

FRANCIS JOSEPH PAYS ROOSEVELT USUAL HONORS

Aged Emperor-King Receives Colonel in Private Apartments of Hofburg Palace

HUSSARS SURRENDER TO HIM

Former President's Knowledge of Cavalry Surprises Them. Is Mess Room Guest

VIENNA, April 15.—Col. Roosevelt was received at the Austrian capital today in manner almost like that of a reigning sovereign.

As a special mark of his personal esteem, the aged emperor-king, Francis Joseph, received Col. Roosevelt in his private apartments at the imposing Hofburg palace, instead of in the regular audience chamber. They talked for thirty-five minutes.

Emperor Francis Joseph intended personally to return Col. Roosevelt's call on his way to the Schoenbrunn castle, where the monarch usually passes the night, and was only deterred from so doing by a sudden storm that broke late in the afternoon.

For Col. Roosevelt a busy day began immediately after he reached his hotel this morning, with a breakfast with Henry White, former ambassador to France.

The day included an official visit, lasting an hour, to Count von Aehrenthal, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister; a call of courtesy on Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir apparent to the throne, at Belvedere palace; a visit to the tomb of a former president, where, under the guidance of a Capucine monk, with a lighted taper in his hand, he laid wreaths on the tombs of Empress Elizabeth and Crown Prince Rudolf; a tour of inspection of the Spanish riding school, founded by Charles VII, and of the Imperial Hussar barracks; a reception by the American journalists and a dinner given in his honor at the foreign office tonight by Count von Aehrenthal.

A clattering charge of the Magyar Hussars, which constitute the emperor's bodyguard, across the parade ground of the barracks, stirred the former president to real enthusiasm, and after the evolutions he made a detailed inspection of the stables, horse hospitals, etc.

CAPTURES THE HUSSARS

Such intimate knowledge of the cavalry and its operations did not display that the enthusiastic officers focused regard on him as a former president, but as a colonel of rough riders, and as a companion at arms, and they concluded the inspection by escorting Col. Roosevelt to their mess room, where his health was drunk and three cheers for him were given.

Col. Roosevelt at the dinner tonight escorted to the Countess Festetics, formerly, Lady Mary Douglas Hamilton, once wife of the prince of Monaco, Count Kinsky, who won the grand military cross of St. Anna, and the Austrian premier, Count von Aehrenthal, who had at his left Prince Montenuovo, second grand master of the order, and Mrs. Kerosus, wife of the American ambassador, at his right.

Among others of the forty guests were Kermit Roosevelt, Count Auer's bodyguard; Count Hoyos, a famous hunter, who has killed bears in Alaska and lions in Africa; Baron Richard von Bienenfeld, the Austrian premier; Count Wilczek, whose famous eleventh century castle Count Roosevelt will visit tomorrow, while Prince Trautson-mandorff, Marquis Pallavicini, Austrian ambassador to Turkey; Baron Burián, minister of finance; Captain Hobnel, sportsman, writer and personal friend of Colonel Roosevelt; Baron Hengelmüller von Hengervart, Austrian ambassador to the United States, and the members of the embassy here.

Colonel Roosevelt was indignant today when he learned that a report had been printed in Paris and cabled to America that one of the results of the recent conference with Gifford Pinchot was an agreement on the part of the former president to use his name as a candidate for the presidency. Mr. Roosevelt again reiterated that he had not, and would not, make any declaration in regard to American politics while in Europe.

10,000 BUILDERS IDLE BIG GERMAN LOCKOUT

BERLIN, April 15.—A lockout in the building trades of Germany began at 6 o'clock tonight. Between 150,000 and 200,000 workers already are affected. Although the employers of Berlin, Hamburg and Bremen have not yet participated in the movement, negotiations for a peaceful settlement are continuing in Munich, the lockout is widespread.

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HOLDS POLICE AT BAY AS ACCOMPLISH BOLTS

PASADENA, April 15.—After holding at bay with drawn revolver Police Detective Joseph Shultz of the local police force, Chief William H. Woods arrested Roy J. Taylor, the second culprit, on an out-bound South Pasadena car.

The two men are said to have robbed several lodging houses, and the police station resembles a pawnshop this evening as the result of what was found in their possession.

Under the sweating the local police have given the men Graves has confessed not only to thefts here, but several breaks in Los Angeles.

The men gave their residence as Los Angeles, but later Graves gave his address as the Gerald building, Chicago, and Taylor his as Twenty-sixth street and Indiana avenue of the same city.

BLAST STARTS LANDSLIDE; RAILROAD CAMP BURIED

ST. ALPHONSE, Quebec, April 15.—An immense landslide, started by a blast of dynamite, today carried a score of men down the side of a steep hill and buried the construction camp of the Haha Bay railroad under tons of earth and rock. Not a workman in the camp escaped, and almost every one in the working gang on the hill was injured.

Up to a late hour a rescue party had taken out eight dead, including Ladislav Gagne of St. Joseph, Quebec, chief engineer in charge of the work; his assistants, William O'Brien and Joseph Jennings of Toronto. Seven are missing.

OFFICIAL APOLOGY OF SUFFRAGISTS IS SENT TO TAFT

Convention Votes Unanimously to Transmit Letter Expressing Regrets

EXECUTIVE IS THANKFUL ALSO

Incident Causes Much Comment, and Occurrences Bordering on Dramatic

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Disclaiming responsibility for the issuing of the president last night, when in his address he freely stated his sentiments on woman suffrage, the National Woman Suffrage association today officially expressed to President Taft its regret that "anyone present, either member of our organization or outsider, should have interrupted your address by an expression of personal feeling."

The expression of regret over the episode was conveyed to the president in a letter from the officers, which received the unanimous approval of the convention, and which accompanied a resolution thanking the president for his welcome, adopted without a dissenting voice as soon as it was called to order today.

The situation throughout the day was surcharged with expectancy, and on the two occasions when the episode was mentioned on the floor the situation bordered on the dramatic. The delegates absorbed every word spoken on the subject with rapid attention, and a majority of opinion did their best to atone for whatever discourtesy was displayed toward the president.

LETTER OF APOLOGY

The letter to the president was signed by Frances Squire Potter, corresponding secretary, and read: "I am instructed by the unanimous vote of the official board and of the delegates now assembled to send to you, with the convention resolution, this official communication: "The official board and delegates were but a small part of the very large gathering to hear your greeting last night, but as the national representatives of the National Woman Suffrage association, these delegates feel great sorrow that anyone present, either member of our organization or outsider, should have interrupted your address by an expression of personal feeling, and they herewith disclaim responsibility for such interruption and ask your acceptance of the expression of regret in the spirit in which it is given."

At the session of the convention tonight Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the International Suffrage alliance, addressed the convention and at the conclusion of her talk the delegates endorsed a motion by Dr. Anna Shaw that her address be printed and sent to every man participating in the government of the United States, including the president.

Mrs. Catt referred to the objection so often advanced that all women do not seek it is "a fallacy that should be punctured."

"All the objections of the age," she said, "seem concentrated in this argument. The thing itself is meaningless, but it carries a meaning that is dangerous to our movement."

REPORTS \$585,477 CASH ASSETS GONE

Actuary Makes Startling Statement Regarding Casualty Concern

CHARLESTON, W. Va., April 15.—That the active managers of the Consolidated Casualty company, before its reorganization here this week under direction of the insurance department of West Virginia, collected \$585,477 in one year and nine months, of which only \$191,637 remains, and that they made false entries on the books of the company and false returns to the insurance department of the state, are some of the charges contained in the report of John F. Roche of New York, consulting actuary to the insurance department, which was made public today.

The company was chartered in West Virginia about two years ago. The administrative offices have been in Chicago.

The actuary's report states that the condition of the company's books is such that a correct audit is almost impossible, and that those having the management of the company owned but fifteen shares of stock.

Although there was a resolution passed that directors must be stockholders, the following directors are not shown on the books as stockholders: M. H. Boutelle, Minneapolis; C. H. Barras and Mitchell D. Follansbee, Chicago; H. W. Huttig, Muscatine, Ia.; Frank Knox, Salt Lake City; James H. Peabody, Denver.

TWAIN COMFORTABLE BUT SHOWS NO IMPROVEMENT

REDDING, Conn., April 15.—Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), who arrived at his country home here last evening, fatigued from his long journey from Bermuda, and very ill, passed a comfortable day, with no appreciable change in his condition, and holding his own pretty well, according to his physician.

One feature of Mark Twain's illness which the humorist finds hard to put up with, is his doctor's prohibition against tobacco because of the condition of his heart.

Leaders Who Figure Prominently in Convention of Woman Suffragists



HALLEY'S COMET SEEN BY NAKED EYE

Director of Lick Observatory Says Visibility Will Increase Rapidly for a Week

SAN JOSE, April 15.—Halley's comet has been visible to the naked eye for several mornings past from Mount Hamilton, immediately following the first signs of dawn, near the eastern horizon, a few degrees north of the east point, writes Prof. W. W. Campbell, director of Lick Observatory.

"This morning Astronomer Curtis estimated the head of the comet to be of the third magnitude. He was able to see the tail of the comet against the slightly bright background of the sky out to a distance of 2 1/2 degrees from the head.

The spectrum of the comet was observed this morning by Astronomer Wright, who finds the usual bright carbon bands, together with a continuous spectrum of the kind relatively very strong toward the red end of the spectrum.

Observers in ordinary locations must not expect to observe the comet so well as it is seen through the clear atmosphere at the Lick observatory.

PERCY ASKS VARDAMAN TO ENTER PRIMARIES AGAIN

Newly Elected Senator Wants Vindication at Polls

CAVALIER CABLES "YES" TO HAPPY "JOB" CHANLER

Noted Singer Promises to Become Bride of Millionaire Former Sheriff

STORMS DO GREAT DAMAGE; ORPHANS' HOME IN PANIC

ST. LOUIS, April 15.—A heavy rain, wind and hail storm struck southern Illinois and Missouri this afternoon, blowing down houses, inundating railroad tracks and washing bridges and doing heavy damage to crops.

The McKinley system car barns were swept down at Belleville. The lightning struck the Parity Orphans' home at Madison, tearing out part of the walls and throwing the inmates into a panic.

JACKSON, Miss., April 15.—A storm of rain and hail, accompanied by a high wind, swept through central Mississippi late tonight.

SALT LAKE CITY, April 15.—Damage to fruit in Salt Lake valley from the frost of last night will aggregate \$100,000. The apricot crop has been almost entirely destroyed and peaches, pears, prunes and early apples suffered severely. The use of smudge pots saved several orchards.

DEMOCRATS OF LOS ANGELES BRAND HEARST ORGAN FALSE; 'INTERVIEWS' ARE REPUDIATED

Traitorous Attempt to Have Joseph Call Oppose Theodore Bell in Primaries Is Exposed and Denounced

W. T. HARRIS DEMANDS RETRACTION

Scheme to Split Party Vote and Kill Democracy's Chances at Polls Traced to Hearstites and S. P. Machine

BY T. SHELLEY SUTTON

Denouncing as absolutely false and intentionally malicious the so-called "interviews" in the columns of the Los Angeles Hearst organ yesterday morning, wherein a number of prominent Democrats of Los Angeles who have enthusiastically endorsed the candidacy of Theodore A. Bell for governor are made to appear in favor of Joseph H. Call, who repeatedly and positively has refused to become a candidate for that office, the victims of the absurd misrepresentations of the Hearst organ became much exercised yesterday and took immediate and unmistakable steps to brand the alleged "interviews" as deliberate distortions, entirely without foundation of fact and maliciously misconstrued.

Questioned directly and personally relative to the statements they are alleged by the Hearst organ to have made, many of these men stated that they had been approached by a juvenile reporter for the Hearst paper while at the Jefferson club banquet Wednesday evening and when asked as to their attitude toward Mr. Call they had said they considered him an able Democrat, capable of polling a heavy vote and thoroughly fitted for any office to which the Democracy of California might elect him, but these men were led to believe they were interviewed only as to Mr. Call's fitness for the office of railroad commissioner, which his friends and which the leading Democrats of California have long desired him to seek.

As it was a public "secret" that Mr. Call was expected to become a candidate for the nomination for railroad commissioner, if the Los Angeles Democracy could induce him to run, these men had no hesitations in promoting his political interests, hoping thereby that Mr. Call would become a candidate for that office. None of these men, however, who could be found yesterday expressed the hope that Mr. Call would enter the race against Mr. Bell, for these men knew positively that Mr. Call had definitely announced he was not for the governorship, and so informed the Hearst paper, but the Hearst organ refused to publish Mr. Call's refusal because the Hearst organ wished to utilize until Mr. Call had left Los Angeles, and then, while he was away and could not reply to the absurd misstatements in the yellow press, this same Hearst organ could thrust him forward as a candidate, and because of Mr. Call's popularity divide the sentiment of the Democracy between Mr. Call and Mr. Bell, and thus secure a powerful advantage which Mr. Bell has attained in the present campaign by reason of the disruption in the Republican party and by reason of the public approval of the stand taken by Mr. Bell thus disrupt the party, permit the Southern Pacific machine to put up a third "grave candidate" and by the old methods secure his nomination, which would not be difficult if the Democracy could be divided as is the present-day Republicanism.

This was Hearst's intention. Behind this infamous effort of the Los Angeles Hearst organ is the powerful and unscrupulous hand of the old S. P. political despot—the invidious and clutched Mr. Call, who yesterday, by the Hearst organ, was made to appear to regret, if not to retract, its attempt to disrupt the state's Democracy. The reputation of its malice to many Democrats began yesterday, and many of the men who yesterday were made by this Hearst organ to appear as the enemies of Mr. Bell, but whose approval yesterday hastened to repudiate the grossly distorted interviews in the Hearst paper.

HARRIS BRANDS FALSEHOOD

Among the men who were first to flag the Hearst organ, was W. T. Harris, who said: "It is a complete fabrication. Not a word attributed to me by the Examiner was used in my interview with the reporter. I don't know his name, but he was a young fellow—just a boy—and he talked with me only a moment at the Jefferson club banquet. We discussed Mr. Call and I heard him merely remarked, casually, that Mr. Call was 'good gubernatorial timber.' I think, and said then, that I considered Mr. Call a good fellow, but I am for Mr. Bell for governor, if Mr. Bell wants to be governor, for he is a clean, reliable and conscientious man. I am going to compel the Examiner, if I can, to retract that erroneous interview."

Mr. Harris was so indignant that he wrote the following letter to the Examiner yesterday afternoon. It should appear in the Los Angeles Examiner this morning:

"Los Angeles, Cal., April 15. "Editor, Los Angeles Examiner: "Dear Sir:—In this morning's issue of your paper I notice that you publish a purported interview with me. In this interview, as published, there is not a single word, possibly with the exception of the words 'and,' 'of' and 'the,' that should be credited to me.

"At the time that your reporter interviewed me I told him that my interview must be published as I gave it to him or not at all. It was with this understanding that I consented to be interviewed by the Examiner. Thereafter it was with great surprise that I read the absolutely incorrect interview as published by you this morning. I give below the interview that I gave your reporter, and do not request, but demand, that you give it as much prominence as you gave my purported interview."

Here Mr. Harris quotes, for the benefit of the Examiner and the public in general, his real statements to the Hearst representative. His correct interview follows:

"Without doubt, Mr. Call is gubernatorial timber, but in order that the Democratic candidate may be elected it is necessary that

Further, Mr. Harris continues in his letter to the Hearst organ: "If it were only a matter of difference in the language of expression I should not deem it necessary for me to make any criticism of your purported interview with me, but as you credit me with thoughts which are not and never were mine, I demand that you do publish the interview with me as it was given to your reporter. I shall look for this correction in the Saturday issue of your paper. When I was interviewed Timothy Spellacy, H. H. Cotton, A. M. Norton and others were present and all know what I said and what I meant."

"Yours very truly, W. T. HARRIS, "307 Severance building." Mr. Norton, whose hearty endorsement of Theodore A. Bell was published in the Examiner yesterday, and who was the ridiculous statement in the Hearst organ that he favored Joseph H. Call for governor, as against Theodore A. Bell, also was interviewed yesterday. As a result of the misstatements in the Hearst paper there was called a special meeting of the steering committee of the Democratic party, which issued the following statement:

"NORTON'S STAND UPHOLD "At the regular meeting of the steering committee of the Los Angeles Democratic county committee, held yesterday, it was unanimously resolved that the action of the chairman of the county central committee (Albert M. Newton), as outlined in the communication on behalf of the Los Angeles county Democrats, addressed to The Herald yesterday, be unanimously approved. (Signed) "Steering Committee, Los Angeles County Democratic Central Committee." The communication referred to enthusiastically endorsed Theodore A. Bell as the nominee for governor, and sets forth the attitude of the Los Angeles and California Democracy—that if Mr. Call should be dragged into the race by Hearst at this late date, following the state conference, it would split the party vote and spell defeat for Democracy and victory for the S. P. machine combine.

Louis W. Guernsey, who also declared he had been grossly misquoted, said: "I told the Examiner reporter that I had a very high regard for Mr. Call, but I also told him that I favored the nomination of Theodore Bell, first, last and all the time." It was cited by Los Angeles Democrats yesterday that Hearst's opposition to Mr. Bell is due to the fact that it was Mr. Bell who at the last state convention led the movement which resulted in Hearst being read out of the Democratic party. Mr. Bell, who caused Hearst to be read out of the party, and thus ostracized and virtually branded as a traitor and an impostor, Hearst has nursed a bitter animosity for Mr. Bell and has taken this, his first, opportunity to knife him. Another of the prominent Los Angeles Democrats of Los Angeles who stated that he had been entirely misquoted by the Hearst organ yesterday was Dr. A. C. Pratt. He said: "I did not give the interview to the Examiner reporter in any respect as that paper published it. I was misquoted. I am not in favor of any gubernatorial candidate who may handicap Mr. Bell. I said I believed Mr. Call would make a good governor. I still maintain that. I said also I thought he would make a strong run in Southern California, and probably would do well in the north, but I am not in favor of him entering the race against Mr. Bell if it will work to the disadvantage of the Democratic party. I think Mr. Bell is perhaps the best man the party could nominate for governor, and if Mr. Call consents to run for railroad commissioner I feel certain he will be elected, and I would prove the best man in that office that we could possibly elect."

FARISH IS FOR BELL

Oscar E. Farish, still another of the Democrats who were made to say ridiculous things in the Hearst paper yesterday, said concerning it: "I do not think there is the slightest possibility of Mr. Call entering the contest. I talked to him previous to the conference and he assured me the most positive way that he had no thought of becoming a candidate

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