

## INTERESTS BEGIN TO SEE THE LIGHT

### Take Taft to Escape Roosevelt.

### ALDRICH GIVES THEM WARNING

### Tells Them Boom for Hughes Is Great Blunder.

### STIRS PRESIDENT TO FIGHT

### Boss of Senate Tells Magnates, if They Defeat Taft, Roosevelt Will Run Again—His Argument for Secretary.

BY WALTER WEILMAN.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Rapid growth of the movement to make Secretary Taft the nominee of the Republican party for President is expected during the next few months. Help is coming from unlooked-for quarters—from the opponents of the President, who want a "careful and conservative man" in the White House.

Among those who have seen the light and who realize that, if they prevent the choice of Secretary Taft, they will only force Mr. Roosevelt to stand for another term is none other than the leader of the Senate, the all-powerful Aldrich, of Rhode Island, the ablest and most astute representative of "the interests" in Congress.

### Takes Taft as Lesser Evil.

Mr. Aldrich would not choose Secretary Taft for President if he had the power to name whomever he liked. He would prefer Senator Foraker, who is an avowed and courageous champion of "the interests," or Speaker Cannon, who is secretly friendly to them; of Vice-President Fairbanks, who would do no one any harm.

But Mr. Aldrich has realized what others in Washington are just beginning to understand, that, if it is not Taft, it will be Roosevelt. And Mr. Aldrich and those great people in New York with whom he wields tremendous influence, would prefer the devil himself to the present occupant of the White House.

### Blunders of the Interest.

Hence Mr. Aldrich has not declared himself for Taft, but he has spoken words of reason and sense to some of those who sit in the seats of the mighty in Gotham. He has advised them that they are making two egregious blunders: First—in opposing Taft, who, though a Roosevelt man, is far more conservative and amenable than his chief, "steadier and safer," because, if they beat Taft they will have Roosevelt on their hands again for their pains.

### His Counsel Bears Fruit.

Already the counsel of Mr. Aldrich is bearing fruit in New York. That part of the press there which is notoriously under the influence of "the interests" is showing far less disposition to belittle the Taft movement and at the same time there is to be noticed a great cooling of the ardor for Governor Hughes. In Mr. Aldrich's opinion Secretary Taft would make a President much less radical than Mr. Roosevelt, and while he would, of course, carry on the "Roosevelt policies," he would try to do so in a manner less calculated to bring harm to the legitimate business interests of the country.

### Know Taft, Don't Know Hughes.

"I have also heard, but am not able to vouch for the truth of the story, as I have not yet talked with Senator Aldrich, that he has said: 'It will be better for every one to take for President a man like Taft, who knows the Government and the country, and whom we know, than a man like Governor Hughes, who is not only unknown but apparently unknown.'"

### TO BE ST. PAUL OR LOUISVILLE

Chicago Does Not Want Democratic Convention.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Norman E. Mack, member of the Democratic National Committee for New York, said today, while here en route to Washington to attend a meeting of the committee on Thursday, that the National Convention would be held either in St. Paul or Louisville. He said that Denver was not center enough and that Chicago had made no bid for it. He declared that William J. Bryan should be nominated for President and said that he had heard many prominent Democrats express a preference for ex-Governor William E. Douglas, of Massachusetts, for the second place on the ticket.

### Hughes Reserves No Rooms.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Manager Kennedy says no request has been made to him for the reservation of rooms in the Auditorium during the Republican Convention for Governor Hughes, of New York. The New York delegation has reserved

headquarters at the Auditorium, and the story of a reservation by Governor Hughes, according to Mr. Kennedy, probably grew out of this fact.

### Foraker for Direct Primary.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Senator Foraker today addressed a letter to Chairman Brown, of the Republican State Committee of Ohio, asking that its call for the Republican State Convention require delegates to be directly chosen at duly authorized primary elections.

### ENJOIN MUTUAL RESERVE

Policyholders Block Adoption of Amendments to By-Laws.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Judge Hough, in the United States Court, today granted an order restraining the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company from adopting



J. Dalzell Brown, Vice-President and General Manager of California Safe Deposit & Trust Company, in Jail for Wrecking That Bank.

proposed amendments to its by-laws at a meeting of policyholders and endorsing officers of the company from voting proxies sent them by policyholders.

The restraining order was obtained upon the application of W. Hepburn Russell, counsel for a committee of policyholders recently organized at New Orleans. Mr. Russell has charged that the proposed by-laws, if adopted, will create a lien against policyholders and abatement of the amounts payable under their policies and work a fraud upon them. Arguments on making the injunction permanent will be heard Friday.

### It Will Retire From Corea.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 9.—Advices were received by the steamer Empress of Japan that Prince Ito will resign his post as Resident-General of Corea at the end of the year, when all the Elder Statesmen will probably retire. A well informed Japanese correspondent writes that the principle of no increased taxation and no new loan bonds will be maintained for the next fiscal year, but increased taxation for the following year will be inevitable. Marquise Matsukata and Inoye are urging an earlier increase to cope with the fiscal situation, but the present ministry, in view of the general election, is reluctant to fall in with the proposal.

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## ADMIRAL EVANS TAKES COMMAND

### All but Two Vessels Are Assembled.

### FLEET TO SAIL NEXT MONDAY

### Starts on Greatest Naval Movement in History.

### WEEK OF SOCIAL EVENTS

### Families of Departing Naval Men, Together With Thousands of Sightseers, Are Gathered to Watch Departure.

### MAKE-UP OF THE FLEET

First Squadron.		
First Division—	Guns.	Men.
Connecticut	14	881
Louisiana	14	881
Kansas	14	881
Vermont	14	881
Second Division—		
Georgia	14	812
Virginia	14	812
New Jersey	14	812
Rhode Island	14	812
Third Division—		
Minnesota	14	801
Ohio	14	801
Maine	14	801
Missouri	14	801
Fourth Division—		
Alabama	14	713
Arkansas	14	690
Kentucky	14	690
Kearsarge	14	690
Second Division—		
Destroyers	60	686
Hopkins	7	77
Hull	7	77
Stewart	7	77
Whipple	7	77
Lawrence	7	77
Truxton	7	77
Supply ships	77	77
Celtic	77	77
Culgoza	77	77
Repair ship	108	108
Arcton	80	80
Yankee	80	80
Collier	78	78
Hanibal	78	78
Leonidas	78	78
Marshall	78	78
Pratt	78	78
Alex	78	78
Abner	78	78
Nero	78	78
Chalant	78	78
Ship	35	35
Guns	1,011	1,011
Men	14,338	14,338

### OLD POINT COMFORT, Va., Dec. 9.

The double-starred flag of blue, emblem of the commander-in-chief of the Pacific-bound battleship fleet, flung to the breeze from the main truck of the battleship Connecticut today, and Rear-Admiral Robbley D. Evans formally assumed his position as leader of the greatest naval movement in the history of the American people.

This was assembly day for the fleet, which is to set sail next Monday, and of the 16 great fighting machines ordered to skirt the southern end of all America and inaugurate a new naval era in the

Pacific Ocean, there were but two laggards. These were the 16,000-ton Minnesota, flagship of Rear-Admiral C. M. Thomas, commander of the second squadron of the fleet, and the Kentucky, whose paltry 11,150 tons relegated her to a position at the end of the armored column. The Kentucky also is the oldest vessel among the 16, having been laid down with her sister, the Kearsarge, in 1838, at the beginning of the war with Spain. Nine years ago is an ancient period in modern battleship construction, so great have been the strides in American naval architecture.

### Laggards Expected Today.

The Minnesota and the Kentucky are both expected to drop anchor in Hampton Roads tomorrow and then the historic fleet will be complete. The new Maine, which two short years ago was the flagship of the commander-in-chief, but is now thrown back to eleventh place



Adolphus Busch, Brewer, Who Declares for Restriction of Liquor Traffic.

in the list, came in today, making 14 battleships at anchor off here.

The ships are disposed in two long lines leading in a crescent which begins just off the Old Point pier and points toward Norfolk. The Connecticut, which lies scarcely more than a stone's throw from the pier, heads the column nearest shore. Next to her is the sister ship, the Louisiana, the champion hard-hitting, fast-firing vessel of her class, and then in turn come the Kansas and the Vermont, all registering 16,000 tons, and belted with steel that is rated well nigh impregnable. These four vessels compose the first division of the first squadron of the fleet and are the personal barges of Rear-Admiral Evans.

### Vessels in the Divisions.

The second division in the first squadron is made up of the Georgia, Virginia, New Jersey and Rhode Island. The flag of Rear-Admiral William H. Emery, in command of the division, floats from the Georgia. It also bears two stars, but in distinction from that of the commander-in-chief, the flag has a red field, the same being true of all of the three Rear-Admirals who have command of the divisions under Admiral Evans.

Both absentees from the fleet today were in the second squadron column. A vacant berth at the head of the line was left for the Minnesota, which is bound down the coast from the New York Navy-yard. The Minnesota was the last of the big vessels to dock at New York and was given 48 hours' grace under the orders to report in Hampton Roads not later than today. Awaiting the Minne-

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## REDUCE WAGES; EXCLUDE UNION

### Decision of Goldfield Mineowners.

### ALSO REDUCE COST OF LIVING

### Operation of Mines Will Begin on Thursday.

### TROOPS WILL BE ON GUARD

### Expectation That American Federation Will Be Invited to Supplant Miner's Federation—Rumors of Intimidation Abound.

### GOLDFIELD, Nev., Dec. 8.—Late this

afternoon the Goldfield Mineowners' Association issued its ultimatum to the miners in Goldfield, in the shape of a set of resolutions adopted at the meeting which had been in progress all day. These resolutions embody the new scale of wages to be in vogue from this time on, showing a lowering of the scale about 20 per cent. The resolutions are as follows:

### New Scale of Wages.

Resolved, That the mines of this district re-open upon a wage scale to be agreed upon at this meeting.

Resolved, That the following rate of wages be made a scale to be paid Goldfield mining district by all operators, members of this association:

Miners, \$4; machine men, \$4; chuck tenders, \$3.75; muckers, \$3.75; car men \$3.75; top car men \$3.75; pump men, \$4; timber men \$4.50; (all formerly \$5); all carpenters, \$5; machinists, \$5; (from \$6); engineers (licensed) \$5. (from \$6); electricians \$5. (from \$7); blacksmiths \$5.50. (from \$6); tool sharpeners \$5. (from \$6); blacksmith helpers \$4. (from \$5); surface laborers \$3.50. (from \$4.50); amalgamators \$4.50. (from \$5); vanermen \$4. (from \$5); laborers \$3.50. (from \$5).

### No Federation Men Wanted.

Resolved, That no member of this association employ in or around his mine or around his mill any member of Goldfield Local Union No. 220, of the Western Federation of Miners, or of any union connected with or affiliated with said Western Federation of Miners, and that all men hereafter employed by any member of this association in or around his mine or mill be required, as a condition of his employment, to sign a written contract which contains an agreement that the miner is not now, and will not be, during the time he is working, a member of the Goldfield Miners' Union, No. 220, of the Western Federation of Miners, or of a union indirectly affiliated with or having any connection of any kind, nature or description with said Western Federation of Miners.

Resolved, That the mines of the Goldfield mining district resume operation at 7 A. M. on Thursday, December 12, 1907, with men who agree to the foregoing conditions, and that all old employees of the members of this association be given the preference at all mines, providing such employees present their applications either at the office of this association or at the mines formerly employing them before 7 A. M. of Thursday, December 12, 1907, and that the office of this association and said mines be opened for the pur-

pose of receiving said applications from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M. of each day until said time.

### Reduce Cost of Living.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this association that the cost of living in the Goldfield mining district be reduced at least 20 per cent from what it now is and, unless this be done within a reasonable time, this association will construct and operate a general merchandise store or stores and boarding-houses that will guarantee to the men employed in and around the mines and mills a reduction to this or greater amount.

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Mrs. W. H. Taft, Who Had Narrow Escape From Shipwreck While Going to Join Her Husband on Steamer President Grant.

nearly all day, but no statement has been issued in answer to the one sent out by the mineowners, the contents of which had been anticipated by the miners.

It is the belief of members of the union, expressed today on the issuance of the owners' statement, that no attempt will be made by the owners to do more than clear the mines of the war that has accumulated in them during the present week. Whether or an attempt will be made to prevent this much being done cannot be determined tonight, but the men say positively that no violence will be resorted to and no disturbance made on Thursday morning when the mines are to be reopened.

### Can't Get Ball; Protest Innocent.

After futile attempts all afternoon to secure bondsman, Brown was returned to the city prison tonight. Barnett was more successful and was released this evening. President David F. Walker is under arrest at Santa Barbara and will leave there tomorrow morning for this city in custody of Detective-Sergeant Duncan Matheson, of the local police department.

### May Call in Gompers' Federation.

The difference on the surface between the two organizations until today has been over the acceptance of scrip in lieu of coin or currency for half of the wages due. The union still positively refuses to permit members to accept this scrip. Now the matter of a 20 per cent reduction in the wage scale affecting every employe above and below ground, has to be considered, and on top of this comes the statement of the mineowners that it will not deal further with the local association or any person connected with the Western Federation of Miners. Conservative men here not connected with either the owners' or miners' organization are, however, of the opinion that a settlement may yet be effected and, if not, that an attempt may be made to organize a new union here, to be affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, with which the mineowners have already intimated they will be willing to enter into an agreement.

### Reports of Intimidation.

Reports of attempts at intimidation, threats of violence, and even attempts to commit violence are being constantly heard tonight, but at union headquarters these are characterized as fakes, and in instances where personal encounters have occurred the evidence obtainable is that the disturbances are caused by irresponsible parties, and that the union officials are endeavoring to prevent disorder and violence. President Charles MacKinnon, of the Goldfield Miners' Association, has tonight declared that the executive committee was not holding a regular meeting today, and that it would not do so, nor would the union take any official action regarding the reduction of wages until tomorrow night, at the regular monthly meeting. Mr. MacKinnon declared that the union put no reliance on statements issued by the Mineowners' Association, because the confidence of the Miners' Union had been repeatedly betrayed by the association.

### Miners Play Waiting Game.

"We are playing a waiting game," he said. "The owners have precipitated a fight; have induced Governor Sparks to ask for troops; have determined to drive the Western Federation out of the camp and have decided to reduce wages. All the trouble that may result from these unwarranted actions the mineowners will be responsible for."

### Still Hope to Reorganize.

A meeting of about 75 stockholders was held at the Merchants Exchange in the afternoon; \$750 out of \$5,250 shares were represented. John Lloyd, formerly president of the German Savings Bank, was chosen chairman. Some of those present became dissatisfied with his conduct of the meeting toward the close, and he was removed and succeeded by O. M. Goldaraceni.

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It was also announced that the appointment of a receiver would be fought in the courts. A demand was made for the removal of the directors and a committee was appointed to call upon the directors, demand their resignation and arrange for a meeting of the stockholders for the election of a new board. Another committee was named to examine the assets of the bank. A third committee was appointed to confer with the Depositors' Association.

### Depositors Dug up Facts.

Through the activity of the depositors' committee of the defunct California Safe Deposit & Trust Company the developments of yesterday were made

## CROOKED BANKER CANNOT GET BAIL

### Brown Stays in Jail; Barnett Is Free.

### STATE APPLIES FOR RECEIVER

### Run on California Safe Deposit Vaults Starts.

### STOCKHOLDERS TAKE HAND

### Will Seek Concessions From Depositors, Change Directors and Try to Reopen—Walker Arrested at Santa Barbara.

### SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—Attorney-General U. S. Webb, late this afternoon

commenced proceedings in the Superior Court for the appointment of a receiver for the suspended California Safe Deposit & Trust Company, whose president, vice-president and general manager are under arrest for embezzlement. The stockholders, as well as the officials and directors, were made defendants. Superior Judge Coffey issued a temporary restraining order preventing the officials and directors from disposing of the bank's assets in any manner, pending the hearing for the appointment of a receiver.

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### Run on Safe Deposit Vault.

Apparently growing out of the disappearance of the Colton securities, a rumor gained circulation today that the alleged looting of the bank extended even to the private boxes in the vaults which are among the largest in the city. In consequence of this rumor, there was quite a run on the boxes this afternoon. Anxious lessees of the boxes gathered around the doors of the vault and, as rapidly as they could be handled, went in to remove their valuables or assure themselves that they were still safe.

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