

TEDDY BREAKS SILENCE BUT TALKS RIDDLES

Former President Assembles Reporters and Reads to Them Extracts From Lincoln's Statement Made to Friends Half Century Ago.

MAKES NO EXPLANATION TO FOES AND ENEMIES

Has Bad Men to Deal With and Will Afford Them No Comfort—Talk Is Enigma.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Roosevelt has spoken. Breaking his silence of months on political matters, the "contributing editor" today assembled the reporters in the main office of the Outlook and pointed out extracts from the letters and speeches of Abraham Lincoln, saying they had a peculiar application to his own position now. He refused to discuss the significance of his talk to the reporters at this time, but evidently intended to give the impression that he is remaining silent as to his own program with the view of keeping ammunition from those he referred to as "the enemy."

Quotes Abe Lincoln. "This is a first class in applied decent politics," said Roosevelt when the newspaper men were lined up. "You have noticed, young gentlemen," he said, "that I have frequently told you that I had nothing to say for publication. But I want to read you the following letter written by Lincoln in 1860 to C. F. McNeill. 'I have made this explanation to you as a friend; but I wish no explanation made to our enemies. What they want is squabble and fuss. They can have it if we explain, and they cannot have it if we don't.'"

Colonel Roosevelt referred to criticisms of him because he had entertained prominent labor leaders at the white house, and read Lincoln's reply to a committee of the workingmen's association of New York defending labor. Then he read an extract from a letter written by Lincoln to G. D. Prentice in October, 1860, which said in part:

Would Do No Good. "Your suggestion that I write a letter setting forth my conservative views and intentions is certainly worthy. But would it do any good? If I labored a month I could not express my conservative views and intentions more clearly, more strongly than has already been expressed in my speeches already printed and before the public. If what I have already said has failed to convince you, no repetition would convince. I have had men to deal with, both north and south, who are eager for something new upon which to base misrepresentation; men who would like to frighten me or at least to fix upon me a reputation for timidity and cowardice. They would seize upon almost anything I should write as being an awful coming down. I intend keeping an eye upon these gentlemen and will not necessarily put weapons into their hands."

To all requests for a fuller explanation of his object in giving out the Lincoln-Roosevelt parallel, the former president replied only with a smile and the statement that, just now, he had "nothing further to say."

UNION PACIFIC A POINT ON MARKET

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—With the exception of Union Pacific, which gained a point, the prices at the opening of today's stock market were little changed. Shortly after the opening the bears got busy and Union Pacific lost its opening gain, United States Steel sold off a point and Reading lost 1/4. The pressure against United States Steel was attributed in part to the suggestion that that corporation might be criminally prosecuted. Most of the favorites clung to the low level though some specialties showed a better tone. The market closed steady. Bonds were steady.

FRISCO TO ABOLISH THE BARBARY COAST

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—San Francisco's world famed Barbary Coast, its bright lights, dancing girls and "pieters" must go. The police commission decided to close all resorts outside of a small restricted district, and those will be within the permissibility and will be toned down.

FAST CURIST IS GIVEN SENTENCE 2 TO 20 YEARS

Dr. Linda B. Hazzard, Convicted of Manslaughter, Given Indeterminate Sentence by Court as Result of Letting Patient Die From Starvation.

PORT ORCHARD, Wash., Feb. 7.—Dr. Linda B. Hazzard was sentenced to from two to twenty years in the penitentiary this morning by Judge Yakey. Mrs. Hazzard was found guilty last Sunday night of manslaughter. She had been charged with first degree murder for starving to death Miss Claire Williamson, one of her patients.

The attorney for Mrs. Hazzard gave notice of appeal and the fast specialist was released on \$10,000 bonds, furnished by the Northwestern Security company. Dr. Hazzard, according to the state, has deliberately starved the Williamson sisters in order to get hold of their property, which is valued approximately at \$200,000. The motion for a new trial set out that the jury had a magnifying glass in the jury room without the knowledge of the defense with which to examine the handwriting of Dr. Oimstead who assisted Dr. Hazzard in the post mortem examination. It also claimed that several of the jurors who finally compromised on manslaughter had at first held out for acquittal because they had become exhausted by the long session.

POWER PLANTS OF TWO STATES ARE CONSOLIDATED

Churchills Turn Over to Central Corporation All Plants in Northern California and Southern Oregon—Part of Ray's Power Trust Scheme.

A consolidation of 24 electric light and power companies controlled by the Siskiyou Light and Power company, and comprising all power plants and lines from Grants Pass to Dunsuir and Klamath Falls to Yreka, has been perfected under the name of the California and Oregon Power company, with a capital stock of \$10,000,000.

The new corporation will take over the holdings of the Siskiyou, Rogue River, Klamath, Ashland, Dunsuir and other concerns, control of which has been secured during the past few months by the Churchill syndicate of Yreka. The directors of the new corporation are J. M. Churchill, president; J. P. Churchill, vice president; Alex J. Rosborough, secretary. Main offices will be at San Francisco with branch offices at Medford, Yreka and Klamath Falls.

The deal was consummated by Col. Frank H. Ray, former owner of the Rogue River Electric company, and it is currently reported to be a move in his plan of uniting under one corporation or trust, all power plants on the coast, from San Diego to Grants Pass. Never relaxed vigilance in "stocking" with only dependable goods, and under such buying conditions as warrant real price concessions—these things make a store worth while and its advertising interesting.

CANDIDACY OF ROOSEVELT TO BE ANNOUNCED

Progressive Leaders Hold Series of Conferences and State That Former President Has Agreed to Make Race If "Drafted" by Supporters.

TEDDY WILL MAKE NO STATEMENT HIMSELF

Formal Announcement to Be Signed by Record, Pinchot, Beveridge and McCormick.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Theodore Roosevelt's candidacy for the republican presidential nomination will be announced soon.

Definite statement that the former is in the race will come, not from Roosevelt himself, but from the progressive leaders, who have up to now been for Senator La Follette. The formal announcement probably will be signed by George Record of New Jersey, Gifford and Amos Pinchot, former United States Senator Beveridge of Indiana, Medill McCormick of Chicago and, possibly, by Governor Hiram Johnson of California.

All of these leaders held a series of conferences here today, during which they were in constant communication with Colonel Roosevelt, and, though the conferees would not talk of what was done, it is understood that Roosevelt has agreed to run, "if drafted."

It is stated by those "in the know" that Roosevelt will make no public and personal announcement of his candidacy in the near future, but that he is likely to make such a public statement outlining his principles as was demanded by Senator La Follette. What the Wisconsin senator will do in the event of Roosevelt putting himself squarely on record as regards progressive policies is also shrouded in mystery as yet. It is believed, however, that La Follette, angered by the defection of many of his former supporters, will decline to withdraw from the presidential race and will carry the fight for the nomination to the floor of the Chicago convention.

NO ONE BUT TAFT, SAYS J. H. HAMMOND

LONG BEACH, Cal., Feb. 7.—John Hays Hammond, resting here after a brief trip into the Mexican trouble zone, declared today his opinion that President Taft will be renominated and reelected to the presidency. "There's nothing to it but Taft," Hammond said. "La Follette, it seems, is to be out of it. Who else is there?"

"How about Roosevelt?" he was asked. "Oh, Roosevelt, why hasn't he declared he will not be a candidate?" was the reply. "To me it really seems that there is no one but Mr. Taft."

HEALTH CONDITIONS IMPROVE GREATLY IN MEDFORD

City Health Officer Stearns Shows Less Than Half the Illness Here in 1911 That Prevailed in Previous Year.

Improved health conditions in Medford are indicated by the annual report of City Health Officer Stearns. In his report he shows that less than half the illness has prevailed the past year that previously existed, due to the fine city water and sewer systems. Dr. Stearns says in part:

Situation Much Better. "The situation is far better than a year ago. At that time less than half the physicians were reporting and quarantining contagious diseases and they only partially. This year practically every physician has been reporting faithfully. The data below will show the great decrease in contagious diseases for 1911, when practically all cases were reported for the whole year, in strong contrast with the year 1909, when only half the physicians were reporting. There were no records kept for 1910. "Records for 1911: Scarlet fever,

"THEY DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY'RE GOING, BUT THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY"



PEACE REIGNS IN CELESTIAL EMPIRE DURING ARMISTIC

American Author and Journalist, Homer Lea, Removed From Revolutionary Command at Request of Foreign Powers.

NEWSPAPER MAN SHOT AND KILLED BY SALOON MAN

TRUCKEE, Cal., Feb. 7.—During an altercation in the postoffice here today a long standing feud between the saloonkeepers of Truckee and W. H. H. Smith, editor and publisher of the Truckee Republican, was brought to a tragic crisis when P. M. Doyle fatally shot the newspaper man through the back and head. Smith is expected to die. Doyle is under arrest. Blows were exchanged during the quarrel which preceded the shooting and Doyle's friends say Smith attacked Doyle first knocking him down. Smith was formerly one of the publishers of the Eureka (Cal.) Herald.

RAINFALL ONLY 2.53 INCHES SHORT OF THE AVERAGE

Twenty-three Years' Records Show That Present Season Is a Normal One and That Past Few Years Have Been Out of the Normal.

Many people are becoming somewhat perturbed because of what may seem to them to be a very unusually small amount of rainfall this season, when, as a matter of fact, the amount of rainfall to date is but 2.53 inches less than the average for the past 23 years. The total amount of rainfall from September 1, 1911, to January 31, 1912, as reported by Prof. O'Gara, in charge of the government weather bureau in Medford, was 8.70 inches, while the average for this same period for the past 23 years was 11.23, leaving this season short only 2.53 inches on an average for all these years. Those who have lived in southern Oregon longest and have given its rainfall the closest attention are in no wise apprehensive lest this or any other season will not come up to a reasonable average.

PUT TAFT ON STATE BALLOT

Petitions to Place President's Name Before Voters as Candidate for Regular Republican Nomination Are Circulating at Portland.

PORTLAND, Feb. 7.—Petitions to place the president's name as a candidate for the republican presidential nomination on the ballot at the April primary election in Oregon were put in circulation here today by the Taft campaign committee. Other petitions will soon be circulated in various parts of the state and an effort will be made to secure signers from all classes. According to members of the committee a vigorous campaign to stir enthusiasm for the president will be

KAISER ASKS BIG SUMS FOR ARMY AND NAVY

German Emperor Appears in Person, Helmet on Head, at Opening of Reichstag and Demands Larger Appropriations for War Purposes.

SOCIAL DEMOCRATS NOT PRESENT DURING SPEECH

Fourth of Members Remain Away—Says Empire Must Maintain Its Power Over Land and Sea.

BERLIN, Feb. 7.—Appropriations for a greater army and navy were demanded by Emperor William today, when, helmet on head, he in person opened the reichstag, the 13th assembled since the foundation of the German empire. After asserting his desire to augment the welfare of all classes of German people and maintain the strength and prestige of the nation, Emperor William appealed to the new parliament for loyal adherence to the financial policy now in force, adding that he believed this would result in the imperial finances soon being on a sound basis. The emperor said in part:

"For the success of our work of peace at home and over the seas the empire must remain powerful enough to defend at all times its national honor and its possessions as well as its just interests in the world. It is therefore my constant duty and care to maintain and strengthen both on land and on sea the defensive power of the German people, which does not lack young men capable of bearing arms. Measures with this end in view are in preparation and will be submitted to you, together with the proposals for covering the additional costs. In helping this important work you will be greatly serving the fatherland."

Representatives of the social democrat party were conspicuous by their absence. Although they comprise more than one-fourth of the membership of the house, not a socialist put in an appearance.

OROZCO DENIES ANY DISLOYALTY

Mexican General Insists That He Has No Intention of Secession of Chihuahua and Protests His Loyalty.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 7.—Denying disloyalty to the federal government and declaring the state of Chihuahua is not on the verge of secession from the Mexican republic, General Pascual Orozco today issued the following statement: "I wish emphatically to deny reports as to the secession of Chihuahua and my disloyalty to the Madero government."

Despite statements from General Orozco that he has no intention of starting a movement in Chihuahua to cause that state to secede from Mexico, the war department today is keeping close tabs on the Mexican chief. Department officials admit that General Orozco has a large following in Chihuahua and declare that any rising headed by him would undoubtedly assume serious proportions.

started throughout the state. With this end in view the general Taft committee has been subdivided into smaller committees, as it is believed more effective work in Taft's behalf can be performed. The primaries will be held April 19. Readers of a newspaper rightly expect to find the news of your store in your store advertising. If there is a dearth of interesting things in your store, they expect to find your advertising lacking in interest. If there are really interesting sales and store events going on, they will expect full news of them.