



PRESIDENT PRODS SENATORS GENTLY

Taft Wants to Know Why Nothing Is Done.

ACTIVITY URGED ON LEADERS

Spite of Senatorial Opposition, Postal Banks Sure.

MUST MAKE GOOD PLEDGE

Executive Opines Regular Savings Institutions Will Not Be Affected and Lawmakers See It to Their Fences' Interest.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—President Taft read in the papers today that the Senate was marking time while the House is struggling with the various appropriation bills. So he sent for Senators Penrose of Pennsylvania, Crane of Massachusetts and Carter of Montana, and asked why it would not be a good thing for the Senate to "get busy" on some of the measures he has recommended.

Senator Aldrich being absent from the city, was not included in the summons. The President broached the subject of the postal savings bank bill. The Senators summoned are members of the committee on postoffice and postroads. Mr. Penrose is chairman, Senator Carter is sponsor for the measure.

Opposition Is Encountered.

Some Senators, it was suggested, in reply to the President, are not warm advocates of the postal banks. In fact, it was said that such states as Massachusetts and Pennsylvania—great strongholds of saving institutions—are not at all in favor of the scheme. But the President contended that the Republican platform called for postal savings banks and surely the Senators were going to redeem the party pledge. But what about the House? This was propounded as a poser.

President Taft is said to have assured the Senators that they need not worry about the House. It is said that there is every reason to believe the House is coming around all right; that its members are coming to the President for the good reason that they have no other place to go.

Taft Is Become Magnent.

"It's a case of water running down hill," said one of the President's callers today. "He does not have to go to the regular or the insurgents either. They have got to come to him. Every man on Capitol Hill is looking for another term and he's got to have something to go before the public on. Congress has got to do something and all the Republicans, regardless of the fight against Cannon or the House committee, are going to vote for Taft's measure."

So it happened when Senators Penrose, Crane and Carter left the White House the latter, acting as spokesman for the trio, declared:

"The postal savings bank proposition will become a law at this session."

Other Taft Measures Sure.

The postal banks, however, will not be the first of the Taft measures considered. The President ranks his recommendations for changes of forthcoming financial legislation. Mr. Aldrich is anxious to obtain the support of the country for the new currency laws, and the President believes the best way to get this support is first to provide the postal banks.

This bill, it is argued, will give the leader of the Senate an opportunity to show the people that they are to get their share of benefits of forthcoming financial legislation. Mr. Aldrich is anxious to obtain the support of the country for the new currency laws, and the President believes the best way to get this support is first to provide the postal banks.

Alaska Coal Lands Included.

The important thing, the President believes, is to validate withdrawals made under the former administration, and in the 19 months of the present Administration under the shadowy power of discretion of the Secretary of the Interior. The President wants this power made unquestionable.

Roosevelt Lays Plans

Oyster Bay Congressman Ready to Withdraw on Demand.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Confirming the story of his readiness to retire from Congress in favor of Theodore Roosevelt, Representative Cocks, of New York, who represents the Oyster Bay district, where the Roosevelt home is located, added today that he had informally talked the subject over with Mr. Roosevelt.

"The talk was entirely informal," said Mr. Cocks, "and the President's expressions were given in a tentative way. Incidentally the fact that John Quincy Adams had occupied a seat in Congress subsequent to his Presidential term was brought up."

Silver Injury Serious

Woman Gravely Hurt Putting Stick of Wood in Stove.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—When Mrs. John West, residing at 267 West Ninth street, was putting a stick of wood in a stove yesterday morning a silver entered one of the fingers of her right hand and although the silver was removed promptly the lacerated finger continued to give her so much pain that a physician was called.

MAIDS EN MASSE SEEK HUSBANDS

DAYTON BACHELORS GET ANSWER SIGNED BY 47.

Young Women in Vermont Town Seize at Chance, and Letters Pour in a Dozen a Day.

DAYTON, Wash., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—It will be the fault of the sturdy young bachelors of this place if they do not find the amiable wives they seek. The news of the formation of a bachelors' club here recently has gone abroad and letters pour in at the rate of a dozen a day telling about young women who are willing to come to Dayton to become the wives of prosperous young men. Parenthetically it ought to be observed that no untruth was told when the announcement of the formation of the club was coupled with the statement that young men hereabouts are prosperous.

The only states in the union that have not responded to the news that Dayton has a bachelors' club are Arizona and New Mexico—and it has been suggested to your correspondent that he is premature in classing them as states. The club has a bushel basket full of replies and more come in with every mail.

The most impressive of them all is a letter mailed by a school teacher in a small town in Vermont, containing a sort of round robin, with forty-seven signatures. The letter does not say whether the letter was voted upon in mass meeting or circulated from house to house.

All of the forty-seven Vermont girls—unless they are joking the Dayton boys—are willing to become Blue Mountain wives. But the bachelors hereabouts will make no answer until all the returns are in.

BLAMED FOR HIGH PRICES

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BILLBOARD FIRM LOSES

Paint-Daubed Fences in Tacoma Limited to Six Feet in Height.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Superior Judge Shackelford today denied the petition of Foster & Kleiser for a writ of mandamus to compel City Building Inspector Trust to grant a permit for the erection of a bill board on Puyallup avenue.

The court sustained the demurrer of the City Attorney sustaining the validity of the new six-foot bill board ordinance. The petitioners contended that the city ordinance limiting the height of bill boards to six feet was invalid, being, it was argued, an unreasonable exercise of police power.

It was argued that if the ordinance was enforced it would put bill boards out of business, which is what the City Council has been aiming to do.

BROTHERS DIE SAME DAY

California Men Buried at Same Hour in Different Cities.

CHICO, Cal., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Charles Plunkett died in this city Tuesday morning of tuberculosis. Tuesday night William Plunkett, brother of Charles, expired in McCloud of the same disease.

Yesterday morning the funeral of Charles Plunkett was held from the Catholic church in this city. At the same time the last rites were being said over the body of the young man in the Siskiyou county town.

William Plunkett was aged 35 years, while his brother in this city was but 23. A father, mother and sister survive.

MISOURI TRAIN IS HELD UP

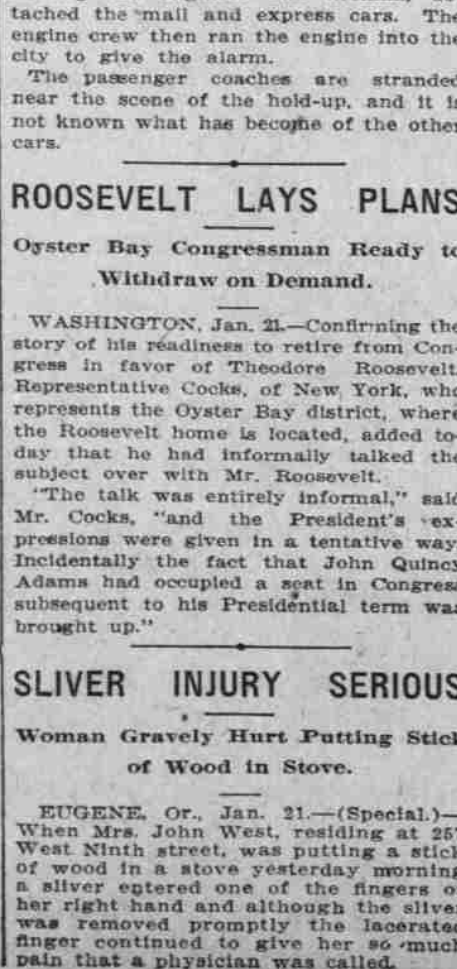
Four Masked Men Detach Express Car After Holding Engineer.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 21.—Missouri Pacific train No. 8 from Kansas City due here at 10:40 o'clock, was held up by four masked men between Glencoe and Eureka, 30 miles from here, at 9:45 o'clock tonight.

The four men mounted the cab and, holding the engineer and fireman, detached the mail and express cars. The engine crew then ran the engine into the city to give the alarm.

The passenger coaches are stranded near the scene of the hold-up, and it is not known what has become of the other cars.

PEACE MOVEMENT THAT WOULD HELP SOME.



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ANTELOPE EAT HAY FED HUNGRY SHEEP

NEW DANGER TO STARVING FLOCKS IN WYOMING.

Herders Unable to Drive Off Wild Animals, Wire Fences Are Put Around Feed Stacks.

SHERIDAN, Wyo., Jan. 21.—Stockmen in this section are still alarmed over the shortage of feed due to the prolonged unfavorable weather.

Heavy losses are reported in some districts, many sheep having died because the owners could not get food for them. Losses aggregating 20,000 head have been reported.

An additional cause for apprehension is felt among the flockmasters of the Powder River country, about ninety miles southeast of Sheridan, where 200 head of antelopes suddenly appeared this morning and took possession of the ranch of John Cooper on the middle fork of Powder River, between Kaycee and Sussex.

The antelope appeared nearly starved and ate ravenously the feed that had been sparingly provided for sheep. Cooper and a number of men sought to drive the antelope away, but the hungry animals refused to leave.

Fearing their stacks of hay might be badly depleted before additional feed could be secured for the sheep, the stockmen are busily engaged in building wire fences around hay stacks.

Meaning the antelope are eagerly devouring all feed within reach.

FLEET MOVEMENT CHANGED

Squadron in Orient Ordered to Return to America.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The armored cruiser squadron, composed of the West Virginia, Colorado, Rhode Island, California, Washington, Tennessee and Pennsylvania, which was sent out to the Orient on a cruise of evolution, has turned homeward.

A cablegram received at the Navy Department today announced the sailing of the vessels from Yokohama for Honolulu, en route to the United States.

Soon after returning to San Francisco two of the cruisers, the Tennessee and the Washington, will be dispatched around Cape Horn to join the Montana, North Carolina and Chester at Buenos Ayres to represent the United States at the Argentine centennial celebration, the combined squadron being under the command of Captain Stanton.

COLONIST RATES GRANTED

Harriman Lines Announce Reduction Between March 1, April 15.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21.—Advices received here from headquarters of the Harriman lines in Chicago announce that they will place in effect, as has been their custom during past seasons, colonist rates from March 1 to April 15. This means that during this period there will be a 25 per cent reduction from all Missouri River points such as Omaha, Council Bluffs and Kansas City and a 25 per cent from Chicago, New Orleans and other cities in the same class.

SNOW BANK SAVES TRAIN

Oriental Limited Jumps Track, but No One Is Injured.

EVERETT, Wash., Jan. 21.—Although the engine and five coaches of the Great Northern's east-bound Oriental Limited left the track at Drury, a small station on the east side of the Cascade tunnel, early this morning, no one was injured and the damage to the train was slight.

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EAT-NO-MEAT PACT URGED AS REMEDY

Boycott Against High Prices Growing.

HOTEL MEN JOIN MOVEMENT

Many Cities Report That Plan Is Finding Favor.

THOUSANDS SIGN PLEDGES

Ministers, Labor Unions and Plain Citizens Enroll Names in New Cause—Quotations Drop at Some Points.

CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Westward the meat boycott makes its way, gathering momentum as it passes. The "no meat" propaganda started in Cleveland has spread as far west as Denver and promises to project its influence to the Pacific Coast.

Labor unions and federations, church organizations, women's clubs, City Councils and even state departments of justice in the West are lined up in the fight against what is generally believed to be an intolerably high price of prices for table foods. The feeling was intensified tonight when the announcement came from Washington that the Federal Department of Justice was planning to proceed against the beef packers.

Observers Differ as to Blame.

Although there is agreement that prices are unwarrantably high, there is a difference of opinion as to where the blame should be lodged. There is a large element which holds the packers responsible. Others voice the opinion that the burden of the people's woes must be placed at the doors of the farmers and cattle and hog producers. Still another body of householders holds to the view that the wholesalers and retailers are gouging their customers beyond the limit of endurance.

Dispatches tonight from Kansas City, St. Louis, Pittsburg, Milwaukee, St. Joseph, Memphis, Omaha, Montgomery, Detroit and other cities tell of the spread of the anti-meat campaign and of the pitch of indignation to which the masses are aroused.

Million Expected to Join.

If the prospects painted today in telegraphic dispatches are borne out by facts later in the week, February 7, a million persons between the Allegheny and Rocky mountains pledged to abstain from meat.

Advices from Kansas City are specific. The prediction is made there that 80,000 persons will join the eat-no-meat movement. Labor leaders are active, enthusiastic and effective in their efforts. The Carmen's Union, with 300 members, voted today to abstain from flesh food for a month. The Allied Printing Trades Council, representing 5500, the Building Trades Council, and the Industrial Trades Council, representing 13,000 members of 99 crafts, have called meetings with the avowed purpose of advancing the boycott cause. C. W. Bishop, proprietor of a lead-

HALLEY'S COMET IS NOW NEAR MARS

VISITOR LOCATED BETWEEN RED PLANET AND SATURN.

Not Yet Visible to Naked Eye, but Astronomers Prophecy It Will Be Magnificent Spectacle.

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz., Jan. 21.—Halley's comet is rapidly increasing in brightness, but is not yet visible to the naked eye. Its approximate place among the stars is just now easily determined, about midway between Mars and Saturn, and a little above a line joining the planets, according to a statement given out at the observatory here today.

The great comet is at present, considering its position in space, not far from the plane of the earth's orbit and comparatively near Mars. It is moving rapidly westward in the sky and within a few days at least, may present a magnificent spectacle. At the end of April it should be conspicuous as a morning star.

It is difficult to predict with any degree of certainty just how bright the comet will be from time to time.

BAD CHECKS BRING CASH

Man Giving Portland Address Swindles San Pedro Real Estate Agent.

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—One of the cleverest check swindlers who has operated in this locality has left San Pedro real estate dealers and business men to mourn the loss of several hundred dollars.

A man giving his name as Charles Sandrom arrived here on Saturday and represented himself as a wealthy property holder of Portland. He contracted for the purchase of eight lots from vigorous real estate agents, giving checks as deposits. He would then draw a check for from \$10 to \$50 for himself personally and receive the cash, paying a deposit on the business with "time him over" until the banks opened on Monday.

The last seen of Sandrom was on Sunday afternoon, when he entered a front-street restaurant and negotiated with the proprietor for its purchase, paying a deposit on the business with a check for \$50.

The obliging proprietor then advanced him \$10 of a second check.

TEACHERS' TESTS READY

Examinations Will Be Held Week of February 7.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Questions for the state and county school examinations have just been sent out from the office of the State Superintendent of Schools. The examinations will be during the week of February 7.

The state examinations will commence Wednesday morning February 9, and on that day the applicants will be examined in penmanship, history, spelling, physical geography, reading and psychology. Thursday the applicants will write on written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, bookkeeping, physics and civics. Friday will be devoted to physiology, geography, composition, algebra, English literature and school law. The examinations will close Saturday with a test in botany, plane geometry and general history. There are approximately 200 applicants for the state examinations.

The eighth-grade examinations are being held this week in every county in the state.

TALBOT TRIAL IS DELAYED

Reno Murder Case Calls for Extra Venue in Court.

RENO, Nev., Jan. 21.—With 11 jurors in the box passed temporarily and the first regular 40 talesmen exhausted, a continuance was necessitated in the trial of Mrs. Talbot in this city for murder of her husband today. Shortly after the noon hour the last of the regular talesmen was examined and a continuance was ordered until tomorrow, when an extra venire will be returned to court.

It is not thought that any evidence will be taken in the case before next Tuesday, as the state has four and the defense five peremptory challenges remaining to be exercised.

NURSE ATTENDS PRISONER

Mrs. Johnson Confined to Bed in Clark County Jail.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Mrs. Maud Johnson, who is in the County Jail, awaiting trial on a charge of having obtained \$1250 from the Northern Pacific railroad last April by fraudulent representations, has been confined to her bed for several days by illness. The County Physician, Dr. Black, has been in attendance and Sheriff Searles has secured the services of a nurse.

Dr. Black says that Mrs. Johnson has a tumor, but that an operation would not be necessary in the immediate future.

FLEET NOT FOR SEATTLE

Diversion of Pacific Mail Vessels Not Thought Of.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21.—That the Pacific Mail Steamship Company does not contemplate the diversion of a portion of its Oriental fleet from this port to Seattle was the declaration today of A. J. Fren, assistant to Vice-President and General Manager R. W. Schwerin, when asked to confirm a report that such action would be taken soon. Mr. Fren said:

"I know nothing of the report until I read it today. We have not split the fleet and as far as I know no orders have been received to do so."

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Some were drowned, others were burned, almost within hand reach of the drowned; still others were crushed to death.

One of the splintered cars was burned on the brink of the river.

Worst Wreck Known in Canada.

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