

NO THIRD CHOICE

Supreme Court Rules on Colorado Fight

M'DONALD OUT OF IT

Legislature Must Seat Either Adams or Peabody.

BOLT AMONG REPUBLICANS

Twenty-Two Members Sign Pledge Not to Seat Peabody, Which Means Final Victory for Adams.

DENVER, March 12.—The Colorado Supreme Court at a late hour this afternoon ruled that the joint convention of the Legislature cannot adopt the report of Senator Alexander, of the gubernatorial contest committee, declaring that neither Governor Alva Adams nor ex-Governor Peabody was elected Governor at the November election. It is the decision of the Supreme Court that the Assembly must decide the contest between the contestant and contestee, and cannot consider seating Lieutenant-Governor McDonald as Governor. The opinion was a majority report, Justice Robert W. Steele holding that the Assembly should itself rule upon a motion to adopt the Alexander report.

Nineteen of the 22 Republican members of the Legislature who favored seating McDonald as Governor and thus disposing of the contest, met in caucus tonight and renewed the pledge to stand together in voting on the report from the contest committee. Several of those present spoke for the sincerity of the three absent members, who, they asserted, were unavoidably detained elsewhere. From unimpeachable sources it is learned that the twenty-two members referred to signed an agreement which in effect was to work for the seating of McDonald and to prevent, if possible, the seating of Peabody.

The persons who are authority for the above statement also say that these so-called anti-Peabody Republicans will vote as a unit against every report from the contest committee, which, if done, will not only defeat Peabody but will allow Adams to retain the Governorship. After voting down the report a motion to adjourn the Joint Assembly sine die, it is said, will be made and supported by the McDonald men and Democrats. This will end perhaps the most unique political contest ever heard by a Legislature.

However, the Peabody men smile when the plan above outlined is suggested to them, and confidently declare that the agreement will be broken at the critical moment and enough more McDonald men will swing round to seat their man. They had 39 in caucus tonight, with two others absent but accounted for, and resolved to use every endeavor to force the issue and test the Republicanism of the McDonald men. The decision of the Supreme Court today, of course, kills the agitation in favor of seating McDonald, and it is probable that final disposition of the contest will be made by the Joint Assembly at tomorrow's sitting.

CAUCUS CHOOSES NEW MEN.

Missouri Republicans Agree on Judge Spencer for Senator.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 12.—In the Republican caucus tonight the ballot resulted in the selection of Judge A. P. Spencer, of St. Louis, as the choice for United States Senator, and, according to the agreement, the ballots of the 25 Republicans present at the caucus tonight will be cast for him for the next two days.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 12.—Today's ballot for United States Senator was without result. The ballot stood: Crockett 21, Niedringhaus 22, Kerens 18, Barthold 5, McKinley 4, Ward 3, Dyer 1, Kiefer 1, total 104; necessary to election, 52.

Boycotted by Insurance Trust.

NEW YORK, March 12.—The National Board of Fire Underwriters, at a special meeting here tonight, resolved to recommend the withdrawal of all fire insurance business in the state of Arkansas. This action was taken because of the proposed enforcement of the anti-combination law by the Arkansas Legislature. The bill becomes operative March 21 and, if it is not repealed by that date, all policies written in the state of Arkansas will be canceled.

Tennessee Democrats Will Caucus.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 12.—A call has been issued for a caucus of Democratic members of the Legislature, to meet tomorrow afternoon for the purpose of selecting a candidate for United States Senator to succeed the late William R. Bate. The calling of a caucus is a distinct victory for Governor Frasier over the combined opposition of ex-Governor Benton McMillin and Robert L. Taylor.

HE WILL NOT BE CONFIRMED

Final Action in Wickersham's Case Goes Over Till December.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 12.—The Senate Judiciary committee today decided to take no action on the nomination of Judge James Wickersham, of Alaska. He will not be confirmed because of the charges pending against him, but it is expected that the President will reappoint him when the Senate adjourns. This will make it necessary to carry out the original plan of the Senate committee, namely, to call Wickersham to Washington next winter that he may personally answer all pending charges. If his answers are satisfactory, he will ultimately be confirmed, otherwise the President will probably appoint some one else to this office.

New Rural Routes in Oregon.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 12.—These Oregon rural routes were ordered established April 15: North Yamhill, Yamhill County, route 2, population 42; houses 21; Shedd, Lane County, route 2, population 312, houses 74.

County, route 2, population 312, houses 74. Charles W. Fitch was appointed registrar. W. E. Fitch substitute, rural free delivery carrier, route 1, at Cornelius, Or.

Piles Admitted to Washington Bar. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 12.—Senator Elias and Corwin S. Shank, of Seattle, were today admitted to practice before the Supreme Court.

WILL KNIFE THE BEEF TRUST

Independent Packers Combine for War on Big Five.

CHICAGO, March 12.—The Daily News says: War to the knife between the "Big Five" of the beef combine, and 38 firms and corporations classed as independent packers, will begin in Chicago March 20, when the special Federal grand jury begins its investigation of the affairs of the alleged beef combination. A fund of \$3,000,000 has been raised to carry on the fight against the beef combine, and set the claims of the independent packers squarely before the public. The largest of the so-called independent concerns, Schwarzschild & Sulzberger, is concerned in the movement. The principal plant of the company is in Kansas City, but a large plant is operated by the same company in Chicago, and a branch in New York.

The independent packers are said to have held meetings in Kansas City to devise a plan of offensive and defensive action.

HEARST FIGHTS THE GAS TRUST

Seeks to Prevent Tammany Officials From Cliching New York.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Trial of the suit brought by William H. Hearst to prevent Mayor McClellan, City Controller Grout and City Chamberlain Patrick Keenan from paying city lighting bills for \$1,200,000 was begun in the State Supreme Court in Brooklyn today. The bills were contracted in 1923 and the early part of 1924 and amount to about \$4,520,000, which are alleged to be too high by \$1,200,000. They are due to several companies composing a combination which furnishes greater part of the light to the city.

Counsel for Mr. Hearst today declared in court that the bills were exaggerated and that the cost of an arc light for a year was \$146 to New York, while other cities paid only \$85. A city administration prior to the present one, he declared, had refused to pay the bills, but the present administration had accepted them and made contracts with the same companies at the same prices. He cited an instance to show that the Edison Electric Illuminating Company had charged the city nearly three times as much for light as it had charged a private corporation.

New Anti-Trust Bill in Illinois.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 12.—In the Lower House of the State Legislature tonight, Representative McKinley, of Chicago, introduced an anti-trust bill drawn by Attorney-General Stoddard and charged the city nearly three times as much for light as it had charged a private corporation. The bill provides a system of graduated fines for corporations violating the act, a similar system for the officers of the corporations and it especially provided that any person or corporation injured by the operation of a trust shall be entitled to sue and recover twofold all damages sustained.

STILL FAITHFUL TO CORDOVA

Blacksmith's Daughter Who Twice Eloped With Amorous Preacher.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., March 12.—The trial of J. P. Cordova, the unrocked Minister and formerly pastor of the Conklin Methodist Episcopal Church of South River, who is charged by his wife with assault and battery and abandonment as a result of two sensational elopements with the daughter of the village blacksmith, was begun here today. Miss Julia Bowne, the young woman with whom Cordova twice fled, has persistently declined to forsake him, and was brought into court today as an extremely unwilling witness. She has been kept in jail as a witness awaiting the trial, steadfastly refusing to accept bail offered for her release.

The first elopement of the pair occurred last May, but they returned to South River soon afterwards. A few weeks ago they again eloped, going to Washington, where they were apprehended and brought here under arrest.

Miss Bowne still proclaims her fidelity to Cordova, and he has repeatedly declared his willingness to accept punishment if Miss Bowne is unharmed.

Useless Ballot at Delaware.

DOVER, Del., March 12.—The Legislature today voted to adjourn sine die on Thursday, March 23, at 12:30 P. M. Today's joint ballot resulted: Adicks, 14; Saulsbury, 14; Henry Dupont, 9; Richardson, 6; Hughes, 5; paired, 4.

A Still Further Reduction in the Price of PIANOS

On Account of Elevator Being Demolished

As already stated, our elevator being put out of commission on account of the Lewis and Clark Corporation's safe crashing through it, and as they are responsible for all damages and necessary expense till same is put in working order again, and as we have received several cars of pianos since and have no place to store them, we have concluded to make a still further reduction from our profit-sharing price, in which the manufacturers join us, in sharing the profit with you, in order to dispose of our 1500 pianos, and which in itself presents the greatest opportunity to secure a High-Grade Piano at small cost ever presented here, and with this extra inducement you can now buy a piano at a price that is not likely ever to occur again in Portland. This last inducement is for only a few days, or until the elevator is in working order again; so if you need a piano and want more for your money than you can possibly ever obtain again, you want to see us at once. Remember, all are sold on our easy-payment plan of \$28, \$30 and \$15 per month. You may think that a piano at \$28 is too cheap to be good, but at any other time or place you would pay just \$250 for it. All others in proportion.

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HELPS THE SHORTS

Admission of Oregon Red Wheat in Chicago.

THEY HAMMER MAY PRICE

Illinois Commission Follows Lead of St. Louis in Allowing Delivery of Oregon Red Wheat on Contract.

CHICAGO, March 12.—(Special.)—Board of Trade operators today received a report that the Illinois Railroad and Warehouse Commission tomorrow would declare No. 2 Oregon red wheat deliverable on contract in this state. As a result of this announcement May what was hammered at a loss of 75 cents in the first ten minutes of the session, the price touching \$1.00 a bushel. The announcement created marked opposition on the busy floor. The action, say traders, would make it possible for shorts to make deliveries on May contracts without difficulty and would cause the already wobbling bottom to fall completely out of the market. The precedent, they further say, would be very difficult to overcome in future years.

The action of the East St. Louis traders in making the Oregon wheat deliverable on contract is regarded as "despicable and unprofessional" among local operators and, in sanctioning the steps taken by a trust shall be entitled to sue and recover twofold all damages sustained.

May wheat today gave an exhibition of high and noisy tumbling, winding up the erratic session with a display of good strength. The option moved within a range of 4/8 cents, showing an advance of 1/8 cent at the finish. The enormous selling at the opening left a big short interest, which, after a renewal of strength, plunged back into the pit with buying orders. As a whole, the session was one of the most active in a long time.

MONEY IS WRONGLY SPENT.

Suit Against Officers of Royal League for \$30,000.

CHICAGO, March 12.—A bill has been filed in the United States Circuit Court of Illinois by F. C. Buehler, of Cleveland, O., alleging that Charles E. Piper, secretary, and William E. Hyde, archon of the Supreme Council of the Royal League, a fraternal society, have spent unlawfully more than \$30,000 belonging to the general fund during the last five years. It is a suit in equity to recover the money and to enjoin these officers from spending any more money in the general fund illegally and unlawfully. The ability of the Royal League to pay its death losses and the safety of its reserve fund of \$300,000 are not questioned.

In the bill Buehler states that this suit is a friendly one, brought to compel the

Will Turn X-Rays on Dr. Harper. NEW YORK, March 12.—Preparations are being made at Lakewood, N. J., for the arrival of Dr. W. R. Harper, of the University of Chicago. He is expected Wednesday or Thursday to recuperate from the effects of the operation for cancer. If the surroundings agree with him he probably will stay during the remainder of the session while the X-ray treatment is continued.

Election Riots in Spain. MADRID, March 12.—Disturbances have occurred here, at Barcelona and at Valencia, on the occasion of the provincial elections. At Valencia revolvers were fired and swords were used. One man was killed and many were wounded.

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These are all new this season, are all silk—firm, fine twill, 24 inches wide—nothing skimpy about them—only the price. Ground colors are brown, navy and delft blue, black, beige, tau, gray and green. The designs are neat, small figures and polka dots. These are our best \$1.00 quality—equal to the elsewhere \$1.25 sorts—on sale today at 85c

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\$1.00 instead of \$1.25—42-inch silk and wool Crepe de Chine, high luster, soft finish, in cream, pearl gray, Havana, new brown, reseda, navy, new blues, etc.
\$1.25 for new French Panama Voiles for shirtwaist suits, in the new navy blue and green checks and plaids.

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79c for French all-wool Voiles, 42 inches wide, that were \$1.00 up to now.
\$1.25 for silk and wool Bengaline de Soie, 44 inches wide.
\$1.00 for wire finish French Voiles, 42-inch wide, that were \$1.25 up to now.
49c for 60c English Mohair Sicilians, 50 inches wide.

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Lisle Gloves 75c
75c for Fownes 2-clasp Suede Lisle Gloves, fillet embroidery, black, white, gray, mode and beaver.
Silk Gloves 75c
75c for 2-clasp Milanese double finger tipped Silk Gloves, fancy piping, pongee and gray, with heliotrope and red piping.

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DRUG FOR BUFFALO BILL

HIS SISTER SAYS HIS WIFE PLANNED TO USE IT.

Her Purpose to Get Control of Him and Secure Management of His Property in Her Own Hands.

DENVER, Colo., March 12.—The allegation that Mrs. Cody threatened to give her husband, Colonel William F. Cody ("Buffalo Bill") a drug to bring him under her control has been repeated in a deposition made in this city by Mrs. Helen Cody Wetmore, a sister of the Colonel, to be filed in his divorce suit in the Wyoming courts.

"Mrs. Cody told me," said Mrs. Wetmore, "that she had obtained a drug of some character from a clairvoyant, and that she intended to give it to Colonel Cody in order to get control over him; that she thought herself a better manager of the property than the Colonel, and that she wished to get control of all property at all hazards."

This is the statement upon which Cody bases his charge that Mrs. Cody attempted to poison him.

The case is practically finished with the exception of the taking of one or two depositions in Nebraska before the matter is laid before the trial court at Sheridan, Wyo., on March 25. Several witnesses will be questioned at that time and the arguments will consume several days.

JAM ON NEW YORK CAR LINES

New Employees Prove Incapable of Handling Normal Traffic.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Traffic on all the elevated roads and subway was handled in a manner that failed to give adequate service during the rush hours today. It seemed as if the people had forgotten in a degree over Sunday the conditions that obtained last week. They crowded in the elevated and subway stations, fought to board expresses and avoided front and rear cars. Service in the subway which had gained a headway Sunday night of three minutes, was irregular and at all stations the police and the employees were rendered almost helpless by the crowds on the platforms.

A number of old employees have been reinstated and they were given charge of the expresses, but the irregularity of the locals rendered the efforts to improve the service fruitless. Over a thousand strikers have been given their old positions and the company is considering the applications of many others. Several minor accidents occurred during the day.

While the station platforms at one point were crowded with people waiting for a long-delayed train, 40 empty cars were standing in the center track out of commission. A guard, who was one of the strike breakers, was asked why these cars were not used. He replied: "They are out of order. The company has 600 cars that cannot be run because their motors are out of order or something else the matter with them."

About 120 men applied for their old

DRIVING ENEMY BEFORE THEM

Japanese Still Pursuing, Capture Much Abandoned Booty.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The following advices have been received at the Japanese Legation:

"A report received on the morning of March 12 shows that our forces are continuing the pursuit northward from all directions, meanwhile inflicting heavy loss on the routed enemy, and had expelled him northward entirely on March 12 from the district 25 miles north of Mukden, and was still pursuing. In the district extending 15 miles north of the railway north of Mukden an enormous amount of carts loaded with ammunition and war materials was found abandoned. A report received on the afternoon of March 12 says that one Russian officer who surrendered at Port Arthur came to Simington from Shanghai, breaking his parole, and was captured by our garrison."

Another telegram says: "According to a report received March 12, the enemy's losses in the direction of Sinkiang are not yet ascertained; over 800 Russian corpses already have been found on the field. According to the statements of prisoners, their Secretary-General Division was almost annihilated. Although the Russians burnt their storehouses at Mochantun and other places, still large quantities of fodder, ammunition and war materials fell into our hands."

Japan Will Only Borrow at Home.

NEW YORK, March 12.—S. Uchida, Japanese consul at New York City today made the following announcement: "I am authorized to state that the issue of 100,000,000 yen exchange bonds announced in Tokyo on February 27, being purely an internal loan, its interest will be paid in Japan only. A rumor recently circulated in Europe to the effect that the Japanese Government is going to offer a large amount of these exchange bonds for taxation in view of the fact that the monetary reform will close the mints of the republic to the free coinage of silver."

SILVER MINERS SEEK RELIEF

Closing of Mexican Mints Makes Lower Taxes Necessary.

MEXICO CITY, March 12.—The principal mining men of the country will meet in this city in convention tomorrow, when the silver miners will frame a petition to the government, asking for relief from taxation in view of the fact that the monetary reform will close the mints of the republic to the free coinage of silver. The tax on silver is often twofold. There is a Federal tax and sometimes a municipal tax. The miners urge that the closing of the mints will reduce silver to the level of any other commodity, and that it be treated as such. The government is in sympathy with the mining interests, and is disposed to do all in its power to lighten the burden mentioned.



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