

This Date In History—March 18.

1625—King James I. of England died.
1745—Sir Robert Walpole, prime minister to George I. and II., died; born 1676.
1788—Rev. Laurence Sterne, author of "Tristram Shandy," died; born 1713.
1812—John Horne Tooke, English political writer and grammarian, died; born 1736.
1877—Admiral Sir Edward Belcher, Arctic explorer, died; born in Halifax 1799.
1884—Mrs. Anna Bishop, singer, died in New York; born in London 1816.
1891—Steamer Utopia collided with British liner at Gibraltar and sank; 500 persons drowned.
1898—Mollie Joslyn Gage, the noted woman suffrage advocate, died; born 1820.
1901—Patrick Donahoe, founder and editor of the Boston Pilot, died in Boston; born 1811.

A WORK FOR OREGON.

The republicans of Oregon, the majority of them, have said to Joe Simon in plain language, that they do not want him any longer in official position; that they do not believe in him and that they wish him to "go way back and sit down."

Mr. Simon, in the face of this positive announcement, persists in taking a front seat on the political band wagon and guiding it as heretofore.

It remains for the republicans in the state convention to say to him, in no uncertain voice, the same that was said at the primary polls in Portland.

Joseph Simon is of that temperament that he does not know when he is "out of touch." No one doubts his ability, but there are abundance of doubt as to his intentions and there are abundance of reasons for mistrusting him as a public servant.

In short, and in fact, politics in Oregon have been made black, in truth, have been prostituted by Joseph Simon and those whom he has called to serve him in a majority of cases.

In nothing that Mr. Simon has accomplished politically can we find that he has served the people of Oregon, or the state itself, but in everything, we hear the voice of Jacob and feel the hand of Esau. He has become a political misfit, and he must step aside and leave the public work to be done by more unselfish and patriotic hands.

But, now that Joseph Simon is unhorsed, it is to be hoped that no one of like calibre of mental temperament is to succeed him. There is one man in Oregon and one only who should succeed him in the United States senate, and that man has decency enough, and sense enough and modesty enough to refuse to shove himself forward into office. He even refuses to announce himself for the office of senator, although there is no man in the state so well equipped to represent Oregon in the upper house of congress.

In other words, if this man, H. W. Scott, becomes senator the office will have to be thrust upon him by the legislature backed up by the people of the whole state regardless of politics. Mr. Scott deserves the honor; it would become him; he would do the state honor in the office, for his individuality is such that the nation would know that Oregon was represented in the senate of the United States. In other words, as a senator Oregon would have a "standing ad" among national legislators.

Harvey W. Scott knows Oregon, country and fills every demand of the state for a typical representative in the halls of congress. Where is Mr. Scott's equal for the position? Is there another man in the state so well equipped at this particular time? What a mole hill is to Mount Hood, Joe Simon is to Harvey Scott.

The newspapers of Oregon, every one of them, little and big, straight and crooked, can afford to raise their voices for Mr. Scott for senator. To do so would be to stamp the press of the state as extraordinary, as free from prejudice and party bias and willing to lay aside all personal feeling, which may or may not exist, to give Oregon the service of a fit man, to exalt the state and to honor a son of the great commonwealth—one who sprung from her side and is in truth her son!

Is there a newspaper man in Oregon who will deny the truth of these remarks, who is so tied down to his own that he cannot raise his voice in behalf of one who is entitled to his

applause, and, who, if he is so chosen, will do what he can for Oregon with no thought of rewarding friend or punishing foe, but with one thought uppermost, and that thought for Oregon?

Oh, what an opportunity for the newspaper men of Oregon to distinguish themselves in good work in assisting an office to seek a man instead of helping, as is usually the case, some politician into office, in which he will rattle around with more noise than a bullet would make when shaken in a wooden mug.

Surely for once, we, of the newspaper profession, can afford to honor one of our own, particularly so when that one stands pre-eminently a man among men.

Let us get to work.

Who will join us in this worthy undertaking for Oregon?

ALTGELD'S LAST SPEECH.

An abstract of the speech delivered at the pro-Boer meeting in Joliet, Ill., March 11, by Hon. John P. Altgeld; furnished to The Public from Joliet under date of March 11.

At a great pro-Boer meeting held at the opera house here tonight, ex-Governor John P. Altgeld declared that all friends of humanity owed a debt of gratitude to Governor Yates for issuing a proclamation soliciting assistance for the Boer women and children who are perishing in foul concentration camps which the British are maintaining in South Africa.

He said that the kind people of America had raised a large sum of money which was to relieve the distress of the women and children, and now we are unable to send it to them. And he then made the startling declaration that we, the most powerful people of the world, could not even perform an errand of charity because Lord Paunceforte, the British ambassador at Washington, objected to it; that while we were boasting of our power and of our prestige, and claiming to be a world power, we could not even send a chest of medicine or a basket of bread to perishing women and children, because the English ambassador was opposed to it.

Gov. Altgeld further charged that Lord Paunceforte has for several years meddled with American affairs, and that our state department and Secretary Hay were mere vest pocket conveniences for the British ambassador.

There were 18 counts and specific charges made in Gov. Altgeld's indictment.

1. That just before the beginning of the Spanish war Lord Paunceforte, representing the aristocracy of the old world, meddled with our affairs, and tried to unite the governments of Europe in making a joint protest against America's interference in behalf of Cuba.

2. That when the American people asserted themselves, and our government was compelled to go to the rescue of Cuba, then England issued a strong neutrality proclamation, forbidding all her subjects everywhere from furnishing us aid, or doing anything that would in any way be a violation of the strictest neutrality.

3. That the treaties between England and the South African republics recognized the latter as independent nations, except only as to the right to make treaties with foreign countries; that Chamberlain had repeatedly declared in and out of parliament that they were independent nations, and that England had no right to interfere in any manner with their internal affairs; that Gladstone and Morley and Brice and that great body of English people who have made England great were in favor of doing justice to the Boers, but that the aristocracy, of which Lord Paunceforte belonged, the stock speculators, the gamblers, the whisky-drinking, cock-fighting, brutal element that was running the government, wanted the lands and goldfields of the Boers and brought on this war.

4. That had our government at that time been true to our traditions and intimidated to England that we should regard the destruction of the two young republics of South Africa as an unfriendly act toward all republican governments, England would have stopped, she would have arbitrated and the horrors that have since been enacted in South Africa would not have happened.

5. But that instead of being true to the sentiment of our people and republican institutions, our state department was so manipulated by Lord Paunceforte, the English ambassador, that it gave England positive assurance of our moral support in everything she might do; that these assurances were given with so much ostentation as to attract the attention of the world.

6. That Chamberlain publicly boasted that while there was no written alliance between the two nations, there was what he called an understanding between statesmen which he said was of far more importance than written treaties.

7. That in consequence of the stand taken by our country other countries were deterred from interfering, and from helping the Boers.

8. That consequently, through Lord Paunceforte's manipulation, our government has rendered Great Britain greater service than it could have rendered by sending armies and navies into the war.

9. That we have thus made ourselves partners in guilt, and morally responsible for the murders, the burnings and the infamies practiced in South Africa by the English aristocracy.

10. That through Lord Paunceforte's manipulation Secretary Hay's son was sent as consul to South Africa, and was ostentatiously sent by way of Lord Salisbury's office to get his instructions; that this was done on purpose to show the other nations that our country would stand by England.

11. That when the inter-oceanic canal treaty was negotiated by Secretary Hay with England, by virtue of which we were to furnish all the money, and do all the work, and get the right of way, and were not to fortify it, but were to leave it in such a condition that the English navy could at any time render our property worthless; and that this pusillanimous treaty was defeated by a republican senate.

12. That the British censor in South Africa has repeatedly stopped and opened our mails which the United States governments sent to its own officials in South Africa; that in some cases the censors held these mails back for weeks, and then kindly wrote an endorsement on the envelope, permitting them to pass. Gov. Altgeld held up before his audience fac similes of the envelopes with the English censor's endorsement, showing how the mails of the American government were thus tampered with, and he charged that no other government on earth would submit to such an insult; but that through the influence of Lord Paunceforte our state department was prevented from even making protest.

13. That in 1898 the American people declared that concentration camps could not be tolerated on American soil; that now for nearly two years England is maintaining concentration camps in the Bermuda Islands, which are a part of America, where she is imprisoning not only men, but eight and ten year old boys, and that no protest has been made against this practice of our government.

14. That instead of maintaining strict neutrality between England and the Boers, as England compelled her subjects to maintain between us and the Spaniards, we have allowed the English to maintain a regular supply camp at New Orleans for the purpose of supplying the English with munitions of war, and have shipped over 150,000 head of horses and mules besides other munitions of war, without which England could not possibly have continued the contest; that we have violated all the laws of neutrality, and that although many of our people have protested against this outrage, Lord Paunceforte's influence over the state department is so strong that not even a protest was made against it.

15. That now after the humane people of America have raised funds with which to buy medicine and furnish other relief as a matter of charity to the women and children who are perishing in the British concentration camps in South Africa, our secretary of state Hay has refused to apply for a passport for an American citizen to carry this charity to South Africa; that Lord Paunceforte's influence at the state department at

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16. That through the influence of Lord Paunceforte, we are going to send a special embassy to the coronation of King Edward, so as to endorse the doctrine of the divine right of kings, and at last by our conduct apologize for the acts of the fathers in establishing republican institutions in America founded on the rights of man.

17. Gov. Altgeld further declared that Gen. De Wet with his fighting farmers was a more important factor in the progress of the world than was King Edward VII; that De Wet and his farmers represented the aspirations and the hopes of the toiling millions of the earth, in all lands, who do the world's work, and make civilization possible; while King Edward VII represented simply the parasitic classes that eat the substance of other men's toil.

18. The governor further declared that England was on the downward grade, and will in time pass off the maps of the world and that if every Boer in South Africa were shot down the glory of their heroism would live through the eternities and be forever an inspiration to mankind.

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