

## RACE IS DECLINED BY CHAMBERLAIN

Intention to Run for Governor Denied.

## SHIPPING BOARD PREFERRED

Ex-Senator's Wish Is to Help Develop Merchant Marine.

## OTHERS ARE AMBITIOUS

H. G. Starkweather, F. S. Myers, J. D. Brown and Milton A. Miller Ready to Answer Call.

## THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU

Washington, D. C., March 17.—George E. Chamberlain, ex-senator and now a member of the United States shipping board, said this afternoon that he had no intention of entering the contest this year for governor of Oregon. He said he had received many letters urging him to return to the state and get into the race, but that his disposition was to remain on the shipping board where much constructive work could be done.

Mr. Chamberlain did not mention the ticket upon which he had been urged to run, but that was because it was understood that his numerous invitations called for his candidacy as the democratic standard bearer.

## Race Declared Impossible

"I have told all who have written me that while I felt gratified at the very generous expressions that have come to me in regard to running again for governor, it is impossible for me to make the race," said Mr. Chamberlain. "I feel that I am in a position now where constructive work for Oregon as well as for the whole country can be done. I can only have the confidence and support of the people, and I feel it my duty, in view of the fact that the appointment came to me from a republican president unsolicited by me, and at the urgency of my friends in Oregon who regard shipping interests to remain with it, at least until it can be determined whether or not the American people want a merchant marine or whether they want to surrender to foreign maritime nations like Great Britain, Japan and Scandinavian countries the carriage of our export and import business."

## Merchant Marine Is Goal

"The immensity of this business and its value to America, if only she will stand for a merchant marine, can best be understood when I say to you that in the past seven years we have enriched British shipping interests to the extent of nearly five billion dollars and other foreign countries almost four billion dollars, while America has received only \$2,000,000,000 for the same service covering the same period of time."

"It has made Great Britain mistress of the seas and her receipts from this source are treated by her people as her invisible exports. Believing as I do, that there is a chance to build up an American merchant marine that will carry at least 50 per cent of our commerce, I feel that I at least ought to remain where I am until a fair trial can be given the effort we are now making wholeheartedly and in the face of the strongest kind of opposition which I am sorry to say is domestic as well as foreign."

Senator Chamberlain is keenly interested in the plan recently laid before congress by President Harding to give some sort of government aid to American shipping to meet the advantages which foreign ships receive from their governments.

## REPORTS ARE SET AT REST

Oregon Democrats Ask Senator Whether He Will Run.

Mr. Chamberlain's statement sets at rest a report prevalent in Oregon political circles for several days that he would become the standard bearer in the coming campaign. A telegram was sent to him on Thursday night, signed by two score democrats, asking an immediate answer whether or not he would run. Although the reply had not been received last night, The Oregonian's interview leaves no doubt that it will be unfavorable.

Throughout the state, in the past week there had spread a rumor that Mr. Chamberlain would head the democratic ticket. Officials of the party darkly hinted to loyal workers in various sections that an unbeatable democratic candidate would be announced within a few days. In democratic circles Mr. Chamberlain is reckoned as the only unbeatable candidate, notwithstanding the result of the senatorial election in November, 1920.

As early as last October there were rumors that Mr. Chamberlain would rather be governor of Oregon than a member of the United States shipping board, although the latter position carries a salary of \$12,000 a year and unlimited expenses. Subsequently Mr. Chamberlain intimated that he preferred remaining with the shipping board. Development political in recent weeks have, however, caused the former Oregon senator to take a

## NATIVE HERD OF ELK ROOM IN LAST STAND

FOUR LOGGING CONCERNS CUTTING TOWARD BEASTS.

Bulls Estimated to Weigh 1200 Pounds Act as Scouts for Antlered Group on Nehalem.

CLATSkanie, Or., March 17.—(Special.)—A native elk herd of between 30 and 40 fine animals, still roaming the old hains on the Nehalem, which were once the big game hunting grounds of the state, are now in their last stand in the green timber on the head of Big creek with four logging companies cutting toward them.

But this seems to worry the elk very little, according to reports brought here by loggers of the Oregon Timber company. So tame have the great beasts become that it is not infrequently to see them in the edge of the timber near where the loggers are at work, and some of the men are said to have come within 50 feet of them.

The herd is thought to have shifted in recent years from the Blind slough district to the head of Big creek. Hunters have not molested them, and although cougar are said to be preying on the deer in that vicinity, they are not tackling the elk. Since the killings of a year ago in the coast district poachers have not dared to operate so boldly among the elk.

Loggers and woodmen in the district frequently by them occasionally come upon horns after the shedding season.

## TRAINS CRASH; TWO DEAD

Two Portland Women Injured in Collision in Montana.

BUTTE, Mont., March 17.—Don Caldwell of Livingston, Mont. passenger engine fireman, and Carl Peterson of Everett, Wash., were killed and several passengers received minor injuries in a collision of trains Nos. 1 and 230 of the Northern Pacific railroad at 15 miles east of Butte at 7:58 o'clock this morning. The engines came together on a curve on a steep mountain grade. The cause of the accident has not been officially ascertained.

## AMONG THE INJURED WERE THE FOLLOWING:

Merle Thorpe of Washington, D. C., editor of The Nation's Business, abdominal injuries.  
Mrs. J. E. Gratteau, Portland, bruises.  
Mrs. Dorothy Woods, Portland, bruises.

## GENERAL FELIX DIAZ SLAIN

Prisoner Reported Killed in Attempt to Make Escape.

NOGALIES, Ariz., March 17.—General Felix Diaz was shot and killed near Ortiz, Sonora, Mexico, midway between Hermosillo and Guaymas, according to advices received here tonight.

First advices said that the man killed was a nephew of Porfirio Diaz, ex-president of Mexico, but information from other sources indicated that the dead man was not related to the late president. General Diaz was arrested in Guaymas. He escaped, however, while being taken to Lami's for court-martial.

A telegram from General Fernanx at Lami said that Diaz was found with an automobile and was slain by a military escort.

## BABY FOUND DEAD IN BED

Restless Murmurs of Twin Result in Discovery by Mother.

ECHO, Or., March 17.—(Special.)—When Mrs. Antone Cunha of this place went to quiet the restless murmurs of her three-month-old twin daughters early Wednesday morning she found one dead in its crib. The babies were both apparently asleep when put to sleep, although several weeks previously they had suffered light attacks of influenza. When Mrs. Cunha gave them their bottles at midnight they had both played with her and nothing out of the ordinary was noticed.

## RUSSIA BIDS FOR TRADE

Opening of Free Import and Export Business Decried.

MOSCOW, March 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—A decree announcing the opening of free import and export trade with soviet Russia was published today.

Co-operatives and private persons are granted the right independently to purchase abroad and import goods into soviet Russia, and foreign firms are permitted to carry on import and export business in soviet Russia on their own account.

## WATTERSON RITES SET

Funeral of Veteran Journalist Will Be Held on April 4.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 17.—Funeral services for Colonel Henry Watterson, veteran journalist, who died here December 22, 1921, will be held in the First Christian church in Louisville, Ky., on Tuesday, April 4.

Funeral services for the family plot in Cave Hill cemetery immediately afterward, Henry Watterson, his son, said today.

## AMERICA IS URGED TO INSIST ON PAY

Senators Score Allies for Opposing Bill.

## TROOPS' WITHDRAWAL ASKED

Leaders of Both Parties Say Legal Right Unquestioned.

## TECHNICALLY IS CHARGED

Maintenance of Excessive Forces in Germany Declared to Be Unjust and Expensive.

## WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17.

Declaration that the United States should insist upon payment of its bill of \$241,000,000 for keeping American soldiers in Germany, were made in the senate by both party leaders—Senators Lodge of Massachusetts and Underwood and Senator Borah, republican, Idaho. Mr. Underwood urged appointment of an American representative on the allied reparations commission.

Both Senators Lodge and Underwood charged the allies with attempting "by a technicality to oppose payment of the bill for the American troops," while Senator Borah said the allies' attitude was "entirely unwarranted."

## Republicans Are Blamed

Senator Underwood asserted the republicans were responsible for not having a member on the reparations commission. This, the democratic leader asserted, was the only way in which the occupation claim could be collected. Senators Lodge and Poin-dexter, republican, Washington, deny this contention, declaring that obligation to pay for the American soldiers rested upon the armistice agreement, and not upon either the treaty of Berlin or that of Versailles.

Senator Borah brought up the question today in the senate. He called attention to the reparations commission, declaring that Premier Poincaré of France had declared that America has no legal right to collect for the keep of American troops in Germany.

"I have no doubt that Secretary Hughes will work out some method of securing payment," said Senator Borah, adding that he was, however, primarily interested in having all American troops brought out of Germany.

## Allies Declared Helped by Army

"Our army was left in Europe oppositely to the benefit of the allies," said the Idaho senator. "Certainly it was not for the benefit of the American people, directly or particularly. It now appears that our army is no

## YOUNG MILLIONAIRE RETURNED TO JAIL

JOHN DUVAL DODGE LOSER IN FIGHT FOR FREEDOM.

Son of Late Auto Manufacturer Is Sent Back to House of Correction to Serve Term.

DETROIT, March 17.—John Duval Dodge, youthful millionaire, today lost his fight to evade the five-day sentence imposed on him in recorder's court yesterday for speeding. Circuit judge Jayne dismissing a writ of habeas corpus, holding it was defective for technical reasons. Dodge was returned to the house of correction.

Dodge's counsel said he would seek another writ tomorrow. Dodge, the son of the late John F. Dodge, automobile manufacturer, spent last night in the house of correction, but obtained a temporary measure of freedom today when the habeas corpus writ was granted by Circuit Court Judge Richter.

When it was presented to the superintendent of the house of correction, Dodge was remanded to the custody of Sheriff Coffin before he had started on his day's work with the other prisoners. He remained under guard with the sheriff, until the hearing this afternoon. Immediately afterward, however, he was returned to the house of correction and once more donned prison garb.

Rex Earl of Kalamazoo, who, with Dodge and three girl students from Western State normal, participated in an automobile ride in Kalamazoo early Sunday, that ended in the serious injury of Miss Emmeline Kwackernack, a member of the party, was fined \$50 and costs of \$14.50 in justice court in Kalamazoo this afternoon, when he pleaded guilty to a charge of intoxication, filed as the outgrowth of the accident.

Dodge is under \$7000 bond to appear Tuesday in Kalamazoo, where he is charged with driving an automobile while intoxicated, and transporting liquor.

## MENTAL CRUELTY ENOUGH

Superior Judge Gives Ruling on Ground for Divorce.

CHICAGO, March 17.—Mental cruelty was declared today by Superior Judge Sabath as sufficient grounds for a divorce. Mrs. Elizabeth Tausch in her suit charged her husband, Anton, had taunted her by derogatory comparisons of her appearance with that of "silken-haired" women whom she had seen.

The judge declared that whether or not the charges were true, he believed mental suggestions "might be more cruel than beatings." The case was continued.

## PRINCE SAILS FOR JAPAN

Tour of India Concluded; Crowd Witnesses Departure.

KARACHI, British India, March 17.—The Prince of Wales concluded his tour of India today and sailed from this port on the battleship Renown, bound for Japan.

The prince was enthusiastically cheered by a large gathering at the quay to bid him farewell.

## TOWN MAY GO INTO HANDS OF RECEIVER

WASHINGTON ATTORNEY-GENERAL ADVISES ACTION.

Incorporation Recently Set Aside by Supreme Court—\$1400 on Treasurer's Hands.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 17.—(Special.)—The town of Molson may go into the hands of a receiver if the advice of Attorney-General Thompson to Charles A. Johnson, prosecuting attorney of Okanogan county, in an opinion rendered today, is followed.

Incorporation of the town as a town of the fourth class was set aside by the supreme court recently because of flaws in the proceedings, leaving the ex-town treasurer with \$1400 in taxes collected that he does not know what to do with. Seeking a way out, the prosecuting attorney asked the attorney-general's advice and was advised to have the town treasurer petition the court for a receiver to liquidate the affairs of this de facto corporation.

The receiver would then take the money and distribute it as the court might direct. The money belongs to the people who paid it in, the attorney-general held, but subject to the claims of creditors of the defunct corporation.

There is no method whereby the 1921 road district tax can now be imposed against the property sought to be incorporated. "Since the county will take over the assets of the town, it would not seem that its inability to impose a road district tax would result in any lack of equity," the opinion said.

## KLANSMEN HELP NEEDED

Ku Klux Organized in Roseburg With Large Membership.

ROSEBURG, Or., March 17.—(Special.)—A mild sensation was caused here today when three Ku Klux Klansmen in full regalia appeared in the lobby of the Umpqua hotel and leaving that building entered a waiting auto and were whisked away out of town. It later developed that the trio had carried food, fuel, clothing and money to two needy families residing near the limits of the city.

Following the incident, F. M. Simon, organizer, gave out an interview in which he stated that the Klan had been strongly organized in Roseburg and that there is a large membership in this vicinity. A motion picture and lecture are to be given here soon by the organization.

## LORENZ GOES TO DETROIT

Famous Vienna Surgeon Holds Farewell Clinic in New York.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Dr. Adolph Lorenz, famous Vienna orthopedic surgeon, today held his farewell New York clinic. Tomorrow he will leave for Detroit to remain there until March 26, when he will return to this city to sail for home April 12. His assistants held a famous Vienna hospital and leaving that building entered a waiting auto and were whisked away out of town. It later developed that the trio had carried food, fuel, clothing and money to two needy families residing near the limits of the city.

"I am sorry I am unable to perform all of the operations that I think necessary," said the surgeon sadly.

## BITTER RATE WAR TO ORIENT FACED

8 Companies Confer at San Francisco.

## COMPETITION CAUSES STAND

Action of Japanese and British Lines Is Felt.

## COAST MEETING CALLED

Services Operating Out of Portland and Seattle Asked to Participate.

## SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.

The eight steamship companies operating out of San Francisco to the orient declared today for open rates on all overland and westbound traffic to the orient. The declaration marked the opening of what is expected to be one of the most bitter rate wars ever fought on the Pacific coast.

The decision follows the action of British and Japanese steamship companies operating out of Vancouver, Seattle and Columbia river ports cutting rates on all tonnage on export bills of lading. The open rates, which permit companies to charge whatever they believe necessary to get the business, became effective at 4:30 P. M. today, immediately after the conference of the eight operating companies.

## Northwest Competition Felt

They are the Java Pacific company, Toyo Kisen Kaisha Pacific Mail Steamship company, Robert Dollar Ship company, Furness-Withy, McCormack & McPherson, China Mail Steamship company and Struthers & Barry.

E. G. A. Watts, secretary of the Pacific westbound conference, made this statement in regard to the open rates: "We are forced to meet the competition of steamship companies of the Pacific northwest who have been cutting rates to a ridiculous figure. The result has been that the freight reaching the Pacific coast on the bills of lading has been carried from our shores to the orient in ships of other nations, while the American steamers have been sailing across the ocean empty."

Officials of the eight companies declined to comment on the move, other than to say that it was forced on them by foreign companies operating out of northwest ports.

## Telegrams Are Sent Out

Open rates on overland and westbound traffic will not effect the rates on local traffic or traffic originating from any Pacific coast ports, it was announced. Rates to the orient from San Francisco, Seattle, Portland and other Pacific coast points will remain as they are. Nor is there possibility, it was said, of a rate war between coastal and intercoastal lines.

A meeting of the eight companies concerned will be held Tuesday, it was announced, at which time plans will be considered for bringing together representatives of all lines operating from Pacific coast ports to effect "a reasonable understanding."

At the same time that the conference went on record as permitting its members to slash rates to meet competition from northern ports, it sent telegrams to all shipping lines operating out of Portland, Or., and Seattle, suggesting that a conference be held at which all might agree on similar rates. Next Tuesday was set as a tentative date for this.

## Board Officials at Meeting

The heads of the steamship concerns comprising the conference met this morning with officials of the shipping board, but what action was taken was not made public. It was said the proposal to allow the lines to make any rate necessary to get business was discussed.

The story was current in shipping circles tonight that the rate cut in the north which precipitated today's action had broken up an attempt by the shipping board to form a general conference to fix rates from all Pacific coast ports.

As the lines plying out of San Pedro to the orient are controlled by the companies which also operate from here, today's action will result in virtually equal rates being set for the traffic from all principal Pacific coast ports.

## FARMER GETS LIFE TERM

Ex-Soldier Convicted of Murder of Alleged Home-Wrecker.

TALBOTTON, Ga., March 17.—Lee H. Coart, prominent farmer who served during the world war as a major, was sentenced to life imprisonment here today for the murder last fall of A. B. McNeice, former superintendent of Talbot county schools. The jury returned a verdict of guilty with recommendation of mercy after deliberating 14 hours.

Major Coart, in his testimony, alleged that McNeice had wrecked his home, while Mrs. McNeice, for the prosecution, asserted that the defendant had made advances to her which she had spurned.

## MASKED MEN ATTACK CASCADE LOCKS HOME

ALBERT STEWART REPORTS FIRING OF SHOTS.

Bridegroom Tells at Wedding That Party Threatened to Return With Reinforcements.

HOOD RIVER, Or., March 17.—(Special.)—Albert Stewart of Cascade Locks, here for his wedding to Mrs. Mary C. Lee, matron of that town, reported to authorities that his home was attacked two nights before by a party of 12 masked men. He declared that the visitors, giving an alarm about midnight, sought to get him in his yard, one of them posing as an automobile agent.

When he declined to leave the house the men, he said, fired several shots. Matt Hueckler, a Hood River boy, who has been staying with Mr. Stewart during a recent illness, was present at the time the call. Mr. Stewart declared that he could conceive of no reason for the visit unless it resulted from some personal grudge. The men threatened, he said, to call later with a larger number.

Justice of the Peace A. W. Onthank officiated at the marriage of Mr. Stewart and Mrs. Lee. Mr. Stewart expressed the opinion that his visit from masked men might have resulted from his recent activity in reporting to Mrs. Lola G. Haldwin of the Woman's Protective association a case in which he alleged a resident of Cascade Locks had contributed to the delinquency of a girl. He said, however, that he was unable to identify any of his callers. No official investigation has been made. Belief was expressed that Stewart may have been the victim of a hoax.

## FIREMEN AVERT PANIC

Lodging House Fire Cuts Off Several Who Are Rescued.

A small panic was averted and considerable damage to the building prevented by Captain Grenell and Lieutenant Boatwright of the fire marshal's office who happened to be passing in front of 304 1/2 Fourth street yesterday when an explosion occurred on the second floor. The two officials sent in a call for fire apparatus and then hurried upstairs, where they found a group of people in the rear end of the hall, cut off from escape by flames.

The people were ushered out a rear entrance and the fire was put out by chemical apparatus. The damage caused by some furniture, polish which Lewis Besotte was making in his room, fumes from turpentine and vegetable oils igniting from the gas flame. The lodging house was run by Mrs. M. O. Peterson and damage to it and Hyland's book store underneath amounted to \$700.

## FAILURE COSTS \$3,250,000

Ex-Wheat King Estimates Loss in Attempt to Corner Market.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Joseph Leiter, former Chicago "wheat king," today testified that the failure of his attempt to corner the market in 1897 had cost him \$3,250,000.

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Literature Is Lacking: "They have no literature," Mr. Noice said in reply to a question, "nothing written, and practically no folk lore. The language has a well-organized grammar, but the natives don't know what the grammar means. They use nominatives, accusative, subjunctive, ablative, vocative and similitive cases without being in the least aware of it. Their language, with words having unlimited prefixes and affixes, has more flexibility than ours. For instance, we can only say, good, better, best. The Eskimos have good, gooder, goooder and goooder-er—as far as you want to go before reaching better."

Wife Offered to Guests: "They are very kindly," said Mr. Noice. "If you are a guest of an Eskimo gentleman and just setting out on a journey, he will offer you his wife as your temporary wife. Eventually, of course, he gets her back again. Men and women see nothing wrong or—well, ominous—about this. Many a young Eskimo woman has had from 50 to 100 or more temporary husbands before she enters middle age. They marry young, some as early as 12—and a conviction on a statutory charge would be impossible up there."

"Yes, some of the girls are quite pretty in the and they're all quite nice in their way. No, there was no one that I lost my heart to. But there were some that I liked. The fat ones are the most popular, perhaps, but some prefer the slim ones. The half-breeds are closer to our American ideas of beauty."

Palestine Commissioner to Quit: LONDON, March 17.—Reports that Sir Herbert Samuel will retire shortly as British high commissioner for Palestine are printed by the Pall Mall Gazette and Globe.