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M.R. ROOSEVELT OFF FOR OHIO Ready to Support Fither Taft Roosevelt—Stiffest Fight in

Leaves Tonight for Columbus to Deliver Speech Which Will Have Political Bearing.

STRIVING TO CORRAL SOUTHERN DELEGATES

Officeholders Told He Will Be Nominated and Urged to Climb on Band

Wagon.

New York, Feb. 20.—Theodore Roosevelt will leave tonight for Columbus, O., where tomorrow he addresses the Ohio constitutional con-vention. Roosevelt held a conference this morning with John Temple Graves of Atlanta. He returns to New York on Thursday and after a day's rest leaves for Boston, ostensibly attend a meeting of the overseers of Harvard university. He will not return to New York until the following Wednesday and in the meantime may accept some of the many invitations he has had to make speeches in Massachusetts.

But before Col. Roosevelt goes to Boston he will reply to the communication addressed to him by eight gov-ernors calling upon him to define his position as a candidate for the presidential nomination. Although the willingness of Mr. Roosevelt to acmatter of common report, his politi-cal friends and foes alike await his letter to the governors with interest, betteving that while his Columbus speech will be confined to a declara tion of progressive principles the letter to the governors may have a m

The Southern Stuation.
It is the political situation in the south that has Colonel Roosevelt's attention. It is apparent that the question whether the Southern ofling holding delocates will remain loyal to Taft or go over to Roosevelt is one that is uppermost in the Col-nel's mind just now. He was greatly pleased with the report from Texas that Cecil Lyon, chairman of the re-publican state committee, is fighting for an uninstructed delegation to the Chicago convention. Lyon and most of the Texas federal office holders are old Roosevelt men and an uninstruct-The Colonel has heard that Charles D. Hilles, President Taft's secretary, in starting the fight with Lyon has disrupted the Texas republican clan and made the Colonel's sucalmost certain. One district in Alabama, the Birmingham district, has already instructed its delegates for Roosevelt.

formed man in the country today on the political situation in the south. The problem before his workers is to win over the federal office holders. To do so they are trying to convince the officeholders that Roosevelt will be the choice of the Chicago conven tion and that now is the appointed time to get on the Roosevelt wagon tempt on the part of the Roosevell forces to pass a resolution in the national committee confering the representation of the southern delegates in the convention according to the actual republican vote that the delegate represent. Col. Roosevelt's advisers tell him that outside of Texas there is can machine in the south except in four districts in North Carolina and the colonel, it is said, is very strongly in favor of a fight to end the old representative scandal. Col. Roosevelt himself has remarked that the republican party in Mississippi was so hard to find that he had to appoint democrats to office in that state.

MOB SLAYS A NEGRO; WOUNDS TWO OTHERS

Tennesseeans Attack Men on Way From Court House

to Jail.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Feb. 20.—Other than the submission of the suspected teaders' names to Governor Hooper, there were no developments today in yesterday's outbreak at the court house entrance in which one negrowas killed and two wounded. One of the injured negroes cannot live brough the day. The third black probably will survive to answer for the murder of S. W. Everson, a railroad detective. The men composing the mob were from Nashville.

Armed with clubs and revolvers, a mob of 18 or 59 men shot and killed Valter Greer, dang-rously wounded Dave Next and badly beat up Green house, at Shelbyville, yesterday.

The negroes were atbacked by the mah as they were being taken to jail after the trial as the result of which they had been bound over to court. Shelbyville, Tenn., Feb. 20 .- Other

OFFICERS PROBING THE GAS MYSTERY

Police Almost Convinced Benson Men Were Not Accidentally Killed.

> Gazette-News Bureau, The Hotel Raleigh, Raleigh, Feb. 29.

Coroner Charles A. Separk will not all his jury together for several days for the purpose of making a report on the cause of and fixing the responsability for the deaths of the three oung men found dead in Frank Wilson's place February. In the mean-time he will have a diligent search made for Sallie Mann the negro we man in charge of Wilson's place, and if she can be located it is likely that the report of the jury will be made

than ever that the men did not care-lessly allow the gas to flow an entire night; the officers cannot understand why the odor in such an event should not have escaped even to the street. Coroner Separk yesterday afternoo had a conference with Solicitor Morris with regard to the tragedy, but the next steps to be taken cannot be given out just yet. A further investigation into the deaths of Hugh Porter, Freu Jernigan and Alton Johnson will be made, however, and not a single thing will be left undone. The people of Raleigh desire that the mystery cleared up If possible, and this is t task the officers have set themselv

mt to do. The report of Dr. W. A. Withers he chemist, disclosed the fact that leath was caused by illuminating ga-If there was foul play it is hoped that he criminals will be apprehended.

Nothing more was heard today an employe of Frank Wilson, who left the city last week, it is reported, without leaving her address. Then Senatorial Contest

cock will soon get into the speech first message from Raleigh. It will not be in the nature of an attack, but will be democratic speech, and should rouse his followers throughout the tate to the fact that he is not dropped out of the running. Governor Aycock's health is very much better than it has been in years, and it is thought by his friends that a little ex citement would do him and the state opportunity of rallying to his support by a sound, democratic speech.

Chief Justice Clark is not going to make many speeches, if any, but he is getting endorsements from labor unrecord for Judge Clark is Capital City Lodge, No. 109, International Machin ists' association. The friends of Chief Justice Clark are growing more conndent every day, they declare. Simmons Answer Effective.

The sole political talk since the Kitchin speech and the Simmons reply was the probable effect these doenments would have on the voters Opinion was divided, but there were none so partisan as to deny that Sen ator Simmons came back in splendi the ocean mail "subsidy" position say that Mr. Simmons slid right on that question. By some the reply of Senator Simmons and Capt. Ashe is characterized as "adroit," but nearly everpolitician admits that the answer

SOUTHERN MEN MEET TO PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Agriculutral Possibilities and Imigration Needs of the Section Discussed.

Baltimore, Feb. 20.—Delegates from 16 southern states assembled here to-day to consider problems relating to agricultural development and increased immigration to the southern states. Delegates were present from Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Fitty railroad and steamship companies sent representatives. canies sent representatives.

A CANADIAN-BRITISH OCEAN LINE PLANNED

Dominion Negotiating to Obtain Muci of New York's Present Fast Steamship Traffic.

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—The establish nen of a new fast steamship servi

Deneen Taking No Part in Row

Years in Illinois



signs indicate that Illinois during next ummer and fall will see the hottest political battle in 20 years. The demcrats have carried the state for presdent and governor Just once since the Not since then have they, ivil war. en so sanguine of victory as they are

presidential agitation. He is friendly gation of Colombia's claims.

The hearing on the Rainey resoluted in a position, if he is the repub
to the Hague continued today. lican candidate to succeed himself, to use the maximum of his influence for

Sharp Battle in Mexico-Twenty-Seven Killed in Prison Outbreak.

Mexico City, Feb. 20.—A federal aptain was killed and several fedrais were wounded in a battle with ebels today. The federals captured he town of Santa Maria. The rebel oss is unknown.

uards were killed yesterday at Pueb ian, in a fight which followed orisoners' attempt to escape from Jall fwenty escaped.

TO REFUND \$110,000

Mrs. William B. Leads to Get Back Excess Duties on Her Pearl Necklace.

Washington, Feb. 20 .- The treasury epartment is prepared to surrender \$116,000 excess duties collected on \$220,000 pearl necklace of Mrs. Wil iam B. Leads of New York, in accordance with a Supreme court decision in the treasury vaults six years.

House Committee Hesitates to Submit Claim to The Hague Tribunal, Dreading Indemnity.

TAFT AND CABINET DISCUSS SITUATION

Knox Will Not Visit the Republic Unless Special Invitation Is Forth-

coming.

Washington, Feb., 20,-Whether it would be dangerous from the standpoint of facing an enormous indem nity verdict for the United States to submit to the Hague tribunal the the Panama canal strip is a question the house foreign affairs committee will thoroughly consider before mak-As to the republican situation, Goy-ernor Deneen is taking no sides in the ing a report to congress of its investi-

> President Taft and his cabinet disstatement was made upon any phase of the matter.

> Secretary of State Knox will not risit Colombia during his proposed tour of the countries bordering on the Caribbean sea unless there is a special

Acting Secretary Huntington Wilson last night, who also declared that he thought such an invitation unlikely.

RODNEY DIEGEL MUST SERVE HIS SENTENCE

lo Sapreme Corre Confirms Bribery Sentence of Former State Senate Official,

Columbus, O., Feb. 20,-Rodney J. Diegel, former sergeant-at-arms for the Ohio senate, must serve a term of three years in the penitentiary for complicity in legislative bribery. The court in a decision today affirmed the lower court's conviction

To Choose Delegates by Printary.

Providence, R. L. Feb. 20 .- Delerates to the democratic national con land by the direct primary system. A primary election will be held May 31, under a law passed by the state legislature last year.

Big Flouring Mill Burns.

Washington, Feb. 20 .- Fire of unknown origin today destroyed the Ar-lington flour mills owned by Cissel with a Supreme court decision brothers. The loss is \$150,000. Blaze The amount has been reposing threatened the Georgetown waterfront.

style. His friends are elated, and those who did not quite understand Calls Brandt Case Plot Against Mrs.M.L.Schiff

Attorney for Banker Demands Opportunity to "Bare Details of Conspiracy to Blacken a Woman's Name''-Towns

uffer in silence in prison."

was sent to prison for 30 years as the paper, every record, every witness, to result of a conspiracy. Towns said it was his client's desire to confine the hearing to "matters releyant to the issue and free from scandal."

Attorney Nicholl, for Schiff, continuation of the hearing.

Of a woman and we demand every federal appointments. In return, Mr paper, every record, every witness, to protect the honor of a reputable family and the reputation of a virtuous wife and mother."

The commissioner later will decide was the party's choice for state chair man," said one of Morehead's sympa-

Attorney Towns, for Jose L. Schiff's brandt, Banker Mortimer L. Schiff's borner valet, made this statement beore Commissioner Hand at a hearing foul conspiracy to blacken the name today to ascertain whether Brandt of a woman and we demand every

Bandit Loots Pullman Car on B.& O. Flyer; Gets \$600

Wheeling, W. Va., Feb. 20.—The authorities are scouring the country-side between Piedmont, W. Va., and Altamont, Md., for the young bandit who held up and robbed the New York and St. Louis express on the Baitimore & Ohio between the stations early today.

The robber was masked. He hoarded the train allowing climbed a grade. The robber made his applearance in the rear sleeper, Calmiy drawing a revolver from his pocket, he covered the Pullman conductor and parter and fagman. He compelled the flagman to precede him through the riceper and arouse the passengers.

FACTIONS ADVISED TO GET TOGETHER



And That, in Case of North Carolina Republican Factions, Appears to Mean Fight It Out.

PATRONAGE IN RETURN FOR THE DELEGATION

Administration Believes in This Way It Has Cinched North Carolina Delegation to Chicago.

Gazette-News Bureau. Wyatt Building. Washington, Feb. 20. By withdrawing ten nominations for National Committeeman Duncan me President Taft believes he has secure y cinched the North Carolina dele gates to the Chicago convention. Mr Taft says both factions must get to

gether at the state convention which is to be held in May. And the president forther states that he will make no more nominations until Duncan and the Butler-Morehead faction have settled their grievances. in other words, whoever is declared n the saddle in republican politics in the state, whether that be Duncan or Morehead, the president will expect that man to deliver the delegates at

Chicago and in return he will be al-lowed to dispense the state's federal patronage. A prominent North Caro-lina republican here last night asked, "Will North Carolina republicans stand for it? I don't believe they Morehead, disturbed by the favors accorded Duncan by President Taft, dicted men, has been active recently. Last week It is char

Duncan nominations

John Biddle, the Morenead-Butler man, for collector of customs for the Pamlico district, and Christopher D. Jones, Mr. Duncan's appointee, for ollector at Beaufort. All of the order withdrawais are

postmasters. They are: John R. Joyce of Reidsville, and William A. Maca of Beaufort, both Duncan men and John M. Burrows of Ashboro New York, Feb. 20.—"Rather than tended that the inquiry's scope should woman, my client would prefer to iffer in silence in prison."

Attorney Tower. Samuel E. Marshall of Mt. Airy, Wil-

Attorney Towns, for Folke E. burglary in the Schiff home, but went randt, Banker Mortimer L. Schiff's there at the invitation of Mrs. Schiff, ing the state's patronage. They must settle their own fight and the side that wins will be the president's adviser federal appointments. In return, Mr.

at the last convention that Morehead was the party's choice for state chairman," said one of Morehead's sympathizers, "and we propose now to show him in a stronger and more forcible way than ever before that Morehead is the leader. We will not only elect Morehead chairman for another term, for governor on the republican tick-It was also said that important and

sensational developments will be forthcoming at the big Morehead ban-quet in Raleigh next week. Just what the "sensational developments" are the informer refused to say. Mr. Duncan in New Orleans. Gazette-News Bureau,

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Raleigh, Feb. 20,
That E. C. Duncan, national committeeman rrom North Carolina is still in strong with President Taft, is inferred from the fact that Mr. Duncan is in New Orleans to determine which faction the republica aparty in that state should be recognized by the republican convention. Mr. Duncan is in Louisiana under authority of a resolution adopted at the last mesting of the committee, of which Charles

A STATE OF THE PARTY



WILLIAM B. MCKINLEY. MR. TAFT'S POLITICAL MANAGER AND HIS TWO ASSISTANTS.

federal jobs in North Carolina, includ-ing both Marion Butler-Morehend and OF THE DYNAMITINGS

Committee of Iron Workers Meeting Passed on Resolution Regarding Plot.

Indianapolis, Feb. 20.-That the lypamiting plots were brought to the attention of certain committee International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers' convention in Rochester, N. Y., in 1910, has come to light as one of the government's charges against the 54 in-

It is charged by federal authorities he saw Representative Wm. B. Me-that a resolution demanding that "no Kinley, Taft's campaign manager, rel-tmore bombs or explosives of any kind ative to the North Carolina situation be exploded while this convention is in and last week, it is said, the withform by a delegate at the convention, Nominations Withdrawn.

The most important of the list of nominations withdrawn is that of pers taken from the tree list. was secretly referred to a committee inal resolution. The charge is that a delegate at the

convention, known to the government, demanded that the explosions tempo rarily be stopped at a time many steel and iron works under erec tion by "open shop" contractor ware being blown up and that in that was officials, including Presiden Frank M. Ryan, Herbert S. Rockin ecutive board had the subject brought

C. P. TAFT WITNESS

President's Brother to Testify Befor Committee As to Charges Against Washington, Feb. 20.-Pending

further search for missing document in connection with charges against Major R. R. Ray, army paymaster, the house investigating committee held no meeting today. President Taft's brother, Charles P. Taft, and several high army officers will testify

Attack of Public Service Corporation on Oregon's Initiative and Referendum Legislation Fails.

EFFECT OF DECISION WILL BE WIDE-SPREAD

Similar Provisions in Many States Would Have Been Voided by an Adverse Finding.

Washington, Feb. 26 .- Only concress and not the Supreme court of the United States may object to the initiative and referendum method of legislation in the states, so the court trelf decided today.

That tribunal held that the question of whether a state still maintained a republican form of government guaranteed by the federal constitution after it adopted the initiative and referendum method, was a political problem for congress and not a judiial one for the courts.

The decision was based on the claim of the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph company that a tax upon it, imposed by the initiative and referendum method in Oregon was uncon stitutional. The initiative and referendum provisions in Missouri, California, Arkansas, Colorado, South Da-kota, Utah, Montana, Oklahoma, Maine, and Arizona hung in the balince. An adverse decision would have affected proposed legislation of that

character in many other states.

Chief Justice White announced the decision of the court. None of the justices dissented. The chief justice said that "a singular misapprehen-sion" had existed on both sides of the case, but that the "mists and confu-sion" were dispelled by the decision of Chief Justice Taney years ago in which he disposed of the Dorr's re-bellion question. That was the case of Luther vs. Borden, he said, and decided that the enforcement of the cuaranty of a republican form of government to the states belonging to the political department of the govern-ment, and came up, for instance, on the admission of senators and members of the house to their respective bodies. The chief justice called attention to Chief Justice Fuller following Lather vs. Borden in the contro-

in the case of Taylor vs. Beckham In announcing the decision, Justice White said: "The defendant company not have been required to pay a was denied an opportunity to be heard as to the amount for which it was taxed, or that there was anything inhering in the tax or involved intrinsically in the law which violated any of its constitutional rights. If such questions had been raised they would have been justiciable, and therefore would have required the calling into opera-tion of judicial power. Instead, however, of doing any of these things the attack on the statute here made is of a wholly different character. Its essential political nature is at once made manifest by understanding that the anced makes it not on the tax as tax, but on the state as a state."

CASH REGISTER CO. UNDER INVESTIGATION

Grand Jury Probes Affairs of Concern to Ascertain Anti-Trust Law Violations. Cincinnati, Feb. 20 .- Rumors pre-

lay that the United States grand jury, in session this week is considering the in session this week is considering the affairs of the National Cash Register ompany to ascertain any tolation of the anti-trust law.

M'CUE CASE DECIDED

Legal Execution Voids all Life Insur-ance Policies of the Criminal Holds Court.

Collision on the Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia, Feb. 20.—The Pountinair railroad's special No. 28, colfided with a light engine near Middleton today. Both engines were demolished and the first car of the special was slightly damaged. One of the firemen had his legs severed. None of the passengers were injured.

MY CHOICE FOR PRESIDENT

If I could Select the Man I Would Name