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## GREAT BRITAIN FOLLOWS LEAD UNITED STATES

Certain Newly Elected Members of Parliament Prepare to Introduce Measures for Better Protection of England From Invasion.

### PLAN TO USE TORPEDO BOATS IN COAST DEFENSE

Ultimately Planned to Have Every Port in England Protected—U. S. Is Stirring Them to Action.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—Following the action of lawmakers in the United States looking to the increase of coast defense and army and naval strength, certain newly elected members to parliament today are preparing to introduce measures for the better protection of England. It is believed that this subject will be one of the first taken up by parliament when it convenes.

Particular attention will be paid to the protection of the nation's great commercial ports as similarly designated in the measures pending in the United States.

By way of effecting the desired improvement economically, experts who have investigated the situation favor entrusting defense to flotillas of torpedo-boat destroyers of too ancient a type for active service elsewhere. As the destroyers now on active service are superseded by more modern vessels, they in turn could replace the still older coast defense craft.

In this way, it is pointed out, several years' work will be obtained from boats that otherwise would be due for the scrap heap.

The older destroyers have some fighting value and in flotillas could do effective work against a single modern vessel.

Other plans are for the construction of submarines to be placed on stations where difficulty is experienced in mining harbors and channels. Liverpool, Barrow-in-Furness, Bristol, Hull and Harwich are the ports that probably will be designated first for protection. It is intended ultimately to have every port on the coast of England similarly defended.

### WIFE NARROWLY ESCAPES HAND OF HUSBAND

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 7.—Because his wife would not open the door so he could murder her, "Professor" William Roskopf, a professional hypnotist, is dead today, the result of a self-inflicted wound.

After a series of quarrels, during which he threatened a number of times to kill her, Roskopf chased his wife into her apartments yesterday. The woman slammed the door shut and locked it before he could enter. For several minutes the man stood outside and begged her to open it. Finally he shouted:

"I will give you three minutes to open the door."

He counted the minutes slowly. After repeating "three" twice he shot himself through the breast. Before aid could be summoned he was dead.

### LUTHER BURBANK GIVES RIGHTS TO SEATTLE FIRM

SANTA ROSA, Cal., Feb. 7.—It was announced today that Luther Burbank, the plant wizard, has given to a Seattle firm exclusive rights to reproduce his horticultural and agricultural wonders in metal and sent them broadcast throughout the world.

Believing that the wide interest in Burbank's work could well be capitalized, they formed plans to reproduce in metal, colored and shaped true to life, the wonderberry, spineless cactus and other wonders, which will be placed on the markets.

Just as the steamship does not have to wait for a breeze, so the advertised store goes right along, irrespective of weather.

## REGULATION OF CORPORATIONS BILL'S PURPOSE

Senator Clark Introduces Administration's Federal Incorporation Bill in Senate—Claim It Means Rigid Regulation.

### OPPONENTS CONTEND IT IS TOO "PATERNALISTIC"

Argument on Postal Savings Bank Bill Is Resumed in Senate—Rayner Says Congress Can't Act.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—Senator Clark of Wyoming today introduced the administration's federal incorporation bill in the senate. The measure already has been presented to the house. This is one of the most interesting bills from some points of view.

The bill was prepared by Attorney-General Wickersham and Secretary of Commerce and Labor, Nagel, after an exhaustive investigation of the subject. It provides that corporations given federal charters shall be held strictly accountable. Three plans of enforcement of the law are provided. One may alter or repeal the charter. The commissioner of corporations may sue for a receivership. The third method is for the attorney general to bring annulment proceedings. Administration supporters claim it will result in rigid regulation. The opponents contend that it is "paternalistic."

A question arose over whether the vice-president should refer the bill to the judiciary committee or the committee of interstate commerce. This matter will be settled tomorrow.

### Postal Savings Bill.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—Argument on the postal savings bank bill was resumed today in the senate by Rayner of Maryland, who attacked the measure in vigorous terms.

Rayner declared that the measure if passed would be unconstitutional and entered upon a resume of the bill, indicating its alleged conflict with the constitution. Rayner further maintained that congress, under the constitution, has no right to enact such legislation.

### Is Disappointing News.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 7.—The formal announcement today of the engagement of Miss Margetta Armstrong Urexel to marry Guy Montague George Finch-Hatton, heir to an earldom, is taken here to mean that more American millions are to be turned into the coffers of the British nobility.

## BURGLAS ENTER LOCAL MEAT SHOP

Only Fifty Cents Taken—Scorn Meat, Even if Price Is High—No Clew Is Left.

The meat market at 21 North Central avenue was entered Monday morning by burglars and about 50 cents in money taken. A screen in one of the front windows was torn partially out and through the orifice made the entrance was effected.

Some small change, amounting to less than 50 cents, was taken from the cash register. If anything in the way of stock was missing the proprietors have not been able to discover it. The only clew to the depredator is a quantity of coal dust scattered over the window sill, which would indicate that the robber had a recent intimate acquaintance with a coal bin and marks of bob nails on a table he walked over in getting from the window to the interior of the shop. Chief Shearer has found several people in town in the necessary state of grime and the hobnailed shoes.

## ATLANTIC COAST IS SHIVERING IN HARD COLD SNAP

Mercury Hovers Around Zero Point in New York and Poor Classes in Foreign Section Are Suffering to a Great Degree.

### MANY SEEK RELIEF AT CHARITY STATIONS

Gale Ranging From Forty to Fifty Miles an Hour Sweeps Coast—Check in Maritime Activity.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—The Atlantic seaboard is shivering with the piercing cold today following a severe night, and all big cities report great suffering among the poor. The mercury hovered around the zero point here, which is excess for New York. The reports from New England say that the thermometer went down to 10 and 15 degrees below zero during the night. At some places a low record of 30 degrees was recorded. The thermometer registered from 10 to 12 degrees below in the vicinity of Philadelphia and in Washington it dropped below zero. Western Pennsylvania reported from 10 to 15 degrees below.

More than 500 persons sought shelter at the public relief stations in this city and today the charity organizations have more than they can do to supply the demands.

The highest prices and "increased cost of living" have been assigned as the cause for a part of the heavy work of relief organizations this winter and the sudden cold spell has brought to light a great number of heretofore unreported cases of destitution.

A gale ranging from 40 to 50 miles an hour swept the coast all night and today carried the chill through the heaviest clothing.

Shipping activity is almost at a standstill in New England ports and there is a check in all maritime activity along the whole Atlantic coast.

## SOCIETY FORMED FOR WORLD PEACE

Plans of New Organization Have Indorsement of Leading Americans—Are to Work for Peace.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 7.—The American Society for the Judicial Settlement of International Disputes, under way today, after formal organization last night, is planned to supplement as far as possible the work of the politics conference held periodically at The Hague.

The plans of the American society have the indorsement of President Taft, Secretary of State Knox, Senator Root and other national officers.

Knox declared that the purposes of the society are identical with his circular of October 18, 1909, in which he urged the powers to clothe the international prize court with jurisdictions and powers of a court of administration and arbitration.

Commenting on the establishment of an American court, Taft, in a letter addressed to the society, wrote: "The leaflets which you propose to publish, together with the meetings of national scope which you are planning to hold from time to time, may have a very great influence on the development of public opinion on this important subject. If the proposed court of arbitration justice at The Hague become an accomplished fact there will still remain the task of securing the adhesion of a number of powers to the court and the very important task of so cultivating opinion in various countries as to incline governments to resort to the court."

## LAWLOR DENIES MOTION TO DROP CALHOUN CASE

District Attorney Fickert, Successor of Heney, Moves to Discuss Indictments Against Traction Magnate—Lawlor Refuses to Drop the Case.

### FICKERT ASSERTS THERE IS "LACK OF EVIDENCE"

After Denying the Motion, Lawlor Continues Case Until Monday, When They Will Be Taken Up.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 7.—District Attorney Fickert, successful opponent of Francis J. Heney in the recent election, today asked Judge Lawlor to dismiss sixteen indictments pending against Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railroads and other United Railroad officials. Judge Lawlor denied the motion.

The other indictments Fickert sought to have quashed upon his assertion of "lack of evidence" are those of Thornwell Mallally, assistant to the president of the United Railroads; Tyrley L. Ford, chief counsel, and William C. Abbott of the law department of the company.

The indictments referred to by Fickert were brought against officials of the United Railroad by the Oliver grand jury nearly three years ago. They were based upon testimony of supervisors of the city and county of San Francisco, who acknowledged that they had received individual bribes of more than \$4000 to vote for overhead trolley franchises for the United Railroads in the period of construction after the fire of 1906.

Ford was brought to trial and a failure to agree resulted. Later he was acquitted. Later still, Patrick Calhoun obtained the benefit of a disagreement of the jury on a charge of offering a bribe to a supervisor. Abbott and Mallally were never tried.

After denying the motion Judge Lawlor continued the cases until next Monday.

## DISTRICT FAIR OFFICIALS MEET

For Purpose of Electing Officers and Starting New Year, Board of Commissioners Gather.

The annual meeting of the board of commissioners of the First Southern Oregon District Agricultural society was held this afternoon in the rooms of the Medford Commercial club for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and to select a place for the holding of the 1910 fair.

The following officers and commissioners were present: President E. T. Staples, Vice-President J. A. Perry, Secretary J. M. Potter, J. D. Otwell, L. R. Hall and Charles Meserve.

President Staples made a report of the fair held in Ashland last October. The figures indicated a rapidly growing interest in the annual fairs of the society, the 1909 fair surpassing that of 1908 in number of exhibits, attendance and net receipts by as much as the 1908 figures surpassed those of 1907.

Exhibitors received \$1250 in premiums, or \$50 more than the state's appropriation. The receipts were approximately \$1000 and the expenses under \$700, the margin being turned over to the Ashland Commercial club, which body co-operated with the fair management in making the event a success.

Resolutions of appreciation of the work done by the Commercial clubs of Grants Pass, Medford and Ashland were adopted, and a vote of thanks extended to Ashland Lodge, No. 944, for the use of their new building so generously donated.

## HERMANN CASE WILL NOT GO TO JURY FOR WEEK

Jury Takes Little Vacation While Attorneys Argue as to Further Cross-examination of Hermann—Heney Has Not Yet Started Rebuttal.

### HITCHCOCK'S SECRETARY TO BE PLACED ON STAND

Will Endeavor to Contradict Hermann in Connection With Filing of Report with Secretary.

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 7.—Prosecutor F. J. Heney at noon today had not begun on his rebuttal evidence in the Binger Hermann trial except to read extracts from the Washington trial of the ex-commissioner. Colonel Worthington is still checking up on Heney by reading more of the Washington testimony every time Heney leads off, and from appearances it will require the whole of the week to get the case to the jury.

This afternoon the jury is taking a little vacation while Heney and Colonel Worthington try to get the court to see in their respective directions regarding a question of further cross-examination of Hermann. Heney wants to ask Hermann, among other things, if it is not a fact that Secretary Hitchcock sent for the commission telling him to bring down the Holsinger report about the Hyde-Benson land frauds in California and Oregon, and at that time, or very soon afterward, asked for his resignation as commissioner. Colonel Worthington denies the propriety of Heney's asking this question, on the ground that it will tend to prejudice the jury against the defendant. The question is being argued out before the court in the absence of the jury this afternoon.

It is the intention of the prosecution to put W. Scott Smith, former private secretary to Secretary Hitchcock, on the stand and have him testify to the fact that he was directed by Hitchcock to telephone to Hermann and tell him to bring the Holsinger report to the secretary, and that the conference which followed was a heated one and resulted in a demand for Hermann's resignation. This will be done with the view of contradicting that portion of the testimony where Hermann said he took the Holsinger report and filed it with the secretary because he was afraid it would be seen and reported to Benson or Hyde if filed in the land office.

## SEATTLE WILL BAR ALL ILLEGAL VOTING

Sheriff Swears in Large Number of Deputies to Shut Out Some 700 Illegal Voters.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 7.—Sheriff R. T. Hodge is today preparing to swear in a large number of deputy sheriffs to make arrests at tomorrow's primary election should any attempt be made at illegal voting. More than 700 arrests will be made at the polls if the men whose names have been placed in the hands of grand jury detectives and deputy sheriffs attempts to have a say in the selection of candidates for mayor. Duplicate poll books have been prepared and opposite the names of the men suspected of illegal registration has been placed the word "arrest."

Detectives employed by the grand jury claim to have discovered a number of instances of "colonizing" of voters in cheap lodging houses in the interest of one of the candidates for mayor, and a careful watch will be made to see that none of these men are permitted to vote.

## CLARENCE GORE PASSES AWAY AS RESULT OF HAZING

Young Man of This City, of Excellent Character and High Ideals, Dies of Quick Consumption, Which Follows Cold Contracted at College.

### FORCED TO BUILD HUGE BONFIRE; CONTRACTS COLD

Funeral Will Be Held From Presbyterian Church Tomorrow at Noon—III Since Thanksgiving.

As the direct result of hazing at the University of Oregon, Clarence W. Gore died at his home in this city Sunday afternoon. The young man never recovered from a cold contracted while being put through a hazing stunt before Thanksgiving, going into quick consumption. He was forced to leave the university at Christmas and was unable to return.

Young Mr. Gore first sprang into prominence throughout the state last summer when he brought mandamus proceedings against the local school board to compel them to issue to him a diploma from the Medford high school, which had been refused because he was not at the commencement exercises. This action is still pending in the circuit court. In spite of the fact that he never received his diploma, the young man entered the University of Oregon at the first of last semester without condition.

After he had been in the university some weeks Mr. Gore, with four other freshmen, was taken out one night and for three hours was compelled to keep up a huge bonfire for the benefit of the tormentors. The work was enough to keep a score of men busy, but in their efforts to please their superior classmates the young men overexerted themselves. Especially so was this in Gore's case, who was of a slight, delicate build. He was soon in a dripping perspiration, and although he took the best care possible of himself, afterwards he contracted a heavy cold, which he was unable to throw off.

He came home at Thanksgiving and spent a week trying to build himself up again. He then returned to college, against the wishes of his father, and remained until Christmas. When he came home at Christmas time he was very weak and stated that he was unable to climb a flight of stairs without stopping to rest.

Mr. Gore was a young man of exceptionally high character and ideals. He was a deep student and took an active part in local church work. His habits were most exemplary and his report cards from the university show his standing there was similar to that in this city. He has a huge host of friends who mourn his untimely death.

Mr. Gore was a native of the Rogan River valley, being born in Ashland 22 years ago on the 19th of this month. His mother died three years ago. Since that time he has resided with his father and two sisters in this city.

Funeral services will be held at the Presbyterian church at 12 o'clock, Tuesday, Rev. W. F. Shields officiating. The remains will lie in state in the church from 10 o'clock a. m. until 12 o'clock noon.

### CALIFORNIA MAY HAVE ANOTHER BALL LEAGUE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 7.—If the efforts of J. Cal Ewing and other baseball promoters are successful, California will have another league under the sponsorship of organized baseball when the season of 1910 opens.

Representatives of eight cities which will compose the circuit met last evening and elected officers. E. Raymond of Napa was chosen president.

The cities that will be represented, according to the present plans, are Napa, San Rafael, Healdsburg, Vallejo, St. Helena, Petaluma, Santa Rosa and Point Richmond. An effort will be made to get class "D" rating for the organization.