

TAFT DISAPPOINTS THOSE WHO AWAIT TALK ON POLITICS

President Speaks Before Three Gatherings in New York, but Does Not Say Word on Engrossing Subject.

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New York, Jan. 29.—Dooming to disappointment all hearers who had hoped to hear him make some significant reference to the political gossip that is engrossing the entire country, President Taft in his address before the members of the State Bar association at the Waldorf-Astoria tonight confined himself to a discourse upon legal subjects.

His remarks were met with great applause, especially when he declared that he was absolutely opposed to the recall of the judiciary. In discussing the American system of justice, the president said:

"America is enjoying the greatest system of justice known to the world. In no other country are the courts able to get the truth as they are in the United States.

Fear Unwholesome Element.
"The judiciary must not be subjected to the fear of exercising a censored justice. The people of America have an inherent sense of liberty and right to pursuit of happiness and are ever ready to resent an infringement on their rights. If the rights of the people are to be safeguarded, judges must be left free to dispense justice as they see it instead of handing down decisions which they believe will be most likely to meet with approval of laymen who are not in a position to know the facts in the matter at issue."

The president then launched into a discourse on legal questions of particular interest to lawyers. He did not begin speaking until 11:30 and was forced to cut his remarks short in order to catch his train which left at midnight.

Previously Ambassador Jusserand of France was given an enthusiastic greeting. He made a plea for an international simplification of laws and legal procedure, championing the cause of litigation so that a poor man would have an equal chance with a rich corporation in court.

Attends Three Banquets.
Attending three banquets here tonight and holding a political conference with Republican leaders, President Taft returned to the city from his automobile, President Taft rounded a strenuous day, the prominent feature of which began when "Old South Middle Hall" at Yale caught fire while he was attending chapel.

Despite the arduous program that he was forced to carry out, the president was in a jolly mood and managed to inject considerable good humor into his three speeches.

The first speech was at the banquet of the Society of the Genesee, where the president spent only about 15 minutes.

Gives Only Greeting.
President Taft prefaced his speech by announcing that it was impossible for him to say more than a few words in the nature of a greeting.

"Whenever I come to New York," the president said, "it seems to me that everyone wants to talk dinner with me. I have often wondered whether the people of this great city ever do anything but dine. Probably it is because of my size that the New Yorkers always think they should invite me to banquets."

"Banqueting has come to be one of the chief duties of a statesman, and if he is to succeed, he must be able to take part in frequent affairs of this kind."

"Whenever I think of the Genesee valley I recall the Wadsworths, and other famous families that lived there. I do not mean to reflect upon men who have always lived in New York, but the census report shows that if it had not been for thousands giving up the rural life and coming here, there would not be such a wonderful city."

Leaders Confer With Chief.
The president then closed his address and started to leave hurriedly when Mayor Eggerton, an "old guard" leader of Rochester, and former Senator Dewey left their seats and greeted him warmly.

The three engaged in earnest conversation for a few minutes, and the president departed.

The next dinner was at the Hotel Astor, where President Taft was the guest of the Twenty-four Karat club, an organization of manufacturing jewelers.

When Taft entered the dining room the 750 guests rose, and waving American flags, gave him a warm ovation. President Alford introduced the chief executive and he was greeted by presenting him with the finest watch an American make that could be purchased.

Taft's face was wreathed in smiles when he rose to reply, and he made a humorous speech which brought forth cheers and laughter from the audience.

"I brought with me," he said, "not coins to Newcastle, but a watch that wouldn't run. Maybe mere association with me makes running difficult. At any rate, up to the present I have had hard luck with my watches."

Orator of "No No!"
"When I retire"—(here there were cries of "No, no, no, for four years")—Then the president gave an unexpected twist to his remarks.

"When I retire," he observed, "it will be to the practice of law."

"I understand that this association is not confined to gold workers, but also include that old principle of the Democratic party, 'a little silver.' Here is where I must leave you."

As the president concluded he was given another wild round of applause.

From the Twenty-four Karat club, Taft was whisked to the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria.

COLONEL WILL NOT TARRY TO SEE TAFT; "IN HURRY," HE SAYS
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come out soon with a definite announcement so his friends could vigorously push ahead with their work in his campaign for renomination. Not a word would Mr. Roosevelt say as to the Fort interview.

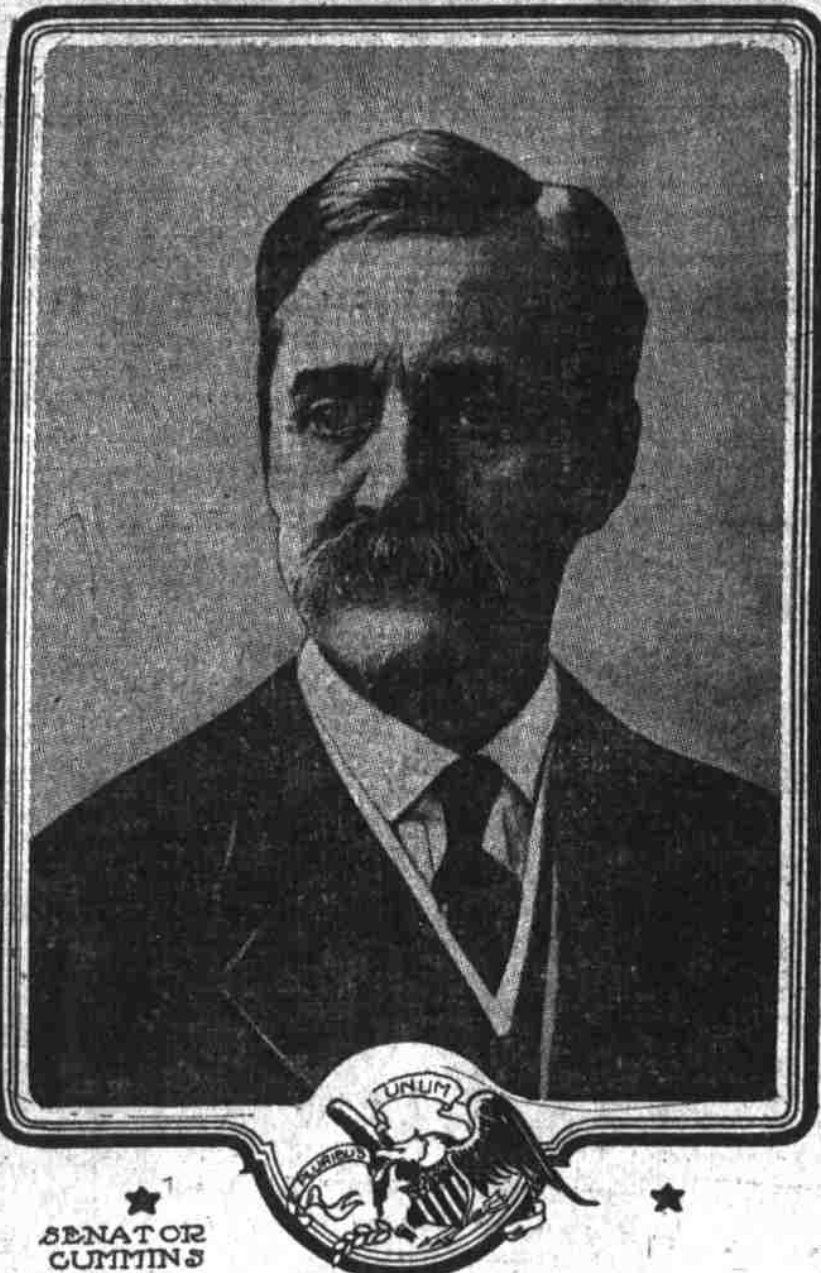
Mr. Fort gave that interview out it was on his own responsibility," declared the colonel.

"But Mr. Fort took care to explain that it was given out after a conference with you, after the nomination was discussed," was suggested.

"Is that so?" replied Mr. Roosevelt, ungrudging. "Well, I'm not talking politics."

Regarding the report that he was contemplating another trip abroad on account

BECOMES CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENCY



SENATOR CUMMINS

POLITICAL POT BOILS OVER IN OLD NEW YORK FOLLOWING DAY'S STARTLING DEVELOPMENTS

(United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, Jan. 29.—With President Taft making three speeches here tonight incidentally discussing the New York state political situation with local leaders; Colonel Roosevelt at the Outlook office for the first Saturday in many months, and Postmaster General Hitchcock, who is accused in certain quarters of "playing fast and loose" with his chief, "gun shoeing" about the city, the political pot was boiling over.

That the president was alive to the danger of losing the New York delegation was indicated by the presence of Otto T. Bannard, banker-politician, on his train from New Haven, Bannard, a classmate of the president, is depended on to hold New York in line for the administration. Bannard, a candidate for mayor on the Republican ticket last time, was Roosevelt's chairman of the resolutions committee at the Saratoga convention and is a loyal Taft boomer.

Beyond admitting that he "talked state politics" with the president, Bannard would not discuss what passed between them. But it was generally believed that he made plain to the president a plan by which he may get New York's support. Chairman Barnes is willing to trade, politicians say, delegates to the convention in return for the president's support of the "old guard" candidate for governor in the next campaign—James W. Wadsworth.

Secretary to the president, Hillis slipped into town some hours ahead of his chief. He refused to discuss his visit and following the example set by the president earlier in the day, refused to comment on the report that Hitchcock is to be forced out of his cabinet "because he is lining up the count of Mrs. Roosevelt's health, the colonel said:

"What! Do they ever to exile me? This is the first time I ever heard the suggestion that I was going abroad."

Everett Colby of New Jersey was one of the colonel's callers during the day. Mr. Colby said Roosevelt was the only Republican who could carry the state.

Horace White, former governor of New York, called upon the colonel and insisted that it was a purely personal visit.

"My county, Onondaga, is for Taft, as it stands now," said Mr. White. "However, it is much too early to say what the real feeling is, for it is a little too far away from the primaries."

PITTSBURG LEADER RAISES ROOSEVELT'S NAME TO MASTHEAD
(By the International News Service.)
Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 29.—In bold type the Leader announces this evening that it is for Roosevelt for president. This follows close on a visit to Oyster Bay made by William Flynn, former state senator and one of the leading Republican politicians in Pennsylvania, who is recognized as the chief owner of the publication. In part the announcement reads:

"Four lean years have been endured with exemplary patience, but now something must be done to restore the country to a more substantial basis."

Taft Called a Failure.
"William H. Taft has been a failure as a president."

"Mr. Taft has no plan of government, no system of betterment. He is unsatisfactory alike to the progressives and the standpatners."

"Mr. Taft may mean well, but as president he has only dignified the administration of Andrew Jackson. There is only one man in the Republican party with a nationwide plan of government and that man is Theodore Roosevelt."

Asks Removal of Name.
"Some time ago Colonel Roosevelt asked the editor of the Leader to take down from the masthead of its editorial page the line, 'For President in 1912, Theodore Roosevelt.' He stated that he would consider it a calamity if his friends made him a candidate."

"The Leader complied with the request and announced that it would respect Colonel Roosevelt's personal desire."

"That was four months ago."

"Today the Leader holds that banner to the masthead again and it is going to stay there, at least until after the Republican national convention."

"Dick" Quay for Roosevelt.
(By the International News Service.)
Pittsburg Pa., Jan. 29.—"Dick" Quay, son of the late Senator M. S. Quay, announced himself today as a delegate for Roosevelt, first, last and all the time

south against Taft," or the announced candidacy of Senator Cummins.

Despite the fact that neither President Taft nor Secretary Hillis would be quoted on the Hitchcock-report-a-member of the president's party made the following statement:

"The president places little credence in the report that Postmaster-General Hitchcock is preparing to announce that he favors the nomination of Colonel Roosevelt and is lining up the southern delegates against Taft. To believe such a story would be to believe that Mr. Hitchcock would be guilty of the worst kind of treachery. And if he were that kind of a man could Colonel Roosevelt accept him as an ally?"

"We will develop this feeling and find out what it is worth. We believe that

CHICAGOANS FORM TO 'VOLUNTARILY' BOOST FOR TEDDY

National Roosevelt Committee Organized in Windy City; Prominent Politicians Are Among the Organizers.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Chicago, Jan. 29.—The National Roosevelt committee, the avowed purpose of which is to crystallize the Roosevelt sentiment throughout the country and eventually bring about the nomination of the former president, by the Republican National convention, was formed here today. The committee was brought into existence by a combination of business men and men well known in Republican political circles.

The preliminary organization was affected at a meeting at the Union League club this afternoon.

Alexander H. Revell, a prominent business man, is chairman; Dwight Lawrence is treasurer, and Edwin W. Sims, United States district attorney under the Roosevelt administration, is secretary.

Well Known Politicians Named.
The executive committee is composed of the officers and Edward J. Brundage, Robert S. Duncombe, Lawrence Heyworth and Ralph Otis, prominent in local politics.

A statement setting forth the purpose of the committee declares it is "a voluntary organization of those who favor Theodore Roosevelt for president, formed without consultation directly or indirectly with Mr. Roosevelt or any official of any organization."

"First—To ascertain the national sentiment in regard to the nomination of Mr. Roosevelt for president, and to provide a central organization with which all Roosevelt supporters may cooperate."

"Second—To secure the opportunity for a definite expression by the voters of their choice for the nomination for president, by means of direct primary or other effective methods."

"Sentiment for Roosevelt."
There is "an overwhelming sentiment in favor of Roosevelt," among Republicans in business circles as well as in politics, was the statement made by Chairman Revell after the meeting tonight. To make possible the proper voicing of this sentiment through some kind of an organization that will bring together the Roosevelt adherents and encourage the formation of local organizations in various states is the scheme laid out by Chairman Revell and his associates.

"By a series of interviews and discussions we have found an amazing sentiment among all classes of people in favor of a renomination for former President Roosevelt," said Chairman Revell. "We are assured that this sentiment exists in many other cities."

To Develop Feeling.
"We will develop this feeling and find out what it is worth. We believe that

when Roosevelt sees the demand for him he will not hesitate to come out for the nomination. We believe that no man can afford to refuse to serve the people. We are convinced that the situation in the United States today is such that Roosevelt alone can put the party together and give it success. We want to save the party and Roosevelt is the only man who can do it."

In Illinois I believe Republican politicians will swear to the Roosevelt standard for they know that he can carry their state and local tickets with him to victory. Otherwise, they know they are doomed. The situation in many other states is the same."

Revell, who is a furniture manufacturer, in an address before a national gathering of business men here recently, bitterly assailed the Taft administration because of its alleged prosecution of "good trusts." He advocated political organization by business men to secure candidates on a platform to perfect their ideas on national political policies affecting business.

THREE CANDIDATES MAY OPPOSE TAFT FOR NOMINATION
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that the Wisconsin senator was in the presidential race to stay.

Three Influences Lead to Declaration.
Three influences, it was said, led to Cummins' declaration—the change in the situation by the entrance of Roosevelt into a fight that had previously been limited to Taft and La Follette; conferences with the senator by Iowa leaders at Des Moines during the holiday recess; the approval of the Iowa delegation in congress.

Cummins will not make a speaking tour. His friends believe that he will not show strong in the early balloting at the convention, but that his opportunity will arrive in the event of a "deadlock."

Cummins' candidacy is counted as an advantage to Senator Kenyon in his campaign for reelection. Kenyon was pledged to Taft, but is now reported to be aligned with Cummins.

Lee Resigns Post.
(United Press Leased Wire.)
Indianapolis, Jan. 29.—President Taft will probably have an instructed delegation from Indiana in his fight for renomination, according to expressions of prominent Republican politicians here tonight. National Committeeman Harry S. New of Indiana asserted there was no longer the slightest doubt that the Hoosier commonwealth would support the president.

Opposition to Taft received a hard blow here today when Edwin M. Lee, Republican state chairman, withdrew as a candidate for reelection. Lee achieved national prominence recently when at Washington he issued a statement saying that the president could not hope to carry Indiana, in case he was chosen as the Republican standard bearer.

In a statement sent by Lee today to all Republican district chairmen in the state he reiterates his declaration that Taft cannot carry Indiana.

Polishing cloths for silverware that will last a long time, can be made by soaking light weight flannel in a mixture of two pounds of whiting and half an ounce of oleic acid to a gallon of gasoline.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SEN. CUMMINS MAY HURT LA FOLLETTE

Taft May Also Be Injured in Oregon, Belief of Logan—McCusker Says La Follette Too Well Established.

Oregon political leaders interested in national politics were somewhat mystified yesterday when told of the announcement of Senator Cummins as a candidate for the nomination of the Chicago convention. Consequently, many were reluctant to express an opinion as to its effect until they have gained more light concerning its significance.

John B. Logan, secretary of the Taft campaign committee, regarded the coming of Cummins as an important factor in the situation and declared it will injure both La Follette and Taft, but La Follette the more. Thomas McCusker, manager of the La Follette campaign, declared that it will have little effect in Oregon, as the La Follette campaign has progressed too far for a new progressive candidate to make much headway.

Is Likely Man.
Logan, in discussing the Cummins statement, said:

"Senator Cummins is a big man, and his candidacy will be an important factor. He will draw from both La Follette and Taft, but will weaken La Follette more than Taft. It may be that Cummins' has a chance for the nomination, if Taft and La Follette should both be eliminated by the course of events, he is one of the most likely men on whom the party could unite."

"Or it may prove that his candidacy will turn to the benefit of a fourth man. That fourth man would be Roosevelt, should Roosevelt consent to take the nomination, or some man not prominently mentioned if Roosevelt refused. Cummins has always been regular in his party affiliations, and if the Taft forces should be turned from Taft, Cummins would not be an improbable choice."

McCusker takes the view that La Follette has become too well established as the progressive candidate for the people to rally to Cummins.

"Cummins is not well known, as La Follette is," he said. "When the progressives sought a candidate for president they centered on La Follette, and it has been understood that Cummins was for La Follette. I do not fully understand the move made by Cummins. It may be he has an understanding with La Follette and will turn what votes he can get to La Follette at the proper time."

"Here in Oregon no benefit can come by dividing the progressive vote. La Follette can defeat Taft in the primaries by a two to one vote. If the strength is scattered by voting for Cummins and for Roosevelt, when the

later is not a candidate, the result will be to help Taft.

"I do not think Cummins will be benefited much by the party regularity idea. Party yokes do not bind as they once did. If Taft is nominated he will be the same Taft he is now. I am not for Taft now, and I will not be for him after the nomination is made. The big interests are non-partisan, and I think the progressives should support only progressives, whatever the party name. The interests just now are for Harmon, as they realize it is useless to hope for the election of Taft, even if Taft is nominated."

CLARK AND WATSON IN CLOSE CONFERENCE
Washington, Jan. 29.—Speaker Champ Clark called on Colonel Henry Watson at the Willard hotel today and held a long conference with the editor. Neither would divulge a word as to the nature of their talk.

There was no attempt to conceal the fact of the conference and the two men sat in the lobby of the hotel as they talked. The publicity given to the meeting gave rise to the rumor that the colonel took this means to indicate he will support the speaker.

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