Wilson Likely to Be Forced to Abandon Idea of Amending Constitution.

SOUTH RAISES OBJECTION

Common Counsel Club Devises Plan by Which Congress Can "Author-States to Nominate Presidential Candidates.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washfngton, Jan. 11 .- The Wilson Administration will not press for a constitutional amendment sanctioning Presi-So much Demodential primaries. cratic opposition has arisen to that proposal that it is now regarded as dead Southern Democrats in particular are decidedly averse to opening up the subject of Federal control of elections and there are enough of them to defeat the President's recommendation, insofar as 1t relates to a constitutional amendment.

If anything is done looking to carrying out the recommendation by the President in his opening address to Congress last month it will be by means of a mere bill, in which Congress sanc tions the holding of Presidential primaries in the several states, but intrusts to each state the untrammeled right of regulating its own primaries and of providing the entire machinery for holding such primary elections, Negro Question Interferes.

Southern opposition to the Presidential primary has been strong from the first, not because Southern Democrats objected to that particular method of mominating candidates for the Presidency, but because they feared that by some means or other the negroes of the South would be enfranchised, and they stread ready to go to any length to destood ready to go to any length to de-feat that end. However, if some plan can be worked out whereby the states will have full jurisdiction over their own primaries and Federal regulation can be averted, the South may ac-

So great was Southern opposition to the proposal of the President that it looked, for a time, as if the Presidential locked, for a time, as if the Presidential primary idea would be abandoned. Then it was that the Common Counsel Club, that mysterious Wilson Democratic organization, came to the front with a plan whereby Presidential primaries could be held in a way that would not be objectionable to the South. The club, having the interests of the President at heart, felt that Mr. Wilson would be injured before the country if he should abandon the Presidential primary idea after having publicant and primary idea after having pubcountry if he should abandon the Presidential primary idea after having publicly advocated its adoption. Joseph W. Folk, of Missouri, solicitor of the State Department and one of the organizers of the Common Counsel Club, proposed the plan which is now being put into shape and is soon to be presented informally to Congress.

Folk Expinins Plan. "Congress," said Mr. Folk, in ex-plaining his pian, "might by law au-thorize Presidential preferential prima-ries to be held under the laws of the ries to be held under the laws of the different states, as state primaries are now held. Accordingly the candidate for President who received the plurality of the votes of his party in a state would have the vote of that state, which should be calculated on the basis of representation of the particular state in Congress. This, while in no way interfering with the rights of the state in Congress. This, while in no way interfering with the rights of the states, would give the people the power to select their own nominees by direct te without the intervention of politi-

"Under this plan," continued Mr. Folk, "all that Congress would have to do would be to make provision, after the canvassing of the vote by state authority, for forwarding the vote of each state to a central official board to tabulate the returns, proclaim the result and announce the nominees."

The Common Counsel Club, as pre-

viously pointed out, plans to organize branch clubs in every state in the Union and through these branch clubs it is proposed to bring pressure to bear on the Legislatures to pass state laws governing the holding of Presidential primaries. The club is much in earn-est in pressing this issue and feels that the Fresident cannot afford to let the subject drop, now that he has brought it publicly to the attention of Congress. The Folk plan, worked out as to details, is to be submitted to all as to details, is to be submitted to the states as well as to Congress.

COLORADO STRIKE SITUATION TO BE VIEWED BY LEADER.

Federation to Be Urged to Seek Congressional Investigation Into Mine Labor Trouble.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11. — Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, arrived in Chicago today, almost as unexpectedly as he departed for the Calumet district, where he was attacked and deported

where he was attacked and deported three weeks ago.

Moyer was in conference with Yanco Terzich, a member of the executive council of the federation, and left at 5 o'clock for Denver, where he makes his headquarters. He will familiarize himself with developments in the Colorado etwick signation and return Colorado strike situation and return to this city later in the week, to at-tend the convention of delegates of the United Mine Workers at Indianapolis,

which opens January 20.

Moyer will be present at one of the meetings of the council of the American Federation of Labor, which begins at Washington, January 19. On January 29 he will be at Lansing when the Michigan Federation of Labor will held a reaction of Labor will hold a special convention to consider a state-wide strike in sympathy with the striking copper miners in the Northern peninsula. At the Washington council Moyer

and he would urge the American Federation of Labor to seek to obtain a Congressional investigation of the strike situation and Federal intervention if possible. He would ask the Michigan Federation, he said, to urge the miners to go on a state-wide strike the miners to go on a state-wide strike and at Indianapolis he will seek only to unite the interests of the United Mine Workers, and the Western Fed-eration of Miners more firmly.

PAROLE ABUSE REBUKED

California System Declared Menace to State.

forth severe criticism of the present parole system from Colonel Dennis M. Duffy. The men, under the new legislation providing that parole violators shall have trials, all pleaded not gullty. Several have served sentences in city and county prisons since violating their

"It is distinctly up to the Board," said Colonel Duffy, "to decide who runs this prison, the people appointed by the state or the convicts. I wish to introduce a resolution providing that all parole violators be put back into stripes and set to work in the jute mill until the Board takes action on their cases.

"The present parole system is a scandal and a menace to the state, and justily so. This must stop, and to stop it we must go back to the drastic methods of other days. If paroled men are strictly forbidden to enter a saloon, and punished if they do, the number of violators, instead of increasing, will grow smaller. As it now stands a paroled convict may get drunk almost as often as he wishes, and it is then that often as he wishes, and it is then that

ASTOR NO SOCIALIST A Partial List of Business and Professional People Now in the Morgan Building

Upton Sinclair's Invitation to Join Party Declined.

LABOR CHIEFS ARE CITED

As Result of Association With Representative Men in Study of Problems, Young Man Hopes for Better Solution.

he reverts to crime.

"The parole system is getting to be a joke, and it is our own fault. Where we are lenient, we are too lenient, and the men take advantage of it. As I long letter in reply to Upton Sinclair's

WEALTHY YOUTH WHO REJECTS INVITATION TO BECOME SOCIALIST.



VINCENT ASTOR.

said before, we have no one to blame letter urging him to join the Socialists, but ourselves." The resolution regarding stripes was

SOUTHERN PACIFIC HAUL SAID TO HAVE BEEN SMALL.

Clerks Compelled to Draw Mail Bags Over Head-Man's Face Hidden by Handkerchief and Paint.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 11.—The robber with the painted face who held up the mail clerks on a northbound Southern Pacific train near Tropico last night was at large tonight. According to postoffice officials here, the man got tonly a triffing amount. He was in the car only a few minutes and overlooked only a trifling amount. He was in the car only a few minutes and overlooked nearly all of the registered mail, some of it carrying money and other articles

The robber boarded the train before it left the Arcade station in this city. He entered the mail car immediately after the train drew out of the station and dropped off at Tropico, seven miles

car, A. G. Wendland and D. W. Perry. They say the robber wore a blue bor-dered handkerchief about the lower part of his face. The part of his countenance showing above the handker-chief was stained, Wendland said, and the eyebrows were heavily penciled. On the robber's orders Wendland and Perry, under the muzzle of the revolver, drew empty mail sacks over their heads. Then the robber began ripping open mail sacks. He rifled only a few He bade the mail clerks goodby and dropped off the car.

SIMILARITY OF WORK NOTED

Two Previous Robberies Marked by Parallel Methods. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 11 .- The man

who robbed the mail car of the South-ern Pacific Railroad's Sunset Limited hear Los Angeles last night did his work exactly as did the man who obbed mall cars at Burlingame and San Jose, Cal., six weeks ago, postal authorities said today. In each instance the man compelled the cierks to pull the canvas sacks over their heads, after which he tied the draw strings, bonnetwise, under their chins and chased them under a

It is thought that in all three in-stances he entered the car just after the station mail had been loaded and before the door was closed.

CHINESE COUNCIL WILL BEGIN WORK ON CONSTITUTION.

Legislative Body, Virtually Non-Existent for Months, Dissolved by Proclamation.

PEKIN, Jan. 11 .- The Chinese Parament, which practically has been on-existent for months, was definitely dissolved by proclamation today, the administrative council having approved the proposal, purporting to emanate from General Li Yuen Heng, Vice-President of the republic, and the military and civil parliament Governors of all the provinces last December surveys. the provinces last December, suggestng the termination of the Parliament.
The proclamation says that the Par-liament will be re-convoked in due course of time. It is now intended that the administrative council shall draft a constitution. This body numbers 71 members and consists of the cabinet officers and others, appointed by the President, as well as the provincial

Governors. In the meantime the moderate members of the Parliament threaten a peaceful agitation throughout the provinces against the action of President Yuan Shi Kai, while evidences are not abating that the extremists will persist in their efforts to organize a

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RADIUM RESOLUTION READY

not only expresses his determination not to be a Socialist, but goes into some of his reasons for believing that the Socialist solution of present-day evils is fallacious and impracticable.

Sinclair's argument was that there were 10,000,000 destitute people in the country today, and that Astor's best

chance to relieve the suffering of hu-manity was by becoming a Socialist. Astor's reply, in part, follows:

"Replying, I write to say that I am, fortunately, associated with various or-ganizations which are interested in a study of sociological questions. In one

of these there are many of the leading officers of the American Federation of Labor and chiefs of railway brother-hoods, whose lives and energies are de-

Administration Measure Proposes Segregation of Lands.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 .- A joint resdution, approved by the Interior Deartment and proposed as an Adminstration measure for the conservation of radium, to authorize the President to withdraw from entry public lands containing carnotite, pitchblende or other radium-bearing minerals, will be introduced tomorrow by Representative Foster, of Illinois, chairman of the House committee on mines and mining. The resolution will be opposed by several Western members of the House, who object to segregation of any more

NEW PROPELLER INVENTED START FOR NORTH MADE

Vancouver Man Says Speed of Aerial Device Can Be Controlled.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 11 .- (Special.)-A propellor that has two speeds, that can be changed at the will of the

that can be changed at the will of the operator of the machine, has been invented by Byron Fry, of Vancouver, and he gave it a tryout today on a watercraft on the Columbia River.

The blade is mounted on a steel rod which works inside of a hollow cylinder. By a movement the operator can change the pitch so that an aeroplane will be able to start in much less distance than with an ordinary propeller. tance then with an ordinary propellor,

Drug Store and Hotel Raided.

Orng Store and Hotel Raided.

GOLDENDALE, Wash, Jan. 11.—
(Special.) — Sheriff Fred Smith, of Klickitat County, raided the places of George C. Whiteside, a Fallbridge druggist, and Len Sutton, a hotel-keeper at Roosevelt, last week, and both men were arrested and charged with the illicit sale of liquor upon informations sworn to by the Prosecuting Attorney. A quantity of liquor obtained was shipped to Goldendale and will be held as evidence. Both men entered a plea of not guilty when arraigned before Judge Darch in the Superior Court at Goldendale yesterday, and gave bonds for their appearance at the next jury session in February.

Grange Has All-Day Session.

MONMOUTH, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.) The Monmouth Grange was in session The Monmouth Grange was in session all day here yesterday. In the afternoon the public attended a programme given by the members of the Grange, and heard talks on various lines pertaining to farm life. At noon a big dinner was enjoyed. The membership in the Grange organization here has grown in numbers gradually since it was formed and a good interest has all was formed and a good interest has al-ways been shown by the attendance.

More Seek Lewis Coal Lands.

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President Ready to Attack Important Problems.

Vacation Said to Have Given Exactly Rest Needed-Administration's Course for Rest of Session Mapped Out.

PASS CHRISTIAN, Miss., Jan. 11 .-After nearly three weeks of rest and recreation, President Wilson bade fare-

ressional committees. It is believed the President also has completed a tentative list of men for the Federal Reserve Board.

The Chief Executive has done a great amount of work between his games of golf and extended rest. He has mapped out the course of his Administration for the remaining months of the present session of Congress.

With the execution of John Lind his dropped a hint recently that he might select ex-President Taft for the Su-

COLONEL BOWEN RETIRED Arbitrary Order Puts End to All Hope of Promotion.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 11 .- (Special.) prove up. Many others recently proved - Colonel William H. G. Bowen, compup on the lands and it is believed there manding officer at the Presidio of San SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 11.—(Special.)

A conference has taken place in Vera Cruz for the State Board of Prison Directors at San Quentin pason, mittee for a Mexican trade union congress, to be excellent,

will be considerable activity in coal francisco, with a splendid record for land development in Morton in the near future. The quality of the coal is said reasonably have expected to have become a Brigadier-General within the coal is said. come a Brigadier-General within the was killed,

next two years, was arbitrarily retired from active service by telegraphic orders today from President Wilson. Colonel Bowen immediately turned over Command of the Presidio to Colonel George Bell, Jr.

To the entire Presidio the retirement order came as a surprise. Colone Bowen would not have reached retiring age until 1916, but the President too advantage of the law that permits him to retire an officer arbitrarily at the age of 62. Colonel Bowen reached this age last Wednesday.

The retirement order came direct to Colonel Bowen, and not through the Western Department, and at a time when he scarcely was settled in his new quarters at the Presidio.

PHILIPPINES MUST BE HELD Benjamin Ide Wheeler Says United States Can't Let Go of Islands.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 11,-(Special.) -Whatever may be the plans of President Wilson and the Democratic party, the United States will never be able to leave the Philippine Islands. This After nearly three weeks of rest and recreation, President Wilson bade farewell tonight to the South. He told Mayor Sausier and a crowd of citizens at the station to bid him Godspeed, Seven months of travel in Europe.

First Performance to Be Tonight in \$25,000 Vancouver Building.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 11 .- (Speout the course of his Administration for the remaining months of the present session of Congress.

With the exception of John Lind, his personal representative in Mexico, the Dussiess. In this connection denial was made today to newspaper representatives that the President had denoted a hist recently that he misks. house. The opening performance will be high-class vaudeville.

> Johnson School to Give Plays. JOHNSON, Wash., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—The pupils of the local high school will render the popular amateur drama entitled "Strife, or Master and Men," in the near future. The proceeds will be used to purchase an organ for the assembly-room of the high school.

Chilean Aviator Falls to Death. SANTIAGO, Chile, Jan. 11.—Lieuten-ant Mery, a military aviator, while making a flight today fell 2000 feet and

ON DUTY AT THE DALLES. F. K. Green, Nominated by Mayor, to Be Denied Confirmation and At-

torneys Prepare for Fray.

COUNCILMEN KEEP RALPH GIBONS

THE DALLES, Or., Jan. 11 .- (Spe cial.)-There was no new development today in the strife between Mayor An erson and the mempers of the City Council regarding the matter of police appointments, which has caused so much trouble here.

Ralph Gibons, to whom notice of sus-cension was gives by Mayor Anderson esterday, continues to act as police yesterday, continues to act as police officer, refusing to leave the force, as demanded by the Mayor. The Councilmen have advised Gibons to "stick" and say they will keep him on the job as long as they are in power. The Aldermen will refuse, when they meet Tuesday, to confirm K. F. Green, who was appointed Chief of Police by Anderson Saturday and they declare they st the station to bid him Godspeed, that he had benefited greatly by the change of climate, and had obtained exactly the rest he desired.

President Wilson goes back to the capital, where he will arrive Tuesday morning, with his mind virtually made up on several important questions. His decisions, however, will not crystallize until he confers with Democratic leaders in Congress. The President has written a rough draft of his message on trust reform, but will not arrange for its delivery until he has talked it over with Attorney-General McReynolds, other members of his Cabinet and Congressional committees.

Seven months of travel in Europe.

"The greatest thing I saw," President Wheeler said, "is the way England has the job unless he should be confirmed and there is no chance of that, they say. The Council meeting Tuesday night promises exciting developments.

"Lord Kitchener was among the many persons who asked me about the Mexican situation. Europe feels that America must handle the Mexican situation. They know intervention would be a pesky job and are willing to let us assume the penalty."

Miss Heflin Wins Postoffice.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 11.—In a competitive ex-

ngton, Jan. 11.—In a competitive ex-mination for the postmastership at Neone, Helen M. Heflin secured a ratng of 92.30, and Romaine Wilcox, the present incumbent, 78.55. The appointment will be given Miss Heflin and the name of the office will be changed

cording to County Clerk Stacey M. Rus sell. Inasmuch as only one precinct outside the City of Eugene has re-ported it is assumed that nearly 600 have been registered. In order to com-plete the registration of the county easily before the primary election it. will be necessary for an average of 900 week to sign.

COUNTY MAY GET GROUNDS Lane Fair Property Likely to Be Offered to Court.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 11 .- (Special.) -The County Court of Lane County soon will, in all probability, be asked to take over and maintain the property here now owned by the Lane County Fair Association and used for the annual Lane County fair. Final decision depends upon the report received from the different granges of the county. Twenty-three directors were elected yesterday, as follows: F. M. Wilkins, E. J. McClanahan, R. Rae, Walter B. Dillard, J. A. Griffin, H. F. Hollen-beck, Jack Rodman, E. A. Bond, L. P. Harrington, Amos Wilkins, A. E. Young, F. A. Rankin, Y. D. Hensill, George A. Dorris, C. E. Stuart, of Cot-tage Grove; John L. Dillard, J. Beebe, O. J. Andrews, H. C. Whasiar, J. E. O. J. Andrews, H. C. Wheeler, J. E. Martin, D. H. McCosh, I. J. Walcott and

M'MINNVILLE-TEAM LOSES Newberg and Dayton Debating Crews

Each Win Victory.

M'MINNVILLE, Or., Jan 11. — (Special.) — The McMinnville High School debaters met defeat from Newberg High School team here, and the Dayton High School team at Dayton last night. This eliminates the local high school debaters. The question debated was "Resolved, that Oregon should establish a one-house legislature." The judges were Assistant State Suprintendent Carleton. Professor Evendon. Lane Registration Is Slow.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—
A total of 203 electors of Lane County were registered during the first week large states as a second content of the State Normal School, and Rev. Mr. Dunsmore, of Independence. The judges stood two to one in deciding the winners. At Dayton the vote of the judges was also two to one in favor of Dayton.

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