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TAFT CONSULTS PROGRESSIVES

Senator Cummins Given List of Prospective Appointees to Supreme Court.

PRESIDENT RECOGNIZES STRENGTH OF INSURGENCY

Congressman Sterling of Illinois Introduces Anti-Trust Resolution—Would Give Congress Power Over Interstate Commerce Also—Move Would Require Adoption of Constitutional Amendment.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—The first attempt of the democrats to bring about a revision of the tariff law came today when Congressman Sulzer, of New York, introduced a bill proposing the reduction of the tariff on meat and cattle.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—A conference of insurgents in the senate and a probable consultation between them and leaders of the house progressives is expected today over the appointments to the supreme bench of the United States.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—In an effort to give congress the power to curb monopolies, Congressman Sterling of Illinois, today introduced a joint resolution providing for submission of a constitution amendment empowering congress to suppress trusts.

Sterling, who is the ranking member of the house committee on judiciary, wants an amendment to give congress the power not only to regulate interstate but intrastate commerce also in certain cases.

Comments Upon Message.

New York, Dec. 7.—New York publications in commenting today on the president's message call it restful "after the procedure practiced in previous administrations."

TACOMA STOPS THE TREATING PRACTICE

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 7.—"Have one on me" will be obsolete in Tacoma after December 19 and any bartender who is foolish enough to allow treating will be subject to a hundred dollar fine.

ITALIANS DYNAMITE HOUSE OF THEIR SEATTLE CONSUL

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 7.—In revenge for some fancied wrong two men, believed to have been Italians, dynamited the garage in the rear of the residence of Dr. A. J. Ghiglioni, Italian consul here early today.

Indian Fund Up.

Washington, Dec. 7.—In the United States supreme court today the court of claims is directed to show cause why it should not distribute the \$4,000,000 Cherokee Indian fund in accordance with a recent decision of the supreme court.

"LITTLE BOB" SHOWS MUCH INDEPENDENCE

Washington, Dec. 7.—Senator LaFollette has stirred up much talk on account of his refusal to meet the president at the president's solicitation, to discuss appointments to the supreme court.

WORK ON PANAMA CANAL STOPPED BY HEAVY RAINS

Colon, Dec. 7.—The government railroad through the canal zone is inundated today by an overflow of the Chagres river caused by heavy rain fall which still continues.

ROBERT SHANK WAS ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

MET DEATH WHILE RETURNING FROM HUNT

Meager Details of Accident Show Young Man Was Thrown From Horse and Gun Discharged—Was Partner of Sam Bittner.

Still another accidental shooting with fatal consequences has been written into the history of Umatilla county tragedy. Word was brought to this city this morning that Robert Shank, well known in this city where he was formerly employed, had been found dead near Cayuse.

Details of the sad affair are lacking but from the best accounts obtained up until the time of going to press, it seems that the deceased man in company with Earl Kirkpatrick, a son of R. F. Kirkpatrick, well known reservation farmer, had started on a hunting expedition of a few days on Squaw creek.

Shank came to this city about three years ago from Ohio and secured employment with the O. R. & N. company. Later he went to work for John Dyer in the East End grocery which position he retained for over a year and was considered by Mr. Dyer as an extremely valuable man.

HARDWOOD SEEDS SOUGHT.

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Soon the short course in forestry will open its doors to students from every part of the state. Together with the forestry course those now in the practical work in lumbering sections will be offered the chance to study under Washington's professors.

SMUGGLERS ARE CAUGHT IN NET

American-Chinese Ring is Bringing Chinese Men and Women to This Country.

WOMEN USED FOR IMMORAL PURPOSES

Ring Has Been Making \$40,000 Upon Each Cargo Smuggled Into San Francisco—Hinted Immigration Officials Are Involved in Plot.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 7.—Following the discovery of a number of Chinese coolies and slave girls cooped up in a little fourteen foot enclosure in the hold of the liner Manchuria, it is expected the government officials will soon arrest the ring smugglers here and in China.

The traffic primarily is in smuggling coolies across. For this the smugglers got a fee ranging from five to ten hundred dollars. The second and more profitable activity of the gang centered in supplying the China towns of various cities with girls. The prices for them ranged from twenty five hundred to five thousand each.

The last consignment of girls and men was found in a dark little locker where they existed for twenty-three days on tea water and bread and were not allowed to leave the compartment. It is not known when the immigration officials learned of the traffic. It is believed the scheme has been working for some time, however. It is intimated even some immigration officials are involved in the smuggling scheme.

GOVERNMENT WILL TRY TO BREAK UP STEEL TRUST

Cleveland, Dec. 7.—What purports to be the first step in a plan to break the steel trust will be started here tomorrow when the government files a suit against the Great Lakes Towing company, according to semi-official statements today by E. P. Chamberlain, special counsel for the government. Chamberlain asserts his investigations have developed enough evidence on which to base a suit for dissolution of the steel merger.

PORK AND PORK PRODUCTS GOING UP IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Dec. 7.—The price of pork and pork products is tending upward following a small decline in the last few days. Packers admit prices are again due to soar. Although there has been no advance in Chicago yet it is bound to come in a few days, they say.

NORTH DAKOTA GETS ONE MORE CONGRESSMAN

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—The population of North Dakota is 577,566, an increase of 80.0 per cent. That state gets one more congressman. South Dakota has 583,388, an increase of 45 per cent. It gets no additional congressman.

ATHENA COUNCILMEN FAVOR TRUE SALOON REGULATION

(Special Correspondence.)

Athens, Ore., Dec. 7.—After a session that lasted until after 12 o'clock at night, the councilmen of this city, were at last able to come to a mutual agreement far enough to draft an ordinance for the licensing and regulation of the saloons of this city. It appears that the ordinance as it was passed is the strictest one of its kind that has ever been introduced before the Athens council, and it is the opinion of some of the leading men in this city that it is the best license ordinance that could have been gotten up.

Some of the salient characteristics of the drafted document are: That the amount of the license shall be \$600; that a bond of \$1000 must be given to the city of Athens, said bond to be given by a reputable surety company; there shall be no gaming of any kind, no shaking of dice nor shall there be any music of any kind; that the place of business shall not be opened on Sunday; that all windows and glass doors are to be sold shall be of plain glass without painting or frosting thereon and the bar shall be

BALLINGER IS EXONERATED

Majority Report Submitted to Congress Today—Minority Reports Submitted.

CHARGES MADE WERE NOT SUBSTANTIATED

Majority Report Pictures Secretary as Able, Competent, Faithful and Honorable Official Who Does His Duty by the Public.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Absolutely exonerating Ballinger of the charges which resulted in the congressional investigation, the majority report of the investigating committee was presented to congress at noon.

The findings of the committee are summed up as follows: "Ballinger is not an enemy nor is he hostile to a reasonable judicial policy of conservation. No grounds whatever have been shown justifying the opinion that he is unfaithful or inefficient as a public officer."

The report said the charges against Ballinger in connection with the Cunningham claims were unjustified. The report was filed by Chairman Nelson. Two minority reports were presented, one signed by four democrats and one republican. The other by Congressman Madison.

The committee reported in part that "The evidence presented related mainly to charges against Secretary Ballinger and are chiefly from two sources—Louis R. Glavis and Gifford Pinchot. They apparently originated from a strong animosity resulting from supposed difference of policy respecting conservation."

"On the evidence the accusers wholly failed to make out a case. Neither was any fact proved nor were all facts taken together able to exhibit Ballinger as anything but an able, competent and honorable gentleman, honestly and faithfully performing the duties of his high office with an eye single to the public interest."

JOURNALISTS IN CABINET.

Ten Out of 16 Members Have Been Newspaper Men in French Capital.

The new French cabinet is described as a "Cabinet of Journalists." Out of 16 members, 10 have graduated in the Fourth Estate. M. Pichon, the foreign minister, was on the staff of "Justice"; M. Puech and Noyens wrote for the "Aurore"; M. Andre Lefevre for the "Petite Republique"; M. Lafferre for the "Action"; M. Theodore Girard for the "Petite Gironde"; and M. Maurice Faure has written for the "Figaro" and many other papers. M. Klots, the minister of finance was founder and managing editor of the "Voltaire" and M. Jean Dupuy is editor and director of the "Petit Parisien."

School for Hotel Keepers.

A school of hotel-keepers, which has just been inaugurated in Paris by M. Cruppi, ex-Minister of Commerce, has been started by the General Syndicate of the Hotel Trade in order to enable Frenchmen to regain their hold in this important lucrative business, the biggest share of which is now in the hands of foreigners, chiefly Germans, Austrians and Swiss.

WILL ABDUL GET THE FIVE MILLION?

Berlin, Dec. 7.—The imperial supreme court ordered the imperial bank of Berlin to pay Abdul Hamid, deposed sultan of Turkey, five million dollars deposited by the ruler several years ago. It is believed the young Turks worked political wires to procure an order from court so that when the money is returned to Abdul they can seize it. Previously the bank refused to pay Abdul on the grounds that the Young Turks compelled him to demand it.

RIVERS AND HARBOR MEN IN SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

Washington, Dec. 7.—The seventh annual meeting of the rivers and harbors congress opened today with 3500 delegates in attendance. The principal object of the organization is to secure a regular system of appropriations for carrying on government work on the principal rivers and harbors of the country. In the course of the morning session the delegates were addressed by President Taft.

LABOR LEADER SHOT BY STRIKEBREAKER

UNION IRON WORKS STRIKE THE CAUSE

Slayer Captured in Hiding on Water Front—Said Did Not Know Strike Was on and Applied for Work—Shot in Self Defense.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 7.—Doningo Navarro, president of the ship scalers union, was shot and instantly killed here today at the Union Iron works. The slayer escaped. It is reported the shooting was the result of a quarrel centering over the strike which the scalers considered calling.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 7.—(Later)—It was learned Augustine Arevalo, a Spaniard, shot Navarro. According to Arevalo he did not know the strike was on and seeing that men were wanted he started to apply for a job when a number of men, including Navarro set upon him and struck him several times when he pulled a revolver and fired. The crowd scattered. Arevalo was arrested while hiding on the water front.

EGYPT COTTON CROP GOOD.

Vigorous Campaign to Destroy Pests Has Been More Than Satisfactory.

From the returns available there appears to be every prospect of a record cotton crop in Egypt this year. Warned by the disastrous ravages of the cotton worm and boll worm last year, the government organized a vigorous campaign against these pests; stringent regulations were issued that the cultivators must have their crops thoroughly searched and all eggs and grubs carefully picked off, and the local authorities were required to satisfy themselves that this was being done in the district under their supervision.

English inspectors with native assistants were appointed to patrol the Delta and the cotton growing portions of Upper Egypt. The results have been excellent and the damage to the crops from this cause has been practically negligible.

MAX MOVE L'AIGLON'S BODY.

Efforts Being Made to Take Remains of Napoleon's Son to His Tomb.

A strong effort is being made in France to secure the consent of Austria for the removal of the casket containing the remains of the "King of Rome," "L'Aiglon" or the Duc de Reichstadt, the son of Napoleon Bonaparte. It is proposed that the body be placed in the Invalides, where Napoleon's ashes rest.

Frederick Masson, the historian, who has specialized on the Napoleon era, opposes the plan. Emile Masard, recently returned from Vienna, says he advanced the idea there and it was met with silence. Edmond Rostand, whose play, "L'Aiglon," as played by Sarah Bernhardt, has done more to keep alive the memory of the "child of tragedy" than anything else, says the body evidently does not belong to Austria, but that the plan to bring it to France, he believes, is not practical. Poet and dramatist that he is, however, he hopes for the final happy reunion of father and son—that is to say their bodies—in Les Invalides, at Paris.

A society has been formed with this object in view and an effort will be made to place the body of L'Aiglon in the Invalides in 1911.

William G. Fritts and wife of Hermiton were among the west end residents who came up to Pendleton this morning.

S. T. Phillips of Weston is a business visitor in the city today.

BALFOUR IS ENGLISH BRYAN

Third Successive Defeat of Unionists Causes Followers to Demand Ousting.

LIBERALS INCREASING THEIR PREVIOUS LEAD

Returns Today Show Conservatives to Have 147 But Majority Will Rest With Coalition of Liberals, Nationalists and Laborites—Latter Elect 20 Members.

London, ec. 7.—Arthur Balfour was today dubbed the "Bryan of English politics," owing to the third successive defeat of the unionists under his leadership. Efforts are being already made to force him out of the party. There are indications today that the government coalition is increasing its majority by at least one district over its representation in the last parliament. Election returns thus far show as follows: Conservatives, 147; liberals, 106; nationalists, 26; laborites, 20.

UNIVERSITY ARRANGES FOR COMMONWEALTH DAY

University of Oregon, Eugene, Ore., Dec. 6.—(Special)—Plans for holding the third annual commonwealth conference, which commemorates Oregon's admission to the Union as a state, are well under way, and the event will be celebrated on January 12 and 13, 1911, by a gigantic citizens conference at the University of Oregon in Eugene. Questions of vital public interest will be discussed by prominent citizens who have given the subject serious thought and study. Speakers are already being secured to fill the program and those in charge expect to have the best talent of the northwest represented.

These conferences are being held annually for the purpose of promoting the highest intelligence of citizenship, and to this end such questions as the improvement of country life conditions, the necessity for greater protection of the public health, and the securing of the largest, promptest and most economic justice through the state's laws and courts will be discussed.

A new departure will also be attempted this year. That is to endeavor on the part of the University to cooperate with the various civic and social clubs throughout the state for the study of problems of social and civic welfare.

Much interest is being manifested in this movement in University circles a great deal more than was evinced at the last two conferences and a record breaking attendance is expected. Holidays will be declared at the University, and the students will attend in a body.

Europe's First Skyscraper.

Europe's first "skyscraper" after the American model is to be erected in Milan. It is a consequence of the enormously increased value of land in the city, which like New York is now expanding heavenward. The building will be 150 feet high, having 14 stories and seven elevators.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR TO HAVE SOCIAL AFFAIR

Friday night is to be a big night for Knights Templar in this county. The local commandery No. 7, has sent out invitations to all members and all other Knights Templar in this vicinity to repair to their hall on that night together with their wives, children, mothers and sweethearts to witness the annual installation of their officers-elect. Right Eminent Past Grand Commander Thomas C. Taylor will be in charge of the ceremonies and he will be assisted by the other officers of the lodge. W. M. Brock, J. F. Robinson and J. R. Rickson constitute the committee which has the affair in charge and they are making great preparations for the entertainment of members and visitors. Refreshments and music have been provided for and a profitable evening is assured for all who attend.

The following are the officers-elect who are to be installed: William L. Thompson, eminent commander; Cliff J. Bellinger, generalissimo; James A. Best, captain general; Ben Ambrose, prelate; Till D. Taylor, senior warden; Will R. Wyrick, junior warden; John R. Dickson, treasurer; Joe H. Parkes, recorder; Guy S. Holington, warder; Clinton E. Roosevelt, sentinel.

J. B. Despain, who has been suffering from a protracted illness, is now slowly recovering.