

ROOSEVELT IS BEATEN IN NORTH DAKOTA

La Follette Wins Preferential Primaries by About 20,000 Plurality

President Taft Received Only Small Vote in the Contest

publican primary there is no question but that Roosevelt would have won.

DELEGATES ADDED TO TAFT COLUMN

WASHINGTON, March 19.—By the addition of six delegates to the Taft column the total number of delegates elected and instructed to vote for President Taft's renomination in the republican convention in June now aggregates 141 out of the 153 that have been chosen to date.

There were three district elections today and in each one the president's supporters were victorious. The fourteenth Missouri district elected two delegates instructed for Taft; the seventh Michigan made a similar return and so did the seventh Virginia. In the Virginia district the Taft delegates were named in convention by a vote of 56 to 1.

Early returns from North Dakota, where the most bitter struggle of the re-convention campaign has just been waged, indicate the victory of Senator La Follette of Wisconsin over Colonel Roosevelt. Apparently preparing for defeat, the Roosevelt headquarters in Washington announced tonight that "there was a heavy snow in the western end of the state, where Colonel Roosevelt is strong, and fine weather in the eastern end, where La Follette is strong."

The idea, which the Roosevelt managers sought to convey was not that the snow was heavy under, but that the bad weather prevented him from making a creditable showing.

If the early reports are vindicated by subsequent returns and the Wisconsin candidate has defeated Colonel Roosevelt, the opinion of politicians in Washington is that the bottom will drop out of the Roosevelt boom.

GOOSE LAKE SOUTHERN TRANSFERS PROPERTIES

Southern Pacific Is Expected to Begin Construction

REDDING, March 19.—The franchises and all the property belonging to the Goose Lake and Southern Railroad company have been transferred to the Central Pacific Railway company. The deed was recorded today.

The Goose Lake and Southern was incorporated three years ago to build a broad gauge railroad from Alturas, county seat of Modoc county, to Anderson, on the Southern Pacific, 15 miles south of Redding.

The road will be 227 miles long with a branch 179 miles long meeting the Southern Pacific at Yreka. Thorough surveys were made last year, and the transfer indicates that the Southern Pacific is ready to begin construction.

DYNAMITE EXPLODES; THREE FATALLY HURT

Explosion of 140 Pounds Causes Great Havoc

VISALIA, March 19.—The explosion of 140 pounds of dynamite, stored in a barn near Lindsay late today, perhaps fatally injured A. J. Thompson, his wife and three children. An auto in which Thompson and his family had driven up to the barn door was demolished and the house, 150 feet distant, was wrecked.

Two horses were blown 50 feet and killed. Windows were broken half a mile away.

The dynamite was used in blasting holes for trees.

The cause of the explosion was not learned. Thompson saw the barn afire when he drove to the door. He was unable to back his machine away before the explosion occurred.

UNITED RAILROADS' APPEAL IS ARGUED

SACRAMENTO, March 19.—Arguments were heard today in the district court of appeals in the case of John F. O'Connell against the United Railroads of San Francisco, appellants. A suit for damages was won by the plaintiff.

Other causes were argued. The people against Quong Sing, Sing Kee and others, appellants, Placer county; Robert A. Church, appellant, against John Collins, Sonoma county; A. B. Green against George A. Rogers, justice of the peace in Gridley township, appellant, Butte county; James I. Nelson, appellant, against Anna May Nelson, Sonoma county.

The cases were submitted to the court and will be disposed of later.

300 FISHERMEN ADRIFF ON ICE OFF FINLAND

ST. PETERSBURG, March 19.—Three ice breaking steamers were dispatched from the Neva today in the direction of the island of Nargen, to the northwest of Revel, in the gulf of Finland, where 300 fishermen are trapped on floating ice and in imminent danger of losing their lives.

LATE SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

ARRIVED Tuesday, March 19. 11 p. m., stmr Carlos, Peterson, 41 hours from Astoria; bound south, put in for fuel.

DEPARTING Tuesday, March 19. 10 p. m., stmr Bivalve, 41 hours for Astoria; bound south, put in for fuel.

ARRIVED Wednesday, March 20. 11 p. m., stmr Carlos, Peterson, 41 hours from Astoria; bound south, put in for fuel.

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National Legislation And Near Legislation

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McDONOUGH'S WILL LOSE PRIVILEGES

Bait Bond Brokers Will Not Be Allowed to Barter Liquor License

Commission in every way, and an earnest as the commissioners are in my intention to have the evil stopped.

Two McDonough propositions will come before the board of police commissioners at the meeting tomorrow. One will be an application for the right to purchase the license of McDonough brothers in Market street and move it to the south side, to the corner of Market and Fifth streets, in the Lincoln Realty building, where the City and County bank was located before its consolidation. The other matter will be an application for renewal of the license for the saloon at Kearny and Clay streets, a half block from the Hall of Justice.

WILL DENY APPLICATION The first application will be denied, says the board. The license is held by Sutter and Fillmore streets, is the prospective purchaser of the license and is said to have paid, or agreed to pay, \$2,500 for it. A Market street liquor license is a valuable commodity, for the board has agreed to issue no more for the main thoroughfare of the city and to be very careful about permitting the board will refuse to permit the McDonough license to be transferred, and it will hold that the license is dead and can not be revived. After the city council was moved from 64 Eddy street to the hall of justice in Kearny McDonough brothers closed their bar, which had been the center of their ball brokering, and the building was razed.

Then they set about to peddle their Market street liquor license; though some believe that the alleged sale to Frank Carr was not a complete transfer, but that the McDonoughs retained an interest in the license. However, if they do, it is to avail them nothing.

HOLD PERMIT IS DEAD The police commissioners, it is understood, will consider that the license held by McDonough brothers in Market street has lapsed—and can not be revived by putting it on the spiny side of Fifth street at its conjunction with the shade side of Market.

The commissioners then will have the problem of the renewal of the license at Kearny and Clay streets to consider. They are as reticent about what they will do with it as they are about the Market street license; they are saying nothing, and McDonough brothers are puzzled.

However, it is not believed probable that the license will be renewed unconditionally. The commissioners may, it has been suggested, renew the license, but deliver to McDonough brothers an ultimatum that if the shysters, the known police court crooks, continue to frequent the place, the license will be revoked, just as the commissioners are presumed to revoke the licenses of saloons that are frequented by thugs and bunco men.

CHIEF AFTER EVIDENCE If Chief White can produce evidence to show that the McDonough brothers are engaged openly in the ball brokering business the license will be denied them.

Assistant City Attorney Maxwell McNutt does not agree with Chief White that the bond and warrant department of the district attorney's office can have a hand in the ball bond scandal.

The chief's suggestion that the ball be raised in cases where the ball bond brokers might operate is not practical, said McNutt. "In the first place, a high ball will be playing right into the hands of the McDonoughs; it would be running water over their wheel. They have plenty of money to put up, no matter how high the ball may be, and as they charge a commission for the ball on a percentage basis they would make just that much more profit."

"Furthermore, it would work a hardship on a poor man who could not give security to the brokers; he would have to stay in jail. The bond and warrant clerk's office does not fix the ball in any cases except trifling misdemeanors; all other cases are handled by the judge issuing the warrant or the complaint."

VALLEJO PEOPLE WANT LIGHT, HALL AND JAIL

Bonds Will Be Issued for These Improvements

VALLEJO, March 19.—Tomorrow Vallejo will take the first step toward submitting the proposition of bonding Vallejo for a new city hall and a municipal electric light plant.

A resolution will be adopted declaring that these are public necessities.

Another resolution will accept the offer of Solano county to join with Vallejo in building a joint city hall and county jail.

The election will be held in six weeks.

In the event of the bonds carrying for the city hall, it is the intention to make the old city hall a central firehouse, with quarters on the upper floor for the firemen.

STEEL OFFERED FOR SALE BY CANAL COMMISSION

Copies of circular 690 of the isthmian canal commission are on file in the exchange hall of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. It invites proposals for the purchase of steel back, side and culvert forms, which are offered for sale by the commission because no longer needed. Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the general purchasing agent of the commission at Washington until May 8.

HOTEL OAKLAND GREAT SUCCESS

Capitalists Dine in Magnificent New Hostelry, Now Nearing Completion

OAKLAND, March 19.—More than 153 representative business men and capitalists of Oakland and San Francisco gathered today noon at the initial banquet and inspection tour of the magnificent new Hotel Oakland, Thirteenth and Harrison streets, which is now nearing completion at a cost of \$2,000,000.

Among those present were many men who have helped to make history in Oakland's present stock holders and prospective stock holders in the great enterprise.

The purpose of the affair is to show to those who have contributed and who should know what has been done with their money and to enlist the co-operation of others.

The banquet was spread in the big main dining room of the hotel, the interior of which is nearing completion.

The tables were crowded and the repast was appreciated.

Following the Incheon addresses were delivered by prominent and wealthy citizens of Oakland and San Francisco.

HARMON BELL PRESIDES

Harmon Bell presided and introduced the speakers.

Addresses were made by James Woods, manager of the Hotel St. Francis, San Francisco; John A. Britton, vice president and general manager of the Pacific Gas and Electric company; Robert M. Fitzgerald, attorney; E. O. McCormick, vice president in charge of the department of traffic of the Southern Pacific company; Harmon Bell, Dr. George C. Pardee and H. C. Capwell.

Following the banquet and addresses the guests were conducted on a tour of inspection of the building.

In introducing the first speaker, Bell told something of the history of the attempt to form the hotel company and the difficulties which surrounded the enterprise. He noted the success which attended the efforts of those who contributed to the undertaking and thanked all who assisted. In conclusion he urged the business men present to unite and complete the project which means so much to Oakland.

The first speaker was Robert M. Fitzgerald. He presented arguments to show why the project would be a financial success.

Mayor Frank K. Mott said: "There is really only one speech for me to make, and that is to place my name on the list of stock holders, if it is not already there, and, if it is there, to put it down for a larger amount."

The committee in charge announced that three subscriptions were made on the spot.

INVITED GUESTS

The following were invited guests: Victor H. Metcalf, Joseph R. Knowland, F. S. Stratton, E. C. Havens, Wickham Havens, Harmon Bell, R. M. Fitzgerald, J. A. Britton, James Woods, George C. Pardee, W. B. Alberger, F. M. Smith, Dennis Sears, Edson F. Adams, Frank J. Woodward, Walter H. Lelmer, Charles D. Bates, John F. Coonors, Richard A. Baker, Joseph Baker, G. E. Daniels, W. F. Garbette, J. F. Carlotta, E. A. Hiron, George W. Austin, Henry Rogers, James J. Moffatt, J. T. Moran, Dr. A. S. Larkie, Dr. A. F. Merriman, E. A. Whitaker, W. H. McCall, Sam Bell McKee, W. H. Keenan, M. T. Minney, Reuben Hale, Charles Jurgens, Edward McJarry, P. J. Walker, F. J. Mott, G. E. Spook, W. B. Mansel, G. H. Collins, J. W. Phillips, W. H. Keenan, Duncan McDuffie, Louis Tins, W. M. Alexander, George H. Kraft, F. B. Grogan, George B. Waddell, Carl S. Plant, Henry Wicking, W. B. Brackett, James K. Mott, Joseph T. Hinch.

Officers of the hotel company: W. W. Gartwaite, president; P. Adams, vice president; James P. Edof, secretary; Golden L. Downing, assistant secretary; Edson F. Adams, L. G. Capwell, Joseph F. Carlton, W. W. Gartwaite, William G. Henshaw, E. H. M. J. Layman and P. J. Woodward, directors.

VETERAN RELIGIOUS WORKERS TO FEAST

The San Francisco Church federation will hold a reception and banquet Monday evening in the auditorium of the Young Men's Christian association in honor of Rev. E. R. Dille and Rev. H. H. Bell, who have been identified with local religious work for years. Doctor Dille has served 35 years in San Francisco. The speaker of the evening will be Rev. J. Willis Baer, president of the Occidental college, Los Angeles. Rev. William Rader, Rolla, V. Watt and others will also speak.

WOMAN LECTURES AT TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL

Mme. Bella Pevsner, who has been delivering a series of lectures, will speak tomorrow evening in the vestry room of Temple Beth Israel, Geary street near Fillmore. Her subject will be "The Life and Land of Palestine."

Sunday evening Mme. Pevsner will give her final lecture in the same place, the subject to be "Socialism and Zionism."

There will be no admission fee to either lecture.

The public is invited.

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ROOSEVELT ISSUES COMMUNIST TAFT

Discusses Speech at Boston on Preferential Primary for President

NEW YORK, March 19.—Theodore Roosevelt today issued a statement in which he discussed President Taft's speech in Boston yesterday.

"I am exceedingly glad that the president favors the preferential primary, and if his campaign managers sincerely will back the proposition he will be able at once to get the presidential primary in Michigan, Illinois, Maryland, the district of Columbia and New York," said Roosevelt.

"President Taft is reported as saying at Boston yesterday that the voluntary primary power, as he calls it, is the best primary power, is worse than nothing. But the president continued to say that he favored a preferential primary for the presidency."

APPEAL FOR SUPPORT "On the fifth of this month Matthew Hale of Boston, acting on behalf of the Roosevelt campaign managers, called on me to make a desperate fight for the passage of the preferential primary bill, wired the president at the White House asking him to refer specifically to the fact that the president's adherents in Massachusetts were using every means to defeat the passage of the bill."

"On the 6th of March the president's secretary, Mr. Hillis, wrote Mr. Hale a brief note, saying that his message for his moral support in securing the passage of the Massachusetts bill. Mr. Hale referred specifically to the fact that the president's adherents in Massachusetts were using every means to defeat the passage of the bill."

"Nothing further was heard from the president or his campaign manager, Mr. McKinley, by Mr. Hale, or by any one else in Massachusetts, as far as I know."

"The public opinion was aroused, and the bill went through, and I am exceedingly glad that the president—now nearly a week after the bill has become law—should now say that he does that he favors it and welcomes it."

"But I earnestly hope the president and his supporters in other states will support such legislation before it passes and not after it passes."

MISS KEELER'S FUNERAL WILL BE HELD TODAY

BERKELEY, March 19.—The funeral of Miss Clara Keeler, the university graduate and former school teacher, who committed suicide yesterday by taking cyanide of potassium, will be held tomorrow from the family home, 2218 Glenn avenue, with Rev. Lapsley A. McAfee, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiating.

Miss Keeler was the daughter of Charles M. Keeler, secretary of a west Berkeley lumber company. She was engaged to be married to John Wilson, a school teacher of Whittier, where Miss Keeler formerly taught.

Miss Keeler was graduated from the University of California in 1905. Since then she taught school for several years, but for the last year had been living at home.

OAKLANDERS TO PLEDGE AID FOR HOME INDUSTRY

OAKLAND, March 19.—Secretary A. A. Denison, President W. E. Gibson, W. A. Wann and G. E. Randolph will represent the Oakland Chamber of Commerce at the luncheon of the Home Industry League of California Thursday afternoon at the Palace hotel in San Francisco. Secretary Denison will address the luncheon on the attitude of Oakland and Alameda county on the patronage of home products. President Gibson, Wann and Randolph will also address the gathering.

Beveridge Praises T. R.

CHICAGO, March 19.—Excoriation of Theodore Roosevelt as a weak leader and a "do nothing," and praise of Theodore Roosevelt as an "iron man," whom the "money interests feared," were included in the address of former Secretary of War W. G. Bristow at a Roosevelt mass meeting here today.

He scored the Sherman law as obsolete, inapplicable to present conditions and nullified by supreme court decisions. In this connection he criticized Taft for his failure "to keep the party pledge that this old time law would be retained."

"What the people need at the head of their government is a good, strong man," he said. "Big business and big money are at the head of the parade. The president must be able to make these strong men realize, as Roosevelt made them realize, that they are under, not above, the government of the whole people."

Congratulations for Women

News of the formation in California of the Women's Roosevelt league, organized to further the political interests of the former president in this state, met with hearty reception at the Roosevelt headquarters in Washington, and yesterday the following telegram was received by Mrs. C. H. Bentley, president of the league:

"Heartiest congratulations to the Women's Progressive Republican league of California. The women of California have an opportunity at their hands to extend the suffrage, in the coming presidential preference primary, to strike a telling and lasting blow for the great cause of human rights and equal rights for women."

"The issue is clear and we look to the women of California to give an unmistakable declaration of their attitude by overwhelming vote at the primaries for Colonel Roosevelt and the right."

The message was signed by J. M. Dixon, Colonel Roosevelt's political manager.

TOOTHACHE PREVENTS TETRAZZINI CONCERT

Hother Wisner to Accompany Mother Diver on Tour

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SACRAMENTO, March 19.—A troublesome toothache which attacked Mme. Luisa Tetrazzini this afternoon and continued tonight disappointed 3,500 people who gathered at the Theater Broadway to hear her sing.

On the advice of specialists, the diva declined to appear, and the concert was postponed until Sunday.

The manager announced that money would be returned to all who desired it, or seats could be retained for the Sunday concert.

The largest theater crowd that ever gathered in Sacramento was eager to hear her tonight.

As a mark of her high professional regard for the musical stars of San Francisco, Mme. Tetrazzini has chosen Hother Wisner, the accomplished violinist, to accompany her as violin obligato on her trip into the interior of California.

MASONIC AVENUE CAR LINE EXTENSION BEGUN

Work on the extension of the Masonic avenue streetcar line, the franchise for which was sold to the United Railroads last Monday, was begun yesterday morning, when a gang of 50 men started grading operations. The work should be completed in about three months.

A. M. Shields, Manager, Crocker Building, Market, Montgomery and Post Sts. San Francisco, Calif.

President.

WITNESS TELLS OF BROKEN PROMISES

Alice C. Lynch Says Brothers Promised Mother to Re-convey Property

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SAN LUIS OBISPO, March 19.—Alice C. Lynch took the stand today in the Lynch will case. She said that when her father died the children were all at home and her mother sick in bed. The paper which was the last will of the father, James Lynch, was read by James K. Lynch out loud and then passed to each member of the family, she testified.

According to the Miss Lynch's testimony, the other said to James K. Lynch: "Now, James, I want you to deed back to me the 579 acre tract of bottom land," and he said, "I will." She testified that after her mother's death she had two or three interviews with James K. Lynch and asked him if he would make good and deed the property back, but she never could get a decided answer from him. She told of a letter written by Henry to James in which Henry told him not to deed the property back to the estate and he would take the responsibility.

Another witness on the side of plaintiff, Kathryn Lynch Smith, testified that she had several conversations with her brother, Henry W., at the home place, in which he told her that his mother had asked James to deed back to her, the mother, the 579 acres in dispute. She said that some time in 1910, after she had informed Henry that she was engaged to be married, James K. declared "that settles it" and refused to reconvey the land.

Frank W. Lynch, another brother, delivered in open court to his sister, Alice, an extract of his mother's estate, the quit claim deed of his interest in the 579 acre tract and testified that he was present at a conversation in Alameda, at which were present James K., his mother and himself, in which the mother told James that she wanted the property reconveyed because it was her father's, and she had three sons had property of their own.

The plaintiff introduced in evidence a deed from the six Lynch children conveying certain properties to their mother.

The defense will introduce testimony tomorrow, it is expected that the case will go to the jury in the evening.

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ASQUITH PRESENTS MINERS' WAGE BILL

"Reasonable Minimum" Rate to Be Determined by District Boards

LONDON, March 19.—The coal miners' minimum wage bill, introduced to put an end to the coal strike, passed its first reading in the house of commons tonight. The bill is backed by Premier Asquith, Foreign Secretary Grey, Chancellor Lloyd-George and Sydney Buxton, president of the Board of Trade. It consists of six clauses and a schedule defining 21 districts, the country being divided for the purpose of the bill.

As outlined by the prime minister, the bill provides a "reasonable minimum wage" for the miners and safeguards for the owners, these to be arranged by district boards. The minimum will be paid from the date of resumption of work. The enactment is for three years.

An important clause provides that if within a fortnight any district lacks a recognized district board, the Board of Trade may appoint any person to act in place of the local body.

NOTHING AGAINST STRIKES There is nothing in the bill to prevent a recurrence of the strike should the miners be dissatisfied with a district board decision.

The bill does not contain any penal provisions for either side and does not compel an owner to open his mine or the workmen to descend into the pit. Workmen who are paid less than the minimum wage will be able to recover in the courts.

Premier Asquith said that he introduced the bill with great reluctance, but that it is absolutely imperative to act in the interests of the country.

Andrew Bonar Law, leader of the opposition in the house, said that the remedy proposed by the government was conceivably far more serious than the disease and invited every other trade to ask for similar treatment.

Opposition is dissatisfied with the

absence of penal clause or measures for compulsory arbitration and will move amendments with a view to remedy this.

Chancellor Lloyd-George said the bill was far from revolutionary. It had been accepted by many owners and to prevent a national calamity which would result from prolongation of the strike.

J. Ramsay MacDonald, on behalf of the labor party, regretted the necessity for the bill, but said the labor members would give it their support if it were amended in regard to safeguards.

"The inclusion of a workmen's schedule will be one of the amendments," he said. "There must be security that the district boards should have no power to reduce the existing rates of pay."

CHARGE OF CONSPIRACY

Lord Robert Cecil, conservative, characterized the government's bill as the climax of "a great conspiracy on the part of a small band of revolutionaries to obtain dictatorial power over the industries of the country."

At a meeting of the Miners' Federation tonight, much discontent was expressed at the indefiniteness of the minimum wage provisions. The government is anxious to have the miners return to work Monday and every effort will be made to get the bill through. The house of lords will hold a special sitting Saturday to carry the measure through the necessary stages.

Westphalia Strike Futile

BERLIN, March 19.—The leaders of the Miners' union decided during their session at Bochum today to terminate the coal strike in Westphalia, as they consider it futile. The houses of three nonunion miners near Dortmund were dynamited today. No one was hurt.

French Strike Extends

DENAIN, France, March 19.—The strike which broke out yesterday among the coal miners here is spreading throughout the district. Of the 13,000 miners attached to the pits about 7,000 have quit. They demand an eight hour day and a pension of 40 cents a day at the conclusion of 25 years' service.

CHINESE IS ACCUSED

San Francisco, Calif. (The Slim Princess) opens tomorrow, 9 a. m.

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