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REFORM NOSTRUMS PRESIDENT'S TEXT

Recall of Judges Valiantly Assailed

SANCTITY OF LAW DEFENDED

Ohioans Warned of Dangers in Proposed Legislation.

PERIOD OF UNREST NOTED

Conservative Element Urged to "Get Together" and Combat Move Which Would Make Courts Creatures of Popular Will.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—On the eve of his three days' visit to Ohio, his home state, President Taft spoke tonight at the Waldorf-Astoria to the Ohio Society of New York, delivering probably the most important speech he has made in many months, directed against the "nostrums of reform," and particularly aimed at the recall of judges.

In the efforts which the President said have been made to ref- legislation in this country, he saw much that was good. He saw the faults of government in the United States today, and admitted that in trying to eradicate them much might be accomplished by reformers. But in the effort to make the judiciary responsive to "every whim of the people" he saw destruction.

Law's Overthrow Seen.

He declared that the conservative element of the Nation eveneually must "get together" to prevent a movement that would make the courts the creatures of popular will, and might make the decision in every case, not in accord with the law, but accord with what a majority of the people thought the law should be.

"They are having a constitutional convention in Ohio," said the President, "and I am told that one of the propositions is to propose the judicial recall. Orators and statesmen are going up and down the country denouncing courts, pointing out their corrupt nature.

"The time is coming, in my judgment, when the conservative people of this country who are in favor of the eternal principles of justice and their administration so as to make them prevail, should rise to meet these misguided supporters of an utterly indefensible theory and end the agitation against the courts."

President Kept Busy.

The President's speech to the Ohio Society was only one of his many engagements here tonight. From Ohio he "stepped over into West Virginia," in the same hotel, and addressed the New York Society of that name and then motored to Sherry's to speak to the Aero Club of America. Before retiring at the home of his brother, Henry W. Taft, the President "dropped in" at the ball of the Daughters of Jacob at the Seventy-first Regiment Armory, to which 10,000 invitations had been issued. He is due to leave New York tomorrow for Cleveland.

President Taft made his principal speech at the banquet of the Ohio Society at the Waldorf-Astoria. He paid a warm tribute to Ohio, her institutions and people in opening his address, and after mentioning the various "isms" that had sprung up in the country, said:

Unrest in Ohio Seen.

"We have now reached another period when another new political nostrum, or series or them, is being

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MOTHER SEES BOY DROWN IN RAPIDS

OREGON CITY FALLS SCENE OF FATAL ACCIDENT.

Little One Clings to Toy Whistle as Turbulent Water Buffets Him to His Death.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 27.—(Special.) — While his terror-stricken mother looked on, Paul Platt, 6 years old, son of Mrs. O. C. Platt, of Canemah, was drowned in the river basin below the falls here this afternoon. The boy fell from a sidewalk that skirts the swirling pool just below the falls and was swept down the rock-jutted stream.

Mrs. Platt and Mrs. Katherine Lund had been shopping at Oregon City and with little Paul were returning home along the sidewalk, which follows the river bank to Canemah. The lad had been given a whistle and was lagging behind joyfully blowing his new toy. At a scream from Paul his mother turned and beheld her son floundering in the turbulent millrace. For a time the boy's blouse kept him afloat and he clung to his whistle as he was buffeted by the stream.

C. A. White, Henry Jones, Fred Freeman and Herman Rakel, employes of the Hawley Pulp & Paper Company, heard the cries of the drowning boy, but were powerless to save him. At the point where the tragedy occurred the river is deep and so swift that a man could not survive in it.

When the boy disappeared for the last time his mother fainted. The railing where the boy fell into the river consists of a top and lower rail, the latter of which is nearly two and a half feet above the walk. The sidewalk is maintained by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company.

O. C. Platt, father of the boy, came to Oregon City six months ago and later returned to Rhode Island, where he is at the present time.

SECRET WEDDING BARED

Pullman Students Married Year Before Fact Is Known.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—Keeping their secret for almost a year, Lee Mantz, a senior in the pharmacy department at Washington State College, and Miss Joyce McKinney, student in the domestic science department, let the matrimonial cat out of the bag last night at Pullman. The students were married secretly at Moscow, June 8, 1911, and succeeded until yesterday in keeping the knowledge from both their parents and their fellow-students.

When the members of the Beta Kappa sorority, of which Mrs. Mantz is a member, learned of the marriage, they announced a reception and the student body turned out to greet the couple. The secret marriage was disclosed when Attorney Frank Sander, of Pullman, returned from Moscow, where he had accidentally seen the names of the two students on the marriage register.

Mrs. Mantz, who is a sophomore, lives at Waitsburg, and Mr. Mantz is a resident of Colville.

ROADS CONFER ON "TIPS"

Public Blamed Chiefly, but Managers Would Aid Cure.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—(Special.)—Continued complaints by the patrons of railroads, especially commercial travelers, against the so-called "tipping evil," have caused the managers of several leading Western roads to give the subject serious consideration, and it is expected that steps will be taken in the near future to check the alleged nuisance.

Several informal conferences already have been held and others are scheduled to take place soon. While the managers maintain that the public is chiefly to blame for the wide scope of the tip-solicitors' activities, they also believe the railroads can assist in the crusade to crush the evil.

RICH MAN SHOT BY INTENDED VICTIM

Chauffeur Replies to Fire of J. J. Moore.

WIFE IN CAR WITH DRIVER

San Franciscan Who Fought Divorce Suit Will Die.

DYING STATEMENT MADE

Wounded Man, Recently Principal in Sensational Action, Says He Shot When Mrs. Moore Refused to Get Out of Auto.

SAN MATEO, Cal., Jan. 27.—J. J. Moore, a wealthy fuel dealer of San Francisco, was shot and probably fatally wounded tonight, near the residence here of his wife, by J. Timothy, a chauffeur employed by a wealthy neighbor of Mrs. Moore. Moore was carried into the residence of his wife and later taken to a hospital, where it was announced he could not live. Timothy surrendered and is now in the custody of the Sheriff of San Mateo County.

Mrs. Moore recently sued for divorce, charging Moore with extreme cruelty. Her husband, in a cross-complaint, alleged habitual intemperance. The names of several men socially prominent in San Francisco figured in the case, including Rear-Admiral Thomes S. Phelps.

Wife in Car With Chauffeur.

City Attorney Kirkbridge refused to make public all of Moore's statement, but in part it is as follows:

"I saw Mrs. Moore in the car, stopped it and ordered her to get out of it. She refused and I began shooting."

Timothy, it was said tonight, had been seen frequently purchasing one or more bottles of champagne in local saloons.

Timothy is a deputy constable.

Attack Is Related.

According to the story told by Timothy, he was driving past the Moore residence, when his engine failed. As he was bending over the hood of the car, a man stepped from behind a tree on the side of the road opposite the Moore home and, calling out, "You're the man I'm laying for!" and, adding a string of oaths, fired two shots.

Timothy hid behind the car, he says, in time to escape two more bullets. Timothy asserts he then drew his own revolver and fired once.

Wife Sees, Collapses.

The bullet struck Moore in the abdomen, but he did not fall. Captain H. N. Royden, of a military school nearby, ran to the scene and found Moore still standing by the road. With the assistance of Timothy and a maid from the Moore residence, the wounded man was carried into the house.

Timothy surrendered to Chief of Police Boland and was later taken to Redwood City by the Sheriff. But one chamber of Timothy's revolver had been discharged.

CHURCH EXPELS RICHESON

Formal Action Taken by Emmanuel Baptist Congregation.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 27.—Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, who is under sentence of death for the murder of his former sweetheart, Avis Linnell, was expelled tonight from the Baptist Church.

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MARKET FAVORED AS CLUB QUARTERS

Majority Says Growth Warrants Change.

NEW GOVERNORS ARE CHOSEN

Election Brings Out Heaviest Vote of Record.

MOVE OF HOME CONTESTED

Resolutions Are Adopted Authorizing Directors to Lease Upper Four Floors in Proposed Public Market Building.

With sentiment overwhelmingly favoring a change in location the Portland Commercial Club last night passed resolutions at its annual meeting giving the board of governors full power to act upon the offer of new club quarters in the market building to be erected between Pine and Ankeny at Sixth street; and elected J. S. Beall, J. H. Burgard, F. A. Freeman, C. S. Jackson and George W. Kleiser to the board of governors to succeed the five men whose terms expired this year.

The polls were opened at 8 o'clock, and while the discussion on the proposal to move the club quarters was being carried on in the main parlor, the voting continued steadily. The greater part of the members voted, however, in a short recess which was called immediately after the opening of the polls.

Vote Heaviest in History.

At 10 o'clock President Beckwith declared the polls closed and the tellers, W. T. Buchanan, C. B. Merrick and J. F. Larson began the count, which continued far past midnight. The vote was the heaviest that has been cost in the history of the club, reaching a total of 410. Votes upon each of the ten names submitted were as follows: J. S. Beall, 273; S. Blumauer, 131; J. H. Burgard, 272; W. H. Fear, 142; F. A. Freeman, 284; C. S. Jackson, 276; G. W. Kleiser, 256; F. B. Riley, 103; A. M. Smith, 125, and Elwood Wiles, 167.

C. W. Hodson opened the discussion of the proposal to move the club quarters, which was the engrossing topic throughout the greater part of the session, although the trend of sentiment in favor of the move to a new location was apparent from the very first.

Sale Believed Advisable.

Mr. Hodson couched his motion in the form of two resolutions, as follows:

"Resolved, That the board of governors of the Portland Commercial Club be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract for a lease of the upper four floors of the proposed new building to be erected on the block bounded by Fifth, Sixth, Pine and Ankeny streets, for the use of the club, upon the terms set out in the proposal submitted therefor with such restrictions as to finishing, etc., as may meet with the approval of the board; conditional, however, upon the sale of the present club property being made at a price which will secure for the club's present equity a sum not less than $113,500 in cash."

"Resolved, That the board of governors of the Portland Commercial Club, through its proper officers, be and is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the club, to authorize and direct the proper officers of the Portland Commercial Club Building Association, to enter into a contract of sale of lots numbered 3 and 4, in block numbered 69, in the City of Portland,

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FELS' INCENDIARY WORDS AFFIRMED

REPORTER GIVES STATEMENT OF M'NAMARA-OTIS SPEECH.

Purported Denial by Single-Tax Advocate Shown Unfounded by Man Who Reported Meeting.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 27.—W. A. Davenport, reporter for the Philadelphia Public Ledger, made the following statement today:

Mr. Fels made this statement in an address on the "Ethics of Taxation" at the Ethical Cultural Societies headquarters at 1415 Locust street in this city. I cannot recall at this time, having lost my notes, the exact text of the other parts of Fels' speech, but the published exerpt is bonafide. If The Oregonian republished verbatim the Public Ledger story it was quite as correct as we were.

In reference to single taxation, Fels on the occasion rehearsed the various trials and results of the single tax theory, attributing failure in those instances resulting adversely to lack of practical application. He declared that he regarded single taxation as the door through which practical socialism could best be reached. He declared that like Carl Marx, he considered himself good enough to exist without laws, and when accused by one of the hearers of having anarchistic tendencies, replied that whether he was an anarchist or not depended much on the interpretation of the word.

He further declared that he fully expected to live to see one state, at least, adopt single taxation. In this connection he predicted that either all the people of the United States then would move into that one state or they would force their own states to adopt like legislation. These facts are substantially correct. I have had to depend on my memory alone for them, but the McNamara-Otis statement as published is correct in detail.

In view of a purported telegram from Joseph Fels printed in a Portland newspaper, denying that he had uttered incendiary remarks credited to him by the Philadelphia Public Ledger and the New York Times, The Oregonian requested further particulars from the Public Ledger. The foregoing is the reply prepared by the Philadelphia newspaperman who attended the gathering where Mr. Fels delivered his speech. Mr. Fels' statement as published in the Public Ledger and reproduced in The Oregonian follows:

Had I been in the place of the McNamaras, I would have blown up the Times building as they did and I would not have stopped there. And then, too, I would have waited until General Otis was in his office. He is the rascal responsible for all labor's troubles in San Francisco, and the courts upheld him in his rascality.

ZAPATISTAS TAKE CLOTHES

Father, Daughters and Two Young Men Left Only With Auto.

PUEBLA, Mex., Jan. 27.—Left in possession of a big touring car but stripped of almost every stitch of clothing and robbed of money, jewelry and arms, was the predicament in which Macedonia Olvera, his two daughters, and two young men were placed this morning by Zapatistas.

Olvera, who, with his daughters, is visiting friends in Puebla, invited the two young men to accompany them on an automobile ride. Near the city their car was stopped by a band of Zapatistas, who took their personal possessions. Then the occupants of the car, all members of the better class of society, were forced to disrobe. They obtained necessary apparel at a workingman's home.

EMPEROR WILLIAM IS 53

Taft Sends Congratulations and Ambassador Gives Dinner.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—This being the 53d birthday anniversary of the Emperor of Germany, President Taft has cabled to Berlin a message extending hearty congratulations in the name of the Government and people of the United States and tendering his own best wishes for the Emperor's welfare and for the continuance of the cordial relations existing between Germany and the United States.

Count VonBernstorff, the German Ambassador, in honor of the anniversary, gave a dinner at which several prominent German-Americans were present. Toasts were drunk to the health of the German Emperor and the President of the United States.

$8000 BONDS SOLD BY MORRIS AT LOSS

State Bares Deals to Show Criminality.

STOW CALLED BLACKMAILER

Attorney Malarkey Says Wilde Indictment Follows Plot.

FIGHT CENTERS ON LETTER

Witness for Prosecution Will Not Identify Signature to Letter in Which Claim to Commission Is Denied—Lie Is Cast.

SALIENT POINTS OF DAY'S TRIAL IN WILDE CASE.

In support of its contention that property of the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank was converted unlawfully, the prosecution, by two witnesses proved exchange by W. Cooper Morris of eight $1000 Puget Sound telephone bonds, of par value of $8000, for Portland residence property, which netted Morris only $3300 cash.

Refusal of Frank H. Stow, witness for the state, to identify the signature of F. F. Graves, president of the Union Telephone Construction Company, temporarily prevents the defense from introducing a letter from Graves to Wilde, in which Graves interpreted Wilde's contract with the Construction Company to entitle him to all proceeds from the bond sale over 80 cents on the dollar net to the company. The letter declares further that neither Graves nor Stow was entitled to any part of the proceeds of the bond sale over 80 per cent.

Counsel for defense charges Stow, witness for the prosecution, with attempted blackmail of Wilde and alleged that when he failed to force Wilde to disgorge, proceeded to have Wilde indicted on a criminal charge of embezzling the funds of the bank.

Dan J. Malarkey, representing the defense, accused Special Prosecutor Clark of "running the District Attorney's office" and was called a liar by Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald.

Counsel for the state in the Wilde trial yesterday proved by two witnesses the exchange by W. Cooper Morris of eight $1000 Puget Sound telephone bonds of the par value of $8000 for residue property in East Portland from which he realized only $3300 in cash. These bonds are included in 40 of the same issue and denomination which the prosecution contends were received by Morris, in addition to $5000 cash, as his part of the $90,000 profit made in the sale by Wilde to the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank of the $500,000 block of Omaha telephone bonds.

The purpose of the testimony was to endeavor to support the theory of the state that the transaction goes to prove conversion by Morris of property belonging to the defunct bank. It was admitted by Judge Kavanaugh for that purpose over the objection of Dan J. Malarkey, representing the defense.

W. A. Currie, real estate dealer residing at 532 Elizabeth street, testified that in the Spring of 1909 Morris gave him eight $1000 telephone bonds to trade for property or otherwise dispose of, Currie to receive a commission for his services.

Dealer Recounts Purchase.

The realty dealer testified that he exchanged four of these bonds to

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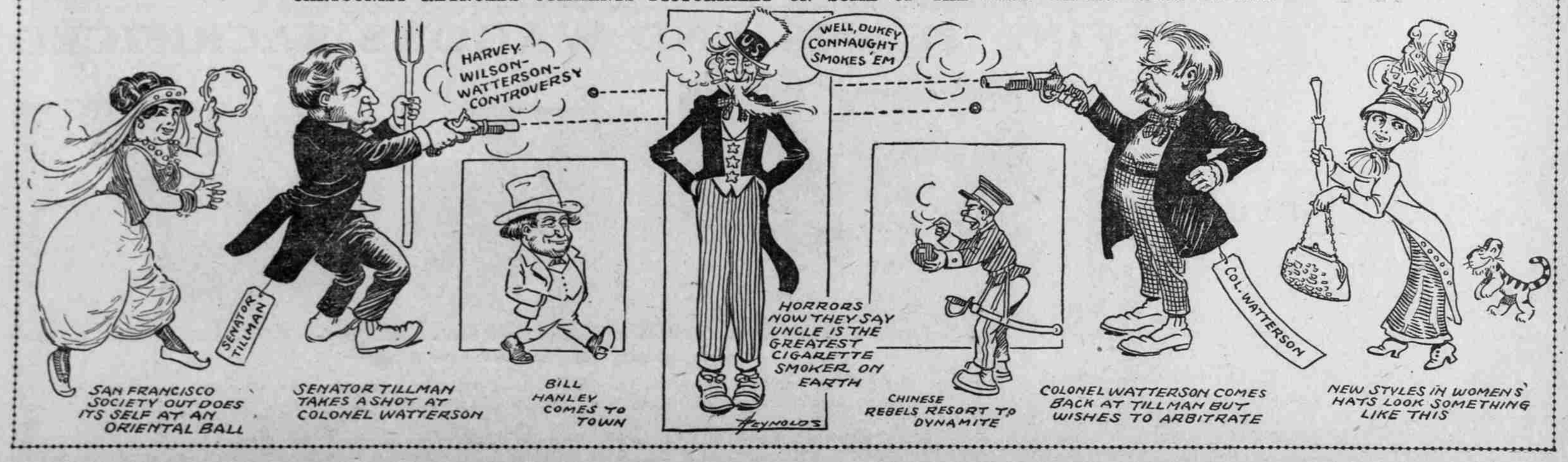
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