

THE WEATHER

Continued rains. The Message of the Flags. White—Fair weather. Blue—Rain or snow. White and blue—Local showers. Black triangular—Above white, warmer; below white, colder. White with black center—Cold.

Mayor Snell Should Move to Medford Where Progress is Appreciated

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SNELL QUILTS LONG FIGHT IN DISGUST

Ashland's Progressive Mayor Abandons Battle for Civic Improvement and Refuses to Be Again a Candidate—Defeat of Water Improvement Bonds Deciding Feature.

ASHLAND, Dec. 16.—The municipal election situation in Ashland reached a climax Wednesday night, when the allied banking interests met in secret assembly to decide upon a candidate with which to defeat Mayor Snell.

The object of this assembly was to choose a man with whom those interested could defeat Mayor Snell and for this purpose two men had been chosen, but two were one too many, and to make their election sure, they met for the express purpose of deciding upon one man, and the situation was a delicate one.

Ira Shoudy, a retired capitalist had been induced by one faction of the Snell opposition to allow his name to be used in the mayoralty race, and R. P. Neil had been brought out by another faction, and the work to be done was to induce one of the two candidates to withdraw.

It was soon discovered that enemies were in the camp, that there was a "nigger in the woodpile" in the guise of E. J. Kaiser of the Valley Record, and the next thing was to eliminate the press. Mr. Kaiser was called upon to give his standing in the matter, and his explanation being unsatisfactory, he was kindly invited to leave the room, the chairman stating that business would be brought before the meeting which they did not wish the public to know.

Mr. Kiser and others left the room and the assembly proceeded to butt Ira Shoudy from the ticket and united upon R. P. Neil to defeat Mayor Snell.

The trouble did not end with the selection of Mr. Neil. On Thursday morning the Shoudy men who were not permitted to sit in the assembly and who refuse to support Neil, lay in wait for their discarded candidate, and when he showed up tried to force him back into the race, but as he had sworn that he would withdraw from the race, the eloquence of his friends was of no avail, and the Shoudy men were left without a candidate.

Now there is dissatisfaction and contention in the ranks of the assembly. A number left the room in disgust, while others were so warm under the collar that speech was not possible, and the situation today is a political pandemonium among the anti-progress element of Ashland, and the force of the fact that all the good work accomplished by Mayor Snell and his loyal council is to be thrown to the winds, and Ashland, on the verge of a progressive upbuilding unprecedented in its history, is to slide back to the foot of the hill.

The work and worry of the assembly, however, was "love's labor lost," as Mayor Snell, declared long before the water main bond election that if the measure was defeated he would decline to run for re-election; that he was proud of the record made by his administration during the past two years; that he had fought every step in his march of progress; that the mossbacks had opposed and blocked him in every possible way, but by the aid of his loyal council and the people of Ashland he had won his point, and that he did not propose to grease the skids to slide his town backwards.

"I have defeated this bunch in a recall election, defeated them in the courts, defeated them in asking a city to pay eight per cent interest when the law reads six per cent and no more. I have, with the assistance of my loyal council, defeated them in every turn of the road from the 'hoss' trough to the injunction proceedings, and when the turning-down of the

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WOMAN SENT TO PRISON FOR LIFE

Mrs. Totten, Who Shot Neighbor Site Attempted to Fence Out, Convicted of Murder—Dispute Over Highway Led to Crime—No Regret Expressed—Claimed Self-Defense in Trial.

WENATCHEE, Wash., Dec. 16.—Convicted of murder in the first degree, for having shot and killed Jas. Sutton, a rancher, because he trespassed on her farm, Mrs. Della B. Totten was today sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary at Walla Walla. Her mother, Mrs. Hannah Beebe, aged 75, who was convicted of manslaughter for complicity in the murder, was sentenced to an indeterminate sentence of from one to two years in the penitentiary.

When sentence was passed Mrs. Totten did not show much emotion, but her aged mother broke down and wept.

Mrs. Totten killed Sutton August 8, 1909, while he was engaged in cutting a wire fence which had been built across an unsurveyed road that passed through the farm owned by Mrs. Beebe. For some time the Sutton family had been living on a ranch above the one owned by the women in Brender canyon, and the road through their farm was the only convenient egress.

Previously the Suttons had used the road without opposition on the part of the women, but finally a quarrel arose and they were forbidden to cross the property, and the fence was constructed to prevent them doing so. This was cut three times. The fourth time the women stretched the wires they carried a shotgun. They had hardly completed their task when Sutton's father drove up with a load of wood. The women warned him back and he returned to his home, and James, his son, accompanied by three others, all members of the Sutton family, arrived shortly afterward and started to cut the wires.

According to the testimony at the trials of the two women, Mrs. Beebe warned young Sutton to desist and pointed to a trespass sign. Sutton replied that he cared nothing about that. Mrs. Beebe thereupon called her daughter, Mrs. Totten, who likewise warned him, and as he would not desist, she shot him.

The women asserted that Sutton first threatened with a hammer he carried.

FORTYONE MILLION FOR JAPAN'S NAVY

Very Prosperous Year, Despite Flood and Korean Annexation—Twenty-six Millions to Be Spent on Railroads—Official Budget Announced

TOKIO, Dec. 16.—Forty-one million dollars for a navy is the sum called for by Japan's newest budget, made public today. Fifteen million of this will be spent in the next year, the budget stipulated. The amount is to be used in "supplementing and improving" the navy, so that it will correspond with the navies of other countries. The balance of the budget is to be spent in the next six years.

According to the budget, Japan has just completed a very prosperous year, despite the heavy inroads on her treasury by the annexation of Korea and the disastrous floods.

The budget was announced as follows: Receipts—Ordinary \$246,069,000; extraordinary, \$24,398,486.50. Expenditures—Ordinary \$292,554,537; extraordinary, \$66,910,849.

Marquis Katsura, premier and minister of finance, said that he and his colleagues were particularly well pleased with the manner in which Japan's present system of finances is working.

Next year's estimates for railroads in Japan aggregate \$26,000,000.

NEIL ONLY MAYORLITY CANDIDATE

Ashlanders Will Vote Upon Three Candidates for Recorder, Two for Treasurer and an Assortment of Councilmen—Present Administration Conspicuous by Absence.

ASHLAND, Dec. 16.—Time for filing nominations for city offices at the coming election Tuesday next expired last night. There is but one candidate for mayor, R. P. Neil. There are three candidates for recorder, W. H. Gillis, J. G. Hart and C. D. Schell.

For city treasurer, there are two candidates, G. G. Eubanks and H. F. Pohlman, and one for park commissioner, Francis Butler.

For councilmen, there are from the first ward, George Irwin, W. H. McNair and H. L. White; from the second ward, G. Homer Billings and O. L. Young; from the third ward, O. H. Johnson and W. C. Sanderson.

Neither Mayor Snell, Recorder Eggleston, Councilman Moore or other of the present administration are candidates for re-election.

The people will vote wet or dry, as customary for many years, Ashland having had home rule since its charter was adopted. No effort is being made to carry the city by the wets, who long ago abandoned all hope of Ashland's ever being anything but dry.

TAFT CHIEF OF STAND PATTERS

Bryan Declares President the Logical Candidate for Presidency of Reactionary Forces in Next National Campaign.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 16.—That President Taft is entitled to a seat at the head table of any gathering of "royal standpatters" and that he is the logical republican candidate for the presidency in 1912 are the conclusions of William Jennings Bryan's Commoner, after a study of the annual message.

"The president's annual message," says the Commoner, "is notable for its length. If Taft's sympathies for the special interests were not already known, the message would be notable for its distinct leanings toward the system which the people are seeking to regulate. It declares there should be no more legislation respecting the regulation of corporations, giving the laws already on the statute books a chance to demonstrate their usefulness. If the president put the prestige of his high office and his power behind the criminal clause in the Sherman anti-trust law, enforcing it against the chiefs of the great trusts, the people would experience immediate relief.

"The message shows that at any gathering of royal standpatters Taft is entitled to a seat at the head of the table. It proves that he is the logical candidate of the republicans for the presidency in 1912, because he stands unflinchingly by the present-day Hamiltonianism."

MOTHER BADLY CRIPPLED IN SUCCORING CHILDREN

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Dec. 16.—With both legs broken and suffering from internal injuries, Mrs. Robert Koehly, wife of a rancher living near Victorville, lies today in a local hospital. The surgeons do not believe she can survive her injuries, which she received while trying to save her two little ones, who had ventured too near an open well.

Seeing the children standing by the open shaft, Mrs. Koehly rushed upon them and threw them away from the pit, into which they were staring. The loose earth around the well gave way under her, and she fell into the well, sustaining terrible injuries.

CLARK WONT REIGN AS CZAR

Probable Next Speaker of House Asserts That If Elected He Will Make No Attempt to Name Committees But Will Support Insurgents' Plan of Dictation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—Declaring in favor of a schedule-by-schedule revision of the tariff, Champ Clark, democratic minority leader, today issued a formal statement, Clark, who, it is generally believed, will be elected speaker at the next session, also declared in favor of a committee on committees to select the membership of the various house committees.

The announcement is regarded as extremely important, indicating the course legislation will take when the democrats assume control of the house next year. It is generally believed that Clark, as minority leader and the probable leader at the next session, issued his statement only after consultation with the other members of his party, and it is believed that it indicates that the democrats will attempt a schedule-by-schedule revision.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—Champ Clark will not be dictator of the next house. Even though he is elected speaker, he will not endeavor to name the committees, but instead will support the "committee on committees" plan of the insurgents.

Simultaneously with the announcement that the Missouri minority leader will favor this plan a petition was circulated today calling for a democratic caucus January 19. It is expected that Clark will be named for the speakership at this caucus.

Clark himself prepared and circulated the petition, but would not say what the purpose of the meeting is.

SQUARE DEAL IS ASKED FOR ARMY

Congressman McLachlan Replies to Attack Made by Tawney—Says War Has Always Found the Nation Unprepared.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—Replying to the opponents of the publication of facts in the confidential report of the secretary of war to his resolution inquiring about the state of the defenses of the United States, Congressman James McLachlan of California this afternoon wrote for the United Press an exclusive statement refuting the allegation that an attempt is being made to stampede congress into greater military appropriations. The statement follows:

"Representative Tawney's charge that there is a conspiracy to stampede congress into adopting larger appropriations for military purposes is too childish to be taken seriously, yet it carries too dangerous an impression to be overlooked.

"Tawney says it is cowardly to make known the admitted national weakness either to our own people or to the world. He admits that we are like fatted calves and would have as good a chance as gamecocks. In other words, he would have us trust the national security to 'bluff.' We have bluffed since the beginning of our national existence and at regular intervals have been 'called' by war. The appalling pension bills and the great heart-sears of thousands of our people bear witness to the fact that there have been other Tawneys in the councils of the nation before. Alleged patriots have kept the nation in utter ignorance of our helpless condition until war was declared; then they placed untrained, untutored men, armed with obsolete weapons, in the field to uphold the national honor.

"The most wicked national cowardice I can picture is to demand

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TEDDY OR TAFT MIGHT END STRIKE

Colonel or President Suggested as Mediator—Desperate Situation in Chicago as Result of Riots by the Striking Garment-Workers—Conditions Bordering on Civil War.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 16.—Colonel Roosevelt, President Taft or John Mitchell may be asked to act as mediator in the garment workers' strike here. Following the desperate rioting of yesterday, in which one man was killed and two severely injured, that it is said today they cannot live, union leaders and city officials are striving to bring the strike to an end. The situation, as the city officials see it, is desperate. The reckless fighting spirit displayed by the strikers which has been magnified in nearly every contact with the police and which was at high tide yesterday, is creating a crisis with which the police cannot deal.

The union leaders realize the gravity of the situation, and although they declare the blame lies with the employers who refuse to treat with their striking operatives, they are anxious to end the controversy. The services of a mediator, they think, would be the best method of bringing the strikers and the employers together and they are working toward that end today.

"Colonel Roosevelt probably could meet the employers here," said one of the union leaders. "If they will not discuss the troubles with us, they probably would talk with him. I believe that either President Taft, Roosevelt or Mitchell could end the strike. Unless something is done soon a condition bordering on civil war is likely to develop in Chicago."

FORGED CHECKS CAUSE TROUBLE

A Man Named Owens Accused of Having Signed Employer's Name to Bogus Checks, Which Were Cashed at Saloons—Is Missing Now.

There is serious trouble on the tapis regarding two or three \$30 checks which were supposedly forged by a man named Owens and cashed at different saloons. The checks were drawn on the First National bank and signed, "R. J. Earl, manager," and were indorsed on the back by the man to whom they were made in favor of Frank Owens. The bank refused to cash the checks when presented, on the ground that the signature was not that of Mr. Earl. The checks were cashed by the saloons on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, when Mr. Earl was notified. When the checks were presented they were pronounced forgeries and it is understood a warrant has been issued for Owens.

Mrs. Owens is still at the ranch, where she is cooking, but Owens has disappeared, and it is likely will not be apprehended for some time.

FIGHT TRUST FLOURISHES IN FARAWAY AUSTRALIA

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 16.—Special cables just received from Australia say the "fight trust" which Promoter McIntosh has organized in Australia, is flourishing. Three of the American pugilists who were sent to the antipodes have had matches and in all three they carried the Stars and Stripes to victory.

Billy Papke, according to the advices, had little difficulty in disposing of Edward Williams.

Jimmy Clabby, the welterweight champion, is said to be the greatest fighter that America has sent to Australia for many years, and had no trouble in disposing of "Bobby" Bryant.

"Cyclone" Thompson does not appear to have made as favorable an impression in the commonwealth.

HOBSON SAYS TAWNEY TO BLAME

Jingo Statesman Accuses Watchdog of Treasury of Responsibility for Condition of Army and Navy—Says He is Now Preparing to Fight Fortification of Panama Canal.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—Declaring that Congressman James A. Tawney is the man responsible for the present utter lack of preparedness to repel invasion, Congressman Richmond P. Hobson of Alabama assailed the Minnesota representative today. Tawney, he declared, had misrepresented affairs in his public utterances and was now preparing to fight the fortification of the Panama canal.

"The truth is," Hobson said, "that Tawney has been misleading the public in stating that over 80 per cent of the total revenues of the government were devoted to purposes of war. He knew the public would think that he meant the current appropriations for maintaining the army and navy were what he intended, while as a matter of fact the enormous total of the pension bills was a part of the 60 per cent.

"Tawney has fought every movement for developing the national defense since I have been in congress and is now preparing to fight the recommendation of the administration to fortify the Panama canal.

"Tawney is responsible for the present utter lack of preparedness, and naturally he will go to extremes to prevent the fact from becoming known. His reference to patriotism is almost puerile in saying a man is a coward to admit that another man could whip him. The strongest man alive unarmed can be killed by the weakest if the latter is armed.

"Modern warfare is a contest of preparedness, not of resources. The man who would leave his country's welfare thus unprotected is either superficial in knowledge or his patriotism is blinded by personal interests."

JAPAN COULD SEIZE SOUND

Congressman Humphreys Declares That Northwest is at Power of Enemies—Delegation Called to Consider Fortifying Pacific Coast.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—Congressman Humphreys of Washington emphatically disagreed with Tawney's view that the effort to get better coast defenses and an increased army is "Jingoism."

"A foreign foe, for instance Japan, could land an invading force at Bellingham, on Puget sound, without coming within 15 miles of a gun," said Humphreys. "They could establish an impregnable position there and have that whole section of the country at their mercy."

"The secretary of war expresses an opinion of a condition which has been known to every man on the Pacific coast for years. The people of the coast have been crying for defense and the cry has been absolutely unheeded. Once landed along Puget sound, invaders could capture Seattle and its fortifications from the land side and tie up the whole territory, cutting off communication with the outside world. Then the enemy could devastate the northwest at leisure. It would take an enormous expenditure and months to dislodge them."

Humphreys called this afternoon a meeting of the Pacific coast delegation in congress to devise ways and means for impressing on congress the necessity of strengthening the coast defenses.

The Mail Tribune want ads bring results.

CONSPIRACY TO WORK UP WAR SCARE

Congressman Tawney Declares Jingoism Are Trying to Hobsonize the Country—Conditions Not Such as to Alarm the Country—Uttery Is Part of Propaganda.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—"The War department has joined the jingoism and is trying to 'Hobsonize' the country," according to Congressman James A. Tawney, chairman of the house committee on appropriations, who sees in the cry of unpreparedness for war the prelude for an assault on the treasury.

Tawney does not believe the United States is defenseless, and he does not believe there is an immediate demand for a record-breaking appropriation for the war department. He means to hold the financial fort against Hobson, McLachlan and their war department friends.

"Efforts to get the confidential report of the secretary of war in reply to McLachlan's resolution asking about the country's ability to repel a foreign invasion," said Tawney today, "are a part of the propaganda by military enthusiasts to secure the support of congress for larger appropriations. Anyone hearing Hobson's lecture on the 'yellow peril' or who has read this confidential report will find difficulty in distinguishing one from the other.

"General Leonard Wood and Congressman Hobson realize that the democrats will control the lower house in the next congress. The appropriations for the army will be controlled by that party. They believe that if they can get larger appropriations from the present congress they can get still bigger ones from the next."

"That is the real secret, according to Tawney, of the fuss that has been created by the report which was handed to the house and then withdrawn when Speaker Cannon refused to accept a 'confidential' communication. There are no real facts to warrant any alarm, as Tawney sees it. He thinks the American people are the equals of everybody else and have no need to shiver over a peril of any hue.

"No one but a coward will admit inferiority," he said, "and what is true for an individual is true for a nation. Advocates of militarism ignore entirely our chief weapons of defense—our great national resources and the spontaneity with which the people's patriotism would be aroused in the event of an assault by a foreign foe. They also ignore our geographical isolation."

PANAMA FAIR BILL IN HOUSE

Resolution Providing for Holding Exposition at San Francisco Before Committee—Raises Guarantee Fund to Fifteen Millions.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—The question of the Panama International exposition situation became before the house committee on resolutions today. The committee held a hearing on the resolution introduced by Representative Kahn of California, but no action was taken.

The resolution names San Francisco as the place for holding the exposition, but the committee entertained it with the proviso that an amendment changing the name to that of some other city would be in order at any time.

The resolution raises the limit on the exposition fund to be guaranteed by the successful city to \$15,000,000.

Kahn made the opening speech in favor of the resolution. Governor Gillett of California, Theodore A. Bell and Joseph Scott of California also addressed the committee.