

T. R. LOSES FIGHT FOR VICE EVIDENCE

Court Refuses to Place Before Jury Testimony Regarding Conditions at Albany.

COLONEL IS THROUGH TALKING

SYRACUSE, N. Y., April 30.—Theodore Roosevelt was excused from witness stand yesterday in the \$50,000 suit for alleged libel which William Barnes has brought against him.

In the letter the governor declared that the men and policies responsible for such corruption were not confined to any one party, but the colonel said he believed Mr. Barnes was referred to.

Loeb on Stand. William Loeb, Jr., once the colonel's private secretary in the White House and later collector of the port of New York, also was a witness. He swore that William Barnes had told him that he had an agreement with Charles F. Murphy of Tammany hall not to interfere in the selection of a United States senator.

While Mr. Loeb was on the stand counsel for the colonel made a futile attempt to get before the jury testimony regarding vice and gambling in Albany.

Of the panic of 1907 the colonel told how Henry C. Frick and former Judge E. H. Gary, representing the United States steel corporation, had come to him in the White House and told him that if the J. P. Morgan interests could take over the Tennessee Coal and Iron company before the exchange opened the stock, much of which was held as collateral, would immediately become enhanced in value and the business of the country, which was "trembling on a hair," would not be suspended.

The colonel told how he took action in the matter and then notified the newspapers of what had been done. He said, with some display of pride, the panic was stopped.

Explains Appointments. During the day Colonel Roosevelt avowed that he had not heard the names of many of the men who were said to have contributed large sums to his campaign fund in 1904 until they were read in court during cross-examination by William M. Ivins.

He also made explanatory statements about his appointment of judges and his relations with former United States Senator Thomas C. Platt and about speeches he made in which the name of Mr. Barnes was mentioned.

Asked whether there was any "invisible government" while he was governor or president, the colonel answered, "Not the slightest particle."

Counsel for the plaintiff and defendant fought over virtually every piece of important evidence presented today. Mr. Barnes spent the greater part of the day in taking notes on a pad of paper. After the colonel was excused from the stand he read a magazine for a while, but when Mr. Loeb and George B. Agnew, former state senator, were on the stand the defendant paid close attention to everything they said.

Justice Andrews, in a statement made to counsel during arguments and while the jury was out of the room, asserted that no evidence had been produced connecting Mr. Barnes with any "corrupt convivence," insofar as the municipal government of Albany was concerned. Then he added:

"Where the libel charges a man with being a thief it is not enough to say simply that the charge is true, but one must set up in the answer the facts from which the inference is made.

"Here the charge is that Mr. Barnes was corrupt in one way or another. You are bound not simply to say that 'the charges are true,' but you are bound to set forth the facts, which if true, would constitute justification; they have got to be set forth, so that if the facts are true they would show corruption.

"That you have failed utterly to do with respect to the Albany Lincoln league and gambling conditions, and I am inclined to think you have done it with respect to the printing charges."

William M. Ivins, chief counsel for William Barnes said late tonight he had telegraphed to Governor Whitman asking him to appear as a witness in rebuttal and testify regarding the authenticity of the letter read today, and other matters. Counsel for Colonel Roosevelt said they had submitted the letter to persons who were familiar with the governor's signature who had declared it to be his.

Women at the Peace Congress Object to Anti-Slav Lobby

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (Via London), April 30.—The entire session today of the international congress of women was devoted to the discussion and adoption of two resolutions. The first provided for democratic control in framing the foreign policies of nations. It recommended the nullification of all secret treaties and the participation in the adoption of future treaties of the people at least through the legislative branches of government.

The second resolution, presented by Miss Emily Hatch of Wellesley college, opposed the transfer of territory of one nation to another without the consent of the inhabitants. It recommended recognition of the right of peoples to self-government and demanded a democratic form of government for every nation.

Large quantities of pamphlets dealing with conditions in Poland were distributed among the delegates. This aroused some feeling on the part of the women who characterized it as anti-Russian propaganda emanating from German sources. Dr. Sofia Golinska of Munich and Emilij Napieralski of Chicago made speeches in support of the movement for the freedom of the Poles. References also were made to the political position of Jews and Finns in Russia.

Miles of Crickets Mowing Down Wheat

WILSON CRICKET, Wash., April 30.—A column of crickets four miles long and twelve feet wide is mowing down the wheat fields of Grant county. They move in four divisions.

MARCH OVER FORMS UNCONSCIOUS MEN

Teutons Move Forward on Top of Soldiers Made Senseless by Gaseous Fumes

SWIFT AND SILENT ADVANCE

LONDON, April 30.—The British official "eye witness" in a narrative of the battle of Ypres says the Germans had prepared to attack the allied line on the 20th, but the wind not being favorable "for the use of asphyxiating gases," they postponed it until the 23d.

The gas, the narrative says, was distributed along the German front line in front of the French position and the wind being from the north it was blown directly on the French.

The German plan, according to the "eye witness" was to make a sudden onslaught southwestward, which, if successful, would enable the Germans to gain crossings of the canal south of Dixschote and place them well behind the British line and in a position to threaten Ypres.

"Allowing time for the vapors to take full effect on the troops, facing them," the "eye witness" said, "the Germans charged forward over the practically unresisting army in their immediate front and penetrating through the gas thus created passed on silently and swiftly to the south and west. By their sudden interruption they were able to overrun and surprise a large portion of the French troops billeted behind the front line in this area and to bring some of the French guns, as well as our own, under a hot rifle fire at close range."

Only Two Miles from Ypres. The "eye witness" then tells how a battery of field artillery, which the Germans had virtually surrounded, fired upon the Germans at a point blank range, checked their rush and did not lose a gun. The fighting meantime had withdrawn to St. Julien. Reinforcements finally were brought up by officers on their own initiative to meet the Germans, who by this time were barely two miles from Ypres.

German Submarine Sinks British Ship

LONDON, April 30.—A dispatch to Lloyd's from Stornaway, Scotland, says it is reported there that a British steamer has been sunk by a submarine off the Isle of Lewis, and that the crew landed at Carlaway in the steamer's small boats.

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How far these operations have progressed only those on the spot and the highest authorities at home know. The British have landed at three points on the Gallipoli peninsula and have thrown a line across the outer point of the peninsula.

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