



ELLIOTT SOUNDS WARNING TO STATE

Attacks on Railroads Harm, He Says.

LEAGUE HEARS HIS WORDS

Louis W. Hill and R. S. Lovett Send Greetings to Oregon.

ASTORIA LEADING IN RACE

Movement Begins for Re-election of President Wilcox and Secretary Chapman—News Hood River Applies Win Is Cheered.

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific, in an address before the Oregon Development League tonight, deprecated the attacks being made throughout the United States on railroads by Legislatures, commissions and bureaus.

"Of late years in the United States," declared Mr. Elliott, "everybody, and that is people at large through their Legislatures, commissions and bureaus, have been undertaking to regulate and manage in detail some of the larger forms of business, particularly railroads, which are much needed for proper development of Western States, and Oregon especially.

"The result is that people whose real business it is to manage railroads, the owners and the men they employ, are becoming discouraged by being interfered with by everybody, and there is danger that this interference will produce a condition where the railway's business is nobody's business."

Warning to State Sound.

Continuing, Mr. Elliott said: "The good sense of the American people will probably make them realize the situation before it is too late, but a great body of intelligent men like the Oregon Development League should consider whether it is wise to go on indefinitely attacking Oregon, or whether it is better to let those who own it and the trained men who have grown up in the business manage it instead of turning that management over to others."

Mr. Elliott also directed a number of remarks at the conservation movement, saying: "Some Western states, particularly Oregon, have felt the so-called conservation movement has gone too far, and much valuable territory is tied up by Governmental order made by some one far off who was not in position to understand the real necessities and the conditions of this growing West of ours. Any unwise and unjust action of this kind has a depressing effect in the development of the country, and similar arbitrary and unwise action by legislators, commissions and various bureaus that affect the right of the owner properly to manage his own business will have the same depressing effect."

How Railroads Advertise.

Mr. Elliott spoke to the largest and most representative assembly of the convention week. He began his speech by stating that the Northern Pacific had expended \$5,000,000 in the last 25 years in advertising the Pacific Northwest, called attention to permanent exhibits of products and the traveling show car which the company is and will continue to operate. The railroads will not advertise any particular community, but will assist the state as a whole, he explained.

During the evening a telegram was received from R. S. Lovett, president of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, in which he expressed his appreciation of the resources of Oregon, and stated, in his opinion, that the growth of the state has just commenced. He promised the aid of the Southern Pacific.

Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway, sent a telegram stating that the Oregon exhibit at the Chicago Land Show was attracting more attention than that of any other state.

During the address by Mr. Elliott, the telegrams from the railroad presidents and the announcement that Hood River had captured the sweepstakes convention prize at Chicago brought the convention to its feet in cheers.

Meeting Is Big Success.

Beginning Monday morning, with only a few delegates present, the convention of the Oregon Development League has turned into a brilliant success, and is designated as the most successful meeting ever held in this state.

A movement has been started among the delegates to re-elect Theodore E. Wilcox president and C. C. Chapman secretary. Astoria appears to have the advantage for the place of meeting in 1911.

Among the speakers tonight were Colonel E. Hoffer, Salem; Dr. W. N. Ferrin, president of Pacific University; William Bittle Wells, M. J. Costello, G. P. Johnson and President Homan, of Willamette University, who told of value of educational institutions as an advertising medium.

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WOMEN VOTERS IN RACE TO REGISTER

SPOKANE SUFFRAGISTS MUST TELL THEIR AGES.

Nevertheless City Clerk Expects That Many Members of Fair Sex Will Sign Names.

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—Who will be the first woman to qualify as a voter in Spokane? This important suffrage issue now eclipses all elections in sight. However, anxious women voters may be, the question cannot be decided before Monday morning at 8 A. M. when the registration books will be opened to women voters by City Clerk Fleming.

"It will be necessary for women to give their ages in registering, for purposes of identification," said City Clerk Fleming today. "I take it that any woman sufficiently broadminded to want to vote will not object to giving her age. I do not expect any trouble on that score.

"For that matter, nearly every day during active registration, we encounter men who are unwilling to tell their ages. One minister in Spokane when told it was necessary to give his age, declined to register altogether."

The contest for first place on the books is keen and competition may result in a long line of prospective female voters seeking places before 8 o'clock on Monday. As head of the Washington Political Equality League, one of the chief organizations to secure "votes for women" in this state, Mrs. May Arkwright Hutton has been conceded the honor of first registration by many of her chief supporters, but how that the contest has developed into a "free-for-all" race, who the first woman will be is decidedly problematical.

JAIL PALACE FOR FOUR

Convicted Cattle Kings to Have Jap Chief in Prison.

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—W. G. Comstock, Bartley R. Charles Richards, Charles Jamison and Aquila Triplet, land barons and millionaire cattlemen, convicted in the Federal Court of fencing for a number of days papers and many of the leading magazines. The windows of their rooms have been hung with expensive lace curtains. The floors are carpeted and in a general way, it is said, the cells have the appearance of well appointed clubrooms.

BRIBE MONEY EXHIBITED

Second Trial for Vote Buying to Begin in Mississippi.

YAZOO CITY, Miss., Nov. 29.—The actual money which Theodore Bilbo, State Senator, sent to him during Mississippi's Senatorial contest last January was introduced as evidence today in the trial of L. C. Dulaney, accused as the bribe giver.

The package contained 25 notes of \$20, \$10 and \$5 denominations.

It developed today that the present trial is to have a sequel. T. H. James, of Lucedale, a witness, refused to answer, lest he incriminate himself, as to whether he paid a sum of money to Senator Bilbo in exchange for his support of the bill creating the County of George. James was not required to reply, but was held in bond of \$2000 to appear before the grand jury of Hinds County next Monday.

MASKED MEN ROB MINE

Three Force Diggers to Face Jail. \$3000 Is Overlooked.

WINNEMUCA, Nev., Nov. 29.—Three masked men who broke into the tunnel of a rich gold mine near here late today overlooked \$3000 worth of high-grade ore. The robbers broke down four heavy doors at the entrance to the tunnel. Meeting six miners, they made their faces the wall. While one of the intruders stood guard, the other two searched for treasure. In their haste, they did not notice the rich ore that had already been packed in sacks and was standing in the slope.

The identity of the robbers is said to be known, and arrests are expected. The same mine was robbed about four months ago of ore worth \$2000.

FORGER DISMISSES APPEAL

M. Dwight Fortner Voluntarily Begins Term in Prison.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Nov. 29.—M. Dwight Fortner, of St. Louis, under two years' sentence to the penitentiary for forging his name to a \$12,000 check, appeared in the Supreme Court with his lawyer today, dismissed his appeal and went to the penitentiary to begin serving his sentence.

Since his conviction a year ago, Fortner has been managing a hotel in Eldorado, Ark. He was arrested in Paris after a chase through Central America.

Mrs. Fortner, who was Katherine Handlan, a member of a wealthy St. Louis family, has been helping her husband run the Eldorado Hotel.

RIVER BILL WILL CARRY \$30,000,000

President Insists Upon Rigid Economy.

SYSTEMATIC METHOD BEGUN

Final Drafts Are Scrutinized at Cabinet Meeting.

FURTHER CUTS ORDERED

Rivers and Harbors Committee to Meet Today to Consider Estimates and General Policy Favored by President.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—Although the rivers and harbors estimates submitted today to President Taft will follow the President's general policy of rigid economy in appropriations, and will be the smallest, it is believed, in many years; it is understood that the features tending to develop the President's idea of an annual bill upon a continuing plan will be preserved. It will be the first of the "annual" rivers and harbors bills to be submitted to Congress.

The President today looked over the final drafts of the estimates submitted for the various departments by the members of his Cabinet for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1911, and informed his advisers that there must be a further and deeper cut in them; that they would do so in their present form.

Further Economy Demanded.

In response to the urgent demands of the President, the heads of departments already had held their estimates down to what they considered rock-bottom figures. The President today, however, pointed out several places where he declared the pruning knife could be used to advantage.

Representative Alexander, of New York, chairman of the House committee on rivers and harbors, and General Bixby, Chief of the Engineers of the Army, were among those in the conference.

Later Mr. Alexander said the rivers and harbors bill to be reported to Congress would carry approximately \$30,000,000 in appropriations and authorizations, in accord with the report made public by the Chief of Engineers.

General Understanding Reached.

Chairman Alexander's conference with the President resulted in a general understanding as to the character of the rivers and harbors bill that will meet the approval of the President; and at its first meeting tomorrow the rivers and harbors committee will have before it the estimates of the War Department and the general plan to which the President is favorable.

Members of the committee have not had an opportunity to examine the estimates carefully. Estimates of appropriations needed for continuing contracts amount to about \$7,000,000, while the War Department has recommended further appropriations of about \$22,000,000.

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NEBRASKA BOURBONS WIN
Both Houses Democratic, but Aldrich Is Elected.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 29.—The official vote of the November election in Nebraska, final returns for which were received tonight, shows that Aldrich (Rep.) for Governor, has a plurality of 15,520 over Dahlman. (Dem.)
Every state officer elected is Republican, but the Democrats have a majority in both houses of the Legislature.

JOB USELESS, HOLDER SAYS

North Yakima Coroner Believes Office Should Be Abolished.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—Although he was recently elected County Coroner on the Republican ticket, Fred Shaw, undertaker and City Councilman, is in favor of abolishing the Coroner's office.

The work could be just as well done, Shaw says, by Justices of the Peace, and a great saving thereby effected for the taxpayers.

WILSON DEFENDS RIGHTS OF STATES

Federal Regulation Declared Undesirable.

GOVERNORS HOLD CONFERENCE

Taft Hopes for Success of Uniform Legislation.

NEW PROBLEM CONFRONTS

New Jersey Governor-elect's Fear Is That Corporations Under National Law Would Override Local Communities.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Nov. 29.—The third annual conference of Governors began today a session that will last five days here and in Louisville with 24 state executives present.

For several days Governor Willson of Kentucky has made it plain that he would do all in his power to eliminate politics from the conference, but at the first session today there were two outbursts of political enthusiasm. One was when Governor Judson Harmon, of Ohio, entered the hall. He was greeted by slight handclapping, which was accorded to no other Governor. The moment to no other Governor, a man in the gallery called out cheers for Mr. Harmon.

With a frown, Governor Willson raised his hand and stopped the proposed demonstration.

Cheers Are Suppressed.

He said such a suggestion was entirely out of place and would not be tolerated. He had already laid stress on this feature when in his opening remarks he said the Governors were called together for a conference only, and that it was not a "house of Govs." as previous meetings had been termed.

Governor Willson then read a letter from President Taft, regretting his absence, in which the President said: "I have great sympathy with the objects of your meeting, which I understand to be for the general welfare by uniformity of state legislation upon subjects having general National interest, which are not by the Constitution intrusted to the Congress and the Central Government. I wish you for your meeting the most successful issue in substantial results."

Business Force Grows.
Governor Pothier, of Rhode Island, responded to the welcoming address, after which the visiting party and several leading Kentuckians were entertained at luncheon in a private home.

TAFT MAY PLACE TURNER ON BENCH

SPOKANE JURIST IS IN LINE FOR SUPREME COURT.

Fair Delegate Cheered at Big Conclave.

AUTO TAX BILL CAUSES IRE

Convention at Walla Walla Shows Battle Spirit.

PROGRAMME IS ASSAILED

Action, Not Speeches, Demanded, Says Commissioner—Mrs. McCormick Denounces "Dust" Improvement of Highways.

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—George Turner, of Spokane, ex-United States Senator and recent member of The Hague Arbitration Commission as a representative of the American Government, is said to be in line for the appointment to one of the two vacancies now existing on the United States Supreme Bench.

Chief among those who are urging his candidacy to President Taft are some of the jurists who served with him on The Hague Commission. Two vacancies now exist on the Supreme Court Bench, due to the deaths of Chief Justice Fuller and Justice Moody.

From an authoritative source comes the statement that President Taft has informed some of his close advisers that in all probability one of the members of The Hague Commission would be honored by his nomination.

The qualification of political faith may not be binding in the President's selection for the bench, and, in view of this fact, Senator Turner, although a Democrat, is said to stand as good a chance as a Republican. Senator Turner has taken small part in politics the last five years and has been an ardent defender of the present Administration.

Many of Senator Turner's friends here and in other parts of the United States are exerting every effort in his behalf.

C. C. COLT IS BADLY HURT

Jaw Broken and Face Cut When Auto Strikes Team.

As a result of an automobile accident at Fifth and Everett streets, at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, C. C. Colt, president of the Union Meat Company, sustained injuries, including a broken jawbone and bad cuts on the face.

Mr. Colt was driving his own machine, having left for his home in company with J. C. Good, secretary of the company. They collided with a team, and glass from the wind shield flew in every direction, one piece striking Mr. Colt's left eye, which was injured. He was removed to St. Vincent's Hospital.

According to Mr. Good, who fortunately escaped with but a scratch on the face, no one was to blame for the accident.

Mr. Colt's injuries were dressed by Dr. H. F. Flickenstein and Dr. Hicks C. Fenton.

They were going up Fifth street at a moderate speed, said Mr. Good last night, "and the darkness at the corner prevented us from seeing the team, which was going east on Everett street, until it was too late to stop. The automobile hit one of the horse's heads and the pole veered off into the Mason, Ehrman Co.'s building. When we struck the team the glass was broken and struck us full in the face."

STEEL MAGNATES TO MEET
Conference on Market Situation Will Be Held in New York.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—Another meeting will be held in this city tomorrow of the leading steel and iron interests to confer on prices and the steel and iron situation in general. It is understood a meeting of the American Steel & Iron Institute is to be held here at the same time.

The United States Steel Corporation, it was learned today, is to announce a pension plan for employes between 50 and 70 years of age, which will become effective January 1.

The Pennsylvania Railway Company's steel rail requirements for next year will be 150,000 tons. The order has been apportioned to the Pennsylvania, Lackawanna, United States, Cambria and Bethlehem Steel Companies.

JAPANESE SALUTE BARRY

Training Squadron Sails From San Francisco for Southern Coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 29.—The Japanese training squadron, consisting of the cruisers Amama and Kasagi, under Rear-Admiral K. Yasbata, after a stay of six days in this port, sailed today for the southern coast, the intention being to proceed as far as Panama.

Ships will be made at Santa Barbara, San Pedro, San Diego and at several Mexican and Central American cities. Before leaving the cruisers fired a salute of 13 guns in honor of Rear-Admiral Barry, of the Pacific cruiser fleet, which will sail tomorrow for San Diego, to resume target practice.

COUNT NOW RICH PRINCE

Death of German Noble Gives Title and Wealth to Cousin.

BERLIN, Nov. 29.—Count Hermann von Hathefeldt-Wildenburg, in consequence of the death of his cousin, Prince Franz von Hathefeldt-Wildenburg, inherits the title and immense properties of the latter.

The count's mother was Helene Isabelle Susanna Moulton, an American, born in Paris. He is now German Minister at Cairo and was formerly first secretary of the German Embassy at Washington.

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Says Commissioner—Mrs. McCormick Denounces "Dust" Improvement of Highways.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—Stirred by a woman to cheer, and cheer and cheer, the convention of the Washington State Good Roads Convention today was the liveliest session in the life of the highway builders.

Twice war between the "big guns" and the "common delegates" was evidenced, and even at the Commercial Club banquet the smoke of battle had not yet cleared.

To Mrs. N. C. McCormick, of Walla Walla, go the day's honors. She it was who climaxed the main debate with shrill denunciation of Washington's good roads methods.

Woman Scores Methods.

"What assurance have we," she shouted, "that we will have good roads if an automobile tax is raised? We are raising thousands upon thousands of dollars every year and the roads of the county are impassable. Under an ungodly tax we get no results. The road builders this year in our district covered roads with dust that washes out with the first rain, as they have done year after year. We want good roads, but why should we add to the enormous tax already raised if we cannot have simple repairs?"

The convention went wild with enthusiasm over Mrs. McCormick's speech, and for fully five minutes cheering rang out. The first time when M. J. Carrigan, County Commissioner of King County, introduced a resolution instructing the legislative committee to report tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

He assailed the programme outlined, which included, he said, "hour-speeches by the big guns and five-minute talks by the common delegates." The delegates had some for action, he declared, not for talk, and they demanded action. Vociferous cheers greeted Commissioner Carrigan's speech.

Despite protests of Chairman Durand, of an executive committee, that it could not report tomorrow morning, the resolution was adopted and the committee will report.

Auto Tax Bill Offered.

At the afternoon session came the second battle. It followed the address of John P. Hartman on "Public Roads and Automobiles." The speaker recommended a tax of \$1 a horsepower for every automobile in the state, to be paid into the good roads fund to repair damage done roads by automobiles.

Frank Terrace, of King County, a member of the executive committee, was on his feet instantly when Mr. Hartman was seated. He outlined a bill providing automobile tax as recommended by Mr. Hartman, and urged the convention to recommend it to the Legislature. This recommendation was amended by a delegate, who asked that the bill be referred to the legislative committee and brought to the convention through the regular channels. Mr. Hartman then moved that the legislative committee be instructed to report upon the bill favorably.

Then came fireworks. Judge Ronald, of Seattle, was on his feet in a moment. "The bill as read is not worth the paper it is written on," he said.

But the climax of the debate came with recognition by the chair of Mrs. N. C. McCormick, of Walla Walla, who asked for a minute to talk. Leaning far over the opera chair in front of her, she spoke loud enough for every one in the theater to hear.

Bill Left to Committee.

When the vote was finally taken, it was decided to leave the subject to a special committee to report upon it to the convention tomorrow. This committee was appointed by President Lawrence, who selected Messrs. Hartman, McGregor and Farnsworth.

The regular programme was done away with for tomorrow and the business of the convention will be taken up first.

Among the speakers today were John P. Hartman on "Public Roads and Automobiles," F. J. Wilmer, "Building Roads at Rosalia," State Aid Roads and Why," by J. J. Donovan, and an address by Samuel Hill, Mr. Donovan and Mr. Hill favored retention of the present laws and administration.

Tonight the delegates are guests of the Commercial Club, and have put business away for the evening.

Hill's Method Favored.

J. P. Hartman, J. J. Donovan and R. H. Thomson, members of the special committee, this evening submitted a report memorializing the State Legislature to take cognizance and recognition of the offer made recently by Samuel Hill, of Seattle, son-in-law of James J. Hill, who offers to construct

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