

## Man-Hunt Ends in Death for Two Outlaws and Capture of The Third in Bloody Battle

### PRESIDENT TAFT FOR PRIMARIES

Chief Executive in Address to General Court of Massachusetts Outlines His Views.

CERTAIN SAFEGUARDS NEEDED  
Full and Fair Notice Should Be Given to All Voters.

WELCOMES VOICE OF PEOPLE  
Preference Elections Are Advocated Where Protected by Law.

REBUKE FOR CARELESS TALK  
Irresponsible Attacks Upon Courts and Public Officials Are Considered as Menace to Enduring Government.

BOSTON, March 18.—President Taft today declared himself in favor of preferential primaries surrounded by certain conditions for the coming campaign.

"Wherever full and fair notice of the election can be given, wherever adequate election safeguards can be thrown around to protect a preferential primary for the presidency, wherever the constitution of the state permits its being made applicable to the present election, I favor it and welcome it."

This was the president's statement today before the general court of Massachusetts. It was his first personal reply to the challenge for preferential primaries issued some time ago by Senator Joseph M. Dixon, Colonel Roosevelt's manager. President Taft did not refer to the challenge, however.

The president made a rather pointed reference to the proposition, "let the people rule," and had something to say about the recall of the judiciary and the recall of judicial decisions.

**Rebuttal for Careless Talk.**  
"Irresponsible assaults upon the courts, either by interloper language or an baseless assumptions of corruption or bias or incompetency, made by those whose statements have influence with any part of our people, are a serious menace to enduring government," said the president.

His address in part follows:

"I recently have passed what is called a 'presidential primary law' for the election of delegates to the national conventions upon which will fall the duty of selecting the presidential nominees of the respective parties. I have not had opportunity critically to examine the new law, but am sure it makes proper provision to meet the obvious requirements.

"I am glad you have done this. The question of how delegates are to be selected to any political convention, or how nominees are to be selected by a party, originally was a matter merely of voluntary and party adjustment, but so important to the public at large did the character of the candidates to be selected by such party become that the state properly has interfered so as to throw safeguards around the exercise by all those who belong to a party of their privilege to have a voice in the choice of their party candidates.

**What Primaries May Do.**

"I am not going to discuss in detail the question of direct primary elections, their uses and abuses. I think every one will admit, however, in order that they may accomplish the good they are intended to accomplish they should be safeguarded by effective provision as to the party eligibility of voters who participate in them and by penal provisions, securing conformity to rules of such eligibility and the honest casting and counting of the ballot.

"Do not hesitate to say that in my judgment a 'voluntary primary outside the law known by its informal character as a 'soapbox' primary is worse than none, for it gives full opportunity to the ineligible electors of the other party to cast unfair votes and without the sanction and safeguard of penal provisions in respect to casting and counting the ballots is an open avenue for fraud and violence."

"It is eminently appropriate that in every election and in the discussion of all issues that affect the republic, we should discuss and hear much of the popular will and the rights of the people. This is a government based on popular control.

"We all concede that the operation of elections and the operations of government are not perfect and sometimes are subject to corrupt influences and control, and that it is the part of patriotism to remove, as far as possible, the obstacles which prevent honest government in the interest of the people.

**People Have Ruled.**  
But the continued iteration and reiteration of the proposition, "Let the people rule," if it has any significance at all

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### The Weather

FOR NEBRASKA—Generally fair; moderate temperature.

FOR IOWA—Generally fair; warmer in east portion.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	34
6 a. m.	34
7 a. m.	35
8 a. m.	34
9 a. m.	35
10 a. m.	35
11 a. m.	34
12 p. m.	35
1 p. m.	35
2 p. m.	37
3 p. m.	35
4 p. m.	35
5 p. m.	35
6 p. m.	35
7 p. m.	35

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### A Lincoln Quotation



"It thirsts and burns for distinction; and, if possible, it will have it. Is it unreasonable, then, to expect that some men, possessed of the loftiest genius, coupled with ambition sufficient to push it to the utmost stretch, will at sometime spring up among us? And when such a one does, it will require the people to be united with each other, attached to the government and laws, and generally intelligent, to successfully frustrate his design.

"Distinction will be his paramount object, and although he would as willingly acquire it by doing good as harm, yet nothing left in the way of building up he would sit down boldly to the task of pulling down. Here then is a probable case, highly dangerous."

—From Mr. Lincoln's Speech before the Young Men's Lyceum, Springfield, Ill.

### LORIMER FILES HIS BRIEF

It Declares that No Proof of Corruption is Submitted.

### PLACES BLAME ON TRIBUNE

Entire Case, It Says, Is Based on Testimony of White and that No One Vouches for His Credibility.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—A brief summing up argument on the facts in the investigation of Senator Lorimer's election was filed with the Senate investigating committee today by Mr. Lorimer's counsel. It declares that no proof has been given either of the raising or expending of any corruption fund for the election, and that "the charges are the outgrowth of the determination of the Chicago Tribune and its allies to destroy Senator Lorimer politically and otherwise."

The brief, supplementing one of the legal points filed recently, contends that the basis of the charges against Lorimer, "though intangible and irresponsibly made," is that votes were cast for him as the result of the bribery of members of the Illinois legislature. Four votes were attacked, those of Charles A. White, who sold the Chicago Tribune a story that he had been bribed for \$1,000 to vote for Lorimer; H. J. C. Beckemeyer, indicted by the Cook county grand jury, on other matters than the Lorimer case; Michael Link and Daniel W. Holstien.

### Immunity Granted Three.

The brief says that Beckemeyer, Link and Holstien were all given immunity from punishment for offenses other than in the Lorimer case as a reward for stating they had received money for voting for Lorimer, though all three swore at other times that their votes were not procured by bribery. As to White, counsel argued that no one vouched for his credibility.

"Even the Tribune, who bought him and his story," says the brief, "did not recognize in him or claim for him any trustworthiness. The state's attorney, who used him as a witness, admitted White was so discredited that no conviction could be based on his uncorroborated testimony, and that there was no evidence outside White's own testimony to sustain the charges of White."

### Other Testimony Discredited.

"The testimony of Beckemeyer, Link and Holstien is unworthy of belief by every recognized rule and test of credibility. Their testimony has little tendency to sustain the charges, and so far as it is adverse to Lorimer it is unworthy of any belief."

"Under somewhat theatrical circumstances public attention after the former decision by the state of the matter was directed to an alleged conversation between Clarence S. Funk and Edward

### The National Capital

Monday, March 18, 1912.

#### The Senate.

In session at 2 p. m. Chairman Metcalf of the pension committee announced he would try to clear the calendar of all pension legislation this week.

Senator Cummings introduced bill for a national primary law, providing for the first national primary election.

President Taft asked congress to adjourn next Saturday and in a body attend memorial services for battleship Maine victim.

Senate I brief summary investigation.

#### The House.

Met at noon.

Opposed debate on excise tax bill.

Speaker Clark asked that his vote against recommitment of sugar bill and its passage be recorded.

Former Secretary of War Wright, before he became a senator, paid no responsibility for the non-combatant status of Major Bay to former Chief of Staff Bell.

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The victims were said to be largely strike breakers, who have been working in the Southern Pacific shops ever since the shopmen's strike began several months ago. After the explosion rumors in the downtown section of San Antonio were that dynamite was the cause, but investigation at the yards showed no indication that such rumors had started there. San Antonio has been practically free from violence during the strike.

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Webster in her letter to the interim re-coups which she received instead of the stock which she said she expected to get when she sent her money—money raised by mortgaging her home at Emerson, Neb.

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### TWENTY MEN ARE KILLED

Locomotive Boiler Explodes in Roundhouse at San Antonio.

### BODIES ARE HORRIBLY MANGLED

Most of Victims Are Strike Breakers Who Were Imported to Take Places in Southern Pacific Shops.

SAN ANTONIO, March 18.—About thirty persons were killed in the explosion of a locomotive boiler of the Southern Pacific roundhouse today.

Most of the dead and injured were strike breakers who took the places of Southern Pacific shopmen who struck here several months ago.

So fearfully mangled were several of the bodies that it is thought they never can be definitely identified.

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LAST WEEK

### Display Advertising

Compared with the corresponding week of 1911.

### THE BEE

gained 995 inches

### NEAREST COMPETITOR

Lost 945 inches.

### BANDITS' TRAIL ENDS IN DEATH FOR THREE MORE

Escaped Convicts From Nebraska Penitentiary Rounded Up by the Posse and Two Killed.

### YOUNG FARMER THIRD VICTIM

Driver, Whose Services Were Impressed, Shot