

ROOT'S ELECTION SEEMS ASSURED

Declaration Settles Senatorial Fight.

WOODRUFF STAYS IN CONTEST

But Can Only Depend on About 50 Votes All Told.

COMMITTEE TO INDORSE

New York County Republican Leaders, Headed by Parsons, Will Stand by Secretary—Depew Makes Attack on Ward.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—(Special.)—In the opinion of Republican leaders, Secretary Root's announcement settles the question of his election to succeed Senator Platt. So long as no announcement had been made, his supporters were at a disadvantage and local politicians agreed that President Roosevelt had probably recognized this weakness and induced Mr. Root to come out in the open. Hereafter the opposition has stood on the proposition that he was not a candidate.

Timothy I. Woodruff refused to comment on Mr. Root's statement. Mr. Woodruff is now the only man in the race outside of Mr. Root. It is announced that ex-Governor Frank S. Black is not and has not been a candidate and that he would not accept an election to the Senatorship in any circumstances.

Woodruff Stays, but Can't Win.

Mr. Woodruff has told his friends privately that he will stick to the end. He believes he has enough backing to beat Mr. Root or any other man, if the President keeps his promise to keep hands off. He has no fear that President-elect Taft or Governor Hughes will take a hand in the fight.

It is believed by well-informed politicians that Mr. Woodruff will have only the 15 votes of the Brooklyn delegation and the votes of Boss Burns, Boss Hendricks and a few other scattering votes. Perhaps Speaker Wadsworth may vote for him. The rest are expected to go to Mr. Root. In other words, Mr. Woodruff is expected to land less than 10 votes.

Parsons Strongly for Root.

Herbert Parsons, the local Republican boss, is known to be strongly committed to Mr. Root. He saw the President yesterday and left later for Hot Springs to see Mr. Taft. He will be back here Thursday morning in time to attend the meeting of the Republican county committee that night. It is expected that at that meeting he will openly declare for Mr. Root, and possibly resolutions endorsing Mr. Root will be adopted. Mr. Parsons has a letter from Mr. Root outlining his attitude on the Senatorship, and this letter probably will be read.

Only Laugb at Depew.

Supporters of the President were amused at the result of Senator Depew's interview with the President today. His entreaties in the cause of Mr. Woodruff as against Mr. Root can hardly be taken seriously, as the day is past when his influence in the Republican politics of the state is potent. He did not know that at the time he was talking for publication Mr. Root was giving out his statement of acceptance.

ROOT DECLARES CANDIDACY

Depew Accuses Ward of Trying to Dictate to Legislature.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Secretary Root today made the following statement regarding the Senatorial situation in New York:

"I think the Republicans in New York, who have expressed a wish to bring about my election as Senator are entitled to a definite statement as to my position. I am not seeking the office of Senator. I do not think that great office ought to be given to any one because he wants it, but if the Legislature of New York, representing the people of the state, feel that I can render useful service to the state and the country in the Senate and call upon me to render that service, I shall respond to their call and accept the office."

When Senator Chauncey M. Depew, of New York, left the White House today, he made some pointed utterances on the Senatorial situation in his state. He was asked if he had come to Washington to see the men who, he had recently said, were electing the next Senator from New York in Washington.

"Well, the man who thinks he is electing the Senator has gone to Hot Springs," said Mr. Depew, referring to National Committeeman William L. Ward, of New York.

"There are three or four New York men who spend much of their time down here telling the President who should be appointed Ambassador abroad, irrespective of the New York Senators, and the rest of their time is devoted to electing our Senators."

"I desire to say that the next Legislature will choose a Senator. The 201 members who compose that body are able, responsible men, who can never be driven, hoodwinked nor bulldozed."

KILLED BROTHER, DREW OTHER ON INSATIABLE BLOODTHIRST OF GUNNESS WOMAN SHOWN.

Having Murdered Andrew Heiglein, She Sought to Entice Relative Who Inquired.

LAPORTE, Ind., Nov. 16.—Prosecutor Smith played a trump card today when with A. K. Heiglein, of Aberdeen, S. D., on the stand, he offered in evidence and read to the jury copies of three letters written by Mrs. Bella Gunness to the witness during March and April this year, in which references to "That crazy Lamphers" are made. These letters portray the methods employed by the arch-murderess in allaying the suspicions of the relatives of persons she had murdered. Even with Andrew Heiglein lying dismembered in her private burning ground, she was asking his brother to come to LaPorte to investigate and to bring plenty of money with him.

The correspondence between A. K. Heiglein and the First National Bank also was offered in evidence. Cashier Pitzer having identified a photograph of Andrew Heiglein as the man who came to the bank with Mrs. Gunness early in January and drew \$2500. Mrs. Gunness is supposed to have murdered Heiglein on January 14.

PRINCESS' SUIT DENIED

Attorneys State De Sagan's Wife Is Only Contemplating Move.

PARIS, Nov. 16.—The attorneys for Princess Helie de Sagan, who was Miss Anna Gould, of New York, today characterized as untrue the statement published in a local newspaper today that the Princess had actually entered a suit for separation from the Prince. It was said the Princess contemplated this step in the belief that it would increase her chances of success in her pending suit for the custody of her three children, she entering her marriage with the Count Bond de Castellane.

It is understood that a hitch has developed in the negotiations looking for a settlement of the custody suit. The case probably will come up for hearing Wednesday.

SHOOTS PRESIDING JUDGE

Defeated Litigant Kills Clerk and Fatally Wounds Jurist.

LEIPSIC, Nov. 16.—A defeated litigant in the Supreme Civil Tribunal of Leipzig today drew a revolver and opened fire on Herr Maenner, the presiding judge, and the court clerk. The clerk was shot dead and the judge dangerously wounded. The assassin, a man named Grosser, succeeded in firing ten shots before he was overpowered. He was plaintiff in suit concerning the validity of a will and the decision of the judge was in favor of the defense. As soon as Grosser heard the ruling he drew a revolver and began firing.

DEATH ROLL IN NORTHWEST

James H. Miller, Aged 83, Passes Away at Oregon City.

OREGON CITY, Or., Nov. 16.—(Special.)—James H. Miller died this afternoon at his home in Canemah, aged 83 years, 9 months, 2 days. The body will be taken to Lebanon tomorrow for interment. Mr. Miller was born in the South and after coming West he operated a broom factory in Salem. He came to Oregon City about six years ago. He is survived by two sons—William and George, of this city—and three daughters—Maggie of California; and Mrs. Julia Mead and Mrs. Frank Peeler, of Oregon City. Mr. Miller lost his wife a number of years ago, and she is buried at Lebanon.

RECLAIM MINERAL LAND

Government Seeks to Annul Patents Granted Southern Pacific.

CARSON CITY, Nev., Nov. 16.—United States District Attorney Platt filed another suit against the Southern Pacific Railroad today, to the effect that patents granted the corporation to certain land in this state.

The complaint sets forth that the land is mineral land and that the patents were granted under misrepresentation, thus taking from the Government mineral lands under agricultural and timber grants. The Government has had a number of mineral experts in this state during the year and they have provided sufficient information to warrant bringing the suits.

INTERPRETER ALL WRONG

Message Which Caused Parliament Act Incorrectly Deciphered.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—A special dispatch from Rio Janeiro says the Brazilian government has presented to Argentina a proposal that the telegram from its foreign minister to the Brazilian minister to Chile which influenced Parliament to pass a vote of heavy armaments was misrepresented. This telegram fell into the hands of the foreign minister of Argentina, who gave it to a certain individual to decipher. This person interpreted the telegram as containing instructions hostile to Argentina. The communication was presented to Parliament at a secret session. A true version of the message expressed sentiments friendly to Argentina.

Taft Returns to Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 16.—President-elect Taft arrived here this afternoon unaccompanied and was driven to the home of his brother. He said that his visit was entirely on a matter of private business.

GOMPERS PREFERS PRISON TO FINE

Labor Leader Ready to Defy Courts.

WILL NOT PAY FOR CONTEMPT

Tells Federation Law Makes Union Conspiracy.

DENIES HE IS DEMOCRAT

Belongs to No Party, but Supported Bryan Because Democrats Made Union Cause Their Own in Presidential Campaign.

GOMPERS DECLARES HIMSELF.

Emphatic Utterances on Labor Decisions and Labor Politics.

GOVERNOR TAKES BATHS

Cosgrove Reaches Hot Springs Safely, but is Worn Out.

PASO ROBLES HOT SPRINGS, Cal., Nov. 16.—(Special.)—Governor-elect Cosgrove, of Washington, arrived late last night, accompanied by Mrs. Cosgrove and Dr. and Mrs. Keylor. He was taken in a carriage from the depot to the Paso Robles Hot Springs Hotel, and treated with sulphur tonic baths. His health is poor, he being run down physically from overwork. He is very weak from the trip and cannot walk. The physicians at the springs say they do not care yet to give out an accurate diagnosis of his case and prefer for him to rest from the fatigue of his journey before they attempt to do much in the way of prescribing treatment.

BOY IS BORN TO DUCHESS

Widow of Duke de Chaulnes Mother of Heir to Estate.

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—(Special.)—The Duchess de Chaulnes, formerly Miss Theodora Shonta, is the mother of a strong, healthy boy, born to her in Paris Sunday night. The news of the arrival of the newborn babe was received with great rejoicing in a private cable to Mrs. S. E. Drake, of this city, who is an aunt of the Duchess. The young mother is doing well and prompt recovery is assured. The Duchess is attended by all the members of her immediate family. Mrs. Shonta has been a constant attendant of her daughter since the sudden death of the Duke de Chaulnes last April while they were still in the happy flush of their honeymoon.

Caught With Stolen Clothes.

OREGON CITY, Or., Nov. 16.—(Special.)—Reed, who was arrested by the police for stealing a suit of clothes and an overcoat belonging to Columbus Stevens, was this afternoon bound over to the Circuit Court and committed to the County Jail. The theft occurred last Saturday night and Reed was caught with the clothing on as he was boarding a southbound train.

Can't Guard Cash Without Perjury.

Treasurer John B. Lennon said that he had discussed the safeguarding of the funds with attorneys and all had agreed that it was impossible without resorting at some time in perjury by some person. Several suggestions were made from the floor, one being that the funds be deposited in Canada and another that ce-

Does Uncle Sam Want the Unprotected Pacific to Become a Private Lake?



THUG PLEADS FOR TRIAL BY ORDEAL

Would Test Black Jack He Used in Hold-Up.

Insist if Blow is Fatal He is Guilty; If Not, Innocent—Judge Denies Request.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Nov. 16.—(Special.)—Pleading with the duke that he be allowed to stand the "trial by ordeal" and allow himself to be slugged with the same "blackjack" he used in a hold-up, in order to prove his innocence of the charge of assault with a deadly weapon, William Walker, a self-confessed foot-ped, today urged upon Judge Neterer, of the Whatcom County Superior Court, one of the queerest and most bizarre pleas ever heard in the state.

"Your Honor," said Walker, when arraigned on the felony charge, "I plead not guilty and I wish to waive trial by jury. I am willing to leave the proof of my innocence to you."

"I committed this assault with a coupling-hose, and it is in no sense a deadly weapon. I am willing to let Your Honor choose any man you wish and let him slug me over the head with this blackjack as hard as he can. If it kills me, of course I'm guilty. If it doesn't, it's evident that the weapon is not within the meaning of the statute, and I'm innocent."

Judge Neterer refused to let Walker stand the test which, if it failed, would cost him his life, and the thug will face a jury.

CHICAGO MAN ADMITS WHOLESALE SWINDLE.

Asks Speedy Punishment

Arrested, Indicted, Sentenced in Four Hours.

WORKED PUBLIC 20 YEARS

Peter Van Vlissingen, Who Married Relative of President Roosevelt, Sent to Prison—Posed as Philanthropist.

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MISS ELKINS' RING SEIZED FOR DUTY

RUBY FROM ABRUZZI WORTH \$5000 FOUND IN MAIL.

Pittsburg Postmaster Opens Package and Sends Dazzling Gift to Custom-House.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Nov. 16.—(Special.)—A \$5000 ruby ring, thought to be the present of the duke d'Abruzzi to the American girl he loves, is in the hands of the customs authorities, and will be held pending an investigation as to why there was no duty paid on it and why the gem was not formally declared.

CHINA ON BRINK OF REVOLUTION

Prince Chun in Fear of Reformers.

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