

GIVES LIE TO PRESIDENT

GOVERNOR HASKELL REPLIES

Takes Up the Four Charges Dwelt Upon by the President and Deals With Each in a Characteristic Manner—Declares the Prairie, Oil and Gas Company Charges to Be a 'Joke on Roosevelt's Stupidity'—Roosevelt Left No Stone Unturned to Blacken His Character—Says the President Knows That His Statement is True—Makes Challenge for Joint Discussion.

Guthrie, Okla., Sept. 23.—Governor Charles N. Haskell to-night issued a statement to The Associated Press in reply to President Roosevelt's charges against him, dealing with four specific charges against Mr. Haskell, namely that he is subservient to Standard Oil; that he vetoed a child labor bill; that he dealt extensively in Creek Indian lands; and that he had allowed politics to dominate him in the removal of members of the faculty of the State University and the appointment of others to succeed them.

Governor Haskell took up the four charges as dealt upon by President Roosevelt in turn, dealing with each in a characteristic manner.

"JOKE ON ROOSEVELT'S STUPIDITY"

The Prairie Oil and Gas Company charges Governor Haskell declared to be a "joke on Roosevelt's stupidity," asserting that he had done nothing which would confer upon the Standard Oil subsidiary company more authority than it already possessed under a franchise granted it by Secretary Hitchcock.

"I assert that it is fair for me to assume that if my case was to be dignified by an all-day Cabinet meeting that beyond question Mr. Hearst and his campaign associate, President Roosevelt, left no stone unturned to blacken my character. That being true, they certainly raked them fore and aft concerning the Ohio Standard Oil cases of 1895 and finding absolutely nothing reflecting on me, the President tried to waive his charge of last Monday's vote by saying he will make no allusion to that."

"I say the President knows how that my statement is true and I regret that he tries to brush it aside without doing me candid justice. Were I to adopt the character of language so commonly used by the President I would spell it in fewer letters than 'fishhook'."

"Mr. Roosevelt, I hope to speak in Ohio soon. May I hope to divide the time with some partisan of yours or Prince William who will defend your action in this instance?"

"President Roosevelt's attack on Oklahoma and finds a substitute for his Ohio failure. Does he, in the case of the State against the Prairie Oil and Gas Company, which he complains I compelled to be dismissed?"

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"Yes, I did have it dismissed. We all know that the Prairie Company is a Standard Oil offspring, and don't forget the President claims to have known this also, and I charge that the political allies, Hearst and Roosevelt, both know that I acted properly. First, the Prairie Oil Company got its franchise in our State not from me, but from Roosevelt's Secretary of Interior, long before Statehood began and had its main line built and operating, and Congress in our Statehood bill was careful to declare that our new State when organized must respect all such vested rights and existing franchises. That was all I did, and the Federal courts would read to call me down if I violated the Roosevelt territorial franchises."

"Now, Mr. President, why did your Secretary of the Interior grant what you knew to be a Standard Oil pipeline franchise in our then helpless Territory and why did you not grant a permanent Standard Oil bill? Will Mr. Hearst or the President please answer? I will also remind the President that the company tried to enlarge its rights so as to include a gas well as well as oil privileges. This I defeated, and even last April, Mr. President, your Secretary of the Interior tried to help the Standard Oil gas privileges against my protest by actually granting them a franchise to lay an interstate pipeline. I notified the Secretary that with Statehood your days of giving valuable franchises in our State has passed and I would resist having the pipeline only after a trial and canceled your unlawful act."

"I again assert that my act in that case was not only required by what Federal authority had been unable to do, but that the public interest of our own people was a condition growing out of your original wrong favoring the Standard Oil Company in granting that franchise required me to pursue that policy in the case you criticize."

"The President came to the best of affairs of our State and made no effort to veto a child labor bill."

"True, I did so simply because the bill went too far and included things not desired by our people. Child labor representatives approved and veto. I have the President's veto and give this veto of a child labor bill and permit us to run our own affairs."

"The President complains that we removed certain professors from our State University and three State normal schools and preparatory schools in violation of civil service laws. That is, the President in his usual pettiness and reckless disregard of others misstates the facts. Less than one-fifth of the faculty were changed. All changes were for good cause, other than politics and done by boards of regents and not by the Governor. The President complains that there are several suits pending against me to reclaim Creek Indian land. The President should have gone further and said that I was not a dealer in Indian land and only came in as a subsequent purchaser and only incidentally a party without personal interest at all, and especially he should have said that it is quite apparent that those who are being sued in those land cases appear to be, and apparently are, the victims of political chicanery which the President can better explain than I."

"In short the President and Mr. Hearst picked the wrong man and are now driven into war politics rather than surrender like men."

"The President assumes that all Oklahomans are grifters just because his territorial associates justified that name; that all ex-railroad contractors are had just because Paul Morton needed his protecting arm; that we all in Oklahoma violate the civil

KERN DEFENDS HASKELL

ROUNDLY SCORES ROOSEVELT.

Charges the President With Convicting Haskell Without a Hearing and on Charges Made by a Man Hitherto Denounced by Him—Replies to Statement of Attorney General Bonaparte That No Specific Charges Had Been Brought Against the Steel Trust, Hence There Had Been No Prosecutions—Officers Look After Other Violations of Law and Should Know Something of the Trust.

Baltimore, Sept. 23.—Before two large audiences in widely separated sections of the city to-night John W. Kern, the Democratic nominee for the vice presidency, took up the cudgels in defense of Governor Haskell, of Oklahoma, against the charge made by William R. Hearst, of former affiliation with the Standard Oil Company and roundly scored President Roosevelt for his letter on the subject. He also took occasion to reply to statements made by Attorney General Bonaparte in an interview, called forth by charges made by William J. Bryan, Democratic presidential nominee, that the so-called steel trust was permitted to exist in defiance of law. Referring to the charges against Governor Haskell, Mr. Kern said:

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"These charges were made by a man hitherto denounced by the President as utterly untrustworthy. In fact the President during the last campaign in New York sent Secretary Root to that State to denounce that man as not only unfit for public office, but that he was in a measure responsible for the assassination of Mr. McKinley. The President of the United States, who has had much to say about a 'square deal' since upon the unsupported charges of the man referred to and on yesterday proceeded to rail hysterically at the Democratic party for having as the treasurer of its organization a man whom he, the President, has convicted over positive denial, without any articles of charges made by a man on whose reliability Mr. Roosevelt himself has placed the seal of disapproval. If after a hearing there should be any doubt of Governor Haskell's innocence, his official connection with the Democratic national committee will cease, and it will be the best evidence of the good faith of our party."

PAYS RESPECTS TO BONAPARTE.

Mr. Kern then turned his attention to Mr. Bonaparte and the steel corporation. "Although the most conspicuous of all the giant monopolies which have grown up behind the Dingley tariff wall," he said, "there is one man in the country who is in doubt as to its existence. That man is a distinguished citizen of Maryland, Hon. Charles J. Bonaparte, chief law officer of the United States. Referring to the charge made by Mr. Bryan that this combine has been allowed to grow and thrive and fatten upon the earnings of the people in defiance of law, Mr. Bonaparte falls into a humorous vein and brushes aside the charge with a bit of pleasantry, published in the papers to-day in the form of an interview."

Mr. Kern quoted the interview which, was in substance, that no specific charges had been made against the corporation, hence there had been no prosecution. "This proclamation," he continued, "will be read with great interest by victims of this great trust, who are to be found in every hamlet in the land. They know that special officers of the government are sent to every part of the country to spy upon the old soldiers of the Union to see that the pension laws are not violated, even in the most technical manner. They know that revenue officers are constantly trailing through mountain fastnesses of North Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky in search of tax evaders, and that moonshiners shall be detected and punished. They know how special officers have for years been ferreting out lottery enterprises and like violations of law. Mr. Bryan has never been called upon to furnish information as to any of these cases. But when the attention of the learned Attorney General is called to a monstrous continuing crime, known of all men, the incumbent of that great office declares that he has no reason or sufficient knowledge and declines information except in the most specific form."

Will Revive the Southern Literary

Richmond, Va., Sept. 23.—A charter has been issued by the State for the publication in Richmond of The Southern Literary Messenger, naming as incorporators Dr. W. W. Phelps, of Chattanooga, Tenn., president; E. C. Smith, of Front Royal, Va., secretary and treasurer; and Alfred H. Williams, of Richmond. Its promoters plan to make it a representative Southern monthly with the best Southern authors only.

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EFFORTS OF CHARITY

Men and Women Are Slowly Starving in a Peculiar Manner While in the Midst of Plenty—Not Subjects of Charity and Beyond Relief of Such a Form of Assistance—The Relief of Such a Case Equally as Commendable as the Relief of Actual Hunger—People Who Waste Away Through Inability to Obtain Nourishment.

To feed the poor is considered a woful form of charity. The man who enables his fellow-being to obtain nourishment for his body is hailed as a philanthropist, but there are many unfortunates who are even beyond this form of assistance; there are people who are unable to partake of the food that is theirs, and it is this form of starvation that Col. Frank A. Dillingham has found a method of relieving. Lack of food and the inability to eat both mean starvation and the relief of one is as worthy as the other.

Starvation through inability to eat frequently results in death, but more often it means an existence in which the unfortunate sufferer gains barely enough nourishment to sustain a life of health. A case of this nature was reported to Colonel Dillingham's representatives yesterday by Mrs. A. E. Robinson, a resident of Villa Heights, a suburb of Charlotte, who told of her own experience with a trouble of this kind, in the following words:

"For about twenty years I have suffered with indigestion. Everything that I ate seemed to lodge in my stomach and remain there, causing restlessness and inability to sleep. My general health declined; I became very weak and my nerves were a complete wreck. In the spring this trouble appeared to grow worse than at other times and at this season of the year I would make every effort to obtain relief, but never succeeded until I tried Dillingham's Plant Juice. A little over a week ago I was about ready to take my last breath when I got a bottle of Plant Juice and started taking it, and for the first time in my life I am now eating and drinking. Dillingham's Plant Juice will cure indigestion. Before taking this medicine I was forced to deny myself every article of food of which I was very fond, but I can now eat anything and nothing disagrees with me. I have seen two other cases in this neighborhood where Plant Juice has been taken with equally as satisfactory results and am now recommending it as the best medicine for stomach trouble ever made."

There are many people who are today in the same condition that Mrs. Robinson describes. Their stomachs are barely able to digest the food of an invalid. Their diet must be carefully watched, as increased weight is the price they are certain to pay for the relief they receive. The slightest indulgence of their appetite, Mrs. Robinson found a remedy for this trouble and hundreds of others are awaiting the fact that Plant Juice is a dependable remedy in cases of stomach trouble. The W. L. Hand Company and other druggists of Charlotte report a rapidly growing demand for Plant Juice, both in their local trade and the orders received by mail.

NOTES OF MEETING DESTROYED.

All Hopes of Getting a Glimpse Into the Inside Negotiations Between the Railroads Leading Up to Advance in Freight Rates is Dispelled.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 23.—All hope on the part of the complainants in the freight rate investigation, now being made here by the Interstate Commerce Commission to gain a glimpse into the inside negotiations and discussions between the railroads leading up to the advance made in freight rates recently, was dispelled this afternoon when the stenographer, who made the notes at the principal meeting swore that he had burned the notes three weeks ago. The stenographer was called to the stand after E. H. Hinton, president of the Southern Freight Association, the successful parried a number of questions to the part each of the roads concerned had taken in bringing about the increase.

Commissioner Leach, evidently exasperated by Mr. Hinton's answers, announced that he thought it best for all concerned and more in keeping with the dignity of the commission and the railroads for the latter to cooperate in supplying all available information.

"Speaking personally," said the commissioner, "I am much dissatisfied with the testimony witnesses have been giving for the past two days about the meetings of the freight associations."

"When we get the floor," replied Judge Stone, of counsel for the railroads, "we will be glad to bring out anything the commission desires within our power. The other side has been calling the witnesses so far."

Captain of Fruit Steamer Washed Overboard.

New York, Sept. 23.—The little fruit steamer Senator arrived to-night from Port Antonio in charge of First Mate Hutton. Captain Axtell having been washed overboard during the recent hurricane when trying to save a sail which was being carried away. The Senator reports having two boats smashed and eight of her crew killed. Her cargo of fruit will probably be a total loss, owing to floods of water which were shipped while the storm was raging.

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Southern Railway

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1:20 a. m., No. 30, daily, for Washington and points North. Pullman drawing room sleepers to New York. Day coaches to Washington. 2:20 a. m., No. 23, daily, for Columbia, Savannah, and Jacksonville. Pullman drawing room sleepers to Augusta and Jacksonville. Day coaches to Jacksonville. 2:30 a. m., No. 8, daily, for Richmond and local points. 3:52 a. m., No. 44, daily, for Washington and points North. Day coaches Charlotte to Washington. Pullman sleeper Atlanta to Washington. 5:20 a. m., No. 35, daily, for Columbia and local points. 6:00 a. m., No. 16, daily except Sunday, for Stateville, Taylorsville and local points. 6:00 a. m., No. 17, daily for Winston-Salem, and at Statesville for Asheville. 7:15 a. m., No. 33, daily, for Atlanta, Day coaches to Charlotte. Stop at principal points en route. 10:05 a. m., No. 36, daily, for Washington and points North. Pullman drawing room sleepers to New York. Day coaches to Washington. Dining car service. 11:10 a. m., No. 23, daily, for Winston-Salem, Roanoke and local points. 10:45 a. m., No. 37, daily, New York and local points. Drawing room sleepers. Dining car service. 11:25 a. m., No. 11, daily, for Greensboro and local points. 1:00 p. m., No. 41, daily except Sunday, for Seneca and local points. 4:45 p. m., No. 27, daily, for Columbia and local points. 6:05 p. m., No. 21, daily except Sunday for Statesville, Taylorsville, and local points. Connects at Statesville for Asheville, Knoxville and Chattanooga. 6:00 p. m., No. 11, daily, for Richmond and local points. Handles Pullman sleepers, Charlotte to Washington, and Charlotte to Richmond. 7:35 p. m., No. 38, daily, New York and New Orleans Limited for Washington and points North. Drawing room sleepers. Dining car service. Solid Pullman train. 11:25 p. m., No. 35, daily, for Atlanta and points South. Pullman drawing room sleepers New York to New Orleans, New York to New Orleans, New York to Washington to Birmingham. Day coaches Washington to New Orleans. Dining car service. 11:35 p. m., No. 4, fast mail. Pullman sleeper, Raleigh to Atlanta. Pullman drawing room sleepers, New York to Raleigh. Tickets, sleeping car reservations and mail information can be obtained at ticket office, No. 11 South Tryon street. C. H. ACKERT, Vice Pres. and Gen. Mgr., S. H. HARVEY, Washington, D. C., W. H. TAYLOR, G. P. A., R. L. VERNER, Washington, D. C., Charlotte, N. C.

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