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ROOSEVELT RULES THE CONVENTION

Vice-President Sherman Defeated For Temporary Chairman at Saratoga.

OLD GUARD MADE A FIGHT

Day of Bitter and Acrimonious Speeches—Colonel Assailed in Address of Gruber—First of Series of Conflicts.

Saratoga, N. Y., Sept. 27.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt rode today on the top wave of victory, defeating Vice President Sherman for temporary chairman of the Republican State convention and bowling over the old guard in the first engagement of a series of conflicts that are to come.

Col. Roosevelt was in his element. After he had named the members of the three important committees and the convention had adjourned to meet tomorrow, the colonel turned to the newspaper men and remarked: "I said 'frazzle,' you may recall, you may quote me on that."

At Troy yesterday the former President said he would beat his opponents to a frazzle. There were 1,012 votes cast in the convention, of which Col. Roosevelt received 567 and Vice President Sherman received 445, this electing the leader of the progressives by a majority of 122. Col. Roosevelt spoke feelingly of what President Taft had accomplished in his administration, saying that the laws passed reflect high credit on all who succeeded in putting them in their present shape upon the statute books; they represent an earnest of the achievement which is yet to come, and the beneficence and far reaching importance of this work done for the whole people measure the credit which is rightly due to the Congress and to our able, upright and distinguished President, William Howard Taft.

The spectators and many of the delegates warmly applauded the declaration of Col. Roosevelt for a direct primary plank.

Col. Roosevelt bitterly assailed the "bosses," declaring that "the difference between a boss and a leader is that the leader leads and the boss drives. The difference is that the leader holds his place by firing the conscience and appealing to the reason of his followers and that the boss holds his place by crooked and underhand manipulation."

Thunders of applause greeted the colonel as he was escorted to the speaker's stand by Vice President Sherman and Cornelius V. Collins and it was some time before he could proceed with his speech. "Thanking the delegates for the honor that they had conferred on him, the colonel caused the greatest enthusiasm when he said, 'you shall not have cause now or hereafter to regret what you have done. It was a day for oratory; it was a day of bitter and acrimonious speech. With the opening of the convention State Chairman Woodruff defined the position of the old guard and announced that Mr. Sherman had been selected for temporary chairman. And then the real fight was on. Col. Abraham Gruber, of New York City, had been selected to fire the verbal shot of the old guard and his speech attacking the former President which was a bitter arraignment was often broken and drowned by hisses and jeers. No one enjoyed Gruber's speech more than Col. Roosevelt, who chuckled repeatedly. Once the pandemonium became so great that Col. Roosevelt leaped to his feet and asked for a full hearing for the speaker.

Comptroller William A. Prendergast, of New York City, was the champion of the progressive fight and made a warm and spirited reply to the old guard onslaught.

The convention had been well prepared for the contest for the temporary chairman William Barnes, Jr., leader of the old guard forces having early in the day conceded the election of Roosevelt. The roll call took what seemed an interminable time and nearly four hours had passed from the time of the opening before State Chairman Woodruff formally announced that Col. Roosevelt was the choice of the convention for temporary chairman.

The victory of Col. Roosevelt in the first counting of noses did not appear to dishearten the old guard for they continued their fight on the convention floor when the progressives submitted resolutions whereby the committees should be more by representatives from each Congressional district, the members to be named by the temporary chairman.

Seeing that this gave absolute power to Col. Roosevelt, Speaker Wadsworth, of the assembly, strongly opposed the resolution. The progressive resolutions were in the ascendant, and resolutions drafted by friends of Col. Roosevelt were adopted.

There being no contest before the convention, the make-up of the committee on credentials were without significance and it was quickly named and announced by Col. Roosevelt as was the committee on permanent organization. The committee on resolutions which was in the ascendant, and the important direct primary plank, caused Col. Roosevelt to hold up the convention until he could go over the names before him. He called Representative Herbert Parsons, of New York, to the

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TARIFF REQUESTS BURDEN TO BOARD

Manufacturers Anxious For Hearings Regarding Proposed Revision.

PERPLEXING SITUATION

Swamped With Requests From All Parts of the Country—Will Not Comply With Demands, Statement Made.

Washington, Sept. 27.—The tariff board is swamped with requests for hearings from manufacturers and others who might be affected by a revision of any of the schedules of the present law. In the last few days the requests have grown to such volume that if the board were to grant them all now, it could be busy a year without touching the tariff.

After the Chemical Manufacturing Association sent an executive committee to Washington to confer with the board, the idea seemed to go out that the tariff board was taking the place of the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives and that all the manufacturing interests ought to have agents on hand.

The situation assumed such an aspect that Chairman J. K. Emery and Alvah H. Sanders, of the board, after a conference today, gave out this statement: "The impression seems to have gone out that the tariff board is to hold formal hearings such as have in the past been held by committees of Congress, for the purpose of taking testimony bearing upon tariff rates. This plan will not be adopted, at least not for the present."

"The function of the board is not legislative, nor even judicial. It is simply to study the various industries of the country with a view towards developing facts relating to the production of given commodities in the United States and competing countries."

"Up to the present time, the board has been engaged mainly in formulating general plans of procedure, and these have now been advanced to a point where, it may be stated, the board's inquiries will shortly be prosecuted in the field. The data gathered by field agents will in due course of time be carefully analyzed and considered by statisticians employed for that purpose. In addition to the matter of costs, the board expects to collect other important facts relating to production, prices and market conditions and when this is finished the results will be summarized and transmitted to the President."

"The only formal conferences that have been held by the board thus far have related simply to methods of procedure; the matter of whether duties are too high or too low, not being under discussion at all."

There is nothing, however, in the board's plan of procedure to prevent any one entitled to a hearing from getting it when the proper time comes. But for the present at least, the board and its experts will be too busy gathering material and assembling it for the President to begin any formal hearings or to listen to any argument for or against any change in duties.

PRESIDENT TAFT HOST.

Dinner Given Chinese Prince at White House Last Night.

Washington, Sept. 27.—President Taft was host at dinner tonight. His Imperial Highness, Prince Tsai Sun, of the Imperial-Chinese Naval Commission, now in Washington. There were 49 guests, including all of the members of the President's cabinet, with the exception of Secretary Dickinson who is in the Far East, the Chinese minister, and those comprising the Prince's entourage.

The White House dinner marked the close of a busy and eventful day for the distinguished visitor. Earlier in the day the Prince exchanged official visits with Secretary of State Knox and Secretary of the Navy Meyer. While at the Navy Department the Prince evinced much interest in the models of United States warships scattered through the halls of the building. The Prince was received by the President at the White House in the afternoon, and later in company with Assistant Secretary of State Chandler Hale, witnessed a special drill of cavalry at Fort Myer. The Prince seemed keenly interested in the maneuvers and did not disguise his admiration of the splendid exhibition of the troops.

BOMBARDED HIS HOME.

Hundred of Shots Fired in Attempt To Kill Mine Superintendent.

Irwin, Pa., Sept. 27.—Over a hundred revolver and rifle shots were fired into the homes of Superintendent Levigood and Foreman John Olson of the Pennsylvania Gas and Coal Company's mines at Claridge early today. The two families each of which include half a dozen children, escaped injury by lying flat on the floor of their bedrooms while the bullets shattered their windows and mirrors and brought down the plaster. The attack was made by a large gang of men but although the State troopers hurried to the scene they had not been successful today in running down the party. There has been a strike on the Irwin coal fields since last March.

"BEAT 'EM TO A FRAZZLE" COLONEL ROOSEVELT HAPPY



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FUNERAL OF MAJ. B. F. DIXON

Will be Conducted This Afternoon.—Distinguished Honors Paid Late State Auditor Yesterday by Confederates.

(Special Star Telegram.) Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 27.—The funeral of Major B. F. Dixon, late State Auditor, will be conducted from Edenton Street Methodist church tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock with interment thereafter in Oakwood cemetery.

This decision was reached this afternoon after the arrival of the out-of-town members of the family. In accordance with a request from the Council of State, the family permitted the remains to be placed in state in the rotunda of the State House this afternoon to remain there until the hour for the funeral tomorrow.

The remains were conveyed from the Dixon home at 4 o'clock this afternoon escorted by a delegation of members of the old vets being delegated as a guard of honor.

The rotunda was draped in black and white with lovely groupings of palms, ferns and other appropriate plants. The casket was placed on a stand directly under the dome and there it was draped with State and National flags. On it were also placed Major Dixon's Masonic apron and the flag of his regiment in the Confederate army, the 14th North Carolina.

Across these were laid his sword. More specially detailed from the Raleigh company in the North Carolina National Guard are on guard tonight and will be until the hour for the funeral, when the company will contribute the military honors for the funeral. It is a notable fact that in addition to his numerous other positions of honor and trust Major Dixon had for two years been the president of the Blue and Gray, the National Association of Civil War Veterans, and he was deeply interested in the wiping out of all ill will between those who wore the Blue and the Gray.

THE SOUTHERN LIFE.

First Dividend Paid Yesterday—Cumberland and Robeson.

The following from yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer will be read with interest: The directors of the Southern Life Insurance Company today issued to the stockholders of the company a first dividend of 20 per cent. As the capital stock is \$128,000, the amount so disbursed will be \$25,600. The majority of the stockholders are in Cumberland and Robeson counties.

RICHMOND BANK WALL FALLS

Collapse Caused Serious Damage to First National Bank Building—Columns Fell Across Street—Excavation the Cause.

Richmond, Va., Sept. 27.—The east wall of the First National Bank building from top to bottom for a distance of fifteen to twenty-five feet from the front sank into the excavation for a projected skyscraper at that point about 8 o'clock this evening.

With it went the Easternmost of the four columns on the front of the building which faces Southward on Main street. This fell across the street car track in Main street, narrowly missing an approaching car, but did no damage and was soon cleared away. Almost miraculously nobody was injured by the collapse of the wall so far as can be ascertained. Had the accident occurred two hours earlier the result would have been disastrous to human life and limb.

The damage done the bank is serious. The two floors of the building are exposed for the space above mentioned. Fortunately the weather is fair. The bank is moving tonight into the building on the corner of Main and Eleventh streets, recently vacated by the National Bank of Virginia and will open there for business in the morning. The money loss involved in the collapse is several thousand dollars.

CENSUS FIGURES GIVEN.

Population of Many Cities Known—Thirteenth Census.

Washington, Sept. 27.—Population statistics, as enumerated in the thirteenth census, were made public by the census bureau today for the following cities: York, Pa., 44,750, an increase of 11,042 or 25.3 per cent. over 33,708 in 1900. Easton, Pa., 28,523, an increase of 3,285, or 13.0 per cent. over 25,238 in 1900. Newcastle, Pa., 36,280, an increase of 7,941 or 28 per cent. over 28,339 in 1900. Oshkosh, Wis., 38,062, an increase of 4,778 or 16.9 per cent. over 23,284 in 1900. Terre Haute, Ind., 58,157, an increase of 21,484 or 59.6 per cent. over 36,673 in 1900. Somerville, Mass., 77,236, an increase of 15,593, or 25.3 per cent. over 61,643 in 1900. Newton, Mass., 29,808, an increase of 6,219 or 18.5 per cent. over 23,587 in 1900.

Boston, Sept. 27.—General William Oakes was nominated by the Republicans of the ninth district and former Alderman William Dudley Cotton defeated Police Commissioner Stephen O'Meara for the Republican nomination in the nineteenth.

TAKES THEM OUT OF POLITICS

Taft Will Issue Order Today Placing 8,000 Assistant Postmasters Under Civil Service Law—Cabinet Sessions.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 27.—"Senatorial result of the cabinet sessions which are in progress at the White House, it was announced today that President Taft will issue, probably tomorrow, an order, placing approximately 8,000 assistant postmasters in the United States under the protection of the civil service law and taking them entirely out of politics. It also was said that the President would recommend to Congress this fall that all second and third class postmasters be placed under civil service rules.

By the order to be issued tomorrow some 7,622 assistant postmasters will be affected. If the recommendations as to second and third class postmasters are adopted by Congress, 7,198 additional postmasters will be placed under civil service regulations.

Postmaster General Hitchcock made the recommendations to President Taft, both as to the assistant postmasters and to the officials of the second and third class. It is a part of the Postmaster General's scheme to put the postal establishment on a business basis and to make it self-supporting.

Estimates from the various departments for the coming fiscal year occupied the attention of the cabinet today. Mr. Taft's advisers also went over with him the speech he is to deliver at the banquet of the National League of Republican Clubs in New York on Saturday night. This is expected to be the President's final political utterance of the present campaign. It will tell, among other things the various legislative recommendations he will make to Congress at its coming session.

Lajoie Ahead of Ty Cobb.

Famous Cleveland Player Will Likely Win the Automobile.

Cleveland, O., Sept. 27.—Larry Lajoie, the leading batter of the Cleveland baseball club, remained ahead of his rival, Ty Cobb, of the Detroit team, today in the race for the automobile which is to be presented to the player with the largest batting average in the major leagues at the end of the season.

In the first game of a double-header with Boston Lajoie made three hits in four times at bat. In the second game he failed to secure a hit. In three times at bat, Cobb in the Detroit-New York game only secured one hit in four times at bat. The leaders averages stand now: Lajoie .374, Ty Cobb .364. Millinery opening today at Platt and Haar's.

EARTH SLIPPING PEOPLE IN TERROR

Strange Phenomena in Large District of State of Arizona.

QUAKES AND RUMBLINGS

Indians First Left and Then Whites When Houses Began to Crack Open—Country of Volcanic Origin.

Flagstaff, Ariz., Sept. 27.—A territory 50 miles square and extending from here to the Grand Canon of the Colorado river tonight stands practically depopulated because of earthquakes and rumblings, which, beginning Saturday, are steadily increasing in magnitude and violence.

Indians, of whom there were many in the region, fled when the quakes began, terrified by sinister imports which they imagined to be ointments in the cracking of the ground. The whites remained until their houses fell about them.

J. B. Chaves, the first of the refugees to reach Flagstaff, reported that his house had cracked open. Others who arrived later, reported that volcanic stones weighing many tons had been torn from their beds and sent crashing down the mountain sides, and that the whole district was in a state of unrest. They refused flatly to go back.

The whole district is of volcanic origin. The present phenomena is attributed to a slipping of the earth's crust.

IRISH GATHER AT BUFFALO.

National Convention of the United Irish League Convened.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 27.—Irishmen from all parts of the United States and Canada, rallied to the standard of the United Irish League at Buffalo, N. Y., today. It was the opening of the fifth National convention of the United Irish League, but the sessions resolved themselves into a continuous eulogy of Redmond, Devlin, O'Connor and their colleagues and a ratification of the policies they represent. Money pleas came from all quarters, Montreal Irishmen stating in a telegram to President Michael J. Ryan that they would raise \$10,000.

Mr. Redmond reviewed the things accomplished in the last five years which aroused great enthusiasm, particularly his reference to the success of the land purchase act by which thousands of peasants became the owners of their own farms.

"We are assembled here today to forward the great goal of National independence," said Mr. Redmond. "We did not come across the ocean to ask you for either your material or your moral help to get any minor reform. We have come to tell you that we believe now that all our energies should be toward an effort to settle in our lifetime the national self-government. We believe that at this moment we are in a position by which we can achieve that, and we have come without doubt or hesitation or misgiving to ask the Irishmen of this great continent to make one supreme effort so to strengthen our arms that we will be able to achieve home rule for Ireland in the immediate future."

Houston, Texas, Sept. 27.—In their hurry the two men who partially looted a Southern Pacific mail car near Avondale, La., last night, overlooked just a quarter of a million dollars. Packages of currency aggregating this amount aboard the car at the time of the robbery, were delivered intact to Texas banks today.

OUTLINES.

Former President Roosevelt defeated Vice President Sherman for temporary chairman of the New York Republican State Convention by a majority of 122 votes at Saratoga yesterday. State Chairman Timothy L. Woodruff was retired by committee following Roosevelt's victory.

Greater violence resulted in the strike in Berlin yesterday and the district presented a besieged city. Serious clashes occurred between the police and rioters. As a result of the Cabinet sessions yesterday President Taft will issue an order placing 8,000 assistant postmasters under civil service law and taking them out of politics.

The tariff board has recently been swamped with requests for hearings from manufacturers in regard to effect of the proposed revision of certain schedules. The East wall of the First National Bank in Richmond collapsed yesterday, causing a loss to the bank of several thousand dollars.

New York markets: Money on call easy 1.75 to 2.14, ruling rate 2, closing bid 2, offered at 2.14. Spot cotton closed quiet, middling uplands 13.60, middling gulf 13.85. Flour quiet and nominally lower. Corn irregular, No. 2, 62 1-2 nominal elevator domestic basis to arrive and 60 3-4 loc. spot. Wheat weak, No. 2 red, 1.03 elevator and 1.02 f.o.b. agent. Oats easy, new standard white 38 1-2. Rosin and Turpentine steady.

GREATER VIOLENCE IN BERLIN STRIKE

Bloody Clashes Between Police and Rioters in Besieged District.

HUNDREDS INJURED IS RESULT

Women Sympathizers Help to Fight the Police—A Hungry Dangerously Injured Scores of Arrests Were Made.

Berlin, Sept. 27.—Even greater violence than that of last night characterized the collisions between police and rioters in the Moabit precincts this evening. Many were injured on both sides. The district presents the aspect of a besieged city.

Thousands of strikers and their sympathizers gathered in the streets as soon as darkness fell. A strong force of police numbering 100 mounted and 500 afoot armed with revolvers and swords, were stationed at various quarters under orders to exercise severe repressive measures. The rioters, about 9 o'clock in the evening began a struggle, which increased as night advanced. Excited men and women dashed from place to place, smashing street lamps and the windows of stores. Several of the stores were sacked of valuable contents.

The police charged time and time, wounding many. Men and women stationed at open windows of houses, hurled bottles, bricks, coals and stones at the police, who replied with revolver shots.

The police entered several flats in wall-strease, from one of which a mad-dened woman threw a lighted lamp with terrific force against an advancing squad, burning several of the men. Sharp conflicts occurred in Buesell, Strasse and Sewing-Strasse. Many shots were fired from the crowd. But police charged with drawn swords, leaving many injured on the ground.

Scores of arrests were made. Saloons were ordered closed at 11 o'clock and cordons of police prevented the approach of thousands arriving from other quarters. This measure was effective in bringing about comparative calm, but groups of sullen strikers were prowling in the vicinity up to midnight.

The total number of casualties recorded is 100 strikers injured, thirteen of them dangerous, and two policemen. In addition there was hundreds who received minor injuries.

POLE BUNCOED.

Saloon Keeper Swindled Out of \$900 in Clever Manner.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 27.—Dom-nick Zavoicki, a Polish saloon keeper, from Gilbertown, Schuylkill county, was bunched out of \$900 by an old scheme worked in a new and clever way here today.

Zavoicki had \$900, which was made up principally of old and dirty \$20 bills. At the suggestion of an acquaintance that he have the money changed into new \$1 bills, Zavoicki and the man went to a trust company on Broad street. At the door they were met by a stranger who asked Zavoicki what he could do for him.

The saloon keeper said that he wished \$900 \$1 bills. "Certainly," said the stranger. "Just sit down and I will bring them to you." A few moments later, according to the approach of the chief of detectives tonight, the man returned with three neatly wrapped packages covered with red seals.

Zavoicki put the packages in a grip and never suspected that he did not have \$900, until running out of change, he opened one of the packages to get money with which to pay for his supper.

ELECTION FRAUD PROBE.

Asked Maynard and Young to File Their Campaign Expenses.

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 27.—Pending lack of authority, the sub-committee of the State Democratic Committee, which is investigating the recent Congressional primary election in the second district, today decided that it could not act under the petition filed by the citizen's committee.

The latter asked that the committee require both William A. Young and Harry L. Maynard to file their campaign expense accounts for use in this investigation. The two candidates claim that the present contest is a part of the primary and that they cannot tell what their expenses are until the investigation has been completed.

BEAUFORT TO BOSTON CANAL.

Vessels to Escape Treacherous Shoals On North Carolina Coast.