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## TAWNEY SCORNS WAR SCARE OF SECRETARY

**CALLS IT A PLAN TO HOBSONIZE THE COUNTY BY FALSE ALARMS AND RUMORS.**

## HUMPHREYS MAKES REPLY

Humphreys of Washington Responds to Attack by Tawney Saying the Pacific Coast Has Always Been Publicly Known as Defenseless—McLachlin Answers Tawney, Too, Setting out Reasons for Demands.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The war department has joined fingers in an attempt to "Hobsonize" the country according to Congressman Tawney today. He is chairman of the committee on appropriations. Tawney cannot believe the country is defenseless and scoffed at the idea that there was any cause for alarm. It is determined to hold the financial forth against Hobson and Congressman McLathian who declare the country is poorly equipped as far as the army and the Pacific coast could be captured and held six months by an invading army of 200,000 men. Tawney said, "The efforts to get the confidential report of the Secretary of War in reply to McLathian's resolution is the part of the propaganda by military enthusiasts to secure the support of congress for larger appropriations."

Congressman Humphreys of Washington took a radical opposite view with Tawney.

He said, "A foreign foe could land an invading force at Bellingham for instance, without coming within fifteen miles of the guns. They could establish an impenetrable position there and have the whole section of the country there at their mercy. The report of the secretary of war expresses an opinion of the conditions which every man on the Pacific coast has known for years. People of the coast have been crying for defense but so far have been absolutely unheeded."

### McLachlin Scores Tawney.

In an exclusive statement to the United Press this afternoon Representative McLachlin replied to Tawney and said: "Tawney's charge that there is a conspiracy to stampede congress into adopting a large appropriation for military purposes is too childish to be taken seriously. It is wicked cowardice to hide the national weakness and is cowardly of 'alleged patriots' to keep the nation ignorant and then when war is declared to send untrained men in the field with inadequate weapons to uphold the national defense. Tawney knows nothing of the army and its needs."

### BOYS FINED HEAVILY.

Youngsters Arrested for Indecent Conduct Must Pay City \$100 Apiece.

Harold Herring and Chester Butcher, the two boys arrested a few days ago, on a charge of indecent conduct were fined \$100 a piece this morning. The girls whose names are Misses Evans and Knight, will be dealt with by County Judge Henry and it is supposed they will be sent to the Good Shepherds home at Portland.

### UNION SQUAD IS HERE.

Will Meet the Local High School in Double Header at Rink Tonight.

Keyed to a pitch of enthusiasm that borders ill for the local youngsters Union's doughty basketball quintet, backed by several substitutes, arrived this morning to shoot for baskets against the high school team during the basketball double header at the rink commencing sharply at 8 o'clock. The girls of the high school hold their tryout, and the first half of that contest is scheduled to come off first. Then the boys take the floor.

Union's crowd of speedy tossers is headed by Turner, captain, and Hess, manager. "Red" Henderson, a popular young man of Union is to handle the whistle during the boys' game.

Captain Turner's crowd consists of Mullin or Farley center; G. Lewin, Hess and Hall Forwards; E. Lewin and Turner, guards.

The lineup for the boys' team is not announced but the entire squad will be tried out if possible. The girl's game is to decide who are first team players.

### TWO ELGIN SALOONS OPEN.

Bader and Young Only Ones Granted Licenses at Elgin This Year.

Elgin, Dec. 16.—Special—Elgin opened two saloons today when Henry Bader and Ott Young, a brother of Cy Young the famous twirler, threw open their doors for a retail liquor business. These are the only two men allowed to have licenses this year. L. A. Stoop opened a wholesale liquor house in Elgin today.

### BROTHERS' DAY SATURDAY.

Time Will be Taken up Principally by Election of Officers.

Tomorrow is "Brothers Day" at the Blue Mountain Grange. There will be but a short program as most of the time will be taken up by the election and initiation of officers.

## WOMEN SENT TO WALLA WALLA PRISON

**ONE SENTENCED FOR LIFE AND OTHER FOR TWO YEARS.**

Wenatchee Women go "Over the Road" for Killing Trespasser.

Wenatchee, Wn., Dec. 16.—Mrs. Della Totten was sentenced to life today, her mother, Mrs. Bebe, aged 75, was also given a sentence of from one to 2 years in the penitentiary because Mrs. Totten shot and killed James Sutton a rancher who insisted on crossing their farm in August.

Neither woman displayed much regret or emotion. Mrs. Totten was convicted recently of murder in the first degree and her mother of manslaughter.

### ROBBER COMMITS SUICIDE.

After Being Surrounded by Kansas Posse Thief Blows Brins Out.

Paradise, Kas., Dec. 16.—The body of the bandit who yesterday robbed Cashier O'Brien and four other men also of the Paradise State bank and then killed himself when surrounded by a posse, will be brought to this city and an inquest held tomorrow. Efforts are being made to identify the body. It is unknown whether he is Earl Ward or has an assumed name. He was a stranger here. The money was recovered.

### BRYAN "EULOGIZES" TAFT.

Calls Him King Stand Patter on the Strength of Recent Messages.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 16.—President Taft is entitled to a seat at the head of any gathering of 'loyal standpaters' and that he is the logical candidate for the Republican presidency in 1912 are the conclusions of Bryan in the Commoner today after studying the annual message.

"The annual message is not notable for its length," it says, "if Taft's sympathies for the special interests were not already known. The message would be distinct for its leanings toward the system which the people are trying to regulate."

### Off for California.

A. G. Wigglesworth of Wallowa is in the city today enroute to Los Angeles on business. Mr. Wigglesworth expects to be gone about two months.

## COOK PLEADS IN "GO AND SIN NO MORE," IS ADVICE

**MAY BE LIAR BET NOT SO INTENTIONALLY HE SAYS IN ARTICLE.**

## NEVER WAS A REAL THIEF

May Have Lied Which is Inexcusable, But Never Made His Statements With the View of Gaining Money Through Them—Had Public Known the Hardships He Underwent He Would Never Have Been Accused.

New York, Dec. 16.—Pleading that no one should discredit him until they know what he endured in the Arctic Dr. Cook, in today's issue of Hampton's magazine opens his own story and lays the groundwork for his defense—not of his alleged discovery of the pole but of his honesty in believing he accomplished the feat.

All through the story Cook referred to his mental and physical strain and to the possibility that his hardships may have affected his mind so he could not make scientifically correct observations. He said he would not have suffered as he did, if he was premeditating to lie about the pole story.

He says: "If I did believe in myself honestly and sincerely and fell convinced of my claim when I reached Copenhagen and later New York, is it just to call me the world's most monumental fakir, common and delinquent swindler. Unconsciously I made the statements which I myself now question."

"That is inexcusable, but most emphatically I am not a thief and most certainly there was no plan to hoax the world to my own financial profit." Cook says that he finally reached the place where the sun cast a shadow of equal length at six, twelve, six and twelve. This he said led him to believe that he had reached the world's apex.

### NEW DIRECTORS ELECTED.

Future of the Club to be Determined at a Called Meeting of Directors.

Election for three directors to fill the vacancies caused by expiration of three director's terms, took place at the Commercial club last evening at the annual meeting of members of that organization. Just what will be done with the club is still a problem, one which the new directors will likely solve at a meeting called to meet in a few days. The new directors will elect their president and entire slate of officers from among their own numbers. That is, such action will be taken if the club's life is to be continued.

Various other matters were attended to last evening during the session of the members, at which a liberal number were present.

The new directors are George H. Currey, Mac Wood and Bruce Dennis.

## "GO AND SIN NO MORE," IS ADVICE

**ADULTERY CASE IS DISMISSED BY HUSBAND OF WOMAN. UNDER SHADOW.**

## JOHNSON ALSO IS FREED

Weakness of Walker Makes Monkey Show out of Whole Proceeding and Calls Down the Wrath of Ivanhoe Upon the Witness Who Swore Out Complaint—Important Law Point Uncovered.

Repenting because he had prosecuted his wife for adultery, C. N. Walker stopped the trial this afternoon and the case against Mrs. Walker and C. N. Johnson was dismissed.

Before court adjourned for the noon hour the question of a prosecuting witness being able to dismiss a case of adultery was threshed out and the court ruled that such was possible. Ivanhoe contended the matter was in the hands of a state officer and the prosecuting witness did not have the power to dismiss after it had reached that stage. He was overruled by the court and an adjournment taken until 1:30 o'clock at which time Walker asked the court to dismiss the case.

### No Shame in Mrs. Walker.

Without a semblance of shame—not even the blush of timidity crossing her countenance Mrs. C. N. Walker appeared in court this morning in the case of State vs. herself and C. W. Johnson. The charge against the pair is adultery.

Mrs. Walker was attired in a fairly neat fitting dress and her hair was carefully arranged so that her appearance was very good. Johnson was well groomed and sat with head erect while the court proceeded with the case.

C. N. Walker, husband of the woman, was called to the stand. He has a weak countenance which evidently is only an outward exponent of a much weaker nature. Judge Slater, who is defending the woman and Johnson, started in with a line of questions to establish the fact that Walker did not willingly start the prosecution of his wife and Johnson, but that he was forced to do so by his relatives.

According to the story in Justice court Walker was perfectly willing that the illicit wooing of his wife by Johnson should continue and that it did continue for 25 consecutive days, during which time Walker had apartments on the second floor while his wife occupied the first floor and entertained Johnson whenever she chose to do so. It also developed in Justice court that Walker was living in anticipation of Johnson buying a farm in Washington where they would all live happily together.

Judge Slater had proceeded with his questions until his intent was apparent when Prosecutor Ivanhoe intervened with objections and ques-

tions to establish Walker's personal disposition to prosecute.

Walker as a witness showed the jury that he is anything but strong; that he was not certain of scarcely anything, and that he had decided after long deliberation his wife had not treated him on the square and he now thought it his duty to chastise her.

Unlike the average man, who under such circumstances, would consult a shotgun or a bowie knife, this peaceful Mr. Walker took the matter of his wife's purity under consideration.

### Woman Idolizes Johnson.

That C. W. Johnson won a home when he first met Mrs. Walker there can be no doubt, for she evidently thinks he is perfection and would cross a field of fire in her bare feet if it would benefit him. According to report her sole thought is to save him from punishment, apparently caring little for herself or what becomes of her.

### Johnson is a picture agent and

had been working out of La Grande in the Grande Ronde valley and Walla Walla county. A few days ago the house for which he worked sent a representative here to locate him, as no report had been forthcoming for some time. The representative found Mr. Johnson comfortably located in the Hotel de Childers receiving three square meals each day but very unhappy.

## RESCUERS ENTER MINE TO SAVE ENTOMBED

**WITH GOVERNMENT MAN AT THE HEAD, HELP IS STARTED.**

Those Entombed in Colorado Mine Believed to be Alive.

Denver, Dec. 16.—A desperate effort to rescue ten miners in the Leyden mine, rescuers headed by Professor Roberts, head of the government rescue service, with oxygen helmets, entered the mine today and started for the lower level. It is believed that nine of the miners are still alive.

Shaft No. 2 is being explored. It is filled with gas and it is believed the miners walled themselves in. The cause of the explosion is still unascertained.

### 18 HOGS WEIGH 4482 LBS.

Porkers Go 249 Pounds Apiece and Bring Fancy Prices Too.

Geo. E. Wells who owns a fine San I-ridge farm brought to market yesterday eighteen porkers that averaged 249 pounds each. "No wonder that the farmers of the Grand Ronde are no money kings of Union county when shots bring from \$20 to \$25 per head. Horses from \$100 to \$200 and higher, butter 70 cents per roll and eggs the year round averaging 30 cents per dozen. We have the soil, and the climate that produce a ready market," is the way a prominent farmer sized up the proposition today.

### CADY SENTENCED TODAY.

Given the Limit of Five Years for Crime of Sodomy.

Thomas Cady, the Hoosier found guilty this week by a jury on the crime of sodomy, was sentenced this afternoon by Judge Knowles to five years in the penitentiary. This is the limit for such a crime.

The case of Stodgill, accused of larceny went to trial this afternoon and the jury will be completed some time this evening likely.

### China Spurs Loan.

Pekin, Dec. 16.—The offer of the United States to provide a financial expert to advise the Chinese government regarding the handling of \$60,000,000 railroad bonds now being negotiated, was turned down today.

## ENGLISH MAY BE REQUIRED TO VOTE AGAIN

**ELECTION ENDING TOMORROW HAS NOT BEEN DECISIVE AND ANOTHER IS LIKELY.**

## NEW CANADA BANK LAW

Short Session of Parliament Will be Called at Conclusion of This Election and Adjourned Soon Afterwards to Afford Opportunity for a New Session Voting Last About Completed Has Been Thrilling.

London, Dec. 16.—Voting on the election ends tomorrow. It is predicted that a short session of Parliament will be called and then another election ordered.

The election thus far has not been decisive and so probably King George won't create enough Liberal peers to take away the power of the Lords' vote of Commons' measures. This means the Liberals will continue obstructive tactics at the next parliament and so an early ending may be brought about.

The election thus far has been extremely thrilling, "treason, liar and coward" being the words hurled hither and thither. England has been in a turmoil ever since the election was ordered, and the likelihood of another election soon has been revived with misgivings everywhere.

### New Bank Law Wanted.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—Sir Wilfred Laurier introduced in the House today a bill which goes into operation in July for the regulation of banks. One feature is to have the banks audited by shareholders and another is the provision for an annual statement signed by the president and directors of banks making them criminally liable for false statements.

### HOBO HEADED TOWARDS SALEM

Charges Will be Preferred Against Man Who Grabbed Bank Money.

As soon as District Attorney Ivanhoe completes his present case he will turn his attention to the hobo arrested yesterday afternoon for seizing \$150 from the La Grande National bank cashier's window as the sum was being handed out to a customer, Oswald Hunt. Mr. Hunt had turned his head to one side for the moment and when he again went to pick up the money it was headed for the door in the hands of a tramp who had come to the bank to ask for a "stake to the cats." A lively chase lasting a half block, resulted in the thief's capture. He was arrested and today is not discouraged at all. He says he wants winter's keeping in the city jail as punishment for his act, but the indications are he will go to Salem.

### ASK PRESIDENT TO INTERCEDE.

Riots, Killings and Injuries in Chicago Strike Appalling.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Roosevelt, President Taft and John Mitchell maybe will be asked to act as mediators in the garment workers strike here, following the rioting yesterday in which a striker was killed and two several injured. They are liable to die as union leaders and the city officials and are trying to bring the strike to an end. The situation is serious. Officials admit, and fear there will be more bloodshed as a result unless peace is brought about.

### Want New Cable Line

Seattle, Dec. 16.—Plans for laying a cable from Seattle to Cordova has been forwarded to the Secretary of War, Dickinson, by citizens who complain at the present high tolls of the cable company to Sitka. It is proposed to make direct connections at a cost estimated at two million.

## ACQUITTED OF ONE CRIME BUT ARRESTED ON ANOTHER

To be acquitted by a jury on the charge of larceny from a dwelling only to be immediately re-arrested on a charge of forgery, alleged to have been committed at Welser, is the checkered and rapid career of Walter Kittleman, alias Kit Dover, who was placed on trial in the circuit court yesterday. "Kit" was indicted jointly with Hal Stodgill on a charge of stealing some goods from Charles Baker, and was put on trial yesterday.

The jury found him not guilty this morning in a sealed verdict read at 9 o'clock. At the same moment he was arrested on a telegraphic warrant from Welser, charging him with forgery but he will not be returned to Welser likely until he has been brought on the stand here to testify against Stodgill. That over, he will be taken to Welser it is supposed and put on trial there. It is not known if he will fight extradition.