

## 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 50 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 Laugh 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 man who, he had recently said, was 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 Ambassadors 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 261 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 Helgelein, She Sought to Entice Relative Who Inquired.

LAPORTE, Ind., Nov. 16.—Prosecutor Smith played a trump card today when with A. K. Helgelein, 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 Helgelein 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. Helgelein and the First National Bank also was offered in evidence. Cashier Pfitzer having identified a photograph of Andrew Helgelein as the man who came to the bank with Mrs. Gunness early in January and drew \$2500. Mrs. Gunness is supposed to have murdered Helgelein 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 offering 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.

LEIPZIG, 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, 8 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, 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.

The final word and the law of this country are that labor organizations are conspiracies in restraint of trade. I will never consent that the American Federation of Labor shall ever pay one cent of any fine for me. I don't want to go to jail, but I will not tamely submit to the Federation being fined for me.

These decisions will result in feeding men to day in order to enslave them for all time to come. I am not a Democrat. I am a consistent I never will be a Democrat. I owe allegiance to no party. I am a trades unionist.

When the Democratic party made our contentions its own, it would not only have been ingrateful but cowardly to desert it.

## GOVERNOR TAKES BATHS

### Cosgrove Reaches Hot Springs Safely, but is Worn Out.

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## 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 Shontz, is the mother of a strong, healthy boy, born to her in Paris Sunday night. The news of the arrival of the posthumous heir 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. Shontz 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.

## 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 court 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.

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## GOT THOUSANDS BY FORGED DEEDS

### 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.

## OFFICE TO PRISON 4 HOURS.

1:30 P. M.—Van Vlissingen confronted in his office by a detective and asked to go to the office in the Criminal Court building.

2 P. M.—Arrived at State's Attorney's office and after being told of charges, confessed.

2:15 P. M.—Grand jury, which had been presented with this evidence, returns indictment.

4:15 P. M.—Prisoner brought before Judge Windes and hearing begun.

5 P. M.—Sentence pronounced.

5:15 P. M.—Van Vlissingen locked up in county jail preparatory to being taken to Joliet, probably tomorrow.

## CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—Peter van Vlissingen, a real estate dealer, for years classed among the first of Chicago's prosperous and reputable business men, confessed today to having obtained through forged deeds and notes more than \$100,000, and a few hours after his arrest, on his own urgent appeal to be punished, was sentenced to the penitentiary. The arrest, the indictment, the confession and the sentence occupied less than four hours.

Clever Device for Forging.

Taken in the midst of business at his office, shortly after the noon hour, Van Vlissingen, a venerable-looking man, appeared before the court and in tears confessed that for 15 or 20 years he had been obtaining money through the sale of forged documents, and that, though he had bought many of these spurious documents without detection at least 25 persons would lose an aggregate of more than \$700,000 through the paper which he has not yet redeemed.

In forging notes, he declared, he had perfected a unique device. This consisted of a plate glass desk top so arranged that by an electric light thrown up from beneath he could readily trace from originals forged signatures onto worthless paper.

Throughout his arrest and sentence the prisoner made no effort to defend himself, but only requested that his punishment be speedy.

## Married Jessie Roosevelt.

Asked if he had anything to say before being sentenced.

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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.

The ring was neatly done up in a paper parcel and addressed to Miss Katherine Elkins, Elkins, W. Va. The curiosity of a postmaster is responsible for the non-delivery of the package.

Postmaster Opens Package.

Surveyor of the Port M. M. Garland has charge of the ring. It was delivered to him this afternoon by Postmaster W. H. Davis, of Pittsburg, who received it from the postmaster at Elkins earlier in the day.

The package arrived at Elkins yesterday afternoon addressed to the Elkins household, so after some deliberation he decided to open the mysterious package.

When he did so he was astonished. There, confronting his gaze, lay the most beautiful ring he had ever seen—a hand of gold an eighth of an inch in thickness, clasping a ruby weighing six or seven carats.

Surveyor Garland is not prepared to say what steps he will take. Nor will Postmaster Davis say what is to be done. The officials did all in their power to conceal the news of the ring's seizure, and were chagrined when they learned the fact, because they mean that there is no question in their minds but that the ring is a present from the Duke to Miss Elkins, and they are not certain of their rights in the premises, the Duke being a peer of another nation.

Some disposition of the matter will be made tomorrow. The duty on rubies is 50 per cent. This would mean that were the law complied with, some one would have to pay about \$2000 before Miss Elkins got the ring.

## FAIL TO PASS CENSURE

### Presbyterian Association Refuses to Indorse Lutheran's Stand.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—An effort to pass a resolution indorsing the position taken by the Lutheran Synod, in connection with regard to President Roosevelt's statement that any refusal to vote for a candidate for high office because of his membership in the Roman Catholic Church would be "unwarranted bigotry," on which the Lutheran Church took issue with the President, was defeated at the Presbyterian Ministers' Association, yesterday after an exciting session of discussion.

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## CHINA ON BRINK OF REVOLUTION

### Prince Chun in Fear of Reformers.

### PANIC CLOSES 14 BANKS

### Three Thousand Gendarmes in Peking Streets.

### EDICT EXPELS VISITORS

### Regent Adopts Stringent Measures to Prevent Recurrence of Revolutionary Tactics Which Swayed the Empire Last April.

PEKING, Nov. 16.—China is beginning to realize that the Emperor and the Dowager Empress are dead. Prince Chun, Regent of the empire, in fear of increasing excitement and revolutionary movements, has taken a firm grip on affairs and has adopted stringent measures that will result in the maintenance of peace for a time at least.

### Guards Placed in Streets.

At noon 3500 gendarmes guarded the streets and other military forces were held in readiness for any eventuality. Every precaution was taken to prevent a recurrence of the revolutionary tactics of last April and May, which were marked by widespread incendiarism. The foreign legations are under guard, special detachments of Chinese troops keeping watch at the approaches. The statement was made at the legations that there was no fear that the Chinese government would be unable to afford ample protection, but those within the legations were more alert than usual and seemingly anxious to have set at rest the doubts arising from the swift movement of events in the last few days.

There were many occurrences today to add to the sinister aspect of affairs. Rumors were current for a time that the new Dowager, Schomala and Yuan Shi Kai, the Grand Councillor and one of the most powerful men in the empire, had committed suicide. Though there was no truth in these reports, they went far toward disturbing the Chinese and foreigners alike.

### Fourteen Banks Closed.

Serious runs on banks occurred yesterday and today, and 14 native banks closed. The crowds were wild with excitement, and toward the close of the day the police intervened and drove them back. One foreign concern, the Yokohama Specie Bank, suffered a big run on its Mandarin notes, but the British, Russian and German institutions were not affected. It is probable that a number of native banks will be closed tomorrow, and it is believed that the government will step in and endeavor to stop the financial panic among the poorer classes of the Empire and the death of the most powerful men in the empire, had committed suicide. Though there was no truth in these reports, they went far toward disturbing the Chinese and foreigners alike.

The Emperor had been ailing for a long time and had been in feeble health of state for many years, and in the last few months had shown signs of declining health. At the celebration of her birthday, November 5, she took a prominent part, against the wishes of her advisers, with the result that she was attacked with congestion of the lungs, accompanied by a high fever.

### In Fear of Reformers.

Physicians who had previously attended the Emperor and Empress are of the opinion that their physical condition was such that they were certain victims of the first extremes of weather, although in their opinion also modern medicine and treatment would have been ineffective.

The government entertains fears of the Keh Ning Ting reformers, who are reported to be assembling with a view to taking advantage of the present disturbed condition of the country. While matters have an appearance of tranquillity, there are reports of disaffection among the adherents of half a dozen rival candidates for the throne, and to the minds of the foreigners the government itself is disaffected. It is contended by some that the eldest Pu—that is, Pu Lun—is the legitimate Emperor, and that, therefore, the selection of Pu Yi was another of the dowager's illegal acts.

An imperial order was issued today in the name of Dowager Empress Tseuhsi, expelling all peace visitors, which means the clearing away of the masses who assembled during the period when their majesties were believed to be dying and have remained within and near the precincts ever since.

### Make Request of Regent.

A conference of the Diplomatic Representatives was held today and it was decided to ask the Regent to name a convenient time for presentation of the condolences of the foreign governments. It was stated after the conference that only this matter was discussed, but it was thought the situation in the empire was the chief subject under consideration.

The belief is general here that Pu Lun eventually will succeed Prince Chun, President of the Board of Foreign Affairs, and that if his adherents threaten swift

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