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OPENING FIRE BY ROOSEVELT

Delivers First Address of Campaign in New York City

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DECLARES ISSUE AT STAKE IS WHETHER PEOPLE ARE CAPABLE OF SELF-GOVERNMENT.

By Associated Press. New York, March 20.—In the first speech of his campaign for the presidential nomination, Theodore Roosevelt tonight contrasted his position with President Taft's and said that the real issue at stake was whether the American people should govern themselves.

Roosevelt spoke before a crowd which filled Carnegie Hall. In the opening part of his address, he said:

The great fundamental issue now before the republicans party and before our people can be stated briefly. It is, are the American people fit to govern themselves, to rule themselves, to control themselves? I believe they are. My opponents do not. I believe in the right of the people to rule. I believe that the majority of the plain people of the United States will, day in and day out, make fewer mistakes in governing themselves than any smaller class or body of men, no matter what their training, will make in trying to govern them. I believe, again, that the American people are, as a whole, capable of self-control and of learning by their mistakes. Our opponents pay lip-loyalty to this doctrine; but they show their real beliefs by the way in which they champion every device to make the nominal rule of the people a sham.

I have scant patience with this talk of the tyranny of the majority. Whenever there is tyranny of the majority, I shall protest against it with all my heart and soul. But we are today suffering from the tyranny of minorities. It is a small minority that is grabbing our coal deposits, our water powers, and our harbor fronts. A small minority is fattening on the sale of adulterated foods and drugs. It is a small minority that lies behind monopolies and trusts. It is a small minority that stands behind the present law of master and servant, the sweat-shops, and the whole calendar of social and industrial injustice. It is a small minority that is today using our convention system to defeat the will of a majority of the people in the choice of delegates to the Chicago convention. The only tyrannies from which men, women and children are suffering in real life are the tyrannies of minorities.

If the majority of the American people were in fact tyrannous over the minority, if democracy had no greater self-control than empire, then indeed no written words which our forefathers put into the Constitution could stay that tyranny.

No sane man who has been familiar with the government of this country for the last twenty years would complain that we have had too much of the rule of the majority. The trouble has been a far different one—that, at many times and in many localities, there has held public office in the States and in the Nation men who have in fact, served not the whole people, but some special class or special interests. I am not thinking only of those special interests which by grosser methods, by bribery and crime, have stolen from the people. I am thinking as much of their respectable allies and figureheads, who have ruled and legislated and decided as if in some way the vested rights of privilege had a first mortgage on the whole United States, while the rights of all the people were merely an unsecured debt. Am I overstating the case? Have our political leaders always, or generally, recognized their duty to the people as anything more than a duty to dispense the mob, see the ashes are taken away, and distribute patronage? Have our leaders always, or generally, worked for the benefit of human beings, to increase the prosperity of all the people, to give to each some opportunity of living decently and bringing up his children well? The questions need no answer.

Meet to Name Roosevelt Delegates, Aberdeen, S. D., March 20.

Roosevelt supporters in South Dakota gathered here today to name delegates to the Republican national convention and to perfect plans for a vigorous campaign.

PROGRESSIVE BILLS LOSE IN PAY STATE.

By Associated Press. Boston, Mass., March 20.—Measures providing for woman's suffrage and the election of United States senators by direct vote were defeated in the state senate today.

MARSHALL SEEMS INDIANA CHOICE

Will Be Endorsed for President by Democratic Convention

Indianapolis, Ind., March 20.—Every train into Indianapolis today brought scores of delegates to the Democratic state convention which meets here tomorrow to nominate candidates for governor and other state officers and to select delegates at large to attend the Democratic national convention in Baltimore. Presidential electors also will be selected. The convention will meet in Tomlinson Hall and will have an attendance of 1,747 delegates.

There appears to be no doubt of the nomination of Samuel Ralston of Lebanon for senator, since he received a solid delegation of 186 votes to the state convention through the influence of Thomas Taggart, former chairman of the national committee and for many years the undisputed boss of the Democratic party in Indiana.

Neither does there appear to be any great likelihood of a contest on the presidential instructions to be given the delegates to the Baltimore convention, as Indiana is expected to bestow her strength on her favorite son Governor Thomas R. Marshall.

It is conceded that Governor Marshall should have the solid support of the State on the first ballot in the national convention, but it is doubtful if the Indiana delegates will be charged to remain with the governor until the end of the fight. It is generally believed that Mr. Taggart plans to throw the strength of the State to Harmon as soon as it becomes apparent that Governor Marshall has no chance of winning the race. This programme is believed to be subject to change only in the event that Senator Kern should decide to enter the presidential race, a thing that is regarded as not only possible, but highly probable if the balloting for candidates should be protracted.

The choice of the State convention for delegates at large probably will fall upon Senators Kern and Shively, Mr. Taggart and a fourth man not yet agreed upon. William H. O'Brien, present State auditor, is slated to succeed Mr. Taggart as the Indiana member of the national committee, Taggart not only being a candidate.

ALLEN GANG IS STILL AT LARGE

Death List at Hillville May Swell to Six by Morning

By Associated Press. Hillville, Va., March 20.—With search for the Allen gang fruitless on the eve of the seventh day since the courthouse tragedy, it seems that the deathlist will increase to six before morning. Andrew Howlett, who was shot in the back, probably will die.

Detectives who were hurried by reports of messengers to the supposed hiding place of the Allen gang had not returned tonight. There is no authentic report here of the movements of the outlaws since their flight, but the detectives are not disheartened.

WOULD IMPOSE TAX ON WATER RIGHTS.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., March 20.—Representative Martin of Colorado today said that the conservationists are saving at the spigot and wasting at the bung, and offered a bill, imposing a Federal tax on the use of water power and the transportation rights of navigable streams.

FACE DEADLOCK ON SENATORSHIP

New Mexico Legislature Ballots Frequently With-out Results

BRIBE CHARGES PROBED

DEFENSE WILL ALLEGE CONSPIRACY TO GET FOUR HOUSE MEMBERS OUT OF WAY.

By Associated Press. Santa Fe, N. M., March 20.—The New Mexico legislature, although it balloted several times this afternoon, did not elect the two United States senators to which the state is entitled. Prospects tonight were for a continued deadlock.

In the meantime a special committee from the House is hearing testimony in the investigation of alleged corruption, in which it is charged that bribes were accepted by four representatives—Lucero, Trujillo, Montoya and Cordova, in return for support of a certain candidate for United States Senator. The defense will contend that a conspiracy existed to get the four legislators out of the way, because they would not vote for certain senatorial candidates.

The men arraigned tonight waived preliminary trial, and bail was fixed in the sum of \$2,000 each. They have been in jail now for two days and night, without having been served with warrants and commitments, it was learned at the House hearing today.

Policeman Sena described to the House committee, how he saw the money change hands at the hotel Monday. He charged that the representatives received \$500 each.

MEET TO DECIDE MINERS STRIKE

Walk-out in Soft Coal Fields Determined After Conference

Special to Daily News. Cleveland, O., March 20.—Whether there is to be a general strike of miners in the bituminous fields on April 1 depends upon the success or failure of the joint conference of the operators and the United Mine Workers, which met at the Resenden Hotel in this city today to resume negotiations looking to a new agreement to go into effect when the present agreement expires on the last day of this month.

Both sides admit that the prospects for an amicable settlement of the existing differences are not very bright. The miners declare their intention to stand firm in their demand for a seven-hour day, five hours on Saturday, with full pay, and an average advance of 10 per cent on the wage scale. The mine owners assert that the demands of the miners are impossible.

The present conference represents the operators and miners in the soft coal fields of western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. But any agreement reached undoubtedly would be used as the basis for similar agreements in Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas and Oklahoma, composing the Southwestern Territory, and Michigan, West Virginia, Kentucky and Iowa.

The prospect of a strike in the soft coal fields, while serious enough in its consequences, is not regarded with the same alarm in industrial circles as is the possibility of a similar tie-up of the anthracite mines. The principle reason for this is that the soft coal supply is not limited to a small territory as in the case of the supply of anthracite. A dozen States, more or less, produce soft coal in considerable quantities, and to maintain a strike in all of them at once would be a stupendous undertaking. Then, too, several of the fields, particularly that of West Virginia, are not strongly unionized. The railroads and other industries depend upon the bituminous supply all ways figure that enough soft coal can be produced somehow to supply their needs. They remember that there were strikes in the soft coal regions of several states last year at the same time, but no serious shortage of fuel resulted.

FORTY DEAD IN MINE DISASTER

Explosion at McCurtain, Oklahoma, Claims Heavy Life Toll

SEVENTY-FIVE COFFINS

EXPERTS AT WORK OF RESCUE EXPRESS BELIEF THAT OTHERS ENTOMBED ARE DEAD.

By Associated Press. Fort Smith, Ark., March 20.—Forty miners were killed this morning as the result of an explosion in mine Number Two of the San Boise Coal Company at McCurtain, Oklahoma, and hope that eighty-seven others entombed in the mine will find alive has been abandoned.

Thirteen men escaped shortly after the explosion, several of them so seriously injured that it is believed they will die.

Government experts tonight began search in the wrecked mine and early tonight five bodies had been recovered. Thirty-five others were located.

A hundred men are said to have been at work in the mine at the time the disaster occurred. Whether gas or coal dust caused the explosion is undetermined.

Experts express opinion that all the imprisoned men are dead, and seventy-five coffins have been ordered.

Later at midnight it was estimated that 195 lives are lost in the disaster, of 116 on the day shift only 11 are known to be alive. Others are entombed beyond doubt. Thirty-three Americans were employed in the mine.

TWO DEPUTIES ARE MURDERED

Officers Found in Wisconsin After Search of Several Days

Special to Daily News. Hoquiam, Wis., March 20.—The bodies of Deputy Sheriffs McKenzie and Al Elmore were found near the headwaters of the Wisconsin, thirty miles from here today. Both men were murdered.

They had been missing for several days.

TAFI POSITIONS MEETING MITCHELL.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., March 20.—President Taft late this afternoon postponed indefinitely his proposed conference with John Mitchell, regarding the coal situation. No reason for the postponement was given.

MCGOORTY OUTPOINTS KELLY AT KENOSHA.

By Associated Press. Kenosha, Wis., March 20.—In ten rounds tonight Eddie McGoorty of Oshkosh outpointed Hugo Kelly of Chicago. Under the state law no decision was permitted. Newspaper critics agreed that McGoorty had the better of the bout.

Special Session in Maine.

Augusta, Me., March 19.—Called together in special session by Governor Plaisted, the members of the Maine legislature assembled today to revise the election laws, re-district the State for the purpose of electing representatives to Congress and to prepare something in the way of liquor legislation.

Drug Manufacturers Heard.

Washington, D. C., March 20.—A hearing was given today at the Department of Agriculture by the pure food and drug board to the manufacturers of opium, morphine and its derivatives. The Department has been trying for some time to limit the trade in habit-forming drugs and infant medicines containing morphine and kindred products. This activity has inconvenienced the manufacturers of proprietary medicines to some extent, thus leading to a protest against the drastic enforcement of the law.

Taft Returns From New England Tour.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., March 20.—President Taft returned to the capital at a late hour this afternoon, after two days of strenuous campaigning and speech-making in New England.

ARGUMENT OVER NORRIS LETTERS

Spirited Clash Between Opposing Counsel in District Court

Special to Daily News. Fort Worth, Tex., March 20.—After a spirited argument between opposing counsel before Judge Simmons of the sixty-seventh district court this morning, the court announced that decision will be delivered tomorrow as to whether the letters which are the base of the perjury indictment against Rev. J. Frank Norris, pastor of the First Baptist church, shall be placed in the hands of attorneys for the defendant.

The hearing was opened today when Attorney Albert Baskin, of counsel for the defendant, read the motion filed Tuesday, asking that the court instruct the county attorney to allow the defendant and his attorneys and witnesses to inspect the anonymous letters, received by G. H. Connell and Dr. Norris and which the latter is charged with writing, and to allow the defense to make photographic copies of the letters.

The motion was signed by attorneys for Dr. Norris.

STEWART WINS IN BOUT WITH MORRIS.

By Associated Press. New York, March 20.—Jim Stewart, the Brooklyn heavy weight, outpointed Carl Morris of Oklahoma in ten rounds here tonight. Morris was knocked to his knees in the eighth, but was fighting hard when the gong sounded.

NEBRASKA WILL ASK CLARK TO WITHDRAW.

By Associated Press. Des Moines, Ia., March 20.—Senator Gore of Oklahoma today authorized a statement that Speaker Clark will be asked to withdraw in favor of Woodrow Wilson from participation in the Nebraska presidential primary election.

Gore said that the Nebraska Progressive League had adopted a resolution, asking the Speaker not to allow his name to go before the voters, "in view of the rival candidates, Woodrow Wilson and Judson Harman."

BLINDING STORM OVER WIDE AREA

Disaster Caused in North Central States to Stock and Railways

By Associated Press. Chicago, Ill., March 20.—A blinding storm of snow and sleet swept the North Central states today, and continues tonight, hooping disaster upon transportation and communication facilities. This was the first day of spring.

A half hundred cities are cut off from the rest of the world. Miles of telegraph and telephone poles are blown down, or the wires covered with ice until broken under the weight.

Zero weather is reported from several places. At many points the wind blew sixty miles an hour. A man in Montana was frozen to death.

In Colorado and adjoining states many train are delayed, and communication between Denver and the northern part of the state is cut off as a result of the snow last night and today.

Traffic east from Denver to Durango has been cut off for four days. There is no direct suffering among livestock in northern Colorado and Wyoming. Many sheep are reported to have been lost in the storm near Laramie.

FOOD EMBARGO STIRS JUAREZ

Anti-American Demonstration on Streets of Border City

HOSTILE THREATS MADE

SUPPLIES HELD BY CUSTOMS INSPECTOR INCLUDE EMERIES AS WELL AS WAR MUNITIONS.

By Associated Press. El Paso, Tex., March 20.—A street demonstration occurred in Juarez this afternoon when it became known that the embargo on munitions of war would hereafter be construed on the American side to include food as well as arms and munitions.

A saloonkeeper, known as "Big Pete," walked into the street, and became a tirade against Americans.

"You Americans will starve us out will you?" he cried, with a string of profanity. "We will send you all home in express wagons one of these days. We need that food. We know how to take care of ourselves. You will find that out."

As the crowd of Mexicans grow denser, Americans worked their way out of the throng, and lost no time in crossing to the American side of the International bridge.

General Rojas and his command left Juarez this afternoon, leaving behind a garrison of six hundred men. The saloons were opened for the first time in weeks.

"Big Pete's" tirade lasted for five minutes. Then he returned to his saloon, saying that any Americans who darkened his door did so at his own peril.

Many supplies were held up today by the customs collector, who interprets orders regarding munitions of war to include all articles necessary to the sustenance of the soldiers.

James McKay and John Thomas, Americans, and James Costa, Mexican, were arrested today, charged with trying to smuggle ammunition into Juarez, secreted in their clothing.

MINING INDUSTRIES NEEDING EXPLOSIVES.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., March 20.—Unless arrangements are made soon, permitting the shipment of explosives into Mexico, large mining industries will be compelled to suspend.

Col. Steever today reported to the War Department that 90,000 pounds of dynamite, consigned to commercial organizations in Mexico, are being held at El Paso, in compliance with President Taft's proclamation, prohibiting explosives from being taken across the border in bond.

National Congress of Mothers.

St. Louis, Mo., March 20.—Delegates and many visitors from all sections of the country were present at the opening here today of the sixteenth annual "child welfare congress" under the auspices of the National Mothers Congress and Parent-Teachers' Association. The sessions will last four days. The program embraces a discussion of child labor, child hygiene, juvenile courts, home economics, public playgrounds and numerous other subjects dealing with the welfare of the child.

Boosting the Northwest.

Aberdeen, S. D., March 20.—A mammoth convention of "boosters" embracing builders, real estate men, educators and representatives of the commercial, agricultural and industrial organizations, assembled here today to discuss plans for an organized campaign to attract investment capital and desirable immigrants to assist in the further development of the Northwest. Minnesota, North Dakota and Montana have representatives in the convention, in addition to all the chief cities and towns of South Dakota.

The WEATHER

Washington Forecast. By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., March 20.—Snow in West Texas—Rain Thursday. Snow in the Panhandle. Colder Friday, fair.

Local Forecast. Fair and colder Thursday. Yesterday's Temperature. 7 a. m. ... 59 7 p. m. ... 30 Maximum ... 70 Minimum ... 30 1911 Max. ... 64 1911 Min. ... 26