



### T. R. IS IN TANGLE OF EXPLANATIONS

#### Candidacy and Willingness Held Different

### "REAL DEMAND" IS CITED

#### Report He Indorsed Taft Is Now Repudiated.

### INSINUATIONS ARE VAGUE

#### Roosevelt Insists That Ambition to West Presidential Nomination From Taft Is Not Violation of Refusal to Run.

OSTYER BAY, March 4.—Colonel Roosevelt said today it was perfectly true that he had said he would not be a candidate in 1912. He had made that statement in many persons, he said, but had not declared that he would not accept the nomination if it were tendered to him. He drew a distinction between becoming a candidate and being willing to accept the nomination.

The colonel made it plain that he saw nothing in the letter to Managing Editor of the Philadelphia North American, Van Valkenburg, in which he said he would not be a candidate in 1912, to conflict with his recent statement that he would become the nominee of the party if his party asked it.

Colonel Roosevelt's stand in the matter is set forth in the statement he gave out today explaining the circumstances that induced him to write to Mr. Van Valkenburg. This is the statement:

"At that time persistent efforts had been made for Washington to convince the 'progressives' that I was really supporting Taft. On this particular occasion the statement was made with the greatest explicitness. I promptly denied the statement and was assured on the other hand that it had been inspired from the White House and assured on the contrary was made purely on the initiative of the Associated Press."

Letter is Referred To.

The Associated Press people assured me that they were not responsible for the false statements, and, as it will be seen by reference to the letter itself, Mr. Noyes was quoted as having got the information from independent sources. I do not know who gave out this letter, but I am certain that it was not Mr. Van Valkenburg, for I know him to be an honorable man.

Demand Not Inspired.

"It was not until the last three or four months that I was finally obliged to come in to the nomination. That was a real demand among the people as a whole for my nomination, which did not come in any way from any personal friends of mine, and was neither inspired nor engineered by them."

When I became convinced that this popular demand was real and was considerable, and when the governors of seven states, including my own, had expressed their opinion in favor of my nomination, I most naturally and incidentally asked myself whether I would accept if nominated. I answered 'yes.'"

Open Primaries Urged.

"I added an expression of my wish that wherever possible open preferential presidential primaries might be held, so as to find out whom the Republican voters wished to have nominated."

"If the people do not wish me to serve, most certainly I do not wish to serve. If they do desire me to undertake in their interest a great task, I shall do so and shall perform it with whatever courage and ability I possess. Whether there will be such an expression of the popular will I cannot say, as where there are no preferential primaries it unfortunately seems too often to be the case that the effort of the political leaders is not to give expression to the popular will, but to thwart it in every way possible."

### VAN VALKENBURG LETTER OUT

#### Washington Star Prints Roosevelt's Declaration He Wouldn't Run.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The Washington Star today prints under a New York date what purports to be the full text of the letter written by Theodore Roosevelt, saying he would not be a candidate for the Presidential nomination in 1912. The letter, addressed to Managing Editor Van Valkenburg, of the Philadelphia North American, reads as follows:

"June 27, 1911.—My Dear Van Valkenburg: I am really obliged to you. Now, will you not give Mr. McClabrey from"

### "AFFINITY PARTY" PROPOSAL ANGERS

#### Husband Says Wife Wanted Freedom Among Guests.

### CHILDREN DESCRIBE CRUEL TREATMENT

#### 5 Cents Weekly Is Paid for Drinking Water.

### LAWRENCE MOTHERS BEATEN

#### Boys and Girls Say They Were Hurlled About Like Rags.

### USE OF BAYONETS TOLD OF

#### Working Conditions in Lawrence Mills Unspeakable, According to Testimony of Hands of 14 and 15 Years of Age.

### KLAMATH HAS BIG MERGER

#### \$50,000,000 Concern to Control Newspaper, Hotel, Springs, Land.

### PASSENGER WRECK FATAL

#### Fireman Killed, Trainmen Hurt. Occupants of Pullmans Aid.

### TRIXIE FRIGANZA TO WED

#### Actress to Give Her Company Big Dinner in Honor of Event.

### FREE SUGAR HELD MENACE

#### Underwood Bill, if Passed, Would Hurt Western Trade Is Said.

### HONOR SYSTEM PLANNED

#### Day's Work Will Cut Two Days Off Arizona Felons' Sentences.

### SALT LAKE LINE TO BUILD

#### Road Authorizes Issuance of \$70,000,000 Bonds for Extensions.

### DELEGATES TO GET NO SPECIAL RATES

#### Republicans and Democrats Must Pay 2 Cents Mile.

### AMERICANS FLEE FROM OLD MEXICO

#### Many Are "Bottled Up" in Disorderly Zone.

### TRAIN SERVICE IS PROMISED

#### Rebel Commander Says He'll Transport Refugees.

### ALARM IN UNDERCURRENT

#### General Exodus of United States Citizens From Big Lumbering Town Below Border Shows Taft's Advice Heeded.

### HARVARD HAS TAFT CLUB

#### Students Organize to Boon Renomination of President.

### JAB OF COB PIPE FATAL

#### Stem Stabbed Into Face in Quarrel Leads to Murder Charge.

### 3 DIE IN TENEMENT FIRE

#### Seventy Others Escape From Flaming Building in Boston.

### SILETZ SETTLER GETS PATENT

#### Oregonian News Bureau, Washington, March 4.—The White House today informed Representative Hawley that in compliance with a joint request made by himself and Ralph Williams, National committeeman, the Interior Department has issued a patent to one Siletz settler, under the provisions of the Hawley act, and that other patents are to follow.

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