

CURRENCY FIGHT GROWS HOT, WITH RESULT IN DOUBT

President Aroused at Proposed Change in Measure and Considers Carrying Question Out in Public Speech.

WILSON WINS FIRST ROUND IN HIS FIGHT

Senators O'Gorman and Reed Vote for Reconsideration of Four-Bank Plan.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Nov. 7.—President Wilson won the first round in his fight today to secure the passage of the Glass-Owen currency bill, as it passed the house. It came when Senator Reed of Missouri and Senator O'Gorman of New York, Democratic members of the senate currency committee, suddenly "switched" and voted to reconsider a provision previously adopted, limiting the number of reserve banks to four. Senator Crawford, a Republican, also voted for the motion, and it carried. Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, the only other Democratic member of the committee to line up with the Republicans, stood pat.

Immediately after the motion had carried, a substitute was introduced by the committee, increasing the number of reserve banks to seven. Supporters of the administration viewed the action of Reed and O'Gorman as an indication of wavering and confidently pointed to statements of senate leaders that the decision calling for a democratic caucus, by which it was hoped to force the Glass-Owen measure through the committee, should "await certain expected developments."

CITY IS NOT REQUIRED TO RETAIN BONDS FOR INCOME TAX SYSTEM

Chief Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue Gives His View of Law.

Although it is stated that the city will have to retain one per cent of the local improvement, water, bridge and other bonds for the government as a part of the governmental income tax, City Treasurer Adams, backed by Chief Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue Ramey, says that under the new law no amount will be retained. Outstanding at the present time the city has \$28,000,000 worth of bonds of various kinds and if it was required to retain one per cent it would mean that the city would have to withhold for the federal government one per cent of the \$1,500,000 which is paid in interest yearly.

While City Treasurer Adams thinks that under his interpretation of the law municipal bonds are exempt, it is probable that an opinion will be sought from City Attorney La Roche. According to advice from Seattle, the city attorney there has ruled that the city treasurer shall retain one per cent of all local improvements, but no other municipal bonds.

It is definitely established that the city will not retain any amount on improvement bonds or others issued by the city, it will mean, according to City Treasurer Adams, that municipal bonds will make exceedingly valuable investments. Under the income tax law, bonds issued by corporations and their holdings are taxable.

Many complications may arise if it is found that the city will have to retain a percentage of only improvement bonds which are a direct lien against the property benefited by various improvements for which districts were created. It is stated that the city has no means of knowing which holders of bonds are subject to the income tax, for, according to its reading, all having an income of more than \$100 a year from all sources are subject to its terms. Just how the city is going to learn whether a bondholder has an income of more than \$100 a year would, according to Mr. Adams, prove puzzling, if the law applies.

Alfred Wallace, Scientist, Dies. London, Nov. 7.—Alfred Russell Wallace, the great English scientist and investigator of psychic phenomena, died today at Winchester, aged 81 years.

DIAS IS ATTACKED BY PARTY OF MEXICANS, WOUNDS NOT SERIOUS

General and Friends Attacked in Havana Boulevard; He Is Stabbed Twice, Slightly.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Havana, Nov. 7.—Following last night's attack on him in the boulevard Malecon, General Felix Diaz was placed under technical arrest today, charged with shooting Pedro Guerrero, who, according to the account given by Diaz' friends, was one of the latter's assailants.

Diaz did not draw the weapon he carried in his own pocket, but was said to have used one handed to him by a follower. Guerrero was shot through the abdomen and may die. Diaz' injuries were slight. The three men arrested for the attack on Diaz are all Mexicans, and the police took it for granted that the two who escaped were of the same nationality.

LEM WOON MAY LIVE BY GOVERNOR'S GRACE

Hangman Will Not Operate on Chinaman's Neck Next Friday.

(Salem Bureau of the Journal.) Salem, Or., Nov. 7.—Governor West announced today that he would commute the death sentence of Lem Woon, the Portland Chinaman sentenced to be hanged next Friday, to life imprisonment.

DUNBAR'S EXILE TO END WHEN HE PAYS \$1000

Opium Smuggler Granted Pardon by President Wilson This Morning.

(Washington Bureau of the Journal.) Washington, Nov. 7.—Senator Chamberlain was informed this morning by the president that he had issued a pardon to William Dunbar, involved in opium smuggling in Oregon about 20 years ago on condition that he pay his fine of \$1000.

William Dunbar for more than 20 years has been a fugitive from justice in China. He was tried and found guilty in the Portland federal court in 1893 of smuggling opium and afterwards fled to China. He had a store at Front and Washington streets. He jumped his bail and went to Asia.

"AND A THOUSAND YEARS SHALL BE AS A DAY"

Los Angeles, Nov. 7.—Mrs. Jessie Standard is plaintiff today in a divorce action against Earl Standard, Pomona bank teller, who is serving ten years for embezzling \$150,000. The suit is based on Standard's conviction.

AMERICAN FLEET IS NOW IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

Gibraltar, Nov. 7.—The American battleships Wyoming, Florida, Utah, Delaware, Arkansas, Connecticut, Vermont, Kansas and Ohio, with the auxiliaries Solace, Celtic, Orion, Cyclops and Jason, passed the straits yesterday, bound for Mediterranean ports.

Taft's Securities Worth \$150,000. New Haven, Conn., Nov. 7.—Called on for a list of his taxable securities, ex-President Taft said he had \$150,000 worth.

HUERTA REPORTED TO HAVE REJECTED WILSON'S DEMAND

Held Meeting With Cabinet Last Night in Which It Is Rumored Cabinet Voted to Support Him in His Position.

PLANS TO BRING ARMY UP TO 500,000 MEN

Expected He Will Point Out United States Has No Right to Interfere.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Mexico City, Nov. 7.—That President Huerta decided, at a Mexican cabinet meeting last night, to reject President Wilson's demand for his retirement, was reported today. It was said he would point out that the United States has no legal right to make such a request and he no right to grant it. That he was planning to bring the Mexican army up to 500,000 men was also rumored. All this information was supposed to have been given out by a Mexican government department, but it could not be verified.

Wilson's Cabinet Meets. Washington, Nov. 7.—Mexico was the sole topic of discussion today at the first regular meeting President Wilson has had with his cabinet in three weeks. Secretary of State Bryan admitted as much after the conference was over. "You can say," he said, "that the Mexican situation was discussed. No further announcement can be made at present."

Asked why the president's emissary, John Lind, left Vera Cruz unexpectedly last night, to turn up today in the Mexican capital, the secretary turned and walked away without a word. Nevertheless, some of the news of the cabinet meeting leaked out. Every phase of the situation in the southern republic was gone into. There were distinct differences of opinion among the cabinet members concerning the wisdom of permitting General Carranza, the rebel leader, to import arms from this country into Mexico. One cabinet member remarked that these arms might be turned later against American troops.

CELLO POWER PROJECT AIDED BY GOVERNMENT

Fifteen Thousand Dollars to Be Spent in Making Investigation.

(Washington Bureau of the Journal.) Washington, Nov. 7.—Senators Chamberlain and Lane have been informed by Secretary of the Interior Lane that he has set aside \$15,000 for investigation of the Cello power project above the Dalles in conjunction with the state, on plans proposed by State Engineer Lewis. The money is available immediately.

COMPENSATION IS IN EFFECT NOW SAYS COMMISSION

Will Ignore Opinion of Attorney General Which Governor West Says Is Attack by State Official.

SPECIAL SESSION OF LEGISLATURE IS NEEDED

Notices Must Be Filed by Employers and Employees as Originally Provided.

(Salem Bureau of the Journal.) Salem, Or., Nov. 7.—An attack by state officials on the workmen's compensation law ever before the votes, which were overwhelmingly in favor of the measure, are officially counted, is the interpretation Governor West puts upon the opinion given by Attorney General Crawford to State Treasurer Kay yesterday afternoon. In effect, the attorney general held that the act would not become effective before June, 1914.

The matter is of such importance that Governor West said he would feel justified in calling a special session of the legislature to correct any defects that might make the law inoperative until next year if the opinion of the attorney general should be sustained by the courts. After obtaining legal advice, Harvey Beckwith, W. A. Marshall and C. D. Babcock, who comprise the industrial accident commission, issued a statement saying they would ignore the attorney general's opinion and would proceed to carry out the provisions of the law. They announced that employers will (Continued on Page Four.)

WESTERN PACIFIC TRIES FOR SACRAMENTO LINE

President Bush Admits It Is Negotiating for Oakland-Sacramento Electric.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 7.—That the Western Pacific railway intends to open negotiations for the purchase of the Oakland, Antioch & Eastern, the new electric line from Oakland to Sacramento, and its subsidiary, the Nevada County Narrow Gauge, if certain New York financiers will furnish the money for the deal, was the admission here today by Benjamin F. Bush, president of the Gould line.

"Just now there is a certain hesitation among investors and financial men," said Bush. "I am not a pessimist, and do not want to make any depressing statements, but we all know that, with the Balkan war, the Mexican situation, the tariff reductions and the pending currency bill to contend with, the men who ordinarily finance railroad projects are hesitant. It might be said that they have tightened up a bit."

As for the Oakland, Antioch & Eastern, I admit that it would be a good line for the Western Pacific to have. We could build onto it and make it an important adjunct. But the purchase time is something I cannot discuss now."

Representatives of Blair & Co. and Salomon & Co., New York bankers, are here with Bush to look over the situation.

WEST UMATILLA PROJECT APPROVED, MONEY SET ASIDE

Secretary of the Interior Lane Signs Decrees for First Unit of Big Irrigation Project in Eastern Oregon.

WORK TO BE FINISHED BY DECEMBER, 1914

Land Company Agrees to Let Government Fix Size of Units; It Fixes Price.

Washington, Nov. 7.—Following a conference with the new reclamation committee created to direct the work of the reclamation service, Secretary of the Interior Lane has approved the first unit of the West Umatilla irrigation project and set aside \$800,000 from the reclamation fund to carry on the work, which is to begin at once.

The secretary also approved a decree under which the Oregon Land & Water Power Co., buying more than half of the land in this unit, will sell its holdings in stages to be fixed by the secretary of the interior, the company being permitted to fix the sale price. The Northern Pacific, which is also a large land owner in the first unit, has agreed to let Secretary Lane fix both the size and the price of the units to be sold settlers. It is hoped that by beginning work at once the unit can be completed in December, 1914.

Secretary Lane promised that \$800,000 would be appropriated for the development of the first 10,000-acre unit of the West Umatilla project at a gathering of Umatilla county citizens in Hermiston last August, while he was on tour (Continued on Page Two.)

M'COMBS MARRIED, POST OFFERED AGAIN

Democratic Chairman Urged to Accept Ambassadorship to France.

London, Nov. 7.—William F. McCombs, who as chairman of the Democratic national committee, managed President Wilson's campaign, and Miss Dorothy Williams, sister of Mrs. Joseph Leiter of Chicago, were married here today at 12:30 o'clock. The ceremony was very simple, only 30 guests, including Ambassador Page, being present.

BOYS CAN COMPETE FOR WEST POINT EXAMS

(Washington Bureau of the Journal.) Washington, Nov. 7.—Representative Hawley will soon hold a competitive examination at a place to be announced, for candidates who wish to take the examination for West Point, to be held at Vancouver barracks, April 28.

Hippopotami for Panama Canal.

San Francisco, Nov. 7.—Major L. L. Seaman, army medical corps, arrived from Panama, said he had advised the canal authorities to import hippopotami to eat excess vegetation.

MINIMUM WAGE LAW CONSTITUTIONAL IS CIRCUIT COURT RULING

Judge Cleeton Holds Legislature Delegated No Power of Legislation to Commission.

Circuit Judge Cleeton this morning upheld the constitutionality of the minimum wage law. This is the act passed by the last legislature giving an industrial welfare commission, created by it, power to regulate the hours of work, wages and working conditions of women and minors employed in various capacities in Oregon.

Under this law a ruling was made by affecting the wages of women in within a minimum wage of \$3.64 for women employed in factories, to become effective November 10. A permanent restraining order was asked by Frank Stettler, paper box manufacturer. Judge Cleeton's decision denies this order. The case will be carried on appeal to the supreme court of the state, according to notice given by C. W. Fulton, attorney for Stettler.

The decision will be far-reaching because it is the first judicial affirmation of the law's constitutionality and rulings as to the employment of women and minors in stores, offices and telephone exchanges will be affected. Similar legislation has been passed in California and Washington, and several other states and the welfare commissions of these states have been eagerly awaiting the decision.

Upholds Constitutionality. Judge Cleeton held that legislation affecting the wages of women is within the police power of the state, that it does not, as complained by Stettler, delegate legislative power to the commission and its conference committees, and that it does not deprive the employer of a proper right of private contract.

"The objects and purposes of the statute, being passed for the general welfare, must necessarily have a liberal construction," said Judge Cleeton, "and by considering this statute from this standpoint it is my opinion that the regulation of the minimum wage for women and minors, as announced in act, is within the police power of the state. It is, therefore, constitutional."

Having reached this conclusion, it necessarily eliminates from this controversy many of the contentions of able counsel for the plaintiff, based upon other grounds. It is only necessary to consider two other questions; whether the legislature has attempted to delegate power of legislation to this commission.

"If it has done so, it has exceeded its power and the act would be abortive and necessarily fall.

Power Not Delegated. "The reasons given by able counsel for the plaintiff in his argument, that the legislature has attempted to delegate power of legislation, are that it delegates to the commission it delegated to the (Continued on Page Two.)

SCHIFF WARNS BANKERS THEY MUST HELP, NOT HURT, CURRENCY BILL

Tells Them Citizenship, Not Partisanship, Needed; Has Words of Praise for Bill.

New York, Nov. 7.—Making an important speech in reply to that of A. Barton Hepburn, president of the Chase National bank, Jacob H. Schiff, the great financier, told members of the Chamber of Commerce that the currency problem must be met quickly and as good citizens, not partisans.

"I think a great mistake is being made, especially in the east," said Mr. Schiff. "That is, maintaining the attitude that if we can't get what we want in currency legislation, we would rather have no change. The pending bill has so much good in it that to say it is all bad is not statesmanship, but partisanship."

Notwithstanding Mr. Schiff's warning the chamber adopted Hepburn's resolution to send a special committee to Washington to influence the currency legislation.

Explaining a statement attributed to him, that the country would face a serious situation unless currency reform were speedily enacted, Mr. Schiff said: "It does not mean that anything like a financial panic or a crisis is in sight. The money situation is likely to be more comfortable next year.

"But if currency reform is not soon enacted there is likely to develop a feeling of disappointment and discouragement, followed by an extended period of depression, which may result, politically and economically, in a very unsatisfactory state of affairs."

Bankers Invite Wilson. Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 7.—Invitation to President Wilson to address a meeting of middle west bankers here was telegraphed to Washington this afternoon by the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce.

FIGHTING AVERTED IN INDIANAPOLIS BY ARBITRATION

Following Rejection of Proposal Made Strikers by the Streetcar Company, Company Agrees to Arbitrate.

MILITIA AND POLICE SYMPATHIZE WITH MEN

Attempts to Operate Cars With Strikebreakers Prove to Be Hopeless.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Indianapolis, Nov. 7.—The street car strike here seemed all but won this afternoon. In the way of better wages and working conditions, it was recognized that the men might not get all that they wanted, but it was practically certain that they would get what they asked—arbitration.

At the beginning of the struggle his men did not walk out. President Robert Todd declared, of their own will, but because they were coerced into doing so by outside agencies. He swore he would never accept arbitration. Within 12 hours not a wheel was turning on his system. Cars stalled in downtown streets could not even get back to the barns.

Police Refuse to Act. Todd demanded police protection. Chief Hyland ordered policemen to go out with the cars as guards over the strike breakers. The policemen turned in their shields instead.

The sheriff summoned an army of citizens to serve as special deputies. Not a corporal's guard of them responded. They were ill or their business prevented, they said, or did not explain at all.

While this was going on attempts were made at intervals to move cars. They all failed and as a result of their four men were killed, 30 or 40 injured and scores arrested.

Finally Governor Ralston called out (Continued on Page Six.)

BIG ENDOWMENT FOR WHITMAN COLLEGE IS AVAILABLE AT ONCE

Hollon Parker, Former Resident of Walla Walla, Revokes Bequest, Makes Gift.

Hollon Parker, one of the best known pioneers of the Walla Walla country, now a resident of Portland, has, according to a dispatch received today from Walla Walla, endowed to Whitman college \$50,000 for the establishment of a department in economics and business.

The endowment was originally provided for by Parker in his will, which would have been in force only after his death. In order to settle up the affairs of the defunct Walla Walla Fire Insurance company, in which he was involved, this will was revoked, Parker says, and the claim of Whitman college to a tract of nearly 1000 acres of the best wheat land in Walla Walla county was compromised by a gift, made at once, of the size named.

Hollon Parker, now past 80 years of age, is almost bedfast at his home, 183 Seventeenth street. Coming to Portland eight years ago to attend the Lewis and Clark exposition, he was taken ill, and on account of this and his advanced age, he has never been able to go back to the city that he was so instrumental in building up.

"The endowment, it is announced, has been accepted by the trustees of the college, and will be used to establish the Parker professorship of economics and business. It will make possible in the (Continued on Page Sixteen.)



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