

MR. MOREHEAD IS PERTURBED

Administration Wants Indorsement by Committee Today, but Roosevelt Sentiment Is Proving Baffling.

MR. DUNCAN EXPECTED TO DEFINE POSITION

Friends Think Report He is For T. R. Plan to Hurt Him at White House.

Gazette-News Bureau, The Hotel Raleigh, Raleigh, Feb. 28. With the administration looking to Morehead and Butler to pass resolutions...

Charlotte will likely get the convention to select delegates to the national convention. Marion Butler is the organization candidate...

Mr. Morehead declined to talk of the Roosevelt candidacy, stating that that was a proper matter for the convention. Ex-Senator Marion Butler arrived from Washington last night.

From Morehead's rooms, Secretary Grison let it be known that Tootie Settle would likely be the choice of that crowd for governor...

Harmony Feast Planned by Wives of Democrats

Mrs. Champ Clark to Be Toastmistress at Banquet on Dolly Madison's Birthday—Mrs. Grover Cleveland and Mrs. William J. Bryan to Attend.

Washington, Feb. 28.—To celebrate and strengthen harmony in the reunited national democracy, wives of leading democrats are planning a gathering of the wives, mothers and daughters of democratic leaders...

ROOSEVELT PLAYED IN SENATE SPEECH

Rayner Characterizes Proposal for Reversal of Judicial Decisions as Dangerous.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Reversal of judicial decisions by popular vote, as proposed by ex-President Roosevelt in his Columbus address last week, was denounced in the senate yesterday by Senator Rayner of Maryland...

Senator Rayner then quotes an editorial in a leading newspaper to the effect that Col. Roosevelt's proposal is the craziest that ever emanated either from himself or any other statesman since the organization of our government by law.

Hostile to Court Decisions. Rayner declined to think that the last criticism goes perhaps a little too far when it says that it is the craziest proposal that ever emanated from himself, because I have from time to time taken the liberty to submit to the senate a number of other proposals of the ex-president which are equal to it in this regard.

Philadelphia, Feb. 28.—The steamer Goldboro, grounded on Brandywine shoals in Delaware bay yesterday, soon probably will go to pieces.

FIFE'S FUNERAL HELD

Simplicity Marks Saying of the Last Rites Over King George's Brother-in-Law. Windsor, England, Feb. 28.—Simplicity marked the funeral rites for the Duke of Fife, King George's brother-in-law, who died January 29 at Assouan, Egypt...

STEEL COMBINE CALLED ILLEGAL

Report on Inquiry into Corporations Show Enormous Earnings.

RESTRAINT OF TRADE SHOWN, 'TIS DECLARED

Claims of Trust Officials in Sworn Testimony are Contradicted by Government Experts.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The house steel trust investigating committee today made public the result of the inquiry into the books and minutes of the United States Steel corporation conducted by Farquhar J. McRae, an expert accountant.

The McRae report reaches the conclusion that the steel corporation operates in restraint of trade and prevents competition through a manipulation of prices, through the influence of the so-called "Gary dinners," by control of raw materials and through a system of interlocking directors in various companies.

Some of the figures dealt with in the report are startling. It is shown that J. P. Morgan & Co. received approximately \$70,000,000 in cash profits for organizing the big steel combine, and that the net profits of the corporation for the first nine years of its existence were more than a billion dollars.

That the steel corporation, contrary to the statement made by Judge Gary and H. C. Frick to President Roosevelt in 1907 that it did not control more than 50 per cent of steel properties in the country, controls about 80 per cent of the steel holdings.

The section of the report dealing with the "Gary dinners," where independent as well as corporation steel men assembled to discuss conditions in the trade, contains an analysis of the legal effect of the "golden rule."

MANY MEN INVOLVED IN TAXICAB HOLD-UP

Other Arrests Expected Soon in \$25,000 Wall Street Robbery Plot.

New York, Feb. 28.—While the police have ten alleged highwaymen's names, five of them being under arrest, new evidence in the taxicab hold-up and robbery of \$25,000, shows several others knew about the plot and perhaps shared in the loot.

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FATE GOSS HELD IN GAS TRAGEDY

Coroner's Jury Decides That the Three Benson Men Were Murdered.

Gazette-News Bureau, The Hotel Raleigh, Raleigh, Feb. 28. The coroner's jury, in the matter of the death by asphyxiation of three Benson men today reported foul play and held Fate Goss for the grand jury without bond.

TWO BATTLESHIP PROGRAM ADOPTED

Washington, Feb. 28.—The house naval affairs committee today decided in favor of authorizing two new battleships this year and will demand that the democratic caucus rescind its action declaring against the additions to the navy now. The committee will ask for a free hand to determine the matter for itself.

MOB FORMS TO ATTACK THE ANDERSON JAIL

Farmers Organize to Lynching a White Woman. Black Accused of Attack.

Anderson, S. C., Feb. 28.—The jail here is barricaded today to withstand a mob attack. Farmers are gathering several miles from here to march upon the jail and take William Reed, a negro, from prison.

WANTS JUAREZ CLOSED

Mexican Consul Urges That the United States Forbid the Exportation of Goods There.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The Mexican consul at El Paso today requested the American collector of customs there to forbid the exportation of American goods into Juarez and urged that the rebel port be recognized by the United States as closed.

BEATEN AND ROBBED

Aged Woman Mercilessly Attacked in New York—Negro Elevator Boy Confesses Crime.

New York, Feb. 28.—Mrs. Joanna Huebener, an aged widow, was brutally attacked during the night in her Harlem apartment, beaten into insensibility and crammed into a bath tub while her assailant looted her flat.

BRANDT RELEASED

Large Crowd Follows Mortimer Schiff's Valet as He Leaves the Tomb. New York, Feb. 28.—Folke E. Brandt, formerly Mortimer L. Schiff's valet, who is sentenced to 30 years imprisonment for burglary, was released today from the Tomb, details of his bail being finally adjusted.

WON'T TRADE JOHNSON FOR CHASE

Washington, Feb. 28.—"Absolutely Absurd," declared Clark Griffith, manager of the Washington team, when shown a New York report today that Pitcher Walter Johnson might be traded for Hal Chase of the New York Americans. Griffith said there was not the slightest foundation for the story.

COMMISSIONER'S ORDER ANNULED

Commerce Court Declares Federal Railroad Body Has Assumed Power Never Intended by Congress.

LOWER RATE RULING SHARPLY CRITICISED

Declares the Selma Case Reduction Was Ordered Against the Weight of Evidence.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The interstate commerce commission's order reducing certain classes of freight rates from New Orleans to Montgomery, Selma, Mobile and Pensacola was today annulled by a court decision.

The decision handed down by Judge Archibald of the commerce court is certain to add considerable fuel to the controversy already acute between the commission and the commerce court. The court declares that congress never intended to clothe the commission with the wide authority it has assumed.

After an elaborate discussion of the evidence submitted, the court opinion concludes: "Counsel for the commission and for the government simply rely on the authority of the commission to determine what is a reasonable rate and the conclusiveness of its judgment where it has done so, against which it is argued the courts can afford no relief unless the rate fixed is shown to be confiscatory. This contention must be respected. In our judgment it was never intended to confer on the commission any such unrestrained and undirected power. It is not within the commission's authority to reduce rates in this or any other case not merely against the weight of the evidence produced to sustain them, but without anything substantial to warrant the conclusion reached or the reasons assigned therefor. Existing rates were not shown to be unjust or unreasonable and there was no valid basis for the commission's conclusion."

This was the first case argued before the commerce court after its establishment more than a year ago. It proved a stubborn proceeding. The court took full time for its consideration. It was brought by the Louisville & Nashville railroad in an effort to modify or annul the commission's order of reduction. It was declared that if the commission's order fixing what in its opinion were reasonable rates were enforced, the loss to the Louisville & Nashville would be \$200,000 annually. New Orleans urged that that city be put on an equality of rates to southeastern territory with New York, Baltimore, Carolina and Virginia. The court's opinion is directly opposed to that contention.

ROUT TURKS AND ARABS INFLECTING HEAVY LOSS

Italians Have Eleven Killed and 82 Wounded in Tripoli-tan Engagement.

Rome, Feb. 28.—A severe battle resulting in the defeat by the Italians of the Turkish forces and their Arab allies with great loss was reported in official dispatches today. The engagement occurred at Mount Merghab on the Mediterranean coast. The loss of the Turks and Arabs was heavy. The Italian loss was 11 killed and 82 wounded.

FEDERAL INVESTIGATION OF THE LAWRENCE STRIKE

Washington, Feb. 28.—The federal labor bureau will make an immediate investigation of wage and working conditions at Lawrence, Mass. The textile mill bureau's representative left for the strike-ridden city today.

Chinese Troops Revolt

Hankow, China, Feb. 28.—A portion of the republican troops at Wuchang revolted during the night. There was considerable fighting but no details regarding casualties have been received. The city gates have been closed.

SAY CHRISTIANS WERE IN PLOT

ROOSEVELT SEEKS CAMPAIGN MANAGER

The Colonel Will Not Be in Personal Charge of His Candidacy.

Boston, Feb. 28.—Theodore Roosevelt's visit to Boston ended today. The colonel departed this afternoon for New York. Roosevelt met several friends at Dr. Bigelow's home before attending a luncheon given by Arthur Hill, one of the Roosevelt leaders here. Roosevelt expected to remain in New York tonight. He goes to Oyster Bay tomorrow.

The political situation in New England was canvassed at length yesterday by Col. Roosevelt and the men who are leading the Roosevelt movement in the northeastern states. Gov. Robert Bass of New Hampshire, Fred Hale of Portland, Me., son of former United States Senator Hale, and a score of other men active in politics attended a conference at the home of Grafton D. Cushing, speaker of the Massachusetts house. After Col. Roosevelt had received reports of the probable line-up of New England's 88 delegates to the Chicago convention he put politics aside for the time and went to Cambridge to talk literature with the learned men of Harvard.

Col. Roosevelt was asked as to the truth of a report that Senator Dixon of Montana would be the man at the helm. He replied that Senator Dixon would be acceptable to him, and that it had been expected that the senator would take charge. Illness in his family, however, had made it necessary, Col. Roosevelt said, for the senator to abandon this plan for an indefinite period. Several other names were suggested to the colonel but he said that no decision had been reached.

MR. KNOX IS WELCOMED BUT CLOSELY GUARDED

Special Precautions to Insure His Safety in Panama—Speaks Tonight.

Panama, Feb. 28.—The newspapers today give great prominence to secretary Knox's visit. They welcome him to Panama in the warmest terms. For the second day of the secretary's visit, a full program of entertainments and functions has been provided. Tonight a state dinner will be given by Governor General Parodies, when Knox will make the first formal speech of his tour.

Special precautions have been taken to guard the secretary during his stay, a large number of secret service men being on guard in his immediate vicinity.

POLICE ARE ACTIVE

Crowds in the Lawrence Mill District Consisting Mostly of Women, Are Distressed. Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 28.—Dispersing crowds in the mill district regarded as containing possible elements of danger occupied police energies today. Most of those congregating along the picket line were women. Two women were arrested.

MY CHOICE FOR PRESIDENT

If I could select the man I would name... Name... Address...

Japanese Government Officially Explains Recent Wholesale Arrests of Presbyterians in Korea.

CONSPIRACY TO SLAY OFFICIAL IS CLAIMED

Three Hundred Held for Planning to Drive Out Japs and Restore Old Regime.

New York, Feb. 28.—The Japanese foreign office, in a cablegram sent to the consul general here for publication today, gives the official version of the recent Korean troubles which led to the arrest of students and teachers in the Presbyterian mission schools there. The statement says the authorities discovered a conspiracy to assassinate the resident general and restore the old Korean regime and that some teachers and students of Sin Syong academy and other Christians were among the conspirators.

THE "CLASSIFIED PAGE" HAS TAKEN THE TOWN

People Cannot Keep from Reading the Advertisements and Quit Trying.

Probably no form of advertising has elicited the interest of the people of Asheville as has the "classified page"; it is a thing that has taken well and many women, especially, have derived no little entertainment from it in looking for their names. A great many men, too, have been reading the page just to see how many names they can locate. At first thought it might seem to be easy, after one tries it he or she will have to confess that the names cannot be found very well without reading all of the advertisements; however, the page has been well read, for the manager states that only one person has failed to have the name marked when he called with the dollar, so that several dollars have already been given away.

The thing is made more interesting by changes of plan, putting some names in a certain advertisement and the initials in another. This has added quite a little zest to the work of finding the names. As the advertisements are interestingly written it is really not in the nature of a task to read them and the reader is more than likely to learn several things that he or she has been wanting to know. One man stated that his wife had found some information as to where she could have certain work done, which she had been wanting to learn for three or four years.

As for those whose names are put in their telephones, if they have them, ring from soon after the publication hour until bedtime, friends fearing it may have been overlooked.

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THIRTEENTH WEEK OF PACKERS TRIAL

Chicago, Feb. 28.—The thirteenth week of the Packers' trial began before Judge Carpenter today. District Attorney Whitterson said he expected the government to rest within two weeks. The government continued its inquiry begun Tuesday afternoon into meetings of the indicted packers, when it is alleged by the prosecution agreements were made regarding shipments, selling prices and margins in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.