

MOOSE CHAIRMAN MUCH AFFRONTED

Perkins and Other Leaders Withdraw Acceptances of Dinner Invitations.

"OLD GUARD" IS BLAMED

Selection of John T. Adams as Vice-Chairman by Republicans Said by Progressives to Pre-empt Dual Control.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—George W. Perkins, chairman of the National Progressive party, issued a statement here tonight in which he declared that "the several actions taken today" by the executive committee of the Republican National Committee over the protest of Chairman Willcox and other members of the committee, had failed to heal the breach between the Republican and Progressive parties. This, he added, left no doubt that the split between the Republican and Progressive parties was as wide open as ever.

Mr. Perkins and several other Progressive leaders failed to attend the dinner given tonight by Chairman Willcox, of the Republican National Committee. His statement said in part: "At 7 o'clock tonight, we withdrew our acceptance to Mr. Willcox's dinner to the Republican executive and campaign committee."

Full Statement Promised. "We did this because of the several actions taken this afternoon by the executive committee over the protest of Chairman Willcox and other members of the committee."

"It is too late this evening to cover the matter properly in a statement. We will do this tomorrow."

"Briefly, the action of the executive committee was a deliberate and willful reflection upon Chairman Willcox and an affront to every Progressive voter in the country."

The selection today of John T. Adams, of Iowa, to be vice-chairman of the Republican National Committee was reported tonight to have been in opposition to the wishes of Chairman Willcox and a victory for the so-called "Old Guard" faction of the party. Persons who said they were in close touch with the situation said that the action indicated a dual control of party management, with Mr. Willcox in charge in the East and Mr. Adams in the West.

Statement Is Unheeded. Beyond the bare announcement of Chairman Willcox that Mr. Adams had been named vice-chairman, there was nothing prior to the issuance of Mr. Perkins' statement tonight to indicate that a disagreement had arisen between the Republican and Progressive over the action of the executive committee today.

The statement issued by Mr. Perkins was signed by himself and Everett Colby, of New Jersey.

Mr. Willcox said that action had been taken by the Republican committee to maintain active co-operation of Republicans and Progressives in party affairs. This was in the form of a resolution naming all active committeemen at today's meeting members of a committee "to consider the question of adopting plans for giving recognition and looking to the co-operation of all elements that are opposed to the Democratic party."

The three members of the executive committee who were not present today were not named on this committee. They were William H. Crocker, of California, represented at today's meeting by ex-Governor Gillett as proxy; S. A. Perkins, of Washington, for whom LaFayette B. Gleason, of New York, appeared as proxy; and Ralph E. Williams, of Oregon, represented by Representative McCarthy, of Oregon.

Campaign Deficit Wiped Out. It was reported to the executive committee that a \$30,000 deficit with which the Republicans closed the campaign had been wiped out. E. F. Colladay was certified at the meeting as a National committee member from Washington, D. C., to fill a vacancy. Mr. Willcox said the question of holding a meeting of the National Committee very year was discussed, but no action taken.

Chairman Willcox announced that John T. Adams, of Iowa, had been selected vice-chairman of the National Republican committee.

SHOTS INDICATE MURDER

PELLETS DUG FROM VERTEBRAE OF LATE CLYDE ARMOUR.

Clothing Also Is Evidence of Shooting From Behind—Alleged Slayer En Route to Face Trial.

SANTA FE, N. M., Jan. 15.—Shot, dug out today from the rear of the cervical vertebrae of the late Clyde Armour, shot holes and powder burns on the back of the tattered coat, and blood stains on the back of the coat and cap bear out the theory that Armour, whose body was found yesterday, was shot in the back and killed by his motor companion on October 24. This man is alleged to be E. W. Blawie, who arrives tomorrow from Friday Harbor, Wash., to face trial.

Evidence indicates that the body of Armour, who was shot in broad daylight in view of a main traveled highway, was hurriedly abandoned by his slayer, and no attempt was made to remove identification marks. A shotgun was found near the body, with one of its shells exploded.

NEW WAYS TO BE BUILT

COLUMBIA ENGINEERING WORKS TO INCREASE FACILITIES.

Plant to Be Enlarged so That Six Modern Vessels Can Be in Course of Construction at One Time.

Grading finished yesterday on the site of the third and fourth ways at the property of the Columbia Engineering Works will be continued today for the fifth and sixth ways, executives of the company having decided last night to increase the facilities so that six wooden vessels can be under way at a time.

Ground was broken there September 1 for the plant and the first way was followed soon after by the second, and the latter part of the year the third and fourth were decided on. With six now assured it is said the company will confine its operations to that number of carriers, though ground is available so four more could be provided.

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ADMIRAL DEWEY, AT 79, IS NEARING END

Hero of Manila Bay, Physicians Say, Can Live Only Few Hours at Most.

GREAT STRENGTH SAPPED

Collapse Last Thursday as He Was Leaving Work for Navy Department at First Kept From Public by Doctors.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—George Dewey, Admiral of the Navy and hero of Manila Bay, is on his deathbed. A general breakdown, accompanied by arterio-sclerosis, has shattered the veteran's strength in his 79th year and tonight he lies at his home here semi-conscious, with life gradually ebbing away. The doctors say he may live 26 hours.

The Admiral was stricken last Thursday as he was leaving home for the Navy Department, where as president of the general board he has been at his desk almost daily during the past 16 of his 62 years of service in the Navy. He collapsed and had to be carried to his bed. When physicians were called they were alarmed, but, knowing the Admiral's great recuperative powers and his keen aversion to any suggestion of his failing, they determined to make no immediate announcement regarding his illness. Inquiries were told that the Admiral had a cold.

But the great strength of the aged officer had been sapped and there was no recuperation. This morning his condition had become so serious that it was decided to state the facts to the public. Later it became known that Admiral Dewey had a severe illness more than a year ago, about which only his physicians and intimates knew, and that he never had been the same physically since.

Mrs. Dewey and the Admiral's son, George, Jr., are with him and have been told that the end is near. Late tonight Dr. Fauntleroy issued this statement:

"Admiral Dewey's general condition has improved slightly. Pulse 118 and respiration 28. The breathing is easier and the tension of pulse lessened. Swallowing is less difficult, so that nourishment can be taken more readily. Restlessness is not quite so marked. It can be ascribed to the fact that the Admiral's mind is clear. Heart and lungs are holding up without stimulation, but in his present condition they may be affected at any time."

WIFE DOUBTS DIVORCE

Mrs. M. B. Blackall Can Find No Record of Husband's Case.

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Mrs. M. B. Blackall, of this city, suspecting that her husband was not divorced from his former wife, recently asked the officers to ascertain the truth of his statement that he obtained a formal decree in the Portland courts five years ago. Word was received here today from Portland that no such decree was issued there.

Blackall is now in jail here, charged with selling diseased meat. Several have since taken out claims in Portland and are known as Florence Lamphere. Her mother is still at that city. Mrs. Blackall is now suing her husband for a divorce.

POTTERY PLANT PROPOSED

\$100,000 Company Organized to Work Clay Near Molalla.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—The development of valuable clay deposits situated on the Molalla River, about eight miles southeast of the town of Molalla, at last seems assured. Within the last week, several have staked out claims on the Molalla Fire Clay Company has been organized with a capital of \$100,000 to work 80 acres of the deposit. The officers are: President, P. M. Boyles; vice-president, Guy Dibble; secretary-treasurer, Ima Dibble. H. H. Daily, a man of many years' experience in pottery manufacture, will have charge of the plant which the company proposes to erect.

CLUB ELECTS SATURDAY

Oregon City Commercial Body Is to Name Officers and Lay Plans.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the Oregon City Commercial Body will be held next Saturday night, officers for the year will be elected and the activities of the club for 1917 discussed.

It is customary to elect a president of the club to a second term. O. D. Eby is now completing his first year. The club also elects three governors. The board of governors elects vice-president, secretary, treasurer and other officers.

The entertainment committee will provide refreshments and a lively programme at the end of the business session.

BODY IS FOUND PETRIED

Removal of Casket at Eugene Discloses Unusual Condition.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—The body of Mrs. Delene Woods Shackelford, prominent at the time of her death 16 years ago, exhumed this week, was found to be in a high state of petrification, according to E. S. Ladd, sexton of the Oddfellows Cemetery, who had charge of the removal of the body from one lot to another so that it might be placed beside that of her husband, who died December 21. The sexton said of his surprise when he tried to move the body and could not, because of its great weight.

After he had obtained help, rope, with a block and tackle fastened to a tripod, usually used in lifting bodies from graves, broke under the strain, he said.

Coroner Marion Veatch helped to move the body. He said it was all that four strong men could do to move it and that they could move it but a very short distance at a time.

Professor Shinn, of the University of Oregon, says that petrification occurs only when there is limestone or some other form of silica present, but this mineral is virtually unknown in the vicinity of Eugene.

RESIGNATIONS IN ORDER

STATE DEPARTMENT SO INFORMS DIPLOMATS WHO INQUIRE.

Administration Policy Applies to All and Is Not Personal Reflection.

Some Changes Likely.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—American Ambassadors and Ministers abroad, inquiring of the State Department as to whether they are expected to resign at the beginning of President Wilson's second administration, have been informed by the department that it will be considered proper for all diplomats to send in their resignations before March 4.

It became known today that as a result of the published statement some time ago outlining the Administration's attitude many letters of inquiry have come from embassies and legations, the reply to each has made clear that the policy of the Government applied to all and was not to be taken as a reflection on anyone personally.

A few members of the corps are felt by officials to have proved themselves incapable of the peculiar duties imposed on them, and as a result the inauguration of a second term is welcomed as an opportunity to strengthen the service.

COUNCILMAN LOSES POINT

Demurrer Overruled in Fight for Oregon City Seat.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—E. B. Andrews, ex-Councilman from the Third Ward, won his first battle today in his fight to prevent C. Bridges from being elected to the city election last month against Mr. Andrews, running for re-election. Circuit Judge Campbell overruled a demurrer filed by Mr. Bridges.

Mr. Andrews alleged that Mr. Bridges had not lived in the city for one year prior to the election, as required by the charter.

The entire fight hinges on the legal meaning of one word, "reside," as Mr. Bridges maintains that Oregon City has been his legal residence.

SUPPOSED I. W. W. SOUGHT

Poses After Men Who Beat Brake-man and Stalled Train.

INDIO, Cal., Jan. 15.—Poses of deputy sheriffs and railroad police were dispatched from Indio and Nilan on special trains today to round up a gang of men said to be Industrial Workers of the World, who stalled a Southern Pacific eastbound freight train near Salton after beating a brakeman and killing a passenger.

They shot holes in the train's air line. According to the account received here, when the train stopped at Pe Ell, off the train they said they were Industrial Workers of the World in good standing, with cards showing dues paid up to date, and they did not have to get off the train.

CIVIC LEAGUE ORGANIZED

Western Lewis County Body to Work for Better Roads.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—At well-attended meeting at Pe Ell the Western Lewis County Civic League was organized to work for better roads and other improvements in the section. The organization includes membership from Dryad, Doty, Pe Ell, McCormick and Wallville. Dr. A. B. McClellan, of Pe Ell, is president; Harry McCormick, of McCormick, is vice-president, and M. E. Hart, of Pe Ell, is secretary.

The executive committee is George O. Dryad, E. A. Hollingsworth, of Doty; C. M. Rutherford, of Pe Ell; John Gilbert, of McCormick, and Dr. Creavon, of Wallville.

SHIP SEIZURES CHARGED

Berlin Reports England Has Confiscated Four Norwegian Craft.

BERLIN, Jan. 15.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—Four Norwegian steamers under construction or recently built in England have been confiscated there, according to reports from Christiania, says the Overseas News Agency.

Among them were the steamers Modesta, 6000 tons, and the Ringda, 19,000 tons. Both of these, the reports say, had cleared for sailing and had hoisted the Norwegian colors, and the Ringda had been armed with cannon.

City Offers Sites to Weather Bureau.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Two sites have been offered the Federal Government by the city for the 220-foot high steel storm warning tower which the Weather Bureau proposes to erect in Aberdeen. The offer of sites includes a request that the city be allowed to keep an American flag aloft at all times at the top of the tower.

Young Men's Early Spring Suits

Received From New York Yesterday (Monday) Afternoon; on Display This Morning

—Spring's first offering for young men; modish garments in weights heavy enough for immediate wear.

—Young men are invited in to see them; they are entirely different from anything shown here before.

—Nobby pinchback models, \$20 and upwards.

—Kombo suits in single and double-breasted styles, \$20 and upwards.

—English models in 2 and 3-button styles with high waist line.

—Novelties in brown cravenetted herringbone stripes, \$30.

Second Floor

Ben Selling Morrison at Fourth