

MR. ROOSEVELT OFF FOR OHIO

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 convention.

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MOB SLAYS A NEGRO; WOUNDS TWO OTHERS

Tennesseans Attack Men on Way From Court House to Jail.

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OFFICERS PROBING THE GAS MYSTERY

Police Almost Convinced Benson Men Were Not Accidentally Killed.

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—Coroner Charles A. Sparks will not call his jury together for several days for the purpose of making a report on the cause of and fixing the responsibility for the deaths of the three young men found dead in Frank Wilson's place February 17.

The officers are more convinced than ever that the men did not carelessly allow the gas to flow an entire night; the officers cannot understand why the odor in such an event should not have been detected.

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SOUTHERN MEN MEET TO PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Agricultural Possibilities and Immigration Needs of the Section Discussed.

Baltimore, Feb. 20.—Delegates from 18 southern states assembled here today to consider problems relating to agricultural development and increased immigration to the southern states.

A CANADIAN-BRITISH OCEAN LINE PLANNED

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

Deneen Taking No Part in Row

Ready to Support Effort Taft or Roosevelt—Sifted Fight in Years in Illinois.



Chicago, Feb. 20.—All the advance signs indicate that Illinois during next summer and fall will see the hottest political battle in 20 years.

As to the republican situation, Governor Deneen is taking no sides in the presidential agitation. He is friendly to both the president and Mr. Roosevelt.

FEDERALS CAPTURE TOWN AFTER FIGHT

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

Mexico City, Feb. 20.—A federal captain was killed and several federal were wounded in a battle with rebels today.

Twenty-seven prisoners and prison guards were killed yesterday at Puchililan, in a fight which followed the prisoners' attempt to escape from jail.

TO REFUND \$110,000

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

Washington, Feb. 20.—The treasury department is prepared to surrender \$110,000 excess duties collected on a \$250,000 pearl necklace of Mrs. William B. Leads of New York.

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 Would Narrow Hearing's Scope.

New York, Feb. 20.—"Rather than see aspersions cast upon the name of a woman, my client would prefer to suffer in silence in prison."

FEAR VERDICT FOR COLOMBIA

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 Forthcoming.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Whether it would be dangerous from the standpoint of facing an enormous indemnity verdict for the United States to submit to the Hague tribunal the claims of the republic of Colombia for the Panama canal strip is a question the house foreign affairs committee will thoroughly consider before making a report to congress of its investigation of the Colombian claims.

Secretary of State Knox will not visit Colombia during his proposed tour of the countries bordering on the Caribbean sea unless there is a special invitation from the Colombian government.

RODNEY DIEGEL MUST SERVE HIS SENTENCE

Ohio Supreme Court Confirms Bribery Sentence of Former State Senator Off 7 1/2.

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

Wheating, W. Va., Feb. 20.—The authorities are scouring the countryside 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 Baltimore and Ohio between the stations early today.

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.

By withdrawing ten nominations for federal jobs in North Carolina, including both Marion Butler-Morehead and National Committeeman Duncan, President Taft believes he has successfully cinched the North Carolina delegates to the Chicago convention.

Morehead, disturbed by the favors accorded Duncan by President Taft, has been active recently. Last week he saw Representative Wm. B. McKinley, Taft's campaign manager, relative to the North Carolina situation and last week, it is said, the withdrawal of Duncan nominations was promised him.

Providence, R. I., Feb. 20.—Delegates to the democratic national convention will be chosen in Rhode Island by the direct primary system. A primary election will be held May 31, under a law passed by the state legislature last year.

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SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS STATE

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. 20.—Only congress 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 itself decided today.

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 unconstitutional.

Chief Justice White announced the decision of the court. None of the justices dissented. The chief justice said that a "singular misapprehension" had existed on both sides of the case, but that the "mist and confusion" were dispelled by the decision of Chief Justice Taft years ago in which he disposed of the Dorr's rebellion question.

Committee of Iron Workers Meeting Passed on Resolution Regarding Plot.

Indianapolis, Feb. 20.—That the dynamiting plots were brought to the attention of certain committees at the 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 indicted men.

CASH REGISTER CO. UNDER INVESTIGATION

Grand Jury Probes Affairs of Concern to Ascertain Anti-Trust Law Violations.

Cincinnati, Feb. 20.—Rumors prevalent around federal court here today that the United States grand jury, in session this week is considering the affairs of the National Cash Register company to ascertain any possible violation of the anti-trust law.

C. P. TAFT WITNESS

President's Brother to Testify Before Committee As to Charges Against Ray.

Collision on the Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia, Feb. 20.—The Pennsylvania railroad's special No. 28, collided with a light engine near Middleton today. Both engines were demolished and the first car of the special was slightly damaged.

MY CHOICE FOR PRESIDENT

If I could select the man I would name