

THE WEATHER.

Fair today, colder, except extreme west portion; Monday fair, slightly warmer in west portion.

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CAMPAIGN WAXES WARMER EACH DAY

Wilmington Y. M. C. A. Campaign Progressing at Satisfactory Rate—Nearly \$30,000 Now in Hand—Two Large Gifts Yesterday—The Noon-day Luncheon—More Interest Needed.

Under the potent inspiration of twin gifts of \$5,000 each from Mr. James Sprunt and Mr. William H. Sprunt, which with the \$3,168 reported by the team captains brings the total amount for the new Y. M. C. A. building fund up to \$29,455, the workers in the ten-day campaign for this great Wilmington institution renewed their enthusiasm at the noon luncheon yesterday and prepared to plunge into the final week of the work to-morrow morning with increased aggressiveness and a determination to reach the \$75,000 goal by next Saturday night.



MR. J. T. KING, General Chairman, Citizens' Y. M. C. A. Campaign Committee.

from their experiences of the first week's work the team members doing the soliciting have come to know that to turn in this amount each day, all must work and work hard. "Everybody Something Every Day" is the only way in which it can be done.

After the various teams had reported for the day and the figures had been entered upon the big scoreboard, Mr. J. T. King, general chairman of the citizens' committee, arose and stated that on the previous day the workers had the pleasure of listening to Mr. R. A. Brand, who had cheered them with his enthusiastic and optimistic address. He stated that probably there might be some gentleman present who would be kind enough to make some remarks, and declared that if so the gathering would be pleased to hear him.

Mr. Laurence Sprunt, son of Mr. James Sprunt and a member of Dr. J. W. Stanley's team in the business men's committee, arose and stated that his father was deeply interested in the campaign for a new Y. M. C. A. building, and that he was heartily in accord with the movement and the cause for which it is made. Mr. Sprunt said that his father was unable to be present in person, but that he desired to make a contribution to the fund, and that he had authorized him to state that his subscription would be \$5,000.

PILLAR AND PAVING BLOCK

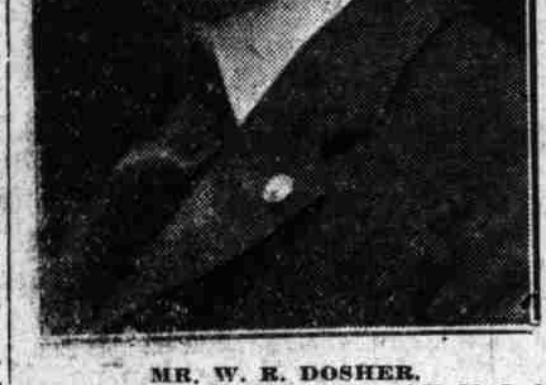
A boy in his big teens and little twenties is like a piece of granite, ready to be hewn by circumstances into a pillar or a paving block. There are young men—thousands of them—whose elders are not able to control their destiny because they have neither the means nor the mentality nor the experience for guidance. There are youths who have had to be fathers in duty while children in years. Some who have been thrown into the swirl of city life by the countless streams that pour from the hills and valleys of the villages in to the broad current of urban uncertainty. What are we to do with this mass of immature manhood—capable of everything—likely to be anything?

ION, AND OF THE VAST BENEFITS THAT WILL ACCRUE TO THE CITY FROM A NEW AND MODERN BUILDING.

Mr. Sprunt stated that they did not wish to be misunderstood, and that they were not seeking notoriety, but that this was a cause for the Master's glory, and for where they (referring to himself and his brother) had made what they have, and that they desired to do their part. He declared that they regarded the Y. M. C. A. as a great preventive institution, in that it helped to keep many a young man from going wrong, and that though all of its services to mankind may never be known here but would be up yonder. "My wife and I have sons," said Mr. Sprunt, "and we feel that they are worth at least \$1,000 apiece, so our gift will be \$5,000.

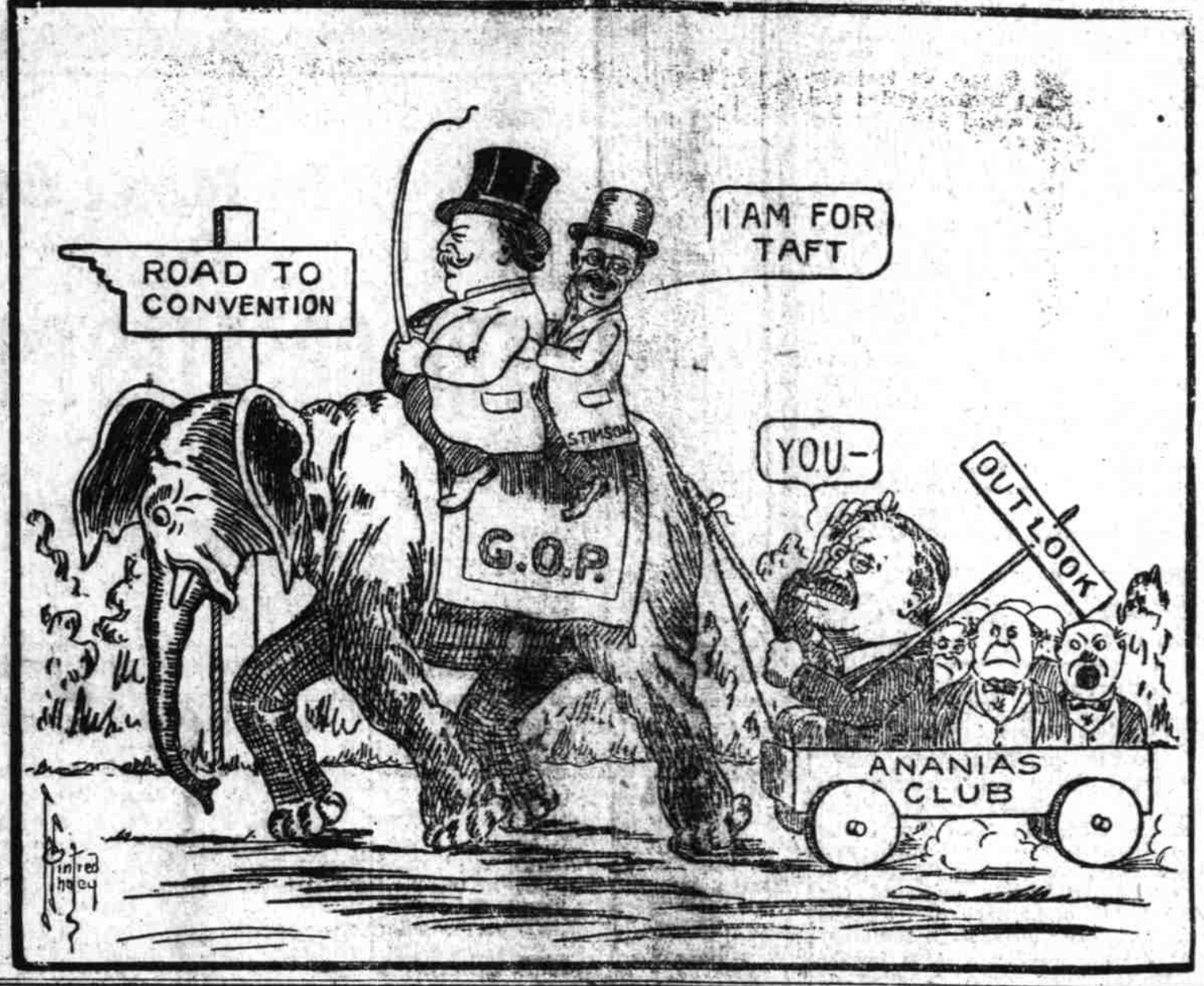
Pompeum prevailed and men all over the hall jumped to their feet, waving napkins and cheering frantically. Some one proposed three cheers for the Sprunts and they were given with a right good will, every person in the hall joining.

When quiet reigned once more Mr. King in a very pretty speech, thanked the Messrs. Sprunt and their wives and sons for their generous contributions; pointing out that with such examples as this from such prominent citizens, the campaign can but be successful. He stated that he wished to call attention to the fact that several questions are sometimes brought up by persons from whom subscriptions



MR. W. E. DOSHER, Team Captain of Company G, of Y. M. C. A. Campaign.

are solicited, and that probably some of the members were not well enough informed on the subjects to be able to answer them. He said that a rumor had been circulated that Mr. M. C. Williams, of Oberlin, Ohio, who is directing the campaign, is to receive 10 per cent of the subscriptions raised



PANAMA CANAL LEGISLATION

House Committee Fixes Tolls and Rules for Operation of Big Ditch. Preference Given American Ships.

Washington, Mch. 9.—Fixing the maximum Panama canal tolls at \$125 a ton, with a minimum not below an amount sufficient to maintain and operate the canal, and with preference to be given to American ships, the House Committee on Inter-State Commerce by a vote of 14 to 4, today agreed on a bill for the operation of the Panama Canal.

The bill would authorize the President to open and operate the canal and to make rules for the government of the canal and fix the tolls. The provision relating to rates is as follows: "That the President is hereby authorized to prescribe, and from time to time change toll charges for the use of the Panama Canal by all vessels except those belonging to the government of the United States (including those of the Panama Railroad Company), and the government of the Republic of Panama, which excepted vessels shall be charged no tolls.

"Charges may be based upon gross or net registered tonnage, displacement tonnage, or otherwise and may be used on one form of tonnage for warships and another for ships of commerce, but the tolls shall not exceed \$125 per ton based upon net registered tonnage of ships of commerce, or less than the estimated proportionate cost of the actual operation of the canal."

The prohibition clauses, summarized, include: "That it shall be unlawful for ships to pass through the canal which are owned, leased, operated or controlled by any railroad company engaged in inter-State commerce or by any other corporation in which such railroad company has any interest whatsoever or by any other person, association or corporation with intent to restrain or prevent, or with the effect of restraining or preventing, competition through the Panama canal, either between ships, ship lines and ship companies or between ships, ship lines or ship companies, and railroads."

The bill would establish one United States district judge with magistrates and bailiffs in the various towns throughout the zone; would provide jury trial on demand in all criminal cases and cases at law. The District Court would have appellate jurisdiction with the Circuit Court of Appeals at New Orleans. Extradition of criminals also will be provided.

Dismissal of the Panama Commission when the canal approaches completion is sanctioned, and the President is authorized to appoint a Governor of the Panama canal and canal zone at \$10,000 a year to serve terms of four years. Authority is given the President to name all other persons necessary to the maintenance and operation of the canal, and to provide for its sanitation, etc.

MILL WAGES ARE INCREASED

The American Woolen Company Advances Their Previous Offer and Many New England Mills Follow Suit.

Lawrence, Mass., Mch. 9.—The American Woolen Company's offer of an increase in wages was raised today to a 7 1/2 per cent. average, at a conference of the company's representatives and a committee of striking employees in Boston. As the strike committee expressed dissatisfaction with the manner in which the money is to be applied, little progress towards a settlement was apparent.

General Advance in Wages. Boston, Mass., Mch. 9.—A general advance in the wages of textile operatives in Northern New England was announced by various mill interests which have their head offices in Boston. More than 125,000 persons, including employees of cotton mills in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine, and woolen mill operatives in six New England States are affected.

OUTLINES

Several small engagements between Rebels and Federals took place in Mexico yesterday.

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On yesterday, the ninth day of the coal strike, 100,000 persons were added to the ranks of the unemployed.

Theodore Roosevelt announced yesterday that he had changed his original intentions and would make a speaking campaign.

The House Committee on Inter-State Commerce yesterday agreed on tolls and rules for the operation of the Panama canal, preference being given to American ships.

The ministers and military commanders at Peking and Tien Tsin continue to take precautions against the rising of an anti-foreign feeling.

A motion for habeas corpus proceedings for Abner McCall and his wife, charged with the murder of Myrtle Hawkins was denied by Judge Foushee yesterday.

GRACE REPUDIATES HIS WIFE

Declares Daisy Drugged Him and Shot Him—Will Seek Divorce From Her—New Developments in the Case.

Atlanta, Ga., Mch. 9.—"I have been stung, that's all there is to it. I intend to get well and I shall institute proceedings for absolute divorce," declared Eugene H. Grace today, in the first interview he has given since he was found mysteriously shot in his home in the exclusive Peachtree section of the city last Tuesday evening.

Grace also expressed his firm conviction that he was drugged and shot by his wife, Mrs. Daisy Oble Grace, formerly the widow of a wealthy Philadelphia merchant.

When informed that he proposed to start divorce proceedings, she declined to make any comment. According to the police they have collected an almost complete web of circumstantial evidence which will be presented at the preliminary trial of Mrs. Grace next Wednesday.

One of the features of today's developments was the receipt of a letter by City Recorder Broyles, purporting to have been written by a negro woman named Mattie Gibbs, in which she accused her husband of the shooting. Detectives are searching for the woman and her husband.

Anderson Editor Arrested. W. B. Cheshire Fired Two Shots at His Assailant. Anderson, S. C., Mch. 9.—Charging that an article published in the Anderson Intelligencer reflected seriously upon him, W. J. Muldrow, an attorney, attacked the editor, W. B. Cheshire, in the latter's office today.

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GIVES DEFINITION OF PROGRESSIVES

President Taft Speaks Before the Republican League at Chicago.

DEFENDS HIS ADMINISTRATION

Gives Credit to Roosevelt for Beginning the Movement and Declares It Has Assumed Character of a Crusade.

Chicago, Mch. 9.—President Taft gave a new definition of a "political progressive" in a speech at the banquet given here tonight by the Swedish-American Republican League, of Chicago, in honor of John Ericson, inventor of the Monitor, today being the 60th anniversary of the battle between the Monitor and the Merrimack. He eliminated from consideration as real progressives those who look to Socialism for relief from present day evils in government, declared that his "distinguished predecessor" deserved most of the credit for awakening the public to the need for action and argued that "progressive is that progressive does," pointing to some of the achievements of his administration as proof that it has qualified under that definition.

"The term 'Progressives' includes all of those," he said "who have been moved to efforts of reform by the necessity for legislative and governmental action, to deprive corporate capital and undue vested privilege of its political power, and to bring about proper popular and governmental control and regulation of the use of capital in legitimate avenues and for legitimate purposes.

Turning from those he considered Progressives to those that he held too radical in their desires for governmental changes, the President continued: "The progressive movement has assumed the character of a crusade, and many radical remedies were suggested, the carrying out of which would only be less destructive than the threatened fatal course of the disease. There were many who had long attacked our present institutions, as the basis of all injustice and inequality, and their voice became louder and more distinct, and was listened to with much greater favor than ever before in the history of the country."

"The growth of Socialism in this country is a noteworthy incident in showing the extreme to which many would go in the solution of the problem which I am discussing. "The utility of every Socialist scheme which destroys the right of property, is that it is impossible to find a sufficiently strong motive for labor or for saving."

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PERCY DECLARES HE WON'T RESIGN

Senator From Mississippi Makes Spirited Reply to Legislature.

WILL SERVE TILL MARCH 1913

He Accuses the Legislature of Cowardice, Falsehood and Malignant Factional Hatred—His Letter in Full.

Washington, Mch. 9.—Senator LeRoy Percy has responded to the Mississippi Legislature's demand that he resign, by flatly declining to do so. He has sent his answer in a spirited letter which rings with accusations of cowardice, falsehood and malignant factional hatred.

Senator Percy replies that "when just after his election he offered to resign his unexpired term if a primary were held in 1910 to name his successor, he limited his proposition to that year and not 1911, the year in which a primary finally was held.

"The primary which he proposed in 1910, never was held, Senator Percy says. He declared that he never did state that he would resign if not elected in the 1911 primary, but on the contrary "declared from the stump" that whatever the outcome of that primary he would serve until March 4th, 1913.

It put the people on guard in every State and in every community. "The anti-trust law and the inter-State commerce acts to control law-breaking corporations, both had been passed some time before, said Mr. Taft. "But," he continued, "the first step and the most important, was the stirring of the people to the nature of the crisis that they had to meet and the obstacles they had to overcome."

Advertisement for a raffle or lottery. A large circular graphic with numbers around the perimeter and a hand pointing to a number. Text includes 'WATCH THE HAND MOVE!' and 'Room 6, Grand Theatre Building, has a Touring Car that cost \$2,800. Owner desirous of selling, will for quick sale, take \$1,000 cash.'