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BLACK HAND IN ALDRICH PLAN

Congressman In Hot Speech Denounces Money Trust As Financial Mafia.

SEEKS DEPTH OF VILLANY

'Kiss-Me-All' Hobson Called a Coward by Fellow Solons for Sneaking a Criticism Into Congressional Record.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Comparing the money trust with the black hand and protesting strongly against the Aldrich banking plan, for the concentration of money power and the private issue of legal tender, Congressman Henry, a republican, of Connecticut, today woke up the house with a red hot speech.

"It is high time," he said, "that this house should injure into the black hand methods of the financial mafia.

"No effective legislation is possible, to control the ramifications of currency legislation, trusts and corporations, until congress understands the methods of the insidious and almost supreme money power.

"Should we not know something of the depth of villany, into which this financial mafia will descend, before we rewrite our currency laws and before we swallow the Aldrich plan?"

Hobson Called a Coward.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Congressman Hay, of Virginia, and Fitzgerald, of New York, in the house today, jointly took a fall out of Congressman Richmond Pearson Hobson for criticism of their attitude on the army appropriation bill. Hobson was absent. Yesterday Hobson had a criticism inserted in the congressional record, without making a speech on the floor. Hay denounced this as "cowardly."

Trust Probers Report.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Assailing the trust system, but refusing to recommend legislation to curb similar abuses hereafter, by declaring that such recommendations were solely within the jurisdiction of standing committees, the house investigation committee reported its probe of the sugar trust. It reported that there is no need for big combines and said that over capitalization is resulting in the increased cost of living.

CAUSE OF UNKNOWN'S DEATH IS MYSTERY

May Have Been Thrown Or Fallen From High Bluff

Death came to the man, whose body was discovered yesterday by Conductor Cherry of the motor car, by a fall over a 300 foot bluff near Barnhart but whether that fall was the result of an accident or of suicidal or murderous intent will probably never be known. Coroner Ralph Folsom and Sheriff T. D. Taylor returned yesterday afternoon after making an examination of the body, its position and the face of the bluff, and they have reached the foregoing conclusion.

The dead man's name is probably either A. J. Weaver of J. A. Morrill, papers bearing those names having been found on his body and constituting about the only evidence for identification. The former name was found on a pawn ticket from the Chicago Loan office of Portland dated Dec. 23, 1911, while the latter was the only writing in a note book besides the address of Vancouver, Wash., underneath. An old pipe, some soap and a towel were about the only other articles on the person of the dead man. He was apparently about 28 years of age and was dressed in rough laborer's garb.

The head, face and hands of the man were badly cut by the sharp rocks on the face of the bluff and the hair is matted with dried blood.

The officers are of the belief that the man was walking toward the river in the darkness and, not knowing of the existence of the bluff, had fallen over it, they declared that there is nothing about the facts ascertained to preclude the possibility of a murder.

The body was brought to the city yesterday evening and is being held at the morgue pending a more extensive investigation.

What are the people of El Paso, Texas, kicking for? They have a little excitement denied to the rest of the country.

ASKS NATIONAL BUSINESS MEET

Financier Says This Is Only Way to Solve Problem of Trusts.

CONGRESS IS DENOUNCED

George Perkins Sees Progress at Stake and Says Legislative Bodies Too Busy Playing Politics to Relieve Situation.

Pasadena, Calif., Feb. 17.—Denouncing what he termed "Congressional playing of politics," and "with the business interests of the country as pawns" with the suggestion that "President Taft call a nation wide meeting of business men for the purpose of settling the big business problems of the day," George Perkins, the New York financier and former right bower of J. Pierpont Morgan, today reviewed the present business and political situations.

He stated that his trip across the country had convinced him that there is a lack of confidence in the present business program.

"The feeling seems general that the dissolution of corporations is not the solution of the trust problem," he said, and stated that some other means must be found to cope with the situation.

He said that congress is playing the game of politics too hard for any relief to be expected from that quarter. Mr. Perkins declared that much progress is being held up on account of presidential politics.

WALLA WALLA GIRLS BEAT LOCAL CO-EDS

In what is characterized as the fastest and most scientific basketball game ever played by girls in this city, the Walla Walla high school co-eds last night in the Armory evaded scores with the local girls by defeating them by a 12 to 10 score. At no time was it possible to predict the outcome so closely matched were the two teams and it was only by converting two more fouls into goals than did the locals that the Garden City maidens were able to come forth victors.

Four field baskets were secured by each team while the visitors made four points from fouls to the home team's two.

In the first half, the Walla Wallans took the lead, the score standing 3 to 4 in their favor when the whistle blew, but in the last half, the Pendletonians were able to make six while their opponents only registered four.

Miss Ruth Wise, coach of the local team, expressed herself as being entirely satisfied with the showing made by her team last night. "They never played better," she said, "and there is but little difference between the two teams. The Walla Walla girls were stronger than when we met them before but even at that they were no better than we were. Both of us have a game apiece to our credit and we are both satisfied."

Following the game, a dance was given by some of the students in honor of the visitors and an enjoyable time was had.

TEDDY JR. TO BECOME WALL STREET FIGURE

New York, Feb. 17.—Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., who has been working for a carpeting firm in San Francisco, today admitted that he might become a member of the Wall street firm of Bertron Grison and Jenks. He is here on a vacation.

Gompers Wants New Judge.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 17.—A letter has been received by labor leaders here from Samuel Gompers, stating that he is considering asking for another judge to try the indicted iron workers, because Judge Anderson released Detective Burns, on a charge of kidnapping John McNamara.

FOUR KILLED IN A HEADON COLLISION.

Ft. Wayne, Ind., Feb. 17.—The Chicago Limited on the Pennsylvania today collided with a wreck train near Larwill. Four workmen on the wrecker were killed and ten others injured.

The dead are: P. Weigand, Frank Holtman, E. Stump and August Bailey. The latter two were burned to death.

ELKS MINSTRELS BEST FINANCIAL SUCCESS OF ANY HOME TALENT EFFORT--PROFIT \$500

With a net profit to the Elks of not less than \$500 for the two nights entertainment the Elks Minstrels just gave by Pendleton lodge No. 288 will go down in history as the most successful show, financially speaking, ever given in the city. For the two nights the total receipts reached the sum of \$700 and according to Carl Cogley, business manager for the show, the expenses will be in the neighborhood of \$200. So there will be a half thousand as velvet for the local lodge. The nearest approach to a money maker, was the Commercial club gymnasium show given some years ago under the direction of J. R. Raley when the "Sady Girls" were the big feature. The sum of \$420 was netted from that performance.

MEXICANS RIOT, EL PASO

Madero's Consulate Guarded by United States Troops.

El Paso, Feb. 17.—United States troops are guarding the Mexican consulate here today as a result of a demonstration against Mexican Consul Lloyent, because he insisted on the release of the American soldiers who accidentally invaded Mexico Thursday.

Leon Martinez is under arrest, charged with inciting riot. Jaurez is tranquil and a federal force is en route from Mexico City.

Reports of numerous clashes in northern Mexico are still coming in.

PANAMA FORTS TO BE NAMED FOR GREAT MEN

Washington.—Following the decision of the war department that the forts along the Panama canal zone shall be named for men famous in American and Panamanian history, a schedule has been drawn up showing the new nomenclature. The military reservation at the Pacific terminus of the canal will be named Fort Grant and Fort Amador, the first for the former president of the United States the second in honor of the first president of Panama, who died May 2, 1909.

The reservations at the Atlantic terminus will be named Fort Sherman, Fort Randolph and Fort DeLesseps—the first two in honor of the generals Sherman and Randolph, the third in honor of Ferdinand DeLesseps, promoter of the Panama canal, who died December 7, 1894.

The batteries on the Fort Grant reservation will be named as follows: Batteries Newton, Merritt, Warren, Buell, Burnside, Parke, all of whom were officers in the U. S. army.

The batteries at Forts Sherman, Randolph and De Lesseps will also be named after noted regular army or volunteer officers.

Her Story Is Contradicted. Philadelphia.—Mrs. A. H. Dewar, Philadelphia's fence, asserted that the baroness was fully informed on all the points of the game as known in the United States and that she had been fairly defeated. To give the foreigner a last chance Mrs. Dewar has issued another challenge.

Two-thirds of the tin used in the world is supplied by the Malay states.

FEDERAL DRAGNET CATCHES ALLEGED FRAUD PROMOTER WELL KNOWN IN PENDLETON

R. H. McWhorter, erstwhile head of the Inland Telephone company, with headquarters at Pilot Rock, and who may be remembered by many local people because of some sensational spending on Main street when he sought to get Asa B. Thomson to a train one evening, is now in the toils in connection with the DeLarm operation. He was fined in the police court for his excessive spend.

The following story concerning McWhorter is from the Oregonian of yesterday:

With the surrender yesterday at Seattle of R. H. McWhorter of Tacoma, secretary and trust officer of the Oregon & Washington Trust company, subsidiary corporation of the Columbia River Orchard company, the federal dragnet around the promoters of this alleged spurious concern was drawn closer. McWhorter also is secretary-treasurer of the Washington Orchard Irrigation & Fruit company.

He surrendered himself to United States District Attorney Elmer E. Todd, of Seattle, on complaint of Henry D. Temple, postoffice inspector who charged him with using the mails to defraud.

McWhorter was an important witness in the bankruptcy hearing in connection with the irrigation company in the federal court one week ago, and at that time declared that he had no official knowledge of the many transactions carried on, being more of a dummy officer than the confident of either DeLarm or Biehl. He gave as his opinion that the Columbia Orchard company had been organized simply to defraud the bondholders and creditors of the other concern.

Discovery Wednesday of the accounts, lists of bondholders and correspondence of DeLarm by Receiver Louis P. Sichter of Seattle, is said to be the most important development thus far of the investigation into the companies.

RUMOR EMPRESS SUICIDE

Chinese Hail Yuan as a Second George Washington.

Pekin, Feb. 17.—Unconfirmed rumor, which is doubted, says the dowager empress, broken hearted, has suicided.

Yuan, Washington II. Nanking, Feb. 17.—Dubbing him the second George Washington, the national Chinese assembly today telegraphed to President-elect Yuan, to hasten south to confer with the republican leaders in view of a speedy installation of the new order throughout the empire. President Yuan has cut off his queue.

WOMAN'S YOUNG SISTER ELOPED WITH HUSBAND

"Nella Is My Valentine, You Are the Goat," Is Message to Wife. Chicago, Calif.—Leaving a note to his wife which read "Nella is my valentine, you are the goat," L. L. Sherwood, a solicitor eloped with his wife's sister, Nella Stillwell, a pretty seventeen-year-old auburn-haired girl who came from Oregon New Year's day to make her home with the Sherwoods.

At the bottom of the sheet was written this farewell message, "Nella and I love each other dearly and are going away to live in heaven, never to return, so good bye."

Nella was banished from the Sherwood home a week ago by Mrs. Sherwood, who accused the sister of trying to steal her husband. Nella had often in the presence of her married sister begged Sherwood to run away with her, but Mrs. Sherwood attached little importance to the girl's proposals, which she presumed were made in jest.

MOTHER POISONS DAUGHTER; MISTAKE

Pasadena, Feb. 17.—Poisoned by her mother, who gave her strychnine, believing it quinine, Miss Agnes Johnson, age 13, beautiful daughter of a wealthy contractor here, died today. She was a soprano soloist at the First Baptist church. Last night she contracted a cold and the mother gave the poison by mistake.

OREGON MEASURES WORK OF SENSELESS FOLK THINKS TAFT

Progressive Laws, Originating in This State, Rapped With President's Approval

VOTERS ARE DECLARED TO BE INCOMPETENT

Wickersham Speech in Interest of Taft, is Full of Ridicule of Popular Government--La Follette is Still In Race --Teddy's Old Foe Dons War Togs.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 17.—Progressive policies, particularly those for judicial reform, were called "insensate" in a speech, endorsed by President Taft and delivered by Attorney General Wickersham before the City club here this afternoon in direct interest of President Taft's re-nomination.

Mr. Wickersham sarcastically referred to the initiative and referendum as "postal card lawmaking" and declared that popular legislation and direct primaries destroyed the dignity of office, resulting in "driving from the field the class of men formerly thought most desirable—those the office seeks, not those seeking office."

He said in part: "There has been much nonsense concerning the so-called usurpation of power by the federal judiciary, in pronouncing laws of state legislatures or congress unconstitutional.

"The very nature of our written constitution implies that representatives of the people can exercise only the powers conferred upon them by the constitution and the judiciary must necessarily judge void, an act which is not authorized by the constitution.

"This does not suppose the superiority of judicial legislative power. It only supposes the power of the people is superior to both and that where the will, on legislature, stands in opposition to the will of the power, declared in the constitution, judges ought to be governed by the latter."

"I am in entire sympathy with the reasons that led to the enactment of laws, providing for the nomination of candidates by direct election, but the system, by which laws are made by postal card and by popular petition, tends to destroy the office so as to make it unattractive to those who might otherwise even subject themselves to the scramble of the primary in order to reach the field of public usefulness."

In conclusion he recommended longer terms and more salary as a means of bringing better men to the bench.

LaFollette Still in Race. Chicago, Ill., Feb. 17.—That United States Senator Robert La Follette will not retire from the republican presidential nomination race; that he had never thought of such a thing and that Wisconsin will send a solid La Follette instructed delegation to the republican national convention, are declarations made here by John B. Lane, chairman of the LaFollette Republican Club of Wisconsin and Senator La Follette's campaign manager.

Mr. Lane declared that the Wisconsin candidate would keep up an active campaign until the nominations.

30 YOUTHS ATTEND RELIGIOUS MEETING

As the date for the Men and Religion Forward Movement convention in Walla Walla draws nearer, the number of local boys between the ages of 15 and 19 who will attend the last two days is growing and it is now estimated that there will be more than thirty in the delegation which will leave here next Friday. Rev. Nathan Evans declared this morning that the high school will send ten, the Methodist church six, the Episcopal church six, the Presbyterian church at least four, while the Christian and Baptist churches and a number of private persons intend sending several others.

Rev. Evans this morning received a letter from J. W. Gibson, chairman of the committee of 100 in Walla Walla, asking for the names of all Pendleton boys who will be present on next Friday and Saturday be sent in by Tuesday in order that provision for their entertainment may be made. Rev. Evans, therefore, requests that all boys intending to make the trip notify him by Monday, and he wishes to impress upon them also the necessity of purchasing their tickets by the 22nd in order that they may get the special rate.

Returning this morning from Salem where he attended the meeting of the assessors of the state held in conjunction with the tax committee of the legislature and the state tax commission, Assessor C. P. Strain expresses himself as fairly satisfied with the results obtained though he differed with many present as to the policies to pursue in some instances.

At the outset of the meeting Assessor Strain led the opposition to approval of all the measures submitted. He opposed a blanket endorsement of all the bills proposed and especially fought the proposed amendment which looks to paying the way for giving to the state government all the money raised from the taxation of railroads and other public service corporations. Such an amendment as that will be left to vote of the people next fall as result of action taken by the last legislature.

Assessor Strain opposes the amendment for the reason that such a change would work a loss to Umatilla county and other counties which like Umatilla have considerable railroad mileage. It would work for the benefit of Multnomah. Mr. Strain opposes the amendment on the ground such a change would tend to invite extravagance by the legislature.

By action of the recent meeting bills will be submitted the people providing for the exemption from taxation of all household and personal effects; for the exemption of credits of all classes, thus abolishing the tax on mortgages; for an income tax and for an amendment to the inheritance tax.

Chinese Men Are Secluded. Shortly after seven o'clock last night, the local Chinese commenced upon their week's celebration of the advent of a new celestial new year. Fire crackers were exploded away after which the celebrators retired indoors. All day today at intervals, the sound of drums and tom-toms has issued from the houses in the Chinese quarter, signifying that the slant-eyed inhabitants of the city are still making merry.

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close in the national convention. Regarding the future of La Follette and the progressive movement in other states, Mr. Lane said:

"My observation in other states, lead me to conclude that the movement is not unlike that in Wisconsin and it will manifest itself in the national republican convention, in a determined effort to nominate Senator La Follette.

"This movement is to go until the will of the people is written in our laws and constitution."

Teddy's Old Foe Dons War Togs.

New York, N. Y., Feb. 17.—With more than one million dollars in negotiable securities, which he has earned by the practice of law during the past fourteen years, stowed away as an anchor in case the political storm might threaten to sweep him away, Frank Black, former governor of and congressman from New York state, and whom Colonel Theodore Roosevelt prevented from securing the gubernatorial nomination in 1904 is back in politics today, avowedly gunning for Colonel Roosevelt.

He is just now directly after the scalp of Cornelius Collins, former state superintendent of prisons, one of Colonel Roosevelt's chief lieutenants and until recently undisputed boss of Rensselaer county.

STRAIN FIGHTS PLAN UNJUST TO UMATILLA

At Salem Meeting Opposes State Collection of R. R. Taxes

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