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PRICE FIVE CENTS

SENATORS OFFERED BRIBE TO VOTE AGAINST CHAMBERLAIN

Promised \$15,000 and Federal Position

IS FRANKLY ADMITTED

Two Republicans Have Been Approached to Violate Statement Pledge

JURY BILL IS INTRODUCED

Among the Measures Presented Was One Allowing Five-Sixths of a Jury to Return Verdict Except in Cases of Treason and Murder in First Degree.

special man for United States Senator; all that was stipulated was that he do not vote for Chamberlain. That heavy pressure is being brought to bear in opposition to the candidacy of Governor Chamberlain, the popular choice for United States Senator is general belief here, and street gossip in connection with the senatorship is of ugly nature. It is the general impression none of the signers of "Statement one", the pledge to support the popular choice, have been induced to abandon their pledge to the people. As an additional inducement for securing the Liberty Bell for Portland's Rose Festival next June, the Senate today passed a resolution memorializing the Pennsylvania legislature and Governor Stuart of that State urging that their influence be used with the mayor and council of Philadelphia. Among the measures introduced in the Legislature today was one providing that in all jury trials except in cases for treason and murder in the first degree, five-sixths of the jury may bring in the verdict.

BONAPARTE ANSWER TO TILLMAN'S SPEECH

ISSUES A STATEMENT COMMENTING ON SENATOR'S RECENT TALK.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Attorney-General Bonaparte issued a statement today commenting on certain references made by Senator Tillman in his speech yesterday. Bonaparte states that the first one is remark made by Tillman that it would be well to inquire if in pursuance to Tillman's resolution that the attorney-general has commenced action for recovery of the lands. In reply, Bonaparte says that the suit was commenced against the Oregon & California Railroad on September 14, 1908, for that purpose and others. Bonaparte also calls attention to that part of Tillman's speech which says Tillman distinctly remembers telling the attorney-general that his interest in the matter had been aroused by his desire to purchase some of the timberlands and that his coming to Bonaparte was due to the fact that on investigation Tillman found he could not buy through any agency whatsoever.

Bonaparte says that Tillman called on him a few days prior to the introduction of his resolution on January 31, 1908, asking that the statute of the land embraced in these Oregon grants because he heard some complaint on a recent trip to the Pacific slope. Bonaparte says that Tillman told him that the lands had become of

great value and that many persons wished to purchase them and added that he would have been glad to do so himself, if he could, but that he never told Bonaparte a word about any connection on his part with an arrangement to acquire some part of these lands. Bonaparte says that as stated by Tillman, Tillman's reasons for making inquiries was that he might better discharge his public duties. Bonaparte says he imparted the information desired, and told Tillman he desired congressional action empowering attorney-general to claim forfeitures of lands and that Tillman then offered to introduce a resolution on that subject and Bonaparte says he prepared such a resolution and that it was introduced by Tillman and afterwards adopted.

ROCKEFELLER SCORES AGAINST HEARST

STAR PUBLISHING CO. FOUND GUILTY OF CRIMINALLY LIBELLING JOHN D. JR.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—On the ground that the publication of their names as a responsible press the Star Publishing Company which publishes W. R. Hearst's New York American, made them personally responsible for libelous matter appearing in that paper. Magistrate Moss today found S. Carvahlo, Bradford Merrill and Edward W. Clark, guilty of criminally libelling John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and technically and committed them to Tombs prison. On notice defendants would apply for writ of habeas corpus as to the invalidity of the law under which they had been sentenced, the magistrate allowed, them to remain in private reception of the prison walls while their counsel went before Judge Davis in the supreme court and obtained the writ. The defendants were then paroled in the custody of their counsel until Thursday, when arguments will be heard. Offense which publishers were found guilty of criminal libel was published in the American of an article charging Rockefeller with being instrumental in instituting a system of penance by a breakfast food company near Chicago. Young Rockefeller, himself, took the stand and refused to withdraw the charge even after the newspaper had printed the retraction.

TILLMAN THREATENS TEDDY'S EXPOSURE

IS GATHERING MATERIAL FOR SPEECH TO REVEAL PRESIDENT'S CROOKED WAYS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—"Many people are sending me material in regard to Roosevelt's dark and crooked ways and I am preparing a speech in which I will try to redeem my promise made yesterday," said Senator Tillman today. He said he does not know when he will be able to make the speech, but will deliver it before the President has retired from office.

CLUBMAN KILLED.

DENVER, Jan. 12.—Robert Osborne Hilliard, who was shot by a highwayman and robbed of his money in Central Park, New York, last night is well known in club circles of this city and Colorado Springs. He is reputed to be wealthy and the possessor of large interests in Wyoming. He was in this city less than a month ago and made his home at the exclusive Denver Club.

BROKER DEAD.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Thomas A. Talbot, an old Wall street broker died today of an overdose of chlorate. He was 73 years old and was well known in this city.

ROOT WILL NOT QUALIFY

Makes Formal Announcement to Governor

GOSE, TO TAKE PLACE

Selection of M. F. Gose to Fill Vacancy Requested by Cosgrove

ADMITS TAKING PASSES

Judge Root Declares When He Accepted Transportation From Railroads he Was Not Violating the Law.

OLYMPIA, Jan. 12.—Judge Milo A. Root handed to Governor Mead formal announcement this afternoon that he would not qualify as a member of the supreme bench to which position he was elected last November. Accompanying announcement of Root's action, Governor Mead gave out the appointment of M. F. Gose of Pomeroy to fill the vacancy caused by Root's failure to qualify. A selection of Gose it is stated, was requested by Governor-elect Cosgrove. In his statement to the Governor, Root says that when the rumors became current charging him with corruption, he demanded an investigation by the State Bar Association, and a committee was appointed to make it. Judge Root states no evil motive influenced him, that in both hearings the decision was against the railroad; that the supreme court stood four to three in deciding the case and that being one of the majority his vote the other way would have given the decision to the company.

Judge Root says, concerning the matter of transportation, that when he accepted it it was not against the law and it was the custom of public officials generally to do so. As a member of the court he declares, he always strived to be fair and just, and has no doubt of his present ability to give honest and creditable service to the people. He says however, he feels that his remaining on the bench would seem to embarrass both bench and bar and would tend to cast suspicion, thought unjustly, upon the minds of people, a condition he declares would be highly undesirable. He goes on to say that to decide to qualify involves greater sacrifice by him than can be expressed in words, but with full appreciation of the situation as it would affect the judicial institutions of the state he feels that he should do all in his power to remove even suspicion or suggestion reflecting upon the supreme court.

PRECOCIOUS KIDS.

Boys Were Smoking Cigarettes in a Barn When Arrested.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—The doom of the modern James Boys, a newly organized club of youthful robbers, has been sealed. Three of its four members have been held to the grand jury, and the other turned over to the juvenile court. According to the police, the boys robbed three stores. All four were reading cheap novels and smoking cigarettes in an abandoned barn when they were arrested. They had several revolvers and part of their plunder.

A large amount of plunder has been recovered that were sold to second-hand dealers. Some of the boys have confessed to many small robberies.

WILL REPAIR CABLE.

SEATTLE, Jan. 21.—The United States cable ship Burnside will leave tomorrow to repair the Alaska cable which is supposed to have been broken by yesterday's earthquake about 175 miles from here and off Vancouver Island coast.

HAYWARD GETS PLACE.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Jan. 12.—The exact precedent will be followed in succession of Chairman Hitchcock of the republican national committee. Secretary William Hayward will be placed at the head until the committee elects a chairman at its meeting four years hence.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BILL.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Working with only a small quota of member the house devoted their entire time today to the consideration of the District of Columbia appropriation bill. Mann of Illinois, furnished little diversion by defending the house rules and this led to several sharp brushes with Gardner of Massachusetts, one of the so-called insurgents. The district bill was still under consideration when the house adjourned.

PATRICK CALHOUN GOES ON TRIAL

ON FIRST OF 17 INDICTMENTS CHARGING HIM WITH BRIBERY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12.—Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railroads went to trial today on the first of 17 indictments charging him with bribery of supervisors who awarded to the corporation a permit for overhead trolley. Unusual interest attended the opening session due in part to the defendant's prominence and in part to the wide publicity given to the charge. The greater part of the day was devoted to the weeding out of talesmen from a panel of 150 and when this was concluded there was but 48 left in the panel. During a period of two hours preceding the end of the day's work four of five men who were in the jury box were dismissed for having opinions of Calhoun's guilt or innocence that could not be removed. During Hene's presence in court today he was attended by two body guards who watched closely the body of spectators and accompanied the prosecutor on his entrance and departure.

LABOR WILL DECIDE NEXT MOVE TODAY

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION MAY RECOMMEND REPEAL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Every phase of Judge Wright's decision in the contempt proceedings and appeal thereof will be considered at a conference here tomorrow between the executive council of American Federation of Labor and counsel in the case, including former Judge Parker of New York. The committee was appointed to consider and report upon an appeal in the case. The position of organized labor regarding the Sherman anti-trust act as interpreted by the federal supreme court was discussed with a view to combining the features of the Wilson and Pearre bills into one measure which would be stated place the labor movement in this city in similar position to the movement in Great Britain. As to a home in this city for the American Federation, Gompers said it would have to depend upon contributions for that purpose.

LICK BRANCH TUNNELS SCENE OF ANOTHER DISASTER

FAR-REACHING SCHEME.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—The Knights of Zion at their annual convention yesterday appointed a committee to promote a plan to make Palestine a Jewish colony. Plans were also outlined for the establishing in the Middle West of a seminary for the teaching of Hebrew.

DALLAM TO RESIGN AS SECRETARY

HOWARD COSGROVE, SON OF GOVERNOR-ELECT, TO HAVE PLACE.

OLYMPIA, Jan. 12.—Governor Mead announced today that Frank M. Dallam, Jr., would resign tomorrow as the governor's secretary and that Howard Cosgrove, son of the governor-elect, will become secretary to the governor.

A meeting in joint session this afternoon to canvass a vote for state officers, the house and senate instructed Speaker Meigs to send the legislature's greetings to Governor-elect Cosgrove. Later the speaker sent the following message:

"The Legislature of the State of Washington in joint session assembled extends you its greetings and wishes. The people of the entire state that a canvass of the votes having been completed your election office as Governor of the State of Washington has been verified."

The Legislature will meet in joint session tomorrow afternoon to hear Governor Mead's message.

WELL KNOWN MORMON IS DROWNED

LORIN FARR, FATHER OF 300 CHILDREN, MEETS DEATH AT UTAH HOT SPRINGS.

OGDEN, Utah, Jan. 12.—Lorin Farr, a pioneer of Utah, and among the first converts to Mormonism, first mayor of Ogden, husband of seven wives, and progenitor of 300 children, grand children and great grandchildren, and one of the best known men in the West was drowned today at Utah Hot Springs. The body was found floating in one of the pools of the sanitarium where the aged man had daily gone for his bath. He was 87 years old and in vigorous health for that age. It is supposed he was overcome by heat or fell in a faint.

TESTIMONY FALSE DECLARES McINTYRE

Says State's Evidence in Hains Case Was All Invented by Prosecution—Will go to Jury Thursday

FLUSHING, Jan. 12.—Charges that the testimony of members of Bayside Yacht Club was manufactured and that the witnesses were withdrawn from stand because their evidence was not sufficiently rehearsed were made by Attorney McIntyre today in summing up the defense in the Hains trial. McIntyre had not finished his address when court adjourned until tomorrow. He spent over five hours today in reviewing evidence in the case and pointing out the discrepancies which the lawyer asserted showed that much of the testimony of the state had been rehearsed in an instruction school. McIntyre declared that much of Mrs. Annis' testimony was "Manifestly false and that she had been taken from the witness stand when it was seen that her story had not been sufficiently rehearsed." Justice Crane informed McIntyre that he must conclude his address by tomorrow noon, when the state will sum up. The court said that the case must go to the jury Thursday.

Between 60 and 80 Killed by Explosion

PRONOUNCED SAFE

Government Officials and Experts Examined Mine Since Last Catastrophe

RESCUE MADE IMPOSSIBLE

Deadly Fumes of Gas in Mines Prevents Rescue Party From Entering—Debris From Last Explosion Was Not Yet Cleared.

BLUEFIELDS, Jan. 12.—An explosion of gas in Lick branch colliery today snuffed out the lives of between 60 and 80 persons. In the same mines two weeks ago, to a day, 50 miners were killed by a similar explosion.

A sound like thunder reverberated along miles of corridors and air passages crowded with those at work in the mine. From the mouth of the mine belched forth great volume of flame, sut and gas. Many men and children rushed to the mine's mouth and employed those there to allow to aid in an effort to save their loved ones who might still be alive within. A rescue party rushed into the mines and tried to rescue a miner who had been hauled back by the blast. They were driven back by the deadly fumes of the after gas and were compelled to leave the unfortunate man to his fate. The debris of two weeks ago had not been cleared away and 20 men were engaged in this work. The explosion was in a different part of the mine from that two weeks ago.

BRUTAL THIEVES.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Mrs. H. Semming, wife of the New York publisher, was attacked by two robbers in her home at Stapleton, State Island, late yesterday, dragged into a clothes closet and left in a semi-conscious condition, while the intruders ransacked the place. She is in a precarious condition today. A stove poker was used by one of the robbers in beating the woman with which 15 wounds were inflicted on the head. Regaining her senses in the closet, Mrs. Semming painfully crawled thru a window and gave the alarm. The robbers however, escaped with jewelry valued at \$300 and there is no clew to their identity.