



TAFT PROVOKES STIR IN CLUBLAND

Black Balls Are Used Against Friends.

MEN USING THEM DEMOUNCED

Three Officials Show Anger by Resignation.

JUSTICE HUGHES TARGET

Rejection of Newly-Elected Members of Congress, Including Intimate Friend, Stirs Taft to Speak and Others to Act.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Resignation of two members of the board of governors and the secretary of the Metropolitan Club here, made known today following a speech by President Taft last night in which he denounced "small-headed men" who in clubs attempt to manifest their greatness by blackballing leading men proposed for membership, has stirred official social Washington to the core.

The President, who is a member of the exclusive Metropolitan, was reported several days ago to have felt some resentment over the exclusion from the organization of several newly-elected representatives and senators, proposed for membership by some of the most influential men in the club.

Justice Hughes, associate justice of the supreme court, has incurred the enmity of three members of the Metropolitan Club, who informed a friend recently that they would "take pleasure in blackballing Mr. Hughes if at any time his name was proposed for membership to the club."

Their opposition was based on the fight made against the racetracks of New York while the justice was governor of that state. The three members are interested in horses. This plan developed today. Justice Hughes' name, however, has not been proposed to the club.

The furry caused by the club's action at that time had partially died down, when President Taft last night, in an address at the Jewish temple, revived the subject by saying that he had had friends—Gentiles—kept out of clubs "by people who were not worthy to button up their shoes."

This was followed by the announcement that Brigadier-General Clarence R. Edwards, of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, an intimate friend of the President; Lieutenant-Colonel Charles McCawley, of the Marine Corps, formerly a White House aide; and Captain T. M. Fotts, of the Navy, had resigned their official positions at the Metropolitan Club.

General Edwards and Colonel McCawley were members of the board of governors and Colonel McCawley was secretary of the club. All had asked that their resignations take effect at once, but Captain Fotts and Colonel McCawley later agreed to serve until next October, because of the difficulty of filling their places at this time. General Edwards, however, insisted that his resignation should be accepted immediately.

It is said the resignations of Messrs. Edwards, McCawley and Fotts mean no officer of the Navy or Marine Corps will hold office in the Metropolitan Club. Friction created by the exclusion of senators, representatives and other men in official life has been more or less frequent and it is believed has not worked to the best interest of these branches of the military service.

Taft Denounces Snobs. The President said last night in the speech which caused this sensation: "I believe, and I am proud of the fact, that the Jews in America enjoy an equality that they have in only a few other countries of the world. I don't mean to say that there are not racial prejudices here; I don't mean to say that there are no social clubs and other places where the 'small-headed men,' who occasionally get into a directory, manifest their greatness by using a blackball and shutting out men of importance in the community."

SEATTLE'S WOMEN SCORED IN COUNCIL

BUSINESS MEN OPPOSE ANTI-SMOKING ORDINANCE.

Smoke No More Offensive Than Odor of Cheap Perfume, Declares Opponent to Measure.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 17.—(Special.)—The safety committee of the Council today, by a vote of two to one, reported out for passage over the Mayor's veto, the ordinance prohibiting smoking on streets. The action was taken after considerable discussion, largely pro- and con.

That the anti-smoking ordinance came up was a coincidence and J. S. Goldsmith, manager of Schwabacher Brothers' Grocery Company, took occasion to declare it an extreme measure, of the kind which had given the Council the reputation of dealing in freak legislation. He said that smoke on streets was no more of a nuisance than the odors of cheap perfume, with which some women saturate their clothing.

"It is not the business of this Council to listen to every woman who may make an appeal," Goldsmith said. "The understanding is now that the women in the lobby control legislation. Let me tell you if every man in the employ of my company and the rest of the large concerns would fire every man who is married, there wouldn't be any women's clubs. It is getting to the point where the commercial interests must be given a chance."

"This Council is going on record in favor of freak legislation. Unless there is a unanimity between the Council and the Mayor on all questions, Seattle will suffer and in the suffering the commercial interests will be the losers." In the lobby were a score or more of business men, who had come to protest against what they term freak legislation of the type they declared of the Griffiths bills for control of the jail and to limit the number of passengers on streetcars, the Erickson bill to lower light rates and the bill to prohibit smoking on streetcars.

MISS McCORMICK TO WED

Engagement of Child of Southern Pacific Road Official Announced.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17.—(Special.)—The gossip who attended the wedding reception of Mr. and Mrs. Effingham Button today were treated to a genuine surprise in the announcement of the engagement of Miss Louise McCormick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. McCormick, and Robert Henderson.

Although Henderson's devotion to this attractive girl has been marked ever since her arrival in San Francisco about a year ago, even her most intimate friends were unaware that an engagement existed. Miss McCormick has enjoyed a great popularity in this city ever since she first visited here from Chicago about two years ago.

E. O. McCormick is general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific Company. Before coming to live in San Francisco, the McCormick home was in Chicago. Robert Henderson is one of the most popular bachelors in the younger set.

JOINT TRACK MEET SURE

American and British Universities to Compete July 6.

LONDON, May 17.—A joint meeting of the Oxford and Cambridge athletic clubs tonight continued July 6 as the date of the proposed meeting with the Yale and Harvard teams. It was provisionally agreed that the British team shall consist of the winners of this year's inter-varsity sports.

BI-STATE RAINBOW SEEN

Sky Arc Stretches From Vancouver to East Side in Portland.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 17.—(Special.)—An interstate rainbow, apparently arched from St. James' Catholic Church in this city to the Methodist Church on Union avenue in Portland, across the Columbia River, was visible for half an hour today, following a heavy rainfall at 5 o'clock. The rainbow was distinct and was augmented by a dimmer but larger arc. It could be seen stretching across the river, and under it the faint outline of Mount Hood could almost be distinguished.

TWO MEN, 74 AUTOS BURN

Fire Which Destroys Winnipeg Garage Is Disastrous.

DE LA BARRA AND MADERO TO RULE

President Ad Interim to Have Insurrecto Aide.

AGED PRESIDENT VERY ILL

Corral Agrees to Step Down With Chief.

NEW CABINET PROPOSED

Armistice Ordered and Diaz Will Resign Before June 1—De la Barra and Madero to Rule Jointly Pending Election.

MEXICO CITY, May 17.—President Diaz and Vice-President Corral will resign before June 1. Minister of Foreign Relations De la Barra will become President ad interim.

Francisco L. Madero, the revolutionary leader, will be called to Mexico City to act as De la Barra's chief adviser and as the greatest guarantee possible that every pledge made by the government will be carried out. As viewed by the public, it would be virtually a joint presidency, pending a new election.

The Cabinet will be reorganized. The Minister of War will be named by De la Barra. The Foreign Office will be in charge of a sub-secretary named by him. Other Cabinet members will be chosen by him and Madero jointly. A new election will be called within six months.

Surrender Is Complete. Political amnesty will be recommended to the Chamber of Deputies. These are the conditions upon which President Diaz will compromise. Virtually the entire force in high quarters to be a complete surrender to the revolutionists.

The resignation of Diaz and the "joint regency" of De la Barra and Madero are said to constitute a guarantee so complete that the original insurrecto demand for 14 Governors no longer need be considered. Diaz Seriously Ill. The Cabinet was in almost continuous session for two days, despite the severe illness of Diaz. The President's entire face is infected from an ulcerated tooth. His upper lip is swollen far beyond its normal size and his face is inflamed. He showed fever yesterday, but this symptom was eliminated today. He speaks with the greatest difficulty, but while he is in severe pain, his condition is not alarming, despite his advanced age.

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- The Weather. YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 54 degrees; minimum, 46 degrees. TODAY'S—Rain; high southwesterly winds. De la Barra and Madero to rule Mexico. Five-day armistice signed by peace delegates at Juarez. National. Following charges, Lieutenant Hennessy is relieved of duty at Dulhanna. France is included in peace treaty negotiations. Textile board reports on cost of making news print paper in United States and Canada. Three bills are introduced in Senate to amend Supreme Court's modification of anti-trust law. After day's wrangle, House Democrats elected by bribery and denounced Judge Pelt. Senate committee hears Governor Osborn for reciprocity, lumbermen against it. Pacific Northwest. W. S. U'ren outwits Democrats; is first to meet Governor Wilson on way to Oregon. Addison Bennett extols Princeton. Bishop Beaudett opens conference of inter-national clerics convened at Vancouver, B. C. Two hundred sixty-one new laws to go into effect tomorrow at midnight. Life-saving crews rescue many in gale off Columbia mouth. Army change plan would save \$200,000 or more annually. New Umatilla County Board of Education named. Woodrow Wilson's visit to Seattle may start political boom. Harry Day takes over defunct Wallace bank. Sport. Pacific Coast League results yesterday: Portland 7, Sacramento 4 (11 innings); Oakland 2, San Francisco 1; Los Angeles 4, Vernon 2. National wrestling bouts start at Helling tonight. Commercial and Marine. New crop chartering is under way. Dry weather reports start scramble of oats shorts at Chicago. Wheat prices continue to climb. Stock market rates firm. Portland and vicinity. Doctors start movement to erect medical society building. Two candidates for Queen of Peninsula race shower in field. Lombard and Werlein support Simon for Mayor. Petitions urging Mayor Simon to run again are signed rapidly. Four Mount Hood Railway workmen killed, two crushed in landslide on Sandy River. Demurrer of Food Commissioner Bailey is overruled. Southern Oregon prepares in varied lines of industry. President Gray, of North Bank, says Hills favor independent depot. Oddfellows and Rebekahs continue grand lodge sessions. Executive committee of Western Development League is addressed by ex-Governor Brady of Idaho. Oil trust blow unless Oregon, say financiers. Accusations are exchanged at session of mining congress.

SIMON RECEIVES STRONG SUPPORT

Lombard and Werlein Urge Candidacy.

GRAVE EMERGENCY IS SEEN

Rushlight Unfitted for High Office, Is Opinion.

PLEDGES OPERATE AS BAR

People Besiege Executive Offices and Telephone and Telegraph Messages Come Fast—Vigorous Campaign Planned.

DAY'S DEVELOPMENTS IN CITY'S CAMPAIGN.

More than 1000 signatures were secured by circulators of petitions asking Mayor Simon to become an independent candidate for re-election. The number required by the law is 855. Mayor Simon received a large number of assurances of hearty support by letter and telegraph, as well as by telephone and from those who called upon him at the City Hall. Headquarters of the Citizens' Committee were opened at 296 Stark street, with Henry E. Reed as manager. Many persons called there to sign the petitions, among them being a good many Democrats. City Treasurer Werlein gave the candidacy of Mayor Simon his unqualified indorsement, denouncing A. G. Rushlight, the Republican nominee, for making pledges of offices and appointments before election.

Gay Lombard, in San Francisco, and City Treasurer Werlein, in Portland, gave unqualified indorsement yesterday to the movement to persuade Mayor Simon to become a candidate for Mayor at the election next month. Mr. Lombard declared in a signed statement that he regarded Mr. Rushlight as "typical of all that is worst in American political and municipal life." Mr. Werlein voiced the opinion that Rushlight's pre-election pledges were one evidence of his complete unfitness for the office.

From all over the city yesterday came assurances of support. Every mail brought to the executive office letters from citizens, pledging their co-operation. Telegrams from residents temporarily absent in other sections of the state were also received. Numerous persons called personally. With one accord, they warmly congratulated the Mayor on his attitude and made known their good will, expressing hope for his success at the polls June 5. Developments came thick and fast (Continued on Page 18.)

LIFE-SAVING CREWS RESCUE IN GALE

FISHERMEN'S CRAFT CAPSIZE IN CHOPPY SEA OFF ASTORIA.

ASTORIA, Or., May 17.—(Special.)—Heroic work on the part of the Cape Disappointment and Point Adams lifesaving crews and the boat tug Onocenta saved the lives of several fishermen here today during the course of the gale which blew a 73-mile gait during the day. The lifesaving crews hauled several boats out of the breakers to safe anchorage and Captain Parsons, of the Onocenta, picked up two men, who had been clinging to the bottom of their overturned craft fully two hours and one was nearly exhausted. Parsons also, later in the day, rescued two other fishermen caught in the same predicament when their boat capsized.

Although the bar was not rough as the result of the gale, there was a choppy sea running, but no damage was done to shipping. General storm warnings had been sounded all along the North Pacific Coast as a result of the blow, advising all mariners to remain at safe anchorage tonight. The storm center is off the lower end of Vancouver Island, B. C., and is moving eastward with high south to southwest gales. The barometer, which has been falling rapidly since last night and touched 29.35 here in the afternoon today, has an upward tendency tonight. A heavy rain has fallen all day.

BRIDEGROOM TRAVELS FAR

Honeymoon on Transport to Follow Voyage to Claim Bride.

Voyaging 2000 miles for a bride, Ensign Ruchin Robert Smith, of the Monterey, now stationed at Manila, will wed Hilda Helen Gumbert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Gumbert, at the home of the bride's parents, 669 Kearney street, tonight. The couple will leave for Japan on the Transport Buford, which leaves from San Francisco June 5, and will spend the Summer in that country and in China. Mr. Smith will return to the Monterey at the expiration of his leave of absence, which extends throughout the Summer months. The young people met four years ago in Seattle while Miss Gumbert was attending the University of Washington, and Ensign Smith was with the Battleship Nebraska, then at the Bremerton Navy-yard. Mr. Smith's home is in Salt Lake City.

PUPILS POOR IN GRAMMAR

Many Failures Found Also in Knowledge of Civil Government.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 17.—(Special.)—Superintendent Gary, who, with several teachers, is examining the papers of the children who took the examination for the high schools recently, declared today that there probably would be more failures than ever before in grammar and civil government. The questions, which were submitted by State Superintendent Alderman, are said to be the most difficult ever sent to Clackamas County. The result of the present examination does not mean, however, that children who fail in these subjects now will not be promoted from the eighth grade to the high school. Those who fail in only two subjects will be given another examination in June, and in the meantime they will have time to prepare themselves. More than 300 pupils took the examination.

INDIAN RANCHERS ACTIVE

Progressiveness of Kilkittat Shown by Work on Farms.

HUBBARD, Wash., May 17.—(Special.)—Indian ranchers living along Husum Creek, which extends some 12 miles to the northeast, are showing progressiveness by planting fruit trees, irrigating hay tracts and doing development work that would prove a good example for some white men. Johnny Cayuse and two sons have ranches not far apart, and the condition of their farms does not betoken Indians. As a rule the Kilkittat Indians have several abodes on his ranch, giving rise to much speculation as to the necessity of so many buildings. This is explained by the number of deaths in a family. When a member dies the family moves out of the residence at once and lives in teepees if necessary until another building is erected. The former buildings are used for stables or for storing hay and grain.

CRUISER BUFFALO WINS

Cry for Coal for Uncle Sam's Boat Heard in Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 17.—J. H. Young, president of the Alaska Steamship Company, today cabled to Agent Barry, at Cordova, instructing him to supply to the cruiser Buffalo enough Canadian coal to enable her to steam to Sitka. The Buffalo, which is at Cordova, ran short of coal during a stormy cruise to the Northern Islands and came into port with her coal bunkers nearly empty. Owing to a scarcity of coal at Alaska ports, the Queenstown-Morgan agent at Cordova declined to sell coal to the Buffalo unless such sale was approved by his superior officials.

4 DIE, 4 CRUSHED, IN SUDDEN SLIDE

Mt. Hood Line Workmen Swept to Death.

FOREMAN LEFT SAFE AT BRINK

Sandy River, 25 Miles East, Is Disaster Scene.

INJURED MAY NOT LIVE

Four of Dozen Men Escape in Noon Crash—One Not Covered Though Hurled, Another Hangs to Crane—Bodies Sought.

Four men were killed and four probably fatally injured in a landslide on the Mount Hood Railway & Power Company's line on the Sandy River, 25 miles east of Portland, at 11:55 o'clock yesterday morning. Two of the bodies were recovered last night and a force worked all night in an effort to find the two bodies that were buried under the avalanche.

The injured workmen were conveyed on a train as far as Gresham and from that point were brought to the city in automobile ambulances and are being cared for at the Good Samaritan Hospital. The dead are: D. Hunt, William Stranley, Ed Tognassen, W. Parrish. The bodies of Tognassen and Parrish are still missing.

The injured are: Matt Otto, R. J. Ryan, A. Jackson, E. J. Murphy. All four were injured internally and may not recover. Death Grazes Several. Ten or 12 men were in the path of the avalanche and several experienced narrow escapes. Engineer Ryan, a brother of R. J. Ryan, who was hurt, was carried over the hill and to the edge of the river, but was unscathed. He cannot account for his perilous ride to safety. A man who was employed on the huge crane of the shovel experienced an escape perhaps even more remarkable. He clung to the machinery on the way down the embankment and dropped off when he reached the base, landing in front of a mass of earth.

Hans Peterson, the foreman, had the rare experience of seeing the machinery, men and hillside swept away in front of him. The earth broke loose directly under his feet, but tore away right before him, allowing him to stand at the edge of the yawning hole that it left. C. H. Packer, the superintendent, was only a few feet away, and was first attracted by the wild cries of the men as they were carried toward their fate.

BODIES NOT YET FOUND

Others employed in the camp also heard the shouts of their comrades and hastened to the rescue. Soon the entire construction force was engaged in the task of liberating the injured and attempting to recover the bodies of the dead. E. R. Ernberger, general manager of the railroad department of the Mount Hood Railway & Power Company, was in his office in Portland when the accident occurred. He started for the place as soon as it was reported to him. He returned late last night and reported that the men were still working to recover the two bodies that remained uncovered and removed. Dr. Short of Gresham took charge of the injured and had them conveyed to the city as soon as possible. Later the bodies of Hunt and Stranley were unearthed, their lives having been crushed out by the terrific slide.

The rescuing party was reinforced by other workmen employed on the grading work at other points and by residents living in the vicinity. Tons of earth were removed but up to last night, it was impossible to find a trace of the two missing men. The immense steam shovel used by the grading crew was gathered up by the crushing slide and hurled into the Sandy River as if it were a piece of paper.

Drenching Weakens Ground. The heavy rains of the past week have soaked the ground thoroughly and it is believed that with this tremendous weight of water the earth had been loosened and was weakened at the point where the crew was working. No noise or crashing was heard until the operator of the Buffalo enough peculiar feature is that the earth seemed to break away in an instant, as (Continued on Page 2.)