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FORD DECLINES TO PRESIDENT AND SUPPORTING COOLIDGE

Republican Candidate Is the Man for the Job—Says Coolidge Is Trying to Do Right and That He Would Not Run Against Him For The Office.

Dec. 19.—Henry Ford today declared that he himself would not consider running for the office of president. He also leaves a sister, Mrs. C. S. Foss, residing at Pittsfield, New Hampshire. Coroner Ritter last night got in touch with the brother by telephone and a telegram has been sent to the sister. No word has yet been received regarding the disposal of the remains. Mr. Hanson was employed by the Adams Shoe company of Boston, Massachusetts.

YUCATAN CAPITAL TAKEN BY REBELS

(By Associated Press.)
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 19.—The city of Merida, the capital of Yucatan, with a population of 100,000 has been taken by the rebels. The rebels expect to take Progress also.

ELEVEN MISSING IN HOUSTON FIRE

(By United Press.)
HOUSTON, Dec. 19.—Eleven persons are still missing after the fire yesterday which destroyed the capitol hotel and other buildings with a loss of three lives.

SENATE DEADLOCK STILL IN EFFECT

(United Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The senate deadlock over the election of a chairman of the interstate commerce committee continued today. Thirteen votes swung back to Coolidge on the fourth ballot. The progressives indicated they were still unwilling to elect a democrat and are hoping for a compromise.

MA SUFFERS BY QUAKES TRY TO REVISE VOLSTEAD ACT

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Two bills to revise the Volstead act were introduced in the senate today by Senator Edge, New Jersey republican. The first would raise the permissible alcoholic content from one-half to three per cent. The second would relieve the restrictions against the issuance of prescriptions by physicians.

REBELS TAKE RAILWAY TOWN

(Associated Press.)
VERA CRUZ, Dec. 18.—Rebel reinforcements have forced the Obregon troops to withdraw from the town of Vera Cruz, on the railroad east of Mexico City, according to newspaper accounts reaching here from the fighting zone.

ATLANTIC EXPRESS IS NEARLY WRECKED

(United Press.)
CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—Scores of persons were thrown about and bruised when the Atlantic Express, the Pennsylvania railroad flyer, crashed into a box car at a high rate of speed at Schererville, Indiana, last night. No one was seriously injured.

MOVIE ACTRESS LEAVES FORTUNE

(United Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The will of Martha Mansfield, motion picture star who was burned to death, was filed in the probate court and \$45,000 personal property is left to her mother.

CONTRACT LET FOR REEDSPORT HIGHWAY

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Dec. 19.—Fifteen bids were opened today by Federal District Engineer Purcell for the grading of the link between Scottsburg and Reedport of the highway connecting the Pacific and Roosevelt highways. Theo. Knudsen, whose bid was the lowest, \$154,376, will get the contract which calls for the removal of 160,000 yards, mostly rock, for a distance of 3.75 miles. This length traverses the national forest, Douglas county building the rest of the road.

Ed Melvin, Chevrolet salesman with the Ed Marsh Motor company spent the day at Yoncalla, where he expects to soon place another car.

REBELS TAKE RAILWAY TOWN

San Marcos Evacuated by the
Feds Who Suffer
Heavy Losses

SITUATION IS BAD

Rebels Also Lose Many in
Battle at Villa Hermosa—
Feds Hope to Arrange
Armistice.

(United Press.)
LAREDO, Dec. 19.—Dispatches from revolutionary headquarters in Vera Cruz denied that the federal troops had recaptured the important railway town of San Marcos. After nine hours of fighting the federals were driven from the town, it was reported. It was also announced that "things were very bad in Mexico City" and Obregon was pictured drafting citizens while the minds of the middle classes were against him.

Arranging Armistice.
VERA CRUZ, Dec. 19.—(A. P.)—An armistice is being arranged between the rebels and the federals following the federal defeat at San Marcos, according to reports from the newspaper correspondents. The federals lost a hundred and the rebels thirty. The federals withdrew and established headquarters ten miles northeast of the city.

Suffer Heavy Losses.
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 19.—The rebels suffered heavy losses in the bloodiest fighting of the present revolution in attacking Villa Hermosa, according to press dispatches.

(Associated Press.)
VERA CRUZ, Dec. 18.—Rebel reinforcements have forced the Obregon troops to withdraw from the town of Vera Cruz, on the railroad east of Mexico City, according to newspaper accounts reaching here from the fighting zone.

The Obregonist vanguard, the dispatches say, is still along the railroad. Their general headquarters is at Huamantla, about 16 miles north-east of San Marcos. They are under command of General Eugenio Martin.

Practically nothing has come through with regard to the situation in other portions of the republic. The region between Vera Cruz and the capital apparently is the main theatre of operations, for the present at least.

Rebels Fail to Unite.
SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 17.—The Mexican ministry of war has intercepted a radiogram sent out by Adolfo de la Huerta, heading the revolution, with headquarters at Vera Cruz, protesting against General Manuel Garcia Vigil, governor of Oaxaca, and Fortunato Maycotte, who took up arms against the Obregon government without affiliation to the de la Huerta faction, according to advices received and published by La Prensa, Spanish language newspaper, published here.

Colonel Ismael Rueda, chief of the federal garrison at Tuxpam, state of Vera Cruz, has reported to the ministry of war that a large number of soldiers who belonged to the ranks of General Guadalupe Sanchez, are returning to him.

Frank Helliwell, manager of Boswell Springs hotel and camp grounds spent the day in Roseburg attending to business matters.

M'ADOO'S HAT IS IN THE RING

Democratic Candidate Files Acceptance in South Dakota Yesterday.

IS A PROGRESSIVE

Assures South Dakotans He
Will Wage Fight for Pro-
gressive Principles
Adopted.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—Formal acceptance of the platform adopted by the democratic proposal convention in South Dakota was filed Monday by William G. McAdoo, aspirant for the democratic presidential nomination, according to an announcement made here.

This is regarded by McAdoo's friends here as the first official indication of his candidacy. The South Dakota law requires that a candidate endorsed by the party proposal convention must file his acceptance of the convention's platform, by January first.

Since the South Dakota democrats selected the former secretary of the treasury as the state party's choice for president, McAdoo, it is believed here, will begin his actual campaign work.

The message addressed to W. W. Howe, democratic state chairman, at Pierre, S. D., reads:

"Having filed my formal acceptance of the platform adopted by the democratic proposal convention, as required by South Dakota law, I desire again to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by the convention and to say that I am willing to fight with and for the people of South Dakota in support of the progressive principles espoused by the convention.

"We shall get no relief from the burdens now oppressing us nor shall we progress in any direction through the republican policies of standstillism and wishful wishing for these problems to solve themselves.

"The democratic party stands for progress and popular rights. It welcomes the opportunity to do battle for them."

There has been some difference of opinion between persons familiar with the South Dakota election laws whether the filing had to be made by Monday or not until January 1, so it was decided to present the acceptance for the earlier date to be on the safe side.

McAdoo's supporters say they have heard of no opposition to his candidacy in South Dakota, where his name will go on the ballot as majority candidate in the state-wide primary next March.

Campaigns will be launched for him at once in other states where there are primaries, except in those in which "favorite sons" are candidates. McAdoo, it is understood, is inclined not to permit his name to be used in such cases.

The platform adopted by the proposal convention, it is understood, was framed by friends of McAdoo in that state, and is in accordance with his views on national issues. It calls for tax reduction beginning with the small tax payer, economy in government, railroad rate reduction and a veterans' bonus. One recommendation which has attracted much attention is that the president be empowered to veto specific items in the general congressional appropriation bill, instead of being obliged to veto or accept the measure in its entirety.

Another is that the federal reserve system be administered along lines originally intended, which McAdoo believes are not now being followed.

ALTON COVELL HERE ON WAY TO PEN

Sheriff Killington and Deputy Sheriff Malhorn of Coos county reached Roseburg at noon today with six prisoners who are being taken by auto to Salem to start serving terms in the state penitentiary. One of the prisoners was Alton Covell, the young Bandon boy who was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of his stepmother. The others were Manlio Calmo, sentenced to one year for transporting liquor while armed; Clay Cornwell and Charles Spores, sentenced to one year for larceny; J. C. Palmer, sentenced to two years for forgery; and A. Herminston, sentenced to one year for larceny. The officers left with the prisoners about 1 o'clock.

TRIED TO SELL WIFE TO NEGRO

(By United Press.)
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Helen La Maie, of Long Beach, today filed a sensational divorce complaint, charging that her husband, Elester La Maie, motion picture and theatrical man, tried to sell her to a negro for \$500,000. Mrs. Mary Holder, a wealthy banker's widow, is named as correspondent. Lou Harris Baker, wealthy negro gambler of Juarez, is the man seeking to buy her, says the complaint. Mrs. La Maie's share of the sale was to be \$150,000 her husband told her, she charged. The negro wrote endearing letters from Juarez to her and business letters to her husband. A longing for white heirs was back of the negro's desire for the woman it is alleged. She said her husband threatened to kill her if she refused to accept the deal.

BOY FROM MYRTLE CREEK TO PLEAD

Court Pities Youngster Held for Robbing Myrtle Creek Station.

ATTORNEY IS ORDERED

Hardened Federal Court Of- ficers Shrink at Thought of Sending Young Boy to Prison.

PORTLAND, Dec. 19.—Probably none other in Portland will have as little to look forward to at Christmas as George Stone, a mere boy of Myrtle Creek, Oregon, haled into federal court yesterday to plead to the charge of robbing the Myrtle Creek mails last October.

Judge Bean peered vainly over the bar of justice, looking for a robber, when Allan Bynon, assistant United States attorney, said George Stone was in court prepared to plead to the charge of looting the Myrtle Creek mails last October.

"This is he," said Mr. Bynon, pointing to the bewildered defendant of the court. The lad he indicated was scarcely taller than a chair. He was rudely dressed, alone, friendless and utterly forlorn.

The manner of federal court is usually brusque with offenders prepared to plead, but for once the small-town boy disarmed his accusers. Mr. Bynon seemed to feel the task of prosecutor irksome and as far from his usual method, he hesitated in his plain duty.

He asked that the case be continued, that the plea of not guilty be entered and that an attorney be named to help the court solve the problem. These are indeed unusual steps in a federal court when a mail robber is arraigned. Next to counterfeitters, they receive the heaviest blows.

Of this lad's guilt there is no question. He himself admitted the crime, although he later changed his story. Some one broke into the Myrtle Creek baggage room with an axe, wormed his way up a very small passage and pilfered two sacks of mail. Nothing of any use to the robber was obtained.

Officers, investigating, found the prints of two hands in the dust on the walls of the passageway. In one print but three fingers showed. The boy George has one finger cut off. They knew it must have been a boy who did the job because of the small space in the passageway. They hunted up the town bad boy and the mystery was solved. They found a hole torn in his coat just as they knew they would because the mail-robber's back was gipped by a piece of broken glass.

"The lad has never had a chance," said Mr. Bynon. "His parents have neglected him. The boy has lost his way. He took the wrong turn in the road, but who can say it is his fault? He is only 12 years old, starved for affection, kindness and even plain, decent treatment. He ought to have help instead of prosecution."

Eva Rice Markee was today granted a divorce from Chauncey E. Markee, the grounds for the decree being cruel and inhuman treatment. The plaintiff, who was represented by Attorney John T. Loaz, was allowed to resume her maiden name of Eva Rice.

NOTORIOUS MOROCCAN BRIGAND CHIEF, MULAI AHMED RAISULI, REPORTED DEAD OF POISONING

Kidnaping Episodes in Connection With More Than 40 Years of Brigandage Have Nettled Half a Dozen Great Powers, Not Excepting the United States.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 19.—A report of the death of Mula Ahmed Raisuli, notorious Moroccan brigand chief, was received from the Tangiers correspondent of the Daily Mail today. There is a suspicion that Raisuli was poisoned, says a dispatch.

The picturesque career of the legendary P-hin Hood, were it to be taken from the depths of Sherwood Forest to the desert wastes of Spanish Morocco and there re-enacted in these modern times, would scarcely be more replete with colorful adventure than was the life of Mula Ahmed Raisuli, international bandit de luxe, whose many kidnaping episodes in connection with his more than 40 years of brigandage have nettled half a dozen great powers, not excepting the United States.

Raisuli first ran afoul of the Washington government in 1904, when he kidnaped and held for ransom Ian H. Perdicaris, an American subject born in Athens, and Cromwell Varley, his son-in-law, a British citizen. Mr. Perdicaris, reported to be immensely wealthy, owned a beautiful summer villa in the Beni Arroz Hills of Morocco, where it was his custom to entertain many European notables in lavish style. One night, while a brilliant dinner-dance was in progress, a band of outlaws, headed by Raisuli, quietly surrounded the house, overpowered the host and his son-in-law and carried them, still in their evening clothes, to the bandit's lair in the mountains back of a Kabyle village.

While a wave of indignation over the incident was sweeping the United States, the government sent a war vessel to Tangier and also ordered the Sultan to bring about the immediate release of Mr. Perdicaris, for whom Raisuli was demanding a ransom of \$70,000. The Sultan, however, dreading to dignify the bandit by treating with him, adopted a negative attitude which further angered the American state department and resulted in the sending of several additional warships to Tangier, and the pointing of American guns at the Sultan's capital.

It was at this stage that the famous cablegram, "Perdicaris alive or Raisuli dead" supposed to have been sent by President Roosevelt to the Sultan, was read from the rostrum of the republican national convention, then meeting in Chicago. Two days later word was received that Perdicaris and Varley had been released, although it was not in response to the business-like cablegram, which President Roosevelt said later had been prepared but never sent. The Sultan, fearing the destruction of his city, had paid the ransom.

The kidnaping of Perdicaris was not the first mischief-making enterprise by which Raisuli attracted world-wide attention. One of his earlier victims had been Walter E. Harris, a correspondent of the London Times, who was captured and held for ransom of 10,000 pounds in 1901. Harris at first refused to allow payment of the money, but was subjected to so many indignities that he finally capitulated. One of his most gruesome experiences while a captive was to awaken one morning and find a headless body, dressed in his own clothes, occupying part of his little shelter tent.

Raisuli's next important captive was Kaid General Sir Henry MacLean, a Scotchman who was serving as commander of the Sultan's body-guard. Next to the Sultan himself, MacLean was the most powerful and influential man in Morocco. Believing that Raisuli was in a mood to make peace with the authorities, he had arranged a meeting with the bandit and was commissioned to take him some presents from the Sultan. Raisuli sent a guard of 15 men to escort MacLean, but hardly were the party clear of Fez when the general was informed that he was a prisoner.

In addition to heaping more troubles upon the already harassed Sultan, the kidnaping stirred up the entire British nation, much to the delight of Raisuli, who knew that it would be impossible for the British or any other government to undertake a campaign against him. As tribute for the release of his captive, the bandit demanded \$200,000 in cash; his recognition of his outlaw army, and his appointment to the governorship of Tangier. After months of negotiations with both the British and

FARMERS URGED TO DIVERSIFY CROPS

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The federal farm loan board urged the farmers today to turn to diversification of crops and the development of cooperative marketing as "the only sound basis for agricultural prosperity."

The board reported that conditions showed a "very satisfactory improvement" throughout the country but felt that full advantage might not be taken by the farmers unless they diversified their crops and organized for their aid. The report said that the twelve federal bank presidents have every reason for belief that the improvement noted during the past year would continue.

Moroccan authorities, Raisuli liberated MacLean upon the payment of \$100,000 and the promise of protection.

This occurred in 1907, when the bandit was at the height of his lawlessness. During the next few years he became such a menace to law and order that the Spanish governor-general, realizing that he could not subdue his influence decided virtually to take him into partnership by appointing him governor of the Tangier district and of the city of Arzela. Following the world war, however, the Spaniards, finding that they were unable longer to sponsor the extortionate demands of the governor ousted him from office and drove him back to his native hills, once more an outlaw.

Raisuli, like many of his noted bandit predecessors, was prone to maintain that he practiced brigandage purely in the interest of the weak and oppressed, and that he robbed the rich in order that he might better relieve the poor. Despite this explanation, there is no record that his charitable benevolence ever extended beyond the limits of his own little following.

Although he was a peaceful farmer in early life, he claimed to be of noble birth, and frequently produced ancient letters purporting to establish this contention. His career as a bandit began following his escape from prison in 1882, when he was 20 years of age. He had served five years, much of it in a torture chamber, for an alleged offense against the Sultan's authority.

In character, he seemed to possess all the traditional cruelty of his Moorish race, especially in dealing with his enemies, yet he was known to display genuine sympathy for a child in trouble and was noted for his kindness to animals.

Mr. Perdicaris, who wrote a detailed account of his captivity in the hands of Raisuli, said that he "really grew to like the man." "He was at once so gracious and dignified, not to say alone but to his own wild adherents," the writer continued, "that I discovered to my consternation I was beginning to accept his contention that he was not a mere brigand or cattle-lifter, but a patriot struggling to rescue his Berber followers from the tyranny of the corrupt cherefaun officials."

Another side of Raisuli's character is told in connection with the capture of a Bashah officer. It seems that he had no grievance against this particular officer, but was bitter against the Bashah, therefore he arranged to sell his captive to some tribesman whom the man was alleged to have wronged years before. Having paid Raisuli his price, the purchasers calmly cut the prisoner's throat at the door of the room in which Raisuli was seated and where the whole transaction had taken place in the presence of the victim, who well knew his fate.

L. W. Metzger has been awarded the contract for the construction of a large garage building at Myrtle Point. The building is being erected by L. H. Pearce, the Dodge dealer, and will be 80 by 90 feet in size and of the construction.