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PLAN OF PARCELS POST IS OPPOSED

Commercial Congress Bitter in Debate.

"SNAP JUDGMENT" CHARGED

Resolutions Declare Opposition; Minority Resentful.

COAST WINS 1915 SESSION

San Francisco and Seattle to Be Rival Candidates—Cautious Declaration Is Made as to Monetary Reforms.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 17.—After selecting Salt Lake City as the meeting place for 1912 and Kansas City, Mo., as official headquarters, the 22d annual session of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress adjourned this afternoon.

Although the date for holding the next meeting was not definitely decided upon, it was tentatively agreed upon to convene in the last week of August. The official headquarters were located for only one year. E. J. Becker, of this city, was elected secretary, to succeed Arthur T. Francis, of Cripple Creek, Colo., after which Mr. Francis was elected an honorary member of the congress for life. George B. Harrison, a banker of this city, was elected treasurer.

Coast to Get IBIS Meeting.

A resolution was adopted recommending that the congress meet at a Pacific Coast city in 1915, the year of the Pacific-Panama Exposition. San Francisco and Seattle are rival aspirants for the meeting at that time.

Consideration of the report of the committee on resolutions occupied most of today's sessions. The report was adopted virtually as submitted. The resolution declaring that the congress was against the parcels post, which was adopted, provoked acrimonious discussion. The vote was 90 for to 18 against the resolution. A vigorous verbal scuffle followed, in which charges were made that a "steam roller" was being operated by those in control of the meeting and that the tendency of the congress was to take no definite stand on anything.

Minority Report Heard.

Several times in the course of the reading of the report Dr. George P. Neal, of Fort Madison, Iowa, a member of the committee, who failed to attend the meeting last night, gave notice that he had a minority report to read. Upon completing his report, Mr. Faxon said: "As I understand it there is no authorized minority report to be heard. I therefore—"

Dr. Neale Jumped to his feet.

"There is a report," he said; "furthermore I demand to be heard." Mr. Faxon agreed to hearing the report and, amid cheers Dr. Neale read it. The report dealt with the parcels post, an enlargement of state's rights and votes for women.

Dr. Neale began to discuss the resolution and his opponents resorted to parliamentary tactics to seat him.

Martin Egan, editor of the Manila Times, who had signed another minority report, said that the discussion on the resolution in committee had been one-sided and that persons opposed to it did not have proper opportunity to submit their arguments.

"I am opposed to snap judgment on this point," he said.

"It is beneath the dignity of this Congress to treat such an important matter in this manner."

George J. Kindel, of Denver, said that express companies had assumed the functions of the Government postal service.

"These companies are back of this opposition to the parcels post, and I cannot understand the attitude of the delegates here who are supporting them."

Money-Reform Declaration Guarded.

The Congress did not openly endorse the plan of the National Monetary Commission to change the currency and banking system, but the resolution said that the plan "may be a step in the right direction."

It was recommended that the plan receive careful and conservative consideration, as the "monetary system of the United States is inadequate for the needs of the country."

After the Congress adjourned the executive committee met and appointed the following congressional committee: Fred W. Fleming, Kansas City; Governor Burke, North Dakota; Colonel H. D. Loveland, San Francisco; Governor Shafroth, Colorado; Robert Hunter, Ia. L. Bradford Prince, New Mexico, and Colonel Ike T. Fryer, Texas.

John L. Powell, of Wichita, was chosen chairman of the executive committee.

Bank in National Capital Fails.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—The Washington National Bank here was closed today by National Bank Examiner Goodheart. The bank has a capital stock of \$25,000 and about \$150,000 on deposit. Examination of the books showed the bank had made unsatisfactory loans.

HEARING WILL BE GIVEN TO BAKER

CONGRESS TO HEAR PROMOTER OF STEAMSHIP LINE.

Senator Newlands Has Other Information That Railroads Are Blocking Enterprise.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Alleged opposition of transcontinental railroads to the financing of an independent steamship line to operate through the Panama Canal between Atlantic and Pacific Coast terminals is to be the subject of an inquiry by Senate committee on interstate commerce.

Bernard N. Baker, of Baltimore, was requested tonight to appear before the committee. Mr. Baker, under an act of Congress, has endeavored to finance and organize an independent line. It is said financial institutions have withdrawn proffered support, and he alleges their attitude was due partly to the influence of transcontinental railroads.

Senator Newlands, a member of the Senate committee, told that body this afternoon he had heard from other sources that such opposition is being developed against independent steamship projects.

"If by the influence of the transcontinental railway system the free development of commerce between American ports through the Panama Canal is being blocked, the Senate should ascertain the facts at once," he said.

Senator Clapp, chairman of the committee, requested Mr. Baker to appear early next week with all the data in his possession.

"SCOTTY" PLANS MANSION

Two-Acre Reproduction of Death Valley to Be Backyard.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 17.—(Special.)—Walter Scott, better known as "Death Valley Scotty," today closed a deal with the Los Angeles Investment Company to build him a mansion of riotous splendor in the La Brea Hills overlooking the sea and next door to a \$15,000 house just finished for "Sis" Hopkins, of vaudeville fame.

Scotty chose a two-acre site and peeled \$12,000 in a lump from a roll like a stick of cordwood to pay for it. The house itself will cost him \$15,000 more, and the cost of the furnishings, which he will bring from Chicago himself, is estimated at another \$10,000. The interior of the house from the coyote head-nest post to the cupola surmounted by a \$1000 lump of gold ore is to be a miner's dream of paradise.

In the back yard Scotty plans to reproduce in miniature Death Valley from the Panamint to the Funeral Range, and from the Amargosa Flats to the Nevada line. This will occupy one acre of the grounds and will be the pasturage for "Slim," Scotty's famous mule, who is to be the only one to share the luxury with the miner.

FLOOD DAMAGE IS FEARED

Chinook Wind Roars and Torrent of Rain Falls in Skagit Valley.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Nov. 17.—With a chinook wind roaring through the foothills and a torrent of rain falling, the snow of last week's blizzard is rapidly disappearing and the residents of the Nooksack and Skagit Valleys are preparing for floods. The Nooksack is rising a foot an hour and if the rise continues will be out of its banks by tomorrow morning. The South Fork has already inundated the lowlands and some damage is reported from Acme.

The Skagit is rising a foot an hour at Rockport and six inches an hour at lower river points. This river was abnormally low, and a change in the weather probably will permit this stream to remain within its banks. Preparations, however, are being made for a flood to equal that of two years ago when Northwest Washington cities were isolated for two weeks by floods in these two streams.

LAUNCH PARTY IN PERIL

Waterspout Sweeps Across Coos Bay. Speedboat Escapes.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Nov. 17.—(Special.)—A. H. Powers, head of the Smith-Powers Company, and a party of friends in his speed boat, narrowly escaped death from being caught in a waterspout which swept across Coos Bay when the recent big storm was at its height. A column of water was drawn up 150 feet high by a whirlwind with such force that big logs were thrown up out of the bay.

The awe-inspiring column of water was at times 10 feet in diameter and traveled with great rapidity up the bay. It headed into one of the rivers, where it disappeared from view. Mr. Powers and his friends barely got out of the way of the freak of the storm, which would have destroyed them had it overtaken them.

WOMAN TURNS DOWN SEX

Defendant in Trial Accepts Jury Composed Entirely of Men.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 17.—Mrs. Sarah C. Costello, defendant in a suit in the Superior Court involving \$500, today instructed her counsel to exclude from the jury box two women, and accepted a jury composed entirely of men.

She did not know the women jurors, but did not wish them to sit in her case.

ENGLISHMAN NOT TO TRY M'NAMARA

Defense Draws Line of Nationality.

TWO MORE JURORS ARE SWORN

Seventh Venire Is Exhausted, With Five in Box.

JOHN J. ADVISES BROTHER

From Cell in County Jail, Co-Defendant Sends Word That Man From County Kent Cannot Give Irishman Fair Trial.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 17.—The fourth and fifth jurors were accepted and sworn today in the McNamara murder trial, which began October 11. These two were secured since November 7, when the first three were sworn in.

A feature of the day was evidence that John J. McNamara is taking a hand in the selection of the jurors, who are to try his brother, James B. McNamara. From his cell in the county jail John J. McNamara sent word that C. A. Heath, being of English birth, would not be suitable, in his opinion, to try an Irishman and Heath was removed by peremptory challenge.

New Venire Required.

The two new jurors are: J. B. Setton, a ranchman and real estate dealer from Alhambra, a suburb of Los Angeles, and a carpenter and formerly a union man. He does not now belong to a union. The three jurors already chosen are: Robert Bain, carpenter; F. D. Green, orange grower, and Byron Lisk, mill owner.

Within a few moments after the new jurors were sworn in the seventh venire was exhausted and a new one of 40 men was drawn.

Four peremptory challenges by the defense and three by the state trimmed the full jury-box down to five men when court opened today.

Prosecution Excuses Banker.

The state led off by excusing A. Gribling, a retired walnut grower and harness maker, who once had difficulty with the Times management over a subscription premium. It also excused Willett Brunner, a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and Clark McLean, a Pasadena banker, who said that he considered "a knock in the Times as a boost," and expressed other unfavorable opinions concerning it.

The defense, which alternated its challenges with the state, excused Brewster C. Kenyon, a capitalist; T. H. Elliott, a gardener; A. C. Heath, the English farmer, and Jacob Lansing. Elliott and Lansing both were supposed by the defense to have expressed

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EXPRESS ROBBERS KILL

Messenger Slain and His Car Is Looted of \$2000 Near Scranton.

SCRANTON, Pa., Nov. 17.—Irving D. Barger, an express messenger, was killed and the safe in his car on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Road looted of a sum said to be from \$1500 to \$2000 tonight. Barger was seen by train hands at work in his car as the train stopped a minute at Taylor. Four minutes later, when it arrived in Scranton, Barger's body was found lying on the floor of the car with his head battered in and a bullet in his brain.

One report has it that the robbers got no booty.

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HUSBAND-SLAYER BARES PAST LIFE

Mrs. Patterson Blames Wealthy Clothier.

MAN BRIBED TO MARRY HER

Price Paid by Chicagoan Said to Have Been \$1500.

QUARREL REVEALS TRUTH

Woman Who Will Be Placed on Trial for Murder Next Week Says She Was Forced to Blackmail Former Admirer.

DENVER, Nov. 17.—Gertrude Gibson Patterson, who will be placed on trial Monday on a charge of having murdered her husband, Charles A. Patterson, has written a remarkable biographical sketch for the use of her attorney, O. N. Hillton, in which she accuses Emel Strouss, a millionaire clothing manufacturer of Chicago, of having ruined her life and of having bribed Patterson to marry her. Strouss and she, she avers, lived together as husband and wife for five years.

When seen at the jail today, Mrs. Patterson seemed much less concerned over the fate of a Colorado jury than in store for her than the effect her story will have on her mother.

Effect on Mother Feared.

"Oh," she groaned, "it will break my poor mother's heart to learn that I never was married to this man, or divorced from him."

The biography reads in part as follows: "When I was 15 years old, I went with my sister, Mrs. Barnham, and her husband, to Chicago. We stopped at the Auditorium Hotel and a friend of my sister's introduced me, Strouss was much older than I, for at that time my hair hung in a braid down my back, but he was very kind. He asked me to marry him, but said that first I must go to school and study."

"After many conferences with my people, he finally took me to Paris. His intentions always seemed to be honorable. In that city he provided me with a tutor, arranged for my taking music lessons and departed almost immediately. I was very happy and worked hard at my studies, as I wanted him to be proud of his future wife."

Wedding Always Postponed.

Mrs. Patterson says they corresponded for five months, at the end of which time, responding to a cable message from the Chicago man, she returned to New York, and in company with him went immediately to Chicago.

It was there, Mrs. Patterson declares, that he began to renew his promise of marriage, but always postponed the wedding day.

"I was so miserable and unhappy, although he gave me everything," she said.

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HORSE AND HOBBLE POLICEMAN'S FATE

ATTEMPT TO HELP WOMAN TO SADDLE CAUSES CHARGE.

Mounted Patrolman Stillwell Is Accused of Making Afternoon Call While on Duty.

A horse, a hobble, a woman and an afternoon call find place in a complaint against Mounted Patrolman Stillwell which was filed yesterday by Acting Chief of Police Moore with the recommendation that Stillwell be dismissed from the service.

Potent in the policeman's downfall, according to the complaint, is a hobble skirt. Stillwell is accused of visiting Mrs. Clawson at 4237 East Sixty-fifth street November 3 while on duty. After a half-hour call, the accusation sets forth, Mrs. Clawson was seized with a desire to ride the policeman's horse, but could not climb into the saddle, clad as she was in a hobble skirt. The policeman tried to assist her in mounting the animal, and the neighbors were shocked, reporting the incident instantly to the police authorities.

Before charges were filed against Patrolman Stillwell, Sergeant Wanless investigated and reported recently that neighbors of Mrs. Clawson corroborate testimony that bases the complaint alleging "conduct unbecoming an officer" and against the mounted policeman.

In preferring the charges against Stillwell before the police committee of the Executive Board, Acting Chief Moore and Sergeant Wanless submit sworn statements referring to the afternoon call, the horse, the hobble and the woman.

PORTLAND BANKS LEAD ALL

Percentage Gain in Week Puts City Eighteenth in United States.

In total bank clearings of the 40 leading cities in the United States for the fiscal week ending yesterday, Portland heads the list in the percentage of increase, with San Francisco and Los Angeles almost a tie for second place.

Portland's gain over the corresponding week of last year was 11.5 per cent. San Francisco showed an increase of 10.8 per cent and Los Angeles a gain of 10.3 per cent. The total clearings in Portland for the week were \$13,784,000. By this showing Portland becomes the 18th city in the United States as a financial center, surpassing in totals such cities as Louisville, Seattle, Buffalo, Denver, Memphis and Indianapolis.

The total clearings in Seattle were \$11,062,000, or \$721,000 less than Portland's clearings. Seattle made a gain of 4.8 per cent. The clearings at Tacoma were \$4,767,000 and percentage of gain was 3.4. Spokane fell behind with total clearings of \$4,642,000 and a loss of 11.4 per cent.

The total bank clearings of the United States amounted to \$3,529,533,600, an increase of \$2,135,945,000 last week. A big increase was made over the totals for the corresponding week of last year, the clearings for that week being \$3,387,772,000.

250 WIDOWS PROPOSED TO

Bachelors' Association Sends in Big Matrimonial Order.

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Nov. 17.—Constituting what is said to be the largest matrimonial offer in history, the members of the Oatman Bachelors' Association, of Oatman, Ariz., have proposed to 250 widows of Santa Monica.

The offer is official, having come in the form of a letter to Chief of Police Barretto and having been signed by 15 directors of the bachelors' organization. As the widows hold the balance of power in the city election of December 5, however, all steps to reply to the gigantic proposal, either jointly or severally, will be postponed until after that date, as the widows are needed to vote here.

The letter gives a long list of the bachelors' names and descriptions, such as "Andy Horter, 29 years old, six feet one inch tall and 220 pounds heavy." The letter concludes: "These names are only a small margin compared with the great number of bachelors employed at the Tom Reed mining camp. We would suggest that you try to find us life partners."

ROOSEVELT AMBITION SEEN

Norman E. Mack Says Colonel Will Run Taft Close Race.

DETROIT, Nov. 17.—Norman E. Mack, of Buffalo, N. Y., chairman of the Democratic National committee, said in an interview here today: "Roosevelt is now an avowed candidate for the Republican nomination for President. It will be a neck-and-neck race between him and Taft in the convention."

EDITOR AGAIN INDICTED

Socialist Once Pardoned by Taft Faces Second Accusation.

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 17.—Fred D. Warren, a Socialist editor, of Girard, Kan., who was pardoned by President Taft on the occasion of his conviction for using the mails improperly, has been indicted a second time by the Federal grand jury at Fort Scott. The charge is circulating improper matter in his paper. He gave bond and was released.

GALE WHIPS COAST; 4 SHIPS IN PERIL

Schooner in Breakers Near Bandon.

LIFE-SAVING CREW ON GUARD

Two Vessels Reported Ashore and Third Missing.

COOS BAY BAR IN TEMPEST

That Lumber Carrier Advance May Be Driven Ashore Is Fear of Captain of Station—Randolph Is Reported to Be on Beach.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Nov. 17.—(Special.)—The fate of four vessels in the grip of the storm that has swept the Coast the past four days is regarded as uncertain by the crew at the life-saving station at Bandon tonight.

In readiness to give aid to the men aboard the lumber schooner Advance, which lies anchored in the breakers two miles above the mouth of the Coquille River, members of the Bandon crew are stationed on shore abreast of the endangered vessel. A crew of five is aboard the Advance and the sea, lashed by heavy winds, threatens to dash the ship to pieces on the beach before morning.

Breakers Close to Ship.

Life-saving equipment is assembled near the imperiled schooner and it is believed that rescue will be effected should the vessel break up.

The Advance is very close in, where she was driven by the storm. When the schooner was carried north she dropped anchor. The breakers are close to the vessel and it is feared that she will not be able to hold her position through the night.

Every effort will be made to save the vessel. It is impossible to take anything out over the Coquille bar.

The fate of the Sausalita, which was sighted at anchor off the Sacchi beach early today, is not known, but it is believed the ship was picked up by a steamer and towed outside of the danger zone. She was seen off the beach before the heavy fog settled down, but when the fog lifted late this afternoon the sea was clear of any sign of the ship.

Tow Is Captain's Hope.

Captain Johnson and the life-saving crew were in readiness to go overland from Bandon in case the Sausalita was wrecked. He also has been communicating with other vessels in the hope of getting them to reach the Advance and give her a tow. She is too close in for the larger vessels to approach her.

If she can withstand the sea through the night she may be picked up by the Redondo, which will leave here tomorrow, or the Eridon, which will reach Bandon tomorrow.

The Advance is 140 feet long, with a gross tonnage of 231. She was built at Parkersburg, on the Coquille River, in 1902, and has been carrying lumber from Coquille River mills to San Francisco.

Patsy's Fate Unknown.

The big gasoline schooner Randolph, which makes the Curry County and other small ports, is reported to be on the beach at the mouth of Rogue River. It is believed she was driven on one of the sand spits, but that the boat is not damaged.

It also is reported here that the little gasoline schooner Patsy, recently built on Coos Bay for the Elmore Packing Company and a sister ship of the Oshkosh, which was wrecked at Astoria, has been beached. Nothing definite can be learned regarding her here, and if she is in distress it is not in this immediate locality.

The bar of the Coquille River has been rough. The Steamer Alliance arrived here yesterday afternoon, but did not attempt to cross in over the Coos Bay bar until today.

BRITISH BARK AWAITS WIND

Crocodile, Off Hoquiam, Is Anchored in Ten Fathoms of Water.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Nov. 17.—(Special.)—According to reports reaching this city today brought in by the bar tug and from the keeper of the Westport Light House, the four-masted British bark Crocodile, Callao to Portland, is anchored just south of the entrance to Grays Harbor waiting for a favorable wind to allow her to beat out to the open sea. She was spoken to today by one of the local tugs but reported all well and declined assistance. She is anchored in 10 fathoms of water and has good holding ground. She is fairly well protected and in no danger. The Crocodile is of 2371 tons burden.

The bark was sighted today from the lighthouse and was flying four signals, indicating that she wished to be reported. Her identity could not be made out on account of the haze but later she was spoken to by the tug.

For several days a heavy southwest wind has been blowing, and the entrance to Grays Harbor has been unusually rough. It is supposed this gale has carried the Crocodile out of her

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UNCLE SAM—WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT?