



PRESIDENT HAD HIM SPOTTED

Secret Service Men Shadowed Tillman for Oregon Land Grab

SENATOR WILL SEND REPLY

Declares That he Will Welcome an Opportunity to Express His Views and Explain His Situation in Land Cases.

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Some of the interested parties are reported to have sent to the President copies of letters alleged to have been written by Tillman indicating either that he had an interest in one of the land companies or would be benefited through the land companies obtaining possession of the grant in question. After receiving this information, it is said, the President directed the secret service operative to investigate the part Tillman is alleged to have taken in the land cases. The report is understood to contain an account of the investigation.

It is known that the secret service procured photographic copies of Tillman's correspondence but whether these exhibits were sent to Hale is not known. Tillman was not aware his name figured in the reports until late today. He then assured himself that the reports were well founded but said he would not make any statement until fact of the use of his name had been officially promulgated when he would discuss the matter in the Senate.

It is known, however, that Tillman regards the mention of his name as an attack upon himself by the president and he has indicated to friends that he will not mince matters in his reply. Hale will probably lay the matter before the committee on Saturday and in that event it is probably Tillman will be heard on Monday.

Characterizing the action of the President in directing the Attorney-General not to prosecute the United States Steel Corporation for its absorption of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company as "another arbitrary and lawless act of the chief magistrate," Senate Culberson introducing the committee on judiciary to the report whether the President was authorized to permit such an absorption. Amendment of the Senate today reported from the committee on finance providing for an increase in salary of the President to \$100,000 and of the salary of vice-president and speaker of the house at \$20,000 each.

"NIGHT OF THE BIG WIND."
CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—"Nagh Geagh Muir Erin," the night of the big wind in Ireland. This historic event, which occurred 70 years ago, was celebrated by Irishmen the world over with the story and song last night. In Chicago, as in other American cities, many an Irish family gathered around the hearthstone and listened to the thrilling tales related by the father or mother of the famous event. Some of the narrators who were too young at the time of the big wind, to remember the event, but the story has been handed down from father to son, and it is said, has lost nothing by the transmission.

MOTOR BOATING TO BE SYSTEMATIZED HERE
INITIAL MEETING HELD TO PUT ASTORIA WHERE SHE BELONGS AS A CENTER OF WATER SPORTS

There was held in this city last evening a meeting that is likely to have a far-reaching effect and sportsmanlike concern for every man and woman who is devoted to water sports hereabout, as well as a strong bearing upon the reputation of the city as a center for racing and all the pleasures incident to power boating, and which must eventually in making the annual regatta of Astoria a more alluring and significant affair than it has ever been.

Fifteen well known gentlemen of this city, all of them owners and operators of motor boats, met at the A. A. A. club rooms for the purpose of discussing the chances to perfect and maintain a motor boat club in Astoria, and the subject was most thoroughly and interestingly handled from all conceivable standpoints. There were no tenable negatives from any source, all present agreeing, and urging the matter, backing it with all manner of favorable and forcible argument, in which the future reputation of the city as a racing center in this particular field and its correlation with the Regatta of Astoria, were the chief and most convincing articles of unanimous espousal.

Dr. Frank Vaughan was called to the chair for the evening and F. C. Fox served the meeting as its secretary. There was the widest possible range of discussion, covering every phase of the issue presented, and the further it went the more convincing and probable the proposition became. In furtherance of the pleasant scheme a committee was appointed to draft a constitution and bylaws for the new organization, consisting of Messrs. F. C. Fox, E. C. Judd and Louie Hartwig; the work was also argued by the appointment of Messrs. T. Driscoll, Robert Carruthers and Albert Johnson as a committee on Mooring Berths for the Motor Fleet. These commissions will report at a meeting of all motor boat owners, operators and champions, to be held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms on Friday night of next week, January 15th, at which time the projectors of this fine program desire the presence of every man in this city and section with a spark of interest in this manifold and engrossing sport.

The gentlemen who have taken the initiative in this matter are very much in earnest, and they are actuated by a desire to put Astoria where she rightfully belongs in the list of cities maintaining such associations as this on the Pacific Coast, a status that has been far too long neglected here, where the conditions for supporting and utilizing such an organization are not only ample, but really ideal; and should have the unstinted good will and assistance of every lover of water sports in the country behind

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The Morning Astorian will do its part in the carrying out of this logical and interesting proposal in any way it can and the organization is morally certain to gather eager support the farther it goes.

COLD SNAP WILL NOT BREAK

Much Suffering and Hardships Being Experienced Throughout Northwest

NAVIGATION DISCONTINUED

Columbia River Spotted With Ice And For Some Distance Below the Cascade Locks the Stream is Still Frozen.

PORTLAND, Jan. 7.—Tonight it is snowing practically throughout the entire State of Washington, save the extreme northwestern part, and more snow is expected tonight in the northern part of the Willamette and the Columbia River valleys. West of the Cascades, Government Forecaster Beals, section director of the weather bureau, predicts that tomorrow there will be less snow fall but a greater degree of cold. There is, according to his forecast, tonight, no signs of any let-up in the spell of unusually cold weather. During the day there has been considerable snowfall in the Puget Sound country. While in Eastern Washington and Northern Oregon the fall has been much heavier. The Columbia River is spotted with ice and frozen for some distance below the Cascade Locks. The Locks are frozen and in the canal leading to them two river steamers were caught and are fast in the ice. Navigation has been discontinued in the river east of its juncture with the Willamette because of great chunks of floating ice. Below the mouth of the river, the ice float is endangering navigation.

The river steamer Potter arrived at Astoria today badly scarred by the ice cakes and on the return trip to Portland was piloted by a tug. Bellingham is probably the worst sufferer from the effects of the storm. Zero weather the coldest in 14 years has caused suffering among the poor, and because of the impossibility of shutting off the water from the house holders who waste it, the mains have no pressure and the city is without protection from fire.

Zero weather prevails in Eastern Washington also, but little inconvenience is being experienced. About eight inches of snow has fallen in Seattle but it has occasioned little delay to the street car systems and there is stated to be plenty of fuel on hand. This is a contrast to the condition in Portland, where with but nine inches of snow the street car system is practically out of commission, and the consequent inability of patrons and even employees to come any considerable distance through the snow has practically set business at a standstill.

So far but one life has been reported lost. This is of an aged man living a few miles north of Bellingham, a constitution and bylaws for the new organization, consisting of Messrs. F. C. Fox, E. C. Judd and Louie Hartwig; the work was also argued by the appointment of Messrs. T. Driscoll, Robert Carruthers and Albert Johnson as a committee on Mooring Berths for the Motor Fleet. These commissions will report at a meeting of all motor boat owners, operators and champions, to be held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms on Friday night of next week, January 15th, at which time the projectors of this fine program desire the presence of every man in this city and section with a spark of interest in this manifold and engrossing sport.

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Judge Trenchard and Commissioner Frye both stated that in all parts of the county there has been a demand for an increase in the bounty. So pestiferous are the cougars and cats that much game is killed off, and the hunters especially will welcome the increased bounty. The cougars kill fawns, while the cats annually decimate the quail and pheasant flocks. With these big bounties the farmer boys are expected to wage a relentless war on the wild animals, and the only danger is that some scalps may be brought in from adjoining counties where the bounties are less. But every one who presents a scalp must make affidavit that the animal was killed in Clatsop.

The commission also set the county levy at 18 mills, as has been expected. Of this 13 mills is for the county tax, including county, state, high school and school library; for the court house, 1.6 mills, and for the county schools, 3.4 mills.

A state law provides that each county must raise a tax for its schools equivalent to \$7 per capita for each school child in the county, and there are 4101 children between the ages of 4 and 20 years here, according to the statistics secured in the school census. It was also ordered that the \$3 poll tax be collected as usual.

An interesting matter was also disclosed at the session yesterday. In Clatsop county there are 267 bridges, of over 20 feet in length, and their total length is 25,000 feet, or nearly five miles.

It is stated that nearly one-third of these bridges is in need of repair, and it is announced by the court that in the future it will be the policy to make fills whenever possible, instead of building bridges. Nine are draw bridges.

The question of granting aid to the county poor was also acted upon, and in the following instances relief was granted, the amount set after each name being given in the form of provisions monthly: Mrs. Arvola, \$10; Andrew Berry and family, \$10; Mrs. Michael Cody, \$10; George Gore, \$10; Mrs. L. Hagman, \$10; John McGregor, \$8; Mrs. Joseph Nyman, \$8; Mrs. Joe Pakola, \$10; Mrs. Alma Palo, \$10; George Sandy, \$8; Mrs.

MESSAGE MAY BE IGNORED

Perkins Committee Will Recommend That Residents Communication be Tabled

CLAIM IT DISRESPECTFUL

Extreme Course is Advised by Committee, That of Declining to Consider Any Communication That is Not Respectful to the House.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Perkins committee will recommend tomorrow that President Roosevelt's secret service message of January 4th be laid on the table. A similar request will be made for tabling that portion of the President's annual message relating to the secret service on the ground that it reflects on the integrity of the House.

The extreme course advised by the committee, that of declining to consider any communication from any source which in the judgment of the House is not respectful, is likely to create a sensation. The report of the committee will include a paragraph of the message which refers to the secret service and suggests that the reason that Congress restricted its use was that members of Congress did not wish themselves to be investigated. This will be followed by excerpt from the message of January 4, after setting forth the President's statement that the House had failed to understand his meaning, the report of the special committee will say that the language itself will be judged according to accepted interpretation of the English language. That the house is charged only with its responsibility to the people to and preserve its own dignity will be asserted with great force and if the report is adopted, the House will insist upon its own capacity to understand the import of the President's language. It will be asserted that the language in question is unjustified and without basis of fact and that it constituted a breach of privilege of the House. For that reason the special committee will ask to be discharged from further consideration of that portion of the message which refers to the secret service and will recommend that it together with subsequent message of the President in reply to the House's demand for explanation, be laid on the table as being unresponsive and constituting invasion of the privileges of the House by questioning the motives and intelligence of its members.

WILL PAY \$20 BOUNTY FOR COUGARS

COUNTY COURT ALSO SETS PRICE OF \$5 A HEAD ON BEARS; \$1 FOR WILDCATS

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JEFFRIES BEGINS HIS LIGHT TRAINING

ATHLETIC CLUB OFFERS \$100,000 FOR A FIGHT BETWEEN HIM AND JACK JOHNSON

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7.—James J. Jeffries, the retired heavyweight champion pugilist, began light training today at his home preparatory to filling a week's boxing engagement. While Jeffries still maintains he has no intention of re-entering the ring, his friends say they have no doubt whatever but his present work is preliminary to a long season of training which he will enter into with the ultimate purpose of again entering

FIENDS WRECK G. N. TRAIN

Throw Switch, Lock It, and Darken Lantern to Carry Out Plans

FIREMAN KILLED, 2 HURT

Passenger Leaves Trestle, Engine Goes Into Bay, Mail and Baggage Cars Smashed to Splinters—No Clue to Murderers.

BELLINGHAM, Jan. 7.—Wrecked by fiends who threw the switch open, locked it and put on the lantern so the engineer could not see the peril, Great Northern train 272 north bound left the trestle just south of Bellingham yards at Commercial Point tonight at 8 o'clock. The engine was almost completely submerged in the bay, the mail car and baggage coach were smashed to bits and the smoker derailed. One was killed and two injured. The dead: Fireman Ed Stuart, Seattle. The injured: Engineer Jack Bailey, both legs crushed, amputation necessary. Mail Clerk George L. Rhodes, shoulder dislocated. Both reside in Seattle. The fireman's body sank with the engine and was not recovered. The engineer went under, but came to the surface and struck out for a pile and clung there until rescued by a row-boat. Seventy-five passengers on the train were badly shaken up but none were injured. No arrests have been made yet.

GOLD WEATHER CAUSES TRAIN ACCIDENT

SUREADING RAILS RESPONSIBLE FOR DERAILMENT OF G. N. AT VANDALIA.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Jan. 7.—Passenger train No. 3 on the Great Northern was derailed early this morning near Vandalia, according to a special to the Tribune. The train was thrown from the track over on its side and a number of passengers injured. Relief train with physicians was sent immediately from Glasgow and wounded taken to that place. It is not believed that any were fatally hurt, although one or two is seriously injured. Spreading of the rails owing to extreme cold caused the accident.

O'CONNELL TAKES BEST TWO OUT OF THREE

WRESTLING INSTRUCTOR OF MULTNOMAH ATHLETIC BESTS PETERSON

PORTLAND, Jan. 7.—Ed O'Connell, wrestling instructor of the Multnomah Athletic Club tonight threw "Jack" Peterson twice out of three times within an hour tonight. Peterson took the first bout on a body scissors in 35 minutes 40 seconds and O'Connell took the other two bouts on a body scissors and half-Nelson and a head scissors in 17 minutes 35 seconds and 4 minutes and 24 seconds respectively. O'Connell admitted after the match that he did not know Jack Peterson, was a Swedish ex-champion wrestler. He stated he had been informed he would have no difficulty in throwing O'Connell and had

JURY FINDS NIGHT RIDERS GUILTY

UNION CITY, Jan. 7.—With the verdict of guilty, the jury in the night riders case reported at 8:45 tonight. Garret Johnson, Tid Burton, Bob Ransom, Fred Pinion, Arthur Clear, and Sam Applewhite were convicted of murder in the first degree with mitigating circumstances and "Bud" Morris and Bob Huffman, other defendants were found guilty of murder in the second degree. Their punishment was fixed at 25 years in the penitentiary. Punishment for the first six named was left to the court and may be death or life imprisonment and court has indicated intention to pronounce the death penalty. The defense made a motion for a new trial which was set for hearing Saturday and which will be overruled. Sentences will then be imposed. Defendants received the verdict calmly. Attorney Pierce then turned to them when it was announced and said: "We will tear this case to pieces in the supreme court." Huffman is one, according to Feltinger's confession who fired the shot which killed Captain Rankin as he was being drawn up by the rope.

POISON FOR EMPEROR.

Eminent Chinese Reformer Tells Story of Late Ruler's Death.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Special cable

advice to the Herald from Peking, straits settlement, say that Kang Yu Wei, China's exiled reformer and leader of the Chinese Empire Reform Association, claims credit for the overthrow of Yuan Shi Kai, the eminent Chinese statesman, as member of the grand council.

TRIAL OF HAINS IS NEARING END

FLUSHING, Jan. 7.—The trial of Thornton Hains passed today that stage frequent in homicide cases

where the testimony is developed from medical experts and alienists. Hains' counsel placed on the stand Dr. L. Samuel Manson, the alienist, who, after listening to hypothetical question regarding Captain Hains' condition, declared that Hains was suffering from impulsive insanity. A long cross examination of Thornton Hains was concluded at the morning session and the defense began presentation of expert testimony to prove the insanity of Captain Hains.

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