

"I WILL ACCEPT NOMINATION," WRITES THEODORE ROOSEVELT TO GOVERNORS

"GENUINE RULE OF THE PEOPLE," IS TEDDY'S SLOGAN AS HE STEPS INTO THE RING TO PICK UP HAT

Pledges Himself to Direct Primaries and Will Work to the End That the People Shall Express Their Preference as to Who Shall Be the Nominees for the Presidency—Says He Will Remain a Candidate Until Republican Convention Has Expressed Its Choice.

CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS ARE OPENED IN NEW YORK; OTHERS TO BE OPENED AT ONCE

Says Chief Principle for Which He Has Stood for, and Still Stands for, Is to Reduce to Action the Genuine Rule of the People—Due for Important Conference Today.

The text of the remarkably brief letter of Theodore Roosevelt to eight republican governors who urged him to become a candidate for the republican presidential nomination follows:

Dated New York, February 24, the letter says:

"Gentlemen: I deeply appreciate your letter, and I realize to the full the heavy responsibility it puts upon me, expressing as it does the carefully considered convictions of the men elected by popular vote to stand as the heads of government in their several states.

"I absolutely agree with you that this matter is not one to be decided with any reference to the personal preference or interests of any man but purely from the standpoint of the interests of the people as a whole.

"I will accept the nomination for president if it is tendered to me and I will adhere to this decision until the convention has expressed its preference.

"One of the chief principles for which I have and for which I now stand and which I have always endeavored and always shall endeavor to reduce to action, is the genuine rule of the people; and, therefore, I hope that so far as possible the people may be given the chance, through direct primaries, to express their preference as to who shall be the nominee of the republican presidential convention.

"Very truly yours,

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt stepped into the political ring this morning and picked up his hat which he declared last Wednesday was already in the ring. In a letter to the eight governors who requested him to define his position he stated that he would accept the republican nomination for the presidency for if it be tendered.

Active work of lining up delegates favorable to the candidacy of Theodore Roosevelt for the republican presidential nomination began in earnest here today. The letter of the former president to a group of western governors in which he said he would accept the nomination for president had hardly cooled before Roosevelt headquarters in the Metropolitan building had been established. Oliver Carpenter, a close friend of former Secretary to the President George B. Cortelyou and admittedly one of the shrewdest politicians in New York state will be in active charge.

Colonel Roosevelt is due to arrive here Wednesday, when his friends expect him to begin a personal campaign for the nomination. First it is said, the former president will go to Phoenix, Ariz., where his son Archie Roosevelt is studying. Colonel Roosevelt, it is believed, will make several speeches en route, explaining further his position on the recall of judicial decisions, rather than the recall of the judge making the decision.

While New York will be the real headquarters of the Roosevelt party and a branch will be opened in Chicago and one may be opened later in San Francisco.

Important Meeting Today.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 26.—Much significance is attached to the conference to be held here this afternoon between Colonel Roosevelt and Governor Bass of New Hampshire. It is believed that plans will probably be laid for the capture of New England for Roosevelt.

La Follette First.

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 26.—Although expressing strong approval of Theodore Roosevelt, Governor Me-

Governor of Wisconsin today declared that Wisconsin republicans still were firm in their determination to stand for Senator Robert M. La Follette as candidate for the presidency.

Thinks Taft Strong.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—That President Taft, despite Colonel Roosevelt's openly entering the contest would be certain of renomination and re-election was the emphatic declaration here of Congressman McKinley of Illinois.

START WORK SOON ON HERMISTON PROJECT

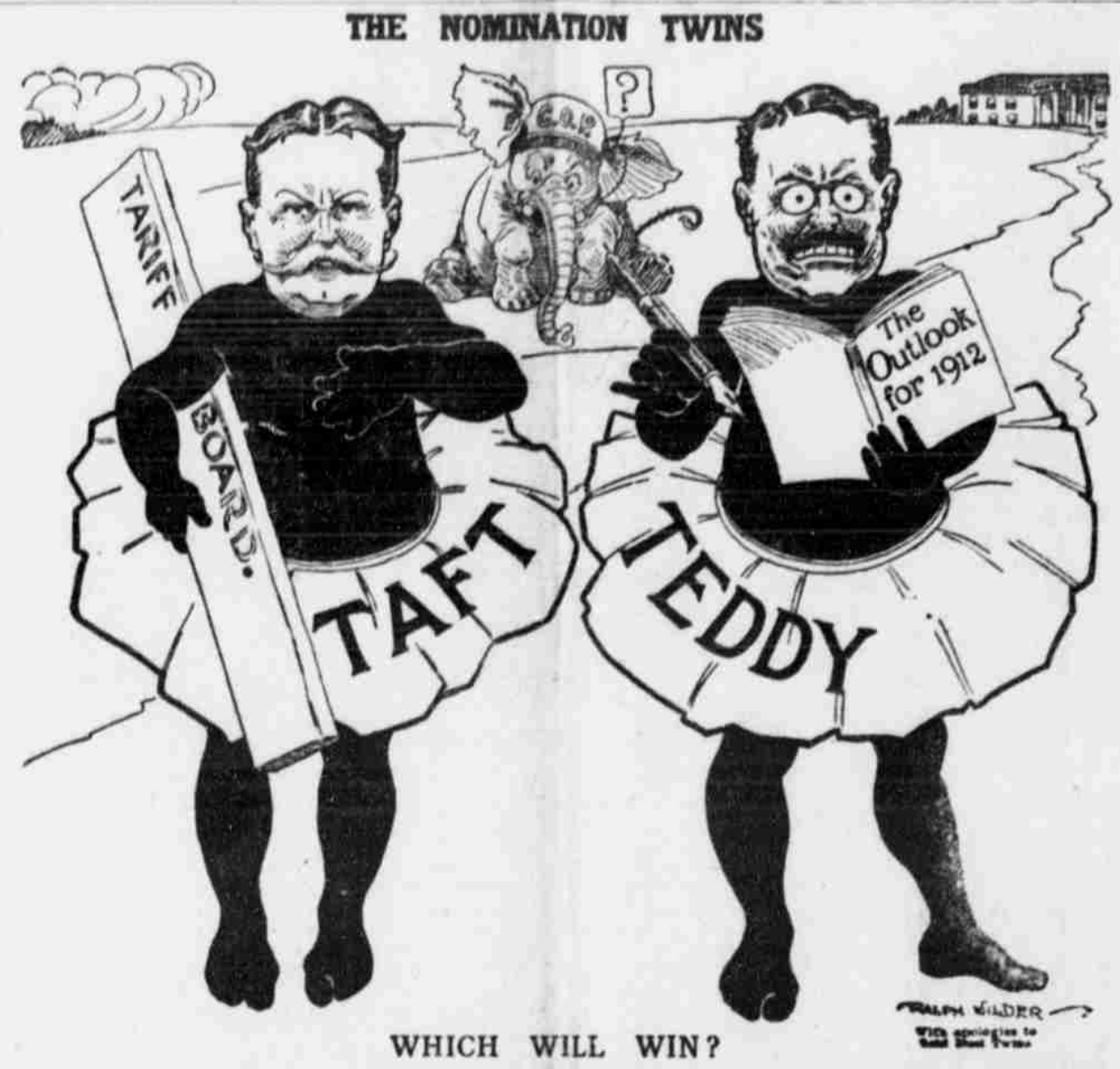
PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 26.—Early inauguration of actual construction work on the government irrigation project near Hermiston, eastern Oregon, known as the Umatilla West extension, is assured today in dispatches from Washington which state that the president has directed the approval of the report on the project made by the reclamation engineers recently.

When completed the project will have cost \$3,000,000. Thirty thousand acres will be brought under irrigation.

TIMOTHY'S TRIAL IS NOW UNDER WAY

REDWOOD CITY, Cal., Feb. 26.—The trial of Samuel R. Timothy, a chauffeur, who shot and killed John J. Moore, capitalist and clubman, in a midnight revolver duel, opened here today before Superior Judge George B. Buck. Mrs. Lillian Moore, widow of the slain capitalist, is expected to take the stand.

In a statement signed just before his death, Moore admitted that he fired the first shot, believing that Mrs. Moore was with Timothy.



SHERMAN LAW TO BE SUPERCEDED IF BILL PASSES

Senator Cummins of Iowa Strikes Hard at Stock Watering and Destruction of Competition by Trusts in Bill Providing Federal Control.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—Striking hard at stock watering and destruction of competition by trusts, a bill providing for federal control of big business and designed to supplement the Sherman anti-trust laws, was introduced today by Senator Cummins of Iowa.

The bill provides for a commission of three members to control big business. These members are to be authorized to stop stock watering, to bust trusts and eliminate cut-throat competition. It is provided that the bureau of corporations shall be merged into the trade commission which shall have sweeping powers.

It is intended that only corporations of more than \$5,000,000 shall come within the scope of the bill and that common carriers shall be excluded.

BATTLE EXPECTED SOON AT JUAREZ

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 26.—Although a battle is momentarily expected south of Juarez, no clash between revolutionists and supporters of President Francisco I. Madero had been reported at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

BLIZZARD CAUSE OF HEAVY LOSS LIFE, PROPERTY

Middle West in Grip of Worst Storm of Winter—Cyclone Kills Eight at Myra, Ark.—Livestock Loss is Very Heavy.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 26.—Enormous loss of life and heavy damage are the results of a storm that today is sweeping the southwest. Eight were killed in a cyclone at Myra, Ark., where agricultural interests also suffered heavy loss.

The Texas Panhandle, Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Arkansas today are the storm centers. There has been great damage to livestock on the ranges. The situation in Kansas is serious, a dozen trains being blocked by snow. One of them, the California limited, with Governor Marshall of Indiana aboard, is stalled at Garden City.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Street car traffic is paralyzed here today as the result of a blizzard that is sweeping the north central states with Chicago as the storm center. A dozen trains are stalled in Iowa, where eleven inches of snow fell.

The snow lies 20 feet deep in many of the railway cuts in that state and railway traffic may not be resumed for many hours.

ELLIS AGAIN FOR CONGRESS

Pendleton Man Files for Office—Declares for Direct Election of Senators and Free Use of Panama Canal for American Vessels.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 26.—Declaring for the direct election of United States senators, free use of the Panama canal for American coastwise vessels and "conservation that recognizes the need of the present" W. R. Ellis, of Pendleton, is out today for another term as congressman from the second Oregon district. He was retired at the last general election.

FICKERT MOVES THAT SCHMITZ CASE BE DROPPED

District Attorney Gives as His Reason the Fact That Ruff Had Refused to Testify Unless Indictments Were Dismissed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 26.—Alarming development today marked the trial in Judge Lawlor's court of former Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz on a charge of bribery when both prosecution and defense presented motions to have the case dismissed. Judge Lawlor continued the case to Wednesday afternoon, when he will make a ruling.

Attorney C. A. Fairall, representing Schmitz, submitting the case without further evidence, asked the court to direct the jury to acquit Schmitz. He gave as his reason the refusal of Abe Ruff to testify against Schmitz unless the indictments hanging over him were dismissed.

District Attorney Fickert based his motion on the weakness of the indictments. He said that he was unable to find any evidence that Schmitz knew of the bribery of Supervisor Wilson. In view of these facts, Fickert said he did not feel justified in putting the state to the expense of further court action and asked to have all so-called graft indictments dismissed.

HOTEL BURNS; MAN LEAPS TO HIS DEATH

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 26.—An unidentified man was killed by jumping from the third story, and several guests were rescued by firemen early today when a fire badly damaged the second and third floors of the Gilman hotel. The loss is estimated at \$10,000.

TWO TURKISH SHIPS ARE SUNK BY ITALIANS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—Italian battleships, according to an official telegram received here today at the Italian embassy, burned and sunk a Turkish gunboat and a torpedo boat at Beyrout, Syria. No shots were fired against the city or the public buildings.

UNCLE SAM NOW SEEKS DATA ON NEW BUILDING

After Nearly Two Years Delay Architects Office Requests Postmaster Woodford to Answer Many Questions in Detail.

ON HIS REPLY PLANS WILL BE PREPARED

Work on New Federal Building Will Probably Start This Summer.

After a delay of nearly two years the architect's office of the treasury department is evidently about to take up the matter of preparing plans for the new federal building in this city. Postmaster Woodford is in receipt of a blank form to fill out on which several hundred questions appear. He is requested to answer each of the questions and return the blanks as soon as possible.

From the questions asked it is evident that nothing has been done to date in regard to the plans. The questions cover all of the building material available within a fifty-mile radius and every other matter. The size of the building will also be determined upon from the answers to the questions as full data covering the amount of floor space required by each of the federal offices in Medford is requested. Information as to the streets the building fronts upon is also wanted, and whether one or two general entrances should be provided.

Assistant Postmaster Woodford is now engaged in answering the many questions asked. When completed he will return them to Washington and it is presumed that the architect's office will then get busy so that the building can be erected this summer.

DARROW AGING VERY RAPIDLY

Is Said to Have Aged Ten Years Since Last October When He Plunged Into Defense of McNamaras—Stigma Killing Him.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 26.—But a shadow of his former self his spirit broken, Clarence Darrow, for years the foremost defender of the American workingman, is waiting here in silent, uncomplaining suffering, his trial on charges of jury bribing growing out of his defense of the McNamaras brothers.

Darrow has aged ten years since last October, when he plunged with all his splendid brilliancy, his tireless energy and his dauntless fighting spirit into the defense of the yandammers. From a man in the prime of life, he has become old. His face is seared and lined and his features haggard.

Darrow today is doing little in his own defense. Like a man wearied of the struggle, he leaves his case in the hands of Earl Rogers, his chief counsel.

"Yes," he says quietly. "It is pretty hard. But I can stand it. I feel that I am suffering for a cause. I have given the best years of my life to the cause of labor, and as a result comes this indictment. I can prove my innocence, I am not worrying about that. But the stigma of having been indicted always remains."

BRUTALITY AT LAWRENCE IS YET UNCHECKED

Clubbing of Women Today Again Featured Strike of Textile Workers—Police Ignore Protests From Every Section of the Country.

TROUBLE STARTS AFTER STRIKEBREAKER IS SHOT

Police Charge Crowd and Trample Women Underfoot—Many Are Carried to Hospitals.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—President Taft will order a thorough investigation into the strike of textile workers at Lawrence and the causes which led to the brutal clubbing of women by the police and state militiamen.

This was the statement made to the United Press today by Congressman Victor L. Berger of Wisconsin, following a visit to the White House.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—United States Attorney General Wickensham today ordered the district attorney at Lawrence to investigate the textile workers' strike for the government.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Feb. 26.—Battered, bruised and blood-smeared with the clothing almost torn from their bodies by police and militiamen, scores of women and children and men, this afternoon are huddled in a bullpen here, singing and shouting their determination not to give up their fight until what they consider justice is won.

The arrests of the strikers were made today when police for nearly three hours conducted a clubbing campaign following a riot in which one strikebreaker was shot. With the sound of the shooting 10,000 strikers gathered in the streets and conducted a peaceable parade. Time after time they were charged by the police and militia and men, women and children, some of the women with babies in their arms, were beaten down. Many of the women were removed to hospitals for treatment.

After each attack nearly a score of strikers were arrested and rushed to the police station. There, huddled in a bullpen, they continued to sing, men, women and girls, bruised and blood-smeared, joining in the defiance. Police reserves were at once ordered to stop the singing. They threatened and cursed but failed and throughout the whole day a volume of sound echoed through the police station and the courts to show that the textile-workers' spirits were unbroken.

A notable fact is that so far as could be learned not a solitary hand was raised against the police and during the three hours clubbing of the strikers not a policeman was scratched.

"I pray God the people won't fight back," said William Yates, a member of the strike committee. "They are at the mercy of blood thirsty men. I pray God that the strikers may stand firm and do no violence. Instead of retaliating they will martyr themselves for the millions of other workers who are suffering now and who will suffer in years to come."