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TARIFF BOARD IS ASSURED OF SUCCESS

PROMISE COMES WHEN ALLIGHT SESSION DRIVES SENATORS AWAY.

PEARY REWARD IS KILLED

Forward Forthcoming in Naval Appropriation Bill This Morning—Frisar Land Charges are Untrue and Officials Exonerated.

Washington, March 3—An agreement was reached in the senate at 3 o'clock this morning that a vote on the Peary bill will be taken at 8:30 Saturday morning. If the agreement is adopted the tariff bill will become law. It has already passed the house and a majority of the senators favor it.

Another Night Session.

Attempting to filibuster out of impending vote on the bill Senator Stetson and Senator Overman kept the senate in session until this morning when they surrendered, where there was a quorum present. It is believed that the senate will complete practically all business save the reciprocity agreement.

When the senate reconvened this morning Stone served notice that he would demand the reciprocity agreement at the close of consideration on the naval appropriations which totals \$25,000,000.

An extra session is regarded as a certainty today, following Taft's official admission that he favors March 15 for the opening day. The date represents a compromise at the Republican-Democratic conference of leaders. It is now believed all chance of a vote on reciprocity this session has vanished.

Peary Reward Bill Killed.

Senator Lodge's amendment to the naval appropriation bill introduced to reward Peary for his polar exploration was killed in the senate today on a point of order. It was decided the subject was not proper for the naval bill.

Frisar Charges Untrue

A majority of the house committee on insular affairs today reported the charges of graft in the sales of Friar lands in the Philippines to the sugar trust was unproven. A minority report will be filed later. All Republicans and two Democrats, Rucker and Ferris, signed the majority report which exonerates the officials and recommends changes in the law removing the burden of limitations from sales of lands.

MRS. KELLEY DEAD

Lady Passes Away This Morning After Short but Painful Illness.

Suffering several days in the most excruciating manner, Mrs. Hannah Kelley, wife of George W. Kelley, Sr., living at 2006 First street, died this morning. She would have attained the age of 65 years had she lived until the 20th of this month.

Mrs. Kelley was taken ill Friday morning and suffered severely right to the last with bowel complications. At her side were her son, B. A. Benham, and her daughter, Miss Kelley, who ministered to the lady's wants to the limit of their endurance. She is survived by her husband, and six children, B. A. Benham of this city, G. B. Benham of Philomath, Ore. Jessie Terry of Orlando, Florida, who will not attend the funeral. W. A. Benham, C. W. Kelley, Jr., Miss Bertha Kelley, all of La Grande. Funeral services will be conducted from the home Sunday at 2 o'clock. Rev. Upton H. Gibbs and W. S. Seaman officiating.

BOX CAR SUSPECT NABBED

What is Believed to be Member of Notorious Gang Caught Here Nabbled this morning by Chief Walden and Detective Woods of the O.W. a man is in the city jail today charged with being one of a gang of box car men that have been menacing the railroad company for some time, and made their headquarters here. The fellow was supplied with an overabundance of trousers, seven or eight pair, and this led to his arrest. He is being sweated today though Detective Woods is in Pendleton, intending to return this evening to further investigate the case.

STUDENTS UNDER PROBE

Upper Classmen Who Administered Hazing to Freshies in Trouble Several upper classmen of the high school are said to be in dire danger of expulsion on account of connections with the hazing of a couple of freshmen who appeared in school with their hair cut to a style retained only for upper classmen. To punish the violations of class regulations, the freshmen were seized and shorn of their puffed locks by muscular members. Members of the faculty are ferreting out the affair today and it is thought several of the offenders will be suspended.

QUEEN SUFFERS FROM SCANDAL

SOCIETY AGOG OVER DEVELOPMENTS IN ROME.

Lady in Waiting was Being Blackmailed by Army Officer.

Rome, March 3—Queen Helena is prostrated today as the result of the killing of Countess Giulia di Triglona, her lady in waiting by Lieutenant Paterno and the King is reported to be inclined to censure the queen for allowing the scandal to run so long before its bloody finale. It developed today that Paterno, who is reported dying, has tried to blackmail the countess when she demanded that their relations be broken off. Two letters were found in her corsage signed by him saying he would cease his attentions if she would pay his \$400,000 to pay his debts, and intimated he would make the scandal worse if she refused. He would not talk today.

DEMOCRAT SUCCEEDS CARTER

On Seventy-Ninth Ballot Helena Legislature Picks a Senator.

Helena, Mont., March 3—Chosen on the last of seventy-nine ballots, when his name had been mentioned previously, Judge Henry Meyers a Democrat was today named successor to Senator Carter of Montana. His election came just in time last night to prevent the legislature expiring by constitutional limitations. He is a well known lawyer.

NEW TREASURER ELECTED

Dodendorf Is Treasurer of Local Trainmen's Brotherhood.

To fill the office of H. C. Ludiker, treasurer of the local brotherhood of Trainmen, the order has elected H. W. Dodendorf as treasurer. Mr. Ludiker resigned his office just recently on account of business matters forbidding attention to the duties of that office.

Predicts Big Crop.

Dick Smith, one of the prosperous valley farmers is in the city today and in speaking of crop conditions says that prospects could not be better. With the all ready large acreage seeded the spring seeding of blue stem wheat will increase this to a large extent. He predicts unusual good crops this coming season on account of ideal weather conditions this winter.

LITTLE HOPE TO CAPTURE HAINES MURDERERS

Resting on their oars, preparatory to both closing in their man hunt and spreading it out to surrounding territory simultaneously, officials in command of the army of posses combing the hills and dales for the murderers of Ed. McCollough at Haines this week, are beginning to have less faith in the theory that the men are in the immediate vicinity of Haines. That the men caught some train out from near Telocast twenty-four hours ago and that they are already beyond local posses' reach has come to be the prevalent theory in Haines as well as in La Grande.

In the arrest of suspects at North Powder, still held in confinement, it is believed will be found two men who left the tracks leading the posses on a wild goose chase through the hills between Telocast and North Powder. Some tools had been stolen at a sawmill not far from North Powder and it is thought that the men who stole them, are the ones who made the tracks leading the posses on later and also are two of the men in cells at North Powder. They correspond to this however, as many still maintain that the posses were on the right trail but did not catch the scent soon enough and that the murderers caught a train near Telocast.

With big rewards already offered by Baker county and the state at large, detectives have rushed to the scene and the work will spread out apace. The theory that home talent did the crime, advanced yesterday, is not generally given much consideration though the notion is still taking root. Late this afternoon the decision to spread the search, maintain the patrols throughout the surrounding hills and that the bandits are hiding themselves to distant cities summarized the latest developments.

Two prisoners being taken from Northern Idaho to the state prison at Boise created something of a furor this morning when Number Six arrived, many believing they were the suspects wanted at Haines.

Posse Reaches La Grande.

Last evening a posse of four reached here in an automobile. They were accompanied from Haines to Union by Sheriff Rand, deputies and the district attorney, but these met left the party there while four came on to La Grande in automobiles. In the party were George Pennington who witnessed the shooting, Messrs. Pearson, Case and Mitchell. Their principal duty was to watch trains, and this they did minutely. They laid particular stress on a freight train pulling out west shortly after the fast mail had gone through here. The string of cars were carefully inspected here and Mr. Mitchell rode on top of the train to Kamela to see that no one boarded it in route or got off anywhere. When the train reached the summit it was again thoroughly searched and Mr. Mitchell returned to La Grande, unable to locate the slightest clew. He and most of his party returned again to Haines this morning.

CRANE SLAPS AT SMITH AND FLAG IRON MASTER REACH HERE

REFUTES CARNEGIE'S STATEMENT OF "CALLING."

Points Out that Carnegie was Prompted by Gold and Devil.

Chicago, March 3—Roasting Andrew Carnegie to a brown turn, Richard Crane, president of the Crane company today in the current issue of the Valva World, writes a criticism of the ironmaster's recent statement that he was called "from Scotland" to America to make armor plate for the nation. Crane says:

No Divine Call There

"Carnegie entered the armor plate business to make money, not for patriotic motives and not in response to any call from God. He would have been more accurate if he had said that gold and the devil ordered him to go into business. He charged the government six cents per pound for armor plate while the manufactured steel sold not exceeding a cent and a half. His conscience does not even condemn his defrauding the country."

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Hebrew Pass Here.

It is said that the fast mail was not given the thorough inspection that it should have had for six tramps beat their way to La Grande on that train. It halted at Union station very briefly last evening, awaiting to get in the clear and it is possible that the men sought may have boarded the fast mail there and gone on.

Fosses Still Out.

Through the trail yesterday held up as the most tangible conclusion to their discovery, failed to materialize in that it was run down to the railroad track and there vanished again. It was picked up after considerable search, where it was lost yesterday at the ranch barn but soon lead to the track where, of course, it would be impossible to continue it.

Believing that the men may have again taken to the hills, posses continue their search today through the foothills about North Powder and Haines though there is apparently little hope in store for them. The men are more in the nature of patrolmen who would prevent any dash from possible hiding places to the tracks again in time to catch an outgoing train.

Many Stories Afloat.

Every hour unearths some new sensation in the case. For a while this morning popular rumor had the men arrested at Pendleton and brought back this morning; another said the men went through La Grande last evening and made a successful getaway on No. 85, the west bound freight.

AROUND-THE-WORLD PEDESTRIAN TOUCHES AT LA GRANDE.

Plans to Remain Here Until After Sunday—Flag His Companion

Military in appearance, waving his colors over him with the same evident spirit that the regiment color bearer leads his followers on to battle, J. M. Smith, the Fort Scott pedestrian who is walking around the world reached the city this morning. His ever-present flag has followed him all the way and the gentleman hopes to be able to display the storm beaten emblem of the country at La Grande audience before pressing on. It seems that the man has met with some misfortune due to a change in ownership of the newspaper which sent him toward the setting sun in the hope of eventually having walked around the world. For the past six weeks the man has not heard from home in the way of pay checks and he is resorting to making speeches and selling post-cards.

Smith will touch at Portland and then Seattle and sail across the Pacific. There is no specified time in which to make the long journey but it is determined to eventually accomplish the feat.

Trust Suits Filed.

Cleveland, March 3—Big federal trust busting suits were filed today against thirty electrical supply manufacturers in the United States court. It is alleged the companies have conspired to restrain the trade.

Chile Refuses Offer.

Valparaiso, Chile, March 3—It is authoritatively stated here today that Chile has refused a secret offer by Japan to buy Easter Island for a fortified naval base. Chile wishes to use the island for naval yards. It is in the Pacific ocean, west of the coast of Chile with an area of fifty square miles, mostly volcanic.

CHIEF OF POLICE A CONVICT

UNDER ASSUMED NAME IS ABLE TO DODGE ARREST.

Finally Found Out and is Now En Route to Prison Cells.

Danville, Va., March 3—After escaping from a murderer's cell and serving as chief of police under an assumed name of Morris, Edgar Strippling today is en route to Harris county, Georgia, to resume his life behind the bars. He was recognized by a drummer who notified the authorities. Petitions for his pardon are already being circulated. Strippling said he expected to be recognized some time, but felt that he was justified in the killing of Wm. Corbett, because the latter attempted to outrage his sister. He expects pardon.

SAVES FARMERS THOUSANDS

Agricultural College Teaches How to Save Money by Farming Right

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Ore., March 3—(Special)—An actual saving of over \$1,000 in horse feed resulted from the information gained by a prominent business man and farmer of Salem, Ore., in the winter short course at the Oregon Agricultural college. Last year he came himself to the course, and this year, being unable to attend, he sent his ranch foreman. The knowledge gained in the course on feeding of horses alone netted him a saving of over \$1,000 in his feed bills, and his animals are in finer condition than ever before, he says.

Over \$5,000 would have been saved by S. W. Jamieson of Dell, Ore., he estimates, if he had taken the short course two years ago. Inexperience and lack of training when he came west two years ago to develop his holdings of 4,000 acres of fruit lands, caused Mr. Jamieson to make the usual mistakes of the beginner. Upon attending the course at the college this winter he discovered his mistakes, and made a careful computation of his consequent losses, which amounted to over \$5,000.

These are but two of a large number of similar cases which have come to the attention of Dean Arthur R. Cordley of the college. It is a special aim of the college not only to enable young men to go out after graduation and develop the new lands to their utmost capacity, but to help the farmers, stockmen and orchardmen of the state who are already caring for lands of their own or in charge of large estates, to get the greatest possible value out of the pests which injure crops.

HENEY GLOATS AT RUEF'S DEFEAT

A CHANGE IN THE TIMES IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAN'S INCARCERATION

NEW POLICY IS IN VOGUE

Schmidt's Case Shows How Court Abandoned by the Feeling of the Times Then, and Ruef Incident Points Out the Change in Sentiment—Criminals of all Stations are Being Punished These Days.

San Francisco, March 3—Abe Ruef may be taken to San Quentin this afternoon because the boss and his lawyers were cited to appear before Judge Lawler this afternoon for running counter to stipulations agreed upon to gain a 7-day's stay of execution.

San Francisco, March 3—Francis J. Heney, graft prosecutor who conducted the prosecution of Abe Ruef, commenting today on the final court order ending Ruef's fight to escape a 14 year sentence for bribery sees in the final action a powerful argument for the recall. The state supreme court in vacating an order granting a rehearing to Ruef virtually reversed itself after it had been attacked by the attorney general and the legislature had started an investigation of the court.

(By Francis J. Heney)

The fact that the supreme court of California has reversed itself to sustain the conviction of Abraham Ruef is important chiefly as a sign of the times—of the new era in which the people are beginning to rule.

That Ruef must go to jail is of relative importance only. It is important that criminals of all stations should be punished but it is far more important that the people themselves should control the administration of justice.

There is a peculiar irony and a tremendous significance in the fact that what Ruef claims to be a technicality forced the supreme court of this state to reverse itself on a previous ruling which granted Ruef a hearing. On former occasions technicalities have waded only in favor of graft prosecution defendants. Schmidt had been freed because the indictments upon which he was convicted failed to state that he was mayor of San Francisco at the time his crime was committed. The supreme court unanimously refused to give the people of San Francisco a hearing on the merits of the Schmidt case and gazed its refusal on a flimsy technicality which was not anticipated and hence was not even mentioned in the brief accompanying the application by the people for a hearing.

Ruef had been granted a hearing on technical grounds. The court reversed its action because the attorney general called its attention to the fact that one of the concurring justices was out of the state when the order for a hearing was signed. Why did four members of the court first ignore, then reckon with this point?

Because a fearless public officer demanded attention and because the weight of an awakened public was behind the demand—a public interested in its own affairs, demanding speedy and substantial justice, the right to remove faithless judges, the creation of laws to stop jury tampering and miscarriages of justice.

This awakening came in time to work against Ruef. That is all.

It is probable that the bitterest thought of all to this formerly powerful man, is that he must go to jail while his more powerful and richer companions in crime go free. There is bitterness in that fact to all right thinking people.

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