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KEEP HANDS OFF IN BOARD FIGHT

Chamber and Club Will Support No Special Candidates.

URGE MEMBERS TO HELP BEST MEN

Attitude of Two Business Organizations Clearly Defined in Letters Emphasizing Importance of Wise Action at Polls—Pay Your Poll Tax.

Announcement was made yesterday by the governing bodies of the Chamber of Commerce and the Business Men's Club that those two organizations will take no action officially in supporting any candidates for the Administrative Board. While realizing the importance of electing men of unquestioned integrity and ability, and urging all members to qualify and vote for the ablest candidates, the chamber and the club will remain hands-off.

In the course of his sermon at Seventh Street Christian Church on Sunday night, Rev. H. D. C. Maclachlan, D. D., stated that many citizens believed the Chamber of Commerce should take the lead in bringing out the ablest candidates. Other expressions of a similar character have been heard, although the chamber and the Business Men's Club believe that it would be unwise to enter into the fight, leaving that to the members individually. But the Business Men's Club will put forth a strong effort to have every member not now on the tax books qualify before May 4, so that he can vote in the Administrative Board primary.

Attitude of Chamber.

The attitude of the chamber is given in the following letter, sent yesterday to all members:

Richmond, Va., April 29, 1912.

The officers of the chamber have been repeatedly importuned to inaugurate a movement to secure the best material for the five members of the Administrative Board, and feel most deeply the importance of proper men being selected to constitute this board. In order that there may be no misunderstanding on the part of its members and its friends in the matter of the chamber's doing everything possible to accomplish this end, it has been deemed wise that a statement should be made setting forth its position.

The Chamber of Commerce can and does indorse policies and measures promoting the interests of our city, but it is not within the scope of its work to indorse individuals or promote the interests of any particular man, and therefore it cannot officially take any part in the selection of any particular person for any place. It can, however, and feels that it is its bounden duty to, most earnestly urge every member to lend his influence and support to any plan that may be adopted having for its sole purpose the selection of suitable men for this very important board.

Depends on the Men.

The efficiency of the plan will be absolutely lost if this board is not administered by men whose character has given them the highest standing in the community and who are so mentally and morally constituted as not to be influenced by self-interest or biased motives.

The opportunities of this office will be ever present to give advantage to personal interests, to the hurt of the general good of the city, and men of courage and firmness are absolutely necessary to withstand the temptations. This board should not be filled by men that need the office. Its importance makes it necessary for them to stand aside for the men that the office needs.

The affairs of our city are too important and large to be administered by men of small calibre, and there must be an aroused public sentiment on the part of the citizens in general to see that the members of the Administrative Board are men who measure up to its requirements, both in ability and character. Inefficient and loose administration would mean a waste that would reflect directly upon every taxpayer and any one who is dependent upon work for a livelihood in our city. Whether it be the man who works with tools, or the clerk in the counting rooms, or the heads of institutions, every one is vitally interested in the economical expenditure of the city's money, that there may be lower gas, lower water rates and lower taxes generally, and a reputation for an efficient and economical municipal government that will have a most potent influence in conserving our present great development and further increasing the general commercial and manufacturing business of our city.

Above Personal Ground.

The Administrative Board is too important for any personal friendships or sympathies to enter into the selection of any one of its members.

The election of the Council now immediately confronts us, and equal in importance to the constitution of the Administrative Board is the necessity for electing good men to the legislative branch of our city government. Not only every member of the chamber, but every citizen of Richmond, is called on to measure up to his full duty in electing good men to carry out the measures which the chamber has worked so hard and so effectively to have established.

By order of the executive committee,

R. A. DUNLOP,
Secretary.

Business Men's Club Acts.

After a prolonged and at times heated debate, the board of directors of the Business Men's Club yesterday determined not to take any official action as a body in favoring or opposing candidates for the Administrative Board. The attention of the membership of the club is called to the importance of making the best possible selection, and the secretary of the club, C. P. Walford, Jr., was instructed to send a special letter at once to all members of the club not now registered and qualified voters, urging them to pay their poll taxes before Satur-

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LOUISIANA CELEBRATES

One Hundred Years Ago It Was Admitted to Union.

New Orleans, La., April 29.—With the arrival here to-morrow of Secretary of State Philander C. Knox from Washington, the program arranged by the Louisiana Historical Society for the centennial celebration of Louisiana's admission to the Union will be formally opened.

As the visit of Secretary Knox is regarded as a continuation of his Pan-American trip, delegates and representatives of Panama, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua have arrived for the purpose of participating in the celebration.

The 1,000 or more sailors of the battleships New Hampshire and Nebraska and gunboat Petrel, now in the harbor, will head the military parade, composed of the local organizations of the Louisiana National Guard, acting as honorary escort to Secretary Knox and the other distinguished guests. Secretary Knox will deliver an address at the Cabildo, which is to be formally opened as a State museum.

CAMPAIGN IS CLOSED

Both Underwood and Wilson Claiming Victory in Florida.

Jacksonville, Fla., April 29.—What has been one of the most vigorously contested Democratic primary election campaigns in several years was brought to a close to-night. For the State and county offices this is merely the elimination contest, as there are so many candidates in the field that none of them except the few that have no opposition can possibly get a majority of all the votes cast. A second primary therefore will be held on May 28. The ticket is so long that the count to-morrow night will necessarily be slow, and definite results will not be known until Wednesday night, if then. In the presidential preferential contest only the names of Underwood and Wilson will appear on the official ballot. Friends of each of these candidates assert to-night that they are confident of victory. The indications are that the contest will be close.

MAY PREVENT STRIKES

Lenroot Has Bill Which He Believes Would Prove Effective.

Washington, April 29.—A means of regulating the wages of railway employes and a possible method of preventing disastrous strikes by the employment of the Interstate Commerce Commission is proposed by Representative Lenroot, of Wisconsin, in a bill presented to the House to-day.

The Lenroot bill provides that before any general reduction of wages of any one class of employes of a common carrier shall become effective, employes shall be given the right to protest. If within twenty days the order becomes effective, any railway men's organization, or a majority of the employes, protest at the principal offices of the company, the matter shall be referred to the Interstate Commerce Commission for determination.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

HERRICK PRESENTS LETTERS

New Ambassador Exchanges Addresses With President Fallieres.

Paris, April 29.—Myron T. Herrick, the new American ambassador to France, to-day presented his letters of credence to President Fallieres.

The addresses exchanged dwelt particularly upon the warmth of the friendship between the two republics. Mr. Herrick emphasized America's wish to strengthen the historic ties which would enable the two countries to tread in brotherly accord along the paths of advancement and peace.

After voicing France's desire to develop both the commercial and political relations of the United States and France, President Fallieres made a sympathetic allusion to the Titanic disaster and to the honoring by America of Frenchmen like Samuel de Champlain, who struggled for civilization and liberty.

MANN IS OPTIMISTIC

Certain House Will Finish Business by June 1.

Washington, April 29.—"There will be no trouble, so far as the House is concerned, in getting away from here by June 1," said Minority Leader Mann to-day at the close of a long session of the House.

Chairman Moon, of the Post-Office Committee, anxious to have the House meet morning, noon and night to expedite the passage of the Post-Office appropriation bill and other legislation, had expressed the fear that if no greater progress were made the session of Congress would be prolonged

APPLICATIONS ARE FEW

Time for Filing Names for Candidates Expires To-Morrow.

Providence, R. I., April 29.—The time for filing names of candidates for delegates to the Democratic National Convention, to be voted on at the Democratic State primaries May 31, will expire Wednesday at midnight. Only three applications had been received by Secretary Peter J. Gaskin, of the State Central Committee, up to this afternoon, but it is expected that there will be a large number of names to be placed on the ballot when the lists close. Ten delegates, ten alternates and a national committeeman will be chosen, and the voters will also designate their preference for President.

HAMMERSTEIN MEETS KING

Impresario Is Presented by Ambassador Whitelaw Reid.

London, April 29.—King George and Queen Mary were present this afternoon at a matinee performance at the London Opera House in aid of the funds of the "League of Mercy." At the conclusion, Whitelaw Reid, the United States ambassador, presented Oscar Hammerstein, the operatic impresario, to the King, who complimented him on his efforts in producing opera.

Parody Stricken from Record.

Washington, April 29.—Because of criticisms of his recitation to the Senate of a political parody on the Apostles' Creed last Thursday, Senator Williams, of Mississippi, to-day ordered that the parody be stricken out of his speech in the permanent copies of the Congressional Record. Senator Williams expressed astonishment at what he said he regarded as a misconstruction by many Christian people.

Venezuela Enthusiastic.

Washington, April 29.—The Venezuelan Congress enthusiastically received that portion of President Gomez's message, presented on April 27, which referred in most cordial terms to Secretary Knox's visit and to the existing friendly relations between that country and the United States, say the State Department advices to-day.

SLATES PUT FORTH IN CLOSING HOUR

Many Surprises Expected When Council Vote Is Counted.

CITIZENS TO NAME MEMBERS TO-DAY

Attack on Vonderlehr Bitterly Resented by His Friends, Who Brand Charge as Unfair and Untrue—Anderson Issues Strong Denial.

Citizens of Richmond who are qualified to vote will to-day select members of the most important branch of the city government—the Common Council, the body in which practically all legislation, all plans for public improvements and all appropriations originate. The new Council, which takes office September 1 and serves for two years, will be composed of twenty men, five being elected from each of the four wards, thus cutting the size of the body exactly in half. Those who led the successful fight for redistricting claim that the new Council, elected by a larger body of constituents, will give a more select body of picked and efficient men, capable of more prompt disposition of business than the old Council of sixty-four members, with its interminable committees, and its endless red tape and delays.

Polls will be open to-day from sunrise—5:47 A. M.—to sunset—6:57 P. M. The City Democratic Committee will meet to-night at Murphy's Hotel to receive returns. The ballot is short, and with prompt work on the part of election officers there is no reason why all returns should not be in at a reasonably early hour.

Unique Campaign.

The campaign which closed last night has been unique. The reduction in size of the body means that many men must lose their seats. This is the first election since the adoption of the new four-ward plan of redistricting the city, so that there are no precedents on which to base predictions. Some men of long and useful service have been redistricted into wards in which they are comparatively little known, and some surprises in the final returns may be anticipated.

Slates of all sorts were in circulation last night—wet slates, dry slates, secret society slates. So far as they could be traced, however, these were in each case put out by a few men, and were not backed by any effective working organization, and will have little or no bearing on the final result.

Attack on Vonderlehr.

A feature of the final hours of the campaign was the general circulation yesterday afternoon and last night of a circular attack on Councilman A. L. Vonderlehr, who is offering for reelection in Lee Ward. An affidavit, signed by H. K. Franklin, a real estate agent, asserts that on April 25 Mr. Vonderlehr admitted having been asked by Henry W. Anderson, attorney for the Virginia Railway and Power Company, to remain away from a subcommittee meeting and so break a quorum. Mr. Franklin's statement is sworn to before W. Kirk Mathews, notary public, and associate counsel for the Richmond and Henrico Railway Company, which is seeking a lighting and power franchise in opposition to the company represented by Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Vonderlehr promptly denied the charge, asserting that he never received any communication from Mr. Anderson in his life, and therefore could not have told Mr. Franklin what was asserted. He says he did have a telephone conversation with Mr. Franklin, but did not say what Mr. Franklin apparently understood and now charges.

Henry W. Anderson issued a signed statement last night in which he characterizes the Franklin circular, so far as it refers to himself, as "false in every particular." He asserts that he has never spoken or written to Mr. Vonderlehr on the subject of the Richmond and Henrico franchise outside of the public hearings in the committee room, and had not seen Mr. Vonderlehr, or had any communication with him, directly or indirectly, since the last public meeting.

What the Record Shows.

The record will show that a subcommittee of the Committee on Streets has for some time been considering a proposed draft of a franchise for the Richmond and Henrico Company, section by section. A number of amendments designed to protect the city have been offered by Assistant City Attorney George Wayne Anderson, while other amendments intended to protect the existing company were proposed by Henry W. Anderson. Point after point has been argued by Mr. Anderson and by Charles V. Meredith and S. L. Kelley, counsel for the Richmond and Henrico Company, the committee giving patient attention at many long sittings. An adjourned meeting was scheduled for April 25, to proceed with the paper. Chairman Adams was out of the city, and notified Clerk Shepherd to the effect that if a majority of members could not attend, the meeting might be called off. It was ascertained that Mr. Fergusson was out of the city and that Dr. Miller was sick; also that Attorney Henry W. Anderson was in New York. Therefore the sergeant-at-arms notified the members that the meeting had been postponed. Later some of the members decided to go on with the work, notwithstanding the absentees, and new notices were hastily sent out late in the afternoon. When the time came, W. S. Forbes and Attorneys Meredith and Kelley were present for the petitioners, and William Northrop for the Virginia Railway and Power Company. Members present were Messrs. Pollock and Donleavy. Later Mr. Moore came, but there appeared to be no chance of getting a quorum, and the meeting adjourned and has not since been called.

Predict Reaction at Polls.

Mr. Franklin alleges in his sworn statement that Mr. Vonderlehr asked him over the telephone to be released

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GREAT AUDIENCE GREETS SINGERS

Wednesday Club Artists Receive Absolute Ovation.

FIRST CONCERT SIGNAL SUCCESS

Gluck, Homer, Jorn and Whitehill Warmly Applauded. Chorus in Splendid Voice and Pasternack Conducted Metropolitan Orchestra Brilliantly.

BY W. DOUGLAS GORDON.

When the mighty strains of Tschaikowsky's "Sclavic March" rang out a triumphant finale to last season's Music Festival of the Wednesday Club, it seemed that the very pinnacle of the club's artistic success must have been reached, but with only one concert of this, its nineteenth annual festival, brought to a brilliant close, it yet stands established that last year's success was but a forerunner of greater things.

With a larger chorus than ever before in the history of the club, four of the foremost singers of opera in America, an orchestra of fifty from the forces of the Metropolitan Opera, under the masterly direction of Josef Pasternack, and with a program composed of arias, songs, duets, trios and choruses so varied as to appeal to every possible taste, the first concert of the series was given last night before the largest audience that has ever welcomed the Wednesday Club, its chorus and its artists. And before an audience that enjoyed, drank in, almost reveled in, every note that was sung or played, from the trumpet call that ushered in the overture to Wagner's "Rienzi," with which the program opened, to the final chord of the laughing, light chorus from Von Flotow's "Martha," which closed, all too early, the first concert.

Crowds Well Handled.

Taking advantage of the lesson learned from the confusion attendant upon the Tetrazzini concert, the police handled the dense and hurrying traffic to the utmost satisfaction; the hall bore as near a resemblance to a concert hall as decorations could compel it to, and a wise management closed the doors to the auditorium at the moment that Mr. Pasternack mounted his little platform, so that all the physical aids to a sympathetic atmosphere that were possible were lent to those who came to listen and there remained to make it perfect—only music. And that was forthcoming, joyous, tragic, ringing, singing, loud and soft, heavy and light, dramatic and simple, pathetic and powerful, solemn and charming—in plentiful, bounteous, overflowing abundance it was poured out to the most radiant, satisfied, and grateful audience that even the Wednesday Club had delighted during the faithful years of its efforts. To President Corley and to the men of the board of governors who have labored with him are due thanks most profound from the community for that which they have achieved.

One in a Thousand.

Of Mr. Pasternack and his orchestra it can be said, as yet, only that they are the same musicians as those who aided in making last season's festival so satisfying, for, except for the opening overture, there was no orchestral number from which to judge their ability, and we can be guided only by our memory of their exquisite work of last year and by their very beautiful accompaniments.

Of these, it is difficult to speak moderately. Speaking positively, Mr. Pasternack is one accompanist in a thousand, as is established by the fact that he is the favorite conductor of the Sunday concerts of the Metropolitan people; speaking relatively, remembering Victor Herbert and his brutal orchestral bullying of his singers, Mr. Pasternack is sublime.

The chorus, as has been said, is larger than at any time since the organization of the club, and Louis E. Weitzel, for years the accompanist of the club, and now its director, has succeeded in making them produce a tone of much beauty—never a yell, but always a tone. And this is greatly to Mr. Weitzel's credit, for most of the members of his chorus are new members of the club, and, while this fact probably accounts to some extent for a youthful freshness and buoyancy of quality, it must of necessity have added greatly to the difficulty of his work in training them. The sopranos, in particular, sang exceedingly well. They produced a great volume, but, again, it was a volume of tone, not of noise, and they sang the notes as they were written, without a "swoop" or a glide—portamento, if you like, which is all very well for a soloist, but was never intended for choirs.

Wonderful Chorus.

In the first number for the chorus there seemed to be a little uncertainty of attack, especially with the men, but that was doubtless due to the fact that it was the first number and that they were accustomed to Mr. Weitzel's conducting and not to Mr. Pasternack's, or it may have been because the men were nearly on a level with the orchestra, instead of above them, as were many of the women, and, in singing through it, as it were, failed to get their voices over, as did the sopranos. The criticism is hypercritical anyhow, so it will be dropped.

The fact remains that the chorus sang as it has, rarely, if ever, sung during the nineteen years of the club's existence, and that Mr. Weitzel merits hearty and unstinted praise.

This first number spoken of was the "Prize Song" and Finale from Wagner's "Die Meistersinger," with Karl Jorn singing Walther and Clarence Whitehill singing Hans Sachs. Neither of these artists had sung in Richmond before, and both of them received the warm applause to which, as strangers, or visitors, they were entitled. But, before even this number was concluded, they had become "fa-

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TRIAL OF ALLENS WILL BEGIN TO-DAY

Both Sides Announce Readiness to Proceed With Case.

FLOYD WILL BE FIRST DEFENDANT

Several of County's Leading Citizens Are on the Venire Summoned to Appear This Morning—Many Witnesses Already on the Scene.

BY ALEXANDER FORWARD.

Wytheville, Va., April 29.—To all appearances no further impediment can be put in the way of an immediate trial of the six members of the Allen family, of Carroll county, for the murder of the court officials on March 14. Both sides express themselves as in readiness, provided no important witnesses fail to appear in court to-morrow. Scores of these are already on the scene and others will arrive before time for convening court.

Fifty seconds sufficed for the opening of the term of the Circuit Court of Wythe county to-day. At 3 o'clock Judge Waller R. Staples mounted the bench. Sheriff Thomas S. Davidson called the court to order.

"This court," said Judge Staples, "will receive the order removing the cases of the Commonwealth against Floyd Allen and others from Carroll county, and it will be entered on record."

Judge N. H. Hairston, W. W. Cox and Francis H. Cocke, of Roanoke, of counsel for the defense, and S. Floyd Landreth, the new Commonwealth's attorney of Carroll were introduced to the court and admitted to the practice of law in Wythe county, later taking the oath before Clerk C. C. Tate. "Mr. Sheriff," said the judge, "adjourn court until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock."

It is understood that after to-morrow the hours of the session will be from 9:30 A. M. to 1 P. M., and 2:30 to 6 P. M.

Floyd Will Be First.

It will not be necessary to arraign the prisoners again to-morrow. They have heard the indictments read to them and have severally pleaded not guilty. The Commonwealth has not elected who shall be tried first, but there is no doubt that it will be Floyd Allen.

An hour was spent this afternoon, after court had adjourned, in arranging the interior of the courtroom for the trials. The building is spacious and modern, and is one of the State's most adequate courthouse. Tables were placed to take care amply of a dozen newspaper correspondents. To do this the judge did not hesitate to move the jury's quarters from the usual station to a place just in front of his seat. The witness will be in the centre, with the defense's stenographer hard by. On both sides, the lawyers will have their places. Judge A. A. Campbell, Judge Thornton L. Massie's successor, who will not qualify until after the Allen trials, assisted in arranging the courtroom.

All the attorneys are on hand, and spent the day in consultation with prisoners and witnesses.

Wytheville takes the utmost interest in the trial. The town is a noted summer resort and accommodations for visitors in the boarding houses are plentiful. A local committee has gone to the length of seeing that those who come on business or to witness the proceedings can find stopping places. Every citizen is impressed with the importance of the occasion. Newspaper men are especially well looked after.

Entertainment of various sorts is promised. Unheralded, a traveling carnival came into town yesterday, and pitched its tents on a lot just in rear of the jail, whence most of the Allens can find amusement by watching the proceedings through the bars of their cages and the great windows beyond. A moving picture theatre is on the job, while a revival meeting will attract the seriously inclined.

Visits Prisoners in Jail.

Through the courtesy of Judge Staples, The Times-Dispatch correspondent was permitted this afternoon to see the Allens in the county jail. Attorneys for the defense were present, and conversation regarding the case was tabooed.

Claude Swanson Allen and Friel Allen are in the same cell, and were first visited. The former has recovered from the attack of rheumatism, of which he complained at Hillsville last week, and seems fairly cheerful. Friel, too, looks better, and says he is entirely well. Both eat heartily, while Claude smokes occasional cigarettes. He has been shaved again, but said laughingly that he felt after a shave he received in Roanoke that he would never need another one, since the face was about taken off.

Victor Allen and Sidna Edwards are together. The change in both is most marked. Victor, always slender, looks thin in face, and is seriously depressed. His parting with his wife in Hillsville last Tuesday was deeply affecting to him. Naturally, the cases against his father, Floyd, and his brother, Claude, which are regarded as rather more serious than his own, concern him. He himself may be implicated just as fully if conspiracy can be sustantiated by the prosecution.

On the other hand, Sidna Edwards looks and really is much better physically than when he was arrested, or than when the murders took place. Prior to the Floyd Allen trial, which terminated so tragically, he had been ill with pneumonia and was sick on that fateful day. But since his incarceration he has improved wonderfully in health and spirits. His smile is actually joyous, and as spontaneous as that of a child. In reply to the inquiry of The Times-Dispatch correspondent as to his

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WOULD BE COWARDLY ACT

Shirking of Duty to Restore Independence to Filipinos.

Washington, April 29.—"It would be cowardly shirking of our duty, a disgrace to the American people and an injury to the Filipinos to give them separate government before they are fitted for it," says a minority report from the House Insular Committee upon the Philippine independence resolution reported from the committee last week.

The report was filed by Representative Olmsted, of Pennsylvania, and signed by seven Republican members of the committee. It held that wild tribes of the islands, many of whom are of different religion and origin from the Filipinos, would instantly return to a state of war rather than acknowledge the supremacy of the Filipinos.

ANOTHER CYCLONE

Death List in Oklahoma Brought Up to Total of Twenty-Six.

Oklahoma City, April 29.—First estimates of the number of dead as a result of tornadoes which swept Oklahoma Saturday and Sunday were reduced to-day to twenty-three, but the number of known dead was swelled to a total of 26 to-night when a cyclone practically wiped out the village of Rogers. Approximately 175 persons were injured, but not more than a score are seriously hurt.

Torrential rains which accompanied the wind caused several streams to top their banks and interrupted railroad traffic. To-night's dispatches, however, indicate that the water is subsiding, and train service has been restored.

GRANT'S WILL FILED

General Leaves His Entire Estate to His Wife.

New York, April 29.—The will of the late Major-General Frederick Dent Grant, United States Army, filed in the Surrogate's office to-day, leaves his entire estate to his wife, Ida Honore Grant. The will was executed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, August 28, 1905, and in it the general declares that he left all to her because of assurance that the children, who had already been provided for by will of his mother, would receive whatever further aid they needed through his widow, and that upon her death the estate would be divided between them.

The two children are Ulysses S. Grant, third, who is a captain of engineers in the United States Army, and Princess Cantacuzene, Countess Speransky. The value of the estate is not stated.

TAFT A BAD THIRD

Receives 500 Votes to 4,500 for Roosevelt in King's County, Wash.

Seattle, Wash., April 29.—Nine thousand votes were cast Saturday in the King's county (Seattle) presidential primary, held under the direction of the Republican and Democratic county central committees. Complete figures are not available, but the committees authorize the estimate that Roosevelt received 4,500 votes; La Follette, 2,500; Taft, 500; Wilson, 1,000; Clark, 450; Harmon, 50.

Taft Ahead Here.

Bellingham, Wash., April 29.—Complete returns from Bellingham gave Taft 1,058; Roosevelt, 501, and La Follette, 207.

SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED

Only One Left in Operation in Province of Changsha.

New Haven, Conn., April 29.—Letters received at Yale University show that, owing to the revolution, all Chinese schools and other institutions of learning in both the city and province of Changsha have been closed, except the Yale College of Changsha. The city contains about 200,000 inhabitants and the province about 20,000,000.

As a result of the situation, applications for admission to Yale College have greatly increased. The college suspended only for three weeks at the outbreak of the revolution, and has been in steady session ever since, though some of the Chinese teachers and pupils have been lost.

FEUDIST VERY CARELESS

Leaves Weapons at Home, and Is Killed by Enemy.

Sweetwater, Texas, April 29.—Bill Echols "got" his old enemy, Clay Black, late last night. Black was shot down on the street at Coahoma, where two years ago members of the two warring families shot at each other for hours.

Out of this shooting there grew litigation. Three times Black was placed on trial accused of trying to murder the leader of the opposing clan, Bill Echols. Each time he was acquitted.

Then, last night, Black and Echols met on the street at Coahoma. It is declared Black carelessly had left his weapons at home. He was instantly killed. Echols was arrested.

COLORADO FOR CLARK

Effort to Make Governor Wilson Second Choice Fails.

Colorado Springs, Col., April 29.—The Colorado State Democratic Convention to-day adopted a resolution instructing Colorado's delegation to the National Democratic Convention to support Champ Clark until such time as he no longer was a candidate, or until released by him. An effort to have Governor Wilson, of New Jersey, named as second choice was defeated 676 to 372.

RUSSIA IS COLD

Does Not Appreciate Invitation to Take Part in Exposition.

London, April 29.—It is reported in Russian circles in London that the Russian government is not giving a very sympathetic reception to the invitation to participate in the Panama-Pacific Exposition, and that American action with regard to the Jewish passport question has something to do with this attitude. It is even said that an intimation awaits the exposition commission at London that their projected visit to St. Petersburg might as well be canceled.

STRIKERS VICTORIOUS

Cotton Mill Operatives Get 5 Per Cent. Increase of Wages.

North Village, Mass., April 29.—The demands of the striking operatives at the North Village cotton mill of Slater & Son, Incorporated, were granted to-day, when the management announced an increase of 5 per cent. in wages at all the Slater mills.

This makes a total increase of 10 per cent. granted within the past month. Nearly 3,000 persons are affected. The increase becomes effective next Monday.

TAFT AND COLONEL WIND UP CAMPAIGN

Results Will Be Told at Massachusetts Polls To-Day.

LONG DISTANCE DEBATE IS HELD

Both Traverse State in Frantic Last-Day Effort to Win Votes, and Colonel, Only Few Miles Ahead, Finds Time to Make Vitriolic Replies.

TAFT LEADERS PREDICT VICTORY

Boston, Mass., April 29.—With the departure of President Taft and Theodore Roosevelt from the State to-night, the campaign leaders gave their attention to figuring up the net results of the speaking tours.

General Edgar R. Champlin, head of the Taft League, has repeatedly estimated that thirty-four of the thirty-six Massachusetts delegates at least will go to Chicago prepared to vote for the renomination of President Taft.

On the Democratic side, there is much speculation as to the outcome of the Clark-Wilson contest. Those who are looking after the interests of the rivals are each confident of success.

Pittsfield, Mass., April 29.—"If you vote for Mr. Taft you vote for these men," said Colonel Roosevelt here to-night, after referring to Senators Lorimer, Penrose, Gallinger and Guggenheim. He declared that the President had practically nothing in his campaign back of him, outside of two or three States, except the support he received from those men and their like, and from the great sinister special interests which stand behind these bosses. At intervals the Colonel received reports of the speeches and in the latter part of the day he entered upon a long distance debate by retorting to Mr. Taft's statements.

Colonel Roosevelt said the President had asserted that the Colonel was stirring up class hatred. This, Colonel Roosevelt denied. "The talk that I am stirring up class hatred is arrant nonsense," he declared. In this same connection he said: "If Mr. Taft's policy of flabby indecision and of helpless acquiescence in the wrongdoing of the crooked boss, and the crooked financier is permitted to continue there will really grow up class hatred in this country. There will grow up a very uncomfortable and very ugly feeling of discontent with political, social and industrial conditions."

Not Decisive Battle.

Colonel Roosevelt made it clear that he did not believe the result of his campaign hinged upon the outcome of to-morrow's primaries. With his address in Pittsfield to-night Colonel Roosevelt wound up his campaign in Massachusetts.

Between speeches he found time to prepare a rejoinder to President Taft's statement of last night in regard to the "harvester trust" cases. He contradicted the President by asserting that the case was discussed by his Cabinet, with Mr. Taft present. In speaking here to-night Colonel Roosevelt said:

"Mr. Taft in his speech to-day announced that I am trying to stir up class hatred and excite discontent. I have, it is true, preached abhorrence of Mr. Lorimer and all that for which Mr. Lorimer stands and of the kind of crooked politics and crooked finance which in combination are responsible for the reproduction of Mr. Lorimer. But as regards most of the bosses whom I oppose, I have not preached hatred of them; I do not hate them; I merely wish them to retire to private life and quit misgoverning us.

"Does Mr. Taft regard me as stirring up class hatred because I ask for a law in New York to prevent women from being worked for excessive hours in factories? Does he regard me as stirring up class hatred because I stand for a workmen's compensation act? Does he regard me as stirring up class hatred because I demand that the State and the nation co-operate to make the conditions of life and labor better for wage-workers?

"On the contrary, I am advocating action which will be the most effective kind of antidote to class hatred. If Mr. Taft's policy of flabby indecision and helpless acquiescence in the wrongdoing of the crooked boss and the crooked financier is permitted to continue, there will really grow up class hatred in this country.

Must Depend on Bosses.

"If it is any comfort to Mr. Taft to call Messrs. Lorimer, Cox, Penrose, Guggenheim, Calhoun, Gallinger and the rest patriotic leaders instead of bosses, let him do so, but I earnestly hope that the plain people will vote against that particular type of patriotic leader, and mind you, if these particular patriotic leaders were not behind Mr. Taft, Mr. Taft would have a chance of carrying one State in twenty throughout this Union.

"He has practically nothing in his campaign back of him outside of two or three States except the support he gets from Lorimer, Penrose, Cox, Guggenheim, Gallinger and their like and from the great sinister special interests which stand behind these bosses.

"Apparently, what the President most minded is my assault on Mr. Lorimer. Friends, a year and a quarter ago Mr. Taft meant to be against Lorimer. The trouble with Mr. Taft is this, as in so many other matters, that though he meant well, he meant well feebly, and he was swerved from his purpose by those who had control over him and who were neither well-meaning nor feeble, far from opposing Mr. Lorimer, ended by being absolutely quiet