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CIVIL SUNDRIES BILL SIGNED BY PRESIDENT TAFT

RECEIVERS OF LAND OFFICES RETAIN POSITIONS THEREBY

EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS NOW ASSURED SALARIES

Threatened Filibuster Against Civil Service Sundry Bill Falls to Materialize—House Passes Resolution to Investigate Alleged Killing of an American by English Soldiers in Africa.

Washington, Aug. 24.—The first official act of President Taft today was to sign the civil sundry appropriation bill. This measure is the largest of all supply bills and contains provision for the abolishment of the tariff board.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Immediately after the convening of the house, it adopted a conference report on the postoffice bill and the threatened filibuster failed to materialize, the Kansan contenting himself with protesting against the passage, voting against the measure. The house then named conferees to consider the general deficiency appropriation bill.

Representative Norris' resolution introduced in the house providing that the state department investigate the death of James Rogers, a former Los Angeles commission merchant, reported to have been slain in Africa for alleged poaching and "illicit" ivory trading by British soldiers was unanimously passed today.

The civil service sundry bill as it once stood abolished the office of receivership in United States land offices. If such had been passed it would have left Receiver C. R. Eberhard without a position. However, he is now in no danger of losing his vocation. The bill also carried the appropriation for the maintenance of the United States land offices and many signs of relief have been uttered today in the La Grande and various land offices over the nation.

The civil service sundry bill had nothing to do with the postoffice which stood in dire danger some time ago of "losing out" should a cog have slipped somewhere during the dilatory tactics of congressmen.

Men to Go Fishing.

It is now planned that a party of business men will leave about four o'clock Monday afternoon for a swim in the river at Oro Dell. Secretary J. H. Rudd of the Y. M. C. A. has started the movement. Nearly fifty boys enjoyed the "Old Swimming Hole" yesterday afternoon and the new Y. M. C. A. chute. It is hoped that a good many men can arrange to take the trip Monday evening.

Band Concert Tonight.

Program to be given this evening by the La Grande concert band, Alvin Snapp, director, assisted by M. T. Garland, cornet soloist.
March—"Glorious America" ... Miller
Overture—"King Rose" ... Barnard
Cornet solo—"Facileta" ... Hartman
M. T. Garland.
Dance Des Griseettes ... Gruenwald
Gems of Stephen Foster (by request) ... Tabani
Selection—"Offenbachiana" ... Boetger
March—"The Click" ... M. T. Garland

SOME OF THE OLYMPIA HEROES. NEW YORK WELCOMED TODAY, THESE BEING JOHN PAUL JONES, GEORGE HORINE AND MELVIN SHEPPARD.



Photo by American Press Association.

New York, Aug. 24.—Acclaimed by hundreds of thousands of cheering fellow countrymen, America's victorious Olympic athletes paraded through the New York streets today. James Thorpe, the Carlisle Indian, who won the all around athletic championship at Stockholm, headed the procession. Eight thousand school children marched behind the automobiles containing the victorious athletes.

MEDFORD MAN CONFESSES TRAIN ROBBERY

Medford, Aug. 24.—Mrs. Wells Lounsberry, wife of the train robber, who was shot and seriously wounded in resisting capture after robbing a mail car on the Union Pacific near Lawrence, Kas., and who confessed to robbing the Southern Pacific train near Red Bluff, Cal., left Medford for Topeka to care for her injured husband.

Officials of banking institutions at Medford say that Lounsberry, who owns a fruit ranch near here, had no need to resort to train robbery to obtain money.

Oregon Man Confesses.

Topeka, Kas., Aug. 24.—The daring

holdup of a Union Pacific train last night was not the first big robbery of Wells Lounsberry of Medford, Oregon. As he lay upon his cot at the hospital here seriously wounded he confessed he held up a Southern Pacific train in a similar manner last January at Red Bluff, Cal. He said he boarded the train at Red Bluff and forced three mail clerks to pick out the registered mail for him.

At Redding he boarded a Pullman on the same train and escaped detection. A reward of \$2,000 was offered for the capture of the Red Bluff robber. Failure to put off the mail at

Lawrence led to Lounsberry's arrest. When the train passed through there and the pouches were not forthcoming investigation disclosed the clerks bound and gagged. Word of the robbery was then telephoned ahead to Topeka, where the robber was captured. It is said at the hospital that Lounsberry will recover.

BUYS STOCK FARM.

North Dakota Man Purchases Ladd Canyon Ranch of 490 Acres.

August Engel yesterday through the George H. Currey real estate agency purchased the Ida M. Thompson 490 stock farm on Ladd Canyon. Mr. Engel has been in possession of the place since May and has a splendid crop this year. He came from North Dakota here and is well pleased with our country. His son, Frank Engel, last year purchased the Mrs. Joseph Shambough farm four miles south on the foot hill road. Both men are growers of registered Percheron horses and have some of the best stock in the county.

THEISEN-SEIGRIST DATE.

Will Play at End of Frees-Lottes Match Sunday Afternoon.

What are likely to prove the two fastest and closest matches in the preliminaries of the La Grande Tennis tourney will be played tomorrow afternoon. Lottes will play Frees at 3:30 and Seigrist will play Ruby Theisen at the end of the first match. The courts will be scraped and sprinkled in the morning so as to improve their playing condition.

Missing Corvallis Girl Found.

Medford, Ore., Aug. 24.—The police today took into custody Alice Twombly, 18, of Corvallis, Oregon, who disappeared from her home some weeks ago. She was found in a rooming house, destitute. She is said to be feeble-minded. A search for her was state wide.

ARCHBOLD TO SUE COLONEL IN LIBEL SUIT

SUCH IS INTIMATED AS STANDARD OILER STARTS EAST

COLONEL UNWORRIED OVER YESTERDAY'S DEVELOPMENTS

Archbold Says He Is Not Used to Be Called Liar and Will Resist It. Intimates It Will Be a Libel Suit Against the Colonel on His Return From Europe—Colonel Plenicks All Day.

New York, Aug. 24.—D. Archbold, president of the Standard Oil company, sailed from New York today on a vacation trip to Europe. He intimated that he would sue Roosevelt for libel when he returned. He resented a portion of the statement Roosevelt issued last night, in which the colonel contradicted much of the testimony given by Archbold to the senate campaign contributions investigating committee.

"I am not a liar," said Archbold, "and I am not accustomed to being so called; I shall not endure it lightly."

When asked if he meant to sue the colonel for libel, Archbold said:

"I mean something to that effect. M. F. Elliott, chief of the Standard Oil legal department, will have charge of the case." Archbold said nothing will be done until after he returns from Europe.

Teddy Not Worried.

Oyster Boy, Aug. 24.—Roosevelt laid aside political duties today and forgot all about the controversy with Senator Penrose, regarding the campaign contributions of the 1904 election, and passed the day picnicking with Mrs. Roosevelt and Archie and Kermit, his sons. He flatly refused to give an inkling of the testimony he would give in the Penrose Standard Oil scandal, if called before the senate campaign contributions investigating committee. He said he might give out another statement tonight. He plans to leave Wednesday on a three-day speaking tour of Vermont.

MARINES TART SOUTH TO STOP NICARAGUANS

LA GRANDE BOY ON RECEIVING SHIP AT PANAMA

PROVISIONS AND MEN CAR-RIED SOUTHWARD TODAY

The California to Pick up the Marines at Panama and Then Go Into Nicaragua to Prevent Rebels Slaughtering Americans and Destroying American Interests—Mr. Faulk Aboard Ship.

LA GRANDE MAN ON CALL FORNIA.

M. O. Faulk, son of Constable and Mrs. Faulk of this city, is a member of the yeoman force on the California. He returned a few days ago with the California from Chinese waters and had but time to write a letter to his relatives before his ship got under steam again for the South to pick up the marines at Panama. It is generally conceded that he will see active fighting before the present journey is ended.

Philadelphia, Aug. 24.—Carrying 750 marines, plentifully stocked with supplies and ammunition the transport Prairie sailed from Philadelphia this afternoon for Colon, Panama. At Colon marines will cross the isthmus to Panama embarking on the cruiser California, and go into Nicaragua to protect American lives and interests which are being jeopardized by the Nicaraguan revolutionists, led by General Menz. The cruiser California sailed from San Diego, Cal., several days ago, under rush orders.

Move Sawmill.

Cleve Montgomery and Charles H. Brock have moved their sawmill from its present location in Mill's canyon to Sheep Creek. The mill will be located on the Gaakill ranch.

Several Carloads Of Race Horses Enroute To Local Track To Enter Big Meet

Several carloads of racing nags will be shipped to La Grande during the next few days in preparation for the racing meet to be staged in conjunction with the fair. Secretary A. D. Cherry has been advised and has reserved stall room for the following shipments:

Carload from Bozeman, Mont.; carload from Salt Lake; 40 horses now working on Union track and in Union races; 20 horses from Wollawo; 10 horses from Walla Walla and nearly all the horses now at the state fair grounds track.

Exhibit Stock Coming.

While this fine line of racing animals is coming to the races, the exhibit entries are proving large. Several herds of blooded cattle are coming from Baker and Freewater, and of course the splendid stock in Union county is not going to allow outside exhibits to carry off very many prizes.

Imbler Has Fruit Exhibit.

Among the district, or community,

exhibits promised is the big fruit and vegetable showing coming from Imbler. The people there are working on a large exhibit of the best that fertile district produces. Poultry fanciers are going to make a fine exhibit too, especially so in view of the fact that the annual poultry shows have been abandoned.

The fair affords the only opportunity for the poultry men to exhibit their lines and there will be sharp competition because the poultry business has expanded greatly of late.

The exhibit hall is nearing completion and that it will be crowded on Tuesday, September 10 when the gates open is apparent.

A great many people in La Grande do not realize the scope of work done at the fair grounds—on the track and the erection of buildings. Several large structures are completed and it would be a good Sunday promenade to visit the fair grounds and see what has been done—all of it permanent in nature.