

# BRYAN BUILDS UP GIGANTIC MACHINE

## Nebraskan Takes Steps to Retain His Control of National Democratic Party.

### MURPHY HAS HARD TASK

#### Attempt to "Dump" Perennial Candidate May React on Those Who Plan It, Declare Lincoln Friends of Peerless Leader.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 26.—(Special.)—Charles F. Murphy, of Tammany, and his friends, who, in their conference at Hot Springs last week, were said to be laying their plans for freezing out William J. Bryan from the Democratic party, and so undermine the "Peerless Leader" that neither he nor his friends will have any influence in the next Democratic National convention, instead of forcing the fight with Mr. Bryan are themselves fighting on the defensive with Bryan pushing them to the wall. Instead of Bryan being "on the run," his friends at Lincoln say he has Murphy, Sullivan, Taggart and their friends on the "jump" and that when the showdown comes and one or the other side must "lay down" it will not be Mr. Bryan.

Murphy and his friends have been so busy winning over the "leaders" that they have failed to see that Mr. Bryan had gone above their heads and had taken matters up directly with the voters themselves. Today, Bryan and his brother, C. W. Bryan, are at the head of the largest and strongest political machine ever organized in the Democratic party. It is not a machine in which a few big men are banded together and depend upon the voters to follow their lead, but rather is a vast number of voters with just one head—W. J. Bryan and his brother.

#### Personal Letters Used.

The Bryans keep in touch with the members of this immense organization not only through the Commoner, but through personal letters and they secure from thousands of Democrats and committee men information by which they are enabled to whip the "leaders" of the party. Because of this organization, Bryan is not compelled to rely upon the so-called state leaders of the party when he desires a policy change, but he appeals directly to the rank and file of the party and to the precinct committees, and the thing is done. Those who pretend to know say that it is nothing unusual for the Bryans to send out 75,000 letters, and even more, in a single week to precinct committees and to other branches of the organization, and to them they suggest the things that should be done to bring about endorsement of Democratic principles by the Democratic party.

The reports from Washington that a combination of Democratic Congressmen who are opposed to Bryan will assist Murphy to "dump" the Nebraskan, come not as a surprise to the Bryan people at home. Those Congressmen will either dump Mr. Bryan or Mr. Bryan will dump them.

#### Knife Out for Many.

In every district in the United States where there is a Democratic Congressman who voted for the tariff bill or in any way opposed the ideas of Mr. Bryan regarding that measure, or who lent aid or encouragement to the Republican organization in Congress, there is going to be a fight. And Mr. Bryan will be at the bottom of the opposition to the present Congressman. In each district he will urge the selection of a man who will support the big political machine which has been organized.

The meeting of these Congressmen in Washington, heralded as a meeting to overthrow Bryan, was the result of the knowledge of these men that the fight is on. These Congressmen had heard from home. Mr. Bryan is in touch with their constituents and he has advised these Congressmen that it is their duty to select Congressmen who will uphold the "teachings of Jefferson and Jackson" and who will oppose the present tariff and other protection would benefit their individual districts or states.

In sending out these suggestions from the Commoner, he is presumed that some of the letters have fallen into the hands of the enemies of Mr. Bryan, while others who received them have either gone busy and carried out the instructions. Thus it was not long before the Congressmen heard of what was going on.

#### Bryan's Aim Not Known.

Just what Bryan intends doing with the big machine he has worked up is a mystery, even among his friends. Everything connected with its organization and management is kept secret. This organization is not like ordinary political machines. There are no state leaders, no roster of its members nor any other points of similarity with other political organizations. There is a head—Mr. Bryan and his brother—and the next man in line is the voter. The Bryans are in close touch with the man who wields the ballot.

There is nothing to show whether or not Bryan is seeking to retain a hold on the Presidential possibilities of the Democratic party, or whether he will simply use his machine to put in power and in Congress men who will push the policies Mr. Bryan has stood for. Those are secrets known to two Bryans alone, probably. It is more than probable that Bryan will use the organization to spread his new prohibition theories among Democrats everywhere and to make the whisky question an issue in all parts of the country this fall.

But if he is no more successful in spreading these prohibition theories than he has been in having them adopted in Nebraska, he is doomed to a disappointment. Mr. Bryan never had a real "machine" in Nebraska, although the state was well organized. All the Democratic leaders and all the Democratic voters were with him. That cannot be said at present, however, as practically all the leaders and seemingly a large majority of the real voters are now opposed to his prohibition ideas. But Mr. Bryan has something up his sleeve, and when Murphy, Taggart and the anti-Bryan Congressmen attempt to "dump" him they are in dangerous business.

An Italian syndicate is investigating the feasibility of an autobus line, to run from Chamblain, Quebec, through Bagdad to the holy cities of Kerbala and Nedje. About 80,000 to 100,000 pilgrims make this journey each year. The distance is 140 to 155 miles.



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## VERTREES DEFENDS NEW REIGN OF LAW

### Ballinger Attorney Arraigns "Prosecution" in Biting Epigrams.

### ALL TO BE MADE CLEAR

#### Committee Refuses to Compel Secretary to Appear Immediately—Division Indicates That Two Reports Will Be Made.

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would have done so had he been minded to bring about official action, which "Patriot Glavis" was preventing and thwarting where he was.

#### Escrow Agreement Denied.

He denied that Secretary Ballinger had ever drawn up an escrow agreement, or any other sort of agreement, in the Wilson coal land cases. He said Mr. Ballinger had a legal and moral right to do what he did in presenting Cunningham affidavits to the Wilson coal land cases. He said that it would be shown that Mr. Ballinger was in no way responsible for the coal lands of 1908, having gone first to Assistant Secretary Pierce, rather than to Attorney-General Wickes.

"The evidence now to be offered," said Mr. Vertrees, "will make all of these things so clear and so plain that this committee will cast about to discover how it is that men who knew as much of the truth as Pinchot and Glavis and Garfield and Newell knew, could have had the daring to present themselves as sincere, honest harbingers of a suspicion, much less as persons really believing that they had knowledge of incriminatory facts."

#### Brandeis' Request Denied.

The day was replete with interest. The growing bitterness between Attorneys Vertrees and Brandeis manifested itself in several sharp exchanges. Mr. Brandeis demanded first that Mr. Ballinger appear as a witness to be examined as a part of the case for the prosecution. It was requested later that the witness be asked to appear for the defense. This called out lively discussions between counsel and among members of the committee. The first request was unanimously denied. The second request was considered in executive session for 40 minutes, at the end of which time it likewise was denied.

#### The vote stood 8 to 4 on the second proposal, and was taken to indicate by many how hopelessly the committee is divided and as presaging in the end a majority and minority decision. Representative Madison, of Kansas, "insurgent" Republican, voted with the Democrats. Senator Purcell, of North Dakota (Dem.), voted with the Republicans.

#### Ballinger's Right Upheld.

Representative James asked that Mr. Ballinger be compelled to take the stand as the first witness on his side of the case and it was on this that the vote was taken. Senator Purcell declared he thought it only just, as a lawyer, that the de-

fense should be allowed the same liberty in calling witnesses and arranging the order of his testimony as had been granted the "prosecution." Secretary Ballinger probably will not testify until toward the end of the proceedings.

Mr. Vertrees began by telling the committee that the evidence which his side would present, "as you will discover, is of two kinds—first, evidence that has no direct relation to the acts, personal or official, of Mr. Ballinger, but which bears upon particular collateral statements of witnesses like Glavis, Barr and Jones; and, second, evidence which does relate directly to those acts of Mr. Ballinger which Glavis, Pinchot and company have sought to assail and impugn."

#### Evidence "Consciously False."

Mr. Vertrees declared that he would show the evidence of Glavis, Jones, Barr and others with respect to certain specific facts "to be so grossly false as to convince the committee that in these respects it was deliberately fabricated and consciously false."

"For example," he continued, "the evidence of the witness Jones as to the manner in which Mr. Sheridan conducted the hearings in the Cunningham cases and exposed his case to his adversaries is such perversion of the truth as to leave no doubt that it was deliberate; and the evidence of Glavis as to the relations and conduct of Mr. Behrens and Mr. Donnet is equally false."

#### Concealment of Papers Charged.

"It will then be shown that in September, 1909, Glavis surreptitiously and corruptly concealed among his own private belongings papers, the contents of which the Government, which he knew really were not injurious to Mr. Ballinger's name, but which, being hidden, could be made the foundation of a malicious and derogatory accusation, and that, conceiving this to be the situation, he called upon this committee to require Mr. Ballinger to produce these papers with a view of falsely asserting that they were not produced because they would incriminate him."

#### Motive Always Upright.

Mr. Ballinger's only interest, the attorney declared, was as an officer of the Government, desiring to do those things best for the interests of the people. The attorney began at the first investigations made by Mr. Glavis into the Cunningham claims. Upon the record and report, he declared, it appeared to Mr. Ballinger that the claims were entitled to be clear-listed.

"He believed it to be right then, he believes it to be right now," declared the attorney. He pointed to the fact that until Mr. Ballinger retired from the Land Office no evidence had been found assailing the Cunningham claims. Ballinger had no connection with the claims and had no relations with the claimants until September, 1908, when, at the request of Cunningham and Smith, two of the group, he presented an affidavit to be filed in the general office and presented it in person to the Secretary of the Interior.

Referring to the affidavit itself, however, the attorney declared Mr. Ballinger could not be held for its truth or falsity, as he presented it merely as it had been presented to him by Cunningham. He declared that Mr. Ballinger had a legal and moral right to act for those two claimants.

Mr. Vertrees then recalled the action of the Secretary upon taking office, in turning over to his first assistant, Frank Pierce, all the matter of the Cunningham claims. Mr. Ballinger did that, the lawyer declared, not because he had been an attorney for the claims, for he had not, but because he had been an attorney in a single transaction, and he excused himself on that account.

#### Glavis Obsessed by Idea.

Glavis, the attorney described as apparently zealous and earnest but consumed with the belief that all Alaska

claims were frauds. When Governor Moore, of Alaska, criticized Glavis, at first, Mr. Vertrees declared, Mr. Ballinger had defended him.

When Mr. Vertrees came to review the part which the Forest Service took in the events which followed, he referred to it as "the Pinchot service." After reviewing the whole story of the claims from that time down to the present Mr. Vertrees declared that when Mr. Ballinger is heard, it will be seen there is no sturdier supporter of conservation than he, holding that development ought not to be exalted by theorists and doctrinaires.

Mr. Vertrees declared that Mr. Ballinger may have strained the timbers of the law in making withdrawals for power sites, but did make them only until Congress might enact legislation to provide for their protection. The evidence to be submitted, continued Mr. Vertrees, "will make all these dealings so plain and clear that the committee will cast about to discover how men who knew so much about the truth could have had the daring to present themselves as sincere, honest harbingers of suspicion."

#### Acts of Congress Respected.

"Mr. Ballinger conceived that his duty was not to be expressed in the words, 'I hereby direct and order,' but in the words, 'I am directed by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,' and he acted accordingly."

By command of the law he undid some of the things which Mr. Garfield had done. By command of the law co-operative and co-operative agreements and ranger education at Government expense became things of the past.

"When they lost their vivid green and took on a cold, dead gray, there was a subsidence in the proportions of the Forestry Chief—he ceased to be the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Ballinger was now where Mr. Garfield was not, and Mr. Pinchot was confined to the forest reserves. The words, 'I am directed by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,' were made obvious and apparent when the evidence now to be offered is seen."

Adolph Behrens, of Seattle, first witness for the "defense" denied Glavis' testimony that he had lunched with Commissioner Dennett or written to him. He admitted on cross-examination that he had left his card for Dennett, with a brief note asking Dennett to meet B. H. Thompson at a certain place. The testimony was for the purpose of impeaching Glavis.

The last witness of the prosecution who was heard before Mr. Vertrees made his statement, was John M. Steele, counsel for the Morgan-Guggenheim syndicate, who began testifying yesterday. He told of the operations in Alaska of the syndicate. He said with much feeling that the Guggenheim enterprise had been a success. "We have been accused of gobbling up Alaska, closing the markets of the world to Alaska and what not. It was to refute misrepresentations of this sort that we asked permission to be heard."

Mr. Steele said it was difficult to understand the abuse that had been heaped upon the Guggenheims. He had never tried to do a fraudulent thing, he asserted, and had secured all their rights through the general laws. He gave figures to show that the Guggenheims do not control Alaskan fisheries, transportation facilities or minerals.

#### Our railroad is the only bona fide railroad enterprise in Alaska. We have never tried to shut out competition," said Mr. Steele. "Any encouragement that Congress can give us ought to be given."

#### Boy Dies Fighting Fire.

PITTSBURG, March 26.—Kinsley Courtney, aged 19 years, was fatally injured near Clifton today while assisting city firemen who fought brush blazes with lines of hose. He died later. The losses from forest fires are mostly confined to the West Virginia mountain districts.

## ROOSEVELT TALKS TO 400 AMERICANS

### Ex-President Warmly Greeted by Fellow-Countrymen at Cairo.

### ART MUSEUM IS VISITED

#### Wu Ting Fang Calls to Pay Respects to Colonel, and Dinner Is Given at American Agency in Evening—Visit to Mosque.

CAIRO, March 26.—Colonel Roosevelt shook hands today with upwards of 400 Americans at a reception in the garden of Shepherd's Hotel many of whom were personal acquaintances of the ex-President, who expressed himself as feeling nearer home than for a year.

After a visit to Al Azhar University, Colonel Roosevelt had luncheon with the Khedive in the Abdin palace. Then, accompanied by the director-general of antiquities in the Department of Public Works, he spent some time in the museum of Arabian art, where he showed deepest interest.

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