

CHALLENGE FROM ROOSEVELT FORCES

Senator Dixon Calls Upon Taft Leaders to Agree to a Test by Popular Vote in Primaries

MCKINLEY MAKES INQUIRY AS TO HIS AUTHORITY

Roosevelt Gives Publicity to a Letter Written Last January in Which He Set Forth His Attitude—Not Seeking Office But if He is "The One Man in Sight to do the Job," He Would be Shirking a Plain Duty if He Refused.

Washington, March 5.—The following is an abstract of a letter challenging the Taft campaign forces to a test by means of primaries...

from my own standpoint. If I should consult only my pleasure and interest, I should most emphatically and immediately announce that I would under no circumstances run.

Text of the Letter. "My Dear Mr. McKinley: For the purpose of determining definitely whether the republican voters of the country desire Colonel Theodore Roosevelt or President Taft as their candidate in the approaching presidential campaign, I hereby challenge you to a test by means of primaries in every state in the Union."

Both Interested in Party Success. Senator Dixon states that the obvious purpose of both the republican campaign committees is to elect a republican next fall, that both are interested primarily in the success of the party, and that the first requisite to such success is to choose the candidate with the greatest popular strength.

The Right of the Voters. "The voters of the country have an unquestionable right to express their desire, and I sincerely trust you will accept this challenge and prepare to co-operate with me in the arrangement of such primaries."

Director McKinley Replies. Director McKinley tonight sent a letter to Senator Dixon asking if the proposal were made with the authority of "Colonel Roosevelt, and if not, why not?"

NOT SEEKING OFFICE. Roosevelt Says He Only Considers the Public Welfare.

New York, March 5.—To clear up conflicting statements as to what he had said in the past in regard to the presidential nomination, Colonel Roosevelt today made public a letter which he wrote last January to Frank A. Munsey, the publisher, Colonel Roosevelt's object in giving out the communication, he said, was to refute the charge that he was broaching a promise in agreeing to accept the nomination if it were offered to him.

Texas Republicans for Roosevelt. Fort Worth, Texas, March 5.—The republican state executive committee today selected Port Worth as the meeting place of the state convention which is to assemble May 23, and endorsed former President Roosevelt for the presidential nomination.

Alabama Delegates for Taft. Tallahassee, Ala., March 5.—Delegates of the Fourth Alabama national convention to be held in the republican national convention were named today and instructed for Taft.

Presidential Preference in Michigan. Lansing, Mich., March 5.—Both houses of the Michigan legislature today postponed until tomorrow final action on the presidential primary law, the principal matter before the extra session.

To Campaign for Roosevelt. Sacramento, Cal., March 5.—Governor Johnson in a statement today announced that he would begin an active campaign in this state and possibly in the east in behalf of the candidacy of Theodore Roosevelt.

AMERICANS LIVED IN A STATE OF TERROR. Women and Children Menaced by Marauding Bands in Mexico.

El Paso, Tex., March 5.—With the exception of a small hospital staff at Pearson, every American woman and child in the state of Texas, and in the states of Arizona, New Mexico, and in the United States north of the Rio Grande, are living in a state of terror.

DEPOSITORS' LOSS WILL BE \$100,000. Sum of \$11,324.16 Actually Stolen from Windsor Locks Bank.

Windsor Locks, Conn., March 5.—The actual shortage in the accounts of Treasurer Converse of the Windsor Locks Savings bank, as shown by an examination of the books of the institution is \$149,995.91.

Looting Ceases at Pao-Ting-Fu. Pao-Ting-Fu, China, March 5.—Looting which has been going on throughout the day ceased when night fell, but it continues in the neighboring villages.

Secretary Nagel in New England. Washington, March 5.—Secretary Nagel, who has been selected to speak at various places for President Taft in the pre-convention campaign, will deliver a political address in Springfield, Mass., March 15, and in Providence, R. I., March 16.

MADERO DESERTED BY HIS LEADERS. Figueroa and Orozco Go Over to the President's Enemies.

Mexico City, March 5.—Ambrosio Figueroa, Madero's trusted chief of staff, and Cuernavaca and Morelos, and during the previous revolution his greatest ally in the south, tonight deserted in revolt.

THE BOMB MYSTERY TO REMAIN UNSOLVED. Dickinson and Miss La Marre, Held as Witnesses, Released.

New York, March 5.—The mystery involved in the killing of Mrs. Helen Walker by means of an internal machine in her apartment on the West Side early last month bids fair to remain unsolved.

Bar Harbor May Admit Autos. Bar Harbor, Me., March 5.—Action looking toward the partial removal of the ban on automobiles in Bar Harbor was taken today.

Unwritten Law Saves Policeman. Dallas, Texas, March 5.—Pleading as a defense that he is 35 year old daughter had been improperly approached.

\$15,000 Fire at Bridgeport. Bridgeport, Conn., March 5.—Fire early this morning damaged a three-story brick block at 19-14 Bank street and entailed a loss to those occupying it to the extent of \$15,000.

Steamship Arrivals. At Havre: March 5, Chicago, from New York. At Liverpool: March 5, Lusitania, from New York.

Norwich Men Representing Finance, the Law, Commerce Manufacturing, and Other Interests.



JAS. C. MACPHERSON, Men's and Ladies' Furnishings.

Cabled Paragraphs Condensed Telegrams

Constantinople, March 5.—The ports has notified the powers that the Dardanelles will henceforth be closed at night to all navigation.

Santander, Spain, March 5.—The workmen at the mines of San Salvador and Sotres, from which a large quantity of iron is exported to Great Britain, struck today.

Bangkok, Siam, March 5.—A serious revolutionary conspiracy in favor of a republic in Siam has been unearthed. Many officers of the army and prominent civilians have been arrested.

Paris, March 5.—The French government is considering the advisability of sending a warship to Mexico as a contribution to the reported fears of anti-foreign movement in that country.

London, March 5.—Railroad workers throughout the United Kingdom continue to be discharged from employment, owing to the shortage of coal necessitating the restriction of the train service.

London, March 5.—Sir A. A. Hawtorth, who sought re-election after his appointment as junior lord of the treasury, was defeated for parliament today for Manchester, south, by P. K. Glazebrook, the socialist candidate.

Paris, March 5.—Many distinguished citizens of France united in an imposing expression of regret at the departure of Ambassador and Mrs. Glazebrook today, when a special session of the interparliamentary arbitration group was held in the senate in honor of the United States ambassador.

DR. HANISH ARRESTED ON SECOND CHARGE. "Sunshine of Mazdaznan" Testifies Before Grand Jury.

Chicago, March 5.—Immediately after he had been released on \$10,000 bonds in the federal court late today, Dr. Ottoman Zar Adush Hanish, the high priest of the Mazdaznan "sun worshipers" cult, who was arrested yesterday on a federal warrant charging the sending of obscene literature by express, was re-arrested on a state warrant, charging possession and circulation of obscene literature.

With a Penknife William Wyatt, a Milford stonemason, who had made some of the Epist. monuments and headstones in Milford cemetery, killed himself yesterday by cutting his throat.

The Governor's Foot Guard will make an excursion to Canada next September, following as nearly as possible the route taken by Benedict Arnold and his command during the revolutionary war.

Joseph A. Stott, aged 23, was hanged at Hillsburg, Pa., yesterday for the murder of Blanche Taylor last June. Stott shot down the woman on the street because she had refused to become his wife.

Francis E. Baker, a Patent Lawyer confined in the Tombs awaiting trial for grand larceny, was served in a suit for divorce by Mrs. Mary A. Baker, who named as Miss Stewart, niece of Charles Stewart Parnell, an co-respondent.

New York Supreme Court Justice Duggan, denied an application by Mrs. Grace H. Fenwick for an injunction restraining the production of the play "The Bird of Paradise" on the ground that it was taken from the scenario of a play she wrote.

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London Women Lose Sympathy

SUFFRAGE CAUSE SUFFERS BY ANARCHISTIC TACTICS.

AMERICAN SENTENCED

Miss Alice Wright of Albany Imprisoned at Hard Labor for Two Months—Miss Pankhurst Arrested.

London, March 5.—In pursuance of the determination of the government fully to test the efficacy of the existing laws to deal with the latest tactics of the militant suffragettes before resort to special legislation to make the funds of the suffragette's society liable for damage done by their members, the police tonight raided the offices of the Women's Social and Political Union in Clements Inn.

Leaders Placed Under Arrest. The arrested Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Patrick Lawrence, joint editors of Votes for Women, who were taken to the Bow street police station. The police also had a warrant for the arrest of Miss Christabel Pankhurst, but did not find her there.

Predict Bigger Crop of Volunteers. Members of the union, seen tonight, declared that the new departure in inflicting hard labor sentence upon those convicted of taking part in yesterday's demonstration and in arresting the leaders, will only produce a bigger crop of volunteers for militant work.

Losing Public Sympathy. The weakness of the suffragist cause however, is seen in the fact that the great majority of women denounce the militant actions, which they declare, are carried too far.

Mrs. Pankhurst Arrested. Late tonight Christabel Pankhurst was placed under arrest. Alice Wright, who was described as an American residing in Paris, was sentenced today by the magistrate sitting at the West London police court to two months' imprisonment at hard labor on a charge of window smashing yesterday morning.

Miss Wright an Albany Woman. New York, March 5.—Alice Wright is believed to be an Albany, N. Y., woman well known in this country as working in the cause of woman suffrage. The Alice Wright referred to in the United States last winter and while at Albany organized a meeting for Mrs. Pankhurst.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS. Sugar Tariff Bill Favorably Reported by Committee.

Washington, March 5.—The day in congress. Senate:—Met at noon. After routine business, took up British and French arbitration treaties for ratification before adjournment of the "legislative day" which may continue over several calendar days.

Senator Poincaré unsuccessfully sought consideration of his Lawrence strike investigation resolution. The revision bill hearing resumed by finance committee with clock and electric machinery manufacturers protesting against reductions.

Recessed at 4:30 until 1:30 p. m. Wednesday. House:—Met at noon. Former Indian Commissioner Leupp's methods were considered at White Earth allotment investigation resumed before interior department expenditures committee.

Unanimously passed resolution for investigation of alleged shipping trust by marine committee. Representative Sizer urged before territorial committee that government build and operate railroads throughout southwest Alaska and engage in coal business.

Representative Clark attacked Governor Coker of Florida for his attitude towards the Everglades investigation. Representative Burnett declared that battleship appropriations were restored to the democratic programme the public building bill must also be passed.

Plans for money trust investigation were finished by banking committee. Southern Pacific and Pacific Mail representatives urged placing of Panama canal rates in hands of interstate commerce commission.

Adjourned at 8:31 p. m. until noon Wednesday. OBITUARY. Lieut.-Col. Henry Hall.

Battle Creek, Mich., March 5.—Lieutenant Colonel Henry Hall, veteran of the Michigan Infantry, in the Civil War, died here today. He is said to have been the first white child born in Battle Creek.

Vermont Towns Become Dry. Burlington, March 5.—Montpelier, the capital city of the state, returned to the no-liquor ranks in the annual election today. The city had been in the "wet" column but one year. Six towns also changed to no-liquor. A recent vote will be held at 22 of the 24 cities and towns in the state where the open saloon is legalized during the coming year.

Pastor Committed Suicide. Baltimore, March 5.—Rev. Walter R. Rhodes, pastor of the Orange, Md., Baptist church, a pulpit orator and lecturer of note, committed suicide by shooting in a hotel here today. In an unfinished letter found in his room he wrote that he had been in ill health and was suffering from melancholia.

Steamer Seaboard in Collision. New York, March 5.—The steamer Seaboard of the Hartford line, bound for Bridgeport, Conn., came into collision in the East river this evening with two car boats of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, and was so badly damaged that she would not proceed to Bridgeport tonight.

Three Perished In Quincy Fire

A LAMP OVERTURNED IN A LODGING HOUSE.

ROASTED IN AN ATTIC

Victims Unable to Escape—One Man Handcuffed in Order to Get Him Out of the Burning Building.

Quincy, Mass., March 5.—Three men were burned to death in a fire in a Quincy Point lodging house tonight. Two others were seriously injured.

The Dead: Daniel Graham, 34, riveter at shipyards. Daniel Leary, 33, riveter at shipyards. Patrick McDonald, 33, house carpenter.

The Injured: Charles McDonald, 40, house carpenter. John Kelly, 36, shipyard employee. A Lamp Overturned. Graham, Leary and Patrick McDonald occupied a small attic room in the house. While Charles McDonald was sitting on the floor tonight a lamp was overturned and the room was instantly filled with the flames of the scattered oil.

McDonald Rescued With Handcuffs. The proprietor of the house, Alexander Proverb, made his way up the stairs, and after a search had been made in dragging out Charles McDonald, but was unable to reach any of the others in the room. When the police arrived McDonald was wandering about in the burning building, refusing to leave, and the officers were obliged to handcuff him to get him out.

Bodies Burned Beyond Recognition. More than a dozen other lodgers who were in the house at the time of the fire had retired for the night and fled to the streets without stopping to dress, believing the house to be doomed. The firemen, however, had little difficulty in extinguishing the flames. They found the bodies burned beyond recognition. Identification was established in the cases of the two riveters by means of their number checks from the shipyard.

COAL PRICES ALREADY BOOSTED IN NEW YORK. Operators' Refusal of Miners' Demands the Pretext.

New York, March 5.—The anthracite coal miners' demands for increased pay, recognition of the union, a shorter working day and other changes were unanimously rejected this afternoon by 47 operators. The operators devoted half an hour to consideration of the demands and adjourned, since they are carrying on a court case against the miners' union. The operators were clothed with full power to act for all the operators and will formulate its reply at a meeting next Monday afternoon for presentation to the miners on Wednesday, March 13.

The decisive action of the operators was unexpected. It was believed that the meeting would last several hours and that a compromise would be suggested. At the conclusion of the meeting, however, one of the operators declared that the adoption of the resolution would prevent the committee from making a court presentation to the miners. The belief is growing among the operators, he added, that there will be no general strike of the 150,000 men in the Pennsylvania fields, affected by the decision but the operators would rather face a general strike than to advance wages 20 per cent and in consequence, he compelled to increase the price of coal. Some of the miners' union officers who presented the demands, were marked up in the city tonight and authentic news as to their attitude was lacking.

The price of coal went up in many sections of the city and its environs during the day. Wholesale and retail dealers were swamped with orders. They justified the increased prices by statements that the cost to them had been advanced on coal for immediate delivery and were inclined to be optimistic regarding the outlook, especially in view of the great coal strike in England. Bituminous coal and anthracite coal were marked up from fifty cents to a dollar a ton by many dealers.

Accuses Lawyer of Undue Influence. New York, March 5.—It was disclosed today by an answer filed in the supreme court that Katherine B. Trowbridge has begun a court case over the will of her late uncle, Joseph Parker, a millionaire blotting paper manufacturer, alleging that James M. Townsend, a prominent lawyer of this city and associate lecturer at the Yale law school, unduly influenced Parker in the making of a will bequeathing to him \$1,200,000 and practically everything of the testator's next of kin.

Cat Brings Steamer Bad Luck. Boston, March 5.—Somewhat three overboard from the British steamer Koronia, a one-eyed cat that yowled all night, and immediately the steamer ran into a streak of bad luck. Heavy gales came up, the steamer was disabled and she had to put into Bermuda for repairs. All the rest of the way to Boston heavy weather was encountered.

British Government Buys Coal Hens. Philadelphia, March 5.—Thousands of tons of bituminous coal have been purchased in this city from Pennsylvania coal operators for the British government. One company alone has a contract for the delivery of 15,000 tons to the naval station at Gibraltar. Another company is also shipping thousands of tons to England.

Two Drowned in Philippines. Washington, March 5.—Lawrence E. Winters, a machinist's mate of Westboro, Pa., and Coxswain Joseph Pastermak of New York City, fell from the mast of the U.S.S. Albatross last Sunday and were drowned, according to a report today from the naval station at Olongapo, in the Philippines.

American Refugees at El Paso. El Paso, Texas, March 5.—One hundred and fifty Americans, mostly men and children, from the American lumbering town of Madera, were brought into El Paso today by the Pearson, their first stopping place after leaving Madera.

Cheng-Ting-Fu Landed and Burned. Peking, March 5.—Cheng-Ting-Fu, a most important city on the railroad about 160 miles to the southwest of Peking, was added yesterday to the list of those whose cities have been looted and burned.