

BRITAIN FINDS SOUTHERN POLE

RUMORS REACH LONDON TO THAT EFFECT TODAY

REPORT CAN'T BE DECLARED AUTHENTIC YET

In Scottish-Made Whaler, British Explorer Is Said to Have Found the South Pole, Defeating Other Expeditions, One of Which Is Near the Southern Axis Now, According to Late Advices.

London, March 6.—It is reported that Captain Scott has reached the south pole, thus defeating the Norwegian explorers, headed by Amundsen and the Japanese expedition. The Royal Geographical society has admitted the rumor but is unable to vouch for its authenticity. Scott is of a famous English naval family, and made the trip on \$200,000 subscribed by the British people and the government. He started from London on Terra Nova, a whaler, in June, 1910. Amundsen left Buenos Ayres in 1910 and is believed to be near the south pole now.

Scott commanded the discovery expedition to the antarctic regions in 1902-04. The Terra Nova is an old Scottish whaler, built at Dundee in 1884. The first dash into the southern frozen zones was made in 1872 by the British Captain Cook.

He went to 71 degrees south. Since then practically every dash has been made by Britishers. The last one in 1908-09 by Ernest Shackleton, who got within 111 miles of the pole.

The Central News, which claims to be Scott's agent, issued a statement this afternoon, saying it hadn't heard from Scott and doesn't expect to for "several days."

Although the report is not verified, papers today still persist in printing the story that Scott was successful.

Government After Shoe Trust

Washington, March 6.—Attorney General Wickersham today ordered the United States district attorney, French of Boston, to come here to prepare to take criminal action against Machinery company. The government will appeal Puman's decision that the officials couldn't be held on the first count of the indictment which charges a combination in restraint of trade.

County Court in Session.

The county court held its regular monthly meeting today for the auditing of county bills and taking up of whatever other county business there might be.

FINLEY GOES TO FETCH ELK

NOTICE WILL BE GIVEN LOCAL MEN INTERESTED.

Delegation of State Game Wardens Go St. Anthony to Fetch Elk.

W. L. Finley, state game warden, T. J. Craig, chief deputy, of Portland, and E. F. Averill, state deputy of Pendleton, passed through La Grande this morning en route to St. Anthony to receive the band of elk which they intend to place on the Wenaha forest reserve.

The elk will be in the La Grande railroad yards for a short time on their way to Wallowa county. Chas. B. Oral, state deputy game warden of this place, will give notice through the Observer, so that the people of La Grande may see the elk if they wish.

It is hardly possible that the shipment will reach here for two or three days, but sufficient notice will be given through the Observer.

J. E. MUNSEY.
Indicted For Conspiracy In Los Angeles, California.



Photo by American Press Association.

RUEF DOOMED TO FULL TERM

RETURNS TO SAN QUENTIN DISCOURAGED.

Fateful March 6th Sees Curly-Headed Boss Back to Long Term.

San Francisco, March 6.—Discouraged by his failure to have the indictments against him removed so that he could apply for a parole, Abe Ruef, former politician and boss will be returned to San Quentin this afternoon to serve out the remainder of his 14 years sentence. Ruef was brought here to testify in the Schmitz case which ended in the dismissal of Schmitz. Ruef refused to testify unless all the indictments against him were dismissed. Judge Lawler ruled his testimony valueless anyway.

March 6 bears a fateful connection with the Ruefs. He was first arrested on charges which resulted in his conviction March 6, five years ago. The same date in 1910 his sister died broken hearted and one year ago today he went to prison, and today returns to it.

MADERO TAKES INITIATIVE.

Sends Force Out to Hammer March on Mexico City.

El Paso, March 6.—Reinforced by 200 men under Colonel Delasota, Gen. Villa, heading 1,000, is marching on Chihuahua to engage the rebels. The move is believed to be on Madero's orders in hopes of checking the march on Mexico City. The rebels are in superior numbers and may whip Villa and start for Mexico City tomorrow.

In Juarez, Col. Pace, commanding 500 rebels, is having considerable trouble with his men. Many threaten mutiny and 300 ringleaders were disarmed last night. Wealthy Mexicans there are being seized and held for ransom to raise money for the rebels.

Police Tell Their Side.

Washington, March 6.—Mrs. Taft, wife of the president, was present at the hearing of the Lawrence strikers before the house committee again today. The police had their hearing today. Police Commissioner Lincoln was the first witness. He admitted that women and children had been jailed adding: "He didn't know why." He was unable to give any reason for their detention.

Committee and Sub-Committees Meet.

There will be a meeting this evening, of the general committee and the sub-committees of the Men and Religion Forward movement. The meeting will be held in the Presbyterian church at 7:30, when the movement will be fairly launched.

COTTERILL WINS BY 500 MARGIN

MARGIN OF 500 BETWEEN HE AND GILL. RECALL MAYOR

ONE WARD, NO. 1, ALONE OVERWHELMINGLY FOR GILL

Final Unofficial Returns Show a Margin of 500 Between the Two Leaders in Seattle Mayor Campaign — Recall Is Vindicated but Single Tax Is Overwhelmingly Defeated in the Election.

Seattle, March 6.—Returns today indicate that George E. Cotterill, a democrat, was elected mayor of Seattle by approximately 500 votes over Hiram C. Gill. Early indications are that the single tax issue is beaten, and about 65,000 votes were cast. The early count was: Gill 29,500; Cotterill 31,000.

The two candidates ran practically neck and neck in the resident districts but Gill carried the first ward in which the vice district is located, by four to one. Until the early morning the streets were packed with people who were watching the bulletins.

Four socialistic candidates for the council were beaten.

Cotterill is a single taxer but he took no part in the single tax campaign.

It is estimated that over \$50,000 was lost on the election.

The single tax was overwhelmingly defeated. Twenty precincts show a three to one vote against the measure, and as these returns are from various sections of the city it shows the sentiment of the voters. The single taxers concede their defeat.

Recall Is Vindicated.

Cotterill's election is hailed as a vindication of the recall. Gill was recalled last year and he tried to win time and prove that the recall is merely something which appeals to the people and by which they are easily swayed.

In 20 precincts out of 281 reported unofficial returns, still show Cotterill's lead to be about 500 this afternoon. Bogus' plans for a "city beautiful" which would cost \$75,000 to prepare, have been rejected.

BRUTAL TACTICS RESUMED.

Clubbing Again Resorted to by Lawrence Police.

Lawrence, March 6.—Renewing the "physical" force tactics with the textile strikers here, the police and militiamen charged a crowd of picketers at the Arlington mills today and arrested 10 women and five men charged with intimidation. More men are working than at any time since the strike, but the strikers say 12,000 men are still out.

TOURIST TRAVEL GROWS.

Considerable Increase Seen Daily in Number of Home-seekers.

The tourist travel is increasing a little each day and there is no doubt but what the number of tourists will be as great as any previous year and probably much greater. They are coming from all parts of the country and no state seems to be in the lead in sending tourists and home-seekers into the northwest. Some of the tourists are coming from as far east as New York state.

Swedish Republicans of Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb., March 6.—Delegates from 40 counties assembled here today for the annual meeting and banquet of the Nebraska Swedish Republican league.

Mourning for Five Ends.

London, March 6.—Today marked the ending of the five weeks' mourning for the Duke of Fife which caused considerable curtailment in court and official functions during the pre-Lenten season.

POLICE ADOPTS STERN METHOD

CRUCIAL CLIMAX IN SUFFRAGE WAR IS REACHED

SEVEN YEAR PRISON TERMS FOR FURTHER MILITANT ONES

Arrests Made in London Vote War Hereafter Will Mean Seven-Year Terms if Property Damage Is Included in the Charges—Mrs. Pankhurst May Be Sent to Prison for Years.

London, March 6.—Determined to end the reign of terror throughout London caused by militant activities of the suffragettes, the government today inaugurated a policy by which those destroying property will be sentenced to prison for seven years as a common felon.

This was announced by Police Inspector McCarthy after a raid on the suffragette headquarters and the suffragettes today conferred on the question of whether to continue the demonstrations or not. A majority apparently favor the idea of continuing.

Perusing the letters and documents seized in the raids it is said the police found a full campaign mapped out by Mrs. Pankhurst, the leader who is now jailed. This it is said, may be used as a basis for conspiracy charges and may land her in prison for several years. To further cripple the suffragette movement the government plans to attach the organization's funds and reimburse those whose property was destroyed from which there is \$500,000 available.

REPLIES TO STIMSON'S LETTER

"Sense of Duty," Avers Roosevelt Has Prompted His Candidacy.

Minneapolis, N. Y., March 6.—Declaring that he reluctantly entered into the contest for the republican presidential nomination through a sense of duty to the people and not because of personal interest, ex-President Roosevelt today replied to Secretary Stimson's statement at Chicago which said that "those who forced Roosevelt into the political arena were jeopardizing instead of helping the nation's progress."

"Stimson's statement," said the colonel, "is correct only in the sense that it would be correct to make the same statement regarding my advocacy of Mr. Stimson's candidacy for governor of New York in 1910. In that contest, as in this one, I was drawn reluctantly into it. I said then, as now, only from a sense of duty."

Germany Has Trouble.

Berlin, March 6.—Fearing that the threatened strike of coal miners in Germany, which appears more imminent, may be accompanied by violence, the government today prohibited the sale of firearms.

Seek Clemency for Quadruple Slayer.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 6.—A movement is under way to obtain a commutation of sentence in the case of Hez Rasco, the murderer of the Hubbell family, who is to be executed this month. Rasco's crime was one of the most atrocious in the criminal records of Missouri. His victims were Odell Hubbell and his wife and two children, who were found murdered in their home in Nodaway county on November 20, 1910. Suspicion pointed toward Rasco, who had served a term in prison for one murder. Bloodhounds followed the trail to his home where he was found in hiding. A bloody shotgun was found on the Rasco premises and the shoes of the suspected man fitted the tracks around the hubbell home. He was tried at Maryville a year ago and was found guilty. According to the evidence at the trial, a poker game in which Rasco lost heavily and Hubbell won furnished the motive for the quadruple killing.

WALTER F. BROWN.
Chairman Ohio Republican State Central Committee.



PEKING CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE

AMERICAN OFFICIAL URGES IMMEDIATE HELP.

Urgent Need for Troops Seen in Messages—Missionary Killed.

Washington, March 6.—Minister Calhoun, from Peking, has cabled today to the American authorities at Manila to rush 700 additional troops to Peking. This followed a conference of the foreign diplomats who decided to ask their governments for more soldiers. The request indicates that the mutinous soldiers still have the upper hand.

Reverend F. Day, a missionary, was murdered by the mutinous Chinese soldiers at Chin Gho. There are no details.

Day was connected with the church of England mission. British soldiers have been sent to the rescue.

Would Eliminate Middle Men.

St. Paul, Minn., March 6.—The most ambitious project ever undertaken in this section of the country for co-operation in the marketing of farm products is to be launched at a meeting which began in this city today. The meeting is to last three days and is attended by representative farmers and grain growers of Minnesota and North and South Dakota. It is planned to organize an association which shall have for its purpose the securing of adequate and satisfactory market facilities for the producer without the necessity of employing so many middlemen as at present.

Canadian Mining Institute.

Toronto, Ont., March 6.—The annual general meeting of the Canadian Mining Institute convened in this city today for a three days' session. The subjects which are to be considered and the many men of wide prominence who are participating, together with the recent mineral discoveries and remarkable development of the mining industry in Canada, combine to give promise of the most important and profitable meeting in the history of the institute.

New Regime in New Brunswick.

Fredericton, N. B., March 6.—Hon. Samuel J. Tweedle, lieutenant-governor of New Brunswick since 1907, ended his term of office today. He is succeeded by the Hon. Josiah Wood of Sackville, who has been a member of the senate of Canada for more than 15 years.

Wholesale Lumber Dealers.

Louisville, Ky., March 6.—The National Wholesale Lumber Dealer's association, one of the strongest trade organizations in the United States, met for its annual convention in this city today. Five hundred delegates representing nearly all parts of the country are in attendance.

JOSEPH TOWN PROBABLY WET

SPRINGFIELD CASE IS APPARENTLY DECISIVE

BOTH ELECTIONS HELD IN 1911, AN "OFF" YEAR

Joseph Election Pending in Wallowa County Circuit Court May Now Abruptly End—Both Towns Within the Precincts Embracing County Territory—Attorneys Refuse to Discuss the Case.

A decision of the Oregon supreme court filed yesterday is taken by local attorneys familiar with the facts to be decisive of the controversy at Joseph arising out of the home rule election held there last November and which resulted in a victory for the "wets" by a vote of about two to one. A Salem dispatch thus explains the decision of yesterday:

1911 Home Rule Election Vaid.

"Declaring that an election held in 1911, in Springfield, Lane county, in which the majority vote cast by the inhabitants was in favor of selling intoxicating liquors came within the purview of the home rule amendment, Justice McBride, of the supreme court, today reversed the judgment of the circuit court of Lane county in the case of the state against Edwin J. Perkins. After the election held in Springfield, the council issued a license to Perkins. As the county of Lane is dry territory, his arrest followed on the charge of violating the local option law, the contention being made that the town of Springfield had no right to issue a license. Upon his trial Perkins was convicted, but the decision of the supreme court now releases him. The contention is raised by the state that as Springfield is located in two precincts, including county district, the vote did not come within the purview of the home rule amendment. The supreme court holds that the election was purely a city election, and that the fact that the precincts in which the town is located included outside territory, made no difference."

It is pointed out that the Springfield "home rule" case involved the validity of an election held in 1911, as was the Joseph election, within the limits of Springfield, which is located within two precincts which also include outside country territory, while Joseph at the time of the election last November was wholly within one precinct, but included country territory, outside the city. Lawyers say that if the newspaper articles correctly report the facts on which the Springfield case was decided, there is little question but what Joseph at this time has the legal authority and power to grant saloon licenses at will. However, such action cannot be taken until the in-

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MINIMUM WAGE BILL A PANACEA

TERMINAL STRIKE IN ENGLAND MAY BE ENDED.

Government Urging Minimum Wage Bill to Close Strike.

London, March 6.—Relief for the millions of suffering poor throughout England is in sight. Announcement is made that coal miners are seriously considering the government's assurances of enacting a minimum wage law and may return to work. The government is feverishly anxious to end the strike and is endeavoring to rush through a minimum wage bill.

Reports from Newcastle, Glasgow and other cities tell the same story of business paralysis. Industrial factories are closed and the poor are burning their furniture to keep warm.