

PROGRESSIVE REPUBLICANS COME OUT FOR ROOSEVELT

EIGHT GOVERNORS AND DELEGATES FROM TWENTY-EIGHT STATES MEET.

SEND TEDDY A LETTER

Conference Decides That the Oyster Bay Man is the Only Person Who Could Unite the Party and Secure Outside Votes—Colonel is Asked to Say He Would Not Refuse.

Chicago, Feb. 10.—Eight governors and delegates from 28 states met today, and in an informal conference organized a permanent committee to push the presidential candidacy of Theodore Roosevelt.

The permanent organization of the committee which will carry the Roosevelt fight to the convention is as follows: Chairman, Alexander Bevel; vice chairman, Edward J. Brundage; secretary, Edwin W. Sims; treasurer, Dwight Lawrence.

Harmonious. The meeting was without disagreement and the resolutions adopted declared "all are agreed Theodore Roosevelt is the one man who at this time can unite all elements of the party and attract a large number of independent voters."

The resolution further favored "an expression of the people's choice for president by direct vote for a candidate in each state," and urged all agreeing with that plan to join the movement.

In a statement signed by the eight governors, Walter R. Stubbs of Kansas, Chase Osborn of Michigan, Herbert S. Hadley of Missouri, Chester Aldrich of Nebraska, Robert Bass of New Hampshire, W. E. Glasscock of West Virginia, R. E. Vessey of South Dakota, and J. M. Carey of Wyoming, the following was set forth:

"Momentous questions are pressing for solution. What the country is seeking is justice between man and man. It wants equality of justice safeguarded by adequate law.

"A principle is of no avail without a man; a cause is lost without a

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TORRENT SWEEPS HOUSES AWAY

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 10.—A small dam, three miles above Union, the northern terminus of the Victoria & Nanaimo railroad, burst tonight and a flood swept down the narrow valley, wiping out the Chinese quarter and Gastown, a collection of huts on the outskirts of Union. Three Chinese lost their lives.

HE'S NO CANDIDATE SAYS PRESIDENT HAMILTON

ACTIVITIES OF CLIQUE OF STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ARE REVEALED.

Bozeman, Feb. 10.—(Special.)—Referring to the announcement made in certain newspapers of the state yesterday and today that the alumni of the University of Montana had started a movement to secure President James M. Hamilton of the Montana state college as the new president of the state university, President Hamilton today gave out the following statement:

"I had absolutely no intimation that my name was being used in connection with the university presidency until the arrival yesterday of a copy of a circular letter signed by the executive committee of the alumni association of the university. The executive committee of the alumni association never consulted me. Neither they nor anyone else had ever discussed the subject with me. The suggestion was a complete surprise to me. I have never given the matter any consideration and do not intend to do so, nor to discuss any such possibility or do I desire my friends to do so. The choice of the new president for the university is with the state board of education."

The statement of President Hamilton will occasion little surprise in Missoula among those who are familiar with conditions. When the circular was made public which purported to present the authorized candidacy of President Hamilton for the presidency of the university, it was believed that the suggestion was made

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War Precipitated by American



First photographs of Russo-Persian war, which resulted from the dismissal of the American treasurer general of the Persian government, Morgan W. Shuster, at the demand of Russia. This photograph shows Persian constitutionalists (who backed up Shuster) in the trench of Maralan, about two miles from Tabriz, resisting the invasion of the Russian Cossacks advancing on Tabriz. The second man from left in dark costume is the leader of the constitutionalists, who was captured and hanged by the Russians two days after the battle.

STRIKERS' CHILDREN TAFT SENDS KNOX GONZALES BELIEVES ARE DISTRIBUTED IN NEW YORK TO CENTRAL AMERICA HE CAN SETTLE UNREST

OFFSPRING OF LAWRENCE TEXTILE WORKERS ARE GIVEN TEMPORARY HOMES.

New York, Feb. 10.—An innovation in labor war tactics was tried tonight by the distribution here of 119 children whose parents are engaged in the textile strike at Lawrence, Mass. Their arrival had been heralded for this afternoon, but owing to the failure of train connections at Boston the children did not arrive until five hours later. During that time a crowd of several hundred socialists stood shivering in the Grand Central station awaiting their coming. Red banners and many socialist emblems were borne by the crowd, and when at last the train arrived a band blared forth "The Marseillaise" and mighty cheers were given. At the labor temple to which they were taken the children were arranged around long tables and fed.

When the meal was over, the children were feeling happy enough to cheer and sing the "Marseillaise." A large crowd outside the doors took up the words of the revolutionary hymn, which was sung and resung. Among those who offered to take care of the children were Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont and the Rev. Percy Stickney Grant, pastor of the Church of the Ascension. The offers of Mrs. Belmont and the minister were refused, however, as there were more than 700 applications and only 119 children.

When the distribution of the children began, the splitting up of families caused many difficulties. One little golden-haired girl burst into tears and cried loudly for her brother. The committee soon was convinced that it would not do to separate families and many persons agreed to take five and even six children temporarily, until other arrangements could be made.

SECRETARY OF STATE WILL VISIT SOME OF OUR NEIGHBORING REPUBLICS.

Washington, Feb. 10.—For the purpose of solving diplomatic problems and acquiring more accurate information as to conditions in Central and northern South America, Secretary of State Knox, by direction of President Taft, will make a five weeks' trip to the Spanish-American republics bordering the Caribbean sea and the Gulf of Mexico. As now planned Mr. Knox will not visit Mexico, but that country may be included in the program before he returns the first week of April.

Havana will be Mr. Knox's first stop, and it is proposed that he might attempt to "solve" the problem, that brought about hints of American intervention there a few weeks ago. Aside from a possible peacemaking expedition to Cuba, the purpose of the trip was announced to be the promotion of friendly relations in Central America. In many respects it will be similar to that taken around South American several years ago by former Secretary of State Root.

The official announcement says: "The relations of the United States to the Spanish republics surrounding the Caribbean sea and the Gulf of Mexico are of the utmost importance to us in view of our interests and responsibilities in that region. The president thinks it will be of great assistance in solving the diplomatic problems that are presenting themselves from day to day if we manifest our friendly interest in those of our neighboring republics by a visit to them by the secretary of state. This will be the first time that an American secretary of state has visited these countries. For that reason the president has directed the secretary of the navy to put at the disposal of the secretary of state the cruiser Washington for the purpose of making the trip. Secretary Knox will leave from some point in Florida within the next two weeks and may be gone until the first week of April."

The personnel of Mr. Knox's party was not announced tonight. Present plans include first a visit to Cuba, Santo Domingo and Haiti, with a possible trip to Porto Rico and a tour of Venezuela and Colombia on the mainland of South America, after which the secretary will visit Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, Salvador, Guatemala and perhaps Mexico.

WOMAN FLEES TO MEXICO.

San Diego, Cal., Feb. 10.—It developed tonight that Mrs. Hattie Nelson Carr-Cortez-Grover, who escaped last night while under arrest for complicity in extensive swindles extending from San Diego to Portland, and Denver, is at Tia Juana, close to the Lower California line. It is believed she had fled and as soon as she escaped she was taken across the line to Tia Juana, where for a time, at least, she will be safe from arrest. General Escudero of Lower California, is to be asked to aid in capturing the woman.

MEXICAN MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR WILL PAY DISSATISFIED SOLDIERS.

El Paso, Feb. 10.—Governor Abraham Gonzales of Chihuahua, minister of the interior in the cabinet of President Madero of Mexico, arrived late today from Spofford Junction. He brought with him a plan which he believes will result in the complete pacification of the state of Chihuahua. His proposal consists of the immediate disbursement of \$250,000 among the former soldiers of Madero and \$50,000 among the widows and orphans of the soldiers who fell in battle. He also is empowered to begin immediately the sale of state and national land in small tracts to the soldiers and poorer classes of Chihuahua. The buyers will receive the lands at a low figure and on long-time payments. This, with a correct interpretation of the plan of San Luis Potosi, he believes, will bring peace to Chihuahua and place the national government again on a firm and substantial basis.

Minister Gonzales was met here by Sebastian Vargas, a congressman from the state of Chihuahua, and Colonel E. Z. Steever, in command of Fort Bliss, and others. In discussing the Mexican situation he said: "I do not know exactly what conditions are at present in the state of Chihuahua, but I am here to investigate and explain to the citizens any misrepresentations that may exist in their minds as to the carrying out of the plan of San Luis Potosi. I shall proceed to the city of Chihuahua tomorrow or next day. My stay there will be indefinite. I may return to the City of Mexico within a few days, or I may not return at all. It all depends on future developments."

Senator Gonzales said he knew nothing of any troop movements.

"HUSH" IS WATCHWORD OF POLICE OF SPOKANE

Spokane, Feb. 10.—"Hush" will be the watchword of the Spokane police department, in future, according to rules promulgated today by Commissioner of Public Safety Z. E. Hayden. These rules include the use of a "secret blotter" and specify just what information is to be withheld from the public. They provide that all juvenile offenders must be booked on the secret blotter as well as all prisoners held under suspicion until a charge is filed against them. No information regarding any suspected criminal must be given out until after the criminal is apprehended and information regarding prisoners, arrests and other police detail must be given out by the chief alone.

FLOODS CONTINUE.

Lisbon, Feb. 10.—Floods continue in every part of Portugal. Great property loss has resulted.

JOSEPH FOLK WITHDRAWS FROM PRESIDENTIAL RACE

MEXICO WILL NOT MOVE TROOPS

Mexico City, Feb. 10.—Mexico would not transport troops through United States territory now even if the Washington government had not withdrawn its permission for such action, according to an official message sent to Washington today. Government officials here say rumors at Juarez are loyal and it is not necessary to replace them with federal troops. Even should the government wish to send the troops through United States territory, however, it would take at least two weeks to arrange formally to gain consent of the senate.

FORMER MISSOURI GOVERNOR AGREES TO SUPPORT SPEAKER CHAMP CLARK.

DEMOCRATS ARE HAPPY

After Receiving News That Clark Would Agree to Divided State Delegation the Former Executive Announces His Acceptance of the Terms and Then Quits the Field.

St. Louis, Feb. 10.—Former Governor Joseph W. Folk withdrew as an active candidate for the democratic nomination for president today. His managers announced tonight that they would close the local headquarters and would not further prosecute a campaign. Mr. Folk withdrew after he had received a telegram from Speaker Clark, which agreed to divide the Missouri delegation to the democratic national convention as recently suggested by William J. Bryan. Mr. Folk not only agreed to divide the delegation but asked his friends to make no further effort in his behalf. He released all claims that he may have had on the delegation and promised to support Mr. Clark.

Will Support Clark.

Friends of the Governor said the statement means that Mr. Folk would have half the state delegation, to be selected at Joplin February 20, but that the Folk men in the delegation will support Mr. Clark. It is said that if Speaker Clark cannot get the nomination on a reasonable number of ballots in the Baltimore convention the former governor will consider that he has the right to enter the race for the nomination. Governor Folk authorized the following statement:

Folk's Statement. "I have read Mr. Clark's statement with pleasure and sincerely appreciate the spirit manifested therein. I concur in the sentiments that personal ambition be subordinated to the interest of our party in Missouri, and now that Mr. Clark has expressed a willingness to have this delegation divided between him and myself, as suggested recently by Mr. Bryan, I shall now request my friends to make no further effort in my behalf. "I believe, from reports received from other states, that Mr. Clark, owing to his prominent position in Washington at this time and his long and honorable service there, perhaps has better chances for the nomination than any other Missourian, and I therefore shall release all claims I may have on the delegation and request my friends to join with me in giving Mr. Clark the united support of Missouri."

Mr. Clark's statement, as received by Governor Folk, follows: "Especially desirous of bringing the

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TO SHIELD WILSON WERE ENGINEERS DISCHARGED

REPRESENTATIVE CLARK PRODUCES LETTER AT THE EVERGLADES INVESTIGATION.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The Florida everglades investigation ordered by the house committee on expenditures in the department of agriculture got under way today. Solicitor George P. McCabe recited the department's version of the dismissal of C. G. Elliott, chief drainage engineer, and A. D. Morahome, his assistant. He said Secretary Wilson's action was due entirely to the financial irregularities charged against the men in the transference of public funds, and had nothing to do with the everglades reports, which, it is charged, were suppressed.

Representative Clark of Florida, whose charges against Secretary Wilson precipitated the investigation, made public a letter from Mr. Wilson in which the latter said he could not recall the persons who recommended to him the suppression of a circular letter on the everglades prepared by Elliott.

To Shield Wilson.

Mr. Clark also made public a letter from Arthur E. Morgan of Memphis, Tenn., president of the Morgan Engineering company, formerly supervising engineer of the United States drainage investigations and now a special drainage engineer in the department of agriculture, charging that the dismissal of Elliott and Morahome was due directly to the everglades controversy. The letter declared that they were being "sacrificed to shield Secretary Wilson."

"It has been a matter of common knowledge among the officials of the

TAFT SEES REUNITED PARTY TO HAND IT TO DEMOCRATS

Washington, Feb. 10.—President Taft, speaking with campaign fervor and defiance, told an enthusiastic gathering at the annual banquet of the League of State Republican clubs that he welcomed the coming campaign as a "four months' period in which to get rid of lies and misrepresentations." The president had listened for two hours to a variety of speeches lauding his administration and attacking the democratic party, and began to speak long after midnight. He said he felt sorry for the seething attacks democratic presidential possibilities had received, remarking that it was hard for them to promise things they knew nothing about.

In the fall of 1910, he said, there was some reason for democrats to believe they would meet with success in 1912, but at present, he compared the party to an athletic team which had spent its forces in the middle of the season.

"The president declared that even in the confidence of the democrats' ultimate victory in the whole government was misplaced as the vote then was a review of republicans by republicans and constituted "a misunderstanding which has been clearing itself away as the republican party has given evidence of the good faith in which it is carrying out its promises of 1908."

NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND SUFFER INTENSELY FROM COLD

New York, Feb. 10.—Bitter cold weather with the temperature falling many degrees below the zero mark, held sway over the eastern sections of the country today and tonight. Records of years were broken in some sections, notably in northern New York 41 below being recorded at one point in the Odoronsacks, while a temperature of from 20 to 25 below was reported from state points.

Biting winds and a heavy snowfall intensified the suffering in the far northeastern sections of the state. Trains were stalled, several cities, notably Oswego and Watertown, were

virtually cut off from communication except by wire, and a food and fuel famine was feared.

Suffering was reported in many smaller places where coal supplies have given out. The cold was extended well into New England, numerous points reporting temperatures far below zero. Boston's low record was one below.

In this city the minimum was two below, reached at 9 o'clock this morning. There was one death in this city from cold and much suffering among the poor. Little relief was promised for tomorrow.

Class Ad History

CCLVII.—MEETING SPECIAL NEEDS.

Frequently a special errand is given to The Missoulian class ad for performance. Sometimes, these special errands are rather unusual, but the class ad meets the requirements which are imposed. This is because it is read by so many people that there is always somebody who can fill the bill. Here is a special errand of last week:

HELP WANTED—MALE.

CATHOLIC TEACHER FOR MISSION school. Apply Catholic rectory.

In three days this little ad had located the man who was wanted and the position had been filled. It was quick work. The cost was slight. One cent a word represents the entire cost of a Missoulian class ad. In any department of the classified page, your ad will be printed for this price. If you are out of work and want a job, the cost will be nothing to you. Bring in your want and the ad will be published free.

GREAT FALLS MAYOR WOULD BE GOVERNOR

Great Falls, Feb. 10.—(Special.)—The name of J. W. Speer, mayor of this city and formerly county attorney of Cascade county, will go before the Montana republican convention for consideration for the gubernatorial nomination. According to friends of Mayor Speer, who have been active in promoting interest in his candidacy, they are confident that they can come away from the state convention with him as the nominee for the highest honor within the gift of the Montana electorate.

Mr. Speer has authorized the statement that he "under no consideration whatever would accept the nomination for attorney general."

DIES AT PLAINS.

Plains, Feb. 10.—(Special.)—Consumption today caused the death of Frank Whitehouse, aged 25. The body will be shipped to Pana, Ill., and will be accompanied by a brother, Fred. They are cousins of the Combest brothers.