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## PEACE BANQUET WILL AVOID SNAG

### Pending Treaties Not Down for Action.

## COLONEL REMAINS UNMOVED

### "Absolutely No," Answer to Second Invitation.

## GAYNOR DECLINES PART

### Carnegie Refuses Comment, Even When Told That Topic He Supposed Was Paramount Will Take Background.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Although President Taft is to be the guest of honor and Andrew Carnegie is down on the programme as honorary president, the pending arbitration treaties with Great Britain and France for which Mr. Taft has labored and which Mr. Carnegie has informed are not officially to be brought before the citizens' peace banquet to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria Saturday night.

At least this is the plan of a majority of the executive committee as voted today by Millard J. Bloomer, the executive secretary. The committee had reached this decision, said Bloomer, after he had informed its members of the receipt several weeks ago of a letter from Theodore Roosevelt declining, as an opponent of certain phases of the pending treaties, to attend the banquet.

**Roosevelt Declines Again.**

Mr. Bloomer then laid the question before the committee and it was decided, he said, that the sense of the body was that it was not to discuss the purpose of the dinner to endorse the agreements.

With this understanding Mr. Bloomer called on Colonel Roosevelt again today and again the Colonel declined flatly to attend.

"Absolutely no," he said. "I shall attend no dinner."

Colonel Roosevelt added that the correspondence between himself and Mr. Bloomer on the subject would be made public Saturday.

But, as Mr. Bloomer said, this would not change the attitude of the promoters toward the scope of the gathering. In other words it was for the purpose of promoting "world peace in general, without reference to any treaty in particular."

**Carnegie Withholds Comment.**

Whether President Taft and Mr. Carnegie understood this when they accepted invitations to the banquet, Mr. Bloomer could not say. That issue, he explained, had not been raised at the time the invitations were sent out.

At Mr. Carnegie's residence it was said he had accepted an invitation to the affair with the idea that the arbitration treaties were to be the paramount topics and that he had heard nothing of the change of plans until today. Notwithstanding this, it was said today that Mr. Carnegie had no comment to make.

Mayor Gaynor declined today to serve on the reception committee at the dinner.

## LOS ANGELES BANKS UNITE

### Combined Capitalization Will Be \$2,000,000, With Like Surplus.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—By the merger of the Security Savings Bank, the Equitable Savings Bank and the Southern Trust Company into the Security Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles will have one of the largest banking institutions west of Chicago.

The capitalization of the combined banks, it is said, will be \$2,000,000, with a surplus of \$2,000,000. The resources are placed at \$4,000,000, with deposits of the \$0,000,000 depositors amounting to more than \$40,000,000.

## SINCLAIR DENIED DECREE

### Judge Decides That Author's Suit for Divorce Be Retried.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Justice Davis in the Supreme Court today followed up his action of a week ago in refusing to confirm the report of William S. Kieley, the referee who recommended that Upton Sinclair, the author, be granted an interlocutory decree of divorce from Meta Fuller Sinclair, by directing that the case be retried.

The justice appointed Marshall S. Harden as referee to hear the testimony.

## MILLS GO ON FULL TIME

### Eighteen Cotton Factories in New England Increase Output.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 27.—The 18 cotton mills of the B. B. & R. Knight Company in Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Massachusetts will go on full time schedule next Tuesday. The mills have been running 48 hours a week for 29 weeks.

The company said the change was for "the benefit of the help."

## OREGON TRUNK TO CROSS RIVER SOON

### \$3,000,000 CELENO BRIDGE READY JANUARY 6.

### Y-shaped Viaduct Building Two Years—Span to Permit Faster Time to Central Oregon.

Trains will begin operating over the Oregon Trunk's Y-shaped bridge across the Columbia River at Celilo, January 6, according to the reports of engineers made to Carl R. Gray, president of the road, yesterday.

It is probable, they say, that the bridge can be used January 4, but regular service will not be inaugurated until two days later. Workmen now are engaged in placing rails across the last span.

More than two years have been required in building the bridge, which cost approximately \$3,000,000. Its total length, including the "Y" at the northern end, is 4137 feet. It is built of solid masonry and steel, every one of the concrete piers resting on a rock foundation. A draw span is provided for, but it will not be used until after the Government canal at Celilo, which now is being built by the state. The traffic department now is working on a new schedule that will reduce the running time between Portland and Bend.

Through passenger service to and from Central Oregon may be attempted within a short time depending largely on the development experienced in that portion of the state. If the business justifies it officials of the Oregon Trunk are sure to put through trains into service.

It is probable that President Gray and other officials will make an early inspection of the new bridge after its completion.

## LOADED GUN DOES WORK

### The Dalles Lad Shoots Chum in Temple With Christmas Present.

THE DALLES, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—"I'm going to kill you," said Douglas Wheeler, aged 11, as he picked up a .32-caliber rifle and aimed the weapon at his playmate, Nicholas Mason, aged 8, and then pulled the trigger.

He thought the gun was not loaded, but it was, and his aim being true, Douglas Mason fell, seriously injured, but will recover. The accident happened today when the Wheeler lad was playing with the gun, a Christmas present. He did not know his brother had been using the rifle and left it loaded. Young Mason was sitting on the steps of the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Mason, and the Wheeler youngster was at his own home directly across the street. The bullet struck his chum on the right temple, slightly fracturing the skull. The injured boy was taken to the hospital, where a small part of the skull was removed.

The Mason family says the shooting was an accident and will make no complaint against young Wheeler.

## WORKERS MUST EARN WAGE

### Tacoma Takes Steps to Put End to "Soldiering" by City Laborers.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Laborers in the city employ who have been in the habit of soldiering hereafter, according to a new salary ordinance the Commission passed today, will be paid only what they are worth. Hereafter the pay of common laborers has been \$2.50 a day, James H. Arner, superintendent of the water department, has reported trouble on account of some of the laborers not doing as much work as others.

On recommendation of Commissioner Weeks, the pay hereafter is to be from \$2 to \$2.50 a day. The new ordinance adds about \$900 to the payroll and by increasing in salary the water department \$1180 is added to the cost of running the city government next year.

Only one salary was cut, that of E. O. Heinrich, the City Chemist, from \$150 a month to \$75. It is understood Heinrich may resign in consequence.

## BIG SHOE FIRMS MERGE

### Consolidation at St. Louis Has Capital of \$25,000,000.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—The International Shoe Company, representing the consolidation of the Peters & Roberts, Johnson & Rand companies, filed articles of incorporation today with a capital stock fixed at \$25,000,000. The assets include factories in St. Louis and Springfield, Jerseyville and Belleville, Ill.

The incorporation was for the largest amount ever recorded in St. Louis.

## "PHANTOM" SHIP SIGHTED

### Steamer Willenden Passes Strange Vessel Which Ignores Signals.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 27.—Whether the steamship Willenden, which arrived from Honolulu today, saw a phantom steamer or a real one, saw a distance 200 miles off Cape Flattery Christmas eve, is puzzling Captain C. E. Cox.

The Willenden was forced to alter her direction by the stranger, which did not acknowledge any signals and was finally lost to view.

## TARIFF ISSUE MAY UNITE FACTIONS

### Taft Welcomes Choice of Battleground.

## DEMOCRATS PLAY POLITICS

### Some Would Ignore Report as to Wool Schedule.

## HOUSES ARE FAR APART

### Senate Measure in Long Run is Likely to Come More Nearly to Prevailing Campaign Prospect Improving.

BY HARRY J. BROWN.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 27.—Democratic leaders in Congress have expressed a desire to make the tariff the paramount issue in next year's National campaign. This is entirely agreeable to President Taft and other Republican leaders for if there is any issue on which the warring factions of the Republican party can unite, it is the tariff, now that the tariff board has submitted its first report.

Politicians who have been giving some attention to the situation brought about by the presentation of the tariff board's report on wool include strongly to the opinion that insurgents will join with regulars, when the wool bill is under consideration, and will vote almost solidly for a revision of schedule K in accordance with the findings of the board.

## Moral Obligation Plain.

Strange as it may seem, there is reasonable prospect that the Republican factions will get together before the adjournment of Congress on this issue, if on nothing else. The insurgents, having demanded a tariff board, and being largely responsible for its creation, are morally bound to accept its findings, and be guided thereby in revising those schedules upon which the board reports. On the other hand, "stand-pat" Republicans, having learned a lesson from the election of 1910, are now in a mood to make such reductions in the Payne-Aldrich law as the report of the board may justify. Therefore, there at last appears to be a common ground upon which insurgents and regulars can unite.

The Democrats, on the other hand, do not find the situation simplified by the report of the tariff board. The Democratic House made a record for itself at the special session, which record bore the approval of most Democrats of the Senate. It was then asserted, and will now be contended, that the revision proposed by the Democrats was based on reliable information—better information, in fact, than that gathered by the tariff board. Yet the country knows that the wool bill and all other tariff bills passed by the Democratic House, and demo-insurgent (Continued on Page 2.)

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## CHINESE EMPIRE TO LOSE MONGOLIA

### Independence Will Be Proclaimed Today.

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### Protectorate Also Will Extend Over Turkestan.

## GRAND KHAN TO BE NAMED

### Construction of Railway Across Mongolia, Now Assured, Will Bring Europe Several Days Nearer to Peking.

PEKING, Dec. 27.—Mongolia, which almost equals China proper in size, will be proclaimed independent tomorrow, simultaneously with the cutting off from China of the vast dependency of Turkestan.

Both will pass under Russian influence and will practically become Russian protectorates. Russia at any time will be able to annex them. A grand khan will be named as monarch of Mongolia. The construction of the Trans-Mongolian Railway, for which Russia has long sought permission from China, will now be a matter of time. Europe thereby coming nearer to Peking by three or four days.

Russian influence will flank the Japanese sphere perilously in Manchuria, and a Japanese alliance for the sake of preserving Japanese interests sooner or later may be expected. Russian officers and officials, if not the Russian government proper, have influenced this action in Mongolia.

## MOVE ON PEKIN IS PLANNED

### Dr. Sun, Proposed President, Not Impressed by Peace Conference.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 27.—It is reported that the delegates of the 18 provinces of China proper intend to meet at Nanking on December 28 to re-elect Dr. Sun Yat Sen president of the provisional government of the united provinces.

The arrival of Dr. Sun Yat Sen has injected an entirely new and forceful element into the ranks and councils of the revolutionists. There is every evidence that Dr. Sun is receiving more consideration than other leaders of the revolutionists here. His residence is crowded from morning until night with representatives of all the provinces, Generals and Governors with whom he has continual consultation. Delegates from the provinces of China proper who have been attending the Nanking convention, came in a body to Shanghai, where they met Dr. Sun, later returning to Nanking.

## BOYS UNEARTH \$150,000

### Guided by Ancient Spanish Chart, Lads Find Buried Treasure.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 27.—Guided by an ancient chart found in the ruins of a Spanish shellhouse in Port George Island, two boys of this city say they have unearthed treasure worth about \$150,000. They say gold, silver and copper coins were found in a strong box.

Those who have seen the coins say they are more than a century old. (Continued on Page 2.)

## WASHINGTON LIFE APPEALS TO TAFT

### President Naively Wishes HE MIGHT STAY THERE.

## McNAMARA CONNECTED WITH CONSPIRACY TOLD

### Lyons Building Made Test Infernal Machine Taken to Expert for Repairs.

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## REYES ON WAY TO DOOM

### General Heavily Guarded on Trip to Mexican Capital.

ON BOARD REYES CAR, Monterey, Mex., Dec. 27.—Heavily guarded on his way to the capital to answer to the charge of sedition, General Bernardo Reyes is being hurried southward tonight through towns the inhabitants of which have been kept in ignorance of his passage.

So nicely was his departure from Linares timed that only a small portion of the population was aware of it, and in Monterey, his old home, possible trouble was averted by routing his car around the city.

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