

ROOSEVELT DECIDES HE WILL FIGHT ROOT

Issues Call to All His Supporters to Stand by Him in Vote on Temporary Chairman.

QUESTION OF PRINCIPLES, HE ASSERTS, NOT PERSONS

Declares William Barnes, Jr., of New York the Real Head of the Taft Canvass at Chicago and That No Progressive Delegate Can Afford to Aid This Boss.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., June 5.—Upon the selection of temporary chairman of the republican national convention may hang the political fortunes of ex-President Roosevelt. He decided tonight to oppose with all his strength the seating of Senator Root and issued a call to all his supporters to stand by him. Colonel Roosevelt's statement is so constructed as to make the issue a clear one between himself and his opponent. With it he binds up the entire question of his political faith so as to make a decision for or against Senator Root a vote for or against himself. It is, he asserts, a question of principles, not persons.

Colonel Roosevelt declares that "Mr. Root has ranged himself against the man who stands for progressive principles within the Republican party." But it is William Barnes, Jr., of New York, he says, who is to be the real head of the Taft canvass at Chicago. Characterizing Mr. Barnes as "the representative of the very worst forms of bossism in politics," he asserts that no progressive delegate can afford to vote for any man proposed by him. "The great majority of the Republican party," Colonel Roosevelt asserts, "have unequivocally repudiated Mr. Taft." The convention if left to itself, he says, will be heavily against Mr. Taft, whose whole chance of winning depends "upon his hopes and plans for securing improper action by the national committee."

LONG SESSION WITH ADVISORS.
Colonel Roosevelt's decision to make a square issue of the seating of Mr. Root was reached after a long consultation with several of his advisors. At Sagamore Hill tonight were Senator Dixon, the national campaign manager, Clifford Finchot, former chief forester, Wm. L. Ward, New York member of the Roosevelt national committee, George W. Perkins of New York, Frank B. Kellogg, who was known as the "trust buster" of the Roosevelt administration, Andrew Hahn, delegate from Minnesota to the Chicago convention, and Truxton Beale, a delegate from California. Following is the statement dictated to-day at Sagamore Hill by Colonel Roosevelt:

In the past Mr. Root has rendered distinguished service as secretary of state and secretary of war. But in this contest Mr. Root ranged himself against the men who stand for progressive principles within the Republican party in relation to the issues of the present day and what it was in the days of Abraham Lincoln. He stands as the representative of the men and the policies of reaction. He is put forward by the bosses and the representatives of special privileges. What has recently come to my knowledge makes it clear that it is a question of the absolute duty of every progressive republican to oppose the selection as temporary chairman at Chicago of any man put forward in the interests of the supporters of Mr. Taft in this contest. I have before me a copy of the following telegram sent to the Roosevelt delegate from Pennsylvania, Philip K. Barber:

TELEGRAM BARNES SENT.
"The national committee has selected Senator Root of New York for temporary chairman of the convention at Chicago. It is reported that the Roosevelt forces will oppose the action of the committee. I am writing you in behalf of the New York delegation, with the exception of a very few, to ask your support for Senator Root for temporary chairman. We believe this contest is the most serious one which has afflicted the Republican party and that the attempt to nominate Mr. Roosevelt can lead only to disaster. The doctrine which he has advocated we declared in our platform at the Rochester convention to be subversive of our form of government. Will you please write me, New York city collect, whether we can rely on your support for Senator Root for temporary chairman." (Signed) "WILLIAM BARNES, JR."

Telegrams like this have been sent to a great number of the delegates, apparently to a great majority of them. This telegram makes the issue perfectly clear. It is one of principles, not persons. Mr. Barnes demands Mr. Root's selection as the sign of repudiation of the principles for which I stand, and as an endorsement of the doctrines enunciated at the Rochester convention, doctrines not merely reactionary, but of such a character that a single State in the Union these doctrines are so Bourbon and reactionary that in every open primary in every northern State since the Rochester convention was held, after full discussion, the people have overwhelmingly repudiated them.

SHOWS BARNES THE LEADER.
This telegram shows that the plan announced in the press is true, and that the leader and real head of Mr. Taft's canvass at Chicago is to be Mr. Barnes, whom Mr. Taft and his managers have chosen to represent and embody the principles for which Mr. Taft stands, a choice which casts an illuminating light on Mr. Taft's relations both to the bosses in politics and to special interests in the business world. In the next place it makes it perfectly clear that Mr. Root is pushed for the nomination only for the purpose to secure the defeat of the principles for which the progressive republicans stand, the principles for which the people have declared themselves by overwhelming majorities in those States where there have been popular primaries.

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FILLING NATION WITH DEGENERATES

Alcohol to Blame for Decrease of Birth Rate and Increase of Insane.

Atlantic City, June 4.—"A wave of degeneracy is sweeping the land, and its development through the physical violation of the nation," declared Dr. T. Alexander MacNicol, of New York, former surgeon of the New York Red Cross hospital, who was sent abroad by President Roosevelt to investigate the subject of alcoholism and narcotics.

"Within a period of 20 years the population of the United States increased 20 per cent, while the number of insane and feeble-minded increased 50 per cent, according to the recent census, practically all of which is due to the chronic and excessive use of alcohol in one form or another, and narcotics," he said.

"Degeneracy is shown in the lessened fertility of the nation. In five years the birth rate in the United States fell off 31.3 per cent. Back of all the causes for this alarming condition, asserted the surgeon, was addressing the American Medical society, the study of alcohol and narcotics show that alcohol is the chief degenerative factor.

THREATENS REPUBLIC.
"A degeneracy so appalling in magnitude," Dr. MacNicol continued, "that it staggers the mind and threatens to destroy this republic, numbering more victims than have been slain in all the wars and in all the epidemics of acute diseases that have swept the country within two hundred years."

"During the past five years the birth rate in the United States has fallen off thirty-three and one-third per cent. This means the loss of a million babies a year. Let this degeneracy continue at the same rate for 100 years and there will not be a native-born child five years old in the United States."

CHILDREN BEAR BURDEN.
"The great burden of drink is not borne by the drinker, but by the drinker's children. The germ cell that is to be evolved into another being is in the sperm and the egg cells. In its protoplasm lies the material and pattern of the perfected organism."

"Should such poison as alcohol lessen the nutrition of the cell or impair the quality of the protoplasmic material and deface the pattern, these shortcomings and defects would be transmitted to the offspring. A defective germ cell cannot evolve a normal body; this is the reason that we find a large percentage of functional and organic diseases among the children of drinking parents."

BUY VALUABLE TALC MINE
Prominent Burlington Business Men Are the Reputed Purchasers.
Barré, June 3.—The Times today says: There is much talk in Waterbury over the purchase of the talc mine on D. P. Deavitt's farm by prominent Burlington business men. This mine is situated on the east side of the Deavitt farm in Moratown, about two miles from Waterbury village.

MASS CONVENTION JULY 4.
Montpelier, June 3.—The Prohibition party of Vermont will have a mass convention in the city hall here July 4, the meeting being called at ten o'clock. Any member of the party can act in the convention. A national platform will be adopted. Full State ticket nominated and delegates elected to the national prohibition convention at Atlantic City, N. J., July 10 to 13. Charles R. Jones of Chicago, chairman of the national prohibition committee, will stand for the destruction of popu-

MARTIAL LAW IN ORIENTE PROVINCE

Suspension of Constitutional Guarantees Unnecessary Elsewhere in Cuba.

SANTIAGO NEEDS U.S. WARSHIP

Nearly All Men Armed in Havana—Business throughout the Island Paralyzed—Orders Cancelled.

Havana, June 4.—The Senate committee on laws reported this evening a recommendation for the passage of a law empowering President Gomez to suspend the constitutional guarantees, but only in the province of Oriente. The suspension of the guarantees in the other provinces was considered unnecessary and inadvisable, especially on account of the approaching elections. The bill doubtless will pass both houses to-morrow afternoon.

The American consul at Santiago, Ross E. Holaday, today expressed to General Montenegro, the Cuban commander-in-chief, that in his opinion it would be advisable to have an American warship stationed at Santiago, where there is acute alarm on account of the presence of strong bodies of rebels, some of whom have advanced to the outskirts of the city and have exchanged shots with the police and volunteer guards. It is reported that the United States gunboat Padouac will arrive at Santiago some time to-night to act as a warship.

Sixteen negroes who were confined in the jail at Guanajay, Province of Pinar Del Rio, on the charge of conspiracy, made their escape this evening. They overpowered the guard, seized some rifles and revolvers and fled. A detachment of militia and a large number of armed citizens pursued them and it is reported killed eight.

Extraordinary police precautions continue at Havana in consequence of the persistence of the rumors of an intended negro uprising. Many American families are arriving at Havana from the outlying districts.

Thousands of licenses to keep rifles and revolvers have been issued in Havana, and practically all the men now so armed with revolvers. Business throughout the island is practically paralyzed and Havana merchants are refusing to take the risk of sending goods into the interior, as a result of which many orders placed in the United States and Europe have been cancelled.

Washington, June 4.—Evidence of a betterment of conditions in Cuba is contained in the state department dispatches received to-day. From the Spanish-American iron company at Daiquiri, where the American gunboat Padouac is standing by for emergencies, comes a despatch telling of the general improvement of conditions there. Some excitement is said to exist at Santiago and Pinar, but the company's message declares that little damage has been done.

Revolutionists in San Clara province are surrendering daily to the authorities, according to reports of the American consul at Sagua la Grande.

VERMONT NOTES

Barré has voted to pay the 1912 State highway tax the sum of \$2,678.75. Vermont Academy defeated Brattleboro high school in a game of baseball played Monday, 11 to 1.

Barré school directors have adopted resolutions expressing their appreciation of the services of Superintendent O. D. Mathewson of the public schools, who closes 22 years of work there this week.

Elkins & Norris, a firm composed of C. W. Elkins and Charles F. Norris of Richmond, have filed a petition in bankruptcy. The liabilities are given as \$38,750, of which \$2,582.12 is in unsecured claims, and assets of \$1,437, of which only \$5 is claimed exempt.

The judges stand at the Valley fair grounds at Brattleboro was split in two by lightning Sunday night. The roads in the county were badly damaged by the heavy rain.

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A competition of the Y. M. C. A. aeroplanes was held Saturday afternoon on the grounds of the Hartford high school at White River Junction. With the exception of the rubber bands used for motive power, all parts of the machines were made by the boys. Each had three trials. First prize, a silver loving cup, was awarded to Robert Smith for a flight of 27 feet; second, a scout hatchet, to Harold Grier, on a flight of 50 feet. Nine machines were in the contest, but a larger number have been made by the boys.
If you lost it, the finder wants to find it.
A special effort is being made to insure a large attendance at this important meeting.