

PROGRESSIVE LEADERS CONFER WITH ROOSEVELT

Certain of Victory at Saratoga, They Plan Preliminary Details of Convention.

NO ROOSEVELT CANDIDATES

Choice of Delegates To Be Free, and Platform to Indorse Taft—Cornelius V. Collins for State Chairman.

It is a question only of the size of the victory. This was the general expression of opinion that came from Theodore Roosevelt and other leaders of the Progressive movement after a series of conferences in the editorial offices of "The Outlook" yesterday.

They are assured that their fight to drive the "old guard" from control of the Republican organization in this state at the Saratoga convention is won, and yesterday was devoted largely to a consideration of the platform, the make-up of the state ticket, the reorganization of the state committee and other responsibilities that will rest with them as controlling spirits of the convention.

Much interest was taken in the suggestion that Cornelius V. Collins, of Troy, State Superintendent of Prisons, be made chairman of the state committee, to succeed Timothy L. Woodruff.

This suggestion came after Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Griscom had talked with Postmaster Greiner of Buffalo and William H. Daniels, one of his lieutenants and one of the representatives of Erie County in the state committee.

It won't be Griscom. When Mr. Griscom's name bobbed up again as a possible state chairman he declared, as he had done before, that he considered his work was in New York County, and that he was not in any sense a candidate for the leadership of the state organization.

As Mr. Roosevelt started back to Oyster Bay at 5 o'clock, after his survey of the political outlook, he expressed himself as confident that the majority for his election as temporary chairman of the Saratoga convention would be more than the hundred votes predicted at Oyster Bay on Thursday night.

Mr. Roosevelt said he had nothing much to add to what he had already said. Every advice from up the state continued more and more favorable to the Progressive cause. "The preliminary fight is practically at an end," he said. "I am satisfied with the result."

It is more than probable that Mr. Roosevelt will not only be temporary chairman, but also permanent chairman. Senator Root was spoken of for the latter office, but it is understood the Progressives wanted his services on the committee on resolutions.

Furthermore, they believe the personality of Mr. Roosevelt will be a factor in conducting the business of the convention with dispatch and without needless wrangling.

No Compromise Now. A suggestion that came indirectly from the friends of Vice-President Sherman that he be made permanent chairman was not received with any degree of enthusiasm by the Progressives. They think that the time for any sort of a compromise with the "old guard" passed long ago.

Following the conference at the offices of "The Outlook," Mr. Griscom had a long talk with Postmaster Greiner and Mr. Daniels at the offices of the county committee. They expect to go to Saratoga together at 2:30 this afternoon. Mr. Griscom was obliged to give up his motor boat trip up the Hudson.

So far as could be learned no new names were mentioned as possible candidates for Governor. Mr. Roosevelt believes that the candidate should come from up the state, but he says he does not intend to appear to dictate in any way, and that the delegates themselves must decide.

The ex-President took this attitude toward a boom started in favor of the nomination of Samuel B. Donnelly for Lieutenant Governor. Mr. Donnelly, who lives in Brooklyn, is Public Printer in Washington, and his labor friends say that the recognition of the labor element by the Republicans would be a source of much strength to the ticket.

Mr. Roosevelt's visitors began to arrive at the "Outlook" office soon after he reached there at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. He came in by automobile from Oyster Bay. There was a continuous line of callers all day, who were admitted to Mr. Roosevelt's office in squads of two or three.

Political Visitors First. Several men who were not concerned with politics called to pay their respects. They had a long wait until the political visitors on hand were disposed of.

Mr. Greiner, Mr. Daniels and Cornelius V. Collins lunched with Colonel Roosevelt.

Mr. Griscom, Congressman Parsons and Otto T. Barnard were closeted with Mr. Roosevelt, while others were kept waiting for more than an hour during the afternoon. When they left the office they were in very good spirits, and all expressed themselves as sure of a Progressive victory at the Saratoga convention.

John A. Slicher, editor of "Leslie's Weekly," and Congressman Cocks called to discuss some of the features of the platform, which the Progressives expect to advocate at Saratoga.

The Progressive platform will include a direct nomination plank, an indorsement of the Taft administration and labor planks along the lines of the employers' liability legislation advocated by Mr. Roosevelt. The Payne-Aldrich tariff bill is likely to be mentioned reservedly.

George W. Dunn, of Binghamton, who continued on second page.

BRITISH MANŒUVRES FARCE

Lord Kitchener Looks On at a Scene of Hopeless Confusion.

London, Sept. 23.—The British army manœuvres ended yesterday in a hopeless mix-up of the opposing forces and an exhibition of generalship on the part of the commanders that was anything but brilliant. Such tactics in actual warfare must have meant the complete destruction of one army or the other.

There were many striking scenes, but one stood out far more memorable than them all. It was the picture of Lord Kitchener, in civilian clothes, watching from a bridge while battalions fired on their own allies, charged against impossible obstacles and wheeled and charged again.

In the inextricable confusion whole brigades and battalions were brought under a merciless rifle and artillery fire and left exposed to it for long periods. Storming parties not only attempted but did carry the castle position, although they had to crawl up the grassy slopes for one thousand yards, exposed all the while to a deadly rifle fire.

Toward the end of the afternoon the lines of the Red and Blue infantry were sandwiched in between each other like the layers of a raspberry jam pudding. One line attacking the castle would be attacked in turn by another line coming up behind, who in turn would be attacked in the rear. In a similar fashion the Blue guns went on firing over the heads of the Red infantry lying not a dozen yards in front and attacking in the same direction.

It was a jigsaw puzzle on a gigantic scale.

MRS. CHESBROUGH SETTLES

Pays \$39,000 to Get Jewels, Also to Satisfy \$5,000 Fine.

There is rejoicing in customs circles over the settlement yesterday of the Chesbrough case. Mrs. Mathilda M. Chesbrough, wife of F. B. Chesbrough, a steamship owner and lumber dealer, of Newton, Mass., was convicted at Trenton, N. J., on May 19 of trying to smuggle in goods to the value of \$2,500 on the Kaiser Wilhelm II, on which she arrived at Hoboken on May 25, 1909. Besides the goods brought in on that occasion the customs authorities of this port had in their possession a necklace containing 302 pearls, valued, with the duty added, at \$30,000, which Mrs. Chesbrough had sent to Canada and afterward surrendered to Collector Loeb here.

Mrs. Chesbrough was sentenced on June 5 at Trenton by Judge Reilist, in the United States Circuit Court, to pay a fine of \$5,000. An appeal was taken, and in the mean time proceedings had been started in New York for the forfeiture of the \$30,000 necklace.

Representatives of Mrs. Chesbrough called at the Custom House on Thursday and proposed to settle for the necklace. They were informed that the only settlement to be considered was a payment of the fine and of the home value of the necklace and the other goods seized. The appraised value of the goods, with duty added, amounted to approximately \$39,000. This sum was paid over yesterday to the customs authorities, and Mrs. Chesbrough now has her jewels and the wearing apparel which she brought over.

CANADA TO HAVE BUREAU

Dominion Decides on Representative in Washington.

Washington, Sept. 23.—Actuated by the ever increasing number of international questions that arise between the two countries, the government of the Dominion of Canada, it was learned today, has decided to establish a bureau in Washington in the nature of a legation. For the last three months there has been established in Washington a publicity bureau, which furnishes information about Canadian West resources to American investors and farmers.

The State Department has frequently suggested to the Canadian government the advisability of establishing a bureau in this city. The Canadian officials, however, seemed to have been unable to agree on the matter, and it was only after an ardent plea for a bureau had been made to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Canada, by the residents in the Northwest provinces of Canada that the step was finally agreed on.

SIXTEEN DIE IN WRECK

Train Plunges Into Gap Following Cloudburst.

Clayton, Kan., Sept. 23.—Sixteen persons lost their lives and thirteen others suffered injuries in the wreck to-day of a westbound Rock Island passenger train running to Denver from Kansas City.

The wreck occurred at a fill, a thousand feet of which had been washed out by a cloudburst, turning what is normally a dry bed into a torrent many yards wide.

The train, running at full speed, plunged into the gap. The locomotive and the mail car went into twenty feet of water. The chair car almost telescoped the smoker ahead of it. It was many hours before the bodies could be recovered. Passengers in the Pullman and the other day coaches were hurled from their berths or seats by the shock. Those who were able hurried out into the storm and gave what assistance they could to the injured.

Members of the Topeka baseball team of the Western League were occupants of the Pullman, but all escaped injury. Nearly all those killed and hurt were in the smoking car and the day coach next to it. The dead include all the trainmen except the rear guard and the porter.

WORE HOBBLE SKIRT; BROKE LEG.

South Newark, Conn., Sept. 23.—Miss Clara De Witt caught her heel in a ribbon about the bottom of her hobble skirt while playing tennis this afternoon, and as a result of her fall one of her legs was fractured. After her foot had been freed from the skirt Miss De Witt attempted to resume play, and then it was discovered that she had been badly hurt.

ROUTE FOLLOWED BY GEORGE CHAVEZ IN HIS AEROPLANE FLIGHT ACROSS THE ALPS BY WAY OF THE SIMPLON PASS.



HENRY WEYMANN (ON THE RIGHT), AMERICAN AVIATOR WHO ATTEMPTED TO FLY ACROSS THE ALPS.

WELL AGAIN, MAYOR SAYS

Only Voice Troubles Him—Won't Discuss Race for Governor.

HAD VICE UNDER CONTROL

Planned Orderly Housecleaning in His Own Way, but Shooting Interrupted It.

St. James, Long Island, Sept. 23.—Mayor Gaynor considers that he is as strong physically as he was before he was shot, except for his throat. This opinion he expressed in the course of a conversation at St. James, Long Island, to-day, which touched upon many subjects, among them acting Mayor Mitchell's vice crusade, but not the governorship.

For the better part of an hour the Mayor talked in an easy strain, first as he strolled along the road from the station and then on his veranda, and didn't cough once. He seemed to have little difficulty articulating, though his voice was husky and gave one the impression that it could easily be strained. An operation appears assured me, said the Mayor said, "that this trouble with my throat is temporary, and that a permanent cure will be effected."

He considers that long ago all rumors of an operation were disposed of. The mysterious visitor, who stayed all night at Deepwells, the Mayor's country place, last night departed this morning at 7 o'clock without imparting his identity to any of the natives or newspaper men, and no one could be found in the neighborhood to explain who he was or what his mission might be. All the neighbors agreed that he was a physician, however.

The only possible reference to him in the Mayor's conversation was the explanation that his honor was chewing gum, because the "specialist" had said "it would do his throat no harm." His reply was rather excessive coughing. The Mayor attributed to a cold which he caught when he had his hair cut and his beard trimmed. The cold had almost entirely left him, he thought.

SMUGGLER GOES FREE

Would Be Too Costly to Prosecute Mrs. Moser.

Philadelphia, Sept. 23.—Despite her admission of having smuggled jewelry into the country through the port of New York, Mrs. Louise Moser, who was arrested here recently, was discharged from custody this afternoon by a United States Commissioner.

The federal District Attorney agreed with the contention of the woman's attorney that the charge of smuggling would have to be proved and the foreign place of purchase of the jewelry shown. The federal authorities said that the expense and difficulties attending the procuring of such evidence would be out of proportion to the gravity of the offence.

JOHN ALDEN DESCENDANT DEAD.

Marietta, Ga., Sept. 23.—Mrs. Frances Leonard Cleveland, one of the few "real daughters" of the American Revolution and a descendant of John and Priscilla Alden, died here to-day, aged ninety-four years. She was born in Bristol, R. I. Mrs. Cleveland, it is said, was the oldest communicant of the Episcopal Church in America.

LOOKS LIKE SANTA CLAUS

None the Less Brooklyn Man Is Charged with Robbing Houses.

CARRIED TOO MANY BUNDLES

Veiled Woman Enters Home and Identifies Valuables as Her Property.

With his long, white beard, his bright eyes and his rosy complexion he suggested Santa Claus. Charged with burglary, he said he was Adolph States, seventy-eight years old, of No. 203 Clarkson street, Brooklyn, a mansion once said to have been owned by the first James Gordon Bennett.

States was locked up last evening in the Adams street station and will be arraigned to-day in the Flatbush court.

The complainant was J. Marion Sauer, of No. 900 Avenue J, Flatbush, a teacher in the public school at Fifth avenue and 50th street, South Brooklyn.

He and Mrs. Sauer were away for the summer. On their return they discovered that their house had been looted of its curtains, rugs, clothing, carpets, and bed linen, and that a fine clock had been taken.

The Sauer's reported the case to the Brooklyn detective bureau, and Detectives Donnelly, Kelly and Sanguinatto were set at work. They learned that several other houses in the neighborhood had been robbed and they kept close watch.

Finally they noticed States carrying large bundles to and from his house. The man's age, however, and his general appearance and his reputation in the neighborhood made them doubtful of his guilt.

Still the bundle carrying went on, and the detectives, seeing a "For Sale" notice on the old mansion, represented themselves as real estate men and asked to see the house.

Next the detectives got Mrs. Sauer to disguise her face by wearing a heavy veil. She had no difficulty in identifying her effects.

In a room on an upper floor the most valuable of the articles were found. States was astonished when Mrs. Sauer revealed her identity, but said: "If you had hired me as your watchman your house would not have been robbed."

She and the detectives urged States to confess, but the old man said: "If you sign a release I'll make a statement." This Mrs. Sauer and the detectives said they had not the power to do, and States replied: "Then I won't talk."

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"I never kept any account with Hackley, never knew in any way that there was such a thing as a 'Hackley special' account. No notice was ever given me by Mr. Hackley or by any one else that any moneys had been deposited to my account by Mr. Hackley or by any one else," said the Congressman.

He explained that one of the \$500 items credited to him in the Ellingwood & Cunningham books was a rebate for overcharge of interest, and when Mr. Bruce called his attention to another \$500 item, which was listed as a campaign contribution from G. Tracy Rogers, though it came to the Ogdensburg statesman through the Ellingwood & Cunningham firm, Mr. Malby displayed the most refreshing candor.

"\$500 Campaign Contribution. "I make no point of that," he said. "I am free to confess that I probably received \$500 from Ellingwood & Cunningham as a campaign contribution, and if I did it was assuredly used for the purpose for which it was sent."

"Any reason for a contribution from such a source for your campaign?" queried Judge Bruce.

"No reason under heaven, Governor," answered Congressman Malby, frankly, "but let me tell you that the people who are charged with running a campaign don't stop to question the source of money. There is no tainted money for that purpose."

"What do you mean by 'tainted money'?" asked Judge Bruce.

"I mean simply that the sources of campaign contributions are not questioned."

"Jack" Yale, "Jo" Allds, "Jimmie" Rogers and Colonel Archie Baxter, the last named the former clerk of the Assembly, followed one another to the witness stand.

Delightful Saturday Afternoon Outing to West Point on steamer Mary Powell, returning on steamer Albany, Music—Advt.

CURTISS GIVES UP

Bethlehem Steel Stacks Bar Flight to Philadelphia.

Allentown, Penn., Sept. 23.—The first aeroplane flight attempted in this part of Pennsylvania was made this afternoon by Glen H. Curtiss. He started at 4:37 p. m. in his June Bug from a point a mile north of the Allentown fair grounds, intending to make a flight to Philadelphia and return. But he was forced to land after a flight of hardly ten miles by the flooding of his engine with oil.

Curtiss had never been over the route and followed the Lehigh River to Easton, where he intended following the course of the Delaware River to Philadelphia. At the borough of South Allentown, a section of the Lehigh Mountain, is a barrier between the river and the Salisbury Valley. He nearly missed the route here, but turned around the sharp nose of the mountain and flew directly over the Lehigh River, heading for South Bethlehem, six miles away. When he neared the enormous steel plant and saw nothing ahead of him but the forest of black stacks exuding volumes of inky smoke and noting that his engines were flooding with oil, Curtiss deemed it better to land. He noted a fine clover field, well adapted for landing, and guided his air craft safely to the field.

Curtiss said that the country about Allentown, with its hills, mountains, woods, rivers, railroads and industries, is not adapted to aeroplane flying. He was in the air about half an hour.

RACED TRAIN; FOUR HURT

Automobilists Will Be Disfigured for Life.

Pittsburg, Sept. 23.—At Somerset, Penn., about 2 o'clock this morning an automobile with four occupants raced wildly with a fast freight train, trying to beat it to a certain crossing, and ran into another freight train, which was standing on the crossing, but which could not be seen for the darkness. The entire four were seriously hurt.

They are H. G. Spitznogle, proprietor of the Hotel Van Near, Andrew Swartz, a liverman, Irvin P. Saylor and George Benford. Should the injured recover they will each be badly disfigured for life.

HUNTED FOR PENROSE

Young Chicago "Giant" Read Muckraking Magazines.

Philadelphia, Sept. 23.—Foster Mather, a demoted Chicago man, went on a still hunt for Senator Boise Penrose to-day. Before he could find the Senator, however, he fell into the hands of the police.

Mather, who is only seventeen years old, and stands 6 feet 3 inches tall, weighing 252 pounds, when searched, disclosed an antiquated revolver, fully loaded, and a nasty looking knife. At first he said he was a friend of Senator Penrose, but later said he had been reading the muckraking magazines and did not like the senator from Pennsylvania on general principles. He was locked up until his sanity is determined.

My sincere and enthusiastic congratulations on your exploit. I am heartbroken over your accident, and you have my prayerful wishes for an early recovery.

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OVER THE ALPS IN AN AEROPLANE

Chavez, a Young Peruvian, Accomplishes the Feat, but Suffers a Bad Fall in Landing.

HE ROSE ABOUT 8,000 FEET

Injuries, Which Will Not Prove Fatal, Prevent Aviator from Continuing to Milan and Gaining \$20,000 Prize.

Domo d'Ossola, Italy, Sept. 23.—The great feat of crossing the snow-capped Alpine barrier between Switzerland and Italy in a heavier-than-air machine was accomplished to-day by George Chavez, the young Peruvian aviator.

The plucky hero of the exploit, however, lies to-night in the hospital in Domo d'Ossola, badly injured as the result of an accident that occurred just as he had completed the most arduous and nerve racking portion of a task he had set out to accomplish—a flight from Brieg, in Switzerland, across the Alps to Milan, in Italy, in all a distance of about seventy-five miles.

Both his legs are broken, his left thigh is fractured and his body is badly contused, but the physicians in attendance are of the opinion that these hurts will not prove fatal and that unless looked for complications ensue Chavez will be about in two months.

The accident occurred as Chavez was endeavoring to make a landing here. The Alps had been crossed most successfully and the aviator was descending gracefully with the power of his machine cut off. When about thirty feet above the ground a sudden gust of wind seemed to catch the monoplane, which turned over and fell, carrying down Chavez with it. When the crowds that had been watching the descent ran up they found Chavez lying bleeding and unconscious beneath the twisted wreckage. Willing hands tenderly lifted the aviator from the ground and bore him to the hospital.

Lost the Race. Fifty miles away, and over country that has none of the hazards of the Alps, lay Milan, the goal Chavez was seeking, in an endeavor to win a prize of \$20,000 offered by the Italian Aviation Society for the flight. Chavez had lost the race.

The weather at Brieg was clear and bright when Chavez made his start. Leaving the ground with his motor running at full speed, he rose in sweeping circles until he had reached an altitude sufficient for him to clear the Resti shoulder, to the southeast of Brieg.

This obstacle having been overcome, the Peruvian aviator headed his monoplane straight for the snow-capped crags of the Fletchhorn. Constantly ascending, Chavez reached the Simplon Kulu, where, at an altitude estimated at 7,200 feet, he turned his machine south over the Simplon Pass, with the Kaitwasser glacier at his left and the frozen peak of the Hubschhorn at his right.

After crossing the divide, instead of taking a short cut over the Monchere Pass, a huge edged glacier, Chavez turned the towering white mountain head of Monte Leone, which rises to a height of 16,648 feet, and passed down the Gondo gorge, a deep gulf between sheer walls, until he reached the open valley of Vedra, and then descended easily toward Domo d'Ossola, which is 880 feet above sea level. It was here that the accident occurred.

Some of the spectators of the flight say that Chavez, after crossing the Simplon Pass, followed the short cut route over the Monser Pass, which is 8,000 feet above the sea. If this be so, it is possible that the Peruvian beat his own world's record for height of 8,271 feet.

Twenty-five Miles in Forty Minutes. The twenty-five miles between Brieg and Domo d'Ossola, which it took the armies of Napoleon a fortnight to travel, Chavez accomplished by the route of the eagle in exactly forty minutes. From the high point at Monser he descended seven thousand feet in thirteen miles, his machine gaining in momentum as it flew over the jumble of lower peaks, gullies and hills beyond, until the speed was terrific as it approached the aerodrome here.

This doubtless caused the accident which turned the cheers of admiration of the waiting crowd into cries of horror as the machine came hurtling to the ground just as it seemed that Chavez was about to alight in safety.

After treatment in the hospital Chavez regained consciousness. He suffered terribly from his hurts. He said he was unable to explain how the accident had occurred—that he could not remember having fallen. The generally accepted opinion is that it was due to a slight shift in the rudder while the monoplane was going at a high rate of speed.

Thousands of the aviator's friends and admirers arrived here from Milan and other points to tender their services to Chavez. Among them was M. Paillette, who it had been reported earlier in the day had started from Brieg in his aeroplane and had landed safely at Milan. Paillette did not even make an attempt at flight, having abandoned the race and packed his machine for shipment.

American Congratulates Rival. Henry Weymann, the American aviator, who made two unsuccessful attempts in the Brieg-Milan race to-day, sent a telegram of sympathy to Chavez, saying:

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