

SUBSIDY DROBBS ANGRIL ATTACKED

McDermott Resents Accusation Made in League's Official Organ.

MEMBERSHIP NOT KNOWN

Ex-President of Organization Hazy as to Details—Congress Is Not to Be Represented Formally by Counsel.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—An unsuccessful effort to have Congress itself, instead of a committee, represent the League...

Congress Not to Have Counsel.

The committee decided that it was unwilling that anyone should appear representing Congress, but that any member may have counsel present.

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Taft Spokesman Defiant

By saying that the previous Administration had been characterized by a determined and courageous attack on abuses of privilege and power, upon which had been reared aggregations of capital whose existence and unchecked growth threatened the stability of free institutions.

Higher Standard Set.

"A higher standard of business morality and obedience to law has been set," declared the speaker, "but in the attainment of these ends the country has not shrank to its foundations, and the work of perfecting the machinery by which those standards might be maintained, by which, to use the language of President Taft, the lawbreakers might be promptly restrained and punished, but which should operate with sufficient accuracy and dispatch to interfere with legitimate business as little as possible."

"The administration of President Taft has been in office a little more than a year," the speaker asserted. "That it has accomplished much in that time is abundantly attested by the volume of criticism and by the increasing vehemence of attacks upon it."

Corporation Tax Defended.

Mr. Wickersham reviewed the President's acts, his recommendations to Congress and his efforts to secure legislation promised in the Republican platform. The corporation tax, he said, was a practical application of the provisions of the party pledge, which declared for strengthening the law against trusts, that its real objects might be better attained. It was a perfectly legitimate and effective system of taxation by which Federal supervision over business of corporations could be established, and the knowledge obtained would be a long step toward that supervisory control of corporations which might prevent further abuses of power.

"People who had for years been clamoring for greater publicity in the affairs of corporations and for Government supervision, became highly indignant when they found that their own particular corporations were required to make returns as well as their neighbors. What they wanted was publicity for others—and not for themselves," he exclaimed.

Expenses Greatly Reduced.

Economies of the expense of conducting the Government, the speaker discussed exhaustively. For the first time in the history of the country, he said, a comprehensive budget had been prepared dealing with estimated expenditures and the means of raising money to defray them. The fiscal year ending in June, 1911, would see a saving of more than \$24,000,000 over 1910 and \$35,000,000 less than the appropriations for the latter year.

There has never been such a reduction in the history of the Government," he said, "nor is there any record of any effort by any other administration to re-

duce estimates similar to that made by department heads this year."

Mr. Wickersham alluded to the prosecution of the sugar frauds in New York, the Standard Oil and tobacco cases, as "the most comprehensive attempts ever made by the Government to deal with the question of monopoly."

Combinations Held in Check.

"It is not to be inferred," he said, "that it is the intention of the Republican party to break upon the natural and legitimate development of business enterprises, either through individual or corporate organization."

"But it certainly has been its fixed purpose since the enactment of the Sherman law in 1890 to prevent the perversion of laws of corporate organization through intercorporate stockholdings to the accomplishment of schemes of monopoly."

"It is not essential to American progress or American prosperity that one group of men shall control the entire business of the United States in oil, in sugar or iron or any other commodity, if no sound principle of economic law is offended by striking down all such artificial combinations."

Wickersham Says at Least Three Points Are Overlooked.

CHICAGO, April 9.—(Special.)—Judge Wickersham spoke on personal and National topics this afternoon with leading members of the party who followed upon him at his hotel.

"In the first place, I haven't forgotten," he said jokingly, addressing his visitors.

"But it is expected that you are going to get the resignations of MacVeagh and Knox" it was suggested.

"I don't think that the public and press are fully and really appreciative of what President Taft is doing," the speaker added. "He is carrying out what the Republican party by its platform promised that he would do. What he has done is an index of what is to come."

"What are the distinctive features of the Administration of President Taft that you had in mind when you said that the public was not quite appreciative?" was asked.

"Well, there are at least three," replied the attorney-general. "One is the economy of administration, and another concerns the increase in National revenues. The third takes the line of systematic control of large aggregations of capital and comprises the corporation problem."

VETO FIGHT NOT PLAY

PROMPT ACTION URGED BY HEAD OF IRISH LEAGUE.

Joseph Devlin Criticizes Asquith and Colleagues for Failing to Adopt Aggressive Policy.

GLASGOW, April 9.—(Special.)—Responding to a great welcome at Dunbarton, Joseph Devlin, head of the United Irish League, made some pertinent remarks on the political situation in the House of Commons.

"The House of Commons," he said, "did not fight a revolution with rosewater. They could not abolish the veto of the House of Lords by academic discussion in the House of Commons. They could not pluck out of the constitution that danger to all national progress unless they were prepared to fight the greatest battle in which a free people ever engaged for the triumphant vindication of democratic principles. If Mr. Asquith's revolutionary work of the House of Lords."

The Irish party stood, as it always had done on this question, he said. The great bulk of the Irish party opposed to the budget for reasons that commended themselves to them. Mr. Devlin frankly stated he was not one of them. He was a believer in the budget, and on its merits he would vote for it tomorrow; but that was not the question. The House of Lords had thrown out the budget. The Irish party would not join in any game. The government could not carry on for two months longer without the Irish votes, and they would not get the Irish votes if they did not carry their veto resolution through the House of Commons, and if the House of Commons did not pass it, let them go to the Sovereign, ask for guarantees, and if they did not get these guarantees, let them demand over the government to some one else; go to the country, and come back again and force the guarantees.

The Irish party, at any rate, knew what it wanted, and was determined to get it. The moment the veto of the House of Lords was destroyed, and the moment its powers to demand guarantees were checked, then home rule was a certain of being carried as it was certain that they met in that hall that night.

ORCHARDS MUST BE CLEAN

McMinnville Fruitgrowers to Insist on Radical Measures.

McMinnville, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—The McMinnville Fruitgrowers' Association, in session today, decided to insist upon the use of a more effective weapon than moral force upon those who have neglected to spray and clean up their old orchards.

At this meeting for furnishing fruit boxes to the association for the coming season and for supplies of spray material for the year. The association, though recently organized, numbers among its members practically all the large fruitgrowers in this section and they are a unit in demanding the enforcement of the state law against the sale of infected fruit and the maintaining pest-laden trees.

Prospects for a record-breaking fruit crop were never better than they are at this season, both on young trees and old. Even the more tender varieties of stone-fruits and berries have thus far escaped all damage from frost.

Strike Closes Roebling Mills.

TRENTON, N. J., April 9.—On account of a two-day strike by laborers that began two days ago the mills of John A. Roebling Sons Company, manufacturers of wires and cables, closed down today. The company announced that work would be suspended indefinitely. About 6000 men are idle.

ALDRIDGE RUNNING TO GAIN REVENGE

Knife Out for Hughes and Taft as Well and Burden Is Heavy for G. O. P.

OPPONENT IS WEAK MAN

Election Will Be Slap at President; Defeat Will Be Construed Same Way—"Independent" Voters Scarce in Rochester.

ROCHESTER IS PARTY TOWN

NEW YORK, April 9.—(Special.)—On Tuesday April 12 the voters of Monroe County will elect a Representative to fill the vacancy caused by the death of James B. Perkins.

The Republicans have named their weakest candidate; the Democrats have not selected their strongest man. The district never has elected a Democrat, but a Republican defeat would not surprise anybody this month. Still the cards seem to be "stacked" against it.

George W. Aldridge, the Republican nominee, is the boss of the county. He is a "practical man." Developments in the fire insurance inquiry, now under way, have demonstrated that.

Boss Unmoved by Scandal.

When Aldridge was State Commissioner of Public Works in 1897-98 scandal arose over the construction of the \$5,000,000 state barge canal. Those revelations ended the political career of the Commissioner.

IS BALDNESS DOOMED? Baltimore Specialist Says It Is Unnecessary, and Proves It.

BALTIMORE, April 9.—The intense interest in the wonderful work that is being accomplished in Baltimore and other cities by William Chas. Keene, president of the Lorrimer Institute, continues unabated.

What makes this treatment more popular than free scalp operations is that it is performed by mail prepaid. Those who wish to try it are strongly advised to write to the Lorrimer Institute, 1000 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Revenge Is Motive.

Personally, Aldridge does not care a whoop for the honor of going to Washington. It is much more comfortable to stay at home and let some other fellow do the work.

The candidacy of the boss has a two-fold purpose. He is eager to avenge himself on President Taft and Governor Hughes.

When Hughes took office Aldridge had a nice, comfortable berth as a member of the State Railroad Commission at a salary of \$3000 a year.

He did. The Monroe County boss was told in plain, forcible language that he was not fitted "morally or mentally" to be Public Service Commissioner. And Aldridge went back to Rochester, his heart full of hatred. He is not a talkative man, but whenever he could put a spike in some pet plan of the Governor he did so.

ROME, April 9.—The Vatican-Roosevelt incident is still causing animated discussion between partisans. The party which has rallied to the support of Cardinal Merry del Val insists that it matters not what consequences may ensue, but that any outcome would be better than to have expelled the Pope to the humiliation, as would have been the case had Mr. Roosevelt visited the Vatican and later called on the papal secretary.

Despite it all, Aldridge was not appointed. President Taft received some information about him that has not been made public. The finale was that Aldridge announced he was not a candidate. But everybody knows that it was simply a case of "letting him down easy."

A few days after the funeral of Representative Perkins, George W. Aldridge was in New York. To a friend who asked him what was new in his section, he replied:

"Sometimes it is possible to even up old scores."

He didn't explain what was meant by this. Still the formal announcement of his candidacy was made before the end of the week.

Taft Loser, Either Way.

The election of Aldridge will be a slap at Governor Hughes, for the Monroe County boss has stood for everything that the reformers have fought. It will be a slap at Taft, because it will mean the promotion of a man the President refused to place in office. Also it will mean a slap at the public in general, to honor a man who is now accused of benefiting by insurance legislation.

But it is also admitted that the defeat of Aldridge would be a black eye for the Administration, so naturally Taft stands to lose, no matter what the voters say. By the country at large it will be regarded as a repetition of the charge in the election, where the defeat of a Republican because of purely local conditions was hailed everywhere as a Democratic victory.

Aldridge does not expect to be defeated. The reformers hope he will lose, but those who have canvassed the district have very little hope of success. For years the Democratic organization in Monroe County has been regarded as the political verminiform appendix of the Republican party. In this case the charge has been made that Aldridge has dictated nominations in apparently antagonistic conventions. And this year

the rumor is afloat that he picked out his opponent.

Democratic Nominee Weak. James Havens, Democratic candidate for Congress, is making what on the surface seems to be an energetic campaign. But he possesses elements of weakness that have been overlooked in the press reports up to date.

The late Representative Perkins was, until the time of his death, the political right hand of his leader, Aldridge. Democratic Candidate Havens was for years the law partner of Perkins. The two nominees who are now fighting at a rampant free trader, and has aired his views along that line in and out of session.

Although a Democrat, Havens has always been an independent voter, and on one occasion took the stump for a Republican nominee. He voted against Hearst when the latter ran for Governor, and has since been bitterly attacked by labor unions.

All in all, Mr. Havens can hardly be called an ideal candidate.

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Representative Perkins was re-elected in 1908 by a vote of more than 1000 plurality. The normal figure in the district is around 900. Aldridge expects to reach about 1000, but will regard 400 as a personal vindication.

If he is elected, it is a personal insult to Governor Hughes, and the other leaders of the party who are trying to elevate the standard in the state; also a personal affront to President Taft, although the Executive never will say so.

No matter what happens, it will be bad for the Republican party, and this fight has added to the troubles of the men who have a majority of Democrats in the Empire State in line for the G. O. P.

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FATAL SHOTS HEARD

Aberdeen Councilman-Elect Confirms Sailor's Story.

BAY TRAGEDY RECALLED

S. R. J. Hills Remembers Hearing Four Pistol Reports and Cries of Man Night of Alleged Murder by Gohl.

ABERDEEN, Wash., April 9.—(Special.)—Further confirmation of the confession of John Kligenberg to the effect that John Gohl shot before Christmas last year, developed today. S. R. J. Hills, councilman-elect, says he heard the shots on the bay from his home close to the river.

"I had been in bed an hour or so," said Mr. Hills, "when I was awakened by a shot. I jumped out of bed and ran to the window, and as I was crossing the room another shot rang out, followed by the cries of a man in pain. It was a very quiet night and I could hear the chugging of a gasoline launch out on the river beyond the Western Coopersage mill. There were two more shots and more cries, but all four shots were bunched in less than time than I have taken to tell about. There was a moment's silence and then another shot. After that all I could hear was the exhaust of the gasoline engine as the launch evidently went across the bay toward the Michigan Mill."

The evidence is regarded as important in showing that Hoffman must have been murdered on this side of the bay and the launch was then turned around and headed almost directly across to the shore. There are searchers there working further out into the stream from the south side.

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health, and prepared for any task that may fall to his lot, made a speech at Zeorust this week, in the course of which he said it was one of his dearest ambitions to create the best colonial defense force in the empire, representing both the British and Dutch races.

SEVERAL BUILDINGS VOTED

United Evangelical Church Conference in Session at Dayton.

DAYTON, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—Harmony characterizes the work of the conference of the United Evangelical Church, now in session here. Yesterday afternoon Bishop Hartzler delivered the first of two lectures on "The Second Coming of Christ." The second lecture was delivered this afternoon.

Ministerial delegates to the general conference, which meets at Canton, Ohio, next October, are C. C. Poling and A. A. Winter; alternates, H. A. Beck and D. M. Metzger. Lay delegates to the same body are E. L. Harris and E. P. McCracken; alternates, W. E. Sherrill and Henry Barendrick.

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