



COLONEL DENIES HE SPURNS OLD PARTY

Refusal to Be Candidate Never Made.

CANE IS USED IN WALKING

Appearance Shock to Neighbors at Oyster Bay.

NEW RIVER LONG AS RHINE

T. R. Says It Is Remarkable, but Not Less True Than Existence of Rhine Itself—Traces of Jungle Fever Shown.

NEW YORK, May 19.—Theodore Roosevelt returned home today after many months in South America.

Accompanied by two naturalists of his party, George K. Cherry and Leo E. Miller, the ex-President arrived from Para at quarantine shortly before 4 o'clock on board the Booth liner Aidan.

With a few crisp sentences, punctuated by decisive gestures, the Colonel reaffirmed the verity of the "River of Doubt," curtly denied having expressed himself as to Presidential probabilities of 1916, declared he would not run for Governor of New York, made a few deprecatory remarks about his critics and, with harbor craft tooting and flags fluttering, was taken on board a tug, which proceeded to Oyster Bay.

Energy Scarcely Undiminished. Friends who had been alarmed by the reports of Colonel Roosevelt's severe illness were greatly surprised when they saw him.

Rapid-Fire Questions Asked. Not a few eyes were wet as the collector of the port, Dudley Field Malone, and a host of newspapermen scrambled up the companionway.

Colonel Roosevelt anticipated most of the things people wanted to know as he submitted to a fusillade of questions before going on the tug that took him home.

Declaration Goes as to Presidency. "That applies to what has been said about my Presidential intentions," he added.

He was informed that he was reported to have said that he would not run as a candidate on the Republican ticket, and that if he became a candidate it would be on the Progressive ticket.

"Not a word of truth in this," the Colonel said. "I have not made a single declaration about the political situation in 1916."

"I haven't been asked if I would run for Governor of New York," he replied in answer to another question. "If asked, I would say that I would not."

"As to the river, it is extraordinary to have put on the map a river as long as the Rhine, but there is no more doubt of its existence than there is of the Rhine."

Colonel Roosevelt was asked how he felt.

"I don't look like a sick man, do I?" was his rejoinder. "I have been very ill with jungle fever, but I'm all right now. I feel fine."

It was learned, however, from Mr. Cherry that the Colonel still suffered from slight symptoms of fever. Colonel Roosevelt confessed he had lost 55 pounds, part of which he had regained. He had also been troubled by bites of poisonous insects.

Mr. Malone asked him if he were bothered by the criticism made by the English explorer, Henry Savage Landor.

Colonel Roosevelt laughed deprecatingly. Neither that nor other similar criticisms worried him, he said.

The Colonel told friends and newspapermen who crowded around him that he would make only one address before sailing for Spain.

"I will give this," said Colonel Roosevelt, "before the National Geographic Society. At that time I will answer any questions that any reputable person wishes to ask me about my trip. More than this I do not care to say now."

BOIES PENROSE IS PRIMARY WINNER

PENNSYLVANIA ENJOYS FIRST DIRECT NOMINATION.

Gifford Pinchot, Progressive, and Representative Palmer, Democrat, Will Oppose Incumbent.

PHILADELPHIA, May 19.—Pennsylvania, for the first time, held primaries today to choose candidates for United States Senator, Governor, Congressional and Legislative Representatives and other offices.

Although fair weather prevailed, the vote was light. Boies Penrose won the Republican nomination for Senator and Martin G. Brumbaugh practically was unopposed as the Republican candidate for Governor. Mr. Brumbaugh is Superintendent of Public Schools of Philadelphia.

On the Democratic ticket Representative Palmer was selected for Senator, defeating Henry Budd, of Philadelphia. Gifford Pinchot was unopposed for the Washington Progressive nomination for Senator.

There was an unusually warm contest for the Democratic nomination for Governor between Vance C. McCormick, of Harrisburg, and Michael J. Ryan, City Solicitor of Philadelphia. Earlier returns were conflicting, and it was not possible to indicate which of the two was the victor. William Draper Lewis, dean of the University of Pennsylvania, had no opposition for the Washington Progressive party nomination for Governor.

MAN ROLLS THREE MILES

Society Leader Makes Freak Journey to Win Wager.

BALTIMORE, May 19.—G. Howell Parr, a social leader in Baltimore, who started at 7:45 o'clock last night to roll from the Elk Ridge Kennel Club to University Parkway, about three miles, completed his task today at 11:20 A. M.

He performed the feat on a water and finished in good condition. For more than 15 hours, with frequent intervals of rest, Mr. Parr, dressed in a football suit, turned over and over on his hands and knees, uphill and down, through mud and over stones, without once rising to his feet until the end.

RIVER COVERS ONE DOCK

Willamette to Attain Height of 15 Feet Above Zero Tomorrow.

With the Willamette River steadily rising water crept over the lower deck of Ash-street dock yesterday. This is the lowest station in use in the harbor. The river rose six-tenths of a foot here for 24 hours up to 8 A. M. yesterday, standing at 13.9 feet above zero.

District Forecaster Beals says there will be a stage of 14.6 feet today and 15 feet tomorrow.

At Lewiston the Snake rose one-tenth of an inch and at Umatilla the Columbia gained three-tenths.

OLD LAW IS CALLED UP

Railway Charged With Violating Six-Mile-an-Hour Rule at Eugene.

EUGENE, Or., May 19.—(Special.)—W. R. Tucker has filed suit against the Southern Pacific charging it with violating an ordinance more than a third of a century old, which limited the speed of its trains through Eugene to six miles an hour, and demanding damages of \$250 for a team of horses killed March 19.

The ordinance was passed in 1875. It was never changed until two weeks ago, when the speed was increased to 15 miles an hour.

237 MAIL BOXES TAMPERED

"Suffragette" Editor Is Held For Inciting Militants.

LONDON, May 19.—Sydney Drew, printer and publisher of the Suffragette, the newspaper representing the militant section, was committed today for trial at the Old Bailey, charged with inciting members of the Women's Social and Political Union to commit malicious damage to property.

An official of the postoffice testified that 237 letter boxes had been tampered with and 4000 letters damaged by suffragettes.

PAINTER OF PEASANTS DIES

Charles Sprague Pearce, Formerly of Boston, Passes in Paris.

NEW YORK, May 19.—Advice from Auvers sur Oise, France, made public here today, announced the death there of Charles Sprague Pearce, the artist.

Mr. Pearce was born in Boston in 1851. He attained much fame as a painter of peasants and fishermen, and was a conspicuous figure in art circles of Paris, where he made his home for many years. He had not been in America for 15 years.

\$10,000 AWARDED WOMAN

Verdict Given by Jury for Husband's Death in Railroad Accident.

CHEHALIS, Wash., May 19.—(Special.)—A jury composed of seven women and five men awarded Mrs. Rebecca Smith a verdict for \$10,000 damages against the Northern Pacific Railway Company for causing the death of her husband at Meskill station last Feb.

The case will be appealed to the Supreme Court.

BRIEF MEDIATION SESSION EXPECTED

Tension Relaxes on Eve of Meeting.

GABINET DISCUSSES ISSUES

Non-Arrival of Consul Silliman Is Disappointment.

OIL WELLS NOT HARMED

Rebels at Tampico Refrain From Forced Levy on Foreigners, Thus Avoiding Threatened Diplomatic Complication.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—With mediation proceedings removed to Niagara Falls, Ont., activity here in the Mexican situation was much relaxed today. The American commissioners left early in the day for the scene of the conference and were followed later by Minister Suarez, of Chile, the last of the mediators to leave Washington.

A special telegraph wire from the headquarters of the American representatives at Niagara Falls to the White House was installed in the course of the day and preparations were made for keeping the President in close touch with the proceedings.

Prolonged Session Not Expected. All important questions are to be submitted to the President before the American representatives take any action. There was every indication that a prolonged conference at Niagara Falls, especially since communication by telegraph with Mexico City now is good and there will be no difficulty obtaining General Huerta's views.

President Wilson and the Cabinet had a general discussion of conditions, but there were no noteworthy developments relating to Mexico. In the Senate brief debate was precipitated when Senator Williams, of Mississippi, read a letter from a government official at Vera Cruz, whose identity he withheld, saying that "the noisiest things in Mexico were American dollars."

Anxiety Over Consul Continues. Anxiety over the persistent lack of information as to American Consul Silliman at Saltillo and the 10 members of the Smith family reported held at Tonala, Chiapas, continued at the State Department, and diplomatic efforts to obtain definite reports were pressed.

The State Department, in response to an urgent message, received a re-

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BRIDAL COUPLE DROWNED

Canoe in Which Honeymoon Voyage Is Begun Capsizes.

CHICAGO, May 19.—Cordon H. Higgins, a student at Northwestern Academy, and his bride of a few hours, Mrs. Verle Steward Higgins, daughter of Dr. Harry Stewart, of Kewanee, Ill., were drowned today when the canoe in which they had started a honeymoon trip overturned in the Chicago drainage canal.

Mrs. Higgins had been a student of voice culture here. The canoe was being towed by a barge when it overturned.

Banker Gets 14 Years

GARNER, Ia., May 19.—After seven years' hiding in Texas, John Standing, former cashier of the First State Bank of Corwith, Ia., walked into the courtroom at Garner today and pleaded guilty to 15 indictments of forgery which the grand jury of Hancock County returned against him in the fall of 1907, and threw himself on the mercy of the court.

A 15-year sentence in state prison was imposed on him. It was charged he speculated to the sum of \$75,000.

3 BANK ROBBERS GET NEARLY \$5000

Spangle, Wash., Cashier Locked in Vault.

DEFENDERS ARE HEMMED IN

Bloodhounds, Rushed From Moscow, Idaho, on Trail.

AUTO PURSUIT IS EXCITING

Washington Poses Force Pursued Men to Abandon Machine and Take to Woods—Lines of Pursuers Are Drawing Together.

SPOKANE, May 19.—Three bandits who locked the cashier of the State Bank of Spangle, Wash., in the bank vault and escaped with between \$4000 and \$5000 today, were surrounded tonight in the woods along Hangman creek, four miles from Waverly, Wash.

Posses under the leadership of Sheriff's deputies obtained bloodhounds from Moscow, Idaho, this evening and put the dogs on the trail. A member of one of the posses was O. W. Newlon, the cashier of the bank.

Newlon was alone in the bank when the three men entered. They covered him with pistols and forced him into the vault and locked him in. The robbers then locked the front door of the bank building, gathered into a sack all of the money in sight and walked out the back door.

Auto Engaged in Advance

Before entering the bank the robbers had arranged with J. E. Beaghan to drive them out into the country at noon on a business trip. The men, after the robbery, quietly walked to Beaghan's garage and entered an automobile. After going a short distance Beaghan remarked that he had better return for gasoline.

He returned to Spangle, and while filling his tank was told to hurry by his passengers. The robbers had seen Newlon leave the bank building.

Beaghan was forced to start his machine and go out of Spangle under full speed, with the bandits shooting in all directions. No resident of Spangle was injured, but windows in the buildings on the main street were broken.

Cashier Gives Alarm

Newlon gave an alarm and men and boys, with all the firearms they could get, took up the pursuit of the robbers in nine automobiles. Four miles from Waverly the robbers left Beaghan's automobile and took to the woods. The

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RULER OF ALBANIA HAS REVOLT EARLY

GOVERNOR RESIGNS AND FIRES FIRST SHOT HIMSELF.

Prince William's Troubles Come Soon and Now Palace Is Guarded by European Powers.

VIENNA, May 19.—A serious situation has arisen in Albania, endangering the life of the new ruler, Prince William.

According to Durazzo dispatches to the Neue Freie Presse, Essad Pasha had an audience with Prince William on Monday and resigned as Governor. Essad Pasha had 200 adherents in his residence and 5000 in Durazzo. They started a revolt on Tuesday, Essad himself firing the first shot against the Prince's palace.

The Prince thereupon appealed to the commander of the Italian and Austrian warships. They landed detachments who set up machine guns in front of Essad Pasha's house. The Turkish commander was refused permission to be allowed to go aboard an Italian warship, and was arrested and placed aboard the Austrian warship Szigetvar.

According to other reports Prince William discovered a fortnight ago secret plans which had been drawn up by Essad Pasha, and ordered him to disarm his bodyguard. Essad Pasha refused, whereupon the Albanian general, commanded by Dutch officers, attacked his residence, arrested him and turned him over to the Austrian commander.

Five hundred men from the Austrian and Italian warships are guarding the Prince's palace.

JUDGE MADE POSTMASTER?

Report Causes Stir in Pendleton Where Warm Contest Is On.

PENDLETON, Or., May 19.—(Special.)—Excitement was caused in local Democratic circles today by a street rumor of unknown origin to the effect that Judge J. W. Maloney had been appointed postmaster for Pendleton. For many weeks there has been a hot fight in progress, with T. J. Tweedy, Max Hopper and A. W. Nye as the leading contestants.

All have encountered opposition, however, and some of the leading Democrats have been casting around for a compromise candidate.

Judge Maloney, who was one of the Oregon Presidential electors at the Baltimore convention, is out of the city. It also became known that City Superintendent of Schools J. S. Landers is a dark horse candidate.

AGED MAN KILLED BY BULL

Armed With Pitchforks, Two Sons Drive Animal Away Too Late.

ALBANY, Or., May 19.—(Special.)—Gored by an angry bull at his farm, five miles east of Albany, this morning, John H. Kamph died two hours later. Mr. Kamph, who was 70 years old, entered the barn lot to drive the bull into the barn. It charged at Mr. Kamph suddenly, threw him against a fence and gored him several times.

Two sons, who were nearby, ran to his rescue and, armed with pitchforks, drove the animal back after considerable effort. Mr. Kamph was terribly injured and never regained consciousness.

Mr. Kamph was a native of Ohio and had lived in Linn County for the last 11 years. He is survived by a widow and 11 children.

ELECTRICITY AIDS PLANTS

Corn Grown by Students to Height of Foot in Two Weeks.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., May 19.—(Special.)—North Yakima high school botany class, by stringing wires charged with electric current at 250 volts over plants, have succeeded in growing corn one foot in height in two weeks, and other kinds of plants in proportion. The corn has made a measured growth of two inches in a single night.

The experiment was undertaken after the students read of the growing of plants under electricity in Europe. They installed window beds at the school.

\$1000 GEM SENT IN WASH

Brooch Recovered as Head Cleaner and Wife Try to Pawn It.

TACOMA, Wash., May 19.—(Special.)—A diamond brooch, valued at \$1000 and left pinned to a bathrobe by Mrs. Claude S. Jensen, of Seattle, when she sent it to be cleaned February 21, was recovered here by the police today as Paul Payne and his wife, Elizabeth, were trying to pawn the brooch for \$300.

Payne was head washer at the Berlin Dry Works, in Seattle. He says he got the brooch from some clothes there and was afraid to tell of it. Jensen is manager of the Seattle Alhambra Theater.

WILSON HESITATION LATEST

"Mexico Policy Dance" Described in Vera Cruz Newspaper.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—(Special.)—"One step forward, three backward, hesitate and sidestep."

This, according to a Vera Cruz newspaper, is the way to dance the newest hesitation waltz in America, which is styled the "Wilson-Mexico Policy" dance.

Translations of the article about the dance were received today by Army officials here.

MILLIONS SPENT AT MORGAN'S BEHEST

Mellen Admits Awe of Great Financier.

TALE OF 'HUMILIATION' TOLD

Objecting Directors "Duck" When Named as Committee.

EXTRAVAGANT PRICES PAID

New Haven's ex-President Accounts, With Dramatic Conciseness, How Road Spent Millions to Purchase Subsidiaries.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—The story of absolute domination by the late J. Pierpont Morgan in the affairs of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad system, of the spending of millions in awe and ignorant silence at the command of the all-powerful financial ruler, was told to the Interstate Commerce Commission today by Charles S. Mellen, ex-president of the railroad.

It was the most extraordinary chapter yet unfolded in the commission's inquiry into the alleged exploitation of the great New England railroad and disappearance of fortunes from its treasury through acquisition at extravagant prices of subsidiary properties.

Big Things Barely Touched On

There was not time in a single day to give all the details of all the incidents and events dealt with in the witness' testimony. He barely touched on some of the big things, paving the way for exhaustive questioning that will continue tomorrow.

Members of the commission, counsel and spectators fairly hung on every word of Mr. Mellen today as his story developed dramatically under the examination by Chief Counsel Folk. Egbert B. Loring, chief counsel, said he related how he had stood in awe of Mr. Morgan because of his comprehensive grasp and perfect precision of financial matters; how he had consulted Theodore Roosevelt, then President of the United States, regarding the purchase of the Boston & Maine Railroad; how he prevented the late E. H. Harriman from acquiring the Boston & Maine by getting it himself for the New Haven, and how he had dealt with the late Police Inspector Byrnes of New York to obtain the West Chester stock held by persons whom he assumed to be connected with Tammany Hall.

Witness "Humiliated" by Morgan

As he did when on the stand last week, Mr. Mellen gave his testimony with apparent willingness, answering questions readily and concisely—that is, every question except one. He did try to avoid telling about the time when Mr. Morgan humiliated him by brazenly refusing to give him information concerning the West Chester transaction to which he thought, as president of the New Haven, he was entitled.

When he finally related the incident his face was drawn into hard lines, and he clasped his hands over the table in front of him almost convulsively.

His voice, however, indicated no signs of emotion. Later he even gave the story a touch of humor. When Directors Hemingway and Skinner, of the New Haven, demanded of him why the road was expending \$11,000,000 on the West Chester purchase, he had offered to appoint each of them a committee of five to find out; said he "barked his shins in a futile endeavor to obtain information from Mr. Morgan, and that they could try it if they desired."

Complaining Directors "Duck"

"They ducked," concluded Mr. Mellen grimly, and a ripple of laughter ran around the room.

Particular interest was aroused by Mr. Mellen's account of his conference with the then President, Colonel Roosevelt, respecting the acquisition of the Boston & Maine. He explained he was a great admirer of Colonel Roosevelt and frequently conferred with him about important questions.

Colonel Roosevelt said to him at that conference, according to the testimony, that he was not a lawyer and was not prepared to advise what he would do about the proposed purchase, but on Mr. Mellen's statement of the situation, he thought there might be nothing objectionable in it.

Mr. Mellen added that the President said he would censure an illegal action and suggested that he confer with Commissioner Lane, of the Interstate Commerce Commission. From Mr. Lane, he said, he got no expression of opinion.

"Little Father" Feared

A letter was submitted by Mr. Folk, written on May 21, 1907, by Henry W. Whitney to Mr. Mellen, suggesting that he "say something at an early day touching the Boston & Maine matter"; that "a large public is still to be reckoned with"; and concluding with the following paragraph:

"I have thought it possible 'the little father' at Washington might like to get his finger into the pie, in which case, if it should happen before the public had become reconciled to the change, it might result in infinite harm to all your interests."

Mr. Folk then offered in evidence

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