

### DOES CONVINCE HIS ASSAILER HUMPHREY

#### Senator Jones Believes Washington Member Will Win Over Opposition.

### POLITICS MADE COMPLEX

#### Pointed out by Nomination to Bench, Though Not Expecting to Defeat Candidacy on Showing Now Made.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 16.—Protests against appointment of Representative Humphrey as Federal Judge for Western Washington continue to pour in upon the members of Congress from Washington and upon the White House.

Humphrey is assailed on various grounds, ranging all the way from alleged incompetency to mere political objections. Notwithstanding these protests, Senator Jones is confident that Humphrey ultimately will be named and if he is named Jones looks for his confirmation. Should Humphrey be nominated within the next few days, Senator Pointedexter may hold up the nomination, so that all persons desiring to protest may be heard from.

While Pointedexter would not expect to defeat Humphrey's confirmation unless something more serious than now established should be proved, he is determined that he shall be no haste about placing Humphrey on the Federal bench. Some protests received today by Senator Pointedexter are from labor organizations in Washington, which were opposed to Humphrey in the last campaign for election to the House.

#### Senatorial Situation Affected.

If Humphrey were appointed it would greatly clarify the political situation in the State of Washington, at least insofar as the next Senatorial campaign is concerned. For the retirement of Mr. Humphrey from politics leaves Senator Jones the only regular Republican in the Washington delegation and the only prominent regular, so far as can now be seen, to enter the Senatorial primary campaign in 1914.

The Senatorial situation admittedly was complicated last year by the election of Senator Flanders, who gave Eastern Washington two Senators, and for the first time threw back United States Senators in the same office of the mountains. It was known, when Pointedexter was elected, that a strong effort would be made to send a west side man to the Senate in place of Jones, and Humphrey was generally mentioned as the most available man.

#### Jones to Move, Is Reported.

While the appointment of Humphrey to the Federal Bench will not change Senator Jones' geographical status, it will remove the most formidable regular Republican on the west side, and if current reports are true, Senator Jones, in the near future, will move to Seattle or some other Western city, so that when he comes up for nomination the geographical question cannot be raised.

If Senator Jones becomes a resident of the west side, he is likely to be the only regular candidate for Senator two years hence, though it is to be expected that one or more "progressive" candidates will come out against him. That situation is so far in the future that it has not even begun to shape its course, and much will depend upon the growth or decline of the "progressive" movement in the State of Washington between now and the primary campaign of 1914.

The essential thing, for the present, is that Mr. Humphrey will be removed from future consideration in Washington political affairs if he is appointed to the Federal bench. This appointment, by the way, will relieve Mr. Humphrey from a bitter campaign this year. He had such a close shave in the campaign last year that it was frequently reported he would not be a candidate for re-election to the House.

He pulled through the same plurality he has ever received since the first came to Congress, and the last campaign proved a heavy strain upon his purse.

#### Stress of Campaign Felt.

Running for Congress as regular Republican in the Seattle district, under such conditions, promised to be a job fit only for a man of wealth, and this minimized Mr. Humphrey's chances, therefore, the appointment to the Federal bench undoubtedly appealed more strongly to the Seattle member of Congress than did the prospect of going through another hard political fight this Fall.

When it was first known that Judge Denworth would retire it was rumored that Senator Jones would be named to succeed him. And there was something to the rumor, for President Taft was sounded, and it is known he was entirely willing and would have been glad to place the Senatorial nomination in the hands of the Senate. In the light of recent developments, however, it seems that the talk involving Senator Jones was entirely without the sanction of the Senator, for when his name was publicly connected with his appointment, he declared emphatically that he was not a candidate and did not expect to be appointed. He said he was entirely satisfied with his present office, and intimated strongly that he would be a candidate to succeed himself.

#### Candidacy Is Surprised.

The fact that Mr. Humphrey was an aspirant for the vacant Judgeship came as a great surprise to other members of the Washington delegation, for never until this year was it supposed that the White House had it been supposed he would care for such an office. He had never discussed the subject with his colleagues, other than Senator Jones, and he did not solicit their support or endorsement until after the senatorial election had had a talk with the President in his behalf. This, perhaps, was only natural, for there has been no intimacy between Mr. Humphrey and the three insurgent members of the Washington delegation.

#### Place on Committee Important.

Regardless of the politics of this appointment, the retirement of Mr. Humphrey from Congress will prove a distinct loss to the North Pacific Coast.

### WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE WHOSE CANDIDACY FOR FEDERAL JUDGESHIP HAS CAUSED POLITICAL STORM



WILLIAM E. HUMPHREY.

For Mr. Humphrey was the only Pacific Coast member on the rivers and harbors committee, and to him of late both Oregon and Washington have been looking for liberal appropriations in the rivers and harbors bills. With Mr. Humphrey off this committee, it is conceded that neither of the other Washington members of the house can hope to get his share, and Mr. Hawley of Oregon is the only man who stands any chance of selection.

He, however, will be met by opposition from the California delegation, which will strive to get this place for one of its members. The retirement of Representative McLachlan from Congress last year left California without representation on the rivers and harbors committee, and unless the Pacific Northwest unites in pulling for Mr. Hawley, a California man is likely to get the committee vacancy left by Humphrey.

#### SEATTLE OPPONENTS ARE BUSY

Movement of Protest, Led by "Progressives," Is Continued.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 16.—The movement against Representative Humphrey's appointment to the Federal bench is being continued here. The Young Men's Republican Club met Friday night, will consider a resolution of protest against his appointment. The Republican county committee will consider a similar resolution next Saturday. The Seattle Bar Association will take no action, but scores of attorneys have telegraphed to President Taft and Senator Pointedexter.

The reason assigned for the opposition to the appointment of Humphrey is that he has not practiced law for many years and that during his period of practice he did not attain eminence at the bar. The attorneys who were first to protest to President Taft against Humphrey's appointment have taken no part in the public demonstrations against him, which were led by "progressive" Republican leaders who seek to retire him from Congress.

### SUGAR COMPACT BROKEN

#### RIGHT TO INCREASE EXPORTS WEST REFUSED RUSSIA.

#### Britain to Withdraw from Convention at Earliest Date Possible Under Agreement.

BERLIN, Jan. 16.—A conference of sugar experts met today at the offices of the imperial treasury and recommended the rejection of Russia's application to the Brussels sugar convention to be permitted to increase her export of sugar westward, from 200,000 to 500,000 tons.

The government probably will follow the experts' advice, which will mean the dissolution of the Brussels convention, as Great Britain had declared her intention of withdrawing from it unless the Russian quota was increased.

Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Secretary, announced on November 21 last in the House of Commons that unless the powers would permit Russia to export at least 500,000 tons of sugar westward, the British government had decided to declare its intention not to adhere to the convention beyond September, 1912, the earliest date at which she could withdraw. This announcement made was made in consequence of the increase of the price of sugar in British Isles.

### LOSS ON CHECKS PLACED

#### Deposit on Receipt Is Advice of Klamath Falls Justice.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.) Justice of the Peace Charles Graves has given a decision that a man who fails to deposit a check immediately need not be expected to stand the loss of his money because the money is removed from the bank before he tries to collect.

A. Pulley gave J. P. Satterlee a 125 check about the first of the month for rent of a Klamath avenue house. The check was deposited for nine days, and when deposited, found no money to meet it, so Satterlee and Pulley and his wife, Satterlee's attorney contended that Satterlee lost through his own negligence, as the money was in his hands when the check was written, and that as the house was a boarding house, the rent was not a family expense for which the wife could be made a party defendant. Justice Graves gave judgment for the plaintiff.

### PACKERS CONTENT PROFITS SMALL

#### Witness Produces Books Showing Margin of 87 Cents From All Sources.

### UNDERSTANDING IS DENIED

#### Morris & Co.'s Accountant Says That Net Profit on Fresh Meats in Same Period Was Only One-Eighth Cent a Pound.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—In an effort to refute the charges made by the Government, the defense in the packers' trial today submitted figures from the books of Morris & Co., showing that in 1907, 1908, 1909 and 1910, 1,156,823 cattle were killed at the company's Chicago plant, on which the total net profits realized by the sale of fresh meat and by-products was \$1,008,216.76, or 87 cents a head.

The net profit on fresh meat in this period was one-eighth of a cent a pound, the books of the company showed.

This information was brought out in the cross-examination of Harry A. Timmins, chief accountant for Morris & Co., who said he ordered the charges without consulting the defendants, Edward Morris and Louis H. Heyman, and denied ever having conferred with representatives of Armour & Co., Swift & Co. or the National Packing Company in figuring the test cost of beef.

"Who fixes the basis of value in figuring the inventories?" asked Special Counsel Sheehan for the Government.

"I do," replied Timmins.

"Where do you get the information?"

"I use the market value of the product."

"Have you ever kept any copy of instructions given to subordinates showing the basis of figuring beef cost?"

"The witness said that the instructions in question in a typewritten letter which was sent to all the district managers and the men who did the figuring in the office of Morris & Co. 'do,' he said, 'the figure allowed for fat been changed.'"

"Do you remember ever giving instructions to your men more than 3 cents a pound for fat?"

"I don't remember what figure was used."

### CUBA IS TOLD TO BEHAVE

Cuba so completely that there could be no thought of successful armed resistance. The authorities here do not expect to be called upon to do this, but they are ready to do it if required.

### CUBA EXCITED OVER NEWS

#### Gomez Promises to Enforce Law; Nunez Talks of Resistance.

HAVANA, Jan. 16.—The news of the threatened intervention by the United States in Cuban affairs, which was published in the late editions of the Havana afternoon papers, caused intense excitement in the clubs and cafes, while in all places of public gathering it was the absorbing topic of discussion. Astonishment and resentment against American interference were mingled with general incredulity.

Later, as the news was fully confirmed, the impression became general that the suggestion of intervention probably would have a good effect in calming the existing veteran agitation and in quieting present excitement. President Gomez tonight said:

"I have only recently received Secretary Knox' note through the American minister, but probably will do so tomorrow. I am convinced that no occasion has yet arisen for any intimation of intervention. I believe that the Washington Government information is based on an erroneous view of conditions in Cuba, arising from distorted or greatly exaggerated reports from Havana."

When it was suggested that the action of the Administration at Washington probably was based on reports from Minister Beaupre, the President replied that he did not have the honor of knowing the character of the Minister's reports. Continuing he said:

"Peace reigns throughout Cuba and will continue to reign. I am abundantly able to enforce the laws applicable not only to those in military service, but to all citizens."

"When I can no longer enforce the laws and maintain perfect order, I am ready to resign the reins of government. I repeat, the American Government will find no excuse for intervention."

General Emilio Nunez, ex-Governor of the Province of Havana and president of the Veterans' Association, said:

"I absolutely refuse to believe the report that the United States contemplates intervention because the veterans are reported to have assumed an attitude of defiance to the Cuban government and because army officers attended our meetings, contrary to the military regulations and to the President's orders. We have broken no laws nor have we placed ourselves as a body in hostility to the government. The Veterans' Association is not a political organization, as evidenced by

### CHINESE HAIL YUAN

#### Congratulations on Escape Pour in on Premier.

PEKIN, Jan. 16.—Congratulations from all quarters, including the legations, have been pouring in on Premier Yuan Shi Kai throughout the day.

The attack on the premier today apparently has removed doubts in the views of the Manchus as to his loyalty. Foreign legations declare that Yuan's death would throw north China into a state of lawlessness, demanding immediate intervention by the powers.

The belief is general that Yuan is necessary to the transition from the old to the new order. Otherwise a change would make a shambles of Peking. The bomb thrower, who is a native of Kwai Chow, it is said, will be executed tomorrow.

It is believed the three republican cruisers that arrived at Che-foo today were conveying troops from Shanghai, which are remaining outside for the present. Three hundred revolutionists who yesterday seized Tang-chow-fu, in Shan-tung, were transported to the landing place by a Japanese steamer.

Grave disorders are reported in Ho-nan, particularly at Cheung-chow, where the French minister is considering the advisability of calling in the railway employes. There is renewed unrest at Tien-tsin and serious disorders are prevalent in other places.

Bishop Bassford, of the Methodist Episcopal Mission at Shanghai, and other prominent American missionaries, have sent a cablegram to the Administration at Washington expressing the view that a republic is inevitable and is practicable.

### RUSSIA JOINS WITH POWERS

#### Forces Taking Position to Guard Peking-to-Sea Railway.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The Russians will join with the American, British, French, German and Japanese forces in keeping every avenue of communication from Peking to the sea open.

Already the Russians are occupying the East station of the Imperial Railway of North China at Tien-tsin, and all the various sections of the railway line from Peking to the open port of Chin Wan Tze are now being guarded. Minister Calhoun reported these facts to the State Department today, but did not record any marked development in the efforts for the restoration of peace.

### Kalama Boy Is Killed.

KALAMA, Wash., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Charles Gloor, a donkey engine fireman for the Mountain Timber Company, was killed today. He stepped off the engine and was struck by one of the logging cars, which passed over his chest. He was 18 years old and had lived in Kalama about 15 years.

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