

DEAL ADMITTED BY GAS COMPANY

Payments Made in Denver Lots for Purpose of Qualifying Employees to Vote.

FAT THING FOR MR. COOK

Said to Have Received \$1800 in Cash and Numerous Payments of \$1 Per Week on Property That Will Soon Be His Again.

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—Admission that the company made a deal with J. Cook, Jr., previous to the May election, by which the company made payments on lots solely for the purpose of qualifying its employees and friends to vote on the new franchise, was made in court this morning by General Manager Frank Prouff, of the Denver Gas & Electric Company.

After the company had paid him \$700 each week for three weeks, 600 of the lots returned to Cook without the least shadow of a doubt and he is still receiving, or was receiving until October, pay for about 100 of them at the rate of \$1 per week from gas company employees or from the company itself and these payments, if continued, will follow until Cook has received a fancy price for each lot, or he will again become the absolute owner of them with all payments to date as "velvet."

Prouff admitted he had ordered a list of his employees made and that the names of other persons known to be interested in the franchise, but who were not then qualified to vote upon them, were to be included. He admitted he would be in conference with Cook and of leaving the matter of supplying the printed forms for the bonds for deeds entirely to Cook.

EXPLOSION WRECKS TOWN

ROBURT FACTORY IN GERMAN KILLS HUNDREDS.

Scatters 300 Dead and Injured and Reduces Town of Annen to Heap of Ruins.

DORTMUND, Germany, Nov. 29.—A "roburt" factory situated close to the town of Annen, several miles southwest of here, blew up yesterday evening and was wiped from the face of the earth.

It is estimated that 300 persons were killed or wounded, but the exact number has not been ascertained. Up to 120 o'clock this morning eight dead bodies had been recovered and 80 of the severely wounded persons had been conveyed to hospitals. The work of rescue now going on is attended with the greatest danger from a possibility of a renewal of the explosions.

The accident occurred at about 8:30. There were two tremendous detonations, heard throughout the entire surrounding country, which is thickly settled. Inhabitants of the neighborhood fled in panic, fearing further explosions.

HEAPS FLATTERY ON LEOPOLD

Belgium Minister Praises Management of Congo State.

BRUSSELS, Nov. 28.—Owing to the illness of M. Vandervelde, the Socialist leader in the Chamber of Deputies, the latter's interpellation of the government, asking that Parliament refuse to accept the terms of King Leopold's will by equating the Congo Independent State to Belgium with the stipulation that the royal prerogative be maintained integrally was taken up by M. Purneman.

Previously to this the Foreign Minister Baron de Favreux, read a statement reviewing the progress made by the Congo Independent State under King Leopold's management on the enlightened management of the Congo and praising the King's patriotism in preparing means for Belgium to take over the great work founded and organized under his initiative and generosity.

The discussion in the Chamber gave no definite indication of the probable issue of the parliamentary battle over the state. The absence on account of ill health of M. Vandervelde embarrassed the irreconcilable opponents of annexation, but these members will participate in the debate tomorrow.

The Premier, M. DeSmet de Nayer, made a statement giving the government's views, saying the government favored the acceptance of King Leopold's bequest with the attached conditions relative to the royal domains. At the same time, he declared the government would not tolerate foreign intervention.

CANNOT GIVE UP COLONIES

Von Buelow Holds Them Necessary to German Commerce.

BERLIN, Nov. 28.—Chancellor von Buelow opened the colonial debate in the Reichstag today. The galleries were crowded. In part Chancellor von Buelow said the colonies were passing through a severe crisis. Only after a three years' war had the rising of rebels in German Southwest Africa been suppressed. Large sums were necessary for the development of all the colonies.

"I am sure that no Chancellor and no Reichstag would assume the responsibility of giving up the colonies. Germany had colonies, whether she wanted them or not, and must remain a colonial nation so long as she had a strong fleet. Germany did not acquire her colonies with the idea of becoming a great colonial power. It was an economical and political necessity." Herr Dernburg, the new Colonial Direc-

tor, who addressed the House after the Chancellor, pointed out the necessity for the final independence of the various German protectorates and their eventual self-government, adding that it was the opinion of the British and Americans that colonization must begin with the building of railroads. Prof. Burgess, Herr Dernburg said he had been told that the United States was only able to suppress the rebellious Filipinos after the railroads had entered the territory of the insurgents.

FORCE MARQUIS TO SELL OUT

Irish Member Wants to Remove Cianricarde's Blighting Effect.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—William Duffy, member of Parliament for South Galway, introduced a bill into the House of Commons providing for the expropriation of 57,000 acres from the Marquis of Cianricarde's estates. Mr. Duffy explained that he desired the government to compulsorily acquire the property of the Marquis, thus permitting the latter, who utterly declines to sell under the land act, to "take himself to some other corner of the world, where his extraordinary talents and activity will be more appreciated."

SPANISH CABINET RESIGNS

Sudden Action Surprises Even Some of Its Members.

MADRID, Nov. 28.—The Cabinet has resigned. The resignation of the Cabinet came as a surprise, not only to the public, but to some of the Ministers themselves.

Senor Moret y Prendergast, who is a Moderate Liberal, has already had an audience with the King and been charged with the formation of a new Cabinet.

The Spanish Cabinet which has just resigned was formed July 4, 1906. The principal legislation to which the Cabinet was committed was the law of associations.

NATIONAL BANK OF PERSIA

New Parliament Adopts Alternative to Borrowing Abroad.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 28.—A dispatch announced that the Persian Parliament, after denouncing the idea of contracting a large foreign loan, had unanimously approved a proposal to found a national bank having a capital of \$4,000,000 to \$7,500,000. In return for the state revenue being deposited in the bank, the bank is to bind itself to pay the state expenditure, discharge the state's debts and advance money to the government at 7 per cent interest.

SERVIAN VILLAGES BURNED

Bulgarians Kill and Wound Many of Inhabitants.

BELOGRADE, Serbia, Nov. 28.—A report here today says that a band of Bulgarians has burned two Servian villages, Dovesenz and Bolyakovzer, in the Vilayet of Uskub, killing 14 persons, mostly women and children, and wounding many others.

Chinese Admitted to England.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—The Immigration Board, after receiving assurances that the 22 Chinamen who arrived at Gravesend November 19 on their way from Hongkong to Liverpool, would be employed at Liverpool, today permitted their entrance into England. The decision ends the first attempt to exclude Chinese from landing in Great Britain under the alien act.

Boni's Creditors' Case Delayed.

PARIS, Nov. 28.—The suit of the creditors of Count and Countess Boni de Castellane again came up for a hearing today in the tribunal civil, but the case was postponed for a week owing to the fact that Maître Cruppi, counsel for the former Countess, was not ready to proceed.

Long Voyage of Aeronauts.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—Two aeronauts, who started from Wandsworth, near here, yesterday in a balloon, landed at daybreak at Verri, on Lake Geneva, Switzerland, accomplishing the notable journey of 700 miles in 10 hours. The balloon has a capacity of 75,000 feet of gas.

France Recalls Squadron.

TOULON, Nov. 28.—It became known this morning that the squadron of warships, consisting of the Suffren, Saint Louis and Charlemagne, accompanied by the transport Lantue, which left Toulon early this morning for Tangier, was recalled by searchlight signals.

Gold Medal for Amundsen.

CHRISTIANIA, Nov. 28.—Captain Amundsen, the Arctic explorer, who recently went through the Northwest Passage, was presented today with the gold medal of the Geographic Society. After the presentation, the society gave a banquet in his honor.

Greeks and Bulgarians Fight.

SALONICA, European Turkey, Nov. 28.—There was a desperate fight on November 27, in which the Greeks and Bulgarians, who were fighting, were killed, Turkish troops eventually put a stop to the fighting.

Lebandy's Balloon Ascends.

NANTES, France, Nov. 28.—La Patrie, the Lebandy dirigible war balloon which has been formally accepted by the government today made its first ascension. The flight lasted an hour and a half.

France Will Not Land Troops.

PARIS, Nov. 28.—No great importance is attached to the shooting yesterday in Tangiers by French troops. But will be landed in Morocco unless the steps are absolutely necessary.

Bremen May Improve Harbor.

BERLIN, Nov. 28.—The senate of Bremen today submitted to the people a project for improvements to the harbor facilities, involving an outlay of \$4,500,000.

Again Refuses Vote to Women.

MELBOURNE, Victoria, Nov. 28.—The Victorian Legislative Council today again rejected the woman's suffrage bill.

Cline Leads in Billiard Match.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—Tom Gallagher, of this city, defeated Edward McLaughlin, also a local player, tonight in the American short-stop championship tournament at 18.2 billiards, 490 to 251. Harry P. Cline, of Philadelphia, beat Frank Hopper, Jr., of this city, by 492 to 52 in the afternoon. This was Hopper's last chance in the tournament, in which he lost all of his six games. Cline's victory in the field with four straight victories.

OLDS-WORTMAN-KING STORE NEWS. THE "DIFFERENT STORE". PEACE AND PLENTY. GOOD WISHES!

We're Holidaying Today—Store Closed All Day

ON THANKSGIVING DAY, more than at any other time of the year, the "Old Homestead" comes into its own. Not only from all parts of this great Union of States, but from all parts of the world, steam vessels and trains bear thousands of wanderers back to the scenes of their childhood and youth at this festive time of family reunion.

"This day our Nation bends the knee In gratitude for blessings, great and small We blend our voices heartily, And send Thanksgiving greetings to you all."

We Invite Your Attention. OLDS, WORTMAN & KING. To the Store's Announcement in Thursday Evening's Newspapers, also Friday morning's Oregonian, of Remarkable Values constituting the Special Sale Bargains of our 187th Grand Friday "Economy Sale."

CORN KING OF ALL

Most Valuable Among Crops of America.

COTTON IN SECOND PLACE

Department of Agriculture Tells About Products of Farm—Sugar-Beet Fast Rising in Rank. New Alfalfa Found.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—In his annual report the Secretary of Agriculture says that in the net value of leading crops corn remains by far the most valuable crop, estimated at \$1,100,000,000.

Abandon Historic Drydock.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Nov. 28.—From telegraphic orders received here from the Navy Department at Washington, stopping all work on the old wooden drydock, it is believed that this historic structure, which has held some of the famous fighting ships of three American wars, is to be abandoned.

Allows Pay to Bryan's Regiment.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—The auditor for the War Department today admitted the claim of William J. Bryan's regiment, the Third Nebraska Volunteers, for \$25,240, being the rate of pay allowed as rates for the men of the regiment from the time they reported for duty during the Spanish-American War until they were mustered into the service.

Fulton Calls on President.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—President Roosevelt cordially greeted Senator Fulton this morning when the Senator called at the White House to pay his respects. The call was purely personal. Later the Senator will discuss appointments and other public matters with the President. Tomorrow, the Senator will send in

Postal Commission Loaded Down.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Postmaster General Cortelyou and Assistant Shallenbeger today presented to the Congressional Postal Commission a mass of sta-

TARIFF EXPERTS IN DEMAND

Secretary Root Says Efforts Are Being Made to Extend Commerce.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—In appearing before the House committee on appropriations today to answer questions concerning the financial needs of the State Department for the next fiscal year, Secretary Root took occasion to impress upon the committee the importance of liberal appropriations for the employment of tariff experts, saying that the department is preparing to make every possible effort to extend the National commerce.

SIXTY MEN SAID TO HAVE MUTINIED

ABOARD THE TENNESSEE. NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Nov. 28.—Blue-jackets ashore from warships in the harbor say that about 60 stokers are in the brig aboard the armored cruiser Tennessee because they refused to work when the vessel was put under forced draught Monday while the Tennessee and Washington were conveying the battleship Louisiana, bearing the President home from Panama.

HEROINE OF BOXER REVOLT

Mrs. Gamewell, Who Stood Siege of Legation, Dead. NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—Mrs. Mary Q. Porter Gamewell, wife of Dr. Frank D. Gamewell, one of the secretaries of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is dead at her home at Summit, N. J. Mrs. Gamewell was sent by the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church as a missionary to Peking, China, in 1872.

ROOSEVELT GREET'S POPE'S DELEGATES.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Secretary Taft today introduced to the President and later to Secretary Root, Monsignor Falconio, the apostolic delegate, and Monsignor Jose Aversa, who has been appointed by the Vatican in a similar capacity to Cuba.

PEORIA FACTORY DESTROYED.

PEORIA, Ill., Nov. 28.—Fire that started this afternoon in the building occupied by the Daily Carpet & Furniture Company, one of the largest in the city, destroyed that structure.

END OF AN OUTLAW

Chief of Pulajanes Killed in Fight With Volunteers.

MANILA, Nov. 28.—Governor Curry, of the Island of Samar, reports a desperate fight between Pulajanes and volunteers near Albate, November 26, Pedro de la Cruz, an outlaw chief was killed and 20 of his followers were wounded. The remainder of Cruz's band was dispersed.

HIS BAND IS SCATTERED

Pedro de la Cruz Was Second in Command of Samar Bandits and Was Believed to Be Invulnerable. Cruz was second in command of the Samar bandits. He was recognized as a desperate character and had been fighting since 1896. He refused to surrender to the Americans. His followers believed him to be invulnerable. Governor Curry says that the end of outlaws in Samar is near.

TRAIN-ROBBER'S TRIAL SET.

MARSHALL, Mo., Nov. 28.—Jesse Clyde Rumsay was arraigned here this afternoon on a charge of robbing the Chicago & Alton passenger train at Glasgow on Sunday night last and the Rock Island train near the same place on November 8. He waived preliminary hearing and his trial was set for the second week at a date yet to be fixed.

EARLY VOTE ON SMOOT CASE.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Senator Burrows, chairman of the committee on privileges and elections, today said that he would call up the case of Senator Smoot, of Utah, at the first opportunity. He added that he hoped to get a vote very soon, and it possible to do so over 100 girls of the first families of Korea have been taken to the Korean imperial palace, and from among them will be selected a consort for the Crown Prince of Korea.

ELBERT HUBBARD SAYS:

That "Football occupies the same relation to education that a bullfight does to farming." Nevertheless there will be a host of M. A. A. C. and U. of O. "Rooters" out on Monomah Field this afternoon to witness the tussle for supremacy of these two bands of modern gladiators. Better come and go along—Store is closed, you know.

AZEL P. HATCH, NOTED LAWYER.

CHICAGO, Nov. 28.—Azel P. Hatch, who was attorney for the World's Columbian Exposition, and who was considered an authority on corporation and mining law, died here today. He was one of the founders of the company which published the Chicago Herald and the Evening Post.

REFORMED REPUBLICANS.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—Dr. B. Benjamin Andrews, chairman of the Nebraska, addressing a Brown Alumni dinner last night said: "Out in Nebraska we have had a little quiet political revolution. Twenty-five years ago Nebraska was Republican, and a more rotten government never existed on earth. And that is saying a great deal. The Populists overthrew the Republicans, but the latter have gained in power and are now fully back. Now that is not peculiar, but it is peculiar that the Republicans, without compulsion, have reformed their party until the set of men just elected are the best men, it seems, that Nebraska has ever had in office. The best moral sense in the party has triumphed."

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