

# McCOURT GAINS APPLE OF DISCORD

## Confirmed by the Senate as District Attorney for Oregon.

### WILL SOON TAKE CHARGE

#### Bristol Will Retire as Soon as McCourt Takes Oath—Grand Jury and Land Frauds in Charge of Pendleton Man.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 17.—The Senate late this afternoon, without a dissenting voice, confirmed the nomination of John McCourt, of Pendleton, as District Attorney for Oregon, thus terminating one of the longest and most bitter patronage fights in the history of Oregon.

Mr. McCourt's commission will be made out immediately and will probably be forwarded by mail tomorrow. Upon its receipt he will take the oath of office and, upon telegraphing the Attorney-General that he has done so, will be directed by wire to take full charge of the District Attorney's office.

W. C. Bristol's recess appointment expires automatically upon the confirmation and qualification of his successor. He is now serving under a recess appointment, given him just one year ago today. That appointment would have held him in office until the close of the present session of Congress had not Mr. McCourt been confirmed.

Mr. McCourt will be expected to take up Mr. Bristol's work just where Mr. Bristol leaves off, including the land fraud cases and matters now before the grand jury. There is no intention of retaining Mr. Bristol, even temporarily, to continue those matters. It is understood that Mr. McCourt will not announce the name of the man he will temporarily appoint Assistant District Attorney for several weeks.

### TAKES OFFICE WHEN ORDERED

#### McCourt Promises to Expedite All Business Brought Before Him.

PENDLETON, Or., March 17.—(Special.)—When notified tonight that his appointment had been confirmed, McCourt said he would assume the duties of his office just as soon as his commission should be received, and would qualify, unless directed to do so sooner by the department. He said:

"Of course do not know and will not know until I have assumed the duties of the office what matters are pending there, requiring attention. I intend to dispose of all matters pending when I enter the office, as well as those arising in the future, as rapidly as conditions will permit.

"Officers against the law will be brought to a speedy trial, and as vigorously prosecuted as the interests of the Government and the rights of the defendants will allow.

"The office will receive my undivided attention. All criminal matters will receive full investigation, and where indictments are returned vigorous prosecution will be given. Civil matters will receive my earnest attention and the Government's rights will be protected so far as it lies in my power to protect them. I expect to give the Government while in the office, as I have always given my other clients, the best service within my ability."

### BRISTOL WILL QUIT TODAY

#### Holds McCourt's Confirmation Ends His Power as District Attorney.

When the United States Court convenes this morning, District Attorney Bristol will ask to be excused from further direction of the office, as well as to base this action on decisions of the United States Supreme Court, which has held that the confirmation by the Senate of a nomination made by the President completes the appointment, and in the present case, disqualifies him further from attending the sessions of the grand jury. In other words, Mr. McCourt is now United States Attorney for Oregon and Mr. Bristol considers that for him longer to retain the office would constitute an usurpation of the office. This action of Mr. Bristol undoubtedly will necessitate the adjournment of the grand jury until McCourt can reach this city from his home at Pendleton, where he is detained for several days because of delayed trains on account of the flood.

Simultaneously with the retirement of Mr. Bristol, it is understood the terms of office of Assistant United States Attorneys Robert Tucker and Walter H. Wilkins likewise terminate. This means that the office will be delivered to Mr. McCourt single-handed. The new District Attorney will be confronted with several important pending cases together with a number of alleged violations of the Federal statutes which await investigation.

### Pay Letter-Carriers Overtime.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 17.—Senator Puliton yesterday presented in the Senate a corrected report on the omnibus claims bill. The original report was withdrawn to correct numerous errors of misapprehension. In presenting the corrected report Senator Puliton stated that he would ask early consideration and passage of the claims bill.

The bill provides for the payment of overtime claims of letter-carriers barred by the statute of limitations, aggregating \$28,000. The Oregon beneficiaries are Newton L. Gilman, \$24; Ernest F. Patterson, \$20; and Philip W. Liljeston, \$28, all of Portland.

### Two New National Banks.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 17.—These Washington banks have been authorized to begin business:

The Northwestern National Bank of Beulah, with \$100,000 capital; Irvine J. Adair, president; C. N. Larrabee, vice-president; C. K. McMillan, cashier.

The Third National Bank of Walla Walla, with \$100,000 capital; A. E. Johnson, president; E. R. Kough, vice-president; and Fred W. Wilson, cashier.

### ACTIONS DISCREDIT DENIAL

#### Evidence That Duke of Abruzzi May Marry Miss Elkins.

ROME, March 17.—Some significant circumstances regarding the movements of the Duke of Abruzzi came to light today and do not bear out the denial made at the Italian court yesterday of a marriage engagement between the Duke (who is a cousin of King Victor Emmanuel) and Miss Katherine Elkins, daughter of Senator Elkins. The Duke

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ANTIOCH, Ore., March 17.—While 13-year-old Agnes Gellens of San Francisco was walking on the Santa Fe trestle over the San Joaquin River at this place today she was overtaken by westbound passenger No. 5. Seeing that it meant instant death to remain on the track, the girl leaped into the river.

Baggageman Roberts saw the daring act and immediately plunged after her and reached her just as she was going down for the last time. He managed to keep afloat until rescued by J. N. Christian and A. L. Beck, who saw the thrilling act and came out from shore in a boat.

### SPERRY AS COMMANDER

#### (Continued From First Page.)

and swiftness to execute the laconic order of the commander-in-chief.

Meantime the Georgia had moved into her allotted position, the anchor had been let go, the chains had rattled through the starboard porthole and she had come to a stop directly in line with the other vessels.

"Well done, Georgia," the Admiral remarked, almost casually. The words were repeated with a shout by an aide to the officer on the bridge and up the mainmast shot the signal of commendation to the Georgia. The acknowledgment came back instantly.

### Glacier Shows Some Scars.

Admiral Evans said that very likely he would go out on the target range with the Connecticut when he engaged in her record target practice. It might go aboard his tender, the Yankton, but more likely he would remain on the flagship.

The refrigerator ship Glacier shows some evidence of her voyage. Her port hatchway had been broken in two and her bowsprit broken short off. The hatchway was broken at Punta Arenas, where a merchant ship ran into her while she was at anchor. The figure-head had been broken off the bow and was lashed temporarily with ropes.

### WILL NOT SEND NEW MESSAGE

#### But Roosevelt Will Help Passage of Civic Federation Bills.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—The report that the President had sent a special message to Congress urging upon its attention certain matters of necessary legislation recommended by the Civic Federation meets with a positive denial at the White House.

The fact is the President, as already stated in the press, has been for the last fortnight in consultation at intervals with the members of the Federation, for the most part individually and separately, but sometimes in groups, concerning the prospect of securing legislation in the form of their desires before the adjournment of the present session of Congress.

The outcome is expected to be the presentation within a few days by Representative Hepburn, of Iowa, of one or more bills covering the subject.

The President has no present intention of transmitting a message to Congress simultaneously with the introduction of these bills in the House. He does feel deeply interested in the success of the projected legislation and at some future date, if it appears he can be of assistance in this matter, he will not hesitate to address a message urging action upon the bill or bills, but so far he has not written one line of such communication.

### SHOULD STAY IN THE PACIFIC

#### German Strategist Condemns Policy of Sending Fleet Back.

BERLIN, March 17.—Count Ernest Reventlow, the naval specialist, has published in the Tagblat Rundschau an appreciation of the voyage made by the American battleship fleet around South America. The writer doubts very much, however, whether the naval strategists at Washington will advise the fleet to return to the Atlantic by way of the Suez Canal after it has visited Australia and the Philippines.

Count Reventlow, who is rather closely in touch with the German Admiralty, considers that the political effect of the American naval demonstration will be largely lost unless the fleet remains in the Pacific until the Panama Canal is completed. He commends, however, the wisdom of Washington in sending the fleet to Australia, in view of the fact that the British alliance with Japan is hated in that country.

### TWO AEROGRAMS FROM FLEET

#### Tell Plans for Celebrations at California Ports.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—Wireless signals from Rear Admiral Evans' flagship Connecticut were picked up by the United wireless telegraph station on Russian Hill this evening. The message came in clear and distinct.

One item stated that the fleet would spend at least four days at San Pedro and other ports of the Pacific and that the arrival would be timed to suit the programme arranged by the people. Another item stated that it had been arranged that a steamer will be sent out from San Francisco to meet the fleet on the bay with mail for the battleships.

The messages came direct from Magdalena Bay, which is about 1700 miles from San Francisco.

Tomorrow and Friday will positively be the last days for discount on East Side gas bills. Portland Gas Company.

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The other two witnesses of the day were A. A. Early and Frank B. Lord, two of the newspapermen against whom Mr. Lilley said he had been warned as in the pay of the Electric Boat Company.

Mr. Early denied that he had ever been in the employ of the company, but said that last Summer he had distributed some articles on submarine boats to newspapermen for Mr. McNeil, for which he had been paid \$500 in expenses. He said he had never received any further money from any one connected with the Electric Boat Company. He said he had no knowledge of a newspaper lobby here, as charged by Mr. Lilley. He said that as a result of Mr. Lilley's charges he had lost his place with the Press Association by which he was employed.

Mr. Lord denied that he had ever been in the employ of the Electric Boat Company, although he said that he had prepared some "feature" about submarine boats for Mr. McNeil, which had been furnished to newspaper correspondents and published, but in none of the papers represented by him. These articles, he said, were not written with the view of influencing legislation, but were prepared, as he put it, to meet the requests of newspaper men for stories on submarines. He denied that he belonged to a newspaper lobby for the purpose of coloring news.

Regarding an interview which he said he had with Mr. Lilley, in which charges were made against him, Mr. Lord said that he had repudiated, Mr. Lord said the interview was absolutely correct.

Mr. Lord stated that, as the result of Mr. Lilley's charges that he was in the employ of the Electric Boat Company, he had lost his position. In answer to a question proposed by Mr. Lilley, Mr. Lord said a complaint Mr. Lake had made to his paper about something he had written concerning the Lake boat case may have been instrumental in having him discharged.

Mr. Lord said he could not remember the exact amount he had received from Mr. McNeil for writing the special stories, but thought it was between \$50 and \$60.

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### Flora Whiston Out on Bail.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Flora Whiston, the young woman arrested yesterday on a charge of perjury, after she had testified in the trial of Raymond Hitchcock, was released on \$5000 bail today.

### "Columbia" Brand

#### Hams, Bacon and Lard for Strength, Health and Endurance

Get the good of the meat. In our establishment every piece of meat is passed upon by U. S. Government inspectors before it is allowed to be cured or sold. The word "Columbia" on Hams, Bacon or Lard stands for a product that is wholesome and nutritious, as well as a stimulant to the appetite. Demand this brand of your dealer. Send for handsome booklet on Government Inspection of Meats.

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**Voile Suiting, 9c**  
Colored Voile Suiting, figured and dots, dark and medium shades, sold regularly for 18c yard. A most sensational bargain for Wednesday sale only at **9c**

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**30c Lawn, 21c yd**  
500 yards of White Lingerie Lawn, 30 inches wide; soft, sheer fabric, beautifully adapted for fine needlework. Regularly 30c yard; for Wednesday sale... **21c**

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**\$12.50 Raincoats**  
Women's Rubberized Moreen Raincoats, in black, navy, gray and green; made 50 in. long, full loose back, double-breasted, two pockets; Wed.nesday only... **\$6.68**

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**Sweaters, \$2.69**  
Ladies' Knitted Coat Sweaters, in white, cardinal and gray; made in a new fancy weave. Selling regularly at \$4.00 on sale Wednesday only at... **\$2.69**

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**Jap Silk Waists**  
300 Jap Silk Waists, in white only; some exquisitely embroidered and with yokes made of pin tucking. Others with fancy yokes. Reg. \$3.00 value... **\$2.19**

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**\$1.25 Goods, 79c**  
42-inch English Mohair Sicilians, new fancy weave, for shirtwaist suits, etc.; in blues, browns, tan, greens, grays, navy mixtures. Regular \$1.25 value... **79c**

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500 Velvet Wilton Rugs, in handsome Oriental patterns and rich color combinations; size 27x54 in. A very serviceable rug. On sale just for Wednesday... **\$1.98**

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**Couch Covers**  
Reversible Tapestry Couch Covers, in Oriental designs, 3 yds. long, 60 in. wide, fringed all around. Reg. \$2.00 and \$2.50 values; Wednesday... **\$1.49**

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**Madras Waisting**  
Madras Waisting, beautiful white ground material, fast colors; small blue and black figures, black stripe, blue stripe. Regular 20c val.; sale Wed. only... **15c**

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