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PRESIDENT LENDS AID TO HUGHES

New York Convention Assembles--Candidacy of Present Governor Opposed by Party Leaders

OYSTER BAY, L. I., Sept. 14.—President Roosevelt came powerfully to the support of Governor Hughes for a re-nomination today by the issuance of the following statement from Sagamore Hill:

"The president has been in consultation with Secretary Root and Congressman Cocks with reference to the governorship and authorized him to state that while he has no intention of dictating to the convention to all his friends who have spoken about the matter he said in the strongest possible terms that he favors the re-nomination of Governor Hughes."

Cocks represents the Oyster Bay district in Congress and two years ago delivered the message from Roosevelt to the state convention which brought about the first nomination of Governor Hughes.

Strong Opposition SARATOGA, N. Y., Sept. 14.—With the candidacy of Governor Hughes opposed by a strong contingent, headed by a number of party leaders in the state, the republican state convention opened here today with the prospect of a free-for-all political battle, with Elihu Root secretary of state and being mentioned prominently as a possible nominee for governor.

The names of former governor Frank S. Black and Joseph H. Choate will probably be presented to the convention though there seems to be an utter absence of program. The Hughes leaders who are in the majority have made no map of a fixed method of procedure.

Root for Governor The talk of Root for governor grew last night when in answer to questions about his reported candidacy he said: "Well, you know I am a delegate to this convention from Oneida county and the people up there are against Hughes."

The machine branch of the party are ready to make a hard fight against the governor. The "old line republicans" did not like his way of managing affairs at Albany last winter and the machine which opposed him constantly but unsuccessfully in the legislature is here in force.

There is evidence too, that the racing interests are represented on the ground and they are doing everything in their power to prevent the re-nomination of the author of the anti-race track gambling bills.

Black and Choate are being put forward by leaders who fear that Root would be a weak candidate because of his record as counsel for the big interests, and the many bitter attacks made upon him by Hearst.

FARMER MURDERED AND BUILDINGS ARE BURNED

SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 14.—Slain by a person, or persons whose identity is unknown to the police authorities and all the buildings on his ranch destroyed by fire was the fate of A. T. Thomas, whose body was found early today in a mangled state on the road side not far from the scene of the fire. The crime is shrouded in mystery, no motive except that of robbery having been advanced.

The Thomas ranch is located on the crest of a hill near Republic and on account of its elevation, the coroner, who is investigating the crime declared today that it is strange no one reported the fire until after it had destroyed all the buildings valued at \$2500. Mrs. Thomas and her son, who were visiting in Spokane when the crime was committed, started for the ranch today.

The son said that as far as he knew his father had only one enemy. He does not think that robbers committed the crime, as he says it is unlikely that they would fire the buildings.

PARTIES SEARCHING FOR BODY OF DROWNED MAN

PORT ANGELES, Wash., Sept. 14.—Searching parties are today looking for the body of C. H. Mitigo, who was drowned yesterday in a small boat that drove the sloop Rhododendron ashore at the mouth of the Elwha river, five miles from Port Angeles.

THEATRICAL SPECIAL CRASHES INTO EACH OTHER; TWO ARE DEAD; FORTY INJURED

Theatrical Special Collides With Excursion Train--Wild Confusion Ensues--Smoke Sweeping Over the Country From Forest Fires Responsible--Three More Will Die

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 14.—Mrs. Esther Hecox of Chicago and an unidentified man are dead, three are dying and more than forty persons are seriously injured as a result of a collision shortly after midnight last night between a swiftly moving theatrical train and an excursion train on the Lake Shore road.

The injured were all on the excursion train which left here last night taking visitors back to La Porte and Indianapolis. The excursion train was standing on a siding apparently waiting for another train to pass when the theater train, without warning, crashed into it from the rear.

There was a heavy fog at the time and in the darkness it was difficult to tell just what happened. The locomotive of the theater train plowed through the rear coach of the excursion train, which was heavily loaded. Practically everyone in that coach was seriously hurt and the coach itself was reduced almost to kindling wood.

Many women and men were picked from the wreckage and the wildest confusion followed. The steam was rushing from the wrecked locomotive, making a noise like thunder, the wails and cries of the injured and the streams of terror-stricken women and children made men usually possessed of presence of mind unable to act intelligently. It was perhaps 15 or 20 minutes after the collision before any report was made to the railroad officials.

Assistance Slow The alarm was sent out over the railroad wires and aid was summoned,

but even then it was an hour before it could be learned how many people were hurt or to what extent the trains had been wrecked. The heavy fog made it necessary for the rescuers to work much of the time through sound, tracing the position of victims by their cries. Trenches were propped and their red glare added to the horror of the scene.

Ambulances were rushed to the scene from this city with doctors and medical supplies. Most of the injured were brought here and at Mercy hospital.

The responsibility for the wreck has not been placed on account of the great confusion. The railroad officials are conducting a rigid examination, but so far have found but little evidence of importance.

Three Cannot Recover The passengers in the theater train were badly shaken up and some of them bruised and slightly hurt, but all escaped serious injury. In the forward coaches of the excursion train many were hurt by being hurled from their seats by the terrific impact of the collision.

At Mercy hospital this morning it was said that at least three of the injured could not recover and several others might not be able to survive.

The Lake Shore officials gave out a statement in which it was stated that the wreck at Chestertown last night was caused by smoke sweeping over the country from the forest fire in Wisconsin, making the darkness so impenetrable that the signal light was obscured so that the engineer of the theatrical train could not see it.

COMMONER REPLIES TO ROOSEVELT

Letter of President Supporting Taft Not Unexpected by Bryan--Taft Had to Amend Platform

(By John E. Nevins, staff correspondent of United Press.)

BALTIMORE, Md., Sept. 14.—William J. Bryan today answered the letter written by President Roosevelt supporting Taft for the presidency, which was made public yesterday. Explaining that he had not had time to read the letter carefully, Bryan said:

"It was to be expected that President Roosevelt would come to the support of Taft and support him with all the influence that the administration could bring to bear.

"The approval might be objected to as irrelevant.

"If Taft were dead it would be interesting to know from Roosevelt what he knew of Taft's opinions, but as Taft is alive and able to speak for himself, it is hardly necessary for Roosevelt to tell us what Taft believes or what he will do."

Taft Forced to Amend Bryan said that Taft is running on a platform which he was compelled to amend in several particulars, and declared that Taft's speeches throw little light on his present views. He then referred to what he calls the incompatible attitude of Taft on labor matters, saying:

"Taft does not agree with the laboring men in relation to the use of injunctions in labor disputes. No words of praise from the president can change Taft's attitude. Along this line and make his candidacy more satisfactory to those who toil."

Bryan declared also that Taft's position on the tariff, the trusts and other questions are not changed by the praise given him by the president. He served notice that Taft must make his own position known. Concluding, he said:

Statement of No Value "The president's statement is of no value unless he agrees to remain in Washington and see that Taft makes good. We ought to have a more definite statement in relation to what the public may expect from Taft. No such information appears in the republican platform. Up to the present time, no definite conclusions can be drawn from Taft's speeches. It does not answer this question for the president to say that he feels that Taft will do what is just right, for there is a wide difference of opinion as to what is right."

A few plain, simple sentences from Taft would be worth very very much more than this eulogy that the president pronounced."

Bryan was met by the local reception committee when he arrived here and was escorted to his hotel, where he remained until noon, when he left for Annapolis to speak this afternoon. He will speak here tonight.

ACTORS FACE CHARGE OF VIOLATING COPYRIGHT LAW

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 14.—L. E. Stockwell, veteran actor and Norval McGregor, an actor, are preparing today to fight out the first case of infringement of copyright ever brought here in connection with the production of a play. The two men were indicted by the federal grand jury, arrested and released on bail. They say they will fight the case to the last ditch.

Stockwell and McGregor managed Nance O'Neil on her last appearance in this city when she played "The Fires of St. John" and it is this play that they are accused of having "pirated." Chas. Swickard, a singer now in the Persse-Mason opera company is the complaining witness. He claims that Miss O'Neil played his version of the play and that he warned her not to stage the piece. Stockwell claims that he had to re-write the play and that an infringement of copyright was not committed.

MAN RUN OVER BY TRAIN LOSES HIS LEG

RENO, Nev., Sept. 14.—Charles Belshaw, aged 25, who recently came here from San Francisco, lies dying in the county hospital today with both legs severed because he was run over by a train.

Belshaw arrived here from San Francisco Friday afternoon and a few hours after he got here he met with the accident that may result in his death.

He was between two cars of a long train when it started carrying him beneath the wheels. The cries of the injured man attracted the train crew and the train was stopped.

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MEDFORD TENDERED TO "UNDESIRABLE CITIZEN" A ROUSING RECEPTION

Spoke For Some Minutes From Platform of Warehouse--Large Crowd Present--"Red Special" Delayed by Freight Wreck--Debs Scores Plutocrats--Urges Co-operation

Eugene V. Debs, named an "undesirable citizen" by President Roosevelt socialistic candidate for the presidency, arrived in Medford on his "red special" Sunday evening at 5:45 o'clock and addressed a tremendous crowd of local people. Mr. Debs was given a rousing reception and was listened to intently by the many who gathered to hear him. He spoke for nearly 20 minutes and probably would have continued for several moments longer had he not been interrupted by a warning whistle from his train that it was time for him to continue on his tour.

Crowd Waited for Hours A large crowd gathered at the depot early in the afternoon expecting the "red special" to reach Medford about 3 o'clock. A freight wreck down the line delayed the arrival of the train and it was not until nearly 6 o'clock when it pulled in.

In the meantime, in order to hold the crowd and win a few converts to the cause, Daniel A. White, a national organizer of the socialist party, addressed the crowd at great length, telling of the advantages his party offered the workmen of the United States.

The "Red Special" Arrives Mr. White was still speaking when the special train bearing Mr. Debs and his party arrived. It was at first thought that the train coming in from the south was the regular passenger train, but when it took the side track a cheer went up, knowing that Debs had at last arrived.

Instead of a train of four coaches, all painted bright red, there were but three, and all in the regulation color of the Southern Pacific. The railroad refused to allow the coaches to be painted any other color, only the Pullman is making the ground trips.

"Red Special" Band Plays Without the loss of any time the 15-piece band accompanying Mr. Debs on the tour left the train and started to play. In the meantime E. C. McKee of San Diego, who is making the Pacific tour with Mr. Debs, mounted the platform on the side of J. A. Perry's warehouse and spoke to the crowd in a voice strained with the efforts of the past few days. He spoke of socialism as the only hope of the workman, and told of what it would do. He asked for contributions to aid the cause.

Mr. Debs Speaks Mr. Debs was cheered as he appeared from the interior of his car and made his way to the platform. Attired in a cheap blue serge suit and wearing an alpaca jacket, he began his address.

His voice showed the strain he has been under during the past few weeks. His entire appearance was that of a very tired man.

Mr. Debs opened his remarks with the statement that his reception was a very flattering one to be accorded an "undesirable citizen."

He first turned his attention to the republican party. They had represented the plutocracy of the nation. Their slogan in 1906 was "four years more," in 1904 it was "stand pat." He reminded the workmen that they were not represented at the Chicago convention, that they were only in demand one day of 365 and that was election day.

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TOWING TORPEDO BOATS PROVEN A SUCCESS

HONOLULU, Sept. 14.—That the towing of torpedo destroyers by the big cruisers of the Pacific fleet now on its summer cruise to Samoa has demonstrated the efficiency of towing smaller craft by warships, thus making possible an immense saving in coal, is the statement by officers of the fleet.

The test not only demonstrated the towing qualities of the cruisers, but the towing qualities of the destroyers, and is considered satisfactory from both standpoints.

Three or four of the towlines parted on the voyage from San Francisco here, due to friction of the buoys over the bows of the destroyers. The weakest portion of the whole system was designedly placed near the destroyers, so that if the cables parted it would be nearest the boat in tow, so that the larger vessel could handle the line and the smaller vessel would not be tangled with a long line of heavy cable.

On board each towing vessel was a dynamo motor, which registered the strain on the hawser. The hawser had to stand a 45,000-pound working strain.

day. "You workmen," thundered Mr. Debs, "produce the wealth. You are allowed but enough to keep you in good working order. The capitalists own the tools and you give them the wealth. If it were not for you they could not exist. Why, then, continue to vote for a system that keeps you in this condition?"

Mr. Debs scored the democratic party also. Most democrats were members of that party, he said, because their grandfathers were. Conditions have changed since then, but not the grandchild.

Mr. Debs plans to put all mankind upon a co-operative basis. Whatever man produces must revert to him in proportion to his work.

Mr. Debs Tired "I am tired, very tired," said Mr. Debs when seen in his car. "This trip is so tiresome, but all along the line comes encouragement in the way of contributions, large offerings and enthusiasm. At last the workman is preparing to come into his own."

Mr. Debs was asked regarding the report that his "red special" was paid for by the republican campaign committee in order to check the strength of the democrats.

"It is a lie—a lie," he almost shouted in reply. "The red special is paid for by contributions from members of our own party. We are too proud to accept any blood money."

Mr. Debs stated further that he expected his party to poll the largest vote in their history this year, "and most of the recruits are from democratic ranks" he concluded.

The candidate was more than pleased with the reception he received in San Francisco. "There," he said, "we were forced to take a place in the open to accommodate the crowds, and our contributions ran very high."

Mr. Debs' train pulled out soon after 8:16 passed through. He left Roseburg at 7 o'clock this morning and is in Portland tonight.

Busy in Portland. PORTLAND, Or., Sept. 14.—Local socialists are today among the busiest persons in Portland, arranging for the reception of Eugene V. Debs, socialist nominee for the presidency, who is due here early tonight in his "red special" to deliver an address.

The socialists promise something unique in the parade, which will form at the Union depot and proceed through the principal streets to the hall where Debs will speak. After the management of the armory had denied the use of 167 building to the socialists, the latter circulated bills severely criticizing the militia.

Socialists in Germany. BERLIN, Sept. 14.—The annual convention of the socialist party opened today at Nuremberg. Paul Singer, a member of the Reichstag, presided. Over 300 delegates thronged the hall to attend the opening of the session. Messages of sympathy were read from the socialists in other countries, including the United States and Canada. Reports showed the growth of the movement in Germany during the past year.

HORSEWHIPPED FOR INTAMACY WITH SMALL GIRL

ELMHURST, Cal., Sept. 14.—Constable Robert Gupill who was tied to a telegraph post and whipped publicly Saturday night for his alleged mistreatment of Lena Campbell, a 14-year old girl and promised an infuriated mob of citizens that he would leave town, today changed his mind and announced that he would stay here and prove his innocence of the charge against him.

Gupill says that he and Lena were merely reading a book when they were traced and he was arrested by James Fisher, a deputy constable. He declares that the stories told about him by the people of the town are untrue.

"I love the children for their own sake," said Gupill today. "I am a married man and have children of my own. I love to tell fairy stories to the children and to amuse them. I shall stay here as I have done nothing wrong."

Sheriff Barnett is investigating the case and trouble is looked for today from the residents of the town who are infuriated at Gupill.

LOOKS LIKE BRYAN IN SO. OREGON

"Prospector Poet" Sums Up the Situation in This Part of Oregon After Much Traveling

Clarence E. Eddy, the "Prospector Poet" a well known newspaper man of Oregon, but later of Idaho, Utah and Nevada who has been touring the Rogue river valley in the interests of The Tribune and Southern Oregonian news service says that he has talked with about 100 farmers and though making no special effort to determine their political sentiment he is surprised to note that the great majority of them voluntarily declare for Mr. Bryan, and only nine out of the whole number were announced for Taft, and one was an enthusiastic supporter of the Hearst league. Commenting on this he said, "I had heard that these districts were strongly republican but if they do not cast a heavy majority for Bryan this year, it could only be because there is not a fair count of the ballots."

ARE YOU A BACHELOR? IF SO, HERE'S A CHANCE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 14.—That she is seeking a husband that will help her to spend some of the millions she says were left her by her deceased husband, was the explanation for her ride to Golden Gate which resulted in her being taken to the hospital suffering from an overdose of ahashine and possibly drugs.

"I would never have gone to the beach," says Mrs. Lawrence "but for the fact that I am seeking a husband, a man young and handsome, you understand. I have never known what true marital happiness is."

"I married an old man for his money. He is dead. I am so anxious to meet a man closer to my own years. I am only 29. This is the secret of my wanderings through the park and along the ocean beach."

Since she left the Fairmont "by request" Mrs. Lawrence has been living at the Alexander under the name of Mrs. Lewis of New York. As to her identity or where she comes from, further than her unconfirmed statement that she is the widow of J. M. Lawrence of Los Angeles, Mrs. Lawrence is non-committal.

PRESS RIDICULES FIGURES REGARDING ENGLISH NAVY

LONDON, Sept. 14.—England's pride in her navy has been given a twist by the publication in anti-government papers of the naval statistics that discredit the figures recently given out by the British admiralty.

According to the admiralty's statement, England has 75 battleships, 34 armored cruisers, 142 completed destroyers and 12 destroyers building, a total of far more than double that of either America or France, England's closest rivals.

This estimate of strength is declared ridiculous by the anti-government press. Many of the vessels included in the list, it is declared, are either obsolete or out of repair.

The real figures, the papers say, are as follows: Forty-nine battleships, 99 completed destroyers and 14 building.

INDICATIONS OF RAIN BRING HOPE OF RELIEF

DULUTH, Minn., Sept. 14.—Indications that it will rain tonight brought hope to the refugees from the North Shore region today that a shower will put out the forest fires, and many who fled Saturday for their lives returned today to take up the work of rebuilding their homes.

School began at Chisholm this morning. The residents have constructed a temporary building from lumber rushed into the town on the first train. Other houses are being built as rapidly as possible, and it will not be long before the entire burned district will be built up in some sort of fashion.

SULTAN STRENGTHENS SELF WITH YOUNG TURKS

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 14.—It is announced that the restitution to the government by Sultan Abdul Hamid of crown lands, the annual revenue of which is \$25,000,000, has done much to strengthen the sultan with the dominant Young Turk party, than anything since the granting of the constitution. There is an appreciable silence in the talk of ultimately forcing him to abandon the throne.