

BRYAN SAYS G. O. P. CREATED TRUSTS

Flays Opposing Party for Its Insincerity.

OCTOPUS THRIVES DESPITE LAW

Asserts at Indianapolis that a Democratic Congress Would Abolish Monopoly and Restore Benefits of Competition—Discusses Taft and His Policies—Found Wanting.

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 25.—Speaking to-day on "The Trusts" at the formal notification of John W. Kern, his running mate on the Democratic ticket, William J. Bryan said, in part:

"Nowhere does the Republican party show its indifference to real reform more than in its treatment of the trust question. "The Sherman anti-trust law was passed eighteen years ago; it has a criminal clause which provides a penitentiary punishment for those who conspire together in restraint of trade. Ever since the enactment of the law, with the exception of four years, the Republican party has controlled the executive department of the government and during two years of the four it controlled the House of Representatives. Instead of Democratic dereliction, the Democratic party has been urging, year after year, the strict enforcement of that law, and the Republican party has been explaining year after year why it was impossible to enforce it. Instead of being a "wholesome instrument for good," it has been almost useless, so far as the protection of the public is concerned, for the trusts have grown in number, in strength, and in arrogance, at the very time when the Republican party was boasting of its enforcement of the law. The Steel Trust was formed immediately after the election of 1906, and a prominent Republican said, in a speech soon after, that it might have prevented a Republican victory if it had been formed before the election.

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Would End Monopoly.

"Because the private monopoly is indefensible and intolerable, the Democratic party favors its extermination. It pledges itself to the vigorous enforcement of the criminal law against trust magnates and officials. It is impossible for the Republican party to enforce the present criminal law against trust officials; these officials are intimately connected with the Republican party in the present campaign. Take, for instance, the chairman of the Republican speakers' committee, Mr. Du Pont, of Delaware. He is the defendant in a suit which the government brought, and is now prosecuting. Mr. Du Pont is charged with violation of the anti-trust law. Why should he be put on the executive committee, and then be given control of the speaking party?"

"If you talk to a Republican leader about penitentiary punishment for offenders, he favors fining the corporation on the ground that it is impossible to convict individuals, but whose pocket books you are told that fines are unjust to innocent stockholders. We favor both fine and imprisonment, but we think it is better to prevent monopolies than to first authorize them to prey upon the public and then try to punish them for doing so. Mr. Taft favors control of trusts instead of extermination, but after years of experience he has learned that the trusts control the government.

"The Democratic party does not content itself with a definition of the wrong or with a denunciation of it. It proceeds to outline remedies. The first is a law preventing a duplication of directors among competing corporations. No one can object to this remedy unless he is in sympathy with the trusts rather than with the people who are victimized by the trusts. This plan does not in the least infringe upon the right of the States to protect their own people. It simply provides for the exercise by Congress of the power vested in it to regulate interstate commerce. As long as a corporation confines itself to the State in which it is created, Congress cannot interfere with it; but when the corporation engages in interstate commerce, Congress is the only power that can regulate its interstate business.

How Trusts Operate.

"A trust can best be defined as a corporation which controls so large a proportion of the total quantity of any article used in this country as to be able to regulate the price and terms of sale, and as the proportion controlled increases, the power of the trust for harm, it has seemed best to use proportionate control as the basis of this plan, and 25 per cent has been fixed arbitrarily as the proportion at which the line should be drawn. A corporation which controls less than 25 per cent of the product in which it deals may, in extraordinary cases, exert a perceptible influence in controlling the price of the product and the terms of sale, but as a rule, a corporation must control more than that percentage of the total product before it can exert a harmful influence on trade.

"Under this plan the small corporations are left entirely free and unhampered.

"The license would not prevent the growth of the corporations licensed. It would simply bring them under the eye of the Federal government and compel them to deal with the public in such a way as to afford the public the protection necessary. One of the restrictions suggested is that such licensed corporations be compelled to sell to all purchasers in all parts of the country on the same

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POINTS FROM NEBRASKAN'S SPEECH.

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terms, after making due allowance for cost of transportation. Mr. Taft attacks this restriction as "utterly impracticable." He says: "If it can be shown that in order to drive out competition a corporation owning a large part of the plant producing an article is selling in one part of the country, where it has competitors, at a low and unprofitable price, and in another part of the country, where it has none, at an exorbitant price, this is evidence that it is attempting an unlawful monopoly and justifies conviction under the anti-trust law."

Does Not Restrain Evils.

"If such an act is now unlawful, why is he so frightened at a plan which gives to the small competitor this very protection? The trouble with the present law is that it does not restrain the evils at which it is aimed. The plan proposed in the Democratic platform brings the corporation under the surveillance of the government when it has reached the danger point, and thereafter subjects it to Federal scrutiny. The present law simply prohibits it in an indefinite sort of way, and then leaves the officers of the law to scour the country and hunt up violations of the law's provisions. Mr. Taft is unduly alarmed at this proposal, or else he entirely fails to comprehend the details of the plan.

Defender of Competition.

"The Democratic party is the defender of competition and the only great party which is seeking to restore competition. Mr. Taft has, in the discussion of this question, employed harsh words instead of argument. The word 'socialistic' is hurled at the Democratic party and the Democratic platform. Now, as a matter of fact, it is Mr. Taft's party and not the Democratic party which has given encouragement to socialism. While professing to abhor socialism, the Republican party has gone half way toward socialism in indorsing its fundamental principle. The socialist bases his contention on the theory that competition is bad, and that an economic advance is to be found in monopoly. The socialist, however, wants the public to have the benefit of the monopoly, and, therefore, favors government ownership and operation of all the means of production and distribution.

Socialism and the Roman Church.

From the Springfield Republican. Whatever the course of the church may be in the future, in case socialism should make formidable progress, it is certain that its influence must be strongly against the socialist movement. The Roman church would need to revolutionize itself in order to adapt itself to socialism's main idea. Not only is the theory of "economic determinism" contrary to its views of divine oversight and guidance in human affairs; not only is the idea of collectivism as applied to land and other forms of property in antagonism to the church's claim to a divine right to possess property, whether real or personal; but socialism's attitude toward the family and the control of children is so far contrary to the church's own claims in that direction that no harmonious adjustment of the two systems seems in the least possible. Already the State's activity in education and its attitude as to marriage and divorce have found the church distrustful and often hostile. To extend the State's functions in regard to the family to the length which socialism contemplates would constitute one of the severest blows which the Roman Catholic Church has suffered in its history.

SPLIT WILL AID HIM

McGraw Says Bryan Profits by Republican Fight.

IS SURE OF WEST VIRGINIA

National Committeeman Declares that Scherr-Swisher Controversy Cannot Be Patched Up in Time to Save State, in Spite of Senators Elkins and Scott—Scherr is Sanguine.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Cumberland, Md., Aug. 25.—Col. John T. McGraw, Democratic national committeeman from West Virginia and recently elected chairman of the campaign committee of the Second West Virginia district, in an interview to-day said he feels that Bryan will carry West Virginia, and that the full Democratic State ticket will be elected.

He thinks that the political dissensions which have arisen from the nominations of Scherr and Swisher for governor by rival Republican conventions cannot be fixed up in time to save the Republicans from defeat. He says Republican dissatisfaction throughout the State is widespread, and Bryan sentiment grows as the strength of Scherrites and Swisherites grows weaker.

The efforts of United States Senators Elkins and Scott to whip the disturbing Scherr element in the Swisher camp, Mr. McGraw does not think will prove successful. He says that Scherr has a following that will stick to him, despite Elkins and Scott, thus ensuring the success of Bennett, the Democratic nominee.

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Mr. Scherr states that the action of Mr. Darst, who was nominated for auditor, in withdrawing from his ticket will not injure the chances of the Lincoln party in the least. Mr. Scherr adds:

"Darst's name was put on our ticket after another man had already been decided upon, and was done because he expressed a desire to accept nomination on our ticket."

Mr. Scherr says Darst's action will make it impossible for him to be elected auditor. His name is on the Swisher ticket.

There are many reverberations from the many Republican conferences that have been held over the gubernatorial situation, and the desire that both men withdraw seems to be becoming stronger. Three prominent men are being discussed in connection with the new candidate for governor. They are Judge Nathan B. Goff, J. L. Caldwell, and J. H. Huling. It is said that the Scherr people will place the name of Presley W. Morris, editor of the Parkersburg State Journal, on their ticket for auditor to fill the vacancy.

PRESIDENT TO VISIT SISTER

Occasion Will Be Dedication of Jordanville Library.

Secretary Root as Well as Mr. Sherman May Accompany Him on Quiet Trip.

Utica, N. Y., Aug. 25.—President Roosevelt will to-morrow be the guest of his sister and his brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Robinson, at Henderson House, the Robinson's summer home, near Jordanville, Herkimer County, on the occasion of the opening of the Jordanville public library, which is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, in memory of the former's mother.

Besides the President, Representative James S. Sherman, the nominee for Vice President, will be present, and Ellhu Root will probably also be in attendance. It had been planned to keep the visit of the President very quiet, but it is entirely in the nature of a family affair, and it was hoped on this account to avoid any crowd.

New York View of Railways.

Experience in several cities has proved that electric railway enterprises has out-run demand, and that passengers have received more than they have "paid for. They must increase their fares or they must put up with curtailment of electric railway expansion.

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whether a measure should be allowed to become a law or not was lodged in the Speaker of that body and his Committee on Rules, and by the fiat of that one man the will of the press, the people, and the President was set at naught.

"Behold the spectacle! On one side 80,000 of free people demanding legislation to right an admitted wrong. On the other side, a few men engaged in public plunder, aided by the dominating power within the Republican party, represented by the presiding officer of the once-popular branch of Congress. And the plunderers and these unfaithful public servants prevail over the people of this great republic. In this instance, did the people rule?"

The great ovation of the day came when Bryan rose to speak. Cheers after cheer greeted the Nebraskan as he stood and surveyed the audience. His speech was delivered in a smooth, even voice, and was frequently interrupted by cheers. Bryan passed a busy morning before starting for the notification exercise. A reception was arranged for from 11 to 12 o'clock, but it was nearly 1 p. m. before the streams of handshakers were through with him. Soon after 11 o'clock a delegation of labor leaders called. They wished to talk privately with Mr. Bryan and he gave them an audience in his own room.

Following the conference in Mr. Bryan's room, which lasted twenty minutes, the delegation left with every friendly expression toward him. They had called, they said, not to promise him the support of union labor or to tell him of indorsement by their respective unions, but to tell him that they were in position to know that the sentiment of organized labor all through the land is overwhelmingly in his favor.

Just before leaving the city Mr. Bryan was handed a letter from the Fraternal Unity Club, asking him to accept \$11,111, which was enclosed as a donation to the campaign fund. Mr. Bryan accepted the gift with much real pleasure.

NOMINATE GOVERNOR TO-DAY

North Carolina Republicans to Hold Convention.

Will Have Nothing to Do with the Liquor Issue, Though Strong on Immigration.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Charlotte, N. C., Aug. 25.—That the State Republican convention, which convenes in this city to-morrow, will play hands off with the liquor question is stated upon reasonable authority to-night. The labor vote is going to receive not a little attention, it is said, the party believing that much strength lies in this direction, while a decided quietus on all sorts of immigration schemes will be favored.

SEEKS WADSWORTH'S DEFEAT.

President Believed to Be Opposing Former Representative.

The report that President Roosevelt is taking a hand in the fight to prevent former Representative James W. Wadsworth from regaining his seat in Congress from the Thirty-fourth New York district was confirmed on competent authority in Washington yesterday.

To what extent the President may be seeking to bring about the renomination of Congressman Peter Porter in opposition to Mr. Wadsworth, who so deeply offended Mr. Roosevelt during the Chicago beef scandal in 1906, is not disclosed. It is known here, however, that the published telegram from the President to Collector John A. Merritt, of Niagara Falls, ordering him to cease his activity for Wadsworth, is not lacking in authority.

CAUGHT UNDER WALL

Eight Workmen Killed on Chelsea Fire Scene.

OTHERS MAY BE IN WRECK

Rescues Hindered by Threatening Conditions of Other Walls in Heart of District Swept by Fire Several Months Ago—Several of Injured Now in Hospitals.

Boston, Aug. 25.—Eight men at work on the ruins of the old Academy of Music structure, which was partly destroyed in the Chelsea conflagration, were killed and over a dozen injured by the collapse of one of the old walls to-day. Six bodies are believed to be still in the ruins, and it is feared that more than half of those at the hospitals will die.

Work of rescue, which was being carried on underneath a tottering wall, was suspended this afternoon, when it was believed that all of the living had been taken out. Later it will be resumed, as soon as the dangerous remaining wall is shored up so as to make the rescue work more safe.

KNOW BODY WAS IN THE TRUNK

Wife of Murder Victim Adds Details to Confession.

Persists in Denying Complicity, Though Police Believe She Had Hand in the Crime.

Baltimore, Aug. 25.—Completely broken down by the array of evidence against her, Mrs. Bunnie Rosenbloom, the widow of Samuel J. Rosenbloom, the victim of the notorious Camden trunk mystery, following the admission she made yesterday to Capt. Pumphrey and Detectives Atkinson and Brennan by a still more detailed confession this morning.

Mrs. Rosenbloom, in the presence of Capt. Pumphrey, Detectives Atkinson and Brennan and Chief of Police S. Watson McMullen, of Windber, Pa., confessed that she not only knew that her husband had been murdered by her son, Alexander Rosenbloom, but that she knew that the body had been placed in a trunk and concealed in the cellar of their home for twenty-four hours.

The daughter, Eva, sixteen years old, also admitted that she knew of her father's murder and that the body had been concealed in the cellar of their home until their brother Alexander and two of his friends—Joseph and Louis Egler—took the trunk away in a wagon. The Eglers are now in custody in New York, having been arrested last night by the police of that city.

While Mrs. Rosenbloom and her daughter admit that they knew of the murder and that the body was concealed in the house, both of them strenuously deny that they had anything to do with the actual killing. Their statements to this effect are not believed by the police, and it is thought now that the murder of Rosenbloom and the disposition of his body was deliberately planned in order to secure his life insurance and get possession of the little merchandise store, which was doing a profitable business on November 11 last, when its proprietor was done to death by his own son and his body jammed into the trunk.

We Need a Strong Pacific Fleet.

From the New Orleans Picayune. While it is to be regretted that the visit to Australia has been given a political significance, which certainly was not intended, there can be no denying the fact that just such a fleet as the Atlantic battle-ship fleet is needed in the Pacific to maintain a proper equilibrium in that ocean. As long as we possess the Philippines and enjoy a large trade with the Orient it will be necessary for us to maintain a dominating influence in the Pacific. When the battle-ship fleet leaves the Pacific on its return to the Atlantic coast, some months hence, we will promptly lose the advantage we now enjoy, and Japan will once more be the dominating power in the Pacific.

And This is Civilization!

From the New York Commercial. Thirteen dead, fifteen missing, 5,500 troops on guard, and 200 in jail to face murder charges, is the record of Springfield, Ill. And this—supposed to be the century of greatest civilization in American history!

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