

WEST DECLINES TO BE CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION

"I Cannot See My Way Clear to Become Candidate and Earnestly Hope This Statement Will Be Accepted as Final," Says Governor.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 24.—In a reply to a letter from Dr. C. J. Smith, announcing that Smith would support the governor if he decided to run for re-election, Governor West said:

"My Dear Friend: In reply to your letter offering me your support in case I decided to stand for re-election and stating you would probably enter the primaries as a candidate should I not make the race, will say that, while I greatly appreciate your kind offer of support, I cannot see my way clear to become a candidate and earnestly hope that this statement will be accepted by all my friends as final.

"I note with pleasure the stand you are taking in behalf of decent government will be the principal issue during the coming campaign. Organized vice is preparing to make a determined fight and a victory for decency can come only through the combined efforts of all those who are interested in the protection of the home and fireside. Law enforcement, and economy in state, county and municipal government should be the battle cry.

"Again thanking you for your kind offer of support and for many past favors, I am,

"Yours sincerely, (signed) OSWALD WEST."

ALLEGED SON TO CONTEST WILL LORD STRATHCONA

BOSTON, Jan. 24.—Formal claim of James H. Smith of Brookline, a suburb, to a part of the estate of the late Lord Strathcona was expected to follow a conference here today between Smith and Attorney Sterling of New York. Smith claims to be the brother of Mrs. R. J. Bliss Howard, Lord Strathcona's daughter.

It was understood that letters from Lord Strathcona to Smith, recognizing him as his son, were ready for presentation if Smith's claims are questioned. It was also reported that Smith received a large annuity from Lord Strathcona.

SHERIFF WORD INJURED IN AUTO TRAIN COLLISION

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 24.—When a touring car of the Portland police department, while going at a high rate of speed, crashed into a Southern Pacific freight train at the corner of East Morrison and Water streets early today, Tom Word, sheriff of Multnomah county, sustained a broken rib and a badly cut face, Larry K. Evans, police chauffeur was seriously injured internally and Police Captain Chester A. Inskeep, C. H. Tribe and P. T. Atkins, newspaper reporters, were painfully bruised.

CABINET WOMAN WOULD STUDY ON ECONOMICS



Mrs. Richard C. Burleson, wife of the postmaster general, has announced she will enter Georgetown university to study economics and politics. So there is considerable agitation among those who pay attention to the cabinet ladies in Washington to determine if they should become college students.

SUFFRAGISTS FAIL TO GET BILL OUT OF COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Efforts to get the resolution creating a special committee on women's suffrage reported out of the rules committee to the house of representatives were defeated twice today.

The first vote was a tie—four to four. It was on an attempt to get the resolution before the house with a favorable recommendation. Congressman Hardwick, Garret, Cantwell and Pen, all democrats, voted negatively. Congressman Foster of Illinois was the only democrat who favored the special committee.

The next vote was on a proposition to send the resolution out without a recommendation. It was lost by a vote of five to three.

Suffrage members promised, however, to resume the fight to get the resolution from the rules committee's hands.

REACTION FELT IN STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Reaction from the high prices reached on the week's rise was brought about at the opening of the stock market today as a result of heavy profit-taking sales in the principal stocks. A few issues, however, continued to rise, American Sugar gaining 1 1/2. The leaders were lower, Reading, Southern Pacific, Lehigh Valley, Baltimore and Ohio and Amalgamated each losing about a point.

Later some of the investment shares registered material gains, National Biscuit rising 5/8. Initial losses in the leading shares also were extended by profit-taking sales. Bonds were irregular. The market closed irregular.

FLOOD CONDITIONS AGAIN THREATENING SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 24.—Flood conditions were again threatening throughout Northern and Central California today as the result of a new storm which broke unexpectedly last night. San Joaquin valley rivers as well as the Sacramento and American rose rapidly. At Red Bluff this afternoon the Sacramento river had reached a 29 foot stage and was still rising. The rainfall at Red Bluff for the last 24 hours was 2.9 inches.

PRESIDENT ASKS GOETHALS NOT LEAVE PANAMA

Canal Builder Requested to Remain in Federal Service—War Department Expects Offer to Be Declined—Due to Arrive Next Month.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Colonel George Goethals will be asked to remain in the federal service. He will not be permitted to sever his connection with the government over President Wilson's protest. And the president expects Goethals to stay.

This much was learned here today from an authoritative source. It is understood that the report that Colonel Goethals was seriously considering Mayor Mitchell's offer to appoint him police commissioner of New York shocked the president. He had already planned the issuance of an executive order creating a canal government with Colonel Goethals as governor.

Expect a Declination The war department expected Colonel Goethals to definitely decline Mayor Mitchell's offer soon. The fact that Goethals even considered the offer, army officers said, was due to friction during the last year among certain Panama officials.

Colonel Goethals is scheduled to arrive in Washington next month to attend a meeting of the Panama railroad company. He will discuss Panama matters at that time with Secretary of War Garrison and President Wilson.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Persons responsible for the report that Colonel Goethals was likely to become police commissioner of New York refused today to heed denials. Mayor Mitchell was one of them.

Mitchell Confident "I wouldn't accept the statement that President Wilson is too anxious to keep the colonel in the canal zone to let him come here unless it came from the president himself," he said. "And Colonel Goethals knows that the conditions under which he said he would accept the commissioner-ship have been granted."

It was learned that Mrs. Roosevelt, who knows the Goethals well, has had much to do with persuading the colonel to accept the New York post, and it was believed that, if necessary, Colonel Roosevelt also will use his influence.

WEST TELLS PORTLAND TO GO ON RECORD

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 24.—Following the receipt of the resolutions passed by the Portland city council yesterday asking him to take some action toward relieving the unemployed situation in that city, Governor West today announced that he would decline to act unless the Portland city authorities go on record positively declaring that an emergency exists with which they are unable to cope.

"I'm not going to pull their chestnuts out of the fire," declared the governor. He said the resolution forwarded to him was spineless.

If the governor takes action to relieve the unemployed he will have to incur an expense that will be presented to the next legislature for payment and he wants the indorsement of the Portland officials.

TWO EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS, SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 24.—Two earthquake shocks—the first slight and the second decidedly severe—were felt here about 7:45 last evening. It was too early for evening crowds to have gathered generally but in continuous performance theaters, cafes and dance halls there were several near panics, women screaming, a few fainting and in some instances entire gatherings running into the street. No damage was done.

NEGRO MAYOR OF BATTERSEA, ENGLAND



Battersea, in England, has elected a negro mayor—F. J. Archer. He made a vigorous and popular campaign against a white man who was not very well liked. The question of color was not often mentioned, and it had practically no influence with the voters. The new mayor is said to be a negro of some education and social standing, inasmuch as it is possible for a negro to associate with respectable white persons in England.

CONSOLIDATION OF CITY DEPARTMENTS IN NEAR FUTURE

Consolidation of two city departments will be authorized at the next meeting of the city council. The office of plumbing inspector will likely be merged, according to members of the water committee, with that of water superintendent. The duties of street commissioner will probably be added to those of City Engineer Olin Arnsperger, though the friends of Owey Patton are planning to file a vigorous protest against his decapitation.

Another step will probably be the clipping of \$25 from the \$75 monthly salary of the city attorney and the passing of an ordinance making the salary of the judge of the mayor's court \$25. The name "mayor's court" will probably be changed to "police court" to conform with the state statutes, there being no provision in the constitution for its recognition.

At an informal meeting of the water committee this morning it was decided to follow Water Superintendent Tranna's suggestion in his annual report, and order the city well on Riverside avenue closed as a menace to public health.

The council has been in receipt of several requests for the use of the old timbers discarded from the Jackson street bridge, for wood. All were refused, the timbers and lumber being used for temporary construction in city work. Heretofore refuse timbers have been given away or sold for a song and new material bought for city work.

WAR DENOUNCED BY UNITED MINE WORKERS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 24.—A resolution denouncing war was adopted unanimously today by the United Mineworkers of America in annual convention here today. Another voicing sympathy for the Calumet copper mine strikers and still another demanding that congress pass additional mine safety measures also were adopted.

The anti-war resolution was introduced by Duncan McDonald of Illinois. "The burden of war," he said, "and the loss of life and limb is borne exclusively by the working classes. The idle rich are afraid to fight, and besides, they don't know how."

A resolution urging the prohibition of immigration "until all surplus labor is fully employed," also was adopted.

Weather Forecast Oregon—Rain west, rain or snow east portion tonight and Sunday; brisk to high east to south winds.

NEW EXCLUSION BILL AN AFFRONT TO EAST INDIANS

Labor Department Officials Say England Could Not Protest as English Colonies Have Passed Same Law—Jap Coolie Class to Be Barred.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Labor department officials disputed today the contention that the passage of Congressman Raker's Asiatic exclusion bill would be an affront to England but it discriminates, among others, against the citizens of an English dependency—India.

Indeed, it was pointed out that some of England's own colonies have laws more rigidly excluding Hindus than would the Raker bill. Attention was called to the fact that the Anglo-American treaty of 1815, settling all immigration differences, carries no favored nation clause and, even if it did, the officials asserted, England could not demand greater consideration of its Hindu subjects from America than its own colonies accord.

"Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa have passed stringent laws restricting the immigration of their fellow British subjects, the Hindus," said Immigration Commissioner General Caminetti, endorsing this labor department view, "and we have investigated and found no instance where the mother country has protested. Hence we feel safe in saying that England will not object to any action the United States may take to restrict Hindu immigration."

Secretary of State Bryan's assistant, John Bassett Moore, gave an assurance that, even in case a new Japanese-American treaty should be made, the "gentlemen's agreement" between the two countries, by which Japan undertook to prevent Japanese laborers from going to the United States, would remain intact.

MUSICAL COMEDIES AT POPULAR PRICES

At the Paze Theater starting next Monday evening musical comedy will reign for six nights, when the A. B. Basco Musical Comedy company will present their musical tabloids. The program for Monday is a musical melange entitled "A Seaside Romance," and Tuesday "A Chinese Ambassador," and Wednesday "The Bull Fighter."

Mr. A. B. Basco is well and favorably known as a mirth producer. He is ably assisted by Frank D. Conner, who has just closed a seven months engagement at the Lyric theater, of Portland. Miss Madge Schuler, the soubrette is well known on the coast for her splendid voice and dancing ability. Jack and Bessie Thompson have been seen on the bills of the big vaudeville houses, and their voices are heard to advantage in their several vocal numbers on the bill. Popular prices, 19 20 and 29 cents.

JULIA MARLOWE ARRIVES AT GOTHAM

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Julia Marlowe arrived here on her private car this afternoon and automobilized to her apartments. Though she declined the invalid's chair which was in readiness for her, she seemed very weak and her friends were much worried concerning her. She was in good spirits, however, on the strength of the assurance she received from Dr. Futterer, whom she consulted during her stop in Chicago, that she was suffering from indigestion and would not have to undergo an operation. A trained nurse and a maid attended her.

I. W. W. ARMY PASSES THRO' MEDFORD TO SOUTH

A detachment of 57 I. W. W.'s headed by "Dutch George" Hetzel, passed through this afternoon on a southbound freight train. Nearly every nationality outside of the Orient was represented. They were given a box of apples by the Co-operative Fruit association. A large crowd gathered to see the gang, who rode on oil cars, and said nothing.

DAUGHTER OF GERMAN COAL KING A GREAT HEIRESS



This is one of the most beautiful and at the same time one of the richest heiresses in Germany—Frau Marie Anne von Friedlander Fuld, daughter of Herr Fritz von Friedlander Fuld, the "coal king of Germany." The girl is twenty-one, and is known in society over the German empire as one of the most beautiful in it. She was recently engaged to the Hon. John Power Bertram Ogilvy Freeman-Mitford, fourth son of Lord Redesdale.

CREAMERIES SEEK TO FORCE FARMERS BP HIGHER RATES

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 24.—The fight of local creamery interests in Oregon and Washington to build up their establishment by making it expensive for farmers to ship their cream to the creameries in the big cities, has taken form in a lengthy petition filed today with the state railroad commission. A similar petition has been forwarded to the Washington state commission and the inter-state commerce commission.

The small creameries are asking for an increase in express rates on cream and a decrease in express rates on butter, thus fixing the transportation charges so as to force the farmer to sell his cream to the local creamery and making it possible for the local creamery to ship butter to the market centers at a low rate.

The matter will be considered informally at a meeting of the public utility commissions of Oregon, Washington and California, which will be held in Portland February 9 for the principal purpose of considering express rates in general throughout the three states.

FALLS UNDERNEATH SHASTA LIMITED; DIES

BERKELEY, Cal., Jan. 24.—As a result of injuries received when he fell beneath the wheels of the Shasta Limited train at 9:20 a. m. today, J. H. Muir, agent for a San Francisco hotel, died at 1 p. m.

According to the police he said before he died that Special Officer McKeegan of the Southern Pacific shoved him from the train during an altercation.

Some spectators said Muir jumped; others that he fell under the wheels when McKeegan attempted to arrest him.

TREASURY BOARD AT BRYAN'S HOME

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 24.—Fairview, the home of Secretary of State Bryan, was visited today by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, Secretary of Agriculture Houston and Comptroller of the Currency Williams. Later in the day the three government officials heard delegations from Omaha and Lincoln regarding Ne-

ALASKAN BILL AMENDMENTS MEET DEFEAT

Federal Court Given Jurisdiction Over All Claims—Steamship Line Turned Down—La Follette's Land Withdrawal Clause Lost.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The Alaska railroad bill passed the senate, 46 to 16.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The senate speeded up consideration of the Alaska railway bill this afternoon and a number of amendments were rapidly put out of the way.

A long debate resulted over the amendment giving the United States district court of Alaska to try cases against the government growing out of the Alaska railway bill without a jury. Among the amendments passed was one placing any engineers drawn from civil life under army engineers. Another provided for the same methods of bookkeeping and accounting as those approved by the interstate commerce commission for American railroads.

By a vote of 51 to 11, the senate defeated this afternoon the Norris resolution providing the building of from ten to twenty steamships to ply between Alaska railroad terminals and North and South American ports.

With the insertion of a provision insuring the rights of all citizens to a jury trial, the amendment giving the United States district court jurisdiction over all claims was approved.

GRANTS PASS BOND SALE HELD UP BY COUNCIL SQUABBLE

(Grants Pass Courier.) Three men, clothed with a little temporary power, last night stopped the wheels of progress in Grants Pass and set at naught the opinion of America's foremost adviser upon municipal law and bond issue procedure, because they could not dictate appointment by the mayor for chief of police.

George Keeler, representing the firm of Keeler Bros., Denver bond buyers, who have contracted the purchase of the \$200,000 issue voted by this city, arrived here Wednesday, bringing with him the plan through which the issue could be made legal and marketable. This plan had been prepared by the firm of John F. Dillon & Co. of New York, and set forth in complete detail each step to be followed by the city in the new proceedings.

Mr. Keeler stated: "We have the cash and are ready to put it up for your bonds as soon as you have followed the procedure laid down by Mr. Dillon."

After voting against confirmation, Councilman Counts moved an adjournment, which was immediately seconded by Caldwell, and with Keeler, "the man with the money," sitting within the rail, the legislative body that "governs" Grants Pass out on its hat and went home. As it passed out through the gate, Mr. Keeler was heard to remark: "Well, if I had known what kind of a mess I was getting into down here I would have stayed where I was."

ABANDON EFFORT TO RAISE SUBMARINE

PLYMOUTH, England, Jan. 24.—Attempts to raise the sunken submarine A-7 had to be abandoned temporarily today on account of a fierce gale. Owing to the manner in which the boat was embedded in the sand and the divers' inability to endure the pressure at such a depth for many minutes at a time, great difficulty had been experienced in passing hawsers around the hull with which to lift it to the surface. Work will be resumed, however, as soon as the storm abates.