CORRUPTION IN AMERICAN LIFE

Colonel Roosevelt's Scathing Denunciation of Political Conditions As They Exist in State of Illinois

ENEMIES TO WELFARE OF REPUBLIC

Ex-President Issues Warning to Corporations Who May Support Him for Public Office

CHICAGO, Sept. 8.—Standing tonight before 1,200 men, nearly all of them citizens of Illinois and the majority prominent in political and business life, Col. Theodore Roosevelt brought his hearers to a wild pitch of enthusiasm by his scathing denunciation of political conditions in Illinois. The great banquet hall at Congress hotel never witnessed such a scene, or echoed to such a tumult as followed Col. Roosevelt's address.

"I have been reading the reports of the investigations of two states' attorneys which resulted in the indictment of four members of the legislature, and together with that, I have read the report of the confessions of four other members of the legislature," He said, "I was advised today by a very worthy friend not to talk on the matter because it was a delicate subject, and he added that no one had been convicted. Now I feel most strongly that we burke the question of public honesty if we limit the use of the word "honesty" to mere law.

"There are big business-house men whom I have counted as among the most insidious enemies of the real welfare of this republic although they have been so advised that it would be impossible to convict them and there have been in the United States, and there have been in New York, many public men whose careers have been scandalized throughout the country, although they keep clear of the courts.

"Read the confessions of the four men. Read what was developed by the two states attorneys, one belonging to one party and one belonging to the other, about the four men against whom they secured indictments and about other men also. Read that, and I defy honest men of intelligence not to come to the conclusion that the legislature, whose doings have been exposed, was guilty of the foulest and basest corruption and therefore of the most infamous treason to American institutions."

Hundreds or people who had been unable to obtain seats at the banquet thronged the corridors of the hotel and the balcony of the gold room in which Col. Roosevelt spoke, waiting for a chance to hear or see the former president.

Mr. Roosevelt's Future

FREEPORT, Ill., Sept. 8.—Colonel Roosevelt admitted today that there was a possibility of his returning to public life. In this connection he issued a warning to corrupt corporations that any aid they might extend him in obtaining any official place would be at their own peril and not with the idea of getting official favors or pardons later.

The statement was in his address in connection with the meeting of the National Organizations of Railway Employees for the benefit of the home for aged and decrepit railwaymen of America at Highland Park, Ill.

"I don't suppose I ever shall be in public life again," he said, "but if I am, there is always that chance that some time may come when I shall make my words good.

"No corporation, no politician must ever support me for anything under the idea that I will pardon that corporation or that politician if he or it be found corrupt," were among his most striking utterances.

A BRITISHER'S TRIUMPH

Mr. Graham White Gains Five Victories at Boston-Harvard Aero Meet

BOSTON, Sept. 8.—Mr. Claude Graham White, of England, proved himself the superior of all aviators taking part in the second day's events of the Harvard-Boston aero meet, when before 30,000 people at Atlantic he took first place in every one of the five classes contested.

In addition, Mr. White gained plaudits repeatedly as in exhibition flights he demonstrated in a thrilling manner the hazardous feats of dipping, swooping and making short turns. He did this not only alone, but in one of the flights he took up Miss Mary Campbell, of New York, and after twice circling the course in an easy manner, gave her a thrill with a 200-foot slide down the wind to within ten feet of the ground, from which he dropped lightly to the earth.

Mr. Chas. Foster Willard, of Melrose, took up the first newspaper woman to make an ascension on this continent, Miss Elenor Ladd, of Boston.

The best time of the day, made by Mr. White, was 5¼ miles in six minutes.

Mr. White's distance record of the day was 45 miles 617 feet. On this trip he was 1 hour, 16 minutes and 7 seconds in the air.

The one serious accident of the day occurred in the amateur class, when Mr. Horace F. Kearney, of Kansas City, Mo., while running over the ground at the start, shot into a wire fence. He escaped unhurt.

NO REPLY TO THREAT

Militia Department Takes No Action To Prevent Colonel Who Would Defy Regulation

OTTAWA, Sept. 8.—When questioned regarding the action of Col. Labelle of the 65th Regt. in announcing that his corps will figure in the procession next Sunday in defiance of the order of the militia department, Sir Frederick Borden said today that the D. O. C. at Montreal had been given general instructions that in such ceremonies the militia are not to take part.

The department, he said, would not interfere further, it being the duty of the D. O. C. to see that instructions are carried out. The order was issued because military participation in such functions is against the provisions of the King's regulations.

Cadets Leaving.

VANCOUVER, Sept. 8.—The party of Australian cadets who have been visiting the Old Land leave here tomorrow on the S.S. Zealandia. They have spent four months in Europe and America.

No Cabinet Meeting.

OTTAWA, Sept. 8.—Cabinet council called for today was postponed owing to the few ministers able to respond to the summons. Besides Sir Wilfrid Laurier the only cabinet ministers in the city are Hon. F. Borden, Hon. L. P. Brodeur and Hon W. Patterson.

WANTS RUNNING RIGHTS OVER C. P. R.

Canadian Northern Makes Application to the Railway Board on Behalf of Edmonton Yukon and Pacific Road

VANCOUVER, Sept. 8.—At today's sitting of the Railway Commissioners, the Canadian Northern railway made application on behalf of the amalgamated line of the Edmonton, Yukon and Pacific railway that it should be allowed to run over the lines of the Canadian Pacific railway in the vicinity of Lytton. The interesting point was raised that the Canadian Northern railway under its provincial charter cannot take over the works, owing to the Edmonton Yukon and Pacific railway having a Dominion charter and a transfer of powers from the Federal house to the Provincial house was doubted. However, Mr. E. V. Bodwell, representing the Canadian Northern railway thought the difficulty could be surmounted and this led Judge Mabee to remark that the company evidently knew what it could get from Ottawa.

The application of Huntingdon citizens that the Canadian Pacific railway should build a station in their townsite was dismissed, Judge Mabee stating that the commissioners only had authority to order the erection of a station where it was proved that the turnover at such place exceeded $15,000 yearly.

B. C. TOWN IS SPORT OF CYCLONE

Sudden Whirlwind Does Considerable Damage to Property at Creston—Roofs Are Torn Off Buildings

NELSON, Sept. 8.—A cyclone believed to be the first ever known in the interior of British Columbia, visited Creston yesterday evening, doing considerable damage. A whirlwind sprung up suddenly and sweeping around the corner of the Murphy Block on Canyon Street, tore off the roofing and blew in all the windows on the upper story. It broke a heavy plate glass window of Messrs. P. Burns Company's store and tore to pieces a barn belonging to Mr. James Scott, picking up heavy timbers and leaving no roof on the Scott House. The whirlwind narrowly missed the station and disappeared in the direction of the Kootenay river. The inhabitants of the Murphy boarding house felt the building lifted under them and two boarders were pitched out of bed and came down under the impression that an earthquake had occurred. Heavy timbers from the Scott barn, weighing four hundred pounds, were carried a hundred and fifty yards from the site of the building.

Manufacturers' Convention.

TORONTO, Sept. 8.—Delegates to the Canadian Manufacturers Convention to be held in Vancouver, leave here on two special trains on Saturday morning. Two hundred and fifty persons will go. A reception will be held at Fort Williams, Winnipeg and other points.

Mr. Mackenzie Goes East.

VANCOUVER, Sept. 8.—Mr. Wm. Mackenzie, president of the Canadian Northern railway, and party, spent today inspecting the site of the company's operations at Port Mann. The party proceeded east tonight.

John Nuilward, otherwise known as "Euchre Jack," died last week at the Provincial Home, aged 83.

BUYS SITE FOR NEW PREMISES

Union Bank of Canada Purchases Government Street Property at Price in Neighborhood of $150,000

HANDSOME STRUCTURE TO BE ERECTED

Enterprising Financial Institution Evidences Its Faith in Future of Victoria by Latest Investment

The Union Bank of Canada has purchased a site at the corner of Government street and Trounce avenue for a price in the neighborhood of $150,000, on which will be erected handsome banking premises. The property, which has a frontage of 56 feet on Government street and 120 feet on Trounce avenue, comprises the premises of Mr. J. Wenger, jeweler, the Hub Cigar Store, the Grotto Saloon, and the offices of Mr. E. Musgrave, real estate agent. The purchase indicates the enterprise of this banking firm and its belief in the future business possibilities of Victoria.

Recently Mr. G. H. Balfour, the general manager of the Union Bank of Canada, visited Victoria in company with Mr. H. B. Shaw, the assistant general manager, and Mr. F. W. S. Crispo, the superintendent of western branches. While here the party investigated different business sites with a view to purchasing one on which to erect new banking premises. An option was taken on the site at the corner of Government street and Trounce avenue, and yesterday—the day on which the option expired—Mr. R. H. Swinerton, of the realty firm of Swinerton and Musgrave, received a telegram that the board of directors of the bank approved the purchase of the site.

The leases on the buildings on the property in question expire during the spring of 1911, and immediately building operations on the new bank will be commenced. It is understood, according to statements made by Mr. Balfour, the general manager, during his visit here, that the structure will be one of six storeys, thoroughly up-to-date in every respect. The site is easily one of the most desirable of Government street locations, and the purchase of it by one of Canada's most enterprising financial institutions indicates the rapid growth of the city.

The Union Bank has only been established in Victoria since March last, when premises were opened on View street, with Mr. A. E. Christie as manager. Mr. Christie has been connected with the institution's business in the west for the past twenty years, and came here from Brandon, in which branch he was manager. Since his arrival he has built up a considerable business and has earned a well deserved and wide popularity.

Making Rapid Strides

The bank is making rapid strides in the business life of British Columbia. It has now three branches in Vancouver, and among other places in the province, branches in Prince Rupert and Hazleton, the Grand Trunk Pacific contracting firm of Messrs. Foley, Welch and Stewart doing all their business with this house. The institution was first established in 1885, with head offices at Quebec, and it now has 185 branches throughout Canada. The growth of the business in the west during the past decade has necessitated the establishment of a board of directors in Winnipeg, who adjudicate on all purely western matters. This board is composed of Messrs. John Galt, E. L. Drewry, R. E. Riley and F. Kenaston.

The general strength of the Union Bank of Canada may be gathered from the fact that its paid-up capital now amounts to $3,200,000. The rest and undivided profits total $2,400,000; while the total assets amount to $44,000,000.

With the erection of a handsome six storey structure on the Government street site which has just been purchased, much will have been done to improve the character of the city's main thoroughfare. At present one storey buildings are located at the southern corner of Trounce avenue, and the removal of these and the substitution for them of a thoroughly modern structure will be another important factor in the revolution which is gradually taking place in the appearance of the business section of Victoria.

Girl's Brave Action.

TORONTO, Sept. 8.—The late Dr. Andrew Smith, former president of the Ontario Veterinary College, left an estate valued at $600,000. His charitable bequests include St. Andrews Presbyterian church, the Protestant Orphans' Home, the Boys' Home, the Girls' Home for Incurables, the Sick Children's hospital $1,000 each, and St. Andrews Society $1,500. A son and two daughters divide the estate with the wife of the deceased.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 8.—An auto driven by Kenneth Blair and occupied by his mother, his young brother and a sister, and Miss Marie Chalmers, turned off a hillside road tonight and landed capsized fifteen feet below with the engine still running. Miss Chalmers, the one member of the party not pinned under the car, shut off the engine and ran half a mile for help. Although Blair was unconscious when the car was lifted, none of the four persons imprisoned by the accident suffered more than severe bruises.

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CHILDREN'S DRESSES—Infants' White Muslin Dresses, lace and embroidery trimmed—
Regular price 80c, for, each ..... **40¢**
Regular price 90c, for, each ..... **45¢**
Regular price $1.00, for, each ..... **50¢**
Regular price $1.15, for, each ..... **60¢**
Regular price $1.50, for, each ..... **75¢**
Regular price $1.60, for, each ..... **80¢**

CHILDREN'S GINGHAM DRESSES—colored with white guimpes, trimmed with Valenciennes lace and embroidery. Regular price 80c, for **40¢**

CHILDREN'S JUMPER SUITS of chambray, in pink and light blue. Regular price $1.00, for each ..... **50¢**

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INJUSTICE DONE TO PROVINCE'S EXHIB

Statement in Letter From Kok silah Unjustified and Unwa ranted, Says Returned Vis itor to Vienna

A remarkable communication appea ing in the Times a few evenings ag over the signature of B. W. Powe Koksilah, is exciting considerable indi nation among those directly in tou with the facts of which Mr. Powell a sumes to treat, i. e. the character a utility of the British Columbia displ at the Vienna Sportsmen's show, whe that veteran of the woods, Mr. Warbu ton Pike, represented the province ve effectively in the capacity of speci commissioner. Captain Clive Philipp Wolley has already expressed in pri his opinions of the contentions advance by Mr. Powell; Mr. Carl Loewenber resident consul of his Imperial Germa Majesty, who has just returned fro a visit to the continent which include an interesting sojourn in Vienna, i equally emphatic in challenging the ac curacy of both Mr. Powell's "facts" an the conclusions based thereon.

Easily Found.

"If Mr. Powell could, as he state obtain no information as to where Brit ish Columbia's display was to be found said Mr. Loewenberg, on being inte viewed by the Colonist yesterday, "i was certainly only because he did no apply in the proper quarter. I foun no difficulty at all in this regard. Th facts as Mr. Powell relates them as t the small exhibit made in the Canad building, are true to a certain exten and as far as Mr. Powell recites them but he does not give all the facts b any means, and the conclusions h draws on the incomplete facts are con sequently sadly erroneous.

"The display made by British Co lumbia which excited the admiration o all who attended the Vienna show which won the six gold medals, and I believe the special grand prize as wel as a collection, was not staged in the Canada building at all, but in the great Hall of Trophies, which was the place sportsmen would naturally find most attractive. Mr. Powell evidently could not have visited the Hall of Trophies at all, although it was the centre of general interest among all sportsmen visiting Vienna, for if he had he could not have missed the British Columbia heads, of which everyone was talking, and in terms of unstinted admiration.

A Conspicuous Place.

"In the Hall of Trophies the British Columbia heads obtained most conspicuous place, and excited much interest and inquiry as to the sport attractions of this province. From this excitation of interest it is confidently to be expected that the province will reap material benefit, not only in the expenditures made by worthy huntsmen who will come here to enjoy the pursuit of our great game, but in investments which such well-to-do sportsmen are likely to make while in the country.

"I did not have the pleasure of meeting Mr. Pike at Vienna, for he happened to have run over to London for a few days at the time I visited the Austrian capital, but I heard of him on several occasions there, from gentlemen of special prominence, as having been doing very excellent and valuable work for British Columbia. There is no doubt but that his enthusiastic narration of British Columbia's attractions is the case of so many prominent Austrian sportsmen this autumn finding their way to the wilds of northern British Columbia.

"As for the C. P. R., while the railway company was perhaps a little too conspicuous in the Canada building, it must not be forgotten that the C. P. R. paid largely for its show, and was entitled to a fair return in advertising. At the same time the provincial exhibit here was by no means, as Mr. Powell asserts, obscured and nullified in value. It was roped off, of course, so usually are exhibits at such a show, but it was to be seen to full advantage nevertheless. I saw and appreciated it, and must take exception to Mr. Powell's strictures in this connection. But this was not the true British Columbia exhibit in any event—merely an accessory. The main exhibit was, as I have stated, in the great Hall of Trophies, and there it was admired and commented upon by thousands, and doubtless proved a valuable and very effective advertisement of the province which sent it over.'

PROVINCIAL HAPPENINGS

Boat freights from Prince Rupert to Hazelton is $50 a ton.

Penticton's dramatic society has been reorganized.

Snow is already falling in the mountains hemming in New Denver.

Coyotes are stealing chickens by wholesale in the Narameta district.

The new wing of the Revelstoke general hospital has just been opened.

A new saw mill is being erected at Sealey, on the Skeena.

The Trades and Labor Council of Fernie has been reorganized.

Over $250,000 worth of Penticton realty changed hands during August.

Henry Vivian, M. P. for Birkenhead, is to address the Vancouver Canadian Club at luncheon Friday.

Pat Feeney and L. Johnson narrowly missed death in an accident at the Royal City Mills last Friday.

The "Bossburg Herald" has died for want of sufficient financial nourishment.

Bears are proving themselves a general nuisance to the orchard owners of the Creston district.

Peaches of the Triumph variety, and weighing half a pound each, are common in Summerland this season.