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ROOSEVELT APPROVED STEEL MERGER

SAYS ACTION NECESSARY TO AVERT PANIC

Former President Violates Precedents by Appearing Before Investigating Committee and Justifies His Action.

FAVORS STRICT CONTROL OVER BIG CORPORATIONS

Reviews Panic of '97 ond Says His One Intention Was to Avert Financial Calamity to Country.

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—Well satisfied with their heckling of Roosevelt, the Stanley committee returned tonight to Washington convinced that Gary and Frick are pivots upon which they must turn their case as to the absorption of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company. They gave Roosevelt practically all the information he got during the panic and Colonel Roosevelt today insisted he did the right thing throughout.

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—Accepting full responsibility for his approval of the gobbling up of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company by the steel trust during the panic of 1907, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt today told the Stanley steel investigating committee that the merger was "necessary to save the country from financial calamity."

The former president attested that E. H. Gary and Henery C. Frick, who visited the white house to secure permission to absorb the Tennessee Company told him that it was the only way to stop the panic. With old time vigor and ardor, with characteristic gesture and emphasis, Roosevelt reviewed the panic. He declared his one object was to prevent disaster.

Action Was Justified.

For two hours the members of the committee bombarded him with questions. In summarizing the testimony at the close of the investigation Roosevelt declared:

"All of the information I had at that time and all the information I have received since, leads me to believe that not only was my action justified but that it would have been criminal, in my position as representative of the people of the United States had I failed to take such action."

The colonel admitted, however, that at the time of the merger he had no information as to the immense commercial coal and iron holdings of the Tennessee company which were turned over to the steel trust, according to evidence now before the committee and which gave it practical monopoly of the iron and steel business.

Evades the Query.

"If you had known of these holdings would you have permitted the merger?" Chairman Stanley demanded.

With a smile Roosevelt evaded the question, declaring the query clearly hypothetical and embraced facts of which he had no knowledge.

Colonel Roosevelt was drawn into a discussion of the trust problem in the abstract and agreed with Stanley in his anti-trust attitude. Stanley asked the colonel's opinion of trust-busting.

"You will never achieve your purpose by splitting up big corporations into their component parts and expecting them to compete with each other," was the reply. "I am in favor of our national government taking the position of Germany and by action and interference in favor of the people's interest exercising more strict control over big corporations with monopolistic tendencies."

Stop all Discrimination.

"I believe," Stanley commented, "that we should at once proceed to divorce the steel corporation from every common carrier in the country. Rate rebates and discrimination must be stopped immediately, and I would, by legislation which I think would be constitutional, prevent any director of the steel corporation being a

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BEGGARS WANT MILLIONS.

MRS. E. H. HARRIMAN.

MRS. HARRIMAN NOT TO SELL PELICAN LODGE

In All Probability She Will Spend Several Weeks There Before Returning East—May Make Her Summer Home There.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 5.—The recent order made by Mrs. E. H. Harriman not to dispose of Pelican Bay Lodge, in Southern Oregon, which was a favorite resort of her husband, the late railroad magnate, was explained here today when it was learned that Mrs. Harriman intends to visit Pelican Bay for several weeks before her return East if nothing arises to prevent. It is said that she will order several improvements in the property and visit the lodge each summer.

Mrs. Harriman has been in San Francisco for the past ten days looking after property interests she has in and about this city.

NEW CABINET GIVEN CANADA

Several Changes in Personnel of Government to Be Made Before Election, According to Announcement.

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 5.—Several cabinet changes will be made before election according to announcements made today. Minister of the navy and fisheries Brodeur will accept a supreme court appointment, Postmaster General Lemieux will be transferred to the portfoliao made vacant by Brodeur's appointment and H. S. Deland, liberal representative from Beace Quebec, will become post master general. tI is believed that the changes will strengthen the liberal party in Quebec.

The liberal govenrment also regards the decision of Premier McBride of British Columbia not to be a candidate for the federal house as an indication that there is no charge of defeating the government with the reciprocity issue.

GOT $900 FOR VOTE CAST FOR LORIMER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 5.—Former State Representative Charles A. White of Illinois today finished before the senate Lorimer investigating committee his tale of how he got $900 from the St. Louis jackpot for his vote for Lorimer.

In winding up his testimony White declared that since he had confessed his letters have been stolen and his life threatened on several different occasions.

CAR STRIKE ENDED WITH COURT ORDER

Five Thousand Strikers at Des Moines Spent Day in Rioting—Mob Storms Cars and Strikebreakers and Burn Manager in Effigy—Po-

JUDGE ORDERS DISCHARGED EMPLOYE TO BE REINSTATED

Men Ordered to Return to Work at Once and Union to Revoke Strike Order.

DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 5.—The street car strike, with 5,000 men rioting all day, came to an abrupt end tonight when District Judge Degraff issued a mandatory writ of injunction at the request of the city of Des Moines, directing General Manager Harrigan to immediately reinstate Conductor Haitt, whose discharge started the strike, and also ordering the street car men to return to work. He ordered the union to revoke the strike order and continue work until the court further ordered. It is expected the union men will meet at midnight and that cars will be running tomorrow.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Aug. 5.—Serious trouble in the street car strike which today gave Des Moines the worst riots it has seen in years, was expected tonight with the arrival of hundreds of miners from neighboring towns who are said to be coming to the aid of the strikers.

In anticipation that the riots, already serious enough, will become much worse with nightfall, Mayor Hanna this afternoon ordered all the saloons closed immediately.

Throughout the day only one attempt was made by the street railway company to give service. It failed. A mob of nearly 5,000 men and boys attacking the strikebreakers who were forced to run their car back to the barns. Then the crowd surrounded the barns and nearby hotels, where the strikebreakers have been lodged. Several small riots resulted and some of the strikebreakers were roughly used when they ventured forth.

Manager Harrigan of the company sent letters to the mayor and chief of police protesting against the failure of the city to afford protection. The company is carrying the United States mails in automobiles, thus fulfilling its contract with the government.

More than 5,000 men and boys, after burning General Manager Harrigan in effigy, charged the hotel where the strikebreakers were quartered. The policemen were powerless and several who attempted to beat back the crowd were struck down with stones. A nnmber of citizens also got in the way of the flying missiles and were more or less seriously hurt. Several street cars were wrecked, the mob venting its wrath on every car that it encountered.

Two strike breakers who attempted to leave their hotel when the frenzied mob surrounded the building and dared inmates to come out, were badly beaten up and were arrested by the police when they made a feeble attempt to defend themselves.

Reports are curren this afternoon that before morning a call for troops may be sent. It is understood that the United States infantry at Omaha is ready to respond on short notice.

Violence grew in the trouble until finally a mob of men, women and children tore down the trolley wires, wrecked a number of cars and stoned their crews. Four persons were badly hurt in the riot.

GAMBLING AT STANDSTILL AT GOLDFIELD, NEV.

GOLDFIELD, Nev., Aug. 5.—Gambling is at a standstill here today for the first time. Despite the fact that the last legislature made all forms of gambling a felony, faro, "twenty-one" and poker have flourished. Last night Sheriff Ingalls took a hand and brought things to an abrupt close.

AIR RACE FOR $5,000 PRIZE.

EUGENE ELY

LINCOLN BEACHEY.

BEACHY WINS GREAT AERIAL RACE FROM ELY

Flies From New York to Philadelphia in One Hour and Fifty Minutes—Much Interest Taken in Flight—Crowds Line Roads.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 5.—Lincoln Beachey circled the city hal at 4:47 this afternoon winning the New York-Philadelphia aeroplane race and $5,000. He outdistanced Eugene Ely and Hugh Robinson stopped ten minutes at Trenton, N. J., for fuel, yet made practically the same time hung up by Hamilton in his inter-city flight last year of 1 hour 50 minutes. All birdmen used the same make of biplanes.

There was a great deal of interest taken in the race and thousands of people witnesed the flight at various positions along the course.

Eugene Ely had a comfortable lead in the race for the first few miles but he had trouble with his engine and was troubled to some extent. He was forced to slow down. It was thought for a time he would have to descend, but he id not.

TO OBSERVE LABOR DAY

Central Labor Council Meets and Appoints Committees for Monster Celebration of Day Here on September 4.

The central labor council met Saturday evening and discussed plans for a suitable observance of Labor Day in this city which will be September 4. Various committees were appointed to make the arrangements and a big celebration is planned. There will be a big street parade, a barbecue, band concerts, speaking, athletic contests and a grand ball in the evening at the Natatorium.

Last year the labor unions held their celebration of Labor Day at Ashland. At that time all of the unions in Southern Oregon attended, and when Medford was chosen for this year's celebration they agreed to turn out to help the local unions observe the day. So a large crowd is expected.

"OPEN SHOP" IS FINDING FAVOR IN THIS CITY

T. S. Alexander, Representing the Employers' Association of Oregon, Says Nearly Every Merchant and Contractor Has Signed.

WOULD PROTECT FIRMS AGAINST "LABOR GRAFTER"

Practically Every Town in State Has Joined in Movement, Says Alexander.

Nearly all the employers of labor in Medford and Ashland, including contractors and merchants, have signed for the "open shop," according to F. S. Alexander, representing the Employers' Association of Oregon, with headquarters at Portland. He backs up his statement with the signatures of those who have joined the association.

"The object of the associatian is not to stir up trouble with the workingman but to prevent the labor grafter, who lives by stirring up trouble between employes and employers, from demoralizing business" said Mr. Alexander. "Beginning with Portland, practically every town in Oregon is represented in the association by a majority of the employers and business men. Our aims can best be stated by our declaration of principles, which are as follows:

"This association is formed to foster and protect the industrial interests of our state, to be aggressive only in maintaining the good name and promoting the progress of our community.

"To unify the action of its members upon matters wheer united and concerte daction and determined fixed policy may seem wise and necessary.

"To secure for employers and employees the freedom of individual contract in the manner of employment, irrespective of whether or not an employer or an employee is a member of any organization.

"To oppose restriction of output, sympathetic strikes and bycotts and illegal persecutions of individuals, all of which are a menace to the industrial progress of our country and tend to the undermining of our constitutional rights.

"To prevent any interferenee with persons seeking through honest effort to work and earn a living.

"To prevent or avert industrial disturbance, to harmonize differences between employers and employes with justice to all concerned, and to assist in the enforcement of the laws of the land."

BAD BLAZE ON GRIFFIN CREEK

Supervisor Erickson Takes Large Force of Men Out and After All Night Fight Succeeds in Getting Flames Under Control.

A fire well up in the mountains not far from the Sterling mines for a while Friday night threatened serious proportions. Supervisor M. L. Erickson was notified early in the evening and soon had a ranger and five wood choppers on the scene. Early this morning he reported the flames were well controlled, but a constant watch is still necessary.

R. Bruce Wilson former supervisor of the forest reserve at Mount Hood, who has been on duty in the city for a few days, was among those who went out to size up the situation and to offer aid. He returned Saturday evening with Supervisor Erickson.

FIRMIN IS A CANDIDATE

GENERAL ANTENOR FIRMIN.

REBELS MAY WAR AMONG SELVES FOR PRESIDENCY

General Firmin Approaching Port au Prince to Take Command of Forces and Give Laconte Battle—Clash Seems Inevitable.

PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, Aug. 5.—General Firmin, former president and head of one of the presidential parties, is approaching Port au Prince in a steamer from Porto Rico today to take command of the forces here. General Leconte at the head of the army, is encamped on the outskirts of the city and a clash seems inevitable. Bloody riots in the interior are reported.

GAME VIOLATORS SUFFER PENALTY

Sam Sandry and Deputies Doing Good Work—Construction of Fish Ladder Extension at Gold Ray Begins Monday—Who Paid the Fines.

Sam Sandry, chief deputy game and fish warden for Southwestern Oregon, was in Medford Saturday, after several parties wanted for violation of the game and fish laws. He has just returned from Evans creek, where several arrests were made for shooting grouse.

Monday work begins repairing the fish ladder at Gold Ray Col. Ray having agreed to raise each end of the dam four feet and blast a deep channel to the main river channel and extend the walls of the ladder 100 feet. It is thought with this done an extra fishway will be unnecessary.

Mr. Sandry reports among the arrests and convictions made from June 20 to July 20, 1911, the following:

W. E. Hodges, arrested for fishing without license, plead guilty and sentenced to serve one day in county jail of Josephine county. Fred MacClung, arrested for having trout under size in possession, plead guilty and was served to serve ten days in county jail of Josephine county. Both parties refused to pay fines. Arrests made by Deputy Warden E. Wright of Grants Pass.

J. M. Berdine, arrested for dumping sawdust in Stout Creek, fine suspended on account of defendant's having no money.

Albert Robinson and J. E. Vose arrested for dumping sawdust in Myrtle Creek. Both pleaded guilty and were fined $25 each. Arrests were made by Deputy Warden Chas. Tabor and L. Platt of Douglass county.

John Amunds, O. L. Martin and C. E. Beebe arrested for fishing without license on Rogue River near Prospect. All plead guilty and paid $25 each. Arrests were made by Deputy Warden A. S. Hubbard of Trail Creek, Jackson county.

Look at all of the real estate ads and at much of the real estate advertised, before investing.

TOGO FETED BY PRESIDENT AT CAPITAL

Believed That Seafighter Brought Personal Message from Emperor to Taft Leading Toward an Arbitration Treaty with United States

JAPANESE NAVAL HERO CHEERED UPON EVERY SIDE

Washington Turns Out en Masse to Greet Nation's Guest—Thinks Warships Will Still Be Built.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5—That Admiral Togo brought a personal message to President Taft from the Emperor of Japan expressing a desire to open negotiations with the United States looking toward an arbitration treaty, was the belief expressed by those who heard Taft's greeting to the Japanese seafighter at the formal dinner at the White House tonight. The president later said: "I entertain the hope with confidence that the tiem may be not far distant when Japan will see fit to join in a movement so auspiciously inaugurated."

After the dinner, which was a brilliant affair, over a thousand people attended the reception. Togo praised Taft's efforts for peace, but said he believed that nations would continue building battle ships.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 5. — Greeted by cheers no less enthusiastic than those which marked his visit in New York, Admiral Togo's welcome today in the capital gave proof of the universal admiration with which Americans regard the man who broke Russia's sea power.

Following an exchange of formal calls with Japanese Ambassador Uchida, Secretary of State Knox and Assistant Secretary of the Navy Beekman Winthrop, the admiral held a reception for naval officers. In full dress uniform, the officers of many nations formed a brilliant assemblage.

Togo's call upon President Taft was the occasion for much mutual exchange of greetings and felicitations. Afterward, the admiral was taken in charge by the president's naval and military aides and given an automobile ride around the city.

The state dinner and official reception at the white house tonight will be one of the most notable functions of its kind ever held during the present administration.

The Japanese naval hero was the center of attraction wherever he went. During his automobile ride through the city he was greeted by cheer upon cheer, citizens pushing and crowding each other in the effort to catch a glimpse of the famous warrior. It did not need brilliant uniform to apprise the crowds that the little man in the rear seat of the speeding car was the hero to whom the entire nation is doing honor. Washington, accustomed as it is to notables of every country, turned out en masse to greet the sea fighter.

CHANGES IN METHODS OF HIGHWAY AGITATION

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 5.—Radical changes in organization were accomplished by the Pacific Highway Association convention today. Insted of working through individuals as heretofore the association will work through organizations pledged to work for highway improvements in their immediate vicinity. By this means, it is expected, much more can be accomplished than under the old system.

The association also went on record as strongly in favor of the movement for the construction of a scenic highway on the Pacific Coast extending from San Diego to Vancouver, B. C.