

in such a way by President Roosevelt that the Monroe doctrine was singularly vindicated.

His prompt and vigorous action in Panama, which we commend in the highest terms, not only secured to us the canal route, but avoided foreign complications which might have been of a very serious character.

He has continued the policy of President McKinley in the Orient and our position in China, signalized by our recent commercial treaty with that empire, has never been so high. He secured the tribunal by which the vexed and perilous question of the Alaska boundary was finally settled. Whenever crimes against humanity have been perpetrated which have shocked our people, his protest has been made and our good offices have been tendered, but always with due regard to international obligations. We find ourselves at peace with the whole world and never more respected or our wishes more regarded by foreign nations. Pre-eminently successful in regard to our foreign relations, he has been equally fortunate in dealing with the domestic questions. The country has known that the public credit and the national currency were absolutely safe in the hands of his administration. In the enforcement of the laws he has shown not only courage, but the wisdom which understands that to permit laws to be violated or disregarded opens the door to anarchy, while the just enforcement of the law is the soundest conservatism. He has held firmly to the fundamental American doctrine that all men must obey the law—no distinction between rich and poor, and weak and strong.

His administration has been throughout vigorous and honorable. We commend it without reservation to the considerate judgment of the American people.

At 3 o'clock the convention ad-

joined until Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. The convention met at 10 o'clock Thursday morning. Former Governor Black of New York placed Theodore Roosevelt in nomination. The nomination was seconded by a number of the states and Theodore Roosevelt was nominated by acclamation.

Senator Fairbanks of Indiana was placed in nomination by Senator Dooliver. A number of states seconded the nomination. It was announced that the other gentlemen whose names had been mentioned in connection with the vice presidential nomination had withdrawn and the Indiana senator was chosen by acclamation for second place on the republican ticket.

Speaker Cannon was then chosen chairman of the committee to notify Mr. Roosevelt of his nomination, while Elihu Root was chosen chairman of the committee to notify Mr. Fairbanks of his nomination.

At 2:35 o'clock Thursday afternoon the convention adjourned.

After the adjournment of the convention the republican national committee met and elected George B. Cortelyou, now secretary of commerce and labor, as chairman of the national committee.

#### Corrupt And Content.

The Pennsylvania Railroad company, the Reading Railroad company, the anthracite coal trust, the Standard Oil company and the United States steel corporation have selected a new senator for Pennsylvania to succeed the late Senator Quay. Their choice naturally fell upon the most conspicuous and the ablest exponent of the monopoly trust idea in the state and Philander Chase Knox is the man.

Before Mr. Knox was called into the republican administration as head of the department of justice he was the chief legal adviser of the great steel

trust. He left its immediate service as its ablest lawyer to go into the cabinet where he could work for it even to better advantage. And it is but fair to Mr. Knox to say that as the attorney general of the United States he has fully realized the reasonable expectations of the powerful interests which dictated his appointment by a president whose election was due to trust favor and who never lost an opportunity to reveal his gratitude or to attest his absolute dependence.

The people of Pennsylvania have had nothing to say or to do in the matter of choosing a successor to Mr. Quay. Not even the political bosses have been permitted to determine the choice. That was made by President Cassatt of the Pennsylvania, by President George F. Baer of the Reading and by Mr. Frick of the United States steel corporation. The republicans of the state were not consulted. Some of them ventured to aspire; a few of the leaders assumed to advise; some of the more ambitious undertook to scheme and to effect combinations; but Elkin, Oliver, Huff, Robbins, Murphy, Dalzell, Flinn and all the rest were howled out sans ceremony and with imperial contempt when President Cassatt and his powerful corporation allies gave the signal. A complaisant governor made haste to ratify the choice of these self-appointed guardians of the political assets of a dead senator's estate.

That Mr. Knox will serve the trusts in the senate with the same fidelity that he has served them in private life or as the chief legal adviser of the president goes without the saying. He is a man of large ability and with a political conscience quite adaptable to the needs of his masters. He will add dignity to his new position. He may not be able to fill the shoes of Senator Quay, but in utter fidelity to the interests of special privilege

and in contemptuous disregard of the higher claims of statesmanship he will undoubtedly justify the confidence of his sponsors. Cassatt and Baer and Frick indubitably know their man.

Nor will poor old Pennsylvania revolt. She has got beyond that. At one time in her history she might have had the moral stamina to rebuke the insolence of these bosses of the bosses who have usurped the functions of the people and for their own private interests have chosen for senator one of their own men. But she cannot be expected to disclose any such moral stamina now. She has grown accustomed to such insolence. She has almost forgotten the better traditions of an earlier day. She expects her bosses to rule and she thanks God that she has her Cassatts, her Baers and her Fricks to manage her affairs for their own behoof.

Yet surely even among republicans there must arise some sense of humiliation and disgust at this exhibition of irresponsible and utterly selfish power. Not all of them surely can acquiesce without protest in insolence so inconceivable. But enough of them will accept what the gods ordain to render protest unavailing. Pennsylvania is indeed "corrupt and contented."—Johnstown (Pa.) Democrat.

#### Accustomed to Carriages

Old Lady—"Why do you call your carriage when you are going such a short distance?"

Miss Upperton—"It is unnecessary, perhaps, but I never think of walking. We have always had a carriage, you know."

Old Lady—"Yes, I remember. Your grandfather kept his carriage, too. He peddled milk from it."—New York Weekly.

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"Yes. He was the first man to publish a nine-cent magazine."—Puck.

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