EXONERATION OF LORIMER OPPOSED

Sub-Committee Is Regarded as Having Exceeded Authority in Report.

DELAY MAY BE AGREED TO

Heyburn Argues That Statements of Confessed Perjurers Should Not Be Permitted to Overthrow Election of Senator.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—What may prove formidable opposition to the adoption of any report to the Senate for the exoneration of Senator Lorimer as the result of investigation of the charges of bribery in connection with his election by the Illinois Legislature to succeed Senator Hopkins, is said to have developed today.

Several Senators are declared to have agreed that they would compel a postponement of the whole subject until after the holiday recess in order that all members might have an opportunity to digest the testimony, as well as the report of the committee on privileges and elections.

Exoneration Not Called For.

It developed today also that some members of the full committee believed the sub-committee should have reported merely whether bribery had been resorted to in the election in which Lorimer was successful, and that the instructions given by the Senate in the resolution authorizing the investigation had not called for a report calling for the exoneration of Lorimer.

Chairman Burrows is expected to submit the report of the committee tomorrow. He has on file statements submitted by Senators Heyburn and Frazier and these will be made public with the report of the committee.

Speaker Shurtleff had declared a constitutional majority of the Legislature to be 102 members. The testimony adduced by the sub-committee on privileges and elections brought in the names of four members of the Legislature as having received bribes and three as having paid money to influence votes.

What Is Majority? Debated.

Without bringing Lorimer into the transaction at all, Senator Frazier filed a statement in which he declares that seven votes should not be counted for Lorimer. Several other Senators are said to share this view, but there is a difference of opinion whether the elimination of the seven would have affected the election.

If the seven were subtracted it would reduce the constitutional majority. Some are said to contend that such would be the case, while others assert that a constitutional majority is unalterable, whether effected by corruption or any other means.

The statement filed by Senator Heyburn is said to be an argument against eliminating votes of such members of the Legislature as confessed to receiving bribes on the ground that the statements of confessed perjurers should not be permitted to overthrow the election.

CLARK'S EXPENSES PROTESTED

Member Questions Allowance of $7150 to Alaska's Governor.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The traveling expenses of Governor Clark, of Alaska, were under fire in the House today. Representative Cox, of Indiana, wanted to know why Alaska's chief executive should receive so much more than the Governor of Arizona, to whom only $500 was allowed.

The bill grants Governor Clark a lump sum of $7150 for traveling and for office expenses, $2000 more than granted last year.

Gillett of Massachusetts, in charge of the bill, said he did not know unless it was because of the vastly greater necessity for the Governor of Alaska, as the mouthpiece of that territory, to come to Washington to advise on Alaskan matters.

Stephens of Texas, a Democrat, Mann and others defended the paragraph and Cox waived further objection.

NAVAL REPAIRS ESTIMATED

Meyer Asks $1,190,000 for Improvement of Vessels in Service.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Repairs aggregating $1,190,000 on naval vessels are provided for in estimates submitted to Congress today for use in the next fiscal year. Secretary Meyer asks for authority to expend $500,000 each on the Georgia and Virginia for modernizing their turrets, $120,000 on the Arethusa; $75,000 on the Iroquois, and $45,000 on the Nero.

The Georgia and Virginia have been in continuous service on the Atlantic for four years. The Arethusa is the only tank vessel in the Navy. The Iroquois is a large steel tug, formerly the Fearless, and now in service on the Pacific Coast. The Nero's repairs are necessary because of that vessel's grounding July 1.

BRISTOW LOSES LONG FIGHT

Omnibus Bill Passes Senate, Including French Claims.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The omnibus claims bill was passed by the Senate today, carrying more than $2,000,000. In spite of the fight made on the measure by Senator Bristow it was put through by a vote of 45 to 11. Bristow devoted a week to attacking the provisions of the bill, making an especially bitter onslaught on the appropriations to meet the French spoliation claims.

Martin A. Knapp was confirmed by the Senate as an additional Circuit Court Judge of the Second Judicial District and will take his place on the bench of the new Court of Commerce as soon as that tribunal is organized. Mr. Knapp was chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The Senate committee on interstate commerce decided to report favorably to the Senate the names of C.C. McChord, of Kentucky, and R. H. Meyer, of Wisconsin, to be members of the Interstate Commerce Commission. It is expected that the Senate will act on the recommendation tomorrow.

Implacable in his demand for economy, Representative Macon, of Arkansas, as on the two previous days, when the legislative, executive and judicial bill was under discussion, continued to object to every increase of salary carried in the bill. Several times it seemed he was about to yield to the pleas of colleagues to allow certain increases, but in the end he insisted on his point. He said he was "looking out for the plow boy and the clerk behind the country store counter." The bill carries $35,325,219. It was under consideration at adjournment.

The House agreed to the Senate amendments to the urgent deficiency bill. The bill as amended carries an appropriation of a little more than $1,000,000.

The bill to reorganize the naval militia on a basis similar to that prescribed for the National Guard of the several states, was reported back to the House by the committee on naval affairs, with the recommendation for its passage.

A monument to the memory of Abraham Lincoln is contemplated by a bill reported to the Senate by Senator Root from the committee on library. The measure was introduced by Cullom.

PUGILIST RISKS DEATH

JUDGE HOLDS HE TAKES SAME CHANCES AS IN FOOTBALL.

Court Releases Fighter and Exonerates Him From Blame for Death of Opponent.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—A prizefighter takes the same chances of death as a football player when he enters a contest, said Coroner Ford today when he discharged John Kalme, a young pugilist, from custody and exonerated him from all blame in the death of John Emhoff, whose skull was fractured in a bout at the Nonpareil Athletic Club Friday.

The bout, which ended fatally, was between Emhoff, who is better known as "Kid" Gardner, and Kalme, better known as Johnny Kaln.

In the fifth round, when both were apparently on even terms, Kalme struck Emhoff a straight-arm blow on the jaw. Emhoff fell and his head struck the floor. He was carried from the ring and after repeated attempts to revive him were made, he was hurried to a hospital, where he died the next day.

GOTHAM SEES FIRE DANGER

New York City Said to Be Like Old San Francisco.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—That New York City is in danger of a fire disaster greater than that which destroyed San Francisco following the earthquake, is the assertion of M. S. Tannenbaum, one of the insurance experts called upon for testimony before the state legislative committee which is investigating fire insurance rates and conditions here.

"The danger of disaster to New York is not only a possibility, but a very threatening probability," Mr. Tannenbaum told the committee. "The extent of the San Francisco fire was due to the breaking of the water mains and that is the danger we face. Right now, we are digging tunnels through the heart of the city, using large quantities of dynamite.

"Any day a terrific explosion, as sudden and unexpected as the disaster in the New York Central terminal yards, might break two or three of our principal water mains. If this should happen, and then two fires should break out at the same time, where would New be?

"New York's water pressure is also too low. It would be absolutely insufficient to control a fire with good headway in certain districts. If two or three fires should break out on the night of a big wind, like for instance the blizzard of 1885, nothing could save the city."

Mr. Tannenbaum brought up these points in connection with an argument in favor of the passing of a law to restrict the amount of insurance which any one fire insurance company should write in a single district.

BATTLESHIP WORK LET

Texas to Cost $5,830,000 With Reciprocating Engines.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The contract for building the 27,000-ton battleship Texas was awarded today to the Newport News Shipbuilding Company, the lowest bidder, at $5,830,000.

The award provides for reciprocating engines instead of the giant turbines now being installed on nearly all other modern ships. The Government could have saved $55,000 by accepting the proposal of the Newport News Company to supply the ship with Curtiss turbines or $40,000 if the British design Parsons turbines had been selected.

The decision to revert to the old reciprocating engines was based on the recommendation of the engineer-in-chief and other members of the construction board, the reason assigned being the superior economy of the reciprocating engines at "cruising" or middle rate speed.

It is not contended that the turbine is not superior to the reciprocating engines at top speeds, but it is argued that these speeds are little used.

HARAHAN TO LEAVE "I. C."

C. H. Markham Will Likely Succeed Him as Head of Road.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—It is reported that the resignation of James T. Harahan from the presidency of the Illinois Central Railroad Company probably will be given to the directors at their meeting tomorrow. The resignation, it is said, will take effect on January 17, when Mr. Harahan will have reached the age of 70 years.

It is understood that Mr. Harahan's successor will be C. H. Markham, a former official of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, now engaged in the oil business in Pittsburg.

LETTERS OF PAST READ

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ternity of Miss Beatrice Anita Turnbull, the plaintiff in the present case. As written, it read:

"May God smite me into a thousand atoms if Colonel Albert Pope is not the father of my child."

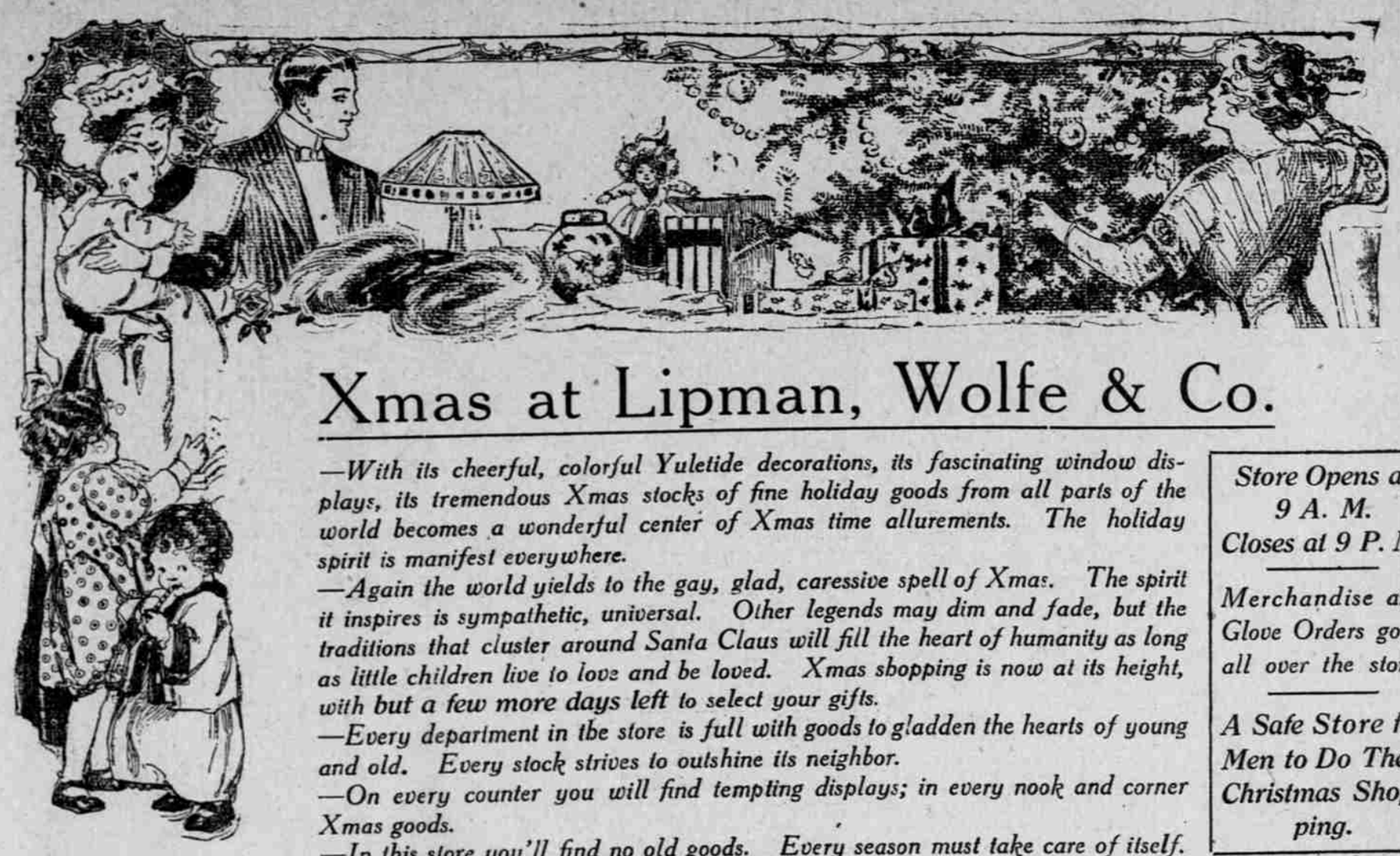
That is a forged interpretation," promptly interrupted Mrs. Turnbull. "I did make such an oath on my knees in the office of James R. Wood. But I said then, 'May God smite me into a thousand atoms if E. J. Baldwin is not the father of my child, and if he was not married to me by contract prior to my entering the marriage relation with him.'"

Witness Answers Promptly.

"Why is it, Mrs. Turnbull," queried McNab, "that your memory is so clear on things that favor you, and so bad as to things that do not favor you?"

"Shame has burned some things on my memory, Mr. McNab. Then, too, there are things a woman never forgets," Mrs. Turnbull replied.

When court adjourned, Judge Rives announced the case would continue tomorrow and every day thereafter until it had been completed. Attorney McNab said the cross-examination of Mrs. Turnbull probably would not be finished for two days.



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HUNT TO BE CHOSEN

Taft Will Insist on Confirmation of Judge.

OREGON ACTS DISPLEASE

Opposing Senators, However, Have No Proof That Decisions in Williamson Case Were Swayed by Prosecutor Heney.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 20.—Indications now are that Judge William H. Hunt, of Montana, will be confirmed by the Senate as a member of the Court of Commerce, because of the strenuous fight being made in his behalf by President Taft, with whom he was a student at Yale.

In the past few days President Taft has sent for various Senators known to be opposed to Hunt and has urged them to withdraw their objections, expressing the personal opinion that Hunt's record is perfectly clean and that he will conduct himself with credit as a member of the Commerce Court.

The principal objection to Hunt grows out of his conduct on trial of ex-Representative Williamson, of Oregon, and Senators opposing Hunt are forced to admit that they cannot produce proof which supports their belief that in that trial Hunt permitted himself to be swayed by Francis J. Heney, the Government prosecutor.

Because of this situation, and on account of the appeals of the President, these Senators will content themselves with voting against Hunt's confirmation, but they realize that they are in the minority.

Piles Urges Improvements.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 20.—Senator Piles today introduced a bill authorizing the following appropriations for aids to navigation in Alaska: Lincoln Rock, $25,000; Cape Spencer, $80,000; Cape St. Elias, $100,000; Yukon River, $11,400. Senator Piles also offered an amendment to the rivers and harbors bill appropriating $43,000 for the improvement of the Olympia, Wash., harbor.

ALASKA RELIEF IS PROMISED

House Committee to Consider Coal-Lease Bill This Session.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 20.—Soon after Congress reconvenes in January, the House committee on public lands will take up the Alaska coal land problem and undertake to report some bill which will permit of the development of those lands on a leasing basis.

Several members of the committee are determined, if possible, to force through such a bill, realizing that until Congress comes to their relief those vast and valuable coal deposits must lie idle. The terms upon which it is proposed to lease these lands have not been agreed upon.

RUDKIN WILL NOT BE NAMED

Possibility of Charges Excludes Justice From Federal Place.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 20.—Chief Justice Rudkin, of the Washington Supreme Court, will not be appointed United States District Judge for Eastern Washington, because of charges made against him.

It is understood that his nomination would be opposed in the Senate, and it is not the policy of the President to appoint Judges about whose confirmation there may be serious doubt.

McAlexander to Be Major.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 20.—Captain Ulysses G. McAlexander, now on duty at Oregon Agricultural College, at Corvallis, Or., is to be promoted to the rank of Major and assigned to the Eighteenth Infantry.

Senator Jones Goes to Illinois.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 20.—Senator Jones will spend the Christmas holidays with his mother in Illinois.

CONBOY GETS NEW TRIAL

Higher Court Reverses Conviction of ex-Police Captain for Killing.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—The judgment of the lower court was reversed and a new trial ordered by the District Court of Appeals today in the case of ex-Captain of Police Michael J. Conboy, convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to seven years' imprisonment for the killing of Bernard Lagan, in this city.

In July, 1909, Conboy, then captain of police, shot Bernard Lagan. The victim died in November of that year. Conboy was then tried for murder. He was convicted of manslaughter and was sentenced to seven years in San Quentin. At the time of the shooting Conboy was not in uniform. He asserted in the trial that he believed he was about to be held up by Lagan when he shot him.

'SPEED-MANIAC' PARDONED

Governor of Colorado Releases Rich Man From Jail.

DENVER, Dec. 20.—Morris Mayer, a wealthy young business man, convicted of involuntary manslaughter and serving one year in the County Jail, was pardoned by Governor Shafroth today and will be released December 24.

A man and two women were killed when an automobile driven by Mayer, in which they were riding, struck a trolley-car. Mayer will have served five months and 20 days of his sentence.

RUSSIANS ARE AROUSED

Attack on Cossacks by Chinese Made Subject of Protest.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 20.—The refractory behavior of Chinese provincial authorities in Manchuria is the subject of an editorial to appear in the Novoe Vremya tomorrow morning.

The newspaper recalls a series of incidents within the present year, the series culminating with a reference to a maltreatment of Colonel Raddazi, commander of the Amur Cossack regiment, who was arrested on December 16, while visiting the Chinese side near Blagovieshtchensk.

Colonel Raddazi was bound, his epaulettes torn off and he was spat upon. Finally he was released by two Cossacks.

The Novoe Vremya suggests it would be the serious task of diplomacy at Pekin to call the government to its senses in order to prevent chaos at the frontier.

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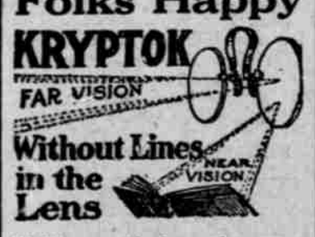

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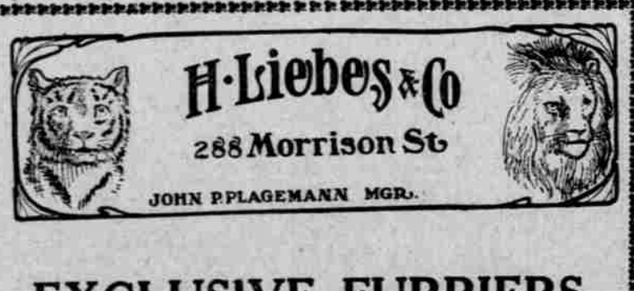

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