

EX-PRESIDENT TEDDY EXPLAINS HIS PART IN TENNESSEE DEAL

BUSTS PANIC BY CONSENTING TO ABSORPTION

Voluntarily Testifies Before Stanley Committee and Assumes Responsibility for Trust Gobbling up Coal and Iron Company—Believed Action Proper.

New York, Aug. 5.—Former President Roosevelt today agreed to go before the Stanley committee and tell all he knows about the absorption of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company by the steel trust and how President Gary and Frick procured his consent to the trust gobbling up the concern.

Mr. Roosevelt appeared before the committee voluntarily. When asked by Chairman Stanley to tell what the steel manufacturers told him in 1907 during the financial panic, Colonel Roosevelt drew a big manuscript from his pocket, which he read to the committee. It reviewed the business conditions, which were at that time decidedly panicky.

When Messrs. Gary and Frick appeared at his offices, Mr. Roosevelt said, he took the matter up with attorney General Bonaparte and Secretary of State Root and after the steel men's story had been discussed, he announced that he would have no objections to the absorption of the Tennessee concern.

"I wish it distinctly understood," said the colonel, "that I acted wholly on my own initiative. I wish to accept full responsibility."

"The panic was due," said he, "to unreasonable fear, and the way to stop it was to restore public confidence."

"The so-called Morgan interests, then only retained public confidence and I had to act instantly. I believed the action was for the public good."

In appearing before the committee, Colonel Roosevelt smashed all precedents by being the first ex-president to submit to a wish for an explanation of his official acts while president of the United States.

He was good humored throughout the examination and greeted each member of the committee whom he knew with a display of characteristic Rooseveltian warmth.

Mr. Roosevelt defended himself, saying afterward that his friends all told him that his action was of utmost value in causing an end to the panic and saving several financial institutions from wreck.

For two hours the committee bombarded the colonel with questions.

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DOVE OF PEACE AGAIN VENTURES OUT

London, Aug. 5.—Failure of their plans to grab a part of the Moroccan sea coast, because England took such a bold stand, it is expected that the agreement which has now been practically arrived at between France and Germany, will result in the resignations of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg and Foreign Secretary Von Kiderlin-Wachter. It is declared the kaiser compelled his underlings to yield to France and recede from a part of their demands. While the British foreign office expects an amicable settlement, ultimately, in Moroccan affairs, there are still many delicate questions to be settled, some of which concern England.

CITY COUNCIL USES AXE ON MANY ALLEGED DELINQUENTS WHO FALL INTO DISFAVOR

Through action taken by the council last evening the saloon license granted to former Proprietor Raster of the Gas Kitchen in the Martin building, has been revoked. A motion to this effect was passed last evening after the subject had been brought before the council at its special meeting. The motion for revoking of the license was made by Councilman Stroble and it carried without a dissenting vote.

BOURNE REPLIES TO SUTHERLAND'S ATTACK ON REFORM

Oregon Senator Goes Through Utah Solon's Arguments Against Statehood.

Washington, Aug. 5.—Asserting that the people of Arizona had better lose statehood than to lose the right of controlling their government, Senator Bourne of Oregon today replied to a recent speech made by Senator Sutherland criticising the recall of judges provision in the Arizona constitution. Bourne asserted that he favored the recall of judiciary and direct primaries for president.

Among other things, Senator Bourne said: "I believe in truly representative government, not a puer democracy, but under the political system which has been built up, government is not truly representative and will not be until the people have power to make it so. The initiative and referendum supersede no state legislature; they merely provide the people a means of securing laws which legislatures refuse to enact and of defeating undesirable laws which legislatures do enact."

State Buys Property. Salem, Ore., Aug. 5.—The state board today purchased the Roman property, thus securing title of an entire block on which an additional capitol building will be erected. Architect Knighton will begin preparing plans for the building immediately. Convict made brick, and convict labor will be used whenever possible. The appropriation for the structure is \$100,000.

Havtien Battle Approaches. Port Au Prince, Aug. 5.—General Firmin, former president of Hayti and head of one of the branches of the revolutionists, is approaching this city aboard a steamer from Porto Rico to take command of the forces here. General Leconte, at the head of his army, is encamped on the city outskirts and a clash seems inevitable. Bloody riots in the interior are reported.

Taft May Visit West. Washington, Aug. 5.—That President Taft may visit the west this fall despite early reports to the contrary, was the burden of a White House statement today. He is considering two tentative itineraries. One is of a six weeks trip to the Pacific coast. The other makes Hutchinson, Kansas, the westernmost point he will visit. No definite decision of the route will be made until later.

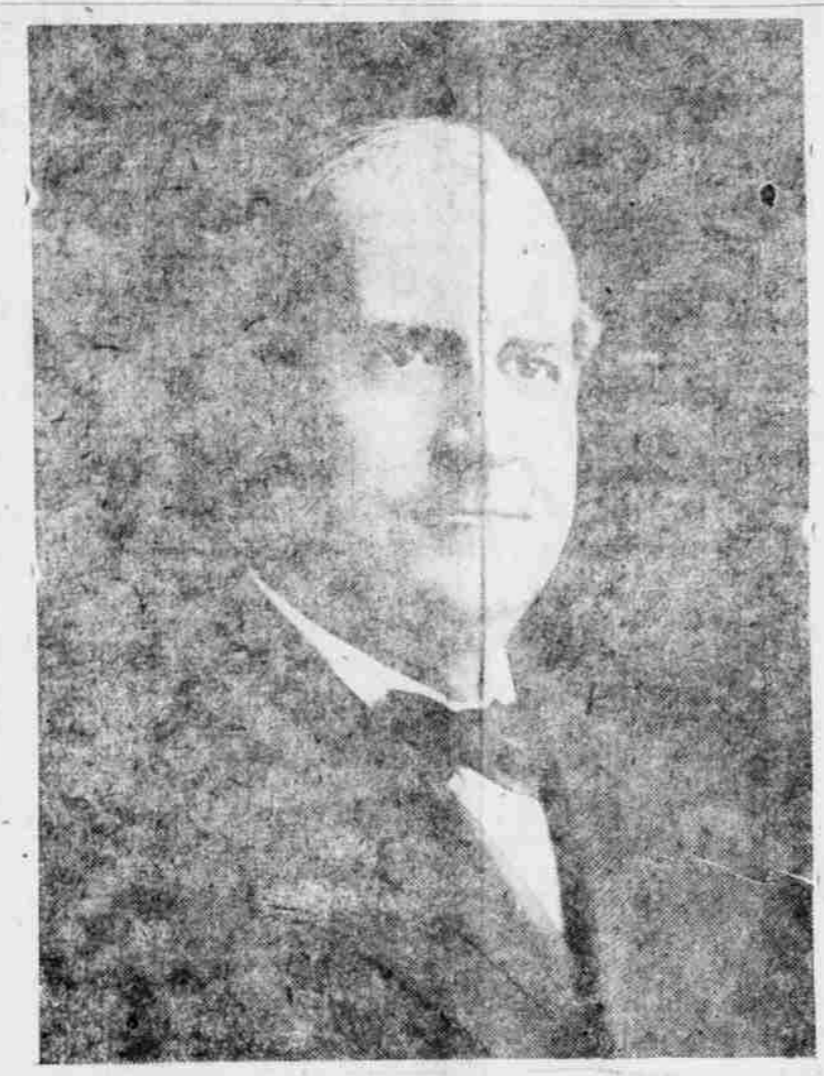
MANY CHANGES MADE IN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE

Washington, Aug. 5.—Following a number of transfers in the diplomatic service it was learned today that Charles Bryan of Chicago, United States minister to Belgium, will succeed Thomas O'Brien as ambassador to Japan.

CASH MEAT MARKET WAS BURGLARIZED

Entering the Pendleton Cash meat market some time after 4 o'clock this morning an unknown burglar robbed the till of that establishment of a sum slightly over \$3. The meat market is owned by Ramshaw & Whitman and according to the management they have no proof as to who committed the burglary. Admittance to the shop was gained through a door that was broken open.

Commener Against Whom House Leader Rebelled



WILLIAM JENNING'S BRYAN. Three times defeated for president of the United States, and for a dozen years recognized as leader of the Democratic party, Mr. Bryan now finds himself being denounced by members of the party.

BREAK IN DITCH CAUSES WASHOUT

(Special Correspondence.) Hermiston, Oregon, Aug. 5.—The worst ditch break in the history of the Umatilla project occurred at 7 o'clock last evening when the C line ditch broke a half mile south of this city. The break washed out the railroad tracks and delayed all trains until morning. Heavy damage was inflicted on the railroad and also upon the Maxwell company's alfalfa field. It will require two days' work to get the ditch into shape to again run water.

PEEVED SENATORS WILL KILL PEACE TREATY

Washington, D. C., Aug. 5.—Opposition in the senate to the arbitration treaties with Great Britain and France, may prevent or at least postpone their consideration at the present congressional session and may perhaps prevent their ratification, though this is not probable. Members of the senate foreign relations committee are peeved because President Taft and Secretary of State Knox did not consult them in the preparation of the treaties and today the indicate they would be in no hurry to put the agreements into effect.

White Concludes Testimony. Washington, Aug. 5.—Former state representative White today concluded his testimony of how he was bribed to vote for Senator Lorimer, before the committee. White admitted that since his confession his life has been threatened and his letters stolen.

MINERS SELECT VICTOR

Butte, Aug. 5.—Victor, Colorado, was today selected as the next convention city of the Western Federation of Miners.

GIRL WHO KILLED HUSBAND COLLAPSES

San Francisco, Aug. 5.—While being taken into Police Judge Deasy's court for a preliminary hearing on the charge of having murdered her husband, Annie Langley collapsed on the court house stairs this morning. The girl was allowed to return to her home and the hearing postponed until August 10, because the grand jury had not completed the investigation. Mrs. Langley was taken home in an auto in a hysterical condition.

CITY IS SWEEP BY SEVERE DUST STORM

What is regarded by many as the worst dust storm since the famous black storm of 1905 swept over the city early last evening. The storm arose about 8:30 and continued for an hour or longer. The wind was not heavy but the air was so filled with dust as to make the situation very disagreeable, especially to house-keepers.

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COUNCIL CALLS FOR BIDS FOR PAVING OF EAST ALTA STREET

REMONSTRANCE DECLARED TO BE INSUFFICIENT

John Dyer "Took Bull by Horns" and Carried Day, Stroble Opposed Improvement. Council Will Endeavor to Make Assessment Equitable.

ADMIRAL TOGO IS RECEIVED BY TAFT AT WHITE HOUSE

State Dinner and Official Reception in Honor of Jap Hero Tonight

Washington, Aug. 5.—In full dress uniform, Admiral Togo, the Japanese war hero, called upon President Taft shortly after arriving from New York. The heartiest greetings were exchanged by the two officials. A state dinner and official reception at the white house tonight will be one of the most notable functions of its kind ever held during the present administration.

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By action of the council last evening the remonstrance against the paving of East Alta street has been set aside as insufficient and the city attorney has been instructed to prepare an ordinance calling for bids on the paving of East Alta street from Main to the intersection with East Court.

This action came following a very extended discussion indulged in by the councilmen and mayor following an exhaustive explanation of the law by City Attorney J. R. Haley. In substance the view of the city attorney is that the council has the power to order the paving of the streets but must assess the cost in accordance with the benefits to be derived from the improvement. The council being the judge of the benefits. The council has wide powers in the matter of making the assessments but must not make assessments that will be confiscatory.

Following the city attorney, City Surveyor Kimbrell presented his report showing the estimated cost of paving East Alta street with the costs assessed to the abutting property save that the intersections are charged to the quarter blocks. The detailed list of charges under this scheme as compared with the district plan was read to the council.

In discussing his report and the matter of adjusting the assessment for the paving the city surveyor suggested a combination scheme under which part of the cost would be born by the frontage property and part by property in the rear of the property fronting on the street to be improved. He also suggested that even if the assessment be made upon a frontage basis the depth of the property should be taken into consideration.

Stroble is Fernist. When the proposition was placed before the council Councilman Stroble took a stand against the paving of the street. He argued that there are churches on Alta street that will have difficulty in meeting the payments and throughout the evening he stood against the idea of paving the street from Main street to the intersection.

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SQUAW DROPS DEAD SELLING BERRIES

While selling huckleberries in the rear of the Hotel Pendleton and the Association block this morning an Indian woman the squaw of Yakima George dropped dead from heart disease. The dead woman was a sister of Robinson Minthorn and was a native of the Umatilla reservation. Just before the woman dropped dead she was heard talking to a Chinese peddler in the rear of the hotel. She was found by employees of the postoffice and the coroner was notified. However, no inquest has been held over the body as it is regarded as certain the woman died of natural causes. The body was taken to the Baker undertaking parlors.

PENDELTON WITHOUT WATER SEVERAL HOURS AS RESULT OF SEVERE WIND STORM

As a result of the storm last night and the absence of electric power during the forenoon Pendleton today faced the worst water shortage of the season. The pump at the water works is operated by electricity and there is an auxiliary steam pump that is now used only in times of emergency.

EMPLOYEES APPEAL TO PRESIDENT

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 5.—Requested shorter hours and increased pay by General Manager Cahlan of the Harriman line, the Shop Employees' Federation today is planning to take its grievances direct to Mr. Lovett, head of the system.

Birdmen Racing. New York, Aug. 5.—Autors Beachey Ely and Robinson today started an aeroplane race from Governor's Island to Philadelphia. A prize of \$5000 was offered by a New York Department store. Beachey was leading when he disappeared this afternoon.