

Light rain today with southeasterly winds.

LA FOLLETTE SINKS UNDER BIG STRAIN; CANCELS HIS DATES

Senator's Scheduled Speeches for Two Weeks Are Called Off — He Is Confined in Washington Hospital.

BEGAN BREAKING DOWN DURING WESTERN TRIP

Ill When He Went to Philadelphia—Too Sick to Answer Hostile Talk.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Feb. 3.—Suffering from a serious nervous breakdown resulting from overwork and the incidental worry to the illness of his 12-year-old daughter Mary, Senator William La Follette tonight cancelled all his immediate engagements. By orders of his doctor he will take a complete rest for the next three weeks at least. Late tonight he was under the doctor's care and visitors were forbidden.

The senator's present condition traces back to his recent western trip, when, although taken dangerously ill with ptomaine poisoning, in Chicago, he insisted on not disappointing any of his audiences. For several days he traveled over trolley roads to keep appointments, accompanied by a doctor who was compelled to resort to powerful drugs to keep the senator on his feet.

Would Not Meet Advice. When he went to Philadelphia last night to address the Periodical Publishers' association dinner, La Follette was ill and his friends tried to persuade him to abandon his engagement. He refused and today admitted he was, for the first time in his life, unable to hold his audience. He realized that at the time and his friends admitted tonight that the ordeal of trying to answer hostile arguments was too much in his weakened physical condition.

The correspondent of the United Press was admitted to the senator's room for a few minutes tonight, only after he had promised that he would ask no questions. No other newspaper representative was permitted to see the senator, who was weak and plainly worn. It was with the greatest reluctance that La Follette admitted his need of rest. "I am afraid," said the senator, after

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POLITICAL BREAD ONE MAY BE KEPT FROM WHITE HOUSE

President's Advisers Insist That the Headquarters Be Moved Away to Some Less Conspicuous Place.

By James J. Montague.

(By the International News Service.) Washington, Feb. 3.—A day's work today that a large class A discussion has yawned between William H. Taft and the gentlemen who have taken in charge his political future.

The difference was born of conflicting opinions about National Tax campaign headquarters. These headquarters were planned by the Taft leaders, such as Murray Crane, Reed Smoot and Boies Penrose, who are about the only tried and trusted friends that president has in the senate. The idea was that it would not do to have a bread line of place hunting politicians abutting on the executive offices before the convention and that evidence of vulgar vote getting ought not to be paraded about the White House grounds.

By establishing headquarters, they contended, Mr. Taft could keep his presidential right hand in ignorance of the doings of his political left hand. Besides some of the politicians who will have to be employed in the hunt for delegates are not quite respectable, and Crane and his companions felt that they ought to be kept out of the White House.

Views of Friends.

When Mr. Taft was running before he was not the president. Now that he is, according to the senatorial triumvirate, he should be president and let them attend to the political end. Down deep there is more to this than might at first be suspected. If Crane and Penrose and Smoot can run the campaign on their own hook, without any interference from the White House, they feel that they have a chance. But if the president gets the first whack at any man who comes to Washington on political business they don't know what will happen. Mr. Taft has a lot of qualities, but tact was never among them, even to the extent of a trace.

When this idea was broached to the president, however, he put his foot down. He allowed that the White House was plenty good enough for him, and it ought to be for the politicians he must needs confer with. He intimated that he could not be leaving his work every five minutes and run across the street to talk to some Tom or Dick or Harry who had got a bag full of Alabama delegates away from Ormsby McHarg, who was just about to box them up and ship them to Roosevelt.

Moreover, he announced that he is running for president on his record, and that it is beneath his dignity even to go through the form of delegate getting. Of course, Smoot and Crane and Penrose knew all about that. But they also know that Mr. Taft's record is not such as viewed just as he views it in some states of the union. They know, too, that taking delegates away from T

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Discharged by Court

DRAMATIC SCENE FOLLOWS VERDICT ACQUITTING WILDE

Even Jurors Join in Applause and Later Sign Eulogy of Banker, Who Was Charged With Embezzlement.

Louis J. Wilde.

Jurors' Eulogy. To the People of Oregon: As citizens who are proud of the growth of Portland and glory in its fair name and fame, we emphatically protest against any and all attempts to prejudice or poison the minds of our people against Louis J. Wilde, who is one of California's most highly respected and representative business men.

His friends have been wrongfully taken from his home, family, friends and business affairs and brought here for political and mercenary purposes. We believe the charges brought against him are unjust and malicious and should not be tolerated by any reputable and self-respecting community.

"We understand that Mr. Wilde was never at any time an officer or director of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank and had nothing to do with its management in any way. All his transactions with it appear to be open and above board and he was for his untiring efforts and his financial skill, which enabled the depositors to realize the money they have received and we believe that had the liquidation been conducted as outlined by Mr. Wilde not a depositor would have lost a dollar.

"We invite new blood to come to our city to build homes and establish business and we know that Mr. Wilde would be an invaluable asset to any community. Deploring the attacks that have been made, we now, in order to show our perfect confidence in his integrity, request him to make his home in our midst, with assurance at all times of our hearty interest and cooperation.

"J. H. MacDonald, L. A. La Jolie, R. H. Randolph, F. E. Rampe, J. A. McArthur, E. B. Jackson, W. G. Eaton, J. H. Tanner, L. C. Bacheider, Charles A. Kalus, H. M. Callwell, Martin Sattler.

"Jury, Our Own Verdict"

Following the direction of Judge Kavanaugh that the jury should return a verdict of not guilty in the case of Louis J. Wilde, the San Diego capitalist yesterday afternoon was freed from the charge that he assisted W. Cooper Morris in embezzling \$30,000 from the Oregon Trust & Savings bank.

After that came a great volley of applause, which seemed to come at the same moment from all parts of the room. Jurors caught the infection of the moment and were among the most enthusiastic in the demonstration, which Judge Kavanaugh made no effort to check.

Added to all this, the jurors shortly after they had been discharged attached their names to a remarkable eulogy of Wilde, in which they declared the charges against him "unjust and malicious," and invited him to make his home in Portland once more, with assurance of their hearty interest and cooperation.

Dramatic Scene.

The court room scene when the acquittal of Wilde was ordered was one of the most dramatic ever witnessed in Multnomah county. As the concluding words of Judge Kavanaugh announced that Wilde must be discharged because the facts failed to show any embezzlement, several of his friends rushed to congratulate him, and as the court room rang with applause the procedure of the court room was lost in commotion.

When the formal proceedings were over, Wilde and his wife held an informal reception, shaking hands with each member of the jury and receiving with evident satisfaction the assurance

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DELRAM, COLUMBIA ORCHARD BOND MAN, IS AT HOT SPRINGS

Not Feeling Well, He Hies to Mountains Where Hum of Duped Investors Has Only a Faraway Sound.

RECEIVER WILSON COMES TO CITY TO FIND BIEHL

Victims Begin Going to Court to Set Aside Trades for Worthless Bonds.

(Special to The Journal.) Seattle, Wash., Feb. 3.—After more than three days' search the whereabouts of W. E. DeLarm, president of the \$5,000,000 irrigation schemes which were placed in the hands of a receiver here this week, were today reported as having been discovered by an intimate acquaintance of the missing and much-wanted financier.

From this friend, whose identity cannot be revealed, came the statement that DeLarm was at Scenic Hot Springs, in the Cascade mountains, a physical and mental wreck. That he had forsaken the threatening storm several days before and had collapsed completely under the strain, was the further assertion.

The information came from this source that a telegram was expected at any moment from DeLarm, and that as soon as it arrived the proper officials, Prosecuting Attorney John E. Murphy and United States Attorney Elmer E. Todd would be notified that he could be reached whenever wanted.

DeLarm's Health Not Good.

It was said that three weeks ago DeLarm made a trip to Spokane, and on his return to Seattle was taken ill on the train with an attack of appendicitis. Several local physicians informed him that an operation was necessary, but he refused to take it while the present financial strain pressed down upon his mind. Nerving himself, he staggered back and forth to business until early last week he gave up the fight and left the city. At that time he knew the crash was only a matter of hours.

Receiver Wilson in Portland.

At the same time came information from Portland that A. J. Biehl, trustee of the Oregon-Washington Trust company, had disappeared from Portland, and that Receiver Harry E. Wilson, who went to Portland today to see him, had not been able to locate him. During the earlier part of the investigation Biehl was the only one located and DeLarm was the missing official.

The method whereby the various bond issues were made possible has been pronounced by those who have investigated it to surpass the manipulations of J. Rufus Wallingford, illustrating the Old Saw that "Truth is stronger than fiction."

How Collateral Was Secured.

Arrangements were made with hundreds of ranchers living near Waukele to trade half their property in exchange for water rights on the remaining portion. This trade was to be in force only after water was actually in the ditches, each rancher being permitted to give an optional mortgage on the half of the property going to the irrigation company to the officials for them to hold as security on the bargain.

The irrigation company took these mortgages, found solely on the chance that water would be in the ditches, and deposited them with the Oregon-Washington Trust company as bona fide securities for the bonds. The trust company, using them as bona fide securities, was able to represent with a enormous amount standing behind the bonds and thereby investors believed them to be gilt edged.

When the date for the water to be in the ditches passed without the necessary irrigation arrangements completed, all the optional mortgages became worthless, and there was absolutely not a cent of asset behind the bonds.

Judging by newspaper clippings, photographs, blank records and other papers, a rank record in company's Empire-building offices, Receiver Wilson was convinced he could get no information here so he decided to see A. J. Biehl, trust officer, in Portland, in reference to the \$5,000,000 bond issues floated by various corporations. Despite Biehl's present assertion to the contrary, it is claimed that until last October he was intimately connected with all companies in question. He was known to have been represented by W. E. DeLarm, president of the company, under the firm name of DeLarm & Biehl. Local people are awaiting with interest any information he may divulge.

When Samuel Hodges, former trust officer of the Oregon-Washington Trust company, gave up that position, Biehl resigned on paper all connection with them and went to Portland. Local attorneys, bondholders and brokers assert he is thoroughly familiar with the workings of the company. Today possession of the offices formerly occupied reverted to the owners of the building and DeLarm's name was taken down. Wilson is expected to return tomorrow.

First Suit to Annul Trade.

In a superior court complaint J. R. Wilson requests the court to set aside deed conveying 40 acres of land in Walla Walla county to the Coast Realty company, which was sold to the company by the land for \$500,000 worth of Columbia River Orchard bonds. He charges that agents for the Coast Realty company knew that it and the allied companies were insolvent. Hearing on this petition is set for next Thursday.

Those Who Traded Realty for Bonds Want Property Back

Uppermost in the minds of those victims of the Columbia River Orchard company and the Washington Orchard, Irrigation & Fruit Co., who traded real

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"NOBODY CARES FOR ME!"



FLAMES SHOOT FROM HATCHES AS STEAMER FLOATS OFF HATTERAS

Revenue Cutter Stands by Huge Freighter in Hope She Can Be Salvaged; Sides Warped by Intense Heat From Burning Cargo.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Feb. 3.—With flames shooting from her hatches, her steel sides warped by the intense heat from her burning cargo, the British steamer Consols was still afloat tonight off Cape Hatteras according to wireless advice received here. The crew, which battled for 10 hours against the fire, was finally forced to flee when it became evident that its efforts were not retarding the progress of the flames, but the revenue cutter Onondaga was still trying to salvage the big freighter.

Five of the Consols' crew were overcome by smoke but were dragged to safety by companions and later returned to the task of pumping water into the rearing hatches, but all hands were finally compelled to "abandon ship." The heat became so intense that the sailors' clothing caught fire and they were forced to drench themselves repeatedly to prevent being burned to death. The Consols' cargo was sent by wireless, and the "S. O. S." signals were finally picked up by the revenue cutter Onondaga and the steamer Castle Eden. A message was flashed back to the imperilled seamen that they would soon have help. Cheered by the hope of rescue the men redoubled their energies to check the flames.

Their efforts were unavailing and as the skipper was about to give the order to take to the lifeboats, the Onondaga and the Castle Eden hove in sight. The half suffocated mariners were taken off by the Castle Eden and the crew of the revenue cutter began the effort to tow the burning Consols ashore.

Five times a hawser was attached to the doomed ship. Five times a hand of flame reached out and severed the great rope. The heat became so intense that it was almost impossible for the men to remain alongside. The Onondaga's captain continued to risk his vessel to save the Britisher.

Tonight a wireless from the Onondaga said that she has succeeded in getting the Consols to the shore. The ship was being towed by her anchor and was being towed by her anchor and was being towed by her anchor.

BOY OF 15, DRUNK, DIES FROM EXPOSURE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 3.—Indictments and vigorous prosecution will follow the horrible death today of 15-year-old Andrew W. Schine. Exposure and the effects of drinking whiskey caused death.

Three days ago men walking along the railroad tracks came upon a sleeping child. Attempts to waken him failed, although it was one of the coldest days of the year. The odor of liquor confirmed the fact that the little boy was drunk. He did not waken when he was picked up, but when one of his hands was tucked under his coat the men were horrified to see three fingers break off. Before he could be rushed to a hospital, the fingers of his other hand crumbled away. At the hospital physicians tried to prevent blood-poisoning, but failed, the lad dying today. Detectives today are trying to learn from whom the boy obtained the liquor.

HARMONY, SLOGAN OF SPEAKERS AT VISITORS' DINNER

Puget Sound Excursionists Vie With Local Men in Advocating Unanimity for Greater Northwest.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Harmony and unanimity for a greater Pacific northwest was the slogan last night at the dinner at the Commercial club attended by members of the Puget sound midwinter excursion to California. Speakers representing Portland and various cities in the states of Washington and British Columbia all struck the same note, urging greater cooperation for a common good and laying aside the petty sectional quarrels through which one city has hoped to build up at the expense of another. Friendly rivalry, it was explained, has a tendency to upbuild, but it was freely expressed that no good could come from belittling each other.

Hundred Visitors Present.

About a hundred visitors were present and in addition to about 25 prominent members of the commercial bodies of Portland, headed by Edgar B. Piper, president of the Commercial club, who acted as toastmaster. Entering the club's dining room at 6 o'clock the eyes of the visitors fell upon a greeting from the Commercial club, the Chamber of Commerce, Rose Festival association, the Rotary club, the Ad club, the Press club, the Progressive Business Men's club, the Oregon Development league and the Elks National convention of 1912, as follows:

"It is with special appreciation we of the Rose city welcome you of the Potlatch and Puget Sound to our commercial club this evening. The generous and spirited manner in which the commercial organizations of Seattle have advertised and proclaimed the Portland Rose Festival as a Pacific northwest carnival, the same as in the Seattle Potlatch and the Tacoma Montomara Fests, has won our heartfelt gratitude, and prompted us to do all within our power to help make the Puget Sound festival the success they deserve to be and will be. The new Seattle Spirit, radiating its beneficent influence throughout the nation for the upbuilding of the entire Pacific northwest country, finds sympathetic response in the city whose chief civic endeavor has been agricultural development. We bespeak further cooperation between these two splendid cities, to the end that their united efforts may upbuild opulent empire in the Pacific northwest."

Strikes Responsive Chords.

As each individual speaker was called upon, he fell in line with the slogan and it is doubtful if ever a more sociable and harmonious gathering was held in the Pacific northwest by representatives from many different localities.

The excursionists arrived over the O.W.R. & N. in a special train of four cars at 6 o'clock and were met at the union depot by a reception committee composed of members of the above named local organizations with automobiles and were taken for an hour's ride about the city. This gave the visitors a splendid opportunity to observe the wonderful progress of the city and it caused them to speak of it in flattering terms at the banquet.

Joseph Biehlen, president of the Seattle Potlatch, made a particularly strong plea for harmony among the cities of the Pacific northwest. He called attention to the fact that during the past three or four years the sentiment has improved wonderfully, and that there is

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HE CHARGES BULLDOG VOTED AGAINST HIM; BALLOT BOX DROWNED

West Virginia Politician Asserts That the Negro Repeater Were Marked on Backs With Chalk; Evidence Astonishes Committee.

(By the International News Service.)

Washington, Feb. 3.—Charging that negro repeaters in Mingo county, West Virginia, were identified by chalk marks on their backs; that a bulldog was registered and a negro voted his name, and that at one polling place a man from the mountains carried off the ballot box and dropped it in the Big Sandy river, Rankin Wiley, a Democrat, who was defeated, lay claim to the seat in the house of representatives now held by James Hughes, a Republican. The testimony in this case is now being taken by the house committee on election and reveals a condition of political affairs in the district of West Virginia that has astonished the committee. The district adjoins Adams county, Ohio, where whole communities were disfranchised recently for election frauds.

George S. Wallace, counsel for Wiley, told the committee of the bulldog fraud and said he had it from Bud Bussler, owner of the dog.

Miss Ethel Lambert, a Women's Christian Temperance police watcher, told the committee of marking by negroes and the chalk marks on their backs, put there by white men for identification. Some repeated five or six times.

COMMITTEE REPORTER STIRS LORIMER QUIZ

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Feb. 3.—A scene of wild disorder was precipitated at tonight's session of the Lorimer investigating committee when Martin W. Blumenberg, official stenographer for the committee, suddenly interrupted the examination of a witness to declare the stenographic notes alleged by Burns detective James E. Sheridan, to be the "confession" of Charles McGowan, recorded by dictagraph at a Toronto hotel and made by Sheridan, to be "faked."

Acting Chairman Jones ordered Blumenberg to be seated.

The stenographer refused and kept shouting out his charges. Committee officials tried to eject him. Then Jones ordered a recess.

Twenty minutes later, after an executive session, Jones announced that the committee would hold Blumenberg for contempt. The hearing was then adjourned until Monday.

MRS. MABEL WARNER FOUND NOT GUILTY

(Special to The Journal.)

Pendleton, Or., Feb. 3.—(Sunday)—Mrs. Mabel Young Warner, charged with having forged a will, was acquitted by the jury at midnight.

S. P. CO. READY TO ELECTRIFY ROADS; FRANCHISE ASKED

Right to Lay Double Track on Fourth Street Sought; Lines to Run to McMinnville for the Present.

ESTIMATED COST OF WORK IS \$1,600,000

Would Withdraw Suit Against City—Say Company Can't Accept Common User.

The Southern Pacific company is ready to proceed immediately with the electrification of all its west side lines as soon as the Portland city council will grant a franchise permitting double tracking and electrification of the Fourth street line and a double track on Jefferson to Water street giving physical connection with the Jefferson street line, also known as the Yamhill division.

In a statement issued last night by William D. Fenton, chief counsel for the company, is set forth the nature of the franchise that the company will seek from the council, the type of cars that will be operated and the amount of money that the company will have to expend in making the transformation of the lines now operated by steam. The amount named is \$1,600,000 and it is said that it is expected to complete the big undertaking within 12 months after the granting of the amended Fourth-street franchise.

Plans for Operation. The plans as announced by Mr. Fenton are to operate the trains from the union depot by way of Fourth street, Jefferson to Water and to McMinnville by way of Newberg, and return, and also from the union depot, on Fourth street over the present line to McMinnville by way of Forest Grove and return. This will give two lines between Portland and McMinnville, so that while cars will be operated over competitive lines on two hour schedules, Portland and McMinnville will have the benefit of a train each way every hour.

Mr. Fenton further announces that while the city is expected to complete the big undertaking within 12 months after the granting of the amended Fourth-street franchise.

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WOMAN VICTIM OF INFERNAL MACHINE IN HER APARTMENT

Grace Taylor Is Killed by Explosion Upon Opening Package Delivered at Her Door in New York.

New York, Feb. 3.—Mrs. Howard Walker, wife of a traveling electrical salesman, living at 102 West Seventy-seventh street, under her stage name of Grace Taylor, was killed in her apartment tonight by an infernal machine handed to her at the door but a moment before by a uniformed messenger or delivery boy.

The infernal machine was placed on a board, box that had formerly contained 100 cigarettes and was neatly wrapped in straw colored paper. It bore the typewritten address, "Mrs. Grace Taylor," and the name of the messenger. It exploded in the woman's hands while she was unwrapping it. She was frightfully mutilated and almost instantly killed.

Charles W. Dickinson, of 38 West Sixty-first street, secretary to the chief engineer of the United States Motor company, an automobile concern at 3 West Fifty-third street, was the only person in the apartment besides Mrs. Walker at the time the deadly package was received and when it exploded. He claims that he was in another room at the time of the explosion, but the police say that he was in the same room with Mrs. Walker and only a few feet away. He was uninjured. He is held by the police on a charge of homicide.

Dickinson declares that he did not see the person who delivered the package but did see Mrs. Walker return from the door with it in her hands, and that she had asked him to step into another room while she opened it.

The most important witness in the case in addition to Dickinson is William Glassen, junior of the house, a high class apartment dwelling occupied by respectable families. Glassen says he was in the basement when the explosion took place and ran to the apartment of Mrs. Taylor and rang the bell. He got no answer for nearly two minutes. Then Dickinson came to the door and said: "Miss Taylor is evidently killed or something," and then the door closed again. Glassen says he then ran outside and met Dr. Perkins, who lives next door. While he was trying to tell the doctor what had happened, a uniformed messenger boy came up and seeing the smoke curling from the shattered windows of the Taylor apartment, asked: "What's the matter?"

When told of the explosion the boy said: "That's strange. I just delivered a package to her."

When Glassen went back into the room with the doctor, Dickinson opened the door promptly. Mrs. Walker was found lying on the floor in a pool of blood, with her body badly torn and burned. Dr. Perkins, after a brief examination, pronounced her dead. It is the conviction of the messenger boy as

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Great Railroad Still During Funeral.

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