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SICK SENATOR CAN BREAK DEADLOCK

California Senate Divided on Primary.

TWENTY ARE ON EACH SIDE

Issue Is Vote on Senator by Districts or at Large.

SPECIAL TRAIN FOR BLACK

Senate Sends Doctors to Examine Him and Sergeant-at-Arms May Escort Him to Sacramento if Health Permits.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 20.—(Special.)—Senator Marshall Black will be brought from Palo Alto by special train so that he may vote upon the direct primary measure Monday unless a special committee of physicians named by Lieutenant-Governor Porter decides that he is physically unfit for the trip.

Meanwhile the deadlock between the backers of the district vote plan and those who stick for a state-wide expression of sentiment in regard to the United States, continues. With the exception of Black, every Senatorial seat was filled when the direct primary special order was reached.

Protests From Black's Friends.

There was a chorus of indignant protests from Black's friends, for the resolution was, they said, so worded as to cast reflections upon his motives and to place in doubt his own statement of his condition.

Result Hinges on Black's Votes. As it is understood that Porter will vote with Wright, Leavitt and Wolfe in favor of the district plan, if ever the whole Senate can be gathered together with 20 votes on a side, the selection of a physician was a question nearly concerning the eventual fate of the measure.

Doctors to Examine Black. Eddie Wolfe went so far as to say that in view of the rumors which had been put in circulation the passage of the resolution was a favor to Black.

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COL. TUCKER TURNS TABLES ON WIFE

DENIES CHARGES IN HER DIVORCE SUIT.

Objects to Paying Counsel Fees and Says Spouse Is by Far Richer Than Himself.

CHICAGO, March 20.—(Special.)—Colonel William F. Tucker turned the tables on his wife today when he filed an answer to his wife's petition for divorce and attorney fees. He asserts that he is innocent of the charges of desertion and drunkenness which she has placed against him, and declares that it was her who deserted him and subsequently remained away from the home that he had provided for her.

The colonel admits that his home was far from happy. He says that his wife, Mary L. Tucker, frequently indulged in violent sallies of passion, and conducted herself "with great austerity of temper." He answers her request for solicitor's fees by saying that she has four times the income which he receives, exclusive of his Army pension, and that her possessions of real estate are valued at more than \$100,000.

SEEK PETROSINO'S SLAYER

Palermo Police on Trail—Shipment of Body May Be Prevented.

PALERMO, March 20.—Signor Goletta, the head of the local police, said in an interview today that the authorities were doing everything possible to apprehend the slayers of Joseph Petrosino, head of the Italian Bureau of the New York Police Department, who was killed in the city March 12. The activity of the authorities has been extended to Naples, where Petrosino spent three days before coming here.

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MRS. TAFT GOES SHOPPING

Rides on Omnibus and Mixes in Bargain-Counter Crowds.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Unrecognized by the people in the streets, Mrs. Taft, the wife of the President, spent a busy day making purchases of her Spring and Summer apparel. Accompanied by Miss Mabel Boardman, of Washington, Mrs. Taft rode on top of a Fifth-avenue omnibus and waited her turn at crowded counters.

LIBEL CASES TO BE TRIED

Panama Canal Suits Not to Be Dropped by Administration.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—There will be no abandonment of the Panama libel prosecution by the Administration according to a high Administration official today. Attorney-General Wickham's investigation of these cases, it is said, has satisfied him that the Government should proceed with the prosecution.

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TWO NEW RIVALS FOR HOPKINS' TOGA

Lowden and McKinley Both Enter Race.

BACKED BY CORPORATIONS

Traction Companies Against Trunk Line Railroads.

EACH MAY KILL OFF OTHER

As Hard to Land Either as Hopkins, But Effort to Crush ex-Senator Will Be Made—Old Guard Is for McKinley.

CHICAGO, March 20.—(Special.)—Traction companies and public utility corporations are bidding against the trunk line railroads in an effort to break the Senatorial deadlock in Illinois, according to a story that leaked out today from authoritative sources. Congressman Frank O. Lowden, who is at the Auditorium Annex, is an active candidate for the toga of Albert J. Hopkins, with the backing of the railroad interests, say Lowden adherents.

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Hard to Land Either Man.

Political prophets are figuring that, if the opposition to Mr. Hopkins should be successful in pounding down his vote so as to eliminate it, it will be just as hard to land either Mr. Lowden or Mr. McKinley. Well informed men in Illinois politics say that if the contest should narrow down to a contest of strength between these two men, the traction man would receive substantial support from members of the old Senate organization.

Deneen Takes No Sides.

Governor Deneen, it is figured, would not advise his friends to rally to either Mr. McKinley or Mr. Lowden. This situation, it is contended, would result in failure to break the deadlock.

Italian Noble to Wed Miss Thaw.

ROME, March 20.—Miss Thaw, daughter of Alexander Blair Thaw, of Pittsburgh, will marry Marquis Teodoli, member of one of the best-known and oldest Roman aristocratic families.

KINDEL WINS LONE FIGHT FOR RATES

DENVER MAN WARRIED ON ROADS SINGLE-HANDED.

Brought Score of Suits Before Interstate Commission and Was Long Regarded as Mere Joke.

CHICAGO, March 20.—(Special.)—One of the proudest citizens of the United States today is George E. Kindel, of Denver. After a strenuous battle lasting nearly 29 years, Kindel has won an important victory over the combined railroads of the West and has ceased to be regarded by his fellow-citizens as a joke.

Kindel is the man who brought suit before the Interstate Commerce Commission against more than a score of the greatest railroad corporations in the country and compelled thereby a reduction in Denver freight rates from all points east of the Missouri River, and from Denver west to Utah and Colorado ports.

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WHITLA BOY SOON TO BE TAKEN HOME

Father Meets Captors Near Ashtabula.

TO PAY RANSOM IN MORNING

Pittsburg Detective Successful in Tracing Lad.

SLEUTHS WILL PROSECUTE

As Soon as Father Recovers Son, Officers Will Arrest Men Who Have Held Boy and Law Will Take Its Course.

CLEVELAND, O., March 21.—According to a report given circulation here at 3 o'clock this morning J. P. Whittia, of Sharon, Pa., father of Willie Whittia, the kidnaped boy, is in Ashtabula with the \$10,000 ransom. It is reported he is closeted with one of the kidnapers negotiating for the payment of the money and the return of his son.

Detectives are said to be in the vicinity to take up the thread after the deal is closed.

HOT ON TRAIL OF LOST BOY

Pittsburg Detective Thinks He Locates Whittia Near Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, O., March 21.—The Cleveland Leader says: The Whittia kidnaping case seemed near solution at 12:30 o'clock this morning.

Detective Perkins, of Pittsburg, who came to Cleveland at midnight, it is understood, said definite information was that the boy was near Cleveland.

Chief Kohler said at 1 o'clock that developments were expected at any moment.

The Leader telephoned for Mr. Whittia at Sharon, father of the boy, at 1:45. Mr. Schilling answered the call. He would not say whether Mr. Whittia had made arrangements to go to the place at which it was expected "Billie" would be found.

CLEWS ALSO POINT EASTWARD

Missing Boy Thought to Be at Buffalo by Some.

SHARON, Pa., March 20.—With his eyes filled with tears, and showing every indication of the terrible strain that he has been under, but not yet devoid of hope, James S. Whittia said tonight that there were absolutely no new developments in the search for his child, Willie.

This statement was made after he, Frank H. Buhl, the lad's millionaire uncle, and Chief of Police Martin Craig, had held a conference at the Whittia home.

What was discussed there was not given out, but information from a close friend of the family was to the effect that new developments were expected shortly in the neighborhood of Buffalo, and that no let-up would be made in the efforts to secure the child's safe return.

That is all that Mr. Whittia wants, and he says he is ready to pay the \$10,000 reward and ask no questions if only his boy is brought back.

Uncle Leaves Cleveland.

Frank H. Buhl, the millionaire uncle of the kidnaped boy, returned late today from Cleveland, whither he went last night to investigate reports that the boy's abductors had been captured in that city. He said that the reports were untrue.

Brought to Cleveland by the statement that the boy had been seen there, Mr. Buhl upon arrival was taken in an automobile, accompanied by police officers, to various addresses furnished the detectives by a man giving the name of Harry Ball. Disappointment was the only immediate result, for after three

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BEVERIDGE NOW BOSS OF INDIANA

FAIRBANKS RETIRES FROM POLITICS COMPLETELY.

New State Chairman Will Be Named and Beveridge Will Dictate Appointments.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 20.—(Special.)—The announcement is made by friends of Charles W. Fairbanks that he has retired completely from politics for the present, and that after an extended tour of Europe he will settle down to the practice of law.

On the heels of this announcement comes the report that a new chairman of the Republican State Central Committee is to be chosen in the near future to succeed James P. Goodrich, who for eight years has been recognized as Mr. Fairbanks' manager in Indiana, and out of it, too, when there was need of his services.

It is known that President Taft will make a number of changes in the personnel of Federal officers in the state, and that these changes will be made on the recommendation of Senator Beveridge. With changes in the State Central Committee and a complete change of the Federal officers, it would seem that Mr. Beveridge is to be chosen in the state organization, a position that Mr. Fairbanks held for more than 15 years.

BALLOON UP IN MOUNTAINS

Sails Over Sierras and May Have Trouble Descending.

PASADENA, Cal., March 20.—The big balloon America, piloted by Captain A. A. Mueller and having as passengers R. C. Halsted, L. C. Gilliam, Sidney Gray, Harold Parker and J. Robbins, business men of Pasadena, went up at Tournament Park at 3 o'clock this afternoon and was seen an hour later passing over Sierra Camp, high in the mountains above Pasadena.

The balloon took a northerly course when it first went up and was sent to a very high altitude. Later it was seen to drop and then it disappeared in the clouds.

It is feared that the aeronauts were compelled to descend in the mountains and that they will have a hard time getting out. No word of the balloon or its passengers has reached here up to midnight.

CZARINA NERVOUS WRECK

Czar Expresses Anxiety—Has Not Recovered From Yacht Wreck.

BERLIN, March 20.—The Kreutzer Zeitung states on the authority of a distinguished personage, who was recently received in audience by Emperor Nicholas, of Russia, that the Emperor expressed considerable apprehension regarding the condition of the Empress.

Her majesty has been unable to receive visitors, the Emperor having asked her to follow the advice of her physicians in this regard.

In explanation of the Empress' condition, the Emperor said that since the accident to the imperial yacht in Finnish waters her majesty had suffered greatly from nervousness and had been unable to regain her normal composure.

BABE MADE MILLIONAIRE

Dr. Lawrence Bequeaths Estate to Three-Months-Old Girl.

ST. LOUIS, March 20.—Josephine Lawrence Bennett Hopkins, the 3-months-old granddaughter of Dr. J. J. Lawrence, a former resident of St. Louis, is willed the Lawrence homestead in Nash County, North Carolina, and with her possible future sisters and brothers is made residuary legatee of the Lawrence estate. The estate is worth \$1,000,000 or more.

NELSON FINDS DOUBLES

Two Men Swindle Hotels, Banks and Theaters in His Name.

CHICAGO, March 20.—Battling Nelson, the lightweight champion, complained to the police tonight that two men had been using his name in New Mexico and Texas in swindling hotel-keepers, banks and theaters.

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CLEMENCEAU MAY UNLOAD SIMYAN

Throw Minister Over to Quiet Strikers.

MANY ABUSES ARE EXPOSED

Favoritism in Telegraph Service Due to Politics.

FOOD SUPPLY AFFECTED

Paris Can't Get It Because Impossible to Send Payments—Socialists Hail Strike as Harbinger of Emancipation.

PARIS, March 20.—The government issued a reassuring statement tonight concerning the strike, in which the situation was said to be notably improved, many of the strikers, especially the telephone girls, having returned to work.

The strike leaders, on the other hand, were loudly proclaiming war to the hilt and there are disquieting rumors of railroad and other co-operative strikes.

May Make Simyan Jonah.

The belief prevails that there will be important developments over Sunday through the elimination of M. Simyan, Under Secretary of Posts and Telegraphs, whose presence has been the chief obstacle to a settlement. It is openly intimated that the government, having secured the indorsement of the Chamber of Deputies, is not anxious longer to abduct M. Simyan's unpopularity.

Disclosures in connection with the strike indicate that the abuses and favoritism charged have been largely due to the fact that politics have had much to do with the administration of the post and telegraph service.

Expect Break This Week.

At a late hour tonight the situation was practically stationary, but there was a growing impression that the first of the week would see the return of many of the older employes in response to the circulation of a semi-official intimation that M. Simyan would resign and that the government would undertake a serious consideration of the grievances of the men. By the return of the older employes it is hoped to break the backbone of the strike.

Some evidence of the growing listlessness is found in the fact that practically no strikers responded to a call for two big meetings this evening. Nevertheless, the strike committee still maintained that the movement was strong throughout the country and had even made notable progress in the valley of the Rhone.

The organization for the protection of the rights of trades unionism has called meetings of every branch of industry and commerce, when it will be proposed to join them unless the government finds a quick solution. The organization voted \$100 to aid the cause. Another serious indication is a small contribution from the Paris police.

Famine Threatens Capital.

The lack of food in the capital, an outcome of the impossibility of forwarding payments, is making itself felt today, and provision dealers declare that if there is no improvement the city in a few days probably will be confronted with famine conditions. The loss to business in Paris alone is variously estimated at from \$600,000 to \$1,200,000. Only a few wires today connect Paris with Europe and the outside world.

The government has formally notified the strikers that 48 hours of grace will be allowed them to return to work, after which their dismissal will be irrevocable.

No attempt yet has been made to restore the money order and the registered mail services in Paris. The paralysis

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HARRY MURPHY FINDS VARIOUS THINGS WORTHY OF RECORD BY A FEW STROKES OF HIS HUMOROUS PEN



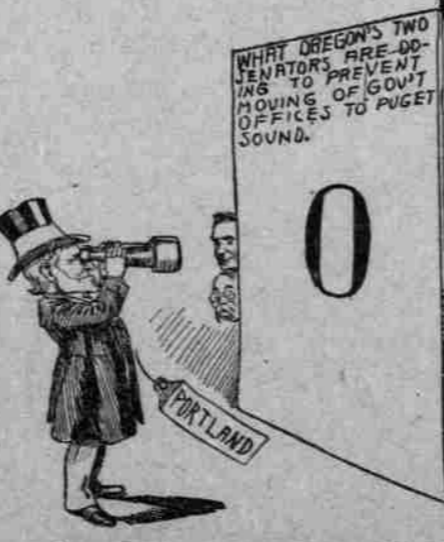
"Don't Open That Door—That's Mine; Open One of Those Other Fellow's."



"Ha! Ha! Smarty Fulton!"



"Looks Like It's Going to Be a Fine Day."



Now, Really, Is It as Bad as This?



Speaking of Abolishing Zoos.



Uncle Sam—That Dern Cuss Is Too Big for That Kind of Foolery.



Unwelcome News.