

# ROCKEFELLER TAKES A HAND

The following telegrams tell the story of the closing hours of the campaign:

## JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER'S STATEMENT

New York, October 30.—A statement from John D. Rockefeller announcing that he intends to vote for William H. Taft for president next Tuesday, and telling why he will do so and why he thinks Mr. Taft should be elected, was given out from the Standard Oil company's office here last night. The statement follows:

"It seems to me at this time, when the question is put directly to any American citizen which candidate he will support by his vote for the presidency he should be manly enough to answer it just as directly. I therefore say that I expect to vote for William H. Taft. If for no other reason I support Mr. Taft because on comparing him personally with Mr. Bryan, his chief opponent, I find the balance of fitness and temperament entirely on his side. The election of Mr. Taft will, I believe, make for law and order and stability of business. He is not a man I judge to adventure with rash experiments to impede a return to prosperity by advocating measures subversive of industrial progress. The question of candidates seems to me peculiarly a personal one in this campaign, as the leading orators on both sides have not succeeded in drawing party lines, as based on platforms, with any great clearness. I do, however, support the general republican position on the tariff and the currency. I have always been a republican. I feel the more impelled to answer this question because it can not be said that the present administration has in any way whatever favored the special interest to which my life has been devoted. That, however, does not excuse me from publishing my opinion and doing what I consider my duty as a citizen."

## MR. BRYAN'S STATEMENT

Napoleon, O., October 30.—William J. Bryan gave out a statement here today commenting upon the declarations of John D. Rockefeller, made in New York yesterday that he would vote for Taft. Mr. Bryan said he was not surprised at the declarations of Mr. Rockefeller as the Standard Oil company and the republican party have been so closely related that many of their interests are identical.

Mr. Bryan's statement follows:  
"The morning papers publish a statement from Mr. Rockefeller giving his reason for supporting Mr. Taft. He says: 'If for no other reason I support Mr. Taft because on comparing him personally with Mr. Bryan, his chief opponent, I find the balance of fitness and temperament entirely on his side. The election of Mr. Taft will, I believe, make for law and order and stability of business. He is not a man inclined to rash experiments or to impede a return of prosperity by advocating measures as subversive of industrial progress.'

"There are several things about this statement that deserve attention. The first clause says if for no other reason, but there is already reason. He is for Mr. Taft because Mr. Taft is for him. He is for Mr. Taft because Mr. Taft is in sympathy with the trusts. Mr. Taft has been making speeches for many weeks and he has not yet dwelt upon the iniquities of the trusts or pointed out the injustice done to the American people by them. No wonder Mr. Rockefeller is for Mr. Taft.

"Again Mr. Rockefeller says Mr. Taft's election will make for law and order. This is false. Mr. Rockefeller's corporation is the most notorious law-breaker in the United States and he is for Mr. Taft because he does not want the law enforced. If he thought that Mr. Taft would enforce the law against the Standard Oil company and favored the enactment of more stringent laws against the Standard Oil company, as I do, he would not be for Mr. Taft. Mr. Rockefeller also says that Mr. Taft's election will make for the stability of business. What kind of business? Stability in the trust business is what he means. He thinks that Mr. Taft's election will enable the trusts to get a tighter strangle grasp upon the American people and put their extortion upon a more permanent foundation. He says that Mr. Taft is not a man inclined to rash experiments. He might have omitted the word 'rash' for Mr. Taft is not only in favor of any kind of experiments in the way of radical legislation. He does not propose

remedies. He simply glories in the past and wants to leave conditions as they are.

Mr. Rockefeller says that Mr. Taft would not advocate measures subversive of industrial progress. But what is industrial progress? Is it industrial progress to allow one corporation to swallow up or bankrupt all of the other corporations and then hold the country at its mercy? Is it industrial progress to destroy industrial progress and establish a despotism monopoly?

"The democrats have reason to be grateful to Mr. Rockefeller for tearing the mask off the republican campaign and revealing the duplicity that has characterized it. Instead of openly attacking the side of monopoly the republican organization has kept up a pretense of reform and Mr. Roosevelt rushed into the arena and allowed the charge that the trusts were opposed to Mr. Taft to stand. I challenged him to name one trust officer that was supporting me and he not being able to find an official named a St. Louis attorney who in one case represented the president of a branch of the Standard Oil company.

"Mr. Roosevelt, in his eagerness to relieve the republican candidate of the odium of trust support, accepted this as proof that the Standard Oil company was supporting me. Now, Mr. Rockefeller, head of the Standard Oil company, comes out openly in support of Mr. Taft and gives reasons that lay bare the false pretenses upon which the republican campaign has been conducted. If the republican party were honest it would announce that having made arrangements with the trusts for the funds to finance the campaign and having pledged the republican party to protect the trusts from punishment, it would release the rank and file of the republican party from further support of the republican ticket.

"The republican party can not serve two masters. Its real master has now stepped forth and asserted his claim to the party's services. No republican need be deceived any longer as to the indissoluble band that binds the republican organization to predatory interests of the country. It will be noticed that this statement comes out too late to be used by the weekly newspapers circulated among the masses, but in time to be used in the business centers to influence those business men who look to the big financiers for advice."

## WALTER WELLMAN'S STATEMENT

Walter Wellman, writing in the Chicago Record-Herald (rep.) of October 29, said:

"During the past week or ten days money has been pouring in upon the republican national committee in a golden stream. The contributions are coming from heads of large business concerns, from the big banks, from the chiefs of corporations, from men of wealth and substance. The explanation is fright. Serenity has given place to panic. And the men of wealth have reached for their check books. Fear of Taft's defeat is no longer felt by the men who are managing the campaign. If extraordinary means should be necessary to win they are prepared to employ them. In other words, they will use money to bring victory. The practical politicians here admit that the 'floater' class of which we hear so much in Indiana, is also known in this state. In this city alone, it is said, there are 40,000 votes that can be turned one way or the other with money. Up the state, sorry to relate, there are said to be 60,000 or 70,000. Not all of them need to be bought. Some of them can be 'hired' to bring in the voters on election day, in the Indiana style. The democrats, of course, are making ready to raise a dreadful howl about a purchased election. But those of us who know the game know they would do the same thing if they had the money to do it with."

## MR. ROOSEVELT'S STATEMENT

Washington, October 30.—The following official statement was issued from the White House tonight:

"At the White House the announcement of Mr. Rockefeller through the press agent of the Standard Oil company, was regarded with some amusement in view of what the administration has done to the Standard Oil company and the bitter hatred borne by the Standard

Oil company to the administration. It is a perfectly palpable and obvious trick on the part of the Standard Oil people to try to damage Taft—a trick so palpable that it can deceive no one."

## MR. MACK'S STATEMENT

New York, October 30.—Democratic Chairman Mack, after reading the statement issued tonight at the White House, where it was said some amusement was caused by the announcement of Mr. Rockefeller, in view of what the administration had done to the Standard Oil company, said:

"The White House statement is its own answer. The bargain was made between Taft's managers and Rockefeller and concerns the possible future administration of Mr. Taft, and not what the present administration has or has not done to the Standard Oil company."

Replying to another printed article in which it was charged that Mr. Rockefeller had been persuaded to endorse Taft at the instance of the democratic national committee, Mr. Mack said: "The statement is ridiculous and absurd on the face of it and has already been sufficiently answered by me."

## WELCOME

(From the Omaha Chancellor)

The following little announcement is a gentle reminder that it is well to cultivate the habit of welcoming, by some such cunning mode, the advent of little ones into the world:

Dear Friends:  
Here I am—came to this beautiful world Sunday afternoon, June twenty-first, nineteen hundred and eight—weight nine pounds. Will live with Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Wilson. They call me Jane Helen.  
Stromsburg, Nebraska.

Omaha, June 25, 1908.  
Miss Jane Helen Wilson,  
Stromsburg, Nebraska.

Dear Little Miss: We were immensely pleased to receive your cunning little note apprising us of your arrival into "beautiful world" on last Sunday afternoon the 21st inst. For a recital of the charming stories you might tell of your sojourn during cons past in the realms beyond the shadows we must with patience wait, but we wish to compliment you now upon the excellent judgment used in your choice of abode "in this beautiful world." You knew beforehand that your past culture and high ideals must require an environment congenial to their fuller development, and in your discretion you chose a most charming home. Charming, we are sure it is, for though we have not seen it, we have for some years enjoyed the acquaintance of the good people who preside over it. There, we are sure, an intelligent liberal spirit prevails, by which your aspiring soul will be enabled to develop along those lines most conducive to your true happiness. Again let us felicitate you upon your happy choice.

To the excellent folks whom you have chosen as the parents to aid your little footsteps along life's journey convey our compliments and esteem. Proud they must be, and grateful too, that your choice fell upon them, as your guides and teachers. It was indeed an honor, and one they richly deserved.

We hope to prove, dear little one, your deserving friends and admirers.

Laurie J. Quinby  
and Family.

## THE THANKSGIVING SEASON

Unhappy indeed must be the man who, because of political disappointment, can not find something in life for which he can express his thanks daily, and his especial thanks upon the holiday set apart for that express purpose. While it is natural that disappointment in politics, like disappointment in love or in business, should create depression, yet there is surely something, somewhere, which will suffice to more than equalize the balance if it is but brought out and properly enjoyed. For one thing, if you can not rejoice because your plans have not been bettered, you can at least rejoice that things are no worse.

Cheerfulness is a habit that may be, and should be, cultivated by every human being. It will help you to bear reverses with a smile and face the future with hope.