

Towne's Speech in the House

Representative Charles A. Towne, of New York, delivered a speech in the house on the tariff question. The Associated Press report says that Mr. Towne was given an ovation, and adds: "He explained his reasons for leaving the republican party and declared the democratic party was right in 1896 in its demand for the free coinage of silver. He said the increased production of gold had since that time made free silver coinage unnecessary. Said he: "The people decided not to open the mints, but heaven decided to open the mines. It was both wiser and kinder than you."

"When Mr. Towne came to an explanation of the press reports on the speech he delivered at Kansas City several weeks ago there was a pricking up of ears and a still closer attention paid him. He began deliberately:

"These reports were to the effect that I was to return to Washington for the purpose of 'exposing' the president of the United States."

"He denied that he said that he would 'expose the president,' but said that he did not think that was the proper place to present the characteristics of the present chief executive, to magnify and personalize his office and to exercise powers not only beyond the traditional, but beyond the legal and constitutional limitations of that office. (Applause on the democratic side.)

"There are many things that unfit him for judicious, careful, just and deliberate discharge of high executive functions and under the impress of which he has time and again gone beyond the legitimate boundary of his place." Applause on democratic side.)

"Mr. Towne promised to insert in his remarks later 'a few of these instances of executive excess, of executive wandering beyond that wise and salutary, that legal and constitutional boundary which the constitution of his country has prescribed.'

"It is not pleasant to examine," he said, 'and I shall not examine the question of veracity between a high executive officer, especially the president of the United States, and other honorable and reputable gentlemen. It is enough to say that it is exceedingly unfortunate that this particular executive has had the misfortune to

raise the question of veracity with every public character he has come in contact with during his administration.' (Applause on the democratic side.)

"Does the gentleman mean to let that statement go into the record?" asked Mr. Payne. 'Does the gentleman mean to make such a broad statement as that and to say that "nearly every,"' said Mr. Payne.

"No," answered Mr. Towne. 'I will say with a very great many and that the returns are not all in.' (Applause on the democratic side.)

"Mr. Towne said President Roosevelt received thousands of democratic votes in the election because it was believed by many that the democratic candidate represented a class with which the democrats claimed the republican party was in partnership. The vote for Roosevelt, he said, was largely a vote of confidence in him personally. He continued:

"In that attitude he could and did choose his allies to carry out ideas of legislation that he entertained. In the senate of the United States these combinations with some republicans and many democrats and we are informed on the record and it is seldom challenged by the other side, and which I believe is the truth, there was at one time arrived at an arrangement by which 47 to 50 votes, enough to pass the law, were assured to the president upon the basis of an amendment to the rate provision of the so-called Hepburn law, providing for a restricted court review and for a suspension of interlocutory injunction."

"Within twenty-four hours after that agreement was reached, without notice to his allies, said Mr. Towne, through the efforts of the senator from Rhode Island, the democrats were thrown and the rate bill had been made a partisan measure as much as it was in their power to make it so.

"What is one of the results? Henceforth our fight is against the republican party and its iniquity and Roosevelt is out of the way. He has repudiated his democratic allies and he is now bound hand and foot to the coterie at the other end of the capitol that dominates the republican policies in that body and he can never again act independently of his party, having abdicated formally and submitted himself to the party yoke."

News of the Week

A general court martial has been ordered for the trial of Capt. Perry Garst, commanding the battleship Rhode Island, for grounding that ship May 6 on York spit.

As the result of the investigation by the immigration authorities in Baltimore and other places, several leaders of Italian anarchists will shortly be taken into custody.

The attorneys in the Dowle litigation have agreed to allow Judge Landis, of the United States district court, to settle all points in controversy between Voliva and Dowle.

The senate committee on post-offices and post roads agreed on an amendment to the appropriation bill, adding \$88,735 to the amount to be expended for the extension of the pneumatic tube service.

George W. Berge of Lincoln, has announced that he will be a candidate for the nomination of governor of Nebraska before the democratic and populist state conventions.

The Queens County Democratic committee has declared for the nomination of William Randolph Hearst for governor of New York by the Democratic state convention. The following resolutions were adopted:

"Whereas, The coming election is important to the democratic party in this state; and

"Whereas, The democratic party in the state has suffered defeat since the election of David B. Hill as governor; and

"Whereas, The rank and file of the democratic party has become tired of the domination of corporate interests in the naming of candidates to high public office; and

"Whereas, It is evident that the rank and file are determined to support a democrat of their own choosing, whether he be nominated by the democratic convention or not; and

"Whereas, The time has arrived when the democrats of Queens are impatient that their regularly elected representatives shall disclose their choice for the office of governor; therefore be it

"Resolved, That, we, the democratic county committee of Queens, declare as our choice for the office

of governor of the state of New York the Hon. W. R. Hearst, of New York county, and we ask all democratic organizations of the state to join with us in the support of his candidacy, to the end, that he may be nominated by the democratic state convention."

Charles J. Greene, attorney for the Burlington road, who had announced himself as a candidate for the republican nomination for United States from Nebraska, has withdrawn from the race and declared in favor of Edward Rosewater, editor of the Omaha Bee.

George L. Thomas, a freight broker, and L. B. Taggart, his clerk, were found guilty by the federal court at Kansas City, on the charge of conspiracy to give rebates to shippers. George H. Crosby, general freight traffic manager for the Burlington road, was discharged by Judge McPherson, the court holding that no evidence had been presented to connect Crosby with the conspiracy.

The senate has passed the agricultural appropriation bill amounting to \$7,800,000.

Republican senators show an indisposition to act on the Smoot case. Speaker Dubois, in a speech, objected to having the Smoot case side-tracked, saying: "If the members of the committee think the country is more interested in turning out poor Burton than in acting upon charges against an apostle of polygamy, they are greatly mistaken."

Governor Higgins of New York has signed a publicity bill passed by the legislature providing that all campaign committees disbursing more than \$200 must file with the secretary of state a statement of their expenditures. Every payment, unless the total amount to any one person be less than \$10, must be vouched for by a receipted bill. Committee treasurers must file their report within fifteen days after election.

The democratic state convention of Missouri has nominated for judge of the supreme court long term of ten years, A. M. Woodson of St. Joseph, and for judge of the supreme court, short term, two years, Waller W. Graves, of Butler.

Mrs. Sallie Elizabeth Vest, widow of the late United States senator, George G. Vest, is dead.

Washington dispatches say that the western headquarters of the democratic national campaign committee for 1906 will be in charge of Representative Rainey of Illinois and Representative Lloyd of Missouri. Also, that the headquarters will be located in Missouri.

Louisville, Ky., is to have Sunday closing, by order of Governor Beckham.

The trial of George H. Crosby, former assistant traffic manager of the Burlington; George L. Thomas, broker, of New York, and his chief clerk, L. B. Taggart, who are under indictment for alleged conspiracy in securing rebates for shippers, was begun in the federal court at Kansas City, Judge McPherson on the bench.

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