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NATION ARISING IN PROTEST AGAINST TEXTILE OUTRAGES

U.S PREPARES TO INTERVENE

More American Troops Ordered to Rush to Mexican Border Today.

PROCLAIM NEW PRESIDENT

Insurgent Leaders Issue Manifesto, Naming Trevino Provisional Head and Denouncing Madero as Tool of Yankee Capitalists.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—Convicted that a crisis is very near in Mexican affairs and that the lives of American subjects and their property in Mexico are in grave danger, President Taft and Secretary of War Stimson have decided to order more troops rushed to El Paso and held in readiness for any emergency that may arise in the troubled country.

New President Proclaimed.

El Paso, Feb. 24.—Decrying President Francisco Madero, conqueror of former President and Dictator Diaz, as one who has profaned the banner of Mexico with "The scurrilous hand of the Yankee" and declaring that capital furnished by American capitalists backed him in the former revolution, which resulted in his accession to the presidency of the nation, a manifesto, which is purported to have been signed by General Orozco—until recently an ardent Madero supporter—and other prominent revolution leaders, proclaiming Senor Geronimo Trevino provisional president of the country, has been scattered broadcast through northern Mexico.

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HERMISTON GETS S. S. CONVENTION

Hermiston will be the scene of the annual convention of the Umatilla County Sunday School association this year, having been so designated by the executive committee of the organization, according to Mrs. S. A. Lowell of this city, who is one of the most active of the workers. The dates of the convention are March 5 and 6.

Rev. C. A. Phipps, state general secretary, will be in attendance at the convention and will be one of the principal speakers. Other speakers have been arranged for and the leaders of the association anticipate a most successful meeting at which much helpful work will be accomplished.

All delegates to the convention are requested to send in their names at once to Rev. H. B. Emmel of Hermiston in order that proper arrangements may be made for their accommodation.

JUDGE LOWELL RETURNS FROM TRIP MUCH ENCOURAGED OVER HIS SENATORIAL PROSPECT

Declaring that the prospects for his nomination and election to succeed Jonathan Bourne, Jr., are extremely flattering, Judge Stephen A. Lowell returned to his home in this city this morning after an absence of several days in Portland and Oregon City. As a result of his trip, he states that he is not at all perturbed over the entrance of Ben Selling into the race, for, from the situation as he saw it, the millionaire clothier will only split the Bourne vote, leaving him to profit by the turn.

"Many people came to me while I was in Portland," said Judge Lowell this morning, "and volunteered their support. In fact I find more opposition to Ben Selling in Portland than there is to Jonathan Bourne and from communications I have had from people from every section of the state, I believe the same situation exists generally. The voters are not taking kindly to Selling's evasion of the corrupt practices act which limits the amount of a candidate's expenditures. By spending seven or eight thousand dollars in sending personal letters to every voter in the state just before announcing his candidacy, they understand that he has violated the intent if not the letter of the law and if such practices

JUDGE'S SCIONS WERE DUMMIES

Gilbert Protected His Own Children in Legalizing Land Frauds.

GRABBER HIS RELATIVE

Many Reasons, Any One of Which is Sufficient, Come to Light, Explaining Decision Favoring Pilferers of Public Domain.

Portland, Feb. 24.—Calling attention to the fact that J. Thorburn Ross, the convicted bank wrecker, who was also indicted in the Oregon land fraud cases, and Judge Gilbert of the United States circuit court of appeals, are brothers-in-law an afternoon paper here today publishes a sensational attack on Judge Gilbert's recent decision in the Barber Lumber company land fraud case, which well known conservationists declared has practically legalized the use of "dummy" entrymen by big land grabbing corporations.

The publication intimates the decision would help Bank Wrecker Ross and charges that Judge Gilbert's son and daughter once acted as dummies.

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LOCAL BOYS ENJOY FORWARD CONVENTION

Though beset with difficulties in getting from this city to Walla Walla the local boys who left yesterday for the Garden City to attend the Christian forward movement meetings arrived in safety and from reports received are enjoying their stay immensely.

Owing to the delay of the main line trains yesterday because of snow in the Blue mountains the Walla Walla local did not leave at 2 o'clock as scheduled. It was held here for several hours awaiting a westbound train and for a time it looked like the 75 boys would be disappointed. However, through the activity of Rev. Nathan Evans and others, arrangements were made to attach a day coach to a freight that was about to leave. This was done and by running as a special the train reached Walla Walla in time for the banquet set for 6 o'clock.

Aside from a banquet tendered them last evening the boys are to attend a boys' convention at the Congregational church today and will be shown about the city. They will return home tomorrow evening.

Telephonic reports received today state that the Pendleton delegation is exceedingly well behaved and that the boys are taking a lively interest in the proceedings of the meetings.

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are to secure they know that the law will be rendered useless. Altogether, I find the situation very flattering and am firmly convinced that I shall receive the nomination at the April primaries."

Bennett May Enter.

Judge Lowell also brought news of the probable entrance of Judge Bennett of The Dalles into the race for Bourne's toga as a democratic candidate. From conversations he had with people of that city, he declares his belief that Bennett will take the arena to tilt with Mill Miller, Walter Pierce, O. P. Coshov and possibly Harry Lane.

During his short absence from the city, Judge Lowell attended three different meetings, that of the Congregational Brotherhood at Oregon City on the 20th, the Irrigation Congress at Portland on the first three days of the week and the annual convention of the Sons of the American Revolution on Washington's Birthday in the latter city. At the first and last named meetings he made an address which in each case was the principal one of the occasion.

The Judge states that his petitions are now all signed up and as soon as he receives those from some of the more distant counties, he will file them at Salem.

MUTE TESTIMONY OF RIVER TRAGEDY IN DISCOVERY OF HORSE AND BUGGY IN WATER

News of a possible tragedy was contained in a letter received this morning by Supt. Henry Laatz of the local water department in which it was stated that a drowned horse attached to a buggy had been discovered in the Umatilla river at Thorn Hollow on Feb. 19, but that, owing to the depth of the water and the turbulence of the stream, it had been impossible to recover either. Because of the fact that no such loss has

been reported, it is feared that the driver met the same fate of the horse and his body now lies somewhere at the bottom of the river.

The letter was written by G. W. Jones who made the discovery, and, though brief, states that the body of the horse is badly entangled in the harness and is lying at the bottom of about fifteen feet of water. Supt. Laatz has notified the county authorities and an investigation will probably be made at once.

WASHINGTON OFFICER IS ARRESTED HERE

County Commissioner of Pasco is Charged With Bribery.

Indicted on three counts on charges of perjury and bribery, Commissioner George Roe of Franklin county, Washington, was arrested in this city yesterday afternoon by Sheriff T. D. Taylor and Deputy Joe Blakely and this afternoon in company with his attorney, T. J. Clarke, was taken back to Pasco by Sheriff John Hartong of his home county.

Roe, according to his own story, had been in southern Oregon on a visit with his daughter, and during his absence was indicted by the grand jury which is still in session at Pasco. His lawyer took the train for Pendleton yesterday and suspecting that he came to meet the commissioner, the Pasco sheriff notified local officers.

Sheriff Taylor and Deputy Blakely took up a watch and noticing a man who answered the description of the attorney walking toward the Northern Pacific freight depot, they followed and saw him meet another man. Overtaking them near the O-W R. & N. roundhouse, they learned that their surmises were correct and immediately placed Roe under arrest.

Deputy Sheriff Hartong came over from Pasco this morning and took the prisoner back to face the charges on the Northern Pacific train this afternoon.

The details of the case against the commissioner were not learned by the local officers other than that he is accused of accepting a bribe and of perjuring himself in connection with the granting of liquor licenses. Roe declares he was on his way home when arrested and had already purchased his ticket. He professes to be not at all alarmed over the indictments and declares he will clear himself.

Rev. Sprattier, the German Lutheran preacher, came in from Helix this morning.

TO VISIT POWER SITE TOMORROW

For the purpose of investigating the power site upon which the council took a month's option Wednesday night, the full committee appointed by the mayor consisting of Councilmen Dyer, Kirkpatrick, Brock, Sharon and Cole, will leave Pendleton in the morning for Milton, according to Chairman Dyer. The entire day will be spent on the Walla Walla river and as complete an investigation as is possible to make in that time will be made.

Chairman Dyer is one of the councilmen who is strongly in favor of a municipal electric plant if such a one can be had at reasonable expense and he it was who made the motion that an option be taken on the site offered by Assessor Strain and his associates. He declared this morning that he considers the matter of such importance that he thinks the investigation should be made without delay so that a report may be made at the next council meeting.

WOMAN CAUSES DEATH OF EIGHT BABIES

New York, Feb. 24.—Winifred Akers, kitchen woman at the Brooklyn Nursery Infants' hospital today was formally charged with murder. She repudiated her former confession that she put oxalic acid in milk drunk by the babies, which resulted in eight of them dying. It is charged she wanted to get square with some nurses and wanted the babies to get sick, to indicate that the nurses were not taking good care of them. It may be that she is demented.

MR. TAFT WOULD NOW MODIFY EXPRESSION

Ment That Only Part of People Incompetent to Govern.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Flat denial of charges that he had said the American people are unfitted for self government, was made by President Taft today in an official statement issued at the white house.

It said that among the falsehoods, assiduously circulated by persons and papers opposing him, is one that in his Lincoln Day speech, he argued that "the people are not fitted for self government."

"The president said nothing on that occasion which could be possibly distorted into such construction," it says. It concluded by saying that in his speech before the New York bar association on January 26th, President Taft did say, however, that he believed in popular government but that there were "some whom we know are not fitted for self government."

BLACKSMITH SHOP DESTROYED BY FIRE

Fire of unknown origin broke out in the rear of Jack R. Childers' blacksmithshop on the corner of Alta and Garden streets shortly after midnight and before it was subdued had almost completely destroyed the building and its contents. The damage will total over \$2000, according to estimates, the building being valued at about \$800 and the tools, woodwork and other equipment at \$2000. However, many of the tools and much of the other ironwork has been recovered from the ruins little the worse for going through the fire.

The residents of the city were awakened from their sleep about 12:30 this morning by the clanging of the firebell and a bright blaze in the business section told the location of the fire. The hose companies responded quickly but not in time to save the building. However, they prevented the spread of the flames which, because of the close proximity of buildings, endangered the whole of Chinatown.

Fire Chief Vaughan believes the fire was started either by a carelessly thrown cigarette stub or spontaneous combustion as there had been no fire in the part of the building where the flames had their origin.

COCHRAN WON'T QUIT CONGRESSIONAL RACE

Before returning to his home at La Grande yesterday, after attending the sessions of the Oregon Irrigation congress, George T. Cochran gave positive denial to the report that he might withdraw as a candidate for representative from the Second Congressional District, says the Portland Oregonian. The rumor that Cochran would quit the race was based on the supposition that the entrance of Ellis into the fight might detract from Cochran's following.

"There is no foundation whatever for the report that I may retire as a congressional candidate," said Mr. Cochran yesterday. "I am actively prosecuting by candidacy throughout the district and have received a great deal of encouragement. I have every reason to believe that I am especially strong in the east end of the district and shall remain in the contest to the finish."

Three other republicans are contesting with Mr. Cochran for this nomination, and they are all working hard to land it. They are N. J. Sinnott, state senator from Wasco county; John P. Rusk, state representative and speaker of the last house, of Union county, and W. R. Ellis, representative from the old Second district.

Hugh Bell of Myrick is making Pendleton another visit today.

BAYONETS USED ON CHILDREN WOMEN AND MEN AT LAWRENCE

Troops and Police Brutally Assault Party to Force Starvation of Strikers' Babies

ATTACK MADE TO PREVENT DEPARTURE OF TOTS

Chief of Police, At Order of Mill Owners, Leads Force Against Families As They Acted on Permission of Mayor to Deport Infants.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Investigation of the textile outrages at Lawrence where the constitutional rights of the strikers are being disregarded, is certain. Chairman Wilson of the house committee on labor, today wired President Golden of the Textile Workers' union, for an official statement regarding today's attack by the police and troops and the investigation will start as soon as an answer is received. Senator Borah bitterly denounced the action of Chief of Police Sullivan, saying he had gone beyond his authority in restraining the departure of the strikers' children.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 24.—Telegraphic dispatches which have been received here today from various northwest cities and coast cities, that newspaper editors, private citizens and organizations in great numbers, are sending hot telegraphic protests to Governor Foss of Massachusetts, begging him to do all in his power to end the outrages committed by the militia and police against the textile strikers, and to take some step toward giving the strikers an even chance and their constitutional rights, as a result of the attack made on them today when they attempted to send their children away.

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 24.—Brutally clubbing men, women and children, comprising families of the striking textile mill workers—whose only offense was their attempt to send their starving little ones out of Lawrence to other cities where sympathetic people had volunteered to give them homes until their parents could again provide them with the necessities of life—two companies of the Massachusetts state militia and fifty burly policemen, under command of Chief of Police Sullivan, today again paralleled the outrages of Russian cossacks, repeating their bloodthirsty outrage of a few days ago, and at the behest of the rich mill owners, whom the strikers declare have refused to allow them sufficient wages to enable them to live.

On arriving amid the strikers, the police chief bellowed out: "Not a child shall leave this city."

The mayor had earlier in the week given an order that the strikers should be allowed to send their children away, if they wanted to, and that they should not be interfered with by the militia or police.

With this decision in their favor, the strikers believed that they were safe in attempting to carry out their plans by this morning's action.

When the exodus was held up this morning, one of the strikers said to the police chief: "Our children are starving and we have purchased their tickets and we think they should be allowed to go away, as the mayor promised."

Chief Sullivan answered this man, by ordering his armed force to charge the defenseless families.

Industriously wielding their clubs and bayonets, the police and soldiers soon succeeded in separating the children from the parents and when a feeble resistance was made by the parents, they were unmercifully clubbed and many seriously hurt. The attacking party did not discriminate between women and men, treating all alike.

Sullivan was recently named chief

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LOCAL CELESTIAL CELEBRATES NEW YEAR BY BURNING HIS OWN HORSE AND BARN

Poor John Hans, the slant eyed son of the orient who raises vegetables for Pendleton tables at the eastern limits of the city, is the sorriest Chinaman in all Oregon, and he, like many brothers in the far away new-born republic, is about to cast old habits, customs, traditions and superstitions into the discard and adopt a new order of things. For Poor John, he it known, has been the victim of his reverence to the creeds of his ancestors which were age-old when this country was yet undiscovered.

To make a long story short, as John has done his hair since the anti-queue edict, the celestial truck gardener is mourning the loss of his barn, his horse, his harness and many other small things which went up in smoke and flames several nights ago in the midst of his celebration of the last new year by the old Chinese calendar. Although outwardly quite modern and Americanized, John inwardly cherished the customs which had been handed down to him from the time of Confucius and had not entirely banished from his mind the superstition making the celestial world peopled with thousands of devils who can only be kept away by the strict observance of certain practices. Therefore, when the new year week rolled around, John bought some candles, and, after placing them in different parts of his barn, lighted them and retired to his cot, safe in the assurance that no devils would molest his belongings. But evidently one of the devils got in the barn long enough to tip over a candle for when John awoke his barn was in ruins and the incinerated carcass of his faithful old Dobbin was smoldering in the debris.

Therefore is John Hans sad and sorry for, as he puts it, the catastrophe has left him "pelly near bloke."