

## AVIS DISCLOSES TO FARMER STARTLING COMMUNICATION FROM COLONEL ROOSEVELT

**"There Is no Place in Our Ranks for the Boss" He Declares, in Letter Repudiating Old Parties and Declaring Unequivocally for Perpetuation of Progressive Party.**

**He Wrecked the Republican Party for Doing Wrong and Wrecked Progressive Party for Doing Right, Declares Noted Leader of Progressive Movement in State.**

William H. Avis, noted as a leader in the Progressive movement, and for years a devoted follower of Colonel Roosevelt, has disclosed a startling letter from Roosevelt, of very recent date, which emphasizes the sudden reversal of the doughty colonel at the Chicago convention. The letter, which Mr. Avis has authorized The Farmer to make public would indicate that the colonel regarded as incurably ill the party of the special interests which to whose embrace he so suddenly succumbed.

While readers of The Farmer are perusing the speeches of Roosevelt, espousing the cause of Hughes and the Grand Old Party, they will do well to keep the colonel's letter to Mr. Avis well in mind.

He wrecked the Republican party for doing wrong, and wrecked the Progressive party for doing right, declares Avis, in his communication to The Farmer, which follows:

Through the medium of your paper, I wish to call the attention of Progressive voters everywhere, and especially of those citizens who still remain loyal to the principles of the Progressive party, to the new political admiration coterie which, according to latest press reports, is soon to meet in a political love-feast in one of our large eastern cities. This exclusive circle, according to reports, is to consist of Brother Theodore Roosevelt, Brother William H. Taft, and Brother Elihu Root. While it has not yet been announced whether or not Brothers Barnes, Penrose, Smoot, Crane, Guggenheim and the rest of the "Old Guard" which formed the Colonel's pet manager of "second story men," "thieves," &c., will be on hand at the wedding of the new amalgamation, still no one will be surprised to hear that

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### Stiff Search For Stolen Waterford Hearse Undertaken

Waterford, Conn., Sept. 27.—A hearse purchased by public subscription, has been stolen from the burial ground in the southern part of Waterford and as a result that section of the township is in a turmoil. A reward has been offered for the arrest and conviction of those taking part in the affair and for the recovery of the piece of public property.

### Bridgeport Youths Held For Stealing Tires In Meriden

Meriden, Conn., Sept. 27.—One way of replacing useless tires on an automobile with good ones was disclosed today by the arrest of Harry Johnson and George Raabe, of Bridgeport, on the charge of theft of tires from the car of Dr. A. A. Rousseau in this city last Thursday afternoon. The young men, each of whom claims to be about 19 years old, were arrested in Middletown yesterday and brought back to Meriden. According to the police the young men came here accompanied by two young women. While here two of the tires on their machine were punctured. They left the young women saying they were going to get new tires, took Dr. Rousseau's car which they saw standing in the street, drove it into a side street, removed the tires from the rear wheels, carried them back to their own, putting them on in place of the punctured tires and then drove off. They were also charged with operating an automobile without the owner's permission.

### THE WEATHER

Increasing cloudiness tonight; Thursday probably showers.

"THE OUTLOOK, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York, Office of Theodore Roosevelt, May 9, 1913.

My Dear Mr. Avis:

I earnestly wish I could be with you some Saturday in June to greet the Progressives of the Twelfth Senatorial District. As this is impossible I send you a letter of good will.

The Progressive party stands to-day precisely where the Republican party stood in the days of Lincoln, when it was the progressive party of the nation. It is as idle to talk of our amalgamating with either of the old party machines as it would have been to talk of the Lincoln Republicans amalgamating either with the Bourbon Democrats or the Cotton Whigs of their day. We stand absolutely for our platform; we believe in applying the principles of that platform to party management as well as to the government. There is no place in our ranks for the boss, for the man who represents the alliance between privilege in business and privilege in politics. I firmly believe that there are literally millions of progressives among the rank and file both of the Republican and Democratic parties, and that these men will sooner or later realize that they can do nothing where they are, and the only way they can efficiently fight for social and industrial justice, for political and economic freedom, for equality of opportunity, is by joining the Progressive party. They shall have exact equality of treatment with us without regard to whether they are ex-Democrats or ex-Republicans. We welcome all honest citizens to our ranks.

With hearty good wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

THEODORE ROOSEVELT,

Mr. William H. Avis, Whitneyville, Conn."

## CONN. FIELD ARTILLERY BATTERIES AMONG 6,000 MEN ORDERED TO BORDER

Washington, Sept. 27.—National Guard organizations from New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, District of Columbia, Virginia, New York, Alabama, Georgia, Connecticut, Florida, Michigan, Minnesota, Colorado, and California were ordered to the Mexican border today by the war department.

Instructions were sent to General Funston ordering him to select upon the arrival of these organizations at the border 10,000 national guards in infantry now on duty there and return them to state mobilization camps.

Today's order will send south 6,000 men, virtually all of the guardsmen now in the mobilization camps of the states named and will leave only about 10,000 state troops in all the country that have not seen service on the border.

Within a short time the remainder will probably be ordered out, releasing more of the organizations now under General Funston's command. The gradual return and mustering out of all the guardsmen is then expected to begin.

## N.Y. MAN AND UNKNOWN COMPANION ARE SHOT BY WOMAN WHO KILLS SELF

Philadelphia, Sept. 27.—J. C. Graveur, president of the Alhambra Garage, New York, was shot and killed and his unknown female companion was seriously wounded in a hotel here early today by Mrs. Harry Belzer, of 315 Euclid avenue, New York. Mrs. Belzer then committed suicide by shooting herself through the head.

No motive for the tragedy has been established. The body of Mrs. Belzer was identified by Mrs. Frances Apman, of New York, sister of Graveur, who came here with Graveur's business partner upon being notified of the murder.

Mrs. Apman has not seen the companion of Graveur, who lies in a hospital here with a bullet in her breast. Mrs. Apman says her brother was a widower. She may visit the hospital this afternoon to try to identify the woman.

Mr. Apman told the police Mrs. Belzer's maiden name was Margaret McCandless and that she had not been living with her husband recently. Graveur, she also told the police, had been very friendly with Mrs. Belzer.

From cards found in Mrs. Belzer's handbag the police at first believed she was Mrs. J. C. Le Dur, or Le Duc. The wounded woman in the hospital, at first supposed to be Graveur's wife, has not made any statement.

Graveur and his unknown companion motored to this city yesterday from New York, where they attended a theatre last night and returned to their hotel half an hour after midnight. They were unaccom-

## CREDITORS OF BURR & KNAPP IN SENSATIONAL DOCUMENT DEMAND TRUSTEE CHAMBERLAIN OUSTED

### UNIONS' LEADERS DECLARE 250,000 MEN HAVE STRUCK

General Strike Order, in Sympathy With Carmen, Is Effective.

### MANY MORE TO QUIT TOMORROW, IS REPORT

Jewish Holiday Complicates Work of Estimating Number Now Out.

New York, Sept. 27.—The general strike of labor unions in sympathy with the striking street car men was supposed to be effective today and, although labor leaders claimed that some 250,000 workers had responded to the call, there was little evidence that a strike was in progress.

Private canvassers among the labor unions reported that at least 22 had failed to respond to strike calls this forenoon. The only report received at police headquarters was that 250 members for work.

Among the unions which were expected to go out today but did not was the brewery workers, numbering 6,000. Their leaders declared they would surely strike tomorrow.

Attempts to estimate the number of strikers were complicated by the fact that thousands of Jewish workers will remain idle over Thursday and Friday, in celebration of the beginning of the Jewish New Year. Of the 200,000 expected by the leaders to strike, 143,000 are members affiliated with the United Hebrew trades who stop work each year at this time for the Jewish holidays.

Among the organizations which have voted to strike today, according to those directing the movement, are: Ladies' Garment workers, 55,000; clothing workers, 40,000; painters and decorators, 15,000; furriers, 15,000; tin-smiths, 10,000; butchers, 10,000; stationary firemen, 2,500; paper box makers, 7,000; milliners, 6,000; jewelry workers, 8,000; brewery workers, 6,000; total, 209,500.

The leaders asserted that in addition to those who quit work today they would be able to call out 100,000 more daily for the next two or three days.

At the last moment it became known that T. V. O'Connor, national president of the Longshoremen's Union, had decided not to call out the 45,000 members of that organization today. It was stated that there was serious doubt whether he would ask them to take part in the strike at any time.

The joint labor conference committee directing the strike met this morning to hear the reports of the unions whose members had responded to the strike call.

## GREEK SOLDIERS QUIT REGIMENTS TO JOIN REBELS

Further Defections to Cretan Uprising Reported to Paris.

Paris, Sept. 27.—Greek troops in Crete, to the number of 4,000, have joined the revolutionists, according to a radio agency despatch from Athens. Only a colonel, a few other officers and 25 of the men, remained loyal to the government.

### BRITISH TAKE 4,000

London, Sept. 27.—The British again advanced on the Somme front last night, the war office announced today. The greatest success was won in the direction of Eaucourt L'Abbede.

Between 3,000 and 4,000 prisoners were taken by the British in Monday and Tuesday's fighting on the Somme front, according to a delayed portion of General Haig's report of Tuesday night which was given out today.

### FRENCH MAKE GAIN.

Paris, Sept. 27.—A brilliant French attack east of Verdunville has succeeded in capturing a strongly fortified wood, according to an official statement issued by the war office today.

### England's Ban on U. S. Tobacco Imports Off

Washington, Sept. 27.—Great Britain has withdrawn regulations for the importation of cigar tobacco which American growers have declared would ruin their business and authorized imports on the production of 1904 and 1905.

### PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. Hector Commette of 980 Hancock avenue, are the happy parents of a baby girl born yesterday. Before her marriage Mrs. Commette was Miss Lillian Tetreau.

## "BLACKHANDER" IS CAPTURED BY ELM CITY POLICE

Scranton Young Man Demands \$10,000 of Wealthy New Haven Resident.

### DETECTIVE POSES IN VICTIM'S ROLE

Meets "Blackhand King" With Agreed Signal and Catches His Quarry.

New Haven, Sept. 27.—Peter Perella, who claims to have run away from Scranton, Pa., two years ago, after having robbed his father of a small sum of money, is under arrest here charged with having sent a threatening letter to Philip S. Montgomery, of this city, demanding \$10,000. The police say Perella has confessed. The arrest was made last night. Perella sent the letter Sept. 25, directing Mr. Montgomery to meet him on a certain downtown corner, holding the money in his hand in a "white package" and warning him not to notify the police or "my men will blow up your house and whoever is in it at the time."

The letter was signed "Paris Blackhand King." A detective said to resemble Mr. Montgomery in appearance, was sent to the designated corner last night with a "white package" and when Perella stepped up to him and asked him if he had the money, the detective arrested him.

Perella, in admitting his guilt, declared, the police say, that no one else was concerned with him in the affair and that he conceived the idea because he was out of work here and without funds. The police say he has served time in a reformatory in Pennsylvania.

## MURHEAD SUED FOR ESTATE OF AUTO'S VICTIM

Administrator Asks \$10,000 Damages Because of Alfred Savo's Death.

To recover damages for the death of 13-year-old Alfred Savo, who was struck and fatally injured May 31 last, in Stratford, by an automobile, Antonio R. Abriola, administrator on Savo's estate, has brought suit against William R. Muirhead of Trumbull for \$10,000.

It is alleged that Muirhead's machine was proceeding through Main street, Stratford, on the day of the accident.

Savo, who was employed by the Bridgeport Gas Light Co., was engaged in swinging a pipe across the street. The automobile struck the pipe in such a way that Savo was knocked down and run over by the car. He died shortly afterward.

The complaint says Muirhead was guilty of negligence but in the Stratford town court the defendant was exonerated when arrested on a criminal charge. The present suit is returnable to the civil superior court, October term.

## Would-Be Citizens Don't Know Colors In American Flag

Standing under a huge American flag, which was hung in the middle of the courtroom, applicants for citizenship who passed examination, were sworn in as citizens this country by Clerk Tracy in the superior court this morning. The flag was brought into court because some of the applicants who appeared yesterday did not know the national colors. The total number of citizens sworn in yesterday and this morning was 104. The hearings were resumed this afternoon. Tomorrow, Judge Gager will go to Danbury to hear applications.

## Horse Kicks Driver Off Seat of Wagon

Frightened when the traces of his harness became loosened, a horse driven by Patrick M. Farrell, 43 years of age, of Groton, kicked its hind legs in the air, knocking Farrell from his seat and causing a compound fracture of his left leg. This accident happened at noon today at Railroad and South avenues.

Dr. J. F. Canavan sent Farrell to St. Vincent's hospital.

### PLAGUE CLOSES SCHOOLS.

Pleasant Valley, Conn., Sept. 27.—The school house here has been ordered closed as a result of the discovery of infantile paralysis in a family, four children of which had been attending the school. The children stricken had been ill since Sunday. The cases were reported.

Many Allegations of High Finance, to the Detriment of Poor Depositors of Bankrupt Bank, Are Made in Document, Filed With Vermont Judge of United States District Court—Chamberlain's Connection With Georgia Loan & Trust Co. and Watervliet Hydraulic Co.'s Financing Reviewed in Petition Which Alleges That Large Sums Due the Bankrupt Firm Are Due to Creditors.

Many sensational allegations, based upon "information and belief" of high financing of the affairs of the now bankrupt banking house of Burr & Knapp, are made against Attorney John C. Chamberlain, the trustee for the firm, in an application made to the United States district court, for the removal of Chamberlain as trustee of Burr & Knapp's estate.

The creditors who have signed the petition are Adolph Sherman, Signe Sherman, Lockwood & Nichols and Daniel M. Nichols. All these hold claims against the bankrupt estate, and their claims have been allowed in the United States district court.

The proceeding which aims to remove Chamberlain from further connection with the bankrupt firm has been guarded with utmost secrecy. It was filed with Harland B. Howe, United States district judge, of Vermont.

At a session of the court, at Hartford, Sept. 16, John C. Chamberlain, trustee of the estate of Mary H. Burr and H. M. Knapp, co-partners, bankrupt, under the firm name of Burr & Knapp, was notified to appear in the court house at New Haven, yesterday, at 10:30 a. m., to show cause why he should not be removed.

Service for Chamberlain, who at the time was absent from the city, was accepted by Albert O. Hull, his law partner, and it is understood that Canfield & Pullman will represent him. Although the papers were in the court yesterday, neither side entered an appearance, and no action, so far, has been taken, the case having been held in abeyance by the court.

While the document is based largely upon the facts brought out at the various hearings in connection with the failure of the banking house, there are many sensational allegations of high finance that in view of recent events are highly interesting to the money through the bank's failure.

It is asserted that the creditors are moved to ask for Chamberlain's removal on many grounds. One of these is the fact that Chamberlain through manipulation of notes has reduced his own liability on funds which should be included in the bank's assets.

It is further set forth that the sale of the real and mortgage business of the bankrupt firm was affected by Chamberlain in such a manner that the Title Guaranty & Trust Co. bought it for a small part of its real value.

It is represented first, that: On or about the 16th day of November, 1914, a creditors' meeting was held for the purpose of electing a trustee in bankruptcy.

That John C. Chamberlain was one of the nominees for such position, but opposition to him had developed, largely because of a belief on the part of many of the creditors that he had been the attorney for the bankrupt for a number of years.

That at the hearing, John C. Chamberlain addressed the creditors, representing that he had in no way been connected as attorney with the firm of Burr & Knapp, or with Herbert Knapp or Mary E. Burr, except that his law firm had foreclosed mortgages for said firm of Burr & Knapp and was guilty of negligence but in the Stratford town court the defendant was exonerated when arrested on a criminal charge. The present suit is returnable to the civil superior court, October term.

That such statements were in fact untrue and were made for the purpose of securing his election as trustee and permitting of the acts hereinafter referred to.

### Note for \$10,000

A second allegation asserts: That on or about the twenty-fourth day of August, 1914, Herbert M. Knapp knowing that the firm was in failing circumstances, sent for John C. Chamberlain and informed him that he must raise \$10,000 that day or the firm of Burr & Knapp would be closed up by the First-Bridgeport National Bank, to which it was indebted in a large sum of money.

That John C. Chamberlain, having stated to Herbert M. Knapp that he did not have such a large sum of money available, Herbert M. Knapp stated that the said First-Bridgeport National Bank would accept in place of the \$10,000, a note which Hervey E. Burr, the son of Mary E. Burr, would draw to the order of Burr & Knapp, if said John C. Chamberlain would endorse it, and that this would prevent the bank from taking steps to throw the firm of Burr & Knapp into a receivership.

That John C. Chamberlain agreed to do this, provided he was secured against loss of the note, and it was then agreed between John C. Chamberlain and Herbert M. Knapp that a tract of land known as "Fair View Lawn," which was held by Hervey E. Burr, as trustee for Burr & Knapp, should be mortgaged to secure John C. Chamberlain against loss from endorsement of the mortgage to be made to John C. Chamberlain.

That John C. Chamberlain endorsed the note for \$10,000, drawn by Hervey E. Burr, in favor of Burr & Knapp, on the 26th day of August, 1914, and the mortgage as stated, was thereupon, given to John C. Chamberlain, being executed at Bridgeport, Conn.

That subsequent partial payments were made by the Watervliet Hydraulic Company on the note, so that at the time of the appointment of John C. Chamberlain, as receiver, for the firm of Burr & Knapp there was due the sum of \$2,750.

That, at and for some time prior to receivership, the Watervliet Hydraulic Company, was, in fact, insolvent, and this fact was well known to said John C. Chamberlain, its president, and that the Watervliet Hydraulic Company is now in the hands of a receiver in the courts of the state of New York.

That the Watervliet Hydraulic Company is indebted to the firm of Burr & Knapp in the sum of \$53,710.88, and was indebted for about that sum at the time of said receivership.

That John C. Chamberlain as receiver of Burr & Knapp, collected notes and other assets to the amount of \$1,101.50, which were held by said City National Bank as security for the payment of said note of \$5,000. These funds, John C. Chamberlain paid over to the City National Bank to reduce

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