



CHAMBERLAIN TO BE ON SHIP BOARD

Harding Decided on Naming Oregon Senator.

OFFICE TO BE TAKEN MARCH 4

McNary Factor in Obtaining Colleague's Appointment.

SELECTION IS POPULAR

Senate Likely to Make Short Work of Confirmation as Tribute to Distinguished Service.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, who retires from the senate on March 4, will immediately step into office on the United States shipping board.

This can be said positively on definite information. Whether President-elect Harding will choose to make public announcement soon of his intention to name Chamberlain to the board cannot be said, but there is no doubt that the decision has been reached to have this government avail itself of the senator's services in the new capacity just as soon as he returns from his present office.

Senator McNary is in St. Augustine, Fla., today discussing this and other public matters with Mr. Harding and there is no doubt that he has obtained the assurance of his colleague's appointment, although it is not supposed that he will announce the result of his conference immediately upon his return here tomorrow night.

Senator's Acceptance Assured. When President-elect Harding was in Washington early in December he made known his decision to place Mr. Chamberlain on the shipping board and left it to some of his political advisers to ascertain if the Oregon senator would accept. Senator Chamberlain was contacted by one of his friends, Joseph N. Teal.

He said that he would not consider the appointment if there was the least hope of retaining Mr. Teal on the board. Moreover, he said he doubted that he could in good conscience accept the nomination even in event Mr. Teal's withdrawal because of the possibilities that he had connived at Mr. Teal's effacement to make room for himself.

Within the last few days, however, he was persuaded to say that he would take the place, but not until Mr. Teal himself went to him and urged him to consent to the appointment. About this time Senator Chamberlain also began to hear by wire and by letter urging him to accept.

Teal in Ill Health. Commissioner Teal, who has been one of the most active members of the board has had since it was created early in the war, is understood to feel that he has completed the work which caused him to accept a recess which caused him to accept a recess appointment from President Wilson late last November. As a member of the board he has been able to accomplish the solution of several problems of great importance to Pacific coast shipping interests. He is not in the most rugged health and consequently feels that he should not stand for reappointment when the new administration comes into office, although he has been assured by several republican leaders that they would be pleased to give their indorsement to him.

It is expected that members of the senate will make short work of Senator Chamberlain's confirmation as a tribute to his 12 years of distinguished service in that body.

SELECTION OREGON VICTORY

Chamberlain on Board Held to Assure Fairness to All Ports.

"This is the best news ever," said H. B. Van Duzer, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, which has been leading the efforts of Portland and Oregon forces to land Senator Chamberlain on the shipping board.

"Granting that the dispatch is correct and that Senator Chamberlain will be appointed as stated therein, I have no hesitancy in saying this is a great victory for Oregon and I am delighted, glad to say, he shall have been so signally honored by the incoming administration for services he has given this nation in and out of season during his long years in the upper house at Washington.

"Senator Chamberlain is a big enough man to give absolutely fair and square treatment not only to Portland and Oregon, but to every other section of the country. His appointment to the board will insure every port on this coast an impartial attitude on his part; he will serve all alike. It need not for a moment be of concern to our neighbors on the north that an Oregon man received the appointment, for their interests will have his painstaking consideration at all times."

Through the efforts of the Portland Chamber of Commerce and the State Chamber of Commerce, practically every civic club and commercial organization in the state has tele-

RANCHER NEAR NOTI KILLS WIFE AND SELF

N. P. WHEAT IN LETTER SAYS QUARRELS CAUSED DEED.

Of 13 Children, Six Reside at Farm; All Deny Parents Had Had Any Serious Trouble.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—N. P. Wheat, a rancher living 18 miles northwest of Eugene, near Noti, shot and killed his wife with a revolver and then shot himself through the heart at 5 o'clock this morning.

Wheat left a letter addressed to his brother, Dr. E. B. Wheat, with officers of the Noti building at Portland, in which he declared the cause of the tragedy was trouble with his wife. They had 13 children, six of whom resided at home. Their ages ranged from 2 to 21 years.

The children said that they knew of no serious trouble between their parents other than that they often quarreled. Wheat was about 60 years old and his wife 55.

The family came here last September from Douglas county, buying a farm near Noti. Bank books indicated that Wheat had considerable money on deposit in Roseburg bank, according to Coroner Branstetter, who took charge of the bodies.

The farmers in that locality knew little of the family as they visited with none of their neighbors. Coroner Branstetter said he had heard that Wheat had previously threatened to kill himself but the children declared that their father had never threatened his wife. An inquest was held today.

Dr. E. B. Wheat, who is an eyesight specialist, said last night that if his brother had had any trouble with his wife in the past he had never heard of it. He said he was not acquainted with any of the circumstances surrounding the shooting, as he had merely been advised by the coroner at Eugene that the tragedy had occurred. He said he would go to Eugene probably today.

TRACE OF FLIER FOUND

Lieutenant Pearson Said to Have Been Seen Last Near Saragosa.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 13.—One of the five army airplanes dispatched from Fort Bliss to search for Lieutenant Alexander Pearson, missing since last Thursday, returned at 4 P. M. today with the information that the lost aviator was last seen near Saragosa, Tex., last Thursday.

Four army planes from Fort Bliss continued the search.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 13.—Although the search for Lieutenant Alexander Pearson Jr., aviator, who has been missing since Thursday, when he left El Paso for San Antonio, has continued three days, no definite trace of him has been found. Three counties were scoured yesterday and the search will be shifted to the east tomorrow.

Major Hefferson, commander of the flying field at El Paso, has been ordered by Henderson, to take charge of the search, and every available plane along the border will be used.

It is not believed that the lieutenant could have veered so far from his course as to fall in the Big Bend district, but unless he is found farther north or east, search of that section will be made, it was said.

TWO COACHES DERAILED

Cars on Roseburg-Portland Local Ditched at Alford Station.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—Two coaches on Southern Pacific northbound passenger train No. 18, the Roseburg-Portland local, were overturned and went into the ditch about noon today near Alford station, about four miles north of Harrisburg. Railroad officials here said no one was hurt in the wreck.

A broken rail caused the accident. A wrecking crew was sent out from this city and the track was cleared about 6 o'clock tonight.

A south-bound train transferred two coaches to train No. 18 and the train resumed its trip to Portland about 7 o'clock this afternoon. No details were available here as to the number of passengers in the wrecked coaches.

NEW SLIDE HITS ROAD

Dangerous for Traffic.

Another slide which will further block traffic and make Terwilliger boulevard dangerous occurred yesterday morning. A mass of earth, 25 feet wide and 75 feet long, crashed from the hillside to the boulevard near Lowell avenue, covering the pavement with mud. The slide extended to Condon avenue.

Police were sent to investigate and place warning signs along the highway in order to protect motorists. The latest slide makes it dangerous to travel by Terwilliger boulevard at that point at night, according to the police who investigated.

POLICE FIGHT WITH MOB
Crowd Attacks Strike-Breakers on Street Car in Albany.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 13.—Albany's force of traffic police was mobilized today in front of the state capitol to handle a crowd of several thousand persons who rushed a streetcar and snow plow operated by strike-breakers.

Patrolmen and mounted men used their clubs before the onrush was checked.

Two arrests were made.

WAR DEBT POOL PLAN IS REVIVED

New Scheme to Be Put Up to United States.

BRITAIN HINTS OF THREAT

12 Per Cent Export Tax Is Warning to America.

BERLIN NOTES OFFERED

First Move for Cancellation Result of Conference of Allied Powers, It Is Revealed.

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PARIS, Feb. 13.—(Special cable.)—Great Britain's move for a mutual cancellation of war debts was made after full consultation with her allies and was the first step in a concerted plan to compel the United States to realize that the payment of the war debt is dependent on German reparations. Furthermore, it now seems clear that the 12 per cent export tax, adopted by the Paris conference, was intended as a warning to America of the sort of reprisals the allies can adopt if the United States maintains an attitude of aloofness.

In fact, it is well recognized in allied circles that the proposed tax would operate heavily to the disadvantage of the United States.

The proposal to cancel war debts was made in the name of Great Britain, largely because she is in a position to show that she would lose more than she would gain under such an arrangement. France, however, is not in the same position, and the French government was unwilling to appear in the capacity of a beggar.

This correspondent, though, is given to understand that the Chamberlain proposal to cancel war obligations is not the last word the allies will have to say on the subject.

Suggestion Falls Flat.
Great Britain reported to Paris that the suggestion fell flat in Washington, and also that there was small hope of any more favorable reception by the next administration. The British government is now formulating a new plan, which will be discussed at the London conference. This plan, it is suggested, would permit France and Italy to pay off the money they borrowed from the United States and Great Britain during the war by assigning the notes which Germany would be required to give to cover her pledge of annual reparation payments.

Great Britain, in turn, would assign these and her own share of

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PIANO-PLAYING DAYS OF PADEREWSKI OVER

POLISH EX-PREMIER RETURNS TO AMERICA TO REST.

Patriot, Once Famous Musician, White of Hair and Old, Shows Effects of Political Life.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—The professional piano playing career of the world-famous Paderewski is ended. The Polish musician announced his retirement, confirming recent dispatches, upon his arrival here today from Europe.

"Piano playing is a closed chapter in my life, although I may do some composing," he declared. Five years of hard mental labor in international politics in behalf of Poland have left their imprint on him. Old age and worry have whitened his long and bushy hair, while the lines in his face have deepened and the sparkle of his eyes has dimmed.

The artist-statesman, who is accompanied by his wife, will spend a few days at rest here, visit Pittsburgh and then go to his ranch in California for a long rest.

Commenting on the signing of the peace treaty between Poland and soviet Russia, the former premier declared "Poland expects to live as a loyal neighbor to Russia." He also asked newspaper men to convey to the American people the gratitude of Poland for the part America played in gaining its independence.

Ignace Jan Paderewski was born in 1860 and for the most of the last quarter of a century he has appeared on the concert stage of America. Since the war his musical career had been in a measure overshadowed by his fame as a patriot and as a government leader. He has traveled in this country and in Europe in the interest of Poland.

After the signing of the armistice he returned to Europe and landed in Danzig in January, 1915, on a British destroyer. He received a big welcome from his countrymen.

His popularity led to his selection as Poland's first premier and its principal spokesman at the peace conference at Versailles and its first representative in the league of nations. He resigned as premier late in 1919, being succeeded by his friend and political co-worker, Leopold Skulski, who became head of a coalition government. He went to Switzerland to regain his health, but later attended conferences and meetings in connection with the league of nations.

TWO BOYS RUN DOWN

Neighbor Hits Lads on Highway. One Still Unconscious.

RAINIER, Or., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—John and Donald Thayer, sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Thayer, who live two miles east of Rainier, were run down last night by Mr. Welter, a neighbor, in an automobile while on their way home from a basketball game. The boys were walking on the highway.

John has recovered consciousness, but Donald was still unconscious late today, when he was taken to Portland for an X-ray examination.

SNOW IN PORTLAND HEAVIEST OF YEAR

FURTHER FALL FOR TODAY FORECAST BY WEATHERMAN.

Storm Is Reported to Be General Over Northwest, but No Damage Caused Anywhere.

More snow will fall in Portland today, according to the weather bureau. The forecast made for today was "rain or snow and colder, with northwesterly winds."

The heaviest snow of the season struck the city yesterday, filling the youngsters with delight and making others wish for a trip to Honolulu or Central America.

The snowfall began shortly before noon and weather bureau records showed nine-tenths of an inch had fallen. In the higher portions of the city a greater depth was reported.

In the downtown districts the snow did not remain on the streets long, being melted by passing vehicles. The outlying districts remained slushy, however.

It was just before 5 o'clock that the wind, which had been in the northwest all day, veered to the south and the weather became a little warmer. The snow then stopped falling.

The weather bureau with 5 o'clock last night had received reports that snow was falling in Tacoma and Seattle. A fall in Roseburg also was announced. The Seattle fall was about two inches. It was indicated that the storm was general in the northwest.

The rainfall for the last 24 hours was reported to have been 59 inches. The river at Portland was reported practically stationary at 13.8 feet.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—Astoria had its first snowstorm of the season last night, and awoke this morning to find the ground covered with about two inches of wet snow and slush. The snowfall stopped shortly after daylight, and before noon all traces had disappeared, except on the hills, which were still white. While the heavy rains of Thursday and Friday caused freshets in the smaller streams throughout the district, no damage was reported. Today the weather was cloudy, but there was no rain.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—The Willamette river here has risen rapidly the last few days as a result of rains, but is yet six feet below flood stage here. Although the rains continued today, the river was not expected to reach flood stage.

Snow started to fall here shortly after noon today and continued until late tonight. Warm temperature prevailed, however, and the snow melted almost as fast as it fell. The snow was preceded by a heavy rain, which lasted

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ENGAGED PRINCE INTRIGUE VICTIM

Japanese Court Plots to Prevent Marriage.

TRIP TO ENGLAND FORCED

Minister of Household to Resign as Result.

MYSTERY STILL PERSISTS

Field Marshal Also Reported to Be About to Quit—Crowds Flock to That Wedding Be Held.

TOKYO, Feb. 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—The announced visit of the Japanese crown-prince to England has behind it a "court intrigue." The case is declared to form one of the most extraordinary incidents in the dynastic history.

Allegations have been made that the real reason for the visit of Prince Hirohito is due to intrigue within the court to bring about a cancellation of the betrothal of the crown prince to the Princess Nagako, daughter of General Prince Kuni. The household department has issued a statement that "rumors seem to be current" concerning the engagement of the crown prince to Princess Nagako, but that the nation should understand that no change is contemplated concerning the marriage contract, formally settled.

Nakamura Decides to Resign.
"With a view to removing doubt," the home department issued a similar communication. It adds that Baron Nakamura, minister of the household, has decided to resign. It is reported also that Mr. Ichikawa, vice-minister of the household, will retire.

Newspapers charge an intrigue to annul the betrothal of the crown prince and Princess Nagako, while the prince is abroad, was launched by Baron Nakamura, and that he is supported by Field Marshal Yamagata, an elder statesman. It appears that several parliamentarians recently accused Yamagata of interference in the love affair.

According to Nichi Nichi, the field marshal has decided to retire as president of the privy council and to give up his generalship as a result of the incident, holding himself responsible for the "grave situation."

Mystery Veils Situation.
As yet mystery surrounds the situation. The prince is 29 years old. Prince Kuni is the grandson of a former emperor of Japan. In 1909 he represented Japan at the Hudson-Fulton celebration in the United States.

The Princess Nagako is 18 years old. Today was the anniversary of the accession to the throne of Japan's first emperor, Jimmu. A body of "patriots" prayed at the shrine of the late emperor Mutsu Hito for the marriage of the crown prince to Princess Nagako.

Old Fight Is Revived.
"The intrigue" threatens to bring more into the open the long smoldering struggle between the extreme nationalists, representing military influence, and forces of progressive liberalism.

The exposure of the alleged attempt of the army people to obstruct the court followed charges in the diet that two governments exist, one in the war department and the other in the foreign office.

Newspapers appealed to the home department demanding liberty of expression to discuss the situation. Today's edition of the Asahi and yesterday's edition of the Yomiuri were suppressed.

Departure Is Opposed.
Meanwhile six representatives of the "six-men-league" continued opposition to the prince's departure. They have memorialized Premier Hara and Field Marshal Yamagata with the intention of having the prince designated regent. It appeared that the situation had been in the making since last March when Baron Hara, a popular figure, resigned as minister of the household, supposedly because of dissatisfaction over interference by the elder statesman. In December the prince's tutor retired and afterwards Admirals Yamamoto and Otsuka, both Satsuma clansmen, secretly launched a movement which resulted in the bringing out of the "intrigue."

Matsukoto Is Blamed.
The Hoshi Shimbun asserted that the Marquis Matsukoto, lord keeper of the privy seal, who is held responsible in court circles for the situation, is the object of severe attacks because of his indifferent attitude. It expressed the belief that on account of the growth of excitement and resentment over the interference of the army and the clansmen in court affairs, he will be forced to resign.

According to information here, the visit of the crown prince to England was hurriedly arranged and was decided upon without waiting for a reply from the British court as to whether he would be welcome.

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RED SPEAKER BARRED FROM RAYMOND, WASH.

ELMER SMITH, FROM CENTRALIA, SILENCED.

Radical Stays Until Train Leaves, Threatens Action and Says He Will Be Back.

RAYMOND, Wash., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—Elmer Smith, radical speaker, was prevented from speaking at an advertised meeting which was to be held here this afternoon at the Arcadia hall.

City officials and leading members of the Raymond post of the American Legion met at the station this afternoon when he arrived from Centralia. As he got off the train he was told of the uselessness of his attempt to speak. Mayor Lawler, at a special meeting of the city commission last night issued a proclamation prohibiting the speech.

Smith insisted on going to the building. A crowd of 600 persons joined in a procession through curiosity, as it was not generally known until after Smith had arrived that a meeting was scheduled. When Smith arrived at the Arcadia hall City Marshal Fowler would not let him enter. The crowd continued to grow until there were more than 1000 persons present.

Smith refused to leave the scene until a few minutes before the train departed for Centralia, asserting that he was lingering there to lay grounds for action against the city of Raymond for preventing him from delivering a speech. As the train pulled out of the station Smith, standing on the vestibule of the rear coach, waved his hand, saying: "Goodbye, folks; I will be back again."

Elmer Smith, an attorney, was chief legal adviser to the Centralia I. W. W. who perpetrated the Amistice day murders, and was subsequently tried with the murderers at Montesano, where the jury acquitted him. After his release he became a radical propagandist and orator, dwelling largely upon the Centralia tragedy and attempting to stir up public sympathy for the convicted men.

At the trial of the Centralia murderers it was shown that Smith visited the I. W. W. hall shortly before the shooting, and conferred with Britt Smith, the I. W. W. secretary, relative to the plans for defense. It was the theory of the state that Elmer Smith counseled the "reds" to arm themselves, and that this advice brought about the tragedy. He was armed when officers found him and resisted arrest.

Insurance Firms Give \$30,000.
The Harvard cancer commission is erecting a new building in Boston where an X-ray plant will be installed as well as the commission's radium plant. Confident that the life of cancer patients may be prolonged, life insurance companies of Boston have given \$30,000 toward the new building. Here the experiment will be performed.

The significance of the discovery was explained in a statement made for the Associated Press at Harvard today:

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X-RAY DISCOVERY TO CURB CANCER

Harvard Professor Warns Cure Not Permanent.

TEST WILL BE MADE SOON

Advantage Over Radium Is in Low Cost of Treatment.

INSURANCE FIRMS HELP

Boston Companies Give \$30,000 for New Building Where Attempt to Prolong Life Will Be Made.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Feb. 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—Discoveries made by William Duane, professor of biophysics at Harvard, working in collaboration with research students, have made it possible, according to Harvard Physicists, to obtain X-rays of more penetrating quality than have been obtained in this country, and the new rays are to be used for the first time in America for the alleviation of cancer.

While it is stated by Professor Duane that neither X-rays nor radium should be considered a permanent cure for all cancer, it has long been known that radium has a marked alleviative effect upon this disease, and the Harvard physicists have reason to believe that the effects of the new X-rays will be equally beneficial.

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