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TAFT SCORES PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES

Declares They Are "Open Avenues for Fraud and Violence"—Takes Slap at T. R. in Discussing Judicial Recall

PRESIDENT IS BITTER IN HIS REMARKS

Executive Deplores Agitation Now Existing Against "Courts and Constitution," and Says Attacks Are a Serious Menace to the Government.

Judicial Recall, He Says, Would Be to Remove the Keystone From the Arch of Government.

BOSTON, Mass., March 18.—The pet policies of the "peoples' power movement," were roasted to a brown turn by President Taft here today in addresses before both houses of the Massachusetts legislature. He bitterly denounced what he termed the "soap box" presidential primary as an "open avenue for fraud and violence" unless properly safeguarded. Discussing the recall of judges, to which he is unalterably opposed, President Taft made a direct slap at Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, asserting the recall of judicial decisions would never do, adding that it was impossible for all the people to directly participate in the functions of government.

Deplores Agitation.

President Taft declared that the constitution was the foundation of government "of the people, for the people, by a representative part of the people." In this connection the president deplored the agitation now existing against "the courts and the constitution" and declared it was significant that irresponsible assault upon either in intemperate language or the baseless assumption of corruption, bias and incompetency were made by those whose influence with any part of the people "is a serious menace to an enduring government." The president said in part:

Says People Do Rule.

"One can easily discover a tendency in modern politics to exalt above the written law and above the written constitution what is called 'the popular will' as if it were a higher law to which we must admit allegiance, and by obeying it, ignore or transgress statutory and constitutional limitations. This heresy is not stated exactly in a form of an assertion that judges and others are to ignore the statutes and the constitution because of conflicting popular will, but it is the more insidious proposition that the plain construction of the statutes or constitution is to be defeated and strained, and an otherwise impossible construction put upon the language of the statute or constitution in deference to what is supposed to be the popular will. The continued reiteration 'let the people rule' if it has any significance at all, is intended to be a reflection on the government we have had to the present time. I do not hesitate to say that history of the last 115 years shows that the people have ruled.

Would Remove Keystone.

"The occasion for these remarks is an attack on the judiciary, and a proposal, by judicial recall or the recall of judicial decisions, to destroy its independence and to remove the keystone from the arch of government.

"I deny that there is decisions of the courts or the character that which justifies such a radical innovation. I don't hesitate to say that in my judgment the voluntary primary outside the law, known by its informal character as the soap box primary, is worse than none. It gives full opportunity for the ineligible electors of the other party to cast unfair votes. Without the safeguard of penal provisions in respect to casting and counting ballots, it is open fraud and violence.

Private Property an Uplifter.

"In other words, our government is a government of the people, for the people by a representative part of the people, under a fundamental company which has vindicated its wisdom, equity and utility. Those who have studied closely the operations

GIRL'S JEALOUSY CAUSED FALL OF NANKING.



The fall of the Manchu dynasty in Nanking can be attributed to a girl's jealousy. Au Chu, formerly a favorite of the Viceroy, was displaced in his affections by two Europeans, whereupon she aided the rebels, and, as the story runs, she had more to do with the routing of the Viceroy than anything else. Now Au Chu has the freedom of Nanking and finds a welcome no matter where he goes, from the yamen of the President to the camps of the soldiers.

BLOWERS WILL PROBABLY BE ALLOWED TO GO

In all probability Mack Blowers arrested at Harrisburg, Oregon, on complaint of the directors of the Dardanelles, or Kanes creek school district, of which he was clerk, and from the funds of which he is alleged to have embezzled the amount of \$380, will not force a grand jury probe or an indictment. Mr. Blowers returned Sunday to this county and this afternoon will meet with the school directors and District Attorney Mulkey in a conference. He states that he had left only for a visit north and is not guilty of embezzlement. He will be allowed probably to make good the amount and go free.

Blowers was arrested Saturday at Harrisburg. Giving bond to appear here today he was allowed to come to Medford without a guard. The arrest was made Saturday following a conference at which the directors met with School Supervisor Henry and Coroner Kellogg, the latter acting for the district attorney, and it was decided that Blowers should return and make an adjustment of the matter if possible. Although the withdrawal of the funds from the Gold Hill bank and their removal from the county, as is supposed to be the case, constitutes a criminal offense, it is understood that there is little disposition to prosecute on the part of the directors or the people of the Dardanelles school district, provided Blowers can make good the amount he is alleged to have taken.

MINIMUM WAGE BILL IS FOUGHT

LONDON, March 18.—All England today is eagerly awaiting the fate of the minimum wage bill which will be introduced into parliament tomorrow by David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer. On the outcome will hinge the life of the coal miners strike, involving more than a million men, which is causing untold distress to millions. It is generally admitted that the liberals will be forced to muster their full strength to pass the measure. Members of the labor party are fighting the bill tooth and nail, believing the measure is intended as an opening wedge for the compulsory arbitration of all industrial disputes.

O'GARA MAY AID ORCHARDISTS OF JOSEPHINE CO.

In all probability Professor P. J. O'Gara, pathologist for Jackson county will in the future divide his time with Josephine county, each county paying a portion of his salary. In this manner the entire Rogue river valley will be adequately inspected and protected against damage by disease.

Saturday afternoon the fruit men of Josephine county met in Grants Pass and passed a resolution to take immediate steps to make this plan a success. Prof. O'Gara is willing to aid the fruit men in Josephine county if Jackson county will agree, and the county officials of Jackson are willing provided Josephine pays a portion of the annual salary of \$5,000 being received by the horticultural expert. The Josephine men will ask their county court to appropriate \$1250 for this purpose, \$1000 to Jackson county and \$250 for O'Gara's expenses.

A meeting will be held in Grants Pass next Saturday at which time Prof. O'Gara will be present. "As matters are now," said one of the fruit men, "Josephine county is sponsoring on Jackson county by frequent use of Prof. O'Gara's willing services. We want to end this and get him for more time and pay for it." At the meeting of the fruit men Saturday arrangements were made with Prof. O'Gara to secure his frost warnings night and morning, and all persons desiring this information can get it free daily by calling up the local long distance operator, who is always supplied with the forecast.

NAVAL BATTLE IS IMMINENT

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 18.—With vessels of antiquated type, a Turkish fleet is today preparing for action against the Italian squadron which is assembling off Mitylene, 50 miles from the entrance of the Dardanelles.

Boy Kidnapped
SHANGHAI, March 18.—Bandits today kidnaped the son of Shang Kua Pas, multi-millionaire. They sent the father a note demanding \$100,000 ransom, threatening to kill the boy if their demands were not complied with.

DRINKS ACID IN SALOON MAY DIE

Ed Glover, riding boss for Twohy Brothers, this afternoon drank a large dose of carbolic acid and at press time is very close to death. Glover is supposed to have taken the draught in the rear room of Doc Ryan's saloon. He was seen to walk through the barroom to front street and those who noticed him state his face was twitching and that he was ghastly pale. Outside the saloon he fell to the pavement groaning and writhing in pain. Physicians were sent for and the strong odor of carbolic acid gave a clue as to what had happened. It is thought chances for recovery are few.

TWO ESCAPED CONVICTS SHOT THIRD TAKEN

In Desperate Battle Murderers Who Escaped From Penitentiary Are Overwhelmed by Sheriff's Posse and Fight to Last.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 18.—Hemmed in on four sides by sheriff's posses, fugitive convicts Gray and Dowd this afternoon lost their lives in a battle near Gretna. Convict Morley was captured alive although badly wounded.

Joy Blunt, a farmer, whom the desperadoes compelled to drive them across the country was accidentally shot and killed by a deputy sheriff.

The convicts made their last stand in a school house, three miles southeast of Gretna. Two of four posses which had left Lincoln earlier in the day on a special train were close on their heels and the convicts forced Blount, at the point of a gun to lash his horses into a dead run. Reaching the school barely a minute before the posses arrived.

For half an hour the battle raged fast and furious. The posse poured galling fire of bullets into the windows and Convict Gray was literally shot to pieces.

Realizing that a further stand was hopeless Convict Dowd fled to a cornfield. He refused to surrender but fired a bullet through his own head as the posse closed in on him. The officers then stormed the school building and found Morley lying in a heap. He had been badly wounded and offered but slight resistance.

LA FOLLETTE IS CONFIDENT OF VOTE TOMORROW

FARGO, N. D., March 18.—"I never felt better in my life, and am much pleased with the greetings given me today. I am confident that North Dakota will endorse me next Tuesday for president." Senator Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin thus expressed himself here today after addressing the voters of Minot this morning. He will speak at Devils Lake this afternoon. La Follette spent yesterday at Grand Forks dictating his autobiography. Senator La Follette's followers throughout the state assert that victory for their leader is certain.

HE IS LEADING AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION.



DR. DOUGLAS MAWSON.

The Aurora, which left Hobart on December 2 last with the Australian Antarctic expedition under the leadership of Dr. Douglas Mawson aboard, has returned there. The Aurora landed two separate parties at two points in the Antarctic regions, one under Dr. Mawson on January 19 and the other under Dr. Wilde on February 19.

HATS BY SCORE ARE HURLED INTO POLITICAL RING

With the last day for filing for office only about two weeks distant, hats are piled high in the ring of county politics, in fact in one or two cases, men who had their heavers in hand ready to hurl them over the ropes have reconsidered seeing no place for them to fall. But there are hats of every description—fedoras, dicers, sombreros and one or two caps, some plumed and some plain, some with fancy bands and some with stiff brims—but they are all there just the same.

Saturday it was announced that County Clerk Coleman will not be a candidate for re-election. This leaves the republican field to N. L. Narrengan of Eagle Point.

District Attorney Mulkey will probably not be a candidate. It is understood that L. A. Gregory of this city is considering running for assessor on the republican ticket.

The full list of those who have filed their papers follows:

- George W. Dunn, county judge, republican.
- F. E. Merrick, county judge, republican.
- J. R. Nell, county judge, democrat.
- George Lyman, commissioner, democrat.
- W. C. Leever, commissioner, four-year term.
- E. E. Kelly, district attorney, democrat.
- Chauncey Florey, recorder.
- R. L. Taylor, recorder, democrat.
- Fred L. Colvig, recorder.
- J. A. Westerlund, representative.
- Frank A. Griez, surveyor.
- A. E. Kellogg, coroner.
- W. C. Daley, commissioner, for two-year term, democrat.
- J. C. Smith, Welmer, two-year term, republican.
- A. L. Irwin, constable, Ashland.
- R. Estes, constable, Medford.
- John Bellinger, constable, Medford.
- Herbert Hanna, district attorney, republican.
- J. Percy Wells, superintendent of schools.
- Ralph P. Cowgill, county surveyor.
- August D. Singler, sheriff.
- W. A. Jones, sheriff.
- W. T. Grieve, assessor.
- W. H. Miller, county clerk.
- N. L. Narrengan, county clerk.
- John Watkins, Eagle Point, justice of the peace.
- G. O. Taylor, justice of the peace.
- Martin McDonough, assessor, democrat.

IN MOUNTAIN RETREAT ALLENS ARE SURROUNDED

HILLSVILLE, Va., March 18.—Forty detectives from Richmond and as many more deputies and farmers today surrounded the Allen gang of outlaws in "Devil's Den," a natural fortress in the Blue Ridge mountains 12 miles from here.

The cordon of officers and men is gradually tightening about the stronghold and it is believed impossible for the bandits to escape. Three United States revenue agents, who know well each of the 16 men composing the outlaw clan, led the posse to the mountain pass. At dawn today smoke was seen curling up from Devil's Den, indicating that the bandits were preparing breakfast.

A number of city detectives favor storming the stronghold, but the mountaineers who know the advantage the outlaws have in their almost impregnable position, maintain it would be suicidal to make such an attempt. The mountaineers favor a starvation siege.

Mountaineers arriving here this afternoon brought a report that Sidney Edwards, nephew of Sidney Allen, leader of the bandits, had been captured and that part of the posse was returning to Hillsville with him. Edwards is said to have been badly wounded.

MURDERER IS DRAGGED TO CHAIR

AUBURN, N. Y., March 18.—Dragged forcibly into the death chamber by his guards and strapped into the electric chair, in spite of his struggles, Dominico DePasquale was executed in the prison here today. DePasquale murdered Colegero Polizzi in Rochester, N. Y.

TEXTILE WORKERS RETURN TO MILLS

LAWRENCE, Mass., March 18.—Thirty thousand textile workers today returned to the mills, after winning one of the greatest struggles on record. Operations were resumed without disorder.

LOSES PURSE CONTAINING \$1642 IN CASH

L. L. Noonchester who arrived in Medford a Few Days Ago From Vale, Oregon, is Heavy Loser—No Trace is Found.

Five Hundred Dollar Reward is Offered for its Return—Believe Passerby Picked It Up.

L. L. Noonchester, who arrived in Medford with his family a few days ago from Vale, Oregon, was most unfortunate Sunday morning in losing his purse in which there was \$1642 in currency, gold and silver.

Mr. Noonchester came to Medford expecting to buy property and make Medford his home. He and his family were stopping temporarily with relatives at 903 North Central avenue. A wallet containing the money had been given into the hands of Mrs. Noonchester, by her husband for safekeeping and so closely did the woman guard the purse that she kept it with her at all times. About 10 o'clock Sunday morning while playing on the street with her children she became so interested in their childish pranks as to forget the presence of the purse in a pocket of her coat and it fell out onto the street. The loss was discovered soon afterwards but a diligent search over all the ground for two blocks south of 903 failed to disclose its whereabouts and the conclusion is reached that it was picked up by someone who is now holding it for a reward or has appropriated for their own use.

Mr. Noonchester, who is a brother of E. G. Noonchester, public stenographer at the new Medford hotel, has offered a reward of \$500 for the return of the purse and contents. In the advertisement offering the reward the denomination of the bills lost is given, seven of them being \$100 gold certificates, ten fifty dollar bills and the remainder of the amount being in smaller denominations together with some gold and silver.

In the purse there were also receipts for dues from the I. O. O. F. and M. W. A. lodges. Mr. Noonchester being a member of these orders. The name "L. L. Noonchester, Vale, Oregon," was stamped on the purse.

It hardly seems possible that Mr. Noonchester will not recover his loss, inasmuch as it took place in one of the best residence parts of the city and at the time it was lost there would be but few, if any persons passing other than people of that locality who might be on their way to church.

Mr. Noonchester is a man of moderate circumstances and in all probability the amount lost represented his entire cash capital, which he was treasuring expecting to invest in a home here for himself and family.

GOTTERILL IS NOW MAYOR

SEATTLE, Wash., March 18.—Seattle's new mayor, George Cotterill, municipal ownership advocate and all around progressive, took office at noon today. About 2000 people packed the grand opera house, where held. The public inauguration is a novelty here, and is regarded as an expression of the people to "get together" and forget factional differences.

For the first time in Seattle's history, no changes in the heads of departments were made upon the new mayor's taking office. Police Chief Bannick, Fire Chief Stimson and even Private Secretary Catton to Mayor Dilling are still on their jobs. Mayor Cotterill promised to make no changes except as they may gradually become necessary.