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## WILL NAME MEN

### Senator Fulton to Control Patronage.

### ROOSEVELT SAYS SO

### President Will Not Approve of Agreement to Hold Appointments.

### FULTON'S RECOMMENDATIONS

### Roosevelt Tells Senator Fulton to Come to Headquarters With His Recommendations for Oregon Appointments.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Senator Fulton took up with the president today the reported agreement of several cabinet officers to make no more appointments in Oregon until after the land fraud trials. The president said he had no knowledge of such agreement, and would not approve it. On the contrary, he said, any such policy would be an unjust reflection on Senator Fulton. The president told the senator to come direct to him whenever he had any appointments he wanted made.

As a matter of fact, aside from the few presidential postoffice appointments are likely to fall due until after the trials, but these appointments would be made wherever Senator Fulton asks for them.

The president will not interfere with the determination to deny Mitchell, Hermann and Williamson the right to make appointments, which possibly means that there will be no more fourth-class postoffice appointments in Oregon for some months.

The appointment of a district attorney must necessarily wait until Mr. Hall's correct status is determined. If he is disqualified, some one else will be appointed when the land-fraud cases are closed. In any event, no appointment will be made until Senator Fulton is consulted. He will make the selection.

### DENIES THE ALLEGATION.

### Hoke Smith Calls Secretary Hitchcock Down.

Washington, Feb. 18.—An authorized statement was given out tonight from former Secretary of the Interior Hoke Smith, replying to the statement issued by Secretary Hitchcock, regarding the action of Smith in approving oil and gas leases made with the Osage Indians in 1896, and severely arraigning Hitchcock as making a baseless charge. Smith states that at the time of the lease no oil deposits were known to exist on the Osage reservation. He asserts that the lease fully protected the Indians by enforcing ample royalties, and that the lease was approved by the Indians themselves and by Col. Freeman, acting Indian agent at the reservation.

### OREGON APPOINTMENTS.

### No Federal Appointments to Be Made Until After Land Fraud Cases.

Dispatches from Washington announce that no more federal appointments will be made in Oregon until after the land fraud cases are tried. It is held that appointments should be made by the entire delegation, but as all but Fulton had been indicted the appointments would not be made.

Mr. Wynne said tonight that Senator Fulton would be permitted to name the postmaster at Astoria when the term of the present incumbent expires, for it is his right as senator to name the postmaster in his own town. Senator Fulton's record being clear, his right to fill this office will not be questioned.

### DEMAND RECOGNITION.

Columbian Government Seek Understanding With United States. Washington, Feb. 18.—Columbia is again endeavoring to reopen the Pan-

ama question and reach an understanding with the United States. Mr. Lujana, Columbian charge, called on the president today and presented him with a personal letter from General Reyes, president of Columbia. The president did not commit himself further than to say that he would be glad to confer with Secretary Hay and send Reyes a reply. Reyes expresses an earnest desire that the Washington and Boston governments shall come to a better understanding and devise some means of adjustment in the relations between Panama and Columbia. Several times before Columbia has hinted at Plebiscite for Panama to determine whether Panamanians wish to return to the Columbia sovereignty. It is believed that this will not be assented to by the Washington government.

### Swayne Impeachment.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The senate today decided not to admit as testimony in the Swayne impeachment trial, statements made by Swayne before the house committee. This decision was reached while the senate were in secret session and as soon as it was arrived at the court adjourned until Monday.

### Can Not Hold Two Offices.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 18.—The steamer Ramona, arriving from Skagway, brought news that an effort is being made to oust Dr. Thompson, member-elect at Dawson on the ground that his resignation from the Yukon council was irregular; Governor Congdon, who was his opponent, having resigned as commissioner, being therefore unable to accept his resignation. Canadian law requires that no man shall be a candidate for one office while holding another.

### Ministers Summoned.

Berlin, Feb. 18.—The Tageblatt's St. Petersburg correspondent says that the plenary sitting of the committee of ministers at Tsarskoe, Selo, on February 16, it was decided to issue a manifesto concerning the summoning of Zemsky Sobor, in accordance with the ancient Russian tradition and refer the elaborate details to the committee of ministers.

## CANAL COMMISSION

### Members Start for New York With Report.

### SOME TRADE CONDITIONS

Reports From the Canal Zone Are to the Effect that no Yellow Fever Prevails—Representatives Will Report to the President.

Panama, Feb. 18.—W. H. Burr and William K. Parsons, members of the Panama canal commission, who started for New York yesterday, will make important recommendations to the canal committee upon their arrival there, on the proposed sea level canal and other engineering problems.

Joseph L. Bristow called upon President Amador today. Before leaving he will confer with leading Panamanians about his mission, which is to investigate trade conditions and freight rates between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and between the west coast of South America and the east coast of the United States and Europe and to determine the best policy of managing the Panama railroad.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The isthmian canal commission has received a report from Health Officer Sprattling at Cristobal, canal zone, stating positively that it has not been shown that yellow fever existed or had existed in Colon since he assumed the duties of health officer of Colon on July 9.

### STANDARD OIL CO.

Investigation of the Company to Begin at Once.

Topoka, Feb. 18.—It is expected that the investigation of the Standard Oil Company, affairs in Kansas will begin at once. Governor Hoch today notified that six inspectors have been ordered to work on the Kansas case. They will report their findings to commissioner of corporations Garfield.

## CRY FOR PEACE

### Russian Press Demands Peace of Czar.

### COST IS TOO GREAT

### Tens of Thousands of Brave Men Have Lost Their Lives in the War.

### DOWN WITH BUREAUCRACY

### Russian Press Commenting on the Assassination of Grand Duke Sergius Point Out That It Is Impossible to Continue.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—Several orders and decorations with which Grand Duke Sergius breast was covered at the time of the assassination were found by a sentry a 100 yards away from place where he was killed. His sword was shattered but the jeweled rings which he wore were recovered from spectators, who witnessed the outrage. The gold cross which grand duke, like all orthodox wore around his neck, next to his body was not recovered. Grand Duchess Elizabeth issued piteous appeal to the public to search for and return the relics.

The Russ and Novosti commenting on the assassination of Sergius point out how impossible it is to continue present conditions. Russ says: From the day of the death of Minister of the Interior Vonpliev the fighting group of social revolutionists held their peace. Now blood is shed again, and although foreigners predict all will end in a revolution, the case is not hopeless. Only let representatives of the people to participate in the government of the national and peace will come and our sufferings end.

Novosti says: Victims of the war number tens of thousands. Hundreds high in official circles are among the victims. People are losing their lives in the streets of Russian cities. We cannot live longer under such conditions. The happiness of the people should not be bought with blood. The throne must join the people against bureaucracy. This is the only salvation from the horrors which threaten to darken the near future.

### SHROUDED IN MYSTERY.

### Statement as to the Whereabouts of Missing Securities.

Boston, Feb. 18.—Much mystery surrounds the disappearance announced by a law firm today of the securities said to be the property of their client of the value of \$258,000. Beyond the information that paper amounting to \$50,000 which is negotiable, was removed from the safe or vault about January 17. Name of the owner and all information is being withheld. Among missing securities are a promissory note signed "G. Henry Whitcomb or his order," and indorsed in blank for \$50,000 due February 21, and payable at the office of the American Loan & Trust Company of this city.

A telegram from Worcester states that G. Henry Whitcomb and wife left for Seattle yesterday. Harry Whitcomb, his son, said tonight he was positive that the missing securities were not the property of his father. He said he understood that a check to take up the note had been mailed from that city to the American Loan & Trust Company.

### LAMB FOR SLAUGHTER.

Grand Duke Paul Alexandrovitch Restored to Former Rank.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—Emperor of Russia by ukase issued yesterday restored to favor in the imperial family Grand Duke Paul Alexandrovitch, who some years ago was degraded in rank and honors because in opposition to the will of the emperor and wishes of the imperial family he contracted

morganatic marriage with Olga Pisto-fkoo.

In accordance with the decree Grand Duke Paul was reinvested with his former title and military standing and appointed as general aide de camp to his majesty, and will attend the funeral of his brother, Grand Duke Sergius.

### Will Resume Work.

Berlin, Feb. 18.—Press dispatches from Sosnovice state that the total number of persons that have died from wounds in recent rioting at Katherinen Iron works now reaches 60. The cause of the strikers is apparently weakening. Today a deputation of strikers appeared at two large establishments and expressed a willingness to resume work if military is withdrawn from the mills. This was promised and arrangements made to begin work on Monday.

### Disabled Steamer.

Manila, Feb. 18.—The American steamer Antonio MacLeod has been chartered to tow the British steamer Carlisle, now lying disabled in San Miguel bay, off the southern end of the island of Luzon, to Manila.

The Carlisle was under charter to the Russian government to carry supplies from Vladivostok to Port Arthur. When three hundred miles out from Vladivostok she lost her propeller and was carried by adverse winds and currents into San Miguel bay. Her commander, Captain Simpson went ashore in a small boat after the Carlisle had anchored, to seek assistance and was lost sight of. It was feared that he had met with an accident, but he subsequently turned up on board of an inter-island steamship which carried him to Manila.

### Still at It.

Montouran, Feb. 18.—Noticeable reinforcements to the Japanese siege artillery was seen today. The Japanese fire now exceeds the Russians in intensity and Lone Hill is being constantly bombarded. Two new Japanese batteries are being erected east of the Russian center.

## LABOR ORGANIZED

### Will March to Denver on Gubernatorial Contest.

### TAKE A HAND IN THE FIGHT

Indications Point to a Warm Time When the Investigating Committee Complete Their Labors and Submit Their Report.

Denver, Feb. 18.—A call has been issued to all the labor organizations of Colorado to convene for the purpose of taking part in the gubernatorial contest now pending. It is expected that fully 15,000 members of labor unions will meet and march in a body to the capital. It is surmised that they will oppose the seating of Governor Peabody should the legislature, decide that he was legally elected, and that they will insist upon the seating of Adams whether he was elected or not. Considerable excitement prevails.

### CASSIE'S STOCKING.

### One Million Dollars of Mrs. Chadwick's Money Discovered.

Cleveland, Feb. 18.—The Leader will say tomorrow that \$1,000,000, the amount believed to have been securely hidden by Mrs. Chadwick, has been found. Collector of Customs Leach has so minutely traced the operations of Mrs. Chadwick during the last four years and is in a position to know the amount saved in her many financial transactions which amounts to \$1,000,000 in cold cash.

### Buying Locomotives.

Philadelphia, Feb. 18.—Mitsui & Co. of New York, agents of the Japanese government today placed an order for 75 locomotives, the largest purchase ever made here by any foreign government. The estimated cost of the locomotives is \$1,000,000. The locomotives will be shipped by rail to the Pacific coast where they will be placed aboard steamships and sent direct to Korea.

## WILL END WAR

### Kaiser William Sends a Prince to Russia.

### ON HIS WAY HOME

### Probable That He Bears Important Message from the Czar.

### BELIEVED THAT WAR IS OVER

### Effect of the Recent Tragedy in Russia Believed to Have Had an Important Bearing on Bringing the War to a Close.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—Prince Friedrich Leopold of Prussia, who had been visiting the emperor previous, according to advices from Berlin, to going to Manchuria as an observer representing Emperor William, with the Russian army, started for Berlin at midnight.

It was announced from Berlin yesterday that Prince Friedrich Leopold was to go to the far east by steamer from Genoa, owing to the difficulties in sending the princely train quickly over the congested Siberian line, and that he would first pay a visit to Emperor Nicholas. A dispatch from St. Petersburg early this morning, however, threw a different light on the prince's visit to St. Petersburg. It was intimated that the prince was the bearer of personal representations from Emperor William on the subject of peace, and it was added that it was positively known that the question of peace was discussed between Emperor Nicholas and Prince Friedrich Leopold yesterday, though it was impossible to ascertain what, if any, conclusions were reached.

The official explanation of Prince Friedrich Leopold's return to Berlin is that he has decided to go to Manchuria by water, but there is high authority for the statement that the prince was a bearer of a letter to Emperor William in diplomatic circles there exists a suspicion, which amounts almost to a conviction, that Emperor William has undertaken peace negotiations in some form, although the few persons in a position to know, naturally declined to furnish any information on the subject.

In diplomatic circles the opinion is quite generally expressed that yesterday's tragedy may be followed by the decision of the government to conclude peace. For some time, despite the official attitude maintained by the government, there has been growing appreciation of the difficulties of prosecuting the war in the midst of increasing complications at home, and, as announced by the Associated Press yesterday, the matter was actually the subject of formal consideration by the emperor and his ministers, February 16. Strong influences which, in spite of denials, are headed by M. Witte, president of the committee of ministers, have been working quietly in this direction.

General Gripenberg's revelations, followed by the murder of Grand Duke Sergius, in the opinion of some of the ablest diplomats, are not unlikely to lead the emperor definitely to decide upon peace. In this connection the war office is considerably alarmed by the new danger threatening the Manchurian army from the sympathetic attempts making by Japanese and Chinese bandits to cut the line of communication back of the army. According to reports about 10,000 men split up into bands of several hundred each, are operating from Mongolia and are striking at the railroad. A Russian detachment following up the Japanese band which cut the road below Harbin, fell into an ambush of two regularly organized Japanese regiments, and was almost cut to pieces losing half its men and one gun.

The fear is that if the bands move further north or west they might in-

terrupt communication to such an extent as to make it impossible to supply the army. This danger has already compelled the triple reinforcement of the railroad guards below Harbin.

### Telegraph Operators Strike.

Moscow, Feb. 18.—The telegraph operators of the Moscow-Russian railroad have struck, demanding a minimum wage of \$20 and an eight-hour day, instead of 12. The telegraph operators of the Moscow-Windau road have also walked out, necessitating a suspension of the train service.

At Voronezh, the telegraph operators and other employes of the southwestern railroad, and 2000 men employed in the railroad workshops, have struck for an increase of wages and shorter hours.

### Cotton Duck Profitable.

New York, Feb. 18.—Stockholders of the United States Cotton Duck Corporation and the Mount Vernon Woodbery Cotton Duck Company have held their annual meetings in Jersey City. According to the statements of the two companies submitted by the officials the income from all sources was \$9,190,149 with net earnings of \$516,055. The interest on the \$7,000,000 first mortgage bonds outstanding amounts to \$350,000, leaving a surplus of \$166,055. Nearly all the officers and directors were re-elected.

### Still Scrapping.

Tokio, Feb. 18.—The Russians shelled portions of Field Marshal Oyama's center and left on Thursday, February 16. On Friday the Russian cavalry, in retiring from a recent attack upon Field Marshal Oyama's left, halted at Luchlongfang.

### Strike Situation.

Lodz, Feb. 18.—The town continues quiet. There is no change in the strike situation, excepting compositors struck Friday evening and no newspapers are being printed. The announcement of the assassination of Sergius was announced by means of handbills.

## PENSIONS PASSED

### Bill Appropriating Large Sum for Soldiers.

### MINORITY OPPOSES THE BILL

After Considerable Discussion Lasting Nearly All Day, the Bill Passed the House in the Same Form as Recommended.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The house today passed the pension appropriation bill which carries \$138,250,700. This minority led by Underwood made an ineffectual effort to reduce the aggregate amount of the appropriation so as to exclude pensions allowed under "order No. 76," which it was stated involved about \$4,500,000. Underwood contended that the bill as proposed was without authority of law. The minority insisted that the majority should bring in the service pension bill, but this was voted down. The bill passed in the same form in which it came from the committee. Under a special rule the house today passed 55 private pension bills. Adjournment was taken until noon tomorrow, in order to permit the senate to pay tribute to Senator Quay, to whose memory the later part of the day was devoted.

In the senate a request of the house for a conference on the state hood bill was received and sharp debate ensued over the effort to have the conference committee appointed immediately. The opponents of joint statehood succeeded in securing a postponement until Monday.

### Corean Cossacks.

New York, Feb. 18.—Only 1000 Cossacks now remain in Corean territory, cables the Herald's correspondent at Gensan. The departing forces destroyed supplies in large quantities.

### Social Service.

New York, Feb. 18.—The American institute of Social Service has just held its annual meeting and dinner in this city. President Bishop Strong and the other officers were re-elected.