



PRESIDENT ANSWERS TO BRYANS RECENT CHALLENGE

Declares Haskell's Unfitness for Trust

OIL RELATIONS PLAIN

Roosevelt Says Haskell's Connections With Standard Oil are Court Record

POINTS OUT BRYANS DEFECTS

"Democrat Has Indeed Advocated More Radical Measures Than he Has, But the Prime Fault is, They Won't Work," Says President.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—President Roosevelt tonight following a prolonged conference with members of the cabinet prepared and gave out his reply to Colonel Bryan relative to W. R. Hearst's charges that Governor Haskell, treasurer of the democratic campaign committee had represented the Standard Oil interests both in Ohio and Oklahoma. Bryan demanded proof of the charges, promising in event, that their substantiation Haskell will be eliminated from the campaign. The president spent almost the entire day in getting the letter into shape. A rough draft was prepared this morning and submitted to Secretary Garfield and Postmaster-General Meyer. At 3 o'clock this afternoon all members of the cabinet now in the city met with the president for conference on the subject which lasted until after 5 o'clock. Two more hours were required to make certain changes before Secretary Loeb gave it to the press. Deeming the reply too long to be sent by wire, it was forwarded by mail to the democratic candidate at Lincoln, Neb.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—In brief, the president says he will ignore so much of the charge as is dealt with Haskell's relations while in Ohio with the Standard Oil Company, in spite of its significance. After stating that Haskell was made chairman of the platform committee at Denver at Bryan's request and helped to draft the platform on which Bryan stands and later Haskell was also made treasurer of the national committee at Bryan's request, Roosevelt says in Oklahoma, Haskell's relations with the oil company is a matter of court record. The president states

"EGG-O-SEE" BOOKS BEING EXAMINED

Creditors Employ Auditors to Investigate Well Known Cereal Company Accounts

CHICAGO, Sept. 23.—Auditors employed by creditors today began an examination of the books and accounts of the Battle Creek Breakfast Food Company, a corporate name of what is commonly called the "Egg-O-See" Cereal Company. Assistant-General Manager Wallace of the company stated that the creditor came in at a request of the company. He explained that since both the failure of the banks have been scrutinizing loans, and the company deemed it advisable for their creditors to know

the case of the Prairie Oil Company which is shown by the disclosure of the Standard Oil Company in the Missouri case, is owned by the National Transit Company which in turn is owned by the Standard Oil Company, where the attorney-general of Oklahoma obtained an injunction against the Prairie Company for building a pipe line in Oklahoma while Haskell was at the Denver convention this summer. On his return to Oklahoma, Haskell petition for a dissolution of the injunction on the grounds that the acting governor and attorney-general had no authority to secure it in his absence and that the action by Judge Lawler's court was an "Encroachment by judiciary."

Roosevelt asks Bryan to contrast his (Bryan's) actions regarding Haskell with Taft's in the Foraker matter. The president says with much

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BURKHARTS CASE GETS BIG SETBACK

TITLE AND TRUST OFFICERS TRIAL DELAYED FOR TWO YEARS

ROSS APPEAL COMES FIRST

As the Burkhart Case is Exactly the Same as That of Ross, District Attorney Thinks it May be Waste of Time to Try it First.

PORTLAND, Sept. 23.—T. T. Burkhart, indicted with other members of the inner circle which wrecked the Title Guarantee & Trust Bank, may not be brought to trial for two years by District Attorney George J. Cameron. According to the plan which the District Attorney's office is said to be pursuing, Burkhart's case will not be taken up until after the appeal of J. Thorburn Ross has been acted on by the supreme court.

Mr. Ross, who was president of the defunct bank, and was indicted, found guilty, fined and sentenced to the penitentiary, has taken an appeal. His attorney, Wallace McCamant, is preparing a brief for the appeal, and this may consume many months. This brief will then have to be answered by District Attorney Cameron, and these two briefs will consume at least a year, and possibly 18 months.

The Burkhart case, it is contended, involves the same legal points as the Ross case and there is no disposition on the part of the prosecution to

FREIGHT GOES DOWN WITH BRIDGE

Structure Over Susquehanna River Collapses

HAVRE DE RACE, Md., Sept. 23.—Through the collapsing of a span of nearly 600 feet of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad bridge over the Susquehanna River at this point this morning, 12 loaded coal cars of a northbound train were carried down and the span was totally demolished. William Wilson of Havre de Grace, a watchman, went down with the wreckage and received injuries which may prove fatal. There were no other casualties. There are reports current that the bridge was tampered with and that dynamite had been concealed in different parts of the structure during the last few weeks. Baltimore & Ohio officials are on the scene making investigations.

place Burkhart on trial until the Supreme Court has determined the points involved, which are to be set forth in the respective briefs of McCamant and Cameron, on the appeal. The Supreme Court is behind in its work, and decisions of the importance of the Ross case are not rushed. All these matters will occupy considerable time, and should the Supreme Court decide in favor of the prosecution Burkhart will be tried. Should Ross win on his appeal the District Attorney may consider it unnecessary and a waste of time to try Burkhart on the same grounds on which Ross was tried.

CAMEL IS MASCOT OF PROHIBITIONS

Original Water Wagon Entered With Elephant and Donkey

CHICAGO, Sept. 23.—The Prohibition camel has been entered in the national race against the republican elephant and the democratic donkey. In a number of states the law requires that each party have an official emblem printed on the ballot, that no voter may mistake his ticket.

Alonzo E. Wilson, state chairman of the Prohibition party, announced today that the Prohibitionists have decided to adopt the camel as their mascot, replacing the emblem of the fountain and rising sun, which formerly indicated the Prohibition column. Among the reasons advanced by Mr. Wilson for the selection are that the camel is the original "water wagon"; that it can discern a fresh supply of water farther than any other quadruped; that it can travel faster than the elephant or donkey, and that it is under no necessity of getting a hump on itself, being already supplied with the article.

DRY DOCK PROPOSED.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—Assistant Secretary of the Navy Truman H. Newberry has just visited the New York Navy Yard and discussed with the commandant the work of completing the big drydock there. The original contractor for this work encountered such serious quicksand conditions that he suspended operations.

TUG CAPTAINS RESPONSIBLE FOR STAR OF BENGAL DISASTER

Officer of Wrecked Bark Charges Them With Rank Cowardice For Cutting Loose From Ship

COULD HAVE SAVED THE ENTIRE CREW

Captain Wagner Declares That if Tug Captains Had Done Their Duty No One Would Have Been Lost—Was in Ten Fathoms of Water

SEATTLE, Sept. 23.—A cable from Wrangle, Alaska, says:

Captain Wagner, of the bark Star of Bengal, which was wrecked off Coronation Island with a loss of 140 lives, was unconscious for an hour after he was rescued. He charges the captains of the tugs Kyak and Hattie Gage, who cut loose from him, with rank cowardice. Unable to speak above a whisper, Captain Wagner wrote the following:

"When the tugs cut the towline we were lying in 10 fathoms of water, and for four hours hoped for help from the tugs. We burned blue lights, but the tugs would not come in. Had they done so, every man aboard could have been saved."

"I will send both tug captains to San Quentin, if possible, for their cowardice."

"My soundings gave 17 fathoms of water when I dropped anchor and 10 fathoms when the anchor line paid out. The wind did not blow hard until 8 o'clock, and the water was not too rough to come alongside."

The survivors of the wreck number 27. The ship broke in three pieces, and is a complete loss.

The United States cable steamer Burnside has returned from the scene of the wreck of the bark Star of Bengal, Captain Stamford, cabling the following message last night from Wrangle to the local United States

Signal Corps office:

"On arrival off scene of wreck found tugboat that had remained in the vicinity had rescued the survivors, 27 in all; 110 drowned, which included nine white men, and remainder, it is understood, were Chinese. Vessel is a total loss."

Captain Farrar of the Hattie Gage, one of the tugs, said:

"We could see we were making leeway and drifting toward Coronation island. The tug Kayak was light and could do nothing. The Hattie Gage could not handle the ship alone. At 4 o'clock the ship drifted into a narrow bight and we could see land on both sides abreast. We sounded and found eight fathoms and could see by the phosphorus dark rocks that were all around. We cut the towline and steamer out into open water, but could not see anything in the driving rain except one blue light burning on the ship. The storm increased and the tugs steamer to Shipley Bay, 26 miles away. The cable-ship Burnside, which left for the wreck at midnight Monday and returned at 6 o'clock today, said the ship was a total loss, the ends of the masts only showing above water. One hundred and ten were drowned, 27 saved. Nine of the drowned were buried on the beach. The survivors were brought in on the Hattie Gage."

FOREST FIRE RAGES IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

WE VOTE "NO."

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—To President Roosevelt will be left the decision whether the Washington monument is to be used as a wireless station for the purpose of conducting experiments with ships at sea and possibly across the Atlantic ocean.

A request asking permission for such use has been before the authorities for some time. Vigorous opposition to the proposition manifested itself in the press and otherwise on the ground that to put the great monolith to such practical every day purposes would be an act of desecration and for the additional reason that the wires at the top would disfigure it.

TROLLEY CARS CRASH IN DENSE FOG

FIFTY ARE INJURED IN STREET CAR COLLISION AT PHILADELPHIA

HURLED GREAT DISTANCES

Men Are Thrown in Every Direction When Trolleys Collide, Both Cars Are a Total Wreck—Many Others Slightly Injured.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 23.—Fog was responsible today for a head-on collision between two cars on the Southern Traction Company's line between this city and Chester, in which about 50 passengers were injured, several probably fatally.

A car leaving Philadelphia with workmen employed by the Baldwin Locomotive Company at its out-of-town plant, and known as the "Baldwin Tripper," was speeding along the single track with 72 men on board when suddenly a car coming from Chester loomed up in the fog. Brakes could be applied there was an awful crash. Men were hurled in every direction and both cars were wrecked. Among the most seriously hurt were:

Edward Smith, leg cut off and shock, may die.

William Mullen, ribs crushed in, may die.

Philip Hanagan, George Frey, W. R. Porter and M. Scovitch, all hurt internally.

In addition, a score or more are in various hospitals with broken limbs and other injuries. Most of them are suffering from slight cuts.

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Little River and Luffenholz Destroyed

HAMMONDS BIG LOSS

Large Lumber Company Loses Miles of Track and Many Trestles

TRONG WIND FANNING FIRE

Flames Start in Camp of Vance Lumber Company and Spread Very Rapidly in Teeth of Gale—No Death Reported.

EUREKA, Cal., Sept. 23.—With strong wind fanning it to increased fury the forest fire which broke out this afternoon in the camp of the Vance Lumber Company has already spread to the Little River and from there has gotten into heavy timber east of there. The lumber plant of Kellstrom Company, valued at \$60,000, was totally destroyed by fire, as were all the houses in the settlement. Kellstrom and the crew of plant, however, escaped with their lives to Trinidad. The fire has swept over the Hammond Lumber Company's road, destroying several miles of track and several trestles. Hammond Company has crews fighting the fire but it is gaining on them steadily, urged by a 50-mile gale. Last reports from the scene state that the immense plant of the Little River Redwood Lumber Company is threatened as the flames are within two miles of the mill and running toward them fast. The plant is valued at a million dollars, with its large lumber reserves. The people from Luffenholz are arriving at Trinidad, having left all but their clothes behind them to be destroyed, by the flames which are close upon the town. Vast stretch of timber from Little River and Luffenholz to Trinidad is being swept over and timber valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars is being destroyed. Tonight the fire-fighters of the Hammond Company say they do not expect to check the flames and unless the wind dies down the whole section of country is doomed. The fire is the worst in the history of the county. The Hammond Company's passenger train arrived at Samoa tonight with refugees

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MASKED MAN KILLS PORTLAND OFFICER

Samuel S. Young Meets Strange Death in Umatilla Street Saloon, Proprietor Sees Crime

PORTLAND, Sept. 23.—Policeman Samuel S. Young was murdered at 10:30 o'clock tonight in the saloon of W. S. Wood, at East Nineteenth street and Umatilla avenue. The proprietor of the resort was the only other occupant when the crime was committed. According to Wood's story, the murderer entered the place through the rear door. He wore a white mask over his face. As the door opened, Wood says, he went to see who was there and was confronted by a masked man, who brushed

Wood aside and stepping quickly toward Patrolman Young, who was also approaching the door, said "Come on for this time, I have got you."

The masked man was carrying a revolver in his hand and raising it leveled it at the officer. When, at close range, he fired. At the first shot Young turned round and the murderer fired two other shots. One of these three struck the unfortunate policeman in the brain, killing him instantly.