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New Gaps in Levees Imperil Lives of Ten Thousand Now Clinging to Tree Tops and Rafts.

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 6.—Fifty persons were drowned at Compe Parish early today when a flood of water from a break in the levee rushed suddenly into the district. Survivors reported that 12 bodies had been recovered.

The general flood situation in the threatened districts is unchanged. In New Orleans there was a slight fall in the river stage, due to breaks in the levees at points above here.

### Heavy Rain Falling.

Heavy rains in Louisiana and Mississippi today lend additional danger to scores of cities which have been threatened with inundation by the flood waters of the Mississippi river. With the water topping the levees at Baton Rouge, Morgansea, Melville Bayou Des Glaces, La., the situation was such as to cause Governor Sanders to impress into service a large number of negroes, forcing them to work on the levees.

The flood situation at Point Compe is desperate. Motorboats have been sent to the scene to take off the refugees.

### 10,000 Are Marooned.

Survivors assert that whole families were swept to their deaths from rooftops when the levees broke today. Government officers have been notified that at least 10,000 persons are imperiled by being marooned in tree tops, houses and rafts.

Passengers on a train which passed through Morgansea today stated that people stood at the depot in water waist deep, signalling for the train to take them aboard. The engineer and conductor would not stop the train because of the rapid rise of water. The next train which passed was derailed and its passengers thrown into the flood.

MELVILLE, La., May 6.—The levee above here broke at noon, a fifty foot gap spreading the water in all directions. The country is flooded for miles in every direction.

## MEXICAN REBELS SUSTAIN CRUSHING DEFEAT AT SINALOA

TUSCON, Ariz., May 6.—More than one hundred rebels were killed, scores were wounded and the entire rebel command in Central Sinaloa routed in a desperate battle near Morocito, Sinaloa, late Sunday, according to dispatches reaching here today.

The remnants of the rebel army are reported to be fleeing to the mountains with the federals in pursuit.

The federal force at Moro. City numbered 350 while the rebels included 1500 well armed and drilled veterans of the Chihuahua campaign. The federals, however, had an advantageous position. It was in attempting to capture this strategic point that scores of rebels met death.

More than 100 rebel prisoners were taken in addition to fifty horses and a quantity of guns and ammunition. Several machine guns were abandoned to the federals in the flight.

### FREIGHT HANDLERS OF CHICAGO OUT ON STRIKE

CHICAGO, May 6.—Four hundred and fifty extra policemen are guarding the freight houses and railroad yards here today as a result of the strike of the freight handlers. Sixty-five hundred men are out.

## WEST STARTS CLEANING OUT STATE CAPITOL

Governor of Oregon Takes Bit in Teeth, Discharges Superintendent James of State Penitentiary and Will Put It on Business Basis.

Says State is Burdened With Useless Commissions and Waste of Money to Petty Politicians.

SALEM, Ore., May 5.—Governor West today took the bits in his teeth and is doing a marathon. It started this morning when Superintendent James of the state penitentiary passed up to the governor a proposition to work for nothing as superintendent, provided the other employees would do the same. The governor's answer was to remove James absolutely, appointing present Warden Curtis, as acting superintendent and directing James to turn over the institution to him at once. He declares that under the law the institution need not have a superintendent, and he will appoint none. He intends to put the institution on a business basis and will say who is to stay or go.

The governor is hot, and temperance going up all the time. He says he will prepare a list of all state institutions, showing their appropriations, the number of officials, deputies, assistants and hangers-on. He asserts the state is burdened with useless commissions, sinecure offices, clerks and placemen, all nursing at the public teat and as useless as republican voters in Texas. He will give the salaries, show that bosses are employed to boss other bosses; the sums worse than wasted, in making place for small politicians, then he will ask the newspapers to investigate and verify his showing and let the people know "why taxes are high. He can't be headed and there is to be a state-wide house-cleaning.

## HOLD WITNESS AGAINST JUDGE

WASHINGTON, May 6.—The flight to Europe of a witness in the alleged scandal which is threatening the impeachment of Judge Archbald of the commerce court was stopped today by the house judiciary committee, but none of its members would disclose the identity of the man. It is understood that this witness participated in an alleged purchase of \$30,000 worth of materials and their sale to the Erie road for \$35,000, in connection with which deal Archbald is accused. This witness has been served with a subpoena and will appear before the judiciary committee tomorrow.

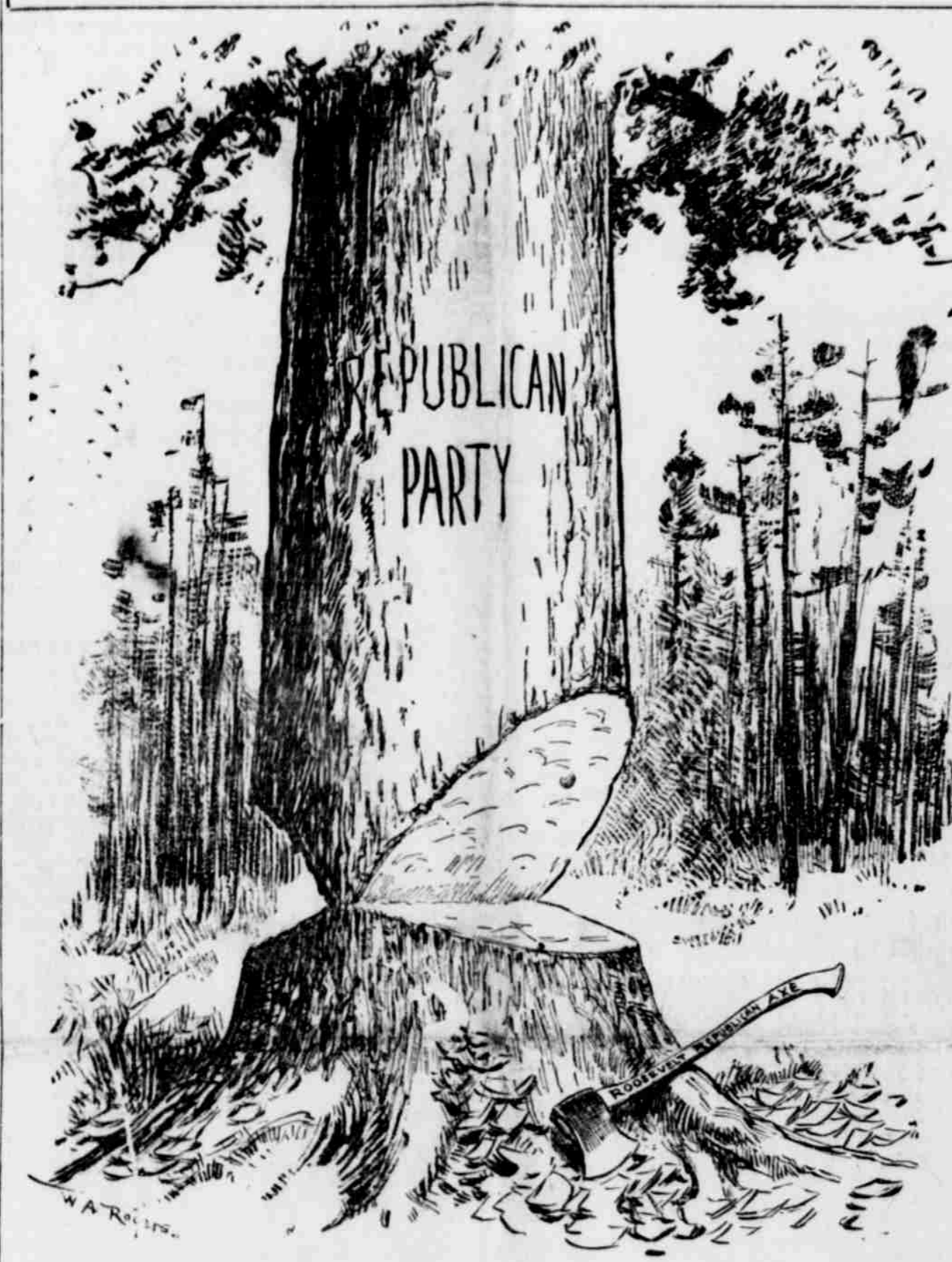
It was believed here this afternoon that the judiciary committee rushed through the resolution authorizing the investigation of Judge Archbald's alleged negotiations of refuse coal properties of the Erie road in order to secure the testimony of this witness.

The papers, submitted to the committee by President Taft will be opened tomorrow but their contents will not be published.

### HILLMAN FAVORED AT FEDERAL PENITENTIARY

TACOMA, Wn., May 6.—C. D. Hillman they say "never lost a sale," and made millions in real estate only to land in federal prison on McNeil's Island for fraudulent use of the mails. But his native shrewdness went with him and he has won every attack and instead of going into the clay with a pick he has been allowed to build roads and do landscape work. He is working to get into the strawberry patch and officials say he will do it and probably be a trusty because of good behavior in a few weeks.

With Teddy on One Side and Taft Upon the Other--



WHO WINS?

## BRYAN IN OHIO CAMPAIGN; TEDDY ALSO IN RING

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 6.—Prepared for an earnest campaign in advocacy of Woodrow Wilson's candidacy for the democratic nomination for president, William J. Bryan is in Ohio today.

President Taft is also in his home state, and Governor Judson Harmon, Woodrow Wilson and Colonel Roosevelt will tour Ohio before the presidential primaries on May 21 in the interests of their respective candidacies.

Bryan's campaign will begin tonight, under the direction of Governor Wilson's supporters, and will end Thursday. Meanwhile Governor Harmon will be active and expects to offset the effect of the Bryan tour. President Taft delivered several addresses today from the rear platform of his train en route to Cincinnati.

## DOWNWARD TENDENCY IN STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, May 7.—Today's opening stock market showed decided weakness and losses of a point or more were made by Union Pacific, Canadian Pacific, Reading and Lehigh Valley. Other leaders made slightly less losses. With the exception of Erie the general tendency was downward. United States Steel was under heavy selling pressure and registered a loss of 3 5-8. The market closed steady. Bonds were easy.

## WILSON DEFEATS CHAMP CLARK IN LONE STAR STATE

AUSTIN, Texas, May 6.—Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey overwhelmingly defeated Champ Clark and Judson Harmon in Saturday's precinct caucuses, practically complete returns from which today showed that the New Jersey governor received three times as many votes as Clark and Harmon combined. The vote is a repudiation of Senator Joseph W. Bailey, who stamped the state for Governor Harmon, being especially bitter in his denunciation of Wilson.

Colonel Roosevelt is leading President Taft in the voting, but the Taft people are preparing to send contesting delegations from the various counties to the state convention, and it is expected that the fight will be carried to the floor of the national convention in Chicago.

## ICE CREAM POISONS THIRTY PICNICERS

HANFORD, Cal., May 6.—Poisoned by eating ice cream at a picnic 80 members of the Methodist church here are slowly recovering today. Seventy-five were terribly stricken and some thought hopelessly so. All physicians from Hanford and Lemoore were summoned and worked over the patients all night long. The cream was made by one of the parishioners, and after standing over night in the freezer was frozen the next morning. The picnicers then proceeded to the banks of Kings river, near Hardwick, where they were stricken.

## THREE ASHLAND BOYS ARRESTED FOR GAMBLING

Percy Hale, Frank Casey and George Brennan of Ashland were arrested at the Royal lodging house Sunday evening for gambling. The arrests were made by Policemen Hellans and Crawford after they had watched the game. The men were well supplied with whiskey and were rather noisy. The officers found \$3.15 on the table when the men were picked up.

Hale is the 19-year-old boy of Ashland who recently came to Medford with the Ashland chief of police and bought whiskey in three saloons, causing the indictments of three bartenders.

## M'DONALD SOCIALIST PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 6.—A boom has been started here for the nomination of Duncan McDonald, secretary treasurer of the Illinois United Mine Workers of America for president of the United States on the Socialist ticket. Illinois delegates will work for him at the national convention in Indianapolis May 12. As this state has the largest socialist vote of any in the union with the exception of Pennsylvania, it is believed McDonald will have a good chance. Job Harriman of Los Angeles and Charles Edward Russell, the magazine writer, are said to be the other two candidates most likely to get the nomination.

## CALL MEETING TO DRAFT HOME RULE ROAD BILL

All Members of Commercial Club Interested in Good Roads Asked to Meet Wednesday Night to Discuss Matter.

Committee is to Be Appointed to Draft Bill Which Will Give Each County its Own Say About Roads.

Because the good roads bills proposed at Portland do not give the several counties of the state power to govern the amount they shall bond for the purpose of building good roads the Medford Commercial club will meet on Wednesday night to appoint committees to draft bills giving each county its own say as to the amount of bonds to be voted. These bills will be circulated under the initiative and placed upon the ballot in November. All good roads advocates are urged to attend the meeting.

As was pointed out in an opinion prepared by A. E. Reames published in these columns Saturday the bills being circulated in Portland limit each county to 2 per cent of its bonded indebtedness. This will leave Jackson county less than a half million for good roads. The bills to be drafted by the Medford Commercial club will remove this limit allowing each county to specify the amount it wishes to bond for.

## LEA A WRECK FREEING CHINA

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 6.—A physical and mental wreck broken by the Orient, General Homer Lea, the California military genius, author, confidant of Dr. Sun Yat Sen and adviser of the little group of Chinese revolutionary leaders, arrived on the liner Chi Yo Maru this morning to regain his health at his home in Los Angeles. He was accompanied by Mrs. Lea.

Although he took little part in the actual field campaigns of the revolutionary army, General Lea devoted himself so assiduously to the problems of releasing the Chinese from the dominance of the Manchus to which he has virtually devoted his whole life, that his constitution was undermined and he suffered a severe stroke of paralysis. He was confined to his stateroom during the entire voyage from Shanghai and had to be carried from the Chi Yo in an invalid chair. He was in no condition to discuss the situation and will be hurried to Los Angeles.

## SKAGIT PRIMARY IS HELD TODAY

TACOMA, Wn., May 6.—Whether the state of Washington will send a delegation to the republican national convention at Chicago instructed for President Taft or for Theodore Roosevelt is said largely to depend upon the result of the republican primary election being held in Pierce county today. All counties in the state have selected delegates to the state convention with the exception of Skagit, with 19 and Pierce county with 61. Roosevelt now has 233 delegates, Taft 174, with 173 votes contested. These contested votes include 121 from King county, where the republican primaries were repudiated by the Taft organization, which in turn named delegates to contest the seats of those elected at the primaries. These votes will practically decide which faction of the party will control the state convention at Aberdeen.

## \$15,000,000 IS LOSS BY FROST IN CALIFORNIA

Professor P. J. O'Gara Back From Pomona, Cal., Where He Addressed 1000 Orange Growers on Prevention of Injury by Frost to Fruit.

Growers Know Very Little of Frost Prevention Work, Asking Questions Which Are Considered Silly Here.

That a loss of \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000 this year has forced the citrus fruit growers of southern California to turn their attention seriously, for the first time to frost prevention work, and that the growers at present know nothing at all of the methods followed in this work, is the word brought from southern California by Prof. P. J. O'Gara who has just returned from Pomona, Cal., where he addressed a gathering of 1000 fruit growers, members of the Citrus Protective league. Professor O'Gara had not intended to attend the convention but send a paper to be read before the meeting. However he was induced at San Francisco to make the trip to Pomona.

"I was reliably informed," states Prof. O'Gara, "that this year the orange growers of southern California have lost from \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000 by frost. Hence they are at last taking up the matter of scientific frost fighting in earnest.

"It is remarkable how very little they know of frost prevention. In fact, during an open discussion after my remarks the most sensible question asked was too silly to be answered in the Rogue river valley. I told them so, too.

"I devoted a great portion of my remarks to the Rogue River valley. They had an impression that we only had about 5000 acres of fruit here. When I showed stereopticon views of orchards in hearing after the frost season had passed they could hardly understand it. Many of them after the meeting asked me many questions regarding the land in this locality, a number stating frankly that they intended to quit the orange business and turn their attention to pears."

Prof. O'Gara purchased considerable equipment in San Francisco for the laboratory he is fitting up here.

## BOTH SIDES IN MARYLAND CLAIM VICTORY AT POLLS

BALTIMORE, Md., May 6.—With ideal weather conditions prevailing, Maryland today is holding its first presidential primary election. Early voting was heavy.

The Roosevelt people issued a statement in which they claimed victory for the former president. The Taft following is reticent, but the president is the favorite in what little betting has been done.

It is not believed the result of the election will be definitely known until tomorrow.

## BUSINESS SUSPENDED TO HEAR LA FOLLETTE

HANFORD, Cal., May 6.—Business was practically suspended and school children given a day off here today to listen to an address by Senator Robert M. La Follette, progressive republican candidate for the presidential nomination. The speaker was introduced by Mayor Coe and was enthusiastically received. Senator La Follette's speech was practically a repetition of that delivered at Stockton Saturday.