

### LAY PLANS TO RE-UNITE PARTY RECALL TEDDY

National Republican Committee Discusses Plans to Heal Breach With Progressives by Making Roosevelt Leader—Special Convention.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—By a vote of 25 to 14, the national republican committee rejected this afternoon a proposed plan to hold a special republican convention next spring. Delegates from Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Washington and West Virginia supported the convention resolution.

The committee also decided to change the basis of representation in national conventions subject to ratification, by a referendum vote, in state conventions or by primaries. The resolution also declared that the committee is empowered and should reduce the representation of southern states in national conventions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Southerners present at the dinner given the republican national committee last night by Chairman Charles D. Hilles claimed today to have won a victory in the proposal to reduce the delegates from southern states to national conventions. Their claims were based on a proposal that the committee arrange for voters to ratify whatever action in this connection may be taken at a proposed extraordinary convention of republicans.

Friends of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt were most active at last night's dinner and laid plans intended to recall him to the leadership of both the republican and progressive parties. The movement was led by former Governor Hadley of Missouri, Senators Cummins and Borah and Ormsby Mearns. They expected much support.

Chairman Hilles appointed this morning a special committee to consider a special convention to change the representation at national conventions without ratification. Senator Borah did not believe this would be done.

Warren favored a convention "to declare its convictions, establish a new basis for representation and prepare to restore a republican congress to a country already anxiously awaiting it."

### VILLA SUBJECT OF ULTIMATUM SENT CARRANZA

Bryan Sends Constitutionalist Leader Demand That Foreigners Be Protected or American Support Will Be Withdrawn When Huerta Ousted

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Secretary of State Bryan today put it up definitely to General Carranza to protect foreigners and foreign property in rebel territory in Mexico. Of course it was to conditions in Chihuahua City that special reference was made. Carranza was given plainly to understand that the Washington administration looks to him to keep General Villa in order.

Administration circles plainly were worried. So was the Mexican rebel junta here. Its members seemed to realize more fully than Villa the value of American friendship.

### GRAND JURY PROBE OF ATTEMPT TO JAIL WITNESSES

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 16.—A grand jury probe of an alleged attempt to discredit Special Treasury Agent David G. Powers, the government's star in the Western Fuel cases, was ordered this afternoon by Special Government Prosecutor Theodore Roche. The order followed the issuance of a warrant for Powers' arrest upon the sworn complaint of Miss Lena Caduff, who alleged Powers' accomplices her seduction under promise of marriage.

This charge is an outrage," said Roche this afternoon. "This charge against Powers has been nursed along for five or six months now and is pressed at this time when it would do the most harm. We will sift this charge to the bottom."

### DAVIS PLEADS GUILTY TO DYNAMITE CHARGE

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 16.—George Davis, a former union ironworker, pleaded guilty in the United States district court here today to a charge of conspiring to illegally transport dynamite.

### SEEK ACCOMPLICE OF PICTURE THEFT

PARIS, Dec. 16.—Police Prefect Hennon today was seeking a possible accomplice of the Italian, Perugia, in the theft of the Mona Lisa, stolen from the Louvre two years ago, and just recovered in Florence.

### SCHMIDT DENIES INSANITY PLEA BY ATTORNEY

Murderer Believes He Is Son of John the Baptist and Believes Saint Influences Him—Guilty of Strange Inversion of Facts.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The state rested its case at noon today against Hans Schmidt, on trial here for the murder of Miss Anna Amuller. The last witness introduced by the prosecution was Mrs. Amy Williams, the last occupant in the flat where Miss Amuller met death, before it was rented by Schmidt. She testified to meeting Anna there, explaining that the latter gave the name of Mrs. John Schmidt.

"It's not true," he shouted. "I protest. In the name of God I protest." Court attaches forced the defendant into a chair, and although he persisted in mumbling incoherently, O'cott continued:

### PROBING CHARGES OF CONSPIRACY IN COAL TRUST CASE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 16.—Hugh Dunnigan, a civil engineer, was the first witness called today when the trial of eight officials of the Western Fuel company, charged with conspiracy to defraud the government, was resumed before United States Judge Dooling.

Dunnigan testified concerning the correctness of a diagram of coal bunkers he had drawn and which will be used during the trial. During Dunnigan's cross-examination, Assistant United States District Attorney Selva was the next witness. He was called to identify certain government photographs. It was believed David C. Norcross, secretary of the Western Fuel company, would be called during the afternoon session.

### 10,000 UNEMPLOYED TO STORM CAPITOL

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 16.—Plans to take 10,000 unemployed men to Sacramento within two weeks to petition Governor Johnson to call a special session of the legislature to provide means of employment for jobless men were announced here today by E. Teesdale, known throughout California as "Roughneck" Teesdale. The slogan of the men, Teesdale said, will be: "We will no longer starve in a land of plenty."

### WILLIAM A. PRENDERGAST, LEADING WAY FOR TEDDY?



William A. Prendergast, newly elected controller of New York City, prominent candidate last year for the progressive nomination for governor, and one of the three or four big Bull Moose leaders in New York state, has rejoined the republican party. Immediately came the suggestion that he had merely pointed the way that Colonel Roosevelt would soon take.

### HENRY O'MALLEY FIELD SUPERINTENDENT OF COAST HATCHERIES

OREGON CITY, Dec. 16.—Henry O'Malley is in receipt today of notice of his appointment as field superintendent of the United States bureau of fisheries. He will have charge of all fish cultural work on the Pacific coast, embracing Oregon, Washington, California and Alaska.

Mr. O'Malley has been superintendent of the bureau of fisheries for Oregon and had charge of hatchery work on the Rogue river.

### MORE RIGOROUS RULES FOR BAR ADMISSION

SALEM, Or., Dec. 16.—More rigorous rules for admission to the state bar were adopted today by the supreme court, chief among them being an educational test by which no applicant is eligible for admission unless he be a graduate of some college or high school, or can pass an examination covering an academic and literary training equal in scope to the requirements of a four years' course in an approved high school. This rule also requires three years' study of law, instead of two, as heretofore.

### STATE WIDE STRIKE FOR COLORADO TALKED

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 16.—Whether or not to call a strike of all unionized industries throughout Colorado was among the questions scheduled for settlement at a meeting of representatives from between 250 and 300 locals begun here today. The strike, if called, will be in support of the miners in the southern Colorado coal fields, all of whom have been out for many weeks and a part of whom quit work months ago.

### EXPLOSION KILLS FORTY-TWO IN COLORADO MINE

Believed That All Employed in Vulcan Coal Mine at Newcastle Perish—Is Second Explosion in Same Property—Rescue Impossible.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 16.—At 2:15 o'clock this afternoon fifteen bodies had been recovered from the Vulcan mine, of the Rocky Mountain Fuel company at Newcastle, near here, where an explosion occurred at noon.

It was definitely known that forty-three men were in the mine when the explosion occurred. Five escaped alive. The other thirty-eight undoubtedly were killed.

The explosion was caused by an accumulation of gas. Men from the South Canon and Sunlight mines nearby assisted rescuers in the search for the victims.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 16.—An explosion in which heavy loss of life is feared occurred about noon today in the Vulcan mine of the Rocky Mountain Fuel company at Newcastle, ten miles from here.

Reports received here said several bodies had already been found but that no attempt was made to move them. It was believed here that all in the mine were killed instantly.

Miners from nearby properties rushed to the scene and doctors and nurses were hurried from here to Newcastle on a special train.

### HELLER ADMITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR BANQUET SATIRES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Dr. Joseph Heller of the army medical corps, now retired, the Caribou society's secretary, sent Secretary Garrison word that he assumed all responsibility for giving out to the newspapers advance matter concerning the banquet program.

His admission brought Dr. Heller into very unpleasant prominence in connection with the inquiry, for everything else might have been overlooked, it was said, in administration circles, if it had not been for a statement in the advance matter to the effect that features would be shown indicating the Caribou's lack of sympathy with the government's Philippine policy.

### PORTLAND BAN ON CABARET SINGERS

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 16.—Cabaret singers and performers are prohibited from dancing and singing around tables on the main floors of cafes by an order issued this morning by Mayor Albee.

### SENATE REJECTS HITCHCOCK PLAN CURRENCY BILL

Amendment Making Terms of Members of Proposed Reserve Board Eight Years at Annual Salary of \$10,000 Each Rejected, 35 to 32.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—By a vote of 35 to 32 the senate rejected this afternoon the Hitchcock amendment to the currency bill, making the terms of the members of the proposed reserve board eight years at an annual salary of \$12,000 each, instead of six years terms at salaries of \$10,000 annually.

Senator Bristow defended a provision for federal guarantee of bank deposits, when the debate on the currency bill was resumed in the senate today. It was expected the bill would pass the senate late this week.

Senator Lane of Oregon, who did not join the democratic caucus on the currency bill, announced his intention of supporting the Hitchcock amendment providing for the government control of the regional bank scheme.

### HUERTA GOVERNS ALONE; ZAPATISTAS NEARING CAPITAL

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 16.—President Huerta was governing today again without a congress, the members having adjourned today until April 22, instead of April 1, as usual. A report having been current that Huerta had thanked American Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy for aid, Admiral Fletcher was said to have given the federals at Tampico, O'Shaughnessy denied positively that Huerta had thanked him for anything, officially, unofficially or otherwise.

Foreign Minister Mohena joined in this denial, adding that Fletcher had no right to advise the federals any way. Fierce fighting between Huerta's troops and Zapatistas was reported today inside the federal district, and but a few miles from the capital. The citizens are in mortal terror of the savage Zapatistas and the government has done its best to suppress the news lest it start a panic.

### ROOT NOT CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—No presidential candidacy for him, Senator Elihu Root announced today on the floor of the national upper house. He couldn't and wouldn't accept it, he said emphatically.

### SEEKING TRACE OF POSTAL ROBBERIES

WALLACE, Idaho, Dec. 16.—That Post Office Inspector Biddiford and assistants who are investigating the robbery of the Wallace post office Saturday night, are now searching for a second man in the case, developed this afternoon.

### TRUNK SEWER ASSESSMENT NULL AND VOID

Phipps Wins Case Against City, Which Is Enjoined From Levying Lien on Sewer District Property to Pay for Trunk Sewer.

Circuit Judge Calkins, in a decision rendered Tuesday in the case of W. E. Phipps vs. the City of Medford, declared null and void the ordinance 711 assessing the trunk sewer in district No. 13 of Medford against the property directly benefited by the sewer, and that the property of the plaintiff is not encumbered by the purported lien attempted to be created by the ordinance. The city is enjoined from collecting any money assessed by the ordinance or from asserting any lien against it.

The decision is of unusual interest, as the case is a long fought one, involving the right of the city to make a district sewer assessment for a trunk sewer beneficial to the entire community. In the findings of fact, Judge Calkins says:

"That said sewer had already been constructed and installed and was in actual use and operation for a period of about eighteen months before said ordinance was passed or adopted for said pretended assessment, and that the cost and the whole hereof had already and theretofore been paid by the defendant city; that at no time prior to the construction of said sewer nor to the adoption of said ordinance, nor at any time since, or ever at all, did the defendant city, or the recorder thereof, or any person or authority whatsoever, ever post, publish or in any other manner give any notice to this plaintiff or to any other of the owners of the property assessed or pretended to be assessed by said ordinance, that said defendant proposed to make said or any assessment, and that in consequence thereof the plaintiff and all other owners of property so assessed were precluded from entering any objection or protest to the assessment of the property so assessed by said ordinance as aforesaid."

Property Not Benefitted  
"That the property of the plaintiff hereinbefore described was and is not adjacent to nor in any manner benefitted by said Central avenue sewer; that the same could not be drained by or connected with said sewer for the reason that the topography of said real estate prevented, and always will prevent, the drainage of said described property or any thereof by the said sewer; that the larger portion of said described property had already and theretofore been connected with and attached to the said Riverside sewer and the remainder thereof must, when the same is improved, necessarily be attached to and connected with the said Riverside sewer in order that the same may be drained."  
"That notwithstanding that the said sewer was not and never could be of any benefit to said described

### SIX LOSE LIFE WHEN SALVATION BARRACK BURN

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 16.—In a fire which destroyed a Salvation Army shelter here early today, at least six persons perished, and it was feared more victims were buried in the ruins. A dozen injured were in local hospitals.