

LEAGUE FORCES MACHINE INTO FIGHT FOR LIFE

Lincoln-Roosevelt Body's Rapid Growth Alarms Minions of "Organization"

Gillett's Denunciation Is Taken to Show Where Executive Is Lined Up

Failing to Defeat Movement by Colonizing, Herrin Plans Open Campaign

By George Van Smith

The tremendous growth of the Lincoln-Roosevelt league of republican clubs has resulted not alone in alarming the machine forces, but it has forced the organization to send its warriors into the open to fight as best they may for the preservation of the machine that has made California a byword in the annals of American politics.

The development of the Lincoln-Roosevelt league strength has been logical and logically restrained. Realizing that the great body of honest republicans of California are heartily with the league and its purposes, the leaders of the movement, however, have been forced to proceed slowly in perfecting local organizations to insure against the machine colonization of the clubs, which would inevitably destroy public confidence in the movement.

The Lincoln-Roosevelt league is not a job chasing movement and the professional job chasers, only too anxious to rally to the support of the movement for the benefits that would accrue to themselves, have been vigorously and consistently discouraged and effectually relegated to the ranks.

Chester H. Rowell, state secretary and organizer of the league, has been besieged with requests for authority to proceed with organization work in virtually all the assembly districts from the Tehachapi to the Oregon border.

ONLY GOOD MEN WANTED Organization, however, in virtually every instance has been deferred until, through the efforts of the state leaders, organization by the right kind of men has been insured.

The league's preliminary work in San Francisco has been done with a painstaking care, that when the work is completed, as it will be early next week, the San Francisco organization will be one that will command the instant respect and confidence of all anti-machine republicans.

The best evidence of the wholesome fear the machine has for the Lincoln-Roosevelt league is furnished by the tactics employed by the organization in the fight, which its leaders realize is of greater proportions than any opposition they have ever been called upon to meet.

The governor of California, James N. Gillett, has been forced to come into the open in a desperate effort to save the "organization." Heralded as the "representative of the organization," Governor Gillett is in Washington trying to belittle and discredit the Lincoln-Roosevelt league as the personal political machine of ex-Governor George C. Pardee.

KNOWS ITS FALSITY No men know better the absolute falsity of such an assertion than do Governor James N. Gillett, who, according to the machine organ, made it, and George C. Pardee, about whom it was made. Gillett knows the men who are leading the Lincoln-Roosevelt league of clubs in California. He knows that they would not permit themselves to be used to advance the political interests of George C. Pardee or of any other man.

That Pardee too knows this is sufficiently obvious, but it should be said, in fairness to him, that Pardee has evidenced no desire to attempt to subjugate the Lincoln-Roosevelt organization to the political ambitions he is said to harbor, but which he has not disclosed to the leaders of the Lincoln-Roosevelt movement. Pardee was present and participated in the deliberations of the meeting at which the state organization of the Lincoln-Roosevelt league was completed.

He did not take a leading part in that meeting and has never attended a meeting of the state executive committee, though many such meetings have been held. That Dr. Pardee is enthusiastically supporting the league movement in his own community goes without saying, but that he has exercised or attempted to exercise the slightest control over the state organization of the league is wholly false.

DEVLIN IS PLEASED President Frank R. Devlin of Vallejo, whose record as a legislator is one of the bright pages in California's deplorable legislative history and whose rugged honesty the worst machine man has never dared question, considers the

Register NOW, Republicans

If you don't want Herrin to rule you, get on the register before April 15.

Old registration has all expired—you must register again before April 15 or you can't vote at the May primaries.

Registration closes April 15.

Last day on which registered voter can move to another precinct and not lose his primary vote, April 6.

Registrar's office in the old city hall open from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Register NOW, Republicans

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J. C. Stubbs Suddenly Becomes Active in Face of Rebate Investigations

Huge Mass of Evidence Against S. P. May Lead to Honest Confession

Sanguine Officials Expect Railroad Will Plead for Leniency

J. C. Stubbs, general manager of the traffic department of all the Harriman lines, has been unusually active during his present visit to San Francisco, which began a few days prior to the railroad commission's investigation into the rebating practices of the Southern Pacific company in this state.

Stubbs has made it his business during his stay in this city to go among the merchants and shippers, many of whom have been the recipients of favors from the railroad corporation. The coincidence between Stubbs' presence here and the date of the inquiry, together with the fact that the Harriman official has departed from his accustomed practice of staying but a few days in this city, indicates that the railroad corporation is apprehensive of the outcome of the investigation into its traffic habits.

Sanguine officials of the California traffic association are inclined to predict that in the face of the overwhelming testimony to be offered the railroad commissioners by Attorney General Webb and Assistant Attorney General Raymond Benjamin, the Southern Pacific company will throw up its hands, strike its breast in penitence and confess all rebating, but deny that it violated the letter of the state law, claiming that railroad commissions in the past have failed to comply with the law in the matter of establishing rates. The company, according to this prediction, will promise humbly to sin no more.

ASSISTING PROSECUTION

The California traffic association, while assisting the attorney general's office in preparing the case against the Southern Pacific company, is furthering its usefulness as a traffic bureau. F. M. Hill, general manager of the association, has prepared much data showing discrimination on the part of the Southern Pacific company, which will be presented at the railroad commission's investigation, which starts Thursday morning at 10 o'clock in the rooms of the chamber of commerce.

A meeting of the California traffic association was held yesterday afternoon and it was decided that a special committee should be named to attend the investigation. Members of the association are now availing themselves of the facilities of the bureau as a dispenser of traffic information. From various sections of the state inquiries have been received and responses are being sent to shippers relative to disputed points.

The association intends to appoint a committee on legislation, which will consider the propositions of the reciprocal demurrage act, the car shortage act and other measures to protect shippers. Oregon and Texas have new railroad legislation which has proved of advantage to shippers and laws of those states may be given place in the codes of California.

Since the railroad commissioners have bound themselves to investigate freight rates and the traffic association has begun its activity the Southern Pacific company has issued many new traffic rules to the public. Trafficmen allege that for the most part these rates now made public have been privately granted to favored shippers in the past.

NEW RULE ILLEGAL

O. K. Cushing, attorney for the traffic association, has given an opinion that the proposed rule is added to transcontinental traffic, which takes effect April 1, 1908, is unconstitutional. The new rule states that a transportation company will not be responsible for loss or damage of any kind, unless caused by the negligence of carriers, unless 20 per cent is added to the ordinary freight rate. Cushing's opinion is in effect that under the constitution of the United States and the provisions of the interstate commerce act a transportation company can not take advantage of any rule it makes that does not carry with it the common law liability of a carrier.

An official of the California traffic association stated yesterday that the Merchants' exchange freight bureau is making renewed efforts to gain members and to break up the growing power of the traffic association. He charged that the Merchants' exchange organization was enjoying the friendship of the Southern Pacific company and that its renewed activity is in obedience to the directions of the Harriman managers. But the strength of the California traffic association is increasing, he declared, many interior shippers having affiliated themselves with it recently.

Assistant Attorney General Benjamin is expected to return from Los Angeles today. Benjamin has been in the southern city for two weeks investigating the practices of the Santa Fe and Clark railroads.

ANGELENOS ASK FIRST CHANCE TO FETE THE FLEET

Southern City Plans Effort to Have Battleships Stop on Way North

First Port After Magdalena Not Yet Decided by the Navy Department

Vessels May Make Dash for San Francisco to Fill Their Empty Bunkers

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL HONOLULU, Feb. 29.—Six unknown warships have been reported to have been seen on the horizon off the north end of Oahu just before sundown today.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—According to an interview with Secretary Metcalf by Representative Smith, it has not yet been decided whether the Atlantic fleet will go direct to San Francisco after leaving Magdalena bay or make stops at San Diego and San Pedro first.

It may be necessary for the fleet

Giuseppe Alia, the slayer of Father Heinrichs in a Denver church; William R. Hearst, whose anarchistic teachings are denounced by Archbishop Quigley, and the penance chains found on the person of the assassinated priest.



CATHOLICS TO WAR ON RED FLAG

Archbishop Quigley's Denunciation of Anarchy to Be Supported From Pulpits

General Movement Began in Chicago for the Crushing Out of Hearstism

Jews of the Lake City Join in the Movement Against the Foes of Government

Rabbi Schanfarber Calls Upon His People to Co-operate in Catholic Crusade

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—Archbishop James E. Quigley of the Chicago diocese was in conference with leaders of the Catholic clergy today. The archbishop refused interviews with reference to the conference, but it is understood that word has gone out to the various parishes, suggesting comment on the anticlerical situation as it is at present. Support of the editorial in today's New World attacking the newspapers of William R. Hearst and the Giordano club, supposed to have been inspired by the archbishop, is expected from the pulpits of virtually every Catholic church in this city tomorrow.

Chancellor Dunne held another conference with the state's attorney's office today. United States District Attorney Sims said that he had found several supreme court decisions bearing upon the case as submitted to him by the Chicago priest.

"I am seeking to suppress the publication of articles attacking the Catholic church in these anticlerical journals," said Father Dunne. "They are libelous and defamatory of character and would not be tolerated ten minutes if they appeared in some English publications."

The organized movement on the part of Catholic societies of this city against anticlericalism and anarchy, which has been aroused to increased activity since the murder of Father Heinrichs in Denver, has been given added impetus through offers of co-operation by the Jewish clergy.

At today's service in the Jewish temple, K. A. M. Thirty-third street and Indiana avenue, Rabbi Tobias Schanfarber delivered an address extremely bitter in its denunciation of clubs propagating anarchistic and revolutionary teachings and calling upon the Jewish people of Chicago to unite with the Catholics for the disruption of such organizations.

Rabbi Schanfarber, following in the line of the New World's statement, "Did not the Hearst papers comment the murder of McKinley in 1901 as a

EVIDENCE of the strictest adherence to the tenets of his faith, even to the following of the most ancient customs of the fathers of the Franciscan order, was found upon the person of Father Leo, slain at the altar of St. Elizabeth's church in Denver, last Sunday morning by Giuseppe Alia, in the shape of penance chains, consisting of a steel discipline girdle and similar armlets. These "ringed" bands are provided with sharp hoops to pierce the flesh, and their like has never before been seen in Denver. None of Father Leo's associates ever had seen these instruments of self-torture, and they

are not customarily worn by members of religious orders in the United States of the present day.

Several of the priests to whom they were shown exclaimed in wonder that a man could be so thoroughgoing in the pursuits of the tenets of the faith as to submit himself to the physical torture of such an instrument of penance. Many remarked that they supposed such customs and girdles had passed away in the middle ages.

But they gazed upon the chains with reverence and admiration for the man who thus submitted to the mortification of the flesh for the purification of his soul. Father Leo's associates hold the chains as still further proof of the extreme sanctity of the servant of the church who so

tragically met his end while performing his religious duties.

At the intersection of the rings in both the armlets and the girdles are sharp hooks, so facing as to press into the flesh upon each movement of the wearer. The girdle for the full distance that it traversed the abdomen of the wearer is dull red with the stain of blood, and gives evidence that it must have been in use for years. Whether Father Leo wore the penance chains upon all occasions or only when upon the altar never will be known.

These chains will be kept with reverence in the monastery of the Franciscan fathers as mementoes of the holy man who fell by the assassin's hand while performing his duties upon the altar of his faith.

to proceed to San Francisco for coal before it can visit the Los Angeles port and San Diego.

It is understood, however, that Los Angeles will make an effort to have the fleet stop there first, as it does not relish the idea of conducting a warmed over reception after the fleet has been winned and dined at San Francisco.

WARSHIPS STEAM FORTH ON LAST LEG OF VOYAGE

Depart From Callao Amid Cheers of Thousands and Salute to Admiral by President

CALLAO, Feb. 29.—The American fleet sailed today for Magdalena bay, Lower California. Signals went up from the Connecticut, the flagship, this morning, and shortly afterward the battleships steamed slowly out to the ocean for the long run to their next stopping place.

The fleet described a semicircle, the great white ships moving to the southwest, and when they passed the Peruvian cruiser Almirante Grau, from which President Parde and the officials of state viewed the departure, each of the warships fired a salute of 21 guns. The cruiser replied when the Connecticut was passing, and there was a dipping of flags from the other vessels in the harbor and a ringing farewell from the thousands who had gathered to watch the ships of a friendly nation as they swung majestically out to the open sea.

The steamer Cachapoal, crowded with spectators, accompanied the fleet some distance from shore, but as the battleships gathered speed it was left to the practices of the Santa Fe and Clark railroads.

Dorothy Russell Weds a Rich Japanese

Actress Becomes Wife of Acha Mura and Will Make Her Home in Orient

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—Dorothy Russell, the actress, has astounded her friends by marrying a Japanese merchant prince.

Acha Mura is the name of the former Miss Russell's husband, and he is said to be one of the wealthiest of the Japanese colony in this country.

Miss Russell was married to Acha Mura in Philadelphia two weeks ago, but the secret was well kept until today, when Miss Russell returned to New York for a few hours before taking the boat to Havana.

She was accompanied by Nettie Burns, who goes to Cuba with her. In two weeks her husband, who has settled up his business in this country and will join her in Cuba. They will sail from there for Mexico and after crossing the isthmus will continue on to San Francisco from which place they will sail for Japan.

EXTINGUISHER BURSTS AS TETRAZZINI SINGS

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—Luisa Tetrazzini sang in "Lucia di Lammermoor" before a large audience today at the Manhattan opera house. In the middle of the duet in the second act a fire exting-

Impertinent Question No. 40

Which Sex is the Vainer—and Why? For the most original or wittiest answer to this question—and the briefer the better—The Call will pay FIVE DOLLARS. For the next five answers The Call will pay ONE DOLLAR each. Prize-winning answers will be printed next Wednesday and checks mailed to the winners at once. Make your answer short and address it to IMPERTINENT QUESTIONS, THE CALL.

Winning Answers to "Why Do Men Prefer Blondes?" \$5 prize to R. Borella, Wrights.

It would have been the same if she had been a brunette. \$1 prize to W. J. Sykes, 1229 Ellis street, city.

Many a fine brunette has dyed asking that question. \$1 prize to Mrs. N. Laker, 330 Montgomery street, city.

My husband keeps mighty quiet about it if he does. \$1 prize to R. B. Hood, 17 Collingwood street, city.

"Silence is golden." \$1 prize to Charles Ford, 407 Mendocino avenue, Santa Rosa.

Because they are home made. \$1 prize to Mrs. Bella Stuart, 302 Larkin street, city.

It's the American spirit of taking a chance.