

TAFT PLEADS FOR SANITY IN REFORM

Improvement of Individual Essential if Real Good Is to Be Accomplished.

ERA OF GOOD TIMES NEAR

President Is Optimist, and Tells Philadelphians Things Are Growing Better—Road to Reform Not Royal One.

PHILADELPHIA, March 30.—President Taft was an optimistic frame of mind tonight when he faced several hundred members of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce. He told them he believed the people were on the eve of better times; that things were growing better and that he believed there would be no great coal strike. He said he had no jurisdiction in settling strikes and that he knew enough to wait to see if he were welcome rather than to go "butting in on a matter between contestants who knew their business. The President said he was not a reactionary, but a "progressive," and he was not a pessimist, but an optimist.

Prosperity to Be Helped. This speech was the first of several the President made here tonight. In the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel he addressed the Society of Philadelphia. Later the President went to Horticultural Hall, near by. In his first speech, the President, after touching on the proposed National Chamber of Commerce, said in part:

There is no office that the Government performs more important for the individual in the community than the aiding of business prosperity and the removal from business progress of those obstacles that interfere with prosperity. It is when there is lots of business doing, it is when everybody has a job, it is when the wheels of industry are humming so busily that you cannot hear anything else that the poor man and the wage-earner are the happiest. It is when he is making good wages and constant wages that everybody in the community is more nearly happy than at any other time.

Reforms Should Be Sane. "While I don't deprecate in any way the movement for real reforms, and progress, provided it is sane and is not affected with fads and a disposition to disturb those things that have been useful to us for 100 years, I am nevertheless conscious that there is no duty heavier upon the Government at Washington than that of seeing to it that the Government interferes as little as possible with the progress of the enterprises of the country and assists the inspiration of confidence in those whose confidence is necessary to make business to go and to bring about prosperity.

I am in favor of the enforcement of the law, but I believe the law and business can be squared in such a way that those who violate the law may be prosecuted and there may be no era of persecution and no disposition to run amuck just for the purpose of showing that the Government at Washington realizes that it has a job and is trying to make people think it has.

Americans Are Conservative. "The American people are the most conservative people in the world. When you get down to the starting of solid thinking Americans there are no people in the world that are so conservative, that recognize a good thing with the certainty that they do and are so bound to adhere to that good thing as long as it serves them well.

"We can talk about present government and that is all right, but we are better off than anybody else and we are willing to point them out; but we also know, as we look about the world, that for 125 years we have had the best government ever created. That fact, however, is not going to make us reactionary and sit back with a smug satisfaction and refuse to make any movement for reform or any movement toward progress. It, on the other hand, does keep us sane and it does keep us in a condition of mind where we know that there is no royal road to improvement.

Individual Must Improve. "I don't mean to say that there may not be some machinery that is better adopted for the purpose than what we have, but what I do mean to say is that, generally speaking, no new machine is going to make a great progress that may not be accomplished by the existing machinery if the individual only grows better and better. It does not help matters to transfer from one machine to another when the same defects are going to interfere with the second machinery that now appear in the first. And if you are going to improve your community by assuming with respect to the new method that it is going to work better when that new method is going to require three times as much popular attention to government as you give today.

"I believe that we are going forward. I believe we are on the eve of good times. I believe things are growing better and I am delighted to know that there is a solution of the soft coal strike in the West and I sincerely hope and I believe I have some reason to hope that the hard coal strike in the East is near solution."

HOME STATE INDORSERS TAFT

Ohio Central Committee Promises Support of Candidacy.

COLUMBUS, March 29.—By a vote of 15 of the 21 members, the Republican State Central Committee indorsed the President's Administration and promised support his candidacy, defeated a plan to give Colonel Roosevelt a complimentary resolution and voted today to choose Ohio's 42 district delegates to the National convention by a direct primary.

The delegates at large it was decided will be chosen at the state convention. The only victory accredited to the Roosevelt supporters was in the adoption of the direct primary plan for the selection of the 42 district delegates.

The call issued by the committee provides for holding the Republican state convention in Columbus, June 3 and 4, the day before the first day of the Democratic state convention at Toledo. A second meeting of the convention will be held for the purpose of nominating the entire state ticket after the National convention. The Taft indorsement was adopted, 15 to 6.

Minor Baseball. The first game between two Commercial League teams took place yesterday, the Portland Corvallis Works defeated the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company, 3 to 2. The railroad men went to pieces in the

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Colonel Roosevelt said that the railroad rate bill, as submitted to Congress by the Administration was "a thoroughly mischievous and improper measure." The "progressive" Senators, he said, re-constructed the bill without furnishing any additional safeguards in the way of control. This was doing the exact reverse of what the "progressives" have stood for, for they had, the Colonel said, always insisted upon the most thoroughgoing and far-reaching control of monopoly, when as a practical matter it proved unwise or impossible to break it up.

"The Administration plan was championed by Senator Aldrich and put through the committee unchanged," said Colonel Roosevelt. "It was re-constructed upon the floor of the Senate by the 'progressive' Senators against the violent opposition of the reactionaries who championed the Administration." But one of the essential features of the original Administration bill was left. This was the provision for a Commerce Court. As a matter of fact, this is the only provision of the bill that in practice has worked badly. It tended in a large degree to nullify the expert decisions of the Interstate Commerce Commission. It represents retrogression in that respect. But the real of the bill, for which the "progressive" Senators alone are entitled to the credit, has represented a real and great improvement.

"I wish to call your attention to the last instance of the working, in actual practice, of the President's theory of government of the people by what he calls a 'representative' part of the people. As I have already said, this has always meant government by a thoroughly unrepresentative part of the people against the interest of the whole people; it means and can only mean government of the people for the special interests by the bosses.

Baseball teams are springing up faster than mushrooms, without any indication that the growth will stop, either. Every business house in the city seems to have enough men with the baseball bug to organize a team. The Ravens, Weonas, Pirates, Stars, Mohawks, Greens, Sunnyside, Brooklyn, East Siders, Eagles, Mount Hood, Pointers, Gas Men are a small number of the teams that have started up in the last few weeks.

The opening baseball game of the high school season will be next Friday between Portland Academy and Lincoln, provided the meeting of the school officials at the Multnomah Club tomorrow night does not upset the present plan. A league composed of Hill Military Academy, Allen Preparatory School and Columbia University, besides Jefferson, Lincoln and Washington High schools, probably will be organized, and in that event the schedule probably will be adjusted. Owing to a mistake, the Jefferson-Washington game also was slated for Friday, but this will be played on Wednesday, April 18.

BEEES STING OAKLAND

VICTORIA HAMMERS SHARPE'S PITCHERS FROM MOUND.

OAKLAND, Cal., March 30.—The Victoria team of the Northwestern League defeated the Oakland Coast Leaguers today, 5 to 2. The Northern batters made short work of Bohon. Score: R. H. E. Victoria... 5 11 4 Oakland... 2 3 4 Batteries—McCreery, Concanan and Meet; Christian, Bohon, Durbin and Mitz.

Canadians Easily Defeat Coast Leaguers, 5 to 2—McCreery Gives Only Three Hits.

ATHLETES' CAREERS FOLLOWED

Princeton Professor Looks Up Occupations of Football Men.

PRINCETON, N. J., March 30.—(Special.)—Parke H. Davis, the Princeton statistician, gives some interesting figures on 73 football players at Harvard, Princeton and Yale in the last 40 years.

By dint of perseverance and an immense amount of labor, Mr. Davis has secured the history of football players at the three universities. To the diversity of occupations must be added the diversity of location of the players. Not one state in the Union, and scarcely one colony over sea, is to be found in which one or more of the men is not employed.

The streams of selection of profession or business are not uniform. The favorite occupation of the men of Harvard has been that of financier, capitalist, banker and broker; Princeton men are found in greatest numbers in mercantile pursuits and the law, while the most impressive feature of the Yale table is that 24 are engaged in transportation. The classification of the men is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Occupation and Number of Men. Includes categories like Lawyers, Physicians, Financiers, etc.

COULON TO FIGHT THREE

PUGILIST SIGNS AS HE SEES HIS HOUSE BURN.

Offer for Matches in New York Accepted as Champion Stands Before Blazing Residence.

CHICAGO, March 30.—While Johnny Coulon, bantamweight champion pugilist, was watching a fire that partly destroyed his residence here today, this telegram was handed him:

"Will you fight Young Salsbury, Phil McGovern and Young Wagner before the Oregon Athletic Club in Brooklyn in April?"

"I should say I would," said Johnny, writing an acceptance to the offer. He will leave for Brooklyn next week. He will meet one man a week for three weeks in ten-round bouts.

The fire destroyed part of Coulon's training quarters, the loss being small.

Seattle Defeats Varsity. SEATTLE, Wash., March 30.—(Special.)—Seattle defeated University of Washington today, 4 to 1. James and Schneider were effective and received excellent support. Johnson, star pitcher of the varsity, was hit hard in the first three innings and retired in favor of Boatman, who stopped the scoring.

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That Hill Military Academy will be one of the leading factors in the coming interscholastic baseball season, if games with all the high schools can be arranged, is the prediction of a number of the fans. Hill Military Academy was represented in the last meeting of the school officials, at which the reorganization of the interscholastic League was considered, and will be represented at the meeting to be held at Multnomah Club tomorrow night.

Hill has about the smallest squad to work with, but the material is of the best. Hill has a number of stars formerly with the other teams of the League, including James and George Jones in all probability will play third and George will pitch and play in the field. The former was a Lincoln High School star and the latter played with the Washington team.

Gorman and Blackstone, both Hill products, loom as prospective regulars. Blackstone will play second while Gorman will be in the field.

The Academy has a number of trips on the horizon but the dates for them are not quite certain. Albany High School, Salem and Astoria are on the route map.

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Chairman Stanley said tonight the committee is divided on the idea of continuing the hearings until they return. "Mr. Morgan was abroad" and out of the jurisdiction of the committee.



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