

TAFT SPEAKS FOR FAIR AT SEATTLE

Urges House Committee to Provide for Good Philippine Exhibit.

GARDNER PROVES HOSTILE

Chairman of Committee Makes Sarcastic Flings at Pacific Coast Enterprise.—Taft Comments Expositions in the West.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 27.—The House committee on expositions today gave its personal approval to the Washington Congressmen and Representatives of the Seattle Exposition on Representative Humphrey's bill making an appropriation for Government buildings and exhibits at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition. Before the hearing began Mr. Humphrey stated that he would amend the bill to conform to Senator Tillamook's bill reported to the Senate last week, thereby reducing the appropriation to \$500,000. The committee heard arguments from Mr. Humphrey, ex-Governor McGraw and others on the Board of Expositions; Governor Hogart and Delegate Calk, of Alaska; Secretary Taft, on behalf of the Philippines, and Prince Cuyod, Delegate from the Philippines. Throughout the hearing Chairman Gardner exhibited his hostility to the bill and continually interjected sarcastic comments. Mr. Gardner proposes to defeat the bill, if possible, by his personal unpopularity in the House will really be of assistance. Another hearing will be had before the committee acts.

Taft Boosts Exposition.

The appearance of Mr. Taft before the committee was the signal for a demonstration in his honor. The proceedings were interrupted when he entered the room by handclapping and thumping on the tables.

Mr. Taft thought that on account of the Philippines business, the Government would not be able to make any exhibition of considerable size, but he said the War Department would have the Jamestown-Philippine exhibit sent to Seattle.

In an indirect way, Mr. Taft touched upon the relations between Japan and the United States. The Exposition at Seattle, he thought, would have a great effect all over the Pacific. "This is a critical development," he declared, "in the matter of fixing the attention of Orientals on this country, but nothing will bring to the attention of the Orientals the interest of this country in them and their interest in us for the purpose of trade as an exposition like this."

Counting Japanese Fair.

He referred to the proposed exposition in Japan in 1912, and said the Japanese expect to make it one of the greatest in the world, and he added: "I hope it will succeed."

The Japanese, he said, were anxious that the United States should be present at the exhibition. The invitation had been accepted.

"I think the exposition will have an excellent effect," said Mr. Taft. "It will bring the countries on both sides of the Pacific together in a way probably that could not be accomplished in any other way."

Answering a question by Mr. Miller, of Kansas, Mr. Taft declared that it was more important for the United States to have expositions in the West than in the East, because they have a direct bearing on our Oriental trade that will be a substantial contribution to our progress in that direction. The next 50 years, he said, will see the greatest development in the world on the Pacific, and he added:

"It seems to me we ought to be in it."

Refuses to Talk Politics.

Mr. Taft later visited Representative Payne, of New York, Republican floor leader in the House, and secured the privilege of the floor for the two Philippine Commissioners, Benito Legarda and Pablo Canino, in order that they might formally be welcomed by the house. Before he left the Capitol, the Secretary was asked if he meant to wait and meet Mr. Bryan.

"I don't expect to," he said. "I didn't today."

Asked if he had any comment or even knew he was to be at the Capitol statement to make respecting the Presidential situation, Mr. Taft replied:

"I haven't made any statement yet. When will you be ready to go?"

"Never," he answered emphatically.

Mr. Taft hastened from the Capitol to the White House, where he was due to preside at the Philippine Commissioners to the President.

Experiment Farm in Umatilla.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 27.—Representative Ellis today again took up with the Reclamation Service the question of establishing an experimental farm in the Umatilla irrigation project to demonstrate the best method of irrigation and the best crops to plant. He was told that 40 acres had been set aside for this purpose. Agriculture that his department would at once take charge of the farm and carry on demonstration work during the coming season.

\$500,000 FIRE IS FATAL

One Fireman Killed, Score Injured, by Chicago Conflagration.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—One fireman is supposed to have been killed, more than a score of others were injured, and property valued at half a million dollars was destroyed in a fire which devastated the Mayer building, a seven-story brick building, and the Hotel Florence, at 163, 167 Adams street, early this morning. The fire broke out in the basement of the Mayer building and spread so rapidly that when the first detachment of firemen arrived, the entire building was in flames. A strong north wind swept the flames to the adjacent hotel building and in a few minutes that structure also was a roaring furnace. The walls of both structures collapsed about an hour later, carrying with them an entire company of firemen. All except one, James Gallagher, of truck company No. 1, were rescued. His body is believed to be in the ruins.

Dun & Company, printers, occupied four floors of the Mayer building. Their damage will amount to more than \$150,000. Other occupants of the Mayer building were:

Dime, Page & Co., electrotypers; Johnson, Koch & Quinn, bookbinders, and Kahn Bros., dry goods.

Adjoining the burning structure on the east was the partially completed

THAW'S INSANITY GIVEN NEW NAME

English Alienists Make Contribution to Dictionary of Madness.

DEFENSE CLOSES CASE

Trio of Experts Answers Ponderous Hypothetical Question—Dr. Wells Tells Thaw's Antics in the Hospital in London.

LOSS AT PORTLAND \$900,000

Fire in Maine City Confined to Block of Origin.

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 27.—Fire which several times threatened to wipe out the business district of this city, and which caused damage estimated

OREGONIAN CARTOONIST SKETCHES EVELYN NESBIT THAW.

Heppner Blackman, an Oregonian who is fast winning a national reputation as a cartoonist, is a son of Henry Blackman of Heppner, who was formerly collector of internal revenue. He is now in New York City and is rapidly forging ahead as a newspaper artist. Many artists have sketched Evelyn Thaw, but no artist has succeeded better in catching the girlish, ingenious look that is hers by nature or which she affects.

QUIDA'S PITIFUL FUNERAL

Followed Only by Maid and Few of Her Dogs.

FLORENCE, Jan. 27.—The funeral of "Quida" today was a most pitiful episode to her pitiful end. She died amid equities and poverty, and her body was followed to the grave only by a dozen dogs she had starved herself to feed and her faithful maid, to whom she left her last man's name. The body was buried in the English cemetery at Bagli di Lucca, and the spot is marked only by a wooden cross.

UNDERWRITER IS A SUICIDE

Colonel L. L. Bromwell Puts Bullet Company Want to Know What

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 27.—Colonel L. L. Bromwell, one of the best-known underwriters on the coast, committed suicide some time between last night and this afternoon.

He was found in his rooms at the Elks' Club in Fourteenth street at noon today. He had shot himself through the heart. He is survived by a widow and three children.

Officers of California Hop Union.

SANTA ROSA, Cal., Jan. 27.—The directors of the California organization of the Pacific Coast Hopgrowers' Union met in this city last evening, following a meeting of growers of Sonoma and adjoining counties, and elected the following officers: Joseph T. Grace, of Santa Rosa, president; W. E. Lovdal, of Sacramento, vice-president and secretary; Benjamin F. Banta, of Sonoma, county assistant secretary; Senator Edward F. Woodward, treasurer.

These, with M. H. Durst, of Wheatland, and Frank L. Cunniff, of Mendocino County, are the directors of the California organization.

Validate Surveyors' Claims.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 27.—Senator Hays today favorably reported from the committee on mines and mining the bill validating the location of mineral claims heretofore made by deputy mineral surveyors.

The Interior Department has held that deputy mineral surveyors, though not officers of the Government, are, like land office employees, prohibited from locating claims on public land. This question has been long pending in the courts, but has never been finally determined.

Convulsions in Childhood.

Dr. Charles Francis Bingham, of Pittsburgh, told of the early symptoms of nervousness in Harry Thaw, saying he was first called to attend the boy when he was 3 years old. At that time his nervousness often followed various children's diseases. Thaw slept badly as a child, restless, and was most of the time in the Fall of 1892, which was

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—The Thaw defense closed its case today with "manic-depressive" insanity as the explanation of the death of Stanford White at the hands of the young Pittsburg millionaire. Tomorrow the prosecution will begin its

Did Not Badger the Experts.

Mr. Jerome disappointed a crowded courtroom when he refrained from his tactics of last year in baiting the expert witnesses for the defense, three of whom, Doctors Wagner, Evans and Jeffrie, declared that Thaw at the time he killed Stanford White was suffering from such a defect of reason as not to know the nature or quality of his act or that the act was wrong. The defendant contented himself with drawing from Dr. Evans the fact that last year he swore it was during "brain storm" that Thaw committed the homicide. He also read from the affidavit made by Dr. Wagner before the lunacy commission last year, giving conversations had with Thaw in court which tended to show that the defendant had a distinct recollection of occurrences on the roof garden immediately preceding the tragedy.

May Hear Hummel in Prison.

It was up to Justice Dowling to make a most important inquiry of the alienist. He desired to know the exact nature of "manic-depressive" insanity and if the attacks were likely to recur. He also asked if a person suffering from this form of insanity would be likely to commit assaults. He learned that it was a recurrent form of mental disorder, the attacks coming suddenly and without warning, a period of insanity being followed by a period of complete depression and then by another lucid interval. It seemed that the presiding judge was securing information upon which to base judicial action in case of a verdict of not guilty on account of insanity or a straight acquittal. Even in this latter event it was pointed out that Justice Dowling would have the right to have Thaw committed for examination.

New Name for Thaw's Insanity.

An English physician, one of the three men of medicine who testified, first gave the name "manic-depressive" or "sub-acute mania" to Thaw's mental condition. Dr. Sydney Russell Wells, of London, made the diagnosis during an outbreak by Thaw in London in 1899, when, with a normal temperature, Thaw demanded that the walls of his rooms in a nursing home be torn down so he might have air and that 20 tons of ice be put in the apartment to cool it.

Mr. Littleton's hypothetical question, which was answered by the three experts, was a complete resume of the evidence, with the exception, as Mr. Jerome pointed out, of the testimony of James C. Smith, brother-in-law of White, who talked with Thaw for 15 minutes just before the shooting on the roof of Madison-Square Garden. The question contained some 16,000 words.

Father Breen Called Down.

ROME, Jan. 27.—The explanation made by Father A. E. Breen, of Rochester, in the American press of his attitude toward the candidature of Rev. E. J. Hanna for the office of coadjutor archbishop of San Francisco has not been received with

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This morning, from 8 to 12 only, women's \$3.50 and \$4.00 Shoes, in all wanted styles and all sizes. Choose what style or leather you will—patent, kid or calf leathers, button or lace styles, with high or low heels. Regular \$3.50 and \$4.00 values, this morning only..... \$2.98

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Danced Like Madman.

Dr. Wells then told of his treatment of Thaw in England in 1899. On one visit he found Thaw in a highly nervous condition and feared he might harm himself. Thaw did not respond to treatment and was sent to a nursing hospital in Devonshire. He found Thaw dancing about the room there like a madman and reported the case as automania. Dr. Wells said:

Unemployed to Convene

James Eades Howe Issues Call—Convention Like 1894. He Says.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 27.—James Eades Howe, philanthropist and friend of the unemployed, is planning a convention here next month, to be attended by the unemployed in the East and Southwest, to consider means for relieving the present situation, which, he says, parallels the conditions of 1894.

He declares that in St. Louis alone there are between 45,000 and 50,000 out of work.

"Our man Reitermann, who was beaten in Chicago with blacksnake whips, will be here to address the convention," he said. "Other leaders from Chicago, New York, Cincinnati and Boston will be present."

Cyclone Leads Away Cow

Picks Up Barn, Carries It 800 Feet and Breaks It to Pieces.

LONG BEACH, Cal., Jan. 27.—Sweeping in from the ocean this afternoon a cyclone picked up Henry Leming's barn, containing three stalls and a quantity of hay, carried it 200 feet and broke it to pieces. A cow tied in a lot was dragged half a block, following with fear. Before veering eastward the unusual visitor ripped the shingles from several roofs.

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