

SELECTION OF BANK CITIES STARTS WAR

Omitted Rivals Will Demand Change.

BATTLE IS ON IN EARNEST

Natural Trend of Trade Said to Have Been Ignored.

PROPRIETY IS QUESTIONED

Senator Notes That Two Members of Committee Have Bank Each and Another Has Two Reserve Banks in Own States.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—There was every indication tonight that the announcement of the reserve districts and cities by the reserve bank organization committee had given the signal for a struggle on the part of several cities, which were disappointed, to overturn the committee's decision and bring about a redistricting of the country, or at least a change in the reserve cities named.

Under the law the decision of the organization committee is not subject to review except by the Federal Reserve Board. This board probably will not be named by President Wilson for several weeks, but it is believed those disappointed with the committee's announcement will bend every effort toward paying the way for change.

Criticism Heard in Congress

It was pointed out tonight that both Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and Controller of the Currency Williams, of the committee, are ex-officio members of the reserve board and hardly could be counted upon to reverse themselves. The President has given no intimation as to who the other five members will be.

The committee's plan was criticized in Congress today and there were reports of keen disappointments from several cities in the race for reserve banks and which failed to procure them. Three members of the Senate banking and currency committee, two Republicans and a Democrat, attacked the plans. Senator Weeks, of Massachusetts, who opposed the law for many months, but who finally voted for it, pointed out that one bank was located in Georgia, the home state of Mr. McAdoo, one in Virginia, the home state of Mr. Williams, and two in Missouri, the home state of Secretary Houston, the third member of the committee. He questioned the propriety of these selections.

Trade Ideas Ignored

Senator Burton disapproved the inclusion of Pittsburg in the district of which Cleveland is the reserve center, and asserted that it would be impossible to make trade turn westward from Pittsburg to that city. Senator Hitchcock pointed to the fact that Omaha had been included in the Kansas City district instead of the Chicago district and said trade did not flow that way.

Defenders of the committee said there was no justification for the charge that it was influenced by any consideration other than the trend of trade and the banking advantages of cities chosen. In referring to the choice of Richmond, it was said that although comment was expected because of the fact that the city is the home of Mr. Williams, the committee was unanimous and Richmond would have been named over Baltimore and Washington if he had not been a member.

Amendment of Act Suggested

So far no definite plans for any fight against the committee have been aired here and there is practically no way for such a fight to be undertaken except through the reserve board. It was suggested tonight, however, that members of Congress might undertake to provide banks for their districts by having the number of authorized reserve cities increased.

Senator Weeks, in the course of his criticism today, declared the system had been organized on a wrong basis altogether. He said:

"The proper method by which to organize this system was to appoint the reserve board that was to manage this system and let them organize it. Then the organization would have been as far as possible removed from political considerations. Now, having been organized by an essentially political and partisan board, it bears all the earmarks of a result which might have been anticipated from such procedure."

NIMRODS LANDED IN JAIL

Pair in Linn County Accused of Stealing Dog and Gun.

ALBANY, Or., April 3.—(Special.)—Charged with taking a gun and dog which did not belong to them, J. D. Woolridge, aged 31, and John Cavanaugh, aged 18, were arrested last night near Selo and brought to Albany County Jail. They are transients who have been cutting wood near Dever.

Woolridge is charged with larceny by ballot of a gun and both are charged with taking a valuable dog. Woolridge had ordered a gun through the Dever Mercantile Company and it was being held for the purchase price. He is said to have borrowed it for a day and disappeared.

DOCTOR GRAFTS HIS OWN SKIN ON WIFE

80 INCHES USED IN OPERATION DONE WITH LITTLE AID.

Life of Mrs. S. A. Cunningham, of Ohio, Believed to Hang on Success of Surgical Undertaking.

MARIETTA, O., April 3.—(Special.)—Performing the operation himself and taking out the skin from his own body, Dr. S. A. Cunningham, a prominent physician and surgeon of this city, successfully grafted 80 square inches of his skin to the body of his wife, whose life hangs on the success of the operation.

Several months ago Mrs. Cunningham sustained severe burns about the body and for a time her life has been despaired of. Finally, deciding that her only chance of recovery lay in having a large area of skin grafted to her body, Dr. Cunningham undertook the operation, aided only by an assistant.

Unwilling to ask his friends to offer their skin, Dr. Cunningham decided to use the cuticle from his own body. He then proceeded to cut a piece of skin 10 inches long by two inches wide from his left side and graft on to the body of Mrs. Cunningham. The operation, it is believed, was successful.

MASTER DEAD, DOG WAITS

Frank Rasmie Drowns in River Ford Near Marshfield.

MARSHFIELD, Or., April 3.—(Special.)—Sitting alone in his master's wagon, Frank Rasmie's dog was found faithfully waiting for Rasmie to return. Rasmie had drowned. His wagon was found in Sixes River, at a ford where ranchers frequently cross.

From indications it is believed that Mr. Rasmie had driven his team into deep water, probably encountering a new washout in the bed, where the animals foundered. Rasmie is believed to have gotten into the river to extricate his horses and to have become entangled with the harness. The discovery of the horse was made last night and Rasmie's body was found today. Rasmie was a rancher.

VIEWS KEEP MAN OFF JURY

Chicagoan Would Hang Woman but Not a Man, He Says—Is Passed.

CHICAGO, April 3.—John F. Schiffman, a lumber dealer escaped jury service today by expressing freely his views of capital punishment.

"I am not opposed to the death penalty," he said, while being examined as a prospective juror in a murder trial, "but I would not hang a man, I would hang a woman. I believe, I believe, have been escaping frequently these late years."

The defendants in the case were all men and the prosecutor promptly excused Schiffman for cause.

In several recent trials, women defendants charged with murder have been acquitted by Chicago juries.

BARGE SINKS IN SIUSLAW

Loaded With Railroad Construction Material, Vessel Strikes Jetty.

FLORENCE, Or., April 3.—(Special.)—While the tug Livestock was towing the barge Frederick into the Siuslaw River tonight the barge struck and knocked out 18 bents of the jetty. A hole was punched in the bottom of the barge, which is now sinking.

The barge is owned by Porter Bros. and carried two steam shovels, several locomotives and other material and supplies for the railroad work. The barge left Astoria Tuesday afternoon.

NEW CHURCH IS PLANNED

St. Paul's Episcopal Congregation of Oregon City to Build.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 3.—(Special.)—The members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church have decided to build a new church on their property on Ninth and Water streets, where the present edifice is located, and at a parish meeting held Thursday night instructed the vestry to proceed with the project. It is expected that work will be completed without delay and that the structure will be completed this year.

The new church will cost about \$10,000. It probably will be constructed of concrete blocks. The style of the architecture will be early Italian.

St. Paul's Parish is the second oldest in the Oregon diocese, being founded in 1842.

LOADING CURE SUGGESTED

Plain Label for City Inspectors Expected to Keep Them Hustling.

All city inspectors may be required to wear large badges on the outside of their clothing bearing the words, "City Inspector."

It has been called to the attention of members of the Commission that inspectors oftentimes loiter apparently with nothing to do. By having a large badge prominently displayed, Commissioner Bigelow says he believes the practice would be stopped.

STUDENTS GIVE CIRCUS

Juniors of Normal School at Month Have Day Under New Plan.

MONMOUTH, Or., April 3.—(Special.)—Elephants, giraffes, darkies, Indians, cowboys and clowns were represented by juniors of the Oregon Normal School in a circus given this afternoon.

A circus of Monmouth attended, and the city and training and high schools dismissed for the afternoon. Today was junior class day, and instead of the class rush, long in vogue, the circus was given. It was the first under a new plan. During the performance the juniors' flag flew undisturbed.

JUAREZ, SUDDENLY RICHER, IS JOY-MAD

Rebel Victory Enhances Money of People.

NOISE IS HEARD ACROSS LINE

Americans Rush to Bridges, Expecting New Attack.

TOWN IS RUN WIDE OPEN

Cabaret Is Center of Revel, While Soldiers of Garrison Celebrate by Firing Real Bullets Into United States.

JUAREZ, Mexico, April 3.—After the hysterical outbursts which greeted news of the fall of Torreon last night, this city was preternaturally calm today. It was the calm and refreshing sleep after a fever, for anxiety over the issue of the campaign has been little less than a fever for the last week.

Greatest interest centers in definite information as to the number of federal prisoners taken by the rebels. In his bulletin last night Villa said the federal losses were 12,000 dead, wounded and prisoners, and it was assumed he meant that most of these were prisoners.

The report indicated a rout of the Huertizistas so complete as to be almost unbelievable and details were eagerly awaited. Villa's early estimate of his losses is 500 killed and 1500 wounded.

The streets today were almost deserted, and while automobilists coming from the American side were superficially searched for weapons, the restriction which compelled all to make a detour around the home of General Carranza was removed. The precaution was taken by Mayor Padres, owing to the possibility of assault by some fanatic on the chief of the revolution.

Saloons and dives generally were reopened. There was no disposition to check any form of patriotic celebration.

Players Desert Roulette.

The news came too late last night for a fitting demonstration, although for a while the streets were thronged, whistles blew, bells rang, guns were fired, and every leader of the rebel cause received his share of "vivas." The silent gentleman with the dyed mustache who spins the marble at the roulette wheel in the Juarez Monte Carlo seemed to be the only person who was not excited. When the crowd of players suddenly deserted him on the sound of the bugle call of victory, he gave the marble another whirl from sheer force.

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BURNS KNOWS GIRL'S MURDERER, HE SAYS

Wrong Man Convicted, Sleuth Intimates.

PUBLIC CLAMOR IS DENIED

People Held Excited by Previous Wave of Crime.

NEW TRIAL IS EXPECTED

Tracks of Slayer of Mary Phagan Declared Clear—Abnormal Characteristics Attributed to Leo M. Frank Denied.

CHICAGO, April 3.—The murderer of Mary Phagan, the young Atlanta girl for whose death Leo M. Frank is sentenced to hang April 17, is now known beyond a doubt, according to William J. Burns, the detective, who arrived in Chicago and completed his report today after an extensive investigation.

Whether Frank or another is the slayer of the girl, Burns would not say, although he strongly intimated he had found new evidence in the case which would secure a new trial for the condemned man.

"The murderer of Mary Phagan is known to me and he cannot get away," Burns said. "I will say that, in my opinion, Frank will not hang on April 17. I do not believe the Supreme Court can ignore the evidence we have gathered."

Frank's innocence intimated.

While Burns would not anticipate his report, his investigations, he said, had convinced him that Frank was not the sort of a man capable of making the attack which is alleged to have been made on the girl preceding the murder.

The detective said his attention had first been called to the case by a young man from Atlanta who was a passenger on the steamer from which Burns was returning from Europe. Through him Burns read in the newspapers of the trial and concluded, from the accounts he saw, that Frank was guilty.

Later, he said, while he was in Key West, three citizens of Atlanta asked him to undertake the investigation.

Friends Insist on Proof.

At first, Burns said, he refused, on the ground that if Frank were guilty his investigation and final conclusion could only hurt the defendant. Frank's friends here declared he had not had a fair trial and that they believed he was innocent, but if he were guilty they wanted indisputable evidence of his guilt.

Burns then took the case. His investigations showed, he said, that public clamor, following a crime wave, had resulted in hostility and efforts to address to relieve the situation.

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MUNICIPAL BALL DIAMONDS IN SIGHT

CITY PLANS FIELD IN EVERY DISTRICT FOR AMATEURS.

Albina Section to Have First Tracts, but Others Will Be Plowed and Rolled Soon as Donated.

A system of municipally owned and operated baseball diamonds is to be established by the city at once for the rest of the junior ball teams during the coming summer. Announcement was made yesterday by Commissioner Bowler that he has arranged to construct several diamonds on the Montgomery tract in the Albina district and other sites will be selected and other parts of the city as rapidly as possible.

The city will plow up the tracts and roll them with steamrollers, creating well packed diamonds, where baseball can be played as it is played on regularly-established diamonds. Backstops will be constructed and other conveniences such as lines and bases will be supplied by the city. It is the plan to supply every district with at least one diamond where boys and men can play regular games and practice.

The property to be used will be donated for the most part free of charge by property owners interested in the baseball and athletic movement. This is the first year anything of the kind has been attempted by the city. Last year an effort was made to obtain grounds and establish such diamonds but the plan fell through. A few tracts were fixed up in temporary fashion, but there was no effort made by the city to construct proper fields.

JUDGE TO PAY OWN TIPS

Lewis County Refuses to Acknowledge Porter's Pay as Expense.

CHEHALIS, Wash., April 3.—(Special.)—On request of County Auditor Monfort of Lewis County, County Attorney Cunningham has rendered an opinion in effect that "tipping" is not a properly chargeable against a county as an expense item in traveling. The question arose when a visiting judge put in a bill for tips to the railroad porter, paid while en route here.

Attorney Cunningham ruled that under the law the county is not liable on the ground that tips given to railroad porters are not part of the actual traveling expenses that are allowed under the law to a judge visiting another county on official business. As a result, Auditor Monfort will not pay the item for tips.

MILEAGE IS NOT CUT DOWN

House Members Refuse to Reduce Allowance After Hot Debate.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—After three hours of hot debate the House refused today to cut the mileage allowance for members of Congress. All proposals for reducing the allowances to actual expenses were voted down, as they have been for years previously. Twenty cents a mile is the present scale.

The House later voted to increase the compensation of clerks to members of the House from \$1500 to \$1800, increase the total appropriation for this purpose from \$560,000 to \$720,000, over protests from the appropriation committee.

CATCHING BUFFALO TASK

Park Officials to Crate Big Animal for Shipment South.

The task of catching a vicious bull buffalo and getting him into a box for shipping to San Francisco has fallen upon Park Superintendent Mische and other officials connected with the Washington Park zoo. It will be undertaken Monday morning.

By an arrangement made with park officials of San Francisco, the Portland buffalo is to be traded for a big buffalo in Golden Gate Park. A lively time is expected when the Portland buffalo is rounded up. He will be shipped by steamer.

SKUNK SKINS ARE MAILED

North Bend Postmaster Finds New Use Made of Parcel Post.

NORTH BEND, Or., April 3.—(Special.)—Postmaster Elmer Russell, of this city, discovered a new use for parcel post when an unusual odor emanated from a package near a warm radiator in the postoffice.

The offensive package was removed and found to contain skunk hides, being forwarded to a New York furrier. The skins were sent from Ten-Mile, and the bundle was an innocent looking affair until it was placed in the vicinity of the steam pipe.

BOYS OUT-BISCUIT GIRLS

Two Aproned Lads of Rhode Island High School Defeat 16 Lassies.

NEWPORT, R. I., April 3.—Two boys out of a class of eight won a biscuit-making contest against a class of 16 girls at Rogers High School today.

All used baking powder made in the school laboratory. The judges were experienced cooks. Professor Frank M. Gresham, head of the scientific department, offered the prize.

Prison Caterers Favored.

NEW YORK, April 3.—The privilege long enjoyed by prisoners in the New York jails of having their meals brought in was abolished today by Catherine B. Davis, new Commissioner of Corrections. Miss Davis announced that those who were able to buy something better than the regular prison fare may patronize the prison caterers.

CONSIDINE KEEPS ORPHEUM STRING

Contract in Northwest Has 14 Years to Run.

NEW HOUSES CONTEMPLATED

Deal With Morris Loew to Be Effective August 1.

COST DECLARED \$4,000,000

Mr. Considine Says Negotiations Were Concluded Without Argument and Parting of Associates Said to Be Pathetic.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 3.—(Special.)—That the formal transfer of the Sullivan-Considine vaudeville circuit from himself to Morris Loew will take place in New York City August 1 and that thereafter he will immediately return to Seattle to assume the active management of his Pacific Northwest Orpheum theaters, which eventually will be seven in number, is the news announced today by John W. Considine, who returned last night by way of Chicago from a business session with Mr. Loew at Kansas City last week.

"The total sum to be paid over," said Mr. Considine in his office today, "in my opinion will be nearer \$4,000,000 than \$5,000,000. The statement sent out from Kansas City that \$1,500,000 would be paid us for the good will of the circuit is correct. To this is to be added the physical value of all our properties. Mr. Loew has three months or more in which to adjust this sum with me."

No Change in Portland Contemplated.

In regard to the Orpheum situation at Portland, according to Mr. Considine, there will be no change in the present arrangement there, at least until after the transfer of the Sullivan & Considine theaters to Morris Loew. Sullivan & Considine will continue to operate the Orpheum theaters in the Northwestern states, their contract with the Orpheum circuit covering Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and British Columbia, having 14 years yet to run. The deal with Mr. Loew does not in any way affect the Sullivan & Considine control of the Orpheum shows in this territory.

Deal Made Quickly.

"I want to say that in the whole history of the show business no other deal was ever put through under such conditions as this one," continued Mr. Considine. "From the beginning to the end of the negotiations there was not one word of argument. Mr. Loew and his associates were dumfounded at our organization and our theaters. When he sat down in my office here and I named to him the price of the circuit he agreed to it in less than 5 minutes' time."

"There was an affecting scene at Kansas City when we concluded the negotiations, one which caused Mr. Loew to remark: 'I'll hand this scene down to my children.' We came to a full realization for the first time that the sale meant a separation between myself and all associates who had been with me so long, most of them for 12 years or more, just like a big family."

Parting Scene Affecting.

"When I rose up my good-bye to Moses Oppenheimer of Spokane, my partner during all these years, my men with whom I had never had a word of dissension and a man who is as near my ideal of the late Big Tim Sullivan as any one living, he broke down and cried, and I did, too. When I said farewell to Fred Lincoln, with whom I started in my vaudeville career, it was worse yet."

"Mr. Loew will pay for the circuit in five annual payments. He has agreed to buy the stock of all my personal friends in the United Theater and the Empresses in Sacramento and Chicago, amounting to \$225,000. The main division of interests in the circuit has been 48 per cent to the Sullivan estate and 51 per cent to myself."

Headquarters May Be at Seattle.

"I am trying to get Mr. Loew to keep Seattle as his Pacific Northwest headquarters and believe he will do so. After August 1 he will be able to give performances 40 weeks solid bookings, which is all most of them want. There will be no change in present policies, so far as I know. I imagine the name of the chain of playhouses will be changed to Loew's Empress Circuit. On this subject, of course, I cannot speak with authority. Mr. Loew personally will own 50 per cent of all these holdings."

The Orpheum in Vancouver goes to them, but not the Orpheum franchise, making contact against a class of 16 girls at Rogers High School today.

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