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SENATE CONGRESS AGAIN CALLED TO ORDER

CHAMBERLAIN'S HOPES DASHED BY TRIED NEXT PRESIDENT

Greeting to Chamberlain Shows How Executive Feels Regarding Duty of Legislators to Carry Out Will of the People.

President Roosevelt, by his reception of Governor Chamberlain in Washington, has cast a bombshell into the ranks of the camp of those who are trying to induce members of the legislature to break the promises made by them to the people. Gloom pervades their quarters and their slogan now, instead of being "anything to beat Chamberlain," is more like "Aw, what's the use?"

Nothing of recent date has caused so much disturbance in political circles as the few words of President Roosevelt when he said, "I am glad to meet you, Governor Chamberlain and senator to be." The added remarks of the president when he said "I would have rather seen a Republican senator from Oregon, but I am for the rule of the people and I want you to be senator," only made the gloom more thick.

Politicians who have been watching the course of the anti-Statement No. 1 fight now being waged consider that the attitude of the president has put an end to any effective opposition to the will of the people. They consider that the last prop has been knocked out from under the feet of those who are trying to break the Statement No. 1 majority.

"It is a pretty hard blow to the anti-Statement No. 1 forces to have Roosevelt take the side of the majority in the way it did it," said a prominent Republican this morning. "The opposition is given added force by the fact of Senator Fulton having made repeated attempts to induce the president, Taft and Hitchcock to come out for the repeal of the legislative pledge. It is argued that if Senator Fulton had not made the attempt, the president's outspoken declaration would have attracted so much attention. Under the circumstances, however, the attitude of the president is a direct rebuke to the administration or any attempt to overthrow the desire of the voters of Oregon."

Beach's Expedition.
State Senator S. C. Beach, Fulton's agent who has been entrusted with the task of lining up a caucus on the senatorial question, is one of the few who still hold out hope that the anti-Statement No. 1 will have no effect.

"The president is too far from the mark," he said.

NAT GOODWIN SAYS MINE IS NOT HIS

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Reno, Nev., Dec. 7.—Warren Miller, former vice president of the Nat Goodwin company, mining operators, has filed suit asking that the corporation be dissolved. He claims he has lost through the operations of the company \$100,000 which he claims he has lost through the operations of the company. The complaint charges that Graham Rice has manipulated him and manipulated him out. Although the company bears the name of the actor, Nat Goodwin, who was the organizer of the company, Goodwin has repeatedly denied that he has any share in its management.

SIMON WOULD BE PRESIDENT HIMSELF

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Port Au Prince, Dec. 7.—The quick establishment of a peace pact between General Simon, leader of the Haitian revolutionary army, and General Fochard, the latest presidential candidate, is taken to mean that Simon himself wants the position at the head of Haitian affairs and intends to see that nothing interferes with his ambition. General Fochard arrived here yesterday. It is rumored that he is out of the race for the presidency.

TOWN OF SMOKESTACKS

"In my opinion," said C. T. Gould, manager of the Western Mante company, "if all things were equal, the local manufacturers, as well as the merchant, should receive the unanimous support of every purchaser in the community. The people do not really stop to think of the importance of patronizing home-made goods, for they, as a rule, have not been educated along those lines. Make Oregon a manufacturing center and our future success is absolutely assured, for a manufacturing center is a pay-roll center, and that is the very best reputation any country can have. The pay-roll is the corner stone of stability, and Oregon with all its resources and advantage would, with proper support, take her place among the great manufacturing states of the country."

To be known as a railroad center is a great boon to any community, and to be recognized as a great shipping point is also an important factor, but to be known and recognized as the 'town of smokestacks' is the pinnacle that all communities should strive to attain."

FINCH TO BE TRIED NEXT WEEK

Grand Jury Convened Today Will Indict Tomorrow—Murderer Now Admits That He Was Shamming Insanity.

Trial of James A. Finch for the murder of Ralph B. Fisher will probably begin December 15, one week from tomorrow. This state has been reserved in the circuit court for the case, as was announced incidentally from the bench by Presiding Judge Gantenbein this morning.

The date is of course subject to change, owing to the preliminaries that must be carried out of indictment, arraignment and plea, but unless something unforeseen intervenes the case can be heard at the time saved up for it. Finch has expressed a willingness to be tried at the December term and the selection of an early date is therefore expected to meet with his approval.

District Attorney Cameron stated that the testimony in the Finch case will be presented to the grand jury tomorrow, and it is expected that an indictment will be returned without delay. Then the prisoner will be arraigned and the legal battle for his life will be on. Whether his attorneys will seek to delay the trial has not been disclosed.

Finch Admits Truth.
Finch no longer denies that he was perfectly sane when he fired the shot that ended Fisher's life. The murderer gave out to a Journal reporter today the first coherent statement he has made since the tragedy and in that interview candidly admitted that he had lied as to a lapse of memory, and as a matter of fact remembered every detail of the shooting.

And apparently, Finch's first explanation of the direct cause of the killing is as inconsistent and as full of falsehood as his long maintained plea that he could not remember anything that occurred in Fisher's office on the day the tragedy occurred.

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MURDERER TELLS STORY

Finch said that he went to Fisher's office earlier than he had intended. Fisher had invited him to come at 2 o'clock in a conversation over the telephone. He left his office soon after noon, went down on Stark street and did some marketing. About 1:30 he went to Fisher's office. He says he

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GREAT SUM TO BE SPENT TO OPERATE GOVERNMENT



Speaker Joseph Cannon of the House.

AMOUNT NEEDED BY UNCLE SAM

Estimate for Running Government Next Year is \$824,408,948.01.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Dec. 7.—With a series of resounding thumps of a mahogany mallet, wielded by Speaker Cannon, and three gentle taps of an ivory gavel in the hands of Vice-President Fairbanks, the house and senate opened today for the final session of the sixtieth congress.

Whereupon the solons formally got ready for the business of deciding how Uncle Sam may best spend a billion odd dollars next year.

Many Women Present.
An hour before the beginning of the session the galleries were packed. A large majority of spectators were women, and they were arrayed in the latest fashions. Their presence and their finery were due to the fact that custom has made the capital on opening days of congress a show place.

At least 10 senators are starting today upon their last term of duty. On the other hand there are nearly twice as many who are receiving congratulations on the apparently sure indications of their reelection.

Among the important individual estimates under an increase in the navy budget of \$23,840,730 are:

For the improvement of the Mare Island yard \$1,175,000 is asked, of this sum \$600,000 to be used for the improvement of the channel leading to the yard and \$575,000 on the quay wall and the extension of the pier. Last year the appropriation for Mare Island was \$211,000.

For the naval station at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, \$1,200,000 is asked as against \$1,000,000 last year.

For the acquisition of the Bremerton yard at Bremerton last year was \$560,000. One million of the appropriation is recommended for drydock construction.

For the naval magazine at Mare Island \$1,150,000 is provided, the same as for the magazine at San Francisco. The total appropriation for magazines at the navy yards is \$4,250,000.

For the improvement of the presidio of San Francisco, \$1,000,000. This has been refused three times heretofore.

For continuing the construction of the breakwater at San Pedro harbor, \$100,000.

MANY WOMEN ATTEND THE SESSION

Resolutions in Memory of the Late Senator Allison Routed and Adopted—Routine Business Transacted and Adjournment Taken.

Second Session of Sixtieth Congress. Open December 7, noon. Closes March 4, noon. Senate—Republicans 61, Democrats 31, total, 92. House—Republicans 221, Democrats 168, vacancies 2; total, 391.

CONSERVATION THEIR THEME

Congress Will Be Presided Over by Mr. Taft—Oregon's Representation.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Dec. 7.—The nation's capital this week entertains more distinguished men of note throughout the country than ever before in its history. Besides congress there are several great conventions with the general object in view of improvement and conservation of the country's natural resources.

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ROCKEFELLER TO LIVE IN ENGLAND

May Spend Part of Time There When New Mansion Is Completed.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
London, Dec. 7.—John D. Rockefeller will become a member of the colony of fashionable, at least a part of every year, according to indications. It is learned that the Standard Oil magnate has purchased houses 35 and 40 Queen Anne's Gate. Workmen have begun the demolition of the structures to make way for a marble palace.

The news on reaching Bond street caused speculation as to how the presence of the Standard Oil company in the United States officials affected the purchase.

OUTSPOKE QUESTION TO HAWLEY

Maple Lane Grange Asks Congressman Whether or Not Allied With Forces of Evil—Refers to Senatorial Election.

An interesting development in the senatorial situation is the aggressive attitude that is being assumed by some of the Oregon granges. In Saturday's Journal there was published resolutions in which Ramsey Park grange denounced in most vigorous terms the movement to upset the primary law and results attained thereunder.

PREVIOUS QUESTIONS ASKED

November 7 Maple Lane grange, in an open letter, asked these questions of Congressman Hawley:

"If you had signed Statement No. 1 and been elected to the legislative assembly would you break your promise because the people did not choose your candidate?"

"Do you countenance, advise, or approve the effort being made to induce any of these members to violate their Statement No. 1 agreement?"

Congressman Hawley's reply was published in the Journal of November 25. It evaded the issue, and in consequence of the evasion, Maple Lane grange has addressed to Mr. Hawley the following open letter in reply:

"Be it resolved by the Maple Lane grange that our secretary be, and he is hereby instructed to break the following open letter to Hon. W. C. Hawley, at Washington, D. C. in reply to his letter of November 25 refusing to answer the questions propounded to him in the June election, and we also fail to see in what way the answer of a feeling and possibly, warrants a public denial."

MAPLE LANE GRANGE.
By the secretary, William Beard.
"Dated this 5th day of December, 1908, Oregon City, Or., R. F. D. No. 3."

PANAMA BONDS ARE IN GREAT DEMAND

Washington, Dec. 7.—Announcement was made today by Secretary of the treasury George B. Cortelyou that \$31,000,000 issue of Panama bonds, the bids aggregating \$102,900,000.

The 150 successful bidders will purchase the bonds at prices ranging from \$102.28 to \$105.

TAFT AND CANNON TO HOLD CONFERENCE

Washington, Dec. 7.—Vice President Elect James S. Sherman announced today, after conferring with President Roosevelt, that a conference between President Elect Taft and Speaker Cannon had been agreed on, to take place here some time this week. The exact date has not yet been set.

FOUNDED DEAD IN A LONELY CABIN

Jacob Mathews of Springfield Said to Have Been Carrying Several Hundred Dollars Drawn From Portland Bank.

(Special Dispatch to the Journal.)
Eugene, Or., Dec. 7.—Jacob Mathews, who has resided at Springfield and other points in this county for the past three years, was found dead this morning in a deserted cabin along the trolley line between Eugene and Springfield. His pockets had been rifled of their contents and the authorities believe that he was murdered and robbed, although no marks of violence were found.

Mathews arrived here from Portland on the afternoon train Saturday. It is reported that he drew several hundred dollars from a Portland bank a few days ago, and this report, which is now being investigated, gives rise to the belief that he was murdered.

Physicians reported no indication of poisoning, and thought that if killed he must have been choked to death. When the body was found the pockets were turned wrong side out, even the collar and cuff buttons being taken, plainly indicating robbery. The theory is advanced that some one who knew Mathews had drawn money from the Portland bank followed him to Eugene and took opportunity to waylay him as he was walking from this city to Springfield.

The inquest is being held by Coroner Gordon this afternoon.

Mathews was 52 years old. He has a son in Portland and a daughter at Springfield.

RAILROAD MEN REPEL CALUMNY

Dr. Cowin's Ascription of Wrecks to Dissolute Habits Is Denounced.

Denver, Col., Dec. 7.—A special committee of railroad employees today sent Dr. R. W. Cowin a contradiction of his recent statement that railway wrecks generally "are brought about by employees who drink gamble and indulge in other forms of dissipation, and not because they are overworked." The reply characterizes this charge as "a calumny" and continues thus:

"While this gratuitous and unwarranted attack was not confined to any particular conference of the service, and while, perhaps, it is giving it too much notice, it is so generally unfair that it has caused some little discussion and feeling in other forms of dissipation, and not because they are overworked." The reply characterizes this charge as "a calumny" and continues thus:

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VOICE OF THE PRESS—KEEP FAITH OF COURSE

From the Buffalo Commercial.
The Republican majority in the Oregon legislature is bound by the spirit and the letter of a party agreement providing for the "election of United States senators by the people" to bestow that honor on George E. Chamberlain, Democrat. This obligation is imposed on it by the fact that in the primary voting for a choice for senator Mr. Chamberlain won by a respectable majority. Since the election on the third of November, when Taft carried the state by 25,000 plurality, some Republican politicians have been trying to discover some plausible excuse for evading the plain requirement of the rule. They squirm under the irony of fate—and the Oregon plan, approved by both parties—that compels a Republican legislature to send a Democrat to the United States senate. A "feeler" is put out by a committee of these recalcitrants in this tentative proposition: "We are convinced that a state which gave Taft a plurality of nearly 25,000 does not want a Democratic United States senator." WHAT IF IT DOESN'T? EVEN IF THE PEOPLE HAVE CHANGED THEIR MINDS, THEIR PREFERENCE FOR SENATOR STANDS. THAT IS NOT THE QUESTION. THE DUTY OF THE LEGISLATURE IS LAID DOWN IN THE RULE AND IS PERFECTLY PLAIN. THERE IS NO LITTLE CHANCE FOR HONEST DOUBT ABOUT THE MATTER THAT IT IS HARDLY POSSIBLE THAT THIS PROPOSAL TO "BEAT THE LAW" AND TO REFUSE TO PLAY THE GAME UNDER THE RULES AS AGREED UPON WILL MEET WITH GENERAL FAVOR.