

TAFT REVERES
HARVESTERS
BY ROOSEVELT

President Was Absent When
Harvester Question Was
Discussed by Cabinet

Quotes Root and Wilson as
Added Evidence That Colo-
nel Was Mistaken

WASHINGTON, April 28.—President Taft, before leaving the White House today on his return trip to Massachusetts, issued a personal statement denying Colonel Roosevelt's allegation that he, while secretary of war, at a cabinet meeting had approved Roosevelt's decision not to prosecute the International Harvester company immediately.

Taft's statement says he never heard the International Harvester company discussed at any cabinet meeting and that the records of the war department will show that he was out of the country when the incident referred to by the colonel occurred.

The statement follows: "Mr. Roosevelt, in his speech at Worcester, as reported by the public press, referring to the harvester trust, said:

"As a matter of fact, Mr. Taft was a member of my cabinet when this identical case was fully discussed before the cabinet, and he cordially approved the action taken; and, indeed, as a matter of fact, my memory is that he himself made the motion that there should be no prosecution of the harvester trust pending the investigation into the trust by the bureau of corporations."

"Mr. Roosevelt's memory is very much at fault. I am authorized to say by Chief Root and Secretary Wilson, both of whom were members of the cabinet at that time, that they have no recollection of having discussed the prosecution of the harvester matter discussed in the cabinet and Mr. Root is very certain that he never saw or heard of Mr. Herbert Knox Smith's letter to Mr. Roosevelt under date of September 27, 1909, on the subject.

"STATEMENT IS POSITIVE
"I am able to say the same thing. So far as my recollection goes, I never heard the harvester trust discussed in any cabinet meeting that I attended and I can not be mistaken in the statement that I never saw or heard of Mr. Herbert Knox Smith's letter of September 10 to the president till after my administration had begun and the time when the question of the prosecution came up in 1909 or 1910, and I never saw or read the letter until two months ago.

"This correspondence shows that the subject matter of the prosecution of the International Harvester company came before President Roosevelt on August 22, 1907, which is the date of his letter to Attorney General Bonahoe, that Herbert Knox Smith's letter discussing the question and advising against the suit was dated September 21, 1907, and that Mr. Smith's letter was forwarded to the president on September 24, under date of September 24, to the attorney general, with directions to the attorney general to bring the letter to the president that week to talk over with the president.

"The official records show that President Roosevelt left Washington on June 19, 1907, for Oyster Bay, and returned on August 12, 1907, and that on September 29 he left Washington for a trip down the Mississippi, returning to Washington on October 23, 1907, and that he remained in Washington from that time on.

"ABSENT AT THE TIME
"The official records of the war department show that I left Washington in June of the same year and went to Murray Bay, Canada, that I remained there until August 12, 1907, and that I returned to Washington on August 12, and then left Washington on August 14 for a western trip through Oklahoma, Missouri, the Yellowstone park, Oregon and Washington, reaching Seattle September 8 and sailing from Seattle for the Philippines on September 13. I did not return to the United States until December 13, 1907.

"I have a letter from Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of the bureau of corporations, in which he requests, in which he uses the following language: "On November 7, 1907, which I date I fix from my personal diary, I telephoned Mr. Perkins, at the president's order, that the president took the view that the bureau's investigation should come before the suit.

"This indicates with certainty the time when the matter was decided and shows that if the matter did come before the cabinet at all it must have been after September 24 and on or before November 7, 1907, a period when I was out of the country and could not have been present, and certainly could not have made a motion or suggestion in the cabinet that no suit be prosecuted after the investigation of the harvester company, when its representatives requested an opportunity, in apparent good faith, to submit a reasonable plan of reorganization or dissolution, which would satisfy every just cause of complaint. With my approval, the attorney general delayed bringing suit, pending the consideration of this proposition, and during negotiations which ensued looking to the accomplishment of such result.

"These negotiations were delayed, first, by reason of the time required to make an examination of the books of the harvester company, and, second, because of delay in completing the report of the examiners, due to the fact that they were suspended every work on it in order to complete their work in the steel trust investigation. These negotiations continued until April 24, 1912, when, as has before mentioned, they came to a conclusion and it was determined that no agreement could be reached which the government could accept, and on that date the attorney general was directed to bring suit.

"WILLIAM H. TAFT."
Kings County for Colonel

SEATTLE, Wash., April 28.—Incomplete returns from the three counties in which preferential presidential primaries were held yesterday give Roosevelt King county's 21 delegates to the republican state convention, Taft Whatecom county's 20 delegates and leave the outcome in Pacific county, where 10 delegates were to be chosen, in doubt. The latest returns from King county gives Roosevelt 3,069 votes, La Follette 1,571 and Taft 400, in Whatecom county, with 20 unimportant precincts missing. Taft had 1,231 Roosevelt 502, La Follette 358 and Cummins 7. No additional returns have been received from Pacific county, and with seven precincts missing the vote stands Roosevelt 226, Taft 311.

The only democratic primary was

Cerquemen Lay Cornerstone of
Grace English Lutheran Church

Scene at the laying of the cornerstone of the Grace English Evangelical Lutheran Church yesterday afternoon. From left to right are: Rev. S. E. Belgum, Rev. O. Groensberg, Rev. E. M. Stensrud and Rev. M. H. Liebe. The portrait below is a photograph of Rev. E. M. Stensrud, the pastor of the new church.



held in King county, where Wilson defeated Clark 3 to 1, with barely 1,000 votes cast. The Clark and Harmon and Taft men were advised to stay away from the joint King county primary, and the seats of King county's delegates to both republican and democratic conventions will be contested by delegates appointed by the executive committees.

Twenty-four of the 29 counties in the state have chosen their delegations to the democratic state convention, which meets at Walla Walla May 6, divided as follows: Wilson 117, Clark 114, Bryan 19, uninstrued 154, contested 158.

Fifteen counties, with a total of 167 delegates, are to be heard from. Only nine counties have selected their delegates to the republican convention at Aberdeen on May 15, divided as follows: Taft 81, Roosevelt 15, La Follette 1, uninstrued 8, contested 129, leaving 20 counties, having a total of 426 delegates, to be heard from.

Whatcom County Taft's
BELLINGHAM, Wash., April 28.—Complete returns from the city of Bellingham and from about 70 per cent of the county precincts indicate President Taft carried Whatecom county at the republican preferential primary yesterday. The Taft leaders estimate his final plurality over Roosevelt at 350.

A total of 1,755 votes were cast in the city precincts. President Taft carried every ward except one, which went to Roosevelt. The vote in the city was: Taft, 1,024; Roosevelt, 526; La Follette, 211; Cummins, 4.

Fifteen precincts in the county have reported giving Roosevelt 277, Taft 207, La Follette 145, Cummins 3.

The 29 delegates to the state convention from Whatcom county probably will be pledged to Roosevelt. The Roosevelt forces will have approximately 29 of the 60 delegates to the county convention next Saturday.

Open Campaign for Taft
STOCKTON, April 28.—Samuel M. Shortridge of San Francisco and Frank H. Short of Fresno will open the campaign here for the nomination of President Taft at a meeting to be held in Pioneer hall tomorrow night. R. E. Wilhoit will preside.

On to Massachusetts
WASHINGTON, April 28.—After nine hours rest at the White House, President Taft at 5:35 o'clock started back for Massachusetts to continue his campaign for the state's delegates to the republican national convention.

The president will spend all tomorrow in the Bay state starting to speak early in the morning at Taunton and Brockton. He will touch Boston about 10 o'clock tomorrow afternoon but is not expected to speak there at that time.

Leaving Boston at 3 o'clock he will go to Lawrence, Haverhill and Lowell and then back to Boston. His advisors count on eight speeches and it was said a few more may be worked out. Some of the speeches were prepared when Taft left Washington.

The president's cold, which was noticeable in his speech at Philadelphia last night, was better today.



New structure is
Monument to
its pastor

The cornerstone of Grace English Evangelical Lutheran church at the corner of Bacon and Berlin streets was laid yesterday afternoon with impressive ceremonies, the Right Rev. L. C. Foss, the bishop of the district, officiating. Special music was presented by the Trinity and Grace Evangelical Lutheran church choirs.

Eight years ago this mission was established and the congregation has continually grown under the pastorate of the Rev. E. M. Stensrud until larger quarters were necessary. The outcome being the construction of this new church, it is a frame shingled building of Gothic architecture and will cost about \$2,000. It has a seating capacity of 500.

Pastors from all the bay districts were in attendance to assist in the solemnities and congratulate Rev. Mr. Stensrud on the progress he has made in this mission field. Those in attendance were Rev. G. A. Bernthal, Rev. J. H. Theiss, Rev. H. H. Haserodt, Rev. S. B. Husted, Rev. S. E. Belgum of Oakland, Rev. E. W. J. Lange, Rev. O. Groensberg, Rev. L. Carlsson, Rev. M. H. Liebe and Rev. A. Brohm. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Belgum, Rev. Mr. Stensrud, Right Rev. Mr. Bernthal, Rev. Mr. Groensberg and the Rev. Mr. Husted. The church was crowded to overflowing by the members of the congregation and their friends. The program of the service follows:

- Introductory..... Rev. E. S. Belgum
- Lead Me, O Lord! (Molique)..... J. Okan
- Hill and Valley..... Rev. M. H. Stensrud
- "A New Vision" (from Nazareth)..... Rev. M. H. Stensrud
- Address..... Rt. Rev. G. A. Bernthal
- "A Song of Praise" (Goublier)..... Rev. M. H. Stensrud
- Address..... Rev. O. Groensberg
- Address..... Rev. J. H. Theiss
- "Be Strong, Fear Not" (from Nazareth)..... Rev. M. H. Stensrud
- Address..... Trinity and Grace church choirs
- Address..... Rev. S. B. Husted
- "The Earth is the Lord's" (Lynes)..... P. J. Oksen
- High festival offering..... Rev. M. H. Stensrud
- Laying of cornerstone..... Rt. Rev. L. C. Foss
- Assisted by all pastors present and officers of the church.

CHAMP CLARK IS
COLORADO CHOICE

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., April 28.—That Colorado's 12 delegates to the democratic national convention at Baltimore will be instructed for Champ Clark for the presidential nomination was the statement tonight of party leaders on the eve of the state convention to be held here tomorrow.

The convention will name eight delegates at large, and immediately afterward it was said, two additional delegates from each of the two congressional district conventions will be similarly instructed. Supporters of Governor Woodrow Wilson, at a meeting tonight, planned to have him named as second choice.

Figures compiled by party leaders show that out of 1,048 delegates to the state convention Champ Clark has 609 instructed for him absolutely and Governor Wilson has 6.

The uninstructed number 521. One delegation of 12 will be contested.

AUTO CRASHES INTO
POLE; TWO INJURED

M. H. Wilbert and Miss F. Fagotthey Are Hurlled From
Machine During Race

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
SAN MATEO, April 28.—Martin H. Wilbert, 37 San Carlos street, San Francisco, and Miss F. Fagotthey, who lives at Golden Gate avenue and Fillmore street, San Francisco, were slightly injured in a motor car accident on the county road about four miles south of this city at 7 o'clock tonight.

Wilbert was at the wheel and was racing with another car. He admitted having been going about 45 miles an hour. The car in front veered as he attempted to pass it and blocked his way. He had to decide whether to strike the car or take a chance on going around the other side. He chose the latter. His car crashed through a fence and struck a telephone pole.

Wilbert was hurled through the wind shield. Miss Fagotthey was thrown about 20 feet. Her left leg was broken and she received several minor body bruises. Wilbert said he did not know how hurt he was but he was badly shaken. The car he was racing did not stop. It was headed for San Francisco.

Michael Brown and Theodore Marten, motor cycle patrolmen, brought the injured couple to this city, where they were treated by Dr. Wood C. Baker. Later they returned home.

HELEN GOULD ATTENDS
SERVICE ON MARYLAND

"Jackies" Dress Ship in Honor
of Philanthropist

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
SAN DIEGO, April 28.—Helen Gould, philanthropist and friend of peace, attended divine service on board the cruiser Maryland tonight. She was accompanied on board the cruiser by a delegation from the floating society of Christian Endeavor. Representative Charles Spalding of Coronado delivered the sermon and a special program of sacred music was rendered. A large number of the men of the ship were in attendance. They had arranged a special display of flags and bunting for the occasion, the intended visit having been announced to them last night.

DIAMOND RANGE SOLD
TO NORTH DAKOTANS

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
SACRAMENTO, April 28.—The Diamond range, formerly owned by the San Francisco Savings union, a section of land west of Red Bluff containing 60,000 acres, has been sold to North Dakota capitalists for a sum approximating \$500,000. The deal was closed by A. J. Hectman and his associates, who purchased it less than a year ago from the San Francisco Savings union. Hectman and associates paid \$1 an acre and sold it at an advance of more than \$5 an acre.

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POLITICAL EYES
ON BAY STATE

Taft Is Ten to Seven Favorite,
But Neither Side Is
Confident

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
BOSTON, April 28.—With the president of the United States and the only living former president pleading with Massachusetts voters for support from the tailends of railway trains, the presidential primary campaign will close tomorrow. The finish will be spectacular, the result important and possibly decisive as between Taft and Roosevelt. Should President Taft win the support of the eight delegates at large of thirty-two congressional district delegates, or of a substantial majority of them, his renomination, in the view of political experts, would seem assured.

As a rule the professional politicians believe the colonel will lose. What betting there is 10 to 7 on Taft. Yet, with the probable support of many socialist voters, who have no candidate of their own, and the complexities of the new form of ballot, Colonel Roosevelt's supporters are not discouraged, nor do the Taft men tend to be so. There are many pitfalls in the system of voting that may favor the colonel and put to rout the regular republican machine, which solidly is against him. Crane and his chief lieutenants, Congressmen Weeks and Gardner, and eight other members of the Massachusetts delegation in congress are preparing for a grand windup. In statements issued this afternoon the Massachusetts congressmen expressed confidence that the victory would be with the president, but every one of them conceded the probability of the colonel carrying certain of the congressional districts.

SCHWAB WILL INSPECT
BIG SHIPYARDS TODAY

Announcement of Drydock Plans
May Follow

Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel company, which corporation is owner of the Union Iron works, will make a trip of inspection over the shipyards today. Schwab has declared that he wants to inspect the works and listen to the recommendations of J. A. McGregor, president of the Union Iron works, before he announces any decision to build the biggest drydock in the world at Hunters point.

The steel magnate spent yesterday resting from business cares. His party, including Mrs. Schwab, Dr. and Mrs. M. R. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Kirchen and H. S. Snyder, vice president of the Bethlehem Steel company, motored down to Burlingame in the morning and had lunch with Mountford Wilson. Schwab indulged in a game of golf and enjoyed the outing.

He has expressed great satisfaction over the administration of the Union Iron works under J. A. McGregor, who has made it a paying part of the holdings of the parent company. Anticipating the great increase of trade following the opening of the canal, it is rumored that Schwab has in mind the building of a drydock 650 feet long. The inspection today of the works and the subsequent investigations of the next three days are expected to bring forth the announcement that the big dock is shortly to be a reality.

HENRY J. OPPERMAN
LEAVES FOR SAN DIEGO

VALLEJO, April 28.—Henry J. Opperman, rated one of the best boat builders on the coast, left today for San Diego, where he has obtained a position.

STATE SOCIALISTS
IN SESSION HERE

Delegates to Convention Select
Committees to Draft New
Constitution

Delegates to the socialist convention from all over the state met yesterday in Jefferson Square building to draft their new constitution. There were 128 delegates and 16 alternatives. W. A. Engle of Los Angeles presided. Frank O'Neil of Berkeley was secretary. F. E. Wolfe of Los Angeles and Harry McKee of San Diego were assistant secretaries, and George Brower of this city was sergeant at arms.

The meeting was called to order at 10 o'clock in the morning. It adjourned at 5:30 o'clock last night after having selected three committees to handle the work in connection with the framing of the constitution. Many reports were heard from the various committees.

The following committees were selected:

Committee to frame the constitution—J. S. Wilson, Ralph Smith, W. H. Emstead, Harry McKee, Job Harriman, Thomas Booth, Cameron King, L. N. Bruner and Walter Clifton. Initiative legislature—Frank Wolfe, W. H. Signourney, C. A. Page, James Clark, G. N. McDaniels, W. B. Harvey, Harry Tuck and Miss Jenny Armott. Committee on resolutions—J. E. Morgan, Casper Bower, Carl Brown, Miss Lillian Bishop and Alexander Irvine.

The delegates will meet again this morning at 10 o'clock, and they will remain in the city until all their work is completed. The executive committee will be called upon to report at the opening of today's meeting, according to a decision reached after a half hour's heated discussion.

DAMASCUS' MILES OF
BAZAARS ARE BURNED

Damage Is Estimated at Ten
Million Dollars

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 28.—The great bazaar quarters in Damascus have been destroyed by fire. Several persons were killed and many injured, and the damage is estimated at \$10,000,000. The fire began at midnight, Friday, and lasted until late Saturday night.

Damascus, one of the holy cities of the Mohammedans, capital of the Vilayet of Syria, is noted, among other things, for its numerous bazaars. These are designated by the name of some particular trade or community. The bazaar quarters comprise long streets covered in with woodwork and lined with shops, stalls, warehouses and cafes. The Greek bazaar, one of the largest, was rebuilt after its destruction by fire in 1833.

In the midst of the bazaars stands the house of Assad Pasha, one of the handsomest in Damascus. There are many miles of the bazaars, all of which are luxuriously fitted.

TORNADO'S DEATH LIST
EXPECTED TO REACH 60

Demoralized Wire Facilities
Prevent Exact Estimate

OKLAHOMA CITY, April 28.—The death list of the tornado that swept part of Oklahoma and Texas Saturday afternoon is expected to reach 60. Fifty-four deaths have been reported. Injured list will run into the hundreds. Wire facilities are demoralized and it is impossible to communicate with several states.

Tornado Reported at Keo

PINE BLUFF, Ark., April 28.—Telegraph and telephone wires are down tonight between here and Little Rock, Altheimer, Show, Tucker and England. A tornado is reported at Keo.

SANTA ROSA QUEEN
PROCLAIMS FIESTA

Decorations and Floats Prepared
for Coronation Aid Floral
Pageant

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
SANTA ROSA, April 28.—Rose carnival week was ushered in today by the proclamation of "Queen Carolyn." Miss Carolyn Lee St. Clair, calling upon her loyal subjects to let joy and happiness reign unconfined. The proclamation reads as follows:

To All My Loyal Subjects, Greeting: I, whom you have chosen for your Rose Queen for the year 1912, desire to show, to the best of my ability, the deep appreciation felt for the confidence you have placed in me.

Everywhere the trees are green, the fields are golden, the birds twitter and sing and the queenly roses bloom in riotous profusion on bush and hedge.

Roses of white, roses of pink and roses of deep scarlet and flashing yellow! Roses everywhere, blush and bloom for the carnival, and from them will I take the text of my proclamation that I now issue to you:

May the white rose signify the purity of the spirit of the mirth that I bid prevail; may the pink rose that glows and blushes typify the laughter and music of the children's voices; may the deep red roses characterize the friendliness of all and atmosphere of merriment; may the yellow roses represent the things we have not, malice, hate or jealousy. May all combine to make the carnival of this year a most happy and joyous one, and let merriment and gladness and joy prevail in our earnest wish.

COURTHOUSE ILLUMINATED
The handsome new \$500,000 courthouse is ready for illumination during the carnival, the building having been outfitted with innumerable incandescence electric lamps, which illuminate the streets a block away in all directions. Electricians are also at work erecting courts of honor at various points to add to the brilliancy of the street scenes.

Many large floats are ready for decoration with roses and other flowers for the floral pageant Saturday morning. The number of entries is far in excess of any previous carnival. Among the larger floats entered are those of the I. O. O. F., Girls' club, Cloverdale, Sebastopol, Loyal Order of Moose, Ladies of the Maccabees, Juniors of the Santa Clara high school, the Boy Scouts, Foresters of America and the Philomath club. The queen's float will eclipse anything ever attempted here. The juvenile queen and her court will have a handsome float.

There are many entries in the automobile section, which is one of the greatest features of the parade. The vehicle section is also well filled. Features and horse entries are also numerous.

PROGRAM OF FESTIVAL
The program as finally decided upon for the carnival events follows: Coronation of Queen Carolyn and grand coronation ball, Pavilion rink, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Baby show, with a large number of entries, at Pavilion rink, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Floral pageant in the streets Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, followed in the afternoon by a seven mile Marathon race from Sebastopol to Santa Rosa by 20 young men from about the bay and local athletes. Field day between Lowell high school of San Francisco and Santa Rosa high school athletic teams.

CORONATION CEREMONY
President C. C. Moore of the Panama-Pacific exposition, will crown Queen Carolyn, while Major John L. Mercer will turn over to the fair ruler the keys of the city.

Friday evening in front of the court house there will be a singfest participated in by several hundred of the high school and eighth grade pupils, under the direction of Mrs. Minnie C. Mills.

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