

# Presidential Campaign Is Now at Its Close

**Senator Knox Speaks.**

PITTSBURG, Pennsylvania, Nov. 5.—One of the quietest campaigns of recent years closed tonight with a large and enthusiastic meeting at the old city hall, addressed by Senator Knox. The announcement that Knox would reply to Parker's charges and would discuss President Roosevelt's statement in the same connection, stirred interest to a fever heat and the hall was crowded to the doors. The Senator said:

"The exigencies of a losing campaign have driven our adversaries to convince the people that they stand for anything better in the way of governmental policies than we do and we now have the humiliating spectacle of a candidate for the Presidency of the United States going up and down the land deriding his opponent and repeating slanderous tales of such a preposterous character that the party organs which originated them are until fathered by the candidate himself abandoned them for very shame."

"It is perfectly legitimate to challenge the acts of President Roosevelt's administration if one does not agree with them. There are people who would lift the flag in the Philippines and abandon the archipelago. There are those whose indecision and lack of international sense would have prevented them from seeing and doing their duty by this country and the world in the Panama affair. There are those who would have been too timid or too political to have challenged the men behind the Northern Securities Company. There are those, and many of them, who would revive the attack upon our financial policy; and in respect to all these matters their views are entitled to respectful consideration and temperate reply."

"But where it is said of Theodore Roosevelt, a man who has concededly kept 'the terms of his honor precise,' that he is guilty of 'compromising with decency in order that sums of money can be gathered together,' or 'levying contributions in Wall Street upon tin and grasping industries,' then it is indeed time to call his slanders to account as in ordinary cases."

"The man who made those charges, and I have used his words, is the candidate of the Democratic party for President of the United States, Alton B. Parker, a hitherto respectable and respected judge and gentleman, but as a candidate, the product of a compromise between Tammany Hall, William K. Hearst, David B. Hill, W. J. Bryan, the South and the worst elements in Wall Street. He was syndicated by these people for the purpose of taking advantage of an alloted adverse sentiment in business circles toward President Roosevelt because President Roosevelt had enforced the provisions of the anti-trust law. What a pitiful fall it was when this dignified gentleman was induced to repeat and enlarge upon the base slanders of degraded partisanship."

"Does not every man in America know that the hold that Theodore Roosevelt has upon his countrymen is largely because of his love of fair play; because neither threats nor coaxing could prevent him from enforcing the law when the law breakers were the richest and most influential men in the land. Judge Parker's first charge is to be found in his speech at Esopus on October 20. These are his words: 'These interests (the trusts) have decided to attempt to continue the present administration in power. Their representatives scolded about the President for some months and thus contributed their part to the effort which was assiduously made to satisfy the country that the trusts were present in the administration. On the contrary, it is common knowledge they have determined to furnish such a fund of money to

the Republican National Committee as it is hoped will secure 'the floaters' in the doubtful states for the Republican ticket.' This is a specific allegation of collusion between the President and the trusts for the purpose of securing his election. You will note how wholly opposed to this statement of Judge Parker and to his allegations of fact are the words used by him in his speech in Madison Square Garden on the 31st of October. He abandons the idea of friendly collusion and harmony of purpose between President Roosevelt and the trusts and sets out a wholly different statement of facts in these words: 'The spectacle of demanding campaign funds now presented to this country is one rightly to be regarded as a character to shock the moral sense. \* \* \* You do not belong to that order of business men who levy contributions in Wall Street upon timid and grasping industries, which originate the charges on the other hand, to purchase immunity for some wrong-doing, either actual or prospective, or to compound some offense committed in the past or contemplated in the future. \* \* \* The whole performance is a shameless exhibition of duplicity in order that sums of money may be gathered together.'

"Judge Parker's first charge against the President is one of wicked and deceitful collusion; the second one of infamous blackmail and while they are wholly inconsistent with each other, their inconsistency is not so much a matter of concern as it is that these allegations should be substantiated or the penalty for malicious slander meted out to their author."

"Judge Parker says he makes these charges with reluctance, but because he knows them to be true. If he has any such knowledge he owes it to himself, to his party, to his country to produce his proofs. If he can establish to the satisfaction of the American people that President Roosevelt has conspired with the trusts to secure his election or that by any species of duress he has exacted campaign funds or that he has scolded industries to violate the law in the future or compounded offenses committed in the past he will doubtless make sure his election and have defeated a candidate wholly unworthy of the vote of honest free men."

"The President has met these monstrous accusations with the dignified scorn becoming a man respected and honored enough to receive a unanimous nomination for his exalted office. It is a matter of common notoriety that the chairman of the Republican National Committee was chosen because it was hoped to carry Indiana for Judge Parker by the very methods he now affects to deplore. It is likewise a matter of common notoriety that Messrs. Hill, Belmont, Bryan, Sheehan and McCarran, who are Judge Parker's chief backers, can only be such in the very way in which Judge Parker now professes to attack. It is also a legitimate deduction from the facts that Judge Parker is making this false appeal to cover the fact that he and his people are gathering in money which they expect to use sustinently in New York, Indiana, West Virginia, New Jersey and Connecticut."

"As showing Judge Parker is not above such methods and has personally been party thereto, I quote from the New York Evening Post, one of his most enthusiastic organs, following from its issue of February 6, 1892: 'In 1888 the scandals about the doings of the Aqueduct Commission became so great that an investigation was ordered by the Senate. It was shown by unimpeachable testimony that in the campaign for his own reelection in 1885, Governor Hill had drawn two notes, one for \$10,000 and the other for \$13,000, the proceeds of which had been used to defray campaign expenses. The

first was drawn to the order of William L. Muller and was indorsed by Muller and by John O'Brien and Herman Clark, the two heaviest contractors for the aqueduct work. The note was cashed by O'Brien and charged to him on the books of the firm. The second note was indorsed by Muller and Alton B. Parker, and was cashed by John Keenan, the alleged hoodlum holder in the Broadway railway scandal. Keenan was afterward repaid by John O'Brien. Mr. O'Brien contributed \$500, Alton B. Parker \$500 and other friends of the Governor similar amounts. It was to pay these notes that the contract was awarded to Clark & O'Brien though their bid was \$54,000 above the lowest, for Mayor Grace and Squire (Commissioner of Public Works) testified that they were asked to vote in favor of that bid. The testimony also showed that both notes might be paid. The testimony also showed that both notes were finally paid by O'Brien and Clark, presumably out of the \$30,000 profit made on that bid.'

"Attacking Theodore Roosevelt as a friend of the trusts is like attacking Abraham Lincoln as the friend of human slavery."

**Secretary Morton Scores Them.**

Highlandtown, Md., Nov. 5.—Secretary of the Navy Morton addressed a large Republican audience tonight, and was listened to attentively from beginning to the end, his remarks being frequently applauded. The following is an abstract:

After arraignment the Democratic party for what he declared were its paramount issues, free silver in 1896, imperialism in 1900, and 'the Republican candidate for President, Theodore Roosevelt,' in the present campaign, Secretary Morton took up the charges against the President, saying: 'In a letter written on August 17 by Judge Parker to George F. Parker, under whose supervision the Democratic campaign book was being prepared he especially enjoined Mr. Parker from permitting anything getting into the book which reflected in any way upon the honor and integrity of President Roosevelt. This letter was considered of sufficient importance by the Democratic managers to be reproduced in the press of the country, and there is no doubt that it created a favorable impression for the Democratic candidate. Since then, with defeat staring him in the face, Judge Parker has on several occasions made most serious charges, not only against the President's intelligence, but against his integrity. To be blunt and brief, he has charged both the President and Mr. Cortelyou with levying blackmail upon the corporations of this country by attempting to extort from them campaign funds with the understanding, with contributions they may purchase immunity from offenses already committed or yet to be committed.'

"This is a most infamous charge. It is a charge which we most indignantly and emphatically deny. There is not in it one iota of truth. Without doubt some of the large corporations have made contributions to the Republican campaign, but so have others to the Democratic campaign. I have not the slightest doubt that in some cases the corporations may have contributed to both parties. But Judge Parker's statement that the chairman of the Republican committee was selected for the purpose of, and has succeeded in levying contributions upon unwilling subscribers, or that he has received contributions from large corporations on any kind of condition of immunity, is absolutely false. It does not know which is the most atrocious, to be guilty of such a charge or to make it and not be able to substantiate it."

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### LOCAL OPTION

**BIG RALLY AT THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH ON SUNDAY EVENING.**

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On Sunday evening an enthusiastic "Local Option" rally was held at the First Methodist church.

The large edifice was filled to overflowing with the members of the various churches throughout the city, and with local option sympathizers, and a sprinkling of those whose business it is to sell the cup that inebriates as well as cheers.

No evening services were held in the other churches on account of this union service, but during the morning services the subject was discussed by the several ministers.

Coming, as it did, at the close of the campaign, the services were of a religious-patriotic nature, the opening number being the song "O'ward Christian Soldiers."

The first speaker of the evening was Dr. H. A. Ketchum, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, who stated emphatically that he had no illwill toward the saloon keeper, but was sorry for them because they were apparently ignorant of the harm they were doing. Mr. Ketchum held the view that now was the opportune time to strike the blow that should free the country from the curse of intemperance.

He read a portion of a letter from W. J. VanSver, a liquor dealer of Portland, warning him of the unpopularity of local option, intemperance, etc., and advising him as to the general hard times that would follow its adoption.

Rev. Ketchum reminded his hearers that 100,000 men filled drunkards' graves annually, aside from those who are yearly committed to the penitentiary and asylum as a direct result of strong drink. "Yet," continued the speaker, "if one-tenth that number were being destroyed by a foreign foe, an army would betaoino!- werkill within twenty-four hours an army would be raised to oust them from the country."

Prof. Drew was next introduced and was greeted with a storm of applause. In speaking of the misrepresentation that had fallen to his lot during the present campaign, he said it reminded him of a boy's definition of a lobster. The boy said a lobster was a red fish that walked backwards, and his tutor had said that the definition was very good, only that a lobster was not a fish, did not walk backwards, and was not red. He applied the story to his own case, as he has recently been accused of being a stranger, a prohibitionist, and an incubus upon society.

Prof. Drew said that there were nine drugstores and two grocery stores in Salem, where liquor could be obtained, and in the case of one grocery store, he had been asked to expose the illegality of the proceeding, as it was working great harm in the neighborhood in which it was located. While certain that taking open saloons from Salem would not completely reform the town, still he felt confident that the removal of saloons would be the removal of temptation.

To support his argument he cited a number of cases where the glare and glitter and the attractive appearance of a saloon had caused many a young man to enter.

In answer to the oft made argument that it is only the "weaklings" who yield to temptation, and the question "Is the weakling worth saving?" the Professor put the question in a personal way, and said "If the weakling was my son, or yours, yes, he is worth saving, and if he were not, think of his family."

Rev. H. Selleck spoke forcefully on the subject, and said, in referring to the "weaklings" that all men are weak at some point of their nature. He laughed at the impression liquor men seek to cast abroad that grass would grow in the streets, and a general stagnation of business, should local option succeed. While the saloon license of \$400 might be a valuable aid to the city, still, he said, it was apparent that every dollar taken in by them was just that much taken from legitimate avenues of business.

Dr. W. C. Kautner, of the Congregational church, said that those opposed to local option had not fairly dealt with the matter—that there was simply no other side to the question.

He said that while private citizens must at least pretend to keep the law, liquor men openly flaunted their lawlessness.

Dr. Kautner said that there seemed to be some fear that local option would hurt the hop industry, upon which so many people reap a profit, but he assured his hearers that should local option carry the price of hops would mount higher.

Rev. P. W. Cliff, of First Baptist speaker by saying that, like a spea church was then introduced, and provoked much laughter by saying that, like a speaker who had preed him, he was a friend of the saloon keeper. He said he had buried one and would like to bury some more. He related a number of pathetic instances, all too common in his life as a pastor, showing the wretchedness and misery directly traceable to the "Demon Rum."

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stream of politics from which he emerged and was advanced to the New York Judiciary. Judge Parker, if I am not mistaken, was closely associated with the managers that elected David B. Hill Governor of the state of New York. I do not see how any man can be identified with Democratic politics in the state of New York without knowing more or less about the working of the Tammany machine, and where is there in all this country, or in any other country, a more glaring and conspicuous example of levying tribute than the practice of Tammany in New York City. To charge Republican managers of adopting Democratic practices that now prevail and always have prevailed in New York City, is doing nothing more than to try to throw dust in the eyes of the people."

Mr. Morton dwelt on the inability of the Democratic party to administer its own affairs because of dissension within its ranks, one section heading toward gold and one toward free silver, one toward free trade under Mr. Cleveland and one toward protection under Mr. Gorman, and others toward an income tax. The Democratic party, he added, is a conglomerate mass of discontents and, if properly analyzed, would probably show 40 per cent gold Democracy, 40 per cent silver Democracy, more than a trace of brass and the rest Populism, Socialism and every other kind of "ism."

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### Parker Answers the President

New York, Nov. 5.—Judge Parker in his speech at the reception by the Kings County Democratic Club in Brooklyn tonight asserted that the issue "whether trusts can purchase an election" is not met by President Roosevelt in his reply to Parker's speech made twelve days ago. After stating his position in that speech, Parker said tonight that he made no criticism of the President, but he simply called attention to the "notorious and offensive situation." The Judge said further that the President after his attention had been called to the relations which might exist between Cortelyou's former trusts by reason of Cortelyou's former position as Secretary of the Department of Commerce and Labor, should have said: "I will join Parker in an effort to protect the ballot of honest citizens being overridden by merchandise ballots." The assertion made by Parker that contributions as charged that Cortelyou had received from the trusts was not denied by the President's statement. The Judge said further that following this declaration with a statement direct to the President personally to the effect that he (Parker) had issued a request that no money for campaign purposes should be received directly or indirectly from any trust, that he would rather be called a "kiss ass" than an effort to accomplish the reforms which were needed. He charged the President with a refusal to cooperate in checking the "monstrous evil." Parker closed that of his address directed to the President with this sentence: "I regret to you what it has seemed apparent to me, Mr. President, that you regarded your election of more importance than checking this evil."

### President Has No Statement to Make.

Washington, Nov. 5.—President Roosevelt tonight was somewhat sorry about the reply to his statement published this morning. It was announced the President had no statement to make.

New York, Nov. 5.—Chairman Cortelyou declined to make any comment on the speech of Judge Parker tonight.

**Cortelyou Declines to Talk.**

New York, Nov. 5.—Chairman Cortelyou, of the Republican National Committee late tonight issued a statement to the supporters of Roosevelt and Parkers that reports to the Republican National Committee from all parts of the country seems to be as complete as it is possible for ante-election reports to be. Upon these and information the committee has been able to obtain, Cortelyou is satisfied the Republican candidates for President and Vice President will carry every northern state with the possible exceptions of Maryland and Nevada, and have not less than 314 of the 476 votes of electoral college.

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