

LA FOLLETTE TO BE BACKED BY T. ROOSEVELT

Gilson Gardner in Dispatch to Cleveland Press Says Little Giant and Teddy Are Working in Harmony to Control Republican Convention.

ROOSEVELT-LA FOLLETTE COMBINATION IS STRONG

Formal Announcement is to Be Expected, Says Gardner, That Taft Has Withdrawn.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 3.—In a Washington dispatch to the Cleveland Press, Gilson Gardner says today:

"Senator La Follette and Theodore Roosevelt are working in harmony to control the next republican national convention. Between them they have enough progressives to write the platform and name the candidate, Senator La Follette is and will remain the candidate. Roosevelt's position has been announced too often to need repetition. Roosevelt favors La Follette and is not himself a candidate. But he declines to eliminate himself as a political factor.

"The only persons wishing Roosevelt to be eliminated now are the standard reactionaries, who are still clinging desperately to Taft's fortunes. The Roosevelt-La Follette combination is certain to sweep the boards. All reports that Senator La Follette is out of the race are circulated from the White House. Friends of Taft, realizing that La Follette's candidacy with Roosevelt backing it and Roosevelt himself the powerful figure in the background, is too powerful to be withstood.

"The only development that now appears logical is a formal announcement from the White House that President Taft has decided not to make the fight for re-election."

White House Puzzled.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—The White House today is mysterious and apparently puzzled over the political situation which revolves about a report that Roosevelt's silence indicates that he is waiting to see if the popular demand is strong enough to warrant his acceptance of a call to the presidential nomination.

Friends of President Taft deny that he will withdraw from the race and quote him as saying that his colors are nailed to the mast and that nothing but death can prevent his remaining in the contest.

La Follette Sticks.

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—Reports that Senator Robert La Follette would retire from the presidential race were set at rest here today in an official statement from Walter Houser, the Wisconsin man's manager, from La Follette headquarters. Houser said: "Once for all I wish to set at rest rumors that La Follette will withdraw or his friends will withdraw his name as a candidate for the presidency. The campaign will continue until the gavel falls in the convention declaring who is the republican nominee for president. There need be no speculation indulged in regarding this fight."

TAFT RECEIVES HOOK PROTEST

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—President Taft today took formal cognizance of the protests against the appointment of Justice William Hook of Kansas to be associate justice of the United States supreme court. The president told Senator Curtis of Kansas, Hook's sponsor, that he is now considering the name of Justice Swayne of the supreme court of New Jersey for the vacancy.

His statement is taken to indicate the president intimating that he had decided on Hook, but was forced to reconsider in view of the fact that the progressives had planned to break all senate precedents and hold up the nomination.

WHO IS YOUR CHOICE FOR PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE?

- Mark cross between number and name of candidate.
- Republican.
- () William Howard Taft.
 - () Robert M. La Follette.
 - () Theodore Roosevelt.
- Democrat.
- () Woodrow Wilson.
 - () Judson Harmon.
 - () Champ Clark.
 - () William J. Bryan.
- Cut out and mail to Mail Tribune.

STEAMER LINES OWNED BY UNCLE SAM PROPOSED

Senator Bristow of Kansas Introduces Bill Providing for Government Ownership of a Fleet of 15 Vessels for Panama Canal Trade.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—Government ownership of steamship lines plying up and down both the Pacific and Atlantic coasts of the United States, Central and South America and through the Panama canal is contemplated in a bill introduced by Senator Bristow of Kansas.

It is proposed that 15 vessels be provided. If they cannot be built or bought in the United States at a cost not exceeding 20 per cent greater than that of other countries the bill authorizes the secretary of war to buy them abroad.

Senator Bristow believes the railroads control every shipbuilding plant in the United States and he thinks the ships cannot be bought in this country at a reasonable figure.

The bill provides that the Panama Railroad company operate the ships, or that they be leased to a private company which is not owned and controlled by any railroad stockholders.

The senator expects the plan to practically restore the supremacy of the American merchant marine.

EDISON PICKS YEAR'S BIG EVENTS

Inventor Declares That Newspapers and Monarchies Are Arch Enemies—Nothing Can Happen to This Republic Now.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The seven greatest world achievements of 1911, according to Thomas A. Edison, were:

- Discovery by Ehrlich of salvarsan as the cure of a specific infectious disease.
 - Attempt to establish a Chinese republic.
 - Unexpected rapidity of the construction of the Panama canal.
 - Improvements in aerial navigation.
 - Important discoveries in surgical technique at the Rockefeller institute.
 - Final proof of the efficiency of typhoid vaccination.
- At the head of the list Edison lauds the discovery of salvarsan. This, he declared, was a specific for a disease with which nine-tenths of humanity is unknowingly afflicted.

Commenting upon improvements in general Edison remarked on what he termed a decided upward trend in newspaper building and the effect of profligate distribution of newspapers among the people.

"Newspapers and monarchies are arch enemies," the inventor declared. "Watch a dinner-table crowd in train or ferry devour their evening news. That's the answer. Nothing will happen to this republic of ours as long as this is the case."

Painful Accident.

Mrs. C. A. Pierce, mother of R. A. Pierce of the Walnut Lawn Orchards, near Woodville, recently had the misfortune to fall while attempting to reach some article from the ground and in falling broke the bone of her right lower limb near the hip. Mrs. Pierce has attained the ripe old age of 71 years and for a time hopes of

"BURGLARS" SAID TO HAVE WORKED FROM THE INSIDE

John Yeon, Owner of Building in Which Clark's Office is Located, States That "Burglary" Story is a Fake.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 3.—That the "burglars" who entered the office of A. E. Clark, special prosecutor in the case of Banker Louis Wilde of San Diego, charged with embezzlement of \$90,000 funds of the defunct Oregon Savings and Trust bank, operated from within Clark's office was the startling statement today of John Yeon, owner of the building in which Clark's office is located.

Yeon said everything indicated that someone worked from inside Clark's office and then bent the door and transom fastenings to make it appear that the robbers forced entrance into the office.

Attorneys for the accused banker today felt encouraged by the evidence and will use it to offset the burglary story told by District Attorney Cameron, who says he suspects two men connected with the defense.

ATTACK ON BOB WAS ILL-TIMED

Governor Osborne's Speech Has Had After Effect—Crowd Which Gathered to Hear La Follette Angry at Attack Made in His Absence.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Jan. 3.—Leaving here today for Kalamazoo, Senator Robert M. La Follette began the last day of his Michigan tour. Tonight he will speak in Chicago.

All throughout Michigan today there is heated comment on the attack on La Follette delivered yesterday at Lansing by Governor Osborne. La Follette's friends insist that the vitriolic nature of the attack and the fact that it was delivered in his enforced absence will help the Wisconsin aspirant to the presidency. They accuse Osborne of deliberately stealing La Follette's crowd when it was learned he could not appear. The standstill faction regard the Osborne speeches as a trap deliberately laid by the progressives in the hope of arousing sympathy for their candidate, who was thus attacked when he had not, apparently, the opportunity to defend himself.

PUBLIC MARKET ON RIVERSIDE AVENUE

Recommending that the city utilize its own property on South Riverside as the site for a public market, the committee of the city council, consisting of Canon, Watt, Miller and Emerick, appointed to consider plans for a public market, filed its first report with the council last evening. It was adopted.

The committee has not yet drawn an ordinance providing for a public market, being still engaged in collecting data.

Her recovery were not entertained. Her wonderful constitution and will power asserted itself, however, and she is now resting comfortably and her early recovery is expected.

CITY FINANCES SHOWN TO BE IN GOOD SHAPE

Annual Report of Mayor Canon Is Filed With City Council and Points Out the Excellent Standing of Municipal Finances—Tax Levy Low.

ONLY 5-MILL TAX IS NECESSARY FOR EXPENSES

Additional Tax Is for Other Purposes—Recommends Addition to City Hall.

Showing the excellent condition of the municipal finances, and making several recommendations, the annual report of Mayor W. H. Canon was filed with the city council at the first regular session of that body in 1912, which was held Tuesday evening. The report reviews the present financial standing of the city in general. It follows in full:

"To the City Council of the City of Medford:

"Gentlemen: I am glad to report that the city of Medford is in excellent financial condition. Every obligation of the city during the past year has been promptly met. There is sufficient money in all of the funds of the city to meet the probable expenditures until the taxes for the year 1912 are payable. In view of the fact that the levy for the year 1911 was exceptionally low, being only 8 mills, this result is most gratifying, and I believe will convince the taxpayers of the city that their public affairs have been economically administered.

"It is only fair to call attention to the fact that while the tax levy for 1911 was 8 mills, only 6 mills of this amount was available for current operating expenses. One mill of the 8 mills was levied for the purpose of constructing the new bridge across Bear creek. The money has been retained in the treasury. Another mill has been levied for the ensuing year for the same purpose, and when it has been collected in there will be a fund substantially sufficient to erect the new bridge across the creek at Jackson street, and the burden will not have been felt by the taxpayers of the city. Another mill of the 8 mills levied last year was for the purpose of paying for the sanitary sewer which was laid before the present administration took office, the payment for which no provision had been made. The money collected from this mill of taxation was paid on account of this sewer. The money voted by the people at the special election last March for the purpose of taking up the wooden water pipe on East Main street and replacing it with iron pipe and for paying the cost of necessary storm sewers have been expended in accordance with the provisions of the charter amendment, excepting that portion of the money which was to be used for improvements in the fire department.

\$800 Spent for Fire Hose.

"This latter portion of the money voted is still in the hands of the city treasurer, excepting about \$800, which has been expended for fire hose. A new, modern automobile fire truck has been ordered by the city and the same is expected within a few weeks. There are ample funds in the hands of the city treasurer to pay for this automobile truck, together with all the necessary equipment in cash upon its arrival, and there will be left in the fund a substantial amount.

"For the ensuing year there has been levied a tax of 9 1/4 mills. It must be borne in mind, however, that 1 mill of this amount has been levied for a bridge fund to pay the cost of the new bridge across Bear creek. Another mill of this amount has been levied for the purpose of completing payment of trunk sewers heretofore constructed. One-half mill was levied for the purpose of establishing a sinking fund looking to the payment of the city's bonded indebtedness.

\$12,000 for Semi-Annual Interest.

"Furthermore, the city must advance during the coming year about \$12,000 on account of the semi-annual interest falling due on the improvement bonds issued by the city for paying, sewers and water mains during the current year.

"This advancement is made necessary

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WANTED—NEW YEAR'S EDITIONS.

Although The Mail Tribune printed twice as many of its New Year's issue as the advance demand indicated would be necessary, the entire edition was sold out within 24 hours of publication. As requests for it are still being received, The Mail Tribune will pay 5 cents per copy for all unsoiled, complete copies brought to the office this week.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE.

OBSTINACY OF YUAN SHI KAI MAY LEAD TO BATTLE

Bad Faith on Part of Premier Is Charged by Wu Ting Fang, Who Demands That He Come to Shanghai for Conference.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 3.—Renewal of the war in China is presaged here today by the refusal of Yuan Shi Kai, minister of foreign affairs in the new republican party, to negotiate further with Yuan Shi Kai unless the latter comes to Shanghai.

Dr. Wu charges Yuan Shi Kai with bad faith in making no attempt to comply with the peace plans of the revolutionists which were partially agreed to by Tan Shao Yi, the premier's representative in the peace conference, which have been held almost constantly since the declaration of the armistice.

It is believed that Yuan Shi Kai, backed up by the empress dowager's and the Manchus' private fortunes, has concluded that there is no future for him in the republican ranks, and that a fight to the finish will soon begin anew.

MAY INDICT OTHER LEADERS

Sensational Developments Are Expected in Dynamite Probe Now Under Way at Los Angeles, California.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 3.—That the present federal grand jury which has been investigating the dynamite cases will conclude the probe for the government and may take sensational action within the next two days, possibly in the shape of more true bills against labor leaders on the Pacific coast, was the statement made today by an official high in the councils of the United States authorities.

It was already positively stated that the members of the Jay Fox colony, near Tacoma, will not be summoned to Los Angeles. Their testimony, which was rumored to be of much importance, will not be needed by the investigators. It has been the general impression here that the grand jury would not be finished until these witnesses were summoned.

PARIS MAY STAGE CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 3.—A special cable from Sydney to the United Press says that Hugh McIntosh, the Australian fight promoter, has received a tempting offer to stage the heavyweight championship fight held for Sydney in Paris, with the rival that Johnson and McVey will battle for world honors there on June 26.

More Troops Desert.

PEKIN, Jan. 3.—Almost simultaneously with the action of the Lang Chow imperial troops, who mutinied yesterday, a division of 4000 Manchus soldiers at the treaty port of Chin Wang Tao on the Gulf of Lio Tang have deserted the emperor's arms.

CONGRESS MAY BE IN SESSION UNTIL LATE IN SUMMER

Tariff Will Probably Be the First Big Measure on the House Calendar—Revision of Steel and Iron Schedules Are Soon to Come Up.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—That congress will probably be in session when the presidential campaign begins, after the conventions, was the prediction of the leaders of both parties here today when the national legislature resumed its sessions after the holiday recess.

Congressman Mann of Illinois said: "From the way it looks now we will be rambling along here at least until October, probably until November and, possibly, right into the next session, which is due in December."

"We have many things to do," said Oscar Underwood of Alabama, the democratic house leader, "and we are going to stay here until they are done. It will be a long siege."

Leaders in the senate expect adjournment of congress before summer.

The tariff will be probably the first big measure on the house calendar. The ways and means committee is preparing today to report a bill for the revision of the iron and steel schedules next week.

NEW YEAR EDITION IN GREAT DEMAND

Within Twenty Hours After New Year Edition of Mail Tribune Made Its Appearance the Supply Was Exhausted.

So heavy was the demand for the New Year edition of The Mail Tribune, that within 20 hours after it had made its appearance the supply was exhausted, and this in spite of the fact that several thousand extra copies were published.

The paper is having a world wide circulation, as local people are dispatching it to all sections of the globe.

PIONEER RESIDENT OF COUNTY DIES

Owen Keegan, who for over 30 years has been a resident of the Rogue River valley, died in Jacksonville, Tuesday, January 2, 1912.

Deceased was a native of Massachusetts and was aged 81 years, 9 months and 12 days. He had been a bailiff in the Jackson county court house for 23 years. He leaves to mourn his demise a wife, Mrs. Mary Keegan, a son, Charles Keegan, and three daughters, Mrs. L. B. Thompson, Mrs. J. T. Dugan and Mrs. G. B. Woodson.

Mr. Keegan was a veteran of the civil war and a member of the G. A. R. The funeral cortege will leave the late residence Thursday at 9:30 a. m. Funeral services will be held at the Catholic church at 10, Father O'Farrell officiating. Interment will be made in the Jacksonville cemetery.

Not many people will rent unadorned furnished rooms in this city this week.

60,000 GIRLS ON STRIKE IN NEW YORK SOON

With 25,000 Out and 10,000 More to Go Today, It is Expected That Fully 60,000 Workers Will Be Out by Tomorrow in New York.

LAUNDRIES SAID TO BE NOTHING BUT "HELL SHOPS"

Six Hundred Steam and 15,000 Hand Laundries Are Affected—Conditions Are Bad.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—With 25,000 laundry workers on strike and another 10,000 to go out tonight New York today is facing the most serious laundry famine in its history.

By tomorrow it is expected that 60,000 workers will be on strike, necessitating the closing down of 600 steam and 15,000 hand laundries in New York alone.

William Armour, who is conducting the strike, claims that it will involve Jersey City, Newark and other Jersey towns to which it was hoped the metropolitan laundry might be sent.

Although the strike is yet only in its incipiency, all householders have already been notified that quick work is impossible. It is believed that this condition will persist and a general shutdown will be enacted. Strike-breakers cannot well replace the strikers because the claims against laundries for torn linen and that burned by inexperienced workers would result in such great financial loss as to make the employment of "green" hands impracticable.

"If Upton Sinclair had worked in New York laundries he would have written a book and called it 'The Hell,'" said Margaret Hinehay, for 20 years prominent among the laundry workers of New York, today.

Speaking for her fellows Miss Hinehay said the working conditions were wretched, the rooms filthy and unsanitary and the hours 12 hours a day with only a half hour for lunch and no pay for overtime. The super-heated rooms, she said, were filled with particles of lint, and tuberculosis is common among the workers. The women's dressing rooms, she declared, were open and exposed to the view of the men employed and in many places men and women were forced to dress in the same room.

Miss Hinehay declared that the average wage of \$4 to \$5 a week was forcing hundreds of girls into immorality, the more so, she insisted, as docking was general whenever an hour or a day was lost.

"If a girl is injured by the machines," Miss Hinehay continued, "she seldom gets damages, although sometimes the laundries do pay her hospital expenses. I have heard vile-mouthed superintendents curse the girls like slaves. Child labor laws are consistently violated and girls by the hundred who are only 13 or 14 years of age work constantly.

"We demand that our hours be reduced to 10 a day; we demand that the mangles and other cruel machinery be properly safe guarded; we demand that our wages be increased from \$5 to 20 per cent and, above all, we demand that children be kept out of the 'Hell shops.'"

GENERAL REYES IS SAID TO BE DYING

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 3.—Despite denials of President Madero and his cabinet that General Bernardo Reyes, the capitulated rebel leader, is dying in his cell, other officials of the government admit that the aged soldier is sick. They say, however, that he is in no danger of death.

FOWLER ABANDONS SEA-TO-SEA FLIGHT

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 3.—Aviator Robert G. Fowler's trans-continental flight is abandoned today and he will spend his time making exhibition flights along the coast, according to his manager.