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GOVERNOR PARDEE ADVOCATES

An Indirect Tax on All Property and Legislature May Pass the Measure

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 7.—One of the most important measures to be considered by the present session of the legislature, the outcome of which will be watched with interest by every Pacific Coast state is Governor Pardee's bill for changing the entire method of collecting the state revenue from the direct to an indirect tax.

The governor has set his heart upon the passage of this measure at this term, and will bring the drag net in and take what he can get at the close. It is expected that the bill will be bitterly assailed by the corporation influence. The first proposal will be to tax all inheritances, collateral and otherwise, for a sum sufficient to raise \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 per annum.

COURTS AND COMMITTEE MAY THINK DIFFERENT

Denver, Jan. 7.—Both houses of the legislature met in regular session in their respective chambers today. No further trouble is expected until Monday, when a special committee, appointed by the joint session yesterday,

reports. The committee made application to the supreme court today for the privilege of examining the ballot boxes. If the application is refused constitutional lawyers declare the action of the joint assembly yesterday will have been avoided.

GERMAN COAL MINERS GO ON STRIKE

Berlin, Jan. 7.—A refusal to grant higher wages and shorter hours resulted in a strike of the coal miners in the

Rhenish Provinces, which threatens to involve 2,000,000 men, and cripple the German coal industry.

CONFER AT WHITE HOUSE

Washington, Jan. 7.—The following leaders of the senate and house have been invited to participate in the conference at the White House this afternoon, to discuss the legislative program for the remainder of the present session: Senators Allison, Aldrich, Spooner and Platt, of Connecticut, and Representatives Cannon, Tawney, Grosvenor, Dalzell and Payne.

Annual Board Meeting.
The board of directors of the Lower Columbia Fire Relief Association concluded the annual meeting in this city this week. The association shows a steady increase in the business during the year, and the old officers were re-elected, as follows: Thos. Paulson, of Multnomah county; secretary, Jacob Voorhees, of Marion county; treasurer, S. A. Dawson, of Linn county. The board of directors are Thos. Paulson, S. A. Dawson, Wm. Hilleary, David McArthur, B. F. Smith and A. F. Miller. This is the twentieth year of the association, and it carries a large amount of insurance for the members of the grange of the state.

Chicago Markets.
Chicago, Jan. 7.—Wheat, 98½¢; corn, 44½¢; oats, 30½¢.

BLOCKADE RAISED BY TOGO

Only Japanese Vessels Can Enter the Harbor

Russians Celebrate Their Christmas by Making an Attack

Tokio, Jan. 7.—Admiral Togo today issued an order abolishing the Liao Tung blockade, from today. For the present none but Japanese government vessels will be permitted to enter Port Arthur.

Transfer of Prisoners.
Tokio, Jan. 7.—General Nogi reports an additional transfer of prisoners at Port Arthur Friday, totaling 182 officers and 7177 men. One hundred and fifty-one officers have been paroled.

Expect to Recover Battleships.
Rome, Jan. 7.—A Tokio dispatch says that the Japanese expect to recover the two Russian battleships and three cruisers and several torpedo boats which were sunk at Port Arthur.

Preparing for Cold.
London, Jan. 7.—It is understood that Japan has placed large orders with British firms for woolen clothing for their soldiers, the clothing to be delivered within six months. This indicates that Japan is getting ready for another campaign.

Open to Commerce.
Tokio, Jan. 7.—It is reported that Japan has arranged to shortly open the whole Liao Tung peninsula, including Port Arthur and Dalmay and make it free to the world's commerce, except for certain restrictions necessitated by the continuance of the war.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 7.—It is reported from Chefoo that Rear-Admiral Prince Ouktomsky and Rear-Admiral Doehinsky arrived there disguised on board a launch.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 7.—A merchant named Ivanitzki made an unsuccessful effort today to assassinate the chief of police of Ekaterinosloff (but the bullet missed its mark).

Tokio, Jan. 7.—The Mikado has issued a rescript thanking General Nogi and army, together with the fleet of Admiral Togo, for the capture of Port Arthur. It is officially stated that the Russian warships at Chefoo and Teing Tau have been dismantled.

Celebration Ended.
Tokio, Jan. 7.—A celebration at Hibiya Park today, under the auspices of the municipality, ended the week's jubilation held in honor of the return of Admiral Togo. The recalling of the Baltic fleet to Russia is interpreted in naval circles to mean that Russia has decided to reinforce the squadron, and make a supreme effort to win naval supremacy.

Fighting on the Shakh.
London, Jan. 7.—A dispatch from General Oku's headquarters received in London today reports that the Russians on the Shakh river celebrated Christmas eve by attacking the Japanese forces opposite Linshi Pu. For two hours the fighting lasted, but the engagement was un decisive.

Afternoon at Hearts.
One of the pleasant events of this week in the social world was the afternoon heart party, at which Mrs. Chas. A. Gray and Mrs. F. I. Dunbar received at the home of the former on State street, on Thursday. Over 100 invitations were sent out, and the affair was delightful in every detail.

The decorations were very pretty. Oregon grape, palms, potted plants and red carnations being principally used, and, in the green rooms, was very pretty.

The hostesses were assisted in entertaining by Mrs. T. T. Geer, Mrs. E. C. Cross, Mrs. C. S. Moore, Mrs. John H. McNary, Mrs. A. E. Strang, Mrs. E. A. Pierce, Miss E. McNary, Miss Calista Moore. Veda Cross attended the door.

"Hearts" were played, and Mrs. E. B. Waters won the first prize, while the second was captured by Mrs. I. Manuag.

Light refreshments were served during the afternoon.

KAY IS NOT OUT OF RACE

Still in the Contest for Speakership

Claims of Portland Newspapers That Vawter Forces Have Gone to Mills

In spite of the statements of the Portland papers to the contrary, Hon. T. B. Kay, of Marion county, is not out of the race for the speakership.

The combination of Vawter and Mills strengthens the latter, but the claim that Kay is out of the race is an overstatement.

Inquiry at Salem shows that the line-up for Kay is stronger than ever before. He has the support of some strong factors here at home that he had failed to secure before, and they believe his chances good.

The election of Kuykendall for the presidency of the senate is a foregone conclusion, and to the initiated it had been for some months, although there is still talk of a coup for the Carter candidacy.

JAMES WHITE SENTENCED

John James White appeared in department No. 1 of the circuit court this morning and waived time for sentence, and was given two years in the penitentiary and to pay the costs of the prosecution.

Sam Zureher, an ex-pupil of the reform school, who was convicted of larceny, was sentenced to one month in the county jail.

The case of J. C. Ryan, which was brought up today for the pronouncing of judgment, was continued until Monday, when a motion for a rehearing will be argued.

At noon court was adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Japan Leads in Physical Culture.
Japan is the only nation in the world in which the whole people have learned practical cleanliness of body, perfect ventilation and cleanliness of house. Europe and America have not yet found out that the national wealth consists of health, and that national supremacy depends entirely upon medical and hygienic righteousness. We know but do not practice the evident truth that the tuberculosis problem entirely and those of most other diseases partly depend upon ventilation and household cleanliness. While we allow the anti-vaccination foolishness its criminal vogue in England, France and America, Japan has compulsory vaccination and no small-pox. The world belongs to the physically strong, and the governments which spend the one thing most necessary will surely go down before the armies of those nations that are more careful of the laws of preventive medicine. Mr. Kennan in The Outlook, describes the physical culture exercises carried on at the Japanese Naval Academy. There were no gymnasiums, football or baseball clubs, or racing crews. The three principal kinds of exercises were jiu-jitsu, ken-jutsu and botori. The first is a peculiar kind of wrestling, in which skill, quickness and knowledge of anatomy take the place of, or at least supplement, purely physical strength. Ken-jutsu is sword play, similar to our own, and botori is a sort of pole scrimmage in which the two hands into which the students are divided try to pull down a pole eight feet high, set upright upon the ground. Kennan thinks the training of the Japanese students results in as perfect physical forms as those gained by our methods. He emphasizes the fact that while furious vigor and even roughness are permitted it is all governed by self control and by the most perfect courtesy and dignity of manner.—American Medicine, Philadelphia.

New Commandant at Arthur.
Tokio, Jan. 7.—Vice-Admiral Shibeyama, commander of the naval station at Kure, Japan, has been appointed commander at Port Arthur, with Capt. Temeri as chief of staff.

PROMINENT YOUNG MEN ACCUSED OF CRIME

Chicago, Jan. 7.—Clarence Little, a son of Justice Clarence Little, of Franklin Park, and Wm. Toepper, Little's elum, and a prominent merchant of the same suburb, were arrested this morning in connection with the finding of the body of a girl supposed to be Odelle Default, of Kankakee, in the snow on Irving Park Boulevard.

Little and Toepper were released later, when the police were convinced that the identification of the body was an error, and that it was not that of Miss Default, Little's former sweetheart. The identity of the woman is a mystery.

NIEDERHINGHAUS CAUCUS NOMINEE FOR SENATOR

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 7.—The nomination in the Republican caucus of Thomas K. Niederinghaus as United States senator to succeed Senator Cockrell, provoked bitter feeling. Probably enough Republicans may bolt to prevent the election. The Journal, a Republican organ of Western Missouri, today devoted two columns to the discussion of boodle rumors in connection with the caucus, referring particularly to the alleged use of \$60,000.

TIDAL WAVE SWEEPS EAST COAST OF ENGLAND

London, Jan. 7.—Heavy tidal waves struck the east coast of England early this morning, and did great damage. At Yarmouth the waves swept over the marine promenade, and families in the houses facing the sea are imprisoned in the upper stories. At Cleethorpe the newly-built seawall was smashed away. Considerable damage was done at Scarborough, Dover and Sherness.

ROBBERS WRECK BANK

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 7.—Robbers dynamited the bank at Treynor early this morning. Two thousand dollars were in the bank, but the building was so badly wrecked that it is impossible to ascertain how much was taken. The bank was robbed.

Mail Carrier Sick.
Chas. Allen, rural mail carrier, is very low with pneumonia. The attending physician, Dr. W. Carlton Smith, believes, however, that he will ultimately recover.

Hon. J. S. Gray, representative from Douglas county, is in the city today attending to some minor business, preparatory to the coming session.

KOCH MURDER TRIAL

New Ulm, Minn., Jan. 7.—In the Dr. Koch trial this morning, Edward Dingley, a teamster, positively identified the hammer with which Gebhardt's skull was crushed as the one he had seen in Koch's barn. On cross-examination the defense intimated that witnesses had told several persons that he was to get \$500 when the trial was over.

Christmas at St. Petersburg.
St. Petersburg, Jan. 7.—The Russian Christmas was celebrated today. The capitulation cast a general gloom over the festivities. The czar attended church services this morning. The baby Czaritch received nearly 1000 Christmas presents.

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