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TWENTIETH CENTURY

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WIRES HENDERSON

Bids Him to Reconsider His Decision to Refuse Nomination For Congress.

Massachusetts Democrats Turn Down Bryanism - Connecticut Republicans Against Tariff Reform.

DUBUQUE, Sept. 17.—The following telegram was today received by Speaker Henderson from the president: "Oyster Bay, L. I., Sept. 17.—I most earnestly ask that you reconsider your determination to resign. Theodore Roosevelt."

TURNED DOWN BRYANISM. Massachusetts Democrats Repudiate Principles of the Party.

BOSTON, Sept. 17.—Acrimony was not wanting for a time in the Democratic state convention, but in the end harmony was restored and the state ticket was enthusiastically greeted. The ticket named follows: Governor—William A. Gaston, of Boston.

Lieutenant-governor—John C. Crosby, of Pittsfield. Secretary of state—William B. Stone, of Springfield. Treasurer—Thomas C. Thatcher, of Yarmouth.

Auditor—K. L. Chaffoux, of Lowell. Attorney-general—John J. Flaherty, of Gloucester.

It might be said that in naming Colonel Gaston to head the ticket precedent was shattered, inasmuch as he was nominated and then given a platform of his own dictation. The fight was over national issues in the platform. The test of strength was between Colonel Gaston on the one hand and George Fred Williams, the stalwart of the Silver Democratic wing, on the other. In this battle Williams was utterly routed, with the result that he is shorn of all power of leadership.

The platform adopted is a repudiation of the Kansas City platform, for Gaston refused to be the nominee if in any way the declaration of principles could be construed to endorse those things most prominently advocated by the party in the last two campaigns.

OPPOSE TARIFF REFORM. Connecticut Republicans Declare Against It in Platform.

HARTFORD, Conn., Sept. 17.—Abraham Chamberlain, of Meriden the present state controller, was today nominated by the Connecticut Republican convention for governor. Resolutions endorsing the administration of President Roosevelt and favoring his nomination for the presidency in 1904 were adopted. The platform says: "We believe, with Lincoln, Garfield, McKinley and Roosevelt, in the protective tariff that wisely fosters American industries and safeguards American wages. We oppose a general revision of the tariff at this time as both inopportune and unconstitutional. If in any schedule import duties are found that have perverted from their true purpose to inordinate enrichment of corporations monopolistic in fact or in tendency, we look to the Republican congress to apply in its wisdom the needed corrective without impairing the principle of protection."

ENDORSE ROOSEVELT. Alabama Republicans Want Him for President in 1904.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Sept. 17.—The Republican state convention today endorsed President Roosevelt for the nomination in 1904. In a resolution which was adopted the Republicans of Alabama accepted the new state constitution, disclaiming all responsibility for its enactment. J.

A. W. Smith, of Birmingham, was nominated for governor.

NAMED FOR CONGRESS. PHOENIX, Ariz., Sept. 17.—The Republicans in territorial convention today nominated for delegate to congress Robert E. Morrison, of Prescott, ex-United States district attorney.

DES MOINES, Ia., Sept. 17.—Speaker Henderson refused to reconsider his withdrawal from the congressional race in the Third district. He said: "I cannot acquiesce in administering free trade poison to cure the trust evil, which I abhor."

ADmits FOUR MURDERS. SEATTLE, Sept. 17.—A special to the Times from Dawson says Peter Fourrier has made a full and detailed confession of four murders. He admits he killed Ed Labbe in killing Constantine, Beaufort and Bouthillier, but says Labbe did all of the shooting. In July, on the American side, three miles above Clircle City, they shot Gilbert Dufor, robbed him of \$700, then weighted his body with stones and threw it into the river. The last murder was never known or suspected until confessed to yesterday. He says: "We went to White Horse in June. We planned to kill for money. We stayed a few days and three got off the train. Labbe engaged them in conversation and induced them to go in a boat we had bought. At an island, 19 miles below Stewart, we camped and Labbe said: 'We'll fix this thing in the morning,' and I agreed. He shot them all the next morning."

LIPTON RECEIVES PRAISE. LONDON, Sept. 17.—The Daily Graphic, commenting this morning on Sir Thomas Lipton's forthcoming challenge to the America's cup, says: "America cup challengers and defenders may not be types of class of yachts which it is desirable to encourage, but these international contests focus public attention and thus stimulate interest in a wholesome sport to a degree attainable by no other means. Sir Thomas Lipton is to be commended for his enterprise and pluck. He deserves success and not even the present holders of the cup would grudge him its attainment."

FOR IRRIGATION. GRAND JUNCTION, Col., Sept. 17.—Gerald H. Matthews, of Washington, assistant hydrographer United States geological survey, has arrived accompanied by an assistant, for the purpose of making such surveys as will test the feasibility of diverting the waters of the great grade so that the land on the plateaus of eastern Utah as well as west of this city will be watered and thus become fertile fruit lands.

SENATOR BARD NO BETTER. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—United States Senator Thomas B. Bard still lies at the point of death from typhoid pneumonia. His physicians have little hope of his recovery.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 17.—United Senator Bard's condition late tonight is more favorable than at any time since Monday.

INDIAN PRINCE COMING WEST. BERKELEY, Cal., Sept. 17.—Word has been received at the office of the recorder of the University of California from Burmah, India, to the effect that Prince Sui Nam Rhola, oldest son and heir apparent of Sura Jah Rhola, Muree of Rajpootia, is coming to pursue graduate work. He has forwarded credentials from the University of Calcutta, where he has taken the degree of bachelor of Science.

WELLS-FARGO MEN WILL MEET. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—Director Homer S. King, of Wells, Fargo & Company, departed for New York in obedience to a summons for a conference with the Eastern men having control of the affairs of the company and Acting President Dudley Evans, who has also been ordered to report at the New York meeting, will soon leave the city for that purpose.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., Sept. 17.—The National Association of Irrigation of Engineers will hold its convention in this city on October 8 to 9 next during the tenth annual meeting of the National Irrigation Congress. All civil engineers are invited to attend the convention.

ANOTHER SPEAKER. BOSTON, Sept. 17.—Congressman Charles R. Littlefield, of Maine, today informed the Globe that he would be a candidate for the speakership of the National House in the event Speaker Henderson persisted in his refusal to accept the nomination from the Third congressional district of Iowa.

CANADA IS PRACTICALLY UNDEFENDED

Colonel Sir Ferris Townsend Claims Canada's Forts Are Worthless.

Reports to England That Canada Is Not Prepared—Short of Ammunition—United States Forts Well Equipped.

LONDON, Sept. 17.—The Daily Express says this morning that Sir Ferris Townsend has returned to Eng and after having inspected on behalf of the war office the forts on the Canadian-American frontier. Colonel Townsend says, according to the Express, that the British fortifications along the frontier are absolutely inefficient, while the American forts are well equipped.

Referring to Colonel Townsend's statements the Express says: In the event of war between Great Britain and the United States the Yankees would easily march over the frontier and seize Canada before anything could be done to resist them.

The statement is made that there is only one cartridge and shell factory in Canada and but little ammunition in the Dominion. The Express puts the following headline over the article: "Defenseless Canada. Antiquated Forts and Not Much Ammunition."

COAL STRIKE HELPS ENGLAND. LONDON, Sept. 17.—The coal strike in the United States is continuing to favorably affect the English iron market. One firm this week booked a single order for 20,000 tons of East Coast Hematite for Pittsburgh. In view of the shortage of American pig iron a large number of Midland and northern furnaces are running on full time to meet American orders.

CROWN PRINCE OF SIAM. COPENHAGEN, Sept. 17.—The crown prince of Siam, Chovfa Maha Vajiravugh, has arrived here. King Christian gave a dinner in his honor last evening. The crown prince sails from Southampton for New York October 2. He will visit President Roosevelt, make a two months' tour of America and will then sail for Japan and home.

NOMINATED FOR CONGRESS. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—William Winn, labor union candidate, has been nominated for congress from the fifth California district.

UNCLE SAM PROTECTS PANAMA. COLOMBIA, Panama, Sept. 17.—Commodore Potter, of the United States cruiser Ranger, will tomorrow place guards on trains running across the isthmus. This step will be taken

in addition to the marines landed this morning at Colon from the cruiser Cincinnati. It is not thought probable that the revolutionists will attempt to interrupt the transit on the railroad.

COLORADO FRIEND. MARSHFIELD, Ore., Sept. 17.—Mrs. Benjamin Dennis, wife of a Libby coal miner, was waylaid by Alonzo Tucker, colored, while returning home from this city on the road and dragged into the brush and criminally assaulted. Tucker seized Mrs. Dennis by the throat when he caught her and threatened to kill her if she made a noise. The miners are frenzied with rage and swear that when all of the men are out of the mine they will come to town and take Tucker out of the jail and lynch him.

COOS BAY DEAL. MARSHFIELD, Ore., Sept. 17.—W. S. Chandler, manager for J. D. Speckles and Bros. Company interests in this county, including Coos Bay, Roseburg and Eastern railroad and Beaver Hill coal mines left tonight for San Francisco accompanied by the company's attorney, J. S. Coke. The supposition is that they have gone to the head office to confer with the Speckles people in regard to the sale of their interests to L. D. Kinney, head of the Great Central railroad, which is to be built between Salt Lake City and Coos Bay.

DAWSON MEAT COMBINE. SEATTLE, Sept. 17.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Dawson says Dawson meat men are organizing a combine to control the stock in the Klondike. The combine will have to take care of not only all the stocks now on hand but all that had been contracted for, the value of which will amount to more than \$1,000,000.

MINISTER NOMINATED. TOPEKA, Kas., Sept. 17.—Nearly all of the nominations of the allied, people party ticket made by initiative and referendum, are now in, but not all of those chosen have signified their willingness to serve if elected. Some of them are: Governor—J. H. Lathrop. Congressman at large—Rev. C. W. Shattuck.

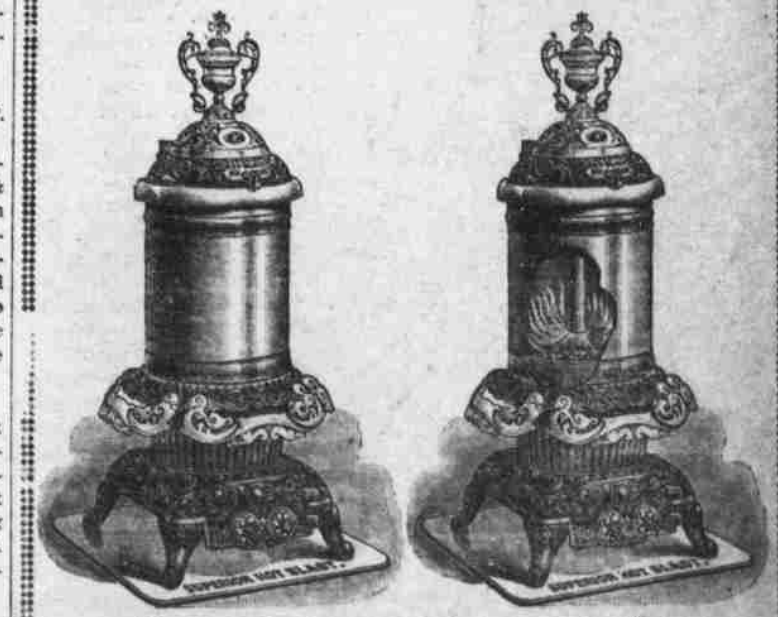
RUSSIA TALKS STRONGLY. LONDON, Sept. 17.—In a dispatch from Odessa, the correspondent of the Standard says the Russian government has announced it will take on drastic measures to suppress poaching operations of Americans and Japanese along the northeast coast of Siberia. Measures will be enforced by three fast gunboats.

CLARY ON A TRIP IN MONTANA. BUTTE, Sept. 17.—The primary elections for Silver Bow county were held today. No opposition developed to the regular tickets and overwhelming support was given to United States Senator W. A. Clark.

RUSSIA GIVES UP. LONDON, Sept. 17.—A dispatch to the news agency from Peking says the restoration of the Chinese of the southern province of Manchuria and the New Chwang railway will occur October 8.

JOE GANS VICTOR. BALTIMORE, Sept. 17.—Joe Gans, the lightweight champion, knocked out Gus Gardner, of Philadelphia, in the fifth round tonight.

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