

COL. ROOSEVELT'S EMPLOYER SAYS HE'D HAVE TO RUN

Lawrence F. Abbott, President Outlook Company, Makes Significant Announcement.

WOULD OBEY THE CALL

Rests With the Country, Says Abbott in Letter to Ex-Gov. Stokes.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 30.—"It is for his party and his country, and not for Col. Roosevelt, to decide the question of whether he is again to be a candidate for the Presidency. If they decide to nominate him I am sure he will accept. If they elect him I'm sure he will serve. He will no more decline their call than he would decline to enlist if needed in the time of war."

The above question is part of a formal written statement over the signature of Lawrence F. Abbott, President of the Outlook Company, of which Col. Roosevelt is contributing editor, sent today to former Gov. E. C. Stokes, who gave the text to the United Press.

This is the most authoritative announcement of Col. Roosevelt's attitude. The letter is as follows:

"My Dear Governor: In answer to your letter in which you ask me as one of Mr. Roosevelt's associates whether he would accept the nomination for the Presidency, I can state my views of the situation in a few words. "I have no authority to speak for him and what I say is my own individual opinion. But I have had some exceptional opportunities during the last two years not only to learn his political principles but to see at times the intimate working of his mind, and I believe I clearly understand his attitude with regard to the discussion of his name as a Presidential possibility.

"If Mr. Roosevelt is ever elected President again it will not be because he seeks or wants the office; it will be because the country wants him in the office to perform a certain job. He had all the political and official honor that any man can possibly want. He accepted a nomination for the Vice Presidency in 1909 when such a nomination was thought to be equivalent to political oblivion, although he wanted to run again for Governor of the State of New York, in order to complete some important work in that office.

"But his friends told him that it was his duty to sacrifice himself in order to strengthen Mr. McKinley's nomination and the campaign for sound money and national financial honor. He accepted the nomination on that ground, although at the time both his friends and his enemies said that it would mean the end of his political career.

"It did not end his career, however,

for in 1904 he was nominated practically without opposition and elected by an overwhelming majority. In 1908 he not only declined, but put a stop to his nomination at a time when such a nomination was equivalent to an election.

"What possible incentive can there be to a man with a record of both European and American achievements and honors to enter the arduous, disagreeable and often disastrous contests into which the candidate who attacks for the Presidency is inevitably plunged? "I am convinced that he does not desire the nomination and will not enter a contest to obtain it. But I am equally convinced that if his countrymen have still further need of his services, their Chief Executive will no more decline their call than he would decline to enlist if needed in time of war.

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GOV. STUBBS SEES THE COLONEL AND IS SURE HE'LL RUN.

Gov. Stubbs of Kansas had an hour's talk with Col. Roosevelt today. After it was over he was seen by a reporter for the Evening World.

"Before I came to New York and when Col. Roosevelt was in the woods," he said, "I had a firm belief that he would be the next Republican nominee for President of the United States. Now I believe that Col. Roosevelt will not be nominated before that Col. Roosevelt will be nominated and that he will accept."

This statement was made by Gov. Stubbs in the corridor of the Outlook building as the Governor was about to start for Washington.

While the Governor was speaking the Colonel burst into the hall and seeing the Governor in conversation with The Evening World he threw up his hands. "I haven't a darn thing to say," he declared. Then he made for the general offices of the Outlook.

Just as the Governor finished talking Col. Roosevelt came out again. He was carrying a copy of the Chicago paper to the effect that he had said he would accept the nomination under certain conditions.

Another name was added to the Annapolis Club right there, for in those words the Colonel denied the interview.

"As far as I know," he declared, "I never saw a story published in the Chicago Evening Post and I certainly made no statement."

Among the Colonel's other callers today were John H. Heger, of Akron, O., who wanted the Colonel to talk at a banquet to be given by the Progressive League of that State on Washington's Birthday. The Colonel declined.

TWO ETHELS CLUE TO ASSASSINATION OF YOUNG SWAIN

Love Letter to One in Philadelphia Found in Pocket of Slain George Morris.

With the identification early today of the body of the young man who was mysteriously shot to death about 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon on Third avenue, near Avenue A, Bayonne, the police of that section are confronted with a murder mystery which involves a double romance. The victim of the crime was George E. Morris, twenty-two years old, a shipping clerk employed by the Oil Seed Company, which has a plant within a stone's throw of where the murder was committed.

The slain young man lived with his parents at No. 12 West Fifty-second street, Bayonne. His father, Frank Morris, is a well-to-do merchant.

George Morris was dropped by a bullet five minutes after he left the Oil Seed Company's office. The bullet penetrated the jaw and throat and caused almost instant death. No one in the neighborhood could recall hearing a pistol shot. No weapon was found near the scene of the crime.

The only clue the police have is the fact that the young man was passing a two girls at the same time. In his clothing was found a sentimental letter addressed to Ethel Abbott, a young woman living in Philadelphia, that there is another Ethel in the case, who had never heard of Ethel Abbott and she was waiting at her home for George Morris, when his body was being removed to the Bayonne morgue.

The second Ethel is Miss Ethel Peters, who lives at No. 23 West Fortieth street, Bayonne. She is twenty years old and very pretty, and among her friends it was generally believed George Morris was madly in love with her. He took her to church every night and was to take her to a party last night. She waited at home an hour after the time of the appointment and then went to the party alone.

The letter to the Philadelphia Ethel, which Morris evidently had written just before he left his office to become the target of an assassin, ran: "To Ethel—Why have you not answered my Christmas letter? Did you not receive it? It seems impossible for me to write to you at the club, but you do not mind that. I am troubled with Mr. Morris. I am continually, from the time I open my eyes in the morning until I close them at night, thinking of you. You see I am fulfilling my duty, calling you Ethel. It sounds more friendly, and I assure you I am perfectly satisfied. I will be exceedingly provoked if you keep me waiting any longer.

"I am positive, Miss Ethel, that I would be considerably more satisfied and contented if you would write me exactly what you have wished to express. Please, I beg of you, express it in your next letter. The impression I have in my mind is that you are not answering my Christmas letter. Did you not receive it? It seems impossible for me to write to you at the club, but you do not mind that. I am troubled with Mr. Morris. I am continually, from the time I open my eyes in the morning until I close them at night, thinking of you. You see I am fulfilling my duty, calling you Ethel. It sounds more friendly, and I assure you I am perfectly satisfied. I will be exceedingly provoked if you keep me waiting any longer.

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that its contents will give me much food for thought. Don't you expect to be in New York at any future date? I would like to look into your eyes."

The body of Morris was found by the driver of a coal wagon, Frank Nowinski, who told Detective-Sergeant Griffin he saw two men standing on a corner near the body of the murdered man. By the time Nowinski had climbed down from his wagon and discovered the figure half imbedded in the snow was a dead man, the two men had disappeared. In the darkness they had been little more than shadows, so identification was impossible. The police, however, do not believe the two men had anything to do with the murder, on the theory assassins would not be likely to linger in the vicinity of the crime.

While the body was not identified until after midnight, early in the evening after the crime had been committed, the mother of the young man declared to her husband that she had a premonition of evil. At 10 o'clock Mrs. Morris collapsed and became hysterical. When her husband was able to leave her he went looking for his son, and his search led him to the morgue.

At the home of Miss Peters this morning, it was said she was completely prostrated by the news of Morris's death. Her father refused to permit seven detectives to see her and question her.

County Physician Converse made an examination of the body of young Morris, this afternoon, and declared he had seen signs by a bullet which pierced the jugular vein. He declared it was a plain case of murder.

This afternoon, the police learned Morris had been threatened by a discharging employee, who told him, had laid him and thrown acid at him. The assassin had undoubtedly hidden in the bushes beside the spot where the body was found.

FERRONE GETS A STAY.

ALBANY, Jan. 30.—Joseph Ferrone, convicted of the murder of his wife in New York City, will not be electrocuted at Sing Sing Prison during the week beginning Feb. 26, the death sentence having been stayed by the Court of Appeals. Ferrone attempted to kill one of the jurors who voted to convict him and twice tried to commit suicide. He had to be carried into the courtroom, heavily manacled, to receive his sentence.

Col. Joseph F. Scott, Superintendent of State Prisons, says Ferrone has given the authorities at Sing Sing no trouble since his removal to the death house. Col. Scott attributes Ferrone's outbreak in the courtroom to hysteria.

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