

PROGRESSIVES IN CHINA START WAR

Throne's Rejection of Demand for Immediate Creation of Cabinet Resented.

EXCITEMENT IS INTENSE

Plan of Insurgents Is to Impugn Grand Council and Force Government to Create Constitutional Ministry.

Peking, Dec. 19.—The fight of the Imperial Senate to abolish the Grand Council and to establish a constitutional cabinet was renewed today in the face of the throne's rejection of the recent memorial.

Some time ago in secret session, the Senators decided that they would no longer tolerate a grand council which was not responsible to the Imperial Senate and would not execute the body's resolutions.

The Imperial Senate convened amid much excitement today. The seats of the throne appointees were conspicuously vacant.

A resolution was introduced that the Senate impeach the Grand Councilors with the object of forcing the throne to create a constitutional ministry or to dissolve the Senate. It was declared that the two bodies were irreconcilable.

Not a voice was raised in defense of the government for the probable reason that on previous occasions such spokesmen had been shouted down. The resolution was adopted by a big majority, only 25 out of the membership of 299 voting against it.

MOTHER FINDS BABE DEAD

Little One Smothers to Death in Folds of Pillow.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 19.—Lying in her crib within a few feet of where her parents were sleeping, Lela E. Taylor, 2-months-old daughter of Edward Taylor, was smothered to death some time Sunday night in the folds of a pillow.

About 5 o'clock in the morning the mother stretched out her hand to feel the little one and her hand touched flesh cold in death.

This is the second tragedy in the Taylor cottage recently. Two months ago, Henry Schroeder, of Chicago, crazed by jealousy because his wife wanted to marry Taylor, ran away from a sister of Mrs. Taylor, ran away from Edward Taylor, was smothered to death some time Sunday night in the folds of a pillow.

DEPOSITORS DIG CLAMS

Seaside Beach Affords Relief to Sufferers by Bank Failure.

SEASIDE, Or., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The depositors of the closed bank of Seaside, and the unemployed laborers of the bankrupt Seaside Lumber & Manufacturing Co. are not in want of food as the clams and fish are very plentiful at this season of the year.

Every night a large number of clam-diggers can be seen on the beach with their lanterns digging with all the different sizes of shovels that have ever been manufactured.

CHIEF TOUGH LIVES HERE

Six Members of Juvenile Criminal Society in Custody.

CLATSOP, Or., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—Six members of the "Young Toughs" Society, whose chief, residing at Fort Land, receives detailed reports each week, passed here today in charge of a deputy sheriff, en route to Miles, where it is charged they burgled the J. J. McCaskey store some time ago. They were recently summoned before the grand jury, but were released on parole.

FOSS IS NOT CANDIDATE

Campaign Against Lodge by Governor-Elect Is Not Personal.

LYNN, Mass., Dec. 19.—Governor-elect Foss today opened his second series of speeches in a campaign against the rejection of Senator Lodge. He reiterated his previous statements that he himself is not a candidate to replace the senior Senator.

EXPRESS PROBE PLANNED

Interstate Commerce Commission Proposes to Investigate and to Fix, if Possible, a Just Charge.

In its presentation of figures upon which the decision of the Commission is based to investigate the companies, it is shown that the four principal express companies of the United States—Adams, American, United States and Wells-Fargo—had assets of \$119,554,832. Of this sum \$49,774,478 is invested in stocks, bonds and mortgages not used in the operation of the business.

The earnings were \$102,109,143. Of this amount the express companies received \$53,244,137, and the railroads for hauling received \$48,865,032.

It is this feature of the earnings of the express companies, based upon the report made to the Interstate Com-

BOARDS CHOSEN

Unofficial Public Service Committee Is Named.

COMPLAINTS TO BE HEARD

Civic Council's Commission Will Be in Existence Until Steps Have Been Taken to Create Regular Official Body.

The Civic Council, at its regular meeting last night, appointed a committee consisting of E. L. Mills, R. L. Egbert and a Delegate to Education by North East Side Improvement Club, to act with F. W. Jobelmann and L. S. Daise, of the Seventh Ward Improvement League, as an unofficial public service committee.

It is proposed to have citizens present to this body all complaints against public service corporations or utilities, and a report. It is to be in existence until such time as steps have been taken to appoint a public service commission with legal powers.

The initiative was taken by the Seventh Ward League in selecting Mr. Jobelmann and Mr. Daise. Mr. Mills, it was agreed, is to act as chairman of the unofficial commission.

Railway Officials Approve.

The officials of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, it was stated, have been approached on the subject and have endorsed the plan, preferring to have complaints presented in formal manner and sifted. They believe, it was stated, that a great deal of approbrium which is often attached to the company as the result of a disagreeable incident, may thus be eliminated.

The council passed a resolution, requesting that the city officials do not fail to enforce the ordinance, incurred by failure to complete work in specified time against the Hawthorne bridge contractors, Robert Wakefield & Co., and the Portland Engineering & Construction Company.

The plan to hold next year at Astoria a celebration in honor of the centennial of the founding of that city by John Jacob Astor, in 1811, was unanimously endorsed. The resolution calls upon the people of Portland to lend the project their unstinted moral and financial support.

Teachers Get Indorsement.

The action of the Board of Education in proposing an increase of pay for the school teachers of the City of Portland, thus putting them on a par with the teachers of other cities of similar size, was given tonight its indorsement, and a provision added, requesting that rules similar to those employed by civil service commissions be adopted as to the hearing and releasing of teachers.

The council adopted the resolutions embodying reforms deemed necessary in the school system, and the legislative committee of the council and presented at a conference between this committee and H. C. Campbell and J. V. Beach, of the board of education, in the latter's office Thursday afternoon.

John H. Haak, president of the Civic Council, was delegated to present these resolutions at the taxpayer's meeting.

J. H. Nolta, E. L. Mills and R. D. Merchant were appointed a committee to meet with the board of education to discuss with its plans for public docks and examine the same, the theory upon which the school is prepared to be that the taxpayers will be well as members of the Public Docks Commission, have a right to keep posted on all questions pertaining to public docks.

R. A. BOOTH IS ACCUSED

Lumber Company Manager Alleged to Have Paid Timber Claim Costs.

That Robert A. Booth, manager of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company, paid four relatives \$100 each to take up land for him under the timber and stone act and besides their expenses, amounting to \$1649.94, was the testimony of witnesses yesterday afternoon before George A. Brodie, Commissioner of the General Land Office.

The proceedings are being conducted in the grand jury room of the Federal building in an effort to cancel the patent to 800 acres of timber land five miles southeast of Seaside, Or., the deeds now being held by the corporation of Edward Jordan, Stephen Larowe, Alice Larowe and Ethel M. Larowe were the persons who took up the claims, proving up early in 1902.

Mrs. Myrtle S. Appleton, of Lewiston, Idaho, stepdaughter of Stephen Larowe, said she saw the papers containing the questions which her mother was to answer in making final proof. The questions were already answered when the papers were received. She thought it strange when she asked her mother about it, she said she was told that Mr. Booth had sent the papers.

Lucy Larowe, who also took up a claim, said that she received \$100. The second was made in December, 1907, at the time of the land-fraud agitation under cross-examination she said she had received since the second deed was made about \$500 on her land and was expecting to receive more. She took up the land for herself, she said, and had made no agreement with anyone before filing upon her claim to sell to them.

"DRY ZONE" BEFORE TAFT

President Will Decide on Reservation Territory in Minnesota.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—President Taft will decide Wednesday whether the "dry zone" in Minnesota is to be reduced. Governor Eberhardt talked the matter over with the President at luncheon today and later there was a conference at the executive offices, in which Secretary Ballinger and members of the Minnesota delegation in Congress participated.

The boundaries of the Indian reservation have not been changed for many years and the prohibitory order affected a large portion of Minnesota, Duluth and several other cities. In fact, it is claimed the order covers the greater part of the state.

President Taft has been asked to except the cities affected and to restrict the enforcement of the prohibition clause to the lands immediately surrounding the reservation where the Indians live and the places they frequent.

Porter Charlton Case Postponed.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 19.—The hearing before Judge Hollett in the Circuit Court in the habeas corpus proceedings instituted with a view to preventing the extradition to Italy of Porter Charlton, was postponed this afternoon by mutual consent until January 3.

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In an attempt to get inside her on her way from Victoria the Prince George struck a rock on the bar within an hour and a half of the time the vessel struck the tide was at its highest and the ship was unable to get off.

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Several tugs will be hooked onto her and every possible effort made to move her because tidal conditions will be better tomorrow than for several days thereafter. The steamer is resting on a fairly even keel.

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It does not appear that she has been seriously damaged, but as she went on at about the highest point of a very high tide, the task of hauling her off presents some problems. After ineffectually attempting to pull her off, the Canadian Pacific Railway steamer Joan, from Nanaimo, went alongside the Prince George at 11 o'clock this forenoon and brought off the Grand Trunk Pacific liner's half dozen passengers, who were coming up from Victoria when the accident occurred.

So slowly was the Prince George poking her nose through the fog at the time that there was no perceptible bump when the vessel stopped. Her engines were reversed, but she would not budge. Then along came the tug Fearless, which took a vain pull at her.

"MERCHANTS' STOP COMING

Royal Commission Finds Falling Off in Arrivals of Chinese.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The first day's session of the Royal Commission appointed by the Dominion government to investigate alleged frauds connected with Chinese immigration into this port was begun today and the time was occupied chiefly by discussion of the machinery employed by the local officers for registering Chinese.

Yip On, the deposed interpreter, was not present and it is intimated that he has fled from Canada.

It was brought out at the inquiry that since the acting collector took office in October, following the suspension of Colonel Bowell, the number of "merchants" entering Vancouver has been greatly reduced, while before that merchants, their sons, daughters and other relatives were emigrating here in great numbers. It was almost impossible to keep check on interpreters who examined the immigrants.

The inquiry will take up various lines of customs work and all crooked work found will be made public, say the commission members.

Rate Hearing Postponed.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Hearing of the so-called "Missouri River" rate case before the Interstate Commerce Commission was postponed today by Commissioner Edgar Clarke on petition of the railroads, which, by virtue of the expiration of the legal suspension time, practically are confronted by new cases and are compelled to bear the burden of proof.

Swakopmund Towed Into Port.

PLYMOUTH, England, Dec. 19.—The Hamburg-American steamship Swakopmund, which lost her rudder and became unmanageable off Arment, France, was towed into this port today.

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