

OPPOSED BY ARTHUR TAKEUP

Say Candidate for Speaker of House Has Reached End of His Rope and Cannot Muster Votes Enough to Win.

Opponents of C. N. McArthur in the speakership contest are beginning to wake up. They contend that McArthur has reached the limit of his strength, even granting for sake of argument that he has over 20 votes promised him, and argue that he can not reach above that figure and is doomed from now on to either remain stationary or backslide.

Those who are opposed to McArthur say that the reputed 22 votes claimed by him are not in the office of the speaker, but are in the hands of representatives of his strength, which, they contend, is not over 12 votes at the outside. They say McArthur is claiming a number of men who have stated very recently that they are not bound to McArthur in any way and will not support him.

Patton is out of the race for the speakership, so it is said, but is working in harmony with the general opposition to McArthur. It is desired now to center the fight on the contest for the place of presiding officer and then go through with the battle to the last ditch.

The principal task will be to find the man upon whom all can be united. Bean is in this eligible list, so is E. F. Jones of Polk and Lincoln, Allen Eaton of Lane and Campbell of Clackamas.

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OPPORTUNITIES OF ANTI-McARTHUR CAUSE

Mrs. Webber of Nashville Works to Secure Actor's Pardon.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Dec. 29.—Zander memories of long ago have caused Mrs. Violet Webber, wife of one of the leading attorneys of Nashville, Tenn., to leave her southern home and come west to plead the cause of Robert W. Griffin, actor, soldier and a felon in stripes, who is serving a sentence of one year in San Quentin for bigamy.

Mrs. Webber, who was at one time one of the most popular actresses in the south, has come to San Francisco seeking a pardon for Griffin. The two were stage companions and dear friends years ago because of the friendship of other days that the southern woman made her trip across the continent.

Mrs. Webber has enlisted the aid of Lieutenant Governor Warren H. Porter and interested the Theatrical Mechanics' association, the Musicians' union and local theatrical men. She will petition Governor Gillett for executive clemency for Griffin.

Mrs. Webber was formerly Miss Violet Hordine. She is a member of the Evans, a multi-millionaire, and is related to the Tervis family of Tennessee and the Crocker family of New York.

TORRES REMAINS TRUE TO CASTRO

Resists Gomez' Force Sent to Oust Old Regime at Macuro—20 Killed.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 29.—News of an engagement at Macuro between armed adherents of the deposed Venezuelan president and officers of the new Venezuelan government, which prevailed during the 10 days that the Oregon detachment was on hospital duty in the Potrero. He made a number of suggestions for future service, based upon what the hospital corps learned when they went to the aid of the strikers.

Discussion of military subjects and matters pertaining to the National Guard occupied most of the time at the morning session of the convention of the National Guard association of the state of Oregon this morning. Although no definite action was taken on any of the matters considered, many good points were brought out and a large number of the officers present took part in the discussion.

Captain Walter E. Carril, assistant surgeon, O. N. G., addressed the convention on the Oregon hospital corps at the San Francisco firm, telling of the work accomplished and the conditions which prevailed during the 10 days that the Oregon detachment was on hospital duty in the Potrero.

Captain Sam White of Baker City offered a resolution which aroused a spirited discussion. His resolution was: "Resolved, That the National Guard association of the state of Oregon in convention assembled, recommends that congress pass a law to the effect that officers of the National Guard of the several states, territories and the District of Columbia, additional first and second lieutenants and the minimum in two years of the United States for a period

CAPTAIN WHITE STARTS DEBATE ON ABOLITION OF LIFE

Flashlight of Officers of the Oregon National Guard.

of not less than two years, on full pay and allowance, after which time such officers be returned and reported for duty to their respective commands without loss of rank by reason of such service; that such appointments be apportioned among the several states, territories and the District of Columbia, in proportion to the relative strength of the National Guard organization of such states, territories and the District of Columbia, and that no person be eligible to such appointment unless he has been, prior to such appointment, a commissioned officer of the National Guard for a period of three years' continued service in the state from which such appointment is made, and that no officer be appointed unless he be recommended by the military board from the state, territory or District of Columbia from which appointed, and that the president, at his pleasure, also be empowered to assign first and second lieutenants of the regular army for duty with National guard companies of the states, territories and the District of Columbia for a period not to exceed two years as commanding officers of such companies.

The resolution immediately met with severe criticism, almost every point being pointed out as impractical. It was declared that the last part, relating to the appointment of regular army officers to the command of the national guard companies, was not advisable. It could not be done, even if it were advisable that it should be done.

Other officers declared that no national guard officer had his living to make could afford to leave his business and enter the regular army for a period of two years. Colonel Jackson stated that the object of the resolution, that of obtaining more efficient instruction along military lines, is likely to be accomplished before long by the gradual approach of our national guard system to the English reserve system, under which the reserve is a part of the regular army.

When the effect would be possible for the commanding general of a district to appoint regular army officers for the instruction of national guard organization. The tendency, he said, is more closely to associate the national guard with the regular army. After considerable discussion, the resolution was finally referred to the executive committee.

Captain Bowman offered a resolution urging the Oregon delegation in congress to support the senate bill, which would take the latter body and is now before the house, adding 50 officers to the line of the regular army. This resolution was adopted. Captain Bowman also spoke of the volunteer army bill which is now before congress. This bill, he said, affords a system for the organization of a volunteer army in the event of war.

As it was too late to discuss proposed legislation which the legislature will be asked to enact into law at the coming session, the convention adjourned at 1:30 o'clock. The convention will wind up with a Christmas tree entertainment at the armory.

PARK BORDS SOLD TODAY

Will the park board give \$500,000 this year to buy suitable park sites before the values go higher? Unless the board means committee this afternoon accepts one of three bids for the half million dollar bond issue, the money will not be available. The park board recommended the bid of \$100,000 of Tilden, representing the Harris Trust & Savings company of Chicago, should be legally awarded to that bidder.

A conditional bid from C. H. Rollins & Sons, a premium of 1.07 per cent was rejected by the board, because it was the opinion of the members that the money could not be forthcoming from this company in time to make the acceptance legal.

A similar bid by O'Connor & Kahler was rejected for the same reason. This bid offered a premium of 1.07 per cent. Councilman Hushlight said if it could be arranged with the highest bidder that the city should get its money before the first of the year, he would favor the bid of O'Connor & Kahler. City Attorney Kavanaugh stated that if the firm would telegraph satisfactory terms to the city, the bonds could be legally awarded to O'Connor & Kahler.

The committee then adjourned to await an answer to a telegram sent by the city attorney asking the company if it would guarantee payment for the bonds as soon as the council passes the ordinance permitting the sale of the securities.

LOSS OF LIFE

Will Not Be Sentenced Until 4:30 p. m.—Exceptions to Jurymen.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Dec. 29.—Superior Judge Lester today postponed sentencing of Abe Ruef, convicted of offering a bribe, until 4:30 this afternoon. The extension of time was granted in order to allow counsel for the defense an opportunity to submit affidavits in rebuttal of a dozen such documents presented by Assistant District Attorney O'Gara. The affidavits introduced by O'Gara tended to show that the jury which convicted Ruef was not guilty of misconduct or intimidated into rendering the verdict it did.

Read an affidavit by the defense, read an affidavit by the defendant containing the charge that Alexander Bond and W. L. Leary, jurors who voted for conviction, had received acceptance as jurors, expressed a belief that Ruef was guilty of all he was accused of.

Bond, according to the affidavit, made a statement to one Henry McNevin, that if he got on the jury he would vote to convict Ruef.

An unsuccessful attempt was made by Dozier to have McNevin testify regarding the conversation in question. Judge Lester finally consented to allow counsel for the defense four hours in which to secure an affidavit from McNevin.

COUNTY TREASURY BOBBED OF \$5087

Custodian Locked in Vault After Handing Out the Money.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 29.—Two masked men today robbed Michael Meier, treasurer of Sanborn county, of \$5087 and escaped. The men entered the office of the treasurer and pointed revolvers at him. Several persons were just outside but the bandits made no noise. They made Meier walk into the vault where he was forced to hand over all the cash on hand.

Then the robbers locked the treasurer in the vault and fled. They were seen hurriedly leaving the office and the robbery was soon discovered and Meier released. A posse is in pursuit of the bandits.

MUSIC HALLS SEEK MRS. HAINES

(United Press Leased Wire.) London, Dec. 29.—London music hall managers have been trying for several weeks to secure the signature of Carrie Nation, the temperance advocate, to a contract to appear in vaudeville, and according to one of them there is a possibility that the hatchet wielder will accept.

If she decides to appear behind the footlights it is believed that smoking and drinking in the "salis" will be forbidden during her appearance.

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