

## WILSON WILL OPPOSE BONUS IN CANAL RATE

CHAIRMAN OF HOUSE COMMITTEE PREDICTS WILSON'S STAND ON QUESTION.

## CALLS BONUSES ROBBERY

Free Tolls to Coastwise Trading Ships Will Likely Be Strongly Opposed by President-Elect—House Interstate Commerce Committee Takes Hand in Opposition to No Toll Proposition.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Prediction is made by Chairman Adamson of the house interstate commerce committee, in a formal statement, that one of the first requests that Woodrow Wilson will ask of congress is the repeal of that part of the Panama canal bill, which grants free passage to American ships engaged in coastwise traffic. "Secretary Knox," said he, "not only declares the exemption of coastwise shipping a subsidy, but proves it by mathematical demonstration. I am afraid that Sir Edward Grey of the British foreign office will reply that Secretary Knox makes a manifest discrimination against the shipping of other nations and that England may justly claim that the subsidies must be equal to all nations or else there is discrimination. But I am not half so concerned about England's complaint as I am about the robbery of the American people. A subsidy is unfair and immoral, and is a discrimination in favor of opulent special interests. Lingoes have tried to blind the people to the real facts of the matter. Shall we rob our own people by unjust discrimination to enrich the coastwise shipping trust?"

### Wilson Visits Ellis Island.

New York, Jan. 25.—Woodrow Wilson and wife and a party of friends visited Ellis Island and inspected the government work today. They will be guests of Mrs. Caroline Alexander at Hoboken tonight. Embarking on the tug "Immigrant" Wilson said he was going merely on a tour of inspection and was not interested in any special case on the island. The inspection, he said, included the government's dining hall there. Wilson and the party went, also, to the board of inquiry room where Commissioner Williams disposed of seven cases in their presence.

## Earthquake Excites The Superstitious Moslems To Doubt Young Turk Rights

Constantinople, Jan. 25.—That the Young Turks are determined to retain part of the territory which the old ministry wanted to concede to the allies is believed to be certain. It is certain they will put forth every effort to retain Adrianople and part of the Aegean islands, and more of European Turkey. Many diplomats think there will be no further hostilities and they base their belief on the ground that the porte thinks the powers will not countenance further fighting and will force the allies to modify their terms. An earthquake added fuel to the superstition of the Moslems, who, when the city trembled for several seconds today, were convinced that the seismic disturbance presaged trouble for the Young Turks. At the present time there are no disturbances.

### Martial Law Prevails.

London, Jan. 25.—Enver Bey is enforcing martial law in Constantinople and all of the streets are patrolled by troops. Everybody is kept moving. There was a desultory street fight but it was not serious, and complete order has been established. Reports current in the European capitals that the Young Turks had de-throned the sultan and proclaimed a republic, are denied here.

### Naval Demonstration by Powers.

London, Jan. 25.—Italian and British warships are hastening to the Bosphorus as a result of the decision of the powers to make a naval demonstration before Constantinople for the protection of foreigners living in the city. American, German and Russian vessels are already there.

### Rockhill Is Optimistic.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Ambassador Rockhill cabled the state department from Constantinople, that the city is

quiet in spite of the assumption of control of the government by the new party. He declares it as his belief that the resumption of hostilities will not necessarily follow the overthrow of the ministry headed by Kamil Pasha.

### Turks Not Recalled.

London, Jan. 25.—Rumors were abroad that the authorities at Constantinople had recalled the Turkish envoys to the peace conference. The rumors have been denied by Tewfik Pasha to the great delight of the ambassadors representing the powers. Tewfik declared it would be unlikely that the Young Turks would recall him and expressed the belief that the conferences would be resumed next week. "We don't expect to return," said he, "until peace has been concluded between the Balkans and ourselves."

## MERCHANTS OF STATE COMING

NEXT CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN LA GRANDE.

Local Boosters Swing State Merchants' Convention Here.

La Grande has landed the next annual meeting of the Oregon Retail Merchants' association. This will be the first time in many years that the convention has gotten out of the Willamette valley and will probably be the last time for the feeling prevails that the annual sessions should be held in Portland. It is probable that such a ruling will be made after the La Grande session.

This victory was the fond hope of the La Grande junketers.

Last night the La Grande business men who are still with the party were dined by the Portland Commercial club, after having spent the day at Corvallis. Touching upon some of the business transactions at Albany, a news dispatch of Thursday night says After recommending important legislation affecting mercantile conditions, electing officers for the ensuing year and choosing La Grande as the meeting place of next year's convention, the Oregon Retail Merchants' association adjourned its seventh annual convention tonight.

J. L. Stockton, of Salem, was unanimously elected president.

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## BEULAH, MISS. LEVEE BROKEN

FAMILIES FLEE AHEAD OF RUSHING FLOOD.

Break Occurs in Exact Spot That the 1912 Flood Went Through.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 25.—Scores of families are fleeing from the district of Beulah, Miss., where the levee broke, a thousand feet going out. Residents are endangered.

The district heard a loud roar as the levee broke, and without waiting for developments commenced an exodus before the waters reached them. The break is at the same point where the disastrous break occurred last year.

Five hundred convicts have been rushed to the scene to help repair the breaks.

## ARMY VETERAN FACES CHARGE

EMBEZZLEMENT OF \$30,000 IS ALLEGED.

General Sickle Must Stand Trial on Charge of Using Public Money.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 25.—General Sickle whose domestic troubles have been aired in the public press during the greater part of 1912, is to be arrested for the misappropriation of public funds. The warrant was issued by Justice Rudd. Attorney General Carmody took the warrant to New York for service. Sickle is said to have appropriated \$23,000 to his own use.

As chairman of the New York state monument commission, whose duty it was to properly mark the positions

### THE ALIENIST: "TAKE YOUR CHOICE."



Insanity seizes the bachelor with greater ease than the Benedict despite the worry a married man is supposed to undergo, according to the report of the government hospital for the insane.

—Webster in Boston Globe.

## GRAVE BARES SECRET KEPT HIDDEN LONG

LONG MYSTERY OF CHICAGO IS MADE CLEAR BY EXHUMED GRAVE.

## CHANGED NAME ADOPTED

Suicide in Portland Last November Was That of Long-Lost Chicago Real Estate Dealer Who Had Lost Fortune in Mining Stock—Letters Found in Coffin Disclose the Man's Identity.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 25.—The body of Charles A. Lang, a wealthy real estate operator, whose disappearance from Chicago last March created a sensation, has been exhumed from a grave supposed to contain the remains of August Bland. "Bland" lost his fortune estimated at \$100,000 by investing in gold mining stock.

After his financial reverses he came to Portland with a few hundred dollars and took a room in the Tieton hotel. During the next few days he spent what money he had and on November 17th, committed suicide here. Investigations were carried on and today Bland's grave was exhumed, and letters found on his person indicated him to be Charles Lang, the man who so mysteriously disappeared from Chicago.

of New York troops during the civil war, General Sickle had charge of the commission funds. Several months ago a shortage of over \$30,000 was discovered and the state comptroller of currency demanded an investigation.

General Sickle was after the position of commander in chief of the G. A. R. during the past year and it leaked out that his wife pawned her jewels to meet her former husband's debts. Denials came from both sides. General Sickle's daughter later made threats to sue her father for slander.

It is expected the arrest of Sickle will result in the state securing a bond which will prevent an entire loss of the funds which he is entrusted with.

### Mrs. Slingsby's Writing Studied.

San Francisco, Jan. 25.—Basing his conclusions on the report of Handwriting Expert Kytka that in his opinion the advertisement inserted in a newspaper seeking a baby boy for adoption, was written by Mrs. Dorothy Slingsby, District Attorney Fickert has announced that he believes the Slingsby heir a changeling.

## ADJUDICATION OF THE GRANDE RONDE STRIFE

STANDING TO BE ENDED BY STATE BOARD.

## HEARING DATES ARE SET

From Its Source to the Willowa River, Grande Ronde to Be Fully and Finally Adjudicated—Inspection Follows Hearings, Then Contests if Any, and Finally the Ultimate Decree.

Final adjudication of the Grande Ronde river and all its tributaries—save Mill creek in Cove—from its source to the confluence with the Willowa river, will be commenced in Union county early in April. Notices to all claimants to water in the Grande Ronde river in the territory named—users of Katherine and Willow creeks included—will have notices sent them early in March by Water Superintendent George T. Cochran. This action was ordered at a meeting of the board of control at Salem which Mr. Cochran attended as a member, returning today from that session.

The first hearing to follow the mailing of notices to every claimant these claimants having been determined some time ago by a careful survey of the river by the state engineering department, will occur April 7th at Summerville, followed by a hearing on the 8th at Elgin, the 10th at Union the 12th at La Grande. Superintendent Cochran will preside at each of these, explaining to each claimant what is wanted.

Though it will require a twelve-month, likely, to get the machinery of adjudication to grand out the final adjudication of riparian justice, when it is once done it is final. Crooked River has just obtained its final decrees, the recent session of the board dealing out these judgments and decisions. The same sort of a group of decisions will eventually be handed out in the Grande Ronde river cases.

The process is simple enough to the users, though it requires considerable time in the handling. Thirty days prior to the date of hearings the superintendent mails out printed forms which the users must fill out, stipulating their claims to water and submitting proofs. At the hearings these claims and proofs are gone over, and in the course of five or six months an inspection day is held. At

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## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AT SALEM TO STUDY INSTITUTIONS

Salem, Jan. 25.—President Maloney of the Oregon senate has announced the names of the members on the various committees who are to investigate the state institutions. On the committee to investigate the management of the state penitentiary are Hollis and Ragsdale.

This committee has been appointed at the request of the governor on account of the reports that have been spread concerning that institution. The senate held a twenty minute session.

A bill appropriating \$370,000 for the University of Oregon, and \$317,000 for the agricultural college was introduced in the house by the ways and means committee. The amounts are for new buildings, maintenance and equipment.

The state land board is opposing the bill introduced in the house by Representative Smith providing that the board accept as security for loans from the common school fund, mortgages on desert land included in the irrigation projects. Members of the board took the view that this would be the same as accepting second mortgages as liens on land and would be similar to first mortgages.