

MUST STAND ALONE, DECLARES ROOSEVELT

Tells Philadelphians That Progressives in Congress Should Act Apart.

WHY FLINN IS AN ALLY

Colonel Says Boss Told Him He Wanted the United States Fit for His Children to Live In.

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PHILADELPHIA, March 14.—In a speech before the Electoral College Association of Pennsylvania, whose guest he was at dinner in the Bellevue-Stratford to-night, ex-President Roosevelt asserted amid shouts of approval that the time had come when the Progressives in Congress should stand as a separate party. If there were not more than half a dozen Representatives, he said, it was important that they let the country know that they intended to act as an organization.

Just before this utterance he lauded the contribution made to the Progressive Party cause in Pennsylvania by William Flinn, and said that he felt it an honor to stand and applaud the message the Pittsburgh man had sent to the toastmaster, William Wilhelm. Then he related a conversation he had held with Mr. Flinn, of whom he asked his reasons for allying himself with the new party, and was told that Mr. Flinn did so because he wanted to see the United

States put into such a condition politically that it would be a fit place for his children to live in.

Mr. Roosevelt spoke briefly, and added nothing to his platform for social and industrial justice. He dealt rather in platitudes and sermonized on political reform. There was much of praise for the work of the Progressive cause done in Pennsylvania, which State, he said, was leading the Nation in the new crusade.

Others who spoke were Clyde Kelly, Congressman-elect from Pittsburgh; Mrs. Maud Howe Elliott, daughter of Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, author of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic;" Judge Charles Brunn, of Schuylkill County, and ex-Senator Albert J. Beveridge, who made the principal address of the evening.

Fully 600 persons attended the dinner, all parts of the State being represented, while prominent Progressives from neighboring States also attended. One-fourth of the guests were women, and so frequent were the approving references to equal rights that the meeting indorsed woman suffrage, delighting the suffragists and evoking from them some of the heartiest demonstrations of the function.

Mr. Roosevelt said in part:

"We have had three great movements in the United States. They were at the time when the Nation was founded, the time when it was saved, and the third is the time when it is being dedicated anew to the lives of average men and women. In the first crisis, Virginia and Massachusetts led; in the second, the State of Lincoln and Grant—Indiana—led, and the third is led by the Keystone State.

"The next time there is a Progressive National Convention, the greatest number of delegates will come from Pennsylvania, and they will be counted fairly, too."