

MAINE SOLONS SCORN VISIT OF MR. ROOSEVELT

HOUSE UNANIMOUSLY AGREES TO REFUSE HIM AUDIENCE

COLONEL WILL TAKE THE STUMP IN MIDDLEWEST

La Follette Aims to Cater to the Pacific Northwest by Advocating Measures Which Are Popular in the States Mentioned—Will Appeal to Kansas Voters.

Augusta, Maine, March 21.—Opposition to Colonel Roosevelt was shown by the state legislature when the lower house today voted unanimously not to invite Roosevelt to address the legislature.

Colonel to Take Stump.

New York, March 21.—Roosevelt will stump the middlewest in his campaign. He will reiterate his Columbus speech in substance and discuss the recall of the judiciary. He leaves for Chicago Tuesday and from there to Kansas City, St. Paul, Minneapolis and probably Detroit.

Bob Catering to the Northwest.

Washington, March 21.—R. M. La Follette will ask for the Pacific coast support on a platform of government ownership and operation of the Alaskan coal mines, an Alaskan steamship line, a way to Pacific ports through the Panama canal to New York.

La Follette is an aggressive fighter right now. The next personal appeal will be to Nebraska and then to the Pacific coast. He believes his platform will win for him Oregon and Washington, California and other western states. It is believed a part of La Follette's plan is to transport machinery through the Panama canal to open the Alaska mining country, and use the canal machinery. He will probably start west about April 1. Some speeches will be made in Washington and a big fight will be pue up in Oregon and California.

Want Taft to Reply.

Washington, March 21.—Taft's friends are urging him today to reply to Roosevelt's attack on him last evening. Taft is reluctant.

Johnson Disputes La Follette.

Sacramento, Cal., March 21.—Governor Johnson has denied the published story that La Follette charged him to his face in Washington with making a deal with Roosevelt. Johnson is to get a second place on the ticket.

THIEVES AT ISLAND CITY.

Bore Hole in Rear Door and Cash and Revolver Are Taken.

Island City, March 21.—(Special)—By boring a hole in the rear door of the Clyde Kiddle general merchandise store in this town last night, a thief gained an entrance when he thrust his hand into the aperture and turned the night latch. His entrance meant the disappearance of one .38 calibre revolver and about \$5.00 in cash. Perhaps more was taken, but this sum and article at least disappeared with him.

With a Sherlock Holmes instinct Proprietor Kiddle is leading his friends to the rear door today, testing the lunch grabbers as to ability to get through the said hole in the door. In this way by a process of elimination he has exonerated a big majority of the inhabitants from suspicion for Island City folks are big and strong handed while it was a small fist that reached through to unlatch the catch.

Porto Rican Officer Resigns.

New York, March 21.—Attorney General Poston Brown of Porto Rico left for Washington today where he will tender his resignation to President Taft and enter the practice of law.

RICHARD E. SLOAN.
Named by President as United States District Judge For Arizona.



IMPORTANCE ATTENDS FEED

IMPORTANT MATTERS TO BE TALKED FRIDAY.

Club Smoker Tomorrow Evening Is Intended to Please All.

"A proposition of greater interest and benefit to La Grande than the sugar factory was will be brought before the commercial club at the smoker Friday night."

That is the way a prominent business man and one active in commercial club circles expressed himself when speaking of the importance of the smoker which will be given by the commercial club tomorrow evening in the club rooms in Honan hall.

Plenty of cigars and a good lunch have been provided for at the expense of the commercial club and every member is urged to be present and enjoy the social features of the evening and help on the proposition to build a bigger La Grande.

RUSH NEW BRIDGE.

Riverside Park Approach Soon to Be Repaired With Bridge.

J. F. Campbell, county road and bridge superintendent, said this morning that he would have a crew of men at work on next Monday morning to build the abutments for the big steel bridge which is to be built across the river at Riverside park.

The new bridge will be 150 feet in length and will have a six foot walk for pedestrians on each side of the wagonway. It will take the place of the "Proebstel" bridge which will be moved to a place across the Grande Ronde river two miles above Hilgard. The steel for the bridge is expected to arrive any day and the bridge will be constructed as soon as it arrives by Mr. Campbell who has taken the contract from the county for the construction work.

MORE FUNDS LOANED.

Chinese Government Secures Loan From Syndicate of Nations.

Peking, March 21.—An international syndicate of bankers, representing the United States, Great Britain, Germany and France has placed at the disposal of the government today a second installment of a loan to the government, approximating \$420,000. The syndicate intends to advance money to the Chinese financiers, probably six or seven million taels, during the next three months. The Japanese and Russians are also privileged to loan money, but the Russians have made no arrangements.

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LACK OF COAL STOPS BIG RAILROAD TRAFFIC

Liberal Party Faces Downfall Unless Minimum Wage Bill is Passed—Two Forces Joined Against Asquith's Bill and Doom is Near It Seems—House of Commons Acts First.

London, March 21.—Finding it impossible to get coal, the Great Central railroad gave notice today that it would suspend operations Sunday until the strike ends.

Unless Premier Asquith accepts their amendment to the minimum wage bill, miners continue to paralyze the country's commercial and jeopardize the political power of the strike, according to an ultimatum to Asquith. The miners' amendment provides a minimum wage of five shillings a day to adults, and two shillings to minors. If Asquith does not accept the miner's ultimatum, the downfall of the liberal ministry is predicted. Laborites and Irish Nationalists are opposed to the bill and combined with the conservatives they could defeat it.

A. J. Balfour, leader of the conservatives in parliament moved the rejection by the house of commons today of the Asquith bill.

Socialist Is Jailed.

Because he urged British soldiers to refuse to shoot fathers and brothers if called on duty in the coal strike, Tom Mann, a leader of the socialist labor party, was remanded to jail today without bail. He is charged with inciting soldiery to mutiny.

Mann's hearing was postponed. The government is anxious to keep Mann in jail because he advocated a general strike in May.

FRAMLEY LAW IN DANGER

New York Legislature May Kill Boxing Game in New York State.

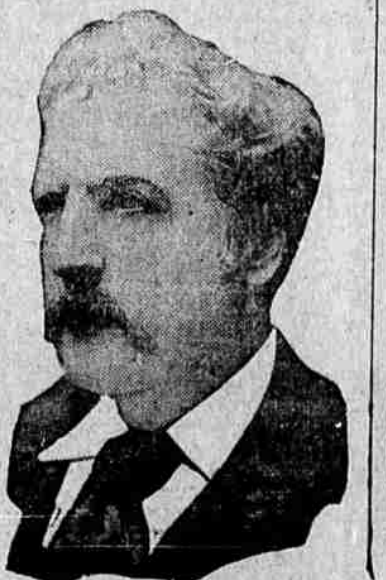
Albany, N. Y., March 21.—The New York assembly has passed a measure repealing the Framley boxing law. The vote was 76 to 46. There is no action yet in the senate but fans fear the game is doomed in the state.

TAXI ROBBER SENTENCED.

Given Big Sentence for Connections With Holdups.

New York, March 21.—Gene Montani, the chauffeur taxi bandit, found guilty of robbery, was sentenced to 10 to 18 years today.

DUKE OF ARGYLL.
King George's Uncle by Marriage Writes an Opera.



SEVENTY MEN DEAD AS TOLL OF EXPLOSION

TWENTY-FIVE HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM SHAFT

PITIFUL SCENES ENACTED AT MOUTH OF MINE

Gas Burning in Entire Mine and Mothers and Children Crowded Around the Shaft Mouth Are Held Back by Ropes—Fourteen Taken Out at Late Hour Today.

McCurain, Okla., March 21.—Officials are certain that 70 miners are entombed in No. 3 mine of the San Bois Coal company, wrecked by an explosion of gas yesterday, are all dead. A relief train has returned to Fort Smith, Ark., as it can do no good. Twenty bodies have been recovered.

The mine is a burning mass, and rescue work is hazardous. Wooden coffins are piled up outside, awaiting victims and are stretched about the mine's mouth, behind which the women and children have kept vigil all night. It is a pitiful scene. Twenty-five have been rescued alive out of the 116 working when the explosion came.

Fourteen miners were rescued alive this afternoon from the San Bois Coal company mine, wrecked by a gas explosion yesterday. This makes a total of removed alive of 25 and 70 are still entombed. Hopes of getting the others out alive are gone.

TACOMA NEAR MURDER SCENE.

Posse Is Trying to Recover Bodies of Victims of Bandit.

Tacoma, Wash., March 21.—A posse of 15 men is trying to recover the bodies of the deputies slain by John Turnow when they tried to capture him after he was alleged to have murdered his nephews, John and William Bauer. No effort to capture Turnow is to be made until the remains of McKenzie and Elmer, the officers, are brought in. It will take three or four days.

Bloodhounds yesterday afternoon were close to Turnow and when pressed he fired. The hounds ran. After the deputies were shot, the murderer dragged them 30 feet and buried them. The wilderness makes his capture impossible for several days.

Girl, Not Boy, Born; Tears.

Brussels, March 21.—French Bonapartes are in tears today. Princess Clementine, wife of Prince Victor Napoleon, gave birth to a girl instead of a boy. If a boy, Prince Victor would have had the backing of millions to help him gain the throne.

RICHARD L. HAND.
Special Commissioner Named to Consider Brandt Appeal.



GENERAL HOMER LEA.
American Military Adviser of the Chinese Republic.



SNOW BLANKETS MANY STATES

TERRIFIC SLEET STORM FOLLOWS SNOW.

Serious Floods in Ohio Valley Expected to Result From Storm.

Chicago, March 21.—Three inches of snow fell here last night, followed by a blinding sleet today. There is much suffering. Transcontinental trains are many hours behind their schedule or cancelled. Telephone and telegraph wires are crippled and suburban traffic is at a standstill.

The entire middle west is covered with a blanket of snow. Serious floods in the Ohio and Mississippi valleys are expected to follow the warm weather because of the heavy snow fall.

GOVERNOR OPPOSES FIGHT.

Christian Endeavorers Successful in Enlisting Governor Oddie.

Milwaukee, March 21.—Christian Endeavorers are elated at a telegram from Governor Oddie of Nevada. He says: "I assure you I will oppose the Johnson-Flynn fight in Nevada. I will try to prevent it. The law allows it but I will try to get the law repealed." The Endeavorers recently sent resolutions to Oddie, condemning the fight.

WANT SENATOR RECALLED.

Lawmaker Accused of Being Inconsistent in His Dealings.

Trenton, N. J., March 21.—The state democratic senators will demand the resignation of Senator Fitzherbert, the upper house having found him guilty of inconsistent conduct in connection with the withdrawal of two bills.

Americans in Danger.

San Diego, Cal., March 21.—American refugees are arriving here from West Mexico, with fears of the safety of others remaining in Mexico.

Steamer in Distress.

Milwaukee, March 21.—The steamer Conestoga, with 12 aboard, is in distress in Lake Michigan. Life savers are en route.

ALIGNING FOR BATTLE.

Rebels Make Ready to Withstand Federal Attack.

El Paso, March 21.—More than 500 rebels are mobilizing today under General Salazar at Jiminez to resist the threatened attacks of 1200 federals, approaching from the south. They are in sight of Jiminez and may be a big fight will take place before night. Juarez and other cities in northern Chihuahua face a food famine. The United States prohibits importation of foodstuffs through Juarez.

GRAVEL TWO APPROACHES CITY, AIM

COUNCIL EMPOWERS STREET COMMITTEE TO NEGOTIATE

WOULD AFFORD THREE MUDLESS ENTRANCES

Fire Truck Question Held Over for Two Weeks—Bookkeeper Employed to Open Set of Up-to-Date Books—Ordinances Dealing With Restaurant Boxes Read and Referred to Committees.

Graveled highways and streets affording mudless avenues into La Grande from three different directions in all times of the year is the aim of the city council, expressed at its regular meeting last evening when the street committee was empowered to ascertain the costs and confer with the county officials relative to the construction of gravelled highways on two entrances to the city. If the council's aims materialize, the city will grade and gravel from the old planning mill in East La Grande to the city limits where the county and various enterprising citizens will, it is promised, gravel the roadway to Island City. Commencing on North Spruce, the city is to gravel out to the river or city park which it practically means, and join the new steel bridge which the county will start construction on shortly. It is hoped that farmers and the county will gravel from the north terminus of this street to the macadam lane, several miles north. This with the East Adams avenue macadam will give three mudless entrances to the city. There will be required 80 rods to the Island City road building and about a half mile on the Park street project.

FIRE TRUCK REPORT IN.

American-La France Machine Recommended by Fire Committee.

A majority report of the fire and police committee was read last evening, recommending the American-La France fire truck as the most desirable one for La Grande's needs. Councilman Finley did not sign the report. Mayor Church threw his forces with further delay and consideration in acting on the measure by deciding a vote resulting from a motion to lay the report on the table for two weeks. He voted with the tabling and the fire truck question is still in statu quo.

The fire and police committee report came after two of the members had been to Portland and seen the demonstrations there of fire trucks.

Bookkeeper Employed.

Arthur E. Kerr, a bookkeeper of many years' experience was employed last evening to assume the duties of auditor in compliance with the recently adopted report of the finance committee. Mr. Kerr will keep a system of daily balances and place the city's books on an up-to-date basis and also remove further need for employing an assistant during the first ten days of the month to handle the water collections.

A resolution was adopted establishing the grades of several outlying streets. The usual budget of bills was allowed.

Reform Ordinances Read.

Two ordinances dealing with regulation of minors and habitual drunkards and eliminating boxes from restaurants and saloons were read. One provides for the enforcement of the black list and deals with the punishment for sale of liquors to minors. The restaurant box ordinance is stringent and removes from all saloons and restaurants what is known as boxes or secluded dining tables. The ordinances have not yet been placed on their final reading.

Fire hydrants are petitioned for on Spring and Main in West La Grande and in the extreme northeast sections of the city.