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WOMEN HISS TAFT AS HE QUESTIONS SUFFRAGE PLANS

Noise Sounds as if Valve of Engine Had Broken, but Is Ended Quickly

PRESIDENT STANDS UNMOVED

Leaders in Annual Convention Express Their Regret to Executive Later

[Associated Press]

WASHINGTON, April 14.—The president of the United States, the first chief executive of the nation ever to greet a convention of woman suffragists, tonight had the courage to confess his opinion and was hissed.

So great was the throng that sought admission to the hall that hundreds were turned away.

President Taft was welcoming to Washington the delegates to the convention of the Woman National Suffrage association. He told them frankly he was not altogether in sympathy with the suffrage movement, and was explaining why he could not subscribe fully to its principles. He said he thought one of the dangers in granting suffrage to women was that women, as a whole, were not interested in it, and the ballot, so far as women are concerned, would be controlled "by the less desirable class."

When these words fell from the president's lips the walls of the hall echoed a chorus of feminine hisses. It was no feeble demonstration of protest. The combined hisses sounded as if a valve on a steam engine had broken.

President Taft stood unmoved in the demonstration of hostility—for the hisses continued for but a moment—and then, smiling as he spoke, he answered the unfavorable greeting with this retort:

REBUKE PROVES EFFECTIVE

"Now, my dear ladies, you must show yourselves capable of suffrage by exercising that degree of restraint which is necessary in the conduct of government affairs by not hissing."

The women who had hissed were rebuked. The president's reply apparently had taken hold. There were no more hisses while the president continued his address, which he characterized as "my confession" on the woman suffrage question.

At the conclusion of his talk he was applauded and some of the leaders of the convention expressed to him their sincere regret over the unpleasant incident.

President Taft assured them his feelings were not injured in the least.

The American Woman Suffrage association today began its forty-second annual convention here.

Thirty-five states were represented at the meeting of the executive committee. Representative A. W. Rucker of Colorado, one of the four states where women vote and a delegate to the national suffrage convention, briefly addressed the meeting.

The committee was informed that an oak tree was being planted today on the high school grounds in Spokane, Wash., in honor of Susan B. Anthony, and a telegram was dispatched to Spokane expressing the suffragists' appreciation of the fact. J. H. Braley, representing an organized men's club for woman suffrage in Pasadena, Cal., spoke briefly before the committee.

TAFT TO ATTEND CEREMONY

WASHINGTON, April 14.—President Taft has promised Representative Townsend to go to Monroe, Mich., on June 14 and attend the unveiling of a memorial statue to General Custer.

PASSENGERS AND CREW OF SANTA CLARA SAVED

Boats Transfer Them to Tug Without Fatality—Vessel May Be Total Loss

EUREKA, Cal., April 14.—Loaded down with ninety-five persons, the passengers and crew of the North Pacific Steamship company's steamer Santa Clara, which foundered about four miles down the coast yesterday afternoon, the tug Ranger put into Eureka at 6 o'clock this morning, every soul on the sinking ship having been safely taken off. The Santa Clara was abandoned and will probably prove a total loss.

All of the passengers who arrived here this morning on the tug Ranger will depart for San Francisco tomorrow afternoon on the steamer F. W. Kilburn. The passengers and crew, numbering 100, passed last night on the deck of the Ranger, and suffered from cold and hunger. They were received by a volunteer relief committee on the wharf this morning, which provided clothing, food and shelter.

The tug Hercules has been sent from San Francisco for the purpose of making an attempt to take the Santa Clara in tow.

Orders were sent by wireless to the steamer George W. Elder, bound from Portland to San Francisco, to stand by the waterlogged ship until the arrival of the Hercules, to offer all possible aid in the effort to save the vessel.

The Elder reached the wreck at 5 o'clock this afternoon, and after laying to until 8:30 p. m. proceeded on her way to San Francisco. Capt. Jessen of the Elder reported that it was impossible to get a line on the steamer, and that the rough sea prevented a crew of men in a small boat from carrying a hawser aboard.

U. S. CRUISER IN CHINA

AMOY, China, April 14.—The cruisers Charleston, Chattanooga and Cincinnati of the United States Asiatic squadron arrived here today. The officers and men will be entertained by the Chinese officials.

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FATHER FINDS SON AFTER SEARCH LASTING YEARS

Wealthy Manufacturer Takes Boy from Divorced Wife, Who Kept Him Hidden

EVERETT, Wash., April 14.—After a search of years, H. L. Peake, acting for I. C. Brewer, said to be a wealthy manufacturer of Sandusky, O., today secured possession of Curtis Brewer, the 10-year-old son of Brewer and his divorced wife.

Following a faint clew to the effect that the lad was with his mother on the shore of Lake Everett, Peake came here yesterday and began his search. Accompanied by a deputy sheriff, he went to the Lake Stevens school today and identified the boy by an old photograph.

A writ of habeas corpus was produced and the boy was brought back to Everett. According to papers filed in the case, a divorce was granted Brewer in Cleveland in 1905 with the understanding that he was to have the boy after a specified time. In the meantime the mother fled with the lad, and since then search has been made for the two, the searching following clews into many states as well as Cuba, Jamaica and Canada.

The boy and his mother were known here under the name of McIntyre. They had made their home on a ranch overlooking the lake for three years.

TORNADO SUCKS KANSAS CREEK DRY FOR 200 FEET

PARSONS, Kas., April 14.—A tornado which today swept away barns and outhouses in its path and sucked Batcheler creek dry for a considerable distance, left a path of ruin 200 feet wide.

The tornado came within two miles of Parsons and traveled northeast. Telephone poles were twisted out of the ground, and a cow and a calf were carried 200 feet.

HOUSE ASKS TAFT FOR FACTS ABOUT CUSTOMS FRAUDS

Wants to Know Why It Should Not Start Investigation of Sugar Trust

RAINEY'S SPEECH STARTLING

Illinois Representative Hurls Charges at Taft and Wickersham

WASHINGTON, April 14.—If not incompatible with the public interest, President Taft will tell the house what facts, if any, exist that would make it inexpedient for that body to enter upon any investigation of frauds in the customs service, especially in connection with the disclosures of sugar frauds.

A resolution introduced by Representative Fitzgerald of New York, calling for this information, was passed by the house today after an extended debate.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—In delivering a scathing denunciation of the American Sugar Refining company in the house of representatives today Mr. Rainey of Illinois did not hesitate to make bold suggestions concerning "that most corrupt and rotten trust ever created by the protective tariff system," and President Taft, Attorney General Wickersham and Henry W. Taft, brother of the president.

Mr. Rainey referred to President Taft's message, sent to congress about a year ago, in which the president advised against an investigation of the sugar frauds by congress for the reason that "it might, by giving immunity and otherwise, prove an embarrassment in securing convictions of the guilty parties.

Reviewing the history of the sugar trust Mr. Rainey said in part:

"The attorney general of the United States was, until his appointment, a sugar trust attorney, exhibiting even now a remarkable sympathy for its officials in their difficulties.

"The general counsel for the sugar trust is an ex-assistant attorney general of the United States, loyal to the Republican party, familiar with the methods and with the secrets of the attorney general's office.

"The brother of the president of the United States is one of the attorneys for the sugar trust.

"J. F. Parsons, the father of a former president of the New York county Republican committee, is under indictment on account of his offense against the law in Philadelphia.

LAW WILL SAVE THEM SOON

"The last of the frauds committed by the sugar trust occurred on the 20th day of November, 1907. The statute of limitations is running every day, and will soon become a complete bar against any criminal prosecution that

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TEMBLOR CAUSES $1,000,000 DAMAGE

Costa Ricans Flee in Terror from Cities—Business Ordered Suspended

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, April 14.—A series of earthquakes, varying in intensity, has swept over Costa Rica during the last twenty-four hours, doing damage estimated at more than $1,000,000.

There has been no report of loss of life, but the people in the cities are panic stricken and are abandoning their homes for the hillsides.

In all, there have been more than thirty shocks, ten of these between 12 o'clock last night and 3 o'clock this morning. The vibrations have not ceased.

Today the government ordered a suspension of general business until such time as safety is assured. Trade and commerce are at a standstill.

The first shocks last evening were slight, but later became more violent, and the strongest buildings were shaken to their foundations. In several instances weaker buildings were wrecked and many persons slightly injured.

Communication between the various towns has been interrupted and details of damage at these places are meager.

PRES. LOVETT OF S. P. READY FOR TRIP EAST

SAN FRANCISCO, April 14.—President R. S. Lovett of the Southern Pacific company and his party will leave here tomorrow morning for the east. Conferences of the officials on the coast and President Lovett were held during his visit here, and today was devoted to a trip over the Northwestern Pacific railroad line.

Following the inspection of the road, on which, it is said, many improvements are soon to be made, the party returned to San Francisco tonight.

COLORADO STORM SWEPT; CROPS ARE THREATENED

DENVER, April 14.—A storm of unusual severity is sweeping Colorado tonight. The thermometer has fallen below the danger point in the Grand valley and fruit growers have lighted thousands of smudge pots to save their crops. A sixty-mile gale accompanied by hail and snow did $10,000 damage at Aspen.

Committee Chairman and the Candidate for Lieut. Governor

TWAIN SO ILL HE IS CARRIED OFF TRAIN

Returns from Bermuda, Where He Sought Health in Vain. Taken to Redding

NEW YORK, April 14.—Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) returned to New York from Bermuda today. It was said when the steamer Ocean, on which he was a passenger, came into port that Mr. Clemens was confined to his berth, suffering from heart trouble, and that he had been indisposed during the entire trip northward.

REDDING, Conn., April 14.—When the Pittsfield express, on which Samuel L. Clemens came from New York, reached here, he was carried from the car by his secretary and butler, placed in a carriage and driven to his home.

Mr. Clemens appeared to be weak, but sat up during the drive. The attending physician said that while there was no immediate danger Mr. Clemens was seriously ill.

When Mr. Clemens reached the railroad station he tried to assist himself, but his strength seemed to have left him entirely and he was practically helpless.

PLANS TRAIN FERRY TO CROSS ENGLISH CHANNEL

Former Canadian Railroad President Announces Through Service from Dover to Calais

(Special to The Herald.)

LONDON, April 14.—Sir Charles Rivers Wilson, former president of the Grand Trunk railway, announced today that in less than two years a train ferry would be running between Dover and Calais, and that similar service would be established between Folkestone and Boulogne, as well as other ports on the main lines of travel between England and the continent.

Sir William White and Sir John Wolfe-Barry, prominent engineers, are hard at work on the plan.

"Englishmen exclaim 'impossible,'" said Sir Charles today. "On the contrary it is entirely possible. At least seventy-two train ferries in operation in Canada and the United States, not to mention service between the Scandinavian peninsula and Germany, enable travelers to cross stretches of water while peacefully slumbering in their car berths. To be sure, the English channel is rough sometimes, but so is Lake Michigan, where I have traveled on a train ferry in perfect comfort for a long distance."

ASQUITH VETO RESOLUTION PASSES SECOND READING

Fate of the Government Will Be Put to Touch Next Week

LONDON, April 14.—The house of commons this evening passed the second reading of Premier Asquith's house of lords veto resolution by a vote of 351 to 246.

Premier Asquith's resolution to be proposed next Monday allocating the time for the consideration of the budget, the rejection of which by the house of lords precipitated the recent general elections, provides that all stages of the legislation must be completed April 27.

The fate of the government depends on the attitude of the Irish members toward this resolution.

MORGAN IN SWITZERLAND

VEVEY, Switzerland, April 14.—J. P. Morgan of New York arrived here today.

ALBERT M. NORTON (ABOVE) AND TIMOTHY SPELLACY

DREXEL SECURES LICENSE TO WED

Miss Marjorie Gould Stands in Line with Fiance to See Cupid's Assistant

(Special to The Herald.)

NEW YORK, April 14.—Trying to look unconscious, but blushing, anxious, a little bewildered and evidently nervous, Anthony J. Drexel, jr., of Philadelphia and Miss Marjorie Gould, his affianced bride, stood in line in a dingy corridor of the city hall today with a dozen other couples waiting their turn to get a marriage license. The two young people, heirs to $50,000,000, were just behind a husky Swedish truckman and his "girl" and just ahead of a middle-aged German grocer and the substantial woman he hoped to make his bride. They were the youngest people in the waiting line, but the only particular interest they evoked was due to their clothes. Even in this particular young Drexel excited more attention than his bride-to-be, who was very simply dressed in a dark, close fitting tailor suit.

After they had waited fifteen minutes some one recognized Miss Gould and informed the chief clerk of the marriage license bureau. That official hurried out and invited them to precede the line to his private office, where they obtained the license.

Mr. Drexel gave his age as 22, and said he was a banker of 3812 Walnut street, Philadelphia. Miss Gould said she was 19 years old and the daughter of George J. Gould. Both she and Drexel laughed when she gave her occupation as that of "spinster."

The wedding will take place in this city April 19.

CONDITION OF BARD IS SLIGHTLY IMPROVED

OXNARD, April 14.—Former Senator Bard passed a comfortable day, although his condition is very law. His wonderful vitality wards off death, but it is feared that the end will come during one of the sinking spells due to defective heart action. Mr. Bard has practically recovered from all the other complications of his illness except the attacks of heart failure, and the physicians are now centering their attention to combating these attacks.

REVENUE AGENT SLAIN

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 14.—United States Marshal Long, several deputies, revenue agents and secret service men left here this morning for Oakman and are searching for moonshiners who yesterday shot and killed W. A. Anderson, revenue agent, and seriously wounded T. H. Putmann.

DEMOCRACY UNITED FOR BELL; CALL FOR R. R. COMMISIONER; SPELLACY FOR LIEUT. GOVERNOR

Effort to Disrupt State Organization and Bring About Nomination of Machine Man Doomed to Failure

HAND OF TRAITOR HEARST IS SEEN

Chairman of County Central Committee Makes Strong Statement Showing Theodore A. Bell Is Logical Candidate

Albert M. Norton Declares for Bell as Gubernatorial Candidate

EDITOR HERALD: In order to make clear the position taken by the Los Angeles delegation to the recent Democratic state conference, I desire to make the following statement:

I have always been of the opinion, and still am of the opinion, that the Democrats of the state who are in favor of clean government and against the control of the government by the element in both the Democratic and Republican parties known as the Southern Pacific railroad machine, should unite on some one good man for the office of governor and then follow out the same plan as to the other elective offices on the Democratic ticket. I personally favored the calling of the recent state conference here in Los Angeles for that very purpose and think it should not have adjourned without accomplishing that end.

The result of the non-action of the recent conference has proven my contention. The attempt to have Mr. Call become a candidate for governor will mean that if he decides to run for that office the vote of the decent good government forces will be split, and if a third candidate is put forward by the railroad forces, as undoubtedly will be, the third candidate may win out at the primaries.

Mr. Call is as able a man as Mr. Bell. No one can question that. He is of the same type of man as Mr. Bell. The Democrats of the type of men now composing the organization and working force of Los Angeles county Democracy must unite on one man. While I am a great friend of Mr. Call, I believe the attempt now being made to force him into the fight for governor will result in a split in our ranks, which we cannot afford to make. We must unite on one good man. I have made no secret of my preference for Mr. Theodore A. Bell and see no reason for changing my opinion now.

I am still of the opinion that Theodore A. Bell is the strongest candidate that the party can nominate for governor, both on account of his strength with his own party and his commanding to a remarkable extent the confidence of the independent voters of the state.

Believing this, of course, I must, as a good Democrat interested above all things in good government for the state, favor Mr. Bell's nomination as the party's candidate for governor. I believe Mr. Call is above all men in the state the man who should be a candidate for a place on the state railroad commission and the man who can be elected to the place which I regard as of equal importance with the governorship.

Very sincerely yours,
ALBERT M. NORTON,
Chairman Democratic County Central Committee, Los Angeles County.

By T. SHELLEY SUTTON.

TO DISPROVE the remarkably absurd and unfounded statements in the columns of the local Hearst organ yesterday, setting forth that the Democracy of California is divided in its attitude toward the Hon. Theodore A. Bell, the party's logical candidate for the governorship, and that many Los Angeles and northern Democrats "favor another candidate and are urging Joseph Call of Los Angeles to enter the race against him," the chairman of the Los Angeles county Democratic central committee, Albert M. Norton, late last night issued a statement of his attitude to Mr. Bell, indorsing the present leader of the party and explaining the sentiment entertained by the Los Angeles county central committee and its members, both for Mr. Bell and Mr. Call.

Adding to the enthusiasm which Mr. Bell's presence here has created in Democratic circles, where his nomination and election is regarded as a certainty, and where, as in other sections of the state, it is felt he will lead the party to an unprecedented victory, there came the extremely welcome news that Timothy Spellacy, the well-known Democratic "war horse" of Los Angeles, has consented to enter the race for the lieutenant governorship.

Mr. Spellacy's announcement of his candidacy was made formally last night, and came as a result of an urgent appeal, in behalf of the Democracy of the state, by the good government men of Los Angeles. The formal appeal was embodied in a petition given to him yesterday, and signed by a great number of Democrats, including some of the most prominent leaders of the Democratic party, noted for their earnest efforts in the cause of good government, and known throughout the state for their loyalty to principle and public weal.

But back of this petition there have been many hundreds of personal appeals brought to bear on Mr. Spellacy for him to accept the candidacy, for from all sections of the state Democratic leaders have been anxious for him to join hands with Mr. Bell in the great fight against the Southern Pacific machine and the political octopus whose tentacles are intertwined with many branches of our state and county administrations.

With the complete exposure of the Hearst political plot, the tremendous approval given to Mr. Bell's candidacy by the Democracy of California, from San Diego to Siskiyou; the announcement of Mr. Spellacy's willingness to enter the race with Mr. Bell and the gratifying harmony and progressive spirit manifest throughout the Democratic party of the state, it is conceded that the prospects of triumph were never more encouraging.

The petition presented to Mr. Spellacy yesterday, and which indirectly resulted in his acceptance, was as follows:

"Los Angeles, Cal., April 14.

"Hon. Timothy Spellacy.

"Dear Sir: At this critical time in the history of California, when the people have become aroused to throw off the insufferable burden of corporate misrule that for three decades has oppressed them, we believe it is absolutely essential that men of ability and undoubted sincerity should be chosen to fill all official positions.

"Having confidence in your high sense of justice, your profound faith in the people, and in your unflinching courage in word and

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