



TAFT PROGRAMME IS OUTLINED ANEW

Promise of Insurgent Aid Is Given.

CONCESSION MADE ON RULES

Caucuses in Emergencies Will Avoid Open Breach.

SUBSIDY NOT ABANDONED

Legislative Council for Alaska, Postal Banks, Statehood, Conservation and Commerce Court Issues Will Be Pressed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The Administration programme, as revised today by leaders of the Senate and House and stamped with White House approval, comprises the following legislation: Statehood for Arizona and New Mexico in the form of the Senate bill, which provides for ratification by Congress of the constitutions of the new states after approval by the President.

Postal savings banks, with safeguards against funds being transferred from sections where originally deposited to the money centers.

Congress to Revoke Withdrawals.

Giving the President authority to withdraw from entry public lands desired for conservation purposes or for classification, the withdrawals to remain in force until revoked by him or by act of Congress.

Federal incorporation, open to the voluntary application of concerns engaged in interstate business and willing to subscribe to Federal regulation.

President Wants Subsidy.

Later in this session it may be decided to make additions to the programme by adding measures now of secondary importance. For instance, President Taft has told his advisers that he is inclined to come out strongly for ship subsidy in some form, and it is possible that he also may urge the passage of the bill providing for certificates of indebtedness to the amount of \$20,000,000 to provide money to carry on reclamation work.

All Republican members of the Senate committee on finance had a meeting early today in advance of the regular session. Some plain talk was indulged in by Chairman Aldrich over the situation in which the Republican party has found itself by reason of opposition to certain platform pledges endorsed unequivocally by Mr. Taft in his campaign speeches and on trips over the country since he became President.

Insurgents in Line.

It was stated that the President had the situation in the House well in hand, and that Republicans, regulars and "insurgents" alike, have agreed to put their shoulders to the wheel and roll the Taft policies through that body.

Assurances were given that there would be no conflict between the "insurgents" and the rules committee. This would be avoided, it was said, by caucuses to be held to design new machinery where any is found to be necessary for the passage of Administration bills.

PREHISTORIC BONES FOUND

German Africa Expedition Party Locates Fine Specimens.

BERLIN, Feb. 2.—The first shipment of prehistoric bones collected by the German expedition in German East Africa, comprising 46 large boxes, reached the Berlin paleontological museum today.

Reports from the explorers indicate that they have been highly successful in finding important specimens. One of the most important is a thigh bone that measures six feet 1 1/2 inches, as compared with the 4 foot 1 1/2-inch measurement of the corresponding bone of the American dipodomys.

ARROW PIERCES LAD'S EYE

Eight-Year-Old Oregon Boy Loses Sight at Play.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—While the 8-year-old son of Thomas Geer was playing with a bow and arrow, shooting high into the air and watching the arrow descend, he was struck in the eye by one of the falling missiles, lacerating the ball and completely destroying the sight.

Troops Will Go to Manila.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Lieutenant Tillson and the detachment of Troop L of the Fourteenth Cavalry, under his command, have received orders to leave Fort Walla Walla for San Francisco, March 1. The troop is scheduled to arrive at the Golden Gate not later than the morning of March 4 to sail for Manila. Four troops of the First Cavalry are to arrive from the Philippines the latter part of the month and will be stationed at the local fort.

ARDENT WOOPER IS JAILED IN DAYTON

TRIP FROM FRESNO ENDS AT INSANE ASYLUM.

Sweethearts so Many He Can't Remember—Arrested as He Proposes on Street.

DAYTON, Wash., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Coming all the way from Fresno, Cal., to seek membership in the Blue Mountain Bachelors' Club, Edward D. Miles proposed to so many young women within a few hours that his arrest followed, and he is now a patient in the Asylum for the Insane at Medical Lake.

Miles, whose uncle, E. W. Alcorn, of this city, is ex-County Treasurer of Columbia County, says he has so many sweethearts between here and Fresno that he can't remember their names.

On the train Miles introduced himself to an attractive young woman, the schoolteacher at Berryman station, 10 miles west of here. When the woman alighted from the train, Miles followed her to the school house, where he made a dramatic proposal. The schoolteacher ran screaming from the building.

14 CAUGHT IN DRAGNET

Crook County Sheriff Makes Wholesale Arrests at Madras.

PRINEVILLE, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Fourteen prisoners are the result of a raid made today by Sheriff Elkins and Deputy Sheriff Cade at Madras, and all are in the County Jail tonight.

Ben Rice and Ed Ryan are charged with holding up a blacksmith named Moore. Tom Fuller, Charles Mason, Ralph Sharpe, James Sharpe, Blanche Green, Joseph Wilson, Oral Moore, Lee Moore and H. C. Tamm, Frank Lee and Paddy Lawlor are charged with violating the prohibition laws.

"FRAT" GIRLS ELATED

Institution of Gamma Phi Beta Is Noteworthy Event in Pullman.

MOSCOW, Ida., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—This week is to be noteworthy among the sororities of the University of Idaho, when Alpha Delta Phi chapter is to be made a member of the Gamma Phi Beta, the national organization. The initiation ceremonies will begin Thursday evening and will last until after Saturday, after which the proposed new chapter of the Gamma Phi Beta is to be instituted.

'GUMBOOT KELLEY' SHOOTS

Marshfield Saloonkeeper Fires at Logger, Missing Crowd.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Thomas F. Crawford, known here as "Gumboot" Kelley and proprietor of the Cold Tea saloon, yesterday shot through the window of his saloon at a rioting mob and narrowly missed hitting several who were walking on the street at that time.

SHERIFF RECOVERS LOOT

Two Men Arrested on Charge of Robbing Freight Cars.

LA GRANDE, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—As the result of clever work by Sheriff Frank Childers, two men believed to be members of a gang of thieves who have been riding freight cars the past week are in the County Jail. The men were Harry Holmes and Lester West, better known as "Boscoe" Rutherford.

PAULIAN TO FLY IN NEW ORLEANS.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 2.—Arrangements have been completed for aeroplane flights here commencing February 4 by Louis Paulhan.

IRRIGATION BILL HAS GOOD CHANCE

Provision for Bonds Is Changed Slightly.

CARTER PLAYING POLITICS

Committee Substitute Will Bear Montanan's Name.

TAFT PROMISES SUPPORT

Eastern Members Unfriendly, but Insurgents Will Avoid Giving Strength to Western Men They Hope to Defeat.

BY HARRY J. BROWN. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU. Washington, Feb. 2.—The prospects for the passage of a bill to raise additional money to complete Government irrigation projects now under way is brighter today than at any time since the session of the Senate opened. The bill is not out of the woods, by a great deal, but conditions are shaping up in a way that is encouraging to those Western Senators and Representatives who are most concerned in this legislation, and it is their judgment that the chances are now rather in favor of their passing some sort of measure providing about \$20,000,000 additional.

Bonds Changed in Name.

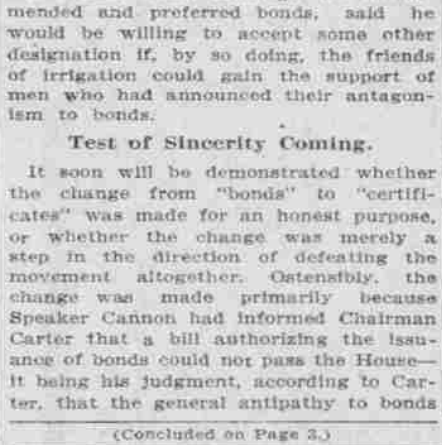
After a series of delays, the Senate committee on irrigation by unanimous vote, reported a substitute for the Borah bill, but the substitute differs in no important particular from the bill drawn jointly by Senator Borah and Secretary Ballinger, save that the name of the securities proposed to be issued is changed from "bonds" to "certificates of indebtedness." The terms and conditions upon which these certificates are to be put forth, however, makes them bonds in all but name, and Senator Borah is willing this alteration shall stand so long as those who insisted upon it work honestly and faithfully to secure the passage of the amended bill.

Test of Sincerity Coming.

It soon will be demonstrated whether the change from "bonds" to "certificates" was made for an honest purpose, or whether the change was merely a step in the direction of defeating the movement altogether. Ostensibly, the change was made primarily because Speaker Cannon had informed Chairman Carter that a bill authorizing the issuance of bonds could not pass the House— it being his judgment, according to Carter, that the general antipathy to bonds

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THEATER TANK EXPLODES

Fireman Gives Alarm Before Thinking of Own Injuries.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—The explosion of a small tank at the Keyler Grand, used to heat water for the dressing-rooms, did considerable damage and painfully burned Charles Hicks, a theater fireman, this morning.

CHINAMAN FALLS VICTIM

Canadian Exchanges Confederate Notes for Singapore Currency.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—The police here are looking for a kind-hearted white man who yesterday volunteered to exchange good Canadian money for foreign money brought here by the Chinese crew of the Blue Funnel liner Antiochus. One Oriental, a tally clerk, produced \$50 in Singapore money and received therefor \$35 from the stranger in money of the Confederate States of America.

HARRIMAN HOLDINGS SOLD

Southern Pacific Also Said to Be Out of Wells Fargo Express.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Holdings of the Harriman estate, which heretofore practically controlled Wells, Fargo & Co., have been liquidated, according to unconfirmed report in this city today.

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DAY GIVEN OVER TO DEFENSE

Paymaster Tells of Trouble in Ballroom.

DR. COWLES REFUSES TO GO

Defendant Insists He Had Heard Stories About Physician, and Did Not Believe Him Proper Guest at Dance.

BOSTON, Feb. 2.—The social set of the Charlestown Navy-Yard, which has crowded the big dance hall three times this week at the court-martial of Paymaster George P. Auld, accused of conduct unbecoming a gentleman and officer, just missed hearing today, from one woman witness, what she insisted was the real cause of the ejection of Dr. E. S. Cowles from the dance December 11.

PURSUIT BY AUTO FAILS

Mexicans Hunted for Killing Paymasters With Axes.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Feb. 2.—An automobile party from this city, which hurried to the Swissholm Mountains last night, in the hope of capturing two Mexicans who had killed one American and fatally wounded another, found that the Mexicans had fled.

SNOW STILL OWES STATE

Commissioner's Bondsmen May Be Sued for \$10,000.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Joseph M. Snow, ex-Highway Commissioner, is still in Olympia, and while he has had a lengthy conference with W. P. Bell, Attorney-General, he has not turned over the remaining \$2000 to the state of the \$10,000 paid by the Milwaukee Railroad for a state highway right of way.

ROADBED PLAN FAVORED

Southern Pacific Officials View Proposed Newport Extension.

ELK CITY, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—A party of Southern Pacific Railroad officials consisting of General Superintendent M. J. Buckley, Superintendent L. R. Fields, Chief Engineer G. W. Boschee, Assistant Engineer Russell Chase, Superintendent J. T. Walsh, of the Corvallis & Eastern division, and Superintendent of Bridges J. H. Stevens took lunch here today on their return from a tour of inspection over the proposed extension between Yagala City and Newport. None of the officials would give it out as a statement that work on the extension would be started at once, but it was intimated that an effort will be made to carry a part, at least, of the coming Summer excursion traffic all the way to Newport by rail.

BELL HOLDS TAX INVALID

Washington Lawyers and Doctors Free From Special Levy.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Doctors and lawyers cannot be assessed a special tax by City Councils of the fourth class, says Attorney-General Bell, who holds, however, that the poll tax is constitutional and says that cities may levy and collect that tax.

JAPAN NAVY PLANS BIG

Twenty-one New Warships Will Be Completed Before 1917.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 2.—Twenty-one warships to be added to the Japanese navy before 1917 are included in the new Japanese naval programme, according to advices brought by the liner Awa Maru, which arrived from the Orient today.

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