

LA FOLLETTE STOCK DECLINES RAPIDLY

Situation Clears in Respect to Taft.

WISCONSIN MAN IS DESERTED

Philadelphia Episode Puts Quiet on Chances.

SOUTH CHEERS PRESIDENT

Legislations Favorable to Administration Begin to Roll In, Showing No Evil Effects From Removal of Hitchcock.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Some of the wrinkles are being ironed out of the Republican Presidential situation. The rapid "oozing out" of the La Follette candidacy, as one of the insurgent members of Congress expressed it today, is designed to make the contest for the nomination at Chicago clearly defined between President Taft and Colonel Roosevelt.

Senator Cummins does not appear to be cutting much of a figure in the calculations based on the late developments in the anti-Taft ranks, his candidacy being regarded as purely a local issue in Iowa up to this time.

Descriptions from La Follette. At the La Follette headquarters the latest possible front is being maintained by the managers of the Wisconsin Senator's campaign in the face of constantly increasing evidence that financial and other powerful supporters of the movement are getting ready to transfer their efforts to Roosevelt.

A few of the La Follette followers in Congress say they will stick to the Wisconsin Senator until a candidate for President is nominated, but the greater number, who do not wish, however, to have their words quoted, declare that the La Follette ship is doomed, and that it is foolish, albeit romantic, to go down with a sinking vessel. Among these are some of the most ardent friends of the Senator from his own state.

Philadelphia Episode Counts. One La Follette supporter declared that even if the Senator's health permitted him to resume campaign work, the Philadelphia episode would preclude his friends from considering further serious work in his behalf.

"Senator La Follette had the opportunity of a lifetime at the Philadelphia dinner," he asserted; "just the same chance that Lincoln had when he made the speech at Cooper Union that brought him the Presidency. He not only failed to rise to the occasion, but by losing control of himself, he made it impossible for friends to champion his candidacy."

It is probable that the large force that has been employed at the La Follette headquarters will be materially reduced. Despite the assertions of the managers that the doors will not be closed entirely, many believe that less of financial backing will cause complete cessation of committee activities within a few weeks.

Western Conditions Checked. In connection with the reduction of the force, it probably will be explained that changed conditions in some of the Western states, meaning the supplanting of the La Follette followers with the Roosevelt boom, makes it unnecessary to carry on the work on as broad a scale as originally attempted. In North Dakota it is expected there will be a straight fight for delegates between La Follette and Roosevelt, as Taft's name will not go on the primary ballot.

Many of the "progressives" are welcoming the change of conditions that will concentrate their strength and place it behind a single movement. The Taft managers, however, are not permitting the opposition to rest on all the claims that are being made. They expect some, if not many, of the men who have been strong for La Follette to give their support to the President on the ground that they are more anti-Roosevelt in their feeling than they have been anti-Taft.

MODERN WRITERS BOW TO DICKENS

NOTED NOVELIST'S CENTENARY IS CELEBRATED.

Tribute Paid to Man Who Wrote of Honest, Simple Women Who Fell in Love Before Marriage.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—The 100th anniversary of the birth of Charles Dickens was celebrated here tonight with a banquet at which more than 500 persons, prominent in the literary, professional and social life of New York City, were present.

Ex-Mayor Low presided and addresses were made by Kate Douglas Wiggin, F. Hopkinson Smith, Agnes Repplier, William Bayard Hale and others. A poem by Edwin Markham, written for the occasion, was read, two lines of which echoed the sentiment of the speakers:

You raised for human rights a world-wide cry
That still is sounding on from sky to sky.

W. Bayard Hale offered Dickens as a man "who, unaware of the modern woman's side of things, only concerned himself with those honest, simple women who only fall in love before they are married."

STAMP SALE BIGGEST YET

Portland Postoffice Breaks Record for Day's Receipts.

Sales of stamps at the Portland postoffice yesterday were the greatest in its history and amounted to \$6900, the previous highest sale being on December 19 last, when the sales amounted to \$3300. During December last the Oregonian mentioned the fact that the postal receipts of the Portland office would be considerably larger if several public corporations, doing business here, would purchase the supply of stamps at the Portland office instead of at San Francisco or Seattle.

LANDS MAY BE AVAILABLE

Exchange of Logged-Off Tracts for Forest Reserves Proposed.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 6.—A plan by which 7,000,000 acres of logged-off lands in Washington, Idaho and Montana may be obtained by the Government and then opened up for homestead entry is being worked out by the executive committee of the International and Empire Federation of Commercial Clubs.

WALLA WALLA AGED 50

Semi-Centennial to Be Commemorated by Historical Pageant.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—It will be 50 years ago the first of April that Walla Walla held its first city election, when E. B. Whitman was elected Mayor. To commemorate this semi-centennial, the city is preparing a fitting celebration, one that will be inclusive and appropriate.

NATIVE DAUGHTER PASSES

Mrs. Sarah P. Laughlin Born in Oregon in 1848.

CARLETON, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Mrs. Sarah P. Laughlin, one of Oregon's oldest native daughters, was stricken with apoplexy yesterday and died last night at the age of 66. Mrs. Laughlin was born in Washington County, near where the town of Cornelius now is, on February 12, 1845.

KING FREDERICK IS ILL

London Hears That Danish Ruler's Condition Is Grave.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 6.—While taking his customary walk today King Frederick was seized with a sudden chill. He returned to the palace and was ordered to bed. A bulletin issued tonight says that his condition is satisfactory.

FAST CURE DOCTOR ASKS NEW TRIAL

Misconduct of Jury Charged by Convicted.

MAGNIFIER BASS FOR ACTION

Glass Said to Have Been Used in Probing of Exhibits.

SENTENCE PASSED TODAY

Judge Yakey Will Pronounce Prison Term Half-Hour Before Considering Request for Re-opening Case of "Dr." Hazard.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 6.—Allegations of misconduct of the jury in the case of an application for a new trial for Mrs. Linda Burfield Hazard, the fasting specialist convicted of manslaughter for starving to death Claire Williamson, filed today with Judge John B. Yakey, of the Superior Court of Kitsap County at Port Orchard.

Counsel for Mrs. Hazard charge the use of a magnifying glass by the jurors for the examination of writing exhibits used by the state.

Prosecuting Attorney Thomas Stevenson denies any knowledge that the jurors were possessed of the magnifying glass, which, if used, was not made a part of allowance by the court. F. T. Ryan, foreman of the jury, denies that a glass was used.

LORD'S CALL HEARD BY HOQUIAM MAYOR

SIN SEEN IN NEW CAPACITY AS TOUNDS EX-PASTOR.

Chief Executive in Sermon Declares He Believes Supreme Being Needed His Aid in Fight.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 6.—"I firmly believe the Lord called me into the Hoquiam political field that I might do something to change the deplorable conditions that exist in that city. He has called me from the pulpit into politics."

This is the statement of Mayor Harry Ferguson, of Hoquiam, ex-pastor of the Baptist Church in that city, made in a sermon last night in the Baptist Church in that city. Alluding to his work in Hoquiam as the head of the commission form of government, Mayor Ferguson said that never during his ministry had he come in contact with sin in its dreadful degradation as that he had faced as head of the government of Hoquiam.

"I have had young women slaves to iniquity before me," said the Mayor, "with whom I have pleaded and coaxed and demanded that they lead better lives and to my utter surprise my words fell on hardened and empty ears."

NOME GIVES CRY FOR COAL

Appeal Made That Ice-Breaking Ship Try to Carry in Fuel.

SEATTLE, Feb. 6.—The Chamber of Commerce today received a cable dispatch from Mayor William A. Gilmore, of Nome, Alaska, asking the chamber to use its influence to induce an ice-breaking Norwegian steamer now at Vladivostok to make a voyage to Nome with coal. This message indicates that the fuel situation in the gold camp, which has 2000 inhabitants, is becoming acute.

The dredging companies have turned their coal supplies over to the citizens and there is much fuel in store, but evidently everything burnable will have been consumed long before the opening of navigation in June. Whalers say that the Bering Sea ice pack is not so formidable in February and March as it is later, after the thaw begins. There are open leads in the winter, the whalers say, but the leads are closed after the sunshine begins.

LAST PRISON GUARD GOES

Posts at Salem Will Be Empty in Night Henceforth.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The last guard on the posts at the State Penitentiary has been removed from night duty. It is understood that the removal of the last guard was made from an economical standpoint.

WASHINGTON'S EYE IS UPON OROZCO

General's Loyalty to Madero Questioned.

UNITED STATES PREPARES

Chihuahua's Secession From Mexico Would Not Surprise.

ARMY POSTS ARE ACTIVE

President and His Cabinet Discuss Precautionary Measures—Additional Orders Are Issued to Military Commanders.

CABINET MINISTER PRISONER

TORREN, Mex., Feb. 6.—Abram Gonzales, Minister of the Interior, who went to Camargo to quell the uprising at that point, was made prisoner by the mutineers, escorted back to the railroad at Santa Rosalia and sent to Chihuahua on a handcar, according to news that reached here today. The rebels refused to listen to his overtures. He reported his failure to the central government.

Seventy dead and wounded Salgadistas were left on the field at Chihuahua after an encounter with the forces of General Ambrosio Figueroa yesterday. The losses of the federalists were not given.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—President Taft and his cabinet turned a scrutinizing eye toward Mexico today. Officials before the President seriously questioned the loyalty of General Pascual Orozco to the Mexican federal government and intimated that the present conditions in the State of Chihuahua, bordering on Texas, might develop into a movement of secession, establishing an independent republic in the north.

The President and his official family discussed precautionary measures, and tonight the War Department sent additional orders to Army posts throughout the country to be ready for a possible mobilization.

Vigilance Is Watchword. The Department of Justice has instructed its agents to exercise all possible vigilance in enforcing neutrality, while the State Department has asked for quick reports from consular agents of any danger in the interior to Americans or their interests.

STANFORD U BARS CLAW-HAMMER SUIT

EVENING DRESS CALLED "SARTORIAL MONSTROSITY."

Managers of College Performances Join in Concerted Action to Oust "Undemocratic Dress."

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—War has been officially declared on the dress suit at Stanford. Accusing claw-hammer clothes as undemocratic and relics of custom old and foolish, the managers of college shows have organized for concerted action aimed at ridding the "sartorial monstrosities" out of college.

Whenever the young thespians give a play, young men in corduroys and flannel shirts, made famous by Stanford tradition, fill the gallery and rear seats but steadfastly refuse to purchase the more expensive seats because of the sprinkling of "queeners" in full evening regalia who occupy part of them. It is believed by the play managers that the expensive seats will sell as well as any others if evening clothes are barred.

C. R. Numan, editor of the college newspaper, The Daily Palo Alto, has thrown his editorial strength to the side of the reformers as follows: "We readily agree that the dress suit is well enough in its place but its place is not in the assembly hall. As the custom now stands, the possession of one of those sartorial monstrosities is an absolute prerequisite to the purchase of first-floor tickets to any theatrical production."

The next production will afford an excellent opportunity to pick out the weak brothers who are unable to break away from the old and foolish customs. Those wearing dress suits will be branded by their actions as lacking in that democracy which we like to believe is essential to the Stanford spirit."

BURGLAR SCARED BY BABE

Child Cries, Robber Flees, Leaves 38-Caliber Pistol Behind.

Scared by the cries of a three-year-old baby, a musical robber who gathered sheets of the latest hits from the piano in the home of R. A. Smith at 744 Union avenue last night, and placed them with his revolver on a piano stool, ran out of the house without taking any booty.

Disturbed by noises made by the robber, the baby began crying late last night. Frightened by the noise, the robber beat a hasty retreat, knocking over the piano stool and leaving a .38-caliber pistol as a souvenir to the baby who had routed him.

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