

## COL. ROOSEVELT MAKES SEVERAL TALKS IN IOWA

### Rear Platform Speeches at Cedar Rapids, Waterloo and Vinton; Minnesota Afternoon and Night.

Cedar Rapids, March 25.—Declaring that it was the "unprincipled minority" which the American people had to fear, and mentioning specifically that "the Guggenheims and men of that class are those who deny the right of the people to rule, former President Roosevelt delivered a ten minute address from the rear platform of his special car here this morning.

"The unfair minority is composed of those who grab public lands, adulterate our foods and work other selfish interests," said the colonel. Speaking for himself he said, "I know I make mistakes, but they are my mistakes, and I don't want anybody else to make them for me."

The Roosevelt train stopped five minutes at Vinton, where Col. Roosevelt delivered a two minute talk. The large crowd here was not demonstrative, though cordial.

Revell Says T. R. Will Win.

Waterloo, March 25.—Col. Roosevelt made several short speeches from the rear platform of his car at stops made on his journey through Iowa. At Cedar Rapids he reiterated his argument in favor of control of the machinery of government by the people. "We who stand for the cause of progress in the republican party," he said, "only ask to apply now the needs of the present day the principles for which Iowa stood half a century ago, in the days of Lincoln."

At Vinton Col. Roosevelt said he was glad to be in Congressman Good's district as he regarded the congressman as a "square man who favored the square deal."

Alexander H. Revell of Chicago, chairman of the Roosevelt national committee, who is traveling with Col. Roosevelt today predicted that the colonel would be nominated on the second ballot at the Chicago convention. "Practical politicians," he said, "are making no serious effort to nominate President Taft, and will turn to Roosevelt because they believe he can win for them."

In Twin Cities Tonight.

St. Paul, Minn., March 25.—The followers of Col. Theodore Roosevelt from all over the northwest, will gather here today to greet the former president. Delegations are announced as on the way from nearly every county in the state and from North and South Dakota.

A special train will leave this city carrying the Roosevelt reception committee to Albert Lea where Col. Roosevelt will make his first speech in Minnesota this afternoon. The St. Paul contingent will escort the party back to St. Paul, expecting to arrive here at 5:30 tonight.

Col. Roosevelt's party and the reception committee will be met at the train by a band and escorted to a local hotel where he will take dinner with a few members of the Roosevelt state committee discussing the Minnesota situation.

Following an address at the auditorium at 7:30 this evening Col. Roosevelt will go immediately to Minneapolis, address an audience at the auditorium in that city and at 10:30 he will leave for Chicago.

Upon People's Rules.

St. Louis, Mo., March 25.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt's main speech in St. Louis was delivered last night in the first regiment armory. He discussed "the right of the people to rule" and talked in the same vein as in his speech in New York last week upon the same topic. He protested against the theory ascribed by him to President Taft that the people should be ruled by a "representative part of the people," and said that "if the people cannot rule themselves, then they are not fit for free government and democracy is a sham."

"We welcome leadership and advice, of course," said he, "and are content to let experts do the expert business to which we assign them without undue interference from us. But the expert must understand that he is carrying out our general purpose and not substituting his own for it."

The speaker said that in Michigan "the men who denied the people the right to rule did it by passing the primary law in such shape that it would only take effect after the latest date that primaries could be held to elect delegates to the convention in June."

"This represents," he continued, "a meaner form of opposition to the movement for public decency than would have been a straight out vote against the entire proposition."

"I'd admit a time that I would rather lose the campaign and get justice than win it without getting justice," he continued. Colonel Roosevelt referred to the city when he was police commissioner of New York and said that he made that city apperceive with rage by enforcing the Sunday liquor law, "until they got a decision that seventeen beers and one pretzel made a meal." Since the law provided that liquor might be sold with meals on Sundays, he said, New York has had joy unconfined since.

## Hotel Boosters Get Three-fourths Of The Subscriptions

Three-fourths of the amount of preferred stock subscriptions to the proposed Daum hotel have been secured by the solicitors, and the remaining one-fourth is expected to be secured this afternoon. The amount of preferred stock thus far subscribed is \$37,000. The men who originally subscribed are being seen as fast as the committee can call, and when the new plans are explained to them, there is little hesitancy expressed before re-subscribing the first amounts pledged.

## TODAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE—In session at 1:45 p. m. Resumed debate on service pension legislation which will be voted on before adjournment.

Grand army veterans urged before public buildings committee passage of Sutherland bill for memorial amphitheater at Arlington national cemetery.

Isthmian canal commission Chairman Goethals told inter-oceanic canal committee first ships would go through Panama canal in August or September, 1913.

Inter-oceanic canal committee discussed Panama canal tolls.

HOUSE—Met at 11 a. m. Begun debate on wool tariff revision bill.

Leader Underwood announced cotton tariff revision would be taken up if senate acted on tariff measures already passed by house and a wool bill after it passes.

Frank A. Munsey told steel trust investigating committee he obtained estimate of \$782,000,000 valuation of steel corporation property from its books and from talks with steel men.

Interstate commerce committee unanimously voted to report favorably a bill providing for physical valuation of all railroads of the United States.

Bill to abolish commerce court favorably reported by majority commerce committee.

Elections committee voted to recommend unseating of Representative C. C. Bowman, eleventh Pennsylvania district, on charges of election frauds.

Democratic Leader Underwood favorably arraigned tariff board in opening wool bill debate.

Alaskan Delegate Wickersham charged Gov. Clark with "deliberately misstating facts about Alaskan conditions."

## ROOSEVELT 8 AND "AFT 18 IN INDIANA

Two Congressional Districts Are Yet to Name Delegates During Month of April.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 25.—Five congressional districts in Indiana yesterday elected delegates to the national convention. Two of these conventions, the Second and Tenth, choosing Taft men, and the Sixth, Eighth and Ninth selecting Roosevelt supporters. Today's action gives Taft the delegates from seven of the state's thirteen districts and Roosevelt four.

Taft, with four delegates at large, elected at the special state convention, has a total of eighteen and Roosevelt eight of Indiana's delegation of thirty.

The Twelfth district will choose delegates April 23, and the Thirteenth district April 2. Contests are expected in both and leaders are counting on adding four more to their total.

## BUNCH VISITED BY COSTLY FIRE

### THREE STORES, DWELLING AND LODGE ROOM DESTROYED BY FLAMES LAST NIGHT.

Bunch, March 25.—Three stores, one dwelling house and the lodge room of the Odd Fellows were totally destroyed by fire which started here at midnight last night. The damage will aggregate \$20,000, partially covered by insurance. The origin of the blaze is unknown. The lodge room of the I. O. O. F. was gutted, and the general store of E. Hull and Warder's automobile garage were wiped out. The residence owned by Mr. Warder and occupied by Milo Reno, together with the store adjoining, which Mr. Reno occupied, were included in the path of the destructive flames. The stock carried by Mr. Hull was valued at \$6,000 and the garage stock was valued at about the same figure.

Fourteen English Miners Killed.

Sheffield, Eng., March 25.—Fourteen miners were injured today by the falling in of the roof of a quarry near here, where they were working on an outcrop of coal.

## COMMISSION OPENS HEARING IN OTTUMWA

### State Authorities Gathering Information for Employers' Liability and Work- ers' Compensation Bill.

It is probable that if left to Ottumwa employers and employes, an act by the legislature might be adopted having for its purpose the indemnification of injured employes, for the session or hearing opened this morning in the rooms of the Commercial association brought out talks by both sides to the proposed legislation each favoring certain plans that differed only in detail. The employes' representative, J. A. Lukens of the Electric Railway Employes, was the first speaker called upon by Chairman J. T. Clarkson of the legislative commission. Mr. Lukens declared the employes favored the law of Washington state which deals with employer's liability and employes' indemnity. George Heindel, as spokesman for the employes, alluded to several states having laws of this character, favoring that in force in Ohio.

Both speakers seemed satisfied that a law of a character that would indemnify the injured employe, would result in a common good to both employer and employe.

Mr. Lukens advanced the proposition that all of the employes pay their indemnity assessment into a common fund that shall be controlled by the state, but that the proportion of the assessments that shall be paid by the various employes, be based upon the hazardous nature of the business.

Mr. Heindel advanced much the same theory, except that aside from classifying the various employes according to hazard, he said the employe should be assessed a per cent of the indemnity in common with his employer. This it was argued would insure safer conditions in that the employe being made responsible for himself and fellow employe, would in a measure become watchful against his own and another's carelessness that might lead to injury of an employe.

Mr. Lukens did not speak at great length. He did not favor the employe paying any part of the assessment levied by the state board for the indemnity fund.

In presenting the employer's side of the discussion, Mr. Heindel said that there are two states having compulsory employes' liability laws. One of these he said was Washington. He, however, favored the law as adopted in Ohio which is not compulsory on the employer or employe to avail themselves of, but elective on their part. He said that in the event of the employer electing not to participate in the laws' provisions, the stock defenses in litigations are removed from him and he is thus made to feel the value of participation under the law. The removal of such defenses as contributory negligence, fellow servant law, assumption of risk, etc., are thus made an incentive to the employer to come under the law, said Mr. Heindel. His theory was for the state to take charge of the distribution of the indemnity by the selection of a board that will have the control of the collecting of the assessments, as well as their making, and the classification of the various employes according to the hazard of the enterprise over which they have control. He favored the state bearing the expense of maintaining this board and carrying the fund in distribution, etc., holding that the state at present bears the expense of maintaining the courts which he said were largely burdened with litigations brought about by injuries and disabilities. He classed his plan as an industrial insurance fund, among employers that should be administered by the state, holding that it would not cost the state any more if as much as the present court litigations which would be largely obviated under the plan.

Judge J. L. Stevens of Boone, was called away from the hearing about 11:30 o'clock and stated before leaving that Ottumwa had the largest gathering of the several places in the state that were visited by the commission.

D. F. Morey of the Morey Clay Products Co., was called upon and said that at a meeting of some thirty-five or forty employers held last evening, it was decided that they favor a law that would do away with litigation over injury cases, by paying into a fund a certain sum periodically to indemnify injured employes.

## FREMONT, NEBRASKA, SUFFERS FROM FLOOD

Fremont, Neb., March 25.—All south Fremont between Englewood and the Union Pacific tracks is under water. The residents of that section warned by couriers and fire whistles, left their homes at day light.

For the first time in twenty years flood water poured over the Union Pacific tracks west of the city, inundating many farms on the north. The tracks south and west of the city keep the flood out of the northern portion of Fremont.

## MINERS MAKE CONCESSIONS TO OPERATORS

### All Demands But Five Cent Increase a Ton and Short Saturday Dropped in Effort to Avoid Strike.

Cleveland, O., March 25.—As a means of preventing a strike in the bituminous coal fields the miners proposed to the operators today to abandon all the original union demands and to ask only for an increase in pay of five cents a ton over the present scale and for five hours on Saturdays instead of eight. The operators will argue on the proposition this afternoon with a prospect that an acceptance or rejection will be reached before night.

The miners put the proposition to the operators in concrete form after they had held an independent meeting. The union men pointed out that only two more days remain before the expiration of the present wage agreements in both the anthracite and bituminous fields and that a suspension next Sunday at midnight, involving almost 500,000 miners, would certainly bring about a strike possibly of prolonged duration unless either side yielded.

The miners said they were willing to yield but were determined to have something in the way of an increase, however small the increase, and all demands for changes in working conditions were accordingly abandoned.

The compromise offer probably will be voted on at a meeting this afternoon. President White of the union said that if the offer were accepted it would have to go into the hands of the union's policy committee and by the committee be submitted to a referendum vote of the union. Meantime he said he did not see how at least a short suspension in bituminous mines could be avoided, pending the referendum vote.

Operators Willing to Treat.

New York, March 25.—The statement reiterated by the operators in the anthracite region that they are ready and willing to grant an immediate hearing when the mine workers should desire to communicate with them, may result in another conference looking to a settlement of the wage scale and other questions. A suspension of work, however on April 1, was regarded today by operators as practically certain.

Each side says that the responsibility for the situation rests with the other. Coal dealers do not look for a long suspension in either the anthracite or bituminous districts and believe that its effect will not be felt in the main centers of population for at least a month.

President Taft is said to be keeping in close touch with the situation in both the hard and soft coal districts through Commissioner of Labor Charles P. Neill, who is conferring with the operators and miners at Cleveland.

British Miners Taking Ballots.

London, March 25.—Balloting began today in all the districts of the United Kingdom on the question whether the million miners now on strike should return to work pending the decision of the district boards, to be appointed under the government's minimum wage act, on the rates of wages in the various centers.

In some cases the result of the balloting will be known this week. As a matter of fact the colliers connected with the Brynkynlleid mine at Chirk, Wales, already have voted on the question and the proportion of five to two of the men is in favor of resuming.

These men, however, are an exception to the general rule, as throughout the strike they have strongly supported the owners of the pit.

The full returns of the balloting will not be officially announced until April 4, and it is probable that it will be after Easter before the miners return to work. From now on, however, it is expected that greater numbers will resume each day.

The total cost of the strike to the miners' unions to date has been \$5,215,250, and the balance left in the union treasury amounts to \$4,750,000, most of which is invested in securities which will not bring in their full value under forced sale.

Besides the total spent by the miners' union the organizations connected with other trades have distributed nearly \$2,500,000 in out of work benefits to their members.

It will be months before the industries and trades of the United Kingdom resume their normal proportions and as the men go back to their work they will have what is for them immense losses to make up.

## Thousand Army Rifles Are Sent To Mexico City As Arms For Americans

Washington, D. C., March 25.—Acting Secretary of State Wilson today confirmed a report from Mexico City that all dependable Americans were to be armed for their own defense and other foreign governments were to take like safeguard. It was announced that Ambassador Wilson would distribute to the Americans the 1,000 army rifles and revolvers now enroute to that city. The Mexican government contemplates the arming of foreigners.

The rifles shipped from New York are Jorgensen magazine guns which are no longer in use in the army. One million rounds of ammunition accompanied the shipment. While the guns are the property of the army ordnance department and loaned to the state department for use in the Mexican capital, any one receiving a rifle there may purchase it for \$6 if he desires.

## ANOTHER MEMBER OF GANG CAUGHT

### CLAUDE ALLEN GIVES SELF UP AND ONLY THREE OF OUT LAW BAND REMAIN.

Hillsville, W. Va., March 25.—This entire section today anxiously awaited news from the North Carolina border expecting to hear at any moment that what is left of the Allen gang had been taken.

The capture of Claude Swanson Allen, son of Floyd and nephew of Sidna Allen, revived the hope that all of the outlaws soon would be safely behind the bars. With the detectives promising capture day after day without success interest had begun to lag and many people believed the fugitives had made their way out of the mountains, leaving their pursuers to chase shadows on the mountain side.

Young Allen's wretched condition when he walked out of the bushes and gave himself up exploded the idea that the outlawed mountaineers were in communication with friends who supplied them with food as well as with information concerning the movements of the posse. The boy declared he had been living on bread and water.

Sidna and Friel Allen and Wesley Edwards are supposed to be in the immediate vicinity of where Claude was found. The story of the latter's capture had been separated from the rest of the party for days.

Starving, sleepless, and fatigued, young Allen came out of the laurel thicket in the Blue Ridge late yesterday, pointed two six shooters toward the sky, and gave himself to the posse which for nearly two weeks have hunted him.

"I'm glad to get a chance to come in," he said. "I haven't slept in a bed since the shooting. I'm hungry."

Appeared to Be "All In."

The young mountaineer swung in between the men of the posse and they started back to Hillsville. His puffed eyes and roughened face confirmed his plea of exhaustion, but his broad shouldered form towered above the men who had taken him.

"I could have shot you," said Allen, as he smiled and nodded toward Detective Lucas, "but I was a little excited at having you come up to me so soon. Anyway, I didn't want to have to kill anybody."

A movement has been started among Virginia women to present a gold medal to Jazabel Goad, the daughter of Clerk Goad, who ran to her father's side when he was under fire by the Allen gang and brought a freshly loaded pistol for him to continue the battle.

Mrs. William H. Mann, wife of the governor, is heading the movement.

## TO FIX BLAME FOR ROY BLOUNT'S DEATH

### Inquest Held at Springfield, Neb., Over Remains of Young Farmer Killed in Outlaw Chase.

Springfield, Neb., March 25.—Almost by the break of day, farmers' teams began to line up at the hitch rack in front of the general stores of the village and the crowd began gathering in front of the little opera house.

When the inquest was opened, the body of Roy Blount, innocent victim ten days ago of a battle against three escaped convicts.

Country roads had deep with mud did not deter them and every style of rig was pressed into service to bring to town the country folks.

The morning trains also brought in half a hundred witnesses and spectators.

The little opera house was well filled long before 10 o'clock, the hour set for the inquest. County Attorney Jameson of Sarpy county was present to assist in the conducting of the examination of witnesses, nearly fifty of whom have been subpoenaed. There was an array of legal talent, quite unusual at a coroner's inquest.

## LAD THROWN FROM HORSE; LEG BROKEN

Harold Grant, age ten years, residing north of the city, sustained a broken right leg yesterday evening about 4:30 o'clock when thrown from the horse he was riding. The accident occurred in the west end. The little boy's horse became frightened and its sudden dash threw young Grant to the ground with great force. The leg was broken near the hip. The boy is now in the Ottumwa hospital.

## LINCOLN CONVICT KILLS ANOTHER

### NEGRO UNDER LIFE SENTENCE DIES OF WOUND INFLICTED WHILE AT TABLE.

Lincoln, Neb., March 25.—Convict Tom Davis, a half breed Indian, murdered Convict John Strong, a negro at the state penitentiary this morning, while inmates of the prison were leaving the breakfast table.

When the gong sounded to clear the convicts from the table, the prisoners arose in their seats. Strong suddenly leaped from his place onto the table in front of him, ran down the aisle and out of the door into the cell house, his blood streaming from a gash in the throat. Guard Charles Berry jumped to the side of Davis, who was holding a blood stained knife in his hand, and placed him under arrest.

The rest of the men fled out of the dining room in orderly fashion.

Davis is said to have been frequently threatened by Strong and claims that he killed the negro to safeguard his own life. Strong who with a brother, was sent to the prison for second degree murder, serving a life sentence, has a bad record, having frequently secreted a knife from the guards and used it on fellow convicts with whom he had a grievance, never occasioning any serious wounds, however.

The half breed was seated directly behind the man he killed. Leaning over the intervening table, he seized Strong by the throat and plunged the knife into it just above the Adam's apple, drawing the blade, which was of razor keenness back toward the right ear. The wind pipe was severed and the large arteries cut.

Strong lived about fifteen minutes, breathing through the cut in his wind pipe. He was unable to speak. Davis has refused to make any statement as to the reasons for his act, except that he had been threatened by the murdered man.

## ANARCHIST BAND ARRESTED IN WEST

### San Diego, Cal., March 25.—That nearly fifty of the Industrial Workers of the World arrested here have admitted they were trying to overthrow the United States government, is a statement obtained in a report which the California authorities will send to the immigration bureau at Washington.

An examination of each of the fifty prisoners, nearly all of whom are foreigners, has just been finished by the city authorities. The report states that with scarcely an exception the men declared that they recognized no form of government and no flag except the red one. The question, "What is the red flag symbolic of?" the answer was "Blood."

## ROCK ISLAND IS REPORTED QUIET

### REPORTS OF DYNAMITE EXPLOSIONS FOUND TO BE UNTRUE ON INVESTIGATION.

Rock Island, Ill., March 25.—With the military still in control, the situation here today is quiet. Reports of dynamite plots and explosions upon investigation, have proved to be untrue.

Muscatine Denies Report.

Muscatine, March 25.—Sensational reports sent out from Rock Island last night regarding the alleged coming of a band of disturbers and "socialist button strikers" from Muscatine had their origin as far as can be learned in the trip which Emmett J. Flood, organizer of the American Federation of Labor, in charge of the local strike made to Rock Island yesterday to look after the arrangements for shipping the body of J. D. Potts, a member of the local union, to his Wisconsin home. Potts was the man who was found dead in the stairway of the Bill Burg cafe Tuesday morning. One or two members of the local organization accompanied Flood and Lee Lang, socialist member of the school board here also went to the tri-city yesterday to speak at a union meeting there.

## BIG RIVERS AT RECORD FLOOD STAGE IN MARCH

### Highest Water for Years at This Season of the Year Reported at St. Louis; Nebraska Rivers Up.

## DES MOINES NOW RISING AT OTTUMWA

### Breaking of Gorges Affects Stage of Water Here, but Thus Far the Rise is Not Alarming.

St. Louis, Mo., March 25.—With the river stage the highest for March it has been since the records have been kept in St. Louis, a general rain falling throughout the southern part of the state and a storm moving northeast from the south central states, flood conditions are likely for this city and the lowlands south of here.

The Mississippi passed the twenty-seven foot mark last night, with water rising more than a foot in twenty-four hours and the weather bureau this morning predicted the river would attain a depth of thirty or thirty-one feet, flood stage, by the first of the week. Although no lives have been reported lost incidental to the rise in the Missouri river, many families have been forced to leave their homes. Tributaries are flowing from their banks and these are expected to bring the Missouri to a flood stage.

Gov. Deneen of Illinois has ordered the adjutant general's department to send tents to Cairo for the relief of the families forced from their homes by the high water.

The Missouri south of Fulton, Mo. has been near the danger mark all week and a heavy rain which fell there all yesterday and last night has added to the seriousness of the situation.

Nebraska Streams Out of Banks.

Omaha, Neb., March 25.—The breaking up of the ice in the Platte, Loup, Elkhorn and other rivers of Nebraska, is causing some of the worst floods the state has known in many years. Much property damage has already resulted and there are rumors of loss of life.

The buggy in which two hunters, John Ganote and Otis De Barry, left early in the day, was seen floating down the river, and no trace of the men having been found, it is thought they have been drowned.

Three boys were stranded this morning between two bridges that have been washed away near Schuyler. They are Paul Sprecher, George Smith and Charles Matthews. The rising water will probably place them in great peril.

A man is reported on an island in the river near Schuyler in great danger.

All railroads in the state are more or less crippled, bridges and tracks having been washed out in many places. A three mile stretch of track was washed out at Wakefield on the Omaha road, causing the annulment of all trains between Norfolk, Neb., and Sioux City, Iowa. The water in many places is the highest in forty years.

Burlington Tracks Under Water.

Lincoln, Neb., March 25.—Flood conditions along the Platte river are worse with ice moving out and the river pronounced the highest for twenty years. Seven spans of the Burlington railroad bridge near Columbus went out yesterday.

Water is running over the Union Pacific tracks between Fremont and North Bend and traffic is badly hampered. Several feet of Burlington track has been washed out near Ulysses.

Kaw River Can Stand Big Rise.

Kansas City, Mo., March 25.—Although the Kansas river here rose eighteen inches during the last twenty-four hours and is as high as it has been at any previous time this year, members of the local drainage board said today that the river must rise twenty feet before reaching an alarming stage.

The Missouri river also is rising here, but it is causing no trouble.

Many Kansas streams are very high but they will not overflow unless more rain falls.

Kentucky River Levee Menaced.

Louisville, Ky., March 25.—Telephone advices from Hickman, Ky., today, say the levee protecting that town is menaced by the Mississippi flood. For three days the townspeople have been strengthening the levee.

While there is no danger of loss of life, all families having moved from the possible flood section, the damage to property, should the break come, would be large. Several factories would be in the flood's path.

Des Moines is Rising Again.

In the past thirty hours the Des Moines river at Ottumwa has risen three feet and a greater rise is expected.

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