STATEMENT MEN ABANDON FIGHT

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Republican Caucus Is Now Assured.

FOUR SENATORS TO STAY OUT

Albee, Kellaher, Selling and Abraham Stand Alone.

BEGINS SESSION

W. Lair Thompson, of Lake, Chief Clerk of 1907, Session, Will Convene Lower House, and Johnson of Benton, the Senate

SALEM, Or., Jan. 10 .- (Special.)-The 55th Oregon Legislative Assembly wil convene in this city at 10 o'clock Monday morning and organize by electing Jav Bowerman, of Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler, President of the Senate, and C. N. MeArthur, of Multnomah and Clackamas, Speaker of the House

The fight over organization was entirely shandoned today and practically all the Republican members of the two houses will participate in the organization cacuses. In the Senate caucus Bowerman will be chosen without any opposition. In the House caucus, according to the plans this evening, the Statement No. 1 members will make no effort to defeat McArthur, but will give a complimentary vote to one of their number, probably Patton, of Marion, who will decline it and move to make McArthur's selection unanimous. All the Republican Senators except

Albee, Kellaher and Selling, of Multno mah, and Abraham of Douglas have signed the caucus call, and met in the Bowerman headquarters this evening to confer over temporary organization. The four who have not signed the call may nevertheless go into caucus.

Democrats to Hold Aloof.

take no part in the organization, except that they may give a complimentary vot to one of their party. Senator Smith, of Umatilla, or Senator M. A. Miller, of Linn, will probably be chosen for this honor in the Senate, but no one has been entioned for the distinction in the

nization further than the selection of presiding officers has not been decided upon yet, and will not be until the caucuses are held at the Capital tomorrow Barry, of Multnomah County, will be elected chief clerk; J. T. Hunt, of Marion County, journal cierk; Frank Motter, of Multnomah, reading clerk, and Roy Ritner, of Umatilia, calendar clerk,

Johnson to Call Senate to Order.

The Senate conference this evening decided that the Senate shall be called to erder by Senator A. J. Johnson, of Ben ton. The House, according to custom, will be called to order by W. Lair Thompson, chief clerk of the last House.

At 9 o'clock tonight 35 of the 53 Republican Representatives held a confer ence and resolved on a programme of action for tomorrow. Every man attending the meeting not only had signed the cancus call, but was pledged to support McArthur for Speaker. It was decided by unanimous vote that Campbell, of Clacksmas, should preside as chairman of the caucus. McCue, of Clatsop, was agreed upon for temporary Speaker, and W. Lair Thompson, of Lake, for temporary chief clerk. As chief clerk of 1907 session of the House, it falls on Thompson to call the House to order at 10 o'clock this morning. This having been done, the members will adjourn to convene the caucus in one of the com mittee rooms at 11 o'clock.

To Try Out Reading Clerks.

Those attending the conference held a general discussion relative to the various candidates for desk positions, but none was indorsed. It was decided that the three candidates for reading clerk should be tried out immediately following the convening of the House this morning and prior to the calling of the caucus, in order that the members might be able satisfactorily to judge of the qualifications of each. There are three candidates for this position, as follows Withycombe, of Benton; Trill, of Marion, and Holman of Yambill.

LEADER OCCUPIES ISPAHAN

Revolutionist Issues Call for Independent Legislature.

BERLIN, Jan. 10.-A dispatch received from Teheran says the leader of the Bakhtlari tribesmen has occupied Ispahan and issued a proclamation calling upon the people to elect representatives to an independent legislature

ATTEMPT TO INCITE STRIKE

Japanese Newspaper in Honolulu Stirs Up Plantation Laborers.

HONOLULU, Jan. 10.-The Japanese newspaper Jill in a violent editorial today, advises plantation laborers to strike at once for higher wages,

TAFT'S SLIGHT TO LOEB ANNOYS T.R.

PRESIDENT-ELECT TO MAKE UP HIS OWN CABINET.

Breach Said to Be Pending Between President and President-Elect. Taft Not Easily Handled.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 .- (Special.)-Taft's refusal to regard Private Secre tary Loeb as on Cabinet size is said to ave annoyed President Roosevelf, and it s broadly intimated in high circles that there is pending a serious breach be-tween the President and the President-

Taft is regarded as having a mind to cut loose from Roosèveltism, at least as far as the selection of his Cabinet is congerned. He regards the Cabinet as peculiarly the official family of the President, subject to his personal, untram meled choice. He will have none o Newberry or Loeb, or apparently any other man merely because he was close to Roosevelt. Hitchcock will be but a minor

adviser, not next to the throne. This very apparent attitude of Taft is eported to be highly displeasing to the President, and Loeb's friends are completely nonplused, for they have felt sure that Loeb could sit at the Cabinet table if he desired to.

BUSINESS MEN ARRESTED.

Against the Law to Read Mail On Sunday in Florida.

PENSACOLA, Fla., Jan. 10.-The Florida blue laws were strictly enforced today. Sheriff Van Pelt's order to arrest all persons attempting to perform Sunday work was limited only by the instructions of the county solicitor, who advised him that he would have no right to stop trains, street cars, and public hacks.

Business men, upon leaving their offices, where they had gone to read their mall, were placed under arrest and will be arraigned on charges of violating the law prohibiting working

NIGHT RIDERS HELD IN JAIL Closely Confined, Awaiting Action

of Supreme Court.

JACKSON, Tenn., Jan. 16.—The six Night Riders sentenced to death at Union City yesterday and two others sentenced to 20 years in the State Penitentiary, have in close confinement to await the action of the Supreme Jouet which will meet The Democrats in the two houses will in this city next April.

OVERSTUDIES; KILLS SELF

Clark Tanby, Professor of Greek and Latin, Is Suicide.

Clark Tanby, professor of Greek and Latin at the Lawrence Preparatory School, committed suicide late last night by shoot-Indications are that W. H. ing himself. It is believed he was suffering from overstudy.

TRIBUTE PAID TO PROCTOR

Dead Vermont Congressman Eulogized in House.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10. - Tributes were paid by the House of Representatives today to the memory of the late Senator Redfield Proctor, of Vermont,

NEW RECORDS SE

Pendleton Reports 21 Below Zero.

GOLDER AT ASHLAND

Willamette Valley Towns Show Rise in Temperature.

WITHOUT WATER PASCO

Ice Jam at White Bluffs 30 Feet High-Damage to Fruit Feared. Flood Is Certain If Snow Goes Off With a Rush.

MINIMUM TEMPERATURES VES-TERDAY THROUGHOUT PA-CIFIC NORTHWEST.

HOUBLY TEMPERATURES.

from the Weathur Bureau records from midnight Saturday to 5 P. M. Sunday. The remaining temper atures are from The Oregonian ther-

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	P. M 14 2:30 A. M

Still lower temperatures prevailed east of the Cascade Mountains yesterday morning and in Southern Oregon, been placed in jail here and will be held but in the Willamette Valley, warmer weather was reported. Pendleton set a new record of 21 below zero. At The Dalles, the mercury went to 5 below, and at Hood River, 3 below, Baker City reports 3 below, and Walla Walls, 11

> In the Willamette, where the temper ature reached zero Saturday morning at Albany, a temperature of 14 above was reported Sunday morning. At Ash land, there was a decided fall in the temperature, the mercury going to 14 TRAIN RUNS OFF above, a fail of 10 degrees from Sat-

urday's minimum. Big Ice Jams in River.

The rivers in the Inland Empire continue to fill with ice. At Pasco the water has become so low that in a few hours the intake pipes for the city water system will be high and dry and the town without a water supply of any kind other than melted snow. The mercury is 10 below zero at Pasco. The Columbia is frozen solid at The Dalles, and regular traffic from shore to shore has been established. At Hood

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CHURCH COLLAPSES, GERMAN COUNT **BURYING AUDIENCE**

PORTY BODIES TAKEN FROM RUINS; MORE STILL THERE.

Cry of "Earthquake" Raised at Disaster in Swiss Village, and People Rush Madly to Fields.

BERNE, Switzerland, Jan. 10 .- During service today an ancient church near Ston suddenly collapsed, burying the worshipers in the ruins. Practically all the members of the congregation were killed or injured.

A wild panic followed, those who escaped rushing through the fields and shouting that an earthquake had overtaken the village. Other villagers joined in the outery, and were with difficulty calmed.

partment of the place extricated 40 cornses, but it is believed there are still a number under the timbers. Sixty persons were hadly injured. The collapse was caused by the time-

worn pillars in an underground crypt

After an hour's exertion the fire de-

MONEY, AUSTRIA'S OFFER

giving way.

Vienna Papers Believe It Means Peace With Turkey.

VIENNA, Jan. 10.-The newspapers ere, official and unofficial, are of the opinion that Austria's offer to Turkey of 2,500,000 pounds Turkish, as indemnity for the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina paves the way for peace and the assembling of an International Congress. Austria's offer, which is in addition to

oncessions previously made—the arrangement of a commercial treaty and an increase in Turkish customs and dutiesis made conditional on the holding of a conference with the powers to which it is to be submitted for discussion,

No doubt is felt that Turkey will actept the terms.

NEW PLANET IS SOUGHT

Astronomers Believe Other Worlds Exist Beyond Neptune.

VALLEJO, Cal., Jan. 10 .- In regard to the recent report issued from the observatory of Harvard College that Professor W. H. Pickering is searching for new planet located beyond Neptune, Professor T. J. S. See, the officer in charge of the Naval Observatory at Mare Island Navy-Yard, today made

"On July 14, 1908, J succeeded in proving conclusively, by a difficult course of mathematical reasoning, in regard to the mode of formation of the olar system, that one or more new planets revolve beyond Neptune. My investigation has since been read before a learned society, but is not yet pub-

Clogged Switch at Des Chutes Responsible, but Nobody Hurt.

THE DALLES, Or., Jan. 10 .- (Special.) -The O. R. & N. wes bound train No. 5 was wrecked a mile above Des Chutes station, 16 miles east of here, at 10 o'clock this morning. Nobody was injured, but the engine, mail car and three passenger coaches left the track.

The wrecking train was sent from here and built a temporary track around the wreck to allow No. 2 to pass. A switch River, a thin coating of ice is reportclogged with frozen snow and lee caused the derallment.

HERE FOR TRIAL

e Oregonian.

Von Gassendorff Lays Claim to Nobility.

TELLS REMARKABLE STORY

Says His Life Has Been One of Strange Adventure.

FATHERLAND MAY AID HIM

Shows Picture of Flancee, Said to Be Daughter of Countess. Police Chief Believes His Story Is True.

Charged with obtaining money by false pretenses, Winrich von Gfug Gassendorff who declares himself to be the eldest son of the late Count von Gassendorff, of Dortmund, Westphalia, was returned to Portland from San Francisco yesterday in the custody of Detective Smith. With him he brought the picture of a beautiful German girl, daughter of a Countess and his betrothed, he says, and the only the picture was taken from him, with his other effects, at the police station. Letters in his possession and his con versation with Chief Gritzmacher convinced the officer that his claims to exalted birth and lineage are true. German consul will investigate von Gassendorff's claims today. The picture was nailed to the Count from Dortmund November 3. Written in her own hand, on the photograph, the young woman sent an expression of love and remembrance to her wandering lover,

Oswald Lohan, Imperial German consul at Portland, was notified of the young man's predicament and will take immediate steps to investigate and if he finds the prisoner's story true, interest his relatives in the case. Von Gassendorff is accused of having secured the sum of \$25 from an employe of the Studebaker Company white attempting to have check cashed.

Has Had Strange Career.

He related to the Chief a long and rearkable story of his life and experiences. And he corroborated it with so many details and letters that the Chief convinced of its verity. Von Gassendorff, according to his story, is the Second Lieutenant, when an accident equend him to be sent to a sanitorium. With a number of other young officers

ne was racing on horseback when his horse stumbled and fell, he says, throwing him violently to the ground. He suffered a severe injury to his head and was confined several months in the sanitorium before he recovered sufficiently to resume his duties in the army. He has never recovered, he says, for since the accident he has practically lost control

Soon after his release he quarreled with (Concluded on Page 4.)

GIRL KILLS CHUM FOR LOVING MAN

FATALLY WOUNDS HERSELF AND SOON DIES.

Resents Stepping In of Sweetheart to Monopolize Attention Previously Given Herself.

CHICAGO, Jan. 10 .- (Special.) -- Anna Rubenwisch, aged 23, today shot and fatally wounded Bertha Yablowsky, aged 22, and then shot herself, dying shortly afterward in a hospital. The tragedy was a result of a strong attachment Miss Rubenwisch had for the other girl. As she gasped out her life at the hospital

"We were chums and comrades. I ield her love until that young man stepped between us. She loved me and I loved her. We were like sisters. But when she began going with him she changed. He got control over her and she loved him. Then she had no time

Bernard Kamenetzpy, who lived in the same house with the Rubenswich girl, a the young man mentioned. He had the Yablowsky girl but two known weeks. A search of the rooms oc by Miss Rubenswich brought to light many Socialistic documents and one of Emma Goldman's most heetle books. All of the persons involved in the affair are in the district of the city where Socialism finds its leading adherents.

MORRIS SECURES GADEN Coup Effected Which May End Vaudeville War.

CHICAGO, Jan. 10 -- (Special.)-In one of the quickest business transactions on record in theatrical circles, the management of the new Garden Theater passed into the hands of William Morris at midnight Saturday night,

It required just 10 minutes for Mr. Morris, head of the big theatrical booking company, to make up his mind that he needed the theater in his fight with the vaudeville trust and practically to close the deal.

It is believed that Mr. Morris' move will bring to an issue the vaudeville war which has been on for many months. On one side will be the William Morris Company and on the other will be the Cole & Castle organization and that of the Klaw & Erlanger Company, now known as the vaudeville trust, Mr. Morris owns nine theaters in the East, and he has been the only independent booking agent who has been suc in the fight against the trust

PASTOR GETS THIEF'S COAT

Thinks Burglar Has His Own and Congregation Gives Chase.

SEATTLE, Jan. 10 .- (Special.) -- Rev. Episcopal Church, chased a burglar from his residence, 5930 Whitman aveaccording to his story, is the nue, last night, fell during the chase Joseph Leiter and his bride of half a on of the late Count von Gassen- and badly sprained his knee. Then he year were here when the explosion hapdorff, of Westphalla. He served in the had to call for help from the mem- pened. Letter came to town several weeks German army and reached the rank of bers of his congregation, assembled in ago to direct the fight on a fire in the

burglar was running away with his holsted out of the shaft in more than six only overcoat, Rev. Mr. Park attempted to get up three times after he had fallen, even while the man men at work during the next few days. held a revolver pointed in his direc tion. Through his persistent efforts Mr. Park forced the burglar to drop the cont. When the garment was taken into the

minister's house it was found to be the property of the burglar and not the pastor.

FACE ISSUE IN ILLINOIS

Speaker of House to Canvass Vote and Declare Dencen Duly Elected.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 10 .- The Record-Herald tomorrow will say:

The combination of Republicans and Democrats at Springfield which elected Edward G. Shurtleff speaker of the House, proposes to canvass the vote cast at the November election, Tuesday morning. It is proposed that Speaker Shurtleff shall proceed with the canvass of the vote, irrespective of whether the Senate is present or not in fact.

seen and the other state officers chosen in November are duly elected. The way will then be open for the filing of a contest for the governorship.

SNOWBALLS QUENCH FIRE

Residence Saved from Destruction By Timely Volleys.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 10 .- (Special.) --A prompt and vigorous pelting by a voiley of snowballs saved a residence from destruction by fire here tonight. The \$4000 home of C. E. Bailey, on Forty-second avenue southwest had caught fire and was burned to the ground before the fire fighters could organize their work with the meager facilities at hand. The residence of John E. Walling, which stood six feet from the burned building, was damaged, but was saved from destruction by a continual bombardment with snow-

PANAMA EXPLOSION KILLS

One Dead and Eight More Badly

Injured.

24 ARE KILLED IN JOE LEITER'S MINE

Mishaps Reach Climax in Fatal Explosion.

OWNER DIRECTS RELIEF WORK

Bodies of 19 Recovered, Five More Still Buried.

OPENED AFTER SIX WEEKS

Battle With Serious Fires Just Ended and Full Force Was to Resume in Few Days - Spark From Trolley Ignites Gas.

DISASTROUS MINE ACCIDENTS IN RECENT YEARS. r. Place. Fraterville, Tenn. Rolling Mill, Pa. Hanna, Wyo. Lackawanna, Pa. Torcio, Cal. Virginia City, Ala. Zeigler, III. Weish Coal Mine Diamondville, Wyo. M. K. E. T. Company. Wilcos, W. Va. Courriere, France Lives Lost. Wilcox, we remove the court remove the c

ZEIGLER, III., Jan. 10 .- (Special.)-The series of mishaps in Joe Leiter's famous \$1,000,000 colliery here during the last few years reached a climax shortly after 1 o'clock this morning, when a mysterious explosion killed 24 men.

Nineteen dead have been recovered, five re missing and are undoubtedly dead,

and two are injured critically.

This is the second serious disaster in the Zeigler Coal Company's property. which has been the scene of several mino fatalities and where for more than two years a desperate labor war was waged as the result of a strike. An explosion William Park, of the Asbury Methodist in 1966 killed 35 men at work in the mine.

Leiter Directs Relief Work.

the church nearby. The church was workings, which, after a month's battle, quickly emptied and the men in the was got under control Friday night. congregation took up the chase. g Leiter himself conducted the first relief Spurred on by the belief that the party into the mine. The first coal weeks was brought up yesterday and it was expected to put the full force of

List of Identified Dead.

The dead men so far identified were: John Cassay. Joe Duleno. J. D. Evans. Thomas Hubbard.

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ALLEGED CHECK-FORGER, WHO DECLARES HE IS GERMAN NOBLEMAN, AND UNKNOWN YOUNG WOMAN, WHOM HE SAYS IS HIS FIANCEE



Baron Winrich von Gfug Gassendorff.



Daughter of Berlin Countess, Whose Name Von Gassendorff Declines to Give.