

**ROOSEVELT'S SPEECH
PRAISES WM. FLINN**

**Says Head of Keystone Progressives
Is One of Country's Greatest Men.**

Philadelphia, March 14.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt tonight spoke for fifteen minutes at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel at the banquet of the Pennsylvania Presidential electors who voted for him at the latest electoral college. The Colonel failed to suggest anything new along Progressive lines. The most remarkable portion of his extemporaneous address was when he lauded William Flinn of Pittsburgh, the Progressive "boss" of Pennsylvania, as one of the greatest men in the country.

Col. Roosevelt predicted victory for the Progressives in 1916. He didn't say he wouldn't be a candidate and he didn't say he would be. He left the 500 diners, 100 of them being women, making a fair guess that the Colonel "might be persuaded" to become the standard bearer of the party once again.

The Colonel urged that Progressive legislation be enacted and declared that the Progressives elected to Congress should continue to be Progressive and stand together on all legislation, even though there might be but three or four of them, and that defeat seemed almost certain.

William Wilhelm, chairman of the Presidential electors, acted as toastmaster. Other than the Colonel the speakers were Albert J. Beveridge, Clyde Kelly, Mrs. Maude Howe Elliot, daughter of Julia Ward Howe, and Judge Charles N. Brunn of Schuylkill.

In contradiction of the Colonel's plans to pass progressive legislation F. T. Henry Walnut, a member of the State Legislature, informed the delegates to the Progressive conference, which has been in session to form a State party, that it was easy to talk of Progressive laws from a lecture platform, but it was different when it was a question of endeavoring to force a Legislature to enact those laws.

Representative Walnut cited laws at present before the Legislature as examples.

Col. Roosevelt had a busy day visiting old friends and making new ones. He spent part of the time in a visit to the Mayor, quite informal, of course, but of sufficient importance when that official announced that the Progressive leader had called to assure him that his criticism of the power which the Judges of this city exercised over appointments was both just and timely.

In speaking of his call Col. Roosevelt said: "I understand that in your city the Judges appoint the Board of Education, the Board of Revision of Taxes, the Board of City Trusts, as well as other purely executive bodies. These Judges when they make these appointments are executive and not judicial officers."

After being introduced to Director Porter of the Police Department and the heads of other departments the Colonel was shown through the building and then returned with Dr. J. William White to the latter's home, where they awaited the arrival of those who had been invited to meet the Colonel before luncheon. Among those who called were Dr. Witner Stone of the Academy of Natural Sciences and Dr. Spencer Trotter of the Swarthmore faculty.

The ex-President and several friends then went to the home of Thomas Robins, where they had luncheon. Following this a trip by motor was taken through Fairmount Park and the party then returned for tea at the home of Dr. White, where women interested in the Progressive cause were introduced to the Colonel. After this the guest of the city rested until the dinner.

While the Colonel was being shown about the city and explaining his policies to some of the most influential men of the city, his adherents were having a busy session at the annual conference of the Progressive League.

Representative T. Henry Walnut, who has introduced several Progressive measures in the Legislature at the present session, was the speaker of the day who aroused the greatest enthusiasm. Dr. Samuel Zane Barton of the department of social service of the Northern Baptist convention made an address in which he advocated the application of the rule of the sea to the principles of the Progressive party.

The plan of the Progressive league is to use industrial measures as the issue for which the party is to fight until the next gubernatorial election in this State. It was for this purpose that the conference was planned at this time and that Col. Roosevelt was selected to come here and entice the members of the new organization.



Last week Leland Shiner and June DuMond of Lake Como started for Apex. As they neared their destination they attempted to jump from O. & W. train No. 2. The result was June has a bandaged head, a broken nose and sprained wrist.

Windsor has granted an electric light franchise to Messrs. C. F. Wright and W. E. Bennett of Susquehanna. They have purchased the Windsor Gas Co.'s plant and promise to have the lights installed within one year.

Fire March 13 destroyed the plant of the Elmira Telegram Publishing company, the N. Y. Thompson wholesale dry goods house, T. J. Connelly, groceries, the Amusa theatre and several other small establishments with an estimated loss of \$350,000.

The paper was issued as usual on Sunday.

\$3,000,000 For Princeton University.

Princeton University got a bequest last week of nearly \$3,000,000 under the will of Ferris S. Thompson of the class of 1888, who died in Paris on February 18th. The announcement of the gift at Princeton brought great joy, and occasioned much surprise, because Mr. Thompson had not visited there for four years. His only previous gift was a \$50,000 gateway to Osborne athletic field two years ago.

It was revealed recently in Scranton that cats occupy a prominent place on the payroll of the city. When the pay roll was being compiled there was one item of \$14.48 for milk. Upon investigation it was found that cats are employed in the city's stables to catch the rodents that are won't to overrun that place.

State Teachers' League to Meet in Harrisburg.

The fourth annual convention of the State Teachers' league will be held in the auditorium of the School Department in the Capitol building, at Harrisburg, Tuesday, March 18, 1913.

Morning session—Reading of minutes; reports of committees; election of nominating committee; business session; president's address.

Afternoon session—Election of officers; round table conference; a public hearing before the legislature. The executive, auditing and amendment committees will meet on Monday evening, March 17, at the League headquarters.

Letter From President Wilson.

Woodrow Wilson Kauffer, aged one week, of Wilkes-Barre, has received a letter from President Woodrow Wilson, wishing him a long and prosperous life. The boy was born on March 4th, to Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Kauffer, and he was named after the president.

Boy Killed by Logs.

Towanda.—While Charles Strobe, aged 17, of Union Valley, Rome township, was taking a load of logs to saw mill near Rome, the rear axle of the wagon broke, causing the wagon to tilt over and the seven logs rolled over on the youth, instantly killing him.

To Bar Free Lunch.

Philadelphia.—The Philadelphia Liquor Dealers' Association, through its attorney, Walter B. Saul, last week took legal steps to restrict or eliminate entirely the saloon free lunch.

Lemons to be Free, Lower Tariff on Other Products.

Washington, D. C.—The Ways and Means Committee has decided to put lemons on the free list and to reduce the tariff on all other citrus fruits to a nominal rate. The committee found that the fruit growers of California had a combination to fix prices and to exclude from this country all foreign products of the ordinary class. In spite of the arrangements between the growers the committee found that considerable high class fruit was imported.

During the last ten years the importations have fallen from \$3,000,000 to \$100,000 worth annually. The value of the product of this country is \$16,000,000 on the farm, but it increases in value several times before it reaches the consumers.

Charges Against Erie.

Scranton.—Charging the Erie railroad company with discriminating against the Marian Coal company, W. P. Boland, manager of the coal company has filed a complaint with the state railroad commission in Harrisburg. Mr. Boland has presented a vast amount of evidence in support of his allegations and included the Lackawanna Railroad company as being in what he calls "a grudge game that is being worked on him" because of his prosecution of charges against Judge R. W. Archbald. He declares the Erie refused to accept shipments of coal.

Canal Zone Bars Out Any More Families.

Panama, March 15.—After the first of April the Isthmian Canal commission will place obstacles in the way of employes intending to bring their families to the isthmus by withdrawing the present reduced rates of transportation.

This action is rendered necessary by reason of the serious congestion in the employes' quarters in towns in the canal zone, and also by the prospective speedy abandonment of the quarters at Gorgona. The situation is not expected to improve until new buildings have been erected elsewhere in the zone.

56 PATIENTS INOCULATED.

Sufferers of "White Plague" Given Treatment by Friedmann.

Montreal.—Dr. Friedrich F. Friedmann of Berlin, demonstrated his treatment for tuberculosis upon 56 patients at the Royal Edward Institute last week in the presence of a representative gathering of physicians.

Dr. Friedmann's patients were selected from a list of ninety odd cases presented by Dr. E. S. Harding and his colleagues of the medical board of the institute. The patients so presented were chosen from a list of several hundred who applied personally or through their physicians for treatment. The medical board in making its selections was guided by a desire to see cases typical of every class and every stage of the disease with the exception of cases so advanced as to be hopeless. The number treated is by far the largest ever inoculated in one day or in one city by Dr. Friedmann, outside of Berlin.

Dr. Friedmann's methods were followed with the closest attention by the 50 or more physicians present and his rapid diagnosis of the cases presented and his professional technique were the subjects of comment. The cases represented the three main divisions of tuberculosis infection—pulmonary, glandular and bone or joint affection and ranged from the early stages to well advanced cases of several years' duration.

**CHESTNUT BLIGHT PLANT
LIKE AUTOMATIC RIFLE.**

**Seed is Shot an Astonishing Distance
—Millions of Spores Produced.**

A parasitic plant which not only is continually forming millions of spores, or microscopic "seeds," but shoots them out into the air from tiny tubes, like a miniature regiment of soldiers with automatic rifles, is both a formidable plant to combat and an interesting plant to study.

It was through the investigations of the scientific staff of the Pennsylvania Chestnut Commission, which have proved so useful in the past two years of successful field work, that the "shooting" habits of this dangerous fungus were discovered. The gun-like necks or tubes are found in the red pustules or fruiting bodies which break through the diseased portions of the bark. It is interesting to watch, under the microscope, how they shoot oftener and oftener each day until a climax is reached, suddenly subsiding after the climax to begin all over again, like a besieging battery which must make a new start. The quarter of an inch that the spores are shot seems like an immense distance when one realizes that it is six hundred and twenty times the length of the spores. If a bursting peach were to shoot its seed say six hundred times the length of that seed, it would go hurtling fifty feet through the air.

It is by this "battery method" that the parasitic fungus which causes the chestnut blight disseminates or scatters itself. More than this, although belonging to one of the lowest orders of plant life, Diaporthe parasitica, as the chestnut blight fungus is called, has a second method of getting where they can start new plants, a plan almost as odd and quite as effective as the shooting method. In warm wet weather, the plant forces out of its fruiting bodies long yellow "horns," which are really threadlike masses of spores. These "horns" dissolve in the first rain and the millions of spores which form each thread are washed down the trunk of the chestnut tree to find new breaks in the bark, in which to grow, or possibly to be carried by winds, birds, squirrels or insects to neighboring healthy trees.

For each of these methods of propagation there is a different kind of spore. The smaller spores, the kind forced out in horns, are single-celled. At first they were called "summer spores" because they were supposed to be formed chiefly in warm wet weather, when the "horns" appear. But recently it has been discovered that they are produced in great numbers in winter also, although not in the form of horns. All the year round these single-celled spores are being formed in millions. An idea of their tremendous multitude can be obtained from the fact that in a single small spore horn there have been found, by actual calculation, to be 115,000,000 spores. It must be remembered that each canker or diseased spot on a blighted tree produces many spores after every summer rain. The number of single-celled spores produced on one diseased tree in a year is practically infinite. The larger double-celled spores which are shot out into the air are not produced in such immense numbers. However, they can only be reckoned in millions.

The Commission is gathering together seeds of some of the most promising varieties of this kind with the idea of using the seedlings next summer in breeding experiments. A very unusual variety of the Chinese chestnut has been secured which promises good results. As a hybrid chestnut will often produce nuts in two years from the seed it will not take long to establish a new variety of chestnut resistant to the blight if such a one can be developed. Even a new race of resistant forest trees might be produced for the next generation that would be free from the disease if these experiments are successful. So far no blight has been found in any Chinese chestnuts except in a single case where artificial inoculations were made and even there the experiments have not gone far enough to be sure that definite cankers have been produced. There is much promise, therefore, in the Chinese chestnut as the parent of a possible new, vigorous blight-free variety.

**CONFESSION OF FIREBUG
CHIEF DANIES.**

Says Vast Amount Has Been Collected From Blazes He Started.

Chicago.—John Danies, of New York City, alleged chief of the Arson Trust, has made a confession to Frank Johnston, First Assistant State's Attorney. Danies, according to Mr. Johnston, named forty members of the arson ring, including several men "higher up," and admitted he had set more than twenty fires in Chicago.

The confession is said to be even more startling than that made recently by Benjamin Fink, who confessed complicity in 100 incendiary fires. An aggregate of \$500,000 in insurance money was collected from the Danies fires, said Mr. Johnston, who announced that at least forty warrants for business men, public fire insurance adjusters and actual incendiaries named by Danies would be issued.

The ramifications of the trust, as described by Danies, are almost beyond belief," Mr. Johnston continued.

The gang seems to have worked in almost every State in the Middle West. Danies and Fink were chiefs of the firebugs, although they did not belong to the same gang. Both men say they do not know each other except by reputation.

"I tried to get out of the business," Danies' confession runs, "but people would not let me alone. They kept sending for me to do jobs for them, and I kept going in the same old way for fifteen years. My experience with fires happened in my own home, and when I settled for the insurance an adjuster told me that I could make lots of money by setting incendiary fires. That's how I got mixed up in this rotten stuff."

BERRY PRAISES CATHOLICS.

Methodist Bishop Extols Their Charitable Institutions.

Philadelphia.—Bishop Berry, presiding over the Philadelphia Methodist Episcopal Conference last week, declared that the Methodists would have to take a leaf from the books of the Catholics if they hoped to grow and become a world power. He said the Catholics could teach the members of other denominations a great deal through their charitable work. He said:

"I do not say that the Roman Catholic church with premeditations and plans uses its great charitable institutions as a method for propaganda for evangelism, but I do know that the Catholic orphanages and hospitals and all its great institutions have become a tremendous force all over the world.

"I do not say of Protestants who go to Catholic institutions and hospitals that there is any attempt to proselyte them, because I do not know, but these patients cannot help but be impressed by the spirit of benevolence displayed there.

"The Methodists are too busy with revivals to do much. We began too late."

Bishop Berry showed his progressivism along other lines when he demanded that nearly all aged ministers be placed upon the retired list in order that their places may be taken with "young fighting men." The demand of the bishop was acted upon immediately and it was decided to retire eight of the best known ministers, members of the conference owing to their advanced ages.

Pittsburg.—A \$10,000,000 endowment fund, the income to be used to pension ministers of the Presbyterian church who are too old to occupy pulpits, is to be raised by that denomination. The campaign will be opened in November.

At the Fort Pitt Hotel, 120 prominent Presbyterian clergymen met to hear the Rev. Dr. William H. Foulds of New York, the new secretary of the ministerial relief board, discuss the subject. The sole purpose of the fund is to provide a suitable allowance to ministers who have become disabled or are too feeble to continue work.

FALLSDALE.

Mar. 17.—J. R. Sheard and S. D. Noble made a trip to New York City early this week.

Mrs. Lawrence Senft is spending several weeks in the city.

Mrs. C. H. Allen is seriously ill at this writing.

The Ladies' Aid met with Mrs. M. G. Noble this week and although the weather was not all that could be desired, a good crowd was present. Much interest is manifest in the meetings and a good social time enjoyed by the ladies. So far it is a success, both financially and socially. Next meeting to be held at the grange hall—an old-fashioned quilting bee.

Many will be pleased to hear that Miss Maud Noble has so far recovered since her operation as to be able to resume her teaching at Burcher Hill school.

Students from Bloomsburg State Normal are expected home to-day for the Easter vacation.

Horace W. Orr will continue to carry mail from Boyds Mill to Millville and return during the next four years.

W. D. Orr and wife attended the supper at Tyler Hill on Wednesday evening.

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