

WHY ROOSEVELT OPPOSES TAFT

Colonel's Supporters Say Fight Began with Slur on Him in Steel Trust Suit.

BATTLE PLAN FORMED BY ROOSEVELT FORCES

They Intend to Force Compromise Candidate on Chicago Convention Is Washington Report.

Washington, Jan. 6.—President Taft's declaration that he is in the nomination fight to the death and that he will go into the convention if he has but one vote at his back has clarified the atmosphere so far as the Taft situation is concerned.

The Roosevelt men were very positive in their statements that Roosevelt would not be selected if his nomination was accomplished at the sacrifice of Taft.

Say Reciprocity Plan Hurt Taft. There are many old supporters of Roosevelt who believe they can still further injure President Taft through his reciprocity measure.

Roosevelt Wants Revenge. Further information has been elicited concerning the combination between Col. Roosevelt and the opponents of President Taft to prevent if possible Taft's re-nomination.

These republicans tell you that the ex-president was very angry over the references to him in the government's petition, which averred practically that Roosevelt as president of the United States had been hoodkinked when he agreed that the steel corporation could take over the Tennessee Coal & Iron Co.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 4.—For the purpose of inspecting the army post at Fort McPherson, Major General Frederick D. Grant, commander of the department of the east, arrived here yesterday.

SAY PLAN BALKS THE MONEY TRUST

Scheme Is Proposed to Make Reserve Association Independent.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The national monetary commission yesterday virtually agreed upon a proposition which it is believed will have the effect of preventing the exercise of undue influence upon the affairs of the proposed national reserve association by an individual, corporation or section of the country.

The great fear from the beginning of the commission's labors has been that the \$30,000,000 reserve which it is proposed to establish would be controlled by some financial center.

Representatives Vreeland and Weeks and former Representative Boynton especially have pressed this point, and at yesterday's meeting presented a proposition that proved acceptable.

The effect of this provision would be to limit or prevent voting by banks owned or partly owned by one stockholder or one set of stockholders.

The Asheville weather bureau this afternoon received the following telegram from the bureau at Washington: "Cold wave; temperature will likely fall to zero Sunday night."

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REGISTRATION FRAUDS IN LOUISIANA CHARGED

Twenty Per Cent. of Democratic Voters in Arcadia Parish Involved.

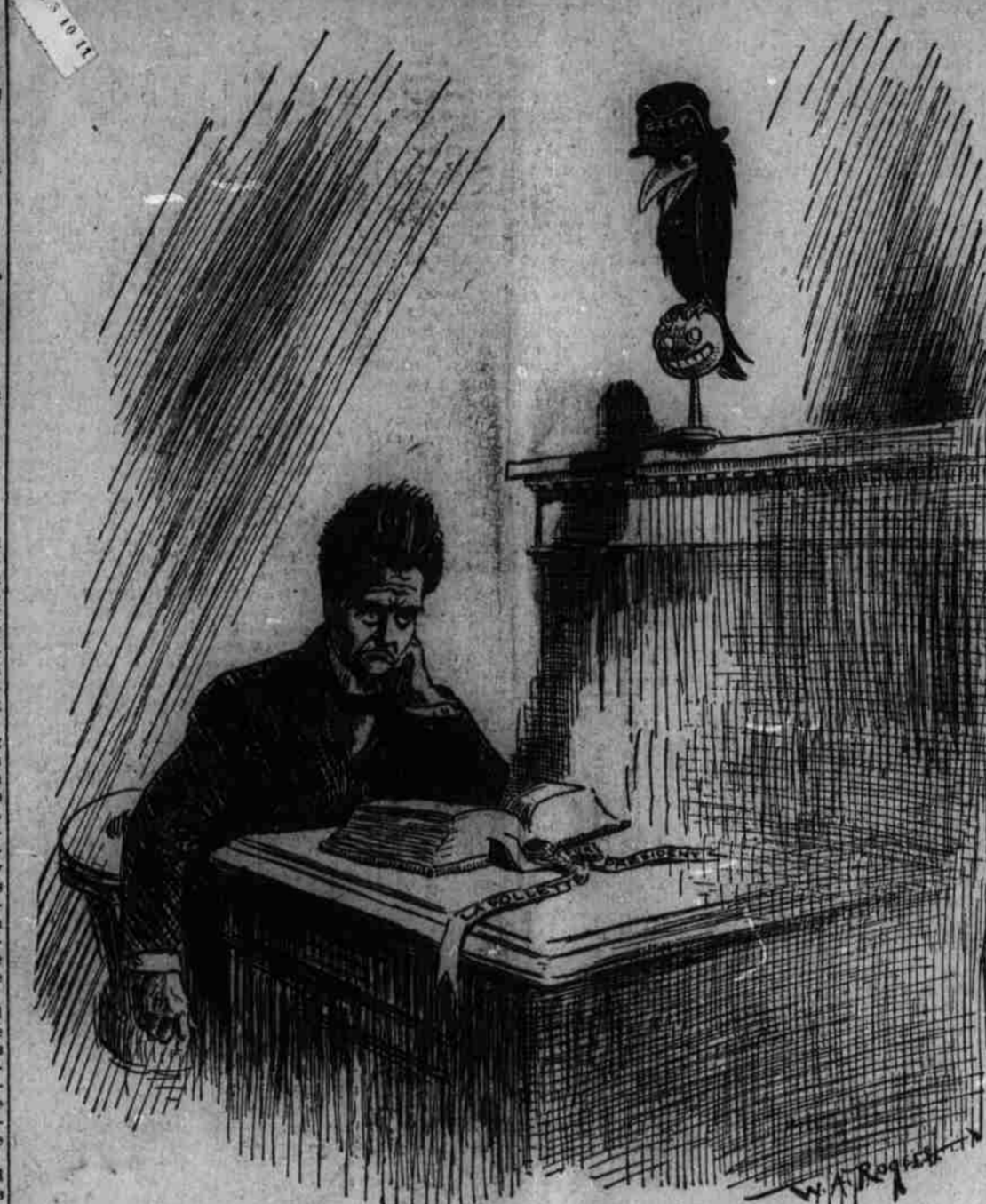
Crowley, La., Jan. 6.—Wholesale registration frauds involving probably 20 per cent. of the democratic voters of Arcadia Parish is alleged in a series of 800 suits filed in the circuit court here today.

CHINESE REPUBLICANS BELIEVE CAUSE GAINS

New Government Assuming a Strong Position—Desires Recognition of the Powers.

Shanghai, Jan. 6.—The republican government is assuming a strong position and now considers that China's future is entirely in its hands.

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New York Herald and The Gazette-News.

NEVERMORE!

RICHESON CONFESSES HE KILLED A VIS LINNELL, HIS SWEETHEART

"I Hereby Confess That I Am Guilty of the Offense of Which I Stand Indicted," Reads Statement of Minister Made Public by His Counsel—Tragic Death of Music Student and Sensational Events Which Followed.

Boston, Jan. 6.—Rev. C. T. V. Richeson, formerly pastor of Immanuel Baptist church of Cambridge, has made a written confession that he poisoned his former sweetheart, Avis Linnell. The statement was given to his counsel who made the confession public at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

The full text of the confession follows: "Boston, Jan. 3, 1912. John L. Lee, Esq., William Morse, Esq., Philip R. Dunbar, Esq. Gentlemen:—Deeply penitent for my sin and earnestly desiring, as far as in my power lies, to make atonement, I hereby confess I am guilty of the offense of which I stand indicted.

"I am moved to this course by no inducement of self-interest or leniency. Heinous as is my crime, God has not wholly abandoned me and my conscience and manhood, however depraved and blighted, will not admit of still further wronging by public trial her whose pure young life I have destroyed. Under the lashings of remorse, I have suffered and am suffering the tortures of the damned. In this I find a measure of comfort. In my mental anguish I recognize there is still, by the mercy of the Master, some remnant of the divine spark of goodness still lingering with me. I could wish to live only because within some person's walls I might in some small measure redeem my soul, help some other despairing soul and at last find favor with God.

The crime which Richeson confessed was one of the most sensational in the history of Massachusetts. Avis Linnell was found dead in a bath room in the Y. W. C. A. building here late in the afternoon of October 14, 1911, and medical examination revealed cyanide poisoning. At first suicide was suspected, an autopsy disclosing the fact that a physical condition existed which was ascribed as a motive. Suspicion soon pointed, however, at Richeson, pastor of Immanuel Baptist church and a prominent figure in religious and social circles here. His arrest followed. The minister stoutly denied the crime, and many of his congregation believed in his innocence. Death certificates which he had prepared for the day before the crime

of the girl. The police claimed that this poison was given Miss Linnell by the pastor on the afternoon of her death with the information that it would relieve her condition and that she took the deadly potion in that belief.

Richeson and Girl Engaged. Miss Linnell and Richeson first met at Hyannis, Mass., where Richeson was pastor of a church. Richeson and Miss Linnell became engaged to be married. Subsequently he moved to Boston and Miss Linnell also went there, where she began a course at the Boston Conservatory of Music. Richeson later became engaged to Miss Violet Edmonds, wealthy in her own right, and only daughter of a rich and prominent Boston man. The engagement was announced the week before Miss Linnell's death.

Deaths From Cold; Poor Suffer in the Cities. Chicago, Jan. 6.—Zero weather continues. The mercury was eight degrees below zero this morning and it is predicted it will drop to 15 below tonight. Suffering is intense and four deaths have resulted. Scores of families have been routed from their homes by fire. The authorities have authorized doubling the usual allotment of goods and fuel to the needy.

Heroism of Seaman Praised by Consul. Letter of Thanks to Crew of the Cutter Itasca Made Public at Washington. Washington, Jan. 6.—The thrilling rescue by the revenue cutter Itasca of 30 persons from the British steamer Thibet, December 21, has brought a letter of grateful thanks, made public today, from James Sprunt, the British vice consul at Wilmington, N. C.

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WILSON-HARVEY BREAK RUMORED

COMMERCE CASES BEFORE HIGH COURT

Important Questions of Railroad and Steamship Traffic Come up.

Washington, Jan. 6.—"Interstate commerce week" will be observed in the Supreme court of the United States beginning Monday. Practically all of the questions to be argued that week are connected with railroad or steamship traffic.

The first case to be considered involves whether shippers may be indicted for accepting rebates unless it is shown that the railroad concerned had posted the regular rates at the railroad station at point of origin.

Another case is the quarter-century fight of Cincinnati shippers for lower rates to Chattanooga and the South. In 1894 shippers induced the interstate commerce commission to order a sharp reduction of rates over the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific road from Cincinnati to Chattanooga. Courts held that the commission could not fix a future rate.

Whether a loophole really exists in the immigration laws such as would allow steamship companies to shift the responsibility for bringing in immigrants of the excluded classes will be argued before the court.

Another question will be whether a special rate on coal may be given railroads. Still other cases involving conflicts of jurisdiction between interstate commerce commission and the commerce court will be heard.

SENTENCED TO PRISON, MAN PLEADS FOR DEATH

Colorado Slayer Prefers the Gallows to 14 to 20 Years Term.

Greely, Col., Jan. 8.—Frank Murata, convicted of killing K. Busuki at Plattville, pleaded with the court today to sentence him to the gallows rather than to prison, as the Japanese consider confinement in prison more dishonorable than death. The court ignored the plea and sentenced him to a term of from 14 to 20 years.

Robbery Suspects Released. Savannah, Ga., Jan. 6.—George H. Hill and Harry Eckstrom of Baltimore, charged with robbing an Atlantic Coast Line train at Hardeeville, S. C., several weeks ago were dismissed today. Their dismissal was made upon the government's motion, no case having been made out.

St. Louis Library Opened. St. Louis, Jan. 6.—The new central public library, standing on the site of the coliseum where William McKinley was nominated for the presidency in 1896, was formally opened today. Herbert Putnam, librarian of congress, and other prominent heads of libraries attended. The building cost a million and a half dollars, half of which was given by Andrew Carnegie.

Col. Henry Watterson Is Also Reported to Have Abandoned the Jersey Man's Cause.

EDITOR'S ENDORSEMENT WAS THOUGHT HARMFUL

Wilson Asked Him to Cease Activities, So the Story Goes—Harvey Started Boom.

Trenton, Jan. 6.—A report, said to have originated in Newark, is circulated here that there has been a break between Gov. Wilson and Col. George Harvey, who was formerly a close political friend and advisor of the governor.

Col. Harvey has always been regarded as the inventor of the Wilson boom for the presidency. The orator who spoke for Vivian M. Lewis, the republican opponent of Gov. Wilson in the last gubernatorial campaign in New Jersey, never lost an opportunity to refer to the fact that Wilson's campaign was being backed by Col. Harvey and his paper printed in New York.

Editorial and in long interviews Harper's Weekly was for a long time full of praise of Dr. Wilson and of suggestion of something bigger than the Jersey governorship for him. There was hardly a number that did not contain some mention of the Jersey scholar in politics. But in the Weekly for December 23 and December 29 there is no mention of Gov. Wilson at all.

DYNAMITE PLOT PROBERS LEAVE FOR WASHINGTON

Lawler and Fredericks Quit Indianapolis to Confer with Taft.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 6.—Oscar Lawler, special assistant to Attorney General Wickersham in the government's prosecution of the alleged dynamiting conspiracy, left here for Washington, D. C., after a three days' conference with United States Attorney Charles W. Miller, in charge of the federal investigation in this district.

4 FATALLY INJURED; CAR LEAVES BRIDGE

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 6.—Four persons were fatally injured while another was seriously hurt here last night when a South Bellview street car jumped from the Central bridge which connects this city with Newport, Ky. The car landed on Front street after turning a somersault in its drop of 18 feet to the pavement below. The fatally injured were: Harry Westling, Newport, Ky., conductor on the car; Benton Schroll, secretary-treasurer of the Central Bridge company, Newport, Ky.; Edward Haged, Cincinnati; Harry Finnan, Cincinnati, Ky., motorist on the car.