

NEW PREDICTING MAKE BLANK PRIMARY BALLOT Vote Boundary Changes Menace Validity of Nominating Petitions LAW CANNOT BE FOLLOWED Test Case Needed to Ascertain Signatures Necessary in Many Districts

As a result of investigations made by Charles Wellborn, Democratic police commissioner, and Albert M. Norton, chairman of the Democratic county central committee, it was claimed last night that many if not all of the nominating petitions for the August primaries may be invalidated, and that a chaotic situation in the election affairs is imminent if a test case is not at once taken into the courts to decide on what basis the vote of the precincts is to be estimated by the petitioners.

A number of petitions now are being circulated, and several already have obtained what until yesterday was generally considered the requisite number of signatures.

It was discovered by Mr. Wellborn, and later also announced by Mr. Norton, that the problem of estimating the party vote of the precincts is one of the most difficult which politicians ever have been called on to solve in local campaigns.

The California election laws plainly state that in order to get their names on the primary tickets the candidates must obtain the signatures of 3 per cent of the voters of one-fourth of the precincts of the county.

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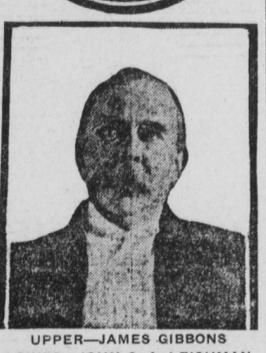
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CONGRER, ACCUSER OF ALDIs, RESIGNS

Reads, with Ashen Face, Confession That His Usefulness in Senate Is Ended

ALBANY, N. Y., April 4.—Rising to a question of personal privilege in the senate tonight, Senator Benn Conger, after reading a statement in which he declared he fully realized that, as a result of the Aldis bribery charges, his usefulness as a legislator was at an end, handed his resignation to Lieutenant Governor White, a duplicate of which he later filed with the secretary of state.

With ashen face and trembling hand, he read while his fellow senators listened with intense interest, and when he had finished he sent his resignation to the desk and quickly left the chamber.

Mr. Conger read how, at a private conference where the qualifications of former Senator Aldis for the position of Republican leader of the senate were being considered, he was asked to declare his position, and said: "I would not and could not vote for him."

Congressman Conger read how, after former Senator Aldis, on the floor of the senate, denied the truth of Conger's statements and demanded an investigation. In conclusion he read:

"I am informed some of your members profess to feel they cannot remain in the senate if I am to be here. I have no desire to remain a member of this great legislative body if my presence is to give offense to any of its members. I realize, and from the beginning have fully realized, that with feeling here as it is, my usefulness to my district as a member of this legislature is at an end. I cannot afford the expense of a further hearing and another trial, and I feel I ought not to impose the expense thereof on the state. Needed legislation ought not to be longer delayed and so I am going voluntarily to surrender my office."

Senator Cobb's resolution providing for a committee to prepare charges against Conger is vitiated by his resignation.

ROOSEVELT DINES WITH ITALY'S KING IN ROYAL PALACE

Wife and Daughter Also Honored by Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena

SILENT ON VATICAN INCIDENT

Former President Receives Journalists but Declines to Discuss Affair

ROME, April 4.—Twice today Theodore Roosevelt was the guest of King Victor Emmanuel.

The king received the former president at an early hour at the Quirinal with particular warmth, and they talked together for nearly an hour.

This evening there was a grand dinner at the palace given by the king and queen in honor of Col. Roosevelt and his family. The queen herself directed all the arrangements, desiring no detail should be neglected.

After a short conversation all the guests, including the American ambassador and Mrs. Leishman and the staff of the embassy, adjourned to the private dining room of the king, a large hall hung with modern tapestries and decorated with immense plants and flowers.

The dinner was enlivened by the military band in the gardens below.

The queen had at her right Colonel Roosevelt, then Princess Helena of Serbia, Major J. F. Landis, military attaché of the embassy, Countess Guicciardini, John W. Garrett, first secretary, Princess Palermo, Kermit Roosevelt and Count Tozzani.

At her left sat Ambassador Leishman, Princess Vera of Montenegro, Commander Andrew T. Long, naval attaché, the Marquis di San Giuliano, the foreign minister; Mrs. Landis, General Brusil, Miss Ethel Roosevelt, Count Brambilla and Duke Cito, commander of the royal cuirassiers.

At the left of his majesty were Mrs. Leishman, Count Gianotti, Mrs. Garrett, Count Mattioli, minister of the royal household, and Princess Viano, the foreign minister's wife.

After the lunch Mr. Roosevelt received Dr. Carlo Manuel Cespedes, Cuban minister, who presented a message and greetings of the Cuban government. He also received Dr. Valentin Clark, head of the Methodist organization in Italy, and the Rev. Dr. B. M. Tipple, pastor of the American Methodist church in Rome.

A number of Italian journalists called on the ex-president this afternoon, but Mr. Roosevelt declined to discuss the Vatican incident.

NOTED CANTATRICE WITH WHOM FORMER SHERIFF IS IN LOVE



MME. LINA CAVALIERI

CABLES PLEA FOR CAVALIERI'S 'YES'

Chanler Is Impatient for Fair Prima Donna to Answer His Proposal

NEW YORK, April 4.—Former Sheriff Bob Chanler of Dutchess county has written to friends that he is "letting no moss grow on the cable" in his courtship of Mme. Lina Cavallieri, the beautiful prima donna who recently returned to her home in Italy after first promising the insistent young American that she would answer his proposal of marriage by cablegram on April 15.

As the beautiful singer insists on making the affair "a romance by cable," Chanler has entered into the spirit of the game. Each day for several days past he has wired beneath the sea at latter urging his claims, and he says he will keep it up until he gets his final "yes" or "no."

Mme. Cavallieri has frequently been described as "the most beautiful woman in the world." Last winter she is said to have received over 100 proposals of marriage, but laughed them off.

However, prior to going to Italy she admitted to a swarm of insistent reporters that she liked Sheriff Bob better than any man she ever knew, and the prospects of another international wedding are generally considered rather bright.

Chanler has a fortune of \$3,000,000, and is a member of the famous Chanler family of New York and Virginia. He gives much of his time to painting, and first met Mme. Cavallieri after begging for an opportunity to paint her portrait.

COMMITTEE URGES ON LOVETT BUILDING OF UNION STATION; S. P. MAY FAVOR ARCADE SITE

Railroad Chief's Attitude Regarding Depot Project Gives Much Encouragement to Delegation from Commerce Chamber

SALT LAKE ROAD APPROVES PLAN

President Probes Deeply Into Matter of Location, and Next Important Step Is Conference with Ripley

DAY'S DEVELOPMENTS IN MOVEMENT TO SECURE UNION RAILWAY STATION

UNION station committee of chamber of commerce confers with President Lovett and finds him ready to admit that present facilities are inadequate.

Former Senator W. A. Clark, president of the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake railway, advocates a union station, providing satisfactory arrangements can be made by the three transcontinental lines.

That the Southern Pacific cannot afford to abandon the present valuable site of the Arcade depot but will proceed with the erection of an adequate station is declared to be the conclusion reached by Judge Lovett.

Determination expressed by chamber of commerce committee and prominent individuals to urge the need of a union station now and endeavor to secure an agreement between the railway chiefs before any one system begins the construction of its own individual station.

LOS ANGELES will have a union railway station if the chamber of commerce committee, which has the subject in charge is able to carry out its determination to bring the railway chiefs to a realization that the city needs such a depot, and needs it now.

Members of the committee conferred for an hour with Judge Robert S. Lovett, president of the Southern Pacific, last evening at his apartments in the Alexandria hotel, and departing March 31, Mr. Lovett will act soon, and that what is uppermost in his mind now is what is most available for a new station—union or otherwise.

Those who are in favor of the union station with President Lovett were F. W. Blanchard, chairman of the union station committee of the chamber of commerce; Arthur Letts and Robert Marsh of the committee, and John W. Mitchell, representing the Municipal Art commission.

Officials close to Mr. Lovett yesterday declared that the Harriman chief had decided against abandoning the Fifth street site and would proceed with the erection of a depot adequate to the needs of the railway and the city on the present location of the anti-arcade structure. Whether the Santa Fe and Salt Lake can make arrangements by which they will combine with the Southern Pacific in the use of the new station, or whether representatives of the city, great civic and commercial bodies can persuade all the roads to unite on the Fifth street site, probably will not be known until after the Lovett conference with President Ripley of the Santa Fe, which will be held in San Francisco the latter part of this week.

In impetus to the union station movement was given last night by former Senator W. A. Clark, president of the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake railway, who in a statement to a Herald reporter declared that satisfactory arrangements could be made by the railroads, would be advisable, and also expressed the belief that a union depot would be the more economical. President Clark further stated that in case the Santa Fe railway does not join in the union station project he would favor a station to be built on the Southern Pacific and the Salt Lake lines.

COMMITTEE IS ENCOURAGED F. W. Blanchard, chairman of the committee which conferred with President Lovett, was optimistic that night. "President Lovett undoubtedly realizes that Los Angeles needs a better railway station," said Mr. Blanchard, "and he virtually admitted that the greatest trade of the Southern Pacific would warrant a depot to cost between \$500,000 and \$5,000,000. We feel very much encouraged and while Mr. Lovett did not commit himself regarding the union station project and probably will not do so until after his conference with President Ripley of the Santa Fe, we know that he is considering the subject, and today he passed a large part of the day investigating the proposition. The committee intends to do everything in its power to bring the union station dream of many years to a speedy realization if a union station is to be built in Los Angeles, now is the time—before one road builds an independent depot.

Former Senator Clark, president of the Salt Lake railroad, in an interview last night at the home of his brother, J. Ross Clark, 710 West Adams street, said he favored a union depot for Los Angeles, providing satisfactory arrangements could be made between the three railroad companies—Southern Pacific, Santa Fe and Salt Lake. "It would not only be beneficial to the city," said the senator, "but it would be cheaper for the railroads. It is a weighty subject to decide on hastily, because of the varied interests of the railroads involved, and the result of my conference with Judge Lovett this week remains to be seen. I would favor, however, at least two of the roads consolidating in a union depot if the other held out. The Santa Fe already has good quarters and is well equipped in its present location to handle its business."

CLARK SAYS DEPOT NEEDED "Los Angeles," said Mr. Clark, "is going to be a tremendous metropolitan center. This city is at the door of the ocean and its proximity to the Panama canal and South American markets is going to balance the oriental trade evenly for Los Angeles against her northern competitors. Not the least to

be figured among your big assets is the southwest. Yes, there are many reasons why the three railroads here should unite and give you a union depot, but as I said before it is a subject that cannot be hastily decided because of the interests of the Santa Fe, Southern Pacific and Salt Lake already have established here, and whether Los Angeles gets a union depot or not will depend on the measures as to what arrangements the railroads can reach."

Referring to railroad conditions elsewhere, Mr. Clark said: "I suppose that the waterfront of San Francisco is pretty well bought up and monopolized. It would not surprise me if Gould and Hill build to another harbor somewhere along the coast between San Francisco and Los Angeles."

Mr. Clark will remain in Los Angeles several days, during which time he will confer with President Lovett of the Southern Pacific and will then leave for Jerome, Ariz.

In addition to considering the subject of a new depot for Los Angeles, Judge Lovett made a trip inspection over the Los Angeles, Pacific railway yesterday in company with R. P. Sherman, its general manager, R. C. Gillis and several prominent Southern Pacific officials. At Venice they were accorded a reception by Mayor H. B. Eakins and President Fred K. McCarver of the Venice chamber of commerce, and were shown the beach.

A reception will be tendered Judge Lovett Wednesday night by the Los Angeles chamber of commerce.

PARENTS OF ESCAPED MANIAC EFFECT ARREST

Telegram from Mexico City Furnishes Official with Clew to Whereabouts

SAN BERNARDINO, April 4.—Antonio Torres, the maniac who escaped from the Patton asylum Thursday on the mountain which he forcibly took from a woman rider, is tonight in the county jail, awaiting the arrival of authorities from the institution. The "tip" which led to the capture of the escapee singularly came from the City of Mexico.

Leaving the asylum the maniac ran his stolen horse until it fell exhausted and dying, and then continued on foot to Beaumont. There he telegraphed his parents, wealthy Mexicans, at the City of Mexico. Instead, however, of his father wiring funds, he notified B. M. Guerrero, a Los Angeles Mexican commissioner agent, who is his son's guardian, of his whereabouts. Guerrero went to Beaumont and found the escaped maniac asleep under a tree. After a fierce tussle he loaded him on a train and brought him here. Torres is said to have been disappointed in love while attending a military school in Mexico, resulting in his becoming demented.

BLAME CARDINAL FOR FAILURE OF AUDIENCE

Papal Secretary of State Accused of 'Rude' Diplomacy by Italian Papers

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The insistence of a call by Cardinal Gibbons at the White House so closely following the Roosevelt incident at Rome occasioned no little excitement in Washington today. It is said the prelate's visit was arranged a week ago, and both President Taft and the cardinal state the "incident" was not discussed in any way.

"It is too delicate a matter to discuss," said Cardinal Gibbons, when he was asked if he had broached the subject in any form. "It is my practice to pay my respects to the president from time to time as I happen to be in Washington. My call today was of that nature and nothing more."

ROME, April 5.—Commenting on Mr. Roosevelt's canceled audience with the pope, the Giornale d'Italia, the organ of former Premier Sonnino, says the incident between the Spanish papal secretary of state and the former colonel of the Rough War against Spain, so popular in Italy, was a "demerit" of the Borgia appointment will not augment the cordiality between them.

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INDICT TWENTY-THREE IN BUCKET SHOP CASE

District of Columbia Officials Say Four More Will Soon Be Apprehended

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Twenty-three arrests of persons indicted in connection with the operations of bucket shops in the District of Columbia last Saturday have been made by the department of justice. Assurances have been given that two other defendants will be surrendered in this jurisdiction tomorrow.

Four persons yet remain to be apprehended, their names, according to the department, being William P. Lewis, Edward S. Boggs and Robert G. Guy at New York and Joseph Gaskins at Baltimore. The officials say they have no doubt these persons will be arrested soon.

FRESNO CLAIMANT SHUT OUT BY RUSSELL ESTATE CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 4.—In the Russell will contest before the probate court here, the issue being a half share in the estate of the late Daniel Russell, the man from Fresno, Cal., who claims to be the long missing son, Daniel Blake Russell, was denied the right to intervene.

Counsel for the estate then began his argument for the will, basing his case on the claim that the petitioner is not Daniel Blake Russell, but James D. Rousseau, a western ranchman, born in Bombay, N. Y., who is "demonstrated" in the Borgia appointment to be the son of the late Daniel Russell.

NOTED CHEMIST KILLED IN BALLOON ACCIDENT

BRESLAU, Prussia, April 4.—Prof. Richard Abegg, a distinguished chemist and professor of chemistry at the University of Breslau, was killed while attempting a landing following a balloon flight yesterday.

Prof. Abegg, who was fond of ballooning, ascended here yesterday in the balloon Silesia, which belongs to the half-deflated balloon bag and dragged by a woman relative and Karl Gersel, an engineer.

Strong wind currents were encountered, and when the balloon reached the vicinity of Pessin, in Mecklenburg-Schwerin, it was decided dangerous to continue the flight. Accordingly the gas valve was opened and the balloon dropped to the earth.

Gersel and the woman landed safely, but before the professor could get out of the basket a gust of wind caught up the half-deflated balloon bag and dragged the basket along the ground for some distance.

HANDLESS ATTORNEY TO PRACTICE IN U. S. COURTS

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Hugh L. Dickson of San Bernardino, general counsel for the Brotherhood of Firemen and Engineers, attracted attention today when he was admitted to practice before the supreme court of the United States.

As a fireman Dickson lost both his hands. Afterward he studied law. Today he signed the roll of attorneys by holding a pen between the stubs of his arms.