

TAFT MAKING CAMPAIGN PLANS

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Busy His Correspondence
Has Fallen Behind

ELMER DOVER EARLY CALLER

**Arthur Vorys Will Arrive Monday
To Confer With Republican
Candidate**

Atty.-Gen. Ellis Unable to Respond
To an Invitation to Visit the
Virginia Regiment

Hot Springs, Va., July 11.—The many conferences that have been held by William H. Taft concerning the plans for the campaign, during the past week, have prevented him from devoting as much attention to his correspondence as is necessary to keep pace with the flood of letters that is coming to him. Frank H. Hitchcock, chairman of the Republican national committee, Postmaster General Myer, and William Nelson Cromwell left last evening.

Today Elmer Dover, secretary of the national Republican committee and based on an early train, and was the first caller Mr. Taft saw in his office.

Atty. Gen. Wade H. Ellis who, it is said, has been proffered the assistant attorney generalship to succeed Milton D. Purday, recently appointed U. S. district judge in Minnesota, is ill and was not able to come here today in response to an invitation by Mr. Taft.

Mr. Ellis has telegraphed that his brother will visit Hot Springs probably today and will confer with Mr. Taft in his place.

Representative Burton of Ohio, who has been extensively talked of in con-

connection with the Ohio senatorship in succession to J. B. Foraker, declared that it is not his intention to enter any senatorial race if party strife of a kind to embarrass the national ticket would result from his doing so.

result from that course. Mr. Burton will sail from New York next Saturday for Europe, to be gone five or six weeks. He will spend most of his time in London, where he will gather data for the national monetary commission. He will probably go on the same mission to Paris, and will also gather information relative to value of the railway commission, of which he is a member. He visited the scene of various improvements to navigation in Europe five years ago, and will hasten

look over the ground again to see if there has been the increase in trade that was expected as the result of the improvements.

Senator Smoot of Utah will go abroad on the same steamer.

"I have received a dozen checks since I have been in Hot Springs, from

people who wished to make the contribution to the Republican party for the campaign," said George R. Sheldon of New York, treasurer of the

Asked when he would open his office for campaign funds, Mr. Sheldon replied that he would do so in New York Monday morning. He will leave here tonight. Mr. Sheldon declared in an interview today that he is convinced that the American people will never accept the radicalism of the

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A. Stewart, president of the New York State League of Republican clubs, is here.

HITCHCOCK IN WASHINGTON.
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Washington, July 11.—Chairman Frank H. Hitchcock of the Republican national committee, arrived here today from Hot Springs where he has been in conference with Judge Taft. Thus far he has made no definite plans for his sojourn in Washington which will be comparatively brief.

He will close the Taft headquarters here perhaps in a few days and probably open permanent headquarters of

SKETCH OF DEMOCRATIC

VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE

John Worth Kern was born on Dec. 20, 1849, at the village of Alto, Howard county, Indiana. His father, Dr. Jacob W. Kern, was a Virginian by birth, who removed to Shelby county, Indiana, in 1836, and lived there until 1854.

when he moved into the new northern country, John Kern's mother was Nancy Liggets.

In 1854 when John was five years old, the family removed to Warren county, Iowa. From the time he went to Iowa until he was 15 years old he did not leave school for a day.

see a railroad train. The family moved back to Howard county, Indiana, in 1864. In the early sixties, while still in Iowa, Mrs. Kern died. Two children were left, John and his sister, who is now Mrs. Isaac Engel of Daleville, Va.

John Kern was educated in the district schools and continued his education by attending the Indiana normal

school of Kokomo, Ind., riding horseback 10 miles each way every day. Later he taught school near Alto. He earned money to enter Michigan university at Ann Arbor, graduating from the law department of that university in 1890.

He was "drafted" when he was 21 years old to make the race for the legislature in the Republican county of Howard, but was defeated. He was chosen city attorney of Kokomo for six terms over Republican aspirants. In

Since then Indianapolis has been his home, where he has practised law. He has worked in every campaign, served the county in the legislature and was the leader of his party in the state senate. He was city attorney under the

He was city attorney under the last two administrations of Mayor Thomas Taggart, from October, 1897, to October, 1901. In 1900 he was nominated for governor, but was defeated. Before the St. Louis convention of four years ago Mr. Kern's name had been

Mr. Kern has been president of the Commercial club, and has always been conspicuous in all state and civic movements. Mrs. Kern is prominent in the social and literary affairs of the city. Miss Julia Kern, their daughter, is well known socially. There are two other children—John W. Kern, Jr., aged 8, and William H. Kern, who is now