

COUNT TOLSTOY.

Famous Author Reported Seriously Ill Again.



Stands Up for Roosevelt.

New York—Dr. Lyman Abbott, discussing the election, said: "I don't understand the jack-o'-lantern bugaboo, that Colonel Roosevelt imagined monarchical ambitions, cut any considerable figure in the election. The fact that the greatest republic can decline in Pennsylvania, where Roosevelt's voice was not heard once, is significant if not conclusive. Roosevelt was asked to save the situation. He responded, but could not stem the tide. He did something more important. He heartened the progressives of his own party."

COAST CONGRESS MEETS IN 'FRISCO

San Francisco.—Attended by representatives and leading figures in the public life of all of the states west of the Rockies, the Pacific Coast Congress met here Thursday at 2 o'clock for a three-day discussion of ways and means of upbuilding the American merchant marine. The assembly paid particular attention to the Pacific Coast, the formation of a battleship fleet for the Pacific Ocean, the Panama-Pacific Exposition for San Francisco, and corollary matters of vital concern to the Pacific Slope. The venerable W. W. Bates, of Denver, 81 years of age, formerly of the Commission on Navigation, and, with Lewis Nixon, rated one of the great proponents in the United States of the American merchant marine, are in attendance.

The Army is there in full braud and buttons and the Navy as well. The personnel of San Francisco's official life was also present, and the affair took on the aspect of a Washington soiree with the diplomatic season at its height. There were represented at the Congress the following states and territories: Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Utah, Nevada, California, Arizona and New Mexico.

Pretender Weds in Royal Castle. Turin, Ital.—The marriage of Prince Victor Napoleon Bonaparte, cousin of King Victor Emmanuel, and pretender to the throne of France, and Princess Clementine, daughter of the late King Leopold of Belgium, which has been looked forward to with so much interest, was celebrated at Moncaliere, a village picturesquely situated a few miles from here.

Governor-Elect Is Sued. La Grande, Ore.—Governor-elect Oswald West, Senator Turner Oliver and George H. Curry, formerly editor and publisher of the La Grande Observer, are joint defendants in a \$25,000 libel suit brought by F. W. Gaines, in which Gaines alleges defamation of character and loss of business.

THE MARKETS.

Portland. Wheat—Track prices: Club, 74c; bluestem, 73c; red Russian, 72c. Barley—Feed and brewing, \$21. Oats—No. 1 White, \$23 per ton. Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley, \$19@20 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$20@22; alfalfa, \$15@16. Butter—Creamery, 36; ranch, 24c. Eggs—Ranch, candled, 40c. Hops—1910 crop, 12@15c; 1909, 6c; old, nominal. Wool—Eastern Oregon 13@17c lb.; Valley, 17@19c lb. Motals—Choice, 32@33c. Seattle. Wheat—Bluestem, 73c; Club, 76c; red Russian, 74c. Barley—\$20 per ton. Oats—\$27 per ton. Hay—Timothy, \$26 per ton; alfalfa, \$19 per ton. Butter—Washington creamery, 36c; ranch, 22c. Eggs—Selected local, 47c.

LITTLE LOCAL LEGISLATION BY CONGRESS

Short Session Will Be Devoted to Measures of Present Administration.

Washington.—Comparatively little local legislation for the Pacific Northwest will be considered at the approaching short session of Congress. In the brief three months from December 5 to March 4, Congress will be obliged to pass all of the great supply bills that provide for running the government, and when to this necessary program are added a few important general measures that will be pressed by the administration, little time will be available for purely local legislation for any part of the country. Therefore, most of the pending bills introduced by the Senators and Representatives from Oregon, Washington and Idaho will fall of enactment.

If Congress carries out the policy understood to have been adopted at the last session of passing an annual river and harbor bill, the appropriations for the waterways of the Northwest will overtake all other legislation of the winter so far as local interest is concerned.

There is not likely to be a big omnibus public building bill at the short session, and the probabilities are that there will be none at all, though Congress probably will make appropriations for purchasing public building sites which were authorized at the last session. In this event the cities of the Northwest, where sites were authorized at the last session, will get the necessary money to conclude the deals made by the Treasury Department.

WILL INVITE ASTORS

Astoria Plans Centennial to Celebrate Its Founding.

Astoria—To bring from their bejeweled halls of New York and the Old World, members of the Astor family, that they may participate in the centennial celebration of the city founded by the great progenitor of this family and the only prominent place bearing the name, is the ambitious plan of Astoria. Next year Astoria will be 100 years old. In 1811 John Jacob Astor founded the town by the sea, which he hoped to be the great American metropolis of the Pacific. Plans for a great Astoria centennial celebration are being formulated.

PANAMA CANAL TO BE COMPLETE 1913

Panama.—The Panama Canal will be completed December 1, 1913. This information was given to President Taft Tuesday while the President was inspecting the famous Gatun dam. The official date of the opening remains January 1, 1915. Lieutenant-Colonel Goethals desiring one year in which to train the canal tenders and to get the machinery working smoothly. Ships, meantime, will have the privilege of the canal, but at their own risk or delay. The canal will be completed in 1918, he said, within the \$375,000,000 already authorized. The President was pleased at the outlook for early completion and congratulated Colonel Goethals. He expressed amazement at the work accomplished since his visit in February, 1909. On the homeward trip the President will go ashore at the proposed naval base at Guantanamo for a few hours Saturday afternoon.

Governors Invited. Olympia—Governor Hay has issued invitations to Governor Brady of Idaho, Governor Bowerman of Oregon, and Premier McBride of British Columbia, to attend the annual meeting of the Washington Good Roads association to be held at Walla Walla, November 29 to December 1. As Washington is planning the building of roads touching these commonwealths the governor holds that they should be interested in the movement and work in conjunction.

Montana Legislature Democratic. Helena.—Thomas H. Carter, Republican, will be succeeded in the next Federal Senate by a Democrat, as the official canvasses having resulted in a net Democratic gain of two members—one each in House and Senate. Harbortore these had been claimed by the Republicans on unofficial returns. The official returns give the Democrats 54 votes on joint ballot.

Steamer Strikes a Rock. Cordova, Alaska.—The Alaska Coast Steamship Company's wooden steamer ship Portland struck a submerged rock off Katalia, making a hole in her hull. She was beached at the bottom. She was beached at the mouth of the Katalia river and the passengers landed safely.

WASHINGTON, D. C., NOTES

The United States patent office is assembling the models of the first ideas along several lines of invention, such as the first telephone, first sewing machine and first phonograph.

The beginning of the month has brought an improved condition of government finances, showing a surplus of more than \$700,000 as against a deficit of \$2,500,000 a year ago.

The total net revenue of the steam railroads in the United States last July was \$73,477,590, or \$308.51 per mile of line, against \$78,139,043, or \$325.16 per mile of line, in July of last year, according to the revenue and expense report issued by the interstate commerce commission.

Attorney General Wickersham, by direction of President Taft, has begun an inquiry to determine whether 8,000 acres of valuable oil lands in California were known to contain oil when patented to the Southern Pacific railroad. If such is the case suit to recover will be instituted.

FOREIGN NEWS BITS

It is estimated that over 1000 aeroplanes are being built in England at the present moment.

Devout French Catholics who revere the memory of Christopher Columbus, are urging the pope to canonize the great discoverer of the American continent.

It is officially stated in London that the conference between the representatives of the government and the opposition looking toward an agreement on the subject of the House of Lords veto power, had ended in failure.

Diplomatic representatives of the United States, Germany, Russia, Sweden and Norway have notified the foreign office that they were authorized to resume negotiations with the Portuguese government on current affairs. The action following the same notification by the British, French, Spanish and Italian governments, is regarded as virtual recognition of the republic.

A syndicate of all the German and Austrian banks, including the Rothschilds, will take the Turkish loan of \$7,000,000, approximately \$31,500,000. Germany secures the Ottoman loan after the failure of negotiations with Great Britain and France.

BRIEF NEWS OF THE WEEK

Four thousand petition circulators have been organized secretly in Chicago in a new campaign to drive the saloons from the city.

The Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma Hotel Men's association indorsed San Francisco as the place to hold the exposition in 1915 to celebrate the completion of the Panama canal. John Black, ex-member of the board of directors of the old South Carolina state dispensary, was found guilty of conspiring to defraud the state by giving rebates.

Drinking and cigarette smoking are not on the increase among the women of America, according to Lillian M. N. Stevens, president of the national W. C. T. U.

After three hours debate, the constitutional convention of Arizona defeated "voices for women."

A bank to be controlled by women and for women will be opened soon in Chicago.

Four women will sit in the Eighteenth General Assembly of Colorado as a result of the late election. In the last general assembly there was only one woman representative. There are no women senators.

NEWS OF NOTED PERSONS

Fred Carleton, 89 years old, the grandeur of the Odd Fellows of the World, is dead at his home in Austin, Texas.

Governor Carroll, of Iowa, has appointed LaFayette Young, editor of the Des Moines Capital, to succeed the late Senator Dolliver in the United States senate. Senator Young will serve until the next legislature meets, January 8.

Hundreds of visitors from several states attended the unveiling at Carrollton, Mo., of the United States government monument to Brigadier-General James Shields. Congress appropriated \$5,000 for the monument.

One of the civil war's great secrets died with Gen. Thomas T. Eckert, former president of the Western Union Telegraph Company and dominant head of the United States Military Corps during the civil war. That secret was the burial of Wilkes Booth, the assassin of Abraham Lincoln. General Eckert is said to have been the only surviving man who knew the facts.

Oyster Bay vainly wonders what has become of Colonel Roosevelt, who is still in complete seclusion at Sagamore Hill. Not since his return from the Spanish-American war twelve years ago has the colonel kept himself so secluded at his home and the village folk do not know what to make of it.

AMERICAN FLAG IS BURNED IN MEXICO

Mob Assaults and Insults Citizens of United States in Streets.

Mexico City.—Americans were insulted or assaulted in the streets, and windows in dozens of American business houses were broken here. Squads of mounted police charged the mobs and in the fight two of the disturbers were killed. More than 200 of the rioters were arrested. The attacks were led by Mexican students.

When the attack on the Americans began shutters covering the windows of the business houses were tightly drawn and the inmates kept out of sight of the mob. Police were set to guard the districts and soldiers with drawn sabers patrolled the streets.

An American flag which was flying from a pole in front of a store was hauled down by the mob. The flag was then torn into bits and was trampled in the mud.

In the course of an anti-American demonstration at Guadalajara, an American flag was burned amid cries of "death to the gringos!" Estimates placed the damage to property of Americans at \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Washington Informed.

Washington.—Official dispatches giving details of the anti-American demonstration in Mexico City have reached the state department from United States Ambassador Wilson and Arnold Franklin, the American Consul-General. Mr. Wilson confirmed the press reports that he had protested to the Mexican department of foreign relations against the insults offered Americans and said the riot grew out of the lynching of a Mexican, Antonio Rodriguez at Rock Springs, Texas, on November 3, for murdering a woman.

MEAT PRICES DECLINE

Wholesalers' Reductions Reach Consumer in Most Instances.

Chicago.—Reports from all over the country indicate a general decline in the prices of meats, although there are some cities in which this change has not reached the retail markets. In these instances the invariable statement is made that retail dealers heretofore have been making no profits or even have been selling at a loss, and that the reduction of the wholesale prices is giving them a chance to get even.

Leading wholesale dealers attribute the decline to the year's bumper crop of corn and the stimulating effect on the production of pork that has been exercised by the recently extremely high prices.

WANTS COURT TO DECIDE COAL CASES

Washington.—The secretary of the interior will recommend in his annual report, soon to be made public, that the entire group of Alaska coal land cases, dealing with what are known as the Cunningham claims, be taken entirely out of the jurisdiction of the interior department, so far as their final consideration and adjudication are concerned and placed under the jurisdiction of the court of appeals of the District of Columbia.

For several months these cases have, at the request of Secretary Ballinger, been given entirely into the hands of President Taft for his special direction, with a view that no action be taken in the matter without the president's sanction, and now that the time is drawing near when a final disposition of these important cases must be made, Mr. Ballinger is anxious that they shall be placed in such a position that even the most biased citizen may feel that no sort of personal leaning on the part of department heads will be a factor in the final decision.

Pinchot Pleads for Delay.

Washington.—In a letter in which he declares that it "is unfortunately impossible to look with confidence to the officials of the Interior Department for an unbiased judgment," and expresses the fear that the Interior Department will recommend the patenting of the Cunningham Alaskan coal land claims, Gifford Pinchot sent to President Taft a letter asking for time in which to submit briefs before a final decision is reached.

Idaho Legislature Republican.

Boise, Ida.—Although the Republican party of this state lost its candidate for Governor in the recent election, it still holds control of both branches of the Legislature, having a combined strength of 51 in both, to the Democrats 21, divided as follows: Senate, 14 Republicans and 9 Democrats; House, 37 Republicans and 22 Democrats.

NEWS PARAGRAPHS FROM OTHER CITIES IN OREGON

Though Umatilla county has gone wet by a majority of 264, there will be more dry than wet towns.

The Great Northern Express company filed a new tariff with the state railroad commission which affects the rates on milk and cream in all states where the Great Northern company operates.

The value of the estate left by the late Harvey Whitfield Scott is \$849,888.49, according to the appraisal filed in the county clerk's office. Of this amount the largest single item is that of 230 shares of stock in the Oregonian, appraised at \$255,000.

Oregon will in all probability be well represented at the Western Land Products exhibit to be held in Omaha, Neb., January 15-25. The scope of the exhibit will be decided at the big meeting to be held by the Oregon Development League at Salem, November 28, 29 and 30.

The Lakeview federal land office has received notice that Secretary Ballinger has revoked the withdrawal notice in connection with several forest administrative sites in the Lakeview district. The tracts offered are the Coffee Pot, Porcupine, Buttes and Buttercup sites, a total of 569 acres.

Governor-elect Oswald West has announced that he has arranged to hold a turkey shoot at St. Louis in Marion county Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 24, to which all his old friends that have shot with him in former times are invited to participate.

It was decided at a meeting of the Oregon commission for the treatment of tuberculosis, to open the state sanatorium at Salem, December 1. Applications have already been received for 37 patients and the institution will accommodate 50.

One million Red Cross seals, bearing the sign of the International Red Cross Society and the greeting: "Merry Christmas, Happy New Year" will be disposed of in Portland this year, under the auspices of the Visiting Nurses' Association, for the support of the local anti-tuberculosis work.

President Kerr, of the agricultural college, has expressed his approval of the movement for student self-control, which was inaugurated at the recent meeting of the student body, and with his consent a committee has started the work of drawing up the plans for such a government.

LOCAL BREVITIES

The statement of the Columbia County Bank appears in this issue of the Mist and it should be read by everybody. This institution is a credit to the town and one of the best in the State.

Deputy Sheriff George Sutherland came up from Mayger on the evening train last Tuesday with a man who had come out of the woods near that place. The man had lost his mind entirely and was in a very bad shape when found. He had evidently been in the woods for some time and from the story that the authorities were able to get out of him he had lived for a week at a time on nothing but berries and nuts. His home is at Berkeley, California, where he says that he has a grown son. He gave the name of Frank Deach, and had a hearing before Judge Dart last Wednesday, when he was committed to the State Insane Asylum at Salem.

The May Roberts Company appeared here last Wednesday night in the comedy "Mrs. Temple's Telegram" and to say they made a hit with those who were fortunate enough to attend is to put it mildly. The piece is a good one and their rendering of it was as near perfect as one could wish. Also they never made any apologies for handicaps which a company must overcome when they show in a town of this size. It is possible that this troupe will return here the first week in December to put on the first show in the new city hall, as Mr. Wilkins is trying to secure their services. It is safe to say that if they do come back they will play to a packed house.

John Farr, the newly elected County Commissioner from Warren, was a business visitor at the county seat last Thursday.

Deposit from your wages today. The Columbia County Bank pays 4 percent on time certificates of deposit.

At the last meeting of the County Court the Sheriff reported the condition of the tax roll to be as follows: Total amount of roll with penalty and interest, \$222,654.00. Total amount collected, rebates and remissions, \$217,887.05. Amount delinquent October 4th, \$4,766.95. This does not seem to be a very large amount to be delinquent on so large a tax roll.

The best record made by any sawmill in installing machinery was made by the Rainier Lumber and Shingle Company of Rainier when they put in a new Simon log roller without shutting down. The best former record was made by one of the big mills of Portland, which took three days. Since the Allen Bros. and Mr. McIntosh took hold of the mill some months ago it has not been shut down an hour. The Company have enough orders ahead to run them until next summer.

Those who earn must save. You must save. Let the Columbia County Bank show you how. 4 percent.



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