5 Cents Weekly Is Paid

for Drinking Water.

LAWRENGE MOTHERS BEATEN

Boys and Girls Say They Were

Hurled About Like Rags.

USE OF BAYONETS TOLD OF

Working Conditions in Lawrence

Mills Unspeakable, According to

Testimony of Hands of 11

and 15 Years of Age.

WASHINGTON, March 4.-Girls and

oye 14 and 15 years old, striking mill-

workers from Lawrence, Mass., testi

fied today before the House committee

on rules, which is considering a reso

ution to investigate riots that followed

ittempts to take children from the

Children told of working long hours

for low wages; how they had to pny the American Woolen Company 5 cents

a week for drinking water, which they

described as "canal water." Some of

them told of seeing women beaten by

police and children knocked down and

buried into wagons "like bundles of

Personalities Are Barred.

Representative Berger and Samue

lompers, president of the American

federation of Labor, were again befor

the committee. Both made statement

bout the rival union conditions at

awrence, and both were caulioned

After testimony of seven or eight

children had been taken, Max Hegatin, a salesman of Philadelphia, one of the

ocialist committee which went

Lawrence to accompany strikers' chil-

questioned regarding the charges of

"I was pushed against a car and held

there so I could not move," she said, in

describing the scene at the Lawrence

depot, "The children were screaming

and many were dragged to a wagon

Samuel Goldman, 16 years old, testi-

days' work, and never made more than

\$5.10 in a week. He said children paid

whether they drank or not, and were

docked an hour's pay if they were late.

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had he received \$1.64 for

and literally thrown in."

en to homes in Philadelphia, was

rage," a week ago Saturday.

gainst personalities.

trike-ridden city.

PLACE STREET OF IN ISSUED

T. R. IS IN TANGLE OF EXPLANATIONS

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Candidacy and Willingness Held Different

DEMAND" IS CITED

Report He Indorsed Taft Is Now Repudiated.

INSINUATIONS ARE VAGUE

Roosevelt Insists That Ambition to Wrest Presidential Nomination From Tuft Is Not Violation of Refusal to Run.

SYSTER RAY, March 4 .- Colonel Roosevelt said today it was perfectly true that he had said he would not be a candidate in 1912. He had made that statement to many persons, he said but had not declared that he would not accept the nomination if it were ten dered to him. He drew a distinction between becoming a candidate and be

ng willing to accept the nomination. The Colonel made it plain that he so sothing in the letter to Managing 1541 for of the Philadelphia North America Van Valkenburg, in which he said is would not be a candidate in 1912, to unfliet with his recent statement that he would become the nominee of the party it his party asked it.

Colonel Issues Statement-

Colonel Rossevelt's stand in the mat ter is set forth in the statement he gave out today explaining the circum stances that induced him to write to Mr. Van Valkenburg. This is the state

"At that time persistent efforts had been made from Washington to convince the 'progressives' that I was real ly supporting Taft. On this particular occasion the statement was made with the greatest explicitness. I promptly senses the statement and was assured

but I am certain that it was not Mr. Van Valkenburg, for I know him to be

"To all who were at that time writ ing to me to be a candidate. I an cered that I would not be. To all who saked whether I would accept it commutated, I answered 'yes,' if I knew them sufficiently well to be sure that they would understand me; otherwise said simply that I would cross that cridge when I came to it, and in most cases if the man was at all a close per sonal friend I told bim that I counted on his doing everything possible to prevent any movement looking to my

Demitted Not Inspired. "It was not until the last three or

four mentles that I was finally obliged in come to the conductor that there was a real demand among the people as a whole for my nomination, while did not come in any way from any per count friends of mine, and was neither naptred nor engineered by them

When I became convinced that this copular demand was real and was coneven states, increased by this time to ion, I may mention incidentally, asked whether I would accept if nominat-

ol. I answered 'yes.'

Open Primurles Urned. I mided on expression of my wish that wherever possible open preferre tial Presidential primaries might be seld, no as to find o't whom the Republican voters; wished to have nowi-

If the people do not wish me to serve, most certainly I do not wish t erre. If they do desire me to moder take in tuelr interest a great task, aliali do so and shall perform it with eliatover courage and ability I present Whether there will be such an expresa of the popular will I cannot suy, as where there are no preferential prito be the case that the effort of the tion to the popular will, but to thwart it in every way possible."

VAN VALKENBERG LETTER OUT

Washington Star Prints Roosevelt's

Declaration He Wouldn't Run. WASHINGTON, March 4,-The Washington Star today prints under a New York date what purports to be the full text of the letter written by Theodors Hopervit, saying he would not be a tion in 1912. The letter, addressed to Managing Editor Van Valkenburg, of the Philadelphia North American.

reads as follows: Sone 27, 1911-My Don't Van Valken. larg: I am really obliged to you. Now, will you not give Mr. McClatchy from (Constuded on Page 2)

"AFFINITY PARTY" PROPOSAL ANGERS

HUSBAND SAYS WIFE WANTED PREEDOM AMONG GUESTS.

Physician Answers Statement in Divorce Action That He Holds "Long-Distance Spree Record."

NEW YORK, March 4 .- (Special.)-A wife's declaration that her husband holds the "long-distance spree record" nd his retort that her infatuation for another man led her to propose "affinity party," at which there was to be unrestrained freedom among guests, were the principal features today in a suit for separation brought by Mrs. Amelia M. Abrams against Dr. Alex-ander Abrams and in his counter-suit Benoît Wasserman, a wealthy cigamporter of this city, and Henry M. Wolff, a San Francisco merchant, are named as co-respondents by Dr. Abrams. It was Wolff to whom Mrs. abrams proposed the "affinity party,"

coording to Dr. Abrams. "We will show you that Mrs. Abrams became so fond of the co-respondent Wolff, that she had a private letter box installed in her home, so that Wolff's letters might not fall into the manda of others by any chance," sald counsel for Abrams.

KLAMATH HAS BIG MERGER

\$50,000,000 Concern to Control Newspaper, Hotel, Springs, Land.

KLAMATH PALLS, Or., March 4. Special.)-The Klamath Development Company, in which the chief owners are W. P. Johnson, S. O. Johnson, G. X. Wendling, Herbert Fleishbacker and Mortimer Fielsbhacker, has been in orporated to amalgamate several in erests heretofore not included in it. The corporation new controls interests ald to aggregate \$50,000,000.

The amaignmation includes the old Elamath Development Company, the Hot Springs Company, the Pioneer Proces Publishing Company, the White Pelican Mineral Springs Company, the Clamath Investment Company, the O. Johnson Company and the White Pelican Hotel Company.

PASSENGER WRECK FATAL

Fireman Killed, Trainmen Hart. Occupants of Pullmans Aid.

SALIDA, Colo., March 4 .- Denver & spired from the White House and assured on the other that it had not been, but on the contrary was made purely on the initiative of the Associated Press.

Letter is Referred To.

"The Associated Press people assured me that they were not responsible for the false statements, and, as it will be seen by reference to the letter itself, Mr. Noves was quoted as having got the information from independent sources. I do not know who gave out this letter, but I am certain that it was not Mr.

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TRIXIE FRIGANZA TO WED

Actress to Give Her Company Big Dinner in Honor of Event.

NEW YORK, March 4 .- (Special.) Trixle Friganca aunounces that on next Sunday afternoon she is going to be married to Charles Goettler, her personal representative for several years. The wedding will be performed by Father William Gardner, of Brooklyn, at my home in Hensonhurst, Long Island," said Miss Frigansa, "Only a few rejends will be there."

Miss Frigania is starring in "The weetest Girl in Paris." She is going to give her company a hig dinner at Atlantic City in honor of the wedding

FREE SUGAR HELD MENACE

Inderwood Bill, if Passed, Would Hurt Western Trade Is Said.

SALT LAKE CITY, March 4 .- J. Ross Clark vice-president and general man-ager of the Los Alamitos Sugar Com-pany, in speaking here today of the Underwood bill, providing for free entry of sugar, sald:

The passage of this bill would mean disaster to beet sugar industry of the West as well as the cane sugar industry

HONOR SYSTEM PLANNED

Day's Work Will Cut Two Days Off Arizona Felons' Sentences.

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 4. Governor Hust announced today that plans were being made to lease a farm for convicts where the honor system would prevail The farm will be expected to supply nearly all the meats and vegetables used at the Florence Penitentiary, thus effecting a large saving to the state

For every day's work each convict will cut two days off his sentence.

SALT LAKE LINE TO BUILD

Road Authorizes Issuance of \$70,-000,000 Bonds for Extensions.

SALT LAKE CITY, March 4 .- Stock hulders of the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Hallway, at a meeting here today, authorized the retirement of the existing \$50,000,000 boud issue and the

existing \$80.000.000 boad issue and the issuance is its stead of \$70.000.000 bonds on first mortgage.

It is understood that this action was taken to provide a fund which will be utilized in building branch lines and making improvements on the road.

CHILDREN DESCRIBE CRUEL TREATMENT

REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS MUST PAY 2 CENTS MILE.

Political Conventions No Inducement to Railroads to Reduce Fares Below Minimum.

CHICAGO, March (.- (Special.) There will be no special ratiroad rates his year either to the Republican o Democratic National conventions, This information was obtained today from passenger traffic officials in close ouch with the situation and an official mnouncement to that effect is expec ed within a comparatively short time. The regular convention fare of cents a mile in each direction and Sum-mer tourist fares, which are the stand-ard feature of Summer travel, will be the only offerings made to delegate going either to Baltimore or Chicago

t is waid. Some time ago a general polley was adopted by the roads affiliated with both the Central and Western Passen ger Associations to the effect that n rection should be granted for conventions of any kind,

HARVARD HAS TAFT CLUB

Students Organize to Boom Renom inution of President.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 4 .- (Spe al.)-A William Howard Taft Club at Harvard, was organized tonight with membership of 200. Those who were nterested in the return of President Taft to the Presidential chair gathered in the trophy room and effected an or canimation.

Evans Hughes, Jr., of Washington, on of Chief Justice Hughes, was hosen president. Other officers elected were: Horace J. Smith, vice-president, of Denver, Colo., and Samuel Mayo Binaker, secretary-treasurer, of Beat-

JAB OF COB PIPE FATAL

Stem Stabbed Into Face in Quarrel Lends to Murder Charge.

CLEVELAND, March i.—A corneob pipe, a weapon of offense to the nostrill only, as a rule, proved deadly when used by one of the disputants in a card game last Thursday right.

Tony Pitchon and Donato Lombardo were the disputants. Lombardo, who is now under arrest, labbed Pitchon in the cheese with the stem as apported in the cheese with the stem as erious at first, but lest night Pitchon died.

Lombardo is held on a charge of murder.

3 DIE IN TENEMENT FIRE

Seventy Others Escape From Flaming Building in Boston.

BOSTON, March 4 .- Three persons today. Nearly To others escaped in safety.

Carmello Zermella, 35 years of age,
was killed when he leaped from a window; Guiseppe Crusafell, 55 years old,
and Mrs. Marie Alegra, 59 years old, re suffocated.

Siletz Settler Gets Patent. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-

ington, March i.—The White House to-day informed Representative Hawley that in compilance with a joint request made by himself and Ralph Williams. National committeeman, the Interior Department has issued a patent to one 5 cents a week for drinking water, Sliets settler, under the provisions of the Hawley act, and that other patents are to follow. p.....

THERE'S NOTHING DOING WITH THE OLD BASS DRUM.

DELEGATES TO GET AMERICANS FLEE FROM OLD MEXICO

Many Are "Bottled Up" in Disorderly Zone.

TRAIN SERVICE IS PROMISED

Rebel Commander Says He'll Transport Refugees.

ALARM IN UNDERCURRENT

General Exodus of United States Citizens From Big Lumbering Town Below Border Shows Taft's Advice Heeded.

EL PASO, Tex., March 4 .- One hunired and fifty Americans from the big American lumber town of Madera, Mex., reached Pearson, Mex., this afternoon. An attempt will be made tomorrow to make up a train on the Mexican North-western to bring them to El Paso.

E. S. Plum and two companions, wh left the City of Chihushus at 6 o'clock last night by automobile, brought word that the purport of President Taft's proclamation requesting Americans in disturbed sections of Mexico to leave the country had been received there and that a considerable exodus was in

Citizens Fear Looting. According to Plum, the skirmish yes

terday between Pascual Orozco's force of rebels, which held he city of Chi-huahus, and Colonel Pancho Villa's federals supplied impressive emphasis te the Presidential warning. Citizens stand in fear of looting and other dis-

The Americans are in a predicament They are as safe at home as in travel ng south and the only present means moving north is by horse or autoobile and the supply of both is scant. There is no panic but the undercurrent of alarm is kaid to be very keen.

Orzeo Promises Safety. Orozco is doing his best to reassure all residents of their safety, natives and

foreigners alike. The fighting here began in the forencon and lasted about an hour in desultery fashion. Orexec ost one man killed and one wounded Villa's loss was not learned.

General Salazar, rebel commander in Juarez, said tonight that he would start running passenger trains on the Mexican Central between Juarez and Chihuahua within a few days to remove from the disaffected districts such foreigners as wished to leave, and would continue service independent of tional lines of which the Central is a DUTE.

Salagar to Join Campa.

The track is complete between the two cities. He added that he expected

to join Campa temorrow A report was received over the rallroad telegraph line tonight that a por tion of Villa's force deserted to Orozo

Agents of Madere who are here as sert that a detachment of 1160 ftderals (Concluded on Page 2.)

last night.

EGG WAR WILL BE WAGED IN SPOKANE

Oregonian.

ASSOCIATION FORMS TO COM-BAT EASTERN PRODUCT.

Charge Made That Dealers Don't Want Guaranteed Commodity to Gain Hold on Market.

SPOKANE, Wash, March 4.—(Speoution of eggs will be established within a week by the Inland Empire Pet Stock and Poultry Association, to combat the discrimination alleged to have been practiced against them by the

Each 300 members will contribute 20 dozen eggs, on the average, to the central depot each week, it was learned from A. Melrose, secretary of the asso

"If the plans of the committee reco mend it, we will enter the market pre pared to cut prices to force a way for a home market," declared Mr. Melrone "Spokane dealers don't want our la beled product to get a hold in the Spe kane market. They refuse to accept our eggs in cartons hearing the labe for more than 30 cents, but they will accept the same eggs in bulk at 35 cents. They can make more with East ern and stock eggs.

"We will accept orders at our centra station for the delivery by our wager of guaranteed and labeled eggs in al parts of the city. We may be comat the outset, but we expect the re-celpt of a price higher than the market when the superiority of our product is firmly established."

BUT 3 NATIONS PREDICTED

Hurson Maxim, Famous Inventor, Declares Time 1s Not Far Distant.

BOSTON, Mass., March 4.—Hudson Maxim, the inventor, declares that in a short time there will be only three countries in the world.

"Some time ago, in talking with Lord Wolseley, he told me that at some future time there would be only two countries in the world, and those would be China and the United States," says Maxim in an interview published here.

Maxim in an interview published here "Now, I want to say something stronger than that. In a very short time there will be only three countries in the world, and they will be the United States of Asia (including Europe), the United States of America.
"Look at the world's propercy in the

"Look at the world's progress in the last 50 years. See wha Japan has done in 50 years. Then imagine what is the future of the new Chinese republic, with its 490,000,009 people."

PORTLAND FORGING AHEAD

Postal Savings Receipts Put Scattle Far in Background

Portland's gain in postsi receipts last month over February, 1911, was 12.51 per cent, and Scattle's gain for the same period was 6.94 per cent, according to the returns submitted to were more than \$6000 above Scattle's last month. The re-ceipts here were \$88,892,12 last month, and \$79,009.06 in February, 1911, This s n gain of \$9883.06.

Seattle's receipts last month were only \$82,440,30, and the receipts of that city for February, 1911, were \$77,116.04. The gain was \$5324,26.

KING GEORGE HOLDS LEVEE

French Ambassador Presents United States Citizens to Royalty.

LONDON, March 4 .- King George neld his first levee of the season to day at St. Jumes' palace, in the absence of Whitelaw Reid, the United States Ambassador, who is confined to his home with a cold, Paul Cambon, the French Ambassador, presented the United States citizens

These included the secretary and attaches of the Embassy in London, and also George Post Wheeler, who is on retary of the American Embassy at president of the American society in

3 INJURED BY EXPLOSION

Unexpected Blast Causes Panic in San Francisco Hall of Justice.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4 .- Three men were injured and 200 persons thrown into a panic today by an explosion in the boiler-room at the new Hall of Justice, P. H. Herlihy, chief engineer, was painfully burned about the Mrs. Krebs' admirers, however, are firm face and hands and was stunned by the force of the explosion. Edward F. Hennett and Henry E. Biner, who were in the engine-room, were knocked down

and bruised.

The explosion, which was due to an accumulation of gases, occurred when the corridors were thronged with court attaches, witnesses and others.

STEAMSHIPS BUY UP COAL

Available Supply on Atlantic Coast Taken for Round Trips.

NEW YORK, March 4 .- The strike in the British coal fields has caused heavy purchases of soft coal here, virtually all the available supply in the coal ports in and near New York and at Philadelphia and Baltimore having Philadelphia and Baltimore having been acquired to meet the needs of the foreign steamship companies using the Atlantic seaboard. Local coal market prices for immediate and prompt delivcries have risen sharply in consequence.

It is planned to load steamships with a double quantity of coal here so that round-trip voyages from this side may be completed with American coal.

CALIFORNIA WOMEN RALLY ROUND TAFT

Political Organization Unique in History.

MRS. ABBIE E. KREBS LEADS

Gentler Sex From Every Walk of Life Represented.

CHAIRMAN REAL DIPLOMAT

Meeting Dignified Yet Vibrant With Enthusiasm - President Sends Message of Appreciation. Platform Solid and Sound.

SAN FRANCISCO, March * .- (Spe ial.)-Believing that the renomination and subsequent election of William Howard Taft, as President of the United States, is the palladium by which the Nation's era of prosperity is to be preerved, the Republican women of California today effected the permanent organization of the Woman's Taft Club the medium through which the recently enfranchised electorate will align its forces for the distinguished statesman. to whom they feel California owes a great debt.

Responding to a call sent out a week ago by Mrs. Abbie E. Krebs, hundreds of loyal women gathered in the ball-room of the Palace Hotel this afternoon nd there formed a political organization which establishes a precedent in California, is unique in the history of the Nation, and which will continue until May 14, the date of the Presidential primaries, to spread the propaganda of Mr. Taft's nemination as

Mrs. Abble E. Krebs President. Mrs. Abbie E. Krebs, upon the nomiation of Mrs. Lovell White, was unantnously elected permanent president, Mrs. Belinda S. Balley, secretary, and Mrs. Robert E. Gxnard, treasurer. All here are women who stand for the

of the best womanhood in the state.

They, with 12 others, will be named later and who will be chosen from the ranks of laboring women, club work-ers, women of leisure and the great phalanx obscured in the general term "housewife," will form the executive committee, which, it is planned, will carry the Taft message to the women votera in every county in California. There will be at least one woman's Taft Club in each Assembly

Meeting Dignified, But Vibrant. yet vibrant with en thusiasm, the proceedure of the mass meeting was a rebuke to those who are wont to say that woman steps down from a pedestal when she enters the sphere of practical politics. Every walk of life was there. The banker's wife and the social leader, the civic worker, the club woman and the splen lid type which upholds the majesty of labor mingled in the common cause, that of securing the nomination of President Taft for a second term "and second term only," as the preamble of their platform resolutions defined.

The platform adopted is a concise yet comprehensive statement of the constructive, conservative, progressive and benignant policies of that wing of the Republican party which is being strengthened as the wave of radicalism steadily subsides,

Los Angeles Sends Greetings.

Following the election and Installation of the permanent officers, the tions on platform, the assemblage was addressed by Mrs. Clara Strowbridge Foltz, who came from her home in Los Angeles to extend the greetings of Southern California and to assure the northern women of the co-operation of the Republican women of the South who, she said, were organizing with an alacrity which left no doubt in her mind as to the popularity of the President south of the Tehachapi,

Mrs. Krebs, as the president of the first Woman's Taft Club of California, now occupies a position of high honor, but one calling for the exercise of the rarest diplomacy, for even the mo ardent feminists admit that being the leader of many thousands of women in an uncharted field is not a sinecure. in their faith that no better choice of a Joan of Arc could have been made in all of California.

Mrs. Krebs Regul Figure.

She was a regal figure today as she took the stand to call order. She were a costume of gray satin and marquisette, with a small hat of coral and gray plumes, surmounting a brim of pink roses. The effect was modest, yet rich, and her attire and manner tended more firmly to convince the skeptics that there is nothing incongruous or unbecoming in the combination of women and politics. As she arose to speak, a member of the Men's Club approached the rostrum, and with a graceful speech, presented her with a gavel. Mrs. Krebs accepted by rapping the table with the gift, announcing that she had therewith "struck the first blow for women in electing the next

She then continued: "To show that the enfranchisement of women is regarded as a settled notrical privilege and right, and is rec-(Concluded on Page 5.)

