

## SECRECY OVER MEXICO POLICY AT WHITE HOUSE

WILSON SILENT BUT HIS PURPOSE GUESSED AT BY DIPLOMATS.

## EUROPEANS PRESS HEURTA

Financial Situation in Mexico May Righten Affairs So That There Need Be No Intervention of Any Kind in Mexico—Wilson Believed to Be Marking Time for the Present.

Washington, July 29.—President Wilson, for the present will not announce any Mexican policy. This was admitted at the White House today. It was decided to withhold any definite action by the United States and give the Mexicans an opportunity to reconcile the factional differences there without interference of any kind from America. The president believes that the economic presence in Mexico which is a terrific force, will settle the warring factions. The status of the ambassadorship is unsettled but it is believed that Wilson will resign.

**Mexican Merchants Bankrupt.**  
The Mexican merchants are bankrupt and the French financiers who loaned millions to Mexico are pressing for a reform. Heurta, the president, has been informed that he can bring peace to the land if he will retire and the executive hopes that success will attend the efforts of the European financiers who are trying to force his resignation.

Prominent Mexicans are said to have assured the president that the mediation plan might succeed, but they wanted a chance to straighten out the tangle themselves.

**Heurta May Fall Soon.**  
Paris, July 29.—Private cablegrams from Mexico City to the Mexican constitutional committee assert the Heurta administration may fall within 15 days.

## Many Appointments Made.

Washington, July 29.—The senate today confirmed the following California nominations: J. O. Davis, collector of customs for the California district; James H. Marry, naval officer of the customs district of California; Justin Waddell, surveyor of the customs at San Francisco; Joseph Scott, collector of internal revenue for the first district of California; M. T. Doolig, Federal Judge Albert Schooner, federal district attorney for the southern district of California; Professor Charles Marvin, the head of the instrument division at the government weather bureau was named chief to succeed Moore.

## Postmasters In Session.

Denver, Colo., July 29.—The parcel post and how it has worked out was the chief topic discussed today when the annual convention of the National Association of First Class postmasters convened here. Nearly every city of the first class in the country was represented. Owing to the change in the national administration there were many new faces here today, there being very few who attended the convention at Atlantic City last year.

## DIGGS AND CAMINETTI WILL NOT ESCAPE PROSECUTION

Washington, July 29.—Flat denial of the reports that the government intends to dismiss Diggs-Caminetti and other white slave cases because of the new interpretation of the Mann law was made by Attorney General McReynolds, today. "The reports are untrue, the Diggs-Caminetti cases will go to trial on August 5," he said.

**Slavers Plead Tomorrow.**  
San Francisco, July 29.—Diggs and Caminetti, whose cases caused the

## Evidence Points To Incendiarism; Mill To Be Started Soon

Late this afternoon the fire losses were approximated officially by the Palmer Lumber company officials. They were found to be as follows: Lumber losses, 25,000,000 feet, value \$375,000; loss to yards, cars, rails, etc., \$45,000. Total loss from fire, \$420,000. The plant was practically fully insured.

True American business industry and thrift is reflected today in the way that the George Palmer Lumber will proceed to replenish the lumber yards destroyed Sunday night in the biggest fire La Grande has ever had. The company officials are hastening the repairs that were under way on the mill when the fire occurred, and just as soon as possible the mill will be set running.

The company office torn to pieces somewhat on the night of the fire has been restored to its usual appearance and desks and records put

back in place as nearly the same as before the fire as possible.

**No Origin Developments.**  
Except that the watchman who discovered the fire re-avers that the shots he heard just before the fire broke out were fired in close proximity to him, there have been no developments in the origin of the mill fire. The watchman plainly saw the flashes of two shots near him, and the feeling has become general that incendiarism was to blame. The yards are well back from any road and there would be no plausible excuse for tramps to go there to prepare meals and thus accidentally set fire to the sawdust. As green river banks are numerous nearer the main traveled road, and there would be neither grass nor water on the entire grounds. The more study that is given the situation the

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## TEACHERS TO HEAR BEST PROGRAM THANKSGIVING WEEK

Steps looking toward the presentation of the best program, when 500 Eastern Oregon teachers will gather here in November, that has yet instructed and edified school teachers of Eastern Oregon in their annual conclaves, were taken in this city today when a meeting of directors and executive committeemen was held here. Mrs. Stella Engle, president presiding. During the next week or two the program committee headed by Mrs. Engle and Mrs. Ivanhoe, will bring to a certainty just who the speakers will be. At the meeting E. E. Bragg of this city, resigned from his duties as secretary owing to his press of duties in the post-office, where he has become generalissimo since his election a year ago. Mrs. F.

S. Ivanhoe, county school superintendent, was elected to succeed him. The retiring secretary was a gracious host to the executive committee at a luncheon at the Sommer house at noon.

The convention will be held during Thanksgiving week but the program will be outlined shortly.

Those who came to attend the meeting are: Mrs. Stella Engle, La Grande, president of Eastern Oregon division State Teachers' association; J. C. Con-

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## Notable Americans Honored For Scientific Achievements.



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**THEY had every reason in the world to smile.** They had been successful in their undertakings, and Columbia college in New York had just conferred the honorary degree of doctor of science upon each. Dr. Alexis Carrel of the Rockefeller Institute, New York, who won this year's Nobel prize for medical science, is on the left. The other is Colonel William Crawford Gorgas, assistant surgeon general of the United States medical corps. He's the man who cleaned up the Panama canal zone so that Uncle Sam could complete the big ditch.

## INITIATIVE BILLS DENIED BALLOT ROOM

ONLY REFERENDUM MEASURE CAN BE PLACED UPON NOVEMBER BALLOT.

## EQUI SUIT IS DENIED

U'ren and Equi, Sponsors for Movement Meet Defeat In Supreme Court, Where Decision Is Handed Down Making of Special Election a Referendum Election Pure and Simple.

Salem, July 29.—U'ren's pet measure fought for by Marie D. Equi, a prominent participant in the I. W. W. rumpuses at Portland, and providing for an initiative measure dealing for the eight hour law for women, will not go on the referendum election to be held specially next November. This decision was handed down by the supreme court today when it decided the mandamus suit brought by Marie Equi against the secretary of state to compel him to place the initiative measure on the referendum election ballot. This makes of the election to be held in November an issue primarily and solely to decide the wishes of the people on measures that have been referred to the people and but for the election next November would go over until the next general election before their rejection or final enactment into law.

NATHAN STRAUS.  
Noted New York Pathologist  
Reported Ill at his Home.



## MAN IS CAUGHT PLACING TORCH

WALLOWA COUNTY JAIL HOUSES SUSPECT.

## Two Witness Attempt to Burn Property in Wallowa Canyon.

Wallowa, Ore., July 29.—(Special)—At a recent meeting of the different lumber companies it was unanimously agreed to exercise special vigilance for the purpose of protecting their different holdings against fire. As a result of this careful watchfulness, Z. A. Epler was arrested Friday by Deputy Sheriff J. H. Maxwell of Wallowa charged with incendiarism at the instance of the Geo. Palmer Lumber company.

Epler set fire to one of the company's houses which is located in the Wallowa canyon west of town. The accused can scarcely palliate or excuse his offense as he was caught red handed by reputable citizens, who will appear as witnesses against him. Brought before the justice of the peace, McCrae, he entered a plea of not guilty, was bound over to the circuit court under \$1000 bonds in default of which he was taken to the jail at Etnepre to await trial.

The punishment provided for committing the crime of arson is a penitentiary offense and is fixed at from three to ten years.

**Off for Holiday.**  
Dispatcher Swart and family left today for a 10 days' outing on the Wallowa river, making the trip in an auto.

## UNDERWOOD'S ATTACK GETS SHARP REPLIES

UNDERWOOD CLAIMS MULHALL LIED WHEN HE MADE THE CHARGES.

## EXPLOSION A LOUD ONE

Claims It Is Wrong for Men to Attack Public Officials When the Accuser Has Himself Been Bribing Servants of the Officials Attacked—Underwood Denies Charges.

Washington, July 29.—One of the most significant explosions yet caused by the revelation of Martin Mulhall came today when Underwood, the present majority leader in the house and democratic aspirant for the presidency in 1912, openly attacked Mulhall before the insidious lobby committee. Underwood was evidently angered by Mulhall's testimony to the effect that he frequently conferred with the democratic house leader.

Interrupting the proceedings, Underwood pointed to Mulhall declaring, "I never saw him before. I tell you it is not right to let a man like this attack public men, particularly when he is blackmailing his former employees." Underwood bitterly denounced Mulhall. Referring to the letter which the latter showed Mulhall to be lying, "I know neither Emery nor Kirby," he said. "I positively haven't talked to either about labor matters."

Senator Walsh read the letter from Emery, chief counsel of the Manufacturers to Mulhall, enclosing two checks of \$75 each to be given Harry Neal and Harry Thornton, janitors for the speakers room in the ways and means committee. Mulhall asserted that they were there and got the money. Mulhall declared that he paid Underwood's janitor two years ago.

In the course of a sworn statement Underwood said: "To show how Mulhall lied, he states there was an issue about making congressman Wilson of Pennsylvania chairman of the labor committee. There was no such issue and the man is lying; he is merely trying to make these people believe there was something doing to earn his money. Mulhall's face is unusual, one would know it if one ever saw it."

"He may have talked to Kirby in the corridor, but the personnel of the labor committee of 1910 shows it could not have been satisfactory to anti-labor organization."

In reply to Underwood, Mulhall said: "I know that when I produce the witnesses, Underwood will admit his part of the statement is a lie. If you brand me here, as you do, I'll say that I have endorsements from lead manufacturers regarding my truthfulness, and believe that if my proofs were put with yours

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## Local Trains Will Change Running Time

Material changes in running time of local trains on the O.-W. will take place on August 3, when a complete revolution of transcontinental trains occur. The Joseph train will leave La Grande at 9 a. m. and return shortly after 6 p. m. The La Grande Baker local will leave here at 4:00 p. m. and return at 8:05, a material reduction in running time and means the train will make but a brief stop at Baker before returning on its daily trip.

Superintendent Wm. Bollons is today shaping his division for the handling of the new train service. The change on the local train schedule is but minor compared with the changes that become effective on the main line. Precise details of the handling of mail will be announced later

but the service becomes effective on August 3.

Superintendent Bollons and several of his lieutenants on this division attended a schedule making session in Portland a few days ago and practically all details have been worked out. In general the new system provides for a No. 5, a No. 18 and a No. 17 as now without change in running time, but a schedule for No. 6 is fixed. It will be a Milwaukee equipment train and will leave Portland at 6:40 p. m. reaching La Grande some time between 5 and 6 a. m. Number 10, which is now the fast mail and reaching here about 5 o'clock a. m., will leave Portland at 12:30 a. m., reaching La Grande just before noon.

The new time tables will be out within a few days and exact arrival time will then become public.