

### RECEIVER IN POSSESSION OF AMENT DAM

Chicago-Rogue River Company Placed in Hands of Court by Judge Calkins and George Sorenson of Grants Pass Named as Receiver.

Is Second Receivership for Dam, Other Being for Gold Drift Mining Company Promoted by Ament.

GRANTS PASS, Ore., March 5.—The Chicago-Rogue River company, a corporation which controls the big Golden Drift dam, three miles from this city on Rogue river, and which also controls twelve miles of irrigating ditches in Rogue River valley, late yesterday afternoon was placed in the hands of a receiver by Judge F. M. Calkins, in chambers at Ashland. George Sorenson of Grants Pass was named as receiver.

The corporation is capitalized at one million dollars, with A. J. Withers of Chicago as president, P. Phillips, banker of Chicago, treasurer.

The receivership is the result, it is alleged, of the failure of C. M. Leonard of the Leonard Construction company of Chicago; P. Phillips, a Chicago banker, and R. B. Slaughter, of the banking house of A. O. Slaughter and company, Chicago, to furnish funds under a \$75,000 contract had with the company.

The charge is also made that these same parties are withholding the funds for the purpose of embarrassing the company in extending water over the valley so that land values will be depressed and these same men can buy at panic prices. It is charged that they have already bought 2,500 acres at prices less than half value.

This is the second receivership for the dam, the Golden Drift Mining Co. being already in the hands of Receiver George Sanders, who from the minority stockholders, organized the Chicago-Rogue River company to take over the assets of the defunct concern. The new concern rebuilt a portion of the dam on credit.

The Golden Drift Mining Co. was a get-rich-quick concern promoted by the Aments for the ostensible purpose of placer mining the "dry diggings" adjacent. The stockholders, not the diggings, were mined to the extent of several hundred thousand dollars.

### SPRAY DUMPED IN SEWER KILLS FISH IN CREEK

Because the Rogue River Fruit & Produce association in washing out spray barrels allowed the washings to be carried away in the Eighth street storm sewer, a large number of fish in Bear Creek have been killed and Game Warden McGowan has taken steps to check the practice. The company has been selling spray and afterward washing out the barrels before reshipping them from the warehouse a block south of Main street. The washings have been turned into a depression drained by the storm sewer. The spray has a deadly effect on fish.

### COLONISTS ARRIVE SEEKING SMALL FARMS

PORTLAND, Ore., March 5.—Colonists forming the vanguard of the settlers' movement west began arriving here today over all railroads. From Portland the homeseekers will scatter to various parts of the Pacific coast in search of permanent homes. The majority of colonists this year, railroad officials say, are looking for small farms.

Early indications are that the movement will be unusually heavy.

### T. R. REFUSED TO TIE HANDS AS CANDIDATE

Colonel Roosevelt Makes Public Letter in Dispute Sent Munsey in Which He Stated That He Was Not Seeking Office.

Associated Press Never Published Contradiction of Story—Kansas for Teddy Says White.

NEW YORK, March 5.—Colonel Roosevelt today made public his letter of January 16 to Frank A. Munsey, the publisher. In this letter, Roosevelt said he would not be a candidate, but would not tie his hands with a statement making it difficult or impossible for him to serve the public if the whole people wanted him.

His letter says in part: "I shall not be a candidate and I shall not seek the nomination, nor would I accept it if it came to me as the result of intrigue. But I will not tie my hands with a statement which would make it difficult or impossible to serve the public by undertaking the great task if the people as a whole seemed definitely to have come to the conclusion that I had to do that task."

Van Valkenburg's Denial. In the New York World today E. A. Van Valkenburg, editor of the Philadelphia North American, is quoted as denying that he made public the Roosevelt letter in which the Associated Press was charged with deliberately "faking" to attack the ex-president.

Van Valkenburg said the Associated Press dispatch of last summer declared that Roosevelt was positively pledged to support President Taft for a second term. On this Van Valkenburg corresponded with Colonel Roosevelt and the denunciatory letter was the result.

"I sent copies to Victor S. McClatchy (editor of the Sacramento Bee)," said Van Valkenburg today, "requesting that he furnish one to Frank B. Noyes (editor of the Washington Star and president of the Associated Press). No denial of the fake story was ever made by the Associated Press."

Is Assured of Kansas.

W. Bourke Cochran of New York and William Allen White of Kansas conferred today with Colonel Roosevelt. White told the former president that Kansas wants him to be candidate. After leaving Roosevelt, White said:

"I told the colonel that my personal observation indicated that he was already sure of two-fifths of the delegation to the Chicago convention. President Taft's southern delegates will vote for their jobs, not in accord with their instructions. If they think it is best for themselves they will switch.

"I told him also that many senators whose elections are jeopardized by progressive sentiment will drop Taft. When they see the buzz saw ripping the buttons off their vests they will back away."

### OPEN SHOP IS DECRIED BY LOW

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 5.—Bitter denunciation of the "open shop," which is characterized as a menace to American workingmen, was made here today by Seth Low, president of the National Civic Federation, in opening the annual convention of that organization.

"The ordinary 'open shop,'" President Low said, "is not a shop where non-union and union men work side by side, but a shop from which unionists are excluded if they live up to union principles."

After praising the work of the American Federation of Labor and its leader, Samuel Gompers, Low criticized Gompers for his stand when the McNamara brothers were arrested in "attacking as an enemy to organized labor everybody believing the two men guilty."

### Roosevelt Puts the Associated Press in the Annanias Club



MR. THEODORE ROOSEVELT AT HIS DESK IN THE OUTLOOK OFFICE

### CHINESE PREMIER REPORTED INSANE ANARCHY PREVAILS

TOKIO, March 5.—Although denied strenuously by Chinese representatives here the rumor widely circulated that the mind of Premier Yuan Shi Kai of China has given way, the report is persistent.

Chinese generally believe that a sweeping campaign of murder and rapine will be resumed throughout China within a few hours. President Yuan's bodyguard is reported discontented and the entire army demoralized.

The Manchu soldiers, it is reported here, plan a movement to restore the dynasty. Twelve hundred Japanese soldiers today were sent from Port Arthur to Pekin to guard the Japanese legation there. The mikado offered to send an army corps, if necessary, to give full protection to Japanese subjects and property.

NEW YORK, March 5.—Selden Hawley, one of the heirs of Edwin Hawley, the late railroad magnate, is to marry Mrs. Margaret LePrince, manicurist.

### LONDON MASSES FACE STARVATION; RIOTS THREATEN

LONDON, March 5.—Unless a settlement of the differences between the coal operators and their million employees is effected within 48 hours, thousands of persons in London will face starvation. This was the admission forthcoming today from the Home Office and Premier Asquith again today appealed to the miners and operators in an effort to secure concessions from both sides.

Prices of food are soaring, and already many necessities are beyond the reach of the city's poor. The abandonment of freight schedules has curtailed London's supply of milk and a milk famine is imminent. Fresh meat is scarce, and the supply of salt and smoked meat and canned goods is rapidly diminishing. The stock of flour is dwindling, and with the railroads unable to secure sufficient coal to stock their engines, a bread famine is certain unless conditions are immediately relieved.

The strike leaders assert that the men will not return to work unless their demand for a minimum wage scale is granted.

### FRANKLIN STATES DARROW PUT UP BRIBERY MONEY

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 5.—Bert H. Franklin, confessed briber, testified before the county grand jury that indicted Clarence Darrow that Darrow gave him a sum of money with which to bribe Juror Robert F. Bain and Prospective Juror George N. Lockwood, in the McNamara trial, according to notes taken by attaches of the district attorney's office which are today in possession of the defense.

The district attorney's office in accord with instructions from the court gave these notes to the defense to augment the partial transcript of the evidence that was taken. The notes were accompanied by the affirming affidavits of Assistant Attorney Ford and Deputy Keetch.

Crack Train Wrecked. UPPER SANDUSKY, O., March 5.—The Pennsylvania's eighteen-hour limited train between Chicago and New York was wrecked today near Glenville, O. No one was killed.

### ED ROOT DISCUSSES BURROS AND LOCAL POLITICS

"Stupidity covers more sins than charity" quoted Ed Root, the well known raconteur, bon-vivant and man about town when shown the Ashland Tidings' great discovery. "If this new Donnelly had been in the country any length of time, he'd know that I wrote the Mail-Tribune, and I don't intend to resign as managing editor in favor of any such kid as Ed Andrews. If Ed wants to learn the game, let him play devil in the print shop instead of on the stage.

"Ashland is a holy city," continued Mr. Root, "and becoming more religious daily. It has emulated the example of Balaam and now boasts an ass that can speak, 'that sneaks fools and chronicles small beer.' But Ashland's pet, unlike Balaam's burro, can't see, else it would have seen me. While I am not exactly an angel of the Lord, I'm nearer to it than

Ed Andrews. "And that reminds me how much burros have degenerated since the time of Balaam. They still have the sonorous voice at each end of 'our little valley,' as John Lowell says, but only two legs and short ears. In the classic language of Rex Lampman, WHY?"

"I'm thinking of running for office" said Mr. Root, changing the subject—"most any old office will do. County judge or county clerk look good to me, but I don't want to run against Mose Barkdull. I do like his platform—it's hot stuff. All the traffic will bear is my motto, because I need the coin.

"My qualifications for the judgeship are fine. I can sit on the lid and do nothing. I can draw my salary regular. I never built a mile of good road, or a modern bridge and what's more don't intend to. I've lived here

forty years and am honest, or at least my bondsmen are—what more is needed?"

"I'm conservative, only change my clothes when they wear out and only take a bath for church socials. I'm progressive too, for I have a shave every little while. And I can mark time—look as if I was going somewhere, something doing' all the time, only there ain't. This ought to get me the Ashland vote.

"Scott of Antioch is going to finance my campaign—bond me and my dog Schneider for a million, then incorporate us as a national bank and make Uncle Sam come through with the mazzama in exchange for the bonds.

"Well," concluded Mr. Root, "I let you know as soon as I decide." As he left with Schneider the refrain floated back "You've got to quit kickin' my dawg around."

### LOVER, HEAVILY ARMED, DEFIES AUTHORITIES

A. B. Rice Said to Be Living With Mrs. McPherson in Lonely Cabin Above Derby, Keeping Strangers at Bay by Carefully Placed Bullets.

Constable Singler With Posse Leaves for Scene—Rice and Mrs. McPherson Eloped in January.

Livid as the yellowest of yellow back dime novels is the story which has drifted down out of the hills from Derby, and as a result, Constable Singler and a posse are today on their way to a lonely cabin high in a canyon back of Derby where Mrs. A. W. McPherson and A. B. Rice are said to be living, following their alleged elopement on January 24. It is reported that Rice is heavily armed and that he has checked several parties who have attempted to pass by the cabin, by gently dropping leaden missiles from his 30-30 Remington about their feet.

Although it was reported a few weeks ago that Rice and Mrs. McPherson had been located in Massachusetts it is now stated that they are living in a cabin above Derby. They are said to have been seen to leave together for the cabin, accompanied by Mrs. McPherson's two children.

Recently the constable at Derby attempted to visit the cabin to ascertain the identity of its occupants but when a quarter of a mile distant a shot rang out a bullet striking the ground in front of him. On attempting to advance another bullet struck nearer him, so he turned and left.

He came to Medford Monday for assistance. This morning Constable Singler with a posse left for the scene of the trouble, determined to solve the mystery.

The Derby constable is positive in his identification of Mrs. McPherson. He describes several features which are declared by the husband she left on Griffin creek to absolutely identify her.

Mrs. McPherson left her home on January 24, accompanied by her two children, ostensibly to visit her uncle in Ashland. Rice, who had been employed by McPherson on the farm, left the farm Monday, coming to Medford, and on Wednesday left for Ashland on the motor. Mrs. McPherson is said to have left Medford a couple of hours later for the south, on No. 15.

Sunday following Mr. McPherson went to Ashland to see his wife and babies, and there for the first time learned that his wife had not been to her relatives' in Ashland at all. He then applied for a warrant charging adultery.

### JOHN STOTT HANGED FOR KILLING WOMAN

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 5.—John Stott was hanged in the jail yard today for the murder of Mrs. Blanche Taylor, with whom he was infatuated.

Just before he was hanged, Stott said: "Good-bye everybody. Tell mother I'll meet her there."

Before the last farewell, Stott's mother clung to him and pleaded for the privilege to ask the governor for clemency. Stott soothing her said: "Don't do it. It would be useless. I am prepared to go."

### PRICES FAIRLY STEADY IN STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, March 5.—At the opening of the stock market today prices were fairly steady. Canadian Pacific rose 3-4 and United States Steel was up a small fraction. Reading and American Smelting made slight declines. The Hill stocks rose fractionally, and the Southern railroad group was barely steady. The market closed steady. Bonds were firm.

### SUFFRAGETTES THREATEN TO BURN PALACE

Militant Women Attack Buckingham Palace, Home of King and Queen—Window Smashing Campaign is Renewed—All Buildings Guarded.

Leaders Hoping for Bloodshed—Will Terrorize the Country Until They Get Votes—Riots to Continue.

LONDON, March 5.—Open threats by militant suffragettes to burn Buckingham palace, the home of King George and his queen, today caused the municipal authorities to throw a double line of guards around the structure. The situation is extremely serious, the police predicting that the suffragettes undoubtedly will attempt to carry into execution their threat to destroy the royal palace.

The women renewed their window smashing campaign early today, but were successful in only a few cases, as the merchants have boarded up all windows in their stores, and all the banks and public buildings are heavily guarded. The women openly defied the police. Attempts to disperse a mob of suffragettes resulted in the women trying to drag mounted officers from their horses. The suffragettes claim to court arrest, hoping in this way to fill the jails to overflowing.

"We will be militant," the leaders declared, "unless we gain our rights. If our present methods are not strong enough, we have more drastic ones in reserve."

The suffragettes openly admit that they are hoping for bloodshed, and say the present campaign will not stop until such a state exists.

### REIGN OF TERROR BLOOD, ANARCHY IN CENTRAL CHINA

SHANGHAI, March 5.—Outrages everywhere throughout central and southern China are reported in despatches received here today. Bandits, mostly deserters from the army, are looting and murdering; women are being violated and the situation in general is entirely beyond the control of the government.

It is reported here that Che Foo has been looted and set on fire. The wires from Shanghai are down, and the report cannot be verified.

Bandits are terrorizing the provinces of Kwang Tung and Kwang Si and foreign residents have taken refuge in the Missions.

Foreign warships are patrolling the rivers of southern China. Russian troops left Harbin for Tien Tsin today from whence they will be sent through to Pekin. Dr. Sun Yat Sen, former provisional president, is also enroute from Nanking to Pekin.

### FOSS REMOVES MILITIA CHIEF

LAWRENCE, Mass., March 5.—Striking textile workers here today are jubilant over the order of Governor E. N. Foss, relieving Colonel Sweetzer from command of the state militia and placing Colonel Franklin Joy in charge. The workers openly assert that Colonel Sweetzer was responsible for the order preventing the strikers from sending their children away from the disturbed city and also for the alleged outrages perpetrated against women and children.

No reason was assigned for the transfer by Governor Foss except that he plans to change commanders periodically.

No disorder of any kind was reported today.

INDEPENDENCE, Ore., March 5.—Four business buildings on C street between Main and Railroad were destroyed by fire early today.