



BRYAN AND T. R. EACH RAP TAFT

Commoner Asks Why Jail is Not Good For Officials of Steel Trust.

TRUST LAW IS WORTHLESS

Teddy Declares President's Arbitration Plan is Foolishly Wicked and Would Work to Great Loss of Any Nation Entering Into It.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 2.—Following up his attacks on President Taft, William Jennings Bryan in "The Commoner" today demands to know why imprisonment in jail would not be a good thing for the officials of the steel trust.

In an open letter to the president, Mr. Bryan asks Mr. Taft why a suit of equity was not instituted against the trust, instead of criminal prosecution.

He then asks the president if it was not because the Sherman anti-trust law is worthless, as a criminal statute, since the United States supreme court inserted the word "reasonable" in the law.

Mr. Bryan then makes the charge that the anti-trust law is absolutely worthless, as a criminal law.

Arbitration is Wicked. New York, Nov. 2.—In a signed editorial which appears in the new issue of "The Outlook," former President Theodore Roosevelt goes on record as disapproving settlement by arbitration, of all disputed questions between nations, including those effecting the honor of this nation, as is advocated by President Taft.

The editorial says: "It would be foolishly wicked for us as a nation to agree to arbitrate disputes, effecting our vital interests, independence or honor."

Mr. Roosevelt then quotes historical instances, showing that today and also in the past, pacific steps have resulted in losses to nations effected.

1 SHOT KILLS 2 MEN MISTAKEN FOR DEER

Mays Landing, N. J., Nov. 2.—Eager to have a shot at a deer which he supposed was coming down an unused road in the gloom of the early dawn yesterday, Charles Norcross of Iona, N. J., fired into a party of four other hunters, killing two and seriously wounding a third.

The injured: William Jarvis, Pleasantville, N. J.; John Yost, 22 years old, Pleasantville.

Norcross is in jail here, awaiting the action of the coroner.

According to Norcross' statement, he was standing, behind some underbrush at the side of the road when he heard a noise. Believing the sound came from a deer walking down the road, he fired one barrel of buckshot. Before he could lower his gun, there was a shriek and jumping out of the underbrush he was horrified to see three men lying in the road.

R. M. Standfield, capitalist of Standfield, Ore., is a business visitor in the city, a guest at the Imperial.—Portland Journal.

REBELS FIRE ON JAP SHIP

Insulted Government May Now Take Hand in Chinese Revolution.

OPPOSING CHIEFS CONFER

Meeting of New Premier and Leader of Revolt May Open Way to Bring War to An End—Two More Bloody Battles Fought.

Shanghai, Nov. 2.—Firing on the Japanese steamer, Yuen Kiang, by the rebel batteries at Han Yang, probably has opened the field for intervention by Japan in the Chinese struggle.

The vessel was passing the batteries and flying the Japanese flag when the rebels fired. Only a few shots were fired, but Japan may possibly seize the opportunity to demand reparation, for the insult to her flag as she did in the Tatsu Maru incident, or may enter the field, ostensibly to protect her subjects.

War Chiefs Confer. Shanghai, Nov. 2.—Yuan Shi Kai, the new Chinese premier, is still conferring with General Li, the rebel leader, at Wu Chang. It is believed there is strong probability that an agreement toward peace, may be reached.

Fight in Hankow Streets. Shanghai, Nov. 2.—Wireless messages, from foreign warships, on the Yangtze river, report that Hankow is burning in several spots and that a battle is raging in the streets between the imperialists and rebels.

Rebels Control Hupah. San Francisco, Nov. 2.—Shanghai cables state that one of the bloodiest battles of the rebellion was won by the rebels yesterday at Yi Do Ku, in the province of Hupah. One thousand imperialists were killed. The province of Hunan is now dominated by the revolutionists and the Yi Do Ku battle is the first in the campaign in Hunan.

"Buffalo Bill" Retires. Richmond, Va., Nov. 2.—Col. Wm. F. Cody, ("Buffalo Bill") retired from public life last night. His show was packed off to winter quarters and his Indians will return to their teepees, while Buffalo Bill intends to spend his remaining years in the Wyoming Big Horn, where he helped make American history.

White Salmon on Display. La Dow & Peterson have in their window on display a number of white salmon which were brought up from the Bonneyville hatchery last Monday by C. K. Cranston, secretary of the fish and game commission. The little albinos appear to be thriving and it is hoped they will not suffer from their transplanting. This is the third effort that has been made to introduce white salmon here, the other specimens shipped in having died.

J. S. Dickey of Echo, was registered at the St. George last night.

FATE OF OREGON PROGRESSIVE LAWS TO BE IN HANDS OF SUPREME COURT TODAY

Washington, Nov. 2.—The fate of the national movement for direct legislation and the initiative and referendum, is today on trial in the United States supreme court, where two suits which are attacking the constitutionality of the Oregon measure, are set for argument this afternoon. An adverse decision would be a severe blow to direct legislation.

PRESIDENT TAFT REVIEWS ARMADA

Compliments Commander on Excellent Showing Made

New York, Nov. 2.—With his pennant flying from the mast of the yacht Mayflower, President Taft today reviewed the great assemblage of United States war ships here, while they gave the presidential salute of twenty-one guns each as the Mayflower nosed her way up the Hudson between two imposing columns of war-dogs.

President Taft arrived at Jersey City at 7:30 o'clock this morning and went direct aboard the Mayflower, taking his breakfast on board after which the start up the Hudson was made.

The Mayflower steamed alongside the battleship Connecticut and Rear Admiral Canham boarded the president's yacht and was complimented by Mr. Taft for the splendid showing he had made.

Jack is Host Today. Los Angeles, Calif., Nov. 2.—With the ceremonies of the naval review at San Pedro over, the sailors and petty officers are today receiving visitors aboard the ships, while the higher officers are busy with social functions in this city.

Game Keeper Murdered. St. Helens, Ore., Nov. 2.—The body of Charles H. Weist, a game keeper, was found in a lonely cabin two miles south of this place. The man had been shot through the head, and from the fact that no weapon of any kind could be found about the place, the authorities are certain that Weist was murdered.

Fighting Resumed. Constantinople, Nov. 2.—War Minister Chiefet Pasha today gave out an official announcement to the effect that fighting at Tripoli between the Turks and Italians was resumed last night with the refusal of the Italians to surrender the city as demanded by the Turkish general.

Miss Marie Cruise, Former Society Leader, Risks Fortune for Sweedheart. Helena, Mont.—At the risk, friends claim, of being disinherited by her multi-millionaire father, Thomas Cruise, Miss Marie Cruise, who a few months ago obtained a divorce from Alvar O'Brien, a New York society leader, upon the ground of non-support, eloped with Harry C. Cotter, a little miner, and was married at Boulder, a pleasure resort near here.

The bride's aged father confined himself to his room and refused admittance to reporters.

Although Mrs. Cotter was born here she has spent little time in Helena, having resided principally in New York, where she is widely acquainted.

Commission Sending Out Notices That All Positions There Are Filled. Washington, D. C.—Probably as a result of the rapid progress made in the construction of the canal, labor conditions in the isthmian canal zone have undergone a marked change recently, and now the commission is advertising the fact that there is a surplus of unemployed workmen on the isthmus.

Three Drunks and a Vag. The month of November was started this morning in police court with three drunks and a vag up for punishment. The latter, Henry Hancook was allowed the option of leaving the city or of going to jail and chose the former alternative.

Will Build Bungalow. William McKinney, exchange teller at the American National bank, is to build a neat bungalow at the corner of Washington and Madison streets on the north side of the river. It is to be a five room bungalow with a basement and will front Washington street. Charles Cole is the contractor and the work of excavating for the basement is now underway.

NINE YOUNG WOMEN BURNED TO DEATH IN CHEHALIS FIRE

Caught in Trap-like Inferno When Blaze Starts in Imperial Powder Works

RELATIVES CANNOT IDENTIFY BLACKENED BONES

Only Two Recognized, One Who Died in Hospital and Other Whose Ring Furnished Means of Recognition by Father—Financial Loss \$20,000.

Chehalis, Wash., Nov. 2.—Nine persons, eight of whom, and possibly all nine, were young women employed in the Imperial Powder Works at this place, were burned to death late yesterday afternoon in a fire which almost completely destroyed the entire plant, consisting of six buildings. Only two were left standing.

The known dead are: SADIE WESTFALL, BERTHA HAGLE, VERMA MILFORD, EVA GILMORE, MRS. ETHEL H. HENRY, TULLIE BASHBACK, ETHEL THARP, BERTHA CROWN. The blackened bones of the ninth victim was not discovered until this morning in the ruins of the building and it is impossible to tell who it may be.

The bodies of Miss Crown and Miss Tharp are the only ones that have been identified by relatives, the others being so badly charred that recognition is impossible.

Miss Crown died about midnight in a hospital after suffering horrible agony, caused by her flesh being practically cooked. Miss Tharp was identified by her father, who recognized a ring she wore.

The fire started in the mixing room, when the powder became ignited from causes that as yet have not been determined. There was no explosion.

Twelve men who were in the plant at the time made their escape, but the girls were caught in a trap, between the benches at which they worked and the galvanized iron wall of the building, and they had not the remotest chance to escape.

One report has it that a careless workman allowed a pot of boiling paraffine to overflow, starting the fire. A searching investigation into the cause is being made by the coroner.

The loss on the four buildings destroyed and their contents is estimated at \$20,000.

Commission Form for Olympia. Olympia, Nov. 2.—Following a mass meeting in Olympia on Monday evening when the matter of commission form of government for Olympia was discussed, petitions are now in circulation for the calling of a special election for the adoption of a special commission form of government. Many speakers were present to talk for the new law, although many objections were raised.

Vertigo Caused Aviator's Death. San Jose, Calif., Nov. 2.—Testimony given before the coroner's jury by his brother, Robert, establishes the fact that Professor Montgomery's death in his airplane, was caused by an attack of vertigo.

Killed in Polo Game. Santa Barbara, Cal., Nov. 2.—John Cross, a prominent polo player of this city, while engaged in a game yesterday with Dr. E. K. Boeseke, one of Santa Barbara's mayoralty candidates, fell with his pony and suffered injuries that caused his death.

Suffragettes to Parade. Denver, Colo., Nov. 2.—To celebrate the victory of the California suffragettes, at the last election, Colorado suffragettes will parade in Denver tonight.

Contract for Hermiston Water System Awarded by Council This Morning

(Special Correspondence.) Hermiston Ore., Nov. 2.—Through action of the city council taken today the contract for the construction of the city water system for Hermiston has been let to the Newport Land & Construction company, it being announced that the company's bid was lower than any other bid by the sum of \$224.

Previous to the granting of the contract for construction work to the Newport company, the council accepted the bid of Hoehler & Co. of Toledo on the bond issue voted to provide money for the improvement. It is a \$25,000 bond issue, bearing six per cent interest and Hoehler & Co. submitted a bid of \$25,570.

Following is a list of the bids submitted on the construction of the water system: W. H. Mitchell & Co., Seattle, \$19,435; H. W. Doub Cons. Co., Spokane \$18,619; H. Soufel, Corvallis, \$20,507; J. A. Hahn Cons. Co., Portland, \$18,355; Jeffries & Boston, Portland, \$16,483; Diebush & Loblen, Portland, \$20,490.

RESERVATION RESIDENTS WIN LONG BATTLE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

After a long and persistent fight, residents on the reservation have finally secured school privileges for their children, a ruling having just been handed down by Attorney General Crawford permitting school districts to be established within the boundaries of the reserve. The decision is considered by County Superintendent Welles as a very important and far-reaching one, inasmuch as it will result in the creation of more districts, the establishment of more schools and will be a marked step in the improvement of school conditions in this county.

There are many white families living on the reservation, who, for several years, have been greatly in need of school privileges. Realizing this need, the district boundary board applied to the state department of public instruction, several years ago for permission to establish a public school at Presbyterian mission. This request was denied, on the ground that a public school could not legally be established within the boundaries of an Indian reservation. Something over a year ago the district boundary board secured a modification of this

ruling, the provisions of which permitted the boundaries of a school district to be extended upon the reservation, provided no needed Indian lands were included within the boundaries of the district.

The Athena school district immediately took advantage of this ruling, and petitioned to have its boundaries extended for a distance of several miles in a southerly direction upon the reservation. Much of this territory was afterwards detached and now comprises school district No. 113.

Recently, at the request of the people in the vicinity of Bingham Springs, Attorney General Crawford has ruled that school districts may be established upon the Umatilla reservation, whether the land that is to be included is deeded or not. The people at Bingham Springs have already taken advantage of this ruling, and have petitioned the district boundary board to establish a district, with the schoolhouse at Gibbon. It is understood that the residents in the vicinity of Cayuse will soon take steps to secure a school at that place. The effect of the ruling is far-reaching, and other communities may ask to have school districts established.