

TAFT SHOWS SELF REACTIONARY

CONDEMNS TELEGRAPH OWNERSHIP

PRESIDENT THROWS DOWN HITCHCOCK SCHEME OF BREAKING WIRE MONOPOLY.

(By United Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22.—Flatly opposing government ownership of telegraphs, the pet project of Postmaster General Hitchcock, President Taft today aired his views on the matter in a special message to congress...

The doubling of second class mail rates, the message said, will cost the publishers from \$7,000,000 to \$10,000,000 more annually.

In lambasting government ownership, the president said: "I cannot agree with the recommendation that the telegraph lines be made part of the postal system. I believe the true principle to be that private ownership should carry on such public utilities under due regulation of rates rather than that the government itself should conduct them. I do not think it is in accordance with the best public policy thus to greatly increase the body of public servants."

President Taft removes the sting by fulsome praise of Hitchcock's administration and heartily concurs with Hitchcock and the postal commission to boost the newspaper and magazine mailing rates. The postal commission says it costs 4 1-2 cents per pound to carry newspapers and magazines through the mail, embracing two-thirds of all mail matter carried. Flat rates of 2 cents a pound are to be made, with plenty of notice in advance. The balance of the cost is to be carried as a subsidy in the interest of public education.

The commission says the railroads are charging the government exorbitant rates for transporting the mails and urges a federal investigation. WILL TAKE CARE OF JOHN EARLY John R. Thompson camp, Spanish-American war veterans, will next Tuesday elect John R. Early to membership and will look after him. Members of the camp who came in contact with lepers in the Philippines say there is a lot of nonsense about this hubbub over Early, and that the disease is not easily communicated if contagious at all.

THE SITUATION TODAY ON THE PRESIDENCY

The speech of Col. Roosevelt before the Ohio constitutional convention at Columbus settled two questions.

In the first place, the speech, taking the form of a declaration of principles equivalent to a political platform, put Roosevelt squarely up as a candidate for the presidential nomination.

In the second place, Roosevelt marked himself as far more progressive than Taft and less progressive than LaFollette.

Roosevelt declares himself for the initiative, the referendum and the recall, and so his candidacy will advance rather than impede local struggles for self-government.

Undoubtedly the republican presidential nomination today lies between Taft and Roosevelt.

Since the collapse of Senator LaFollette, Roosevelt has received public pledges of support from such sincere and unselfish progressives as Gov. Johnson of California, Sen. Clapp of Minnesota, Congressman Lenroot of Wisconsin, Gifford Pinchot and scores of others.

The Columbus speech was written, to a certain extent, in collaboration with these men, and while in many respects it falls short of as extreme radicalism as could have been wished, the fact is that it could by no possible stretch of imagination be called a reactionary pronouncement.

To be sure, it adds nothing new to progressive doctrine, but in it Roosevelt recognizes and denounces the evils which Taft refuses to admit exist, although in proposing remedies he falls far short of the LaFollette standard.

Should Roosevelt be nominated, there are undoubtedly many ultra progressive republicans who would vote for Woodrow Wilson if the democrats have enough patriotism and good sense to nominate him.

By the same token should Taft and Wilson be the nominees there is little doubt that the great mass of republicans of every shade of progressivism would be impelled by conscience to leave their party and vote for Wilson.

Just 180 Years Ago Today



FULLERTON CANDIDATE FOR BENCH

(By United Press Leased Wire.) OLYMPIA, Feb. 22.—Friends of Judge Mark Fullerton of the state supreme bench are actively engaged today in a campaign to have him appointed as a successor to Judge Donworth on the federal bench. Donworth is expected to re-submit his resignation to President Taft soon.

Fullerton is considered a strong possibility for the position. It is not believed that Congressman Humphrey's name will be brought to the president's attention again, owing to the strong opposition that developed when his name first brought forward.

LOS ANGELES—Small feet are twin disgraces. Big feet are correct, beautiful, natural. This is the declaration of Pierre Boudreaux, eminent Parisian dancing master. He's going to San Francisco to spread the gospel.

REAL EMMIGRANT STARTLES IMMIGRATION CONGRESS HERE

The immigration congress this morning was going beautifully when suddenly a big, six-foot-four man elbowed his way to the platform. He bore the unmistakable imprint of Europe on his countenance. His heavy cowhide shoes clattered over the floor.

Right up to dignified Prexy Kane of the state university he walked, then wheeled and began: "Ladies and gentlemen: Makes a Speech."

"I have heard your fine speeches all day yesterday and again today. You talk about de immigrant. Dere is a big hole in dose speeches. I am de immigrant. I haf come from Holland. You say you vill put him on der soil. Der is a big hole in all your talk. I tell vat it is. You talk about de immigrant and you do not know him."

Mr. Merrill of Chehalis jumped up to stop the man, but was squeaked by such a thunder of

Salaries Come Easy Today On Account of Washington

G. Washington made quite a name of that day could clap him into the Ananias club.

Anyway, George has had more babies named for him and more men have quit work and laid off to celebrate his birthday than any other patriot.

Today all the stores are closed up, the banks have ceased to fingle their moneybags, and city and county and federal officials are being real patriotic by drawing their salaries without working.

The Elks are the real celebrators of Washington day. Every year they dig up for a silk hat and come out for a parade. All those that don't march at 5 this afternoon will put in the day cooking and hauling grub to the club house to feed the army when it gets back. Then the marchers will kick their plug hats under the table and fall to devouring the biggest feast on record.

Other organizations generally are celebrating with socials, Washington programs and other diversions.

SAN FRANCISCO—After a thorough investigation the police here are satisfied today that Mrs. Elise Rohe, sister-in-law of Assemblyman Nathan Coshlan, who was fatally shot in the attorney's room, met her death through accident.

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ATTEMPT TO MURDER RIVAL

ITALIAN DRAWS GUN, THEN TRIES TO CARVE UP FELLOW COUNTRYMAN AT WILKESON.

Charged with attempting to murder James Barbere, his rival for the affections of a girl back in Italy, Baptiste Marchetti Wilkeson, coal miner, was brought to the county jail today by Deputy Sheriff Hamilton.

There had been a long-standing quarrel between the two men. They met last night before Mike Pignich's saloon, and Marchetti drew a gun. Barbere grappled with him, finally taking the gun from him and giving it to a bystander.

Apparently the quarrel had ended. But Barbere laughed. He laughed at his easy victory over his rival.

Marchetti, infuriated, drew a long knife and made a second attack. Before the crowd could separate them the Italian had cut a great gash in Barbere's leg, scraping the bone and stabbing him clear through the arm.

The assailant was bound over by Justice McLeah at Wilkeson.

TO-DAYS ODD NEWS

Have you registered?

DENVER—That her real name is Inez Axelheimer and that she is the daughter of a millionaire living in Rochester, N. Y., is the claim made today by Miss Essie May Foster. She will be aided by her father to obtain the \$100,000 estate of the late Mrs. Hannah Foster, whom the girl until recently thought was her real mother. Miss Foster says she was kidnaped when only a few months old from her father's home in Rochester.

Chairman Beverly Standup Colner has invited the state committeemen to the tea room at the Tacoma. Holy Roose—but maybe it isn't that kind of tea. How about it, Bev?

PORTLAND, Ore. — Because Judge Tazwell ruled sandwich is not a meal, many so-called restaurants which serve liquor with "meals" to women must go out of business and the women go dry.

Every man and woman who believes in a clean Tacoma and who fails to register is casting a vote against Pettit.

PORTLAND — "Santa Maria, my troubles," wailed Tony Pia. Waking his baby to sleep he dropped the offspring. His wife, enraged, chased him from the house with a knife, and Tony was arrested in his nightshirt for disorderly conduct.

What if Roosevelt should declare himself before Ralph Metcalf gets back there to talk it over with him?

SAN FRANCISCO — Burglars stole \$420 worth of jewelry belonging to Mrs. S. Forester. The stolen treasures included switches and cut hair.

Tacoma might be induced to lend Esther Allstrom to Puyallup for a few days to clean up the rotten meat dealers there. We could worry along somehow, if they'd promise to return her.

OAKLAND, Cal.—"Every dog has its rights," said the health commissioners, in voting down the proposition to forbid bringing dogs here from San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO—Miss Hazel Angeline, a pretty blonde palmist, predicted that E. C. Langdon would marry a bride. He wooed her and she had him arrested.

Effie, 20, Is Wed To Gay Eddie, Who Is 75



MR. AND MRS. EDWARD BROWN ALSOP. Edward Brown Alsop, 75, steel millionaire, widower of two years, with two grown sons, much whiskers and money, has married Miss Effie Hill, aged 20, (some say less), a snow girl. They skipped out with Mamma Hill's consent. She thinks the New York papers are terrible to make so much fuss about the matter. Whose business is it if Effie does wed a man old enough to be her great grandfather?

Away on a honeymoon trip, now, Matron Effie, all glowing with diamonds and pretty things, laughs every time she sees a reporter. "Oh, you naughty boys," she will say to them. "You do not know how angry you made mamma with your pieces. But I don't care. My dear husband is awfully nice to me. I can have squabs and strawberry ice for breakfast if I like. So there!"

Coiner Starts Move To Swing State to Taft

The game of turning the progressive state of Washington over to the stand-pat Taft has started.

B. W. Coiner last night issued the call for the state republican central committee to meet in Tacoma Feb. 29 to make arrangements for the state convention, which names delegates to the national convention.

On the night of the 28th, prior to the meeting, will be a "dollar dinner" at the Tacoma hotel. Shrewd politicians see in this dinner a clever move for a little log rolling before the regular committee meeting the next day. If something that will put the insurgent majority in the state to rout it will be because the old guard has lost its cunning.

Gov. Hay—just out for Taft—and other state officials—also for Taft—it is announced, will be at this dinner. Where they will be just before the dinner or just after the dinner is not yet stated.

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PASADENA—Millionaire members of Pasadena's newly organized Altadena Country club are trying to gather the ground property of the club, which was scattered over the landscape by the wind last night.

MILLER MAKES APPRAISEMENT

County Assessor Miller is counting on adding some 10 to 15 millions of dollars to the real estate appraisements.

Previous assessors, Miller says, have appraised the land from county records without knowing whether the street had been graded and other improvements put in, whether the lots were above grade or below, or other things affecting their value.

CAUSE OF DECENCY IS NOT YET LOST

The Tacoma Vice Gang is exultant today over the nomination of Hi Gill for mayor of Seattle by a big plurality.

"It shows that the people are tired of decency," they gloat. "We'll beat 'em the same way here."

But the fight for civic decency is not over in Seattle. And the followers of George F. Cotterill, Gill's opponent in the finals, believe their man has much better than a fighting chance yet.

Gill got 24,000 votes Tuesday, a thousand less than when he was recalled. Cast against him and divided among three candidates were more than 37,000 votes.

The decent sentiment was divided Tuesday. It will be united on March 5.

Parish, third man, has given an unqualified endorsement to Cotterill. Most of his support should go to the progressive clean town man. That alone would put Cotterill in the lead.

Some 10,000 socialists vote also will figure in the final poll. Many socialists may stay away from the polls. But undoubtedly hundreds of constructive socialists and men not members of that party who voted for Wells as a protest against economic conditions will support Cotterill, a progressive and a single-taxer.

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SEATTLE, Feb. 22.—Official primary returns show that Hiram C. Gill polled 24,630 votes for mayor, or a little more than 39 per cent, of the total vote. Former State Senator George F. Cotterill, who was also nominated, polled 14,231 votes.

The election will be held March 5.

JOHNSON TO RUN WITH T. R.

CALIFORNIA'S PROGRESSIVE GOVERNOR URGED FOR VICE PRESIDENCY.

(By United Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—It was officially announced at the White House today that President Taft's reply to Roosevelt's Columbus speech would be delivered at Toledo, Ohio, March 8.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Roosevelt and Johnson. This combination of the East and the West progressive leaders privately admit here today is their choice for the republican presidential ticket for the next election.

Johnson is to speak at Columbus next week and by that time will have been named in the open as Roosevelt's running mate.

Practically every progressive leader here today is loud in praise of Roosevelt's "charter of democracy" speech at Columbus.

Congressman George W. Norris of Nebraska said: "Roosevelt's speech was an able and clear presentation of conditions and gave remedies for the evils of politics. It distinctly makes Roosevelt an available candidate."

Congressman Lindbergh of Minnesota said: "Roosevelt's speech was a confession of faith in the principles for which the progressives are fighting. He is now the logical progressive candidate for the presidency."

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Declining to comment on his boom for the vice presidency, Governor Johnson of California today said: "In direct opposition to recent utterances of President Taft of distrust and suspicion of the people, Roosevelt favors pure democracy and declares anew his confidence and trust in our kind of government and those composing it."

Amos Pinchot, brother of Gifford Pinchot, former United States chief forester, active in progressive ranks, said: "By his speech yesterday Roosevelt struck a great blow for the people. He has thrown down the glove to the reactionary army and has announced a doctrine for strengthening the hearts of men."

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