

DEPARTMENT HAS HILL'S REPORT ON POSTOFFICE SITE

Nothing Official Given Out but Report Goes That It Recommends New Building on Present Site.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Assistant Secretary Hill of the treasury department today said:

"Dr. Hill's report on the Portland postoffice matter is here and in the hands of the supervising architect. I have only a memorandum of what he recommends, but Judge from it that his report is complete, giving us all the information needed. Dr. Hill offers one plan, an alternative and another suggestion, but before giving it consideration I cannot intimate what his recommendations are. I have been giving all my time to annual reports and items, hence I am unable to attend to the Portland matter, but I will take it up very soon."

The report is floating around Washington that Dr. Hill recommends the dismantling of the present postoffice structure and the erecting of another on its site, instead of building a new postoffice on the Andrew C. Smith site, as recommended by the Oregon senators and the Portland commercial club; but it is impossible to verify or disprove the report.

Supervising Architect Taylor refuses to add anything to Hill's statement.

ORANGE PACKING HOUSE BURNS AT POMONA, CAL.

Pomona, Cal., Dec. 3.—The packing house of the San Dimas Orange Growers' association, one of the finest in the state, and covering several acres, burned to the ground at 5 o'clock tonight, causing a loss of about \$50,000 and throwing 200 employees out of work. The fire originated in the sweating room when a small oil stove, used in coloring process, exploded, the flames spreading rapidly. Six thousand boxes of oranges were in the building when it burned.

VASSAR GIRLS EAT "ANY OLD GRUB"

Strike of Chefs Causes Diet of Dill Pickles and Fudge.

(Publishers' Press Leased Wire.)

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Dec. 3.—Fudge, dill pickles and olives constituted the breakfast of a large number of Vassar college girls today owing to the strike of the chefs in four of the six college dining halls.

HAMMERSTEIN TO SEEK BETTER LUCK IN LONDON

(By the International News Service.)

New York, Dec. 3.—Oscar Hammerstein will sell his New York theatres and take up his residence in London, where he is building a new opera house.

"My business is opera," said the impresario today. "I can do nothing else. I must produce opera. Since New York does not want me, I will go to London, where I believe I am wanted."

"After 40 years in New York I am going. After realizing my ambition and giving opera here as it was never given before, and then being forced to give up my work, I shall go."

BUTTE'S TREASURER ACCUSED; DISAPPEARS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Butte, Mont., Dec. 3.—Edward H. Naughton, former city treasurer and well known citizen, is charged with having embezzled \$500 from the city. He was to have been arraigned before Judge Dolan this morning, but failed to appear in court. He is at liberty on bond and the sheriff stated today that he has been unable to locate him.

PRESIDENT CALLS INSURGENT CHIEF TO WHITE HOUSE

Disposition to Placate Cummins of Iowa Supposed to Have Reference to 1912, as Well as the "Taft Program."

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)

Washington, Dec. 3.—Every one wonders what political result will come from the conference between Taft and Cummins today. Cummins and Bourne conferred last night for three hours; Borah also was in council with them.

President Taft desires to gain favor with the progressive senators, with whom, early in his administration he split because they refused to accept bills as he sent them to the capitol, but insisted on amendments.

Bourne said today that he could not speak for anyone else but his own opinion was as follows:

"There will be no machine leader of the progressives, or of the senate, for that matter, from this time on. It will be intellectual leadership that will count, and the leader on each occasion when measures are up will be the senator who best knows that particular subject."

"There will be differences between progressives at times, as the situation is somewhat mixed, but the aggregation of forces will be on conviction, instead of by force of machine methods either by progressives or regulars. The prospects are bright for progressive measures."

"It is known that Taft's invitation to Cummins to go to the White House today was his first move toward clearing away obstacles to his re-nomination in 1912. The episode has caused considerable gossip regarding national politics in 1912, with Cummins and La Follette prominently mentioned as presidential possibilities."

One Peril Averted.

From the Cleveland Leader.

"Do you have adequate police protection in this suburb?"

PACKER SCHENK READY WITH BAIL

Offer Refused, Accused Wife's Attorneys Working Situation for Advantage.

(By the International News Service.)

Wheeling, W. Va., Dec. 3.—As has been expected by the defense all along, John O. Schenk, the millionaire packer, has rallied to the support of his wife, who is a prisoner in jail here charged with having attempted to poison him. Soon after being removed from the hospital to the home of his sister, he ascertained that his wife could be released on bail and notified Mrs. Schenk's attorneys that he would go on her bond.

The attorneys, however, refused the bond offer.

It is the plan of her counsel to permit the wife to remain in jail, knowing that every day she spends there will make her husband more indignant at the treatment accorded her, after she shall have proved her innocence at the trial two weeks from next Monday.

CONFERENCE COLLEGES TAKE DRASTIC STAND

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Dec. 3.—The most drastic action ever taken by a meeting of representatives of the western conference colleges resulted here tonight when it was ruled that hereafter the members of the "big eight" shall not hold athletic relations with universities or colleges that have been members of the conference but have withdrawn and that the conference colleges will sever all baseball and football relations with colleges outside of the middle west, as soon as existing contracts expire.

This action means that Michigan is barred from the schedule of all "big eight" schools, so that Minnesota and Michigan have met for the last time. Illinois has met Syracuse for the last time, and after tilling next year's contract with Cornell, Chicago will sever relations with the Ithaca school.

SPOKANE COUNTY CITY OFFICIALS ARE UNDER FIRE

Charges of Graft to Be Investigated by Special Grand Jury—Former Police Chief Cause of Trouble.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 3.—For the purpose of investigating charges of graft, malfeasance in office, general discrimination and other offenses laid against the officials of Spokane county and city, a special grand jury has been called for Monday, January 16. This decision was reached Friday night by a meeting held on bank of five Spokane county judges, when the complaint and request of M. V. Lambert, president of the city council, and of the officers of various labor organizations were taken up for consideration.

The labor organizations request for the appointment of a special prosecutor in the cases was ignored, as the newly elected prosecuting attorney, John L. Wiley, who is opposed to the "Old Push Ring" holding power in the court house for a number of years, will take office January 9 and the judiciary ruled that he is as good as could be secured for the investigation.

Sullivan Causes Trouble.

The petitions of the labor council's call for investigations of city officers and the police department, especially because of numerous charges made against these in the last few months, growing out of heated controversies and apparently important matters through its investigation of ex-Acting Chief of Police John T. Sullivan.

Sullivan is charged with conversion of considerable money deposited as bonds in Chinese gambling cases to other than municipal uses, with discrimination in enforcing laws and in the management of his department aside from the usurpation of the office of the chief of police in violation of the city charter. He was tried by the board of police commissioners, which returned a report that no irregularities were found, but immediately afterward he was found guilty on six out of eight charges by the city council, which recommended his suspension pending further investigation by

the police commission, but the commission refused to carry out the order, holding that the council had no authority to try the case.

Several charges of irregularities in different county offices coming under the category of graft and malmanagement will also be heard.

New Steamship Launched.

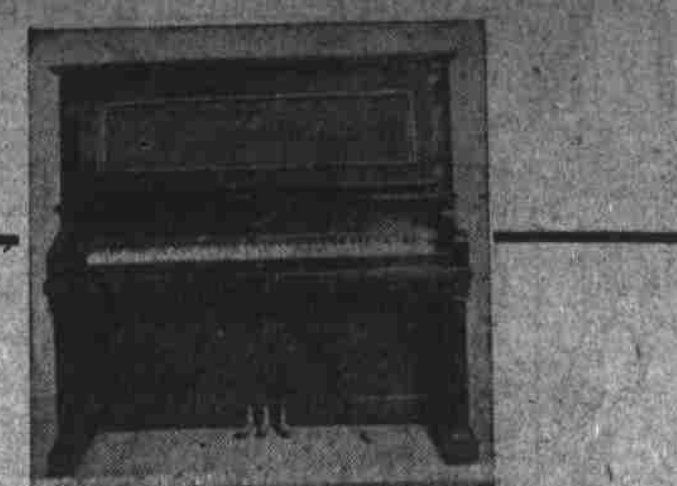
(By the International News Service.) Long Beach, Cal., Dec. 3.—In the presence of about 10,000 persons the General Hubbard, the largest steamship built for the Hammond Lumber company of San Francisco, was launched at

6:45 o'clock this morning by the Gray Shipbuilding company.

The General Hubbard now will remain in the channel for about 30 days, until the two masts and funnels are in place. The machinery is all in place and it is expected she will be steamed up for the first time next Wednesday.

The Mexican government has established a smokeless powder factory with a capacity of 110,000 pounds a year.

The heaviest rudder ever known, a hundred-ton affair, has been built for the new transatlantic liner Olympic.



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