, secured the adoption of an amendment relieving Belgium of the responsibility of guaranteeing the payment of the interest on the Congo debt, but yesterday the government made a determined effort to secure the restoration of the stipulation that Belgium would make advances to Congo in case of necessity. The government was defeated in this, however, and it was generally believed that the ministers would be forced to resign.

At the conclusion of a long meeting of King Leopold and the members of his cabinet it was announced that the ministry would resign, the government temporarily accepting the chamber's action on the financial question. It was pointed out, however, that a direct contradiction existed between the treaty and the colonial bill voted, the treaty shouldering the financial responsibility while the bill rejects it.

It is understood that the government will not make an effort to amend the bill so as to reconcile the provisions of the two. Among the important modifications of the original articles of the bill are the abolition of forced labor and the prohibition of members of the Belgium parliament from exploiting Congo concessions.

### ANNEXATION ASSURED.

The passage of the Congo treaty by the chamber of deputies means that the annexation of the state to Belgium is now practically assured, as the senate and King Leopold are ready to endorse the bill. The personal rule of King Leopold in Africa is now drawing to a close—in the future he will have nothing to do with the state which is to be administered by Belgium—and the hope is widespread that there will now be an end to the atrocities and misadministration in this part of the world which, for years past, has been a subject of bitter complaint by humanitarians all over the world. Governments became deeply interested in bringing about the introduction of reforms in the Congo and it became known last year that Great Britain and the United States had about decided to interfere in the Congo administration unless the situation there improved.

The members of the cabinet and King Leopold held a long conference

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Large pkg. Quaker Oats.....15c	6 Pearl White.....25c
3 lbs. Soda Crackers.....25c	12 Diamond C Soap.....50c
5-lb. box Crackers.....40c	4 Fels Naptha Soap.....25c
3 lbs. Ginger Snaps.....25c	9 lbs. Washing Soda.....25c
3 lbs. Macaroni.....25c	3 Dutch Cleanser.....25c
3 lbs. Sage or Tapioca.....25c	Two 30c cans Roast Beef.....35c
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this afternoon after it was officially given out that in order to avoid the danger of a collapse of the annexation movement the government had decided in a spirit of conciliation, to accept the action of the chamber with regard to Congo finances.

The members of the ministry will, therefore, retain their portfolios.

### LEOPOLD'S ACTION.

The situation regarding the annexation of the Congo Independent state was thrown into great confusion last year by the action of King Leopold in withdrawing the control of the crown domain, the richest part of the Congo, from the regular Congo administration in order to prevent the passing of the domain to Belgium, should annexation be consummated. This action was bitterly resented by the friends of annexation in parliament as a usurpation of Belgium's national heritage, and the opposition became so great that in February of this year King Leopold changed his attitude on this matter and agreed to abandon the crown domain and the crown foundation to Belgium, stipulating that Belgium should not only assume all the Congo obligations, amounting to \$21,000,000, but undertake also to continue the king's usufruct in the Congo's revenues during his life-time. Belgium was required specifically to respect the concessions granted to two American companies in 1906, in which Thomas F. Ryan is interested. The stipulations

were embodied in the final draft of the treaty.

**CHARGES ON REVENUE.**  
Under the terms of the treaty the Congo's revenues are charged with the following annual allowances:

Twenty-four thousand dollars to Prince Albert, son of the Count of Flanders, brother of King Leopold; \$15,000 to Princess Clementine, the king's third daughter, and as an especial token of gratitude to the king, the sum of \$10,000 in 15 annual installments, for his use in constructing hospitals and schools and forwarding scientific work in Africa. Furthermore, Belgium must expend the sum of \$5,000,000 in work for which contracts already have been made. In addition, King Leopold retains in fee simple 40,000 hectares of land at Mayumbe for coffee and cocoa growing experiments and during his life time he is to enjoy his interests in the Congo concessionary companies and the property in Belgium and France which he purchased out of the funds of the Congo foundation.

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