



Accession of Honest Delegates Foretells Defeat of Machine Gillett Withdraws From Quartet Slated for Chicago by Herrin



"The Shame of California"

An Object Lesson in Herrinism From the Santa Cruz Convention of 1906 for the Sacramento Convention of 1908

"Country Delegates Will Support League and Its Principles"

By Frank R. Devlin

CONSIDER the situation most encouraging and the developments here today confirm the opinion I have entertained since the day of the primary elections, that the country delegates would come to the support of the Lincoln-Roosevelt league and its principles.

Delegates from seven of the counties that were claimed by the machine have called at headquarters today and declared that they would support the league with solid delegations, and quite a number of the counties which the machine has claimed as solid for its program have come in with split delegations.

The machine men are not especially jubilant, and there will be a fight on behalf of the people from the minute the convention is called to order until the last gavel falls.

Sacramento, May 13.

The Hand on Ruef's Shoulder Tells the Whole Story

Let Sacramento Delegates Read and Heed Lesson of
Famous Santa Cruz Flashlight

HEREWITH The Call submits an important political document for the consideration of the delegates to the republican state convention, which will be called to order in Sacramento this afternoon.

This document has been called "The Shame of California," and under that title has had a national circulation. It is a reproduction of a flashlight photograph taken by The Call's staff photographer about midnight of September 6, 1906. It was first published in The Call of September 10, 1906.

The scene of "The Shame of California" was the Santa Cruz residence of the late Major Frank McLaughlin. The occasion was an informal celebration of the nomination of James N. Gillett as the republican candidate for governor of California, accomplished that day, September 6, in the big tent on the beach at Santa Cruz.

According to testimony heard by the Oliver grand jury in San Francisco, William F. Herrin, head of the Southern Pacific law department and chief of its political bureau, bought the San Francisco delegation to the Santa Cruz convention of 1906 from Abe Ruef. The price is stated to have been \$14,000. Ruef turned in this delegation for Gillett. Otherwise, in all probability, Gillett would not have been nominated. Ever since his election Gillett has been the creature of Herrin and the Southern Pacific.

GOODS PAID FOR AND DELIVERED

At the center of this picture sits Abe Ruef, confessed blackmailer, now in prison and on trial for bribing supervisors. Behind him stands Gillett, his hand affectionately laid on Ruef's shoulder. He had reason to feel kindly toward Ruef that merry night, for Ruef had on that very day, according to testimony before a grand jury, sold him the nomination for governor and had delivered the goods, Herrin paying the price. It had been a great day for the machine and a melancholy day for the republicans and the whole people of California—a day of rejoicing for political corruption and of sorrow for Czar Herrin's serfs, the shackled and fettered citizens of Czar Herrin's California.

Grouped about Ruef and Gillett in "The Shame of California" are some of the hired men of Herrin who do his politics, some of the judges who do politics for and with him—judges who owe their eminence to Herrin—and some of his other official and unofficial henchmen.

Here is the description of "The Shame of California" written by the man who gave the picture that name.

"The 'governor' stands in the middle with his hand on the shoulder of Abe Ruef, the confessed blackmailer and grafter, who, called the 'labor boss,' was a power in that republican convention. On Gillett's right stands George Hatton, lobbyist employed alternately by the Southern Pacific and United States Senator George C. Perkins. Just back of and to the right of Hatton stands J. W. McKinley, head of the Southern Pacific law department in Los Angeles, chairman of the convention. Next to McKinley stands Rudolph Herold, a henchman of the Southern Pacific. Justice F. W. Henshaw of the supreme court stands on the extreme right. On Gillett's left stands Walter F. Parker, the paid employe of the Southern Pacific railroad and political boss of southern California. Next to Parker stands Warren R. Porter, nominee for lieutenant governor, always

Lincoln-Roosevelt League Gains the Support of Seven Counties

With Even Break on Division of Delegations Not Yet
Heard From, It Will Control Convention

By George Van Smith

SACRAMENTO, May 13.—Governor James N. Gillett poured oil on the troubled machine waters in Alameda county and gave new life to Judge Melvin's delegate at large campaign by announcing in definite and positive terms that under no circumstances would he be a candidate for delegate at large and that if elected by the convention he would not serve.

Governor Gillett, by a tactful refusal to absent himself from the state and its business, calmed the Alameda tempest in the machine teapot and relieved the republicans of California of the necessity of witnessing the spectacle of a real blow in the bottle fight within the ranks of the faithful.

Judge Melvin, with George W. Reed and County Clerk Jack Cook, whose "push" saved the seventh ward in Oakland for the machine and thereby gave Melvin a toe hold, arrived in Sacramento a few hours after Gillett's formal withdrawal from the delegate at large race. He at once went into conference with Walter Parker, who had preceded them by one train to take personal charge of the machine fight tomorrow, and to give out the program to the executive committee tonight.

BASED ON TWO GROUNDS

Governor Gillett's withdrawal from the race and from the machine slate was based on two grounds. The governor said that he was unwilling to leave the state at the close of the fiscal year and at a time when his presence was greatly needed at the capital, and also that his health would not permit him to undertake another trip east. The governor said:

"I am not a candidate for delegate at large to the Chicago convention. I want that clearly and definitely understood. And I will not accept the trust if I am elected by the convention. I have received a large number of telegrams and letters urging me to become a candidate and, of course, I should greatly enjoy participation in the national convention, but my health will not permit. In any event we are just at the end of the fiscal year. The state is about to undertake large improvements and if my physical condition would warrant the trip I would not feel like leaving the state at this

time. I am taking no part in this fight. I shall do all my politics on September 1, when I will go out in the state and help roll up a republican majority."

IGNORES MELVIN'S DEFT
The governor carefully refrained from referring in any way to the deft issued by Melvin through Bill Dargie. He quietly, but none the less firmly, dropped out of the race and out of the bad dreams of Melvin and the remnant of the "push" elected by Jack Cook in Oakland.

The country delegate is the key to the situation. The machine claims that it has him by the collar. The Lincoln-Roosevelt league leaders insist

To Expose Raw Steal Knight Bucks and Adds in Siskiyou to Machine's Woes

Contest Will Be Made Against
Seating Machine Delegates
Chosen by Aliens

Herrin's Lieutenants Slate Him
for Temporary Chairman, but
He Says He Will Refuse

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL
SACRAMENTO, May 13.—Into the state convention tomorrow will be carried by the Lincoln-Roosevelt republican league a contest against the seating of the delegates officially proclaimed by the machine as the regularly chosen representatives of Siskiyou county—a contest which will throw into the limelight the details of the baldest, dirtiest steal that the machine, in all its delving into the mire, has dared attempt.

Bent fairly and squarely by almost a 4 to 1 vote in his own home precinct in Yreka, State Central Committeeman H. S. Taylor engineered a job at Weeds Station, home of State Senator Abner Weed, without which the Lincoln-Roosevelt league would have seated all seven delegates from Siskiyou county in the state convention. It was a steal accomplished after much dark maneuvering by the voting of a trashy combination of unregistered aliens and the change of polling hours.

The contest will be presented by Dr. W. W. Barham, league committeeman of the first assembly district, and H. R. Raynes, first district league organizer, both of whom are from Yreka.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL
SACRAMENTO, May 13.—Clouds big with unexpected trouble hover over the Herrin machine in its efforts to organize the republican convention against the candidacy of William H. Taft. With the Lincoln-Roosevelt league hammering away at the organization to prevent its attempt at knitting Taft, additional embarrassment for the worried "push" is provided by the strenuous objection of George A. Knight to the first item written on the slate.

In a meeting held at the Golden Eagle hotel as soon as the San Francisco delegation arrived on an evening train, the executive committee of the state central committee chose Knight for temporary chairman of the convention. At the time that General George Stone, Walter Parker, George Hatton and other lieutenants of Herrin were making this program, George A. Knight, outside the meeting, was declaring with fervid expressions that under no consideration would he accept the chairmanship of the convention in that way.

Knight refuses to allow the machine to jam him upon the convention willfully and thus is presented the peculiar