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Senator Poindexter More Firm in Belief Regarding Alaskan Field

WILL INTRODUCE BILL

Government Operation of Coal Mines and Ownership of Transportation Facilities Are Necessary to Meet Needs of Both Government and Consumers of Pacific Coast, Declares Washington Statesman.

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 18.—"I return from Alaska more firmly convinced than ever before that the United States government should build a railroad in that country and open up the coal mines there, primarily for supplying the government's own needs along the Pacific coast and secondly for the purpose of furnishing coal at a reasonable cost to the consumers on the Pacific coast."

This declaration was today made by United States Senator Miles Poindexter, who with former Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot, has just returned here from an extensive tour of Alaska, during which he made a thorough investigation into the resources of the country and the opportunities for developing them.

Senator Poindexter said that this scheme would necessitate the government ownership of steamships, docks, etc. He advocated the reservation, by the government, of coal lands sufficient for this purpose and the adoption of some plan whereby private interests could also open the remainder of the vast mining field.

The senator declared that he would be prepared at the opening of congress in December, to make a fight for the passage of his bill, which provided for government ownership of the Alaskan coal fields and transportation facilities for bringing the coal to the United States.

He stated that the expenditure of a moderate sum of money would result in making Controller Bay a good harbor.

Gifford Pinchot stated that he had not changed his oft repeated opinion, advocating government ownership of the coal fields and transportation facilities.

To Address Mass Meeting. Tacoma, Wash., Oct. 18.—United States Senator Poindexter and Gifford Pinchot, who have just returned to the United States from a tour of investigation of the Alaskan coal fields, will tonight address a mass meeting in this city.

ROUTE OF GOVERNORS' SPECIAL ANNOUNCED

Boise, Idaho, Oct. 18.—The route to be taken by the governor's special, the train which will be sent through the east to display the resources of the west, was announced today by former Governor Brady of Idaho, who has charge of the arrangements.

The governors of California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, North and South Dakota and Minnesota will accompany the train. Stops will be made as follows:

- Chicago, November 28; Indianapolis, November 29; Louisville, November 30; Cincinnati, December 1; Columbus, December 2; Pittsburgh, December 3-4; Harrisburg, December 5; Baltimore, December 6; Philadelphia, December 8-9; Albany, December 10; Utica, December 11; Syracuse, December 12-13; Rochester, December 16; Buffalo, December 18; Cleveland, December 20; Detroit, December 21; Grand Rapids, December 22.

Canada Gains Population. Ottawa, Can., Oct. 18.—Census figures just announced show that Canada has gained 1,710,554 since 1901, with Montreal showing the largest growth of any city, giving her a population of 1,908,497. Vancouver gained 73,323, giving her a population of 109,323. Victoria gained 19,084 and now has a population of 31,620.

Slays Wife and Self. Cleveland, Oct. 18.—Holding a crowd of more than 100 at bay after having fatally shot his wife, George Hermie, 45, a wealthy real estate dealer of Euclid, a suburb, calmly removed his shoes, turned his weapon on himself, and pulled the trigger with his toe, instantly killing himself. No motive is given for the double tragedy.

Earthquake Recorded. San Jose, Calif., Oct. 18.—A slight earthquake shock was recorded at Santa Clara college observatory yesterday afternoon. It lasted three minutes.

TURKS SLAY 100 ITALIAN SOLDIERS.

London, Eng., Oct. 18.—More than one hundred soldiers of the Italian forces at Tripoli were engaged and slain by a Turkish force today. The Italians had been sent out as a reconnoitering party and had advanced nearer the enemy's lines than they intended to, when they were set upon and slain before they could retreat to their base.

TAFT EXTENDS TOUR INTO SOUTHLAND

Needs 18 Days More to Explain

Presidential Special Narrowly Escapes Wreck on Account of Defective Drive Wheel on Locomotive.

On Board Taft Special, Oct. 18.—President Taft today announced that he has decided to extend his seeing the country tour by adding eighteen days to it. His tour was to have ended in two weeks.

His new program will carry him through the south-middle-west and also the southern states, with the exception of those states comprising the "solid democratic south," and cut off his Pittsburg launt.

The president will make a speaking tour through Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee and will return to Washington November 18. At Pittsburg, he will abandon his special train and continue the balance of his journey by attaching his special car to regular trains.

The sudden change of the presidential program has caused some speculation as to his satisfaction with his trip through the west. It is barely possible that he is not satisfied that his "explanations" of his administration will be rewarded with the support that he expected in the west and he may believe that more can be gained by carrying his trip into the sometimes doubtful states included in the new program.

The Taft party are today discussing a narrow escape from a wreck of the special train while it was running at a rate of speed of fifty miles an hour, twenty miles west of Kelson, Nevada last night.

The engineer discovered that one of the drive wheels had slipped a tire and immediately brought the train to a stop. It required an hour to secure another engine.

PENDLETON MAN IS JAILED IN VICTORIA

Edwin C. Smith, formerly a resident of this city, is now serving time in the provincial jail at Victoria, B. C., upon a charge of obtaining money under false pretences. This was the substance of a message received this morning by local authorities and it reveals the whereabouts of the man for whom Pendleton officers have been conducting a search for the past two months on a charge of white slavery. The message did not state for how long a time Smith would be kept in jail, but announced that he would be returned to this country upon the expiration of his sentence.

The imprisoned man has been a resident of this city at intervals for many years and recently conducted a pressing and cleaning shop on Cottonwood street with his brother, Polk Smith. The latter was arrested about two months ago, charged with bringing a young girl to this city for immoral purposes from Colfax, but the case was dismissed when, at the preliminary hearing the girl swore that the accused's brother was the one implicated. He however, had suddenly left the city and all efforts to locate him have been unavailing.

Both Sides Confident. San Francisco, Calif., Oct. 18.—Local leaders of the striking members of the federation of shopmen of the Harriman lines, today declare that they are well pleased with the present prospects for winning the strike and assert that the indications are more in their favor every day. The railroad officials as usual, issue just exactly the contrary report.

Oregon to Navy Yards. Vallejo, Calif., Oct. 18.—The battleship Oregon will sail for the Bremerton, Washington, navy yard on October 24 on her first cruise since having been rebuilt at a cost of more than \$1,000,000. She will participate at San Pedro in the Pacific fleet maneuvers.

School Burns. Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 18.—Lacking water pressure, the fire department today was forced to stand idly by and watch the Union high school burn to the ground, entailing a loss of \$65,000.

REBELS MEET WITH DEFEAT

Bloody Battle Being Waged On Outskirts of Hankow, China, Today.

2 SHIPS ARE DAMAGED

Revolutionists Defeating Imperial Forces on Land and Force Government Fleet to Seek Refuge Behind Flotilla of Foreign Warships—Red Cross Taking Care of Many Wounded Brought Into City.

Hankow, China, Oct. 18.—The tide of battle having changed after several hours of the most fierce and bloody fighting, the government forces defeated a much larger force of rebels here. Several trains, entirely loaded with wounded, are arriving here continually.

Hankow, China, Oct. 18.—Desperate fighting, which began with sunrise this morning a few miles north of this city, is today under way between the imperial forces, reinforced by a force of two thousand marines from the imperial fleet, and a force of ten thousand rebels, who overwhelmingly outnumber the government forces.

The fighting began at a point where the government troops had entrenched themselves and all indications point to a decisive defeat for the government troops. A large number of wounded are being brought into the city and the number of dead has reached a large figure.

The firing has been continuous all day. The Red Cross society has all it can do in taking care of and administering to the large number of wounded.

The rebels in the city opened fire on the imperial warships in the harbor. The government ships returned the fire, but so deadly and furious was the hail of steel of the rebels that the government ships were forced to seek safety by steaming to a point in the harbor where they were safe from the rebel fire, with the flotilla of foreign warships between them and the land guns. Two ships were badly damaged.

B. P. O. E. HONORS JUDGE G. W. PHELPS

Circuit Judge Gilbert W. Phelps of this city has been honored by the B. P. O. E. lodge, having just been named district deputy grand exalted ruler for the northern Oregon district, in which is located the Portland lodge, according to an announcement made at the last meeting of the Portland Elks. Judge Phelps has been a member of the antlered herd for many years and is at present affiliated with local lodge No. 288 and is past exalted ruler. The grand exalted ruler of the B. P. O. E. and his party will be in Portland this winter to secure quarters for the national convention and it is probably that the newly appointed district deputy grand exalted ruler will join the party at that time.

CHAMP CLARK HAS NO WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS

Dallas, Texas, Oct. 18.—Congressman Champ Clark, speaker of the house of representatives, today branded as false the report that he had closed his presidential headquarters in Washington, stating that it was untrue for no other reason than that he never had a presidential headquarters. He said that he had never solicited any aid for the presidential nomination nor had he ever discussed the possibility of his becoming the democratic nominee.

NOBOL PRIZE TO BE AWARDED TO EDISON

Stockholm, Oct. 18.—It is reported here that the Nobel prize will this year be awarded to Thomas Edison, the American inventor, for his distinguished achievements in physics. The prize is one-fifth of the interest on a fund of nine million dollars.

TODAY'S WORLD SERIES GAME IS POSTPONED

- Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 18.—The fourth game of the world's championship series between the New York Giants, of the National league, and the Philadelphia Athletics, of the American league, was postponed today, owing to the condition of the grounds, which are muddy as the result of a rain that fell continuously last night. The ground was soaked, despite the canvas covering which had been placed over the field.
- The Giants are elated over the postponement, as they believe that the rest will put Babe Marquard, who is scheduled to pitch the fourth game in better condition for the contest. They declare that Christy Mathewson will also be better for a rest.
- The Athletics make the same contention, however, pointing to the old adage, that what is good for the goose, will not kill the gander, and declaring that the rest will also do their men good.

STILL FIGHT OVER JURORS

Defense Passes Only Six Veniremen For Jury in McNamara Case.

ONLY 2 ARE PROBABLE

Darrow, for Defense, Challenges Two and Judge Reserves Decision in Case Until Later Date—Opposing Counsel Severely Reprimanded by Court When They Indulge in Exchange of Personalities.

Los Angeles, Oct. 18.—John Roberts, a land dealer, Robert Bain, a carpenter, H. Quackenbush, a retired expressman, A. McIntosh, a baker, T. W. Adams, retired, and George McKee, a builder, had been passed "for cause" when the McNamara trial opened today.

They have yet to run the gauntlet of the prosecution and the retention of at least two is problematical.

The defense has thrown aside all concealment now, and shows its intention to demolish the murder case by proving the explosion was caused by gas. The state will fight on the dynamite theory.

Attorney Darrow resumed the interrogation of George McKee, the last venireman passed yesterday and finally challenged him. He believed that dynamite destroyed the Times. The prosecution objected and Judge Bordwell said he would pass upon McKee's qualifications later.

Darrow questioned Otto Jensen, a farmer, next, and challenged him later for being biased because he didn't like the labor unions. The judge said he would also decide on Jensen later, after the defense asserted that he was fair.

Jensen said he had read Otto McNamara's statement and considerable of what Detective Burns alleged against the McNamaras and that it would require the strongest testimony to make him believe anything but dynamite caused the explosion. The morning session was marked by a sensational rebuke by Judge Bordwell when Attorney Darrow and Prosecutor Fredericks indulged in personalities over an opinionated venireman. He informed both that he would not tolerate such tactics.

To Photograph Exhibit.

Indianapolis, Oct. 18.—The books papers and records of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers of which John McNamara is secretary, may yet play an important part in the trial of the McNamaras at Los Angeles. Denied permission to bring the exhibits to California, the prosecuting attorneys of California today asked permission to photograph the documents in the criminal court here. The request will be considered October 20th.

SUSPECT RELATIVE OF SLAIN FAMILY

Ellsworth, Kan., Oct. 18.—The local police today are flooding the telegraph and telephone wires out of the city, requesting the authorities throughout the country to locate Charles Marzycs, a brother-in-law of Mrs. William Showman, who with her husband and three children was murdered Sunday night by some one who chopped their bodies to pieces with an axe.

It is declared by neighbors of the murdered family that Marzycs was prowling about the Showman home Sunday and on several occasions had made threats against the family.

One theory that the murder was committed by the same person who killed the members of two families in Colorado Springs, Colo., a few weeks ago, is couched by the local authorities, who are unable to locate the brother-in-law of the murdered woman.

1 Killed; 27 Hurt.

Beaumont, Miss., Oct. 18.—Baggageman Potts was killed and twenty-seven others were injured today when a passenger train on the New Orleans Mobile and Chicago railroad jumped the track and overturned.

PORTLAND KILLS 10 SUICIDES.

Portland, O., Oct. 18.—The bodies of Irving Millchamp, city salesman for the Standard Oil company, and his wife were found this morning by the janitor of the Stanley apartment house, where the couple lived. They had not been seen since Monday. The man had shot the woman as she was seated at the piano and then turned the weapon on himself.

WOMAN'S HATPIN SPEARS A MAN

Penetrates Innocent Chin of Trainman

Fair Wearer of Murderous Stiletto Loses No Time in Learning Damage to Her Victim.

The murderous hatpin, used exclusively by most women, made its presence felt in this city this morning and as a result, Ed Davis, a special brakeman who came over on the Walla Walla local this morning, is nursing a very sore chin. While the lady passengers on the local were stepping off the coach at the local platform, Brakeman Davis was near at hand to assist any who might need his services. One particular lady wore a Paris creation on her head and out from its silky folds protruded six or eight inches of fine blue steel. As she turned her head suddenly, the needle point of this stiletto struck Davis' chin with considerable force and penetrated that part of his facial anatomy until the bone barred its way.

The brakeman did not exactly blaspheme but his sharp ejaculations were not calculated to sooth suffled feelings and the lady did not wait to ascertain the damages of her unintentional thrust. The coupler of cars hauled a white handkerchief from his hip pocket and ruefully wiped away the stream of blood that was trickling down his chin and remarked that the next congressional candidate who wants his vote will have to incorporate in his platform a promise to work for legislation to protect mankind from the dangerous hatpin.

FREINDS RE-UNITED AT LOCAL WEDDING

The wedding of Miss Bertha Alexander to Henry Collins last night was the occasion for the reunion of three life long friends, R. Alexander, father of the bride and prominent merchant of this city, Phil Metchan, proprietor of the Imperial Hotel in Portland and one of the best known men in the state, and W. C. Tweedate, a retired merchant of Albany. All three men are past grand masters of the I. O. O. F. in this state and for many years have been prominently identified with the "three links" order. Their friendship extends over a quarter of a century or more and the two Willamette valley members of the triumvirate seized upon the wedding of the daughter of the third as an opportunity for a reunion. Mr. Metchan will leave this afternoon for his home but Mr. Tweedate and his wife will spend several days at the Alexander home.

Ask Leniency; Fined.

San Francisco, Oct. 18.—For writing letters to judges of the circuit court of appeals, asking leniency for C. D. Hillman, the millionaire real estate operator of Seattle, who was convicted of defrauding poor people, E. F. Bateman and B. H. Cook were today adjudged in contempt of court and fined \$200 and \$25 respectively. Hillman who had them write the letters was fined \$1000.

250 Killed in Storm.

Nogales, Ariz., Oct. 18.—Two hundred and thirty people lost their lives in the terrific storm and tidal wave which devastated the west coast of Mexico October 4, according to reports brought to this city from the stricken section by persons who went through the storm.

Sues to Collect Old Debts.

Arthur Keenan today commenced suit in the local court against M. L. Fix to recover money alleged to be past due. The complaint alleges that the defendant in 1901 and in 1905 borrowed certain sums from Neagle Bros. of this city and repaid only the principal and that also he employed this firm of blacksmiths for whom he promised to pay \$84.25. It is also alleged that these claims have been transferred to the plaintiff and a decree is asked for a total of \$114.52 with interest, costs, disbursements and \$35 attorney fees. Carver & Smythe are attorneys for the plaintiff.

WATER RIGHT LIE NAILED

Portland Paper Prints a Falsehood Regarding the Waters of Umatilla River.

HERMISTON IS SAFE

Reservation Lands and Umatilla Project Can Be Irrigated from River and Still a Surplus of Water Will Find Its Way Into Columbia River—Report Biased and Intended to Favor Byers Company.

Umatilla county people generally and residents of the west end particularly are indignant over a report which appeared in the Portland Oregonian of yesterday morning to the effect that the water rights of the dwellers on the Umatilla project are placed in jeopardy by the Caldwell vs. Byers Milling company suit in the United States circuit court at Portland. The story states that should Caldwell win his contention that the rights of the Indians on the Umatilla reservation are prior to all other rights that there would not be enough water left in the Umatilla river to irrigate the 18,000 acres under the government project at Hermiston.

The story is regarded here as biased to favor the contention of the Byers company which lays claim to all of the water in the Umatilla above this city. That the facts are misrepresented it is pointed out that at Yaukum, a point between this city and Hermiston, the Umatilla river has a flow of 602,000 acre feet, according to the report of State Engineer John H. Lewis and the even if every acre on the reservation was irrigated, there would still be abundance of water left in the river to meet the needs of the project settlers and to reclaim thousands of acres more.

Not only, it is pointed out, would there be a great surplus over the amount taken out for the irrigation of Indian lands but much of this water taken out would find its way back into the river by seepage and in addition there would be the annual flood waters to which, it is thought, any rights the Indians do not extend.

Prominent residents of the west end of the county who are in the city today seoff at the idea that they will be injured by any decision in the case now pending and are indignant that such a report, detrimental to the progress of their country, should have been given circulation.

SLAYER OF COBLES IS FOUND GUILTY

Olympia, Wash., Oct. 18.—"Murder in the second degree" was the verdict returned by the jury after 24 hours' deliberation in the case of George H. Wilson, charged with the murder of Archie and Nettie Coble last July.

The prisoner listened to the verdict with the same apathy and stolidness which has marked him throughout the trial. Mrs. Wilson burst into weeping and clung to her husband as he was returned to his cell, their children clustering around Wilson and adding their childish laments to Mrs. Wilson's weeping.

Judge Mitchell will give time for the defense to file a motion for a new trial before pronouncing sentence. It is possible the judge will not reach Wilson's case this week.

SECY WILSON PRESIDES OVER BREWERS' MEETING

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 18.—Despite the nation wide ministerial protest which went up with the announcement that he had been made a vice-president of the American Brewers' association, James Wilson, secretary of the United States department of agriculture, today opened and presided over the convention of the association which began its sessions in this city.

Speaking of the congregations throughout the country, which were sent heavenward because of his connection with the beer makers, Secretary Wilson said that he believed in the efficiency of the prayers that were offered up for him, but declared that he had no fear of being stricken, because some of the ministers had prayed to the lord for the opening of his eyes to the evil of his position.

Employment Office Wrecked.

Spokane, Wash., Oct. 18.—Dynamiters wrecked the office of the Sun Employment agency on Front Avenue last night. The explosion shook scores of other buildings, including the city hall four blocks away. The entire street within a block each way of the office was littered with broken glass and wood and section of corrugated iron of which the walls of the building was composed. No one was injured.