

NATION GLUES EYES ON NORTH DAKOTA PRIMARY

Bismarck, N. D., March 19.—Following the most strenuous campaign in the political history of North Dakota, a state wide primary was held today to give the voters of both parties an opportunity to declare their preference for candidates for president of the United States. The primary was the first of its kind ever held in this part of the country. Early reports from all sections of the state indicate an unusually heavy vote. The keen interest taken in the contest between Roosevelt and La Follette for the republican endorsement has led to arrangements being made to secure the returns as early as possible. But as the primary system is new and many of the polling officials more or less unfamiliar with their duties it is probable that the definite results of the balloting will not be learned before tomorrow night, particularly in the event of a close contest.

Voting Is Heavy.
Early voting indicate the heaviest balloting in the history of the state. La Follette and Roosevelt supporters both claim victory. It is thought that both Roosevelt and La Follette will lead Taft supporters who hope the split means that Taft is going to win. Roosevelt and the Taft factions are working hard to get out a big vote.

Senator La Follette concluded his tour of the state at Devils Lake yesterday. Roosevelt adherents say that if La Follette wins it will be the result of Congressman Hanna's vigorous opposition to the senator. Hanna is leading the stalwarts who are admitted to be unpopular in this section of the state.

Maine Democrats in Session.
Augusta, Me., March 19.—The democratic state convention to select delegates to represent Maine in the national convention at Baltimore assembled in the city hall here today with United States Senator Charles F. Johnson presiding. Occupying seats on the platform were Governor Plaisted, Senator Gardner, Congressmen McCann and Rollins. At the theatre he repeated to a big audience the remarks on upprogressive policies and the presidential primary the same as made at Boston yesterday.

EXCISE BILL IS PASSED.
Washington, D. C., March 19.—By a vote of 249 to 41 the house this afternoon passed the excise bill supported by the democrats and the most progressive republicans.

CHAFFIN HEARD FROM ROSTRUM

SUPREME COURT DECISION NULLIFIES PLANS.

Burke Holds to Belief That Law Will Be Passed to Prevent Chief Flaw.

J. F. Burke of Portland and Eugene V. Chaffin, of prohibition fame, met in debate last night at the Christian church before a large audience to discuss the virtues of local option. Both are skilled speakers, brilliant and capable and the audience heard something interesting. Chaffin's chief argument against local option is that the decision of the supreme court makes it impossible to prevent shipping of liquor into a dry territory, consequently nullifying the local option issue. Mr. Burke hung to the belief that laws could be enacted making it an offense to ship liquor, and therefore local option is still a solution. While no decision was reached in a formal manner, the pros and cons of the issue were carefully discussed.

regards to the endorsement of a candidate for the presidential nomination. Woodrow Wilson is the preference of Senator Johnson and a number of others who stand high in the party councils, but it is considered doubtful if the Wilson sentiment is strong enough to result in an instructed delegation.

ALLENS HARD PRESSED.
Hillsville, March 19.—A third posse, composed entirely of mountaineers, is approaching Devils' Den this afternoon. The Allens are now threatened from three sides.

STEAM ROLLER KEPT MOVING

TAFT REITERATES STATEMENTS OF YESTERDAY.

Big District Covered by Executive Today in Boomer Tour.

Manchester, N. H., March 19.—President Taft began a tour of the state today to offset the influence of Governor Robert P. Bass, the original Roosevelt boomer, trip, designed to also offset the effect of the Roosevelt trip to New England. The president will speak today in Nashua and lay the corner stone of the new Y. M. C. A. there. He gives two addresses in Manchester and attends a reception there in his honor by Governor Bass.

Taft will address a mass meeting at Concord and return to Boston tonight. **Reiterates Yesterday's Views.**
Nashua, N. H., March 19.—President Taft on his arrival here today was greeted by Congressman McCall of Massachusetts, former Governors Kimby and Rollins. At the theatre he repeated to a big audience the remarks on upprogressive policies and the presidential primary the same as made at Boston yesterday.

SUFFRAGE RECEIVES BOOST.

Albany Lawmakers in Lower House Decide to Act on the Measure.

Albany, N. Y., March 19.—By a vote of 68 to 63 the lower house of the legislature today overthrew the adverse report of the judiciary committee on the woman suffrage bill and ordered the bill placed on the calendar. Heretofore opponents of suffrage have been able to prevent the legislature considering by smothering in committee. The senate however, virtually nullified the action of the house by striking out the enabling clause of a similar bill by a vote of 24 to 17.

Orangemen in Session.

St. John, N. B., March 19.—The question of a uniform Dominion marriage law is one of the principal matters to be considered by the New Brunswick grand lodge of Orangemen in session here. The grand lodge met this morning and will continue its sessions over tomorrow.

Cattle Raisers Meet at Fort Worth.

Fort Worth, Texas, March 19.—Fort Worth gave a cordial welcome today to the delegates to the 36th annual convention of the Texas Cattle Raisers' association. Nearly 3,000 visitors are in the city and many more are expected by tomorrow morning. The opening session was held this morning the chief features of the program being addresses by Governor Colquitt of Texas, Mayor Davis of Fort Worth and E. C. Lasater, president of the association. The convention will be in session three days.

W. Morgan Shuster Is Back — With His Wife and Babies



Photo by American Press Association.

NONE the worse for his strenuous experiences in Persia, W. Morgan Shuster has reached his native land, bringing with him his wife and two little daughters. He condemns Russian rapacity and British acquiescence in the policy of the czar's government, which is to extinguish the last spark of Persian independence, and predicts that Russia will be on the Persian gulf in another ten years. "But two things," he says, "oppose the Russification of all Asia—India and the Chinese republic. Russia is now at the gates of both." Mrs. Shuster said that she and her children had been in no danger during the troublous times in Teheran, but that she had feared for her husband. For eight weeks she and the little ones did not leave the garden in which their bungalow was situated.

MORRISON PROPERTY SOLD

Four out of five tracts comprising the holdings involved in the famous Morrison escheat case were sold this afternoon at sheriff's sale as per order of the state, and the fifth tract will have to be re-advertised before it is disposed of and all the holdings sold that their money value may accrue to the state. William Ruckman bid in the River tract for \$4,300. The place known as the Sandridge farm went to William Ledbetter for the sum of \$8,800 while John Williamson purchased what is known as the Hill farm near Starkey for \$2,000. Five lots in Alice brought fifty dollars to another buyer. A large crowd was present at the time of the sale and bidding was unusually spirited.

TOTAL OF 28 IN ENGINE HORROR

AUTHORITIES FIND REMAINS OF 28 WORKMEN.

Dynamite Theory Is Adhered to by Authorities at San Antonio.

San Antonio, March 19.—Searching the ruins of the Southern Pacific round house—wrecked by an explosion yesterday, has resulted in 28 identified bodies and fragments of others being found. The fatalities will probably reach 30. The police insist that the shops were dynamited.

MANUEL'S PROSPECTS ARE GOOD

Believed France, Spain and England Are Aiding His Return.

Paris, March 19.—Reports are current today that Spain is taking a leading part in the movement to restore Manuel to the Portuguese throne. Another report is that Great Britain, Germany and France have agreed to Manuel's restoration, receiving compensation for their part in the conspiracy. It is said that England gets an island in the Azores, France will receive further Moroccan concessions and Germany takes Angela.

TAX MONEYS ACCUMULATED

NINETY-SEVEN THOUSAND TURNED OVER AT ONCE.

Grand Total Collected Up to Date Is Nearly \$150,000—Rebate Bldg.

Last Saturday night a sum total of tax money that brings the receipts up to date up to \$141,128.36, was turned over to Treasurer Frawley by the tax collecting department of the sheriff's office. Previous to last week \$43,180.64 had been collected and turned over and Saturday night an additional \$87,947.72 which makes the grand total \$141,128.36. The grand total of rebates issued until March 15, the last rebate date, has amounted to \$4,195.00, making a grand total of collections up to Saturday night of \$145,323.36.

Aeroplanes Scare Hens.

Marysville, Cal., March 19.—Farmers are indignant here and declare that their hens have quit laying since an aeroplane carrying Charles H. Hamilton made a flight here last Tuesday, and are discussing ways to rid themselves of the unwelcome visitor. The farmers say the hens thought the machine was a big bird and ran for shelter and have laid no eggs since.

CHURCHILL AGAIN FANS WAR FLAME IN GERMANY

London, March 19.—Following a speech of First Lord of the Admiralty Winston Churchill in the British House of Commons warning Germany that she must be subordinate to England as a sea power, Germany believes today that war is impending. The crisis is so serious that Kaiser Wilhelm has postponed a trip he was to take Friday to the Island of Corfu via Vienna where he was to meet Emperor Franz Josef.

Rumors here of a war with Germany within six months follow the declaration of Winston Spencer Churchill, to the effect that England in-

CLUB SMOKER PLANS MATURE

FRIDAY NIGHT EVENT IS IMPORTANT TO CLUB.

Speech List Short but Replete With Good Things Is Edict.

A smoker will be given on next Friday evening at 8 o'clock by the Commercial club in its rooms in Honan hall to all members of the club. This gathering will be full of interest and reports on matters of vital importance to a greater La Grande will be submitted by the committees that have had the matters in hand. A representative list of La Grande's business and professional men will deliver addresses before the Commercial club Friday night. P. S. Robinson, president of the club, is to preside as toastmaster and the speakers will be Mayor W. J. Church, Dr. J. E. Stevenson, Rev. J. D. Gillilan, A. S. Geddes and A. B. Cherry. These men are to speak on matters of importance to La Grande and La Grande people and the presence of every member of the club is imperative to make the smoker all it may be.

Reports from the committee which has had in hand the business of obtaining better train service to and from La Grande will make a report of its work at the smoker. The committee on the monthly booster edition of the Observer will make a report and it will be decided at that time where to send the 2,000 extra copies so they will do the most good. Cigars for the evening will be furnished by the club and the lunch has been provided for by the club. The ladies of the Episcopal Guild will serve sandwiches and coffee.

Pounds Out Century of Notable Work.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 19.—Three days of celebration began today at the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences in honor of the completion of its first century of existence. It was founded in 1812 by a small group of young men, principally chemists and others engaged in the drug trade, and from a humble beginning has developed into an institution of world-wide reputation and has proved of the highest value to the advancement of science in America. The centenary exercises will be participated in by scores of eminent scientists and educators from all parts of the country.

Kelly and McGoorty Ready.

Chicago, Ill., March 19.—Hugo Kelly and Eddie McGoorty have finished the work of preparation for their ten round contest at Kenosha tomorrow night. Realizing that McGoorty is capable of putting up a tough fight, Kelly has trained for the match as he has seldom trained in his long ring career. Both fighters are reported today to be in fine trim for the battle.

keep a fleet 60 per cent stronger in Germany. Lloyds have increased the war risks, while the London backs up Churchill. In the meantime the minimum wage bill, by which the government hopes to settle the coal strike, was introduced in parliament today by Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer. The liberal party will try hard to pass the bill this week, but the labor party believing the bill is an opening wedge toward compulsory arbitration of industrial troubles, will fight the bill hard, too.

Later Reports Conflict.

Reports that the Kaiser had postponed his trip as a result of Churchill's references to Germany are disputed when it was officially announced that the German ruler would make the trip as originally planned. Earlier reports assigned "difficulties in politics" as a reason for the postponement. The emperor leaves on Friday.

MOTHER DEFIES POLICE.

Is Silent as to Charges Preferred Against Her Son.

Seattle, March 19.—Mrs. Lottie Kanner is in the county jail because she refuses to testify against her son, who is charged with robbing her of \$1,355 worth of diamonds and jewelry. "My son is not guilty," she said. "They can tear my tongue out but I will not testify." She refused to answer questions of the prosecutor and was sent to jail for 30 days.

Bishop O'Connell Consecrated.

Richmond, Va., March 19.—With solemn ceremony and in the presence of a notable gathering of clergy and laymen, the Rt. Rev. Denis J. O'Connell was consecrated today as Roman Catholic bishop of Richmond in succession to the late Bishop Van De Vuyver. The solemn service was held in the new cathedral, which was crowded to its utmost capacity. The new bishop comes to Richmond from San Francisco, where he has served as auxiliary bishop since 1907. He is a native of South Carolina and for several years was rector of the American college in Rome.

Brewers to Train in Egypt.

Milwaukee, Wis., March 19.—Manager Hugh Duffy with a large squad of players of the Milwaukee American association team in tow departed today for Cairo, Ill., where the Brewers are to get into condition for the coming season.

CHINESE GIRLS SELL FOR \$1.00

BIG DEMAND IN THE FAMINE DISTRICTS FOR TOTS.

Speculators Buy Up Baby Girls for Small Sums as Investment.

Shanghai, March 19.—Children are selling in the central China famine district for as little as \$1.00 in American money. Great bargains are made. Speculators are investing heavily in girls, but boys are not so much in demand.

Providence Team in Savannah.

Savannah, Ga., March 19.—Practically all of the players on the roster of the Providence baseball club of the International league reported to Manager Lake here today in readiness to begin spring practice work. The team will remain here for two weeks and will then start north. The opening game will be played with Rochester in Providence April 18.