

LA FOLLETTIE IS BETRAYED BY T. R.

Senator's Campaign Manager Bitter.

POLITICAL SECRETS ARE TOLD

W. L. Houser Tells How Support Was Pledged at Start.

SOLON WILL STAY IN RACE

Wisconsin Man Asserts Colonel Sent "Trusted, Mutual Friend" With Message Urging Badger State Leader to Run.

The ingenious method by which Theodore Roosevelt induced Senator La Follette to enter the race for the Republican nomination for President and then, as the La Follette campaign began to loom up, deserted the Wisconsin Senator and virtually "knifed him," is related by Walter L. Houser, of Wisconsin, National campaign manager for Senator La Follette, who arrived in Portland yesterday to pass a few days looking over the political field in Oregon.

Mr. Houser declares that Mr. Roosevelt was one of those who induced La Follette to enter the race, declaring that he (Roosevelt) would not have his name considered in any manner as a candidate.

Leaders Urge Senator to Yield.

"Senator La Follette was urged to become a candidate for President, representing the 'progressive' cause, by leading 'progressives' in and out of Congress," said Mr. Houser last night. "In addition, Colonel Roosevelt encouraged him to become a candidate, sending the message by a trusted mutual friend. It was not thought possible at that time to defeat President Taft for a re-nomination. But to preserve the integrity of the 'progressive' cause and in defense of their self-respect, under all the circumstances then existing it was decided by the 'progressives' that a Nation-wide fight with a candidate for President must be made."

"With great reluctance and only after he became convinced that it was his duty to do so, Senator La Follette consented to lead the fight. He made it plain then that after entering upon the campaign there would be no turning back, surrender or compromise. He declared that he would go through to the end, win or lose. He was assured that he would be supported to the finish by those who induced him to become a candidate."

Campaign's Growth Surprising.

The campaign began and the growth and strength gained was surprising and gratifying. A meeting was held at Chicago when 26 states were represented and the reports brought from these states indicated that success was almost assured.

"Particularly significant was the situation in Ohio. There was little question but that La Follette would sweep that state. Those representing big business became interested at this stage of the campaign. Dan R. Hanna, son of the late Mark A. Hanna, through his political lieutenants, Nat C. Wright, editor of Hanna's paper, the Cleveland Leader, and Walter Brown, chairman of the Republican state central committee, a smooth, crafty politician of the machine type, started a movement for Roosevelt in that state.

"Roosevelt is popular in Ohio. They calculated that with him as a candidate they could stop La Follette. Headquarters were opened and active work has been going on in that state for weeks in Roosevelt's behalf under the direction and control of Hanna and his representatives.

"Hanna not 'Progressive.'" Hanna is not a "progressive." He is known as a big owner of steel trust stock. He represents big business. As a director in the steel trust he has got into trouble with the Government in consequence of alleged infractions of the law. Above him are Munssey, also well-known to be largely interested in steel, and G. W. Perkins, still higher up in steel, who have been and now are all active, both themselves and through their lieutenants, in the Roosevelt campaign.

"These men are bitterly opposed to La Follette and for what he stands. When La Follette's candidacy appeared, they have been going in to that state for weeks in Roosevelt's behalf under the direction and control of Hanna and his representatives.

"La Follette has supreme faith in the people. He has given a lifetime of service to their cause. He stands now where he stood when Senators Bourke, Bristow, Cummins, Clapp, Crawford, Gronna, Foiden, Works, leading members of the House of Representatives, Colonel Roosevelt, Linchot, Record and other prominent 'progressives' urged him to lead the fight. He is the same La Follette now as then. He will fight through to the end, neither turning to the right nor to the left. There will be no surrender nor compromise.

"In reference to Senator La Follette's illness, I will say that he is not a sick man. Years of excessively hard work without rest or recreation, and added

"MARRY ME" SHORT WAY TO WIN VOTE

WOMAN WOULD WED RATHER THAN BE NATURALIZED.

Registrar Stunned When Fair Applicant for Privilege of Ballot Takes Him at His Word.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—(Special.)—"But, my dear sir," petulantly said a winsome young woman to Registrar Zemansky today, "I tell you I have been here from Canada seven years. Surely I am entitled to register."

"Sorry to disappoint you, miss," retorted the Registrar with all the chivalry at his command, "but you will first have to be naturalized."

"And, just think! That takes years, doesn't it?" The corners of a sweet mouth drooped perceptibly and a pair of violet eyes moistened almost to overflowing.

"The heart of the Registrar was touched. 'Possibly you won't have to wait,' he reassured her. 'Why, all you have to do is to go right out and marry some young and handsome citizen. Then you can register to your heart's content.'

"Marry—young and handsome?" repeated the young woman softly. And then, raising the aforesaid violet eyes to those of the Registrar, she whispered: "You marry me."

The form of the Registrar remained motionless, leaning against the wall, until a deputy whispered in his ear: "She's gone."

MAN NO SNORER, SAYS WIFE

Despite Denials, Policeman is Fined \$100 for Napping.

Calling his wife to testify that he never snored and also his landlady to substantiate that testimony, H. A. Foster, a policeman, tried to show yesterday afternoon that Patrol Sergeant Stahl was mistaken when he attempted to prove that the policeman was asleep in an automobile, because the sergeant said he could hear him snoring clear across the street.

LAND SALES NET \$150,000

Three Deals at Eugene Show Activity Over Railroad Developments.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Three land sales were made here today aggregating more than \$150,000 in value. T. J. Ryan, of Portland, who has held some of the best property in this county, purchased the Fox farm of 112 acres, six miles north of Eugene, for \$14,000.

The Eugene & Great Western Land Company bought from S. H. Friendly, L. S. Logan and Edward Bailey, living between Eugene and Junction City, Oregon, aggregating 1600 acres, the price being over \$100,000. The land is to be subdivided and the owners will maintain a 40-acre demonstration farm under direction of competent persons from Oregon Agricultural College.

Both the tracts are river bottom land, and will be developed by the new Oregon Electric line, as well as by the Southern Pacific.

The third deal was an agreement of sale of 1071 acres south of Eugene, formerly owned by Mr. Ryan, but now sold by Hans T. Christiansen to R. L. Edwards, a right-of-way man for the Southern Pacific. A tract of 131 acres on the Sluslaw is also included at the price of \$22,300.

REFLECTION ON JAIL HURTS

Sheriff Hodge's Federal Prisoners Will Be Housed in Seattle Lockup.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 28.—The Federal prisoners whom Sheriff Robert Hodge refuses to harbor in the County Jail will be taken care of in the City Jail, and it will not be necessary to remove the Federal District Court to Tacoma. United States Marshal Jacoby and Chief of Police Hannick came to an understanding today.

PROFESSOR IS EXONERATED

Students Who Mauled Baker Instructor Beg His Pardon.

BAKER, Or., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Apologies by the young men who mauled Professor G. R. Mullen, of the Baker High School faculty, were made today. Professor Mullen was thoroughly exonerated by the school authorities in their investigation of charges brought against him alleging that he forced his attentions on young women students of the school.

EFFORTS TO AVERT COAL STRIKE FAIL

Great Turmoil Hanging Over England.

MEN THEMSELVES BLAMED

Miners Place Obstacles in Way of Solution.

DEADLOCK MOST GRAVE

Government, in Official Statement, Admits That Conferences Have Come to Naught—Legislation to Fix Minimum Wage.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—After negotiations lasting a week, the government, in official communication tonight, admits its failure to stave off a national coal strike. Negotiations will be resumed tomorrow, but little is expected from these.

The deadlock is graver than expected. It has been supposed that the greatest hostility would arise from the Welsh miners and public opinion was veering in favor of the miners, who, it was thought, would be satisfied with the concession of the principle of a minimum wage, leaving the adjustment of details to subsequent arbitration or negotiations.

It is now seen that the miners themselves are placing the greatest obstacles in the way of a peaceful solution by insisting on their own interpretation of the terms of the minimum wage. It is in this aspect of the situation which renders the outlook almost hopeless.

Efforts Not Wanted.

At the same time it is felt that the government's efforts have not been wasted. The government has secured the assent of 60 per cent of the mine-owners of the country to the principle of a minimum wage, thus greatly facilitating its task should it be deemed advisable to resort to legislative enforcement of the minimum wage. According to opinion in the lobbies of Parliament tonight, this will be the next step, should the conferences, which are to be resumed tomorrow, show that the deadlock is insuperable.

In its statement tonight, the government says it is satisfied there are cases in which underground workers are not able to earn a reasonable minimum wage and that the power to earn such wage should be secured by arrangements suitable to the special circumstances in each district, adequate safeguards being provided to protect employers against abuses.

More Conferences Coming.

The government is prepared to confer with the parties concerned as to the best method of giving practical effect to these conclusions by means of district conferences, a representative

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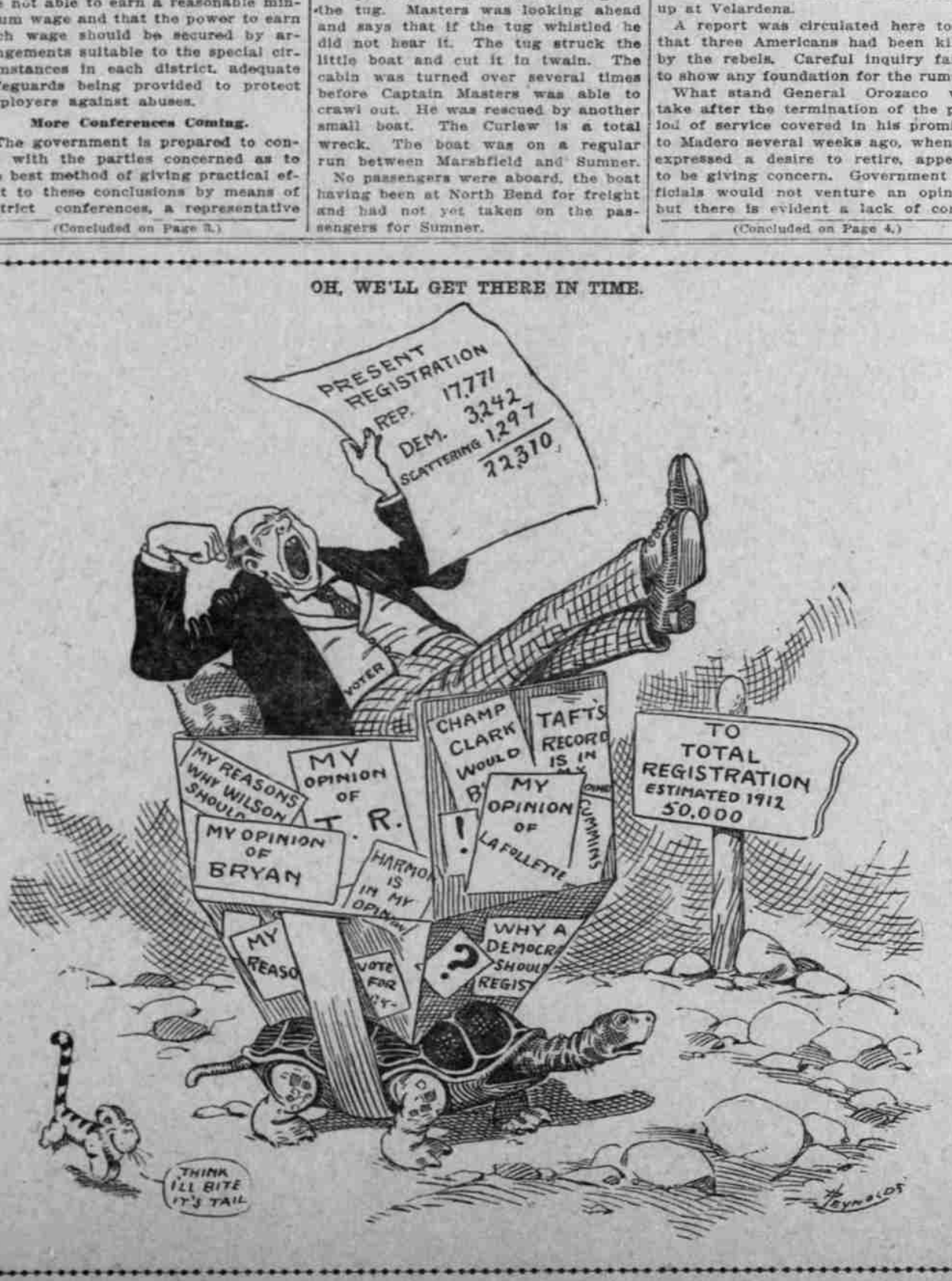
Captain of Wrecked Craft Narrowly Escapes Death in Collision.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—The gasoline launch Curlew was run down and sunk by the tug Columbia at North Bend today. Captain Leonard Masters, of the Curlew, was alone on the boat, and he narrowly escaped drowning.

Captain Bendorgard was in charge of the tug. Masters was looking ahead and says that if the tug whistled he did not hear it. The tug struck the little boat and cut it in twain. The cabin was turned over several times before Captain Masters was able to crawl out. He was rescued by another small boat. The Curlew is a total wreck. The boat was on a regular run between Marshfield and Sumner.

No passengers were aboard, the boat having been at North Bend for freight and had not yet taken on the passengers for Sumner.

OH, WE'LL GET THERE IN TIME.



REBELS IN JUAREZ WILL BE LET ALONE

Government Abandons Plan of Siege.

TROOPS TO AID AMERICANS

Government Heeds Protest of Ambassador Wilson.

OROZCO'S FEALTY DOUBTED

Vigorous Campaign to Be Made to Pacify Laguna District—Bands of Robbers Overrun Durango—Raids Numerous.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 28.—No immediate steps will be taken to dislodge the rebels from Juarez, either by siege or battle. Instead, the government will devote its energies to cleaning up the district about Turreon and Chihuahua.

Seige Believed Impracticable.

A government official who was present at the taking of the border city by Madero last May pointed out that it would require a large number of troops and a close investment to prevent the rebels from securing cattle and provisions from the surrounding country with which to maintain themselves. The troops could not be spared, nor could they be placed about the city without great difficulty, he said.

On the other hand, the government has decided that military operations are to be pushed vigorously in the Laguna district. Troops are being sent into that territory from Saltillo and Monterey and results are expected within a few days. In the opinion of government officials, railroad traffic will be re-established shortly on the lines connecting the latter cities with Turreon.

Troops Sent to Aid Americans.

In response to representations made by American Ambassador Wilson, a body of troops is proceeding to the relief of 53 Americans, who are bottled up at Velarde.

A report was circulated here today that three Americans had been killed by the rebels. Careful inquiry failed to show any foundation for the rumors.

What stand General Orozco will take after the termination of the period of service covered in his promises to Madero several weeks ago, when he expressed a desire to retire, appears to be giving concern. Government officials would not venture an opinion but there is evident a lack of confidence.

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PHONE SYSTEMS MERGE IN SEATTLE

INDEPENDENT COMPANY IS ABSORBED BY PACIFIC.

Mayor Dilling Receives Notice of Amalgamation of Plants, With Agreement to Maintain Rates.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Complete absorption of the Independent Telephone Company by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company was announced tonight by Vice-President and General Manager E. C. Bradley, of the latter company. Operation under one system is to begin just as soon as the physical construction work consolidating the two plants can be completed.

The Pacific Company agrees not to raise its present schedule of rates for a period of two years, pending an exhaustive investigation of the whole telephone situation. This arrangement is subject to the approval of the State Public Service Commission. The company is willing to enter into a formal agreement with the City Council not to raise the rates for that period of time.

Announcement of the consolidation was made to Mayor Dilling in a communication over the signature of Manager Bradley and presented by his personal agent, E. C. Carroll, of San Francisco. The communication says:

"It has been decided to take over the properties of the Independent Company."

The recent physical connection established between the two systems, which the Board of Public Works today formally ordered the Pacific Company to remove, as having been established without permit, are not mentioned in the communication.

The Pacific company's general manager makes plain, however, that the merger does not mean merely physical connection, but a complete amalgamation.

GLASS EYE NO BARRIER

Hero of Steamer Queen Disaster May Keep Master's License.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—Captain M. E. Cousins, one of the best-known marine men on the Pacific Coast, has been saved from retirement by a ruling that the loss of an eye no longer prevents a navigator from obtaining a renewal of his license. News of the decision, which was made by George Uhler, supervising inspector-general of hulls and boilers, was received here today.

A protest had been made against renewal of the license of Captain Cousins, who wears a glass eye as a result of his heroism in the celebrated steamship Queen disaster. Uhler's ruling held that "any persons who received a license prior to the adoption of the rule demanding a visual examination may have such a license renewed for daylight only, if no other bar to such a renewal appears."

BOY, 16, HAS 3D BIRTHDAY

Salem High School Student Today Celebrates With Chums.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Even though born on February 29 and entitled to four birthdays out of his 14 years of existence, if all of the parent laws of mathematics would work, nevertheless Allan Bynon, a student at the Salem High School, will have only his third birthday tomorrow. His father, Fred Bynon, a Salem real estate man, has won several bets today on this condition of affairs.

The secret of young Bynon's absence of birthdays lies in the fact that he was born in 1896. As a result leap year was skipped in 1900 and consequently the youngster at that time had no birthday since the time of his birth until 1904, when he was allowed to celebrate the anniversary. Then in 1908 he duplicated and tomorrow he will have his third. A large number of students at the high school have planned to join in tomorrow and give him a rousing celebration.

DOG BITES; DANCER SUES

Seattle Canine Disapproves of "Texas Tommy" Rag.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—With the "Texas Tommy," "Turkey Trot," "Bunny Hug" and other terpsichorean innovations filling popular, priced-down-town vaudeville houses to capacity, it was, according to a complaint filed in the Superior Court today, left to canine discretion to express his disapproval of said "Texas Tommy" by taking an alleged \$75 bite out of the calf of the right leg of one Charlotte Harrington while said terpsichorean was demonstrating.

According to the complaint, one Russell Thompson and one Bertha J. Allan conduct a theatrical agency in a lodging house at 315 Seneca street.

Hitler Charlotte sought employment. While in the midst of one of her best interpretations, Flido, who bears a slight resemblance to the Spitz family, with a low growl, according to the complaint, sank his teeth into the limb of the dancer.

AMERICAN HELD AS SPY

Mexican Authorities May Take Life of Prisoner.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 28.—George Lebrasky, an American, is to be tried by a Mexican military court at Tijuana, Lower California, tomorrow on a charge of being a spy and a former rebel. If found guilty he will die.

JOHN DAY MARRIES, ROBS AND DESERTS

Bride Loses Money and Gems With Spouse.

HOTEL RUES NUPTIAL FETE

Publicity Man, Formerly of Oregon, Leaves Unpaid Bill.

WORTHLESS CHECKS GIVEN

Ex-Employe of Astoria Centennial and Salem Fair Loses No Time in Making Working Girl Wife, Then Departing With Cash.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Charlotte Adkins Day is mourning the loss of her husband, John Day, but she mourns more seriously the loss of her diamonds and several hundred dollars, the savings of 20 years of labor.

John Day, who was publicity manager for the Astoria, Or., Centennial in 1911 and later for the Salem, Oregon State Fair, and the Shriners' show in Salem, met, wooed, won, wed and robbed her within a few days, her friends declare.

The deserted bride cannot be found, although it was learned last tonight she is at some beach resort near Los Angeles and is in retirement until she recovers from the shock of her desertion.

Day Drops From Sight.

The Alexandria Hotel, where Day lived while here and where he and Miss Adkins were married a week ago last Saturday night, holds two worthless checks on a Portland bank for \$50 each signed by Day, and an unsettled bill of \$109 charged against him. Day dropped out of sight last Wednesday and no trace of him has been found.

Both Day and his bride are 34 years of age. Miss Adkins has been working since she was a child of 14 years as an office girl for Dr. A. C. Humelbaugh, a dentist with offices in the Ramona block.

She was economical and when she had a few hundred dollars saved, after years of toil, she was advised to invest it in diamonds. This she did and was possessed of several really good stones, as well as other gems of less value.

She continued to save and when she met Day had nearly \$1000 in the bank. Miss Adkins met Day at 1815 Lennox avenue, the home of Mrs. A. N. Ferris, wife of a dentist, who had met Day once in Salem and on whom Day called when he came here.

Jewels and Money Gone.

Mrs. Ferris says she knows little about either Day or the girl, having met neither of them many times. She knew of the meeting and of the wedding, but nothing more, she said.

From Dr. Humelbaugh it was learned that Day persuaded his bride to draw her savings from the bank and intrust them to him. How he got possession of the jewels is not known, but both are now gone with the bridegroom.

OREGON MEN SEEK DAY, TOO

Publicity Man Victimized Business

Men in Portland and Tacoma.

Had several persons in Portland and Tacoma, Wash., known that John Day was in Los Angeles courting, then marrying Miss Adkins, they might have prevented the marriage and spared the bride her diamonds, money and humiliation, as they sought him in connection with the passing of worthless checks in the city and Tacoma. Hotels in Portland and Hillsboro, Or., Melvin G. Winstock, of the People's Amusement Company, and business men connected with the Summer tournament in Tacoma were victimized by Day, after which he disappeared. He cashed several worthless checks in Tacoma, the total amount being more than \$150 and disappeared. It is surmised that he boarded a steamer for Los Angeles and it is apparent that he lost little time in beginning operations after he got there. One of the checks he cashed at a Los Angeles bank was returned to the institution unhonored by a bank at Hillsboro on which it was drawn and in which Day had no account.

Day left unpaid hotel bills in Oregon. Mr. Winstock lost \$400 by indorsing a note for Day, who represented that he had several thousand dollars coming to him for publicity work at Hillsboro. As a matter of fact, he had \$100 worth of work there, and when the note became due, Day had gone and Winstock was obliged to pay.

In Tacoma Day represented that he was working for the Portland Rose Festival, but it is known that he had no connection with the enterprise.

14TH CAVALRY TO RETURN

Move Is Incident to New Policy in Philippine Islands.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Incident to the new policy of reducing the cavalry in the Philippines, the War Department has ordered the 14th Cavalry to embark on the transport Sheridan and return to this country.