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PRESIDENT TAFT SAYS ONLY DEATH WILL STOP CANDIDACY

declares That Nothing Can Alter His Plans to Try For Renomination.

BREAK WITH ROOSEVELT ADVOCATED

Supporters of Administration and La Follette Forces Puzzled by Colonel.

DENIAL BY PINCHOT.

(By Associated Press.) BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Jan. 3.—Gifford Pinchot today declared that he had not stated that Theodore Roosevelt had told him he would not accept the presidential nomination if it were tendered him.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—Nothing but death can keep me out of the fight now," President Taft is reported to have made this statement to White House callers today to whom he added that he had no objection to the statement being made public. It undoubtedly was intended to set at rest all reports that Taft might withdraw from the race for the republican nomination for President in favor of Colonel Roosevelt.

The President said he was thoroughly aroused by the gravity of the situation in the republican party and was determined to let his attitude be generally understood. Taft told friends and party leaders the first that if he should be named upon to stand for re-election, he would be glad to do so, that he was under obligations to the party and having made his president and was willing to abide by his decision at the convention. He adheres to his position not to quit the race until the nomination ballots are cast in Chicago.

It is said that some of Taft's friends have gone so far lately as to advise him to openly break with Roosevelt and challenge the latter to make plain his intentions. The president has declined to do this.

The White House was fairly flooded with callers lately who have sought word to Taft that Roosevelt so far has declined to say he would not accept the nomination if he were tendered him. It also has been reported to the White House that Roosevelt believes an organized effort will be made to "smoke him out" and that he declines to be "smoked out" either by the Taft or the LaFollette forces.

President Taft listened all these reports with an indulgent smile but he refused to indicate whether or not he believed them. It is vehemently denied at the White House, however, that Taft has sent any "messengers" to Roosevelt, "on any subject whatever."

To the urgings of his friends that he make a more active campaign, Taft has replied that he does not think best political activity comports with presidential dignity. He has now consented to his friends to carry forward the fight as vigorously as they desire and he will lend what aid he properly can.

LA FOLLETTE NO QUITTER

announce That Wisconsin Man Will Remain in Race

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—Without referring to Gov. Osborn's suggestion in his speech at Lansing, Mich., that LaFollette withdraw from the presidential race, the LaFollette National Headquarters here today issued a statement that LaFollette has no intention of withdrawing.

FAVOR PEACE TREATIES

Senators Wish to Ratify Agreements as They Stand

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Senator Bryan has prepared an individual minority report for the foreign relations committee, favoring the ratification of the peace treaties as they stand. Senator Williams of the Mississippi also has declared for the treaties amended.

WRECK IN OKLAHOMA.

Killed and Twenty Hurt in Collision There.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

EL RENO, Okla., Jan. 3.—In a head-on collision between two trains of the Rock Island railroad near here, one engineer was killed and twenty passengers and members of the crews injured.

PLAN TO DRAG ROOSEVELT IN

New Investigation of Acquisition of Panama Canal Zone May Be Ordered.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—The official story of the acquisition of the Panama Canal Zone by the United States may be told in the House of Representatives if the hearings to be continued by the Committee on Foreign Affairs lead to the adoption of a resolution introduced by Representatives Rainey of Illinois. Chairman Sulzer announced today the committee would soon begin the consideration of the resolution.

The Rainey resolution calls on the committee on Foreign Affairs to send all the books, papers and documents, to summon witnesses and take testimony on the fact that a former president of the United States has declared that he "took" Panama from the republic of Colombia without consulting the congress. The republic of Columbia has asked that the entire matter be submitted to The Hague Tribunal to determine the justice of the action of the United States government.

ELECT ALLEN AS PRESIDENT

New Councilman Selected to Become Acting Mayor—Council Proceedings.

The Marshfield city council last evening elected F. E. Allen president of the city council for the ensuing year. Messrs. Allen and Merchant, the newly elected councilmen, had qualified prior to the meeting and the first business to come up was the election of a president to become acting mayor in the absence of Mayor Straw. Mr. Merchant took the seat formerly occupied by Councilman Albrecht, and Mr. Allen the one formerly occupied by Tom Coke.

Councilman Powers nominated Mr. Allen for the presidency and Councilman Ferguson seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations and Mr. Allen was elected by acclamation. He thanked the council for the honor conferred upon him and stated that while he thought that an older member of the body might have been chosen to advance, he appreciated the courtesy and would do his best to merit it. A. H. Powers positively declined the place when Mr. Allen suggested his name after Powers had nominated Allen.

Mayor Straw announced the following standing committees for the ensuing year: Fire and water—Merchant, Savage and Powers. Streets—Powers, Allen and Copple.

Finance—Savage, Powers and Allen.

Light—Ferguson, Merchant and Savage.

Health—Copple, Ferguson and Merchant.

Waterfront—Allen, Copple and Ferguson.

Straw and Copple Tilt.

There was a little tilt between Mayor Straw and Councilman Copple at the opening of the session, coming as an echo of the last city campaign. While they were discussing the order of business, Mayor Straw turned to Copple and asked:

"Copple, are you going to resign?"

"No. Why? Do you want to appoint a man in my place?" retorted Copple.

"No, but several have told me that you were going to resign and I thought I might relieve you of any embarrassment about the matter," replied Mayor Straw.

"When I get ready to resign, I'll notify you in ample time and you needn't trouble yourself about any embarrassment to me," retorted Copple.

"Well, I just wanted to know. It doesn't make any difference to me

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TOLD GOMPERS OF DYNAMITING

Former Mayor Bookwalter of Indianapolis, Ind., Tells of Old Discovery of McNamara's Perfidy.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 3.—National labor officials affiliated with Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor were informed two years ago by Charles A. Bookwalter, who as mayor at that time, conducted a secret investigation, that John J. McNamara had directed a series of dynamiting expositions. This was made known today by Bookwalter when he was informed that the government's investigation here embraced an inquiry into the circumstances of four explosions directed against Albert Von Shreckelen, a general contractor on account of labor trouble.

Bookwalter said if he is subpoenaed by the federal grand jury he will bare all details of the municipal investigation. Bookwalter said he discussed the matter with McNamara and told him as they were riding in a street car, he could "put his hand on one of the dynamites without leaving the car." Bookwalter said he personally had never informed Gompers but that other labor leaders had been told of the results of the investigation. The inquiry lasted forty-five days and was dropped when his (Bookwalter's) term expired.

DENIAL BY GOMPERS.

Declares He Had no Knowledge of Dynamite Outrages.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—"No person living or dead," said Samuel Gompers, "ever made such a statement to me or hinted that J. J. McNamara or anyone else was engaged in a dynamite explosion or a dynamite campaign," in denying the statement that he and other union officials knew of the alleged conspiracy two years ago.

NO AID FROM UNIONS.

Labor Leaders Have Not Assisted in Dynamite Conspiracy Probe.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 3.—"No labor union leader, not even Samuel Gompers, the head of the American Federation of Labor, has lifted a hand to help us in cleaning up the big dynamite conspiracy, either before or since the McNamara confessions at Los Angeles," said Oscar Lawler, special government prosecutor for the District of Southern California. He and John D. Fredericks, prosecuting attorney for Los Angeles, conferred with Charles W. Miller, United States Attorney, before the federal grand jury today and resumed its inquiry into the alleged dynamiting conspiracy.

TO RECOGNIZE NEW REPUBLIC

Sulzer Wants Rebel Government in China Recognized by United States.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—Recognition by the United States of the "Republic of China as a member of the family of nations" is called for by a resolution introduced today by Representative Sulzer, and referred to the committee on foreign affairs.

MOVE FIGHT TO GAY PAREE

Jack Johnson and Sam McVey Will Meet in French Capital.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SYDNEY, Australia, Jan. 3.—The fight between Jack Johnson and Sam McVey, the heavy weights, is to take place in Paris the night of the Grand Prix instead of in Sydney on Easter Monday.

800 ON STRIKE AT NAVY YARD

Many Government Mechanics Walkout at Norfolk Today.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—Navy officials have instructed Captain Doyle, commandant of the Norfolk Navy Yard to explain that the time cards are in no way connected with the Taylor system of scientific management, but rather the following out of a practice of keeping time on each job. The men have just received an increased allowance of eight cents a day and it is believed the trouble soon will be adjusted. A total of eight hundred had quit work at the Navy Yard late today and gone into conference. There are upward of 2,000 men employed there.

CONGRESS IN SESSION.

Both Houses Convene After Holiday Recess.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—Both Houses of Congress re-assembled at noon after the recess for the holidays which began December 21. Most of the senators and representatives were on hand. Practically no important business is pending for the day.

BIG SUM MISSING.

Treasurer of New York Firm Accused of \$135,000 Theft.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—A shortage of \$135,000 is said to be shown by the books of the wholesale white goods house of Van Keuren and Thornton. Thornton said today he had laid information before District Attorney Whitman alleging that the treasurer of the company, Percy G. VanDerroef, had misappropriated the money.

SMOKE the "FOREST" cigar. Made in Marshfield.

TWO APPLICATIONS TO BRIDGE COOS BAY ARE NOW ON FILE

PIERRE LOTI URGES PEACE

Renowned Frenchman Makes Stirring Appeal to World—Flays Europeans.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PARIS, France, Jan. 3.—The Figaro publishes today a striking appeal to the world in favor of peace, written by Captain Louis Marie Julien Loti, famous as a traveler, author and a friend of the Mohammedan, in which he flays the rapacity of Europe in regard to the Mohammedans. Italy's indefensible seizure of Tripoli and her war on Turkey are, says Loti, manifestations of this mockery of civilization, which looks on tranquilly at massacre, at war and at the spilling of innocent blood. Loti concludes "Wars of conquest, on whatever pretext they are undertaken, must be stopped or the world's peace, progress, and arbitration will remain empty and derisive and a shame to humanity."

PLAN TO FILL BIG DISTRICT

Council Arranges For Improvement Large Section In Railroad Addition.

The Marshfield city council last evening took steps to arrange for filling the entire flat in the Railroad addition district south to Kruse avenue and west to the hills near Fourth street. The greater fill is made possible by the decision of the government to widen the channel in front of Marshfield 150 feet more than was originally planned. This will furnish 150,000 yards of dredgings and it is believed this will be ample to fill the entire lowland to a depth of three feet or greater.

The action of the council followed a verbal report by Councilman Powers that Engineer Leefe had just been advised by Major Marrow of the change in the government plans. The council and residents of that section had been desirous of having the greater fill made but at first it was not expected that there would be sufficient dredgings available.

Last night, J. E. Fitzgerald, one of the property owners, presented a petition signed by about nine-tenths of the property owners agreeing to pay two cents per cubic yard for the fill. This, it is estimated, would defray the expenses of bulkheading, handling shore pipes, etc.

The council ordered this placed on file but decided that it was unnecessary other than showing the proper spirit by the residents of the section affected. The council has the right to levy an assessment up to \$25 per lot for emergency work like this will come under. City Engineer (Fidley and Street Commissioner Lawhorne were instructed to take charge of the project and arrange for the necessary preliminary work. This will include a big box drain extending from the Glen Garden tract to the Bay to afford egress for the water in the small brook from the gulch.

It is expected that the fill can be started at an early date and finished this winter. It will solve a sanitary problem that has been perplexing the city officials for some time. By the new arrangement, the cost will be trivial to what it would otherwise have been. Once, most of the property owners in the section signed up to pay twelve and one-half cents per yard for about 250,000 yards of dredgings to be pumped in there.

Councilman Powers also reported that Messrs. Senzack and Mingus of the Port Commission had agreed to get behind the project for extending the bulkhead along the water front northward to the city limits so that the flat in front of Ferndale can be filled when the Oregon reaches there.

During the discussion, Mayor Straw took a few whacks at the Port Commission. He declared the commission should take charge of all this work instead of compelling the city council to bother with it. He said that the activity of the Port Commission was the cause of the city council and officials having to do a lot of work that the commission ought to be doing.

Southern Pacific and Sumner Line Want to Build Structures Near Together.

BOTH NEAR OLD SITE BELOW NORTH BEND

Hugh McLain Returns From Trip to Washington, D. C.—Will Report Friday Night.

That two applications have been formally made for constructing railroad bridges across Coos Bay from near the mouth of North Inlet to near the mouth of Pony Inlet was the news given out by Hugh McLain on his return home from Washington, D. C., today. One application has been made by the Southern Pacific to build the bridge where the company originally proposed four or five years ago and the other was made by the Sumner lines and the site is near that of the Southern Pacific. The applications are now in the hands of government officials.

Mr. McLain from what he was able to ascertain from officials does not think there is any possibility of the War Department permitting the construction of two bridges so close together. However, he does not feel so sanguine about preventing the construction of any bridge across the Bay. If a permit is granted, it will likely be for one bridge with possibly a restriction that it be available for all lines desiring to use it.

Mr. McLain came down from Gardiner with Mr. Weir, who has charge of the corps of Southern Pacific engineers working south from the Umpqua to Coos Bay and who came here with Mrs. Weir for a short stay. Weir's crew is now working at Ten Mile. Mr. Weir merely laughs when it is suggested that another line besides the Harriman road is likely to build in here and says "it is all S. P." He says that the Southern Pacific will push the construction of the road as rapidly as possible.

Mr. McLain said that he heard considerable railroad talk relating to Coos Bay in New York, in Washington, in Portland and at other points while away. He is more enthusiastic than ever over the prospect of early construction here and a big boom on the Bay.

He had a fine trip. Relative to what transpired at Washington, Mr. McLain did not care to make any statement today. He will make a detailed report of his trip and his success in the matter of harbor and jetty work to the annual meeting of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce Friday evening. As he was sent as a delegate from that body he does not feel like giving out this information until he reports to them.

FREIGHT RATES CUT.

Livestock Packing House Products and Salt Affected by Order.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—Radical reductions in freight rates on livestock, packing house products and salt today were prescribed by the Interstate Commerce Commission to apply on all western and southern railroads.

TARIFF LEFT TO COURT.

Taft to Refer Perplexing Question Soon.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—President Taft will refer to the courts the wood pulp and paper controversy involving the question of free entry of these articles into this country from the nations that have the most favored nations treaties, it is announced.

MORSE OFFERED BRIBE.

Prison Warden Says Convicted Banker Made Overtures to Him.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 2.—Warden W. M. Moyer of the federal penitentiary at Atlanta today made a formal statement declaring that Chas. W. Morse, the convicted banker of New York, had offered him what he construed to be a bribe shortly after Morse became a prisoner at the institution. He says he refused it and notified Attorney General Wickersham.

SOME RAILROAD BUSINESS.

Figuring 20,000 feet of lumber as an average carload and thirty-five carloads as composing a trainload, the lumber carried from here last year by the steamer Nann Smith alone would have made one hundred and thirteen solid freight trains.