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Wronged by Dominican Government. WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.-The case of the Santo Domingo Improvement Com-pany against the Dominican government has been one of long standing. The Im-provement Company had contracts for making various improvements and for certain harbors, privileges and dues, which contract the Dominican govern-ment afterward took away from the com-pany. The former sought the assistance of this Government pany. The former sought the assistance of this Government and asked it to secure its just rights.

Minister Powell Carries His Point. SANTO DOMINGO, Thursday, Nov. 12. SANTO DOMINGO, Thursday, Nov. 12.

—United States Minister Powell has finally carried his point against the Dominican government, that it should agree to the provisions of the protocol regarding the Santo Domingo Improvement Co.

The government today informed the Minister that it would accede to his request, carrying out the provisions of the protocol and appoint arbitrators today. This is considered a great victory for the American interests. American interests.

Startling Possibilities of Present Tax Muddle.

HOW TO AVOID DISASTER

Call the Legislature, Says Taxpayers' League.

THEN RESTORE THE OLD LAW

Secretary Dunbar Submits Figures and Estimates-Counties and Cities May Not Escape Trouble.

PROSPECTIVE	DEBT,	DECEMBER
31,	1964.	

State Counties Cities and Schools Port of Portland Library	1,206,519 2,000,000 75,000
Total	

An extra session of the Legislature opinion of the Taxpayers League, is an imperative necessity. The

The Taxpayers' League has investigated the question of a special session of the Legislature, and finds that it is an imperative necessity. There is no alternative if the state and its cities and counties are to be saved from disaster. The conclusions of the league are based on painstaking inquiries by its executive committee. If the present deplorable tax muddle is not relieved by legislative action, overwhelming debt will pile up. Secretary of State Dunbar says that the law will not permit the computations by state officers for the state revenues, in July, 1904 (they cannot be made before), to be doubled. That is to say, there can then be no provision made to pay indebtedness already incurred, but the computations must be confined to the fiscal year ending December 31, 1904. Subsequent legislation only can validate this indebt-

The league estimates that on December 1, 1904, the outstanding state, county, city and school, Port of Portland and library warrants will amount to \$4,291,519, all drawing six per cent interest, if there is

The report of the executive committee

to the league follows: "PORTLAND, Nov. 14 .- To the Executive Committee of the Taxpayers' League: tive Committee of the Taxpayers' League: rants or promises to pay which are lile-Your committee to whom was referred for gal on their face will be found to be a investigation and report the necessity for s special session of the Legislature, and the remedy, if an emergency was found to exist, beg leave to report as follows:

"We first took up the question as to the covering state, county, school, city, etc., if the collection of taxes be postponed until December 31, 1994.

State.

"So far as the affairs of the state are concerned, they could, if absolutely neces-sary, under certain limits be maintained and conducted by the issuance of warrants, which, however, will result in the creation of a state debt of at least \$1,000,-000 and an interest charge of \$120,000, if paid as soon as possible under the law by means of a double levy. No better ex-planation can be made of the result on the state's finances than to incorporate into this report a letter received from the Hon. F. I. Dunbar, Secretary of State, under date of November 12, 1963: Dear Sir: I am in receipt of your favor of

the 12th inst., requesting a statement of the expenses of the various counties for the year 1902, and also asking me to give you an estimate of the probable amount of state debt in the event taxes are not collected this coming

the event taxes are not collected this coming Spring, as heretofore. Enclosed herewith I send you several of the statements requested, and have to say, relative to the amount of debt that would accrue on account of the change in the law relative to the collection of taxes, that, under the law as amended and as it now stands, the next computation of revenue necessary for the next computation of revenue necessary for state purposes would be made in July, 1904. The items of expense would include those for which the state would be subject under the existing laws for the fiscal year ending Deember 31, 1904.

cember 31, 1994.

In arriving at the necessary amount of revenue to be raised, I believe the state officers, under section 3090 of the code, as amended, would be limited to including only the items of expense for which the state would be subject for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1904, and for the sums provided by law for the current expenses for said year of the National Guard, University of Oregon, State Agricultural College, and Lewis and Clark Exposition. That is to say, it is my opinion that, in preparing the statement of expenses, the state officers could not double them, as ome seem to have an idea can be done, bu can only include the expenses for one fiscal

One-half of the state taxes due from the several counties will be payable to the State Treasurer in January, 1905, and one-half in July, 1965. I estimate we would issue warrants during the course of the year 1904 to the amount of \$1,000,000, to pay which there would be no funds in the treasury until January 15, 1905, and on which interest would accrue January 1 to the amount of \$22,500. Upon the payment of one-half of the taxes, the outstanding warrants would be reduced on that date to \$500,000. Between January 1 and July 1, 1905, the amount of outstanding warrants would be increased about \$500,000, which, with those already outstanding, would, on the latter date, amount to \$1,000,000. The estimated accrued interest on these warrants One-half of the state taxes due from the estimated accrued interest on these warrants

In connection with this matter, beg leave In connection with this matter, beg sewe to say the impression seems to prevail that it will make but little difference as to the financial condition of the state, in the event the state's revenue is not paid in as heretofore. It is true that warrants will be issued fore. It is true that warrants will be issued in payment of all expenses incurred pursuant to existing laws, but you will readily perceive from the foregoing statement that it will cost the people of the State of Oregon about \$40,000 annually, or \$120,000 before the next regular Legislative Assembly could remedy the matter, which could only be done by authorizing the collection of the necessary revenue covering two fiscal years at one time, a burden which each succeeding Legislature would, I believe, hand down to its successor. As an economical and business proposition I strongly indorse the proposal for an extra I strongly indorse the proposal for an extra session of the Legislature to remedy the exist-ing condition, believing it to be in the interest of the state, counties, schools and municipali-ties to remedy the matter before it becomes

more difficult to do so. Yours, very truly, F. I. DUNBAR, Secretary of State. " Counties.

"In arriving at the debt that will be created by the countles, we can only ap-proximate, as each county has a limited proximate, as each county has a limited revenue from liquor licenses, etc. How-ever, as each county is required by law to file with the Secretary of State a state-ment of its annual expenses, that of 1902, which is complete, will be sufficient for the purposes of this report: Expenses counties for the year 1902, \$1,206,519.01.

Cities and Schools. "The indebtedness which would be created under these heads could not be ac-curately ascertained within the time in which this report must be filed, but it can be roughly approximated. The state tax paid by Multnomah County is not quite one-third of the entire amount, but to be on the safe side, we will assume that Multnomah County pays for the above purposes one-third of the amount paid by the entire state. For the year 1902, the tax for city and schools amounted to about \$550,000. If our basis is correct, the amount paid by the rest of the state would be \$1,700,000, or a total of \$2,550,000. Assuming, however, that our city and schools cost more proportionately than the rest of the state, we will call this

amount \$2,000,000 Port of Portland.

Library for Multnomah.

near enough correct to furnish a basis on

"Assuming that warrants could be legally drawn and issued, the indebtedness cre-ated before December 31, 1904, drawing 6 per cent interest would be as follows:
 State
 \$1,000,960,00

 Counties
 1,296,519,61

 Cities and schools
 2,600,000,00

 Port of Portland
 75,000,00

 Library
 10,000,00

Another Serious Phase. "This debt, in our opinion, would burden "This debt, in our opinion, would burden for years the property of this state.

"This, however, is not the most serious phase of the situation. In counties having over 50,000 population, the County Court, under the law cannot issue warrants for indebtedness in excess of the levy. This iaw was passed for the very purpose of preventing an increase in indebtedness, and it would be a public calamity to have to violate it in order to exist.

"So far as this city is concerned, it is absolutely prohibited from creating debts

absolutely prohibited from creating debts for general purposes or drawing warrants for payments if the money is not on hand. This school district is as badly off. Our city schools now cost to run about \$450,000 to issue bonds is limited to \$100,000, a portion of which is now outstanding. The county districts would be even worse off. We might wriggle through, somehow, but who is to take care of all the county

"The Port of Portland would also be in bad shape. In our judgment, to borrow the amount of money necessary on warvery siender reed to lean upon, and we do not believe the opportunity will be very eagerly grasped by bankers or others. Under any circumstances, the warrant broker would be happy, but we fail to see any-thing but disaster in it for any one else. effect, financially and otherwise, upon the We do not dwell upon the result if no way various departments of the government, is found to float warrants. We are simply stating facts, and can only conclude that, in our judgment, an extra session is an imperative necessity.

Remedy.

"In order to ascertain the remedy, we "In order to ascertain the remedy, we took the light of experience for our guide, and that immediately brought us to the question. Was the old law working well? Was there any necessity for a change? Was there any demand for a change? We accordingly wrote to ten representative countles in the state asking certain questions, the last one being if there had been any general demand for a change from the old law to the present one, with the following results:

ı	Workings of Old Law.				
1		Amount of		De-	
1	County.	tax-roll.	Rebate.	linquency.	
1	Wallowa	58,052,72	\$ 654.65	\$ 3,014,72	
1	Union	129,831.02	2,678,04	3,990,00	
1	Douglas	138,071.09	3,135,83	4,292,80	
1	Multnomah	1,700,817.77	41,575,61	31,493.16	
1	Sherman	38,977.02	752.61	424.25	
1	Morrow	65,330.00	1,128.00	1,238.00	
ł	Clatsop	134,412.67	3,120,36	2,558.22	
1	Baker	164,882.88	3,387.14	7,161,03	
1	Wasco	138,269.94	3.031.95	6,486.69	
1	Jackson	120,997.20	2,830.17	5,274.21	
1	1230	and the second second	LOS TOPLES	-	

Totals\$2,689,142.31 \$62,272.36 \$65,938.17 "It will be observed that the rebates mounted to about 21-3 per cent, the de linquency about 2% per cent. Under the law prior to that of 1991 no such records were made, and a very considerable per-centage of the delinquents will pay before the lists are closed. Besides the present law guarantees bidders at tax sales against any irregularities arising out of the act of any county official, so in the end there is practically no delinquency, so far as the county is concerned. "We, therefore, conclude the law was working well, and there was no necessity for a change.

Dem	and for	a Unange	
"Was there The following this question	are the	nand for a answers re	change? eclved to
County. Douglas Multnomah Sherman Clatsop	No I	vasco	Answer. No No Yes Yes

Union-Suggests Assessor collect personal property tax within 30 or 60 days after assessment, as some personal property gets away before tax-collecting time.

Morrow-Believes old law approved now by a majority of taxpayers, but believes new law will be more satisfactory to great majority on account of time of payment.

"If these countles are representatives, and we believe they are, there was no general demand for a change.
"We, therefore, conclude that the remedy is for the Legislature to repeal the law of 1903 and re-enact the law of 1901.

would amount to \$18,750.

As a result and condition, on July 1, 1905, we would have called in all warrants issued on account of expenses for 1904, paid \$37,500 interest thereon, would have warrants to the amounts of \$500,000 cutstanding, with estimated "In our opinion the law should have an emergency clause, and no trouble need be anticipated on this score. Under any cir-cumstances, this law would be necessary

Teller and Hanna Are Against His Elevation.

LEAD IN THE OPPOSITION

Senate Committee Will Hear the Charges Thursday.

ROOT HAS BACKED GENERAL

Gifts Received and Passage of Goods Through the Custom-House Declared by the Secretary of War to Be Perfectly Proper.

WOOD'S CAREER IN BRIEF. Born in Winchester, N. H., 1860. Graduated Harvard Medical School,

Appointed First Lieutenant and Assistant Surgeon, United States Army, Medical and line officer Geronimo ex-

Captain and surgeon, 1891, Recruited First United States Volunteer Cavalry (Rough Riders), and appointed Colonel, May, 1888,

Brigadier-General United States Vol-

teers, July, 1898. Major-General United States Volunteers, December, 1898. Military Governor Cuba, 1899-1902. Brigadier - General United States Army, 1901.

. Major-General, 1963.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 15.-The strong opposition that has developed to confirmation of the nomination of Brigadier-General Leonard Wood to be a Major-General will center in the meeting of the Senate committee on military affairs to be held next Thursday. The committee will then give a hearing on the charges made against Wood.

The nomination of Wood has been held up in the committee at the request of Senator Teller, who will do what he can to prevent agreement to the nomination. Senator Hanna has joined Teller in leading the opposition to Wood, and will make a hard fight to prevent favorable action.

Senator Hanna's opposition is attributed to his friendship for Major Estes G. Rathbone, formerly director of posts in Cuba, who makes charges against Wood, and who, in Senator Hanna's opinion, was sponsibility for the accident has not been ill-treated by the General when the latter determined.

was Governor of Cuba during the Amer-

The principal charges against Wood re late to his approval of the concession granted to the Jai Alai Company just before the American evacuation of the is land. The concession, it is charged, gave to the company the right to run what amounted to a great gambling-house in Havana and a very lucrative monopoly.

Following closely upon the granting of this concession General Wood was the chief guest of the Jai Alai Company at a breakfast, at which the officers of the company presented to him a magnificent silver service, which was made in New York and was said to have cost \$5000 About the same time Mrs. Wood received from the company a gift of pearl earrings and a diamond brooch reported to be worth about \$3000. It is charged by his opponents that the granting of the concession and these gifts had a very close relation to each other,

Backed by Secretary Root.

When the matter first provoked discus sion, General Wood frankly admitted receiving the gifts and declared he could see no impropriety in accepting them, as they had nothing to do with his official conduct. Secretary Root upheld Wood when 'the charges were made by Major Rathbone, the Secretary declaring that the presentation was a part of the general expression of gratitude by the Cubans toward the representative of the United States.

To have refused this and other gifts, Secretary Root asserted, would have been discourteous, injurious and unjustifiable General Wood's action in passing the silverware and jewels through the Cuban custom-house free of duty was also declared perfectly proper by the Secretary

Other reasons for denying to Genera desires him to have will be pressed upon the Senate committee, but the so-called Havana gambling scandal will be the chief feature of the case against the

DOWIE BOASTS OF OFFERS. Says He Can Have Four Million Acres as a Site for a New Zion.

CHICAGO, Nov. 15 .- "I have just reelved an offer of 4,000,000 acres of land on which to build another Zion City, but the site must be kept secret at present," said John Alexander Dowie, speaking to his followers in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City,

"What is more," Dowle continued. "I have an offer of 10,000 acres of land within 35 miles of New York City for the same purpose. That does not look as if our New York trip failed, does it?

"I am going abroad January 3 after mer and money," he said. "When I get back in June I will have planned a number of Zions. Then all Zion will start its work for the building up of Jerusalem."

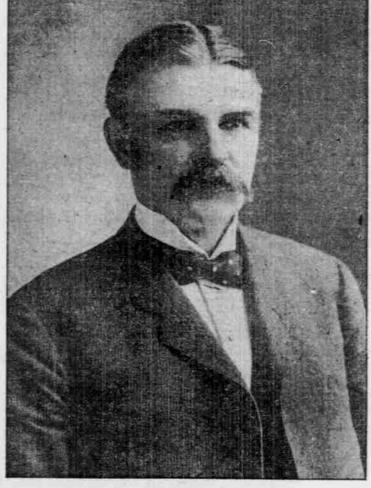
INSANE FROM THE SHOCK. Negro Survivor of Illinois Central Wreck Loses His Mind.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 15.-Sixteen negroes injured in the Illinois Central wreck at Kentwood were brought to the Charity Hospital today and three of them died soon after reaching here. This makes a total of 28 negro men dead, one negro man of carpenters, the only white man fatally injured, a total of 30 deaths. The

injured list foots up 18.

Larry Haworthe, the only negro who escaped from the coach, has be mented as a result of the shock. The re-

........... COMES WEST PERSONALLY TO INVESTIGATE LAND FRAUDS



LAND COMMISSIONER W. A. RICHARDS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 15 .- (Special.) - To lend his personal aid to the investigation now going on at the land offices throughout Oregon, Washington and Call-fornia, W. A. Richards, Commissioner of the General Land Office at Washington, has arrived in San Francisco, and is at the Occidental. So great has become the question and so gross have the frauds grown to be that Richards desires to make

The main business of the Land Office of late has been really concerned with Pacific Coast States. To stop the frauds, Richards is said to have framed a new bill, which will be placed before the next Congress. In order to make it ve, he will study conditions here, in Oregon and in Washington. Mr. Richards said tonight:

"The investigation into the several matters which have been brought to public notice of late has not been completed—that is, that the report has not been filed. So I can say nothing as to these matters. My visit here is largely a private one, owing to the III-health of my daughter, and to the desire to see old friends. In 1879 I was elected County Surveyor of Santa Clara, and have many friends in the

Mr. Richards left California and went to Wyoming, where, from 1894 to 1899, he occupied the position of Governor. In 1899 he was appointed Assistant Commissioner of the General Land Office, and later was given the important position he

Colombians Send Mission to Panama.

PROMISES IN PROFUSION

Almost Any Concession to Revive Old Conditions.

GENERALS ARE THE ENVOYS

isthmus Cannot Be Approached by Land by Colombian Troops and the United States Will Not Allow Soldiers to Be Landed by Sea.

GUDGER WELCOMED BACK. PANAMA, Nov. 15.-United States

consul-General Gudger arrived here this evening, and was met at the rail-way station by a great number of persons, including the members of the provisional government, army officers and other prominent persons. Ohaldla was also among those present, As Consul-General Gudger alighted from the train a military band played "The Star-Spangled Banner." Arias, representing the junta, delivered a speech, in which he expressed the gratitude of the Republic of Panama for the recognition accorded it by President Roosevelt, and also the pleasure of the people of Panama at Mr. Gudger's return.

Consul - General Gudger thanks for his reception, and said that he and Rear-Admirai Walker would call upon the members of the junta

BOGOTA, Nov. 15.-General Reves. Holguin and Ospina left here today for Panama on a diplomatic mission with full powers to offer the isthmians a satisfactory treaty and such other concessions as may bring the isthmus back to the Colombian union. It is expected that amicable arrange-

desired here. News from the State Department at Washington is anxiously Excitement Over Scotia's Arrival.

ments will be made, and such are heartily

COLON, Nov. 15.-The overdue steamer Scotia arrived from the coast at sun-

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