

CAMPAIGN FOR PRESIDENCY IS OPENED IN OHIO

La Follette Addresses Huge Crowd in Taft's Own State, Outlining His Views on Progressive Issues Now Before the People.

DISCUSSES RESULTS REACHED IN WISCONSIN

Says He Stands for the Nomination of All Candidates by Direct Primary Law.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Dec. 27.—Addressing a great crowd here, Senator Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin today opened the progressive campaign which his adherents hope will land him in the presidential chair. La Follette discussed at length the results accomplished by his policies in Wisconsin. He said, in part:

"The progressive movement today is as surely the outgrowth of conditions as were the revolution or the civil war. It is a people's movement in the people's cause.

"The nation has drifted by Wisconsin's civic evolution. At the beginning of our program of legislation it was viewed with alarm and denounced as extreme and radical. Today it has conquered all opposition and has compelled the approval of every enlightened commonwealth in America."

La Follette then recited at length the conditions in Wisconsin before his rise to power in the state and detailed the reforms accomplished there as the result of the long fight against privilege.

"The progressives stand for the nomination of all officers, from president to the coroner, by primaries," said La Follette. "The recent system means that the voter entrusts his suffrage to the precinct delegate, who passes it to the city delegate, who gives it to the district delegate, who hands it to the state delegate, who finally trades it for something he wants himself."

Referring to the recall, the Wisconsin senator said: "I favor the recall of judges. I have as high respect for the judiciary as has any man, but I don't believe the judiciary is sanctified. There have been corrupt judges and I say one of the greatest menaces to society is the crooked judge. If they are honest they will not be disturbed under the recall."

La Follette said, however, that he advocated a greater percentage of signatures on the recall petition for judges than for any other office.

MAN, ARRESTED, TURNS ON PALS

George Bridges, Charged With Attempt to Dynamite Monessen Mills, Declares That He Will Make Complete Confession.

MONESSEN, Pa., Dec. 27.—Collapsing in his cell here today, George Bridges, arrested on suspicion of having been implicated in a gigantic conspiracy to blow up the Monessen mills, declares that he will make a complete confession in which he will furnish the names of all those connected with the dynamite plot.

"I am going to clean myself. I won't take all the blame," Bridges said. "The rest of them must take their medicine, just like me."

INDIANA REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE MEETS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 27.—Divided into two factions as the result of Chairman Lee's statement that President Taft cannot carry Indiana, the state republican committee met here today. The first test of strength will come this afternoon when a vote will be taken on a date for reorganizing the committee. The question of a presidential primary also will be discussed.

NOTED BUSINESS MAN HONORED BY FRANCE



JOHN WANAMAKER

The order of the Legion of Honor has just been conferred on Mr. John Wanamaker by the French government. The honor was given in recognition of Mr. Wanamaker's great services to the French people during the recent disastrous floods in France and for his eminence in the business world.

CREATION BUREAU NATIONAL PARKS IS FIRST MOVE

So Writes Will G. Steel From Washington, Saying It Is Possible to Do But Little Until This Matter Is Disposed Of—Report to Be Printed.

Will G. Steel, who is at Washington, D. C., in the interests of the appropriation for the Crater Lake National park, under date of December 21, writes as follows:

"After a great deal of delay the war department got a move on itself and Major Morrow's report was sent to congress, but not until such time as nothing could be done until after the holidays. Even then I fancy it will be impossible to do anything definite in the premises, until the matter of a bureau of national parks is settled. Just now it seems pretty certain that the Smoot bill will pass the senate and probably the house, but it is going to take a lot of work by everybody interested in the welfare of our parks. I have no doubt as to the support of the West, but I am a little afraid of the East.

Morrow's report was ordered printed, and will appear as H. D. 328 some time next week. It was ordered illustrated, which I suppose means the map.

"The interior department is exhibiting in the public library here a fine set of views of the national parks, and it is attracting a great deal of attention. Among them are 20 of Kiser's best, all colored, and they are universally acknowledged to be away and beyond everything else in the collection. All of them are of Crater Lake. Because of their merit they occupy the best light, the best location, the best of everything that can be given them.

"I have an appointment with Senator Smoot tomorrow morning, at which time I hope it will be possible to outline a campaign here that will be effective.

"I enclose a clipping from the Washington Star relating to the pictures on exhibit."

"The clipping follows: 'A collection of views of some of the striking scenes in some of the larger national parks has been placed on exhibition in the public library of the District of Columbia. Twenty-two pictures, the work of F. H. Kiser, and regarded as remarkable both in the scenes represented and in the wondrous coloring, depict some of the beauty spots in the Crater Lake National park in Oregon. This lake is situated in the crater of an extinct volcano and the views represented are wonderful combinations of watery clouds, rocks and forests. 'But fancy a sea of sapphire,' writes Joaquin Miller, 'set around by a compact circle of the great grizzly rock of Yosemite. It does not seem so sublime at first, but the more it is in your own eye. It is great, great, but it takes you days to see how great. It lies 2000 feet under your feet, and as it reflects its walls so perfectly that you cannot tell the wall from the reflection in the intensely blue water,

ORGANIZATION OF BEEF TRUST IS LAID BARE

Arthur Veeder, Organizer of the Combine, Tells Details of Gigantic Merger—Standard Oil Made It Possible by Advancing \$15,000,000.

FOR YEARS PACKERS FAILED TO ARRIVE AT AGREEMENT

At One Time Merger Would Have Been Success Only for Edward H. Harriman.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 27.—Arthur Veeder, organizer of the combine from which the beef trust was evolved, again occupied the stand today when the trial of the Chicago packers was resumed in the United States circuit court here.

Before commencing anew the examination of Veeder, Special Attorney General Wilson announced that it will take a week to introduce evidence of a historical character tracing the combinations of the packers with each other since the inception of the industry.

Veeder's testimony and records have shown that for years prior to the formation of the final combine the packers sought consolidation, which they were unable to perfect because of the enormous amount of watered stock it was proposed to carry. In 1902 they were temporarily forced to abandon their plans because the late E. H. Harriman refused to invest \$50,000,000 in the combine.

Veeder produced the records of negotiations leading up to the formation of the National Packing company. A series of options and contracts were read showing that in June, 1902, the defendants acquired the United Beef company, the Fowler Packing company, the Hammond properties and the St. Louis Dressed Beef and Provision company. Further records showed that the Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Jacob Schiff and the Standard Oil interests in December, 1902, advanced sufficient funds to enable the packers to take up the options on all properties secured. Six months later the National Packing company was launched.

Veeder declared that Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and James Stillman of the New York City National bank—for the Standard Oil interests—advanced \$15,000,000 for the formation of the combine, the packers contributing \$8,000,000, but being forced to pledge all the properties they sought to merge, and which were capitalized at more than \$300,000,000, as security for the loan. They repaid the \$15,000,000 within three years.

PORTLAND TO AID ITS UNEMPLOYED

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—The city council today appropriated \$10,000 with which to give work to the unemployed of Portland.

The money will be expended under the direction of the ways and means committee of which Councilman Burgard is chairman.

Men who need work, particularly heads of families, will be given jobs at road making, tree trimming, street cleaning, etc.

It is estimated that there are 5000 unemployed men in Portland.

Vessel Lost.

GIBRALTAR, Dec. 27.—Another vessel is today found to have been lost during the recent storms on the Bay of Biscay, the German steamer Chios going down with all hands while on her way from Hamburg to Alexandria. She is the third known to have sunk.

you have a continuous and unbroken circular wall of 24 miles to contemplate at a glance, all of which lies 2000 feet, and seems to lie 4000 feet below. Yet so bright, yet so intensely blue is the lake that it seems at times, from some points of view, to lift right in your face.

"These pictures will be on exhibition until January 4."

Financial Emperor Is Said to Be Failing in Health



Recent dispatches from New York are to the effect that the health of J. Pierpont Morgan, the financier, is failing, and to such an extent that his friends are greatly worried concerning him. He may soon be forced to retire from active business.

TRIAL OF WHITE SLAVERS AT PARIS ROCKS ALL FRANCE

HIDEOUS ORGIES CONDUCTED AT EDITOR FIACHON'S VILLA SAID TO OUTDO THE ATROCITIES CREDITED TO SODOM IN ITS WICKEDEST DAY.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—Nineteen prisoners accused of being involved in the most sensational white slave scandal here in many years were arraigned today in the court of correction. They included Victor Fiachon, a former editor and close friend of former Premier Briand; Gaston Alard, a rich manufacturer, and Madame Guilmen, who is alleged to have conducted the white slave agency which supplied rich men with child victims.

The defendants also included several mothers who admitted they had sold their children, some of whom were only 11 years old. A dozen bankers and government officials have fled from France to escape prosecution.

It is alleged that Madame Guilmen sold the girls on a commission basis, giving the mothers trifling sums out of the huge amounts received from the wealthy debauchees to whom she paraded. The prosecution alleges that hideous orgies were conducted at Fiachon's villas in the country, where his rich associates used the little girls in revelry, outdoing the atrocities credited to Sodom in its wickedest day.

SHUSTER TO FLEE FROM PERSIA SOON

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—United States Minister Russell cabled the state department from Teheran that W. Morgan Shuster, the American treasurer general of Persia, will leave that country by the Russian route within a few days.

This means that Russia has gained the first and most important of her demands, and that Shuster gone, the resistance of the Persians to Russian domination is likely soon to die down.

ANGLO-GERMAN WAR MORE THAN MERE POSSIBILITY

J. Ramsay MacDonald, Leader of Labor Party in House of Commons, Throws New Light on Present Delicate Situation.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—War between England and Germany is more than a mere possibility.

If it comes it will be due to the sins of the British foreign office, which, made up of men of aristocratic leanings, has conducted the country's international relations with utter disregard of the modern British spirit of democracy.

These views were voiced to the United Press today by J. Ramsay MacDonald, leader of the Labor party in the house of commons, in an interview in which he throws a new light on the circumstances leading up to the present delicate situation between the two great powers and justifies the campaign now being conducted by himself and his colleagues for the regeneration of the foreign office.

DEBATERS FIND USELESS HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION

GOLD HILL, Ore., Dec. 27.—Setting the clock of educational progress back at least a half century, a debate between pupils of the Gold Hill high school on the question, "Resolved, That a high school education is beneficial," resulted in a decision for the negative by a unanimous vote of the judges. Patrons and taxpayers of the local school have since taken up the subject and the debate has been briskly reopened, as they consider that if there is any question whatever concerning the beneficial or nonbeneficial effects of a high school education, they should know it, especially in view of the fact that they are now paying an increased school tax by reason of the recent erection of a handsome new high school building at a cost of \$20,000.

AMOY, China, Dec. 27.—Assassination was to have been the fate of Tao-tai Yuan and Cha Yo, the military commander, if a plot, discovered here among the Honahese troops, had matured.

RUSSIA PERSISTS IN POLICY TO BAR AMERICAN JEWS

Bill Is Introduced in the Duma to Raise the Tariff on All American Goods 100 Per Cent—Exclusion of Jews Will Be Maintained.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 27.—Fresh evidence of the determination of Russia to exclude all American Jews from this country despite protests by the United States was given in the duma today in a bill introduced by leaders of the Nationalist party, which, with the Octoberists, controls the assembly. Former Premier Guchkoff's bill raising the tariff on all American goods 100 per cent was also introduced.

Introduction of these bills, which, if they are passed, is equivalent to their passage, is taken as tantamount to an open declaration of tariff war against the United States. The action is believed to be taken at this time in order to give warning that Russian regulations for the exclusion of Jews will be maintained even though they result in a complete severance of trade relations with America.

DYNAMITE GRAND JURY MAKES REPORT

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 27.—The federal grand jury reported to United States Judge Wellborn today at 10:30 and returned several indictments, none of which, it was said, refers to the dynamiting cases.

The report was filed and the investigators immediately returned to their investigation of the dynamiting cases. The contents of the report were not divulged.

Dynamite Found.

ROCHESTER, Pa., Dec. 27.—Dynamite—enough to blow half of Rochester was found in the barns of the McDonald and Hartman contractors' supplies company here today. Twenty-four sticks and 12 caps were uncovered.

YUAN DEMANDS PRESIDENCY OF CHINA 10 YEARS

His Ambitions Cause Serious Hitch in Negotiations for Peace—Rebel Leaders Refuse to Accept Conditions He Tries to Enforce.

CONFLICT WILL BE FOUGHT OUT IN FIELD

High-Price Is Set by Premier for His Desertion of Manchu Dynasty.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—A serious hitch in the negotiations for peace among the Chinese royalists and revolutionists is reported today in dispatches to the Exchange Telegraph from Shanghai. To the ambition of Yuan Shi Kai is laid the possibility that war may continue. Yuan, the dispatches say, has demanded that as the price of desertion of the Manchu dynasty, he be elected president of the new Chinese republic for ten years. The rebel leaders refuse to accept a republic under such conditions, and unless Yuan recedes from his position it is believed the conflict will be fought out to a finish in the field.

TOKIO, Dec. 27.—Pekin dispatches received here today say that Premier Yuan Shi Kai is considering his resignation to the throne immediately after reaching the best possible terms he can effect with the revolutionists. Many Manchu princes, realizing the futility of attempting to retain the Manchu dynasty in power, told Yuan Shi Kai that they are ready to abdicate.

Japanese officials think that Premier Yuan Shi Kai's fans to hold a convention of delegates representing all of the provinces in China and permitting them to decide the future fate of the empire is bound to fail.

COFFIN WITH CORPSE BROKEN

Steel Car Crashes Into Hearse and Hurls Body of Dead Woman Into Street—Brakes Failed to Work, Causing Crash.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 27.—Struck by a street car he today a hearse was smashed into kindling wood, the coffin thrown into the street and torn open and the corpse of Mrs. Barbara Rogoli of Oakland was projected upon the pavement. The collision occurred while the funeral procession was on its way from the mortuary chapel to a Greek church for the funeral ceremony.

Nicholas Rogoli, the husband, was in a carriage in the rear of the hearse at the time of the accident.

The brakes refused to hold the car on the slippery rails and it crashed into the side of the hearse. The carriage careened upon its side into the street and broke in two, smashed from top to bottom. The coffin was hurled into the street alongside the car, breaking open. The woman's body, wrapped in its shroud, fell from the coffin as the latter split on the pavement.

Another hearse bore the body back to the undertaking parlors where it was again prepared for burial and a second funeral procession was formed.

ORANGE CROP PARTIALLY SAVED BY SMUDGING POTS

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Dec. 27.—Reports from the citrus districts today say that the probable damage to the orange crop as a result of Monday night's frost will be as low as 12 per cent. The damage is confined chiefly to Valencia, lemons and other green fruits, the navels being not seriously touched. No further damage was reported last night, as the smudging of fruit was general.