

ROOSEVELT BITTERLY DENOUNCES PENROSE

Likens Pennsylvania Senator to
"a Cuttlefish" in Fiery
Speech at Wilkesbarre.

ASSAILS NEWSPAPERS ALSO

Denies Charges That He Declined
Standard Oil Contributions Only
After Money Had Been Spent.

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WILKESBARRE, Penn., Aug. 22. —

Throwing aside all restraint, Col. Roosevelt, at a mass meeting in the Wilkesbarre Armory to-night, bitterly assailed Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania, declaring that he was guilty of the utmost baseness in his utterances before the United States Senate in connection with the Standard Oil contributions to the campaign fund of 1904. The Colonel made no effort to hide his anger, as he likened Senator Penrose to "a cuttle fish which lacked the power and courage to fight an enemy in the open."

"Like a cuttle fish," shouted Col. Roosevelt, "Penrose squirted ink at the enemy hoping to escape in that way." Then he turned his attention to the newspapers which have been opposing him, asserting that "every trust-controlled newspaper in New York and Philadelphia is stopping at no form of slander and mendacity to beat me."

The meeting to-night had been announced as the closing event of the silver jubilee of the Rev. Father Curran, which was celebrated here to-day, but Col. Roosevelt, after paying a tribute to the priest, quickly turned the meeting to his own purposes. He had been asked by THE NEW YORK TIMES correspondent just before the meeting opened to comment on Senator Penrose's charge, made in the Senate yesterday, that he had written the letter declining the Standard Oil money after the money was spent.

"Just answer that whoever sent that telegram to you is dishonest," he replied angrily. "My letter was written the moment I saw or heard that any money had been contributed. But wait a minute, I will answer that later."

Early in his address Col. Roosevelt announced to his audience that he was going to show a concrete case of "crookedness in politics, a concrete Pennsylvania case," and there were cries of "Hit him."

No Reform Without Honesty.

"Yes, I'm going to hit him," he shouted back. "You can't have any reform unless you have honesty in politics," continued the Colonel. "and as a natural sequence of thought I now come to Senator Penrose. Certain definite and specific charges were made against Senator Penrose, but I knew nothing whatever of them. Being a fairly middling busy man, I hadn't even looked at the charges with any care until Senator Penrose succeeded in riveting my attention to them."

"Yesterday he brought in a hearsay attack upon me. I want to call your attention to an analogue of Senator Penrose among the inferior forms of animal life, the cuttlefish. When the cuttlefish is attacked by an enemy it lacks the power and courage to oppose it, and squirts ink at the enemy, hoping by discoloring the water to escape and that the enemy will attack the ink."

"Penrose had heard that at my direction and with my approval \$100,000 was asked for and contributed by the Standard Oil. Mr. Penrose repeated that as hearsay, and it was a thoroughly base thing for Mr. Penrose, a United States Senator, to repeat any slander or hearsay like that. Fortunately, I had copies of two letters and telegrams I had written on the question. I never heard it rumored that any such contribution was to be made until a day or two before I wrote the first letter. I wrote once and again with the most absolute explicitness. Yesterday I gave those letters to the press, and all those papers which are attacking me should publish them."

"And any man who reads those letters is bound, if he is an honest man, to say that I acted in good faith. If any Standard Oil money was contributed it was done in absolute violation of my directions."

"Every trust-controlled newspaper in New York and Philadelphia is doing all in its power against me, and is stopping at no form of slander and mendacity to beat me. Do you think those trust papers would have been against me if I was satisfactory to the Standard Oil and Tobacco Trusts? No, they are against me because no corporation or individual could use me. That's why they oppose me; that's why they lie about me," fairly shouted the Colonel. "And I am deeply flattered by their opposition. So much for the ink."

He Really Helped Penrose.

"Now, a moment for the cuttle fish. Mr. Penrose stated that he received \$25,000 for use here in Pennsylvania, which he used to help me in the 1904 campaign. The truth is that by running I helped Mr. Penrose. He didn't help me. If he is in doubt, I ask him to compare his experience in 1904 with his experience in 1912. In 1904 Penrose, hanging on to Roosevelt, won by half a million votes. In 1912, in opposition to Roosevelt—well, I'll leave it you, was it six or eight delegates he received? I have forgotten. That difference measures just about the importance of Mr. Penrose's help to me."

Col. Roosevelt was interrupted several times by the applause of the crowd, and there were frequent cries of "Slam him!" "Give it to him, Colonel!"

On the stage with Col. Roosevelt were Father Curran, Patrick H. Morrissey, former Grand Master of the Brotherhood of Trainmen; the Rev. T. F. Edwards, pastor of the Welsh Congregational Church of Kingston, and a few others.

Father Curran, Mr. Morrissey, and Dr. Edwards all in their addresses paid high tribute to Col. Roosevelt, and Father Curran hailed him as the next President. Dr. Edwards likened the Colonel to Lloyd George, and that called for a big outburst of applause. Col. Roosevelt departs for New York at 1:50 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Makes Four Speeches in a Day.

Col. Roosevelt made four speeches during his day in Wilkesbarre. In the morning he attended high mass at the Holy Saviour Church in commemoration of the jubilee of Father Curran. It was to be present at this celebration that Col. Roosevelt came to Wilkesbarre. After addressing a crowd in front of the hotel, Col. Roosevelt went by automobile to Harvey's Lake, fifteen miles away, where he spoke at a dinner. On his way back to the city he went to the ball grounds and made a brief address. The Colonel said he was greatly impressed by his reception in Wilkesbarre.

"It looks uncommonly like a victory for the Bull Moose," he said.

There were crowds wherever the Colonel went. On his way to the armory to-night he was at the head of a parade which passed through streets crowded with cheering people. The armory was filled to its capacity long before Col. Roosevelt arrived.

METZ WILL BOLT IF HE MUST.

He'll Run for Congress Anyway if
Democrats Don't Name Him.

Former Controller Herman A. Metz, who has come-out openly for the nomination for Congress in the Fifth Congressional District, Brooklyn, announced yesterday that he would run as an independent candidate at the primaries if he was not nominated by the Democratic organization to-night. In a statement issued yesterday he hurled defiance at County Leader McCooley, who does not support him, and Democratic politicians are confident that Congressman James P. Maher, the present representative of the Fifth District will be renominated.

"Neither Mr. McCooley nor any other man can prevent me from getting a place on the ticket," said Mr. Metz yesterday in announcing his candidacy for Congress. "I have no personal criticism to make of Mr. Maher, but I am entitled to the nomination. I believe, and I have been given the solemn promise of the organization on three occasions that the influence of the county leaders would be used in my behalf in return for my services to the party in the past."

"Now this time I am going to call the bluff, and some one will have to make good or take the consequences. If I am not named as the Congressional nominee from the Fifth District, and if the people at Jefferson Hall prevent my nomination, directly or indirectly, I will carry my cause to the primary election."

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