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TAFT MAY TAKE HAND IN FIGHT AGAINST POINDEXTER

ROOSEVELT LINES UP WITH PROGRESSIVES

MAKES HIS POSITION MORE CLEAR AFTER CONFERENCE WITH INSURGENT CUMMINS.

(By United Press Leased Wire.) CARROLL, Iowa, Aug. 26.—Col. Roosevelt, when his attention was called to the statement of Timothy L. Woodruff of New York, that the republican fight in the state hinged on the direct primary issue, said this afternoon: "The progressives favor direct nomination substantially on the Hughes plan, but this is not the main issue."

"The principal issue is that we stand against bossism, big or little, and in favor of popular rule, not only at elections, but in the party organization."

Thus Roosevelt identified himself with the progressives. Continuing, he said: "Above all, our war is ruthless against every species of corporation, against an alliance between corporate business and corporate politics—as to which it has been found the boss system offers peculiarly efficient and objectionable means of communication—against domination of the party and the public by special interests, whether these are political, business or a compound of both."

The statement followed an hour's conference the colonel had with Senator Cummins, who boarded the train at Ames.

The colonel's trip through the state was an ovation. At Marshalltown, where the train stopped, a crowd at the station demanded a speech. The colonel, covering his pajamas with a raincoat, stepped to the back platform and talked briefly of race suicide and lions.

TACOMA BOYS HURT ON TRAIN; 1 DIES

ONLY 25 MISSING

(By United Press Leased Wire.) LEWISTON, Ida., Aug. 26.—All but 25 men out of a total of 500 men employed by the government in fighting forest fires in the Clearwater reserve have been heard from, according to reports received today.

The 25 men are believed to be surrounded by fire, but little anxiety is felt for their safety. They compose three parties, and each is headed by experienced mountaineers.

LAWSON BEGINS TO CUT

Work is being closed up in the city light department now, and Commissioner Lawson is getting ready to cut down the force of outside help. The surveying forces will be reduced and the line workmen will probably be cut short at the end of this month.

(By United Press Leased Wire.) REDDING, Cal., Aug. 26.—George Valleires and Harry Goble, both of Tacoma, Wash., were taken from the roof of a passenger coach on Southern Pacific train No. 13 last night in an unconscious condition. Valleires died today of his injuries. Goble probably will recover.

The authorities here believe that the men were stealing a ride and that they were beaten by railroad policemen. The trainmen declare that the men were injured while the train was going through a tunnel at Copley.

Little could be learned about the boys today. The Valleires boy was formerly employed as a messenger by the Sunset Telephone company. He lived at 739 South E street. His parents could not be reached this afternoon.

Harry Goble lived on South K street. His father says he left home several days ago.

Contractor Fined \$25

Union labor won a complete victory in Justice Card's court yesterday when J. D. Marsh, contractor on the Tacoma avenue bridge job, was fined \$25 for violating the state eight hour law.

Marsh has been working his men 10 hours, paying them for the extra time. The pile-drivers' union filed charges against the contractor and there was nothing to do but plead guilty. He paid the fine and the men will work eight hours hereafter.

"LITTLE PUSS" SHOWS CLAWS

(By United Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—Letters opening with such tender terms as "My dear little puss" and "my dear little puss" were published today by Mrs. Lillian Hobart French, following her accusations against F. Augustus Heinze, the copper magnate, that he had jilted her after many years of affectionate relations.

Mrs. French reiterates continually her determination to "get" Heinze. "I will not give up until I get a square deal," she declares.

If It's Made in Tacoma Buy It

That is the word for tomorrow. It is figured that the Saturday expenditures in this city run up to at least \$100,000. If all this should be spent for Tacoma made goods, wouldn't it make the merchants hustle to the local factories Monday morning for more goods. And wouldn't that start the wheels humming and the foreman would send a call to the office for more men, and the office would get busy and prosperity would be on instanter. And all the people have to do is see to it that the goods they buy were made here. Looks easy, doesn't it? And the best of it is that the thing will work. Tacoma is going to try it all day tomorrow.

MURDOCK TELLS WHY HE IS INSURGENT

PACKED HOUSE HEARS INSURGENT CONGRESSMAN FROM KANSAS IN ATTACK ON THE PRIVILEGED INTERESTS AND THE MACHINE.

"The insurgent movement is meeting a splendid reception. In every city I have been we have had magnificent meetings. At Bellingham there was a tremendous meeting and enthusiasm was remarkable, closing with three cheers for Poindexter, which shook the house. At Seattle there was a great meeting and here another. Everywhere the same interest is manifested."—Congressman Victor Murdock.

Fire Controlled

(By United Press Leased Wire.) SEATTLE, Aug. 26.—Passengers on the Northern Pacific train from North Bend, which arrived here at 11 o'clock this morning, declare that yesterday's fire which threatened to wipe the little town off the map, is now under control.

The greatest audience of sober, thoughtful, patriotic citizens that ever gathered for a Tacoma political meeting packed the Tacoma theater to the doors last night, listened for nearly two hours to the siren-pure insurgent doctrine of Congressman Victor Murdock of Kansas and went home believing that it is a sure thing for Poindexter in the present senatorial contest, and that Warburton will be a winner in the congressional race.

Mr. Murdock is a speaker full of experience and illustration, and backed with a fund of facts and logic that makes his talk decidedly entertaining. He devoted his attention to telling the exact situation in congress.

"Why, if a majority of the members of congress desired a bill to pass and voted to take it up it could not be even considered, unless the speaker wanted it," said Murdock, discussing the way things have been going here. "Discovered Railroad Grant. He went to congress, he said, in good faith. After he had been there a while he heard that the railroads were gouging the government \$5,000,000 a year by stealing in the weighing of mail. (Continued on Page Five.)"

Uncle Sam "Meddled" and Melba Lost Her Nightdress

DEVON, Pa., Aug. 26.—Madame Nellie Melba, prima donna, slept last night in a borrowed night dress. Officially it was announced today that customs officials had seized the original Melba garment. The singer, exacting in her habits, is exercised at what she terms "meddling with what concerns them not."

Arriving in New York from the continent, Melba was the target for a rigid examination by the customs officials. They took her trunks and searched the dainty contents. Among the articles they seized was the night gown. Its absence was unnoticed by Melba until she came to retire, when her plight was pitiable. Appeals to the hotel manager resulted in the production of a coarse American dress. Rather peevishly Melba accepted the situation and retired.



MADAME MELBA.

LaFollette Takes Hot Shots at Taft

(By United Press Leased Wire.) MADISON, Wis., Aug. 26.—LaFollette's Magazine, issued today, publishes the following editorial under the caption, "Taft in Wisconsin": "A Beverly dispatch says that President Taft is working on a letter that is to be the republican handbook. It is stated that there is no desire on his part or on the part of any one of his administration to read anyone out of the party. "Regarding state rights, there is every reason to believe that President Taft will restate what he has said many times—that he does not believe it is the province of the executive to interfere in state fights. "Has Fought Progressives. "It is scarcely four months since President Taft dispatched Attorney General Wickersham to Chicago to read the progressives out of the party. The speech was submitted to Taft in June. "Sherman, vice president by the grace of Cannon, left his place in the senate as presiding (Continued on Page Six.)"

Loyal Wife of Banker Morse Believes Taft Will Pardon

(By United Press Leased Wire.) ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 36.—Mrs. Charles W. Morse, wife of the former ice king and banker of New York, who is serving a term in the federal prison here for bank wrecking, said today that she had thousands of signatures to a petition for the freedom of her husband. Every section of the country is represented in the petition. She expects to return to New York tonight to complete plans for presenting the petition to the president. The loyal woman declares that she had every hope that President Taft would grant the petition.



MRS. CHAS. W. MORSE.

500 LOSE HOMES

(By United Press Leased Wire.) VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 26.—Five hundred persons are homeless, 2,000 men are thrown out of employment and a number of big sawmills are reduced to ashes and timber worth several hundred thousand dollars has been consumed as a result of the forest fire raging in Clark county directly north of Vancouver.

Most of the fires are under control and it is believed that they will soon be extinguished by the hundreds of men fighting the flames should rain, which is promised, fall.

The Vancouver Commercial Club will hold a special meeting tonight to devise means for aiding the persons who lost their homes and means of livelihood on account of the conflagrations. Although it is believed the men are safe, 250 mill employees caught behind a forest fire in the Twain Falls Logging company camp have not been heard from.

FAWCETT RAPS CIVIL SERVICE

Mayor Fawcett will not pick any candidates for the new civil service board to be appointed next week by the commission. He wants none of his friends on it. "This so-called civil service is a farce and can be nothing else. I am in favor of real civil service like in the postoffice where the employe is protected but this thing we have was put in the charter by the enemies of civil service and it will be an expense on the city and do no good to anyone," said the mayor today.

J. B. Hawthorne, formerly council president, is said to be looked upon with favor by some members of the commission for one member but the commission is rather at sea as to the proposition.

AUTOS SPEED AT MILE A MINUTE

(By United Press Leased Wire.) ELGIN, Ill., Aug. 26.—D. Buck, driving a Marmon, No. 26, won the Kane trophy race here this afternoon. Livingstone Lewis, in a National car, won the Illinois trophy.

A Benz car, with Hearne at the wheel, won the Fox River trophy. Livingston, driving a National car in the Illinois trophy event, covered the first 34 miles in 31:55. The time for the second lap of 8 1/2 miles was 7:42, a new record. All cars traveled at the rate of a mile a minute or better. The Cinco car in the Kane trophy race broke a wheel and was ditched at a curve on the third lap. Driver Fritzsche sustained a broken shoulder. His mechanism was not injured.

STANDPATTERS SCARED WANT AID FROM TAFT

WILSON AND BURKE BOTH REFUSE TO QUIT AND POLITICAL AGENTS AGREE IT MEANS VICTORY FOR POINDEXTER.

SEATTLE, Aug. 26.—Postmaster General Hitchcock is expected here any day by the managers of the Burke and Wilson senatorial campaigns.

For days the regular republican leaders in Washington have been waiting for Mr. Hitchcock to come and throw the weight of an administration mandate into the political balance. The decision to demand that the administration send its chief exponent to Washington came when the state of Washington welcomed Victor Murdock, the insurgent. Believing that if Judge Burke and ex-Senator Wilson were to remain in the race the election of Poindexter, insurgent, was assured, the "stalwarts," chiefly including the workers of the old Piles machine, and the adherents of Senator Jones demanded that the administration keep its pledge and send Hitchcock to save the day.

(Dana Sleeth is editor of the Portland Daily News and the following article was written by him at the request of the Times. It gives the expert but unbiased view of an outsider on the situation in the senatorial race in this state.—Editor.)

BY DANA SLEETH. "Unless Taft sends Hitchcock or Ballinger here to bounce a brick off the cranium of Wilson until he will quit, Poindexter has this senatorial prize in his pocket."

That's what the old time machine politicians, the bosses of the Piles machine, the deep burrowing wisecracks in the republican party say today about the Washington senatorial situation.

"Ex-Senator Wilson will not quit this fight until the legislature selects a republican for the United States senate," is the official word from the Wilson camp.

BURKE NOT SO PERSISTENT. "Judge Burke would have withdrawn weeks ago had it not been definitely shown by reports from every part of the state that he was the only hope against Miles Poindexter. But Judge Burke will not go before the legislature unless he receives the plurality vote at the primaries."

That's the last word from the Burke corral. Which means, what? Which means that shrewd—the shrewdest available political opinion—is that Miles Poindexter is going to get the popular endorsement at the primaries September 13, and that he is going to get it because Wilson persists in fighting a losing fight, and Judge Burke, in face of the abuse that has been hurled at him by the Wilson papers, refused to quite under fire.

TOTAL OF DEAD MAY NEVER BE KNOWN

(By United Press Leased Wire.) SPOKANE, Aug. 26.—Official records of the forest service do not include scores of men who have been fighting the forest fires in Washington, Idaho and Montana. This has been proved by the arrival of several parties of fire fighters in this city during the past few days, who have reported concerning parties heretofore unheard of. For this and other reasons the official list of the fire victims probably is far from accurate, and the total number of dead undoubtedly will never be known, as many a lonely settler and traveler must have perished, leaving no record behind. Today follows: United States forest employes, Idaho and Montana . . . 100 Settlers and fire fighters, St. Joe valley, Idaho . . . 50 Newport, Wash. . . . 3 Wallace, Idaho 4 Mullan and Spokane 3 Total 160 Missing: Negro soldiers, near Avery . . 4 Ranger Hall's party, headquarters of St. Joe 15 Forest employes in St. Joe valley 25 Total 44

The Hobble Skirt



—From the Indianapolis News.

CAPSIZED IN MID-OCEAN

(By United Press Leased Wire.) BREMEN, Ger., Aug. 26.—News that the steamer Harvest Queen turned turtle in mid-ocean was brought to port today by the liner Koenigen Louise. All the passengers and members of the crew are safe, having been picked up off the Azores by the Louise, which landed them here today. Several of the party were delirious from exposure and lack of water.

MAY DANCE IF ITS "CONSISTENT"

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 26.—The specific restrictions in the Methodist church discipline dealing with the moral conduct of its members (including dancing, theatergoing, etc.) have been swept away, and in their place have been substituted a general admonition as to good conduct such as is consistent with a Christian life. The change was effected by the general conference at its session yesterday afternoon.

Odd and Ends

WEATHER FORECAST

Fair tonight and Saturday. Light northerly winds.

BOONEVILLE, Mo., Aug. 26.—Engineers Finter and Kuhn and Fireman Frederick were killed and three stockmen seriously injured today in a collision between freight trains on the Missouri Pacific railroad near Buckwaller.

Almost all of the children of Port Elizabeth, Cape Colony, are able to swim, thanks to a large public bath.

MANILA, Aug. 26.—Because of "pernicious activity," Japanese Consul Iwaya was today recalled by the Tokio government. It is reported that this action was taken on request of Secretary of War Dickinson.

The working people of Erfurt, Germany, are able to attend lectures during the winter. The admission fee varies from 2 to 12 cents.

BANK CLEARINGS

Clearings \$846,366.41 Balances 128,908.10

CRITICAL STAGE PASSED.

SPOKANE, Aug. 26.—It is believed that the critical stage has passed and the forest fire situation is mending. It is cloudy and cool today and it is expected that the long prayed for rain will fall soon. Daily reports from Idaho and Montana add to the list of dead. The greatest loss of life occurred in the St. Joe district, where the fire is still raging.