

PEOPLE STARTLED AT PHONE MERGER

San Francisco at Loss to Understand Situation and to Know What to Do.

ELECTION MADE USELESS

Home Company Has \$250,000 Bond With City to Bind Clause That It Should Not Sell Without Consent—Suit May Ensnare.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 18.—(Special.)—Action of some sort is expected to be taken by the Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting today with regard to the sale by the Home Telephone Company of its plant to the Pacific Telephone Company for \$2,575,000, the transaction having been completed on last Saturday.

As yet the legal members of the Board of Supervisors are not certain just where the city stands in the coup of the corporation. The backers of the special election assert that they are going ahead, although there is a general belief that the election will be a useless expenditure of some \$40,000.

Election Can't Be Stopped

President Carter, of the Election Commission, says there is no way now by which the election can be stopped. The municipal telephone anti-merger league declares that it will go ahead for the election of March 23, which will give the expression of the people on the municipal ownership, if nothing else.

City May Seek to Recover

Action is likely by the city to recover the \$250,000, although the Home phone officials declare that they will fight to the Supreme Court of the United States, if necessary.

Taft Speaks in Boston

(Continued From First Page.) Lines of the respective parties. I have not had opportunity critically to examine the new law, but I am sure it makes proper provision to meet the obvious requirements.

Step Is Good One

"I am glad you have done this. This question of how delegates are to be selected to any political convention or how nominees are to be selected by a party originally was a matter merely of voluntary and party adjustment, but so important to the public at large did the character of the candidates to be selected by each party become that the state properly has interfered, so as to those safeguards around the exercise by all those who belong to a party of their privilege to have a voice in the choice of their party candidates.

DIEHM MUCH-WANTED MAN

Oakland Prisoner Sought by Police All Over Continent.

Popular Control Necessary

"It is eminently appropriate that in every election, and in the discussion of all issues that affect the republic, we should discuss and hear much of the people's will and of the rights of the people. This is a government based on popular control.

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"We all concede that the operations of elections and the operations of government are not perfect, and sometimes are subject to a corrupt influence and control, and that it is the part of patriotism to remove, as far as possible, the obstacles which prevent honest primaries, honest elections and the honest administration of the Government in the interest of the people.

Bowers Hotel

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in spite of all the machine politics, in spite of every defect in the operation of our Government that can be pointed out, I do not hesitate to say that the history of the last 125 years shows that the people have ruled.

Improvement Can Be Made

"They may have been defeated at times, by corrupt and corrupting influences; Congresses and Legislatures may have been halted by subterranean methods in carrying out what the people desire, but in the end, under our present Constitution and our present laws, we have had a really popular government.

I Don't Mean to Say That We Cannot Make It Better

"I don't mean to say that we cannot make it better; I don't mean to say that we may not remove some obstacles by which corruption or machine methods may be minimized, but what I do say is that the cry that the people do not rule and are not in control, or an intimation to that effect, does not do justice to the American people or their history. Certainly there is nothing in the growth of this country, from the adoption of the Constitution until now or within the last 20 or 30 years, that justifies any attack upon our structure of government or sapping of the foundations that have stood so firmly and upon which our whole popular civilization has been reared.

The Occasion for These Remarks

"The occasion for these remarks is the attack on our judiciary, or the proposal by judicial recall, or recall of judicial decisions, to destroy its independence, and thus to take away from the arch of government the keystone.

I Deny That There Is in the Declaration of Independence

"I deny that there is in the declaration of independence, or the result of the result of litigation that which justifies such a radical innovation. I am not unmindful of the necessity for judicial reform, but that depends not upon changing the character of the judges, but upon the change of procedure, the expedition of judgments and the reduction of the expense of litigation.

Modern Politics Wrong

"One easily can discover a tendency in modern politics to exalt above the written law and above the written constitution what is called 'popular will,' as if that were a higher law to which we must all submit allegiance by obeying it and ignore or transgress statutory and constitutional limitations.

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"This heresy is not exactly in the form of an assertion that judges and others are to ignore statutes and constitutions because of a conflicting popular will, but it is the more insidious proposition that plain construction of the statute or constitution is to be defeated and a strained and otherwise impossible construction put on the language of the statute or constitution in defiance of what is supposed to be the popular will.

The President Here Quoted a Western Governor

"The President here quoted a Western Governor, whom he did not name, who had declared 'whatever is right is constitutional,' and who had taken Lincoln's 'The life of this Nation is greater than any constitution,' to sustain his view.

It Is Impossible to Escape the Meaning of Such a View

"It is impossible to escape the meaning of such a view," said the President, "and that is that the plain construction of the Constitution is to be perverted because it is thought to be at present would prefer not to be subject to the limitation contained in the Constitution lawfully adopted. The quoted words of Lincoln have here no application. It is not true that 'whatever is right is constitutional,' unless the declaration of right is contained in the Constitution, or is forbidden by it.

Late in the Afternoon the President Received the Harvard Taft Club at his Hotel

where he was joined by his son, a student at Harvard.

SPEECH IS TAIT'S ANSWER

Representative McKinley Discusses President's Boston Utterances.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Representative McKinley, director of President Taft's campaign for re-nomination, said tonight that President Taft's proposition to amend the Presidential primaries, made in Boston today, constituted the answer of the Taft forces to the "challenge" of Senator Dixon, made in the Roosevelt campaign.

He Said that Inadequate State Laws Would Open the Door of the Republican Primaries to Democrats

and "nullify the will of the Republican masses."

PACKERS ASK DISCHARGE

CHICAGO MEAT DEALERS PUT NO WITNESSES ON STAND.

Attorneys for Government Declare Judge Carpenter Will Give Adequate Sentence.

CHICAGO, March 18.—Declare the ten Chicago meatpackers guilty; we are satisfied Judge Carpenter will give the maximum sentence under the criminal provisions of the Sherman antitrust law, to the meat wholesalers' long arguments for a discharge of the defendants without submitting the case to a jury.

Special Counsel Sheehan thus concluded the Government's opening address to the jury. The packers called no witnesses to the stand.

George T. Buckingham, an attorney representing the Swift group of defendants, will open the packers' appeal to the jury tomorrow.

Oakland Prisoner Sought by Police All Over Continent

OAKLAND, Cal., March 18.—It was learned here today that Herman Diehm, alias Archie Clark, captured last night after a battle with the police, is wanted in New Westminster, B. C., for supposed complicity in the robbery of the Bank of Montreal last September, and in New York, on a charge of having aided in the robbery of the Postoffice at Richmond, Va., of \$30,000. Diehm was arrested on information from Chicago, charging him with having murdered Ray Corbett on January 1.

According to the police and the detectives who trailed Diehm to Oakland, he is the third of the trio which robbed the new Westminster bank, James McNamara, a San Francisco saloonman, previously having been arrested in New York. The charge of complicity in the Richmond robbery is brought by police inspectors at New York. Diehm was caught after a chase of several blocks, when he was overtaken by a policeman and clubbed into submission.

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2 FEDERAL FORCES SURRENDER ARMS

Outnumbered, Madero Soldiers Give Themselves Up to Insurrectos.

SANCHEZ TO BE ATTACKED

Rojas Will Head Rebel Army of 500 That Will Attempt to Wrest Important Town of Ojinaga From Government Men.

CHIHUAHUA, Mex., March 18.—Rather than sacrifice more lives in the unequal contest, Major Adolfo Ramirez, commanding the detachment of federal troops near Baniwa, Chihuahua, today ordered the rebel forces under Colonel Roque Gomez, surrendered today.

The prisoners include Captains Jose Granados, Juan Monroy, Alfonso Carrillo Galindo, and Jose R. Itanzel, Lidefonso Seldana, and Margarito Blanco. Lieutenants Francisco Velez and Antonio Sanchez and 147 men.

It is expected the rebel army will push on to Parral tonight or tomorrow. Ojinaga is the next port of entry for which the rebel army will fight. To General Antonio Rojas, lately relieved from command at Juarez by Colonel Pascual Orozco, father of the general in command, will be given the responsibility of attempting to wrest the town from Colonel Jose de la Cruz Sanchez. Rojas will head at least 500 men.

This morning the remnant of the federal force evacuated Santa Rosalia and Jimenez upon the advance of General Inez Salazar's column, surrendered.

General Salazar was ordered to send the captured officers and men to Chihuahua. Orozco said that they would be given an opportunity to join the rebel army, but that no attempt would be made to coerce them.

WAR SHIPMENTS HELD UP

President Taft's Proclamation Beginning to Have Effect.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—President Taft's proclamation prohibiting exportation of arms to Mexico has begun to show effect.

The War Department's dispatches today told of many shipments of guns and ammunition held by customs officers.

SUPREME COURT BLAMED

Underwood Says Decision on Income Tax Caused Unrest.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Oscar W. Underwood, Democratic floor leader, supporting the proposed excise tax bill in the House today, charged that the Supreme Court, by its annulment of the income tax in 1895, was responsible for the growth of socialism in the United States.

The pending measure, which probably will pass the House tomorrow, is expected to raise between \$50,000,000 and \$100,000,000 a year for the Government.

"When the Government had the right to tax wealth," said Mr. Underwood, "we did not hear the socialist cry of those less able to bear the burden of taxation. The spirit of unrest came when the Supreme Court abandoned its policy of 1895 and, five justices in a year for the Government, declared that great wealth was to be exempted from taxation."

UTAH ROAD INCORPORATES

Oregon Short Line Officials at Head of New Organization.

SALT LAKE CITY, March 18.—With Salt Lake City as its headquarters and Oregon Short Line officials as its officers, the San Francisco & Portland Steamship Company was incorporated in Utah today. It has held its charter from California and the articles filed here provide for a meeting to be held in San Francisco, "if deemed expedient." The capital stock of 5000 shares remains the same.

W. H. Bancroft, vice-president and general manager of the Oregon Short Line, appears as president of the steamship company; George H. Smith, as vice-president; F. H. Knickerbocker, secretary; C. H. Lenkinson, treasurer, and C. J. McKnight, auditor.

The Union Pacific and Short Line railroads are incorporated in this state and the transfer of the company to the allegiance is regarded as a move to unify the charters and administration of the Harriman transportation system.

SEVEN PASSENGERS PERISH

Death Overtakes Company as They Are About to Be Rescued.

LONDON, March 18.—Seven passengers and three Europeans of the crew of the Peninsular & Oriental steamship Oceana were drowned while their rescue was being attempted after the collision in the English Channel of that vessel on Saturday with the German bark Pisagua, which was afterward taken into Dover in a sinking condition.

The Peninsular & Oriental Company today said that several Larsons belonging to the crew also were drowned.

STATE CHARGE DISMISSED

Government to Press Complaint of Looting Bank of \$149,000.

POMONA, Cal., March 18.—The state's complaint against Earl Standard, the bookkeeper charged with having looted the American National Bank of this city of \$149,000, was dismissed today when his case was called before a Justice of the Peace.

That action indicated that the Federal officials at Los Angeles would proceed alone in the prosecution of the defendant.

ELK FIGHTS GAME WARDEN

assistants was it possible to load "Teddy Roosevelt," the big bull Elk, into a crate. "Teddy" acts as leader of the herd now being transferred from the Jackson Hole country in Wyoming to the Oregon state reserve. When the 15 elk arrived here it was necessary to load them into crates before hauling the animals on wagons and sleds to the reserve 50 miles north, and "Teddy" absolutely refused to be loaded until extreme measures were employed. The big animal became as vicious as a lion at bay, and the fight between him and half a dozen men with long sharp sticks lasted two hours before he was finally forced into his crate, where he snorted and bellowed like a wounded buffalo.

This big fellow has shown an ugly disposition ever since leaving his native haunts in the Rocky Mountains, and no doubt he will furnish some high-class entertainment for the other three bulls when they are turned loose in the reserve, as a means of "getting even."

They are a magnificent bunch of animals and every citizen of the state has reason to feel proud that these monarchs of the forest have been secured for the state reserve.

In honor of the event, the Joseph Rod and Gun Club gave a magnificent banquet at the Mitchell Hotel. Covers were laid for 500.

After the banquet a number of interesting speeches were made on the subject of game and fish—their propagation and the best means to protect them. The principal speech of the evening was made by Mr. Finley.

Mr. Finley promises to furnish all the young trout, bass and other young fish that are wanted to restock our lakes and rivers, and will see that a proper fish ladder is placed in the dam at Minner.

Among the prominent outside visitors present were: Fish Commissioner Craig, of Portland; E. P. Averill, of Pendleton, head of the state game department; M. K. Boatman, of Portland; Jack Peare and Jack Gulling, prominent Elks of La Grande.

Messrs. Finley, Craig and Deputy Game Warden Leffer are accompanying the elk to the reserve.

CRUISERS SAIL FOR EAST

TARGET PRACTICE TO BE HELD IN PHILIPPINE WATERS.

Naval Authorities Say Ships Are Needed Near Seat of Trouble "If Anything Should Happen."

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The armored cruisers California, South Dakota and Colorado, under Rear-Admiral Sutherland, sailed today from Honolulu for the Philippines. They should arrive at Olongapo April 1, unless diverted to some point on the China coast.

Notwithstanding the international significance that is attached to this sudden and considerable reinforcement of the American Asiatic fleet, the naval officials say the purpose of the cruise is to enable the vessels to dock at the naval station in Olongapo and to hold their Spring target practice in Philippine waters.

It is admitted that the practice might be held off the Southern California coast, but under those circumstances the cruisers would be a long way off from the seat of trouble "if anything should happen in the Far East."

CANADIAN LADS TO DRILL

40,000 Schoolboys Will Be Trained as Expert Riflemen.

OTTAWA, Ontario, March 18.—In a memorandum announcing that 40,000 Canadian cadets will start training this year, Colonel Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia, expresses the hope that in a few years every boy in Canada will be proficient in drill and calisthenics and be a perfect rifle shot.

Under the plan of organization recently outlined school inspectors and teachers will receive returns from every section of Canada from boys from 12 to 16 years of age who desire to attend camp and be trained for one week in July or August. The schools of a township or similar unit will constitute a company. Companies from each county will make up a regiment or brigade under the name of the home county.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE U. S.

165 BROADWAY, NEW YORK. The 52nd Annual Report of the Equitable Society, embodying its Financial Statement, and full details regarding its progress during the year 1911, will be sent to any address on application.

This Statement shows that the interest rate is higher and the expense rate lower than for the previous year. Increases are shown in Premium Income, Total Income and other important items including the following:

Table with 3 columns: ASSETS, DECEMBER 31, 1911; POLICY FUND (OR RESERVE) AND OTHER LIABILITIES; SURPLUS (INCLUDING DEFERRED-DIVIDEND FUND); NEW INSURANCE, 1911; OUTSTANDING INSURANCE DECEMBER 31, 1911; PAID TO POLICYHOLDERS IN 1911; REFINDS (OR DIVIDENDS) TO POLICYHOLDERS 1911. Includes values in dollars and cents.

Of the Society's domestic Death Claims paid during the year nearly 99% were paid within 24 hours after receipt of complete "proofs of death."

Its policies are simple, direct, and liberal, and are issued in great variety, for the protection of individuals, families, partners, corporations, and the employes of business organizations. Particulars will be sent on request.

EDGAR W. SMITH, Agency Manager, Oregonian Bldg., Portland, Oregon. Includes signature of H. A. Day, President.

LORIMER FILES BRIEF

CREDIBILITY OF WITNESSES IN CASE ATTACKED.

Defense Tells Special Senate Committee Senator Is Object of Conspiracy.

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MEMBERS OF THE ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE

Four votes were attacked, those of Charles White, who sold the Chicago Tribune a story that he had been bribed for \$1000 to vote for Lorimer; H. J. C. Beckemeyer, indicted by the Cook County grand jury on other matters than the Lorimer case; Michael Link and Daniel W. Holstian.

The brief says Beckemeyer, Link and Holstian were given immunity from punishment for offenses other than in the Lorimer case as a reward for asserting they had received money for voting for Lorimer, though all three swore at other times that their votes were not procured by bribery. As to White, counsel argued, no one vouched for his credibility.

NATION'S LEARNING GROWS

Illiteracy in United States Decreases in Ten Years.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—A preliminary census statement issued by Director Durand shows that in 1910 there were 3,517,506 illiterates, unable to read or write, among the 71,530,270 persons 10 years of age or over in the United States. This was a reduction

WINNIPEG RAILWAY SOLD

Choate and Morgan Interests Take Electric Line for \$30,000,000.

WINNIPEG, Man., March 18.—Joseph Choate, Jr., of New York, and J. P. Morgan's representative arrived in Winnipeg this afternoon to take over the Winnipeg Electric Railway and its interests at a cost of \$30,000,000.

GIRL GETS \$25,000 FOR BIRTH

CHICAGO, March 18.—Miss Mary Lonergan, an artist of Kankakee, Ill., obtained a verdict of \$25,000 today against Dr. Daniel B. Hayden, a Chicago physician, on the ground of breach of promise.

The Struggle For "Bread"

is as old as the human race. While you are struggling, however, be sure you are struggling for real bread—the kind that contains all the body-building material in the whole wheat grain. In

Shredded Wheat Biscuit

you have all the muscle-building, brain-making elements in the whole wheat prepared in a digestible form—no yeast, no baking powder, no grease, no chemicals of any kind—just pure, whole wheat steam-cooked, shredded and baked in the cleanest, finest food factory in the world. Nothing so delicious and satisfying for breakfast as Shredded Wheat Biscuit served with hot milk or with stewed or canned fruits.



Shredded Wheat is the Real "Staff of Life"

THE SHREDDED WHEAT COMPANY NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y.