

ROOSEVELT IS SUBJECT OF SENATE DEBATE

John Sharp Williams Holds Former President Up to Ridicule

Bristow Takes Floor in Support of Colonel Regarding Harvester Letters

WASHINGTON, April 25.—The first sensational political debate in the senate at this session of congress broke today over Colonel Roosevelt's official correspondence about the International Harvester company when he was president in 1907.

Senator Bristow of Kansas was the principal speaker in support of Colonel Roosevelt and Senator John Sharp Williams of Mississippi was the principal assailant.

Williams characterized the former president as a "modern Caesar, willing to seize power by any means," while Bristow defended the colonel as the modern tribune of the people, and warmly criticized President Taft's administration.

WILLIAMS IN JOCLULAR MOOD

The debates became almost ultra-sensational when Senator Williams read to the senate a parody on the Apostles' creed as follows:

I believe in Theodore Roosevelt, maker of noise and strife, and in ambition, his only god (and Lord). He was born of the love of power and suffered under William H. Taft; was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into Africa. The third year he arose again from the jungles and ascended to the throne and sitteth on the right hand of his party, whence he shall come to scourge the world.

I believe in the holy outlook, the big stick, the Ananias club, the forgiveness of political activities, the resurrection of presidential ambitions and the third term everlasting—Amen, Amen, Amen.

The debate was precipitated by Senator Bristow's return to his charge of yesterday that collusion had existed between the senate and the department of justice in the sending of the official correspondence yesterday and that partiality had been shown in that only correspondence regarding the course of President Roosevelt's administration had been sent to the senate, while the papers in relation to the Taft administration had not. He asserted again that Attorney General Wickersham had had his reply ready to send when Senator Johnston's resolution of yesterday reached him and referred to the fact that two similar resolutions—by Senators Overman and Lea—had not been compiled with.

JOHNSTON ENTERS DENIAL

Senator Johnston denied there had been an understanding and said he had seen neither the attorney general nor the president for a month. Senator Clark of Wyoming pointed out that the Johnston resolution differed from the others in that it called for certain specific information. He and Senator Nelson gave instances in which Colonel Roosevelt when president had withheld correspondence from the bureau of corporations.

Senator Bristow remarked that evidently there was no disposition on either side of the chamber to criticize President Taft, to which Senator Williams protested vigorously.

"If the senator can show me the present president has traveled in the same way as the former president I will condemn him as strongly as I would Roosevelt," he declared.

"It would have to be a matter of grave public concern in which vital interests of the country are affected," returned Senator Bristow, "before I would dig up the confidential correspondence of my predecessor's secretary and his cabinet officers in regard to matters in which he had a perfect right to believe would be kept within the confidence of the department and print them for political campaign purposes."

With this, Senator Williams stepped out from his desk and took a position in the center aisle of the senate, where, he said, he could be more impartial as between parties and factions, and entered into a good natured lecture to the republicans.

Senator Bristow he referred to as one of the chief upholders of the present time, who still was opposed to lifting the lid from administration secrets. Bristow insisted that he had been misunderstood.

Senator Williams discussed the correspondence made public yesterday and then touched on the "third term." "Are you going to come out for a third term?" he demanded. "Are you going to forget what Washington, Jefferson, Jackson, Lincoln and McKinley did and said? Are you going to put a third behind you because of a little key-note phrasing?"

Senator Nelson interjected that his sympathies would be with the democrats if Colonel Roosevelt should be elected. "You will get the worst of it," he said.

"Not the democratic party only, but the entire American people will get the worst of it," retorted Williams. He declared that if Americans were not careful they might sink into Caesarism. He referred to the former president as "Saint Theodore" and said that when Roosevelt had spoken of good trusts and bad trusts he had meant to imply that the trusts supporting the administration must be dealt with leniently, while those which fought it must be treated severely.

"Perkins has said he would fight the administration, and he said it out loud," said Williams. "He was not willing to play in the president's back yard if the president would not play right."

Bristow closed the debate with a defense of Roosevelt.

ROLPH FIXES SITE FOR RICHMOND FIRE HOUSE

Mayor Rolph yesterday decided the question of the location of a fire house in the Richmond district by recommending that one be built immediately in Twelfth avenue. His advice was asked by H. U. Brandenstein, president of the fire commission.

Turn Grouch Into Profit and Laugh



WHO'S the biggest grouch? Are you? If so, have you made confession? The cleverest confession wins a box at the Orpheum. The Call announced the great game of finding the biggest grouch, in the issue of last Sunday. The game is now on. But some of the grouchies who could easily qualify for the prize have not come out of hiding. Come on out. Nobody wants to laugh at you. Everybody wants to laugh with you. Don't be afraid. Everybody is a grouch—at least at times. What's back of the mask that each of us wears? The man in the picture has unmasked. You are asked to do the same. If you aren't pretty with the mask off, nobody will believe it's you. Write what you know about grouchiness and grouchiness, in the form of a personal confession, and send at once to the Sunday editor of The Call. Write anywhere from 4 to 200 words. Make it pointed and clever. Get in the game at once. Everybody's doing it. Your answer must be in this office not later than Monday evening, April 29. The winning answer and a lot of others will be published in The Sunday Call May 5. Come on in; the grouching is fine!

PHONE QUESTION ARGUED IN COURT

Home Company Violated Contract's Terms by Assigning Property, Says Attorney

Arguments on the restraining order to prevent the Pacific States Telephone company from dismantling the Home company equipment were continued yesterday afternoon before Judge Lawrence. Attorney W. S. Crist, for the plaintiff, held that, since the Home franchise had been granted by ordinance of the board of supervisors, another ordinance was necessary to permit of the sale of the property.

Crist declared that the Home company had violated the terms of its contract by assigning its property. The instrument in question was a deed to a portion of the property, and the substitution of bonds of the Bay Cities company for the Home bonds, but that investigation of the record had failed to disclose any such resolution.

LARGE OUTLAYS FOR FAIR URGED

New England Association Petitions Governors to Expedite Appropriations

The New England association adopted resolutions at a well attended meeting Wednesday evening in the assembly hall of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce, urging the governors of the six New England states to expedite the appropriation of money for the erection of state buildings at the Panama-Pacific exposition. Sufficient money should be appropriated by each of the various states, the resolution reads, to assure buildings that will be a credit to the world. The resolution points out that the time for the work is rapidly decreasing and that quick decision is demanded by business interests and legislation.

The New England association is composed of representative citizens who formerly lived in the New England states. Nearly 500,000 persons, former residents of the New England group, are now citizens of California. The manufacturers of the New England states will benefit greatly by the opening of the Panama canal, the resolution states. Copies of the resolution will be forwarded by the association to Governor Fred W. Palistad of Maine, Governor Robert D. Bass of New Hampshire, Governor John A. Mead of Vermont, Governor Eugene Foss of Massachusetts, Governor S. E. Baldwin of Connecticut and Governor A. J. Potliver of Rhode Island.

PIER CONTRACTS ARE GIVEN OUT

Robert Wakefield's Bid of \$975,981 Accepted by Harbor Commissioners

The harbor commissioners yesterday awarded the contracts for the construction of piers 20 and 22 that later will be used by the American-Hawaiian Steamship company. Robert Wakefield of San Francisco will build the piers. The Avenarius Carbolneum Paving company will construct the pavement and either the Lilley & Thurston company or Waterhouse & Price will supply and install the steel rolling doors that will protect the 94 openings in the reinforced concrete sheds of the piers.

Robert Wakefield's bid on the piers was \$975,981. This does not include the cost of the cement, which will be supplied by the state at the estimated cost of \$106,500. The highest bid was \$1,365,500, submitted by the Grant Smith company.

26,570 WOMEN OF CITY REGISTERED

Highest Showing to Date Is Made by the Thirty-ninth District

The total number of women registered in San Francisco is 26,570, and of this number 26,254 have registered this year. Registrar Zemansky completed the count of women voters yesterday, but is still working on the list of men. The lowest registration is from the twenty-eighth district, where only 97 women have qualified as electors. The highest is the thirty-ninth, where the number is 5,995. Among the other districts where the registration was comparatively high are the thirty-seventh, 2,295; thirty-fourth, 2,539; thirty-third, 1,894; thirty-fifth, 1,757; forty-first, 2,184; fortieth, 1,794, and thirty-eighth, 1,721.

The election commission yesterday considered the suggestion that tents be used for voting booths. A sample tent has been erected on the old city hall site, but the commissioners decided to call for a sample with regular doors and a substantial wooden frame. City Engineer Manson also is preparing a model of a new booth, which will have improved facilities and "knock down" features.

CAPITAL FEARS TO INVEST IN U. R.

General Manager Black Outlines Handicaps in Speech at Luncheon

That the United Railroads has spent more than \$10,000,000 for new equipment and reconstruction since 1906, that under the conditions of its charter it is impossible to construct lines into the outlying districts which would pay operating expenses in the first five years, and that under these conditions it is impossible to interest capital in the building of these lines, was the declaration made by Charles N. Black, vice president and general manager of the road, in an address before the luncheon of the Home Industry league at the Palace hotel yesterday.

Black gave a general summary on the size of the business carried on by the United Railroads, showing that 3,400 employees drawing salaries amounting to \$240,000 a month were at present on the roll of the company. "If we allow one wage earner to every four inhabitants of the city," said Black, "it will be noted that more than three men out of every hundred living and doing business in San Francisco support themselves and families directly through services rendered to the United Railroads. In other words, this industry directly supports approximately 14,000 people.

"We transported a total of 223,811,685 people during the year, requiring more than 100,000,000 kilowatt hours of power. We are now operating 264 miles of single track. Every day between 4 and 6 o'clock in the afternoon we transport about 140,000 people, while during the 24 hours we carry about 600,000 people. The problem of handling this rush hour traffic is particularly difficult.

RICHARDS DECISION TO BE ANNOUNCED TUESDAY

Arguments were concluded in Police Judge Shortall's court yesterday afternoon in the case of John R. Richards, 175 Third street, against F. M. Meigs and A. B. Dood, officials of the Fresno and Eastern railroad, charged by Richards with obtaining \$2,500 under false pretenses. Judge Shortall took the case under advisement until Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, when he will announce his decision.

Lick School Seniors In Leading Roles Of 'Christopher Jr.'

MISS ISABEL LIGHTBODY



WOMAN ASKS DAMAGES FOR FALSE COMPLAINT

Sets \$15,350 as Figure of Damage Done by Arrest

Suit for \$15,350 damages for false arrest was filed yesterday in the superior court by Mrs. Beckie Bledsoe, who alleges that Mrs. Elizabeth Strother, a widow, living at 970 McAllister street, caused her to be falsely accused and tried for theft.

The complainant alleges that on December 28 of last year Mrs. Strother accused her of taking diamond and pearl rings valued at \$450; that Mrs. Strother obtained a warrant for her arrest and that she remained in jail three days.

The plaintiff was held to answer to the superior court and on February 2 was acquitted. The damages are asked for loss of employment, injury to reputation and publicity.

YOUNG ACTORS TO PRESENT COMEDY

Madeline Ryley's Farce to Be Enacted by Students at the Valencia

The Lick school will present its annual play tomorrow at the Valencia theater, and from the way the tickets are going it promises to be a huge success. The play selected is the farce, "Christopher Jr.," by Madeline Ryley, and from all accounts those who go will not have a dull minute during the performance. The players have been hard at work rehearsing under the direction of Coach Stewart.

The cast includes many members of the senior class of the school. John Ryan will play the title role and will be supported by Isabel Lightbody in the character of Dora Headway. Eleanor Hageman will portray the talkative Mrs. Glibb and Hilda von der Meiden will assume the character of the haughty Mrs. Colt. Madeline Hogan takes the part of Nellie and Lloyd Bradley will appear as Whipper, the go between in the general mixup. The exceedingly funny but silent Mr. Glibb will be impersonated by Page Austin. E. Vellisaratos is the manager of the show and Coach Stewart will direct the stage.

WOMAN RAILROAD CHIEF TOURS STATE IN AUTO

Mrs. F. H. Rindge, one of the wealthiest women of Los Angeles, who is chaperoning a party on an automobile trip through the state, is a guest at the St. Francis. With Mrs. Rindge are Miss R. A. Rindge, Miss J. Matheson, Mrs. F. H. Green of Willows and Mrs. M. Guenther of Los Angeles. The trip has been taken purely for pleasure.

JOSEPH WATKINS DIES FROM HEART FAILURE

VALLEJO, April 25.—Joseph Watkins who had been employed for some time past as a bar tender at the Cutter bar, was found dead in bed shortly after the noon hour today by a butcher named J. Ryan. Death is supposed to have been caused by heart failure.

WORTHLESS CHECK CHARGE

Charge against Henry H. Graham of Medford, Ore., of a worthless check for \$150 was dismissed yesterday by Police Judge Shortall after Graham had paid the \$150.

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STATEMENT OF THE CONDITIONS AND AFFAIRS OF THE Hartford Fire Insurance Company

OF HARTFORD, IN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, on the 31st day of December, A. D. 1911, and for the year ending on that day. Published pursuant to the provisions of Section 611 of the Political Code and compiled from the annual statement filed with the Insurance Commissioner of the State of California.

CAPITAL.	
Amount of capital stock, paid up in cash.....	\$2,000,000.00
Real estate owned by company.....	\$768,100.00
Loans on mortgages.....	429,666.67
Cash marketable securities, bonds and notes owned by company.....	20,568,221.29
Amount of loans secured by pledge of bonds.....
Real estate owned by company.....	8,250.00
Cash in company's office.....	4,115.78
Cash in banks.....	969,581.98
Interest due and accrued.....	231,425.32
Amount of balances representing business written subsequent to October 1, 1911.....	2,384,551.09
Rents due and accrued.....	1,447.33
Certificate of treasurer of Cook county, Illinois.....	8,500.00
Total assets.....	\$25,449,838.41
LIABILITIES.	
Losses adjusted and unpaid.....	\$487,061.78
Losses in process of adjustment.....	682,944.77
Losses retained, including expenses.....	39,961.00
Gross premiums on fire risks running one year or less, \$10,452,206.21; reinsurance pro rata, 5,225,102.61.....	15,677,308.82
Gross premiums on fire risks running more than one year, \$16,159,178.49; reinsurance pro rata, 8,515,508.31.....	24,674,686.80
Gross premiums on inland navigation risks, \$638,328.85; reinsurance pro rata, 319,163.48.....	957,165.33
Taxes due and accrued (estimated).....	200,000.00
Total liabilities.....	\$15,639,131.03
Net cash actually received for fire premiums.....	\$14,803,509.50
Net cash actually received for marine premiums.....	2,811.59
Received for interest on mortgages.....	675,347.23
Received for interest and dividends on bonds, stocks, loans and from all other sources.....	902,952.98
Received for rents.....	53,209.96
Income from all other sources.....	2,859.88
Total income.....	\$16,495,381.43
EXPENDITURES.	
Net amount paid for fire losses.....	\$8,472,429.05
Net amount paid for marine losses.....	307,355.94
Expenses of adjustment and settlement of losses.....	170,496.19
Dividends paid.....	700,000.00
Paid for salaries, fees, and other charges for officers, clerks, etc.....	2,878,040.65
Paid for state, national and local taxes.....	1,414,166.46
Gross decrease in book value of ledger assets.....	527,005.24
Gross loss on sale or maturity of ledger assets.....	1,162.50
Gross loss on sale or maturity of other assets.....	44,541.55
All other expenditures.....	\$31,444.67
Total expenditures.....	\$15,452,442.25
Losses incurred during the year.....	\$8,262,449.27
Risks and Premiums.....	\$320,966.69
Net amount of risks written during the year.....	\$1,781,642,318
Net amount of risks expired during the year.....	18,563,412.96
Net amount in force December 31, 1911.....	2,367,155,596
December 31, 1910.....	20,641,281.61
CHARLES E. CHASE, President.	
A. H. WIGHTMAN, Treasurer.	
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 7th day of February, 1912.	
EDWARD R. BELMONT, Notary Public.	

Palache & Hewitt, General Agents, 490 California Street, San Francisco, Cal.

ADAM GILLILAND, Assistant General Agent.

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CAPITAL.	
Statutory deposit.....	\$200,000.00
Cash market value of all stocks and bonds owned by company.....	\$7,826,341.33
Cash in company's office.....	307,143.39
Cash in banks.....	307,143.39
Interest due and accrued.....	91,321.06
Amount of balances representing business written subsequent to October 1, 1911.....	817,135.47
Special deposits.....	2,851.00
Total assets.....	\$9,152,422.25
LIABILITIES.	
Losses adjusted and unpaid.....	\$83,494.35
Losses in process of adjustment.....	340,994.46
Losses retained, including expenses.....	54,748.59
Gross premiums on fire risks running one year or less, \$5,519,094.98; reinsurance pro rata, 1,739,842.49.....	7,258,937.47
Gross premiums on fire risks running more than one year, \$5,790,689.22; reinsurance pro rata, 3,008,119.48.....	10,799,808.70
Taxes due and accrued (estimated).....	125,000.00
Amount receivable by insured on perpetual fire insurance policies.....	35,832.17
All other liabilities.....	12,000.00
Total liabilities.....	\$5,243,051.68
Net cash actually received for fire premiums.....	\$5,553,542.69
Received from interest and dividends on bonds, stocks, loans and from all other sources.....	307,758.04
Gross profit on sale or maturity of ledger assets.....	123.32
Gross increase in book value of ledger assets.....	4,754.92
Income from all other sources.....	3,031.19
Total income.....	\$5,869,210.36
EXPENDITURES.	
Net amount paid for fire losses.....	\$2,678,154.93
Expenses of adjustment and settlement of losses.....	46,619.27
Paid for salaries, fees, and other charges for officers, clerks, etc.....	1,220,121.69
Paid for state, national and local taxes.....	483,515.50
Gross loss on sale or maturity of ledger assets.....	109,610.83
Gross loss on sale or maturity of other assets.....	1,798.43
Reimburse to home office.....	310,250.00
All other expenditures.....	234,198.14
Total expenditures.....	\$5,145,332.90
Losses incurred during the year.....	\$2,727,981.50
RISKS AND PREMIUMS	
Net amount of risks written during the year.....	\$1,063,773,140
Net amount of risks expired during the year.....	\$1,770,309.20
Net amount in force December 31, 1911.....	\$41,863,827
December 31, 1910.....	7,045,508.85
Net amount in force December 31, 1911.....	982,516,603
December 31, 1910.....	9,319,373.20
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