

# TAFT CAUSES SURPRISE BY DEFENDING JAPANESE

## Secretary of War Shows Feeling at New York Banquet and Unless Misquoted Distorts Facts to Suit His Viewpoint

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)  
New York, Feb. 29.—Secretary Taft spoke at a dinner of the Brooklyn Bar Association tonight. "The Constitution of the United States," and put up a defense for Asiatics that will undoubtedly put him out of the race for the presidency so far as the Pacific coast is concerned. After the news of the speech was circulated here several labor leaders, when asked for an opinion, said: "The secretary is only following his well-known methods of dealing with the plain people. Taft loves Asiatics, and he will have them because they are cheap labor."  
The secretary said that he was in favor of "enlarging the powers of the federal government, so far as states were concerned, and in the next breath went into a tirade against California and other coast states which, because of local conditions, had seen fit to discourage Japanese immigration."  
Congress, he said, had never exceeded—in fact, not even reached—the limit to which, under the constitution, it was justified to increase the judicial powers of the federal courts. The courts' powers, he said, are strictly defined by the constitution. The interstate commerce commission, he said, was made necessary by infractions of the laws.  
There is yet a large margin for constitutional legislation, by congress, in reference to the federal bankruptcy laws.  
Perhaps the only positive suggestion advanced by the secretary was in regard to the treaty-making power of the United States senate and the honoring of such treaties by the various states.  
Referring to California's refusal to abide by the promises made by the federal government, in the controversy growing out of the Jap riots, the secretary said:  
"It puts our country in the most pusillanimous position of promising that subjects of another country shall be properly treated and then of having no means of carrying out the promise or of punishing those who violate it. The feelings of a secretary of state who is obliged to say to a foreign country, it is true, we agreed to protect your citizens as subjects of our country over here if they conducted themselves peaceably, but under our form of government and laws, while we made that promise and had a right to make it, we have no means of complying with it. All we can do is to make a respectful presentation to the state

# THE COMMERCIAL CLUB BUILDING A MAGNIFICENT SKYSCRAPER—HOME OF MANY IMPORTANT CORPORATIONS—FILLING UP RAPIDLY

Among the most lofty skyscrapers of Portland is the structure of the Portland Commercial Club building, which is receiving its finishing touches. It stands on the lower end of the tall buildings on Fifth street, which view with Washington in being favored with new and thoroughly modern office structures. The steel for this building was manufactured right here in Portland by the Northwest Bridge company, the big plant of which is located at Fifteenth and North Front streets. This big Portland concern is turning out steel work for fine buildings and bridges all over the north-west. Among its recent orders was the steel work for the Clackamas river bridge. Doubtless few Portland residents are fully aware of what amount of manufacturing is going on in their own midst.  
Another big Portland corporation that is carrying on operations on a gigantic scale is the steel and building company, of which Robert Wakefield is president. This company is engaged in the erection of steel buildings and bridges all over the north-west. The building of note has been erected in Portland within the past decade that this company did not handle. Contracts of importance that have been secured by this company are the Corbett, Fanning, Wells-Fargo and Beck buildings, the O. R. & N. machine shops and the Clackamas bridge.  
While the Commercial club building presents an almost severely plain exterior, its interior finishing is most luxurious. No new building in Portland has been erected so recently as this. Floor after floor has been leased, which has doubtless been a source of great satisfaction to the owners, architects and builders. The three upper floors will be occupied by the club, leaving five floors for outside tenants, one of which will be entirely monopolized by the Portland & Seattle railway. The ground floor is rented to W. J. Clements, the insurance and surety company.  
A feature of the building that has already elicited much favorable comment are the Van Emon elevators. These passenger elevators are of the newest and most approved type. To be awarded the contract, in view of the keen competition among elevator manufacturers, speaks most highly for the merits of the Van Emon elevator. It is said that most of the prominent office buildings in the city are equipped with this type of elevator, owing to their durability, simplicity, rapidity and absolute safety, their superiority over other makes is readily acknowledged.  
The heating system of this building is of the gravity type, the same system that is used in the office structures of the city with few exceptions.

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# CHINESE ARE RAIL MAGNATES

## New Era of Development Opened for Flowery Kingdom, Minister Says.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)  
San Francisco, Feb. 29.—Wu Ting Fang, the new Chinese minister, said today that the Chinese authorities were making good progress building a trunk line railroad between Shanghai and Hankow.  
The latter, he says, is called the Chicago of China, and a railroad between it and Peking is already in operation. He traveled over it on his way to this country from Peking. The Shanghai-Hankow line is to be 400 miles in length and was originally projected and many valuable rights secured for it by the Erie syndicate of this country. The latter's interests were purchased by the Chinese government about two years ago. That purchase, he says, marked a new railroad policy on the part of the Chinese. The government is to maintain control of all railroad properties in the country.  
The Shanghai-Hankow line is to run through the rich and populous region in the province of Kiang-Su," Minister Wu went on to say. "When completed to Nanjing the length of time occupied by passengers in reaching that city from Shanghai will be reduced from about 28 hours to eight hours and the goods' transit, which now occupies several days, will gain in an even greater degree."

# STATEMENT NO. 1 CUTS SPINE OF CONVENTION

(Continued from Page One.)  
on his head by attempting to close the nomination of Senator Beach, the secretary to cast the ballot of the convention for his nominee.  
Mr. Odeman started the fireworks in his nomination of Senator Beach. He placed the name of his candidate before the convention and in the good old way contended that he had learned that the people of the state and of the committee were the ones who should rule. He believed that the time had passed when any man or set of men could dictate who should represent the people. He did not intend to attempt to throttle the convention by trying to close it down. He said he would be elected senator in a state 40-0 Republican. He was not afraid of the party will elect him. He asked if the members of the convention remembered that a Republican primary law of 40,000 votes put the direct primary law and statement No. 1 on the statute books. He argued that since this had been done it was not in the men in the convention to repeal it. Senator Hodson took up the cudgels for the Beach amendment. He said the office without opposition, and the chair appointed S. C. Beach as a temporary chairman, and then the platform committee was called upon for its report. Mr. Odeman, chairman of the committee, read the platform and moved its adoption. S. C. Beach was on his feet in a instant, asking that the document be considered section by section. This motion was lost by a vote of 83 to 56.  
Mr. Beach came back gamely with an amendment to the platform as reported, and after he had been ruled out of order and the ruling of the chair had been reversed, he read the following plank attacking Statement No. 1:  
"Be it resolved, That we are opposed to Statement No. 1 because it puts personally above principle the demands that a right-thinking, right-acting representative citizen shall pledge himself to do what he believes to be wrong and against the best interest of his state and of the people he is chosen to represent; that he will aid in putting into effect policies of government which he opposes utterly; that it is cunningly plausible and deceptive. It flouts the principles of the rule of the majority, which is not. It is the weapon of the minority to destroy the majority and to appropriate the broken and disintegrated parts."  
Mr. Odeman made an attempt to refer the amendment to the committee on resolutions, but the chair ruled that the measure could be discussed. Beach said he wanted to see the amendment, but he did not believe that Republicans should straddle. Statement No. 1 was the issue of the campaign.  
"What does it mean?" he asked. "There are three candidates for United States senator on the Republican ticket. Will the man who gets the nomination, if not a Democrat would be elected, if you want to tell me to vote for a Democrat for United States senator?" he asked.  
Mr. Beach contended that the legislature should obey the voice of the Republicans of the state. The Republicans were the majority and were entitled to rule.  
Some one interrupted the speaker and asked him who was responsible for the primary law and for Statement No. 1. Mr. Beach hedged but at last said the Republican voters put the law on the books.  
"Another voice out of the audience broke in on the speaker.  
"Are you in the government of the state?" the questioner asked.  
"I am in it," the senator retorted.  
"Yes, but are you in favor of the majority of the people ruling?" the inquirer asked.  
"I am," said Mr. Beach, "but I would

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# MISS RUSSELL MARRIES JAP

## Daughter of Famous Actress Secretly Weds Rich Oriental Merchant.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)  
New York, Feb. 29.—Dorothy, the daughter of Lillian Russell, has ascended her friends by marrying a Japanese merchant, Acha Mura, who is said to be one of the wealthiest of the Japanese colony in this country.  
Miss Russell was married to Acha Mura in Philadelphia two weeks ago, but the secret was well kept until today when Miss Russell returned to New York for a few hours before taking the boat to Havana.  
She was accompanied by Nettie Burns, who goes to Cuba with her. In two weeks her husband will have settled up his business in this country and will join her in Cuba. They will sail from there for Mexico and after crossing the Isthmus, will continue on to San Francisco, from which place they will sail for Japan.

# THREE HUNDRED CARS DESTROYED BY FIRE

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)  
New York, Feb. 29.—In one of the most spectacular fires seen in New York in many a day, and with their flames threatened constantly by falling walls, firemen tonight experienced the greatest difficulty in fighting a blaze which destroyed the car barns at Ninety-sixth street and First avenue. Three hundred cars were in the barns and were entirely consumed. Loss \$500,000.

## Canby Han Who is Out for the Legislature as a Statement No. 1 Republican and Who Also Proposes a Depositors' Security Law.

### CHINESE MINISTER IS GIVEN BANQUET

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)  
San Francisco, Feb. 29.—Aook Pong Shan, president of the Canton bank of this city, gave a banquet to Minister Wu Ting Fang today at the Chinese restaurant on Dupont street, which lasted from 11 a. m. to 2:30 p. m. Last week were spent for 109 Chinese merchants and bankers.  
Minister Wu spoke and urged his hearers to use all their influence to stop the Chinese fight and quarrels in the Chinese colony and to obey the laws of the country in which they are living.

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