

PLATT AND SPOUSE TO SEPARATE

New York Senator and Wife Sign Contract to Live Apart.

NO DIVORCE SOUGHT BY EITHER OF THEM

Details of Separation Kept Secret—Denials Made of Violent Scenes Between Them—Coachman Is Defended.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) New York, Nov. 15.—Senator Thomas C. Platt and his wife, formerly Mrs. Lillian T. Janeway, have agreed to separate and each signed the following contract:



Mrs. Thomas C. Platt.

While making such announcement we wish to see, with all possible emphasis, the falsity of the scandalous articles which have lately appeared in the public prints. While there has been a series of differences and disputes which seem to make a separation advisable, there has been no conduct upon the part of either which could possibly be the foundation of a divorce action. No question of the infidelity of either to the other has ever been raised. Statements which have charged violent and disgraceful scenes between us, or other improprieties upon the part of either of us, are absolutely false. (Signed) THOMAS C. PLATT.

Coachman Defended. Mrs. Platt is at Tioga Lodge, at Highland Mills, and a motor car is staying at her apartments in this city. When asked, if indeed, the coachman who has figured somewhat conspicuously in the affairs of Tioga Lodge, would retain his position there, Mrs. Platt said Hedges had nothing to do with the case. "It was a shame to mention his name in connection with the Senator's troubles and mine," she said. "He has never occupied any position here excepting as coachman. Senator Platt always thought a great deal of him, because he was faithful in his work. "I've had all the attention from the public that I need," she added, "and I guess the Senator feels the same about it."

No Divorce Sought. "As stated in the articles of separation there has been no action for divorce started on either side. As a matter of fact, such action was never contemplated. I know I never had it in mind, and the Senator never intimated any intention of such a course. It is thought that Mrs. Platt will have the use of the estate at Highland Mills, and she will receive an allowance from her husband."

RYAN'S SYNDICATE GIVEN HUGE CONGO PROPERTY

Over Eight Million Acres in Africa Comprising Rich Rubber Forest Deeded.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Nov. 15.—According to a dispatch received from Brussels, a decree is about to be issued whereby the Congo Free State will concede about 4,000,000 hectares of land (more than 1,000,000 acres) to a French-American-English company headed by Ryan, Guggenheim and Baruch.

This substantial report received about the time Thomas F. Ryan sailed for this country. It was learned that the concession will probably be granted this week. As previously stated, all arrangements regarding it were made by Ryan while abroad.

Ryan is supposed to have been acting on behalf of the Continental Rubber company. The land included in the concession is part of the richest rubber country in the world and produces a quality of rubber second only to that of the Para district.

for the Northern Pacific. The company's operating department at Tacoma is hurrying men and bridge equipment to the scene, and the tracks for miles in the Cowlitz valley are being patrolled. Temporary structures will be wherever washouts occur, as soon as the swollen streams begin falling.

The trouble on the O. R. & N. at Dodson's station involves simply the setting of a large gang of men at work as it is possible to secure, to shovel the dirt and rocks from the tracks. Early reports from the scene indicate that the slides are large, and that its removal will probably require two days.

Dispatches this morning from Chief Engineer Hoeckel, at the Southern Pacific's crossing of the Santiam, state that the Santiam river, which yesterday was rising, had fallen this morning 18 inches and the rains had let up. He stated that he hoped to be able to resume tomorrow morning the construction of a temporary bridge over the river to carry trains until the new steel bridge can be replaced.

A dispatch from Division Superintendent Fields of the Southern Pacific, from Silverton, this morning, said the Abiqua bridge near that point is safe for the passage of trains.

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that he wanted all there was in it for himself. Don't blame him."

Is Worth More Now. "Is the office worth more now than when you had it?" "It is worth \$20,000 a year net," was Mr. Baker's enthusiastic response.

"Did you have an interest in the office when Mr. Lebeck was state printer?" was the next question. "Yes, he gave me 25 per cent of the net profits of the office for the use of the plant and helping him secure the nomination in 1874, and four years later. And why should I not make the state a present of the plant? Moreover, Mr. Whitely rented the plant on terms satisfactory to me. I repeat, why shouldn't I make the state a present of it? I know that the people of the state will appreciate the gift; for it will be the means of saving to the taxpayers of the state more money than all the salaries of the entire state officers (his own included) put together. But I do not care to discuss this subject further at this time."

This offer of Mr. Baker puts a more definite foundation under the rumor that the legislature would be asked to put the state printer upon a flat salary and makes the effort a practical certainty. If Mr. Baker makes the state a present of his plant, as he publicly promises to do, and if the state accepts the gift, it will be another step taken in the consummation of the campaign to provide a state plant and a salaried printer.

It is not privately asserted by those who are in sympathy with the movement that the flat salary bill will be presented and that it will be backed up with such force that there can be no question of its passing.

NOVEMBER RAIN

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believes it will reach a height of 14 and a half feet above zero. The water will have to reach the 15-foot mark before beginning to flood the lowest docks here, so there is no cause for alarm, says the weather man. The warm weather of yesterday assisted materially in causing the river to rise, because large quantities of snow melted in the mountains.

Much Rain in Seattle. A late report received by the weather bureau from Seattle states that 2.25 inches of rain fell there between the hours of 5 o'clock last night and 5 this morning, and it is still raining. This shows a record in Seattle, with about twice as much rain as Portland during the night.

A severe storm is believed to be raging off the mouth of the Columbia river, but no details are obtainable at the weather bureau because of the wires to North Head being down. Storm warnings were ordered displayed yesterday afternoon and extended to include all seaports on Puget Sound and Bellingham Bay.

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PAULINE MORTON IS ENGAGED

Charming Daughter of President of the Equitable Life to Wed J. Hopkins Smith Jr.

(Herald News Service.) New York, Nov. 15.—Miss Pauline Morton, eighteen years old, the beautiful daughter of Paul Morton, president of the Equitable Life Assurance society and former secretary of the navy, is to



Pauline Morton.

be married to J. Hopkins Smith, Jr., the yachtman, next winter. The engagement was announced yesterday by the parents of the bride.

Society gossip said the match is the outcome of a pretty romance, because Mr. Smith, although thirty years old, won his suit against the eligible young men of Washington society, who wooed Miss Morton in vain when she shared with Alice Roosevelt-Longworth the social honors of the capital.

Mr. Smith is the son of J. Hopkins Smith, the retired capitalist, who is worth many times a million. He is himself treasurer of the firm of M. W. Kellogg & Co. of No. 156 Nassau street, is a Harvard graduate, '04, and a member of exclusive clubs in town.

His greatest public exploit was the winning of the Kaiser's cup at Kiel three years ago, when in his racing yacht, Uncle Sam, he sailed away from all yachts of Europe and crossed the line victory by many lengths. Mr. Smith lives at No. 17 East Forty-seventh street.

When, a week ago, he slipped an engagement ring upon Miss Morton's finger, he put an end for all time to the many rumors which have had her engaged to other men. While she was still in Washington, and before she was out in society, it was persistently declared that Miss Morton would become the wife of Thomas Chalmers, a rich young Chicagoan. Gossip said Mr. Chalmers' ardent quest was not repulsed by the young woman, but her father declared the two should not become engaged because he wished his daughter to have one season in the social world "heart free" before she gave herself to any one.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC CUTS RATES FOR SUGAR MEN

New Orleans, Nov. 15.—Louisiana sugar manufacturers have determined on entering into competition with California and Oregon in selling sugar in the coast states, and in order to enable merchants to enter the field the Southern Pacific has made a remarkable cut in rates on sugar from New Orleans to California. The existing rate is \$1.55 per hundred pounds to San Francisco, Sacramento, Marysville, Los Angeles and National City—all in California. The new rate becomes effective November 15 and is 75 cents per hundred pounds or 40 cents reduction.

REMAINS OF SHAFER BURIED AT PRESIDIO

San Francisco, Nov. 15.—The remains of General Shafter arrived this morning from Bakersfield. The casket was placed on a gun carriage and escorted by cavalry and artillery from the ferry building to Trinity church, where the funeral service was conducted. Later the body was taken to the National cemetery at the Presidio, where it was given an impressive military burial.

FIRE INSURANCE CONCERNS OPERATING ON NERVE

Investigation Discloses That Many Companies Afford No Security to Clients.

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, Nov. 15.—Fully one third of the smaller fire insurance companies transacting business in the United States are operating on pure nerve, declare the insurance commissioners now in session in Chicago. The San Francisco fire wiped out the assets of one third, it is asserted, and one result of the meeting here will be the general overhauling of these companies and their closing up if it is found they have not sufficient reserve funds to warrant their continuing in business.

E. E. Rittenhouse, the commissioner from Colorado, is most insistent in urging this action. He has already sent notices to all companies having offices in his state. "Hundreds of small companies," he said, "are listing salvage of San Francisco fire as an asset. This is absurd on its face, and while it makes the figures look big it indicates that the company is hollow and that nothing but nerve is holding it up."

There is always much to be thankful for; not a word lately about Senator and Mrs. Platt.

TWENTY-TWO STATES WORK FOR OPEN WATERWAY

Deep Waterways Convention Wants Channel From Gulf to Lakes.

(Journal Special Service.) St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 15.—In point of attendance and enthusiasm the Deep Waterways convention, which assembled in this city today, is the greatest demonstration of the supporters of that patriotic movement that has ever been held in this country. The aim of the gathering, preparations for which have been going forward since last March, is to secure an appropriation from congress to maintain at least 14 feet of water from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico, and to maintain a certain minimum stage in the prominent tributaries of the Mississippi river. Twenty-two states are interested in the project, which contemplates the expenditure of \$31,000,000.

The attendance at the opening of the convention includes delegates appointed by the governors of many states, those most largely represented, including Louisiana, Mississippi, Wisconsin, Iowa, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Texas, Kentucky, Arkansas, Tennessee and Illinois.

In addition those present included representatives of numerous boards of trade, chambers of commerce and similar organizations in the chief cities of the Mississippi valley.

The initial session, following the welcoming formalities, was devoted entirely to perfecting an organization and naming committees. The sessions are to continue over tomorrow. Members of congress and other public men, representative manufacturers, agriculturists and men of affairs from 15 or more states are to deliver addresses setting forth the advantages to commerce in the west, and, in fact, in the entire region between the Alleghenies and the Rocky mountains, of a deep waterway from Chicago to New Orleans.

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A Missouri sexton has prohibited spooning in the cemetery. But it heard dogs barking, took a gun and wouldn't disturb the residents a bit. A young Coquille valley woman killed a bear.

MAIN LINES OF RAILROAD

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ferring west-bound passengers from the stalled trains to a stub train that will operate between Portland and Dodson's station while the tracks are being cleared. It is believed two or three days will be required to move the great mass of earth and rocks from the railroad tracks.

Northern Pacific is singularly unfortunate in having been shut out from operating its trains either over its own tracks or over the O. R. & N. Co.'s line, both to the sound and St. Paul. When floods in eastern Washington carried out its bridges, the Northern Pacific made arrangements with the O. R. & N. people and began operating overland trains between Portland and St. Paul over the O. R. & N. via Spokane. This plan has been in operation less than 48 hours when the slide this morning stopped all train service into Portland over the O. R. & N., and at the same time the washout at Toutles river cut the line between Portland and the sound.

The main tracks of the Northern Pacific between Portland and Tacoma cross and recross the Toutles and Cowlitz rivers several times, and floods in these streams have endangered a considerable stretch of tracks. The Cowlitz is reported to be rising rapidly, and further reports of heavy damage are expected. The bridge that went out on the Toutles river is thought to be but the beginning of trouble in that region.

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