

TAFT IS PRACTICAL, FISHER DECLARES

Secretary Says President Labors Effectively in Direction of Reform.

POSITION IS MISQUOTED

Former Roosevelt Enthusiast Convinced That Results Will Be Accomplished by Election of Present Executive.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 12.—Speaking here tonight in support of President Taft's Administration, Secretary Fisher, of the Interior Department, asserted that "absolutely regardless of the tricks that are thrown from either side," the President had pressed forward toward the goal of accomplishment of real measures for the advancement of the interests of the whole people.

"You can be pretty sure," said Secretary Fisher, "that any public man in the middle of the road when he is attacked by big business upon one side and by those who are seeking to advance their personal interests by attacking big business upon the other."

Mr. Fisher said he had entered President Taft's Cabinet "because nothing but a lack of confidence in the sincerity and high purpose of President Taft would justify a refusal of his call."

Speaker Once For Roosevelt.

"I became president of the Conservation League of America at the suggestion of Mr. Roosevelt and I am proud," he said, "I was for Colonel Roosevelt for President when he was Lieutenant-Governor of New York. In 1884, before he had been nominated for Governor of New York, I was one of a little group of enthusiasts in the city of Chicago who flung to the breeze a banner inscribed, 'For President in 1894, Theodore Roosevelt.'"

He said his confidence in Mr. Roosevelt had deepened as he worked for the promotion of public welfare.

"I understand Senator La Follette recently has told you that he came to Nebraska because Nebraska people are 'progressive,'" said Mr. Fisher. "That is the reason I have come to Nebraska. I claim to be a progressive Republican and I wish to say something to you about the so-called 'progressive politics' and then return to the Republican nomination for President."

President is Misrepresented.

"I believe that the position of President Taft with regard to them has been misunderstood and misrepresented. I myself have had the distinction of being under suspicion by both radicals and reactionaries. My claim to being a 'progressive' is based, not upon mere advocacy of the progressive politics in a theoretical and academic way, but upon practical efforts to secure definite results, especially in the movements for the short ballot, the direct primary, the referendum and the recall."

Secretary Fisher said President Taft had taken a progressive attitude upon all these questions. "He believes in reducing the number of elective offices, which is the 'short ballot,'" he said. "He believes in the direct primary and the referendum, and the only application of the recall which he has opposed is the recall of judges."

Recall Issues Obscured.

"Upon all these questions," said Mr. Fisher, "I believe the 'progressive' men disagree about the form in which and the extent to which these changes in governmental methods should be adopted by the states. To make them the test in the selection of a Republican nominee for the primary is to divide men who should sit together. The real issues of next November are to be Federal income, such as the tariff and the regulation of the trusts."

"Here again the differences between the militant reformer and the constructive statesman is well illustrated in the attitude and action of the President. His tariff commission has, for the first time, given to Congress and the country the real facts upon which constructive tariff legislation can be framed. I think it is entirely within bounds to state that no one of the President's critics has made a successful or even serious attack upon these reports."

"COP" HALTS SUPERIORS

Police Sergeant Mistakes Captain for Bunco Steerer.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—Captain John O'Meara, of the police department, of Charles Skelly, secretary of the police commission, were taken for bunco steers and stopped on the street tonight by Sergeant John Collins. The sergeant was just about to put them under arrest when something familiar about the look in Captain O'Meara's eyes suggested delay.

In a moment Collins was busy explaining that he had been misled by the insistence of Philip Jay, standing at his side, who had pointed out the two officers as the men who had just relieved him of \$50.

BANKER'S ARREST SECRET

Man Wanted in Canada to Be Extradited in Haste.

CHICAGO, April 12.—Plans were made today for the hurried extradition of W. Beattie Nesbitt, ex-president of the Farmers National Bank, of Toronto, Ont., who is under arrest here for alleged forgery of \$200,000 in connection with the failure of the bank two years ago.

BARONET'S SON IS FOUND

Frederick Hesketh, Seemingly Deceased, Is Herding Sheep.

DENVER, Colo., April 12.—The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Frederick Ferner Hesketh, a Lieutenant in the British Ninth Lancers, who

was seen at Kingston, Ireland, October 30, 1910, appears to be solved by a communication received here from Dr. R. F. Woodward, of Gillett, Wyo. Dr. Woodward says he met the man who appears to be Lieutenant Hesketh two days ago in Frontberg, Mont., and as he was stranded, secured him a position on a sheep ranch. He seemed dejected. The description given by Dr. Woodward exactly fits the British officer who disappeared. He gave his name as Frederick Hesketh. The second son of Sir Thomas Hesketh and of Lady Hesketh, who was Flora Sharon, of San Francisco, a daughter of Senator Sharon, owner of the Commodore Lodge and builder of the Palace Hotel in San Francisco. Lieutenant Hesketh's brother, Captain Thomas F.

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GREAT ORE RESERVES SOON TO BE IN DEMAND.

Expert Tells House Committee That Plants on Pacific Coast Will Come Before Long.

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Mr. Sellwood said that in Utah there were known to be 1,000,000,000 tons of merchantable ore. "This ore can be made into steel just as well as any other ore, but it is not near coke, coal or fluxing material, he said.

"But," continued Mr. Sellwood, "there is a great market in the West for steel and a growing market in the Central West, and the time will come when it will be practical to ship that Western ore east or to ship from the East the coke and coal."

Several years ago Mr. Sellwood explored the Utah ores for James J. Hill, the late John W. Gates and the late E. H. Harriman. They considered these ores a reserve.

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