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ENGINEERS AT WORK ON LINE HILL EXTENSION

Crew of Surveyors on Projected Route East of Butte Falls Over Mountain to Connection With Oregon Trunk.

Manager Gerig of Pacific and Eastern Refuses to Discuss Matter or to Give Information.

The Pacific and Eastern railroad has a crew of surveyors at work on the extension beyond Butte Falls. It is understood that the party is in charge of an engineer who did the greater part of the locating for the Hill lines through Central Oregon and that the line of the extension is to be relocated.

Definite information as to the extension of the Pacific and Eastern this summer cannot be secured. It is known that Chief Engineer Gerig has been in consultation with President Carl Gray of the Hill lines in Oregon regarding the matter, but Mr. Gerig so far declines to make a statement. The appearance of the surveying party in the field is taken to indicate however, that construction work is to be started soon. It is said that the present line is not entirely satisfactory and that the crew in the field at present is to endeavor to find a more satisfactory route, eliminating a large number of sharp curves and heavy grades.

SOCIALISTS REPUDIATE SPOKANE COMMISSIONER

SEATTLE, Wash., March 11.—Commissioner C. D. Coates is out of the socialist party today. This is the decision of the socialist state convention. Arguments for five hours yesterday on whether his conduct when running for office and afterward entitled him and the Spokane local which supported him to reinstatement into the party, resulted in a vote of 58 to 70 against him. The Spokane local's charter has been withdrawn by the state executive committee, and the matter came up at the convention of Commissioner Coates' appeal.

TAFT CONFIDENT OF NOMINATION

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 11.—Expressing confidence in the outcome of the battle with Theodore Roosevelt for the republican presidential nomination President Taft passed through Pittsburgh today enroute to Washington from Toledo and Chicago, where he delivered speeches. The president said:

"The reception I received both at Chicago and Toledo was highly gratifying. A discussion of governmental questions elicited sympathetic assurances from American citizens of foreign birth and descent, who seemed especially interested and concerned."

Charles D. Hillis, secretary to the president, declared that his original estimate giving President Taft 789 delegates on the first ballot at the national convention probably would be exceeded.

DENVER GIRL JILTS SIR THOMAS LIPTON

LONDON, March 11.—Sir Thomas Lipton, prize fish of the matrimonial sea, was turned down when he proposed to Miss Ruth Bootscher of Denver, Col., according to gossip here today. The American girl, it is said, told Sir Thomas to "get a reputation" by lifting the America's cup.

CHICAGO, March 11.—National convention plans today were discussed at a meeting here of the national executive committee of the socialist party. The result of the preferential vote indicates that the convention will be held in Indiana May 12.

LATEST PICTURE OF COLONEL "TEDDY"



THEODORE ROOSEVELT

Here is the latest picture taken of Colonel Roosevelt. It was made on the day that he announced to the country that he would again be a candidate for the Presidency.

NEW RURAL ROUTE IN OPERATION ON FIRST DAY IN MAY

Rural Route No. 2, out of Medford which covers a large territory lying within a triangle formed by Medford, Central Point and Jacksonville, has been authorized by the department, and the new route will be put in service May 1, 1912. Opposition to the route died when the order of traveling it was reversed in order that those transferred from a Central Point route would receive their mail at the same early hour.

The local civil service examiner has not been notified as yet so the date for examining drivers has not been learned. The route covers 24 3/4 miles and the carrier will be paid \$960 a year. The route is officially fixed as follows: Leave Medford at 8 a. m. northwest on Central Point road to Merriman corner, west to Bell lane, south to Ross Lane and Central Point road, west to school house, north to Tracey's corner, southwest to Jacksonville city limits, northeast to Central Point and Jacksonville roads, east 2 1/2 miles, south to Nipp's corner, east to Orchard Home road, north to Jones corner, west 1/2 mile, north 3/8 mile, west one mile and retrace to Jones corner, east to Pacific and Eastern crossing and southeast to postoffice. Arrive not later than 2 p. m.

FIGHT FOR TOGA IN NEW MEXICO

SANTA FE, N. M., March 11.—The first state legislature of the new state of New Mexico opened a three months' session here today, with the republicans holding a two-thirds majority in each house.

The fight for the senatorial toga will start within ten days and may last the entire session as the race between the candidates is close. It is generally believed here that Solomon Luna could be elected on the first ballot if he would announce his candidacy. No statement from him, however, has been forthcoming. Other candidates in the race are W. H. Andrews and T. B. Catron. The legislature also expects to consider at least 100 bills. One legislator alone having prepared 25 bills.

HOMESTEADERS MUST FIRST VISIT LAND

WASHINGTON, March 11.—The United States supreme court today decided that homesteaders under the timber and stone act cannot file a claim by proxy without first making a personal examination of the land. The decision was handed down in the case of Mary Ness, who filed on land near Roseburg, Oregon after having an expert woodsman examine the land, the latter certifying that it was suitable for agriculture.

MUST CONSIDER FARMERS WELFARE SAYS ROOSEVELT

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 11.—Theodore Roosevelt has explained his attitude in regard to Canadian reciprocity, the explanation appearing in the latest issue of the North Western Agriculturist. The editor, P. V. Collins, headed the movement of protesting farmers against the treaty. The Roosevelt letter to Collins says:

"My Dear Mr. Collins: Your are welcome to make this letter public. The reciprocity treaty is now dead. No useful purpose can be served by discussing it. In any future attempt by reciprocity treaty or otherwise to bring about a re-arrangement of the tariff, there must be no discrimination against the farmer, no effort to make him pay the entire burden of reduction. His interests must be considered with the same care that is given to the consideration of the interests of other American citizens. The welfare of the farmer, like the welfare of the wage worker, is vital to our general welfare and no tariff system is proper that does not recognize as a fundamental necessity the need of caring for the welfare of both wage worker and farmer. May I ask you to look at the speech I made at Sioux Falls, September 3, 1910?"

"Before making that speech I went over it carefully with Senator Duffey. It expresses the views I then hold and which I now hold."

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

WARRING TONGS SIGN TREATY FOR PEACE

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11.—Representatives of the four warring tongues today are parties to an agreement calling for perpetual peace. The toughmen were locked up in a meeting room of the Six Companies and were surrounded by the police, who were working in conjunction with the Chinese consul. The highlanders were not allowed to leave the room until they had signed the peace pact.

SUFFRAGIST LEADER IS ILL FROM HUNGER STRIKE



Miss CHRISTABEL PANKHURST

LONDON, March 11.—As a result of her experience in Holloway prison Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, leader of the militant suffragettes, today is in the prison hospital seriously ill from bronchitis. It is alleged that her illness is caused directly by her confinement in a damp solitary cell.

Although prison officials refuse to discuss Mrs. Pankhurst's illness or other matters connected with the confinement of the suffragettes, it is believed that the hunger strike organized by Mrs. Pankhurst is still in effect among the suffragette prisoners and that the authorities are resorting to force in an attempt to make the women eat.

POSSE CLOSE ON HEELS OF JAIL BREAKERS

Nine Men With Sheriff Wilbur Jones in the Lead Pursuing Men Who Escaped Friday Night From the County Jail.

Food Obtained From Farm Houses But Poor Time Made—All Avenues of Escape Closed by Pursuers.

A posse consisting of nine men headed by Sheriff Jones is close on the trail of the three men who broke jail Friday evening and it is expected that they will be overtaken and placed under arrest this evening. The men are believed to now be in Josephine county. They have been trailed through the Foothills creek country. The men are keeping away from houses and the railroad working their way north as best they can. In two instances they obtained food from houses which were empty at the time. The men have made very poor time in their efforts to get away and all avenues of escape have been closed. It is not believed possible for them to much longer elude the officers. Sunday afternoon the men were reported to have been seen on Gall's creek. Word was phoned out and the trail picked up. As the Josephine county authorities have notified the farmers to be on the outlook for them the men have no chance. So far they have kept away from the railroad.

TVEITMOE CASE SET APRIL 2

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 11.—On the request of the defendants, proceedings in the fight to prevent extradition to Indiana made by Olaf A. Tveitmoe and E. A. Clancy, labor leaders, charged with complicity in a national dynamite conspiracy, were continued to April 2 today by United States Commissioner Knell. The government did not resist the continuance.

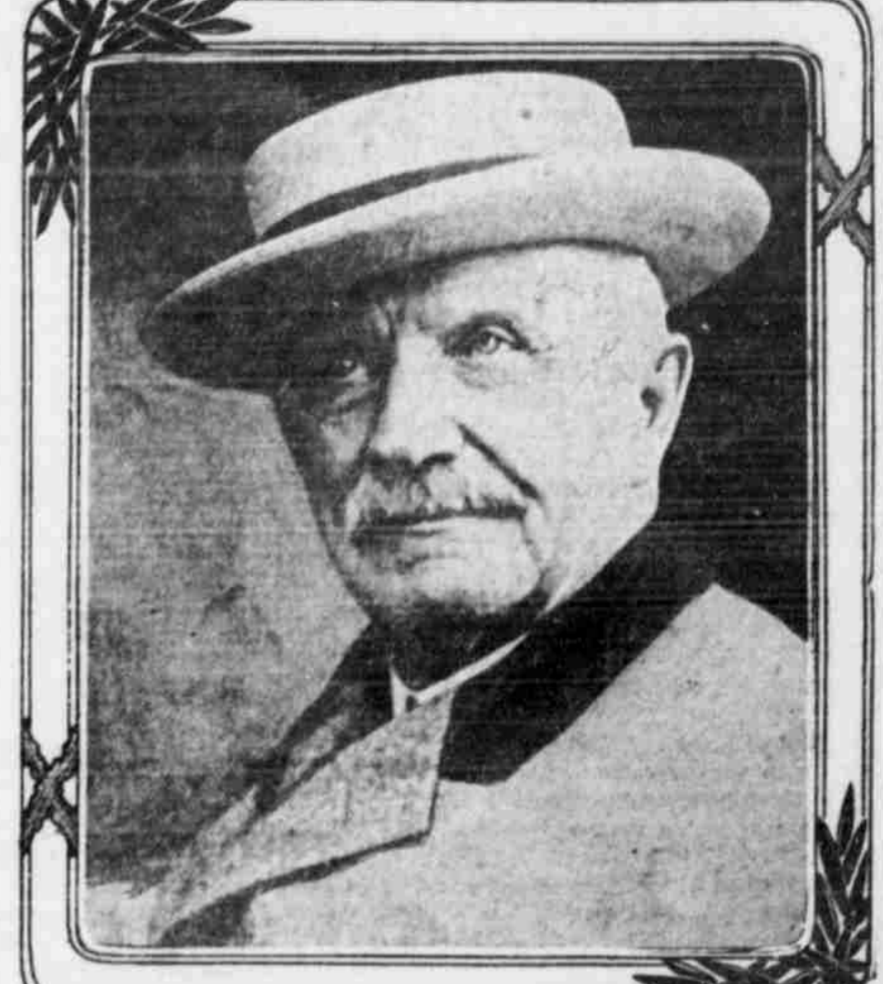
Attorney Bert Scholesinger for the defendants states that other engagements prevented going ahead with the proceedings at this time. He said that he did not ask the continuance because of inability to produce needed witnesses.

"We shall have our witnesses, including Orrie McManigal, here April 2," declared Scholesinger.

CHINA'S CONSTITUTION IS FORMALLY APPROVED

NANKING, March 11.—China's new constitution today was approved by the national assembly here. The constitution provides that the assembly shall elect the president of the republic and also the vice president, and that it shall control the cabinet. A majority vote of the assembly shall be sufficient to pass a legislative enactment over the president's veto.

UNDERWOOD IS FAVORED BY ROCKEFELLER



WILLIAM ROCKEFELLER

William Rockefeller says that of the men most prominently mentioned for the Presidential nomination, either democratic or republican, he favors Mr. Underwood, majority leader of the House of Representatives. His second choice is President Taft.

CHAMP CLARK IS ORATOR TO MOVING PICTURE MACHINE

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 11.—Mounting the rostrum in the house today Champ Clark addressed a body of legislators for the benefit of moving pictures which will be used to boost the speaker in his campaign for the democratic nomination for president.

The house floor was lighted by electricity, strong mercury lights being arranged to throw a vivid glow on Speaker Clark. With the official reporters and clerks lined up before the rostrum and the sergeant-at-arms grasping the silver mace, the speaker holding the gavel said: "The house will be in order."

The official staff then rose, assumed a prayerful attitude and then resumed their seats. The reporters grabbed their tablets, the pages rushed to and fro, the clerks read the journal and Speaker Clark put on his most lifelike frown.

TWELVE FOR CLARK EIGHT FOR WILSON

TOPEKA, Kan., March 11.—Returns today from county and district democratic conventions indicate that 12 of the Kansas delegates to the democratic national convention at Baltimore will be instructed for Speaker Champ Clark and eight for Governor Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey. While Clark will be in a position to control the state convention which meets on Thursday he does not control the delegates from the congressional districts.

SIX YEARS AND ONLY ONE TERM FOR PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 11.—Disclaiming any particular target, but assailing methods whereby the "white house could be turned into a political press gallery," Senator John D. Works of California today urged the senate to approve a constitutional amendment making the presidential term six years and prohibiting re-election.

Senator Works said: "My resolution has no connection with the coming campaign. It is intended to correct an evil only. If this change is made the people will be spared the humiliating spectacle of the president traveling up and down the country, guarded by an army officer and private detectives, making political speeches and urging his own re-election. The official head of the nation should be free from the overpowering temptation his office and power gives as means to secure a second term."

TONG LEADER IS CRUELLY SLAIN

LOS ANGELES, March 11.—Garrotted in a chair placed before a table upon which was spread \$380 in gold, a portion of his savings of years, the body of Wah Lee, believed to be a tong leader, was found today by the police in his Oriental curio store in Chinatown. An extension of the tong war from other coast cities, the police assert, probably was responsible for the crime.

Wah was bound securely to the chair, a silken bit forming a gag. About his neck was a fine silken cord in two loops. One loop had bitten deep into the flesh, apparently causing death by slow strangulation, the other being carried behind the chair and then twisted into an ingenious tourniquet.

Within a foot of the Chinaman's face, on the table, the gold was spread. It had been taken from a strongbox under a bed, which contained more than \$1,000 in gold. The box was left open.

According to the belief of the police, Wah's murderers slowly tortured him to death, compelling him to hold his failing gaze on the gold he had hoarded. An expression of terrible agony contorted the features. Thus far the police have no clue of the identity of the murderers.

King George an Inventor. BERLIN, March 11.—King George of England is being acclaimed as an inventor, having through his cousin, the German crown prince, taken out a patent for a coal-saving range.

COAL STRIKES IN GERMANY AND FRANCE

Thousands of Miners Out in Continental Countries—Whole Coal Industry of Europe Paralyzed—Supply is Almost Exhausted.

Premier Asquith Hopeful That Success Will Crown Efforts of Government to End Strike in Great Britain

BERLIN, March 11.—Carrying out their threat to strike unless their employers granted their demands for increased wages thousands of coal miners laid their tools in various sections of Germany today. It is believed the entire industry will be paralyzed by tomorrow. Fully 75,000 miners struck in the Ruhr region and their number will be doubled within a few hours. Miners throughout the Prussian fields are obeying the order.

LONDON, March 11.—With coal strikes on in full swing today in the United Kingdom, Germany and France, it is believed here that the whole coal industry of Europe will be paralyzed quickly. The European coal supply in a short time probably will be almost exhausted. The twenty-four strike in France is thought to be a forerunner of a general coal strike. If such a strike comes it probably will effect the Belgian fields.

PARIS, March 11.—Labor leaders interested in the twenty-four coal strike under which France is reeling today, as an object lesson to the nation, to prove that the working men are united in their demands for an eight-hour day, an old age pension of 40 cents daily beginning when the worker is 50 and a minimum wage scale similar to that demanded by the coal miners in the United Kingdom.

LONDON, March 11.—Premier Asquith today is hopeful that success tomorrow will attend his efforts to settle the coal strike. A conference of the miners' representatives and the operators will be held and it is expected that concessions making possible industrial peace will be made.

OAKLAND MAYOR FACES A RECALL

OAKLAND, Cal., March 11.—Steps are to be taken today by the socialists of Oakland to recall Mayor Frank K. Mott and the entire administration. The socialists give as one reason for the recall of the officials the action of the mayor and the police in dealing with the Industrial Workers of the World speakers in Oakland.

The socialists charge misuse of the waterfront and turning it over to the corporate interests; illegal letting of contracts for work on the new city hall amounting to \$500,000; collection of excessive taxes; unlawful depositing of money by the city treasurer; nullification of the city charter and the principle of the commission form of government; use of the police department for the protection of corporate interests and importation of "thugs and gunmen" to act as strikebreakers.

PROHIBITIONISTS IN STATE CONVENTION

PORTLAND, March 11.—Lively discussions are expected when the question of nominating full state and county tickets comes up for determination at the state prohibitionist convention, which will hold its first session tomorrow. The convention will adjourn Wednesday evening.

At present there is a well defined difference of opinion as to the expediency of nominating full tickets, a number of delegates holding the opinion that the party's chances of success would be enhanced by endorsing certain candidates of other parties.