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THANKS TO AMERICANS.

Lord Mayor of London Acknowledges Queen Victoria Fund.

LONDON, Nov. 13.—In acknowledging the final installment of \$5,000 contributed by Americans toward the Queen Victoria memorial fund, Lord Mayor Samuel today wrote Chairman Van Dusen, of the American committee, as follows:

"The liberality shown by your countrymen in a practical demonstration of the regard and esteem entertained for Her Majesty in the United States. This generous tribute will touch the hearts of the English people."

TO AID MASCAGNI.

Italy Orders Italian Ambassador to Take Up Composer's Case.

ROME, Nov. 13.—Foreign Minister Prinetti has instructed the Italian Ambassador at Washington to lend all possible aid to Signor Mascagni, the composer, in his difficulties, and to go to Boston if necessary. Several Senators and Deputies have given notice of their intention to interrogate the Government on the Mascagni affair at the opening of Parliament.

NIGHT FOR A BEAR

Roosevelt Begins His Hunt Today.

NIGHT PASSED IN CAMP

Fifteen Miles From Nowhere in a Great Wilderness.

DOGS OFF ON WILD-GOOSE CHASE

Pack One Hundred Miles Away to Be Brought to the Scene—Curious Will Not Get a Peep at the Sportsmen.

Daylight this morning found President Roosevelt in pursuit of black bears in Mississippi swamps. The trip to camp, 15 miles, was made on a broncho, and the Chief Executive is getting another touch of frontier life. The hunting ground is in a dense wilderness, and the sportsmen will have anything but an easy time in chasing Mr. Bruin.

SMEDS, Miss., Nov. 13.—President Roosevelt and his bear-hunting party arrived here shortly before 4 o'clock this afternoon, and in their hunting togs started in a short time for the camp on the Little Sunflower River. As the distance is a good 15 miles and the trail is rough and bad, the chances are that it was after dark before they reached the camp.

Smeds is simply a siding on the Yazoo & Mississippi Railway, where cotton is loaded from the big Smeds plantations. A plantation store and the residence of one of the managers are the only structures except negro cabins within sight. Work on the neighboring plantations was suspended this afternoon, and several hundred negroes were at the siding when the train stopped. Most of the men sat on cotton bales, but the black mammoths and pickaninnies stood along the track. They showed their white teeth in broad grins, but made no other demonstration as the President stepped from the train. He was clad in hunting costume, khaki riding trousers, heavy leather leggings, blue flannel shirt and corduroy coat, and wore a brown slouch hat. Around his waist was buckled his cartridge belt, and at his side hung his ivory-handled hunting knife. The other members of the party also wore hunting suits. While the guns, blankets and other small baggage were being loaded into a four-wheel wagon, the President chatted with the manager of the Smeds estate and two ladies who were great admirers of him, and who had come especially to greet him.

Personnel of the Party.

The major portion of the party joined the President at Memphis. Its personnel is as follows: President Roosevelt, President Fish, of the Illinois Central; General Counsel Dickinson, of the same road; John M. Parker, of New Orleans; John McElhenny, formerly a Lieutenant in the Rough Riders; Major G. A. Heim, W. W. Mangum and H. L. Foote. The latter three are large Mississippi planters, and well-known bear hunters. When all is in readiness, the members of the party, except Mr. Fish and Mr. Dickinson, mounted small, wiry, tough-looking horses and dashed away for the woods at a break-neck canter. The President's mount was a black horse. He did not look spirited, but it was explained that he was just the sort of an animal to force a way through the dense underbrush. Mr. Fish and Mr. Dickinson followed in a buckboarded raven by two mules.

Disappointments for President.

Two disappointments met the President here. The first one was that Mr. Mangum, who had had much to do with arranging the hunt, was too ill to proceed to camp tonight, and the other was the story which came from camp that in trying the pack of hounds today half the dogs had gone off after a deer, which was jumped while Hoke Collier was on the track of a bear. As there are only 12 dogs in the pack, the split is very disquieting. Mr. Mangum, as soon as he heard of this accident, put himself in communication with Bobo, a famous bear hunter, who has a fine pack of 45 dogs on his place about 100 miles north of here at Bobo Station. If this pack can be secured there will be a great sufficiency of dogs. In place of Mangum it has been arranged that Hugh Rote and Hoke Collier will hunt with the President. They will start out at daylight tomorrow morning. Paths have been cut through the undergrowth to be used as cut-offs to the river crossing, and on these stations the members of the party, except the President, will be stationed.

The Camp in a Great Wilderness.

The camp is located 15 miles east of Smeds, on the banks of the Little Sunflower River, in a practically unbroken wilderness. There are no settlers for miles in any direction. The oak, ash and cypress forest is choked with an undergrowth of vine, "raspberry," Mr. Parker said, "as the hair on a dog's back." The camp itself consists of three sleeping tents and one cook tent. Hoke Collier, a negro, who has charge of the dogs, was a scout in the Confederate army during the Civil War, and afterward acted as a guide for General Wade Hampton. Among the dogs is the most celebrated bear dog in this country. He is now the property of Mr. Foote. This is his last hunt. Mr. Foote told the President, as he is old and decrepit, though he has one

more hunt in him, and it means bear. Collier, Mr. Parker said, was credited with having been in at the death of 1000 bears. He is said to have killed nearly 100 in a single season.

"It will be rough work," said Mr. Parker.

"That is exactly what I want," replied the President.

"And we will have bear meat for Sunday dinner," added Mr. Parker.

"Let us get the bear before we arrange for the dinner," responded the President, laughing.

"When we strike the trail," said Mr. Parker, "we will follow it until we get what made it."

"That is the kind of talk I like to hear," replied the President.

Trips Is a Very Hard One.

"It will be powerful hard," said Mr. Mangum, who helped Mr. Parker arrange for the fight, "and I predict the President will lose at least five pounds in the next five days. I rode through there a few days ago, and I got out my clothes were almost torn off me. I looked as if I had been in a railroad wreck."

Mr. Mangum says the black bears hereabouts weigh 300 to 600 pounds. "We have a set of scales at the camp," said he, "and the beasts will be weighed when they are brought in."

The President's train is on the sidetrack here, and a telegraph station has been rigged up in a boxcar. Steps have been taken to keep the curious away from the camp. The country for miles around its location is owned by the Illinois Central road, but, of course, there would be no way of preventing an invasion of on-lookers. It would be, however, practically impossible for any one to reach the camp on foot, and arrangements have been made to prevent any one from obtaining a horse or a mule at Smeds without a permit. In this way the managers of the hunt believe that privacy is assured.

The people of Vicksburg wanted to run an excursion up here this evening, to enable them to see the President start on the hunt, but President Fish, of the Illinois Central, would not permit it.

BANK TO CLOSE ITS DOORS

Old Boston Institution in Financial Trouble.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—The Central National Bank will not, it is stated, open its doors today, the clearing-house committee have decided to refuse aid. When the facts were brought to the attention of the Controller of the Currency, he is understood to have authorized the bank examiner to close the doors. W. E. Neal is stated to have been appointed receiver. It is believed that there are sufficient assets to pay all the deposits in full without calling an assessment on the stock.

This turn of affairs is a surprise, as the Central, although neither a large nor old bank, had good commercial patronage, and was supposed to be financially strong. Its capital was \$500,000. The condition of the bank is understood to be due to a considerable amount of slow loans, and an inheritance from the old Pacific Bank. The Central National Bank was organized in 1873. Its statement shows surplus and profits of about \$200,000, and deposits of about \$1,500,000. Two years ago its deposits were nearly \$5,000,000. H. H. Luko is president of the institution.

Presbyterian Chapter Elections.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 13.—The Presbyterian chapters of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, in annual session here today, elected the following officers: President, Rev. John D. Shaw, New York; vice-president, Allen D. Carline, Pittsburgh; secretary, Rev. Percy Durtman, Philadelphia; auditor, Samuel M. Pugh, Philadelphia; treasurer, J. R. Collingwood, Philadelphia.

American Marines Go to Colon.

COLON, Nov. 13.—Owing to the death of a United States marine named Schoepfle of yellow fever at Panama, the three companies of marines stationed there, excepting a detail guard, have been ordered to Colon. The situation here is unchanged.

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BABCOCK IS GAINING

Wisconsin Man May Be the Next Speaker.

SOLID WEST HIS STRONGHOLD

Candidate Daisell Admits That He Fears This Argument Will Prove a Winning One—Barton of Ohio Enters the Race.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 13.—The boom of Representative J. W. Babcock, of Wisconsin, for Speakership, is gaining in strength.

HIS CHANCES AS SPEAKER OF THE 58TH CONGRESS ARE IMPROVING.



REPRESENTATIVE J. W. BABCOCK, OF WISCONSIN.

Representative Daisell, also a candidate, admitted today that 10 states are now sure for Babcock, although three of them, Utah, Wyoming and Idaho, have but one member each. Daisell believes Babcock is the strongest man in the West, and expects him to command more votes in that section than any other candidate. In fact, it is Babcock and not Cannon that Daisell fears.

Babcock's friends who are urging him actively to enter the race point out that the East now has the Presidency and the presidency of the Senate, and in view of the "solid Republican West," that section is entitled to the important office to be vacated by Henderson. They intend to emphasize this fact as much, if not more, than tariff reform in making their fight.

Representative Burton, of Ohio, chairman of the river and harbor committee, is the last aspirant to the Speakership to announce his ambition. Burton has written letters to all Republican members of the Ohio delegation, asking them to refrain from committing themselves to any candidate until he has had time to consider his own chances, and whether he wishes to become an active candidate. Burton cannot be called a popular member of the House, and in an open race for the Speakership would stand no chance against such men as Cannon, Babcock or even Daisell. His only hope of success would lie in a deadlock, when he might slip in as a dark horse. Even in such event, Burton's chances are very slight.

HOWBERT OUT FOR SENATOR.

Colorado Springs Banker Desires to Succeed Teller.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Nov. 13.—Irving Howbert, the Colorado Springs banker and mining man, announces himself a Republican candidate for the United States Senate. Mr. Howbert has served a term in the State Senate, and was chairman of the Republican State Committee in the campaign when Governor Waite, Populist, was defeated for re-election.

ODELL IS FOR PLATT.

Senator Says He Is a Candidate for Re-election If People Want Him.

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—After a conference here today with Senator T. C. Platt, Governor Odell reiterated a previous statement that he was in favor of Mr. Platt's re-election to the Senate. Mr. Platt said: "I suppose I am a candidate if the people who will be interested in the election of a Senator from New York want me to be chosen."

TELEGRAPHERS TO MEET

National Organization Taking in All Unions to Be Formed.

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 13.—A convention of commercial telegraphers from all parts of the country has been called to meet in this city on November 26. Delegates from about 50 cities are expected to be present. The object is to form a National organization with which all the existing local unions may affiliate. At present, there are two National organizations, which claim jurisdiction over the commercial telegraphers, and in addition there are a number of local organizations which are affiliated with neither. Both the National organization

and the Brotherhood of Commercial Telegraphers and the International Union of Telegraphers, have applied to the American Federation of Labor for a charter. The executive council of the federation on October 17 decided to call a convention of all the locals and let this convention amalgamate the three sections, draw up laws to govern it, and select a name, after which a charter will be issued by the American Federation of Labor. Pursuant to these instructions, President Gompers, of the Federation, today sent out the call for the convention from headquarters in Washington.

OFF ON CUBAN MISSION.

Bliss Will Hasten Reciprocity Negotiations as Much as Possible.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—General T. H. Bliss will sail for Cuba Saturday, if he can secure steamship accommodations. If not, he will go by way of Tampa and reach Havana early next week. It is the intention of those interested in the commercial treaty with Cuba to have it ready if possible in three weeks, and General Bliss will endeavor to adjust the differences by that time. It is considered important to have the treaty sent to the Senate before the holiday recess. It will

WAR IN THE CAMP

Gompers Sounds Warning to Unions.

THEIR EXISTENCE AT STAKE

Claims of Jurisdiction Offer the Serious Menace.

NONACTION MEANS A BATTLE

President of American Federation of Labor Delivers a Strong Address on Opening of Annual Session—President Elliot Is Scored.

Unless our affiliated National and international unions radically and soon change the course (as regards jurisdiction), we shall at no distant day be in the midst of an internecine contest unparalleled in any era of the industrial world—say, not even when workmen of different trades were arrayed against each other behind barricades in the streets over the question of trade against trade.—Statement of President Gompers.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 13.—President

Samuel Gompers, at the opening of the American Federation of Labor today, delivered an impassioned warning to the members of the organization that the immediate future of trade and labor assemblies was seriously endangered by the conflicting claims of jurisdiction made by different bodies. Unless such things were fixed in calmness and handled with moderation, he declared, the labor organization of the country would soon be involved in a conflict which would, by comparison, dwarf all the struggles in which labor organizations have been engaged. The matter would, unless checked, he asserted, come to a point where laboring men would fight with laboring men from behind barricades, in the manner in which men deal with their mortal foes. His warning of danger and his counsels of peace and moderation met with a hearty response from the assembled delegates, and applause greeted the speaker as he closed that portion of his annual address in which he had pointed out the perils which, in his opinion, will surely come unless methods are altered, and altered soon.

The first day of the convention, aside from the address of President Gompers, was not of great interest to outsiders, and many delegates found it fatiguing. The morning session was occupied with addresses of welcome and responses, and the report of the committee on credentials. The afternoon was consumed by the address of President Gompers, who occupied two hours and 20 minutes of rapid reading. The reports of other officers required two additional hours. Tomorrow it is expected that the actual work of the convention will be entered upon. There are 400 delegates in attendance. When the convention had been called to order this morning, President Lee, of the New Orleans organization, delivered an address of welcome on behalf of the laboring men of New Orleans. He closed with a warm tribute to President Gompers personally, declaring that the members of the federation would follow him to the end.

President Gompers declared in his reply that he fully appreciated whatever was said of him personally, and thought he could best show his appreciation by silence regarding it. After touching upon the scope and bearing of the labor union movement, President Gompers declared that it was amazing to note the ignorance among so-called educated people regarding the aims and objects of the organization.

Gompers Scores Elliot.

"No man who as an educator," said President Gompers, "poses as a strike breaker, is fit for the position he holds. Compared to such a man, Benedict Arnold was a martyr and Judas Iscariot a saint." Although no names were mentioned, it was understood by the delegates that reference was made to the head of one of the leading educational institutions of the country, and they applauded loudly. Cheers were again called forth when it was declared that the men who acted the role of strike-breakers were looking backward toward barbarism and not to the future.

The report of the committee on credentials declared that 69 National organizations, nine state organizations, 56 central bodies, 41 local and federal bodies and four fraternal delegates had reported and were entitled to representation. The total voting strength of the bodies represented by the delegates was about 30,000. It was recommended the credentials be denied to a number of delegates who were opposed chiefly because of nonpayment of dues. A protest against the seating of the delegates of the Amalgamated Association of Carpenters was made by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners. Upon motion, the contest was referred back to the committee for further action.

J. B. Duncan moved that a special committee be appointed to which all disputes should be referred, this committee to report direct to the convention. This motion was adopted.

A special committee was also appointed to consider the differences between the Longshoremen and other organizations who claim the former are intruding upon their territory.

At the opening of the afternoon session President Gompers called Vice-President Kidd to the chair and read his report. The words of praise accorded by the speaker to President Mitchell, of the United Mineworkers' Union, were greeted with great applause.

Reports Show Prosperity.

Secretary Morrison's report, which embodied much detail of routine matter, was (Continued on Fifth Page.)