



A Washington dispatch to the St. Louis Reporter says: "A democratic majority of from twenty-eight to thirty-five in the house is predicted by the Washington branch of the national democratic congressional committee. This estimate is based upon reports received at headquarters. The forecast of the result of the coming election, made by Professor Joseph H. Shinn, is as follows: Present membership, 391; republicans, 217; democrats, 173; vacancies, 1. Next house: Democratic membership, 208; sure republicans, 115; sure insurgent republicans, 22; probable republicans, 30; probable democrats, 16; sure democratic majority, 12; probable democratic majority, 28 to 35."

Senator Nelson W. Aldrich, who was struck by a street car in New York City and painfully injured, is recovering.

Arizona, according to the new census has a population of 204,354, a gain in ten years of 66 per cent.

Arguments in the Panama libel suit of the government were argued before the United States supreme court.

A New York dispatch carried by the Associated Press says: "Alan R. Hawley and Augustus Post, the aeronauts of the balloon America II., for whom search had been prosecuted in the Canadian wilds, are safe and have established a new world's record for sustained flight. They traveled approximately 1,350 miles and came to earth in Chicoutimi county, Quebec, on Wednesday last, but were not heard from until today, when telegrams sent from St. Ambroise, Quebec, reached New York. The

balloonists started from St. Louis with nine other contestants in the international contest on Monday, October 17. The other balloons have been reported. The messages from Hawley and Post were received in New York tonight. One was to William Hawley, brother of the aeronaut; the other to Samuel F. Perkins, pilot of the balloon Dusseldorf II., which until tonight had been considered the winner."

Allen D. Candler, former governor of Georgia, died at his home in Atlanta, aged 76 years.

A tidal wave on the Island Ischia, Italy, drowned 200 persons.

An Associated Press dispatch from St. Paul, Minn., says: "William Jennings Bryan spoke here tonight before a large audience in the auditorium in behalf of John L. Gleske, democratic candidate for congress from the Fourth district, which is now represented by F. C. Stevens, republican. Colonel Bryan briefly discussed Cannonism, the tariff, railroad legislation, initiative and referendum, the income tax, the labor question, ship subsidy and a central bank, stating that they are one and all democratic children adopted by the democratic party. This afternoon Colonel Bryan spoke at North Branch. He left tonight on a speech-making tour of North Dakota."

A Jeffrey, Okla., dispatch carried by the Associated Press, follows: "That the 'grandfather clause' amendment is not in violation of the constitution of the state or that of the United States was held by the supreme court today in the case of Atwater vs. Hassett, from Oklahoma City. The court held also that the

special procedure under which the amendment was adopted is valid, all votes not cast against the proposition being counted for it. The 'grandfather clause' disfranchises many negroes."

John K. Tener, republican candidate for governor of Pennsylvania, swore out a warrant at Philadelphia for the arrest of E. A. Van Valkenburg, editor of the Philadelphia North American. He charges the editor with criminal libel.

The funeral services of the late David B. Hill took place at Albany. They were largely attended.

The timber lost in the recent forest fires in the northwest is estimated at \$15,000,000.

Doctor Crippen was convicted of the murder of his wife and sentenced to death by a London court. His woman companion was discharged.

President Taft has decided to appoint William H. Lewis, a negro, as an assistant attorney general of the United States. Lewis is at present assistant district attorney in Boston.

An Associated Press dispatch from Chicago says: "After three years of litigation, including the introduction of 20,000 pages of testimony and exhibits, George F. Harding was informed by Judge Sanborn, in the

United States circuit court today that he is a citizen of Illinois. Mr. Harding began suit in a state court against the Standard Oil company and other defendants alleging that the Standard Oil company had gained control of the Corn Products company, an eighty million dollar corporation. The later company he declared, was a trust in defiance of the Sherman act, and prayed for a receiver. The defense brought the case into the federal court, holding that Harding was not a citizen of Illinois. Judge Sanborn's decision leaves it to Harding to begin new proceedings if he wishes to accomplish something beyond ascertaining his own proper residence."

Senator LaFollette has recovered from his operation and has returned to his home at Madison, Wis.

W. Gordon Dyer, a wealthy automobilist at Norristown, Pennsylvania, was sentenced to nine months imprisonment in the county jail and a fine of \$250 for running over a man and his wife who were riding in a carriage.

W. P. Trickett, executive manager of the Minneapolis Traffic Association, testified at the western rate hearing that rebating was practiced after the Hepburn anti-rebate law was passed.

## Mr. Roosevelt in a Tilt

One of Theodore Roosevelt's meetings in New York nearly broke up in a rough house when a man in the audience insisted in asking questions relating to Mr. Roosevelt's trust record. A New York World report of the meeting follows:

Soon after opening his address at Terrace Garden, Colonel Roosevelt was brought face to face with a situation that made him grit his teeth, put on his fighting face and shake his fists. Big beads of sweat fell from his face. He had received a friendly greeting from 3,000 persons and had started his speech in good form by reminding the voters present that they were in the district that first sent him into public life.

He had not gone far in his speech, however, before hisses and shouts of disapproval were heard from the left side of the hall. When the colonel talking of honesty he shouted:

"Am I right? I will be glad to have anyone answer me."

From the hostile ranks at the left a man sprang forward and cried:

"I challenge you, Mr. Roosevelt. I challenge you on your own record!"

Instantly there was an uproar. From the body of men at the left, cheers and calls of "Let's hear the challenge."

Mr. Roosevelt's friends in the main portion of the hall howled, leaped up, waved flags and yelled, "Put him out!" meaning, of course, the one who had dared to interrupt.

For a minute it appeared the meeting might break up in a riot. Roosevelt himself brought about a semblance of order by seizing the speaker's gavel and pounding on the desk, waving his arms to his friends in command to be silent.

"I want to hear that man," he cried in his falsetto.

"I demand to be heard as an American citizen," retorted the man on the floor. "I recite first to you your first message to congress. Then you went down to Pittsburg on July 4 of that year and before 25,000 American citizens you said special legislation was a necessity to regu-

late the so-called trusts and railroads. On the second day of December of the same year in your message to congress you said that the men who constructed railroads aided our commerce and manufacturers and should not be tampered with. Now you are here talking tonight about honesty in public life. You, the same colonel."

There was an outburst of applause from the left side of the hall and renewed cries of "Put him out," from the Roosevelt followers.

The colonel walked to the left side of the platform. His face was almost purple and he cried:

"Now sit down! I am glad to have your question because it is an example of the absolutely conscienceless misrepresentation that is a part of this campaign."

The man jumped to his feet again, but was pulled to his seat. Mr. Roosevelt continued:

"I have said in the message he speaks of and I have said many times since that the honest man, the honest railroad, the honest corporation is entitled to all proper profit from the public service done. The trouble with the people represented by the man who has just made this interruption is that they don't draw any distinction between rendering service and swindling."

### MR. ROOSEVELT IS SILENT

Like an avenging Nemesis on the track of Theodore Roosevelt, the New York World now proves by the books of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., that when E. H. Harriman, in 1904 collected at Roosevelt's request \$250,000 for the republican campaign fund, Harriman was buying Panama canal bonds, and that he made a profit of \$86,000 off the transaction. And Roosevelt is silent. Silent as he has been to the ten questions propounded by the World several years ago and repeated again and again in this campaign. Silent as he is to the unanswerable exposures of the Roosevelt record by Judge Parker in the southern tier.—Buffalo, N. Y., Times.

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