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## HURRAH FOR ROOSEVELT

Negroes Hold Big Mass Meeting and Laud the Nation's Chief Executive.

ROAST TILLMAN TO A FINISH

Colored People Resolve President is the Biggest Thing Going and Will Aid Him in All Things.

New York, March 6.—The action taken by President Roosevelt toward the negro has been indorsed by a rousing mass meeting of colored people held in the Bethel Methodist-Episcopal church in this city, at which Bishop W. B. Derrick of the First Methodist Episcopal district made a stirring appeal to his people to turn their eyes to the "door of hope opened by the president," to the black race. The mention of the name of the president by the speaker drew forth tremendous applause from both men and women. The bishop indulged in a bitter denunciation of Senator Tillman of South Carolina.

The meeting constituted the first step toward the formation of the "Roosevelt Invincibles," which organization will favor the nomination of President Roosevelt. Bishop Derrick will speak in Philadelphia on a similar mission and will address the colored men in many of the principal cities of the country and organize them into local "Roosevelt Invincibles," who will use every effort toward placing the colored men as delegates in the next national convention. On the platform at meeting was James H. Hayes of Virginia. During his speech Bishop Derrick spoke of the appointment of colored men to office by Grover Cleveland and other presidents, but said that, whereas these presidents had nominated negroes, Roosevelt appointed them.

"Color is nothing," said the speaker, "however much the white men would harp upon it. Why, there are colored men whom I would not allow in my kitchen, much less in my dining room. Yes, and there are white men whom I would not allow in my kitchen either."

At the close of the speech the bishop offered the following resolutions, which were adopted amid cheers: "Resolved, That in his excellency, the president, the Honorable Theodore Roosevelt, the liberty of the world has a most fervent defender, civilization a gallant representative, humanity a generous protector, the American nation a type of civil valor and heroic self-denial which ought to characterize the first magistrate of a republic.

"Resolved, That we recognize that the great and unfinished task of Lincoln has fallen into his hands and will be properly and successfully accomplished for the happiness and prosperity of the nation.

"Resolved, That we pledge ourselves from this time henceforth to use our influence for his nomination and election to the presidency in 1904.

"Resolved, That we form ourselves into an association to be known as the 'Roosevelt Invincibles,' recommending similar organizations to be formed throughout the country."

## MRS. STANLEY'S ANTECEDENTS

Daughter of a Lord and Sister of Multi-millionaire Dies in Abject Poverty

Denver, March 6.—There is considerable speculation here as to the antecedents of Mrs. Georgia Stanley, who died yesterday from Asphyxiation, due to the inhaling of coal gas in a hotel on the north side where she was found by neighbors in an unconscious state lying on a bed beside the dead body of Major Marshall P. Hurd, an aged veteran of the Civil war.

Mrs. Stanley not long ago told a friend that her father, Lord Allen, formerly governor of a province in India, was the founder of the Allen line of Atlantic steamers. In a notebook found among her effects appears the following:

"Brother George's fortune was estimated at \$35,000,000, but at this writing I suppose it is \$400,000,000. To think how rich brother George is and how poor I am!"

Nothing definite is known of the brother except that it is believed he lived at one time in Spain or the Barbadoes. Sometime ago when Mrs. Stanley's poverty stricken condition was brought to the attention of Dean Hartling Hart of St. John's cathedral, he communicated with Sir James Grant of Toronto,

whom Mrs. Stanley claimed was her half brother. A reply was received to the effect that Sir James was not Mrs. Stanley's half brother. No arrangements have as yet been made for Mrs. Stanley's burial.

Major Hurd, who was an engineer in the army of the Cumberland, will be buried here under the auspices of the G. A. R. Instructions came from F. W. Hoyt of Salt Lake, a cousin of the major, concerning the disposition of the remains.

## CUBA ON RECIPROCITY

Senate Debates the Measure—Believe It Will Be Only Beneficial for the Island.

Havana, Cuba, March 6.—The reciprocity treaty was up in the senate again today, and debate was adjourned until tomorrow.

In this afternoon's debate Senator Sanghly denounced the treaty as a scheme on the part of the United States designed to keep European countries out of Cuba and in order that the former country might secure entire commercial as well as political control of the island.

Senator Silvana, in a lengthy speech quoted figures to prove that the resolution could not be otherwise than beneficial to Cuba. It has been asserted that the sugar and tobacco industries will make an additional profit of \$5,000,000 annually under the treaty.

## MUST BE CRAZY

Wants \$100,000 for Telling Government About Maine Disaster.

Washington, March 6.—A Swede, who gave his name as Z. Berg, of Providence, R. I., tried for an hour today to see the president. He was urged by the White House attaches to reduce his communication to writing. This he tried to do, but failed. One of the secret service officials interviewed him and found him possessed of hallucinations. Berg said that several years ago he had informed the United States government that the Spaniards intended to blow up one of his battleships, and wanted the president to see to it that he received \$100,000 for his information. Berg was persuaded to return to Providence and there place his claim in the hands of a lawyer.

## HORSE FOILS HIGHWAYMAN

Secures Money From Customs Officials But the Animal Bolted and Threw His Rider.

Johannesburg, March 6.—A desperate attempt at highway robbery in the center of Johannesburg was made today. Two men attacked two customs officers conveying \$25,000 to a bank and throwing pepper in their eyes, secured the money bags, which they threw to a horseman who galloped off. The horseman in his flight knocked down a man named Brandon, who was killed. Subsequently the horse bolted, and unseated its rider, who was then arrested and the money recovered.

## MISS KELLER PLEADS

Seeks the Passage of Bill for Relief of the Adult Blind.

Boston, March 6.—Miss Helen Keller, who, although deaf, dumb and blind, is a student at Radcliffe college, addressed, through an attendant the legislative committee on education today in behalf of a bill for the relief of the adult blind. Her message to the committee was a feeling one, and she urged all possible aid to her fellow unfortunates.

## GRAVE ROBBER CONFESSES

Noblesville, Ind., March 6.—Itutus Cantrell came here from Indianapolis today to testify before the grand jury. Cantrell made a full confession to the jury of his relations with men of this county, who, he says, have been robbing graves in nearly every cemetery in the county for seven or eight years. He said the bodies were taken on the river as far as the Broad Ripple in boats and hauled to the colleges in wagons.

## GEER REACHES OMAHA

Omaha, March 6.—T. T. Geer, ex-governor of Oregon, is in the city on his way to St. Louis. His trip is for the purpose of interesting people in the forthcoming exposition to be held in Portland in 1905. Ex-Governor Geer will go to Lincoln and confer with Governor Hickey and other state officials before his return home.

## REPORT OF COMMISSION

Findings Will Probably Be Handed to President Roosevelt Within the Coming Week.

UNION WILL BE RECOGNIZED

Report Generally Will Be Adverse to the Operators—System of Boycotting Will Be Condemned.

New York, March 6.—The Herald prints the following as a summary of the findings of the coal strike commission appointed by President Roosevelt which it is expected will be handed to the president within a week:

There will be undoubtedly at least a 10 percent advance in the pay for mining, to take effect from the time the miners returned to work last October. The per diem employees will not have their wages increased, but will be recommended to the same pay for a day of nine hours.

The system of pay will be regulated. Wherever practicable the operators are to be required to pay by weight instead of by the car and elsewhere by the lineal yard. The miners will have check docking representatives at their own expense. This will practically amount to a second increase in wages. There will be indirect recognition of the union, which will come when the findings are submitted by President Roosevelt to John Mitchell, as president of the Miners' union. The causes of the strike as found by the commission will not be comforting to the coal mining companies.

The boycott will be condemned and the principle will be laid down that a miner has the right to work without molestation even though he does not belong to the union.

The terms of the verdict are to hold for three years and recommendations are to be retained for settlements of wage and other questions at the end of that period.

In local disputes the operators will be advised to treat with committees of the miners, and this may be a suggestion for a local board of arbitration.

## FAIRHAVEN THREATENED

Great Fire Destroyed Much Property in the Washington Town.

Fairhaven, Wash., March 6.—The most destructive fire which ever occurred on Bellingham bay destroyed \$150,000 worth of property on the water front this morning, and for a time threatened entire destruction of the city's industries. The fire started in the planing mill of the Bellingham Lumber company and almost instantly the entire plant, dry kiln and lumber yard, was a roaring mass of flames. A terrific gale from the south came up almost simultaneously with the outbreak of the fire, and in an incredibly short time warehouses, docks and buildings extending 550 feet on the water front were a mass of flames.

The warehouses and yards were filled with manufactured cedar lumber, which created a terrific heat, and the light burning boards, caught by the wind, were hurled like a fury cyclone, enveloping the half million dollar plant of the American Can company. By almost superhuman efforts of the firemen and the assistance of the company's steam pump, this plant was saved. A Northern Pacific passenger train, consisting of three vestibule coaches, was burned in the yard with express and mail and 100 yards of Northern Pacific trestle was destroyed.

Losses—Bellingham Bay Lumber & Shingle company, \$100,000; C. X. Larabee wharf and three warehouses, \$15,000; Northern Pacific railway, \$30,000; Great Northern railway, \$5000. The insurance will not exceed \$25,000.

## THINK BENSON'S CAUGHT

Pose Headed By Sheriff On the Way to Cabin Where Murderer is Supposed to Be.

Olympia, March 6.—Deputy Durn Shatwell returned to Olympia at noon and reported that Benson is in the cabin at Black Lake. He says he found smoke issuing from the shack, the door of which was padlocked on the inside; that he heard footsteps inside, saw the man and that he answers the description exactly. The man locked inside asked what was wanted, and he told him "the Goldsby boys." He replied that they were not there. Sheriff Mills

and posse have gone out to identify the man.

Several tumors of Benson captured were floated here yesterday. A suspicious looking character was arrested at Bucoda, but was found by Thurston county officials to be a Swede looking for work in a logging camp. A man in woman's clothing who was seen in Tumwater Thursday afternoon led to an exciting chase, and the search of the abandoned Union Pacific tunnel late last night, but failed to bring results.

Mrs. Emma J. McClurg residing here saw Benson as he ran from the scene of the crime, Sunday, and swears she saw the same man emerging from an empty house here Thursday, disappearing up the Union Pacific grade. Nothing has been found to substantiate this story.

Advices from Castle Rock received today state that a suspicious looking stranger was seen in that vicinity. Sheriff Huntington, of Cowlitz county, is on his track.

## NAMES STEERING COMMITTEE

Democrats Elect Gorman of Maryland Chairman.

Washington, March 6.—The democratic senatorial caucus today elected Senator Gorman as chairman of the steering committee, members of which were also named. It consists of Senators Gorman (Maryland), Cockrell (Mo.), Martin (Va.), Bacon (Ga.), DuBoise (Idaho), Money (Miss.), Bailey (Tex.), Blackburn (Ky.) and Tillman (S. C.)

## CAPTURED AGAIN

Paris, March 6.—A dispatch from Tangier, Morocco, received this evening says: A courier who has just arrived from Fez announces the capture of the pretender.

## Pope Entirely Well

Rome, March 6.—All the sensational reports circulated regarding the health of the pope are unfounded. Although his holiness is not yet restored to normal condition, he is better today than yesterday and his cold has almost entirely disappeared.

## STRIKE NOW IS IMMINENT

Leaders of Union Urge Employees to Be Loyal to the Railroad Company.

INJUNCTION NOT DISSOLVED

Service Proceeds as Usual, Reports the President—In Case of a Strike a Boycott Only Is Feared.

St. Louis, March 6.—The general officers of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Trainmen and committees, who are here in relation to the impending strike situation on the Wabash, tonight issued a statement addressed to brother members on the Wabash railroad giving resume of situation, and advising them to continue loyal to the railroad company and to their respective organizations and pay no attention to statements or threats of any person nor to any rumors which may be put in circulation.

This was the only development of today, in the situation. An all-day conference was held in the Southern hotel by Grand Masters Harahan and Morrissey, of the Brotherhoods of Firemen and Trainmen, with their attorneys. The Wabash injunction may be filed in court tomorrow, or Monday. There were no developments at Wabash headquarters, President Ramsey reporting that service throughout the system was proceeding without any unusual mark. Regarding the probabilities of a strike, President Ramsey said tonight:

"In case the injunction is dissolved I think a strike is quite likely. In case of a dissolution it will probably be needed also by the leaders. Wabash employees will not go out until ordered to do so. A strike may inconvenience the Wabash for some time, but it will not tie up the system to any extent unless a boycott is ordered at the different terminal and junction points."

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