

PARIS PAPERS SCORES TAFT

Says He Was Once Upon a Time a Congressman, Which Is In-deed News to Americans.

PARIS, Dec. 3.—Upon the arrival here of Robert Bacon to assume his duties as American ambassador to France, a Paris newspaper prints the following reason for the resignation of Henry White, from the post assumed by Bacon:

"When White was ambassador at the court of St. James," the journal stated, "the man who now is in the presidential chair at Washington was only a mere representative in congress."

The American residents of Paris are glad to hear of this hitherto undisclosed honor won by Taft before he emerged into international prominence.

The article refers to him as "Congressman Taft" and says that during his service in the national legislature he found himself in London one day.

"The congressman" wished to attend a gala performance of the opera at which the royalty were to be present. Accordingly he bought the necessary ticket at the American embassy.

The "congressman" thereupon, according to the Paris paper, was informed that his clothes were not of the sort that would look well at the opera.

It is then stated that to this day the slight has rankled in "a certain large" bosom and that the offer of a complimentary ticket to the London road did not in the least lessen the disappointment.

AMERICANS TORTURED.

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Special representative of Mexico, Creel, who recently secured 30 days' leave of absence from his post as governor of Chihuahua, has been in conference with President Diaz for several days.

Officials here affirm the report that the letter addressed by Secretary Knox to Felipe Rodriguez, the Zelaya representative at Washington, by which the United States severed diplomatic relations with Zelaya, was written after a conference with Mexican officials when Mexico advised Knox to write such a letter.

Activity in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 3.—Despite the announcements of Colonel Von Schroeder, in command of the army transport service at this port, to the effect that no orders had been received from the Washington authorities that would indicate the intention of the war department to send troops to Nicaragua from San Francisco, the work of overhauling the big transport Crook is being continued with feverish haste today.

Late last evening additional men were detailed to work on the Crook. The ship has laid idle in the stream here for more than a year, and it is not believed that the Washington authorities are going to several thousand dollars' expense to have her overhauled only to return her to her anchorage for another indefinite period.

TRONSON SAYS CHANCE WAS LOST

Apple King Says Medford Should Have Had Much of Her Literature There During Show.

H. B. Tronson, whose car of Spitzenbergs won the sweepstakes at the Spokane apple show, returned to Medford Thursday night and left Friday afternoon for Eagle Point.

Mr. Tronson is, of course, elated at winning the grand prize for Jackson county, but states that a great chance to advertise the Rogue River valley was lost through the fact that there was no Medford literature at the show for distribution. Mr. Tronson had a few booklets which he distributed, but could not secure any more, although he wrote and telegraphed frequently.

"There was really nothing to it," said Mr. Tronson in speaking of the show. "We had them beaten every way. There were no apples there which would compare with the Rogue River fruit."

ALDRICH AND TAFT IN 1912?

So Says William J. Bryan in Commoner—Says Every Indication Points That Way.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 3.—William J. Bryan in The Commoner today says:

"Has it occurred to you that Taft and Aldrich are likely to head the Republican ticket in the next campaign?"

"Taft's indorsement of Aldrich's statesmanship, his praise of the Aldrich bill as the best ever and Aldrich's tour through the west, making laudatory comments upon the corporation press, all point to the plan."

"New England has not had a place on the national Republican ticket for some time, although she has supported the ticket with great constancy. Isn't it about time to recognize her?"

"Aldrich has announced that he won't be a candidate for the senate again. What is more natural than that he should aspire to be the boss of the senate in name, as he has for years been in fact."

"Why not Taft and Aldrich in 1912—and if it is possible to swallow that, then Aldrich and Cannon in 1916?"

"What do the progressives say to that?"

Don't fail to hear Dr. Young Friday evening, the 10th, at the Methodist church, North Bartlett street. 220

DR. KEENE AGAIN OPENS HIS OFFICE

Fitting Up Dental Rooms in Atkins Block—Has Dr. Barber as Partner.

Dr. J. M. Keene and Dr. F. S. Barber are fitting up dental rooms in the offices formerly occupied by the former in the Atkins building on Main street.

Dr. Keene is so well known to the people of southern Oregon that he needs no introduction, and the fact that he has resumed practice will be learned with pleasure by his former patients.

Dr. Barber comes highly recommended from Denver, where he was formerly located, and has just completed a post-graduate course under Dr. Brophy of the Chicago Dental college and who is one of the recognized authorities on dental work in the world.

Dr. Keene and Barber are fitting their offices with the most up-to-date appliances in the line of the dental profession and will be prepared within the next few days to give their patrons the very latest in the line of their profession.

The best lecture you ever heard—"Grit and Gumption," at the M. E. church, Friday evening, December 10, by Dr. Young of Portland. Get your seats. 220

MEMBERS LEAVE FOR COUNTRY

England's House of Commons Scatters to the Four Winds in Order to Campaign.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—The capital is practically deserted of parliamentarians today. Released from their duties, many members of the house of commons have left the city to commence their personal political campaigns in their constituencies.

Chancellor Lloyd-George, whose budget precipitated the crisis in parliament, was first to open the struggle between the factions, with a luncheon. The luncheon was timed for the prorogation of parliament and the chancellor's utterances will probably mark the opening of the fight throughout the country.

In speeches today Lloyd-George and Winston Churchill attacked the house of lords as an institution. Lloyd-George referred to its members as "ancient wax-works," and declared it to be "the father of incompetent rule."

SKIPS OUT WITH HIS BRIDE'S COIN

Wedding Bells Did Not Ring as They Were Scheduled to Do—Groom and Money Missing.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 3.—Renouncing her previous statement to the effect that she would marry Arthur Gordon, Mrs. May E. Miller, a winsome widow, residing at 212 Boyle avenue, swore out a warrant charging her fiancé with felony embezzlement. The police are looking for Gordon today, but so far have been unable to find trace of him.

The couple were to have been married last night, according to the first announcement by Mrs. Miller to her friends. But the wedding bells did not ring as scheduled, for the season, she alleges, that Gordon skipped out with the honeymoon funds, which, it is alleged, belonged to her.

Gordon came to Los Angeles from Detroit several months ago. He secured apartments in a house owned by Mrs. Miller. Subsequently he became acquainted and won her heart, according to her own admission.

He spoke frequently of property in Detroit, and estimated his wealth in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

About four weeks ago Mrs. Miller began arrangements for her wedding. A honeymoon trip was decided upon. December 1, it is alleged, Mrs. Miller advanced money to him to purchase tickets for the journey. He did not return.

HAS TROUBLE IN COUNTING KIDS

School Enumerator Is Having the Time of His Life in Checking 'Em Up.

J. G. Martin, who is taking the census of school children in East Medford, says that he has butted into more trouble in trying to count the kids than he encountered in all his six months' journey across the plains in the '50s.

"They seem to take me for an agent of some sort," says Mr. Martin, "though I never was an agent for anything except prosperity. I have had doors shut in my face and have had to wade through dogs and other things in getting to the back door to secure the information I am seeking. However, I have compiled figures enough to show that the Medford schools are increasing more rapidly than ever in attendance, and have also accumulated a fund of miscellaneous information which will probably be useful to me in later years."

WELTHY WOMEN FORCED TO GIVE TESTIMONY

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Dec. 3.—A title to 160 acres of land, alleged to be clouded, may cause Mrs. Theresa Orluchs and Mrs. Virginia Vanderbilt of New York, heirs of the late Millionaire Charles L. Fair, to journey from the east to San Bernardino to give evidence to clear the title.

That the two wealthy women may be drawn into the suit involving valuable property in this city because of a writ in the case was brought into court.

PRESCOTT MAY LOSE HIS JOB AS REGISTRAR

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 3.—General F. C. Prescott, registrar for the United States land office at Los Angeles, is to lose his position when his present term expires December 18, according to a report current here today.

General Prescott, it was stated, has made every effort to secure a re-appointment. The rumor, however, has it that Frank Buren of Los Angeles, private secretary to Senator Frank Flint, will succeed to the post.

WHERE IS ELIAS ROBBINS?

Reward Offered for Information Concerning His Whereabouts.

The undersigned is desirous of getting into communication with Mr. Elias Robbins, formerly of Polk county, Oregon, and will pay \$5 reward to the person putting him in communication with the said Robbins. A matter of much importance. Address Walter L. Tooze, Jr., attorney-at-law, Dallas, Or. 221

REAL ESTATE MEN HOLD UP WORK

Government May Be Forced to Condemn Property on Which to Build Fortifications.

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Dec. 3.—The government may ultimately be forced to institute condemnation proceedings to secure a site for the proposed fortifications at San Pedro or locate the forts elsewhere, according to real estate men here today.

That such action will be necessary became evident when it was learned that land owners are planning to build a number of cottages on various portions of proposed sites and increase the price of the land.

When it became known that government agents were considering a certain portion of the land near for a fort site, a boom in real estate resulted. According to harbor experts, the land owners have intentions of securing the highest possible prices for their properties from the government. With the erection of a few cottages, it is estimated that the site desired by the United States will have about \$200,000 tacked to the present value of the lands. This the government will be compelled to pay unless condemnation proceedings are instituted, if the land is desired.

MONTANA HEAVY SUFFERER FROM STRIKE

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immense plant of the Royal flouring mills of Great Falls was compelled to suspend operations late yesterday and its scores of employes are in enforced idleness. The striking switchmen in all Montana centers are maintaining an unbroken front today. No deflections from their ranks at the principal terminal points have been reported, although a few men are said to have returned to work in the outlying districts.

Strike Breakers at Work.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 3.—In contrast to the situation yesterday, there is marked activity in the local railroad yard today and between 25 and 30 strike-breakers are at work cleaning up the tracks of perishable freight. The Northern Pacific had five crews at work this morning, while three crews were busy in the Great Northern yards. While no freight is being received by the railroads, officials of all the affected lines declare that perishable shipments are being moved en route and that the situation is improving hourly.

Office Ben as Brakes.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 3.—The first attempt of the officials of the Northern Pacific to cope with the situation brought about by the strike of the switchmen was made today, when they placed yard masters and office men in the yards to take the places of the switchmen. Several engines were in operation today and many cars of perishable goods were moved.

At the freight office no freight is being received, however. The office is closed and instructions are that not a pound of freight be received under any conditions. Very little freight is coming in.

Portland Suffers Little.

PORTLAND, Dec. 3.—Portland shippers today are suffering very little inconvenience as a result of the strike of the switchmen. With the exception of shipments of shipments of perishable articles, the Hill lines operating out of Portland continue to receive freight, subject to delay. As has been the case since the strike was called, all shipments of a perishable nature are being forwarded by express.

RICHARD PARR ON STAND IN FAMOUS SUGAR TRIAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Richard Parr took the stand today in the government case against the sugar trust and told how he discovered the method of defrauding the government by false weights.

He said that he saw Kehoe, one of the defendants in the action, sitting near a government weigher. He said Kehoe's peculiar position attracted his attention. He ordered Kehoe to stand up and discovered a hole in the stanchion of the scales.

Parr then told him he took the scales to pieces and found the spring and discovered the means by which false weights were recorded.

Parr testified that Dock Superintendent Spitzer tried to bribe him to report the scales out of order and drop the matter.

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Some of the base plays shown in the pictures will cause the true fan to sit up and take notice, and maybe yell a little—they are so lifelike.

A couple of well-known fans who witnessed an advance exhibition of the films yesterday afternoon are still undecided as to whether the umpire was right or wrong on one close decision. Incidentally, that decision had something to do with the winning of the game.

HIGH WATER DELAYS PRESIDENT LOVETT OF S. P.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 3.—Owing to an unusual rise of the waters of the American river, President Lovett of the Southern Pacific road is several hours behind his schedule on his return trip to the east.

Lovett's special reached Roseville last evening to find that a 12-foot rise in the river had rendered a trestle over the river unsafe, and his train was run back to this city and dispatched via Davis and Knight's Landing.

The Sacramento river was a party to the rampage of the American yesterday, rising eight feet. Both streams are subsiding today.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

At the Moore—L. A. Singleton, Oakland; Dr. F. S. Barber and wife, Portland; H. A. Harvey, Mrs. R. A. Harvey, Seattle; H. L. Holgate, L. J. Bean, Corvallis; H. B. Sherman, Long Branch; T. A. Vegell and wife, city; J. J. Lynch, Stanley Baker, San Francisco; H. Huddleston, Portland; John S. Orth, city; F. B. Holsinger, C. Kasshofer, Jacksonville; H. W. Johnston, New York; Leon McClellan, Roseburg; Mrs. Pearl White, city.

At the Nash—C. W. McKean, B. Wortendyke, Robert Burns, W. A. Ward, R. E. Colwell, George Whitcomb, Tom R. Smith, J. F. Conden, Portland; C. C. Smith, Ashland; E. P. Merton, Portland; W. E. Lyon, Redding; G. L. Small, San Francisco; G. E. Hamilton, San Francisco; C. E. Manning, Fargo; A. L. Louis, Fargo; D. M. True, San Francisco; G. W. Lehnburg, Portland; A. A. McDonald, Portland.

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