

TEMPORARY CHAIRMANSHIP BETWEEN ROOT AND CLAPP

MOBILIZATION OF SHIPS AT KEY WEST TO PROTECT AMERICAN LIVES AND NOT TO INTERVENE IN CUBA—UNDERCURRENT OVER UP-RISINGS ARE ALARMING TO CABINET.

Washington, May 27.—United States Senator Moses E. Clapp of Minnesota, started today for Jersey City to confer with Colonel Roosevelt at the latter's request. It is believed that Clapp is the man Roosevelt and his supporters have selected to oppose Senator Elihu Root in the battle for temporary chairmanship of the republican national convention. It is believed that Clapp's visit to Jersey City indicates that Roosevelt is prepared to fight the Root campaign hard.

Clapp said: "I have not been notified that my name is being considered in connection with the temporary chairmanship and will not know until I meet Roosevelt tonight in Jersey City. No doubt Roosevelt will sweep New Jersey."

A full national republican committee will meet at Chicago June 6 and must then decide between Clapp and Root. The fight for the temporary chairmanship promises to overshadow even the contest for the contested delegations and will be the first test of the Roosevelt-Taft strength. The fight for contested delegations will be hotly waged and will be decided in secret session.

New on the Ground.
Chicago, May 27.—Harry S. New, chairman of the subcommittee on arrangements for the republican national committee today formally took possession of the coliseum in which the republican national convention will be held June 18. Fully 300 contests are expected. Ormsby McKark, the New York lawyer who will represent Roosevelt, will arrive tomorrow to be on the ground before May 29, the day on which contests may be filed.

Negroes Are Debarred.
Washington, May 27.—With Washington's 90,000 negroes barred from the polls, the democratic primaries for the District of Columbia were held today. There are three tickets—two instructed for Champ Clark and one uninstructed. The voting started at 3 o'clock this afternoon and will end at 8 o'clock tonight. Watchers kept the negroes away from the polls but a few blacks are trying to vote. Fraud charges are numerous.

Taft Again Militant.
Long Beach, N. J., May 27.—Renewed denunciation of the recall with special reference to Roosevelt's plan for the recall of judicial decisions, featured Taft's address at Perth Amboy today. Taft spoke to 3,000 workmen.

MOORS ATTACK CITY OF FEZ

FRENCH SOLDIERY REPULSES AN ATTACK.

Hundreds Killed and Many More Are Wounded in Two Battles.

Paris, May 27.—A fight between the Moors and French troops at Fez and Merada, near the Algerian frontier, in which hundreds met death is told in wireless dispatches received from Fez today. An attack on Fez was repulsed by the French troops, the Moors losing heavily in the engagement. Another report is that 100,000 Moors attacked a camp at Merada, the French troops losing 150 killed, and 380 wounded, the Moors 100 killed, 3,000 wounded. The minister of war, however, discredits the Merada dispatch.

NUCLEUS FOR A Y.M.C.A. EXISTS

NOON HOUR LUNCHEON SEES PERFECTED ORGANIZATION

FORERUNNED OF A BUILDING AIM OF WORKERS

Field Secretary to Conduct General Y. M. C. A. Activities Will Be Employed at Once and Every Possible Facility Offered to the Young Men and Boys of the City This Summer.

Formation of a Y. M. C. A. organization with a field well defined and a Y. M. C. A. building as its ultimate goal, was effectively formed at a final meeting of friends of such an institution this noon when two dozen of the prime movers lunched at the Model restaurant. Five committees of men will comb the city between now and tomorrow night to reach a guarantee of \$1700 for the first year's work. The general motive of the association is to forerun a Y. M. C. A. building but in the meantime, a secretary will be employed to handle the varied lines of endeavor coming to a Y. M. C. A. Boys work, athletic and educational, will be looked after under the direction or guidance of a series of committees which are to be named from a group of about 25 men. Out of door sports, hikes, camping trips, Sunday School work and social entertainment are but a few of the features coming under the direction of the secretary. Several applications are in hand for this position and within the next day or two, a selection by an executive committee will be made. Features that will interest older men will also be introduced and carried out and by next fall, it is hoped, the building will be "attacked." A very good substitution for a Y. M. C. A. building and facilities will be accorded during the summer months.

Secretary I. B. Rhodes of the state institution who has been here at frequent intervals for some time is supervising the general campaign. The estimate budget calls for an outlay of \$1700 the first year and by that time the building will be well under way, it is firmly believed, and it will no longer be necessary to conduct the work along the basis now outlined. Today's success is the fruit of numerous meetings of friends of the movement who have been quietly at work.

Seattle Workers Quit.

Seattle, May 27.—Declaring they are not getting the full \$2.75 minimum wage provided by the city charter, 60 city employees employed on the Mt. Baker regrade, threw down their tools today and quit work. The regrade contract was let to Andrew Peterson, and he has been charging the men \$5.50 a week for board. Today he raised the price to \$6.30, and this precipitated the strike. The men say they cannot get a job with Peterson unless they agree to board at his camp.

King Emmanuel in Danger.

London, May 27.—Several anarchists have been arrested at Rome, Bologna, Milan, and other cities for a plot to kill King Victor Emmanuel according to dispatches received by the Chronicle today.

DR. McDANIELS HERE.

Assists Local Physicians in Two Operations Yesterday.

Dr. McDaniels of Portland was in La Grande yesterday assisting with two operations at the Grande Ronde hospital.

The first operation was that of W. P. Caviness of Vale, a relative of Mrs. N. Molitor of this city. Dr. McDaniels and Dr. Bacon assisted Dr. Molitor in this case. These three men also operated upon the 15-year-old son of Dr. C. H. Law of Union who was brought to the local hospital for that purpose.

TAFT ASSURES CUBANS HE WILL NOT SEND ARMIES

BITTER FIGHT BETWEEN TAFT AND ROOSEVELT FORCES TO BE TRIED OUT AT ONCE—CONTESTED DELEGATIONS TO FILE CASES AT ONCE—CONVENTION FEVER SPREADING

Elizabethport, N. J., May 27.—Assurance that the United States will not intervene in Cuba was cabled to President Jos. Gomez by President Taft. The president explained that the United States is sending marines to Guantanamo only to protect American lives and property.

The text of Taft's cable from Elizabethport, N. J., to President Gomez of Cuba, is given out for publication.

It follows: "I am sincerely gratified to learn of the energetic measures your government is using to put down the disturbances and to know that you are confident of success. As I fully explained to the Cuban charge d'affaires at Washington, the government's motive in sending ships to Key West is just the same as it was in sending the Prairie to the naval station, Guantanamo—merely to be able to act promptly should it unfortunately be compulsory to protect American life and property by rendering moral support and assistance to the Cuban government. As was made clear at the time, these ordinary precautions are entirely disassociated from any question of intervention."

LOCAL NAGS ON PROGRAM

THREE ANIMALS, ONCE LOCAL, IN MATINEE.

MUCH IS EXPECTED

Portland Matinee This Week to Center Around Local Horses

Three La Grande horses will be entered in the Decoration day matinee at Portland this week. This, says the Pacific Horse Review, is the biggest representation from any one town outside of Portland. The horses are not now owned by La Grande people, however, but have been at various times. The Decoration day slate of races at Portland is credited with being one of the best that early spring crowds have seen.

"Jim Hill," owned by Harry Hill of the firm Hibbard & Hill, is now owned by J. K. Howitt, the contractor and is entered for the matinee.

Ike, raised by N. K. West and sold to Mr. Lohmiller of Portland, is the record horse in the race.

Miss Beacom, also reared and formerly owned by N. K. West, is the third of the trio of La Grande horses that will be featured in the race and the Pacific Horse Review predicts all these will figure conspicuously in the matinee winners' list.

BOUNDARY LINE DISPUTE OVER

WEST VIRGINIA WINS LONG BATTLE.

Low Water Mark of the Potomac Is Boundary Line Between States.

Washington, May 27.—A twenty-year dispute between Maryland and West Virginia regarding the location of the boundary line was ended here today when the supreme court handed down a decision in favor of West Virginia's contention. The question involved was whether the high or low water mark of the Potomac river constituted the line. West Virginia contending the low water mark is the boundary. A commission appointed in 1910 to settle the dispute ruled in favor of West Virginia and this ruling was approved by the supreme court today.

COAST PILOTS WIN VICTORY

LICENSE HOLDERS ON PACIFIC COAST GET RULING

CASE CARRIED UP FROM SAN FRANCISCO IS DECIDED

Pilots Must Hire Coast or State Pilots in Coast-Wise Trade—Decision Comes as Signal Victory for Coast Pilots who Have Long Upheld Validity of California Law.

Washington, May 27.—Steamship pilots with United States pilot licenses must employ special state pilots in coastwise trade as provided by the California law, according to a decision by the United States supreme court in upholding the validity of the California law. The United States courts in California held the state law was inoperative and conflicting with the federal statute regarding pilotage.

Two San Francisco pilots sued the Pacific Steamship company by way of testing the validity of the state law which affects most the steamers of the Pacific coast, and nearly all vessels which will engage in future traffic of the Panama canal. The decision gives the pilots an important victory.

CROP CONTRACTED FOR.

Elgin Potatoes Selling Before They Are Raised.

(Elgin Recorder.)
Buying of the 1912 crop of potatoes has already commenced, L. A. Stoop and O. E. Ryder having contracted for all that will be produced on 40 acres of Harry McNab's best potato land. The yield will probably be considerably in excess of 3000 sacks, and we are informed that the price is close to the dollar mark.

The demand for potatoes at this place will probably be in excess of the supply this year, as last year's crop and the marketing of a whole trainload at once time attracted the attention of commission men all over the country. The quality of the tuber raised on local ground is so good that each succeeding season will see an increase in the demand.

Archbald Hearing Resumed.

Washington, May 27.—The house judiciary committee today resumed its hearing of the charges against Judge Archbald of the commerce court. Another week will be devoted to the hearing of witnesses. The committee is hoping to finish the investigation, and report before the adjournment of congress.

MORSE RETURNS TO RENEW FIGHT

WILL SEEK VENGEANCE FOR HIS PAST DEFEATS.

His Enemies on the Other Hand Welcome His Decision Warmly.

New York, May 27.—Charles W. Morse is back in America seemingly as well as when he was the dominant figure in the ice trust. Today he is planning a war for vengeance against the financiers who were instrumental in the downfall of his financial scheme here today. He is said to be in possession of a large amount of money. His enemies are apparently preparing for the war and welcome it.

North Powder Defeated.

North Powder, May 27.—(Special)—Haines defeated North Powder yesterday 13 to 8. The Union-Baker game was postponed on account of rain.

ENGLISH STRIKE ENDS.

Sudden End Comes to Strike That Has Paralyzed Traffic.

London, May 27.—The strike of 10,000 stevedores and lightermen which for several days has completely tied up British shipping was abruptly ended this afternoon when both factions met and adjusted all difficulties. Besides made concessions, the government officials bringing pressure to bear for an early settlement. The ending of the strike came as a surprise as earlier in the day hundreds of strikebreakers had been put to work in an effort to break the strike.

Lorimer Will Not Resign.

Chicago, May 27.—Declaration that Senator Lorimer of Illinois, refused to resign despite much pressure and that Vice President Sherman carried such a message to Washington, is made here today by the Chicago Tribune.