

POSTCARD ARMOIES
M'CUSKER'S WRATH

La Follette's Oregon Manager
Dons Fighting Armor When
T. R. Campaign Opens.

BREACH NOW IS WIDENED

Attempt to Get Corner on Progressives
Stirs Up Hornets' Nest.
Houser to Stump State
for Wisconsin Man.

Scarcely had the Roosevelt forces established headquarters in this city when they launched a campaign to get a corner on Oregon progressives. But it was right here that they started something that may prove troublesome to them. It has served thoroughly to arouse the ire of Thomas McCusker, commander-in-chief of the La Follette supporters in this state.

He said yesterday that he had denounced his fighting armor and would vigorously resist any and every attempt on the part of the Roosevelt people to disgrace the La Follette strength.

In other words, the breach between the Roosevelt and La Follette people has been widened.

Post Card Boasts Roosevelt.

Throughout the city several hundred postal cards, with self-addressed postcards attached, were delivered through the mail to registered Republican voters yesterday. The card carried the following message to the voter:

"If you are a progressive Republican, do you not agree that all progressives should support the strongest man for the Republican Presidential nomination? At least, La Follette can only have a handful of delegates in the Republican National convention. Roosevelt is the only man that can beat Taft. If you favor Roosevelt, please sign and mail the attached postcard."

The postal card bears the signature of R. G. Brand, "secretary Multnomah County Roosevelt committee."

Secretary Hets Against T. R. "The Roosevelt people will be to whistle to keep up their courage," said Mr. McCusker yesterday, on being shown one of the postal cards sent out from the ex-President's headquarters.

"The sentiment among progressives throughout the state is against Roosevelt and for La Follette. Any progressive who is a real progressive must realize that La Follette is the foremost progressive of today and the ablest constructive statesman of the country."

"It is evident Mr. Brand, when he prepared the postal card for the Roosevelt committee, had not seen the reports of the Presidential election in North Dakota and Wisconsin as to who is the real progressive. When he hears from South Dakota, Nebraska, Oregon and California, where he has been in the progressive ranks, he may then realize what a true progressive is."

If Roosevelt were sincere in his protestations of progressiveness, he would not come into a field which many Republicans feel could be carried by La Follette and attempt to divide the progressive vote. It looks very much to the real progressives that there is some ulterior motive behind Roosevelt's action.

McCusker Ready for Fight. "Thus far in this campaign I have let the Roosevelt forces entirely alone. I have not thrown any bricks in their direction. But I do not propose to sit quietly by and permit them to make any misleading statements, such as are contained in their postal card, especially when those statements are designed to mislead the progressive voters of the state. If the supporters of the ex-President intend to conduct such a campaign in Oregon they may depend upon me to meet them in more or less emphatic language."

When it comes to defining a progressive in this state and deciding who is the strongest progressive candidate for the Presidential endorsement in Oregon, Mr. McCusker refuses to stand aside for anybody.

La Follette Real Progressive. "For the last month he has been making a specialty of feeling out the progressives in Oregon and he says his investigations have convinced him beyond question of doubt that La Follette is the man the true progressives want. It is for this reason Mr. McCusker seriously objects to accepting as conclusive the deductions that have been drawn by the newly-formed Roosevelt organization."

Mr. McCusker yesterday received a telegram from Walter L. Houser, National campaign manager for La Follette, announcing that Houser, who is in California, would arrive in Oregon next week, prepared to make two or three addresses daily in support of the Wisconsin man. Mr. McCusker has not completed an itinerary for Mr. Houser.

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