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GOVERNOR WEST SAYS HE INTENDS TO IGNORE ENGINEER IN FUTURE

Announces That Neglect or Inability of Lewis to Perform Duties of His Office Responsible for Present Irrigation Muddle--Announces He Will in Near Future Call Meeting of All Settlers of North Canal Unit of Central Oregon Irrigation Company's Project and Outline Scheme of Federal and State Aid--Says He Will Leave Lewis to His "Cushion Chair Duties."

Declaring that the "neglect or inability" of State Engineer Lewis to perform the duties of his office is responsible for the present irrigation muddle which confronts the state, and that hereafter he intends to ignore him and leave him to his "cushion chair duties," Governor West today announced that in the near future he will call a meeting of all the settlers of the North Canal Unit of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company's project, and outline to them a scheme of federal and state aid to reclaim their lands. After that he stated he would present the scheme to the commercial bodies of the state, the state irrigation congress when it convenes, and finally to the secretary of the interior.

Offered to Relinquish. The irrigation company recently offered to relinquish to the state the unit which comprises 34,000 acres, for \$500,000, so that the land might be reclaimed through federal and state aid. It was estimated that an additional \$50,000 would be required to completely reclaim the lands. The offer was considered last week by the state desert land board, but the majority of the members did not seem to take to the scheme. Yesterday Lewis announced in the press that he was not favorable to it, but that he would advocate that the government alone reclaim the land. That statement was responsible for the governor's announcement today.

IMPORTANT WITNESS IN GRAFT TRIAL HELD FOR SEDUCTION

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—Special Treasury Agent David G. Powers, arrested here yesterday on a seduction charge preferred by Miss Lena Caduff, was arraigned today before Police Judge Crist and his preliminary examination set for December 24. Powers is one of the government's chief witnesses in the trial of the eight indicted officials of the Western Fuel company, charged with conspiracy to defraud the government. Government representatives here asserted Powers' arrest was the result of a plot to discredit his testimony.

PELKEY WILL FIGHT NO NEGRO BUT JOHNSON DECLARES BURNS

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—An offer of a \$20,000 purse for Pelkey to fight the winner of the Joe Jeanette-Sam Langford fight, to be staged soon in Paris, was received today by Manager Tommy Burns. The offer came by cable from Leon See, the Paris promoter. Burns replied: "Will let Pelkey fight Jack Johnson, but no other negro."

CARDINAL DIES. Rome, Dec. 17.—Cardinal Rampolla, former papal secretary of state, died last night.

Wilson Likely to Back Bill Aiming at Phone Control

Washington, Dec. 17.—Strong probability of a bill soon to be introduced in the senate by Senator J. Hamilton Lewis, of Illinois, providing for government ownership of telephone systems, becoming an administration measure was seen here today in political circles. Postal officials were scrutinizing the bill closely today. Lewis intended introducing his bill this week, but Post-

master-General Burleson asked that he postpone action until the postoffice department could investigate its provisions.

Neither Lewis nor Chairman Moon, of the house committee on postoffices would discuss the matter today. The bill provides for the government to absorb all telephone systems by January 1, 1915, by condemnation proceedings. The measure does not refer to telegraph lines.

NO TIPS ALLOWED BY STATE IS RULING OF SECRETARY OF STATE

Director of Bureau of Mines and Geology Gets Letter From Olcott.

GOVERNMENT MAN KICKS

Director of United States Geological Department Takes Issue With Olcott on Ruling.

Giving it as his opinion that it is not within the province of any state department to enter into a contract which would compel the state to officially recognize and assist in perpetuating the tipping evil, Secretary of State Olcott today by letter advised H. M. Parks, director of the Bureau of Mines and Geology at Corvallis, that he will not pay claims for tips for members of the Geological Survey department engaged in making surveys in the state. The last legislature appropriated money to be used by the state in co-operating with the United States Geological Survey department in making surveys in the state, and pursuant to it an agreement was entered into between it and the State Bureau of Mines and Geology. Recently a member of the surveying party presented a claim for tips, and the secretary of state disallowed it. This brought forth a protest from Geo. Otis Smith, director of the United States Geological Survey department at Washington, he declaring that under the regulations of the department, tips were allowed, and that they were a part of the contract entered into with the state.

State Cannot Allow Them.

"I have noted the tenor of the agreement entered into by and between yourselves and Mr. Smith's department, but cannot construe this as in any way affecting the duties imposed on this office under Section 2024, Lord's Oregon Laws, as well as subsequent statutes. I am further of the opinion that it is not within the province of any state department, board or commission to enter into any agreement, government or otherwise, that will have the effect of making the state of Oregon officially recognize and, in that manner tend to help perpetuate the tipping evil. For your information will say that several years since I gave instructions to the auditing department that, in the absence of legislative direction to the contrary, no tip or gratuity of any sort should be considered as a just claim against the state, and, in all instances, to disallow same when appearing upon claims presented the state for payment. To my knowledge no such claim has since ever been paid and, furthermore, will not be as long as the responsibility for the direction of the affairs of this department rests with the writer. This attitude will be maintained until specific legislative authority otherwise is provided.

"This I hardly deem within the realm of possibility as the average Oregon legislator, if the future is to be judged by the past, will not be prone to favor legislation or appropriations inuring to the benefit of the Pullman company or attaches thereof."

ELOPERS MARRY. Denver, Colo., Dec. 17.—Following an elopement from Chicago, H. L. Kight and Bertha Chadron were married here, and are on route today to Seattle, where Kight has secured a position with the Missouri-Pacific railway. The couple arrived at 8:30 p. m. yesterday, were married at 6:30 and an hour later left for Seattle.

KILLED FOR HIS BLANKETS

Bakersfield, Cal., Dec. 17.—The body of N. Magio, a Japanese laborer, was found today near Mojave. He is believed to have been murdered for his blankets by a white tramp, with whom he started to walk from Mojave to Bakersfield.

Late News Bulletins

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 17.—With giant oil tanks hurtling through the air, following a series of terrific explosions at the plant of the Pacific States oil refineries here today, 23 workmen narrowly escaped with their lives in a fire that destroyed \$250,000 worth of property. Many thrilling rescues were effected. Only \$20,000 insurance was carried.

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—Despondent because she could not return to Arkansas, her native state, Mrs. Martha Dixon blew out her brains here today.

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—Admission that they were unable to find Mrs. Vivien Lyons, Miss Noel Murphy and Robert J. Widney, the principal witnesses in an extortion charge against Mrs. Mary Vaughn, a social worker, was made here by the police today. As a result it was expected the case against Mrs. Vaughn, who is alleged to have attempted to extort \$500 from Judge Widney, of Los Angeles, would be dismissed when it is called tomorrow.

PLAN TO REDUCE NUMBER OF DELEGATES FROM SOUTH SUBMITTED

Washington, Dec. 17.—The sub-committee of the Republican national committee was unanimous in reporting today its reapportionment plan. If the plan is ratified the number of delegates to Republican national conventions will be reduced by 70, the Southern states alone losing 62. Under the present system 2024 delegates sit in the conventions.

The 35 per cent plan would reduce the Florida, Illinois and North Carolina delegations by two each; Kentucky, New Jersey and Oklahoma would lose one each; New York and Tennessee would lose four each; Alabama and Georgia six each; Texas 14, Louisiana seven; South Carolina seven; Virginia Five, and Mississippi eight.

The committee held that the fixing of an extra delegate privilege on a 40 per cent total would reduce the delegation from the Northern states too much. It also recommended the ratification of the reapportionment plan by a majority instead of two-thirds of the Republican states.

The committee proposed that the rules be incorporated in the call for the 1916 convention with the provision that delegates must be elected in primaries in states having primary laws. In order to meet the situation existing in California, special rule provides that all, or any part of the delegates, may be chosen "at large." The rules makes the states right theory pre-eminent and practically nullifies the national committee's authority to supervise the choice of delegates in primary states.

MEDAL FOR HERO.

Washington, Dec. 17.—A silver medal was presented today to John Von Dulin, of the steamer General McDowell, by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo. Von Dulin saved a soldier from drowning in San Francisco bay September 10, last.

Of the 1793 kinds of advice that are of no use, that to Christmas buyers is probably most useless.

The Weather

The Dickey Bird says: Oregon, rain west tonight and Thursday, rain or snow east portion tonight and Thursday; southerly winds.

HITCHCOCK'S BANK PLAN IS DEFEATED IN SENATE BY 41 TO 37

It Aimed to Have Government Stand Back of State Banks Also.

FINAL ROLL CALL SOON

Tentative Agreement Reached for Vote Some Time During Legislative Day of Friday.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Forty-one to 37, the senate today defeated the Hitchcock amendment to the currency bill by which deposits would have been guaranteed in state as well as in national banks under the reserve system. A tentative agreement was reached this afternoon for a vote in the senate on the currency bill during the legislative day of Friday. This would mean a final roll call Saturday evening. Beginning tomorrow, speeches will be limited to 15 minutes each.

PIERCE MAY BE PERMANENTLY INJURED AS RESULT OF ATTACK

R. Pierce, the Salem man who was assaulted and robbed in the alley near the Wells Fargo Express Co.'s office, is still in the Salem hospital and, according to his attending physician, Dr. O. B. Miles, the man may be injured permanently in the hip and unable to walk in the future. The hip received a bad fracture in the fight between Pierce and the two highwaymen and it is doubtful if it will knit again. The police are in the dark so far as the guilty parties are concerned. They have not the remotest idea who the men are and, as the highwaymen left no clew behind them, it is doubtful if they are ever apprehended. It is the general belief, however, that there is a small band of thugs making Salem their hang-out at the present time and that it is possible that they have been here since the affair last Monday night.

BODIES OF 28 VICTIMS OF COAL EXPLOSION ARE RECOVERED

New Castle, Colo., Dec. 17.—The number of bodies recovered from the Rocky Mountain Fuel company's Vulcan mine, near here, had reached 28 today. Nine were still entombed, and certainly dead.

The victims were of an unusual class for miners. Nearly all were Americans and several were members of quite prominent and well-to-do families. The explosion was of coal dust. Its violence was terrific, and of those deep in the mine none escaped.

SUIT FOR DAMAGES.

Suit for damages in the sum of \$1000 was commenced in the circuit court yesterday evening by Mrs. A. D. Bechtel, of Tillamook against Pearl McCord and Frank McCord. In the complaint filed with the county clerk, plaintiff alleges that while she was riding in the rear of a buggy, at the request of J. M. Turner, and as the rig was crossing the intersection of Commercial and Center streets, defendants approached from the north on Commercial street, and negligently and recklessly ran into the said buggy with such force as to throw the plaintiff to the pavement, resulting in her being seriously injured about the limbs and body.

MAY BOND FOR ROADS.

Riverside, Cal., Dec. 17.—A heavy vote was being cast today in Riverside county on a proposed bond issue of \$1,325,000 for good roads. As the result of a long campaign, proponents of the issue predict an easy victory. Sympathy is more often misplaced than lost.

AMMUNITION IS NOW SAID TO BE FROM JAPAN

Huerta Also Said to Have Ten Modern Cannon on Way From Japan to Mexico City--General Zapata Intends to Seize Reins of Government When One or the Other of the Present Contenders is Victorious--Ready to Beat Carranza Into Mexico City When President Huerta Falls--Federal Efforts to Dislodge the Zapata Forces Have Failed.

Mexico City, Dec. 17.—Despite Foreign Minister Mosen's denial, a Huertista officer was quoted this afternoon as asserting that a Mexican-Japanese alliance had been formed, and that Minister De La Barra, Mexico's representative at Paris, was on his way to Tokio to complete the details. The same officer said 10 modern cannon were on their way to Mexico City from Japan, and that Huerta had already received from there 150,000 rifles and 1,000,000 rounds of ammunition. Zapata Plots to Get It.

When Mexico's federal and rebel forces have fought until one side is beaten and the other, though victorious, is exhausted, General Zapata intends to seize the reins of government. This, at least, was the opinion expressed here today by the best judges of Mexican politics; men in touch with the heads of all the country's conflicting groups. Ferocious Outfit. While General Carranza has been leading the rebel movement in the north Zapata has been waging war in the southern states. His campaign has been distinct from Carranza's, and, savage as some of the northern troop's war methods seemed, they have been gentle in comparison with the ferocious Zapatistas.

At present, it was learned today on good authority, 2000 Zapatistas are entrenched at Milpa Alta, 16 miles from the capital, prepared to beat Carranza into the city when President Huerta falls, which they appear to consider certain to happen soon. General Zapata is quartered at the Porfirio Diaz ranch, four miles behind his troops.

Federal efforts to dislodge the Zapata forces have failed thus far, although other reports, notwithstanding, they as yet have had no serious battles with the federal forces inside the capital district.

General Loses Command. El Paso, Tex., Dec. 17.—Generals Orozco and Salazar today forcibly deprived General Mercado of the command of the Mexican federal forces at Ojinaga. Details were lacking, but it

Salazar remained in charge at Ojinaga. Mercado, too, was detained there and his friends expressed the fear that Salazar would have him executed. Mercado was formerly governor of the state of Chihuahua. He was in command of the federal troops at the state capital, Chihuahua City, when the rebels under General Villa captured Juarez. When Villa started for Chihuahua City, Mercado evacuated the town and led his men, with many non-combatants, on the terrible march across the desert to Ojinaga. Rebels Seek Guerrilla. Five hundred rebel troops left Juarez today to deal with General Castillo, an independent guerrilla, who with a following of 100 men was wrecking the Mexican Northwestern railroad between Juarez and Chihuahua City. General Villa was at much pains to put the line in repair and it is essential to his safety to keep it open between his headquarters and the border.

Luis Terrazas, Sr. though here today, refused to discuss the news that General Villa had confiscated his entire properties, together with those of Enrique and Juan Creel, also millionaires. Gets Some of Money Anyway. Terrazas was said to have succeeded in getting some hundreds of thousands of dollars cash out of Mexico at the time of the Chihuahua City exodus, but the bulk of his wealth was of a kind that could not be moved, including banks, mineral and grazing lands and thousands of horses, camel and sheep. He was said to own half or two-thirds of the area of Chihuahua and was rated as many times a millionaire. Seeks Release of Son. He was still negotiating with General

Schmidt's Sister Says He Was Queer When Small Boy

New York, Dec. 17.—Hans Schmidt, confessed slayer of Anna Amuller, sat quietly today while his sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Schadley, gave testimony which she hoped would save him from the electric chair. Mrs. Schadley was the principal witness today at Schmidt's trial on the charge of murder. "When Hans was a boy," Mrs. Schadley testified, "he attempted to make the neighborhood children happy by giving them clothing belonging to his own relatives. Then he would go to the cemetery and sit on the tombstones for hours thinking. "Another peculiar characteristic was his religious fervor. He erected a miniature altar in our house and wore vestments. "He always delighted in watching neighbors kill chickens. He played in the blood and carried the heads of the chickens around in his pockets for days."