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ROOSEVELT DRAWS LINE AT LORIMER

Colonel Will Not Sit at Same Table.

OWN CLUB EXCLUDES SENATOR

Sudden Decision Is Surprise to Invitation Committee.

HURRIED TELEGRAM SENT

Wishes of Guest Prevail, Though Much Embarrassment Is Felt as Result—Lorimer Refuses to Make Any Reply.

CHICAGO, Sept. 8.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt today barred William Lorimer, junior United States Senator from Illinois, from the Hamilton Club banquet at the Congress Hotel by refusing to sit at the same table.

The occurrence startled politicians here and over the country. The unprecedented demand that the Hamilton Club deny to one of its own members the privilege of attending the banquet came with characteristic abruptness from Colonel Roosevelt.

The committee members looked their amazement, and finally after some hesitation informed their guests that they would go back to Chicago and tell Senator Lorimer his views.

"No," Colonel Roosevelt replied, emphatically. "Send him a telegram telling him that I will not attend the dinner tonight if he is there."

The delegation of Hamilton Club men were perplexed. Their embarrassment apparently was not noticed by Mr. Roosevelt, who chatted with others while the perturbed delegates consulted as to what should be done.

Telegram Sent to Lorimer. After some interval, the following telegram was dispatched to Senator Lorimer:

"Colonel Roosevelt positively declines to sit at the same table with you. Our invitation to you for this evening is therefore withdrawn."

The telegram was signed by ex-Judge John H. Batten.

The committee members were taken completely by surprise and their discussion of the event did not cease with the sending of the telegram to Senator Lorimer.

Judge Batten, as spokesman of the party, said to the incident was a complete surprise to him. He continued: "The club had invited a number of prominent Republicans, among them the Republican Governor of Illinois and various Congressmen, and it had not occurred to the men who arranged the dinner that they should not invite a Republican Senator. Under the circumstances there is nothing for us to do but respect the wishes of Colonel Roosevelt, the guest of the evening."

Senator Gives No Sign. If Senator William Lorimer was surprised or hurt at the refusal of Colonel Roosevelt to sit at the banquet table with him, he gave no sign.

With his usual untroubled brow and his customary suavity of expression, he courteously declined to comment to newspapermen on what to many seemed a most extraordinary incident.

The news of Colonel Roosevelt's demand of the Hamilton Club delegation that they inform the Senator of his ultimatum was given to Senator Lorimer when he reached his office, the president's room in the La Salle Street National Bank. He had just arrived from his summer home on Pizakee Bay when he stopped among the group of perspiring newspapermen.

A hurried resume of the dispatches from Freepost was given and a statement was asked from him.

"Is that so," he said. "This is the first I have heard of it. No, no, I have nothing whatever to say. Nothing at all." He turned from the group, conversed with his secretary and then entered his private office. Some of the officials followed him.

Telegram Is False Alarm. A telegram came and the newspapermen clustered around the door. Hurred messages were sent to "hold the edition just a minute." Senator Lorimer, still cool and smiling, was again

MAN ALL ON FIRE DECLINES HELP

SAFETY OF OTHERS PLACED BEYOND OWN WELFARE.

Firemen, Accustomed to Thrilling Experiences, Astonished by George W. Watson's Grit.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 8.—(Special.)—His body enveloped in flames from his blazing trousers, which were saturated with tar, George W. Watson, of 6724 Twenty-first avenue Northwest, Ballard, this morning gave to the firemen of No. 6 engine house at Twenty-third avenue and West 67th, one of the greatest examples of heroism firemen have ever seen.

Although his son and two other men endeavored to save him from burning to death, Watson cautioned them against the danger of catching fire themselves and sitting down on the curb pulled off the blazing clothing. The clothing fell off in pieces under his fingers. Through it all Watson never whimpered. Then he appeared with burns that extended from his hips to his feet, while his back had a great burned spot and his arms and hands were frightfully blistered.

When the ambulance arrived he refused to go to the hospital, but insisted on being taken to his home at Ballard, a drive of more than six miles. His wish was respected.

Watson and his son, George Watson, were engaged in tarring a roof at Twenty-fourth avenue South and Main street when the accident happened. The father was melting tar in a five-gallon can when the bottom fell out of the can and the melted tar blazed up from the fire underneath it. Watson's clothes caught fire with the first flash.

EUGENE WOMAN ATTACKED

Masked Female Throws Carbollic Acid on Mrs. Thompson.

EUGENE, Or., Sept. 8.—(Special.)—Wearing a mask that wholly concealed her features, a strange woman last night entered the home of Mrs. Thompson in the Had building, where she attempted to throw the contents of a bottle of carbollic acid in the latter's face, at the same time exclaiming, "Now I have you where I want you."

Mrs. Thompson struck her assailant's arm and most of the acid ran down her neck, arms and chest, though her right cheek was burned slightly by the fluid. After throwing the acid the masked woman locked Mrs. Thompson up in her room and made her escape.

Mrs. Thompson is the divorced wife of a traveling salesman and lives with her brother. She denies knowing the name of her assailant, or of any motive which might have prompted the attack.

CONVICTS FIRE FORESTS

Escaped Felons Cut Off Pursuit by Menacing Countryside.

THE DALLES, Or., Sept. 8.—(Special.)—To prevent their recapture by guards from the Washington State Penitentiary, two escaped convicts today set fire to timber in the neighborhood of Lytle, Wash., and the flames spread rapidly through the forests. Telephone messages through Lytle tonight said that the fire had scattered in several directions and that it was feared a wind would spring up and menace many homesteads and the town of Lytle.

The convicts were members of a road gang from the Walls Walls Penitentiary and escaped yesterday. They were in the camp and managed to elude pursuit until today, when the guards secured bloodhounds to follow their trail. This beast, the fugitives started the fire and cut off their pursuers.

OAKESDALE DOCTOR WEDS

With Pasadena Bride He Attends Another Wedding Soon After.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 8.—(Special.)—One of the prettiest summer weddings of the season was that of Miss Mary Edith Macklin, daughter of Mrs. Emma Macklin, of Pasadena, and Dr. Henry N. Whitelaw, of Oakesdale, Wash., which took place this afternoon at the home of the bride's mother, 1147 North Mentor avenue, Pasadena. Rev. W. Dodge officiating.

Dr. and Mrs. Whitelaw remained in the city until tonight, when they attended the wedding of Miss Mary Horrell and Dr. Bruce Lemmon, which took place in the Pasadena Presbyterian Church, after which, accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. Lemmon, they left for a honeymoon trip.

AGED ALBANY MAN DIES

Bliss C. Flagg Passes Away at Age of 78—Three Children Survive.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 8.—(Special.)—Bliss C. Flagg, for many years a resident of Albany, died today at his home in this city, aged 78 years. He leaves three children: Mrs. Jessie Davenport, of McMinnville; Harvey Flagg, of Bridal Veil; and E. J. Flagg, of Albany. He was a member of the Methodist Church of Albany.

AMENDMENT IN DISFAVOR

Texas Legislators Want Franchise Taken From Negroes.

AUSTIN, Tex., Sept. 8.—The lower house of the Texas Legislature today, by a vote of 81 to 34, instructed Senators and Representatives in Congress to work for the repeal of the 14th amendment to the Federal Constitution conferring franchise on negroes.

TAFT IS IGNORED IN RESOLUTIONS

Roosevelt's View Is Indorsed at St. Paul.

COMMITTEE IS IN TURMOIL

Snub to President Decided on by Vote of Ten to Eight.

FIGHT IS PRECIPITATED

Platform Demands Regulation of Water Supply by National Commission—Mines and Surface Rights Are Separated.

ST. PAUL, Sept. 8.—The committee on resolutions of the National Conservation Congress was in a turmoil and verging on it all day today. Eventually the committee agreed to recommend a night session of the convention and a platform demanding National control of natural resources.

Henry W. Wallace, of Des Moines, was elected president and Austin Lashaw, of Kansas City, treasurer. Thomas Shipp was re-elected secretary.

The big fight of the committee meeting, which it was promised would be carried to the floor of the convention, concerned the mention of the name of Theodore Roosevelt as the originator of the policies recommended by the committee, and ignoring that of Mr. Taft.

The resolutions as reported by the committee subsequently were adopted by the congress.

Taft's Name Omitted. The session of the committee were executive, but the warfare became known. Violent speeches were made, demanding that the policies advocated by the congress not only were those of Mr. Roosevelt, but those of President Taft, and that the name of President Taft should be specifically mentioned.

This occurred during the afternoon, when there were only 18 members of the committee present, under the chairmanship of ex-Governor Farley of California. The vote to include the name of President Taft was lost, eight to ten. The resolutions as adopted by the committee follow:

"The second National Conservation Congress, made up of delegates from nearly every state and territory of the United States, met at the call of a great moral issue, in session assembled at St. Paul, does hereby adopt and solemnly declare the following platforms of opinion and conclusion concerning the inherent rights of the people of the United States:

Special Interests Repudiated. "Heartily accepting the spirit and intent of the Constitution and adhering to the principles laid down by Washington and Lincoln, we declare our conviction that we live under a government of the people, by the people, and for the people, and we repudiate any and all special or local interests or platforms of policies in conflict with the inherent rights and sovereign will of our people.

"Recognizing the natural resources (Continued on Page 4.)

PIUS X MOVES TO CHECK MODERNISM

DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG CLERGY TO BE WATCHED.

Bishops Charged to Remove Distracting Influences and to Re-quire Oath of Loyalty.

ROME, Sept. 8.—Pope Pius X has issued a motu proprio, giving new and practical measures to be adopted against the growing modernist campaign.

The pontiff reiterates all of the rules previously set forth against modernism and especially in the encyclical Pascendi and adds that the bishops and rectors of Catholic colleges must watch attentively the development of the young clergy, seeing to it that they are well prepared to combat error, forbidding them to read newspapers and periodicals and avoid distracting them from their studies.

Every professor in beginning his course, every acolyte before being promoted, every new confessor, canon or holder of a similar office, and every ecclesiastical official before taking possession of his post must take an oath of loyalty to the healthy Catholic doctrine and discipline.

Portland Bank Would Be Repository OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash. (Special.)—The Security Savings & Trust Company, of Portland, has applied to be appointed depository for postal savings bank funds.

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BLAST ON WARSHIP KILLS AND MAIMS

Big Battleship North Dakota Horror Scene.

HOSPITAL SHIP TO RESCUE

Great Dreadnought, Late Addition to Navy, in Plight.

MANY DEAD; 100 INJURED

Oil Tanks Aflame Following Explosion in Hold, Believed to Have Been Fatal to More Than Yet Made Known.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Several men were killed outright and many more were injured as a result of an explosion of oil in the fire room of the United States battleship North Dakota off Old Point Comfort this morning. Three men are known to be dead and reports have been received here giving as many as 16 dead from the blast, from the fire which followed and from inhaling smoke and poisonous gases. The list of injured is estimated from 11 to 100. These reports are unofficial; no official report of the disaster has been made as yet.

The explosion threw the crew of the sombre seafighter into consternation, but by quick and intelligent work on the part of officers and men, the fire which followed the explosion was soon extinguished. This was done by flooding the fire rooms.

Several other ships of the fleet rushed to the North Dakota's side, to offer assistance. Following the accident, dense clouds of smoke rose from the disabled ship but these soon floated away, as the blaze in the fire room was extinguished. The ships are well out to sea and the only news of the disaster has come by fragmentary wireless reports, some of which contradict each other. Some of the reports said 16 were dead and still others gave the total dead as but three. These are said to have been J. W. Smith, Joseph Streit and R. Gilmore, all coal passers. The most seriously injured are firemen, machinists and others whose work kept them away below decks.

Unofficially, it is said that the explosion resulted from a test of oil as fuel.

A report reached Old Point Comfort late in the afternoon that the North Dakota was aground in lower Chesapeake Bay. This report, which has not been confirmed, gave the list of injured as 75, most of whom dropped at their work of firefighting, from inhaling the gas and smoke. A wireless dispatch to Norfolk, Va., said the list of injured in the accident would reach a total of 100.

The most authentic news of the explosion received at the Capital came to the Navy Department from Admiral Schroeder, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet.

A hospital ship has been dispatched to the North Dakota.

It is understood that the Yankton, the Solace and the Kansas are accompanying the North Dakota to Old Point Comfort. This report says the damaged battleship is using her own steam.

LONDON WILL HAVE FINEST PLAYHOUSE

HAMMERSTEIN TO MAKE LAVISH DISPLAY FOR HIS STARS.

King and Lord Mayor Will Sit in Private Boxes—Orville Harrold to Be Tenor.

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—(Special.)—Oscar Hammerstein announces he is to build one of the finest opera houses in the world on property which he has acquired on Kingsway, between Keeley and Kimbel streets, London. The site is near the Alwick Theater, Strand Theater, Waldorf Astoria Hotel and the Royal Exhibition building, now in construction. Mr. Hammerstein's declaration says:

"My repertoire will predominate with French works, some of which I monopolize already, but the Italian and German school will also be adhered to. I will begin the erection of the opera house next month. The house will be called the London Opera House and on the interior it will resemble my old Philadelphia opera-house, seating 2500, including 45 grand tier boxes. Two boxes in the center of the tier I will dedicate to the exclusive use of the King of England and the Lord Mayor of London."

Orville Harrold, the American tenor, will be one of the leading tenors of the London company. Many of London's singers will sing with Mr. Hammerstein's company that is to tour in America each season.

NEGRO WILL BE DEFINED

Supreme Court Will Decide Question Once for All.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Just what constitutes a negro in the United States may be a question which the United States Supreme Court will be asked to settle in the near future. One-sixteenth negro blood in an individual classifies him as a negro in the District of Columbia, according to a decision by Justice Daniel T. Wright of the District Supreme court, in the case of a colored man who was a white public school teacher because the principal had information that she was of negro parentage.

The father of the girl attempted to force the Board of Education to reinstate the child, but failed. Justice Wright deciding against the school, the case was appealed to the District Court of Appeals. If the appellate court affirms Justice Wright's decision, an effort will be immediately made to have the United States Supreme Court pass on the question.

What action would be taken respecting the resolution adopted yesterday by the four Democratic members and one insurgent Republican was not known. Mr. Madison has stated that the action could be reversed by a majority if it saw fit.

OUSTED CLERK IN OFFICE

Postal Employees Elect Discharged Government Official President.

CHICAGO, Sept. 8.—Oscar E. Nelson, Chicago, discharged from the National Postal Service July 18, on the ground that he indirectly influenced legislation in favor of the Post Office clerk, was yesterday elected president of the National Federation of Post Office Clerks.

The specific charges on which Nelson was dismissed from the service were placing on the bulletin board of the Chicago post office a circular letter showing that the legislative committee of the American Federation of Labor was trying to secure legislation favorable to Post office employees and of insubordination in giving to Chicago newspapers information relative to insubordinate conditions in the Federal building.

The next convention will be held at Des Moines, Iowa.

"FREDDY" GEBHARD DEAD

One Time Admirer of Lily Langtry Ends Career as Clubman.

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—Frederick Gebhard, for years one of the best-known club men in New York, died today at Garden City, L. I., where he had been stopping since last Spring in the hope of benefiting his health. A quarter of a century ago, Mr. Gebhard entertained largely at his city and country residences and on his steam yacht. He was assiduous for a long time in his attentions to Lily Langtry, the English actress, and their engagement was at one time reported. Shortly afterward in 1894, he married Miss Lulu H. Morris, of Baltimore. They were divorced a few years later. Mrs. Gebhard afterward marrying Henry Clews, Jr., and Mr. Gebhard four years ago wedded Marie Wilson, an actress.

SUNDAY FAIR IS OPPOSED

California Prohibitionists Indorse Exposition Conditionally.

SAN JOSE, Sept. 8.—The prohibition state convention concluded its work shortly after noon today. The platform favors woman suffrage, the initiative and referendum and recall, parcel post and public ownership of public utilities and declares for a nonpartisan tariff commission.

A resolution was adopted indorsing the Panama Pacific International Exposition for San Francisco, provided that the sale of all alcoholic liquors, gambling and other immoralities be excluded from the exposition grounds and vicinity, and that the exposition be closed on Sunday.

INVADERS WIN MANEUVERS

Aerial Scouts Expose Weakness of Defense in German Game.

BERLIN, Prussia, Sept. 8.—The imperial army maneuvers opened today with a successful dash of an invading division theoretically designated as Russians. The defenders fell back under a powerful attack, their weakness having been exposed by the enemy's aerial scouts.

Emperor William and Princess Victoria Luise, both wearing the brilliant uniform of the Death Heads Hussars, of which the young Princess is honorary Colonel, witnessed the fight. A total of 35,000 men participated.

BALLINGER VOTE LIKELY TO BE TIE

Republicans Receive Reinforcements.

DENBY REACHES MINNEAPOLIS

Representative Olmstead, Another Republican, Due.

COMMITTEE MEETS TODAY

Findings of Democrats Are Prepared All Ready for Presentation. Others Hold Conferences but Plans Are Not Divulged.

MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 8.—Representative Edwin Denby, of Michigan, one of the Republican members of the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee, arrived today and will attend the executive session to be held tomorrow. Mr. Denby has been detained by the Michigan primaries. Representative Marlin Olmstead, another Republican member, is expected tomorrow.

The presence of Messrs. Denby and Olmstead at the committee meeting will give the Republicans five votes on any action that may be taken. There are four Democratic members here and an insurgent Republican, Mr. Madison, of Kansas. The Democrats are relying on his support on questions at issue.

Root Is Absent. Senator Root, of New York, has not advised the committee so far as known whether he will attend. In any event he could not reach Minneapolis in time for the meeting tomorrow. Without the aid of Mr. Root it is probable that a tie vote would be recorded on certain matters to be acted upon, providing Representative Madison assists the Democrats.

What action would be taken respecting the resolution adopted yesterday by the four Democratic members and one insurgent Republican was not known. Mr. Madison has stated that the action could be reversed by a majority if it saw fit.

Conferences Are Held. Any plans the Republicans may have were not divulged. Mr. Denby spent some time this morning in conference with Representative McCall and Senator Sutherland. Senators Sutherland and Nelson and Mr. McCall were also uncommunicative.

The findings of the Democrats, which will make about 21,000 words, were put in shape for possible presentation tomorrow. Their report is the joint work of Messrs. James, Graham, Fletcher and Purcell and the feature will be the section devoted to the vindication of Mr. Pinchot.

Other Matters Treated. Other matters to be exhaustively treated will be the Cunningham claims and Alaska lands and Mr. Ballinger's connection therewith; granting of waterpower sites and the Secretary's administration of the reclamation service.

Representative Madison devoted a part of the day to final preparation of an independent report which he will present. This is expected to make about 10,000 words. It is known to contain an elaborate defense of Mr. Pinchot.

The findings of the Republicans undoubtedly will be lengthy. Their nature was not divulged by any of the members.

NAVY MAN'S TALK COSTLY

First Lieutenant Disciplined for Insulting Policeman.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Because First Lieutenant William L. Burchfield, of the Marine Corps, furnished a revolver and used threatening language to Patrolman H. K. Kaha, and several others at Honolulu, has been disciplined by the Navy Department.

"You know where my dog is; if you don't bring my dog back I'll shoot you," is the threat Burchfield is said to have made in pointing his revolver at the policeman.

SIBLEY CASE POSTPONED

Representative Will Be Tried for Debauching Voters in December.

WARREN, Pa., Sept. 8.—The case of Representative Joseph C. Sibley and four other men on charges of "debauching voters of Warren County" was postponed to this morning until the December term of court. Bail was fixed at \$1000 each.

Neither Sibley nor his private secretary, Frank H. Taylor, was in court today, lengthy affidavits being filed certifying to their physical inability to be present.

SHAH'S SERVANTS STRIKE

Clamor for Wages Due Starts Trouble in Persian Palace.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 8.—A dispatch from Teheran states that the servants of the Shah's palace have gone on strike and are clamoring for the wages due them.

