



ROOSEVELT NOT TO LEAVE FIELD CLEAR

Issue of Candidacy to Be Left Open.

WORD IS CONVEYED TO TAFT

"Under No Circumstances" Declaration Not Coming.

MOVEMENT IS BAFFLING

Administration No Less Confident, but Recognizes That Colonel Is Only Stone in Pathway to Easy Nomination.

LA FOLLETTE TO WITHDRAW IN ROOSEVELT'S INTEREST IS REPORT.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 2.—The Washington Times, which has been an ardent supporter of the La Follette Presidential boom, today declares, on the authority of La Follette headquarters in this city, that La Follette, soon after his return to Washington, will announce his withdrawal from the Presidential race in the interest of Roosevelt.

The Times says that the La Follette withdrawal is the real "progressive" candidate. The Times takes the position that the failure of the insurgent gathering at Columbus yesterday to endorse La Follette marks the end of his campaign.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 2.—A Washington special to the New York Times, printed today, says:

"President Taft has recently received direct and authoritative information that there will be no declaration by Colonel Roosevelt to the effect that 'under no circumstances' will he accept another nomination for the Presidency. This information came to the President by word of mouth through a messenger as to whose reliability and authority there can be no question. Notwithstanding the confidence of the Administration and of the supporters of the President for renomination is not a whit less than it was before the message from Colonel Roosevelt was received."

Taft Forces Confident.

"The work of organizing the forces is going on steadily, and from their point of view there is nothing in sight that in any way seriously menaces the prospects of success at the Republican National convention in Chicago."

"There is no gaining the fact that the Roosevelt movement, which is going on more or less openly, is the only stone in the path of the President to certain and easy renomination. But the Roosevelt movement is one of the most elusive and intangible things of recent political occurrence. Friends of the Administration have pointed out that it would be entirely easy for Colonel Roosevelt to check the movement, even without making a positive declaration that 'under no circumstances' would he accept another nomination."

Opportunity Is Neglected.

"The Nebraska situation, they say, offers him the opportunity. He could either write to the Secretary of State of Nebraska, asking that his name be removed from that primary ballot, or he could seek by writ of mandamus to compel its removal."

"Colonel Roosevelt, it is learned, takes the position that it is entirely impossible for any man now to tell with certainty what the circumstances will be when the Republican National convention meets on June 15."

ROOSEVELT IS NOT DENYING

Colonel Says He Will Talk in Public When He Will.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Theodore Roosevelt today declined to discuss the report that a movement was afoot in Nebraska to place his name on the Presidential primary ballot, his name having been presented in a petition signed by John O. Gieser and others.

"Have you taken any steps to have your name removed from the primary ballots in Nebraska?" he was asked.

"I have taken no steps one way or the other," was the reply.

"A dispatch from Washington says that you have made known to President Taft, through a friend, your unwillingness to say that you will, under no circumstances, accept the nomination next June. Is this true?"

"I haven't seen the story," Colonel Roosevelt answered, "but I will say this: That when I have any announcement to make I will make it publicly. I have nothing to say on anything. The peace banquet, with its strong-arm squad preserving peace, presented an opportunity the other day—but I am not discussing rumors."

"Gifford Pinchot is quoted this morning as saying that you had told him that you would not accept the nomination, although you thought you could be elected. Do you wish to deny this?"

"I haven't seen the statement," said

ELDERLY GROCER AND WIFE BEATEN

ROBBERS SLUG P. J. SHEPPARD; TIE WOMAN TO CHAIR.

Two Masked Men Meet With Resistance at Shattuck Station—Little Cash Is Taken.

P. J. Sheppard, proprietor of a country grocery at Shattuck station, three miles from Portland, was beaten over the head with a gun butt and Mrs. Sheppard, his wife, tied to a chair, by two robbers who held up the grocery store kept by the elderly couple last night. The men obtained but little cash and departed after threatening Sheppard if he should call for help.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard were alone in the store about 10 o'clock last night when the men, both young and evidently inexperienced, entered. After calling for a grocery order, the two set upon the couple. Sheppard, although physically not a match for either of the defendants, defended himself and his wife vigorously and was gaining the better of the fight when one of the masked robbers struck him with the butt of a revolver, felling him. Not knocked out, the elderly man struggled and several more blows were required to put him out.

Then the two turned their attention to Mrs. Sheppard, who had been too frightened to run out of the store. Taking a piece of cloth from the store, they bound her to a chair. They searched the till, and after finding little, ran off.

Sheppard was so badly beaten that Dr. Walter F. Lewis, who was summoned, was forced to take a number of stitches in his scalp. One cut of four inches in length drew considerable blood.

PACIFIC COAL DEFENDED

Humphrey Denies Meyer's Contention Eastern Fuel Is Better.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 2.—Representative Humphrey today called upon the Secretary of the Navy to urge that in the future Pacific Coast coals be used by warships stationed in Pacific Coast waters. He discussed the subject for an hour, but was told by Secretary Meyer that tests have shown that Pacific Coast coal is so far inferior to the coal of West Virginia that it is economical for the Navy to buy its coal on the Atlantic Coast and ship it around the Horn to the Pacific Coast.

This statement, he said, was borne out by tabulated results of an investigation based upon thermal units found in Pacific and Atlantic Coast coals.

Humphrey denied that the Secretary's statements were correct and when the naval bill is taken up this winter, will again fight to secure the insertion of an amendment providing the use of Pacific Coast coals in warships on the Pacific station.

SNOW COVERS DEATH TRAP

Bridge Burns; Rotary Plow Falls Into Gulch; Engineer Killed.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 2.—A rotary snowplow that was fighting drifts on the Copper River Railroad at Mile 76, Alaska, last night, ran into a gulch that had until a short time before been spanned by a bridge and Engineer J. E. Reed, of Cordova, was crushed to death beneath the rotary.

The bridge was destroyed by fire yesterday, but owing to the snow the engineer did not detect the gap.

PRISON STRIPES WILL GO

Only Felons Who Work Outside Federal Prison to Keep Garb.

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 2.—That the conspicuous striped prison garb would be discarded at the Federal prison in this city was the announcement of the warden today. Only convicts who work outside the walls of the institution will wear the distinguishing clothing in the future. This is the second radical change to be instituted at the prison during the last few months. Thanksgiving day the warden announced that the rule of silence during meal hours had been abandoned.

FOREIGN PESTS BARRED

California Can Declare Quarantine Against Other Countries.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 2.—The State of California now has power to declare a quarantine against any foreign country for the exclusion of pests which prey upon fruit or vegetables. This was made possible today, Governor Johnson signing the bill passed by the Legislature at the extra session a week ago.

The bill provides a way for the state to combat the dreaded tropical fruit fly which has gained a foothold in the Hawaiian Islands.

FIRE MENACES LUNATICS

Ontario Insane Asylum Burns but Inmates Make Escape.

LONDON, Ont., Jan. 2.—A threatening fire broke out tonight in the insane asylum in this city, the largest in Ontario Province, containing 1100 inmates.

The firemen were successful in confining the blaze to the amusement hall, where it originated. The loss is estimated at about \$75,000. All the patients were removed without injury.

TROOPS GUARDING ARSENAL MUTINY

Movement Made to Stop Railway Traffic.

PEKIN PICKS THRONE TO WIN

Premier Thought to Have Put Check on Republic.

DOWAGER GIVES \$2,000,000

Cabinet Repudiates Agreement for Convention, and Yuan Insists on Meeting "Properly Called," and Held in Peking.

PEKIN, Jan. 2.—Seven hundred soldiers guarding the Lanchow arsenal mutinied today. They are part of the imperial government troops, among whom there has been a movement for some time past in favor of a republic. The commanding officer, fled to Kaling, whence he sent a message to the railway authorities at Tientsin warning them that the mutineers intended to stop all railway traffic.

The feeling in Peking tonight, nevertheless, is that the throne has taken on a new lease of life.

There are some competent observers who believe that Premier Yuan Shi Kai will yet prevent the consummation of a republic.

MARRIAGE LURES ACTRESS

Dorothy Marlowe Quits Stage to Darn Rich Husband's Stocks.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—(Special.)—Another actress has given up the stage to darn socks for her husband. She is Miss Dorothy Marlowe, until recently with DeWolf Hopper in "Pinafore."

Miss Marlowe was married last night at the Little Church Around the Corner to W. H. Bixler, a wealthy manufacturer of Bethlehem, Pa.

Miss Marlowe closed with Grace Van Studdiford two weeks ago in Denver, where she was appearing in "The Paradise of Mahomet." At the same time a letter arrived from Mr. Bixler asking her to marry him on New Year's day.

SNOWSLIDE HITS EDUCATOR

Tacoma Professor Has Narrow Escape in Climbing Mountain.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—Professor John B. Flett, of the high school faculty, had a narrow escape from losing his life by being under a snowslide while attempting to scale Eagle Rock on Mount Rainier.

Flett and his party on their New Year's trip got within 1000 feet of the top of Eagle Rock and Flett attempted the remainder of the ascent alone. The big slides of soft snow struck him, the last nearly sweeping him away, before he gave up the attempt.

The party returned last night.

RUNAWAY WIFE IS QUICK TO REPENT

FORGIVENESS IS BEGGED AND GRANTED BY WIRELESS.

Mrs. Jack Roberts, ex-Salome Dancer, Sails From Honolulu but Will Sail Back Again.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—(Special.)—Mrs. Jack Roberts, a young and pretty actress, known in San Francisco, and who, before she married Roberts, a wealthy cafe proprietor in Honolulu, was a sensation in the islands as a Salome dancer, was a passenger on the Oceanic liner Sierra, which arrived from Hawaii today.

According to the passengers and attaches of the ship, the petite ex-actress spent most of her time in her stateroom crying and bewailing the fact that she had unceremoniously left her husband and child, December 27, and took passage on the steamer for San Francisco. In Honolulu Roberts is known as the "much married man."

The pretty actress was his fifth wife.

After the Sierra was at sea a day Mrs. Roberts No. 5 repented her hasty action and began a series of wireless communications with her husband. He was first obtuse and told her he wanted nothing more to do with her.

Three days out, while the Sierra was still within the wireless zone of Honolulu, the actress received this message: "Dear, take the next steamer back."

Mrs. Roberts, who is well supplied with funds, will return to Honolulu tomorrow on the Pacific Mail liner Manchuria.

GEORGIAN EDITOR AND WARDEN CLASH

Morse's Proffer of Cash to Official Told.

WICKERSHAM IS INFORMED

Treatment of New Yorker Is Cause of Hot Argument.

STOCK DEAL NOW CITED

"Dungeon" Where ex-Banker Was Kept for Two Days Proves to Be Good Single Room, Well Lighted and Heated.

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 2.—A heated personal argument between a newspaper editor and Warden William H. Morse, of the Federal prison here, resulted today in disclosing that Charles W. Morse, convicted banker, made \$2000 in a Wall Street deal through the courtesy of Warden Morse. It was brought out that in the Spring of 1910, Morse made the money by selling "short" on gas stock by means of a cipher message Morse allowed him to send.

To show his gratitude, or for some other reason, Morse said, Morse subsequently offered to share the profits with him.

Editor Defends Morse.

This alleged act on the part of Morse so prejudiced the warden against the ex-banker in the opinion of F. L. Seelye, who publishes the Atlanta Georgian, that he subsequently subjected Morse to disciplinary treatment, characterized by the editor as "reprehensible."

Seelye is a friend of Morse. Last Thursday he printed in his paper a story hinting at a Congressional investigation into Morse's treatment in the penitentiary, citing an instance in which he was alleged to have "been placed in solitary confinement in a dungeon for giving a stack boy, about to be discharged, a paltry sum of money."

Warden Is Incensed.

The publication so incensed the warden that he invited Atlanta newspaper men to the prison to show them just how Morse was kept in solitary confinement and to explain the circumstances. Editor Seelye responded in person as the representative of his paper.

Surrounded by newspapermen, Morse read a statement he had written on the accusation in Seelye's paper. He declared Morse had been kept in solitary (Continued on Page 4.)

ELEVATOR PROVES AID TO NEWLYWEDS

FATHER CHASES SON, TRYING TO HALT WEDDING.

Happy Pair Escape When Cages Pass—Angry Parent Refuses to Forgive.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—As a newly married couple came down the elevator in the Prefontaine building, fresh from the matrimonial mill in Judge George's court today, the bride's father of the bridegroom came up in the car on the other side, hoping against hope that he might be in time to stop the ceremony. The contracting parties were Philip O. Eby, a printer, and Wessie Ferrier, daughter of Albert B. Ferrier, of the Waldorf Apartments. Eby gave his age as 21 and Miss Ferrier as 18. The two rushed into Judge George's court and asked if there were someone there that could marry them quickly. The ceremony went through with, the couple left the building in haste. They had no more than gotten out when Samuel C. Eby, the father of the bridegroom, rushed in asking if there had been a marriage celebrated. When he heard that his son was beyond reach he asked where he could get a warrant, as they were too young to be married. He did not get a warrant and went home where he refused to see them when they came to pay their respects. They went to the bride's home.

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CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Edward Hines, the millionaire lumberman named in the Lorimer investigation, was "placed on trial" today by the directors of the Union League Club, charged with conduct unbecoming a member, according to admissions by officials of the club. Mr. Hines and the club, the directors of which today heard his story, were brought into the Lorimer case, when Clarence S. Funk, general manager of the International Harvester Company and the chief "complainant" in today's action, told a story of having been approached by Hines in the clubroom with a request that the Harvester Company contribute \$10,000 to the fund used "to put Lorimer over." The charges, it is said, were prepared soon after the incident, but were not formally referred to a hearing by the directors until today. The directors were in session at midnight tonight, it was learned, but finished their session soon after. Whether this completed the hearing could not be learned. Mr. Funk was present and told his story. He was questioned by several members of the directorate and by an attorney for Mr. Hines, it was said. He told the same story as at the Lorimer inquiry; that Hines came to him and, after telling of the success in electing Lorimer, said: "It had cost \$100,000; that several persons had underwritten the amount and that contributions were to be sent to 'Hiden at the stockyards.'" Herman Hottler, a competitor of Hines, said Hines boasted of "putting Lorimer over." Hines advised the directors that if he were ejected from the club he would take the matter to the courts.

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