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HASKELL REPLIES TO PRESIDENT

Says Mr. Roosevelt Has Crawled Into a Hole With Very Small Space

IN A FIGHTING MOOD

President Dodges the Ohio Oil Charges, But Brings Others That Call Forth a Spicy Statement From Treasurer Haskell—Says the President Has Crawled Into a Hole Too Small to Turn Around in—Could Not Have Come to a Better Place For a Fight.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, Sept. 24—After an eight-hour conference with his leading advisers here, President Roosevelt issued his public response to the public telegram sent by W. J. Bryan asking the president for proof that Governor Haskell is unfit to be the treasurer of the democratic party. The advisers called in by the president were Postmaster-General Meyer, Secretary Garfield, Secretary Wright, and Secretary Straus. Secretary Loeb was directed to send telegrams to men in several states for reports, and Colonel W. C. Haskell, sealer of weights and measures, was called before the conference.

When it was first charged by William Randolph Hearst that Governor Haskell, Bryan's campaign treasurer, was seriously involved with the Standard Oil Company and accused of having offered a bribe to former Attorney-General Monnett, of Ohio, Governor Haskell replied that the Haskell meant might be Colonel W. C. Haskell.

The president asked Colonel Haskell bluntly: "Were you ever in any way directly or indirectly connected in any affair in which the Standard Oil Company had any interest?" "Never," replied the colonel. "Was there any other Haskell prominent in the state of Ohio at that time?" "Only C. N. Haskell, now governor of Oklahoma."

"Do you recall any other person of the name in Ohio?" "Only a minister, who was certainly not the man. There was some Haskell in the western side of the state, but he never mixed in public affairs."

The president expressed himself as satisfied that Colonel Haskell had not had dealings with the Standard Oil Company, and he was excused. The president then began dictating his reply to Mr. Bryan. It was sent by mail to the Nebraskan, and not by telegraph.

Haskell's Reply.

Guthrie, Okla., Sept. 24—"If President Roosevelt's statements are correctly quoted, he has crawled into a hole which is scarcely big enough for him to turn around in, and before he gets through with me, I will plug up the hole," said Governor Charles N. Haskell, when he had read the substance of the president's attack upon him.

"Roosevelt, in his attempt to butt into practices used in ward politics, has placed himself just where I want him, and I will make him sorry for it," laughed the governor.

Taking up the Roosevelt arraignment in detail, the governor said it was ridiculous.

"In condemning me for my attitude toward the Prairie Oil and Gas Company," said Governor Haskell, Roosevelt is impugning the acts of his former secretary of the interior, Mr. Hitchcock. It was Hitchcock who granted the Prairie Company its right to build a pipe line in what is now Oklahoma, and I have done nothing more than respect the vested rights that the Prairie Company had when the state was admitted to the union. I could pursue no other legal course.

"I stopped the company from building a gas pipe line into the state because it had no right to build it, but Hitchcock gave the company the right to build an oil pipe line. "As to vetoing the child-labor bill, it had some provisions in it that would work an absolute hardship upon working people, as well as employees. A stenographer could not work in a lawyer's office or any other place if (Continued on Page Seven.)

COTTON PLANTER SENT NOTICES

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Winona, Miss., Sept. 24—Bud Mortimer, an aged cotton planter, has been arrested near here charged with sending night rider notices through the mails. The arrest was made by United States marshals.

The notices were sent to a cotton gin owner and Mortimer declares he was forced to send them by a band of armed men who threatened him with death. Near his home a notice was found posted reading: "Ginning must cease until cotton has reached 12 1/2 cents. (Signed) "Little Texas Night Riders."

Juror Goes Suddenly Insane.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Greensburg, Pa., Sept. 24—"I'm not guilty, Judge; no, I'm not guilty," exclaimed William Custer, of New Kensington, as he arose in the jury box in Judge Doty's court yesterday.

Lawyers rushed to the man's side, realizing that he had gone suddenly insane and Custer was removed to his home. Physicians pronounced his trouble temporary.

INDEPENDENCE PARTY TO MEET

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, Sept. 24—Delegates from every county in New York state arrived here today for the independence party's state convention, which will be formally opened in Cooper union tonight.

William Randolph Hearst will be one of the principle speakers at the convention and the greatest interest is centered in what he may say as it has been rumored he may produce some more truths like those which have become reigning political sensations of the campaign.

There has been an unprecedented demand for seats and state headquarters at 59th street has been flooded with requests. Many requests for tickets have come from both republicans and democrats.

Powell, Lyon and Shearn are still the favorites for the gubernatorial nomination.

BRYAN REFUSED TO MAKE COMMENT

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Columbus, O., Sept. 24—Bryan rose early today and at once devoted himself to reading the letter of President Roosevelt, responding to the telegram in reference to the charge that Governor Haskell had been identified in an improper way with the Standard Oil Company. He said he would not make any comment at present. After breakfast he made a brief visit to the office of W. L. Finley, democratic state chairman. He left at 10:27 o'clock for Cincinnati and will make speeches on the way, the principal ones being at Springfield and Dayton.

ENGINEER SHOT BY BOY HUNTERS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Sept. 24—Frederick Mumford, an engineer on the Southern Railway, lies in a hospital at Alexandria suffering from gun-shot wounds inflicted by two boys who made a target of the train while it was crossing the Potomac flats. The boys had been shooting reed birds in the marshes when the train passed by. They fired several shots at the cab, breaking the windows, wounding the engineer and narrowly missing the fireman. The latter stopped the train and attempted to catch the boys, but failed to do so.

Lady Essex to Open a Laundry Soon.



Lady Essex, formerly Miss Adele Grant, of New York City, has recently opened a laundry, in the hope of recuperating the family fortune.

PASSENGER TRAIN JUMPS THE TRACK

Plunges Down Fifty-Foot Embankment and Engine Goes Into River

TWO MEN ARE DROWNED

Train Running at High Rate of Speed Leaves Track On a Curve—Engine Goes Into River and Engineer and Fireman Drowned—Coaches Turn Over and Over, and Passengers Suffer From Broken Arms and Legs and Bruised Heads—Several Probably Fatally Hurt.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Carthage, Mo., Sept. 24—Two were killed and more than 50 persons injured in the wreck of the eastbound Frisco passenger train on Spring River, a mile north of Carthage, today.

The train was running at a high speed when, in rounding a curve, the engine left the track, all the cars following it. The engine turned over twice in the descent of 50 feet, and plunged into the river. The engineer and fireman were drowned.

The baggage car rolled down the embankment, turned over twice and stopped on the brink of the river. The day coach, which followed, also made two turns and every person in it was injured, several, it is believed, fatally. The chair car turned over but once, then slowed around endways and slid down to the river bank, where it stopped, with all the passengers jammed into one end of the car, all injured, many with broken legs and arms. The Pullman sleeper, the last car of the train, jumped the track, but the wheels sank into the ground and the coach did not leave the embankment.

FLOOR MEMBERS EXPELLED TODAY

Charged That Their Firm Deliberately Tried to Cause a Panic in Stock Market

SHORT 431,000 SHARES

Action of Board Followed an Eight Hours' Session Considering Case of Defunct Firm and Its Stock Exchange Members—Sold Stock Which They Did Not Have and Wanted to Cause Drop So They Could Buy Shorts at Low Prices, Declare They Would be All Right if Let Alone.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, Sept. 24—O. A. Brown and Lewis G. Young, the floor members of the failed brokerage firm of O. A. Brown & Co., were expelled from the stock exchange today by order of the board of governors. Their expulsion was the result of grave charges following the firm's failure.

The action of the board followed an eight hours' session in consideration of the case of the defunct firm and its two stock exchange members. The session was secret, but members of the firm, in advance of the decision to expel them and not explain their position, made the charges public.

The charge was made that A. O. Brown & Co. deliberately tried to cause a panic in the stock market on the famous Saturday when in the course of two hours' session they sold 1,500,000 shares of stock. In addition it was charged that these securities were not sold in earnest, but were sold back to themselves through other brokers or were what is known on the stock market as "wash" sales. The stock exchange charges included accusations that the Brown (Continued on Second Page.)

CHINAMAN BEATS HIS FIANCEE

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Chicago, Sept. 24—Jilted by a white woman who he says had promised to marry him, Yip Ling, a Chinaman, assaulted the object of his affections in a street car last night, creating a mild panic among the passengers and resulting in the arrest of the Mongolian and his erstwhile fiancée. The woman gave the name of Miss Mabel Carson, and says she is a stenographer. The Chinaman is employed as a chef. Ling and his fiancée got on a Wentworth avenue car to go to the Waldorf. At Twelfth and Clark streets the passengers were startled to see the Chinaman strike the woman in the face. She attempted to leave the car and he knocked her down. He was beating her when the conductor came to her rescue. The Chinaman lavished presents upon the woman during their courtship, which started after Yip had explained to Miss Carson the secret of making chop suey.

"She promised to marry me many, many times," Yip told Detective Fitzpatrick. "I wanted her to get married tomorrow and she said she would not marry a Chinaman. Then I got mad and hit her. I spent much money on her—\$200 for presents and clothes. Now she throws me down."

ROSH-HA-SHONAH FRIDAY EVENING

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, Sept. 24—Rosh-Ha-Shonah, the beginning of the Jewish year, will be observed by the orthodox members of the faith tomorrow evening. It marks the holiday season of the Jews that extends for three weeks and terminates with the feast of Succoth, and to the devout is clad with all that goes to make it a time of severe adherence to the precepts of the mosaic code.

Each year the feast of Rosh-Ha-Shonah attracts to the synagogues multitudes of Jews who through the remainder of the years are not inclined to adhere too closely to the teachings of the Talmud and in consequence the sittings in nearly every one of them are taken up. So eager are the devotees to attend the services that many of them pay as high as \$75 for seats for the holiday season.

Mr. Gompers testified further on cross-examination by Mr. Ralston that the American Federation of Labor had been made the object of a systematic attack by such men as President Van Cleave, of the Manufacturers' Association, and that great sums of money have been expended in fighting the federation.

Several circulars introduced as evidence by Mr. Ralston were given in by President Gompers, who said that he had obtained them from fair-minded business men, by whom they had been received and who, in turn had forwarded them to him.

He testified that the employers who sent him these documents feared to have their names appear on them, because they were fearful of the boycott by the association that sent out the circulars and consequently their names had been clipped from the circular before they were sent to Mr. Gompers.

DEMOCRATS AROUSED.

W. E. Newland Spoke at Benson to Good Crowd.

(Special to The Times.) Benson, N. C., Sept. 24—Hon. W. C. Newland, the democratic candidate for lieutenant-governor, spoke here last night to a crowd of 500, composed of democrats and republicans. His speech was a clean, strong, clear-cut presentation of democratic views and issues and no doubt made votes for both the county and state tickets.

The democracy of Johnston is thoroughly aroused and every one is convinced that the majority will be increased over that of two years ago.

FOREST FIRES DESTROY A SMALL KANSAS TOWN.

Eureka, Kas., Sept. 24—Forest fires which are sweeping the mountains have destroyed the town of Luf-fonholtz. The place has a population of several hundred people. Everybody escaped so far as can be learned but only by the narrowest margin. Men and women had to run for their lives through the burning forest.

HEAVY SMOKE CAUSES WRECK

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Utica, N. Y., Sept. 24—The heavy fog from the forest fires was responsible for a collision on the New York Central at Tower 25, just west of Little Falls, early today. Passenger train 21 was caught by mail train 19, both westbound, and both trains so damaged that a wrecking train had to be sent out from this city. One man clerk was killed and the crew on that train bruised and hurt, but the passengers on train 21 escaped with a bad shaking-up.

GOMPERS BEFORE REFEREE HARPOR

Charges Judge Taft With Being Responsible for the Contempt Proceedings

ARE FIGHTING THE LABOR

Judge Taft's Injunction Decisions Held by Gompers to be Cause of Present Proceeding Against Him. An Effort to Make Political Capital Out of the Affair—Van Cleave and Manufacturers' Association Fighting Unions and Spending Large Sums of Money Against Them.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, Sept. 24—"It is due to Secretary Taft's position on the injunction that we are here in these contempt proceedings today."

This was the most striking statement made by President Gompers today at the contempt proceedings before Referee Harper in Typographical temple. It is one of many instances which would tend to show that as much political capital as possible will be made of the hearing.

Jackson H. Ralston, attorney for Mr. Gompers, on cross-examination of Mr. Gompers introduced a voluminous lot of exhibits, including copies of American Industries and circular letters and pamphlets sent out by the Manufacturers' Association. He read many paragraphs from these documents, all tending to show that the Manufacturers' Association and other similar organizations have been and are now making a vigorous fight against organized labor.

Reading from the cover of American Industries for August 1, 1908, Mr. Ralston quoted that portion of Secretary Taft's speech of acceptance pertaining to injunctions.

"This is the basis of this suit; these contempt proceedings, is it not?" asked Mr. Ralston. "It is," replied Mr. Gompers. "Judge Gould," continued Mr. Gompers, "in issuing the injunction quoted from Judge Taft's decision in injunction cases."

"Then you take it that Secretary Taft has the support of the Manufacturers' Association, do you not?" inquired Mr. Ralston. "I understand it so," answered Mr. Gompers.

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