

FILE NEWCHARGE

Letter-Carriers Parties to Bancroft Case.

SAID TO OWE THEM MONEY

Alleged to Have Failed to Return Funds Borrowed.

POSTMASTER TO MITCHELL

Denies He Has Violated the Departmental Regulations Since First Investigation, but Officials Are Inclined to Rely on Inspectors.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 11.—There were no new developments in the case of Postmaster Bancroft today beyond a receipt by Senator Mitchell of a telegram from Bancroft denying that he has, since the first investigation, in any way violated the department regulations. Despite this denial the officials are satisfied that the reports of inspectors disclosing irregularities are not fabrications, and when these reports are taken in connection with the complaints which have been filed against Bancroft by Portland letter-carriers, from whom he is alleged to have borrowed money and failed to return it, it is asserted that a clear case has been made out.

No matter whether Bancroft has profited by the practice, as alleged, of taking money from various accounts in his charge, the reports of the inspectors show that the Portland office is in a demoralized condition, and the department is now satisfied that Bancroft lacks executive ability necessary to conduct the postal system of a great city. Portland is in need of numerous improvements in its mail facilities, but until there is a change of postmasters, it is said, these needs will not be supplied by the department.

Mitchell Giving Him Every Chance.

As heretofore stated, Senator Mitchell has advised that the department would like for him to recommend a successor to Bancroft, although the department's request had not been coupled with the statement that Bancroft's resignation was demanded. Senator Mitchell does not wish to recommend a new postmaster until the last hope of saving Bancroft has disappeared, a hope which hangs on the investigation now in progress. He is not satisfied that Bancroft has committed acts which warrant his removal. Out of respect to Senator Mitchell, Bancroft has been allowed to remain so far, but the department in postponing final action in the case has entertained the hope that Bancroft would voluntarily tender his resignation, and thus relieve Senator Mitchell from his embarrassing position.

While Bancroft's resignation, if tendered, would no doubt be promptly accepted, some postal officials most familiar with his record are not in favor of allowing him to resign, but recommend his dismissal. Final action will follow, the receipt of the report of the recent investigation ordered by Postmaster-General Payne.

It was reported here today on good authority that members of the Republican Committee in Portland had advised Senator Mitchell to name a successor to Bancroft. When asked if such was the case, Senator Mitchell said he had received no telegram.

COLONEL JACKSON IS NAMED.

Portland Officer Will Be Attached to the Militia.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 11.—At the request of the Governor of Oregon Lieutenant-Colonel James Jackson, retired, will report to the Governor at Salem for duty with the organized militia of that state for four years unless sooner relieved. Captain Kemble and Lieutenant-Colonel Jackson, while on duty as specified, are entitled to full pay and allowances of their grade. Major Benjamin W. Leavelle, of Prescott, was named for a similar position in Arizona.

WALLA WALLA FARES WELL.

Taft Gives It \$90,000 and Vancouver Barracks \$39,000.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 11.—Fulfilling a promise made to Senator Ankeny last winter, Secretary of War Taft today set aside, out of the general appropriation for Army posts, \$90,000 for the erection of new buildings at Fort Walla Walla. When Senator Ankeny induced the Secretary to retain Walla Walla as a permanent post, he requested the department to provide for the construction of buildings, the present ones being in an advanced stage of decay. The

Secretary said he would give Walla Walla a fair proportion of the next lump appropriation. As soon as the plans are completed by the Quartermaster's Department several new buildings, including quarters for officers and men, will be erected at this post.

Other allotments made for the erection of buildings and repairs at Northwestern posts are as follows: Vancouver Barracks \$32,000 Fort Lawton 35,000 Fort Casey 35,000 Fort Worden 120,000 Ft. Stevens 150,000 Boise Barracks 240,000 Posts in Alaska to be distributed hereafter 150,000

PORTLAND MAN SECRETARY.

H. W. Stone Presides at International Y. M. C. A. Meeting.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 11.—The International Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of North America convened here today. The convention marks the 50th anniversary of the first international convention in America when the international committees formed and the first meeting on this continent of association delegates was held. It has brought about 1400 delegates from every state in the Union, Canada, Mexico and European countries.

The delegates tonight attended a banquet in Convention hall, at which 1400 persons were present. A letter of regret from President Roosevelt was read, in which he said: "I believe with all my heart in your work, for you have not confined yourselves merely to talking about what could be accomplished, but have striven in practical fashion to realize in some degree on this earth the ideals of Christianity. I feel that every Young Men's Christian Association throughout this land is a valuable adjunct to good citizenship."

The report of the international committee, presented at the afternoon session, reviewed the work of the Association and showed that the increase in the strength and efficiency of the state and provincial organizations has been steady. The growth of the railroad associations has been remarkable, and the total membership has increased 23.30. Another promising field is among young men of the industrial classes.

The following officers of the convention were officially chosen: President, Henry B. MacFarland, president of the Board of Commissioners, District of Columbia; a number of vice-presidents; secretary, H. W. Stone, Portland, Or.

CAUGHT IN AMBUSH BY MOROS

Two American Officers and Fifteen Men Are Killed and Five Wounded.

MANILA, May 11.—Lieutenant Winfield Harper and 19 men of Company F of the Seventh Infantry were killed in an ambush by several hundred Moros. Two American officers and 15 men were killed and five men were wounded.

The ambush occurred at Sampitan, on the east shore of Lake Laganan, island of Mindanao. The officers killed in the ambush were First Lieutenant Harry A. Woodruff and Second Lieutenant Joseph H. Hall, both of the Seventeenth Infantry.

(Lieutenant Woodruff was born in Indiana and entered the service from the State of New York. Lieutenant Hall was born in Alabama and was promoted to his Lieutenantcy from the ranks.)

Alleged Rebels Acquitted.

MANILA, May 11.—The trials of Dr. Dominador Gomez and Buena Ventura showaza resulted in their acquittal. Gomez, a former Spanish officer and president of the Union Obrero, otherwise known as the Democratic Labor Union, were arrested in September last upon the charge of rebellion against the government.

Secretary of War Has Growth Resulting From Tonisilla Removed. NEW YORK, May 11.—An operation has been performed on Secretary of War Taft for the removal of a growth resulting from tonsillitis, says a Times dispatch from Washington, D. C. The knife was used on the Secretary's nose, and the pain was acute, resulting in violent inflammation. The operation last night was 30, but he is resting comfortably and has every prospect of a speedy recovery.

EX-QUEEN IS ILL.

Liliuokalani, of Hawaii, Will Cut Stay in St. Louis Short.

ST. LOUIS, May 11.—Ex-Queen Liliuokalani, of Hawaii, is ill at her apartments here, and in consequence has decided to cut her stay at the Fair short. She and her party will leave on Saturday for Honolulu, instead of remaining for two or three weeks, as intended.

DEMONSTRATION ON SEPIA PAPER

An Expert from the Factory will demonstrate the use of EASTMAN'S SEPIA PAPER in our Photographic Department on SATURDAY AFTERNOON from 2 to 5

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YIELDS TO MEAD

McBride's Name Not Given to Convention.

DEFEAT TAKEN WITH GRACE

Governor's Forces Make Last Struggle for Judge Crow.

ENTIRE SLATE GOES THROUGH

Railroad Commission Plank Is Defeated by the Vote, but Showed Greater Strength Than the McBride Backers.

THE TICKET.

For Congress—Will E. Humphrey, of King; Wesley L. Jones, of Yamhill; Francis W. Cushman, of Pierce. State Treasurer—Albert E. Mead, of Whatcom. Lieutenant-Governor—Charles E. Cook, of Jefferson. Secretary of State—Samuel H. Nichols, of Snohomish. State Treasurer—George G. Mills, of Thurston. State Auditor—C. W. Clausen, of Kitsap. Attorney-General—John D. Atkinson, of Chehalis. Land Commissioner—E. W. Ross, of Coville. Superintendent of Instruction—R. B. Bryan, of Chehalis. Justices of the Supreme Court—Mark A. Fullerton, of Whitman, and Frank H. Bookin, of Yamhill. Presidential Electors—E. G. Cessgrove, of Garfield; G. W. Bassett, of Adams; L. B. Nash, of Spokane; J. M. Fish, of Stevens; A. Mussen, of Mason. Delegates to the National Convention—Charles Sweeney, of Spokane; J. M. Ashton, of Pierce; G. G. Lewis, of Chehalis; George Donald, of Yamhill; Dr. A. B. Eastham, of Clark; Charles A. Bingham, of Skagit; Levi Ankeny, of Walla Walla; Erasius Bransard, of King; A. W. Parry, of Whitman; J. E. McMillin, of San Juan. Alternates—G. W. Dilling, Phillip Blitt, F. C. Harper, Dr. R. F. Johnson, A. M. Hartley, C. P. Miller, E. G. Ames, Alonzo S. Taylor, J. R. Welby, of Lewis; G. B. Kandie, of Pierce.

TACOMA, Wash., May 11.—(Special.)—The Republican State Convention today was in the complete control of the anti-McBride faction. The Governor's Railroad Commission plank was turned down by an overwhelming majority, and his forces were so badly beaten that McBride's name did not figure before the convention.

The nomination of the entire ticket was made by acclamation, the only roll call being one ordered on candidates for Supreme Court Judges, when Herman D. Crow insisted upon testing his and the State Administration's strength before the convention. That rollcall was not completed, for the majority against the ticket was abandoned.

From the time the nominations began to the hour of adjournment candidates were added to the ticket as fast as the convention could shout approval. It required but little more than an hour's time to put through the entire slate prepared by anti-McBride leaders and the convention proper that threatened when the platform fight was at its height to be a prolonged session, had adjourned at 7 P. M.

M'BRIE GIVES UP FIGHT.

Governor's Name Is Not Presented Before the Convention. TACOMA, Wash., May 11.—(Special.)—The McBride fight was abandoned this afternoon after the Railroad Commission plank submitted by the McBride following had been overwhelmingly defeated. McBride's name did not go before the convention, and the McBride following, which up to noon had insisted a fight would be made on the entire slate ticket, allowed the victorious King-Pierce-Southwest-Northwest combination to name its slate without opposition. All nominations were made by acclamation. Within an hour and a half from the time the first elector was put up the last committee-man had been reported and the convention had adjourned.

Herman D. Crow, of Spokane, a candidate for Justice of the Supreme Court, who had the support of the McBride following, was sent before the convention, and though his name was withdrawn before the last three counties were called, he well demonstrated a McBride strength of 35 out of a total strength in the convention of 60.

Commission Strength Greater. On the vote on the Railroad Commission plank the showing was 38 to 22, but the discrepancy between these figures and the relative showing between the McBride and anti-McBride followings is easily explained. A number of the counties which sent strong anti-McBride men to the convention declared in favor of a Railroad Commission, and the delegations all followed instructions explicitly.

For a fight of which so much had been claimed, the McBride content ended tame. At noon today the McBride following would not confess itself entirely beaten, and the McBride delegates were sent back into the convention this afternoon to break up the anti-McBride programme wherever possible.

The McBride leaders on the platform light stormed and ribbusted, took advantage of technicalities and pleaded for recognition. They endeavored repeatedly to force an adjournment, and attempted to break into the anti-McBride strength with pleas for East Side candidates whom it was pictured would be ruined by omission of a commission plank. But when the anti-McBride following forced the McBride men to the wall and discarded the Railroad Commission plank, issue entirely the Governor's men quit.

Not Sore at Defeat. Governor McBride sent word to the convention that he accepted the result and instructed his own county to second Mead's nomination. He had his friends say for him that he was a cheerful loser, and would deny anyone the right to question his Republicanism.

But Harold Preston, who made the fight with McBride two years ago, standing then as a candidate for United States Senator, does not take this cheerful view of the situation. He refused absolutely tonight to discuss the situation, insisting that he would have nothing to say of the convention. Privately Preston acknowledged his chagrin, but he would give no indication of his future course in politics.

MAY CUT IT OFF

Japanese Now Have an Eye on Vladivostok.

BOAT IS SEEN AT POSSIET

Inhabitants Are Ready to Meet Any Landings.

OFFICER INSPECTS DEFENSES

Chefoo Has an Unofficial Japanese Dispatch Stating That Russians Have Destroyed Own Port Arthur Fleet.

POSSIET, Siberia, May 12.—A Japanese boat made its appearance in the roadstead two days ago, and suspicious lights have been seen.

Everything is quiet here, but all is in readiness to meet any landing of the enemy, whose probable purpose is cutting off Vladivostok.

Commander Has Left.

VLADIVOSTOK, May 11.—The commander of the defenses has left Vladivostok after carefully reviewing the troops and inspecting the fortifications.

DESTROYED OWN FLEET.

Russians Reported to Have Sent Port Arthur Ships Down.

CHEFOO, May 11.—An unofficial Japanese dispatch has been received here to the effect that the Russians have destroyed their fleet in Port Arthur.

(It is impossible to give an accurate list of the effective Russian warships at Port Arthur, but some idea of the state of the fleet can be formed from the official report of Vice-Admiral Alexiev to Emperor Nicholas concerning the engagement of April 13, in which the Petropavlovsk was sunk, and the Pobeda was seriously damaged. In this report, the Vice-Admiral said: "The whole effective squadron at Port Arthur sailed out."

(He then enumerated as the units of the fleet, the first-class battleships Peresvet, Pobjeda, Poltava, Petropavlovsk and Sevastopol; the armored cruiser Bayan, the first-class protected cruisers Askold and Diana; the second-class protected cruiser Novik; two torpedo cruisers and five torpedo-boat destroyers.

(It will therefore be seen that on April 14, the day after the destruction of the Petropavlovsk, the Russians at Port Arthur had available three battleships, one armored cruiser, five protected cruisers and one torpedo-boat transport. The number of torpedo-boats or torpedo-boat destroyers effective or disabled is not known.)

Steamship Officers Discredit It.

CHEFOO, May 11, 1:30 A. M.—The officers of steamers arriving from King Chwang discredit the story of the destruction by the Russians of their own

DECIDE TO BOLT

Hearst Men in Indiana Are Very Angry.

PARKER IS IN THE LEAD

Editor's Forces Start Riots at Several of Caucuses.

RUMP MEETINGS ARE HELD

Credentials Committee Will Report in Favor of Seating Friends of New York Candidate Whenever There Are Contests.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 11.—The delegates to the Democratic State Convention caucus met tonight and selected district delegates to the National Convention.

Admission to the caucus was by tickets distributed by the district chairman. As a result of this policy of the state organization, the Hearst people have started a movement to bolt the convention and hold a rump convention that will send a complete set of Hearst delegates to the National Convention. Rump caucuses were held tonight for the second and tenth districts, immediately following the regular caucus, and as it was reported late tonight that the Hearst delegates from other districts had taken like action, and will tomorrow present to the convention a full slate of delegates and convention officers.

Fight Like Madmen.

The scenes attending several of the caucuses were extremely riotous. Inflamed with the bitterness of intense partisanism, men fought, raved and cursed like madmen. A sufficient number of Hearst people gained admission to both the tenth and second district caucuses to start and maintain a pandemonium as soon as the Parker people opened proceedings. The votes taken were mockeries of parliamentary proceedings. Appearances indicated that the Parker people were in the majority, and on that showing the district organizations declared the Parker slate selected, and so reported to state headquarters. The Hearst people then took possession and held their rump caucuses. They were able to proceed with less confusion, for the Parker people left the hall. The State Convention will be called to order at 11 A. M. in Tomlinson Hall.

The committee on permanent organization will recommend the delegates to the National Convention as follows: State Chairman O'Brien, John W. Kern, Major G. V. Menzies and H. F. Shively.

The credentials committee will submit a report recommending the seating of Parker delegates wherever there are contests. The committee on resolutions will present a brief report consisting of one resolution providing for the adoption of the unit rule and instructing the National delegates for Judge Parker, and another instructing the National Committee, Thomas Taggart, for the chairmanship of the National Committee.

Supplies Will Last a Year.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 11.—The Associated Press has received the following from a member of the general staff: "There are ample supplies of munitions of war at Port Arthur, but naturally General Kuropatkin desired to send as much as possible to the fortress. During the expected siege great quantities of shells and explosives will be fired, and we cannot afford to permit the approach of the defenders that they could not hold Port Arthur because of lack of powder and shells. But I assure you there are enough supplies there for a year."

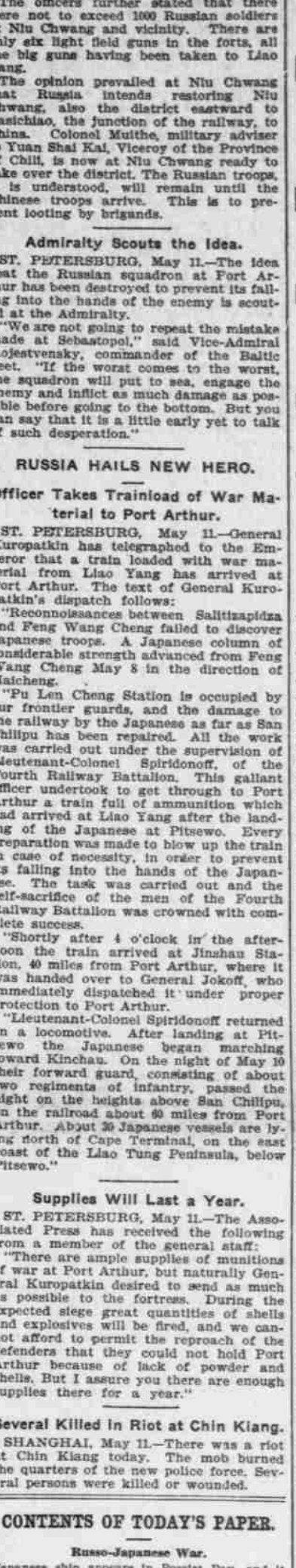
Several Killed in Riot at Chin Kiang.

SHANGHAI, May 11.—There was a riot at Chin Kiang today. The mob burned the quarters of the new police force. Several persons were killed or wounded.

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REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR OF WASHINGTON



A. E. MEAD, OF WHATCOM.

A. E. Mead, of Whatcom, nominated for Governor, is a native of Illinois, and was educated in that state. He spent several years in Kansas before going to Washington in 1889. Mr. Mead was a member of the State Legislature in 1903, and was elected Prosecuting Attorney of Whatcom County in 1903, being re-elected two years later. He is one of the most popular as well as the most prominent Republican workers in Whatcom County. His fight against Mayor Black, of Beltingham, for the control of the Whatcom County delegation was waged against a faction that included all the county officers, yet Mead's popularity won out his fight.

YATES' MEN ARE JUBILANT.

Five Hundred Friends of Illinois Governor Will Stand Pat.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 11.—The Republican State Convention, which will convene at noon today, will not be permanently organized before 7 1/2 a. m. The committee on credentials is expected to allow all of tomorrow in the hearing of contests. The Yates men are jubilant tonight. Meetings of Yates delegates were held at the National Convention as follows: State Chairman O'Brien, John W. Kern, Major G. V. Menzies and H. F. Shively.

RACE IS LEFT TO FOLK.

Ex-Mayor Reed Will Not Try for Gubernatorial Nomination.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 11.—Ex-Mayor James A. Reed announced tonight his withdrawal from the race for the Democratic nomination for Governor. The decision is considered to assure the nomination of Joseph W. Folk.

Alabama Instructs for Roosevelt.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 11.—The Republican State Convention today elected delegates-at-large to the National Convention as follows: Oscar B. Bunkley, of Huntville; T. H. Aldrich, of Birmingham; Lee J. Bryan, of Montgomery, and A. N. Johnson (colored), of Mobile. The delegation is instructed to vote for President Roosevelt. A new state committee made up almost wholly of anti-Lilly Whites, was also chosen. The convention declared in favor of Senator Fairbanks for Vice-President.

Colorado Prohibitionists Meet.

DENVER, May 10.—The Prohibition State Convention was held here today. Presidential electors and delegates to the National Convention and a full state ticket, headed by H. C. Shuck, of Central City, for Governor, was chosen.

Florida Will Be for Hearst.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 11.—Returns from yesterday's primaries are slow in coming in. It is believed Hearst will have a majority of the delegates to the National Convention.

Nominated for Congress.

Second Wisconsin District—Henry C. Adams, Republican, renominated. Tenth Ohio District—James Kennedy, Republican, renominated.