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THOUSANDS WELCOME ROOSEVELT TO TOWN

Wonderful and Inspiring Demonstration in Honor of Only Living Ex-President.

POPULAR RULE THE THEME OF HIS SPEECH

Tremendous Outpouring of Citizens of All Shades of Political Faith — Theatre Jammed—Urges People to Vote the Way They Shout.

One little fraction of a great building, another period day was given over yesterday in this city by thousands of people to a welcome to Col. Theodore Roosevelt, who, in dash across the state of Pennsylvania on the eve of our political primary election on Saturday, decided at the last moment to make a plea for the cause he espouses in the coming national battle.

It was a wonderful occasion, remarkable for the enthusiasm and interest which was crowded into the brief period of twenty-five minutes. Never has quite so much been accomplished in this city in so short a time by a public man. In that short time thousands saw the former colonel of Rough Riders, elevated him on to victory in his campaign, for the nomination for the presidency and perhaps some of the enthusiasm was crowdable, and by his speech that will make for his victory in this state, not to say his victory throughout the nation.

From the Pennsylvania station, where he arrived at 1:45, to the Lyric Theatre, where he spoke for just about fifteen minutes, the streets were lined with people. Banners waved, crowds cheered, vehicles appeared, automobile horns tooted, all in spite weather to the most enthusiastic American of our time.

It all was great, but it was all too short for the many thousands who had crowded into Allentown from all over this section of county just to get a glimpse at the man whose "hat is in the ring" and who has rendered more into the popular mind than phrases and sayings than any other living American.

They saw him, just as he is depicted in the daily photographs that have been printed. They saw him just as he looked when here in this city in 1910, except that he seemed heavier and if anything looked fuller in the face. He appeared tired however, and some wondered at, considering the difficult campaigning that he has had to do, through during the last two weeks, perhaps the most strenuous fortnight in all his campaign. He did not at the eleventh hour be one of the most bitterly contested offices in the world, the presidency of the United States.

The colonel came on from Reading during the early afternoon of his third day in Pennsylvania. On Tuesday he was in the west, on Wednesday he made a jump across the state and yesterday he crossed the eastern section of the state, going from Philadelphia to Pottstown, to Reading, to Allentown, to Easton.

All was anticipation in this city of through the forenoon. The crowd was reached with the arrival at the Terminal Station at 1:45 and the anticipation followed during the rest of the day when the city slowly and near the enthusiasm that it had attired itself for.

The speech of the colonel was also main thing. Everything else was made subsidiary to what remarks he might have to make on the present issue. Before a crowd that filled the Lyric Theatre as it has never been packed in all its history, he pounded each and every issue dear to the heart of the present political situation with the force of a sledge hammer.

In this address he appealed to the rank and file of the progressive Republicans, he appealed to the progressive Democrats, he appealed to the independent voters, he appealed to the Republicans who are not for Taft, he appealed to the Democrats who are not for Wilson, he appealed to the Democrats who are not for Clark, he appealed to the Democrats who are not for Harmon, he appealed to the Democrats who are not for Underwood, he appealed to the Democrats who are not for Baldwin, he appealed to the Democrats who are not for Marshall, he appealed to the Democrats who are not for Bryan, he appealed to the Democrats who are not for Sulzer, he appealed to the Democrats who are not for Ryan, he appealed to the Democrats who are not for Murphy, he appealed to the Democrats who are not for Tammany