

ROOSEVELT WILL HOLD OFF

Agrees to Keep Out of New York Politics This Campaign.

LOCAL FACTIONS FIGHT IT OUT

Colonel Agrees Not to Take Sides During the Contest—Reserves the Right to Enter It Later.

OSTER BAY, N. Y., Aug. 19.—Theodore Roosevelt spent yesterday in what was probably the most important political conference he has held since he left the White House. He gathered about him a group of his close friends and talked over with them the situation which is best expressed in the reports that relations between President Taft and himself are strained to the breaking point.

William J. Loeb Jr., collector of the port of New York, Lloyd C. Grassom, chairman of the New York republican county committee, Representative William M. Calder of Brooklyn, Frederick J. H. Knacker of Brooklyn, and Representative W. W. Cocks of Colonel Roosevelt's home district took part in the conference.

From what was said by some of the visitors it was learned that the colonel and his friends have agreed on a plan of action which will hold until the situation shapes itself more clearly. Briefly stated it is this: Colonel Roosevelt is to stand aside in the New York state campaign and let the "old guard" fight its own fight and take shoulder all the responsibility for the conduct, and result of the campaign. He is neither to endorse nor criticize the Taft administration. He is to keep out all around if he can.

Visitors Give Reasons.

Through some of today's visitors it was learned why the colonel had decided to keep his hands off. He feels that the republican state committee in refusing to endorse him for temporary chairman of the Saratoga convention, has decided to accept much against his will, with the knowledge that he would be responsible for election results—acted in a manner that would make further activity on his part look as if he were leading a factional fight against the administration.

It was said that Colonel Roosevelt does not deem it either wise or proper to permit himself to become involved in such a factional fight, and that his present decision is that he will not go to the convention or take any part which would render him responsible. He has come to no definite decision, however.

May Enter Fight.

One important provision was emphasized at today's conference. Those with whom he talked were made to understand clearly that Colonel Roosevelt reserves to himself the right to enter the thick of the fight at any time, if he believes that the policies of which he is an exponent are in jeopardy. But he let it be known that he would do so with extreme reluctance, for he feels that in such a contingency he might be led inevitably into a controversy with the Taft administration.

From what was said after the conference it was gathered that Colonel Roosevelt believes the present attitude of men who are influential in the national administration is hostile to him, and that an open rupture may result. In such case the colonel feels that he may be compelled at some juncture to exert his influence against the administration.

Those who are closest to the colonel believe that he will do everything in his power to avert such a crisis during the fall campaign. It is their opinion that if he should decide to fight, he prefers to postpone the struggle until the 1912 campaign, when the question of the nation's policy for the next four years is to be brought before the country, and when a successor to William H. Taft is to be elected.

May Run Again.

Should such an issue between Colonel Roosevelt and the administration present itself at that time it is the belief of his closest intimates that he will be in the fight to the end; and that he will stake his own future on the outcome and again become a candidate for the presidency. It is believed, however, that Colonel Roosevelt regards such a situation as a remote contingency which he does not receive serious attention at the present time.

He has said repeatedly that he can form no plans for the future, for the situation may be changed at any time. He has told his friends that he is a candidate for no office and that he can conceive of no circumstance which would lead him to accept the gubernatorial nomination or a seat in the United States senate.

TAFT'S PART IN FIGHT

It was said in Beverly today that there was an agreement to defeat Colonel Roosevelt to which President Taft was a party is concerned, there is said to be no truth in it. President Taft, from the first, has endeavored to obtain harmony in New York state. He urged all the leaders to try to get together, has been anxious that Colonel Roosevelt's wishes should be consulted and even went so far on one occasion as to exclaim to a very prominent New York politician, "For God's sake avoid a conflict."

It was said in Beverly today that it was believed that if the person who inspired the statements from Oyster Bay had been in possession of the facts the statements never would have been made.

Representative Longworth of Ohio, a son-in-law of Colonel Roosevelt, has been pressed at nearly all of the recent conferences which President Taft has held at Beverly. He was present throughout all of the conferences with Vice President Sherman yesterday. Mr. Longworth, it is believed, knows every move the president has made. He advised Colonel Roosevelt at Oyster Bay on Saturday.

CANNON WILL FIGHT TO FINISH

Insists that He Will Still Be Candidate for Speakership.

DANVILLE, Ill., Aug. 19.—Despite the declaration of Congressman Longworth that he will not again vote for Joseph G. Cannon for speaker of the house of representatives, Mr. Cannon will continue to do so. He made his own statement made to the Associated Press this evening. He will go into the caucus as a candidate, no matter how many republican congressmen declare that will oppose his re-election. All he asks is that those who go into the caucus abide by its vote and he promises to pledge himself to vote for his re-election if he believes his pledge will work against him in the election this fall nor does he want any candidate for the republican nomination for congress to repudiate his party by refusing to enter the caucus.

That Mr. Cannon was considerably nettled by the dispatch from Beverly was apparent in the afternoon when a copy of it was handed him. Mr. Cannon is usually ready to grant or refuse an interview without a moment's hesitation, but today he read and reread the Longworth statement, then dictated and re-dictated a half dozen statements before he got one which finally suited him.

Thinks Taft Inspired Statement.

There is no doubt that Mr. Cannon believes the Longworth statement was inspired by President Taft. He did not say so in so many words but he intimated as much when he said that, "It is time enough, to answer the president of the United States if he has any statement to make touching the republicanism of the speaker of the house of representatives on his own hand. It will not fight windmills filled by breezes blown from the lungs of political or personal enemies or cowards."

Following the reply made to Longworth this afternoon, Mr. Cannon supplemented it with the following dictated this evening: "The legislation enacted and the record made by the republican party during the eight years I have been speaker speaks for itself. I have contributed what I could toward the enactment of that legislation. I have co-operated with the republican majority in congress in the effort to put on the statute books the policies of the party and I have no apology to make for the part I have taken in the legislative councils of the country."

Will Abide by Action of Caucus.

"In the present campaign, so far as I am concerned, I shall do what I can to bring about the election of a republican house of representatives in the Sixty-first congress and without a republican majority in the next house there will be no republican speaker."

"In the event of my re-election as a member of the house I shall stand and abide by the action of the republican caucus, and from his statement, Mr. Longworth will do the same, as will every republican member of the house. Therefore, I have no quarrel with Representative Longworth as to who shall be speaker of the next house of representatives and there is no room for disagreement touching this matter between Representative Longworth and myself."

"If any republican candidate feels that his position as a candidate on the republican ticket would be strengthened by pledging that he will not support me in a republican caucus, I have no objection to his making the pledge. The only thought I would make as to the republicanism of candidates for congress, is—'Will he, if elected, attend the republican caucus and abide by the same in the organization of the house and in the enactment of legislation in pursuance of republican policies?'"

New Books

Fiction.

THE MIDDLING OF EVE, by William J. Hopkins; 25 pp.; \$1; Houghton Mifflin Co.

In this charming new group of Clammer stories Mr. Hopkins tells how Eve, the "Clammer's" wife, helped along the love affairs of divers of her friends. The story is full of whimsical sentiment and mellow humor.

ENCHANTED GROUND, by Harry James Smith; 246 pp.; \$1.50; Houghton Mifflin Co.

The story of a young architect new to New York, a story of temptation, struggle and self-mastery for the hero, of hardly won charity and wisdom for the heroine and of final happiness for both.

A CIRCUIT RIDER'S WIFE, by Cora Harris; 228 pp.; \$1.50; Houghton Mifflin Co.

The story of two Methodist itinerants who practiced the beatitudes for thirty years among the people on backwoods circuits. The application of worldly philosophy to heavenly things will draw the world close to the book, and the tender effulgences of humor which glow upon every page give it a peculiar and happy fascination.

ELIZABETH DAVENAY, by Claire De Prate; 226 pp.; \$1.50; Mitchell Kennerly.

Elizabeth Davenay, a French girl, goes to complete her education in England, where she becomes strongly influenced by all the new ideas of the emancipation of women. When she returns to Paris, her father, who has been a widower since her childhood, is on the point of marrying again, according to her own words with a "dot" he suggests that she put her new ideas into practice by earning her own living. The crux of the story is where love comes into her life and has to struggle with her devotion to humanity.

THE DOCTOR'S LASS, by Edward C. Booth; 450 pp.; \$1.50; The Century Co.

The "doctor's lass" is Jane, whose mother, when dying, begs the country doctor, whose young manhood she had wrecked, to take her little daughter for his ward. Unwillingly, bitterly, he does so. Then the girl's sweetness and charm win first his tolerance, then all his heart. Jane is a bewitching girl; and, of course, has more than one lover. Her father, a dissolute vagabond, who unexpectedly appears on the scene; a narrow and staid superior, an Episcopal clergyman; the tactful, lovable doctor, form a trio of characters whose tangled relations and misunderstandings form the fabric of a story unusually picturesque.

Miscellaneous.

THE DURABLE SATISFACTION OF LIFE, by Charles W. Eliot; 186 pp.; \$1; Thomas Y. Crowell & Co.

The five essays comprising this volume form in their totality an answer to the question with which the author begins his work: "For educated men, what are the sources of the solid and durable satisfactions of life? * * * not primarily the gratifications of this moment or of tomorrow, but the satisfactions that are going to last and grow."

FROM PASSION TO PEACE, by James Allen; 13 pp.; 50 cents; Thomas Y. Crowell & Co.

The purpose of this essay is set forth in the preliminary paragraph: "The pathway of the saints and sages; the road of the wise and pure; the highway along which the Savior had trod—such is the subject of this book." The different stages in the way are indicated by the seven divisions of the work, dealing with passion, aspiration, temptation, transmutation, transcendence, beatitude and peace.

POEMS OF TRUTH, LOVE AND POWER, by William Le Poer; 188 pp.; \$1.50; Broadway Publishing Company.

A collection of poems on various subjects.

BACKWOODS SURGERY AND MEDICINE, by Charles Stuart Moody, M. D.; 100 pp.; 15 cents; Owing Publishing Company.

A handy book for the prudent lover of the woods who doesn't expect to be ill, but believes in being on the safe side. Common-sense methods for the treatment of the ordinary wounds and accidents are described—setting a broken limb, reducing a dislocation, caring for burns, cuts, etc.

THE YARMENT, by Owen Johnson; 308 pp.; \$1.50; The Baker & Taylor Co.

A story of school life of which the scene is Lawrenceville, where the scene of Mr. Johnson's earlier book, "The Eternal Boy," was laid. It has intensity, speed, surprise, mischief and humor in a degree unequalled by any American school boy story that has yet appeared.

GOD'S TROUBADOUR, by Sophie Jewett; 136 pp.; \$1.50; Thomas Y. Crowell & Co.

The story of Francis, the poet saint of Assisi, is an enduring beauty. In this book it is retold for children, for whom the simplicity and sweetness of St. Francis and his life are especially suited. Before writing the book, Miss Jewett visited Assisi and other places associated with St. Francis, in order to complete her study of the subject.

At the Theaters

"The Rauekman's Daughter" at the Krug.

The Miller stock company presented a western drama last night to close their last week of stock for this summer. The house was well filled and the applause and laughter indicated that the play was favorably received. The play is "The Rauekman's Daughter," and while not new or startling, it proved to be a very pleasing story of the far west, with cowboys and an Indian to give it local color.

Mr. Smith, as Jack Dent, the cowboy hero, who tells the villain and wins the port little sourette for his very own, was true to the part, and Mr. Waters gave a fine portrayal of the thankless part of the villain. Miss Lulu Berlin, as Chiquita, the flower of the ranch, was pretty and piquant. Miss Harcourt was a good matron and Mr. McCormick, as Jerry Snow, an Ethiopian servant who is not overly fond of hard work, convulsed his hearers with laughter.

The play will run until Sunday, when Mrs. Swan's great melodramatic success "At the Risk of His Life" will open the regular Krug theater season.

Summer Vandeville at the Gayety.

Jimmie Leonard is the big noise on Harney street just now. He and Mrs. Leonard are playing at the Gayety. When he stepped on the stage last night the big crowd present greeted him with a round of applause that let him know right away that he was among friends. His witticisms are laugh-getters and his manner of speech is most amusing. As a wooden shoe dancer he "has it" on all those who have come before him. Anabelle Patrick (Mrs. Jimmie) nicely assists him during his act.

Giving United States army bugle calls by blowing in the barrel of a Springfield rifle is one of the stunts introduced by Sergeant Mears, who offers a novelty musical monologue. A regulation canteen also serves for the same purpose, and with a real bugle suspended in the air he gives the calls of the army in a way to make the militantly inclined sit up straight in their seats. All the moving pictures are excellent. With tomorrow's performances the summer season comes to an end.

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Omaha Man Placed on Board of Directors of North American Esperanto Association.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—John Barrett, director of the International Bureau of American republics, today was re-elected president of the North American Esperanto Association. Dr. H. Yemans of Detroit, was elected vice president and Dr. E. C. Reed of Columbus, O., secretary and treasurer. Sectional meetings of the association also were held for the election of counselors, whose duties will be those of a board of directors of the association. The following were elected to represent the several divisions:

Ohio valley division, H. S. Hall, Cleveland, O.; District of Columbia division, Rev. Dr. Smiley, Annapolis, Md.; Eastern division, H. W. Hietala, Philadelphia; Southwestern division, Dr. E. E. Haynes, Lewis, Kan.; Prairie division, C. J. Roberts, Omaha, Neb.; Western division, W. E. Crispy, Portland, Ore.; Southern division, V. C. Dibbia, Dallas, Texas; Canadian division, Dr. E. K. Shlimonek, Chicago; New England division, Dr. C. H. Fessenden, Newton Center, Mass.; New York division, Henry D. King, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rocky Mountain division, E. H. Loud, Colorado Springs, Colo.

MRS. JAMES J. HILL WANTS GRANDDAUGHTER CATHOLIC

Wife of Former Great Northern President Attempts to Get Custody of Child.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—For several weeks the Times will say tomorrow, a referee has been taking testimony in an action brought by Mrs. James J. Hill wife of the former president of the Great Northern railroad, to get the custody of her granddaughter, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hill, Samuel Hill, who was no relative of the family, married the eldest daughter of James J. Hill in St. Paul in 1888.

The only suggestion from any source of a reason for Mrs. James J. Hill's step was her desire to have her granddaughter educated in the Catholic faith, to which both she and her husband belong.

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