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ROOSEVELT SMASHES THE PENROSE-ARCHBOLD PLOT

THEODORE ROOSEVELT'S reply to the attacks upon him by Senator Penrose and John D. Archbold, of the oil trust, made public this morning. It is not only a complete answer to and refutation of tales concocted by the brider in the United States senate and the archcorruptionist of the criminal trust, but is a blistering exposure and denunciation of their methods.

Quoting the exact words of Penrose on the stand, when he said he had advised Archbold to contribute to the campaign fund in 1914 lets the oil trust "might incur hostility in certain quarters." Colonel Roosevelt says: "This is precisely the language that might be used by a black-mailing police officer in a big city in advising the keeper of a lawbreaking saloon or a gambling house to contribute liberally."

Archbold's attitude, he points out, is identical. The oil trust paymaster sees nothing wrong in the alleged effort of Treasurer Bliss to blackmail the company, but "his complaint is that he made an investment in a campaign fund under the impression that the government would sell its protection, and that he failed to get the protection."

The Roosevelt statement is necessarily long, because it is absolutely complete. It includes not only a full recital concerning the campaign contributions in 1912, but letters and telegrams which corroborated every assertion. It not only refutes the Penrose-Archbold slanders and reveals the nature of the corrupt alliance between them, but answers once and for all the attacks based upon Edward H. Harriman's political activity.

Addressing his letter to Senator Clapp, chairman of the investigating committee, Colonel Roosevelt first points out that the direct charges against Penrose have not been investigated, and then enters his specific denial of the penrose-Archbold tale.

"As regards their statement," he says, "that with my consent or knowledge Mr. Bliss asked the Standard Oil people for \$100,000 or other sum, or received such sum from, it is an unqualified falsehood." If such request was made, he says further, "it was done not merely without my knowledge, but against my express direction and prohibition," and he quotes his explicit letter and telegram to Chairman Cortelyou, recently published. Cortelyou now says he saw Bliss, and was positively informed no Standard Oil money had been or would be received.

In this connection, interests attaches to a statement from Bliss published in New York Herald in December 1911, in which the former treasurer was quoted as saying:

"The only thing that Mr. Roosevelt had to do with such matters was to issue orders that money was not to be accepted from this that person. His order was ignored, as it was recognized that this was something about which he must not interfere."

After giving his famous reply to the accusations of Judge Parker, the Democratic nominee, Colonel Roosevelt finally disposes of the Harriman matter by publishing a long letter he wrote to James S. Sherman, now vice president, in October, 1906, giving him permission to show it to Harriman. The communication included copies of many letters that passed between Roosevelt and railroad man.

Harriman, it seems, had been bitterly complaining to Sherman of Roosevelt's attitude on corporations, alleging that the president has asked him to raise \$250,000 for the 1904 campaign fund. This the Roosevelt letter characterized as "a deliberate and wilful untruth," and demonstrated

its falsity by quoting the actual correspondence. All these letters between Roosevelt and Harriman show that the subject they discussed was railroad regulation, in which Harriman failed to move the president an inch from the course he had decided upon. They show further that the subject of a contribution to the national Campaign fund was never mentioned, while on the other hand Harriman was imploring Roosevelt to have the national committee help the Republican outfit in New York, where Harriman's friend Oddell was in trouble.

Another interesting disclosure is that Harriman begged Roosevelt to appoint James H. Hyde, later involve in the insurance scandals, as ambassador to France, and that Roosevelt properly refused as he had refused to modify his attitude on trust and rebates to suit the desire of the railroad manipulator. On these points William Loebe, than Roosevelt's secretary, is ready to testify.

Visits of Archbold and Rogers of the oil trust, are touched upon in the present Roosevelt statement. They collared him in 1906 to protest his policy regarding rebates, but as firmly upheld Commissioners Garfield's course. In 1908 they were against begging, this time for a let-up in the oil trust prosecutions. Senator Bourne was insistent in urging their case, but twice President Roosevelt wrote him, positively declining to enter any negotiations, and ordering that they lay their pleas before the department of justice and nowhere else.

Incidentally, Colonel Roosevelt points out that in 1904 the oil trust was thoroughly familiar with his attitude, since eighteen months previously he had frustrated that concern's plot against establishing the bureau of corporations, by publishing trust telegrams to members of congress. And he emphasizes Archbold's admission on the stand that Bliss said, in answer to Archbold's complaints, "I have no influence at all with Mr. Roosevelt and I cannot help you in the matter at all."

As to the contributions to his fight at the primaries this year, Colonel Roosevelt says full statements will soon be made by the committee, but meanwhile he gives a partial list, including many small sums from persons of slender means, larger contributions from those better off, and still larger sums from such men as George W. Perkins and Frank Munsey.

Frankly and positively, Roosevelt declares that he welcomes the assistance of such men, who are as sincerely believes in the Progressive doctrines as Judge Lindsey and Jane Adams, who are able to give only their services.

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