

## GOV. FOLK ON STATE RIGHTS

Tendency to Centralize Power in The Federal Government is A Danger to Them.

### SUSPENDING OF STATUTES.

Should be Protest Against Practice Until Their Constitutionality Has Been Passed On.

Evansville, Ind., July 4.—Before a crowd of almost 10,000 people at the Chautauqua assembly here this afternoon, Gov. Joseph W. Folk of Missouri delivered an address upon the Fourth of July. He said in part:

"I believe the real work of the next few years is to be done in the states. These are the great experimental stations of representative government, and they have been most neglected.

"The states are supreme in their sphere, limited only by their own constitutions, and by the powers which they have delegated to the federal government. In the tendency to centralize power in the federal government, which has been given such an impetus of late, there is danger to our constitutions and the integrity and dignity of these states, so necessary to the preservation of the ideas of government that were crystallized in the formation of the republic. Nowhere is this encroachment on the rights of the state more marked than in the wholesale nullification of state laws by federal subjects without hearing and before trial.

"The result is, unless the consent of a railroad can be obtained to pending legislation, the state becomes powerless. No good citizen desires to be unjust to railroads. But that they must be regulated and that the states should not be left as mere subjects of their benevolence all must admit. No one could object to a court, state or federal, declaring the statute unconstitutional, if found to be so after hearing. But there should be no protest against the states being suspended as presumptively bad until the case is determined. This is like punishing a man first and trying him afterward. A number of important laws of the state of Missouri are now enjoined by the federal injunction veto. In the course of years, when the case is tried, the court will probably hold them valid, but they might as well be killed as to be chloroformed by injunction until their vitality is gone.

"The people of Missouri are not prejudiced against railroads, as such, and the same sentiment of justice which brought the freight rate law and the 2-cent fare law into being will cause their repeal if they are found to be unfair. But the people of Missouri object to a federal court despotically enjoining the state from enforcing laws before they have been declared invalid.

"This is merely a sample of what is going on all over the country. If these conditions continue, they will without a vigorous protest from those who believe in the rights of the states to control their local affairs, state sovereignty will soon be merely a theory. This is the greatest nation in the world—great because it is an indivisible union of independent states. Let us keep it so, for its decline will be the decline when the self-government of the states, the source of its power, is destroyed."

### FOR ARBITRATION.

Petition, Signed by 2,000,000 Americans, Presented to Hague Conference.

The Hague, July 4.—President Nollhoff of the peace conference today received Miss Anna Eckstein of Boston, Mass., who presented a petition signed by over 2,000,000 Americans in favor of a general arbitration treaty. H. Nollhoff congratulated her on the number of signatures and said the petition was in the right direction, for if any limitation of armaments was possible it would have to be done through arbitration. Russia, he continued, had not renounced her original program, but to carry it out it was necessary to have recourse to arbitration. The development of international law and international courts must be dictated by a full understanding between the states and peoples, the furtherance of mutual good will and love of Christ.

The conference, M. Nollhoff added, would discuss whether it should meet periodically, but he did not believe that

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the present conference would arrive at a decision on the subject. Robert Treat Paine, president of the American Peace society, who was present at the interview between Mr. Nollhoff and Miss Eckstein, said that it assumed greater importance owing to the fact that it occurred on the Fourth of July, which he considered to be a good omen.

### EXPORT DUTY ON BANANAS.

San Jose, Costa Rica, July 4.—Congress today passed the law imposing an export duty on bananas at the rate of 10 cents local currency per bunch when produced by the exporter and six cents per bunch when purchased. The proceeds of these duties will be applied exclusively to the foreign debt of Costa Rica, and consequently the measure is popular with the people, but it has been opposed by the banana growers. Congressman Ricardo Jimenez, who took an active part in bringing about the passage of the law, was enthusiastically received by the people at the end of the session.

### GIANT POWDER EXPLODED.

Party in Rowboat Had It. Two of Them Being Killed.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, July 4.—Four pounds of giant powder exploded today in a rowboat, killing two persons and injuring five others. The powder was to be used to make the noise for a small picnic. The survivors say that one of those killed threw a cigarette into the boat and that a spark from it must have reached the contents.

### EDUCATION OF THE DEAF.

Movement Started to Raise Half Million Dollar Fund for It.

Norfolk, July 4.—The launching of a movement for the raising of an endowment fund of a half million dollars or more was the feature of the opening session of the Jamestown exposition today of the National Association for the Deaf.

Dr. Edward Miner Gallouet of Washington, D. C., founder of the higher education for the deaf, announced that he had appealed to Andrew Carnegie, John D. Rockefeller and Mrs. Russell Sage for assistance for the association. Several hundred deaf nudes, representing practically every state in the Union, are attending the convention which was called to order by President G. W. Veditz of Colorado Springs. The opening invocation was by Rev. J. W. Michael of Little Rock, Ark., a notable feature being the repeating with him in sign language of the Lord's prayer by the assembled delegates.

Among the responses to welcoming speeches was that made by Douglas Tilden of San Francisco.

### FIREWORKS EXPLODED.

Party Had Them Under Seats in Carriage and Were Lifted.

Chelsea, Mass., July 4.—Riding in a carriage to the river, a party of a dozen picnickers were suddenly lifted into the air by the explosion of a quantity of fireworks under the seat. A careless youth had dropped a lighted cigar into the fireworks. The seat was torn loose and several of the party literally lifted into the air. Harry McKenna, Guy Alee and Ruth Boyer are so severely burned that their condition is critical. Of the others, Cecil Boyer, Clyde Kenty, Daisy Kenty, Laura Hull and Tenny Squieres all suffered severely.

## LAW IS THE VERY LIFE OF LIBERTY

Vice President Fairbanks on the Duties of American Citizens.

### FAIR PLAY IS A BIRTHRIGHT.

Spirit of Equal and Exact Justice to All Should Govern the People in All That They Do.

Fergus Falls, Minn., July 4.—Vice President Fairbanks was the Fourth of July attraction in this city. He drew a crowd such as had not been seen here before.

After a parade, in which Mr. Fairbanks participated and during which he received an ovation, he addressed the people from a platform erected in the city park. Mr. Fairbanks said, in part:

"Our fathers lived in a government of law—law written by representatives of the people, chosen by the people themselves, acting in their sovereign capacity. They realized that this was to be a great country and they knew that if it were to attain to the full measure of their best expectations it must be a country where the law and the law alone, should be supreme. They knew full well that to be great must be governed by just laws, laws which, as good as human foresight could divine, could direct the citizens' enjoyment of the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. They knew, as we, that in the final analysis law is the very life of liberty, and without law and obedience to it, there is despotism, and despotism is tyranny.

"We should inculcate a wholesome respect for law and for established authority. We should see to it that those who enact the law and those who administer it are fair, just and incorruptible men—men whom neither wealth nor the blandishments of power nor prejudice can swerve from a high-minded, honorable course. Laws should be the concrete expression of the conscience and the intelligent judgment of the people. Their purpose should be as broad and comprehensive as are the rights of all who owe allegiance to a common flag. The laws should be enacted so as to comprehend the welfare of the great body of the people. The laws simply protect us in the enjoyment of our rightful opportunities. It is left for us to work out our own destiny in the exercise of our own judgment and by the force of our own ability.

"We are placed here and must run our race together. We must have a regard for each other and beware that we do not trample upon the rights of our neighbor. While we care for ourselves, we must also have a thought for those about us. We are all capable, help others who are worthy and in need to bear their burdens. We cannot get on without each other if we would, and we would not if we could. A man who takes no thought of his neighbor is not worthy of thought himself.

"Our forefathers believed in fair play among all the people of this country. We believe no less than they in securing fair play to every citizen of this republic, no matter where he lives, who he is, no matter how weak or how powerful he may be. Fair play is a part of the birthright of every citizen who owes allegiance to the flag of the republic. We do not claim to possess infallibility either in the enactment or the enforcement of the law. We have acted thus far with the best light at our command. If experience should show that we have fallen short of the accomplishment of our purpose, if the laws already enacted shall prove to be inadequate, we shall not hesitate to so strengthen them that they may put an end to those practices in trade and commerce which create beneficiaries. In all that we do we shall be governed by a spirit of equal and exact justice among all."

### NEW MEXICO HOLDS AN IRRIGATION CELEBRATION

Carlsbad, N. M., July 4.—The second day of the New Mexico irrigation celebration found several thousand people added to the crowds of yesterday. Every part of New Mexico is represented. The program today included a horse show, contests in driving, competitive events by the various departments represented, a formal flag raising, steer riding and bronco busting. The speakers of the day included Judge Elyar of El Paso, R. E. Twitchell of Las Vegas, G. A. Richardson of Roswell, and H. W. Scott of Carlsbad. Mr. Richardson reviewed the work of the reclamation service in the Rio Grande and Pecos valleys. Mr. Twitchell suggested that it might be necessary to ask the government for a direct appropriation to build the Rio Grande irrigation system in the Rio Grande valley of New Mexico, Texas and old Mexico. The estimated cost is \$2,000,000. The money for the building of the irrigation projects constructed and now in course of construction by the government has come from the sale of public lands. Congress appropriated \$1,000,000 to begin work on the Rio Grande project, but a further appropriation is needed.

Mr. Scott detailed the plans to build a railroad from Kansas City to El Paso by way of Lawton, Okla., and Carlsbad. Resolutions adopted at a mass meeting commencing President Roosevelt for his broad grasp of western conditions, especially in connection with the irrigation projects in New Mexico. Mention was also made of the president's "wise policy" in reference to the public domain and the conservation of public forests. The resolutions declared unalterable adherence to the plan of single statehood for New Mexico.

**MILLIONAIRE BREWER ESCAPES.**  
Toronto, July 4.—Peter Bartels, the millionaire brewer of Syracuse, N. Y., arrested in Walland a month ago on a charge of perjury and ordered extradited, and who appealed to the courts at Toronto, escaped from custody today. Just before court opened for arguments on appeal from the extradition decision, the sheriff left Bartels for a moment in the corridor. When he looked for him, Bartels had disappeared. The arguments, however, proceeded.

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