

MEDFORD WINS CALIFORNIA RATE CASE

SACRIFICE TAFT TO CRUSH ROOSEVELT

ITS ANYTHING WITH BARNES TO KILL TEDDY

Barnes Entrusted With Executioner's Job and Will Throw Taft Over If Necessary—Root is New York's Candidate for Job.

Roosevelt Forces Back Hadley of Missouri as Chairman of National Convention Against Root.

CHICAGO, June 11.—Crush Theodore Roosevelt! Sacrifice Taft if necessary, but the political death of the colonel must be complete. This was the commission entrusted to William H. Barnes, junior, of New York today by Taft leaders, who authorized him to use any method he desired, even if it becomes necessary to eliminate President Taft from the race.

Barnes held a long secret conference today with the members of the Taft steering committee, and with Charles D. Hilles, secretary to President Taft. They discussed ways and means of taking care of any efforts that may be made by William E. Flinn of Pittsburgh to stampede the convention for Roosevelt.

Root as Dark Horse. It is generally admitted among the Taft men today that if it develops that the president's nomination is impossible, Senator Elihu Root will be put forward as a candidate. Barnes asserts that Root's election as temporary chairman of the convention is certain. His friends say that Root's opening speech as temporary chairman will be the supreme effort of his life. He will try to force harmony between the Roosevelt and Taft factions so far as the platform is concerned. It is reported he plans to urge a conciliation policy in every way. Many of the Taft men are hopeful that Root's harmony keynote will meet with an instant response from the convention with the result that Root himself will be nominated for president.

All the Root talk, however, is ridiculed by the Roosevelt men, who insist that Governor Herbert S. Hadley of Missouri will be temporary chairman of the convention.

La Follette Hopeful. The complications injected into the political situation here are affording much encouragement to the La Follette following. Walter Houser, national campaign manager of Senator La Follette, has opened headquarters here, and said today that the outlook was brighter than ever.

Gifford Pinchot and James R. Garfield met incoming delegates today and escorted them to Roosevelt headquarters.

BLOODHOUNDS SEEK IOWA MURDERERS

VILLASCA, Iowa, June 11.—Bloodhounds which are trailing the murderers of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Moore, their four children and two guests, all of whom were found at the Moore home near here with their heads crushed by an axe, today found a bloody handkerchief hidden under some brush seven miles southwest of here. The hounds at once started on a hot trail to the southwest of town.

Finger-prints on the bloodstained axe, found in the room in which two of the little boys were sleeping are being investigated by experts. Thousands of strangers are flocking into Villasca, drawn by news of the wholesale murder.

STEAM ROLLER PRESENTS TAFT WITH KENTUCKY

Roosevelt Managers Allege Fraud and Intimidation but President Gets the Votes—Committee Refuses to Go Behind Returns.

Corruption by Republican Machine in Importing Voters From Adjoining States Into Kentucky Is Alleged.

CHICAGO, June 11.—Colonel Roosevelt's first victory in the fight for delegates in the Republican convention was scored this afternoon when the national committee approved the action of the fifth Kentucky district convention in sending both Taft and Roosevelt delegates to Chicago, thus splitting the vote from that district.

CHICAGO, June 11.—With the Roosevelt managers alleging fraud and intimidation, the Republican national committee today took up the contests from the state of Kentucky. The fight in this case is centered on the act of the legislature in re-districting the state. The Roosevelt men charged that the delegates to the state convention were elected under the old district lines, which were changed by the legislature.

By a vote of 38 to 11, the committee decided to send four Taft delegates at large from Kentucky. The committee took up the contest in the first Kentucky district, and also decided this in favor of the Taft men. In arguing the second Kentucky district contest case, which resulted in the seating of the Taft delegates, the Roosevelt men charged that the Republican machine in that state retains control through the widest corruption, asserting that voters were imported from West Virginia, Ohio and Tennessee. These "floaters," the Roosevelt men charge, received 50 cents each. The committee, however, followed the rule established at the outset of the hearings, refused to go behind the returns of regularly held state conventions.

Because of the slow progress it is making, the committee decided to begin holding night sessions, the first to be held Tuesday night, desiring to complete the temporary roll call by Saturday noon.

FALSE REPORT OF TIDAL WAVE AT GALVESTON

NEW YORK, June 11.—Reports were received here today by the Ticker news bureau that Galveston, Texas, had been overswept today by a tidal wave doing immense damage. All southern wires are down and it is impossible to obtain confirmation of the report.

GALVESTON, Texas, June 11.—People here today were much amazed when wire communication was restored with the outside world, to learn that reports had gone forth that Galveston had been swept with a disastrous tidal wave.

Many people were bathing in the surf today and no climatic conditions prevailed in this section which would warrant such a report.

Pitche Baumgartner is holding his own with the St. Louis Browns. So far this season the youngster has defeated Ed Walsh and George Mullin, veteran stars of the American league.

TAFT ALREADY DEFEATED SAYS CORRESPONDENT

Gilson Gardner Predicts Roosevelt's Nomination No Matter What National Committee Does—Plan to Seize Control of Convention.

Fight Will Begin When Temporary Roll Call Is Read. When Report of Committee Will Be Thrown Out.

(By Gilson Gardner.)

CHICAGO, June 11.—Colonel Roosevelt will be nominated no matter what the republican national committee, now in session, does in deciding contests. The Roosevelt managers claim they are now assured of enough votes to put their program through even though the national committee puts through its steam roller program.

This was the information which came today from the inner council of Roosevelt's managers who have their teeth set and say they will not be defrauded of their representation in the convention by "steam roller" or any other methods. They will fight from the drop of the hat. If necessary Roosevelt will come to Chicago.

The Taft managers admit privately that President Taft is defeated. They hope however to hold together their following long enough to make terms. Senator Crane of Massachusetts has stated frequently within the last three days that he no longer hopes to see President Taft nominated. The fight will begin when Victor Rosewater, chairman of the national Republican committee, starts to read the temporary roll call of the convention. It is doubtful if he ever passes the first letter of the alphabet.

The Roosevelt delegates are prepared to put into nomination at once their candidate for temporary chairman and to insist on their convention roll call. They expect to have a majority and to organize the convention. Then the report of the national committee will be thrown in the waste basket and the Roosevelt program will be put through.

HOUSE FAVORABLE TO IMPEACHMENT

WASHINGTON, June 11.—By an unanimous vote the house judiciary committee today decided to report favorably of Representative Berger's resolution recommending an investigation of the official acts of United States Cornelius H. Hanford for the western district of Washington. The resolution will be favorably reported to the house tomorrow.

Representatives Berger and Norris presented the impeachment charges to the committee.

COLORADO RIVER FLOOD BREAKS THROUGH LEVEES

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., June 11.—Rushing through a large break in the levee at Olive Lake, near Blythe, Cal., the Colorado river today threatens to inundate thousands of acres of farming land, according to dispatches received here.

Indian runners have been sent from river stations into the desert to collect all available red men to fight the flood. Several hundred already are working under the direction of white ranchers, cutting trees and filling sacks with sand to repair the breaks.

New York's Dark Horse



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CONGRESS ASKED FOR \$50,000 FOR VOLCANO VICTIMS

WASHINGTON, June 11.—James Wickersham, delegate in congress from Alaska, introduced today in the house a joint resolution appropriating \$50,000 for the immediate relief of sufferers by volcano eruptions near Kodiak. The resolution orders that United States revenue cutters be used to rush the relief supplies to Kodiak at once.

In response to appeals from Capt. Perry of the revenue cutter Manning, Capt. Berthold, the commandant of the revenue cutter service, today ordered that the cutter Tahona or McCulloch be rushed to the relief of Alaskan volcano sufferers.

Captain Perry officially reported that the villages of St. Paul and Wood Island were buried under a foot of ash and hot pumice stone. He predicted that a vastly greater amount of damage had been done on the western side of the smoking volcano.

ARBITRATION TO END BOSTON CAR STRIKE

BOSTON, June 11.—Settlement of the strike of union employees of the Boston elevated railroad, which also controls all the surface, subway and elevated lines in Greater Boston and many neighboring cities and towns, appeared bright today. Officials of the railway company, after refusing to deal with their employees, suddenly agreed today to submit the dispute to the state conciliation board, agreeing to abide by its decision. The strikers are jubilant at this turn of affairs and are confident that the board will support them in their fight for reforms.

WICKLIFFE KILLED ON POTOMAC BRIDGE

WASHINGTON, June 11.—Congressman Robert C. Wickliffe of Louisiana was run down and killed early today by a train on the long bridge over the Potomac at South Washington. Mrs. Wickliffe was seated in the members' gallery of the house of representatives when Congressman Broussard announced the death of his colleague. She fainted and business on the floor of the house was temporarily suspended.

WEST SCORES PRISON SYSTEM IN SAN QUENTIN

Oregon Governor Angered by Warden Hoyle's Statement Blaming Reformers for Riot—Says Should Use More Brains and Less Lead.

"Antiquated and Rotten" System in Use at California Prison—Says They Can Make It a Slaughterhouse

PORTLAND, Ore., June 11.—Characterizing the prison system at San Quentin penitentiary, California, as "antiquated and rotten," Governor West of Oregon, thoroughly angered, replied hotly today to the criticism by Warden Hoyle and others connected with San Quentin prison that the governor was largely responsible through his efforts at reforms in the Oregon penitentiary at Salem, Ore., for the bloody mess room riot.

"San Quentin prison officials ought to use more brains and less lead, if they did they'd have a good deal better success," said Governor West to the United Press today. "Despite ungrounded attacks on our system of humane treatment of prisoners at Salem penitentiary, the fact remains that we never have any trouble. Sentiment does not rule there but common sense does. The prisoners treated like human beings, are responding splendidly to fair dealings. We can take care of ourselves at Salem. We are not bothering about San Quentin. The prison officials there can make that place a slaughterhouse if they wish—we shall not interfere."

CUBAN INTERVENTION HIGHLY IMPROBABLE

WASHINGTON, June 11.—Dispatches received at the state department today from President Gomez of Cuba state that government troops have surrounded General Ivolet, leader of the negro rebellion, in the province of Oriente, and that his capture is momentarily expected.

ALASKA VOLCANOES IN ACTIVE ERUPTION

CORDOVA, Alaska, June 11.—Mount Kataai is still in violent eruption and it is believed that Mount Redoubt and Illamma and other volcanoes in the chain are also busy. The steamship Sampson brought the news last night that Sedova is safe. Meagre information from the revenue cutter Manning to the mail boat Dora is that the Kodiak settlement has also escaped damage. There is no news from other fishing or Indian villages. The Manning is having much trouble with its wireless and cannot hear from the Kodiak station on account of the ashes and smoke.

"Chick" Gandil, the former Montreal first baseman, is making good with Clark Griffith's Washington team.

LOWER RATES TO CALIFORNIA NOW ASSURED

Medford's Contention That Oregon Boundary Line Should Not Be Basis of Increased Charges and That Rates Should Be Uniform.

Material Reduction in Interstate Traffic Charges Will Follow to Benefit of Medford Shippers.

WASHINGTON, June 11.—The interstate commerce commission sustained today the contention of the traffic bureau of Medford, Oregon, that the rate of the Southern Pacific railroad from Medford to certain points in California, including Hornbrook and Edgewood, was unreasonable.

This case was brought in the Fall of 1910 when Commissioner Prouty took testimony in Medford. Witnesses for Medford were H. C. Garnett, E. A. Welch, J. F. Reddy and George Putnam. The case was handled by Frank H. McCune, rate expert for the bureau. All the division and general operating officials of the Southern Pacific appeared for the railroad, Attorney Fenton conducting the case.

The Medford evidence showed conclusively that rates charged in Oregon were higher than those charged in California for the same distance and that the Oregon boundary line was used as a basis in rate making. The statement of the case as presented by Medford bureau was as follows:

"The rate structure of the Southern Pacific Company for business crossing the Oregon-California state line is abnormal in that it uses the state line as a basing point, whereas rates should be set to a scale of through mileage without regard to an imaginary political line which offers no resistance or expense to transportation in crossing it. The rate structure is further abnormal to the extent of having two different scale of rates on either side of this imaginary political line.

"The complaint is made against this rate structure dividing on a basing point at the state line instead of uniform graduation on through mileage and against the combination rate made up of a high rate for the Oregon mileage and the normal adjustment established by the Southern Pacific Company for California. The contention is that the same scale of rates should be applied for the entire mileage without regard to political states and that the readjustment should be made in conformity with the scale of reasonable rates in use by the defendant at other points on its line.

"This abnormal adjustment prohibits distribution of merchandise from such a natural geographical supply point as Medford to the nearby towns in California and enforces the drawing of supplies from distant markets at rates in excess of what should be reasonable inbound carload rates to Medford and reasonable outbound less than carload rates to destination, which is the economy of transportation both to the carrier and the purchaser of transportation."

TWENTY-SEVEN KILLED BY MEXICAN QUAKE

MEXICO CITY, June 11.—Twenty-seven persons met death in different parts of the states of Colima and Jalisco today in an earthquake which lasted three minutes, according to despatches received here. It was also reported that the Colima volcano is in a state of eruption, but no casualties from this source have been reported. Winning three straight from the Brooklyn Dodgers gave the Cincinnati Reds a good start on their eastern tour.