

SHALL MEDFORD BUILD A RAILROAD TO THE BLUE LEDGE COPPER MINE

MEETING IS CALLED FOR MONDAY EVE

Citizens to Discuss Possibility of Building Railroad to Mine—Towne, Owner of Property, Promises to Start Operations if Road is Built.

Means Big Payroll and Steady Work for Several Hundred Men—Promises 2000 Tons Minimum Output.

Business men and citizens of Medford have called a mass meeting for Monday evening next at the Medford theater to discuss the promotion of a railroad to the Blue Ledge copper mine, 39 miles southwest of Medford.

Assurances have been received from Robt. S. Towne that he will at once erect a large concentrating plant at the mine and operate with a large payroll, provided such a railroad is built. Bond buyers agree to finance the project, providing a few miles of railroad are first constructed. Ways and means to secure the funds for construction work will be discussed at the meeting.

The following wires have been received by Dr. J. P. Reddy, who sold the Blue Ledge to Mr. Towne, from the latter at New York:

New York, March 16.
We are interested in having road built. Can only represent what it is likely we might do if we adopted concentration and shipment of product. This would be 2000 tons per month and upwards. What freight rate to Medford could be made on that tonnage? If rate low enough, investigation we might adopt that think it quite likely that on further plan and erect plant for same by date you state.

ROBT. S. TOWNE.
New York, March 19.
If you can promote the building of the road I think there is no doubt we will operate the mine. I do not feel like subscribing for stock or bonds. Our investment in mining and metallurgical plant would be large. Hope you will succeed.

ROBT. S. TOWNE.

New York, December 21, 1911.
Dear Mr. Reddy: I have your favor of December 11. I agree with you it is interesting that the Southern Pacific be favorably impressed with interests of building a road toward or past the Blue Ledge. The property has a large tonnage of ore developed. I think it can safely be called upwards of 300,000 tons. The outlook for its further development is good. I do not take any very active interest at this time in trying to put that before these people myself. There is no objection to your stating whatever you care to, however, in the matter. Yours truly,
ROBT. TOWNE.

TARIFF BOARD IS DENOUNCED BY DEMOCRATS

Theory and Methods of Taft's Plan Scheme Declared Erroneous and Untenable—Voluminous Report on Introduction of Wool Bill.

Analysis of Board's Findings Failed to Reveal Anything That Requires a Single Change in Measure.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—Denouncing the theory and methods of the tariff board as "erroneous and untenable," the democrats of the house ways and means committee today filed with the house a voluminous report on the introduction of the Underwood wool bill, vetoed by the president last summer.

The committee declares that the tariff board gives absolutely no reasons for changes in the bill passed last year. After reviewing the president's veto, the committee voted the report on the original bill that it "would be trifling with the people to give further consideration to republican counsels of more delay."

The committee has made a careful analysis of the report of the tariff board in order to interpret the findings and to discover in what particulars the committee's bill of the last session was defective, the report states: "This analysis has failed to reveal anything that requires a single change in the rates fixed in the committee's bill."

"As shown in the analysis, the data of the report of the tariff board has found to be diffuse and unsystematic and to present insignificant findings. "The theory of applying tariff duties according to the difference on the cost of production in this and foreign countries, upon which the board has projected and prepared its report, is entirely erroneous and untenable. These persons who are willing to overlook the lack of theoretical soundness and of statistical accuracy, will find the data of the report too fragmentary and incomplete to admit of conclusions with reference to rates of tariff duty. The report leaves the question of the tariff duties on wool as much unsolved as before the tariff board was formed."

SENATOR TAYLOR OF TENNESSEE DYING

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—United States Senator Robert Love Taylor of Tennessee is reported dying here this afternoon following an operation for gall stones. For a time Senator Taylor showed improvement, but he suffered a relapse today and is unconscious.

BRITAIN'S BIG COAL STRIKE NEARING END

Coal Mine Operators Unanimously Accept Terms Specified in Minimum Wage Bill—Miners Hold Referendum Ballot on the Bill.

All England Rejoicing Over the Probability of Strike's Termination—Conservatives Support Measure.

LONDON, March 27.—The coal mine operators, in conference here today at which every big mine in the country was represented unanimously accepted the terms specified in the minimum wage bill, now pending in parliament. The miners are holding a referendum ballot to determine whether to accept the bill and it is expected they will act favorably, thus bringing one of the greatest industrial struggles in years to a close.

LONDON, March 27.—All England is rejoicing today over the probability of the big miners' strike terminating before the end of the week. The sudden turn in affairs is due to the efforts of J. R. McDonald, leader of the conservative laborites in the house of commons who this morning addressed a meeting of the Miners' Federation, pleading with the men to accept the minimum wage bill now pending in parliament.

The house of lords is expected to pass the minimum wage bill before adjournment today. It probably will be approved by King George tomorrow.

In the event of the miners rejecting McDonald's suggestion, the government will send troops to protect the collieries if the owners decide to resume operations. They will be instructed to protect strikebreakers at all hazards.

WEALTHY PRISONER OBJECTS TO PHOTO

OAKLAND, Cal., March 27.—Investigation is being made today at the instigation of President Taft into the photographing of S. C. Lillis, a federal prisoner serving six months in the Alameda county jail for unlawfully fencing public lands.

Lillis is a wealthy stockman who was convicted in Fresno four years



THE HARVEST.

36 BODIES TAKEN FROM COAL MINE 30 MORE FOUND

WELCH, W. Va., March 27.—Thirty-six bodies were recovered today from the mine of the United States Coal and Coke company, which was wrecked by a gas explosion. Thirty other corpses have been located in the shaft, and will be recovered this afternoon.

Coroner McCullough of McDowell county is investigating the cause of the explosion. He arrived at the Alameda jail several weeks ago after fighting conviction since 1908, and was photographed at the prison. He has now appealed to the president to force Sheriff Barnett to withdraw his picture from the prison files and to surrender the plates and prints to him.

HARMON WOULD RUIN PARTY SAYS WILLIAM J. BRYAN

LINCOLN, Neb., March 27.—Declaring that Governor Judson Harmon of Ohio, candidate for the democratic nomination for president of the United States is a congressional renegade and that his choice as a standard bearer would be ruinous to the democratic party, William Jennings Bryan today wrote a letter of energetic disapproval to E. H. Moore, of Columbus, Ohio, manager of Harmon's political interests.

The letter recites the bolting of the democratic ticket by Harmon in 1896; and his record since that time, which Bryan alleges shows that the Ohioan favored the attempts of the reactionaries to control the party. "The Harmon is a reactionary is unquestioned by any fair-minded man," says the letter. "Since 1908 his political influence has been thrown to the side of the reactionaries—notably when he appeared before the constitutional convention in Ohio and advised its members to reject the initiative and referendum. Surely you cannot believe that a democratic candidate with such a record will prove a popular leader at this time, when nine-tenths of the democrats are progressives, and nearly one-half of the republicans are aroused to the importance of taking the government out of the control of predatory interests."

SMELTER TRUST IS SAFE BECAUSE IT AIDS TAFT, HE SAYS

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—Denouncing Attorney General Wickensham's refusal to give the house information regarding the existence of a smelter trust as "astounding," Congressman John A. Martin (democrat) in the house today introduced a resolution demanding the house mining committee investigate the alleged combine. Congressman Martin said:

"It is an absolutely safe assertion that there is a smelter trust and that the department of justice in protecting it is slinking its duty. This department does not dare prosecute this powerful ally of the Taft administration. "The smelter trust is the most corrupting and reactionary influence in Rocky Mountain politics. The blackest pages in the history of Colorado—and there are no black in the history of the American commonwealths—are written in the Guggenheim checkbooks of 1902 and 1906. "

PAYNE MUST PAY SUBSCRIPTION

In Test Case Jury Finds Subscribers to Crater Lake Highway Fund Must Make Good Their Obligations—Affairs of Crater Lake Committee of Commercial Club Aired in Court

Commercial club had not constructed the entire road, that the construction already done had been of no benefit to him and that consequently he should not be compelled to pay the same. The history of the subscription list and of the efforts of the commercial club to secure the construction of the highway were gone into at length and the probe inserted into the affairs of the Crater Lake Highway commission. Minutes of the meeting, financial reports, road and sundry expenses incurred were brought out, the court (Continued on Page 6.)

RIOTING RESULTS IN MARTIAL LAW AT ROCK ISLAND

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., March 27.—With one dead, one dying, nine in hospitals desperately wounded and four others hurt as a result of a battle between the police and a mob infuriated over local political developments, civil law is practically suspended here today. State militiamen are patrolling all the streets of the city, and all saloons in the corporate limits have been closed. Four companies of militia are under arms and four others are waiting for a call to the scene of the trouble. The entire sixth regiment has been ordered here. The rioting began as the result of a political fight which has been raging for a month between Harry

SECOND GRAND JURY REPORTS FINDING NO GRAFT

Gold Hill Parties Try to Secure Indictment of Former Commissioner Davis—No Irregularities Found by Probers.

himself, had purchased any county warrants below par. He stated that several of the bank's customers had left money at the bank for the purchase of warrants, and in a few instances the bank, as a matter of accommodation, had acted as agent for these persons in buying a small amount of warrants. Former Roadmaster Harmon, among other witnesses appeared before the jurors but accusations were found unsupported by evidence and the grand jury filed the following report: "We, your grand jury, convened yesterday, the 24th instant, having disposed of whatever business came before us, and knowing of no further duties at hand awaiting us, beg leave to submit the following report: "We have returned one indictment. "We have examined several witnesses who testified concerning the county court affairs not touched upon by the previous grand jury, and so far as the evidence before us shows there has been no fraud or graft on

BOMBARDMENT KILLS EIGHT AT MAZATLAN

TUCSON, Ariz., March 27.—Eight persons are dead and several are suffering from wounds today following a bombardment of the port of Mazatlan by the Mexican rebel gunboat Guerrero. Five of the dead are federals and three rebels, according to reports of the engagement received here. A force of rebels which simultaneously attacked Mazatlan from shore side were turned back.

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