

COLONEL ROOSEVELT ADMITS DESIRE TO ACCEPT PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION

CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS AT NEW YORK OPENED AND ACTIVE STRUGGLE IS COMMENCED

ROOSEVELT ADMITS HIS DESIRES IN LETTER TO WESTERN GOVERNORS WHO URGED HIS CANDIDACY—WILL UPHOLD THEIR SPECIAL PRINCIPLES

PERSONAL CAMPAIGN IS TO BEGIN THIS WEEK

Will Accept Nomination "If It Is Tendered Him" Says Letter Signed by Roosevelt—Campaign Headquarters Are Opened Even Before Ink Is Dry on Acceptance Letter.

New York, Feb. 26.—Active work of lining up delegates favorable to Roosevelt's candidacy began in earnest today. The ink on Roosevelt's letter to eight western governors in which he said he would accept the nomination had hardly cooled before Roosevelt headquarters in the Metropolitan building had been established. Oliver Carpenter, one of the shrewdest politicians of the state, was put in charge. Friends expect Roosevelt to begin a personal campaign Wednesday when he arrives here. It is said he will first go to Phoenix, Arizona, where his son Archie, is studying and make speeches en route. The branch headquarters will be opened at Chicago and San Francisco.

Roosevelt's letter to the governors was remarkably brief as follows:

Gentlemen: I deeply appreciate your letter and I realize to the full the heavy responsibility it puts upon me, expressing as it does, carefully considered convictions of men elected by popular vote to stand as the heads of their several states. I absolutely agree with you that this matter is not one to be decided with any reference to personal preferences or interests of any man but purely from the standpoint of the interests of the people as a whole. I will accept the nomination for president if it is tendered me and I will adhere to this decision until the convention has expressed its preference."

The letter concludes by saying he hopes the people will be given a chance to make their choice of a presidential candidate by the direct primaries.

Tunneling Under the Hudson For New York Water Supply



Upper photo by American Press Association.

In a cavern 1,100 feet below the bed of the Hudson river Mayor Gaynor recently pressed a key and fired by electricity the blast which united the two bores—one from each side of the river—of the great tunnel through which the water supply of New York will be conducted from the Catskills to the city. So well had the engineers done their work that the two ends of the bores were less than an inch from coinciding exactly when joined. The Hudson river crossing is one of the connecting links of the Catskill aqueduct system which when completed will have cost about \$175,000,000. The tunnel is really a U shaped siphon, the water dropping down through a shaft 1,100 feet deep at the foot of Storm King mountain, crossing the river to rise to the same elevation on the east shore. The lower photograph shows the mayor and other city officials in the tunnel. He is the central figure in the upper picture, which was taken in the open air.

LAWRENCE BRUTALITIES ON WHEN WOMEN ARE KNOCKED DOWN BY IRATE OFFICIALS

SONG OF FREEDOM SUNG BY MARCHING STRIKERS AS THEY RETURN TO THEIR HOMES AFTER THE MELEE IN THE STREETS OF LAWRENCE.

ONE STRIKER SHOT BY WEAPON IN UNKNOWN HANDS

Police Ordered to Beat Women on the Body but Order Is Disregarded—Strikers Overtaken in Automobiles as They Are Homeward Bound and Clubbed Unconscious.—Both Say Other Was Aggressor.

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 26.—Brutal clubbing of women again today was a feature of the strike of the textile workers here, the police ignoring protests to Governor Foss that the persecutions cease. Scores of women were knocked to the ground.

The trouble started in the Italian quarter when 53 strikers were arrested following a shooting affray in which Carmelo Milaz, a strikebreaker, was shot. The police say the strikers, and they say the police are responsible for the trouble, protesting against the strikers when they started a procession. The police waited at Jackson street and charged without warning, knocking down men and women, tramping over prostrate bodies in their efforts to strike more victims.

A number of women were injured and went to the hospitals. The strikers marched for seven blocks and then dispersed, but when en route to their homes the police also maltreated them. The police were ordered to beat the women on their bodies, and men anywhere, but the order was disregarded.

The police say 15 specials were going down the street when someone raised a tenement window and fired a shot and then another window was raised and another shot fired. The police then fired at every window where a face showed. Three strikers standing in the streets were beaten into unconsciousness. This angered the strikers and in a few moments 10,000 strikers crowded the streets and Milaz was shot in the back as he was fleeing. It is not known who did it. The police then ordered the streets cleared and 50 were arrested.

The march started at this time, the men singing the Marseillaise. Evidently dissatisfied with their work the police pursued the strikers to their homes in autos and beat up a few more.

Taft Considers Affair.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 26.—President Taft will order a thorough investigation in the textile workers strike at Lawrence and the causes which led to the brutal clubbing of women by the police, according to Congressman Victor Berger following a visit to the white house. Taft and Wickersham and Berger went over every phase of the case and Taft ordered Wickersham to look into the federal statutes. Offhand the president said if the reports are true, the federal laws are being violated.

McCULLY VERY LOW.

Relapse Apparently Last Struggle and Hope for Recovery Ends.

Guy McCully is said to be hopelessly struggling with death this evening. At 5 o'clock there was little change from the discouraging condition which has existed since yesterday evening. There is little likelihood of his living the night out. He has been unconscious since yesterday morning.

Alleged Lynchers on Trial.

Georgetown, Texas, Feb. 26.—Ezra W. Stephens, Harry Wuenske and G. F. Noack, three residents of Millam county, were arraigned in the district court here today to answer to a charge of murder in the first degree as the result of their alleged participation in the lynching of Antonio Gomez, at Thorndale last June. Gomez, a young Mexican, was lynched after he had stabbed Charles Z. Shank to death.

Opposed to Parcels Post.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 26.—Representative retail merchants from all parts of the south gathered in this city today for the second annual convention of their association. The meeting will last three days. The most important matter scheduled for consideration is the framing of a protest against the parcels post measure now pending in congress.

Turkey Raffle His Undoing.

Paulina, Ia., Feb. 26.—Because he participated in a turkey raffle last Thanksgiving, Frank J. McCracken, until recently the mayor of this city, is to stand trial on a charge of gambling at the term of the district court which convened today. Mr. McCracken resigned the mayoralty after the charges were preferred against him. His friends declare that he will plead guilty and pay a fine.

CIRCUIT COURT HAS ADJOURNED

ANTHONY CASE IS LAST TO BE HEARD THIS TERM.

Jurors Are Dismissed and Allowed to Return to Their Homes.

Finding for John Anthony in the sum of \$141 against C. Stanley the circuit court jury which heard the evidence in the suit involving an account brought in a verdict today and incidentally ended the present session of circuit court. The jurors have been dismissed for the term.

All jurymen who have been doing jury duty here for nearly the past month were allowed to return to their homes this afternoon.

PORTLAND HOTEL AFIRE.

One Man Dies of Excitement and One Leaps to His Death.

Portland, Feb. 26.—Edward Gilmore was rescued but died of excitement and an unidentified man was killed by leaping from a third floor this morning when fire badly damaged the two upper floors of the Gilman hotel. The origin is not ascertained.

and the loss is estimated at \$25,000. Several were rescued and none were injured. One hundred were sleeping when the alarm was sounded.

WEST ENDS PUBLICITY.

Will Not Give Out Any More Details of Barrett Confession.

Salem, Feb. 26.—Governor West today refused to give out anything further regarding the confession of Convict Barrett in connection with the Humboldt steamship \$57,000 bullion robbery in 1910 when 25 pounds of gold were recovered from a place near Lyons where Barrett buried it. It is expected that at least five men will be arrested for complicity in the robbery. These include two Caviness boys of Eastern Oregon, both of whom are now in prison for felonies, and Jimmy Wheatland, who is indicted as a fence for the thieves.

ODD FELLOWS FEETED.

Local Lodge Goes to Island City for Feast Last Saturday Evening.

La Grande Odd Fellows were hosts of the Island City lodge last Saturday evening when degree work was exemplified at Island City for the edification of the La Grangers. Following the lodge affairs came a splendid banquet and the 20 who attended from here are profuse in their praise of the spread.

CHAFIN HEARD THREE TIMES

ERSTWHILE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IN CITY.

County Prohibitionists Hold Convention to Name Delegate.

Eugene W. Chafin, one time prohibition candidate for the presidency, is in the city today. Yesterday afternoon he addressed a mass meeting and spoke again this afternoon. A third address tonight concludes his visit here in the interest of the prohibition movement. A meeting of prohibitionists was held this afternoon to name a delegate to the state convention at Portland.

JUAREZ'S DOOM NEAR.

Three Generals Marching on the City Today—City Is Defenseless

El Paso, Feb. 26.—The combined forces of Colonels Campa, Rojas and Salazar, consisting of 1700 rebels, left Bauche this morning for an attack on Juarez, 12 miles away. Juarez is practically defenseless.

AGED PIONEER PASSES AWAY

AFTER SHORT BUT CRITICAL ILLNESS DEATH COMES.

Early Pioneer of Union County Will Be Interred Tomorrow Afternoon.

Mrs. Lucy Shambough who has been critically ill with pneumonia for several days, died last evening at seven o'clock. She was one of the early pioneers of Union county. She has been at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jap Stevens and the funeral will be held from there tomorrow at 2 o'clock.

More Accidents Delay.

Because of a "hoodoo" hanging over the mechanical department, the Observer is late in reaching its subscribers tonight.

Iowa Advertising Clubs

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Feb. 26.—The second annual convention of the Associated Advertising clubs of Iowa met in this city today and was called to order by President Frank Armstrong of Des Moines. The exchange of greetings and routine business occupied the initial session.