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## BLACK HORSE IN FIELD FOR LIFE POSITION

JUDGE POLLOCK RUMORED IN LINE FOR SUPREME JUDGESHIP BY APPOINTMENT.

## MESSAGE NOW COMPLETED

Much Speculation Bibe About Washington as to the Nature of President Taft's Message Which Went to the Printers Yesterday and is Now Being Distributed—All Sworn to Secrecy—Judgeship Discussed.

Washington, Dec. 2—It is reported here today that President Taft contemplates appointing Judge John Pollock of Kansas to the Supreme Court of the United States. Roosevelt appointed Pollock to the federal bench in 1903.

Washington, Dec. 2—Now that the president's message is completed and it is being distributed by press associations today there is much speculation among politicians as to what the lengthy document contains. The only authentic information given out concerning the message is that it has been approved by the cabinet. The president will now give up the rest of his time between now and the opening congress to callers who have been besieging office for a week and in meeting returning officials.

There is much speculation as to what the message contains, especially regarding the tariff, but nothing can be learned as those who have perused the document are sworn to secrecy.

Next to the measures which will be recommended, the greatest interest in appointments he will make, particularly to the supreme bench. Probably Hughes will be appointed chief justice. The matter is a question that is agitating the minds of congressmen. Many rumors of prospective appointments are around, most of them unofficially denied though.

### Steamer Goes Aground.

Victoria, Dec. 2—The steamer Northwestern went aground at San Juan Island early today. Passengers steamer Tees which was due SHRD and mail were transferred to steamer Tees which was due to reach this city this afternoon. A heavy gale has been blowing the last two days. The vessel is owned by the Alaska Steamship company. She left Seattle yesterday bound for Valdez with twenty-six passengers and a crew of seventy. She is not badly damaged.

## ROBBERS LOOTED BANK UNDER DIFFICULTY

CITIZENS FIRE ON ROBBERS WHILE THEY ROB SAFE.

Withstanding Posse, Thieves Succeed in Making Escape.

Garden City, Ia., Dec. 2—Yeggmen under fire by a posse of citizens, dynamited a safe at the Farmers Savings bank here today and fighting off the pursuers, escaped with eight hundred dollars. Citizens were awakened by shots of the night watchman and joined in the attack.

The robbers returned the fire and continued working on the vault, broke into it and then with the loot escaped in a buggy. Posse are pursuing.

### FIGHTING NEAR DAMASCUS.

Turks and Druses Come to Battle Over Religious Matters.

Constantinople, Dec. 2—Seven hundred Druses are reported slain in a battle with Turkish troops at Houran and Syria near Damascus today. The main body of the Druses, estimated at 10,000 is said to be holding out while Turks are reconnoitering. Another battle is expected soon.

The outbreak is reported over religious differences. Smarting under oppression, peasants have been arming for weeks.

### SHELTON WOMEN VOTE.

Women Demand Opinion as to When They May Cast Their Ballots.

Shelton, Wn., Dec. 2—Women of Shelton made the first women in Washington following the adoption of the suffrage law at the last state election. The women asked for a ruling during the time they may vote. Attorney Fisk rules the law is operative so they could ballot at election next Tuesday.

## GRAND JURY HAS REPORTED TWO INDICTMENTS

ADULTERY CASE THRESHED OUT IN FIRST REPORT FILED.

Thomas Bruce Indicted—Jurors Still Deliberating on Cases.

Grand jury reports are already coming in, not withstanding that the inquisitors were called together only yesterday morning. A report was made this morning and the jurors immediately returned for further deliberations.

Those indicted by the report this morning are: C. W. Johnson and Mrs. A. M. Walker, indicted jointly for adultery. This is the case which stirred the public during its hearing in justice's court a few weeks ago.

Thomas Bruce, formerly a theatre man of this city but in jail the last month or two, was also indicted. He is accused of non support of his wife and child.

### Big Land Transaction.

Baker City, Dec. 1—A big land deal, the biggest transaction involving more acres and a larger cash consideration than any that has taken place in this county in years, took place this week in this city and was brought about by the real estate firm of Hughes & Co.

It was the sale by E. A. Eaton of Union to F. W. Eppinger of this city of 1080 acres of land on Clover creek about 25 miles northwest of Baker, for a consideration of \$32,400.

All the land is under cultivation, 600 acres of which requires no irrigation.

### SHERIFF TO USE HOUNDS.

Two Valuable Dogs Brought From Wenatchee for Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Childers received from Wenatchee, Wash., two blood hound pups this morning. They are pure Kentucky blood. These dogs will be used by the sheriff in the future to chase criminals. The sheriff at Wenatchee bought these dogs before the election expecting another term when defeated, he sold them. Sheriff Childers is considered very lucky in getting such valuable dogs as with training they will be worth much more than the \$75 apiece paid for them. The express charges were \$14.50 on the pair.

### Injured Boy Recovered.

Freddie Boeh who was injured a week ago tomorrow while coasting, was able to sit up for awhile this afternoon.

## OREGON ENGINEERS VOTE TO JOIN STRIKE UNLESS NEGOTIATIONS ARE MANIPULATED LATER

La Grande Engineers Have Voted, But Outcome Is Not Known Here—Local Engineers Face Chief Issue In Trouble.

Sacramento, Dec. 2—Members of the poll of Brotherhood Locomotive Engineers on the question of a general strike on the railroads of the west to enforce the wage increase which would involve forty thousand men, S. N. Wallon, chief engineer of the Sacramento division today said that the organizations of brakemen, firemen and conductors are also voting secretly on the matter of going on a strike for an increase.

Portland, Dec. 2—Members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers living in and running into Portland on the O. R. & N. and Southern Pacific have voted to strike unless demands of the engineers on all the western railroads for a fifteen per cent increase is not granted.

Balloting has been going on secretly for the last three weeks here and throughout the west. The ballots were sent to Chicago headquarters of the organization to be opened December 10th. Shortly afterward there will be a conference with the managers of the railroad lines. It is generally believed a compromise will be reached without a strike.

The Northern Pacific and the Great Northern members of the organization live at Tacoma mostly and very little could be learned as to how their vote went.

Although it is a probability that the

La Grande brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers voted to strike, there is however no definite information available as to what they actually did, for the ballots are not counted until the conference meets in Chicago. What the Portland brotherhood did, and what the La Grande brotherhood did amounts to practically the same thing, but as to knowing precisely what was done at the vote which has been going on here in La Grande as well as other brotherhood centers, will not be known until later. The engineers themselves know only how they voted individually and not collectively.

### Local Issues at Stake.

The general raise in wages is not the material issue at stake, but is one which has to deal especially with La Grande engineers. The Mallet engine question is one that is bothering La Grande engineers perhaps as much as any brotherhood in the west, and as the indications are that still more Mallets will be used on this division the presumption is that the local engineers have joined the side of the strikers. A prominent engineer said today that neither he nor anyone in La Grande or Portland either, knows definitely the outcome of the vote taken the past few days and what conclusions have been reached, were thorough conjecture only.

## TROUBLESOME TIMES IN STORE FOR ENGLISH POLITICIANS

London, Dec. 2—Scores of suits for slander are expected as an aftermath of the present political campaign which is the bitterest in English modern history. Charges of treason, theft and lying have been handled freely. Members of parliament in seventy constituencies will be elected in England.

Eleven unionists and four radicals were re-elected members of parliament today. Among them were Joseph Chamberlain and Arthur Balfour.

### Judge Dill Dead.

Orange, N. J., Dec. 2—Judge James C. Dill, called the father of the trusts, died here today. He helped in-

corporate some of the biggest trusts in the country and derived an income of \$300,000 yearly on this account. He received a fee of a million dollars for organizing the United States Steel trust. The capital of the corporations he personally organized totalled 793 millions. He was formerly a newspaper reporter.

### Danger of Bloodshed.

Belfast, Ireland, Dec. 2—Orangemen of Ulster this afternoon predicted that bloodshed would follow the granting of home rule to Ireland. Prominent Orangemen publicly invited tenders for immediate delivery of arms and ammunition.

## MR. WATSON REFUSES TO RUN FOR THE MAYORALTY

When asked this afternoon by the Observer if he intended to abide by the wishes of his many friends and run for the office of mayor of La Grande J. H. Watson remarked: "No, I cannot run for the office. Understand I am thoroughly appreciative of the confidence the people have shown in me by requesting that I make the race but it is impossible for me to give as much time to municipal affairs as I feel that will be necessary during

self and other employees of the company. These things all go to make it impractical for me to accept a nomination for any office at this time. It is however, one of the greatest pleasures of my life to see La Grande grow, for La Grande is dear to me, and I shall give of my time as much as is possible to aid all public matters and to help push, but to accept office is out of the question, and with my sincere thanks to those who have so kindly mentioned me for the place I must respectfully decline."

With these remarks Mr. Watson hastened to the shops to look after the duties of the afternoon. It is now generally conceded that the mayoralty contest may lie between Dr. Richardson and Councilman Monroe. Had Mr. Watson saw fit to run there would have been a complex situation for many citizens were decidedly friendly to him and also to the doctor. It would have a case of choosing between friends. However, since Mr. Watson has cleared the atmosphere by refusing to enter the race odds seem to be in favor of Dr. Richardson unless something shows up to render the situation complex.

## RACE TRACK COIN SPENT WITHOUT RECORDS

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE HAS LITTLE CHANCE TO FIND IT.

Three Hundred Thousand Admitted to Have Been Spent by Crafters.

New York, Dec. 2—The legislative investigating committee will be able to trace the vast sum of money which allied racing interests are said to have spent for "legal services" in an attempt to prevent the passage of the anti-betting in New York, in the belief of Bruce Linn, attorney for the committee.

The treasurer of the Metropolitan association of bookmakers organization, James Evans, testified he kept no books showing how and where the money went. He estimates \$300,000 were raised to defeat the race track laws.

### Alleged Murderer Talks Innocence.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 2—John Wendling on trial for the murder of Alma Kellner, aged eight, whose body was found here several months ago in a church basement, today denied on the stand of having murdered the child. Wendling was unable to account for the bloodstains on his bicycle after he fled or those on his trunk.

### JOHNSON IS WEALTHY.

Shows He Has Cash to Buy Big Real Property.

Chicago, Dec. 2—Jack Johnson, today blossomed out as a real capitalist when he secured an option on property valued at \$60,000, at State and 31st streets. It was expected the deal will be completed this afternoon. The property consists of an auditorium, two dance halls and several lodging halls. Johnson surprised the sports by showing that he has \$167,000 in the bank.

### CALIFORNIA COUNT OUT.

State Is Entitled to Four New Congressmen.

Washington, Dec. 2—The population of California is 2,377,549, an increase of 892,496. It means four new congressmen. The state of Virginia has 2,061,611 or 11.2 per cent, which means one additional congressman.

### Eastern Engineers Silent.

Cleveland, Dec. 2—Warren Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Engineers, would not talk concerning whether there would be a strike of locomotive engineers, if the western railroads would not grant demands.

## NEW RULES FIGHT REVIVED BY NORRIS

SAYS COMING SESSION WILL SEE GREATEST INSURGENT SCRAP IN HISTORY OF MOVEMENT.

## HOUSE COMMITTEE ALSO

With Congress Soon to Meet Insurgent

Precipitates War Against old System of Naming House Committees and Other Standing Bodies of the House—Fight to Eclipse All Others

Washington, Dec. 2—President Taft recalled his message this afternoon, having decided to rewrite a dozen pages and make certain pages more forceful.

Washington, Dec. 2—That the fight started last session of congress over the method of appointing committees in the house will be one of the battles in the coming session of congress, is the belief of Congressman Norris, the Nebraskan, and insurgent leader who arrived today. He said, "at this session, for insurgency, the country is behind us." He said the session will be one of the most important in the history of the insurgent movement.

Continuing he said: "The fight which is expected to open the insurgent campaign is over the appointment of committees of the house."

Just before the close of last session Norris introduced a resolution for the appointment of a committee on committees. This committee was to be divided according to geographical divisions made up of twenty members. It would give twelve divisions for a majority and eight for the minority party. The committee would have power of appointing all other committees and including that on rules. This caused a sensation last year but was not pushed because it was believed then it would mean a fight on Cannon and resulted in a prolongation of the session, then about to adjourn. Now the idea will probably be revived.

### LOWER BAY STATE THREATENED

Armed Mexican Says Revolution to Attack California is Under Way.

San Diego, Dec. 2—Andreas Tirado, an armed Mexican was arrested here today and confessed a Mexican revolutionary organization is being perfected in this city for the purpose of capturing lower California. Tia Juana was the first town marked for attack. It is just across the line.

## AMERICANS AT MADERA FEAR ASSAULT

REBELS DRILLING IN NEIGHBORHOOD PROMISE PROTECTION.

Mexican Revolutionists Preparing to Attack Several Towns.

El Paso, Dec. 2—That the Mexican revolutionists have been ordered to attack Madero and the American colony is causing uneasiness here. The rebels are drilling in the vicinity of Madera and have promised not to molest Americans, but refugees arriving here say Americans fear a secret attack is being planned. Fearing that the city of Chihuahua will be attacked, merchants and bankers there shipped a large amount of coin to this