# STATES' RULERS IN CONFERENCE

Roosevelt Sounds Keynote for Action.

# DUTY WE OWE TO POSTERITY

Must Save, Not Waste Patrimony of Nation.

### **ROOT EXPRESSES NEW IDEA**

Suggests Agreement Among States Approved by Congress-Organization of Governors May Be Made Permanent,

WASHINGTON, May 13,-Two ideas. destined to mark material progress in America's future, resulted from the first of the three days' conference at the White House today, in which President Roosevelt, the Governors of 44 states, Cabinet officers, Supreme Court judges, Senators, Representatives and experts are participating in efforts to reach conclusions on the best methods of conserving the natural resources of the United

The first is that a permanent organization by the states and the Nation is necessary and will likely result from the present conference to accomplish the end sought. The second, suggested by Secretary Root, is that there is no limitation by the Constitution to the agree ments which may be made among the states, subject to the approval of Congress. The two ideas, fully developed, it predicted, would result in the conservation of the energies and resources of the Nation through uniform and unconflicting laws, both National and state

### Make Conference Perpetual.

The idea that the conference should be perpetuated developed in the form of resolutions offered for later consideration by Governor Glenn (N. C.) and Governor Folk (Mo.). There were many others, but a parliamentary move to save time sent them to a committee for consideration.

Forty-four Governors of states of the Union sat on gilded chairs in the historic East room of the White House and chatted from 10 to 11 o'clock this taxed the capacity of the room. They were Cabinet officers, Supreme Court Justices, Senators, Representatives, experts in all lines of Industry. With a flourish of trumpets the President a flourish of trumpets the President nies, as well as the security of the and Vice-President entered at 11 lumber revenue of the Chinese governo'clock and the conference, the first of | ment. its kind in the history of the Nation, began. The President had been at work in the executive office up to the very minute of convening. He entered the East room on the minute of 11 o'clock and the Marine Band rendered the Presidential honors. The Governors arose; they clapped their hands; they shouted. Five hundred others took their cue and the demonstration became tumultuous.

The President's speech ended the morning session. The Governors and delegates were photographed with the President on the portico of the White House. The picture will also show W J. Bryan, Andrew Carnegie, J. J. Hill and Gustave Schwab, specially invited

# Evokes Cheers for Bryan,

At the afternoon session the real work of the conference began. It was opened at 2:45 and lasted until 5:05 o'clock and proceeded at a rate that broke all speed records. It developed first that the President finds it impossible to devote his entire time to the conference meetings. He will, as he did today, call to order each session and then designate a Governor to preside. This honor fell today on Governor Noel, of Mississippi with the intimation from the President that tomorrow he should call upon Governor Johnson, of Minnesota. Then after this announcement, as if his political in-stinct had received a shock, the President suddenly called upon Mr. Bryan to interrupt the programme and incidentally the prepared speech of Andrew Carnegie and address the meeting. Mr. Bryan acknowledged the enthusiasm his namaroused by lifting his hands and then indicated a desire to speak on Friday.

# Gravity of the Problem.

It was by the utterances of Mr. Carne gie and those who followed him that the gravity of the problems to be considered was given weight. Two hundred years of coal supply and half that of iron was the prediction of the famous ironmaster. These facts he bore home with detail. but goodnaturedly hinted taht he would be disputed "by my friend J. J. Hill." There were ways in which both the coal and fron supplies might be conserved. according to Mr. Carnegle-by economies in mining and in use and the development of water transportation, which, he said,

required less of both products. Dr. I. C. Wright, professor of geology in the University of West Virginia, added expert knowledge and prediction or the subject of coal and iron, in which he predicted the exhaustion of the Pittsburg coal supply in 93 years, and the West Virginia fields in practically the same time.

John Mitchell, ex-president of the United Mineworkers of America, estimated that fully 25 per cent of the coal

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# SURPRISE PROVES SAD, NOT JOYOUS

MEET HER SON.

Mrs. Thompson, of Seattle, Expires at St. Louis Station and Son

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 13 .- (Special.)-After traveling all the way from Seattle, Wash., to visit her son, Mrs. E. W. on, 80 years old, died suddenly at Inion Station this morning while waiting for relatives to come to meet her. George W. Thompson, her son, a hatter, was notified by the police that the body was at the morgue. At the morgue was

found a letter in Mrs. Thompson's handbag which related to her visit to St. Louis.

It contained directions by which Mrs.

Thompson could reach the hat store in



Judge George H. Williams, Who Will Be Permanent Chairman of the Convention.

the event her son missed her at the sta tion. She was requested to telegraph the time her train would arrive.

Mrs. Thompson did not send the telegram, as she planned to surprise her son.

# GRANT NO MODIFICATION

Japan Refuses China's Demands in Railroad Controversy.

PEKIN, May 13 .- The Japanese govrnment has refused to consider the nodification proposed by China to her original opposition to the construction of the Tsinmintun-Fakumen Railroad and especially the proposal that they fix the distance at which she would permit the existing line to be paralleled by a competitive road. It is declared here morning. Five hundred other persons with emphasis that Japan will not permit the construction of a parallel line. An agreement has been reached be tween China and Japan in the Yalu timber question. Japan desires the protection of Chinese lumber compa-

INSURGENTS MEET DEFEAT

Chinese Revolutionists in Two Districts Repulsed by Troops

PEKIN, May 13 .- The revolutionists in Yunnan Province have met with a setback. The second column of insur-gents, the one that was advancing on Mengisze, a treaty port at the head of navigation on the Songkoi River, has been repulsed by provincial troops. The other column was turned back from the Red River last Saturday.

# AVALANCHE OF ORANGES

Seven Workmen Buried Under Tumbling Pile of Fruit.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 13 .- Burled beneath \$000 boxes of oranges, seven Russian laborers in the Los Angeles ice and cold storage plant at Seventh and Santa Fe avenues escaped injury this afternoon. The men were working in the cooling-room, piling boxes of fruit, when one tier toppled over and the seven men were buried. Before could struggle free another tier fell, and then the entire pile came down

Immediately a hurry-up call was sent in to the police, and ambulances with three doctors were rushed to the scene. On the way every patrolman met was pressed into service men were located by their yells for help, and were soon dug out. Aside from minor injuries, every one of them

# GETS CHANGE OF VENUE

Steve Adams' Trial Transferred to

Grand Junction. TELLURIDE, Colo., May 12.-District Judge T. H. Shackelford today granted Steve Adams' application for a change of venue in the hearing of the charge against him of murdering Arthur Colagainst him of murdering Arthur Col-lins, manager of the Smuggler-Union Mine, who was assassinated during the strike of the Western Federation of Miners here several years ago. The case will be tried at Grand Junction in Mesa County. Judge Shackelford will preside. The next term of court in Mesa County begins June 26, and the date of hearing will not be set until court opens on that

Steve Adams was brought here from Idaho, where he had been on trial for the alleged killing of claim-jumpers, and was also implicated by confession, after ward repudlated, in the assassination of ex-Governor Steunenberg.

# Snow Storm in Wyoming.

LARAMIE, Wyo., May 13.—More than foot of suow fell in this vicinity last night, but it is melting rapidly. Many wires are down west of here,

Fulton-Taft Men Are in Full Control.

# NO RECOGNITION OF BOURNE

Plans Mapped Out for Three Conventions Today.

### TWO NAMED AS DELEGATES

Williams and Fulton Supported by Vote and Others Suggested. Rourne Faction Steals March by Electing One Chairman.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 13.—(Special.)— Manager Hitchcock, of Taft's Washington headquarters, issued a statement tonight in which he said: "Telegraphic advices received today from party leaders in Oregon, Washington, California, Montana North Dakota indicate that conventions occurring in those states towill instruct 46 additional delegates for Taft, with 70 delegates previously instructed this week. This will swell Taft's total strength to 568, or 91 more than majority."

In an open caucus of Taft-Fulton forces in the Imperial Hotel last night a programme for today's Republican con was mapped out. The programme allows no recognition to the Bourne element. The caucus was com of one member of each county delegation and showed an overwhelming sentiment among the delegates for Taft instructions and for rejection of Bourn as a National delegate. The caucus decided to put through resolutions in the three conventions today, identical if possible, instructing Oregon's eight National delegates for the War Secretary. To draft the resolutions it named a special

The first convention to meet will b that of the First Congressional District at 9 A. M. in the Empire Theater. The next will be the state convention at 10 all the selections were made indicates o'clock at the same place. The convention of the Second District will follow there will be no break. the state convention in the afternoon,

The Bourne forces completely surrendered last night and made no resistance anywhere. They did score once. however, by electing W. E. Williamson chairman of the central committee of the Second Congressional District. The Fuiton men say they discovered too late delegates arose and called the mem-Mr. Williamson's affiliation and that had they known his political identity, they would have rejected him. The several tive workers in Multnomah County counties which were said to have Bourne men in their delegations did not reveal them in yesterday's doings. The alleged champions of Bourne from Jackson County, Union and Baker were silent.

They raised no protest against Taft instructions, and in the caucus the motio of Dr. W. Kuykendall, of Lane, to instruct, was carried without a dissenting The only man who spoke against the motion was N. C. Richards, of Ums tilla, who did not raise his voice when tion was put.

Action of the Caucus.

The programme of the caucus is as Delegates-at-large selected to National

invention-Senator Fulton and George H. Williams. but not voted upon-At large, C. G. Huntley, of Clackamas; W. Kuykendall,

of Lane; A. N. Gilbert, of Marion; Rus-

sell E. Sewall, of Multnomah; W. A. Williams, of Washington. Alternates-A. L. Tateu and J. H. Brown, of Multnomah; Frank Ira Whit of Klamath; E. D. Cusick, of Linn. First Congressional district-C. A. Sehlerede, of Coos; H. C. Kinney, of Jose phine, and R. E. Williams, of Polk. Second Congressional district-Dr. H. W. Coe and A. B. Manley, of Multno-

mah; A. S. Thompson, of Umatilla; J

W. M. Cake, Who Will Call the

L. Gault, of Harney; N. Whealdon, of

Presidential electors-A. C. Marsters

of Douglas; R. R. Butler, of Gilliam; J.

F. Miller, of Linn; J. D. Lee, J. W. Sher-

Committee to draft instruction reso-

lution to be presented to the three

conventions - A. C. Hough, of Jose-phine; N. C. Richards, of Umatilla; B

Recommended for temporary chair-man—A. J. Johnson, A. A. Johnson, Recommended for temporary secre-

Delegates Stand as Unit.

There were no dissensions in the

caucus and the unanimity with which

without much room for doubt that

The only place where the Bourne

men got through the Fulton fences

was the chairmanship of the central

the committee's meeting in the Mar-

quam building a young man, new ir

bers to order. This man was W. E

Williamson, one of Bourne's most ac-

who, with Thomas McCusker, started

the movement for a Statement No. 1

friend of Mr. Williamson's moved that

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tary-C. G. Huntley, of Clackamas,

wood and S. G. Reed, of Multnomah,

to Order Today.

F. Purdy, of Washington.

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Counties and One Fatality Is Reported-Death List in Nebraska Now Fifteen.

TORNADOES IN THREE STATES. Half the inhabitants of Gilliam, La., killed or injured and all houses

arkana and centers in Texas.
Oil City and Bollinger, La., destroyed and many lives lost. Many farms in Fremont and Page Iowa, destroyed. woman killed,

ATLANTA, Ga., May 13 .- According to information received in this city, a tornado struck parts of Louisiana to day, causing much loss of life in Gilliam, Oil City and Bellinger, Telegraphic communication is interrupted, but reports say that the storm started north of Shreveport, swept along to Little Rock and Texarkana and is centered tonight in Texas. It is reported that Gilliam, La., a town of 160 in-habitants, is wiped out and that a number of lives have been lost, City is also reported destroyed with a loss of life and a number of persons

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 13.—The Postal Telegraph Company here has received a message saying that about haif of the inhabitants of Gilliam, La., have either been killed or injured by a tornado, and urging that relief be sent at once. Later advices to the Times say that all houses in Gilliam committee of the Second District, At except two are demolished. Gilliam is a town of between 75 and 100 inhabpolitics and unknown to the outside itants.

> port received here tonight states that three persons were killed and two oth-

# TOWNS IN SOUTH

Gilliam, La., Wiped Out

### SEVEN KILLED; MANY INJURED

Gale Wrecks Farmhouses in Two

Tornado starts near Shrevesport, La., sweeps to Little Rook and Tex-

Death list from Nebraska tornado

# ONLY TWO HOUSES LEFT.

Town of Gilliam Literally Wiped Out by Tornado.

THREE DEAD AT BELLINGER Louisiana Town Is Badly Damaged by the Storm.

# PRISON BECOMES **HUMAN SHAMBLES** CONVICTS THROW BOMB IN EF-

by Storm.

Cyclone Sweeps Over Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas.

### IOWA ALSO IS STRICKEN

growing.

SHREVEPORT, La., May 13.-A re (Concluded on Page 5.)



Russian Guards and Soldiers Shoot

Them Down When They Rush

for Liberty.

EKATERINOSLAV, May 12.-The at-

tempt made yesterday by prisoners to break out of the government jall here after making a breach in the wall of the guardroom with a bomb, was a complete failure, but it brought about a horrible

scene of slaughter in and around the jail building. Twenty-eight of the prisoners were shot to death by the guards, and an-other of them has since died of his wounds. Thirty others were wounded, and it is said several of them will suc-cumb.

As soon as the bomb was thrown, one of the detachments of prisoners charged the guard in the courtyard and attempted

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to climb the wall. Twelve of them were killed instantly, while others were wound At the same time a second body of oners rushed to the kitchen and, selzing knives and other weapons, attempted to cut their way to liberty. They were surrounded and killed to a man by the diers, who had been hastly summand

by the prison authorities.

The explosion threw the whole prison into a state of panic. The inmates who took no part in the plot gathered in toe windows overlooking the courtyard. They were ordered to draw back, but refused, whereupon the guards fired a volley into the orea windows. the open windows. The prisoners were shot down while attempting to escape over the roof of the building. So far as is known, not one of them so getting away. The chief warden of the prison is among the wounded.

# FOURTH VICTIM IS DEAD

Dies of Maniac's Bullets-Doubts About Governor Garde's Death.

MANILA, May 14 .- Private E. F. Clark, the fourth victim of the Camp Stotzen berg affair, died today.

A detachment of constabulary is pu suing the band of negro outlaws under Manalao Alip, members of which killed Roadmaster Smith and wounded Gov-ernor Gard. The detachment overtook and engaged the band and killed Alip. Official reports do not confirm the report of Governor Gard's death. The of ficials express the hope that he is still alive, and are investigating the matter.

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# WITH MACHINE

League to Fight to End in California.

# FIRST BATTLE ON CHAIRMAN

Knight Makes Shrewd Move to Win Delegates.

### MANY CHARGES OF FRAUD

One Precinct Votes Nearly Three Times Registered Total-Seven County Committees Reported to Have Bolted Machine.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 13 .- (Special.)-From the moment the delegates assemble tomorrow morning at the Republican convention at Sacramento, the regulars and the members of the Lincoln-Roosevelt League will lock in battle. There will be no compromise, but a fight to the end. The regulars are confident tonight that they will not only organize the convention, but that they will control it from start to finish The League men, while admitting that they have been dealt some heavy and unexpected blows by the strategy of the machine, still insist that they will break the machine slate and send a delegation to Chicago pledged to W

H. Taft. The machine men, whom the leaguers characterize as the Herrinites, gave out the statement at headquarters tonight to the effect that George A. Knight would be made chairman of the convention beyond the shadow of a doubt The League will run W. H. Davis against him, but Mr. Knight's popularity, despite the fact that he is attorney for E. H. Harriman's Pacific Mail Company, is such that he will muster more than the mere machine strength.

# Machine Perpetuates Itself.

By a rule adopted at the famous Santa Cruz convention, the executive commit tee of the state central convention is empowered to name the temporary chairman of the convention. The temporary chairman names the committee on credentials, and thus the machine has planted itself in a way which would in dicate an intention to continue indefi nitely in power.

Mr. Knight issued a statement today, however, stating that he would not accept an appointment as chairman, but would go before the convention on an equal footing with Mr. Davis and let the delegates decide. This is regarded as a shrewd move by the machine because of

### Mr. Knight's known popularity. Can Bar League Delegates.

With Mr. Knight in the chair, the machine would be in a position to rule out the league delegates in the large number of contested districts and supplant them

Mr. Knight will not only be a candidate for chairman, but for delegate at large to the next National Convention. Governor Gillett withdrew today as a candidate for delegate at large and Judge Melvin, of Oakland, will be substituted on the regular ticket. Mr. Gillett gave illness as the cause of his withdrawal,

# Fraud in Siskiyou County.

The League men are crying fraud or all sides. They present documents and photos in support of their charges, Although Siskiyou County went for the League 4 to 1, the League men charge that they were counted out. Polls were opened in one section of the county from 9 to 1, and, when the machine perceived that it had been beaten, it opened polls at Weed Station at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Although there are only 58 registered voters in the precinct, the machine received a solid vote of 168. Photos are being exhibited showing Lieutenant-Governor Porter voting the men of the Hihn Lumber Company at Watsonville.

# Seven Counties Bolt Machine.

From Sacramento tonight comes a wire to League headquarters to the effect that seven county committees had bolted the machine and had reported to the League. The League men are calling upon all delegates not absolutely bound to the machine to join with them "to throw Herrin overboard."

It is stated tonight on good authority that, in case the machine sees it is unable to hold its members on an unpledged delegation to the National delegation, it will switch to an indorsement of Mr. Taft. The War Secretary is popular in California and with President Roosevelt out of the contest, is the first choice of the Republican voters,

# MOHMANDS WILL RESIST

Intrench Themselves to Await Coming of Punitive Expeditions.

SIMLA, May 13.-The British punitive force against the Mohmand tribesmen, which consists of two brigades, under the command of Major-General Sir James Willcooks, has arrived at Dand, 20 miles north of Peshawur. It is evident that the tribesmen intend fighting for they have sent their women and children away and have taken up positions in the hills.

