

## TAFT WILL PLACE BLAME FOR PANIC

### Denies Roosevelt Policies Caused it.

### WILL SPEAK OUT ON MONDAY

### Facts He Learned on Tour Will Confound Enemy.

### AUDACITY OF INTERESTS

### Europe Unloads American Securities Because of Dishonest Management, Not Because Roosevelt Prosecuted Lawbreakers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Secretary Taft will make a notable address at Boston next Monday night. He will give the answer of the Roosevelt administration to the charge that it is responsible for the recent financial troubles. He will speak not only for the administration of which he is a member but for himself. In some respects his views will differ from those of his chief, as they have so often in the past.

Mr. Taft will deny that any act of the administration, or any of its policies, had aught to do with bringing on the recent flurry. He will use some of the data gathered by the administration and its friends as to the cause of the financial difficulties. Mr. Taft will point out that, so far as he is able to discern, the recent financial troubles may be ascribed to the following causes:

### True Causes of Panic.

1. The scarcity of available and mobile capital due to the carrying out of large enterprises and great commercial and industrial activity in all parts of the world. Looking back a decade, among the same causes may be mentioned the Boer and Russo-Japanese wars.

In an era of almost unparalleled activity and use of money, business is done more and more on credit. Credit in the end becomes strained. The superstructure of credit gets too large for the foundations of actual capital. Then trouble is precipitated in some quarters. Instantly there is a great toppling, a great wave of anxiety and timidity, and that is called panic.

### Why Europe Won't Buy.

So far as America is concerned, there was added to these elementary causes a third. The enemies of the administration have charged that, on account of its policies and its prosecution of certain men and corporations accused of violation of the law, confidence in American securities in Europe has been lessened, and such securities have been thrown upon the American market in vast quantities. During his visit to Europe Mr. Taft had an excellent opportunity to get at the facts. He found that, instead of confidence in American securities being diminished by reason of the policies of the Government, it was because of the wrongdoing of managers of trusts and insurance companies, the very men who are trying now to make the Government the scapegoat.

### Audacity of High Financiers.

Mr. Taft will say that in his opinion it comes as a piece of brilliant audacity, to say the least, for the men who have been engaged in this sort of financing and mismanagement, to turn round and try to put the guilt upon the Government. The men who are calling it "the Roosevelt panic" are the very men, in part, who have been guilty of, or who have by neglect permitted or failed to eradicate such evils as:

- ### Catalogue of Crimes.
- Robbery on railways.
  - Excessive capitalization and stock overissues.
  - Excessive railway combinations and deals.
  - Mismanagement of great corporations.
  - Directors working corporations for their own and not for the stockholders' benefit.
  - In short, if the policies of President Roosevelt could be finished and worked out to complete success, such methods would be largely eradicated from the financial and business world.

### CANNON STRONG CANDIDATE

### Senator Scott Gives His Views on Presidential Possibilities.

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 27.—Senator Scott in an interview today said of the Presidential candidates:

"Mr. Cannon has the advantage in the Republican Congressmen all being warm personal friends, and should they go into their individual districts and make a fight for delegates it would make him a pretty strong candidate, and he would be hard to beat. I would say that Taft possibly is leading at the present time, but you know he is in danger of being slaughtered in the house of his own friends, or rather in the house of Foraker's friends. If Foraker succeeds in getting a fair share of the delegates from Ohio, it is going to be pretty hard to nominate Taft.

"Fairbanks is a good, clean, strong man, and the country would make no mistake in nominating him. In my opin-

ion he is going to show a great deal more strength when it comes to the convention than a good many people look for.

"Knox is a good man; would be perfectly safe, and probably there is no better lawyer in the United States.

"Hughes, in my opinion, is not well known and I do not believe the Republican party wants a 'dark horse' or wants to take a chance as to what the politics would be under a man like Hughes."

### Inflate Taft Boom at Columbus.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Published reports to the effect that headquarters in the interest of the candidacy of Secretary of War Taft for the Presidency were about to be established in this city are authoritatively denied here. The headquarters already established in Columbus, O., will remain at that place.

### GOING TO BRAZIL SUNDAY

Fleet Finishing Coaling—Tender Has Already Left.

PORT OF SPAIN, Dec. 27.—The tender Yankee left here today in advance of the American fleet for Rio Janeiro. She is conveyed by the auxiliary cruiser Panther.

The fleet will sail for Rio Janeiro Sunday morning. The coaling will be finished by tonight.

### PACIFIC SQUADRON OFF SOUTH

Dayton's Ships Go to Magdalena Bay for Practice.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—The armored cruisers Colorado, Maryland, Pennsylvania and flagship West Virginia, of Rear-Admiral Dayton's squadron, left port this afternoon and will proceed to Magdalena Bay for target practice. On their way down the coast all four vessels will maneuver, and upon the arrival of the fleet in the South will meet the fleet-class cruisers Tennessee and Washington, commanded by Rear-Admiral Uriel Sebree, and bound from the Atlantic Coast. They will also join the Charleston, flagship of Rear-Admiral Swinburne. The battleship Nebraska is at Mare Island, taking on ammunition, and will sail January 3 for the South. All these vessels will probably remain away from San Francisco for several weeks.

### THE DAY'S DEATH RECORD

#### Henry Wulff, Ex-Politician.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Henry Wulff, ex-State Treasurer and once a prominent Republican politician, died here today. He recently was released from the House of Correction, where he served a sentence of two years for violation of the postal laws.

#### Henry T. Helm, Attorney.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—Henry T. Helm, formerly prominent attorney of Chicago, died at his home here today at the age of 78. He came to this city in 1902 after practicing law in Illinois for 40 years. He was a candidate for State's Attorney in Cook County and Lake County, Illinois, for Presidential elector on the George B. McClellan ticket in 1892 and was survived by a widow and four children.

#### Mrs. Richard Lockey, Helena.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Richard Lockey, a pioneer Helena woman, died in Palo Alto, Cal., yesterday. Mrs. Lockey, who was a native of Ohio, was the wife of Richard Lockey, a prominent real estate dealer.

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## THREE MEMBERS FAVOR BINGHAM

### Salem Man Leads for District Attorney.

### BUT DELEGATION UNPLEGDED

### If Inquiries Result Favorably, He May Be Named.

### BOURNE TRUE TO SCHUEBEL

### Faint Hope He May Agree With the Other Members—Fulton, Hawley and Ellis May Yet Change Their Programme.

### STATUS OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYSHIP FIGHT.

Senator Fulton and Representatives Hawley and Ellis appear not yet to have selected finally the man they will recommend to Bristol's successor. Those mentioned in the list from which they will choose are: James A. Fee, of Pendleton; George O. Bingham, of Salem; W. T. Muir and L. R. Webster, of Portland; and W. N. Barrett, of Hillsboro. Senator Bourne continues to support Chris Schuebel, of Oregon City.

### OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—At the present time no member of the Oregon delegation, except Senator Bourne, is committed on the subject of the District Attorneyship. Mr. Bourne feels that his obligations are such that he must support Chris Schuebel, of Oregon City, and is apparently irrevocably pledged to support him, but it can be said on authority that neither Senator Fulton, Representative Hawley, nor Representative Ellis has made any pledges that bind him to any individual.

At the same time there is strong reason to believe that the three unpledged members of the delegation look with extreme favor upon George O. Bingham, of Salem, though it is said there are several others who, in the opinion of this trio, are fitted to succeed District Attorney Bristol, any one of whom might be recommended.

### Signs Favored Brigham, but—

As a result of the conference held yesterday, it is understood that certain inquiries have been made as to Mr. Bingham and other candidates, and until this investigation is concluded, the delegation will not decide upon a course of action. There is an intimation, however, that, if these inquiries result as favorably to Bingham as anticipated, Messrs. Fulton, Hawley and Ellis are very apt to agree later to recommend his appointment. Nevertheless, it is a fact that the office of District Attorney has not been tendered to Mr. Bingham or any other man, and no promises have been held out to any candidate, so that aside from Mr. Bourne, every member of the delegation is still free to act as he may decide proper.

### Bourne May Yet Compromise.

Mr. Bourne has shown no signs of yielding his position, notwithstanding it has been made plain to him that no other member of the delegation favors the appointment of Mr. Schuebel. There is a faint hope that Mr. Bourne may yet yield his personal preferences and join the other members of the delegation, providing his colleagues agree upon

some man satisfactory to him. He was asked today if he would join them in recommending Mr. Bingham, and replied that he had nothing whatever to say. It is not believed he will switch from Mr. Schuebel to Mr. Bingham, or to any other candidate.

### No Binding Agreement.

In view of the fact that the agreement among Messrs. Fulton, Hawley and Ellis was merely tentative, it is only fair to say that no binding agreement has been reached, and the programme outlined by them may later be entirely changed. Any prediction made at this time is mere guess, for Mr. Hawley says that even he cannot predict who will be recommended. There may be some developments within the next few days which will lead to a recommendation before Mr. Fulton and Mr. Ellis return to Washington, but even this is undetermined.

### ASPIRANTS ALL HAVE FRIENDS

### Rivalry Over Choice of Bristol's Successor Is Bristle.

Friends of the several aspirants for the District Attorneyship are doing their best in behalf of their favorites. In Pendleton Mayor Fee's friends believe him the logical and fittest man for the place and cite that nearly two years ago he was supported by Fulton for appointment instead of Bristol. Fee is now a member of the District Attorneyship and Senator Fulton. In Salem, friends of Bingham are doing the same and saying that he is supported by Representative Hawley. In Portland, members of the Fulton element are boosting for Webster and Muir. In Hillsboro, Barrett's admirers are trying to secure for them the man the approval of Senator Fulton.

Dan J. Maloney was a candidate for Fulton's support, but Fulton evidently has other preferences. Webster was believed yesterday by his intimate political friends to be in line for Fulton's favor. But it was cited against Webster that he is attorney for John H. Hall, R. A. Booth and J. H. Booth—land-fraud defendants which would militate against his chances.

The matter is making discussion in legal and political circles in Pendleton as to whether the ambition of Mayor Fee is now to be realized. Fee will say nothing, but others are confident he is the lucky man.

It is recalled that when John H. Hall was appointed, Fee and J. C. Moreland, now clerk of the Supreme Court, were his rivals for the place. McBride was then in the Senate alone from Oregon; Ellis and Tongue were in the House. Fee was turned down and Zoeth Houser, then Sheriff of this county, was appointed United States Marshal. Also it is recalled that when Hall was removed, it was understood that he had the promise of Fulton's support, but the President and Henry sidetracked Fulton, and Bristol received the honor.

At that time the Oregon delegation appeared without influence at the White House, but his recommendation will now probably be accepted, and if Fulton is still for Fee, Ellis will of course join him, and the question then arises as to where Bourne and Hawley will line up. Fee has for years been the chief political reliance of W. F. Furnish, and it was Furnish who especially interested himself in his behalf when Bristol was appointed. He will unquestionably do so again, and Fulton and Ellis are regarded as closely allied with the Furnish people in Yamhill County.

George O. Bingham is a practicing attorney at Salem and is generally considered the leader of the Marion County bar. After being admitted to the bar in 1880 he practiced in Yamhill County for five years and then removed to Salem where he soon became prominent both in his profession and in politics. His relations with Senator Fulton and Congressman Hawley have been very friendly though in the Senatorial contest in 1903 he was a supporter of the Marion County candidate, T. T. Geer, as long as Geer was in the fight. His political relations with both Fulton and Hawley are so slight, however, that his appointment, if made, could scarcely be considered of a political nature.

William T. Muir is a former member of the Oregon Legislature, having served as State Representative from Multnomah County at the session of 1905. He came to Portland in 1883 and four years later began the practice of law in which he has since been engaged. In 1901 he was elected City Attorney. During the last session of the Legislature as representa-

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## STATE TREASURER FILES HIS BOND

### Steel Gets Surety in Sum of \$635,000.

### EXCEEDS REQUIRED AMOUNT

### Says He Has \$95,000 More to Offer if Need Be.

### WHO HIS BONDSMEN ARE

### President Rodgers, of Salem State Bank, Sponsor for \$50,000. Friends in All Parts of State Come to Aid of Official.

### SALEM, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—

State Treasurer Steel today filed his new bond with 92 sureties, who signed for various sums aggregating \$635,000. This is \$35,000 more than was required. While the Governor has not yet had the sufficiency of the bondsmen investigated, it is quite certain that they are possessed of property to the amount for which they have signed. If a few could be weighed and found wanting, there would still be enough remaining to make up the required \$600,000. Governor Chamberlain may engage a mercantile agency to look up the financial standing of the sureties, or employ some one to look up assessment records and recorded liabilities.

Mr. Steel says he has been offered surety to the amount of \$95,000 more. One-fourth of the total amount was secured in Salem. The heaviest bondsmen in J. P. Rodgers, president of the Salem State Bank, the other heavy signers being J. H. Albert, president of the Capital National Bank, and W. I. Vawter, of Medford. The signers, with the amounts for which they signed, are as follows:

### Those Who Signed Bonds.

J. P. Yager, Benton	5,000
J. P. Rodgers, Salem	50,000
C. V. Johnson, Benton	4,000
J. P. Allen, Benton	5,000
A. D. DeWitt, Salem	5,000
August W. Fischer, Benton	5,000
Franklin T. Griffith, Clackamas	5,000
E. A. Sommers, Clackamas	5,000
E. H. Hendricks, Clackamas	5,000
C. O. Hunter, Clackamas	5,000
H. U. Campbell, Clackamas	5,000
H. E. Crook, Clackamas	5,000
H. H. Dyer, Clackamas	5,000
Tom P. Randall, Clackamas	5,000
T. A. Pope, Clackamas	5,000
H. J. Hendricks, Clackamas	5,000
H. S. Mount, Clackamas	5,000
W. H. Matson, Clackamas	5,000
C. J. Fullerton, Douglas	5,000
Frank E. Marsters, Douglas	10,000
W. D. Taylor, Douglas	5,000
J. Bowerman, Gilliam	5,000
W. D. Taylor, Jackson	5,000
J. M. Keene, Jackson	5,000
C. E. Harmon, Josephine	5,000
H. J. Gilkey, Josephine	5,000
W. C. Hale, Josephine	5,000
G. P. Rogers, Marion	5,000
A. H. Carson, Josephine	5,000
R. E. Smith, Josephine	5,000
E. P. Rodgers, Marion	10,000
E. M. Croft, Marion	10,000
George P. Rodgers, Marion	10,000
R. E. L. Steiner, Marion	10,000
Henry B. Thielen, Marion	10,000
E. J. Hendricks, Marion	10,000
William P. Lord, Marion	10,000
Charles H. Hays, Multnomah	5,000
W. Carlton Smith, Multnomah	5,000
W. Dunlap, Multnomah	5,000
Joseph H. Heuser, Multnomah	10,000
Joseph Simon, Multnomah	10,000
Thomas C. Devlin, Multnomah	10,000
A. B. Marley, Multnomah	20,000
W. H. Hays, Multnomah	10,000
W. P. Correll, Multnomah	5,000
B. Barker, Multnomah	5,000
C. E. Fluke, Multnomah	5,000
Total	\$635,000

## STATE MAY GAIN BY LOTTERY RAID

### Portland Police Seize Over \$14,000.

### OFFICERS BREAK UP A CHINESE GAME BEFORE DRAWING.

### INVOKED LAW TO FORFEIT IT

### BOSS GAMBLER ARRESTED

### Bing Kee Is Said to Control 24 Lotteries and His Fall Is Believed to Be Death Blow to the Lawbreaking.

As the result of a Chinese lottery raid made late yesterday afternoon, the most successful ever carried out in Portland, the State of Oregon may be the gainer to the extent of more than \$14,000. The raid was on the establishment of Bing Kee, at 84 Second street, and the exact amount of coin and currency seized was \$19,358.93, besides \$445.00 of exchange on Hongkong banks. The police have refused to return the money, and as they also hold the tickets and all the other paraphernalia used in the lottery games, it is probable that a suit will be instituted in behalf of the state to confiscate the money.

Not only may this raid result in fattening the State Treasury, but it is believed by the police that they have administered the death blow to Chinese gambling in Portland. It is asserted that Bing Kee, who was arrested and released on bail, is the real boss gambler among the Orientals of Portland. Of all the games, carried on in defiance of the law and secretly patronized by thousands, it is said that Bing Kee is the backer. If he can be convicted and the \$14,000 forfeited, the police say that no one else will have the temerity to advance money to carry on the games for a long time to come.

### Law Provides Forfeiture.

If it can be proved that this \$14,000 was used for the purpose of gambling, there is no doubt that it can be legally confiscated. Section 1965 of the Oregon code says:

"Some of money and every other valuable thing drawn as a prize at any lottery or pretended lottery, by any person being patronized by the state, or the provisions of this chapter, are forfeited to the use of the state, and may be sold and recovered by civil action."

The raid was made at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Captain Brun, chief of detectives, and Detectives Brin, chief of the night force, and Coleman. A general drawing was to have taken place. It was timed by the police so that the Chinese gamblers were completely surprised. The detectives entered the gambling house and before the alarm could be given made a rush for a small office in the rear of the building where Bing Kee was making a frantic effort to secure in a safe a large number of lottery tickets and bags of money.

Although 61 years of age, the old man fought the detectives with all his might and almost succeeded in getting the door of the safe closed after he had placed the money and tickets in it.

### Proprietor Resists Arrest.

The Chinaman was overpowered just in time for the police to secure their evidence as the law does not permit officers forcibly to open a safe in making a raid. The evidence seized consisted of money in various denominations of gold and paper amounting to \$10,166.90, and exchange on Hongkong banks amounting to \$445.00; in all \$14,611.90. It is believed this amount is the proceeds of a drawing which was to have been wholly or partly paying off the present year's lottery. The paraphernalia were also secured. The money and tickets were taken to police headquarters where they are being kept as evidence until such time as the case is tried.

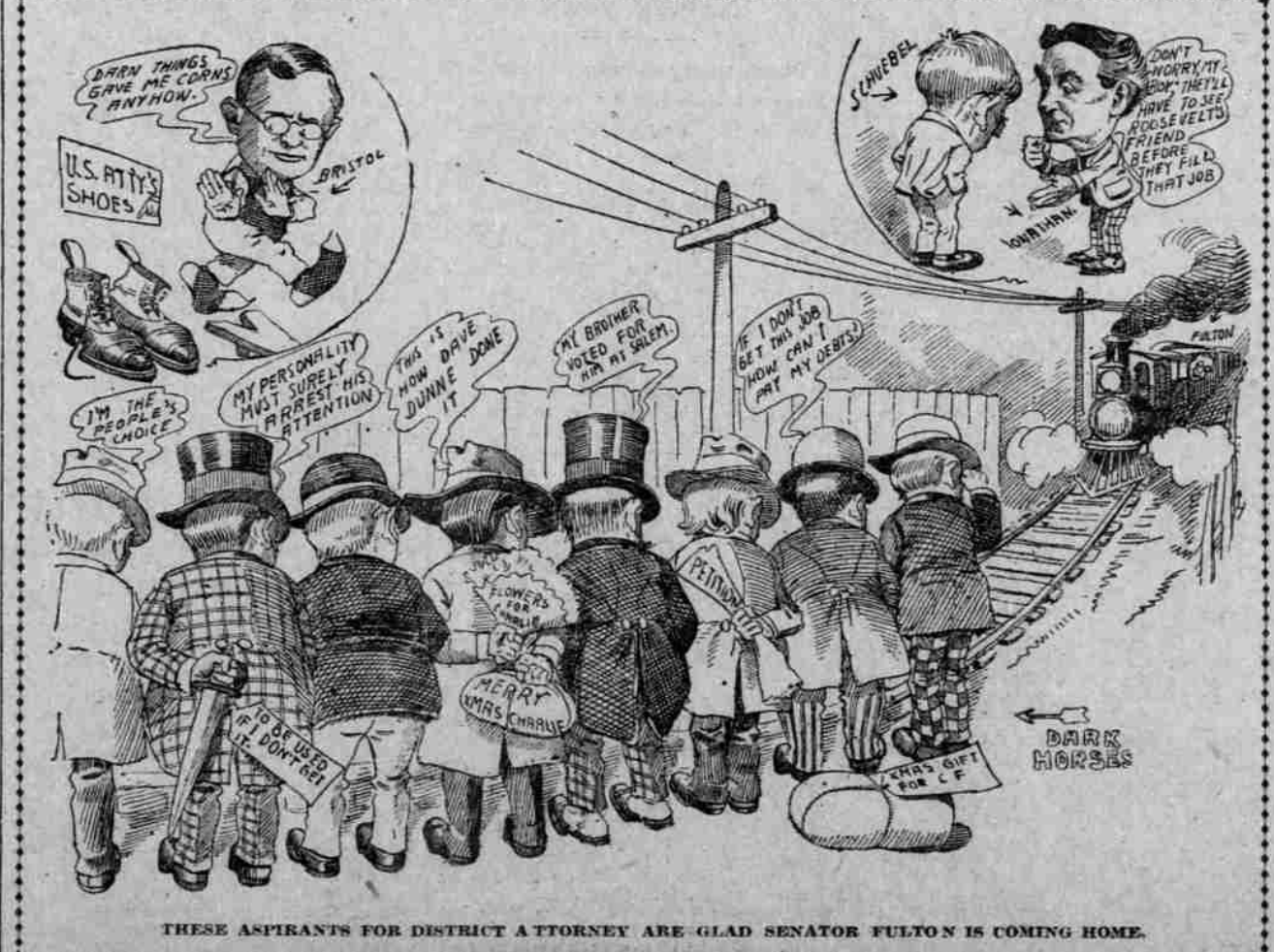
### Owens 24 Companies.

The raid was the result of information received by the police two weeks ago on which they have been actively working. The information was to the effect that 24 small lottery companies were operating in the city, all owned and controlled by Bing Kee. Owing to the activity of the lottery scouts who are said to watch the police very closely, the detectives were unable until yesterday to determine the exact time to make a raid when they would be sure of their evidence.

The establishment at 84 Second street purports to be a store for the sale of Chinese merchandise and is operated by the Wing Cheung and Lee Tai companies. It is said the lottery company secured office room there only recently, it being the practice of Bing Kee to move his headquarters in Chinatown frequently so as to throw the police off his trail.

### Demand Return of Money.

A police protest was raised when the store informed Bing Kee that they were going to hold the money found, and he immediately sent for his lawyer, F. P. (Concluded on Page 3.)



THESE ASPIRANTS FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY ARE GLAD SENATOR FULTON IS COMING HOME.

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