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## INSURGENTS TAKE UP DEFY HURLED BY SPEAKER CANNON

Representative Fowler Introduces Resolution Which, If Adopted, Will Virtually Rob Speaker of All Power Except That of Mere Presiding Officer.

"IT IS FINAL STEP TO SECURE OUR FREEDOM"

Declares Dissolution of Speaker's Power Is Absolutely Essential to Restoration of Free Representative Government.

The challenge of Speaker Cannon, which was today taken up by Fowler, was as follows:

Unless Republicans that do not approve of the personality of the speaker join with a solid minority, I will remain speaker until the 4th of March.

When November comes you (Minority Leader Clark) will find that the citizenship have proved you a false prophet again.

Our friends are always ready to vote for expenditures in their respective districts.

The tariff bill has already brought an increase of revenue in comparison with last year of over \$50,000,000.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 21.—Introducing a resolution which, if adopted, will strip the speaker of all power except that of a mere presiding officer, Representative Chas. N. Fowler of New Jersey, today virtually accepted Cannon's challenge to follow up the rules victory.

"It is the final step to insure the absolute freedom of the house," Fowler declared.

The resolution creates two committees of the members of the house, one from the majority and one from the minority, empowered to select all members of the standing committees.

The resolution directs the census bureau to draw six parallel lines running north and south and dividing the country, as far as practicable, into seven sections, each with a population approximately the same as that of the other.

The house members within each section will select one of their number as a member of the committee on committees.

Seven Democratic congressmen will thus select the Democratic members of the standing committees and seven Republicans will select the Republican members.

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## Rescuing Party Frantically Endeavoring To Reach 40 Miners Buried by Explosion

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 21.—The Tennessee Mining company's hospital car today took a number of gas helmets to Mulga, where preparations are being made to send men into the mine where 15 white men and 25 negroes were entombed by an explosion late yesterday.

The mine was badly wrecked, and the work of rescue is proving difficult. It is believed none of those imprisoned in the death pit survived.

It is believed that the 40 miners entombed in the Mulga mine of the Birmingham Railway, Coal and Iron company are dead.

The rescuers, who worked frantically all night, attempting to remove the twisted iron cage which blocked the shaft, declare that the

## TEDDY TO BACK TAFT REGIME?

Such Is Statement Made Today by Prominent Advisor of President—Says Roosevelt Gave His Word to That Effect.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 21.—"Roosevelt, upon his return to America, will support the present administration from the ground up."

This positive statement today was made by one of the most prominent of Taft's advisers, and is the latest sensation in political circles here.

The statement was made in such a way that the inference was plainly intended to be drawn that Roosevelt has given his word to Taft and that the inner circles of Taft's friends are aware of this fact.

The statement coming after the announcement yesterday that Senator Root is soon to depart for The Hague, and the belief that he will see Roosevelt while abroad, has increased interest in the statement.

The matter is widely discussed by politicians here.

## BUSINESS MEN'S TRIP TO CRATER

Steel and Jenkins Plan Trip This Summer to Crater Lake by Business Men of Portland Similar to One Next Week.

W. H. Jenkins, traveling passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, and Will G. Steel of the Crater Lake company have started work on tentative plans which if carried out will result in a business men's excursion from Portland to Crater Lake this summer similar to the one to be run next week from Portland to southern Oregon points.

No definite steps have as yet been taken by Messrs. Steel and Jenkins other than to arrange a meeting later when the excursion will be planned.

It is pointed out that there are many business men in Portland who have never visited the lake, and by arranging such an excursion great good would result.

## RUTH WILSON WILL NOT LOSE SIGHT BY ACID

SAN FRANCISCO, April 21.—Ruth Wilson, the 18-year-old victim of an acid thrower, will regain her sight, according to a bulletin issued today by the physicians who have been attending her.

## GIRL BATTLES FOR HER LIFE WITH CONVICT

Breaks Away Long Enough to Scream for Aid—Brother-in-Law to Her Aid and Succeeds in overpowering Burly Thug—Was Recently Released From Prison.

## RE-ENTERS HOUSE TO ROB BENEFACTOR

Criminal Had Been Befriended by Man Upon Whose Sister-in-Law He Made the Attack—Is Taken to County Jail.

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., April 21.—Aroused by the screams of his sister-in-law, Miss Kate Misomann, who was fighting for her life with Roy Fitch, an ex-convict, who had broken into the house early today, H. C. Halverson, general superintendent of construction at San Quentin penitentiary, rushed to her aid, and after a desperate fight succeeded in making the burly thug a prisoner.

Before he could subdue Fitch, Halverson was compelled to beat the man into unconsciousness with his bare fists.

Fitch was taken to the county jail at San Rafael this forenoon. Halverson's house is within a stone's throw of the prison walls, and is within the gates of the penitentiary grounds.

Fitch was released from San Quentin in February, after serving a three years' sentence for grand larceny committed at San Diego, Cal.

Just previous to his release, Fitch was detailed as a cook in Halverson's house. He was trusted and when given his freedom Halverson gave him a quantity of clothing and some money to start life anew.

Halverson said that he believed that Fitch had returned to San Quentin for the purpose of "getting him" for some fancied wrong. Fitch says he broke into the house for the purpose of getting something to eat.

Miss Misomann arrived recently to visit with Mrs. Halverson. She was sleeping in the front room. Shortly before daylight she was awakened by the feeling that someone was in the room. The next moment the intruder pounced out of the darkness and grabbed her by the throat.

She managed to break his grip and then screamed for help.

Halverson, who was in the next room, ran into the apartment and saw Fitch. The ex-convict pointed a "jimmy" at him and told Halverson that he would shoot him if he approached.

Notwithstanding that he believed the man held a gun, Halverson closed in and the two fought savagely. Halverson had beaten Fitch terribly before the prison guards arrived.

## CITY ATTORNEY ROASTS POLICE; IS REMOVED

ABERDEEN, Wash., April 21.—City Attorney A. M. Wade vacated his office in the city hall today following notice of his removal by the city council late last night. The council's action was taken on recommendation by Mayor Bennett, and resulted from a controversy between Wade and the police department, in the course of which the methods of the police were caustically criticized.

Several days ago a man was arrested, charged with stealing a diamond ring and held for trial without bail. Before his case was called, however, the prisoner was released, the officer in charge of the station declaring he had been ordered to do so over the telephone by a person he supposed was the city attorney.

Wade denied issuing the order and made uncomplimentary observations which displeased the mayor.

Last night Mayor Bennett declared that either the police or city attorney had falsified and one or the other must go. The council went into executive session with Wade in attendance.

## Hughes To Get Brewer's Seat?

New York Sun Says Taft Will Offer Vacancy on Supreme Bench to New York's Executive.

NEW YORK, April 21.—The New York Sun this morning printed a special dispatch from Washington, which says: "It can be stated on good authority that President Taft has decided to offer the vacancy on the supreme bench caused by the death of Justice Brewer to Governor Hughes of New York."

The article goes on to state that there is doubt that Hughes will accept the offer, should it be made.

## ROOSEVELT NOW IN GAY PAREE

Signals His Entrance Into French Capital by Hurling "Lie" at New York Sun, Saying That the Editors Knew Better.

PARIS, April 21.—Paris bestirred herself at an unusually early hour for the French capital—11:30—to welcome Theodore Roosevelt. In spite of the untimely hour for ariving a great throng was present at the depot to welcome the American.

Many notables were in the rotunda of the station to welcome Roosevelt, among them being M. Jusserand, French ambassador to the United States.

The Roosevelt party went to the home of American Ambassador Bacon and remained there until they attended a formal luncheon at the embassy. Later Roosevelt called upon President Fallieres at his office, President Fallieres returned the visit by calling upon Roosevelt at Ambassador Bacon's home.

Fallieres placed his box at the Comedie Francaise to-night at the disposal of the Roosevelts. The bill includes "Uncaipolce" and "Oedipe Roi."

In the course of the afternoon Roosevelt commented on a dispatch appearing in the New York Sun quoting him as saying that the Methodists at Rome were worse than the Catholics and that when he returned to America he would take steps to have them driven from Rome.

Roosevelt said: "The statement is an unqualified falsehood, and the Sun must have known it was a falsehood when it printed it."

## SOON TO CHANGE P. & E. SCHEDULE

Afternoon Train Will Leave Medford at 5 o'Clock Instead of 3, as at Present—Will Help Ball Fans on Sunday.

The Pacific & Eastern Railroad company is planning to change the afternoon schedule of the Eagle Point limited so that the hour of departure for the up-country metropolis will be 5 o'clock instead of 3 as at present.

The change is made at the request of Eagle Point patrons. It will give them a longer time to do their shopping in Medford and will allow the ball fans to enjoy Sunday games in this city.

## STANFORD STUDENTS ARE SEEING THINGS NOWADAYS

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., April 21.—Do ghosts haunt the ruins of the Stanford library, which went down in the earthquake of April 18, 1906? Do shades of former burners of the midnight oil or of departed professors seek to pursue the undergraduates with clanking chains and other well known shiver producers?

## AUTO RIDE FOR VISITORS PLAN OF LOCAL CLUB

Commercial Club Appoints Committee to Get 200 Automobiles to Take Portland Business Men for Ride Through Valley Next Tuesday, When They Reach Medford.

## COMMITTEE NAMED TO AID ENUMERATORS

April 27 Is Date of High Jinks and Angle Opera House Is Place—A Good Time Is Promised for All—You Are Invited.

At Wednesday night's meeting of the Commercial club it was unanimously decided that an automobile drive through the orchard section be given the visiting members of the Portland business men's excursion next Tuesday when they reach Medford. There will be over 100 visitors and it is desired to have at least 200 cars to greet them upon arrival.

A committee on program of entertainment was appointed as follows: A. H. Miller, chairman; John S. Orth, J. S. Perry, W. F. Isaacs and H. D. McBride. A reception committee to welcome the visitors was appointed, consisting of W. H. Canon, F. E. Merrick, W. W. Elfert, J. E. Enayart, W. I. Vawter, W. S. Crowell, George L. Davis, George Bordeaux, George Putnam, J. F. Reddy, J. E. Watt, E. B. Watterman, W. H. Gore, J. M. Keene, Colonel Frank Tou Valle, Dr. R. G. Gale and T. E. Daniels. These as well as other members are requested to be present when the excursion arrives.

Aid Census Enumerators. A committee of five, consisting of E. M. Andrews, Dr. L. Bundy, Sidney Brown, J. C. Brown and J. W. Dressler, was appointed to aid the census enumerators in securing names of Medford residents. They will wait upon hotels and rooming houses and leave blanks, and enlist the co-operation of the proprietors and clerks in seeing that no guest or lodger is omitted. The secretary was instructed to send out five census blanks to each member of the club with a letter requesting that they secure the required data from persons not listed.

A committee of five, composed of Messrs. Medynski, Westerlund, Klum, Nye and Root, were appointed to secure pledges for monthly subscriptions for the publicity fund for the club for the coming year, last year's pledges having run out.

For High Jinks. The high jinks committee reported that April 27 had been set as the date for the club entertainment and that the Angle opera house had been secured.

The names of Dr. Edward P. Geary of Portland, Or., was presented by Will G. Steel, and S. F. Keirns by the secretary, as new members and were elected by acclamation.

Mr. Rosenbaum, chairman of the building committee, read 14 options received by the club on available sites for erecting a new club building. The committee was instructed to go over the options, recommend the one to be accepted, and formulate a plan for financing the purchase and construction of a building.

The committee stated that the city council and mayor had agreed to give the club free use of the city hall, which would save \$50 a month rent.

The matter of the club taking space at the Chicago National Apple show was postponed until the publicity fund was raised.

F. H. Cowles of Big Sticky brought up the matter of an R. F. D. route over that section of the valley, and requested the co-operation and assistance of the club in securing mail service for a rich section of the country now entirely without mail service of any kind.

Mr. Cowles also spoke of the water situation and his remarks requesting that a compromise be effected and the water problem finally solved, met with applause.

## HANLEY SAYS HE IS WILLING TO ARBITRATE CONTROVERSY

FINNS PROPOSE TO DEFY CZAR

Diet Plans to Place People in Position to Resort to Vigorous Method of Resistance After Letting the World Know Truth of Situation.

HELSINGFORS, April 21.—The Finnish diet proposes to defy the czar in the latter's attempt to rob Finland of its constitution and liberties and to make it a mere province of Russia. It is conceded that the defiance will accomplish nothing.

No doubt is felt that Nicholas intends to push his program through, whether the diet acquiesces or not. The Finnish lawmakers' action will raise a clean-cut issue, however, and place the Finnish people in a position where they can resort to more vigorous methods of resistance after having let the world know that they have done everything in their power to defend themselves by peaceful means against the establishment of a despotic power over what has hitherto been perhaps the freest country.

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## MARK TWAIN IS SLIGHTLY BETTER

Patient Comfortably Resting Today, Although He Is Weaker Than at Midnight—Only Few Allowed in Sick Room—Heart Stimulated.

REDDING, Conn., April 21.—A physician's bulletin issued at 12 o'clock today announces that Mark Twain is weaker than he was at midnight. The bulletin states that probably he will become weaker during the day.

The patient is resting comfortably this afternoon.

In spite of his increased weakness, the writer was brighter today than he has been for a week past. He gave out a statement himself for the comfort of his family. It was simply: "I am thinking as well as ever. My great trial is that I cannot see my friends."

Twain's only daughter, her husband, the doctors and the nurses are the only ones allowed in the sick room.

Albert Bigelow Payne, the author's literary assistant for years, has been refused permission to see him.

There are conflicting tales regarding the humorist and his lifelong friend—the cigar. That he is smoking, though in great moderation, seems probable.

Says He Will Meet the City Officials at Any Time and Will Entertain Any Proposition Made—"But If the City Wants to Fight, I Am No Quitter."

## INSISTANT DEMAND IS MADE FOR ARBITRATION

General Sentiment Among Business Men Is to Avoid Further Litigation—Water Can Then Be Secured in a Few Weeks.

An insistent demand that the water problem be settled by arbitration with M. F. Hanley is evident in the city today. Business men are all seemingly of one mind in regard to the matter and are urging an early settlement of the controversy.

It is a foregone conclusion that, owing to the law's delay, the case will be kept in court for an indefinite period, and in the meantime greater loss will be sustained by injury to the pipe line than the money necessary to pay Mr. Hanley for a settlement.

M. F. Hanley, who the city is suing for right of way for a pipe line across his Little Butte ranch, and who in turn is suing the city to enforce his contract, wherein the city contracted for Wasson canyon water, states that he is willing to submit the matter to arbitration and to abide by its results.

"I am willing and anxious to settle the controversy with the city," said Mr. Hanley. "I am heavily interested in the city, and want to see its water supply assured. I will meet the mayor and council any time and will entertain any proposition made. I do not want to hold up the city, but I want what I think I am justly entitled to, but if the city insists on fighting, I think I have proved that I am not a quitter."

"I am willing to leave the matter to arbitration. I offered to compromise last fall and the city might have had Wasson canyon water all winter, but my proposal was not entertained. Whatever step is taken should be taken at once, before further complications arise from a change in ownership of the land."

General sentiment among business men is in favor of a compromise and a speedy settlement of the water proposition. Every day that the matter is delayed works an injury to the community, claim the property-owners. Even those who rabidly opposed Wasson canyon now admit that it is no longer policy to continue the litigation.

The city is now supplied by water

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## Desperate Criminals Seize Locomotive and Dash From Prison Yards To Freedom

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., April 21.—Five of the most dangerous convicts in the federal prison overpowered the crew of a switch engine in the prison yards, forced the engineer to run the locomotive out into the country and escaped.

Two men unarmed were quickly recaptured. The others were armed and told the engineer that they would not be taken alive. Forty guards of the prison and a company of soldiers boarded a special train and started in pursuit of the fugitives.

The escaped convicts were later reported to be in hiding in a wine cellar nine miles from the prison.

ing, all sentenced to the prison for life. Hunt and Keating were ringleaders in the prison break of 1901, when 26 prisoners escaped and three were killed by guards.

Following that escape Hunt and Keating were convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment. Grigware was one of the Union Pacific train robbers recently sentenced from Omaha. He was captured in Idaho after the robbery.

It is believed that the fugitives got their arms from ex-convicts. The escape from the prison yard was one of the most spectacular ever recorded here. The convicts compelled the engineer to use the locomotive as a battering ram in breaking down the prison gate.