

## SAVAGE ATTACK ON LAND BOARD MADE BY WEST

### Governor Criticizes Dilatory Tactics of Desert Board and Comments on Unfitness of Members and Quibbles Resorted to to Delay Relief.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 14.—Cautious attack by Governor West on the desert land board and particularly three members of it—State Engineer John H. Lewis, Attorney General Crawford and State Treasurer Ray—created a sensation at today's session of the Oregon Irrigation Congress. Here are some of the things he said:

"If there is anything the all-wise Creator should take himself to account for it is the desert land board. A flea has a certain value because it serves to keep some dogs amused and busy, but I can't see any such value in the desert land board.

**Lewis Long on Reports**  
"State Engineer Lewis can make more reports than any one on earth. Reports are one of the causes for the government's lacking action. When anyone has a proposal for action the state engineer is always there with some plan to defer action.

"Tom Kay is state treasurer and runs a woolen mill—what does he know about reclamation?"

"Attorney General Crawford—God bless him!—he can get on more side of the same question at the same time than any one I ever saw."

The governor was proposing help for the settlers of the Central Oregon irrigation project and he declared the desert land board's methods of handling the situation was to delay and defeat the hopes of actual settlers while the board quibbled.

**Governor's Proposal**  
West proposed that mortgages given by settlers on the Tumalo project—money having been advanced to them on mortgages through an appropriation of the last legislature—be discounted and the proceeds used in financing, say, the taking over the north unit of the Central Oregon project. He also advocated the loaning of money from the school fund—it amounts to about \$6,000,000—declaring that lands susceptible of reclamation by irrigation should constitute the best kind of security.

"I intend to use all my time from now until the first of the year bringing about an arrangement that will put water on the arid lands and make productive fields of barren stretches," said the governor.

## CHOICE ALFALFA LAND NEAR TOLO BRINGS \$200 CASH PER ACRE

The Page-Dressler company this week sold for the account of the Davidson estate to George N. Davis of Willows, Cal., twenty-six acres best Bear creek bottom alfalfa. This is located on the Pacific highway, about three miles below Central Point. Mr. Davis paid \$200 cash per acre and has secured one of the choice pieces of land in the valley. He intends to build and make his home here. Many families from the same locality expect to locate in the Rogue River valley.

## PROBE ORDERED FOR NEW HAVEN DEALS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The interstate commerce commission today ordered the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad company's financial transactions with other railroads investigated. The following other roads were named as respondents: Boston & Maine, Maine Central, Central New England & New York, Ontario & Western.

## ELECTROCUTED IN BATH ROOM OF OWN HOME

### Richard C. Curry, Formerly of Medford, Killed While Repairing Electric Water Heater at Ray Gold—Presumed to Have Grasped Pipe.

Death was dealt with tragic swiftness to Richard C. Curry, an employe of the California-Oregon Power company, this morning about nine o'clock, when he was electrocuted in the bath room of his own home at Ray Gold. Efforts to resuscitate the stricken man failed after two hours of heroic methods by Drs. Dow of Central Point and Porter of this city.

Curry was repairing an electric water heater, carrying but a voltage of 110. No one was with him, but the supposition advanced is that he grasped a water pipe in his work, causing a heavy ground circuit. Members of his family discovered the prostrate form on the floor, and telephoned to the general offices of the power company in this city, who rushed medical aid to the scene.

The theory advanced is that a weak heart superinduced death from the electricity. Curry was of splendid physical build, and worked as an operator at the plant. He was well known in this city, where he resided until recently. He was middle aged, and leaves a wife and seven children, the oldest being thirteen years old.

Coroner Kellogg of Gold Hill was called to the scene, and with Superintendent H. C. Stoddard and other power officials are making a thorough investigation of the accident. It has not been definitely decided yet whether a coroner's inquest will be held or not.

## RISE IN PRICES CLOSES QUIET DAY

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—The market was unusually quiet at the opening today. The amount of business transacted was small and prices did not vary more than 1/8 or 1/4, except in the cases of Rubber and Pressed Steel Car, which rose 1/2 each. New Southern Pacific Convertibles sold at 103 1/2.

Later in the day prices rose from a fraction to a point. Bonds were easy.

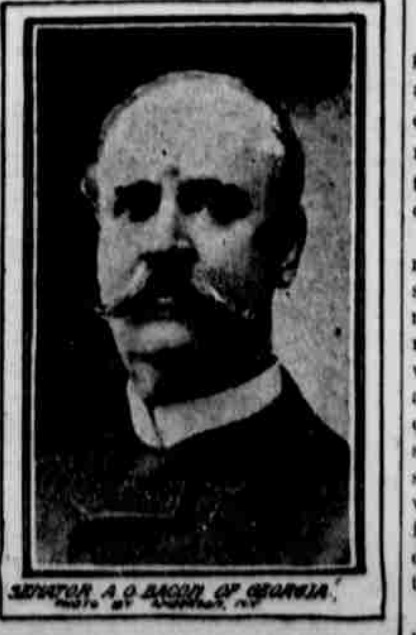
The market closed quiet.

## HALF MILLION LOSS IN MINNEAPOLIS FIRE

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 14.—The entire fire department was called at noon today to suppress a fire which practically destroyed the plant of the Northern Manufacturing company. The loss was estimated at \$500,000.

W. P. Howe, 72 years of age, entered the blazing building to rescue Rosa Schultz. He has not been seen since. The girls escaped unhurt.

## HEAD OF SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE DEAD



SENATOR A. O. BACON OF GEORGIA.

## INTERESTING CEREMONIES AT THE BARRAGE WORKS ON THE EUPHRATES



THE FIRST WATER IN THE HILLA CANAL

## SCORE PERISH IN BLIZZARD SWEPT NEW YORK CITY

### One of Worst Storms in City's History—Million Dollars' Damage Done—Traffic Completely Tied Up—Trains Many Hours Late.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Fully a score perished here today in one of the worst blizzards in New York City's experience.

The police said the number of victims might prove to be considerably larger than the one given. Traffic and communication were so completely tied up that it was almost impossible to get from one end of the city to the other or to transmit messages, so news traveled slowly.

Some of those who died actually froze to death, but the majority succumbed to accidents incidental to the storm.

The damage done was estimated at more than \$1,000,000.

Urban traffic was completely tied up. Business in all lines fell off by at least 75 per cent. Trains were hours late. Many were cancelled entirely. Automobiles could not penetrate the snowdrifts. Horses refused to face the wind. The streets were nearly deserted.

During the worst of the gale there were times when the wind reached a velocity of eighty-four miles an hour.

At sea the storm was worse than on land. Off Sandy Hook lay a dozen vessels, some of them great trans-Atlantic liners, hove to with some 4000 homeward-bound American tourists on board.

**Lewis Postmaster at Holland.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Irvin E. Lewis was today appointed postmaster at Holland, Josephine county.

## SCHOOL CHILDREN ELECT MAYOR AND CITY OFFICERS

The children of the fifth and sixth grades of the Roosevelt school held an election on Thursday afternoon, electing a mayor, six councilmen, a recorder and a judge. The mayor then appointed a fire chief, a health officer and a chief of police.

The council and the mayor will meet on Monday afternoons, holding sessions until 4 o'clock. At these meetings regular ordinances will be read and approved. All school laws will be passed and the chief given authority to enforce them. The principal will act as sheriff and as the supreme court, so that all the laws shall be subjected to proper supervision, and to see that they are enforced. He will have the power to declare laws null and void if contrary to school law.

The children will be taught how to vote, to mark ballots, to pass laws,



THE TURKISH GOVERNOR-GENERAL AND THE KADI FROM THE BRIDGE

Scenes attending the opening of the Hilla canal and the diversion of water through the Hindia barrage, which utilizes the waters of the Euphrates to irrigate Arabian deserts. Arab sheiks from all parts of the desert were in attendance.

## POLICE PATROL WITH DRAWN SWORDS STREETS OF TOKIO

TOKIO, Feb. 14.—Strong forces of police patrolled the streets here with drawn swords today. Repeated attempts were made to hold meetings which had been called to protest against the government's big navy program and the present rate of taxation, but the authorities broke them up before any great crowds gathered.

Parliament house and other public buildings were under heavy military guard, as were the offices of newspapers friendly to the government. Several more of those which have taken the contrary side were suppressed and their editors locked up.

The elaborate precautions taken gave color to reports that revolutionary sentiment was widespread, and that officialdom was prepared to go to any extreme, in its alarm, to prevent the people from getting farther out of hand.

There continued to be rumors of serious trouble in other cities but the authorities succeeded in keeping the

news bottled up, so that details or even confirmation were unobtainable.

## AVIATOR PLANS AIRSHIP ATTACK ON MEXICO CITY

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 14.—That he will direct an aeroplane attack on Mexico City when Generals Carranza and Villa finally close in on President Huerta's capital was announced today by Granville Pollock, the aviator.

Pollock said he held Carranza's commission as an aerial admiral. Under him he will have a fleet of twelve monoplanes and two biplanes. The monoplanes, he explained, will be used for scouting and to drop bombs; the biplanes will carry a light rapid-fire gun each.

Among the Mexican rebel officers who have had experience as aviators and were expected to serve under the American admiral are Pascual Ortega, Manuel Rojas and Emilio Ojeda.

It was understood that Pollock's contract with Carranza provided for a salary of \$25,000 gold semi-annually.

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## REBELS BEGIN FIERCE ATTACK ON MAZATLAN

### Huerta Reported to Be Getting Ten Thousand Rifles From Russian Government—Vigorous Defense Is Prepared for Uprising at Capital.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 14.—Rebels began a fierce attack on Mazatlan today. They were several thousand strong. General Felipe Angeles led them.

It was reported that President Huerta was getting 10,000 rifles and 10,000,000 rounds of ammunition from Odessa, the Russian government helping him.

The foreign defense committee here today was preparing for a vigorous resistance in the event of an uprising in the capital. Arms were provided, provisions laid in and all foreigners were notified just where to come at the first sign of danger.

Reports that the British cruiser Suffolk had landed machine guns proved true. They had arrived and were mounted at the entrance to the English embassy.

An unconfirmed rumor was current that Foreign Minister Mohena was about to resign to become minister to Belgium and that Jose Ortillo Rojas was slated to succeed him. American Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy was much depressed by news of the critical illness of his father, Colonel James O'Shaughnessy, in New York.

## MONEY MACHINE COMPANY TO MOVE

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 14.—The International Money Machine company today resumed the work of removing to Indianapolis the shop fixtures, raw material, unassembled parts of money changing machines and other property purchased from the United States Cashier company, as the result of Judge Gatens' dissolving an injunction granted a week ago following the filing of a suit for an accounting against the United States Cashier company by J. S. Birrell, a stockholder. The cashier company will be required to execute a surety bond for \$10,000 to protect Birrell in the suit.

Judge Gatens held, however, that there will be sufficient property left in Portland to warrant the continuance of Receiver Hunt, who was appointed last Saturday.

## PRESIDENT'S COLD BETTER, BUT HE IS KEPT INDOORS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—President Wilson's cold was better today, but he was not permitted by Dr. Grayson to leave the white house.

## SENATOR BACON, GEORGIA LEADER PASSES AWAY

### Chairman of Foreign Relations and Members of Other Important Senate Committees, Dead After Brief Illness—Fell and Broke Ribs.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Senator Augustus O. Bacon of Georgia died here today after an illness of two weeks. He was chairman of the senate foreign relations committee and a member of other important committees.

Senator Bacon fell a month ago and broke two of his ribs. Serious inflammation followed and later it was found that he was suffering from kidney disease.

**Senate at Once Adjourns**  
Senator Overman announced Senator Bacon's death on the floor of the senate and that body immediately adjourned. If the family is willing, the funeral will be held from the senate chamber Tuesday.

Senator Bacon was born in Bryan county, Georgia, October 20, 1837. He was the son of Rev. Augustus O. Bacon and Mary Louisa Bacon.

He graduated from the literary and classical departments of the University of Georgia in 1859 and the law department in 1860. He entered the confederate army at the beginning of the civil war and served during the campaigns of 1861 and 1862 as adjutant of the Ninth Georgia regiment in the army of Northern Virginia. Later he was assigned to staff duty and was commissioned captain in the provisional army of the confederate states.

**Senator Four Terms**  
At the close of the war he resumed the study of law and began to practice his chosen profession at Macon, Ga., in 1866. From that date until his election to the senate he actively continued to practice in both the state and federal courts. In 1871 Bacon was elected to the Georgia house of representatives, of which body he served as a member for fourteen years. He was elected to the United States senate in November, 1894, re-elected in 1900, and again in 1907. In 1913 he was unanimously re-elected in a general popular state election, being the first senator elected to the federal senate by popular vote. His term would have expired March 3, 1919.

## GORE VICTIM OF POLITICAL PLOT SAY WITNESSES

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Feb. 14.—Testimony intended to support the contention of the defense that United States Senator Thomas P. Gore of Oklahoma, who is being sued by Mrs. Minnie E. Bond for \$50,000 damages, is the victim of a political conspiracy was offered when the trial was resumed today.

Deputy Sheriff Eszell was recalled by the defense as the day's first witness. He said he talked to Thaddeus Robertson, an important witness for Mrs. Bond, just before the suit was filed.

"Robertson told me," said Eszell, "that Senator Gore had double-crossed him, but he said his revenge would be awful sweet."

Robertson also was recalled, but denied making any such assertion to Eszell.

United States Marshal J. G. Newell testified that Dr. J. H. Earp, president of the Jacksonian club, and one of Mrs. Bond's witnesses, showed him a clipping of the Gore case last April.

"That is all a damn lie," Newell alleged Earp told him. "I never talked with Gore about this. That is some of Jim Jacobs' work. He cooked that case up."

Dr. Earp was the next witness. He swore that on the Thursday after the alleged assault Gore told him that he "had loved Mrs. Bond up a little," but that she "fought like a hyena."