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"Please, Mr. Roosevelt, Save the Republican Party"

The following dispatch is taken from the Philadelphia Public Ledger (republican):

Washington, February 19.-With Roosevelt in the field for congress on the platform that if elected he will be a candidate for speaker, some of the astute republicans think they have solved the problem of how to hold the next house of representatives for their party. They argue that if Roosevelt is to be speaker the people of the middle west, who threaten to turn the country over to the democrats, will relent and join in the rush to get their candidates into congress. Such is the scheme at the present time. While Colonel Roosevelt has announced that he would not go to congress, yet he might be persuaded for the sake of the party and for Taft to prevent the administration from receiving a rebuff that would probably be used against it during the next three years.

Mr. Cocks, who represents the First New York district in congress, is well known in Pennsylvania and is a manager of Swarthmore college. Mr. Cocks says that while some plans were made for Colonel Roosevelt upon his return, they did not contemplate his going to congress, at least to the lower branch of that body. There is a hint that the colonel would seek the place now held by Mr. Depew as senator from New York. Not knowing just what the present contest may lead to, Mr. Cocks is going ahead with his fight for renomination and has enlisted the services of Representative J. Hampton Moore, of Philadelphia, who was scheduled to make a speech in his district tonight. If necessity should arise Mr. Cocks will go back to his farm and permit Colonel Roosevelt to be nominated in his place. This matter can not be settled until June, when Colonel Roosevelt will arrive in this country.

Roosevelt is Essential

Every day new conditions arise that make it plain to the leaders that some drastic and bold measure must be resorted to in order to prevent trouble in the fall and the loss not only of the house of representatives, but several of the state governments. There are more than twenty-five governors to be chosen, and the local fights in the states aggravated by national turmoil endanger the success of the republican ticket. Therefore the intense desire to get Colonel Roosevelt into the fray.

It seems that every time President Taft delves into politics on his own hook he makes a mistake. This has been proven the case in Ohio, where the president has caused Wade Ellis to be sent from the attorney general's office to assume charge of the republican party in that state. The wisdom of the move is seriously questioned. The republicans of Ohio, who were seeking some plan for harmonizing the different factions and trying to regain the governorship from the democrats, were astounded when they learned that Ellis was to become their boss and was empowered to run matters as he liked; and his authority came from the White House. Imagine the president sending J. Hampton Moore or any one else from Washington into Pennsylvania at this time with orders to take charge of the republican politics of the state over the head of Senator Penrose and the McNichol-Vare combine. It amounts to just about that in Ohio. Boss Cox, of Cincinnati, was not consulted, and neither was Foraker. Unless they are placated, they will join with Senator Dick and the other malcontents. The result will be that Judson Harmon will be re-elected governor. Perhaps a democrat will be chosen senator if the screws are put too tight on the anti-Taft faction.

they continue loyal to the party. Mr. Depew is nearly out of the running, and were it not for the Vanderbilts and the financial and railroad influences that are back of him he would be a cipher.

Trouble for Hale

Jumping into New England, the real power in the senate, Eugene Hale, of Maine, is in trouble. The senators are afraid of Hale, because he scolds like a woman and seeks to run things to suit himself and consults not even Aldrich, Penrose or any one. He has carried his scolding into the state and Judge Frederick A. Powers, of Holton, a brother of ex-Governor Llewellyn Powers, has taken the field against Mr. Hale. As to Mr. Hale's ability there is no question, but people tire of being scolded all the time. There are several candidates in the field and they may combine and accomplish the defeat of Mr. Hale.

Lodge Has a Fight

Senator Lodge may have some trouble in securing re-election in Massachusetts. Representative Butler Ames is in the field against him as are several others. The contest to control the legislature may have an effect on the governorship and throw that office to the democrats. Governor Draper is a high tariff republican and they are not very popular in the old Bay state. The tariff plays as much of a part in Massachusetts as do the state issues at times. It is believed that Mr. Lodge will win, but Butler Ames, the grandson of General Ben Butler, has some of the fighting blood of his ancestor in his veins.

New Jersey is Doubtful

New Jersey is looked upon here as a doubtful state so far as the governorship is concerned. The legislature will, no doubt, be republican, and John Kean will be re-nominated and reelected. That is the outlook so far ahead. Governor Fort is blamed for disrupting the party. He has not satisfied the new idea faction, nor has he pleased the stalwarts. He has chased a will of the wisp in the form of a senatorship. and he will leave the governorship not nearly as popular as when he assumed office. There will be few tears and many hard words at the parting. Messrs. Loudenslager, Gardner, Wood and Wiley will be renominated and re-elected to congress. Representative Hughes would make the strongest candidate of the democrats for governor, but they do not seem to want to win, judging by past performances. Mr. Katzenback has many friends who would like to see him lead the democrats, but it is doubtful if he would trouble. But the president chose the latter course. This move helps Beveridge, and if he saves Indiana and secures re-election, he will have accomplished wonders. But the trusts are rich and revengeful!

EVEN THE INDEPENDENT

Even that staid old publication, The Independent, is insurging. The Independent says:

"We would not be understood as holding that the recent increase in the cost of living has been due to either the tariff of 1909 or to that of 1897. We do not undertake to show here how much of that increase, in our judgment, has been caused by tariff duties." It is true, however, that a great many people, without the aid of exact information, are ascribing the prevailing high prices mainly to the tariff and to the greed of trusts. Their opinions and attitude may well cause uneasiness in the mind of any republican member of the house who voted for the present tariff and whose majority in his district at the last election was small.

"In the face of political danger that can not be ignored, the members of the republican majority in congress should diligently strive to enact legislation for the public good. They can not make a better revision of the tariff at the present session, nor can they speedily reduce the cost of living, but it is within their power to give the people new laws for an honest management of the land service in the public interest, for regulation of railroad rates, and for postal savings banks, laws which the people want, which the people believe they ought to have, and which are clearly for the public welfare. If a desire to 'mend their fences' in their districts leads them to neglect this opportunity for doing something to appease the people, some of them may find that they have no fences left to be repaired."

A PRAYER

Father, I scarcely dare to pray, So clear I see, now it is done, That I have wasted half my day, And left my work but just begun.

So clear I see things that I thought, Were right or harmless were a sin; So clear I see that I have sought.

Unconscious, selfish aims to win;

So clear I see that I have hurt Souls I might have helped to save:

That I have slothful been, inert, Deaf to the calls thy leaders gave.

In outskirts of thy kingdom vast, Father, the humblest spot give me;

New York is Terrorized

But the conditions in Ohio are not one whit worse than they are in New York state. If the democrats were only in good shape there would not be any question as to who would win the governorship in the succession to Hughes. On one side is Herbert Parsons and his men fighting Speaker Cannon and the president: On another side are the up-state republicans telling about the bribes that tempted the legislators of a few years ago. And all parties are now threatened with a general investigation that will lift the lid on the Albany sink of iniquity. The democrats are fighting among themselves and Murphy, the Tammany leader, and Conners, of Buffalo, the state chairman, are not only making faces at each other but making serious charges that affect the integrity of some of the judges of the highest courts of the state. Secretary Root has come to the front and seeks to unite the republicans, but so far without success. Chauncey Depew sees his United States senatorship dangled aloft as the prize for half a dozen men provided

make the pledges that the leaders would require of him.

Dupont's Chances Improve

Matters are looking better in Delaware for Colonel Dupont. He is active in the campaign for a return to the United States senate. His friends declare that New Castle county will settle the fight, and that it will be for Dupont without question. With what aid he can secure from Sussex the colonel believes that it will make the legislature republican, and that even if ex-Senator Allee does control Kent county he will be safe. It can be said without contradiction that Senator Dupont has not been a close attendant on the sessions of the senate until recently. This has had its effect on the voters, and they resent it. However, the people of Delaware are a long-suffering body of humanity, and have withstood many political shocks during the past fifteen years.

President's Aid to Beveridge

Jumping out to Indiana, the spectacular Beveridge has the stage. Two weeks ago he had been bowled out completely by the senatorial clique that seeks his downfall. All the trusts are against Beveridge, especially the tobacco trust. What is the fight of one is the fight of all. Therefore, it was written that Hemenway or a democrat should take the place of the "boy orator." Ex-Senator Hemenway has been very active against Beveridge and has been doing the secret work of the senatorial combine. But to the dismay of the senators, last week the president sent for Mr. Beveridge and handed over to him the patronage of the state. Beveridge voted against the tariff bill. But what could the president do? If he punished Beveridge and gave the patronage to Senator Shively, a democrat, there would be trouble. If he gave it to ex-Senator Hemenway, trouble would follow. If he gave it to Beveridge to help his own re-election to the senate, then the chances for the confirmations were slim and there would also be

Set me the lowliest task thou hast, Let me repentent work for thee. —Helen Hunt Jackson.

CAN ANY ONE SUPPLY THIS?

F. D. Cosner, Burnsville, W. Va.—Will you kindly publish in the columns of The Commoner the poem entitled "Carolina Jim?" I don't remember much of it, but some of the words are like the following: "Carolina Jim, he was old and weak and blind, and the rain or shine was all the same to him."

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HUNGRY CHILDREN

Following is an extract from the Associated Press report of house proceedings:

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"Five thousand children who attend () the public schools in Chicago are habitually hungry and 10,000 others in that () city are not sufficiently nourished, according to a letter from the superintendent of the schools of Chicago from () which Representative Henry of Texas () read excerpts in the house today. ()

"'Texas,' declared Mr. Henry, reply-۲ ing to a recent speech in defense of the ۲ new tariw law, delivered by Representative Boutell of Illinois, 'is prosperous in spite of the Payne-Aldrich bill. If that 0 law had anything to do with the pros-۲ perity of Texas why does it not bring ۲ prosperity to Chicago and other great 0 cities of this country.' " 0 0

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