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President Refuses Aid to Politicians.

### PARTY LEADER IN DANGER

Law Passed by "Machine" Aids Governor Hughes.

### ROOT TAKES BACK SEAT

Absence From Conference Called by Griscom Causes Comment, but Friendship for Roosevelt Is Denied as Cause.

BY LLOYD F. LONERGAN. NEW YORK, Feb. 22 .- (Special.)-When the Albany revelations were first made public, Senator Benn Conger added to the interest by saying, "I don't see why they stir this thing up. It isn't a flea bite compared to some of the things that have been pulled off

Now, Governor Hughes is doing the best he can to prove that Conger was correct in his statement.

hils action in investigating methods of the purchase of forest reserve lands in the Adirondacks has aroused, among the initiated, interest that completely overshadows the argument between Senators Conger and Allds.

#### Well-Known Politician Involved.

If inside gossip can be relied upon, the investigation is likely to involve one of the best known figures in the state; a man who has been active in politics for a decade, and whose claims for high honors at the hands of the Republican party have frequently been

This man-and he still is influential in party councils-is fighting desperately to prevent any unpleasant disclosures. ABut Governor Hughes is the kind of a man who hits any guilty head in sight. Furthermore, this parpolitician never has been friendly to Hughes, and has recently fought many of the reforms the Gov-

The man in question has even gone so far as to make a personal appeal to President Taft. He took the ground that additional disclosures would prove CHURCH SENTENCE CRUEL fatal to the party in the campaign this So far as can be learned, he received no encouragement whatever.

### Investigators Will Not Swerve.

It is the general opinion that the investigators chosen by the Governor are men who cannot be swerved from the direct path of duty. Roger P. Clark is the Governor's legal adviser, and his colleague, H. Leroy Austin, was for years one of the stand-bys in the State Controller's office. They are men who are competent to detect fraud, if fraud exists, and to fix the blame on the proper shoulders.

Their inquiry promises to be a thorough one and will go back to the beginning of the acquisition of forest lands in the state. Witnesses will not e called until the groundwork is laid. After that part of the work has been completed, however, those having a knowledge of unexplained dealings will be called to tell what they know.

Machine politicians have not yet recovered from the shock, particularly when they realize that the Governor's action was made possible by the action of the machine.

### Machine Law Reacts.

Sherman Moreland, of Binghamton, a lieutenant of George W. Dunn, was for several years Hoor leader in the Assembly. On one occasion it was necessary to "play to the gallery," and Moreland introduced a bill, which later quire into the running of any department of the state. It is under the authority of the so-called "Moreland law" that the present proceedings were

instituted. The forests of the state come under the authority of the Forest, Fish and Game Commission, of which James W. Whipple is commissioner. Until 1902 the forestry work was in charge of the Forest Preserve Board, composed of three elective state officers, who served without pay. These officials Foreign Office Opposes Arbitration were the Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the Assembly and State Engineer and Surveyor. From 1897 to 1902 (the period land was purchased, by the Forest Preserve Board) these men were n charge: Lleutenant-Governor Timothy L. Woodruff, from 1897 to 1902. Speaker of the Assembly S. Fred Nixon, deceased, all five years; State Engineer

and Surveyor Campbell W. Adams, to January 1, 1899; E. A. Bond to 1902. In 1902 the Forestry Board was combined with the old Forest, Fish and Game Commission, which has since performed all the functions of the two

### Taft Approves Hughes.

When President Taft was in the city recently he expressed hearty approval of the plans outlined by Governor Hughes. In fact he practically, if not officially, recognized him as the state

Lloyd Griscom, president of the coun-y committee, invited five other Re-ublicans to meet the President of the United States. Probably because of

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# "SWIFTWATER BILL" "BROKE" IN LONDON

MAN OF MANY ADVENTURES SENDS CALL FOR HELP.

Pines for Alaskan Clime After Chilly Reception Awarded His Mining Stock.

SEATTLE. Wash., Feb. 22 .- (Spetial.)-"Swiftwater Bill" Gates, famous as one of the original Klondike kings as a Tanana capitalist and for his many matrimonial ventures, is walking the streets of London in that state of financial depression termed "stone-

By means of the postal service he is yelling loudly across the Atlantic Ocean for help from W. H. Dohrmann, formerly a well-known Alaskan, now manager of the St. Francis Hotel of San Francisco

This is the news brought from San Francisco by Jack McLeod, a former Alaskan and a friend of "Swiftwater Bill," who has just arrived from Raw hide, Nev. He was accompanied by James McTavish, another Alaskan, who cleaned up a small stake on Candle

According to McLeod, the treeless tundras and frozen streams of the north now look pretty good to "Swiftwater Bill," and at the time of writing he desired nothing better than to be lost in a blizzard on the Chilkoot summit. Gates says it is cold in the northern part of Alaska, but not half as frigid as was his reception by the English nabobs when he tried to persuade them to buy stock in some mines he owns at Rawhide.

#### MINISTERS JOIN UNION

Admits Protestant Brethren.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 22 .- (Special.)-The Ministerial Association of Vancouver, obtained affiliation with the Trades and prisoners escaped. Labor Council, in the same manner as a recognized trades union, accepting the condition imposed by the council that delegates individually must pay the per capita tax in other cases borne by the everal local unions,

In effect, the action taken gives Vanfull-fledged union of preachers in Canada-probably in the world.

There is as yet no evidence of any ncroachments on the "trade" prerogatives, and it is interesting to speculate upon the possibilities should any of the nembers of the cloth be disappointed or other similar subjects of dispute. Would the other brethren be firm to their union principles and refrain from factorily adjusted? Or would they not?

Idaho Man, Convicted of Drunkenness, Appeals From Judgment.

MOSCOW, Idaho, Feb. 22 .- (Special.)-Sentenced to attend church for six Sundays in succession and to pay a nomina fine, Ed Krier, found guilty of drunkenness, has appealed rather than undergo

Police Judge Strong told Krier that he did not want to be hard on him and imposed a fine of \$3 and costs only in order to give him a legal penalty from which to appeal if he saw fit to do so.

"The audacity of any court that will sentence a man to six days' attendance at church is unparallelled in the history of the country," said ex-Mayor Morgan after the trial. Krier sought to prove by the testimony of six friends that the policeman who arrested him was mis-

# STRIKE MAY RUIN CROP

Guadalupe Sugar Plants Shut Down, Fields Set Afire.

POINT-A-PITRE, Guadalupe, Feb. 22. -Following the strike of 20,000 sugar-cane cutters, several grinding plants have ceased operation. Attempts to continue the gathering of the crops are opposed by the strikers, who have became a law. This measure gave the Governor the necessary power to inquire into the running of any departhas appealed to the military for help

The distillery and grinding plant Courcelles" were sacked during the right and a number of the employes had continued at work were wounded. Governor Gautret passed the night with the strikers, endeavoring to ef-fect a settlement of the wage dispute.

### LONDON AGAINST KNOX WAY

Plan Proposed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.-After several months' consideration the British For-eign Office has returned a reply, it was announced today that in general terms is unfavorable to Secretary Knox's prop-osition to clothe the high court to be cre-ated as the result of the international maritime conference at London with power to arbitrate differences between the powers signatory to The Hague con-vention. The nature of the British objection cannot be learned.

### WESTON TAKES DIVERSION

In Course of 40-Mile Tramp He Visits Petrified Forest.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Feb. Edward Payson Weston, walking from Los Angeles to New York, made 40 miles today, starting at Holbrook and spending the night at Navajo, Ariz. He took a diversion today and visited the petrified forest near Holbrook. He covered 53 miles yesterday.

# QUAKER CITY MOB DEFIES BAYONETS

Guns Snatched From "Tin" Soldiers.

# THREE BOYS BADLY WOUNDED

Riots Follow Attempts to Resume Streetcar Service.

### MILITIA MAY BE CALLED

Mayor Still Hopes Police Will Be Able to Cope With Situation. General Strike of 200,000 Men Threatened in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 22. - Three bys were shot and probably fatally inured and several received less severe wounds today in riots that followed the attempted resumption of service by the Philadelphia Rapid Transit

Company. The shooting occurred in attacks on ars in the northeastern section. Mar-Vancouver, B. C., Trades Council | ket street, the principal business thoroughfare, was the scene of the disturbances all day. Cars were stoned and two policemen were roughly handled by a mob of several thousand persons. A dozen arrests were made and the omposed of virtually all the Protestant prisoners were placed in a trolley car. ministers of that city, has applied for and This was stormed by the mob and two

#### Murphy Wants General Strike.

Preparations were made by authori ties to call upon the entire force of the State Militia if the police tomorrow were unable to cope with the situa President Murphy, of the Cention. couver the distinction of having the first tral Labor Union, still regards a general strike of all unions in the city as inevitable, although Organizer Pratt is said to oppose this move.

Members of the State Fencibles, an intependent military organization, 200 strong, were placed on duty today, armed with loaded rifles. They were bereafter in expected increase of stipend detailed in the Kensington mill district Northeast, a hotbed of sympathiz-

### Private Soldiers Failure.

in their first skirmish they were badly beaten by a mob that paid no attention to the drawn bayonets and snatched the rifles from the hands of the young militiamen. Members of the Fencibles, according to Mayor Reyburn, acted as if they were allowing girls in the district to wear their caps and cut the brass buttons off their clothing. At one point, a group of rioters captured a member of the Fencibles and carried him several feet from his post, where they stripped him of his coat, hat and cartridge belt and gun, and threw them into a sewer.

Fifteen policemen quartered in the barn of the company at Ridge ave-nue and York street narrowly escaped death tonight when the entire north-east corner of the building was blown away with dynamite. The explosion occurred just as C. O. Pratt was about to address a meeting of carmen at Ridge avenue and Dauphin street.

# Fencibles Are Recalled.

The State Fencibles, after being harassed and beaten all day by a mob (Concluded on Page 3.) was announced today.

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ROAD DENIES CONSPIRACY So-Called Canal Combine, if Real,

Aids Trade, Says Attorney. PHILADELPHIA. Pa., Feb. 22.—That the Lehigh Valley Railroad is in a conspiracy to stifle competition or to injure the public by raising coal prices was demonstrated today in the United States Circuit Court by Frank H. Platt, of New York, one of the company's atterneys. He delian the company's railroads existed is simply in operationto aid trade and to benefit the public.

Plat defended the ownership of coal lands by railroads and said the condition was inevitable. Coal lands brought many of the railroads into their territory, he said, and most of the property naturally drifted into the possession of the roads.

Platt's argument was in answer to a tsrong arraignment of the so-called coal trust by James C. McReynold's, special atorney for the Government. He declared that six railroads had conspired in a two-fold plan to suppress competition i nthe anthracite region.
Through the Temple Iron Company
they controlled much of the output of
coal, and, by tieing up independent
operators by the "65 per cent contract" they took away the last hope of reasonable prices.

Michigan's Senator Out of Danger, WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Senator Will-lam Alden Smith, of Michigan, who was operated on several days ago for appendiitis, is now considered out of danger, it

# WEATHER SEVERE, BUT STOCK SAFE

Interior Ranges Thus Far Escape Storm.

## TWO CITIES IN STATE SEE SUN

Most Willamette Valley Farmers Prepared for Chill.

### MANY FEEL COLDEST DAY

Roseburg and Ashland Enjoy Sunshine, but Other Cities of State Shiver--Moderation Predicted.

Forty-Mile Gale Rages.

#### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* TWO POINTS IN OREGON REPORT SUNSHINE; OTHER CITIES VISITED BY SNOW.

Portland, 23 above, snow Hood River, 20 above, anow Astoria, 27 above, snow. Salem, 28 above, snow, Oregon City, 25 above, snow Roseburg, 54 above, sun all day,

Ashland, 45 above, sunshine The Dalles, 20 above, snow. Pendleton, 12 above, snow. Hillsboro, 22 above, snow Woodland, Wash., 24 above, rec ord snow storm. Helena, Mont., 29 below, coldest

day of year. Despite the abnormal storm raging in the Columbia River and Willamette River Valleys, loss of cattle and sheep

throughout Oregon has not resulted, the nterior ranges, in a measure, escaping the gales and chill that have accom panied the whole-Coast severe weather of the late Winter. It will not only be necessary for yes-

terday's storm to continue, but also to increase in severity to cause serious damage to the stock interests of the state, according to the judgment of catyesterday were to the effect that the storm was confined to the countles bor-

fering on the Columbia River and had not penetrated to the ranges in the interior of the state. A Portlander, interested in extensive cattle holdings in Central Oregon, yesterday received a telephone message from | F. Prineville to the effect that there was only two inches of snow at that point

and that weather conditions were mod-

In Wheeler County it was reported that stockmen two weeks ago were complaining that because of the severity of the weather conditions of the Winter they had on hand only sufficient feed to carry heir herds through another fortnight. The same report was to the effect that it was difficult to replenish the feed supply in that section of the state. For that reason, should the present unseasonable weather continue for any length of time, stock in that section of the state will suffer.

### Umatilla Well Prepared.

"To date we have had a comparatively mild Winter in Eastern Oregon, said Colonel H. G. Newport, of Hermis

# UNIVERSITY IS SAID TO BE SOCIALISTIC INQUIRY MADE AT WISCONSIN

Oregontan.

Board of Visitors Digging Diligently Into Reports of Alleged Too

Liberal Teachings.

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 22 .- (Special.) An inquiry into the charges that socialistic ideas are being taught in the University of Wisconsin was begun this morning by a special committee

of the Board of Visitors. The investigation, it is understood will be conducted to ascertain whether there is any truth in the statemen that socialistic principles are being inculcated at the university, and if this is not the case, of clearing the reputation of the university in the minds of those who have given credence to the

charges. It is likely that the investigation will also deal with the Emma Goldman incident, when, after her posters had been torn down, a professor at the university is said to have announce her lectures in the classroom. Another incident to be inquired into is the lecture that Parker H. Sercombe, of Chicago, delivered in one of the university rooms upon invitation

Several students appeared before the committee today and gave testimony.

# MASONS PLAN MEMORIAL

Million Dollars to Be Raised to Honor George Washington.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Feb. 22.-The movement to erect a permanent Masonic memorial to George Washington took its first definite form today when General J. M. Dickinson, Secretary of War, and the grand masters of many Masonic grand lodges met here with other distinguished the first fraternity to form a National then of the fraternity to form a National

Masonic Memorial Association.
The memorial would stand on Washington street. Close by is the old Christ Church, where, in his mature years. Washington served as a vestryman. On a field not far off he held his last miliary review. Across a shaded green in he stately old Courthouse he cast his ast vote, and there his will is filed. The men who will form the associadon met today in the same Alexandria Washington lodgeroom where Washing on occupied the master's chair. While o fixed plan could be announced prior o the assembly of all the grand masters it is in short the purpose of the lodge to raise \$1,000,000 to build and

ndow the memorial.
Today's first meeting, held in the lodgeroom, atijourned at noon and all went to Mount Vernon by a special train,

# CUSTOMS JUDGES' PAY CUT

Jobs Withheld Until Appointees Agree on Smaller Salaries.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.-The Precident today withdrew the nominations of Alfred C. Coxe, William H. Hunt, James Smith, Orlan M. Barnes and Marion

de Vries, to be Judges of the Court of Customs Appeals. The explanation at the White House of the withdrawal of the nominations was that these persons were offered the appointments with that they were to get \$10,000 a year each, as provided in the Payne bill. Congress having refused to provide more than \$7000 each, the President felt that it would be better to withdraw the names until he had time to inform the men ominated of the facts and ascertain whether they were willing to accept under the new conditions. It is known some of the proposed

### RUSH LINE IS DISPERSED Still, 156 Yuma Home-Seekers Re-

fuse to Abandon Quest. LOS ANGELES, Feb. 22.-Senator Frank P. Flint today sent a telegram to the weary ones who are still main-taining the line in this city, hoping to

be the first to file on the Yuma lands, informing them that the order of Sec-retary Ballinger will stand. The Secretary's order disrupted the ine Secretary's order disrupted the line and ordered all homeseekers to take their chances in a "grand rush" on the morning of March 1. Those in line maintain they will "hang on" un-From 210 the line has dwindled to 156.

### SUSPECTS ARE ARRESTED Salem Officers Believe They Have

Men Who Blew Station Safe.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 22.— (Special.)— Officers Folund and Burkhart have ar-rested Harold Pierce and G. C. Bing-ham, suspected of being the men who blew up the safe in the West Salem station of the Salem, Falls City & Western Rallway Company last week. about two months ago after serving a term from Lane County for highway robbery. The other man says that he

is from Eugene also.

### VARDAMAN LOSES FIGHT Mississippi Chooses Leroy Percy as Next United States Senator.

JACKSON, Miss., Feb. 22. - Leroy Percy, of Greenville, Miss., was chosen as candidate for the United States Sen-ate from Mississippi tonight on the fifth ballot of the Democratic caucus by a majority of five votes over ex-Governor Vardaman.

When balloting was resumed tonight all the candidates withdrew except Percy and Vardaman. Percy received 87 votes and Vardaman 82. The nomination is equivalent to an election.

### AVALANCHE TAKES OFF 23 Snowslide Buries Village on Isa Fjord, Iceland.

REYKJAVIK. Iceland, Feb. 22.-An avalanche has overwhelmed Huifsdal, on Twenty-three persons were killed.

# AD WOLGAST NEW WORLD CHAMPION

Battling Nelson Loses in 40th Round.

### REFEREE SMITH NAMES VIGTOR

Ex-Champion "All in," but Wanted to Continue Fight.

### GRITTY DANE IS CHEERED

Crowd Gives Defeated and Winner Like Reception--Nelson Had Only One Chance, but Age Told Against Ring Veteran.

#### JOE GANS, EX-CHAMPION, CHAL-LENGES WOLGAST.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 22 - Joe Gans sued a challenge to Ad Wolgast for a 20-round contest to be fought anywhere the champion wishes and under any conditions he may name. Gans said that he would go to New York next week and post \$1000 to bind the agreement, if accepted, and that he would also make a side

bet of \$5000. "This thing is not a question of toney, however," the ex-champion said, "and I want it understood that believe I can lick Wolgast." Gans declared he was in good physical condition and was confident that he could get back to his old form.

RICHMOND ARENA, Cal., Feb. 22.-With face battered to a pulp, eyes closed, lips puffed, covered with blood and staggering helplessly about the ring. Oscar Battling Matthew Neison, conqueror of Joe Gans, was saved from a knockout in the 40th round of his fight with. "Kid" (Adolph) Wolgast today, when Referee Eddie Smith humanely stopped a most unequal contest,

Nelson, game to the very last, stood in the center of the ring and even though he could hardly, raise his hands, begged to be allowed to continue.

He was led to his corner, brokenhearted. In the opposite corner of the ring, the new lightweight champion of the world, Ad Wolgast, of Cadillac Mich., was lifted to the shoulders of his trainers and, amid the cheers of the crowd, proclaimed king of the light-

#### weights. Nelson Under Doctor's Care.

Ex-Champion Nelson had planned to attend a dinner tonight in San Francisco, which was to have been given by friends and was to have left for Chicago later tonight on the California Limited to keep a theatrical engagement in that city. His defeat today and his physical condition caused him to change his plans. He was taken from here to San Francisco to a Ham-mam bath, where he will submit to medical examination.

Only once during the fight did Nelson

ave a chance-the 22d round, when, with a stinging right cross to the faw, he staggered his opponent. Before the ound closed he dropped Wolgast in the middle of the ring with a repetition of the same blow and three seconds were tolled before Wolgast regained his feet. The crowd prepared to leave the arena; the word went from bench to bench through the spectators that another boy had fallen victim to the wonderful durability of the Dane. But in the next round Wolgast recuperated and from then on slowly, steadily, but surely wore Nelson

down. For 12 rounds before the finish, Nelson seemed bewildered and his blows were sent in as though he held weights in his hands. From the 39th round, Nelson could hardly see or hear, the left side of his face having lost all semblance of its former contour. He staggered and hung on for dear life. In the 37th round he

was all but out, but survived the round. In the 38th round John Robinson, Nelson's manager, wanted to throw up the sponge, but Abdul the Turk, one of the seconds, tore it from his hands and threw it into the bucket. From then on, dur-Pierce was released from prison ing each round, Robinson protested, on the verge of tears, that his man was

### Nelson Shows Nerve.

When the 40th round came, Referee quit, and Nelson, unable to talk, merely shook his head negatively. When 37 seconds of the 40th round had gone and as darkness was beginning to creep ver the arena, Referce Smith raised Wolgast's glove into the air and a new . ightweight champion had come into 'Fistiana.'

Wolgast outgeneraled, outboxed and all but outgamed the great Battling After the battle, the new Nelson. champlon scampered out of the ring ike a schoolboy and galloped through the mud.

Nelson, on the other hand, was taken out in the arms of his seconds. As he was carried through the crowd he was cheered again and again for the grit and gameness he displayed. Its like, old ring followers say, seldom has been seen in a prizering.
This demonstrated beyond a doubt that it takes a body fighter to beat

Nelson Punishment over the kidneys and

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