

California's Representatives Are Strong for Taft

ROOSEVELT IS READY TO LEAD IF HE'S ASKED

Letter Answering Governors' Request That He Again Be Candidate Given Out Refuses to Comment, but Says He Hopes Direct Primaries Will Tell People's Wishes

nomination as the voluntary expression of the wishes of a majority of the republican voters of the United States, through the action of their delegates in the next national convention. The foregoing letter was signed by the following: William E. Glasscock, governor of West Virginia. Chester Aldrich, governor of Nebraska. Robert P. Bass, governor of New Hampshire. Joseph M. Carey, governor of Wyoming. Charles S. Osborne, governor of Michigan. W. R. Stubbs, governor of Kansas. Herbert S. Hadley, governor of Missouri. Roosevelt will open headquarters in the Metropolitan tower here Wednesday. His speech making tour may take him to California, Oregon and Washington.

LITERATURE, NOT POLITICS, FOR DAY

BOSTON, Feb. 25.—"I think I have made my position clear. I have no plans beyond this night, for tomorrow and afterward no one knows what is in store."

This was Colonel Roosevelt's response to the appeals made to him tonight for some word in regard to his statement. As he spoke he smiled expansively. Then he added with a chuckle:

"I am having a quiet literary evening. I haven't talked politics with anyone."

Colonel Roosevelt was at the home of Judge Robert Grant, a Harvard classmate, with whom he spent the night. News of his decision spread around the city like wildfire.

CROWDS BESIEGE HIM

Judge Grant's home was besieged by a crowd of persons anxious to see the colonel, who was quietly discussing literature within. When at last he appeared at the doorway he beamed upon his interviewers as though something had made him more than usually happy.

A dozen questions were fired at the colonel as soon as he appeared. He cut them off with a laugh, saying:

"Quiet day, I am spending a very quiet day. In regard to politics, I have seen no human beings."

"But, Colonel," said an insistent questioner, "will you not explain what you think should be done in regard to direct primaries for the choice of presidential nominees?"

STILL FOR DIRECT PRIMARIES

"Everybody knows my position on direct primaries," he replied. "I have always believed in them."

"Now that you have taken this stand," was suggested, "you will doubtless be urged by your supporters to make the stump tour which you enter upon such a campaign?"

"That is a bridge which I must cross when I come to it," was the only comment.

The colonel was told that his discussion of the recall of the judges and of judicial decisions in his speech last week in Columbus, O., has been interpreted in various ways. He said, however, that there had been much confusion as to his meaning.

"I shall reiterate what I said," he declared, "and if possible I shall put it in plainer language."

LITERATURE HOLDS HIM

Again protesting that he was not concerning himself with politics, Colonel Roosevelt said he must return to his discussion of literature. He remarked that he wanted to talk over "Dickens, Thackeray and Scott with certain Harvard professor, with whose views he did not entirely agree."

The picture he drew of himself discussing Dickens, Thackeray and Scott with a Harvard professor in the peaceful atmosphere of a Bostonian's home, while the whole city was talking of his announced candidacy seemed to appeal to the colonel's sense of humor, for he chuckled again as he waved his hand by way of saying good night and disappeared from view.

Colonel Roosevelt will go to the home of Grafton D. Cushing, speaker of the Massachusetts house, tomorrow to spend the night.

On going to Speaker Cushing's house, Colonel Roosevelt will plunge into politics. He will hold a number of conferences. Among those whom he expects to meet are Governor Robert Baso of New Hampshire and representatives of one or more Massachusetts political organizations.

Party Ticket or None

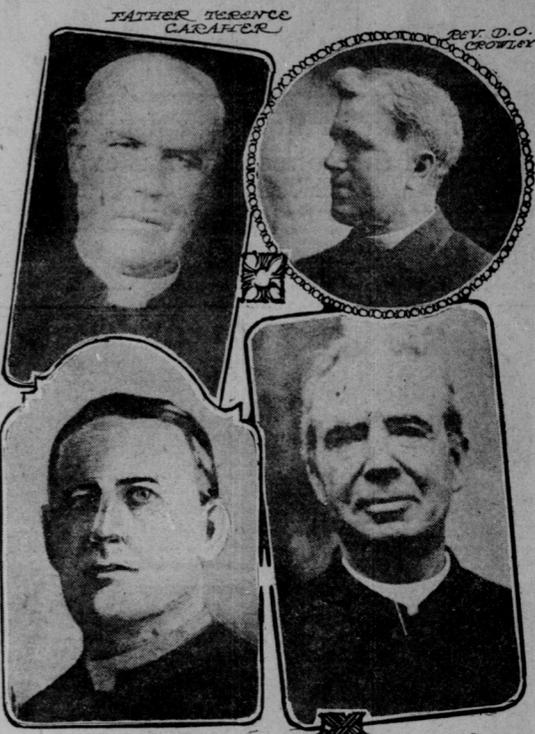
WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—At the national Roosevelt committee headquarters here the following statement was given out:

"Colonel Roosevelt has no intention whatever of forming a third or people's party in the event the Chicago convention fails to nominate him as the candidate of the republican party. Statements recently made that the former president would take such action are declared to be without foundation."

"That such a proposition has been made to Colonel Roosevelt has not been denied. It is stated that the activity of the administration nomination campaign among makers in making use of the steam roller device several admirers of Colonel Roosevelt to fear the Chicago convention would be 'packed' and that the popular will of the people would find no expression there. In this event it was asserted that such a device to give the people a chance to express their sentiments at the polls, an independent party being formed to place Colonel Roosevelt before the people."

"From an authoritative source it was learned today that Colonel Roosevelt did not look upon the proposition with favor, and in effect stated that such a proceeding was out of the question."

United Irish Will Honor Memory of Patron Saint



Prominent Catholic priests, who are actively identified with San Francisco's celebration of St. Patrick's day.

Program of Celtic Oratory and Song Framed For March 17 Celebration

The St. Patrick's Day convention met yesterday at Hibernia hall and there was all the enthusiasm that usually characterizes an Irish assemblage, particularly when the object is to celebrate St. Patrick's day. There is no split this year. All the societies are working together and harmony and good feeling prevail, which insures a great success. Besides, the celebration falling on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon, a great attendance is assured.

P. B. Mahoney, the president, was in the chair yesterday. The speakers were J. C. Nealon and Rev. Father Crowley. Both were delighted over the unity of action that marked the work of the societies. In union success was assured.

Nealon was applauded very heartily, and Father Crowley always arouses enthusiasm in an Irish audience.

The executive committee, of which Mayor Charles J. Collins is chairman, held a brief meeting before the convention met and submitted a partial program, Saturday evening, March 16, the celebration will begin with a grand ball at the Auditorium, of which P. J. Kelleher will be floor manager. Professor McKenzie and his great chorus of 200 voices will be a leading feature.

MANY TALENTED SINGERS
The soloists will be Mrs. Octavine Taylor, mezzo soprano; Miss Lillian Beaumont Bianchi, dramatic soprano; Miss Almy, Miss Ruth May McKenzie and Miss Hazel McKenzie. The solos will be favorite Irish airs—"Kerry Dance," "Wearing of the Green," "Killarney" and the like, and the choruses—"The Minstrel Boy," "Cruiskeen Lawn," "O'Donnell Aboon," and "The Shannon River." Miss Almy will lead in the final grand chorus, "The Star Spangled Banner."

Sunday high mass will be celebrated at the cathedral. For the procession at the cathedral special preparations are being made. Paul Weinholz, president of division No. 4, A. O. H., the native sons' division, intimated that his comrades would put a handsome float in line.

Some of the strictly Catholic societies, it is understood, will be in line with the Irish societies. Rev. Father Crowley will deliver the sermon and eulogy on St. Patrick. In the afternoon at the Auditorium, following the address of welcome by President P. B. Mahoney, there will be presented a beautiful series of living pictures under the direction of Mrs. Lyness. These Irish tableaux received great applause last year. "The Maid of Erin" will be Miss Rena Taubert, "Purity," Miss Agnes Tierny, and "The Goddess of Liberty," Miss Minnie O'Leary. The Irish provinces—Ulster, Munster, Leinster and Connaught—will be represented by Miss Frances Moore, Miss Nancy O'Donnell, Miss Mary Daley and Miss Helen Taubert, and all the Irish counties will be shown by pretty San Francisco colleens. The orator of the day will be Rev. Father Burke of the Paulists.

DELEGATES ARE ENTERTAINED
Under the direction of P. J. Kelleher a program was presented for the entertainment of the delegates. Addresses were delivered by J. C. Nealon and Father Crowley. Thomas Hogan sang "Ninety-eight," and for an encore, "O'Donnell Aboon." J. J. Mulcairn gave a flute solo, "The Last Rose of Summer," and for a recall, "The Irish Rose." Then there was recited an Irish jig dancing by John J. O'Connor, John O'Connell and Timothy Sullivan. Mrs. Octavine Taylor sang "Killarney" and received a round of rousing Irish applause. Master Robert Kenneth Cook sang "Mr. Doolin," and for an encore, "I Love a Lassie." Miss Schacht accompanied. Miss Helen O'Neill delivered a patriotic Irish recitation with true Irish feeling and danced a jig very prettily. Mrs. Brazel played a piano solo. Master David O'Connell danced and was loudly applauded.

There will be no meeting of the convention proper next Sunday, but the executive committee will hold a session at 1 p. m. on that day. The delegates will attend the celebration next Sunday at K. R. B. hall in honor of the birthday of the Irish patriot and martyr, Robert Emmet. At this celebration Hon. Joseph S. Tobin will be orator and Dr. Joseph A. Taaffe will read Emmet's speech from the dock. Judge Murasky will preside. A musical program will be presented.

CHINESE SHOW NO GREAT EXCITEMENT

Government Prepares to Welcome Republican Delegation; Masses Are Indifferent

PEKING, Feb. 25.—The government is preparing an elaborate reception for the delegation of republicans who are coming here under the leadership of Yang Shao Yi from Nanking to notify Yuan Shi Kai of his election as president of the republic.

The people, however, seem indifferent respecting the momentous visit. Telegrams have been received from various sections of the country embodying various proposals with respect to the future capital. It is believed that Yuan Shi Kai secretly is inspiring this, with the object of dividing the south on the matter of the location of the capital.

While Yuan Shi Kai realizes the imperativeness of uniting the country, he is proceeding confidently in the knowledge that he possesses the means of converting or politically defeating his opponents. Apparently the country is hidden city into a government inclusive, where all the offices will be situated. When the empress dowager and the emperor depart, the extensive groups about the winter palace will be converted into a public park.

Many soldiers who are not republican have given their full adherence to the president elect, and Yuan Shi Kai holds the confidence of both Manchus and Chinese, which probably indicates that the suspicion that he was double dealing in his court's overthrow was unwarranted.

The new government has decided that the country shall hereafter be officially styled "The Great Republic of China," the word "great" being intended to include Tibet, Turkestan, Mongolia and Manchuria. It has been practically decided to convert the forbidden city into a government inclusive, where all the offices will be situated. When the empress dowager and the emperor depart, the extensive groups about the winter palace will be converted into a public park.

MADERO'S ENEMIES SWARM IN NORTH

Fall of Juarez Expected, After Which Rebels Promise to March to Capital

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In conclusion, I wish to reiterate that ours is not a desultory movement created by agitators. It is the considered effort by principled men to restore Mexico to economic and political independence.

Juarez is now defended only by a few regular soldiers, volunteer guards and police. Some of these men are being used as pickets five miles from the city.

Torreon Situation Critical

TORREON, Coahuila, Feb. 24 (via Juarez, Feb. 25).—The situation here is growing critical. This city has been isolated for three days, railroad communication having been cut off, and famine is threatened. Merchants have wired a protest to President Madero, but it is feared the message has not reached him. It is reported that the city is surrounded by 10,000 Vasconistas.

The consular officers tonight asked the jefe de armas for a statement as to true conditions here, and he replied that they are not as alarming as had been reported. His statement was couched in such terms as to relieve in some measure the tense anxiety among foreigners. The jefe also has notified merchants that they will not be permitted to charge exorbitant prices for corn.

Brief Battle Fought

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Feb. 25.—A company of federal soldiers led by Comisario Calles de Agua Prieta fought a brief battle this morning with the rebel band which yesterday raided the Elias ranch near the border. The rebels retreated under fire, leaving two dead. Captain Trujillo and another force of federal soldiers are following south, and the two forces hope to catch the rebels between them some time tonight or tomorrow.

Miss Wilson Comes Home

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 25.—Miss Eleanor Wilson, daughter of Governor Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey, reached El Paso this morning after being marooned for many days in northern Chihuahua, due to the cutting of the Mexican Northwestern railroad tracks.

Miss Wilson was brought to El Paso shortly before noon today by a newspaper man who had been to the rebel camp south of Juarez to interview the leader. Her train was forwarded after being marooned 12 miles from Juarez, because of a burned bridge, which Juarez citizens destroyed to prevent the rebels getting into town.

Miss Wilson is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Todd. In the party here were Miss N. Hintner, Mrs. D. Campbell and D. H. King, the latter of San Francisco. They were guests of Mrs. P. A. Hutchins.

Irene Norman Captures The Ellery Cup

The ladies' tennis tournament for the Ellery cup, which was played on the park courts yesterday, brought out a clever field of players and the honors were captured by Irene Norman, who showed good form throughout the morning.

In the final the winner met Mary Speakman and won easily by a 6-2, 6-3 victory. Miss Speakman played good tennis, but was hardly a match for the winner.

PRELIMINARY ROUND—Clara Mitchell (1-6), beat Eleanor Tennant (6-1) by default; Mrs. Niemer (20) beat Charles Kier (2-6), 6-0, 6-1; E. J. Johnson (15) beat Bessie Cully (14) by default; Daisy Upton (scrub) beat Bessie Chase (14), 6-8, 7-5, 10-8; Irma Northrup (15) beat Lillian Hinkelmann (15) by default; Helen Baker (15) beat Mary Speakman (15), 6-1, 6-3; Irene Norman (scrub) beat Mrs. Norman (30), 7-6, 6-3; Bessie Cully (3-6) beat Marjorie Cozra (3-6) by default.

FINAL ROUND—Irene Norman (14) beat Florence Stewart (15), 6-3, 6-2; Daisy Upton (14) beat M. Robinson, 6-1, 6-3; Helen Baker beat Irma Northrup, 6-2, 6-1; Irene Norman beat Bessie Cully by default; Anita Myers (20) beat Genevieve Nagel (4-0), 6-3, 6-4; Fletcher (14) beat Mignon Baker (15), 6-3, 6-3.

Second round—Mary Speakman beat Nell McLaughlin, 6-0, 6-1; Daisy Upton beat Miss Niemer, 6-4, 6-4; Irene Norman beat Helen Baker, 6-1, 6-1; Anita Myers beat Anita Fletcher, 6-1, 6-3, 6-4.

Semifinal round—Mary Speakman beat Daisy Upton, 6-2, 6-4; Irene Norman beat Anita Myers, 6-2, 6-3.

Final—Irene Norman beat Mary Speakman, 6-2, 6-2.

Buffalo Bowler Sets a Few New Marks
CLEVELAND, Feb. 25.—World's records were broken by James Smith of Buffalo in the final of the sixth annual tournament of the Canadian Bowling association, which has been in progress during the last week. Smith rolled 771 for his three games, as compared with the world's record of 705, held by Tom Haley of Detroit. Smith also broke the world record for the 15 events, getting 641 in the team, 648 in the doubles and 771 in the singles, a total of 2,060. His average was 228.8-9 for his nine games. The former grand total record was 1,961, held by Haley.

VALLEJO WANTED BY LEAGUE
VALLEJO, Feb. 25.—Manager Dan Gillen of the Vallejo baseball team has been requested to the Sacramento Valley league. He will probably accept the invitation.

Local No. 21 Gives Majority of Votes in Referendum to New Men
The anti-administration ticket in the referendum vote for nominations taken yesterday by local No. 21 of the International Typographical union was uniformly successful, the present officers being defeated in every case.

Fred L. Barker of Spokane received 232 votes for international president, 100 more than were cast for the incumbent, James M. Lynch of Syracuse, and James M. Duncan won a victory nearly as great for the office of vice president, having 226 votes to George A. Tracy's 142.

C. M. Cobb won for indorsement for secretary-treasurer over J. W. Hays the vote in this case standing 228 to 113. The indorsement for home agent fell to F. C. Roberts, who received 241 votes to 119 cast for W. H. Parr.

The four successful candidates for home trustees out of a list of nine were Michael Powell, 235 votes; C. F. Wood, 219 votes; M. Wilson, 240 votes, and W. W. Daniel, 232 votes. The other candidates were: Thomas B. Glover, 108 votes; Walter McKee, 145 votes; Ralph L. Criswell, 111 votes; H. F. Martin, 15 votes, and P. J. Wright, 5 votes.

Candidates for delegates to the American Federation of Labor and the votes received by each for indorsement were: Frank S. Bonnington, 238; Frank Morrison, 251; Daniel Delahoyde, 231; F. W. Hynes, 221. Other candidates were: Max S. Hayes, 128; Charles Horntstein, 104; T. W. McCullough, 101; Hugh Stevenson, 79; A. B. Rodriguez, 7.

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POLITICAL LEADERS' VIEWS TAFT REGARDLESS, SAY MANY

Colonel Roosevelt's avowal of his candidacy for the presidency was a subject of interest to the political leaders of the city when the news was announced to them last night by The Call. Following are expressions of opinion from some of the foremost in the organizations of both parties:

Fred G. Sanborn, chairman republican county committee—"The statement of Colonel Roosevelt does not alter my views in the least, and I will continue to support President Taft. I believe the expression Roosevelt made regarding a third term should be considered as his final word, and so far as I can see, there is no occasion for him changing his views. I believe that President Taft, by his administration, has justified the progressive republicans in their efforts to give him another term."

Arthur G. Flak, postmaster of San Francisco—"I believe that this state is for Taft. If you can concede Roosevelt's statement as a declaration of his candidacy, as it seems to be, it narrows the fight to these two, although La Follette is still to be considered. Personally, I am a Taft man, but officially I am taking no stand in political matters."

Samuel M. Shortridge, former delegate at large to the republican national convention—"California will send a delegation to the convention instructed for William Howard Taft. He has been one of the greatest presidents, certainly the greatest republican president since Lincoln, and the greatest friend of California who has ever sat in the presidential chair. Both gratitude and self-interest call upon us as republicans and the state as a people to nominate him for another term. He is a great statesman and a believer in the constitution of his country. California is a protective tariff state and we know that he is the friend of that American system which protects so many of the industries of our state. His administration has been conservative and progressive along safe

lines, and the interests of the American people at home and abroad will be wisely administered by him in the future as in the past. There can be no doubt whatever as to the voice of California."

Thomas S. Williams, state harbor commissioner—"Roosevelt's statement is just what I expected. I consider that he will be the strongest man the republicans can put up. Taft has the machine, but Roosevelt is the idol of the people, who will be with him to a man, and he will be backed by all the progressives of the county. I have no doubt whatever that he will carry California."

Theodore A. Bell, former democratic nominee for governor—"Roosevelt evidently does not consider that he is standing for any principles other than those which are for his own interest alone. His attitude is that if the country wants him it can take him by offering him the nomination on a silver platter, but he has not burned any bridges behind him and has left the back door open, that he may make a graceful retreat in the event of being turned down. I expected just such a statement from Roosevelt, and it shows clearly that he lacks his old time courage in political skirmishes. I was confident that he would never announce his candidacy without equivocation. In my opinion, neither Roosevelt nor any other man will ever be able to upset the third term precedent established by Washington. I am of the belief that Roosevelt's nomination is improbable and his election impossible. No doubt he contemplates letting it be known that he did not seek the nomination if it is denied him."

PRESIDENT STATE'S FRIEND WORKS ONLY AGAINST HIM

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Republicans were prepared for Colonel Roosevelt's announcement of his candidacy, and they were slow to express themselves. Some of the Californians could not be seen tonight, but those accessible spoke freely. All were for Taft except Senator Works. Even Hayes, insurgent, came out for Taft. President Taft, in conversation today, said to a friend: "I know we are right and am confident we will win."

Representative Julius Kahn caused a roar of laughter to go over Washington when he said: "Colonel Roosevelt said in 1904 and reiterated in 1907 that he would not be a candidate again and his coming out now would indicate to me that he is the real president of the Annular club."

"I have the highest admiration for President Taft. He has shown himself to be a thoroughly safe and sound leader. He has been an excellent executive and above all else so far as I am concerned, he has been a strong and loyal friend of California and San Francisco. I have said I was for his renomination, and now I shall certainly do all I can to secure his renomination and election."

Representative Hayes, insurgent, said: "I believe the administration of President Taft entitles him to renomination and for that reason I am for him. I shall, of course, ardently support the nominee of the republican convention."

Representative Knowland said: "I have no reason for changing my allegiance to President Taft. As a member of the house at the time the exposition matter was before congress and knowing how President Taft rendered invaluable service to us at the most critical period of the fight, I feel that he is entitled to our support."

"The people of California under the personal preference primary law will be given the opportunity of expressing their preference and I believe they will vote for Taft. I take it that the delegates will abide by the people's preference."

Representative Needham said: "I have no occasion to change my views at all. I have been for President Taft from the beginning. I believe the convention will indorse his administration and the logical thing to do is renominate him."

Senator Works said: "Roosevelt will be nominated and will be supported by every western state. He is the only man who can save the republican party from defeat. With Taft as the candidate the democrats would easily elect their ticket."

GILROY BANK HAS CHARTER—Gilroy, Feb. 25.—A charter has been granted to the First National bank of this city, with a capital of \$25,000. The organizers are J. S. Adair, E. R. Green, L. C. McKenney and Thomas Harris.

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