ROOSEVELT IS FOR TAFT, SAY FRIENDS

Fears of Convention Crisis Are Quieted.

RENOMINATION IS APPROVED

Close Relations of Old May Be Restored.

COLONEL'S FEELINGS HURT

Friends of Both Men Say President Is Partly to Blame for Cessation of Cordinlity-Artful Advisers Blamed.

BY SUMNER CURTIS. WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 .- (Special.)-

Another turn of the kaleidescope today presents the Taft-Rocsevelt National political situation in some new angles. Mutual friends of the former and present executives refuse to admit that the silence of Oyster Bay is a designed menace to the nomination of Taft, or that Colonel Roosevelt is playing & game in the interest of his own candidacy or for the purpose of ultimately aiding someone else to defeat the White House occupant.

In Cabinet circles, as well as in the public prints and in all the corner groceries throughout the land, the overtopping political interests of the moment centers in the position-the problematic position-of the ex-President. The new point of super-interest today is that important officials and citizens who are direct and indirect mediums of communication between Sagamore Hill and the White House have declared that in arguing as he has with respect to his own possible candidacy Colonel mevelt expects and approves the renomination of President Taft.

Chasm Can Be Bridged. That the chasm between Taft and Ricosevelt is not so wide it cannot be bridged is now declared in certain po litical circles, where it is asserted that there is intimate knowledge of the ins and outs of the matter and of the state of mind respectively of the individuals directly concerned. It is not to be de- Proportion, as Compared With Net nied that the close personal relations once existing between the President strained. But friends of Taft are be ginning to admit that the blame for this does not rest entirely on Roosewelt's shoulders and that perhaps Mr. Taft has been more at fault in bringing this condition to pass.

Never a suggestion has been made by President Taft, so far as anyone knows, of taking a step toward soliciting the good will of his predecessor relative to the Presidential contest or even of sounding him as to where he fiscal year amounted to \$14,636,000, or might be expected to be found in the

hour of crisis, Everything that has been done in has been absolutely voluntary on the part of mutual friends. Some of them are beginning to think the time is appreaching when the President ought to make some advances of his own ac count and it is probable that efforts will be made to have him take the in ttiative in the not distant future.

Way Open for Advances. There is a feeling that he can do this without any sacrifice of pride, because he has been largely responsible for the

cessation of the correspondence that ence began "Dear Will" on one side and "Dear Theodore" on the other, Learning from what they regard as authoritative sources that Colonel Roosevelt is suffering more from wounded feelings than from anything else and that he thinks a renomination old personal friendship can be restored,

rightfully should go to his successor and, believing that something of the the close friends of the President here are not so apprehensive of dire convention calamity as are some of the politicians farther removed from the scens President Taft probably will get advice of a variegated character, so far as the Roosevelt proposition is concerned, and there is no telling as to exactly what he may do. All that has been attempted to depict herein is what some of his friends will urge.

Suspicion Fustered by Besign,

Roosevelt and Taft both have been the victims, if it may be stated that way, of overzenlous friends and advisers, with ulterior motives. Rooseveit undoubtedly has been polsoned in his feelings toward his successor by persons who have been imbued primarily with the idea of getting Tuft's It is pessible, however, that the virus has not affected him as much as President Tait has been affected by the atmosphere by which he has been surrounded much of the time since he has been in office. It has been poured into the ears of the President that Rooseyelt was conspiring to defeat him and humiliate him, and it is well known that if ever a thought of working with Roosevelt or getting Roosevelt's assistance has showed itself, it would have been hit with an ax by some United States Senator posing as the Executive's friendly adviser, or perhaps even by a member of the Cab-

So much for a day of buoyant spirits among Taft's friends, based on infor-(Concluded on Page 2.)

PRISONER MAKES JAILER HIS VICTIM

LAWYER RETAINED, ALSO PAID WITH BAD CHECK.

Man Arrested in Portland Is Not Daunted by Cell Bars When He Reaches Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 23 .- (Special.) -Frank C. Smith, allas Dr. J. C. Day, he was arrested in Portland and is held in the County Jail awaiting trial on a charge of embezziement, added another original chapter to his career by passing bad checks on his jailer and his lawyer when in a state of incarceration. So far as known he is the only prisoner confined here who

ever succeeded in such a feat. Smith's victims were George Gallagher, chief jailer of the county institution, and the law firm of Wisler & Vermilyea. The prisoner retained Henry M. Wisler to defend him. One check was given the attorney as a retaining fee, while Gallagher got his in payment for certain exceptional privieges accorded prisoners who are able to pay for extra comforts.

Both checks came back today from the South Spring-Street Bank, on which they were drawn, bearing the notation, "No funds." Smith had secured some cash and special privileges for the

MORGAN'S NEPHEW SILENT

Financier's Relative Who Married Japanese Woman Won't Talk.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23 .- (Speinl.)-George D. Morgan, nephew of J. Pierpont Morgan, and who was said to have been disinherited by the financier several years ago for marrying a Japanese woman, arrived here yester day to await the arrival of his wife on the steamer Tenyo Maru, which is due Thursday. He has taken a suite of four rooms at the Palace for himself and his wife. Mrs. Morgan will be accompanied by two servants.

manner in which Morgan has provided for the reception of his wife and the fact that a valet accompanied him from the East Indicate that he is not in immediate need of money. The couple will leave for the East soon after the arrival of the liner.

On the occasion of a former visit here Morgan and his wife were the guests of Rev. Mr. Clampett, of Trinity Episcopal Church, Dr. Clampett was at one time a tutor of young Mor-

Mr. Morgan absolutely refuses to discuss his family life or speak of his

RAILROAD WAGES HIGHER

Earnings, Still Growing.

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.- (Special.)-Rail road wages for the last fiscal year aggregated about \$1,179,432,400, as compared with \$1,072,386,427 in 1907, at the climax of the boom in railroad business. The actual total, as compiled by the Interstate Commerce Commission. will not be known for more than a year, but according to compilation on ten leading systems, comprising 47,500 miles of railway, the increase for the 4.87 per cent.

Wages in 1903, which was the boom year, amounted to 109 per cent of the the sounding line from the Taft side net earnings, and in 1907, the next m year, to 119 per cent. Comparison of the depressed year shows the same tendency for 1908. Wages amounted to 121 per cent of the net earnings, as compared with 119 per cent in 1997.

HAND PRESSES WILL STAY

Senate Will Not Consider Bill Making Change in Engraving Bureau.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.-The Senate today refused by a vote of 20 to 24 to consider the printing bill that would supplant with power presses the hand presses now in the bureau of en-

Democrats generally voted against the measure and Republicans divided. The bill codifies the printing laws and provides that power presses be used in printing paper money for the Government. This provision is being bitterly fought by labor organizations Senator Reed, of Missouri, objected to consideration of the bill and a motion to consider was lost on rollcall.

SURGEON MAY TELL ALL

Court Rules It Is Not Violation of Ethics When Doctor Is Suing.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 .- The rule that a physician may not reveal any of the secrets of his consultation-room does not apply when the physician is suing to recover for the value of his services. according to the ruling of the courts here in a suit brought by a New York surgeon against Malcolm D. Whitman, former National lawn tennis champion. Whitman moved to strike out all the

formed, contending the doctor was not permitted by law to make them public, WALLACE BANKER DENIES

allegation relating to the service per-

Trial of Cashier of Suspended Institution Is Fixed.

SPOKANE, Jan. 3 .- Edgar S. Wyman, ex-cashier of the defunct Bank of Commerce at Wallace, Idaho, pleaded not guilty to the charge of issuing false reports as to that institution's condition, this afternoon, and his trial was set for Monday, January 29.

KING'S UNCLE SEES GREAT WHITE WA

Tallest Sky-Scraper Is Royalty's Viewpoint.

CROWD GREETS DUCAL PARTY

Roosevelt Meets Visitors at Reids' Luncheon.

DEMOCRATIC CHAP

Governor-General of Canada Strolls Through Fifth Avenue With Aide-de-Camp-He Shrinks From Interviewers.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 .- The royal trio of Connaughts-the Duke, Duchess and Princess Patricia-had their first opportunity tonight to make something like an intimate acquaintance with American life. They viewed it in at least three distinct phases.

From the tower of the highest office building in the world they surveyed the forest of downtown skyscrapers, and with the aid of glasses they viewed the entire metropolitan district for 26 miles around.

At the foot of the tower, after they had shot down 48 floors in an elevator, they came face to face with their first American "mob." More than 500 persons beset the Ducal party and by sheer force the party made its way to auto mobiles.

Society Meets Royalty. The royal visitors tonight met nearly

300 of New York's society folk at a ball in the home of Ambassador Reid. The impressions New York has made upon the Duke have been but meagerly told in the exclamation that the city has changed wonderfully since his visit here as Prince Arthur in 1868. He has given no interviews, but he has seen much of the New York newspapermen, especially the reporters.

The party's trip today included a wisit to the private art galleries of J. This was followed by P. Morgan. uncheon at the Reid home, at which Colonel Theodore Roosevelt was The afternoon also included trips to Grant's tomb, Columbia University and to the new Episcopal edral of St. John the Divine

The formal dinner at the Reids' to-night was set for about 60 persons, and the dance was afterward. Reids, displeased with reports that invitations to the function had been sent (Concluded on Page 2.)

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NEW STEAMER IS ORDERED Hamburg-American Line Prepares for Panama Business.

HAMBURG, Jan. 28.—The Hamburg-American line has just placed a contract for the construction of a big steamer to be attached to the passenge service to Panama, which was foreshadowed in the annual report presented to the stockholders January 16. The new steamer is to displace 16,500 | the tha." tons and will ply between New York and Valparaiso.

TAME, JUST LIKE THE ANIMALS AT HOME.

PORTLAND MAIDEN IS STAR WITNESS

Esther Cameron Testifies in Hazzard Case.

BACKBONE OF VICTIM IS FELT

Claire Williamson Weighed 50 Pounds, Says Nurse.

BODY IS PURPLE-SPOTTED

Margaret Conway, Williamson Family Caretaker, Declares She Could Not Recognize Dead Girl as Claire-Diary Is Read.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 23 .- The state's scond star witness, Miss Esther Cameron, an 18-year-old girl of Portland, Or., was placed on the stand at Port Orchard today in the trial of Mrs. Linda Burfield Hazzard, a fasting specialist accused of murdering, by starvation, Miss Claire Williamson.

Miss Cameron testified that from May 1 to 15, 1911, she was employed at Mrs. Hazzard's Olalia institution to assist the nurse care for the Williamson sisters, who were undergoing Mrs. Hazzard's starvation treatment. She said that when she arrived at Olalla she found Claire emaciated. Her body had the appearance of a skeleton with skin drawn over it and at the lower part of the spine there was large ulcer Claire had difficulty in speaking, said Miss Cameron, because of her tense lips. Her body was covered with purple spots and there was no flesh on

her limbs. Backbone Could Be Feit.

"You could feel her backbone when you placed your hand on her abdomen," the witness said.

Miss Cameron said she had assisted to carry Claire upstairs and estimated her weight May 1 at 50 pounds. She was so weak that when the nurse moved her she suffered much pain. The witness described the treatment and baths given Claire, which, she said, were sometimes administered by Frank Lillie, a farm hand.

baths were given in kitchen," said Miss Cameron. "Claire was placed in a washtub and sometimes she fainted from the oppressive air in the room. She was so bad that sometimes I couldn't stand it. Mr. Lillie, Miss Sherman and Miss Robinson gave

Witness said that the tomato broth (Concluded on Page 5.)

LONE JUROR GIVES **VERDICT OF \$18,075**

MONEY WILL GO TO YOUTH MAIMED BY LOCOMOTIVE.

Judgment Against Southern Pacific Made Regular in Court by Act of Single "Ventreman."

A jury of ose man, J. Sandrosky, who happened to be a spectator in Judge McGinn's court yesterd-- returned a verdict of \$18,675 in favor of Charles Winfield Wise and against the Southern Pacific Company and Gelbisch & Joplin. The defendants practically confessed judgment. The object of having Sandrosky sit was to have a verdict in regular form and allow the entering of judgment. The only witnesses were the plaintiff and his father and guardian ad litem.

Charles Wise, a boy, then 18 years of age, was an assistant engine hostler for the Southern Pacific last May. He was riding an engine traveling across a section of the Holgate sewer, in course of construction by Gelbisch & Joplin, when the track sagged and he was thrown from the pilot of the engine. He lost both 1 is. Logan & Sm h, his attorneys, brought suits for \$60,000 and \$1925, the latter amount being what he would have earned till he reached the age of 21.

The smaller case went on trial first, and resulted last week in judgment for the full amount asked, which will make a total of \$20,000 t at the defendants

will have to pay. "The young man will net more than \$14,000," said Attorney Logan. understand his parents have made arrangements to purchase a farm near Gresham for \$10,000, and the balance will be used to give the boy a thor-ough education."

TRAIN GOES THROUGH FILL Fireman Killed When Engine, Ten-

der and Boxcars Sink.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., Jan. 23. -(Special.)-W. E. Crane, fireman on extra freight No. 1613, was crushed to death when the train went through the newly-made fill about 100 feet from the station at 7 o'clock tonight. The fill. built in a lake, had been softened by the water and when the heavy 220ton engine struck it tonight the track, for an extent of 100 feet, sank and the engine, tender and two boxcars precip-

itated into the lake. The engine toppled over and the fire-man was caught and killed instantly. The engineer, John Hallman, remained in the cab and was uninjured. Crane is survived by a widow and child, who live at Tacoma

TAFT WINS IN OKLAHOMA Convention Naming First Delegates

Indorses President. COALGATE, Okla., Jan. 28,-President Taft was indersed for renomination by the Fourth Congressional District Republican convention here tonight after Roosevelt supporters had made a determined effort to stampede

the convention. Defeat came only after a hard struggle, during which spectacular methods jury was completed and sworn in by were used to impress the delegates with the boom which the supporters of Roosevelt had set in motion. Edward announced an adjournment of court un-Perry, district chairman, led the fight til 9:30 o'clock this morning, when he for Roosevelt.

The delegates selected tonight and the first to be chosen of those who will select the Republican Presidential nominee at Chicago in June

SITKA STATION ABANDONED Mine and Tourists Sole Support of

Once Russian Capital.

JUNEAU, Alasks, Jan. 23,-The United States marine barracks, maintained at Sitka for 30 years, has been ordered abandoned by the Navy Department as an unnecessary expense to the Government. The only duty of the marines for years has been the guarding of 10,000 tons of coal stored on

Japonsky Island for Naval purposes. It is expected that the Government will dispatch a cruiser to convey the marines, officers and guns south. Then Sitka, an important town in Russian days and for many years the capital of Alaska, will depend for support on a rich mine and the visits of Summer

SPOKANE TO AID PUPILS

Free Meal Tickets to Be Provided by City Appropriation.

SPOKANE, Jan. 23 .- For the immediate relief of 200 or more Spokane school children who are forced to attend school unfed, the City Commissioners this morning authorized the city charity board to make an appropriation of any sum the board may find sufficient. The plan is to establish lunch counters at the schools for use of all the children, those affording authorizing the summoning of 30 witit to pay for what they get and those who cannot, to be handed meal tickets privately by the teachers.

RICHESON'S LIFE EBBING

Sheriff Reports Minister Who Murdered Girl Is Dying.

BOSTON, Jan. 23 .- Sheriff Quinn told a City Council committee today that Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, the slayer of Avis Linnell, was in a dying condition, although it was expected jury box," announced Mr. Malarkey that he would survive until the day set for the execution, May 19. The

WILDEJURY PICKED: FAST TRIAL AIMED

Defense Suddenly Foregoes Challenges.

NIGHT SESSIONS TO BE HELD

Judge Orders Dozen Deliberators to Be Locked Up.

TESTIMONY BEGINS TODAY

Opening Statements to Be Made by Counsel This Morning-Hearing to Take Only Week, Says Prosecutor Fitzgerald.

JURY THAT WILL DECIDE PATE OF LOUIS J. WILDE.

M. Callwell, bill clerk Wells, Fa.go & Company, 300 San Rafael. J. H. MacDonald, contractor and builder, 1670 East Fortieth South. O. F. Rampe, lineman, East Eightysixth and Base Line Road.

Martin Sattler, contracting painter, 422 Going. J. A. McArthur, merchant, 4106 Sixtieth avenue Southeast.
W. G. Eston, real estate broker.

73 East Sixteenth. F. E. Jackson, commercial traveler, 1282 Belmont. A. LaJois, wholesale jeweler. L. A. LaJoie, w 1251 East Morrison. Charles A. Kalus, retired, 140 East

Forty-seventh.

Southeast.

will begin.

J. B. Tanner, accountant, 520 Weid-L. C. Batchelder, assistant forcman American Car Company, 595 Borthwick. R. H. Randolph, contractor and

4903 Thirty-second avenue

Opening statements by opposing ounsel in the trial of Louis J. Wilde will be made before the jury in Judge Kavanaugh's court beginning at 9:20 o'clock this morning. A. E. Clark, special prosecutor, or Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald will present the contentions of the state and what the prosecution will undertake to prove in support of the embezzlement charge for which Wilde was indicted jointly with W. Cooper Morris. Dan J. Mclarkey. chief of counsel for the defense, will make the introductory statement to the jury in behalf of the defendant. When this preliminary has been dis-

posed of, the introduction of testimony

With the acceptance of R. H. Randolph, contractor and builder, 4903 Thirty-second avenue Southeast, the Court Clerk Fields shortly before noon yesterday. Judge Kavanaugh forthwith said that because of the importance of the case he would order the jury locked up during the progress of the trial. In making this announcement, Judge Kavanaugh said arrangements had been made for furnishing the jurors with every comfort and convenlence during the period they necessarily must be kept from their homes.

Night Sessions Ordered.

In the same connection, Judge Kavanaugh said they would expedite the trial as much as possible by holding night sessions. He urged counsel on both sides to so arrange their affairs that the trial might be continued without interruption until it was concluded and submitted to the jury.

Just before the jury was sworn, P. E. Jackson, one of its members, addressing court and counsel, said he had an intimation that the trial would be a protracted one and for that reason asked to be excused from service for the reason that if he should be detained in the case longer than February 1 he would lose the position he accepted recently with the Routledge Seed & Floral Company.

Mr. Fitzgerald, of counsel for the prosecution, predicted that the case would be concluded in a week and with this assurance Mr. Jackson resumed his seat.

Trial May Last Fortnight.

Since seven and one-half days were required to select a jury, it is not believed that the actual trial of the case, regardless of the number of night sessions that may be held, can possibly be concluded inside of two Neither side has made a definite announcement as to the number of witnesses it will use, but it is known that the defense some time ago obtained an order from Presiding Judge Gatens nesses.

Immediately on opening of court yesterday morning, Mr. Clark, representing the prosecution, asked a few minor questions of J. T. Lacey, special agent of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, whose examination as a venireman had not been completed the day before. The state then passed Lacey for cause, whereupon Judge Kavanaugh called for another peremptory from the defense.

"The defense at this time does not desire to exercise a further peremptory against any of the men now in the It then became incumbent for the

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