

DETROIT HEARS ROOSEVELT.

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DETROIT, Mich., March 29.—Theodore Roosevelt drew a good crowd to the Armory to-night considering the fact that it cost a dollar a ticket to be there. The Progressives took this means of raising some money for their campaign fund. A couple of thousand paid to hear their leader, the newspapers being relied upon to communicate his speech to the people.

In the afternoon a crowd of several thousand gathered outside the Cadillac Hotel, where he was with Gifford Pinchot and a number of Michigan Progressives, and clamored for him until he appeared on a balcony and talked for ten or fifteen minutes.

The Colonel arrived ahead of time, and came into town alone in a taxicab. He surprised the Reception Committee at the Cadillac by walking into headquarters carrying his own suitcase. He would not talk to reporters further than to confirm an Albany dispatch saying that he favored seating women in the coming Constitutional Convention.

"Mary Dreier and Miss Keller are writing some of the most important things that will go into the constitution. Why should they not be on the floor to discuss them?" he asked.

Col. Roosevelt repeated this in his speech this evening, and made a strong plea for woman suffrage, which will be voted on again in Michigan on April 7. The remainder of his address was devoted to arguments on behalf of the Progressive Party in the Spring election.

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