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## COAL ROADS' VICTORY

### Commodity Clause of Hepburn Act Declared Unconstitutional.

**Taft and Bryan at Same Banquet.**  
Eucharistic Congress—Fleet at West Australia—Aeronaut Fell to Death  
Wrights Solve Aerial Problem—Belmont Ships His Horses to Europe.

Declaring it to be drastic, harsh and unreasonable and an invasion of the rights of the states, and therefore repugnant to the constitution, the United States circuit court for the Eastern district of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia dismissed the suits of the federal government to enforce the commodity clause of the Hepburn railroad act against the anthracite coal-carrying railroads of this state.

Judges George Gray and George J. Dallas filed opinions dismissing the suits, and Judge Joseph Buffington dissented but did not file an opinion. The commodities clause prohibits railroad companies to transport in interstate commerce any article of commodity manufactured, mined or produced by them or under their authority. The case was argued in June, United States Attorney General Bonaparte delivering the principal argument for the government.

The effect of the commodities clause, if constitutional, would be to confine the mining of anthracite coal by the railroads for use in Pennsylvania only, or compel the railroads to sell all the mining property they are interested in, either directly or indirectly.

The principal opinion was written by Judge Gray, who as president of the anthracite strike commission, has an intimate knowledge of the mining of hard coal and of the many ramifications in the ownership of the coal mines.

### Taft and Bryan at Same Board.

For the first time in the history of modern politics, two rival candidates for the presidency of the United States will meet at the same board and address the same audience, when William H. Taft, Republican, of Ohio, and William J. Bryan, Democrat, of Nebraska, are to be the guests of honor at the annual banquet of the Chicago Association of Commerce at the Auditorium on the evening of Oct. 7.

This announcement was made at the headquarters of the Chicago Association of Commerce, which organization had already received assurances of the presence of the two presidential nominees on different days at the third convention of the Lakes to the Gulf Deep Waterway association, for which the Association of Commerce will act as host.

It already had been announced that Mr. Taft would open the convention on the afternoon of Oct. 7 and that Mr. Bryan would close it on Oct. 9 and that Mr. Taft would be the guest of honor at the banquet on the evening of Oct. 7. Mr. Bryan's acceptance of the dinner invitation, however, assuring a notable occasion, came as a pleasant surprise.

The long distance telephone figured prominently in the negotiations to secure the presence of Mr. Bryan at the banquet. The invitation had been under serious consideration by Norman E. Mack, chairman of the Democratic national committee, for some time and at a late hour at night he called up Mr. Bryan, then at Terre Haute, Ind., on the long distance telephone.

Mr. Bryan, who had retired for the night, arose, dressed himself and answered the call. He was informed, as Mr. Taft had been, that the banquet would be a non-political one and that it would be held under the auspices of a non-partisan organization. He readily agreed to attend. The deep waterways project is favored by the leaders of both parties and is not therefore a subject over which any political discussion is expected.

### Moderate Expansion in Trade.

The advance of the fall season and the notable enlargement of the movement of spring wheat, other cereals and cotton to market at good prices have made for a further moderate expansion in jobbing and retail trade and collections.

This is especially marked at Western, Pacific coast and Southern centers, but the point is made that agricultural sections have done better relatively than large industrial cities in the matter of retail trade, possibly because of warm weather or the reduced purchasing power of city workers and the high prices paid for farm products.

Industries, too, have shown some improvement, notable in this respect being coal and lumber interests. There is also more doing at the paper mills.

In the textile trades little change is noted, while the crop situation is rather irregular.  
Money is firmer, although still wonderfully easy for this season of the year.  
Business failures for the week ending Sept. 10 number 191, against 210 last week and 172 in the like week of 1907.  
**Nags Him in Sign Language.**  
Charging that his deaf mute bettor half continually nags him in sign language, James William Nash, himself deaf and dumb, has instituted divorce proceedings, which will be heard before Vice Chancellor Howell in New York on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Nash live in New York and they have two children.

## REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

### Opponents of Governor Hughes Unable to Agree Upon a Candidate.

Saratoga, Sept. 15.—Elihu Root, secretary of state of the United States, was the central figure in the first session of the Republican state convention.

It is no less than truth to say that the welcome given Secretary Root and the demonstrations of approval which interspersed and followed his speech surpassed in enthusiasm if not in duration those which were accorded upon the mention of the names of President Roosevelt, Governor Hughes or the presidential nominee, William H. Taft himself.

Secretary Root's speech was of considerable length, upwards of 11,000 words, and consumed a little less than an hour and a half in delivery. The speaker followed closely the text of the speech as prepared for publication, but shortened it somewhat in actual delivery by omission of explanatory portions of certain paragraphs, making, however, no changes of a material character.

The great body of delegates and alternates, numbering more than 2,000 persons, and the people in the galleries, which were well filled but at no time crowded, heard the speech with close attention and evident approval. It dealt almost exclusively with national matters, but began with a tribute to the work of Governor Hughes and the state administration in general, to which the convention responded with applause and cheers, lacking not so much in apparent volume or duration as in unanimity of participation.

In fact, the cheering which greeted the name of Governor Hughes, started by the bulk of the New York county delegation, was joined in only by scattered up-state delegations and small groups of individuals here and there; most of the delegates sat grim and silent, taking no part in the demonstration which lasted less than six seconds. Indeed, the greatest portion of the cheering came from the gallery.

An amusing episode during the speech occurred when Mr. Root repudiated the inference, which he attributed to Mr. Bryan, that the enormous popular majority in 1904 was obtained by corrupt use of money. The convention was heartily cheering this sentiment when the band broke out with the familiar strains of "Arrah Gowan, you're only foolin'." The crowd "caught on" almost instantly and began to laugh. Mr. Root evidently did not recognize the tune and seemed perplexed and even annoyed by the general laughter. It quickly subsided and he proceeded without seeing the joke at all.

A feature of the session was the introduction by Charles W. Anderson of New York, the colored member-at-large of the state committee, who is a deputy collector of internal revenue for the second district, of an extended resolution paying glowing tribute to the character and public service of Mr. Taft and more particularly extending to the presidential nominee the congratulations of the convention on his 51st birthday which occurs today. The resolution was adopted with a shout and the secretary, Lafayette B. Gleason, was instructed to telegraph it to Mr. Taft.

### Anti-injunctions.

Attorney General Wade H. Ellis of Ohio, who was a member of the committee on resolutions of the Republican national convention, makes the following reply to the criticisms of the platform made by W. J. Bryan. The attorney general says in part:

"The charge made by Mr. Bryan that the Republican declaration with respect to the use of the writ of injunction was designed to 'deceive the laboring man' is unworthy of a candidate for president, and the further charge that this plank merely declares the existing law and will give no relief in those cases in which there has been an abuse or discretion or the apprehension of it is unworthy of any lawyer who has examined the question.  
"The anti-injunction resolution is a frank, clear statement of the Republican party's position on a question on which others have been attempting to deceive labor. The sole basis of any rational complaint as to the issuance of injunctions in labor cases has been the use of the writ without notice and the long delays in some instances which have intervened before a hearing of the case.  
"The present statute does not require any notice at all before the granting of a temporary order, and it is entirely within the discretion of the court to postpone to any time the judge may see fit the hearing upon the question of an injunction. The Republican plank simply declares that notice shall always be given unless an irreparable injury will result from delay, and in that case there shall be a speedy hearing provided. It will meet the approval of every right thinking man, whether an employer or an employee."

### Fatal Proximity of Can and Stove.

Pomeroy, O., Sept. 15.—A can of oil standing near the stove in the kitchen at the home of John G. Roush, in Mason county, West Virginia, exploded early yesterday and as a result one child was burned to death and Mr. and Mrs. Roush and three other children were so severely injured that they may die. The house was consumed.

### Great Mortality From Cholera.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 15.—It is officially announced that from noon of Sept. 12 until noon today there were 256 cases of cholera and 64 deaths. The mortality since the beginning of the epidemic is over 25 per cent.

## CHANLER OR GERARD.

### Democratic State Convention Convened at Noon Today.

**Lieutenant Governor Chanler's Name Most Prominently Mentioned For Nomination For Governor—Justice James M. Gerard of New York City Is Announced as Tammany's Choice. Platform Will Denounce Hughes' Administration as Extravagant.**

Rochester, Sept. 15.—The first session of the Democratic state convention was called to order at noon today when former Justice Morgan J. O'Brien delivered his address as temporary chairman. After the committees had been named adjournment was taken until some time Wednesday morning, when Judge Alton B. Parker, the permanent chairman, will deliver his address and the convention will settle down to serious business.

The city of Rochester has taken on the color and gaiety of a convention city. Arriving delegates were met by brass bands and committees of citizens and escorted to their hotels, where there were concerts in all the hotel lobbies and at street corners, and the downtown sections of the city were thronged with sight-seers. The Tammany delegation, many hundred strong, attracted the greatest attention. The Kings county Democracy from Brooklyn also arrived with a heavy representation.

### Gerard is Tammany's Choice.

The nebulous conditions surrounding the nomination by the Democratic state convention of a candidate for governor have taken definite form and the problem is declared to have been reduced to a choice between Lieutenant Governor Lewis Stuyvesant Chanler, who is being urged by State Chairman William J. Conners, and Justice James M. Gerard of New York City, who is announced as the choice of Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall.

The race seems to have resolved itself into a contest between the up-state delegates, who are declared to be strongly in favor of Mr. Chanler, and the Tammany delegates, with their alliances throughout the state, who will follow the suggestions of Mr. Murphy.

Justice Gerard has long been prominent in Democratic councils in New York city and was elected last fall to the supreme court bench. He has heretofore been mentioned but casually in connection with the nomination and the prominent position into which he was elevated last night came as a distinct surprise to close followers of the recent trend of affairs.

No one participating in the conferences was willing to say positively that the race was settled in favor of either Justice Gerard or Mr. Chanler. The name of Supreme Court Justice Philip H. Dugro of New York city was also brought into the discussion of candidates for first place on the ticket and it was intimated that he was looked upon by Tammany Hall with favor second only to that of Justice Gerard himself. The names of practically all other candidates took on secondary interest.

### Chanler's Friends Confident.

On the surface there is no diminution in the enthusiasm and confidence of the delegates who favor the nomination of Lieutenant Governor Chanler and his name is the one most prominently heard about state headquarters and about all the hotel lobbies where delegates gather. Mr. Chanler's strength up-state is imposing and his friends are hopeful that the well known universal sentiment in this section may have sufficient influence upon Leader Murphy to cause him to accept the up-state man in preference to one from below the Harlem river.

Mr. Murphy two years ago, however, dictated the nomination of William R. Hearst and at the Denver convention last July swung the entire New York delegation, of which he was chairman, into line for Mr. Bryan. His power among a great number of the delegates to the present convention is unquestioned.

The friends of William Sulzer continued his candidacy today and declared they felt sure of 125 votes. A delegation of 100 Democrats from Elmira arrived last night by special train to urge the nomination of Colonel David C. Robinson of Chemung for governor.

Definite progress also was made on the groundwork of a platform, the principal feature of which will be a ringing denunciation of the administration of Governor Hughes. The platform was discussed at great length in a conference and practically agreed upon.

The Hughes administration will be attacked as one of gross extravagance, especially in the matter of the creation of a public service commission, which it will be declared has given no adequate return for the immense amount of expenditure involved. The New York city end of the commission will be called upon to bear the brunt of the attack and the platform will assert that far from bettering transit conditions in Greater New York, the commission has seen them grow steadily worse.

Practically every step of Governor Hughes' administration will be attacked except his advocacy of the anti-racketeer gambling bills. The only reference which will approach that subject will be a declaration in favor of personal liberty, freedom of thought and speech and the enactment of new sumptuary laws.

## STAB FIANCE OF SISTER.

### Use Butcher's Steel to Prevent Wedding in Family.

Stuebenville, O., Sept. 15.—Frank Bompea, an Italian, was probably fatally stabbed with a butcher's sharpening steel. Nicola and Louis Leoni are under arrest. Bompea is at the hospital, while Katie Leoni, sister of the two prisoners and promised bride of Bompea, is prostrated.

The pretty young Neapolitan girl who was the innocent cause of the stabbing arrived here six weeks ago, her expenses being paid by Bompea. The Leoni brothers prevented the couple from meeting on all occasions.

Saturday night Bompea entered the Leoni's butcher shop and demanded to see the girl. The brothers rushed him out of the shop. In the street the quarrel was continued. Katie Leoni was attracted to the scene and the Leoni brothers became furious when the crowd evinced sympathy for Bompea and insisted that he should be allowed to meet the girl. Nicola Leoni is alleged to have plunged the butcher's steel into Bompea's stomach, while Louis Leoni held the man.

### Body in Whirlpool.

Grace Greenfield Disappeared From North Evans Last Tuesday.  
Niagara Falls, N. Y., Sept. 15.—The body of Grace Greenfield, the 19-year-old school teacher who disappeared from North Evans last Tuesday, was taken from the Whirlpool last night. The body was seen several times during the day and many unsuccessful efforts were made to secure it. In one of these Frank Randall ventured out too far and narrowly escaped being drawn into the vortex.

As it was too late to get the body up the cliff last night it was placed in a receiving casket and left on the shore. Isaac E. Greenfield, the girl's father, arrived here last night. His plea to be taken at once to see the body was granted. The trying trip into the gorge was a severe test of the old man's strength and the sight of the battered body of his girl completely prostrated him.

### Valuable Timber Tracts Threatened.

Toronto, Ont., Sept. 15.—The Ontario crown lands department was notified that forest fires had entered the valley of the Mattawan district, fifty miles west of Port Arthur, and threatened the destruction of large tracts of timber land and several tie, pulp wood and logging camps.

### Two Men Killed by Boiler Explosion.

Berlin, Ont., Sept. 15.—The boiler in a cider mill at Linwood blew up, killing two men. The dead are Thomas Habers, owner of the mill, and George Attig of Newton. Both were terribly mangled.

## MARKET REPORT.

**New York Provision Market.**  
New York, Sept. 14.  
WHEAT—No. 2 red, 1.06 1/4 f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, \$1.11 @ 1/16.  
CORN—No. 2 corn, 89 1/2 f. o. b. afloat; 89c elevator.  
OATS—Mixed oats, 26 to 32 lbs., 52c; clipped white, 32 to 40 lbs., 55 @ 1/16.  
PORK—Mess, \$16.75@17.25; family, \$18.50@19.00.  
HAY—Good to choice, 75c.  
BUTTER—Creamery specials, 24 @ 24 1/2c; extra, 23 1/2 @ 23 3/4c; process, 15 @ 21 1/2c; state dairy, 18 @ 22 1/2c.  
CHEESE—State full cream, fancy, 12 @ 13c.  
EGGS—State and Pennsylvania, 31 @ 32c.  
POTATOES—Maine, per bbl., \$2.00 @ 2.25; state, \$2.00 @ 2.25.

### Buffalo Provision Market.

Buffalo, Sept. 14.  
WHEAT—No. 1 northern, afloat, \$1.04 1/4; No. 2 red, 99 @ \$1.00.  
CORN—No. 2 yellow, 85 1/2 f. o. b. afloat; No. 3 yellow, 85c.  
OATS—No. 2 white, 52 1/2 @ 53 f. o. b. afloat; No. 3 white, 52 @ 52 1/2c.  
FLOUR—Fancy blended patent, per bbl., \$6.00 @ 6.75; winter family, patent, \$5.40 @ 6.15.  
BUTTER—Creamery, prints, fancy, 25c; state and Pennsylvania creamery, 23 1/2 @ 24c; dairy, choice to fancy, 21 @ 22c.  
CHEESE—Choice to fancy, full cream, 13c; fair to good, 12 1/2 @ 12 3/4c.  
EGGS—Selected white, 28 @ 29c.  
POTATOES—White, fancy, per bu., 80 @ 85c; fair to good, 70 @ 75c.

### East Buffalo Live Stock Market.

CATTLE—Prime export steers, \$6.00 @ 6.50; good to choice butcher steers, \$4.50 @ 5.25; fair to extra fat cows, \$4.25 @ 4.50; fair to good heifers, \$3.75 @ 4.50; choice heifers, \$4.75 @ 5.25; bulls, fair to good, \$3.50 @ 3.75; choice veals, \$8.75 @ 9.00; fair to good, \$8.00 @ 8.50.  
SHEEP AND LAMBS—Choice spring lambs, \$6.00 @ 6.25; common to fair, \$4.25 @ 4.40; mixed sheep, \$4.00 @ 4.25.  
HOGS—Light Yorkers, \$6.50 @ 7.25; medium and heavy hogs, \$7.40 @ 7.50; pigs, \$6.00 @ 6.25.

### Buffalo Hay Market.

Timothy, No. 1 on track, \$12.50 @ 13.00; No. 2 timothy, \$11.50 @ 12.00; wheat and oat straws, \$6.50.

### Utica Dairy Market.

Utica, Sept. 14.—The official record of transactions on the Utica dairy board of trade today were as follows:  
Color. Lots. Boxes. Pr.  
Large white... 2 161 11 1/2  
Large white... 3 140 12  
Large colored... 2 115 12  
Large colored... 11 716 11 1/2  
Small white... 3 245 11 1/2  
Small white... 2 1,900 12  
Small colored... 20 1,908 11 1/2  
Small colored... 18 1,490 12  
Totals... 61 4,595  
There were no sales of butter reported.

## POINTED PARAGRAPHS

### Summary of the Week's News of the World.

**Cream of the News Cuffed From Long Dispatches and Put in Proper Shape For the Hurried Reader Who Is Too Busy to Read the Longer Reports and Desires to Keep Posted.**

**Wednesday.**  
Orville Wright in his aeroplane at Washington made a flight lasting fifty two seconds.

Armed with a revolver, a crank once in an insane asylum, was captured within a stone's throw of the president's home at Oyster Bay.

Phlander C. Knox, United States senator from Pennsylvania, and his son narrowly escaped when their automobile was wrecked near Geneva Switzerland.

Alexander Berkman and a woman companion was arrested after causing a disturbance with other anarchists at a meeting of the unemployed in Cooper Union, and Emma Goldman, also present eluded the police.

The Duca degli Abruzzi determined to wed Miss Katherine Elkins, says a dispatch from Rome, in spite of determined opposition by Queen Margherita, who declares she never will consent to the marriage.

### Thursday.

Government crop report figures showed a deterioration in spring wheat and corn.

Orville Wright, in his aeroplane, made two highly successful flights at Fort Myer, the longest lasting more than eleven minutes.

Alton B. Parker is the selection of Charles F. Murphy and William J. Conners for temporary chairman of the Democratic state convention.

Owen Cassidy was refused a renomination for senator by the Republicans of the Forty-first district, owing to his attitude on the racetrack betting bills.

E. H. Harriman bought three steamships from the Oriental line to establish an express service between San Francisco and the Panama canal zone.

### Friday.

Probably fatal fall of boy aeronaut at Richmond county fair startled ten thousand merry-makers.

Republican leaders declared they did not believe there was any doubt that Governor Hughes would be renominated.

The eucharistic congress convened in London, Cardinal Vincent Vannutelli presiding and making the opening address as the legate of Pius X.

Major General Wood of the United States army had a narrow escape while viewing the German war maneuvers when his horse became frightened and fell upon him.

### Saturday.

In Falls Village, Conn., a woman seemed twice to die and an undertaker was called, but she revived each time and is growing stronger.

## APPEAL TO CHRISTIAN CHURCH

### Made by Judge Taft In Behalf of the Filipinos.

"A Great Missionary Work That It Certain to Promote Christian Civilization."

The extension of a vitalizing Christianity among the Filipinos as advocated by Judge Taft both before his speech of acceptance of the nomination to the presidency and in that document itself has been widely commended upon in the pulpits of the United States. The voice of the clergy has given earnest commendation to the attitude of Judge Taft, who when governor general of the Islands exerted the utmost influence for amelioration of the condition of the inhabitants of the archipelago, and that, too, at the cost of great self sacrifice on his own part in refusing the seat on the supreme bench, to which he was both called and commanded by President Roosevelt.

Never since he first assumed the burden of the governorship of the Philippines has the welfare of the Filipinos ceased to be close to the heart of Judge Taft. In his speech of acceptance again he reminded the American that it is the duty of this country as a strong, Christian and enlightened nation to give spiritual as well as material aid to the distant brown brethren.

### Taft's Appeal to Church.

Rev. Albert Hursthouse, pastor of Roberts Park church, Indianapolis, Ind., in a recent sermon thus spoke of Judge Taft's appeal to the Christian people of America:

"Mr. Taft used words of wisdom in referring to this question in his notification speech. His appeal is not only to his party, but it is to the Christian church of America. It seems to me that every man whose heart beats loyally to Jesus Christ must rejoice in the statement so truthfully made. Mr. Taft said: 'We have established a government with effective and honest executive departments in the Philippines and a clean and fearless administration of justice; we have created and are maintaining a comprehensive school system which is educating the youth of the Islands in English and in industrial branches; we have constructed great government public works, roads and harbors; we have induced the private construction of 800 miles of railroad; we have policed the islands so that their condition as to law and order is better now than it has ever been in their history.'"

"Mr. Taft is better fitted to speak on this question than any other man in the government today by virtue of his close connection with the problem, his experience and personal observation of the work being done; hence what he says will be heeded by the Christian church with intense interest."

### Influence of Christian Civilization.

"More than ten years before Dewey sailed into Manila, Bishop Thoburn, our missionary bishop for fifty years in India, predicted that ere long the missionary would find an open door in the Philippines, but God alone knew how the door was to be opened.

"Now we hear Mr. Taft saying: 'We are engaged in the Philippines in a great missionary work that does our nation honor and is certain to promote in a most effective way the influence of Christian civilization. It is cowardly to lay down the burden until our purpose is achieved.' True, not do we believe that the American people will allow this to be done. The sacrifice has been made, the song of the redeemed people will ere long fill heaven and earth with gladness. The heathen are ever lonely and joyless, but they who bring the sacrifice to the altar will find the joy of the Lord arise within them."

### But He Runs on Forever.

[From the New York Sun.]  
What will Mr. Bryan say After next election day? Mr. Bryan will insist That he is an optimist. Beaten three times! What of that? He's the one great Democrat Willing for his fellow men To be beaten once again.

Read the Commoner and learn! Mr. Bryan, Mr. Kern, Sail together on this trip. In the old, oft stranded ship. (They have quarters in the stern.)

In this antiquated craft, While they gaze at Mr. Taft Miles ahead—the race near done And by Taft and Sherman won— Mr. Bryan, ever wise, Doubtless will philosophize And to Mr. Kern recite That remark, already true, All prepared and often sung: "Beaten? Yes, but I'm still young! I can wait another four Years, then try the race once more. I have got this thing done, pat. I'm the one great Democrat!"

### "According to His Folly."

"Shall the people rule?" is declared by the Democratic platform and candidate to be the overshadowing issue now under discussion. It is no issue. Surely the people shall rule; surely the people have ruled; surely the people do rule." Thus Candidate Sherman replies to Candidate Bryan, and if the latter was looking for a straight answer he certainly got it. But those familiar with the mental processes of Mr. Bryan know that he would welcome no reply, but that his absurd question was asked to instill doubt in the minds of his more thoughtless followers.