INSURGENT HOPE GROWING DIMMER

Taft Stock Looking Up in West.

MESSAGE HAS MADE FRIENDS

Views on Trust Question Generally Indorsed.

LA FOLLETTE MEN BUSY

Comment Favoring President Stirs Wisconsin Man's Press Agent to Renewed Efforts - Leaders Gather to Confer.

BY SUMNER CURTIS.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(Special.)— Members of the Republican National committee are arriving singly and by twos and threes for the meeting to be drawn hither by the committee meet-Capitol. The round-up that will take place next week promises to be little short of a National convention in gath-

ering the leaders great and small Just now the Taft stock is higher than it has been for some time. From the West the visitors are bringing stories of firmer Taft sentiment than existed a few months or even a few weeks back. These stories are subject to denial by insurgent anti-Taft leaders, but as they have had their turn and probably will have another or several of them, it is no more than fair to pay some attention to those now more in evidence.

Tatt Has Cause for Joy.

There certainly is joy at the White House these days as a result of the President's information from many lips that there is a steadily increasing sentiment in his favor.

"Insurgency, insofar as it means personal opposition to President Taft, is losing strength in the West," declared one of the prominent politicians who arrived this evening.

"I am not making any predictions yet as to what will happen in the election | stricken with heart failure and dropp is concerned, the opposition to the Centralia. President is losing ground every day. He has the LaFollette forces on the run in some sections and there are likely to be surprises in territory where

their claims as to delegates. Saner Day Approaching.

"The messages which the President already has sent to Congress, have struck the people favorably, and 'progressives' who are not blinded by partisanship, but who heretofore have had doubts as to Taft's executive qualifications, are beginning to think that general attack on him is unwarranted. If I am not mistaken in the signs, the insurgent enthusiasm reached its flood some time ago and there will come a saner period as the time approaches for naming the National ticket.

While statements of this kind are cheering the President and his friends, the La Foliette campaign committee is not letting up in its efforts to ride Couple on Same Tacoma Jury At-Taft out of the ranks, not only of the "progressives" but the "near-progressives."

Perturbed a bit, perhaps, by the fact that the praise was given to the trust message by some of the insurgent lead- guess we thought just alike all along, ers on the day the message went to Congress, the literary bureau has taken What was interpreted at first as an indorsement of the La Follette bill to protect trade and commerce further Moose Lodge. against unlawful restraints and monopolles is now declared to be a "complete and half-hearted about-face of Administration to the position of Senator La Follette and the "pro-

gressives. It is today in the position of advocating what yesterday was condemned." | police and detective service. proclaims the La Follette press agent.

Taking the trust message as a whole. the La Foliette managers now declare that It is not only "standpat and reactionary from beginning to end," but that It is "worse than standpat and re-

actionary." It is expected that when he takes to the stump Senator La Follette will elaborate an attack on the President along this line. Just when the Sena tor will start on his tour is a matter enveloped in much mystery.

RATE CASES ON DOCKET

Early Hearing by Supreme Court - Will Be Asked.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 .- The famous intermountain rate cases, in which the Commerce Court recently enjoined temperarily the Interstate Commerce Comnission from enforcing its long and short haul orders, was docketed today

in the Supreme Court. The cases involve the constitutionality and interpretation of the 910 long short haul amendment to the In terstate Commerce law. It is under- a 12-gauge gun. stood the Government will ask the court to advance the case for an early a tree, also fell victom to Simonson's

DRESS SUIT COMES IN NICK OF TIME

BILL" HANLEY NEARLY MISSES PRESIDENT'S DINNER.

Oregonian's "Glad Rags" Are Sidetracked, but Thoughtful Porter Comes to Rescue.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 8 .- This is the story of Bill" Hanley's dress suit; With the Western Governors' special party, of which he is a member, the Oregon rancher was invited to the dinner at the White House last night, when President Taft was host to the touring executives. Mr. Hanley was there in faultless evening attire, but, he came near appearing in his pepper and salt "sack suit for pusiness wear," or

remaining in his hotel disappointed. Mr. Hanley cut loose from the Governers yesterday and took a side trip over to New York. He came through to Washington late yesterday after-noon, unaware that the Governors' car had been sidetracked at Baltimore. There he was, without his glad rags, and the hour for the dinner fast ap-

proaching. There was no time to go to Baltimore for the needed raiment, and Hanley sat in his hotel in deep gloom. But shortly before the dinner hour arrived, a package came. And, lo! it contained his dress suit. The colored porter who looked after the needs of the Western specialists had thoughtfully forwarded it to him.

Governor West, Senator Chamberlain held next Tuesday. Other politicians, and Mr. Hanley were the Oregon guests at President Taft's dinner. Sening, are adding to the exhibit of Presi- ator Bourne, though invited, did not dent-makers already installed at the put in an appearance, nor did several other extreme insurgent Senators. Representative Lafferty was absent. When the guests gathered around the White House table, however, every place was occupied.

Following the dinner at the White House, most of the members of the Governors' special went to the National Press Club, where an informal reception was held. Governor West skipped this number, but Mr. Hanley became instantly one of the conspicuous figures, because of his strong resemblance to William J. Bryan.

CAPTAIN DROPS ON BRIDGE

Ericsson, of the Centralia, Dies as He Gives Orders "To Sea."

HOQUIAM, Wash., Dec. 8 .- (Special.)-Just as the steamer, at full speed ahead, was about to plunge into the high seas running on the bar, out-ward bound for San Francisco with passengers and a cargo of lumber, today, Captain Charles Ericeson was next Fall, but as far a the nomination dead on the bridge of his vessel, the

With a high sea running and the vessel in such a position that, had she been a length ahead It would have been impossible to turn back, First Mate. the Insurgents have been loudest in Chris Evansen took command and, ordering full speed astern, brought the steamer out of her difficult position and back to Hoquiam, where she wan tied up. Not two minutes before he was stricken Captain Ericsson, after viewing the water on the bar, which was quite rough, decided to pass out, and remarked to the mate, "We'll go

> Evansen went down to the deck and had no more than reached it when the captain fell dead.

Captain Ericsson, whose home was in San Pedro, is survived by his widow

WIFE AND HUBBY CONVICT

tract Attention at Trial.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 8 .- "We voted together from the very first and I said Mrs. Gideon Frazier, 2722 Ferry avenue, who with her husband sat it up with a view of tearing it to pieces. three days on the same jury and helped return a verdict convicting Meyer Cohen of embessiement from the

> It was the first time a husband and wife have served on the same jury m this state, possibly in the country, and the couple were the center of attraction for many who visited the trial Frazier has lived in Tacoma more than 25 years, being most of the time in

BACON THEORIST STUBBORN

Search for Library Will Be Continued if It Takes 40 Years.

LONDON, Dec. S .- Dr. Orville Owen. of Detroit, who early in the year conducted excavations in the River Wyer for manuscripts which he believed, would establish that Bacon was the author of the Shakespearan plays, laterabandoning them, will sail for Amer-

ca tomorrow. He says that he will find the boxes containing Bacon's library if he has to return to England every year for the

AVIATOR SHOOTS 5 BIRDS

next 40 years.

Three Blackbirds and Two Sparrows Victims of Aerial Marksmen.

MINEOLA, N. Y., Dec. 8,-Flying in a biplane with Lee Hammond as pillet, William Simonson shot three blackbirds today with as many shots from

Two sparrows, sitting on a branch of markmanship,

HOPE IS SEEN FOR IRRIGATION PLAN

Fisher Looks With Favor on Oregon.

MONEY MAY BE FORTHCOMING

Way Appears, Though Secretary Reserves Decision.

PROTESTS NOT REGARDED

West Umatilla Project Gains New Hope as Result of Conference. Settlers' Rights Will Not Be Overridden.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 8.-While Secretary Fisher declined in any way to commit himself or the Government to the construction of the West Umatilla Irrigation project, members of the Oregon delegation and Governor West, with whom he talked for an hour today, came away impressed that they are making gains in their fight for the adoption of this project and all seem to feel that ultimately the project will be approved. It became known at today's conference that money can be found in some quarter for beginning the construction

should be adopted, but in all probability construction would proceed slowly for the first two or three years.

of the West Umatilla project if it

Vested Right Undisturbed. Secretary Fisher said that before committing himself, he wanted to go over reports that will be forwarded to Washington soon, showing the condition of water filings on the Umatilla River and its tributaries and determine positively how much water is actually available for the Government project. It is explained there is no purpose whatever to interfere with the vested water rights of any settler along the Umatilla River, but at the same time the state has undertaken to see that no land-owner holds more water than he can use beneficially.

The state in fact has undertaken to adjust all water rights along this river and expects to complete this task by next Spring.

Protests Carry Little Weight, Secretary Fisher is paying little heed cially as this is the only project in cash. He wishes to go to Michigan. Oregon that can be undertaken by the Government for several years to come. While its construction might interfere (Concluded on Page 2)

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ANNUAL HELPS BUILD UP OREGON.

One of the greatest influences in attracting settlers to this state has been The Oregonian Annual. With the first of each year many thousand copies of this publication are sent throughout the country, to every state and territory, and across the oceans. The Annual is planned each year to present to the world the advantages of Oregon. It is a magnet to draw people here to open up new land, to increase the products of the soil, to add to and share in our wealth. It has never failed of its

When colonist rates were in effeet on the railroads last Spring thousands of people came into the state. This newspaper interviewed a great many of them, and asked the question, "Why did you come?" No small proportion of the replies were that the newcomers had been attracted by The

Oregonian Annual. The Annual to be issued January 1, 1912, will be a creditable number in this series of special editions, now published for 30 years. It will be thorough, reliable and interesting. Railroads, commercial clubs and the public will send it out to spread Oregon's fame. Every citizen should do his part by mailing the Annual to friends who might become in-

terested in Oregon This big edition will be sold for 5 cents a copy. Postage in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the insular possessions, 5 cents. Foreign postage, 10 cents.

HOME BANKS GAIN AGAIN

Portland Clearings Show 5.5 Per Cent Increase for Week.

Nearly all the large cities in the ountry showed an increase in bank clearings this week over the corresponding week of 1910. Portland's totals amounted to \$12,670,000, making a gain of 5.5 per cent. The clearings at Seattle were \$12,926,000 and at Los Angeles the clearings were \$20,415,000. San Francisco shows a big increase, the totals in that city being \$58,701,000. Tacoma made a gain of 4.4 per cent, with clearings aggregating \$4,683,000. Spokane was the only large city on the Coast which reported a loss. The totals of that city were \$5,033,000, with a decrease of .7 per cent.

SIGHT IS VALUED AT \$800

Though Man Would Settle for \$100 Cash, Commission Declines.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 7.- Charles to protests that have come to him from | W. Strine, of Olympia, who probably considered by the President. One mem-Eastern Oregon objecting to the adop- will lose his sight by being struck in tion of the West Umatilla project, for the right eye by a piece of stone while he is aware that the sentiment in the working for a contract company, called state is overwhelmingly favorable to on the State Industrial Insurance Comconstruction by the Government, espe- mission and offered to settle for \$100

The commission refused to accept the compromise and voted to pay him \$250 on account and will pay him \$550 more in case his sight is totally destroyed

WATCHING THE PROCESSION.

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PRUNES

BOARD FINDS MINE DESTROYED MAINE

Low Explosive, NotTorpedo Used.

REPORT ADDS TO MYSTERY

Earlier Report of Attack on Outside Confirmed.

MAGAZINE THEN EXPLODED

Fact That Destructive Agent Must Have Required Services of Sev-. eral Men in Placing Is Puzzle to Experts.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 .- The United States battleship Maine, sunk in Havana Harbor in February, 1898, as a result of an explosion, was blown up from the outside. This was announced today by the Naval Board that has been examining the wreck. The finding confirms the report of the original investigators, who made a superficial examination of the wreck soon after the

The statement was given out by the Navy Department in brief. Secretary Meyer does not believe it necessary to issue any extended explanation of the board's conclusions beyond the flat statement that an exterior explosion was responsible for the loss of the warship and the lives of many men.

Explosive Placed on Outside. The statement follows:

"The board found that the injuries to the bottom of the Maine were caused by the explosion of a charge of low form of explosives exterior to the ship, between frames 28 and 31, strake B, port side.

"This resulted in igniting and exploding the contents of the six-inch reserve magazine, A-14-M, said con-tents including a large quantity of black powder. "The more or less complete explosion

of the contents of the remaining forward magazine followed. "The magazine explosion resulted in

the destruction of the vessel." Torpedo Theory Rejected.

Secretary Meyer announced that there might be a further statement on the report of the board after it had been ber of the board was of the opinion that the report never would be pub lished in full. The declaration that "a low form of explosive" was used in the outside explosion indicates the belief that a mine, not a dirigible torpedo, was the instrument of destruction. This only deepens the mystery of the destruction of the Maine. A mine,

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HILL SAYS EAST WANTS TO KNOW ABOUT OREGON.

Time "Frittered Away" on Governors' Special Airing Views on Political Questions.

ST. CLOUD, Minn., Dec. S .- (Special) -Western Governors who are talking politics and not exploiting the natural resources of their country on the Governors' Special, were taken to task this afternoon by Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railroad, a the meeting of the Northern Minnesota Development League. He declared that some of them were talking politics in the East, where their brand of politics was of no interest, and that the Great Northern road had been receiving inquiries about the natural resources of their states while the Governors discoursed on these subjects.

Hill created a sensation when he riticised some of the Governors who were now showing the East the West. He directed his criticism especially to Governor West of Oregon, who has been one of the principal spellbinders for the Governors' Special.

"Some of the Governors," he said, "are exploiting their states, but, what is to be regretted, others are talking politics and especially the politics of their own states, with which the East

is little concerned. "The Governor of Oregon is fritterng away his time telling the East what he knows about woman suffrage and airing his personal views on other public questions. What does the East care for them? In forgetting his state, that follow is overlooking a big bet; he is exploiting himself rather than his state."

TRUCKS JUMP, TEAR TRACK

North Bank Repair Gang Has Job of 15 Miles Distance.

BINGEN, Wash., Dec. 8 .- (Special.) -What might have proved a serious accident occurred last night on the North Bank road, when a pair of trucks on one of the cars of a freight train jumped the track at Hood and was not discovered until the train reached Lyle, a distance of 15 miles.

The trucks tore out the cattleguards, crossings, switches, cut fishplates and broke ties the whole distance. Trains are all late and a large gang is at work making repairs.

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Testimony of Go-Between Is of Extreme Value.

M'NAMARA SECRETS TOLD

Raymond Burns Says Absence of Motive Adds Strength to Confession Not Imparted to That of McManigal.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8 .- (Special.) -- Raymond Burns, manager of W. J. Burns' detective agency in Chicago, said today that Frank Eckhoff, of Cincinnati, who was expected to be the star witness in the McNamara case, would be extremely valuable to the Federal grand jury and that his testimony would reveal the "higher ups" in the dynamiting conspiracy.

As a result of his arrest the appresension of other men is expected soon. Eckhoff was the go-between who carried messages from the McNamaras and their employers when even the mail and telegraph were considered unsafe. Burns related many facts not hitherto made public and others that at no time have been more than unverified rumors.

Eckhoff Used as Messenger.

"Frank Eckhoff," he said, "was a neighbor of the McNamaras in Cummingsville and was a boyhood playmate of Jim, Both Jim and John trusted him implicitly and after the Los Angeles explosion John McNamara wanted to communicate with Jim, who was then in San Francisco, but did not dare write a letter or send even a clpher telegram. So John McNamara sent for Eckhoff and told him where Jim was. 'Go tell him to get out of San Francisco, he said, but not to come back here. Tell him to get a

TESTERDAY'S — Maximum temperature, 51 degrees: minimum, 43 degrees.

TODAY'S — Occasional light rain; southwesterly winds.

Topic in the southwesterly winds. "Well, when Eckhoff got to San plosion, so to speak, and so much wrought up over the killing of 21 persons, that he told Eckhoff all about it. Naturaly Eckhoff was astonished and asked a lot of questions. He learned all about McManigal and his written. confession corroborated everything McManigal told us.

Testimony of Great Value.

"We were shadowing every man Jim McNamara and Ortic McManigal met and were put on Eckhoff's trail at once. Our investigation showed how close he was to the McNamaras and we started in to get that confession. I cannot tell just how we got the confession from Eckhoff, but you may depend on it that nothing was left out. He corroborated every single detail of what McManigal said.

"Now the value of Eckhoff's testimony before the grand jury will be great, for he can have no motive for shielding himself. McManigal's con-Plan to arbitrate Espute over 30-cent cargo fession was complete, but his motive charges falls. Page 18. men will be arrested as the result of every man having guilty knowledge will be brought to justice."

When questioned as to where Eckhoff was being held, Burns was silent. He would not tell whether it was in Cincinnati or some other city. He said that an operative was with Eckhoff every minute, even eating with him and sleeping in the same room with

WASHINGTON DIRECTS PROBE

Attorney-General's Office in Touch With Two Grand Juries.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 .- Charles W. Miller, United States District Attorney at Indianapolis, today discussed Coast League manageers unchanged, Page 6. the alleged extensive dynamiting conspiracy now being investigated by the Federal grand jury at Indianapolis, with Assistant Attorney-General Harr. Department officials declined to divulge the details of the conference. Mr. Miller left in the afternoon for In-

dianapolis. The conference accontuates the fact that the office of the Attorney-General is directly conducting the Federal investigations at both Indianapolis and Los Angeles. Mr. Wickersham had assumed personal charge of the inquiry until he was taken ill a few days ago and since that time he has committed the entire case to Assistant Attorney-General Harr, who bas been identified with the investigation since

its inception. DARROW'S COURSE APPROVED

San Francicso Labor Council Adopts McNamara Resolutions.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8 .- Repudiaion of all acts of violence committed in the name of organized labor, a demand for a full investigation of all rumors connecting labor leaders with the Los Angeles dynamiting case and kindred cases, and the assertion that (Concluded on Page 4.)