

SENATOR CUMMINS ANNOUNCES HIS CANDIDACY FOR THE PRESIDENCY; POLITICIANS ARE STARTLED

MEN WHO BROKE PLEDGE TO WEST ARE CAPTURED

Effort of J. W. Riley, Albert Saloni and Frank Arara to Escape Fails—Are Caught by Superintendent Boltz of Pacific & Eastern.

WERE WORN OUT BY NIGHT OF HARDSHIP

Warden Curtiss Laughs at Report That Men Were on Their Way Back to Prison.

J. W. Riley, Albert Saloni and Frank Arara, the faithless honor men who ran away from Westville Thursday evening, were captured Friday afternoon a mile above Eagle Point by Tom Boltz, superintendent of the Pacific & Eastern, and H. Cingede, town marshal of Eagle Point, who will divide the reward offered. The men were sighted coming down the track near the commissary. A track walker phoned the description to Eagle Point and Boltz and Cingede left on a handcar. The convicts were sighted sitting on a fallen tree near the track and surrendered at once. They were worn out by their all night and all day hike over muddy trails and strange forests, and half famished for food.

Riley was the ringleader of the bunch and induced the others to desert. He claimed to be a photographer and the Mail Tribune camera was left at the camp for him to take photos with. At the time of Governor West's visit a fortnight ago, he and the others were asked whether or not they were satisfied with treatment received or wanted to return to Salem. All were emphatic in their expressions of satisfaction and desire to remain. Some of the convicts who expressed themselves as discontented were taken back to Salem.

Charles Gay, who arrived at the camp Thursday with the new honor men sent to replace those returned to Salem, discovered the flight of the three when he went to present Saloni his parole after dinner. He phoned down that there is intense indignation at the camp over the attempted getaway and jubilation over the capture and should Riley be taken back he would undoubtedly be terribly punished.

The captured convicts were turned over to a deputy sheriff and after spending the night in the Eagle Point jail were brought to Jacksonville Saturday and lodged in the county jail. Warden F. H. Curtiss of the state penitentiary arrived in Medford with three new honor men to replace the deserters, Saturday, and will take the latter back to Salem with him Sunday. They will be met at Eagle Point by one of the honor men who pursued the escapés to Medford, and hike from there to the camp.

Warden Curtiss states that no requests were ever made by those who tried to escape for return to Salem and laughs at the story they tell. He, as well as Gay and the honor men, say that it was a determined effort to break away, but that the men lost their way and lost their nerve.

ANDREW CARNEGIE NEEDS THE MONEY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20.—Because Andrew Carnegie needs the money, a feud, the consequences of which no one can foresee, opened here yesterday between the iron master and the house of representatives. The clash came when Chief Clerk South of the house refused to pay Carnegie \$28.70 due the steel king as mileage and witness fees for testifying before the Stanley house committee which is investigating the steel trust.

TO ABOLISH DEATH PENALTY



GOVERNOR JOHN A. DIX, thoroughly in accord with the movement started by the Superintendent of Prisons for the abolition of capital punishment in the Empire State.

VEATH, VICTIM LAW'S MISTAKE HANGS HIMSELF

Man Who Was Sent Up From Jackson County, Released After Eight Years When "Victim" Returns, Takes Own Life.

Word has been received from Seattle concerning the suicide of W. L. Veath, who was convicted in this county for a murder he never committed and sent to the penitentiary, where he served eight years before his "victim" returned alive. Veath ended his life by kicking a soap box out from under his dangling feet and slowly strangling to death.

Veath spent within one month of eight years in the Oregon penitentiary, and when the man he was convicted of having murdered returned, Veath was released, only to find that his wife had married another man.

He was released in October, 1905, with over 90 of his 99-year sentence still unserved. Albert Topplin, the man whom he was accused of killing, had been found alive. Veath hurried from the prison to his former home in this city and here he received his worst blow. His wife had married a man who had been his best friend. They were living happily.

Veath went quietly away, and he never returned to the state which had wrecked his life.

The black shadow that ruined Veath's life came during the summer of 1897. He was living happily with his family in Jackson county. He had been playing the fiddle at a country dance. Returning home, he became tired. Instead of going directly home he stopped in the cabin belonging to Albert Topplin and slept a few hours.

When he arrived home the next day he was told that Topplin's cabin had been burned down, and that some bones that looked like human bones had been found. No trace could be found of Topplin. Naturally it was concluded the bones must have been his. Veath was the man who had been known to have been there last. He was accused of murdering him. The detectives worked with him until they almost made him believe that he had committed murder. He was convicted and given 99 years.

The years dragged on and finally a detective came to the penitentiary with Albert Topplin. Veath was released within a few days—just as soon as the great state of Oregon could arrange to undo its great mistake. Veath was 57 years old.

Brown to Atoms.
HEDLEY, B. C., Jan. 20.—William Coward and Archie McAllister were killed when a missed charge exploded in the Nickel Plate mine. Both men were practically blown to atoms.

STRIKERS AND TROOPS MAY CLASH SOON

Thousands of Operatives in the Textile Factory Districts Are Out and Restive Under Arrival of State Militia.

TWELVE COMPANIES OF MILITIA NOW ON GUARD

Over 18,000 Union Men Are Out and 7000 Non-Union Men Are Afraid to Work.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Jan. 20.—Renewal of the fighting here between state troops and thousands of strikers who are out at the big textile mills of the city in protest against the cutting of their hours and wages was forecasted today with the arrival of four companies of militia from Lynn to assist the companies now on guard here around the struck mills.

Ever since the bayonet charge of state troops the other day the conditions of the dispute have hourly become more grave. In Haverhill, Lowell and Lynn the workers in the textile factories are restive. They protest bitterly that their pay, low enough before, has been cut below the living point through the new state law reducing the hours of work to 54 a week. The obnoxious law, they say, has been put on the statute books by the secret workers for the big mill owners, and they apparently are standing firm in their demand that no reduction in their wages shall be accepted.

Thousands of operatives are still out here, more thousands are on the verge of a strike in Lynn, Lowell and Haverhill and the gravest results may come at any hour.

More than 18,000 union men are on strike here, and 7000 non-union workers remain away from the mills, fearing that they will be caught in a clash between the strikers and the soldiers. The owners assert that 10,000 men are still working, but the strikers maintain that their ranks are still intact.

The demands of the strikers are for a 15 per cent increase in wages. This, they assert, is necessary that they may live. President Wood of the American Woolen company, for the millowners, declares that "business conditions do not warrant the advance." His declaration is taken to mean that the companies will not compromise.

TORNADO KILLS SIX PERSONS

Dozen Houses Are Demolished—Wires Are Down in the Wrecked Section and All Details Are Lacking.

WINONA, Miss., Jan. 20.—Six persons killed, many injured and total destruction of a dozen houses is the toll of a tornado that swept over this district today, between Newton and Winona. All of the dead are negroes except the small daughter of Albert Wales, a farmer. Wires are down in the wrecked section and details are lacking.

BIG AVIATION MEET OPEN AT LOS ANGELES

DOMINGUE FIELD, Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 20.—Mayor George Alexander this afternoon fired the gun that officially opened the Domingue aviation meet. Almost at once a dozen air craft left the ground, flying in increased height directly above the grandstands.



IMPERIAL CLAN OPPOSES MOVE TO LEAVE THRONE

Rebel Chieftains Are Convinced That Manchus Will Capitulate Only When Forced to Do So—Renewal of Fighting Expected.

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—The Chicago Daily News this afternoon prints a cable dispatch from Peking which says that the abdication of the Manchu dynasty is an accomplished fact and that the delay in issuing the edict is caused by fear of an uprising by the reactionary wing of the imperial family headed by Prince Kung. The dispatch also says that while a new government is being formed Tien Tsin will be the temporary capital of China.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 20.—Telegraphic advices today from Peking declare that the imperial clan is still opposing abdication of the emperor and the removal of the court from the forbidden city. The rebel chieftains here are now convinced that the Manchus will capitulate only when forced to do so, and a renewal of fighting is expected when the armistice expires January 28.

Dispatches from Nanking, the capital of the proclaimed republic, say that Dr. Sun Yet Sen, provisional president, is confident that the powers soon will recognize the government of the new China. Sun is said to believe that action will come first from the United States and England, which countries, he believes, are acting in concert.

She Fooled Him.
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 20.—State Labor Commissioner McLaughlin went behind the scenes to take into custody a "child actress." He says the joke is on him. She proved to be 32 and the mother of several children.

DISCUSSION AT CLUB MEETING VERY SPIRITED

Judge Colvig Objects to Minutes of Previous Meeting and After Several Had Voiced Their Opinion He Had His Way.

The regular meeting of the Medford Commercial club took place on Wednesday evening last and adjourned until Friday evening, on account of the presence of the Retail Merchants' association in the city. At the meeting last evening a spirited discussion took place over the question of approving the minutes of the regular meeting of January 3, in relation to a motion which was passed at that time requiring the club to deposit \$50 per month, commencing with January, 1912, to repay the gentlemen who presented the exhibit building to the club the \$2000 paid out by them to Mr. Olwell in its purchase. The president claimed that the action of the meeting of January 3 made this \$2000 a legal obligation of the club, and that he thought it should not be so considered. That if it was anything it was a moral obligation only. Several motions and counter motions were introduced. Finally the president called Mr. Osenbrunge to the chair, and he then made the following motion:

"Moved that all that portion of the minutes of the last regular meeting, relating to the purchase of the exhibit building be amended to read as follows: 'That this club shall pay not less than \$50 per month into the Farmers and Fruitgrowers bank to be ultimately applied in meeting the obligations of the men who purchased the exhibit building from Mr. Olwell, and thereafter presented it to the club. Provided, however, that this shall not be considered a legal obligation of the club so long as its present legal indebtedness exists.'"

This motion was adopted unanimously, and the minutes of the meeting of January 3 were so amended. Other detail business was transacted. As a result of the work of Messrs. Colvig, Medynski, Nye and Rosenbaum, 25 new members were admitted to membership in the club.

OLD GOLD WILL BE COLOR SCHEME; MINING CONGRESS

City to Be Arrayed in Gala Attire for Two Days' Convention of Miners From Southern Oregon—Will Entertain Visitors.

Old gold will be the color adopted for decorations for the mining congress to be held in Medford February 2 and 3, and merchants and hotel keepers are asked to decorate their windows and fronts in this color as much as possible. The badges for the delegates will be in old gold also.

Each delegate to the mining congress will be presented with a gilded miner's pick walking cane as a souvenir of the meeting. A banquet is talked of for the visitors—also it is proposed to entertain them with an auto ride about the city and free seats to the "Chocolate Soldier," which will be given at the Medford theater Saturday evening, February 3. To this end, 100 seats have been reserved.

An illustrated pamphlet of 64 pages on mining in southern Oregon is being printed with the official program and it will prove a valuable stimulant to the mining industry of this region. Word comes that the county commissioners and a large delegation from Yreka will be on hand. Large crowds are expected from Ashland, Grants Pass, Gold Hill and other mining centers.

Can't you write a want ad that will interest the person who is looking for a better place to live? ing of January 3 were so amended. Other detail business was transacted. As a result of the work of Messrs. Colvig, Medynski, Nye and Rosenbaum, 25 new members were admitted to membership in the club.

TAFT CUMMINS LA FOLLETTE IN; ET TU TEDDY?

Republicans Are Confronted With a Curiously Complex Political Situation—Taft to Confer With New York State Leaders Tonight.

WORLD DECLARES BREACH COMES TAFT AND HITCHCOCK

Said That Roosevelt Will Consent to Become a Candidate "If Drafted."

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—"Tell the editors of the country to set up this phrase: 'Whenever they are anxious to quote or interview me on political subjects they may use that and that alone. I have nothing to say on this or any other political matter.'"

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—With President Taft, Senator La Follette and Senator Cummins of Iowa openly in the field and evidence hourly growing that Theodore Roosevelt also is to be a candidate for the presidential nomination, republicans here today are confronted with a curiously complex political situation.

President Taft will arrive here tonight from New Haven and probably will confer with New York state leaders of the old guard. Colonel Roosevelt is today at his office here for the first Saturday in many months. His presence in the city is believed to be significant, in view of the declaration of ex-Governor Fort of New Jersey, who, after a visit to Roosevelt, declared the former president can be expected soon to admit that he will be a candidate, "if drafted."

Cummins' announcement of his candidacy is taken to indicate that he is convinced that the administration's grip upon the southern delegates is breakable. He expects a free for all fight in the convention. The New York World declares today that a breach has come between Taft and Postmaster General Hitchcock, "following the discovery that Hitchcock was lining up the southern delegates so that they can be used if needed" against Taft. When the story was called to the president's attention at New Haven he refused to make any comment.

The standpat element today is elated over Senator Cummins' announcement. In discussing it, Walter Houser, Washington manager of La Follette's presidential campaign, said: "In his announcement Senator Cummins purposes to become a favorite son candidate. This will make no difference to the La Follette campaign. Our campaign will proceed as usual. La Follette is in the race to stay."

Standpatters Elated. "Our friends need not be alarmed if any number of candidate enter the race. Senator La Follette stands for important and definite political principles which daily are becoming better known to the people. His friends feel that it is important that Senator La Follette should make his principles known to the entire country and lead the movement by his candidacy for the presidency." Friends of Senator La Follette here think that Cummins' announcement makes it certain that Iowa will send an anti-Taft delegation to the national convention. They declare (Continued on page 2.)