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WAR TO THE KNIFE, KNIFE TO THE HILT IS PRESIDENT TAFT'S DECLARATION

OHIO TO BE BATTLE GROUND AND FIGHT WILL BE FIERCE UP TO DAY OF CONVENTION

Results of Primaries in Massachusetts, Maryland and Pennsylvania Have Stirred the President's Fighting Blood and Caused Him to Issue Declaration of War on Roosevelt--The Latter Will Be in Ohio Next Week, and It is Anticipated That Recriminations Will Be Both Profuse and Bitter.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Cincinnati, Ohio, May 7.—A strenuous speaking campaign, which will last until the Republican national convention meets in Chicago, June 18, was announced here today by President Taft. The results of the primary elections in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Maryland have caused the president to issue a declaration of war to the last day of the nomination 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 during his speeches in this state.

SENTIMENT IS CREATED AGAINST US

BIG INTERESTS, FEARING A CHANGE IN PRESENT CONDITIONS, WHICH JUST SUIT THEM, STIR UP FEELING AGAINST ALL AMERICANS.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
San Francisco, May 7.—That the decided anti-American sentiment existing among certain classes of citizenry of Central American republics is due to a well-organized propaganda of the interests in these countries, who profit by existing conditions, who are agnostic to advancement, and who use the native press to further their schemes, was the declaration made here today by Secretary of State Philander C. Knox upon his arrival in San Francisco.

It was to correct these existing misrepresentations as to the attitude of the United States toward these republics that was Secretary Knox's mission in visiting them, carrying assurance of good will.

Only the worst features of our national life, stories of crimes, of political debauchery, accidents, divorce scandals and the like, according to Secretary Knox, are printed about the United States in the average Central American newspaper, almost exclusively owned and managed, he says by soldiers of fortune, political malcontents and those who profit by misrepresentations.

The great bugaboo in Central America, declares Knox, kept alive by the press there is that Uncle Sam wants to gobble that entire country.

Secretary Knox stopped for a time at the Panama canal, and says he was assured by the engineers in charge of construction of the great Gatun locks and dam that the canal would be opened for passage of vessels not later than July, 1913, barring serious mishaps.

The very magnitude of the project," said Secretary Knox, "has inspired American engineering genius to the point where new methods and new appliances for carrying on this stupendous work were evolved. It is this, I am certain, which will be re-

DECISION GIVES THEM \$5,000,000

SPECKLES CHILDREN GET THE MONEY LEFT THEM BY THEIR DAD, THE OLD SUGAR KING—OLDER BROTHERS TRIED TO ROB THEM.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Sacramento, Cal., May 7.—Rudolph and Claus A. Speckles 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 Speckles, 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. Speckles, 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.

The court was unanimous in its findings that the previous decision, which will take effect May 10, should stand.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
San Francisco, May 7.—Returning from a tour of the San Joaquin valley, Senator Robert M. LaFollette today plunged into a campaign about San Francisco bay. During the day he spoke in Richmond, Port Costa, Martinez, Antioch and Niles. Tonight he will speak at San Jose.

"If the voters in the portions of the state I am yet to visit, are as intensely interested in the issues of this campaign as they have been in those sections where I already have spoken," declared LaFollette before leaving for today's whirlwind trip, "I shall carry California. California stands for what I stand for. There has never been any doubt in my mind on that score. I came out here to get acquainted. I felt that once we came to understand each other, we would find ourselves standing together on principles."

Democrats in Session.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 7.—With William Glasgow, of Philadelphia, acting as temporary chairman by agreement, the Pennsylvania state democratic convention opened here this afternoon.

ANOTHER BIG BLOCK FOR SALEM

JOHN J. ROBERTS PURCHASES THE MCGILCHRIST PROPERTY ON LIBERTY AND STATE—WILL ERECT A FIVE OR SIX-STORY BUILDING.

Negotiations were completed yesterday by which the half lot at the northeast corner of Liberty and State streets becomes the property of John J. Roberts, a local capitalist. The purchase was made from Wm. McGilchrist and Wm. McGilchrist, Jr., the consideration, it is understood, being \$45,000. Just a year ago the McGilchrist purchased this property from the Verant estate, the consideration being \$37,000, which represents a fair increase in value in one year. The lot is covered with a number of old, dilapidated shacks of little or no value, although they have rented for good money, which has been the reason for retarding the erection of a good building there. As soon as the abstract is made, and the formal transfer of the property completed, Mr. Roberts will begin plans for a fine business building to be erected there at once. When seen this morning, the purchaser could not give a very definite idea of the kind of a building to be erected, but it will cover the entire lot, which is 82½ by 82½ feet and will be five or six stories high. The lower part will be made into six stores, while the upper stories will be for offices. The building will be of the highest type of construction, thoroughly fire proof in every respect, as well as modern in every way, and will cost from \$100,000 to \$125,000. Work on the construction of the building will begin within the next 60 days, or as soon as it is possible to get the plans drawn.

Mr. Roberts is amply able to make the improvements needed to make this property the finest in the city, and will no doubt do so. The purchaser has shown his confidence in the future of Salem in making this purchase, and in his determination to construct such a fine building on the property.

CITY GETS ELECTRIC FOUNTAIN

THE GIFT OF MRS. E. T. WAITE—ONLY ONE NORTH OF SAN DIEGO AND WEST OF ST. LOUIS—WILL SHOW SEVEN COLORS.

In 90 days the city of Salem will enjoy the distinction of having an electric fountain at Wilson avenue, and it will be a distinction, for it will be the only fountain of its kind north of San Diego, Cal., and west of St. Louis, Mo.

The fountain will cost \$10,000 and is a present to the city by Mrs. E. T. Waite, one of the pioneers of the city, in memory of her husband, who died a number of years ago. Last night Charles L. McNary, who has charge of the estate, appeared before the council and agreed to have the fountain in operation within 90 days, provided the city would furnish the water, install some lights in the park, and also provide the operator and the city agreed. Another thing agreed to by the city was the removal of the present band stand.

The fountain will be an ornament to the city. It will produce seven different colors, and is to be in operation during the months of May, June, July, August and September.

The Chicago Strike.

Chicago, May 7.—Plans were laid today by the striking newspaper workers to interest the American Federation of Labor in their cause. Stenographic reports of the union meetings here have been sent to the federation, and the parent organization was today asked to take action regarding the strike.

The morning papers issued their regular editions today. Those down town were sold by negroes guarded by the police.

WILL PAY \$300,000 FOR PLANT

Council Turns Down Proposition Made by the Salem Water Company to Settle Price of Plant by Arbitration.

MAKES COMPANY AN OFFER

Would Pay \$300,000 and for All Additions Made After May 6, Plus Ten Per Cent Thereon—This Lays the Foundation for Condemnation Proceedings—Council Unanimous in Declaring City Own the Plant, But Disagrees as to Manner of Purchase.

After rejecting a proposition made by the Salem Water company to fix by arbitration the price to be made for the purchase of its plant, the city council last night passed a resolution offering the company \$300,000, together with the costs, plus 10 per cent added thereto, for all additions and betterments made after May 6, and incidentally laid the foundation for condemnation proceedings, should the offer fail to be accepted.

The communication made by the company, in brief, provided that the city should appoint an engineer to appraise the plant, and the company one; and should these two fail to agree, a third was to be selected. The price finally agreed upon was to be final and binding upon the company and the city, and a contract to that end was to be entered into.

Councilman Hill at the outset, voiced opposition to the plan on the

SENATOR BOURNE DENOUNCED TAFT FOR VIOLATION OF CONSTITUTION

A Woman Caused It.

Fresno, Cal., May 7.—Frank A. Gordon, a wealthy rancher of Madera, was shot and killed today by Jesse Webb, a bartender, at a rooming house conducted by Mrs. Marguerite Crane, over whom the two men are alleged to have quarreled.

Mrs. Crane declares that both men came here to see her. They were quarrelling over her, she says, when Gordon attacked Webb with a knife and the bartender shot him in self defense.

READY FOR BIG EVENT TOMORROW

WILLAMETTE AND PACIFIC TO MEET HERE, AND SOME WARM AND SPIRITED WORK WILL BE SEEN AS BOTH TEAMS ARE STRONG.

There will be things doing on the Willamette track tomorrow afternoon when the bunch of fleet-footed point hunters from the Varsity squad tangle with the track team from Pacific University in the first big meet of the season and probably the only large one on this field unless the management can arrange a date with O. A. C. here. The track team met Pacific last May Day and carried off the big end of the proceedings; but Forest Grove has a strong team this year and the outcome of tomorrow's meet is only a conjecture. On account of the recent rains the training has not been as persistent as it should, but in the past few days the men have been getting in some hard work, and Trainer Thorpe is confident that his squad will make a good showing in the coming meet. Nearly the whole of the last year's team are back with the addition of many new men who have been showing up in first class form. In the sprints Willamette will be represented by Blackwell, Stimpson, Lowe and Joseph, all of the last year's bunch with the exception of Stimpson, who is a new man, and will be an entrant in the hundred and fifty. Mills last year's star in the high hurdle, and also captain of the team, is with the bunch again and will enter the hurdles and 220 dash. Joseph and Lowe will probably be depended on in the 440. In the distance and weights, results cannot be prophesied so certainly as most of the men are new to the squad and have as yet not entered a meet. Stearns and Burdette, who won places in the trout in the mile, and 880, will have a hard row to hoe, as Pacific is strong at this distance. This is Burdette's second year, and he may spring a surprise in tomorrow's meet. He won third in the mile last year against Pacific in only the first year out. Francis and Blackwell will put the shot; and Praff will throw the discus. In the past few years Willamette has been building up a strong track team and the outlook this year is the best that it has been in the history of the institution. It has been the custom until this year for the same coach to take charge of the track and baseball; but in order that the track team might have the time and attention of one man, the services of Mr. Thorpe of the Law College were secured, and under his direction the track work at the university has been taking a big boom. At present the Willamette track is one of the best in the Northwest and was built up and made what it is by the efforts of the students and Coach Sweetland. Work is rapidly progressing on the new indoor track and next year the team will have a track on which it can hold its meets regardless of the weather.

The M. W. A. will hold their annual country picnic at Silverton Thursday, June 6.

APPOINTMENTS ARE MADE NOT WITH ADVICE OF SENATE BUT ON THAT OF POLITICIANS

Says Taft Turned Down Frank Sinnott Recommended by Him for U. S. Marshal and Appointed E. G. Colwell, Who, He Says, Tried to Prevent the Carrying Out of the Will of the People, by Urging Legislators to Violate Their pledges to the People to Elect the People's Choice for the U. S. Senate--Has Other Grievances.

Portland, Ore., 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 Sinnott as Reed's successor. Senator Bourne says that President Taft disregarding the senator's recommendations, and without making any objections to Sinnott's qualifications, delayed the appointment until December 7, 1910, when he appointed E. G. Colwell to the position.

"Colwell was distasteful to both Senator Chamberlain and myself," says Bourne, "because he was of that crowd of unscrupulous politicians who urged

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THE JUDGE OBJECTS TO RECALL

HUDBRAS STATEMENT APPLIES TO HIM: "NO THIEF ERE FELT THE HALTER DRAW, WITH GOOD OPINION OF THE LAW."

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Minneapolis, May 7.—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 of his remarks Judge Anderson denounced the recall of the judiciary and of judicial decision. He said:

"It is proposed that the people, in their aggregate capacity shall be given not only the right to make the laws, but to determine their meaning. Thus, at one blow, they would strike down two co-ordinate branches of the government—the legislative and the judicial.

"This theory is so repugnant to the ideas of orderly government that it will mark the beginning of national decay and universal anarchy."

UNCLE TOM'S CABIN AT THE GRAND FRIDAY

One of the real big treats of each theatrical season is that old but ever popular stage story, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," as presented by Stetson's big spectacular company, which will be seen at the Grand opera house Friday, May 10, with a special matinee at 3:30 p. m. As in former years, Manager Washburn has equipped his sterling company with all new effects and starting scenic, electrical and mechanical surprises are promised. The vaudeville and specialty numbers are said to be of the 1909 brand, while the negro melodies and the old southern plantation songs are rendered as only the genuine southern darlings know how to sing them.

BRITISH SLOOP GOES TO MEXICAN COAST

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Victoria, B. C., May 7.—The British sloop of war *Algerine* sailed from Esquimalt today for the west coast of Mexico to protect British interests in case of trouble between the Mexican rebels and the federals in the coast ports.

Clark Not In It.

Jackson, Miss., May 7.—With Woodrow Wilson and Oscar Underwood on the ticket the Democratic presidential preference primaries are being held here today. The weather is ideal, but the vote is light.

GOVERNOR HOLDS THE TOP HAND

TELLS RAILROAD COMPANY IT MUST MOVE TRACK AT SHELL ROCK BEFORE IT CAN GET RIGHT OF WAY OVER STATE LANDS.

Because of the failure of the Oregon-Washington Railroad company to so far comply with demands made upon it by Governor West to move its railroad track at Shellrock so that a highway being built there by convict labor may be constructed, the Southern Pacific may be denied the right of way for its spur across state lands in the extension of its Fir branch.

The spur was built by the road for the benefit of the asylum and penitentiary but the state owns the right of way. The company desires to use it as part of the Fir branch. Governor West has made a demand upon the Oregon-Washington Railroad company that it move its track at Shellrock, so that it will not interfere with the building of the highway, but so far the company has failed to act.

Declaring that the state was willing to co-operate with the railroad companies in developing the state, but also at the same time maintaining that it was the duty of the railroad companies to co-operate with the state when public matters were involved, Governor West intimated that unless the Harriman lines showed a disposition to co-operate with the state in building the highway in question, that he would not co-operate in the way of right of way across state lands.

HE GOT THIRTY DOLLARS AND ALSO THIRTY DAYS

Portland, Ore., May 7.—"How should I know it wasn't for me?" Explaining to the court why he had opened a letter meant for another George Albert, and used a \$30 check, "It was addressed to me." He got 30 days.

HE WANTS THE JOB OF PRESIDENTING HIMSELF

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
El Paso, Texas, May 7.—In a telegram to Emilio Vasquez Gomez today, General Orozco declared he will refuse to recognize the former as president of Mexico, and ordered Gomez to leave the country immediately. Gomez telegraphed back and is endeavoring to arrange the difficulty and obtain Orozco's support.

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