



INQUIRY AT ALBANY APPROVED BY TAFT

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 Grismom Causes Comment, but Friendship for Roosevelt Is Denied as Cause.

BY LLOYD E. 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 up here."

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

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 discussed.

This man—and he still is influential in party councils—is fighting desperately to prevent any unpleasant disclosures. But Governor Hughes is the kind of man who hits any guilty head in sight. Furthermore, this particular politician never has been friendly to Hughes, and has recently fought many of the reforms the Governor has advocated.

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 fatal to the party in the campaign this Fall. 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 be called until the Governor is satisfied. 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 floor leader in the Assembly. On one occasion it was necessary to "play to the gallery," and Moreland introduced a bill, which later became a law. This measure gave the Governor the necessary power to inquire 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. Their officials 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 in charge; but since 1902 the 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 bureaus.

Taft Approves Hughes. When President Taft was in the city recently he expressed hearty approval of the plans outlined by Governor Hughes, and, in fact, he has not only officially recognized him as the state leader.

Lloyd Griscom, president of the county committee, invited five other Republicans to meet the President of the United States. Probably because of

"SWIFTWATER BILL" "BROKE" IN LONDON

MAN OF MANY ADVENTURES SENDS CALL FOR HELP.

Planes for Alaskan Climate After Chilly Reception Awarded His Mining Stock.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—"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-broke."

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 Rawhide, Nev. He was accompanied by James McTavish, another Alaskan, who cleaned up a small stake on Candle Creek.

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

Vancouver, B. C., Trades Council Admits Protestant Brethren.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—The Ministerial Association of Vancouver, composed of virtually all the Protestant ministers of that city, has applied for and obtained affiliation with the Trades and Labor Council, in the same manner as a recognized trades union, accepting the conditions imposed by the council that delegates individually must pay the per capita tax in other cases borne by the several local unions.

In effect, the action taken gives Vancouver the distinction of having the first full-fledged union of preachers in Canada—probably in the world. There is as yet no evidence of any encroachments on the "trade" prerogatives, and it is interesting to speculate upon the possibilities should any of the members of the cloth be disappointed hereafter in expected increase of stipend or other similar subjects of dispute.

Would the other brethren be firm to uphold their principles and refrain from preaching until the question was satisfactorily adjusted? Or would they not?

CHURCH SENTENCE CRUEL

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 nominal fine, Ed Krier, found guilty of drunkenness, has appealed rather than undergo the punishment.

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 sanctity of any court that will sentence a man to six days' attendance at church is unparalleled 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 mistaken.

STRIKE MAY RUIN CROP

Guadalupe Sugar Plants Shut Down, Fields Set Afire.

POINT-A-PITRE, Guadalupe, Feb. 22.—Following the strike of 20,000 sugarcane cutters, several grinding plants have ceased operation. Attempts to continue the gathering of the crops are opposed by the strikers, who have started fires in several fields.

The district attorney's report plant has been captured by the strikers and has appealed to the military for help. The military has arrested a plant "courtesan" were sacked during the night and a number of the employees who had continued at work were wounded.

Governor Gautret passed the night with the strikers, endeavoring to effect a settlement of the wage dispute.

LONDON AGAINST KNOX WAY

Foreign Office Opposes Arbitration Plan Proposed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—After several months' consideration the British Foreign Office has returned a reply, it was announced today that in general terms is unfavorable to Secretary Knox's proposition to clothe the high court to be created as the result of the international maritime conference at London with power to arbitrate differences between the powers signatory to The Hague convention. 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. 22.—Edward Payson Weston, walking from Los Angeles to New York, making 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 boys were shot and probably fatally injured 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 cars in the northeastern section. Market street, the principal business thoroughfare, was the scene of the disturbance 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 prisoners were placed in a trolley car. This was stormed by the mob and two prisoners escaped.

MURPHY WANTS GENERAL STRIKE

Preparations were made by authorities to call upon the entire force of the State Militia if the police tomorrow were unable to cope with the situation. President Murphy, of the Central 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 Fenelices, an independent military organization, 200 strong, were placed on duty today, armed with loaded rifles. They were detailed in the Kensington mill district Northeast, a hotbed of sympathizers.

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, attorney for the Lehigh Valley Railroad of New York, one of the company's attorneys. He declared that whatever combination of anthracite coal-carrying railroads existed is simply in operation to aid trade, and to benefit the public.

Mr. Platt 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 strong arraignment of the so-called canal trust by James C. McReynolds, special attorney for the Government. He declared that six railroads had conspired in a two-fold plan to suppress competition in the anthracite region. Through the Temple Iron Company they controlled much of the output of coal, and, by tying up independent operators by the "65 per cent contract" they took away the last hope of reasonable prices.

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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.

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 men of the fraternity to form a National Masonic Memorial Association. The memorial would stand on Washington street. Crossed by the old Christ Church, where in the same Alexandria Washington served as a vestryman. On a field not far off he held his last military review. Across a shaded green in the ruins of the old Courthouse he cast his last vote, and there his will is filed.

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

PORTLAND, 23 above, snow. Hood River, 29 above, snow. Astoria, 27 above, snow. Salem, 28 above, snow. Oregon City, 25 above, snow. Roseburg, 64 above, sun all day. Ashland, 45 above, sunshine. The Dalles, 29 above, snow. Pendleton, 12 above, snow. Hillsboro, 22 above, snow. Woodland, Wash., 24 above, record 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 interior ranges, in a measure, escaping the gales and chill that have accompanied the whole-Coast severe weather of the late Winter.

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UNMUTILIA WELL PREPARED

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REYKJAVIK, Iceland, Feb. 22.—An avalanche has overwhelmed Hulsidal, on Isa Fjord. Twenty-three persons were killed.

UNIVERSITY IS SAID TO BE SOCIALISTIC

Inquiry Made at Wisconsin State Institution.

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 statements 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 announced 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.

BATTLING NELSON LOSES IN 40TH ROUND

Referee Smith Names Victor.

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.

WOLGAST NEW WORLD CHAMPION

Joe Gans, Ex-Champion, Challenges Wolgast.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 22.—Joe Gans, ex-lightweight champion, today issued 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 money, however," the ex-champion said, "and I want it understood that I 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.

CUSTOMS JUDGES' PAY CUT

Jobs Withheld Until Appointees Agree on Smaller Salaries.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The President today withdrew the nominations of Alfred C. Cox, William H. Hunt, James F. Smith, Orian M. Barnes and Marion B. Jones, all of the order of Customs Judges. The explanation at the White House of the withdrawal of the nominations was that these persons were offered the appointments with the understanding that they were to get \$10,000 a year each, as provided in the Payne bill. Congress having refused to provide more than \$8000 each, the President felt that it would be better to withdraw the names until he had the information of the nominated of the facts and ascertain whether they were willing to accept under the new conditions.

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