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IN FIGHT TO STAY, PINCHOT DECLARES

Forester Is Defiant in Taking Leave.

FRIENDS QUESTION JUDGMENT

Public Hearing Would Have Prevented "Whitewashing."

GREAT FIGHT IMPENDING

Bureau Officials Alarmed Lest Shakeup Shall Follow—George P. McCabe Designated for Place Temporarily.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Gifford Pinchot, who was removed yesterday by President Taft from his position as Chief Forester, made it clear today in addresses to the officers of the Forest Service and the clerks of that organization, that his battle with the Secretary of the Interior and the Administration was not ended. Declining to express a personal opinion about his removal from office, he also refused to discuss his plans for the future.

Mr. Pinchot arrived at his office early in order to arrange his affairs and withdraw as quickly as possible. A meeting of the officials who had been under him had already been arranged for 10:15 o'clock, and three quarters of an hour later the clerical force of the Forest Service arrived in his office to say goodbye.

In addressing those with whom he had been most intimately associated, Mr. Pinchot declared he wanted them to remember first that they must never forget that "the fight in which you are engaged for the safe and decent handling of our timber lands is infinitely larger than any man's personal presence or personal future." Continuing, he said:

"This fight must go on and you are the men who must carry it on. Stay by the works, hold fast to the standards we have set together. Never allow yourselves to forget that you are serving a much greater master than the Department of Agriculture or even the Administration."

In addressing the clerks Mr. Pinchot commended them to maintain the service at the same standard and to press along the same lines and never to forget that they were the servants of the people of the United States, responsible to them and to them alone.

"I don't want you to get the idea—and this is my personal end of it—that because I am going out of the service I am in any way losing my interest in it or my touch with it or with you," he said. "Conservation is my life work. In the Government service or out of it, and this is the most important piece of conservation work there is. Therefore, I propose to know about it, to follow the work you are all doing, to keep my interest in it, and so far as there is in any way possible, to keep in touch with it."

None of the officials would discuss the real and hidden meaning of Mr. Pinchot's declaration. His friends likewise refused to discuss his words, although it was generally conceded they breathed defiance and were in the nature of an announcement that the ex-Chief Forester regarded himself as a guardian of what in the recent controversy had been called "the interests of the people."

There was reluctance in official circles today to discuss the changes in the Forestry Bureau, but talk was freer with reference to the fight yesterday on the floor of the House.

From the supporters of Speaker Cannon it was denied that the insurgent victory was in any way a triumph over the Speaker. It was pointed out that the whole controversy was an Administration fight, that the resolution itself was the one desired by the President, and that the Speaker was in no way concerned. In fact, he was possibly glad to be relieved of the responsibility of naming

FLOOD TRAPS MEN IN WELL BOTTOM

WATER REACHES NECKS, THEN COMES TO STANDSTILL.

Hope Abandoned by Victims Below and Watchers Above When Valve Breaks Suddenly.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Three men in the bottom of a well 165 feet deep were inspecting the working of a new turbine pump installed by the Vancouver Water Company yesterday when a valve broke. Simultaneously the lights went out. Falling water prevented their attempting to grope for the ladder, and the broken valve was out of reach. In this situation the men remained while the water poured in. When after five minutes it had reached their necks, it stopped. The feed pipe which extended from the well to the reservoir, 600 feet, had been emptied.

The men were Roy Galtner, Lancy Bell and Theodore Hartman, of Portland. They were engaged, with others, in installing new equipment for the local water company on the heights east of the city.

The pump seemed to be working well, but when it was turned off the first time the pressure on the feed valve near the top of the well was increased suddenly, causing the break. Only by seeking quickly the protection of the overhanging timbers did the men save themselves from serious injury by the cascade.

Workmen at the top of the well were powerless to do anything to save their companions, whom they did not expect to see again alive.

Seeking Wife, He Is Shot

Man Would Kill Woman Who Starts Divorce Proceedings.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 8.—Frederick Goebel, a banker employed in a wholesale dry goods house, was shot and probably fatally wounded early this morning while attempting to break into his wife's apartment in order to punish her for having instituted divorce proceedings against him.

From 4:30 yesterday afternoon until 10:30 this morning Goebel was in his room, and he was shot by a woman who was his wife's maid.

Goebel was shot in the chest and the wound was fatal. He was taken to the hospital, but he died before he could be operated on.

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AERIAL CONTESTS START ON MONDAY

Curtiss Hopes to Set New Speed Record.

AVIATION FIELD IS HISTORIC

American Sailors Fell in Battle There October 7, 1846.

VIEW OF FLIGHTS IS CLEAR

Grandstand at Crest of Slope Will Permit Unobstructed Sight of Machines That Will Make Flights at Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 8.—On a level and broad field, where but a week ago a herd of cows grazed in peace a miniature city of tents and plain wooden structures today marks the spot where the first aviation meet in America is to begin on Monday next, and above which the first competitive trials of speed and endurance between heavier-than-air machines will be seen on this continent.

Aviation camp is 13 miles from this city on the lines of the Pacific Electric extending to the numerous beach resorts along the Pacific Coast. On a stretch of high ground at one side of the field a high grandstand has been erected, rising 40 feet in the air and extending for 700 feet along the course over which the trials of air craft and speed contests will be held.

Aviation Ground Historic.

Stretching out across the aviation field from a point in front of the grandstand is a long row of tents that now cover numerous flying machines and will house many more during the ten days of the aviation meet. On the other side of the broad field another line of tents are placed and here the United States Army dirigible balloons and many other dirigible balloons are being assembled, ready to be inflated.

Aviation camp is on ground made historic in the days of the Spanish Don. It is a part of the famous Dominguez ranch given to Lieutenant Juan Jose Dominguez of the army of Spain in the year 1774, and its extent was determined in the grant by a clause which said that the gallant soldier, for valiant services, was entitled to as large a tract as he could ride around between sunrise and sunset. The soldier waited until one December 31 to ride the boundaries of his land.

Here Battle Was Fought.

The very slope over which the modern vessels of the air will sail on Monday was made historic October 7, 1846, by a battle between members of the crew of the vessel on which Commodore Stockton afterward embarked at San Pedro for Monterey to take the American flag over California. In this conflict between the American sailors and the early Californians, six of the sailors were killed when the Californians discharged a cannon load with nails and slugs of lead from the back of amule. Their bodies were buried on an island at the mouth of San Pedro harbor, and afterwards to this day known as Deadmen's Island.

The course that has been laid out on this gentle slope is visible from every part of the big field which surrounds it, and from the crest of the hill on which the grandstand rests not only all of the course may be plainly viewed, but beyond it the broad valley on the far slope of which the cities of Los Angeles appear.

View Will Be Unobstructed.

Flights may be made in any direction, and for 20 miles no obstruction offers that might blot them out from the view of spectators. Aviators who are here and who participated in the flights in France and other parts of Europe pronounce it ideal.

The officers of the Aero Club of California.

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AIRSHIP SEEN ON WAY SOUTHWARD

LIGHTS FLASH ON HILLS ABOUT KLAMATH FALLS.

Snow Storm Makes Scene Spectacular, but Doesn't Aid in Solving Attendant Mystery.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Logicians of Klamath Falls calculate that a daring aviator is trying to cross the mountain range near here, bound southward, and this is the process of reasoning:

Bright flashes of light, which seemed to come from a high point, played on the surrounding hills on Friday night. These appeared at intervals for more than an hour, and seemed to be moving in the direction of Dunsmuir, Cal. Careful scrutiny of the list of residents of this vicinity fails to disclose any person who owns a searchlight, or any means of flashing it on the surrounding hills from a point high in the air. Ergo: It is someone from the outside.

Examination of the lists of incoming passengers and of invoices of freight and baggage fails to disclose the arrival of any person or the receipt of any article of suspicious import. Once more, ergo: Whosoever it is must have arrived by other means of transportation. The condition of the roads hereabouts leads to the conclusion that the means of transportation is an airship.

Heavy snow fell as the light moved, adding to the beauty of the spectacle, but contributing nothing to the solution of the mystery.

The Preble-Rekar airship is still in the Agricultural building of the Lewis and Clark Exposition grounds. The Deputy Sheriff who attached it yesterday was sure it could not have flashed the searchlight seen in Klamath Falls.

FOXLEY TAKES LUMBER

Seventy-six Vessels Enter Astoria From Foreign Ports in Year.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—The British steamer Foxley cleared at the Custom-House today for Melbourne and Geelong, Australia, with a cargo of 2,318,884 feet of lumber, loaded at Astoria and 714,392 feet loaded at St. Helens.

According to the records in the Custom-House there were 76 vessels with an aggregate tonnage of 190,218 tons which entered this port from foreign ports during the year 1909, and of these, five were American flag vessels. There were 25 foreign vessels with a total tonnage of 243,804 tons which entered here, and these included 22 steamers and 13 sailing craft.

The vessels were segregated by nationalities as follows: British, 26; French, 27; German, 13; Norwegian, 16; Japanese, 1; Dutch, 1; Russian, 1.

There were during the year 1909 vessels with a total tonnage of 182,444 tons which entered this port from coastwise ports and 1814 clearances for coastwise ports.

NEW FRANCHISE PLEASES

Chehalis County Citizens Bring About Changes in Plans.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Public clamor and the injunction proceedings against the franchise granted Edridge Wheeler, of Montana, for the building of an electric interurban line over the county roads of Chehalis County from Gate City to Moclips, will result in the adoption of an amended franchise, according to W. H. Abel, of Moclips, attorney for the Grays Harbor Interurban Company, which took over the Wheeler franchise.

The new franchise takes from the County Engineer the power of location of the line; it limits to 15 years, in compliance with the state law, the right to lay water conduits and pipes; it provides that work on the line shall be begun between Aberdeen and Moclips within one year from the date of the grant and completed and in operation between Moclips and Elma within five years; failure to comply with these provisions working a forfeiture of "all rights given under this franchise."

All rights not used within seven years shall be forfeited; the line must be built at the sides of the roads and grade and other materials for county roads shall be hauled at cost.

Dayton Cupid Busy.

DAYTON, Wash., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—An average of one marriage license a day is the record of Dayton, Wash. New Year's the fourth marriage this week was solemnized at noon yesterday, when Miss Minnie Rose, daughter of John Rose, a wealthy pioneer farmer, married Milton Brown, a merchant of Spokane. Rev. Ellis Harris, of Athena, Or., performed the ceremony.

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CAMPAIGN WITH NO PARTIES IS COSTLY

Boston's Aspirants for Office Pay \$250,000.

FIGHT IS FIERCEST IN HISTORY

Abuse Heaped in Newspaper Advertising by Column.

RESULT PREDICTED CLOSE

Storrow, Citizens' League Candidate, and Fitzgerald, ex-Mayor, Are Principal Opponents With Others Straggling Along.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—Boston tonight wound up, except for the finishing touches, the fiercest municipal campaign in its history. The election Tuesday will be the first under the new non-partisan plan and for a non-partisan campaign this has certainly been a revelation to the sponsors of the new order of things.

One of the candidates for Mayor, Storrow, has spent nearly \$100,000, and he accuses his chief opponent of having spent more than \$200,000. This charge is not denied. The other two candidates, without a ghost of a chance of election, have spent about \$500. The various candidates for the City Council, have probably spent \$20,000, so that the cost of the campaign to the various aspirants figures up close to a quarter of a million dollars.

The ballots on Tuesday will bear the names of the candidates without party or other designation, and the campaign has been non-partisan except so far as the known political affiliations of the candidates have influenced voters.

The issues of the contest early shaped themselves as between James J. Storrow, candidate for Mayor of the Citizens' Municipal League, and John F. Fitzgerald, ex-Mayor, who seeks election mainly as a vindication for his defeat two years ago by George A. Hibbard, the present Mayor.

Fitzgerald has been on the defensive throughout. His conduct of city affairs while Mayor furnished Storrow material for some of the most savage attacks ever known in a municipal campaign.

Hibbard seeks re-election because he says neither Fitzgerald nor Storrow is a fit man for Mayor, and Nathaniel H. Taylor is running on a "square deal" platform.

The total vote Tuesday will be about 90,000. Hibbard and Taylor will get perhaps 5000 votes together and the indications tonight are the balance will be so nearly divided between Storrow and Fitzgerald that the winner of the four-year term will have only a small plurality.

Two weeks ago Fitzgerald was thought to have the better chance, and his extraordinary personality and appeals against his millionaire opponent were very effective, but sentiment has undoubtedly changed with Storrow's attacks on the stump and in pages of newspaper advertising, and he is now on at least equal grounds. His advertising has been notable and accounts for most of his great expenditure of money.

The indications are that the new City Council, of nine members, in place of the old Board of Aldermen and Common Council of 13 and 75 members respectively, will contain a majority of Citizens' League men.

Man Arrested Has Pneumonia.

E. J. Kelley, a well-known character in police circles, was removed from the City Jail to St. Vincent's Hospital last night suffering from an attack of pneumonia. Kelley was picked up by Patrolman Martine in an intoxicated condition. Shortly after his incarceration in a cell at police headquarters the prisoner displayed symptoms of illness. City Physician Ziegler was summoned and after an examination of Kelley's condition ordered his removal to the hospital for medical treatment.

BLAST ON OREGON TRUNK KILLS MANY

DELAYED EXPLOSION BLOWS UP GANG OF ITALIANS.

At Least Eight Dead and Many Others Believed Injured—Contractor Is Badly Hurt.

GRASS VALLEY, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—In a blasting accident on the Oregon Trunk Line nine miles west of Grass Valley this afternoon at least eight or nine men were killed outright and it is thought several others were more or less injured.

Mike Burns, a railroad contractor, was seriously and probably fatally hurt, and the foreman of a section gang of Italians was blown to bits. Some of the gang, all Italians, were blown 50 feet into the air.

As soon as news of the accident reached here a special train was made up and dispatched to the Hill Farm, where the explosion occurred. On board were Dr. Taylor, a resident physician, and Dr. Walker, surgeon of the O. R. & N. Tomorrow the dead and injured will be brought back to Grass Valley.

According to the meager information received here, the gang was blasting. Two blasts were set, one went off and the other was delayed. When the workmen went to see if the second was dead, it exploded, just as they were over the place.

PRIZE SYSTEM CHANGED

Yanhill Fair to Make Awards to Individuals Only.

MINNIVILLE, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—At the annual meeting of the Yanhill County Fair Association held here today the following board of directors was elected: R. Merchant, of North Yamhill; Dr. Giletrap, of Sheridan; J. B. Dodson, of Dayton, and W. C. Hagley, of Minnville. These will act in conjunction with the board appointed by the Governor, which consists of Milton Potter, of Sheridan; Mrs. Inez Butts, of Newberg, and H. P. Wilson, of Minnville.

Prizes for the larger schools of the county were present and some radical changes affecting the fair next Fall were made. Instead of prizes to the school districts for competitive exhibits, prizes will be offered to individuals only. Cash prizes will be given to the pupils of the schools for the best collection of exhibits of their products or handicraft, as well as for the best individual exhibit of each class of product.

The proposal to change admission to the grounds was heartily opposed by all of the business men of this city, who have heretofore contributed funds to the fair, so as to enable the organization to allow free admission. It was voted, however, to charge a small fee for general admission, with a free season ticket to all exhibitors.

BURGLAR RETURNS WATCH

Eugene Man Has Agreeable Surprise. Still Mourns Cash.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 8.—Several weeks ago a burglar entered the residence of Ben Pritchett on West Seventh street. Eugene had stolen a valuable gold watch and some coin.

Mr. Pritchett valued the watch very highly, but had given it up for lost. A few mornings ago he found a neat package at his front door and was surprised to find inside his watch. The thief failed to give back the coin.

LEAVITT ARRESTED SOUTH

Automobile Man Blackmailed Recently, Accused Gambling Fraud.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8.—Ralph J. Leavitt, the Los Angeles automobile salesman, whom the Seattle special agents are alleged to have blackmailed in connection with a manslaughter charge, surrendered himself at the city prison here Friday on a felony charge of passing a fraudulent check.

The charge was preferred by James Hardman, of Seattle, who claims that Leavitt settled a poker debt on November 26 last by drawing a check on bank where he had no funds. Leavitt was released on \$1000 bonds.

Spur to Be Built From Mill

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—The Curtiss Lumber Company is preparing to build a switch near its mill at Mill City to connect its logging road with the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad. A petition was filed with the County Court of Linn County here today asking a franchise to cross certain streets.

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STOLEN LETTER IS CAUSE OF ARREST

Document of Attorney-General Taken.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR CAUGHT

Thomas P. Reilly Locked Up, Causing Great Sensation.

PUBLISHED IN MAGAZINE

Because Cosmopolitan Printed Communication Indictment Is Returned and Others Are Expected to Follow—Copies Made.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Thomas P. Reilly, special investigator of the Interstate Commerce Commission, was arrested today and locked up in the Tombs charged with stealing a letter from Attorney-General Wickersham to Henry A. Wise, United States District Attorney from Mr. Wise's office.

The letter subsequently appeared in the Cosmopolitan magazine and it had at last resulted in the return of an indictment by the Federal grand jury. Whether other indictments will follow, Mr. Wise would not say tonight, but they are expected.

The specific charge against Reilly is "taking and publishing letters and private papers without authority" in violation of the United States revised statutes and of the New York penal law. In addition to the Wickersham letter, there also was taken from the District Attorney's office two letters from C. R. Heike, secretary of the American Sugar Refining Company, to John E. Parsons, counsel for the company, and the minutes of the board of directors of the company for the meeting held at the house of the late Theodore Hayesmeyer, December, 1906.

Abel I. Smith, assistant United States District Attorney, who worked up the case against Reilly, said that Mr. Wise, when he saw Mr. Wickersham's letter published, instituted a search for the original, and found it in his desk. A copy of it evidently had been taken for publication. The Heike-Parsons letters had also been copied, for the originals were recovered in the office files, but the minutes of the sugar company's board of directors have apparently disappeared for good.

The News of the American case, on information furnished by Reilly to Mr. Stimson, that the Government prosecuted with success the New York Central, Rock Island, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, Central Vermont, Western Transist Company, and other railroad and transit companies for giving rebates on sugar shipments in violation of the Hobbs law. The railroads, on a plea of guilty, were all heavily fined.

The Wickersham letter as it appeared in the Cosmopolitan Magazine, follows: "Washington, Sunday, June 27, 1909. My Dear Wise—Senator Root has sent me the proof of a petition signed by Bowers, Milburn and Guthrie in support of their contention that the statute of limitations has run in favor of Messrs. Parsons, Kissel and Harmed. If the only overt acts done to carry out the objects of unlawfully conspiracy were those referred to in the brief, I should think they were insufficient to save the bar of the statute."

"A strong effort will be made tomorrow to persuade the President to interfere in some way to prevent the indictments, but aside from that no indictments should be returned against any one if there is no reasonable ground to believe they can be sustained—if for instance, the offenses charged are clearly barred by the statute. I need hardly say this to you."

"What I want to impress upon you is that if you have any reasonable doubt in the matter, you either have the grand jury ask the court for instructions or, if

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HARRY MURPHY PAYS ATTENTION IN HIS USUAL HUMOROUS STYLE TO A VARIETY OF INTERESTING CURRENT EVENTS



Accommodated.

Peaceful Bill.

Oh, Joy!

At Last.

I Gather Them In.

Will It Last Much Longer?

Hurray! Juice Plus's Back.