



PINCHOT IS REMOVED BY PRESIDENT

Chief Forester Is No Longer "Helpful Subordinate."

PLACE GIVEN TO ASSISTANT

Gravamen of Glavis Charges Is That Ballinger Was Corrupt, Says Taft.

PLOT OF INSURGENTS SEEN

Dolliver Letter Intended to Precipitate Issue.

SITUATION GROWS TENSE

President Holds That Dignity of Office Has Been Assailed—Overton, Price and Albert C. Shaw Go, Too.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Gifford Pinchot, Chief Forester and intimate friend of Theodore Roosevelt, was dismissed tonight from the service of the United States by President Taft for insubordination. Associate Forester Overton, W. Price and Assistant Law Officer Alexander C. Shaw, Pinchot's immediate assistants in the Forestry Bureau, followed their chief out of Government employ.

Official Dignity Assailed. He declared the dignity of the Presidential office was being attacked and he would be unfaithful to his trust if he submitted longer.

Mr. Taft undoubtedly realizes fully what the dismissal of Forester Pinchot means in a political way. He has been convinced for some time that the so-called "insurgents" and other critics of his Administration had enlisted the services of Mr. Pinchot and practically were defying him to dismiss Pinchot from office.

Political Situation Tense. The President sought to avoid the threatened war as long as he could, but declared today that patience had ceased to be a virtue. He picked up the gauge of battle thrown down by Mr. Pinchot through the hand of Senator Dolliver in the Senate, and, with the Administration supporters, is ready for the coming fray.

Political observers in Washington declare that the situation created by today's developments is the most tense in many years. What the outcome will be no one is willing to prophesy.

In the House of Representatives today Speaker Cannon lost his first fight to the insurgents, who, combining with the Democrats, caused to be adopted an amendment to the Ballinger-Pinchot inquiry resolution so as to take from the Speaker the power to appoint the House members of the joint committee of special investigation.

"Insurgents" Are Gleeful. The margin of victory was narrow—three votes—but the insurgents and Democrats alike are jubilant tonight. The dismissal of Pinchot has lent fuel to the flame of their celebration and they are venturing all manner of predictions as to what will happen.

Three Republicans got classed as "insurgents," but who profess their friendship for Mr. Pinchot, voted with the "insurgents" and Democrats for the adoption of the amendment which calls for the appointment of the House investigators by election from the floor.

The Cabinet was in special session virtually the entire afternoon, following the regular session of the morning. Secretary Ballinger, cognizant of the action that was about to be taken, remained away from the afternoon sitting. It was at the end of this special session tonight that the President gave out the letter he had written to Mr. Pinchot notifying him that his usefulness as a public servant under the present Administration was at an end.

Wilson Chief Accuser. Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, Pinchot's immediate superior, it appears, was one of the forester's chief accusers. He

ALIEN TRAFFIC IS INCREASING AGAIN

IMMIGRATION FIGURES SHOW GAIN OF OVER 165 PER CENT.

Great Part of Steerage Arrivals at New York Come West, Aiding Railroad Business.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—A comparative statement just prepared by the Western Passenger Association, showing the number of alien and citizen steerage arrivals at the port of New York in the first 11 months of 1909, shows an increase of 165.72 per cent over figures for the first 11 months of 1908. Totals for the two periods are as follows:

Table with columns: Alien, Citizen, Total. Rows for 1909 and 1908.

KITTEN LEADS TO COURT

Argument Over Wee Beastie Ends in Charge of Assault From Wife.

SEATTLE, Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Arguments as to who should feed a poor little homeless kitten that strayed into the household of Mr. and Mrs. Scott R. Taylor, 901 Crown street, December 30, proved distressing to Mr. Taylor. As a result Mrs. Taylor charged her husband with assault in the third degree, and says her husband struck her so forcibly that she was knocked a distance of nine feet.

"We were married 10 years ago," Mrs. Taylor told the court. "For a few months we were happy. Before the end of the first year Mr. Taylor abused me so that I applied for a divorce. He pleaded with me to drop the case, which I did. Before another year I felt obliged to again apply for a divorce, but at his solicitation I also dropped this case. Then Mr. Taylor came to Seattle. He wrote to me imploring me to come to him, which I did three years ago. In October, 1908, I was granted a divorce. Last June we were remarried."

After striking his wife, Judge Gordon reserved decision.

ITALY NAMES AMBASSADOR

New Diplomat Speaks Five Languages and Is Author.

BERNE, Jan. 7.—The Marquis Cusani-Confalenti, who for three years has held the post of Italian Minister to Switzerland, has been notified of his appointment as Ambassador to the United States in succession to Baron Mayor des Planches.

The Marquis, his wife, son and daughter are most popular here and have a large circle of friends in the United States. He is a deft and author. He belongs to one of the oldest families in Milan, and is a personal friend of King Victor Emmanuel.

RICH WOMAN AIDS STRIKE

Mrs. Biddle, of Philadelphia, Champions Cause of Girls.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 7.—The striking shirtwaist-makers of this city found a champion today when Mrs. George Biddle, widely known socially and a member of the old Pennsylvania family whose name she bears, announced her intention to interest herself in a move to end the strike by arbitration.

Mrs. Biddle went farther than this and appeared in a police court and entered bail for a girl striker who had been arrested for a minor offense. Mrs. Biddle said she would enter bail for any of the striking girls who might be arrested if their case appeared to be just.

SALEM MAYOR RESIGN

Rodgers Declines to Affirm or Deny Current Report.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—It is understood that Mayor George F. Rodgers, owing to the press of private business, at the next Council meeting will resign his position at the head of the city government.

QUINIAULT COUGARS SHOT

Hoquiam Brothers Bring in Pelts of Six Wild Animals.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Pelts of two cougars and four wildcats were brought to this city yesterday by the Holstena brothers, ranchers, who killed the animals near Lake Quinault. The cougars measured seven feet each.

Ship Ashore; Crew Is Safe.

HONOLULU, Jan. 7.—The captain and crew of the British bark Alexander Black have reached here after abandoning their ship, which went ashore Tuesday as it was entering the harbor of Kahului, on the island of Maui. The vessel is now breaking up and the cargo, valued at \$114,000, will be a total loss. Before the vessel was abandoned, a squall came up and the crew narrowly escaped with their lives.

DAVIDOR DUPES HIS FRIENDS IS CHARGE

Millinery Man's Widow Is Accuser.

AVERS FRIENDSHIP BETRAYED

Mrs. Eva Green Says Elusive Promoter Bilked Sick Man.

NOW SHE SEEKS ARREST

Wife of Julius Green, Asphyxiated in San Francisco, Says Real Estate Operator Robbed Her of Cash Needed for Husband's Care.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Mrs. Eva Green, widow of Julius Green, representative of a Portland millinery house in California who was asphyxiated at 1208 Pine street, December 12, believes she has been made the dupe of the dashing Samuel Y. Davidor, who made a sensational appearance in San Francisco and whose exit was sudden after a warrant had been issued for his arrest in March, 1907.

At a time where her finances were low and her husband's health precarious, Mrs. Green says Davidor, whose record she did not know and who she believed was a friend and benefactor, robbed her of the money she needed so badly to assist her husband to regain his health.

Green Is Killed by Gas.

Julius Green was found dead in his room while he and Mrs. Green were living at 1208 Pine street. The gas was burning low in a small heater in his sleeping apartment but enough had escaped to kill him. Had he been a well man, Mrs. Green says, the escaping gas would not have injured him, but in his condition, weakened as he was by sickness, he succumbed to asphyxiation.

Davidor is not only a fugitive from San Francisco, where he is wanted on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, but he is wanted in Portland, Or., where there is a Federal indictment hanging over him charging use of the mails to defraud. Mrs. Green, who is now living at 1409 Hyde street, has placed her case in the hands of A. D. Burdell, a Portland attorney. She is satisfied she has been swindled on at least two deals and that Davidor used his acquaintance with Julius Green and herself to further his interests in Portland.

Davidor in Trouble in Bay City.

Davidor made his first appearance in San Francisco during March, 1907. He is a tall, well-built man, 40 years old, with black hair, a heavy mustache and in appearance a "typical handsome stage villain."

After arrival here he was first made the basis of a police investigation, when Miss S. Houston, of 2227 Van Ness avenue swore to a complaint charging him with battery. She alleged that he had been a caller at her home; that he made violent love to her and had struck her when an offer of

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MOTHER'S PRESENT IS FORGERY CAUSE

BOY ARRESTED BECAUSE HE REMEMBERED PARENT.

Christmas Bears Heavily on Youth, Out of Work; Bad Check Passed and Jail Looms Up.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—That he might procure money with which to purchase a Christmas present to send to his mother back in New Jersey and in order to maintain the glowing accounts written to her of his success in the far Western country, John H. Harvey, 21 years old, forged a check for \$3.40. It is alleged in a complaint issued by Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Robert W. Frigmore, Harvey is under arrest.

Harvey came to Washington some months ago, working at whatever employment he could find. In letters written to his mother he told of the wonderful country and how well he was doing.

"It is easy to get work at good wages, mother dear," he wrote. "I wish you a merry Christmas. You may look for a Christmas box from me." When Christmas eve came Harvey was out of work. His money all gone, he decided that the promise to his mother must be kept at all hazards. Then he presented the check alleged to be a forgery.

SIX MEN SEEK MAYORALTY

Half-Dozen Aspirants for Office in Seattle Put Up Filing Fees.

SEATTLE, Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Thus far six men have demonstrated 50 worth of confidence each in their ability to win the Mayoralty in Seattle next month. The aspirants so far in the field are H. C. Gill, A. V. Bouillon, Austin E. Griffiths and Ben R. Humes, Republicans; Charles H. Miller and W. H. Moore, Democrats.

Gill and Griffiths already have campaign headquarters, the former in the Butler Hotel and the latter in the Pioneer block. Erickson's friends have made arrangements to open headquarters as soon as he raises the filing fee.

Up to date Humes is without a platform or a speech-making record, and the only thing that Moore has declared is that he stands on his record as Mayor.

BOMB PUZZLE TO DENVER

Infernal Machine Is Found for Third Time Near Tabor Home.

DENVER, Jan. 7.—Denver police are trying to unravel the mystery surrounding the finding for the third time of a bomb in the yard of the old Tabor residence in a fashionable district of Denver.

The bomb was discovered a few evenings ago by citizens, children being at play nearby at the time. The citizen carried the bomb to a safe place, covered it up and then telephoned the police. When the latter arrived the bomb had disappeared.

Careful investigation has failed to reveal an explanation of the affair.

WOMEN PAY \$7500 FINES

Chicago Dressmakers Plead Guilty to Smuggling.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Mary K. Weber and Kathryn Schwarz, who conducted a dressmaking establishment in Chicago under the name of Madame Whitney, were charged with "sleeper trunk" smuggling in the Circuit Court here today and fined \$7500 each on a plea of guilty.

United States District Attorney Wise said that during the last few years these women had brought in more than \$150,000 worth of goods and had paid duty on only \$40,000 worth.

DEMAND FOR CASH JARS STEPHENSON

La Follette's Friends Insistent.

\$250,000 WAS NOT GIVEN

This Sum Asked to Aid Boom for President.

COLLEAGUES THEN BREAK

Aged Senator Makes Startling Statement While on Stand to Help Shed Light on Row Growing Out of 1908 Campaign.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—The suit of ex-Assemblyman Herman J. Ekern against Assemblyman Albert T. Twaine, on account of matters growing out of the campaign of 1908, brought out some very startling developments today, when the deposition of Senator Isaac Stephenson was taken.

The reason Senator La Follette and Senator Isaac Stephenson came to a parting of the ways was because the latter refused to "pony up" a cool quarter of a million dollars for a Presidential campaign for Senator La Follette. Such was the statement of Senator Stephenson.

Attorney Provokes Senator. Senator Stephenson was in the city part of the day, en route to Washington, and arrangements had been made for his examination in connection with the suit.

It is possible Senator Stephenson would not have said so much, but the persistence and insinuations with which the attorney for the plaintiff stirred him up, finally brought from him the real reason for the row. One-half of the stock in the "progressive" supporters switched away from him.

Check for \$1000 Is Given.

From Senator Stephenson's testimony, given at times with evident reluctance, it appeared that after he had been asked to "sweeten" the campaign pot by \$250,000, the demand was lowered to \$25,000 and finally the La Follette men were glad to take two checks for \$1000 each.

These checks figured in the investigation in Madison last winter, but as to the other financial transactions, Senator Stephenson succeeded in dodging replies. In the examination he testified that Mr. Ekern and Mr. Dahl came to Marinette, and asked him to contribute \$250,000 to the La Follette Presidential campaign fund.

Demand Made Second Time.

The Senator refused to invest so heavily, and after a lengthy discussion, in which he said his visitors did most of the talking, he gave them a check for \$1000.

When he was in Washington, Mr. Ekern, he said, came to the Shoreham Hotel, where he was staying, and opened another line of argument, the burden of which being that Senator Stephenson ought to help along the "progressive" cause, of which Senator La Follette was the leader, by a contribution of \$250,000. Mr. Ekern argued persistently, but Senator Stephenson proved obdurate. All that he would agree to do was that he

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HOLD-UP MAN SHOT DOWN WHILE BUSY

PATROLMAN CRONFORD FOILS ATTEMPT TO ROB SALOON.

Officer, in Resort When Thug Enters Place, Fires Point Blank at Marauder, Ending Life.

An unknown masked highwayman was shot to death by Patrolman George B. Croxford in the saloon of L. Miller at 740 Union avenue North, at 10:30 o'clock last night as he was in the act of holding up V. Hobenstein and John Bauer, bartenders at the resort.

Wearing a white handkerchief around the lower part of his face as a mask, the highwayman walked into the saloon, and paying no attention to the police officer, who was in plain clothes, and had just entered the resort, the thug advanced to the bar and, whipping out a 38-caliber revolver, ordered the bartenders to throw up their hands. Almost before the frightened men could comply with the command, Patrolman Croxford pulled his revolver and as the thug turned his head slightly toward the officer, the latter fired point blank, the bullet entering the thug's mouth and evidently penetrating the brain, for he died within a few minutes.

Croxford then ordered the bartenders to telephone the police station, and picking up the thug's gun he rushed from the saloon to intercept the fellow's pal, if he had one, for the officer figured that another man was left outside as lookout. No trace of a second man was to be found.

Patrolman Croxford, who killed the highwayman, is known as one of the most reliable officers on the force, of which body he has been a member for the past seven years. The dead highwayman had not a scrap of paper or any mark on his person which would serve as a means of identification. The man is of medium size and about 23 years of age. Deputy Coroner Dunning took charge of the remains.

REPORT IS LINE IS UNSOLD

Harriman Officials Deny Purchase of Salt Lake Road.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Officials of the Union Pacific Railroad said today they knew nothing of the report from the West that the Harriman system had acquired the Salt Lake Railroad.

"I don't know what report is referred to as the Salt Lake road," said Alex Miller, secretary of the Union Pacific. "The company, though, is not now negotiating for any railroad in the Salt Lake territory."

SALT LAKE DISCREDITS SALE

Report Denied That Harriman Lines Will Absorb Road.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7.—Salt Lake Railroad officials do not credit a report from New York that the Harriman Lines would absorb enough of the Salt Lake Railroad stock to give them control of the road. One-half of the stock is now owned by the Oregon Short Line, a Harriman road which forced this compromise of the Clark interests when the line was being built, but the other half is held by the Clarks and they officer and control the Salt Lake.

There is not the slightest foundation for the report, said Second Vice-President J. Ross Clark today. "If any such move were on foot I should know about it."

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KNOX GIVES JOLT TO DREAM OF DIAZ

Mexico Would Dabble in Nicaragua.

PROTECTORATE IS PROPOSED

Central Republic for Pan-America Is Scheme.

CREEL SENT TO CAPITAL

Uncle Sam's Secretary of State Does Not Take Kindly to Proposition, and Mission Ends Rather Abruptly.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(Special.)—According to a story that has just leaked out here, Mexico wanted to intervene in Nicaragua, but when the Washington Government was sounded on the question, Senator Creel got such a cold chill that he almost immediately announced he had concluded his business here and was ready to return home.

The facts are these: Immediately after Zelaya had held a conference with President Diaz, ostensibly to thank him for the use of a Mexican gunboat in making his escape from Corinto, Foreign Minister Mariscal was instructed to wire Ambassador Creel to sound the Washington Government and find out what its attitude would be if Mexico intervened in the Central American imbroglio, and with the help it could get from the revolutionists and adherents of a union there, establish a central republic under a protectorate similar to that the United States maintained in Cuba.

Secretary Knox's manner of rising to the bait is said to have surprised Creel. The result of the interview is shown in the manner of Creel's announcement of the conclusion of his mission.

PEACE ENVOY IS DROWNED

General Diaz, in Canoe, Is Caught by Gigantic Wave.

BLUEFIELDS, Jan. 7.—General Pedro Andres Formas-Diaz, who started out yesterday for Managua, to treat for peace with President Madriz, met with a tragic end last night on Greytown bar. The canoe in which he was attempting to make a landing was caught by a gigantic wave and broke amidships, and Diaz disappeared in the sea.

