

NEW ORLEANS CUT OFF FROM OUTSIDE WORLD

All Communication With Stricken City Severed—Fresh Break Forty Miles Downstream Flooding New Area—Rainfall Raises River.

Thousands of Persons Huddled Along Levees Awaiting Rescue—30,000 Homeless Being Fed.

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 7.—With rainfall bringing the Mississippi waters again to a threatening stage thousands are working on the threatened levees today. The dikes are still in grave danger. Hundreds of boys are filling sandbags, which the men are hauling to the levees and putting in place.

Practically all rail communication with New Orleans is severed today. The Saint Sophia levee, 40 miles below New Orleans, broke at noon. With a 200 foot gap in the levee, a section which was hitherto considered safe is being flooded.

Thousands of persons are huddled together along the levees in various parts of Louisiana today, waiting to be rescued. Relief is being hurried to the threatened sections, every available craft having been placed in requisition.

Refugees are making headquarters in Baton Rouge and Natchez, where they have been housed in schools and churches.

Food has been distributed to 30,000 sufferers in Louisiana alone.

ROOSEVELT WINS MARYLAND WITH 3500 MAJORITY

NEW YORK, May 7.—"Well, Maryland went right," said Theodore Roosevelt with a broad grin today as he sat in his office at the Outlook. He will remain here for seven days attending to his duties as associate editor of the Outlook.

BALTIMORE, Md., May 7.—Practically complete returns from yesterday's primary today show that Theodore Roosevelt will control the state convention Thursday, May 14, thus ensuring to him a solid delegation of 16 from Maryland in the Chicago convention. Roosevelt elected 66 delegates to Taft's 63.

Roosevelt's popular majority will reach 3500.

On the democratic side Champ Clark's followers elected 80 delegates to the state democratic convention, while Woodrow Wilson got 45 and Judson Harmon two.

A peculiar feature of the republican contest was that while one district was favorable to Roosevelt on the presidential preference vote, Taft, in the same district, elected four delegates to the state convention. Under the law, these delegates are compelled to support Roosevelt.

Colonel Roosevelt carried every district in Baltimore. Taft carried the districts on the eastern shore and in South Maryland.

ALL PEACEFUL ALONG MEXICO'S WEST COAST

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 7.—Reports that American citizens on the west coast of Mexico are in grave danger through revolution were given the lie today on the arrival of the steamer Peru in San Francisco from the south.

Instead of the mob of frenzied refugees, the Peru should have carried, had the incendiary reports been true, she had just two passengers aboard from the west coast.

The Peru's officers went ashore at Salina Cruz, Acapulco and San Blas, but found all peaceful there.

CANNONADING OPENS ATTACK UPON TORREON

Mexican Rebels Under Orozco Surround City Into Which 8,000 Federal Troops Have Retreated—Completely Surrounded Must Fight.

Reported Victory of Federalists Turns Out to Be Bloody Defeat at Monclava.

EAGLE PASS, Texas, May 7.—Heavy cannonading today opened the siege of Torreon by rebel troops under the direct command of General Pascual Orozco, according to dispatches received here from the beleaguered city. General Huerta's 8,000 federals have withdrawn into the city, and the rebels, to an equal number, are surrounding it and making attacks at half a dozen points.

The rebel headquarters last night stretched in a line 18 miles from east to west, but this morning, hemmed in on three sides, Huerta must either fight or surrender. His retreat southward is impossible as the National railway from Torreon to Mexico City is practically out of commission and the whole intervening country swarms with rebels.

The reported engagement of 1,800 federals and 2,000 rebels at Monclava which Mexico City despatches declared was a federal victory, in reality was a crushing defeat for the Maderistas. It was the bloodiest battle of the revolution. The rebels admit 600 loss and it is reported that the federal losses were still greater. The battle was fought in a narrow pass eight miles from Cuatro Ciencas, the federals firing from the mountainsides. The rebels finally routed the federals, who retreated on Monclava.

SPRECKELS WILL CONTEST ENDED

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 7.—Rudolph and Claus A. Spreckels and their sister, Emma C. Ferris, are confirmed in their inheritance of \$5,000,000 left to them by the will of their father, the late Claus Spreckels, by the refusal of the state supreme court sitting here to set aside its previous decision upholding the will.

Counsel for John D. and Adolph B. Spreckels, the older brothers, argued that since the younger brothers had first tried to secure legal sanction of the will and when defeated in the superior court and pending decision of their appeal to the supreme court, had begun an entirely new action, ignoring the will and asking that the property be divided, the last action had annulled the first. Hence, they argued, the decision of the supreme court upon the first action should be set aside.

STEREOTYPERS REFUSE TO OBEY UNION'S ORDERS

CHICAGO, May 7.—Stereotypers who are on strike here in aid of the striking web pressmen, today ignored the orders of their international officers to resume work immediately. Their representatives told International President Free that they would but they did not fulfill his orders.

WASHINGTON DEMOCRATS QUIBBLE

WALLA WALLA, Wn., May 7.—Little was done aside from the settling of the contests in Adams and King counties in the democratic state convention here today.

The entire forenoon was spent in quibbling and fighting over the seating of the Adams and King county delegations. At noon the Ritzville or first elected delegation of the Adams county contestants, had been seated by the convention, and the King county people had one hour to debate the matter.

BOURNE GRILLS PRESIDENT FOR APPOINTMENTS

Oregon Senator Asserts That Taft Violated Constitution and Evaded Law by Recess Appointments of Rejected Officials for Oregon Ports

Appointments Made by Consent of Members of National Committee and State Political Machines.

PORTLAND, May 7.—Denouncing him for his "evasion and violation of the plain intent of the constitution," and for pursuing such tactics as tend to injure the public service, United States Senator Jonathan Bourne, of Oregon, in a letter made public here today, bitterly attacks President Taft for the action he took in the appointment of a United States marshal for Oregon and a collector of customs for Portland.

In Bourne's letter which is dated May 2 and is addressed to President Taft, the senator says that when the term of C. J. Reed, as United States marshal for Oregon expired January 16, 1910, he recommended Hon. J. Frank Sinton as Reed's successor. Senator Bourne says that President Taft, disregarding the senator's recommendations and without making any objections to Sinton's qualifications, delayed the appointment till December 7, 1910, when he appointed E. G. Colwell to the position.

Colwell Distasteful.

"Colwell was distasteful to both Senator Chamberlain and myself," says Bourne, "because he was one of that crowd of unscrupulous politicians who urged members of the legislature to violate their written pledges to the people of the state that they would support for United States senator that candidate who received the largest number of the people's votes at the preceding general election."

Senator Bourne and Senator Chamberlain protested and the nomination of Colwell was not confirmed. President Taft, then, according to the letter requested to be permitted to withdraw the nomination of Colwell.

Sensors Bourne and Chamberlain consented, Bourne "assuming you would not take advantage of the courtesy."

Reappointed in Recess.

Taft, says Bourne, reappointed Colwell in the recess of congress. Later the letter says, after Bourne and Chamberlain again protested and the president, Bourne charges, saw there was no chance of nominating Colwell, he withdrew the nomination. He later presented the nomination of Leslie M. Scott, whose appointment is pending.

"This man Colwell," says Senator Bourne, "who had tried to overthrow the will of the people of Oregon and destroy our system of popular governmental law, was thus kept in office eight months by your evasion of the plain intent of the constitution." "Pursuing the same policy of evasion and usurpation," continues the letter, "you sent to the senate, January 13, 1911, the appointment of Phillip S. Malcolm as collector of customs for Portland."

Altered Constitution.

"By your course," Bourne charges, "you read into the constitution something not placed there by its authors." The letter further says, "In Oregon and in many other states you have made appointments by and with the consent of members of the national

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Dead Hand Dictates Her Future



MRS. JOHN JACOB ASTOR

ASTOR DOOMS GIRL WIDOW TO REMAIN UNWED

NEW YORK, May 7.—Mrs. Madeline Force Astor, girl-widow of Colonel John Jacob Astor who went down with the liner Titanic, is doomed to life-long widowhood if she wishes to retain her portion of her husband's \$75,000,000 estate, according to the terms of Colonel Astor's will, on file here today. The will leaves \$5,000,000 in trust for the 19 year old widow which will go to Vincent Astor if she ever remarries, or in the event of her death.

The residue of the estate, \$60,000,000, is left to Vincent Astor, the colonel's son. Five million is left to the daughter, Mariel, and \$3,000,000 in trust for Mrs. Madeline Astor's unborn child. To friends, relatives, servants and charity \$2,700,000.

Mrs. Ava Willing Astor, Colonel Astor's divorced wife gets nothing. The terms of the will nullify the chances of Mrs. Madeline Force Astor to be one of the leaders of society as mistress of Beachwood, the magnificent Astor home in Newport. This honor will go to Vincent Astor's wife, whoever she may be.

BEGIN TRIAL TO IMPEACH JUDGE

WASHINGTON, May 7.—With barred doors and even the committee clerk excluded the house judiciary committee today began the investigation of the impeachment charges against Judge Robert Archbald of the commerce court. A decision is expected in ten days, when it is predicted impeachment will be recommended.

"This proceeding resembles that of a grand jury," said one member of the committee today. "It would be improper to call as a witness the person against whom the investigation is aimed."

ALL AMERICANS SAFE IN MAZATLAN SAYS BUFORD

WASHINGTON, May 7.—All Americans are safe on the west coast of Mexico and all is quiet in Mazatlan, in spite of the alarming reports to the contrary, according to advices received here today from the army transport Buford, recently sent from San Francisco to "rescue" the Americans. The Buford's despatches state positively that the Americans have suffered no hardships and are in no danger.

MEDFORD BRANCH WIRELESS ENTERS COMMERCIAL FIELD

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7.—With exclusive rights for the United States, Alaska, Cuba, Panama, Porto Rico, and the Hawaiian and Philippine Islands, the Poulsen Wireless company, through its operating agent, the Federal Telegraph company, has entered today the field of commercial wireless telegraphy. The perfection of the system realizes the hope of a day and night service over land.

While the average company send 30 or 40 words in a minute, the Poulsen system, it is claimed, can handle from 300 to 400 words. The company now has 14 stations on the Pacific coast. It intends first to establish its system west of the Mississippi river and over the Pacific ocean to the Philippines before tapping the eastern United States. A number of San Francisco capitalists are heavily interested in the enterprise.

At present the company is prepared to send day and night messages between the following points:

Seattle, Portland, Roche Harbor, Medford, Sacramento, Stockton, San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Phoenix and El Paso.

Night service to Chicago will be given through Fort Worth, Dallas and Kansas City.

SHOOTS CLERK THEN TURNS GUN ON SELF

PHOENIX, Ariz., May 7.—While the state legislature was in session here today F. Coffman, 27 years of age, entered the office of the state surveyor general in the capitol and shot and instantly killed Chief Clerk Malcolm Gillette of the surveyor's office. He then shot himself through the heart. Coffman fell dead beside the body of his victim.

METHODISTS HEAR RECALL ABUSED

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., May 7.—Delegates to the quadrennial general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church continued their attacks on the Catholics at today's session.

Dr. Edwin Locke of Topeka, Kan., presented a resolution condemning the wearing of distinctive religious garb in the Indian schools of the United States government.

Judge Thomas Anderson of the District of Columbia supreme court addressed the delegates in a discussion of the establishment of a church court of final appeal. In the course

TAFT BATTLES TO THE FINISH WITH TEDDY

Undaunted by Reverses, President Plans to Wage War Against Rival Upon Stump Throughout Remainder of Campaign in Ohio.

Ohio the Bloody Battle Ground of Campaign and Result Will Settle Success or Failure for Executive.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, May 7.—A strenuous speaking campaign which will last until the republican national convention meets in Chicago in June was announced here by President Taft. The results of the primary elections in Maryland, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania have caused the president to issue a declaration of war to the last day of the nominating campaign.

Ohio is designated by the president as the "bloody battle ground" for the decisive fight of this campaign, and he will spend the next few days raking over the record of Theodore Roosevelt for points which he may make the targets for attacks in the speeches in this state.

Colonel Roosevelt will be in Ohio next week, simultaneously with President Taft and the trails of the opposing candidates may cross. Bitter recriminations are expected.

President Taft will make 14 speeches in Ohio tomorrow, the first being at Batavia.

TAFT RETICENT OVER MARYLAND

CINCINNATI, Ohio, May 7.—With general depression prevailing among the members of his party over the result of yesterday's primary election in Maryland, President Taft was reticent today on the subject of the Roosevelt victory in that state.

The president chatted with a number of boyhood chums today and arranged to attend the baseball game this afternoon between the Philadelphia and Cincinnati National league teams. Tonight he will be the guest of honor at a May day festival.

Secretary Hilles announced that the president will end his visit to Ohio at Columbus tomorrow night. On the following Wednesday he will return for a four days' campaign in an effort to capture the state primary May 21.

ITALIANS REPULSED BY TURKS OFF TRIPOLI

TUNIS, Tripoli, May 7.—Turks and Arabs repulsed 1,000 Italians near Bou Kemesch, on the Tripolitan coast near the Tunisian frontier, according to advices received here today. The Tripolitan losses were 25 dead and 45 wounded. The Italians retreated with five dead.

CONTESTING DELEGATIONS SENT FROM ARKANSAS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 7.—Arkansas will send contesting delegations to the Chicago convention. The state republican convention, which is being held today, undoubtedly will result in a split, both the Roosevelt and Taft forces naming instructed delegates at large.

ASHLAND MEN MAY ENJOIN NEW BRIDGE

Benton Bowers and S. A. Carleton of Ashland Visit Medford and Talk of Enjoining County Court From Proceeding With Bear Creek Bridge.

Say That County Should Not Do Anything This Year in Way of Improvement.

That a number of Ashland citizens are seriously considering enjoining the county court from proceeding with the construction of a new bridge over Bear creek is shown by the action of Benton Bowers and S. A. Carleton of Ashland who were in this city Monday discussing the matter. The two men expressed the opinion that the county should be so enjoined and endeavored to enlist aid of one or two Medford men in the matter. Whether they will bring the suit or not remains to be seen.

Information from Ashland today is to the effect that the matter of enjoining the county court is being generally discussed there, a number openly advocating the step. The argument advanced is to the effect that the county in its present financial state should not undertake any work whatever this year.

It was reported today that William Ulrich was planning to enjoin the court from building the bridge, but Mr. Ulrich emphatically denies this, stating that he has no such intention whatever and will not aid, financially or in any other way, such a movement. He admits being approached by Ashland men but states that he emphatically declined to do anything to do with such a step.

EXPOSURE, NOT DROWNING, KILLED TITANIC VICTIMS

HALIFAX, N. S., May 7.—Exposure and not drowning was responsible for the death of most of the victims of the Titanic disaster, according to a statement made here today by the physician of the cable ship Minia. Of 17 bodies recovered by the Minia, 16 died of exposure, hours after the Titanic sank. Water was found in the lungs of but one corpse.

The Minia reported that the bodies were found miles apart and their recovery was possible only through expert navigation, combined with good luck.

KNOX IS WELCOMED AT THE GOLDEN GATE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 7.—Returning from a mission of good will in South and Central America in behalf of President Taft, Secretary of State P. C. Knox was today the recipient of the same good will he has been dispensing from the people of San Francisco. Upon his arrival here he was greeted and welcomed by Mayor James Rolph, Jr., President C. C. Moore of the 1915 exposition company, and members of the fair directorate, and was conducted to the St. Francis hotel by a military escort and a platoon of police.

RICHESON'S SISTER VISITS DEATH CELL

BOSTON, May 7.—Miss L. V. Richeson today visited her brother, Rev. C. V. T. Richeson, condemned to die for the confessed murder of his 19 year old sweetheart, Avis Linnell. The guard about the fallen pastor has been doubled. Richeson will be transferred soon to the state prison, where his execution has been fixed for May 10.