

TAFT DECLARES THAT COL. THEODORE ROOSEVELT SEEKS A DICTATORSHIP

TAFT IN ROLE FIGHTING MAN WINS CHEERS

President Says He Believes if Roosevelt Were Elected, it Would Be Impossible to Dislodge Him From the White House.

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SPRINGFIELD, Mass., April 25.—Bitter denunciation of former President Theodore Roosevelt by the man whom he put into the White House today featured President Taft's first appearance in the present campaign as a fighting man and he brought forth hearty cheers from a big audience, who fancied him in that role.

President Taft declared flatly that he believed Roosevelt, if again elected would be almost impossible to dislodge from the White House, and that another term for the "rough rider" might result in a lifetime dictatorship.

Not at All Disloyal. Answered Roosevelt's charges, Taft recited the former president's third term statement in 1904 and again in 1908. He gave Roosevelt full credit for electing him in 1901 and then said:

"Neither in thought, word or act have I been disloyal to the friendship I had for Theodore Roosevelt."

President Taft went at length into Roosevelt's announcement of his candidacy and his "charter of democracy," delivered at Columbus. He continued:

"His 'charter of democracy' was ineffective, and so he attacked the administration and myself. Ever since then he has been abusing the administration and accusing me. So far as my personal feelings are concerned, I would not have replied, but I represent the cause of that element of the republican party which believes in the sacredness of the constitution. Mr. Roosevelt has misled many honest people to believe his charges. The cause which I represent is entitled to defense."

Crowd Cheers Wildly.

President Taft then went on to answer Roosevelt's charges.

"He says," declared the president, "that I favor the oligarchy of bosses or represent the special interests and that my administration has produced nothing progressive, that I am a reactionary—and other charges too numerous to mention."

Seeing the president for the first time as a fighting man, the crowd cheered him throughout his speech of an hour and a half, which practically anticipated the address he is to deliver in Boston tonight.

"The re-nomination and re-election of Roosevelt to a third term," said President Taft, "would be dangerous. He has forgotten the standards of the square deal. He says the bosses are supporting me. His definition of a boss depends upon whom the boss is supporting. If he is supporting Roosevelt, he is a leader—if he is supporting me, he is a boss."

Danger of Dictator.

With his voice trembling with emotion, the president concluded with a warning to his hearers that in Roosevelt they are in "danger of a dictator who, once he received the third term, would cling like a leech to the White House and never leave it until death removed him."

The president added: "I am sorry to say it, but Roosevelt is a man of such strong personality, and who has so little regard for the constitution, for legal procedure or for the courts, that he is not to be trusted with the presidency. I am sorry to say it, but I believe it in my soul, and I must state my convictions."

New Hampshire democrats have decided to hold their state convention in Concord, May 14, for the selection of delegates to the national convention at Baltimore.

COUNTY HAS NO POWER TO PASS ITS OWN LAWS

Justice McBride Raises Many Questions in Decision Filed Denying Rehearing of Jackson County Road Bond Case.

County Cannot Proceed, He Declares, But States That Matter Has Never Been Argued in Supreme Court.

In an opinion filed Tuesday in the supreme court by Justice McBride in which a petition for a rehearing of the Jackson county road bond case is denied, it is held that a county cannot pass legislation at a general election as was deduced from the first opinion filed in the case. While the matter was not argued and was not definitely settled Judge McBride raises questions as to the constitutionality of such a local law if passed; how it shall be promulgated, where it shall be recorded and the like. In fact the decision ends all discussion as to the power of a county to proceed to initiate and pass laws under the initiative which followed the recent road bond decision.

The decision follows:

McBride's Opinion. McBride, J. In an able and vigorous petition filed by counsel for respondents, we are asked to state definitely the views of this court, as to whether a county can, by a local law submitted to the voters at a general election, provide for the creation of an indebtedness and the issuance of bonds for the purpose of building permanent roads.

The present case was taken up out of its regular order and a decision expedited at the request of the parties in order that the county authorities might be informed as to the validity of the attempted election, which had been held for the purpose of authorizing a bonded indebtedness. The validity of that special election and the authority for holding it were the only questions before the court, and are the only questions which this record presents. But in view of the fact that the writer of the opinion in that case intimated therein that there was a lack of authority in counties to hold such an election under any circumstances, other members of the court, as a matter of first impression and not deeming that question to be involved, thought best to qualify such expressions and hold their judgment on that question in reserve until occasion should properly arise for its exercise.

Any opinion expressed in this case, upon what might be the result if another election should be held, would be merely dictum and of no more authority than if the judges individually had announced the same views upon the street corners.

Questions Raised. The effect of attempting such county legislation, without a further enabling act, has never been thoroughly analyzed in any argument made in this court. For instance, if the county passes a local law, who shall be its custodian; how shall it be promulgated, and where shall it be recorded and authenticated and published, so that the public generally shall take notice of its provisions. These and other matters of detail are too grave, too important, and too far-reaching in their consequence, and their omission in the amendment too suggestive of an intent on the part of the framers of the amendment to leave them for future settlement by legislation, for us to pass upon them in a haphazard manner in a case in which they are not involved. We do not say that any of the difficulties suggested are insuperable because that question is not before us, but it should be remembered that this court cannot by mere fiat make or amend the law or provide forms of procedure, and that in many matters pertaining to the taxing powers our decisions are not final.

The value of a bond issue or even of an issue of county orders in the ordinary form depends upon the opinion

TYPE OF LIFEBOAT USED ON THE STEAMSHIP TITANIC IS SEVERELY CRITICISED

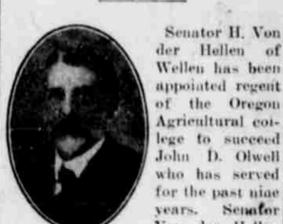


THE TITANIC'S LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT DEPENDED ON TO SAVE 2208 PERSONS.

BANK DEPOSITS INCREASE \$113,000 IN TWO MONTHS

During the past two months bank deposits in the city have increased \$113,374.99 according to bank statements issued today and on February 26 at the request of the comptroller of the currency. The banks reflect increasing business in the city and have been making steady gains since the first of the year. The increase will be greater at the next call as by that time various construction works will be under way.

H. VON DER HELLEN APPOINTED REGENT TO SUCCEED OLWELL



Senator H. Von der Hellen of Wellen has been appointed regent of the Oregon Agricultural college to succeed John D. Olwell who has served for the past nine years. Senator Von der Hellen was named for a like term of nine years.

MEXICAN ARMY FIGHTING REBELS

TUCSON, Ariz., April 25.—Fighting between Mexican federal troops under General Huerta and more than 1,000 rebels near Tepic was resumed today after 12 hours of steady fighting and gained little for either side.

OLYMPIC STILL TIED UP BY STRIKE OVER LIFEBOATS

SOUTHAMPTON, England, April 25.—At a late hour today the liner Olympic of the White Star line, was still lying off Ryde, Isle of Wight, because of its inability to secure enough stokers to replace the 300 men who struck yesterday just five minutes before the vessel was scheduled to sail for New York. Warned by the disaster of the sister ship Titanic, the Olympic stokers deserted in a body, declaring that the collapsible lifeboats installed on the vessel were unseaworthy.

ODD FELLOWS MEET AT ASHLAND FRIDAY

Great interest is being manifested in the L. O. O. F. congress to be held at Ashland tomorrow, not only among the Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and cautions, but their friends as well. It will be an occasion to be long remembered and judging from the number of inquiries for tickets it begins to look as if the one special which arrives at 9 a. m., will not accommodate all who want to go at that time.

TEDDY'S TRUST LETTERS PRINTED

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Both condemnation and approval are expressed here today over the reading in the senate yesterday of confidential correspondence which passed between Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of corporations; Theodore Roosevelt, then president of the United States, and Charles J. Bonaparte, former attorney general, regarding the government's anti-trust suit against the International Harvester company.

IRREGULAR TONE IS DEVELOPED ON MARKET

NEW YORK, April 25.—The opening stock market today developed an irregular tone. International Harvester and National Railways of Mexico second preferred were down 1 1/2. Lehigh Valley showed marked strength with a gain of 2 and New York Central and Missouri Pacific were up one. United States Steel, Harriman and Hill stocks were neglected, and the metals rose a point.



TYPE OF BOAT SHOWING MAST, SAILS, ETC.

ANOTHER SHIP IS SUBMERGED TITANIC GRAVE

NEW YORK, April 25.—The sinking of an 8,000 ton steamer about 400 miles north of the position where the Titanic went down, was witnessed by the officers and crew of the Norwegian steamer Romsdal, which is in drydock here today, according to statements made public. The officers say the wreck occurred March 26. The identity of the lost vessel has not been established.

GOVERNOR ATTACKS CRAWFORD'S OPINION ON PRIMARY LAW

SALEM, Ore., April 25.—Governor West today has given out a statement in which he vigorously attacks the opinion of Attorney General Crawford on the presidential preference primary law, in which Crawford construes the law to mean that there is no legal obligation resting on delegates to national party conventions to vote for the presidential candidate unless he shall have received at the primary election a majority of all votes cast. Crawford holds that as Colonel Roosevelt did not receive a majority of all republican ballots cast delegates to the republican national convention at Chicago do not have to vote for him.

SOCIALISTS WIN ABERDEEN SUIT

ABERDEEN, Wn., April 25.—That socialism was on trial for the first time in Washington and that it won is the contention of local socialists today, following the granting of an injunction against the socialist hall.

STEAMER CREOLE ABOARD MOUTH OF MISSISSIPPI

NEW ORLEANS, La., April 25.—The Southern Pacific steamer Creole with 205 persons aboard, is reported aground near the mouth of the Mississippi. Tugs have been rushed to her assistance.

MARCONI TELLS ABOUT SALE OF WIRELESS NEWS

Message Demanding Story of Disaster Be Held for Four Figures Declared to Have Been Sent When Carpathia Practically in New York.

Offense Under British Laws for Operator to Give Out News—Operator Justified in Sale.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—A breach between Senator William Alden Smith of Michigan, chairman of the senate sub-committee which is investigating the Titanic disaster, and his associate probers, is reported to have occurred today over the question of releasing some of the members of the Titanic crew from further detention. Chairman Smith favors holding every member of the crew in Washington until the inquiry is finished, but other members of the committee believe this is unwise.

Senators Jonathan Bourne of Oregon and Theo. E. Burton of Ohio constantly break into the questioning, frequently ignoring Chairman Smith. Interest in the hearing is waning, as indicated by the small crowd present today when the inquiry opened.

Marconi Explains Order. William Marconi, head of the Marconi Wireless company, was the first witness today. He admitted that the New York offices of his company had sent he following wireless order to the Marconi operator on the Carpathia:

"Hold news story of disaster at four figures."

The message, Marconi explained, was not sent until the rescue ship was off Sandy Hook, practically in New York harbor.

Marconi denied all personal knowledge of the message, saying that Chief Operator Sarnis of the New York office was responsible. He insisted, however, that the message referred to interviews with Operator Cottam and not to wireless messages sent from the Carpathia.

Explains News Messages. Marconi said that every liner should have two wireless operators. He said he understood the difficulty of the Carpathia's operator sending messages on account of the interference of amateurs.

"It is an offense under British laws for a wireless operator to give out news. Cottam used his discretion in refusing to give the story while he was aboard the Carpathia. In New York, at 2 o'clock Friday morning, Cottam told he could get something for his story. I told him to give it if he wished."

"The following radiograms were intercepted by Wireless Operator Simpson and appear to me to be significant enough to be brought to the department's attention:

"Seagate to arpathia and Titanic operators, 8:30 p. m., April 18—Arranged for your exclusive story of wreck for dollars in four figures, Marconi agreeing. Say nothing until you see me.—J. M. Sammis, operator C."

Marconi said of these messages: "I know nothing about them. I told Sammis as an official of a British company I would not prevent the operators making what they could out of the information they had."

HOUSE PASSES PROBE AGAINST MONEY TRUST

WASHINGTON, April 24.—By a vote of 235 to 125 the house this morning passed the Pujoe resolution calling for an investigation of the money trust. The measure empowers the committee on banking and currency to inquire into the relations existing between the national banks of New York and industrial and railroad corporations.