ROOT PRAISES TAFT, FLAYS BRYAN

Clever Corporation Lawyer Attacks Bryan's Policies and Declares Country Under the Democrats Would Face Great Depression.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Oct. 31.—Supporting himself with a cane because of an injury to his knee sustained in a fall at his hotel, Secretary Root appeared at the Durland Riding academy as scheduled tonight and addressed an audience which packed the building from pit to dome. Notwithstanding frequent twinges of pain which were reflected in Mr. Root's face from time to time as he spoke, the secretary of state carried his address through to the end and aroused much enthusiasm. He said in part:

Fellow Citizens: I wish to state some reasons which lead me to believe that Mr. Bryan's election to the presidency would be followed by general and long-continued business disaster; that the recovery now in progress from the panic of last year would stop; that production would be curtailed, many workmen thrown out of employment, wages lowered, the market for farm products and manufactures reduced, and the income upon investments of private individuals, of savings banks and insurance companies, of charitable and educational institutions in a great measure cut off, and that a long period of stagnation and distress would ensue such as we experienced between 1893 and the election of Mr. McKinley in 1896.

Same Old Song.

I cannot doubt that the election of Mr. Bryan would destroy the confidence necessary to the continuance of industrial and commercial enterprises; and I think that his election would justly destroy confidence.

Any change of government from the administration of a party whose principles and practical workings are well known and whose action it is practically easy to forecast, to a new set of men who belong to another party and whose course in office is a matter of conjecture, in itself tends to create doubt and hesitancy, and the possibility of such change always keeps many business enterprises in suspension before every presidential election.

The possibility of Mr. Bryan's election, however, involves much more than this ordinary doubt.

Controls Democracy.

We know that he is a politician of great skill, who, while really a Populist in fact, as he was formerly by political affiliation, has secured control of the machinery of the Democratic party. He advocates a great variety of measures, which are grotesquely inconsistent with the principles of Thomas Jefferson, which would result in the complete abandonment of the doctrine that "That government governs best which governs least," and which would bring about an all powerful centralized government in Washington completely destructive of state sovereignty. Yet the disciples of Jefferson follow him meekly and appear happy to eat out of his hand. He has taken the leadership of those elements of the Democratic party which wrecked the second administration of Mr. Cleveland, and many of Mr. Cleveland's friends and followers, made of less stern material than that man of strong convictions and high courage have attorned to the new leader.

Mr. Bryan proposes in his latest platform that all articles entering into competition with trust controlled products shall be placed upon the free list.

Business of Trusts.

Examine this for a moment. The great evil of trusts lies in their driving out of business their smaller competitors, and after these are driven out, putting up prices. The driving out of business is practically always done by unfair and oppressive means. Indeed it can be done in no other way except in cases where the trust controls the whole raw material of manufacture, for wherever the raw material of manufacture can be obtained and competition has a fair chance, the moment prices are put up competition increases and the trust control decreases. The Republican plan of dealing with trusts is to go after all the big concerns which are driving out competition by unfair practices, to compel them to stop and to punish them if they do not stop, so as to give the smaller competitors a fair chance. The whole railroad rebate system, for which so many punishments have been inflicted within the last few years, is an illustration of one of the unfair methods by which big concerns have been driving smaller concerns out of business.

Would Frighten Capitalists.

The business world distrusts a man of that temperament and justly distrusts him, for he can do infinite harm. The news of his election would bring doubt and distrust to the mind of every man having money to invest in American enterprises. It would prevent all new enterprise. It would reduce the activity of all existing enterprises. Lack of confidence, contraction, business depression, business failures, the stopping of interest and dividends, reduction in the expense of salaries and wages, more and still more workmen out of employment, reduced purchasing power of the people and a reduced market for farm, and factory products—all these in necessary succession would be the inevitable result of endowing this dangerous apostle of half truths, with the tremendous power of the national government to rule and to ruin.

But the courts!

Would not the courts set a limit upon Mr. Bryan's interference with the conduct of business Cannot the business men of the country rely upon the courts to protect them in their constitutional rights?

To that I answer, first, that very little capital will be invested upon the understanding that it will be lost unless the investor defeats the national government in litigation. Investments already made may seek to protect themselves by litigation, but investments not yet made will never be made at all on those terms.

I answer in the second place, that the possibility, indeed, the probability of Mr. Bryan's control of the courts presents the most serious danger which would follow his election. He has already given us evidence by his public utterances that he would, if he could, reconstruct the courts in such a way that they should answer the demands of what he deems to be public opinion. If elected president he will have an opportunity to reconstitute the supreme court of the United States, which stands as the great and indispensable bulwark of constitutional right. When the next president is inaugurated four of the present justices of the supreme court will have passed the age of retirement. One will be 76, a second 75, a third 71 and a fourth 70 years of age. Before the next presidential term is finished a fifth will lack a few days of being 72 and a sixth will be in his seventieth year.

Shadow of Calamity.

If Mr. Bryan has the opportunity to reconstitute the supreme court he will make it the instrument of its own destruction and an accomplice in the surrender of that great judicial safeguard against the momentary influences of popular excitement, which has been the chief element in the security, the stability, and the progress of the American republic.

What confidence will the business men of America have in venturing their capital in the risks of production and trade with the shadow of this great calamity looming large on the horizon of the nation's future under the control of Mr. Bryan and a Democratic congress.

CORPORAL'S GUARD AT CLOSING TAFT RALLY

Less than 200 men responded to the call of the Union Republican club for the final rally of the Taft forces in the Selling-Hirsch building last night. J. D. Lee, who has just returned from a campaign tour of the interior of the state, gladdened the hearts of the faithful with a prediction of an old-time Roosevelt victory in Oregon, but somewhat marred the effect of his words by urging his hearers to see that every Republican went to the polls Tuesday in order to carry the state for Taft.

Judge Stephen R. Lowell assured the audience that thousands of Oregon Democrats would cast their ballots for the Republican nominee, in order to prevent, as he said, the White House from becoming a political experiment station. Judge Lowell said that eight and twelve years ago he looked upon Mr. Bryan as an able, sincere and honest man, but that now he was convinced of the Democratic candidate's intellectual dishonesty.

In discussing the Democratic plank for the guarantee of bank deposits, the speaker said that the plan had been tried twice in this country, once in New York in 1829, and again in the new state of Oklahoma, and in both instances had been a complete failure.

Forgetting the recent declaration of John D. Rockefeller for Taft, Judge Lowell declared that the Standard Oil company was actively supporting Bryan.

Following Judge Lowell, who was the principal speaker of the evening, a number of local men were called upon for short talks.

The absence of enthusiasm was particularly noticeable, the mentioning of Taft's name eliciting only faint applause.

ACCUSES WIFE OF FRAUD IN OBTAINING DIVORCE DECREE

Thomas Hamilton, whose wife Zena was granted a divorce from him on June 8, has filed an action to have the suit reopened on the ground that he was never served with notice that the suit for divorce had been filed. In the affidavit accompanying his petition for the reopening of the case, Hamilton avers that in May of 1907 he went to St. Michaels, Alaska, and did not return until October 25 of this year. He sent Mrs. Hamilton $500 in seven months, although she testified that he had not sent her a cent and that she had been compelled to support herself during his absence.

Mr. Hamilton further says that he was in constant communication with his wife. On May 2 he received a telegram from her saying, "Money received. Will leave for Cleveland June 5." On that account he did not write to her again here.

On June 3 Hamilton received a telegram from his wife saying, "Divorce granted. Leave here the eighth. Zena." He says he was thunderstruck, as he had not heard anything of any divorce proceedings, and in fact the suit for divorce was not filed until June 8, five days after he had been notified by his wife that the divorce had been granted. He did not get any formal notice of the suit until June 15.

Hamilton says he gave his wife no cause to sue for divorce. He also alleges that she is not now with the children.

BRYAN FEELS VICTORY

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way to and from the speakers' stands.

Leaving South Bend, his last stopping place in the state, hours later, he was asked for a detailed statement of conditions.

"My verdict is more than ever the same, that the Democrats will win a sweeping victory," he declared. "There is no doubt that the tide is running high, and our week in New York, Ohio and Indiana absolutely assures these states to our cause."

Trusts Throw Off Masks.

John D. Rockefeller, Andrew Carnegie and E. H. Harriman have been topics for Bryan arguments throughout the day. In speech after speech he accused the trust leaders of having "thrown off their masks," and with "now being in the open, fighting for the success of the entire Republican ticket."

Bryan's speeches today for the first time assumed a vindictive style.

"Mr. Rockefeller is for Taft because he wants to keep his larcenous hands in the pockets of the people of the United States," he said.

"Harriman is still 'a practical man.' He knows Judge Taft has never denounced the iniquities of the trusts, and knows that if the Republican ticket is successful there will be no real opposition to his continuing the illegal combination of railroads.

Why Magnates Love Taft.

"Carnegie loves Taft because he is the pet candidate of the steel trust. President Roosevelt, who selected him to be the Republican candidate, saw no wrong in the steel trust gobbling up the Tennessee Coal and Iron company, so, of course, Carnegie is for Taft.

"And all the trust magnates are for Taft because the high tariff is for the trusts and there is no specific promise of relief in any part of the Republican platform."

Bryan believes that the open indorsement of Judge Taft by Rockefeller, Harriman and Carnegie has clinched his prospects of victory next week. This belief has been the theme of his speeches, his conversation and of his telegrams to his campaign managers.

John D. Is Taft's Burchard.

Like the Burchard declaration, which cost James G. Blaine the presidency in 1884, and for which Blaine was in no way responsible, Bryan expects that the sweeping indorsement of his opponent by the big financiers will cost Judge Taft millions of votes, especially in the great agricultural states.

"Spread this fact broadcast," are his orders to all of the chiefs of Democracy, from National Chairman Mack down.

Bryan's last Saturday of the campaign began before 7 o'clock in Union City and did not end until long after midnight in Chicago. Twenty-two speeches were delivered and in all of them the theme has been the alleged connection between the Republicans and the trusts. Throughout Indiana he has spoken in Union City, Winchester, Richmond, Newcastle, Muncie, Anderson, Alexandria, Summitville, Marion, Kokomo, Peru, Rochester, Plymouth, South Bend, La Porte, Chestertown, Gary and Indiana Harbor.

Rudd Confirms Bryan's View.

Bryan got the news that W. C. Rudd, brother-in-law of Rockefeller, had not only confirmed the fact that the oil king was for Judge Taft, but that he had given to the United Press a statement resenting President Roosevelt's declaration that the indorsement was a "trick" to hurt Taft.

"It is just as I have said," he declared. "Naturally, the president, being a practical man, could see that the announcement before election that the trust head was for his candidate might hurt him. That was one thing that he wanted kept dark until after election."

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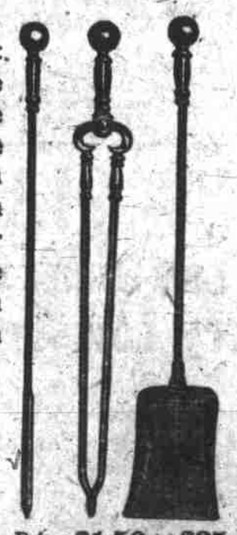

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