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MAINE MYSTERY CLEARED SAYS ENGINEER

SPEAKER IN KANSAS CITY ALSO AFFIRMS LATE PRESIDENT KNEW THE FACTS.

OFFICERS RIDICULE HIM

Assertion He Knows Details of De- struction of the Maine in Havana Harbor, Army Officer Creates Denial From Washington—Makes Predic- tions as to How the Accident Occur- ed—Perpetrator Killed.

Kansas City, Nov. 2—The Battleship Maine was blown up in Havana harbor by Jose Zavaldo, a Cuban electrician at Moro Castle according to Captain Jasper Brady, a member of the commission that investigated the catastrophe to the worship, in a speech here today. He said President McKinley and the Secretary of War and the Navy knew this and that a part of the electric cable from the castle to a bomb is now in the war department. He predicted that a jagged hole, the points bent inward will be found when the ship is raised.

Brady said that Zavaldo was afterwards shot on orders of General Blanco.

Brady said, "Zavaldo was the man who threw the electric switch that blew up the Maine and killed her sailors. The battleship was blown up from the bottom. The President and Secretaries of the War and the Navy, and four army officials knew this before war was declared.

YEGGMEN ROB BANK.

Six Thousand Dollars Stolen from In- stitution by Bold Thieves.

Columbus, O., Nov. 2—Yeggmen early today dynamited the Merchants & Farmers National bank at Hillards ten miles north of this city, and secured \$6,000 and escaped. They had a long time before the officers arrived at the bank. Bandits took only cash and currency. Citizens were aroused by the explosion and formed a posse and are now pursuing the yeggmen.

THOUSANDS CRY FOR RECALL OF MAYOR GILL

DISMISSAL OF WAPPENSTEIN AL- SO DEMANDED BY MEETING.

Scattered by the Thousands Resolve Against Administration.

Seattle, Nov. 2—Several thousands attended the mass meeting last night to demand the recall of Mayor Gill and the dismissal of Chief of Police Wappenstein.

After numerous addresses by leaders, resolutions were adopted denouncing Gill's administration for permitting the existence of a restricted district and endorsing the recall movement.

FIGHTER ENTERS POLITICS.

Will Use Brownsville Affair Against Roosevelt in New York State.

New York, Nov. 2—Jack Johnson is preparing to enter politics, and is opposed to Roosevelt. The latest reports are that Jack is doing heavy work with the English language. The fighter is scheduled to make a number of speeches in which the Brownsville negro soldiers shooting affair is to be tangled with New York politics. "Roosevelt did not help the colored men at Brownsville," said Johnson. "Now we are not going to help Roosevelt."

Pat Ban on Thrillers.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 2—President Hill of the Great Northern railway, believes that thrillers of the Jesse James, Younger Brothers and Harry Tracey brand of novels are calculated to impair the morals of readers and has issued positive orders prohibiting the sale of all such literature on the trains of his system. For some unknown reason, books describing the exploits of bandits and wholesale assassins have always sold largely on trains and on railway station news stands, but the patrons of the Great Northern will hereafter be unable to satisfy this taste for blood and thunder.

FRANCE CABINET DISRUPTED BY BIG STRIKE

BRIAND ALONE REMAINS OF THE ENTIRE CABINET.

New Body Organized Tonight With Briand at Its Head Again.

Paris, Nov. 2—After a stormy session today the French cabinet resigned as the result of an agreement between some of the members and Prime Minister Briand over the manner the recent railway strike was handled.

President Fallieres upheld Briand. Fallieres will immediately organize a cabinet in accordance with Briand's ideas.

Briand, in tendering the cabinet's resignation, wrote Fallieres that he felt himself personally attacked and he likewise wished to resign.

Briand tonight conferred with Fallieres and agreed to head the new cabinet which he organized immediately.

Greece Fears Trouble.

Athens, Nov. 2—A great mass of Greek malcontents, who are urging overthrow of the present government, has been advertised for tonight and the authorities are preparing for serious trouble. The gathering is for the purpose of opening the opposition campaign preparatory to the election of the 26th of this month, when the new revisionist chamber will be chosen.

Popular discontent with the present regime has reached a serious character and the speedy overthrow of the monarchy is predicted in many quarters. Disaffection is spreading rapidly in both the army and the navy. The recent revolution in Portugal has been seized upon by the republican leaders as an example of what may be accomplished by decisive and fearless action. It is admitted by many of the leaders of the opposition that the king has honestly tried to serve the best interests of his adopted land, but they assert that he has miserably failed and that the time is ripe for a change. Few observers of the trend of events in Greece believe that the Republicans are strong enough to put their theories of government into effect, and a revolution would probably result only in a change of rulers.

Repairing Jewelry Store.

The Seigrist & Co. jewelry store is undergoing a complete renovation. New papering, new shelving and a general repair contract has been commenced.

FEDERAL TROOPS WILL PROTECT U.S. MAIL

STRIKE OF TEAMSTERS' UNION IN NEW YORK WILL NOT TIE UP MAIL SERVICES.

POLICE LEAVE WAGONS

While Express Companies are Moving Some Freight, Ramification of the Strike in New York May Soon Spell Call of Federal Troops to New York

Mounted Policemen are Seen on Streets But None on Wagons.

New York, Nov. 2—Mail wagons, guarded by federal troops, will obtain soon in New York if threats of the Teamsters' union to call a general strike is carried out. General headquarters announced today that mail wagon drivers will be called out if the strike, finally decided.

Vice President Hoffman of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters said today the unionists will try to secure a settlement.

Taxies Strike Too.

If there is no agreement tomorrow night a general strike will be recommended.

The situation of the express drivers strike is improved today. The strike has spread to the taxicab drivers who refused to take out their machines today.

Following the strikers' conference with Mayor Gaynor, express companies wagons were taken out of the barns, manned only by strikebreakers. No policemen rode but mounted police guarded them. Only a limited number of wagons were used. Freight is piling up rapidly.

GIRL STRIKERS CLUBBED BY OFFICERS

OUTBREAK FOLLOW SHORT LULL IN CHICAGO STRIKE.

Policemen Shoots Into Crows of Strik- ing Shirtwaist Girls.

Chicago, Nov. 2—Rioting broke out afresh this afternoon. The police charged the strikers and used clubs freely and once shot into the crowd. A number of society women pickets were roughly handled.

A committee of strikers called upon Chief of Police Stewart and complained of the treatment. He said, "My men use clubs when necessary. If there is any complaints of treatment I will investigate after this strike is over."

Automobiles rolled from fashionable North Shore residences to the striking district bearing society girls, undisciplined by the outbreaks, to continue their support of the strikers. Most of the society girls are dressed as working girls and took their places on the picket lines.

Billiard Championship.

New York, Nov. 2—Willie Hoppe, the youthful billiard wizard, will tonight defend his title as 18.1 world's championship against the skill and cunning of the older master of the game, George F. Slosson. The game will be of 500 points and the championship trophy will go to the victor. Hoppe is confident that he will retain the title and if he plays up to his usual form, few believe, that Slosson will stand a chance.

LEADERS GASP AT REMARK FROM PRESIDENT

ASSURES DELEGATION OF WOMEN HE WILL NOT BE PRESIDENT IN NEXT TERM.

POLITICIANS NONPLUSED

May Have Been Joking But Leaders Can't See Why He Should Make Such a Statement at This Time— Whispered he Took the Occasion to Forewarn His Refusal to Again Be- come a Candidate for President.

Washington, Nov. 2—President Taft threw Washington into excitement today by an indirect declaration that he would not again be a candidate for the presidency. Taft declared he expected to be living in Cincinnati in 1914. He made the statement to a committee of women representing the Sisterhood of Rodeph Shalom, a Jewish congregation of Pittsburg, who invited the president to attend their convalescence in Pittsburg in 1914. "Thank you ladies, I expect to be living in Cincinnati then and will be delighted to run over," said he president.

While he might have meant it as a joke, politicians assert he would not be likely to jest on the matter.

Politicians Non-Plused.

It is unknown whether Taft meant it jokingly or was just his whim to announce his retirement that way. The committee was astounded at the manner in which he accepted the invitation.

Taft's remark coming as it does shortly after the reports that he does not expect to be a candidate for a second term carries some weight.

LABOR LEADERS TO ANSWER QUESTIONS

IMPORTANT MEN IN LABOR CIR- CLES NOW IN LOS ANGELES.

Times Investigation Calls for Presence of Prominent Leaders.

Los Angeles, Nov. 2—Three leaders of organized labor will arrive in this city today and will go before the jury investigating the Times dynamiting tomorrow or late this afternoon. They are, O. A. Tviemoe, secretary of the State Building Trades Council, A. E. Yoell, secretary of the Asiatic Exclusion league and Antone Johannson, a member of the state federation.

THOMAS BRUCE ARRESTED.

Former Theatre Manager Charged With Non-Support of Family.

Thomas Bruce, formerly manager of the Airdome theatre and connected with various show houses of the city, was arrested last night on a charge of not supporting his wife and family. He was arraigned this morning and the case set for 3 o'clock this afternoon when he will be given a preliminary hearing. Mr. Bruce has just returned to La Grande from Enterprise where he ran a picture house this summer.

LAYING BRICK WALLS.

Construction of New Machine Shops Actually Started This Afternoon.

All preliminaries are ready for laying brick for the new machine shops and the work is under way. Cement conduits for the plumbing and steam pipes will be finished this week and then all cement work on the big buildings will have been completed.

Rats "Chaw" Tobacco.

Big Stone, S. D., Nov. 2—That rats are tobacco chewers and extremely fond of the weed is the discovery of a Big Stone grocer. For months past much tobacco has mysteriously disappeared from the store. Recently, in removing the floor, the home of a family of rats was discovered, and in it were several plugs of tobacco, all partly devoured. It is believed that the grocery store rats carried on a flourishing trade in tobacco with all the rodents of the village, as portions of plugs have recently been found in other and distant places infested by rats. Now that the source of tobacco supply is rendered unavailable, it is expected that there will be much suffering among the rodents who have become confirmed in the habit, and some of the tender-hearted corner-store loafers are talking of appealing in behalf of the rats to the Society for the Suppression of Cruelty to animals.

BOWERMAN IN EIGHT TO FIVE POSITION

BETTING IS IN BRISK ON BOWER- MAN AS THE FAVORITE.

Bell Candidacy in California is Not Encouraging To Date.

Portland, Nov. 2—Betting today is eight to five that Bowerman, the Republican nominee will win over Oswald West, the Democratic gubernatorial nominee—These figures obtain after last week estimates from the rural districts.

Bell Deemed a Loser.

San Francisco, Nov. 2—Betting is two to one that Hiram Johnson, the Republican will win over Bell, the Democratic gubernatorial nominee.

Deadwood Opposes "Lid."

Deadwood, S. D., Nov. 2—If Deadwood Dick should return to the town he made famous, and, entering a place of liquid refreshment, salute the company with the genial invitation, "Step up, gents, and name your pizen," one shudders to think what would happen to our hero. For it has come to pass—with the election six days away—that Deadwood is a reformed town, wearing a lid and other habiliments of effete civilization and conducting itself according to the laws made and provided by the tenderfooted mollycoddies inhabiting the eastern portion of the state. An anti-treating law is among the statutes and the cheerful salutation of Deadwood Dick above quoted is taboo. Saloons are now forced to close their doors at 11 o'clock, an hour at which things usually begin to liven up in Deadwood of old. The gamblers have been ordered to move on, and many have done so. The same reform spasm has hit the neighboring city of Lead. Many believe that the reform movement is only a pre-election outburst and that the "good old times" will return again when the battle of ballots is over.

Ware House Afire.

Reports brought in this evening from the Pierce spur, say the Pierce warehouse was ignited by sparks from a logging train this afternoon and at present time it is reported to be still burning. Mr. Pierce could not be found, and telephone communications could be established with the scene of the fire this evening.

SPAIN NIPS PLOT TO USURP THE KINGDOM

DISCOVERED JUST AS IT WAS TO BE ENACTED. NEWS CENSUR- ED EXTREMELY STRICT.

THOUSANDS UNDER ARREST

With No News Available From the Kingdom, Europe Fears the Worst to be Transpiring Within the Bor- der. Jails Filled with Prisoners Already Arrested—Plan to Over- throw the Crown Nipped Timely.

London, Nov. 2—Dispatches today from London declare that the Spanish government has uncovered a revolutionary plot. Government officials admit it. Wholesale arrests are being made and the nation's principal cities are crowded with political prisoners.

The plot was discovered just as it was to be carried out. Reports here say an outbreak is eminent. Officials deny the Spanish government, saying the rumored outbreak at Madrid and Barcelona did not occur, strengthens the belief that the situation is critical.

Censorship of news from Spain is strict.

The Paris correspondent to the Morning Telegraph cabled rumors of the outbreak at Madrid had been received but he couldn't confirm it. One report said the plotters endeavored to culminate the army in an uprising this afternoon. Jails at Madrid are filled with those arrested.

Absence of authentic information has caused grave anxiety here. Though official denial had reached the government circles, unofficially, it was admitted that the lack of full details indicates that something ordinary has happened.

Queues Must Go.

Peking, Nov. 2—An imperial edict was issued by the emperor today commands all representatives of the government outside of China to cut off queues. The edict takes immediate effect and is made applicable especially to all members of diplomatic and consular service.

Makes Final Effort.

Washington, Nov. 2—A final effort on the part of the government to force Augustus Heinze to face trial on the charges of defrauding the Mercantile National bank of New York was made today when the Supreme Court was asked to review the action of U. S. Judge Hough in New York who quashed most of the counts against the copper magnate.

RESEED BURNED OVER AREA IN OREGON

SEEDS SENT IN FROM EUROPE TO PLANT LOCAL FORESTS.

Seed Will be Planted This Year and is Aimed to Reforest Woods.

Medford, Ore., Nov. 2—The local forestry officials are making preparations to start the work of reseeding portions of the areas burned over by forest fires this summer.

Owing to lack of American seed some European varieties of Pine, Norwegian spruce and European larch have been secured. They will grow in this country.