

ROOT TO BE THE SENATOR

Wary of Social Duties One of the Reasons Assigned For Desiring to Change Cabinet Place For Senate.

TOM PLATT TO RETIRE

Conference With Taft Practically Determines the Matter—Cannon Will Continue to Hold the Speakership.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Nov. 19.—There was a conference at the Taft cottage here Wednesday afternoon on New York politics, general political affairs, and especially regarding persons and measures pertaining to the next administration. The conferees were President-elect Taft, Vice President-elect Sherman and William Ward, national republican committeeman from New York.

While no one at the conference wishes to be quoted on the subject, it may be stated as the opinion of all that Secretary Root will be the successor in the United States senate of Thos. Platt. This, of course, is based upon the understanding that Root wishes the place. Taft has had no hesitancy from the first in giving positive expression to his desire to make Root the premier of his cabinet.

It is the understanding here that one of the main reasons for Root's desire to be relieved of cabinet duty is that both himself and Mrs. Root may be rid of the somewhat taxing and exacting social duties required of the secretary of state.

McFARLAND HAD A SHADE THE BEST

The Murphy-McFarland Philadelphia Fight Described Generally as a Disappointment.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 19.—"Packey" McFarland, of Chicago, and Tommy Murphy, of New York, fought six rounds last night but the bout was a disappointment, neither fighter showing to his best advantage. Both men repeatedly missed swings, but at the close of the bout McFarland had a shade the better of the argument.

McFarland drew first blood in the third round with a left hook to Murphy's nose, but the New Yorker kept after his man and at times forced him to clinch. In the fifth when Murphy drove a hard right to McFarland's wind, the Chicagoan appeared to slow down a trifle.

OPIUM SHIPMENT WAS THWARTED

103 Cans Placed in a Barrel and Consigned to Corrigidor Island as Cement.

MANILA, Nov. 19.—An opium smuggling plot was thwarted today when 103 cans of the drug were discovered in a barrel which was supposed to contain cement. The shipment was from China to the Corrigidor Island. The opium was confiscated.

DISTRIBUTE ARMS TO MALE POPULACE

Montenegrin Government Distributing Arms and Scout Parties Dot Austrian Frontier.

VIENNA, Nov. 19.—A dispatch from Cattaro says that the Montenegrin government has distributed arms to the entire male population in the vicinity of Mount Lovoca, where 8,000 Montenegrans are encamped. The Montenegrin sentries and the scouting parties dot the entire Austrian frontier.

Panama Canal Bonds.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—Secretary Cortelyou has made public announcement that he would receive bids up to the close of business on December 5 next, for \$30,000,000 of Panama canal bonds.

Canadian Wheat Coming to America. WINNIPEG, November 19.—Farmers in the prairie provinces charge the grain dealers have combined to keep down the price of wheat and many farmers near the border are hauling their grain across the line to America.

ROCKEFELLER AND STANDARD OIL

Resumes His Testimony Before an Enormous Crowd of Reporters and Spectators in Judge Ferris' Court.

COST RAW MATERIAL

Had a Big Influence on the Expansion of the Standard in Ohio—Tells of a Crude Oil Agreement.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—A larger room was used at the resumption of the Rockefeller testimony today before Ferris for the enormous crowd of reporters and spectators. Rockefeller was accompanied by his attorneys, Milburn and Rosenthal. Milburn asked him whether the uncertainty of the cost of raw material had any bearing on the expansion of the Standard Company of Ohio. Rockefeller said: "It most certainly did. It exerted a great deal of influence at that time and still has an important bearing on all our operations."

Rockefeller explained the association of refiners was organized for the purpose of conserving the supply of crude oil with common interest, desiring to work harmoniously and preventing antagonism between the producer and the refining interest. He explained that early in 1872 there was need of a better understanding among the producers of crude oil and resulted in the formation of an agreement for the purpose to insure a higher price of crude oil and maintain the stability of the market and also had the effect of preventing an over production of raw material. He remembered a number of producers represented in the agreement "but there was a very respectable majority."

Rockefeller explained the absorption of refining plant dock, property of the Long Island Refining Company was the initial effort of the Standard Refining Oil for export, also the absorption of the Devre Refining Company's property which was engaged in canning oil. He related the purchase of the Harvey refinery at Louisville was for the purpose of increasing the market and getting a better outlet for the product of the refiners. During a recess of five minutes Rockefeller chatted pleasantly with the commissioner. Rockefeller explained about the absorption of the Imperial refinery at Oil City, owned by Charles Pratt and H. H. Rogers, and explained this concern controlled a large oriental trade. Rockefeller denied he was interested in any manner in the Standard Oil Company of Pittsburgh, and explained the Standard of Ohio acquired the capital stock of the Chas. Pratt company and the Atlantic Refining Company, now members of the trust agreement for the purpose of extension, facilitation of export business, the acquisition of which involved about two millions. Rockefeller stated he purchased the refining business controlled by Porter and Moreland, and Archbold of Louisville, Penna., for the purpose of the extension of the business. Rockefeller related early incidents in connection with the start of the lubricating oil business in 1876, negotiations of various business proportions, including the absorption of the Mica Axle Grease Company, an established lubricating business.

Pennsylvania Interested. Rockefeller stated the Empire Transportation company owned the cars, engaged in forwarding freight. The Penna. railroad controlled the Empire, which also owned a number of pipe lines and two refineries. He said the operation of the Empire company caused much trouble, among the railroads, that the Pennsylvania's interests being engaged in production and refining besides the transportation of oil was considered unwise. He stated this resulted in much rate cutting. Court adjourned until 2:00.

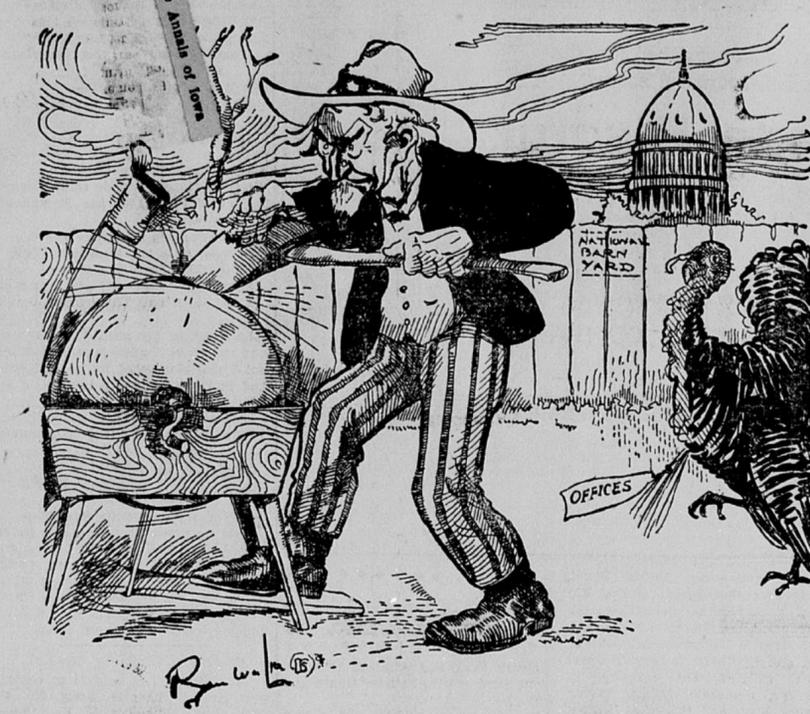
Creates a Sensation.

Rockefeller created a sensation at the resumption of the hearing admitting he accepted rebates from the Pennsylvania railroad.

Dynamited Post Office Safe. READING, Pa., Nov. 19.—After dynamiting the safe at the Warnersville post office today burglars secured \$300 in cash, and stamps, and escaped. There is no clue.

To Observe Lincoln Centennial.

DENVER, Nov. 19.—The American Federation of Labor has urged every labor union in the country to hold special celebrations in honor of Lincoln's centennial in 1909.



The most interesting question is, "Who are going to be invited to a helping of this large, juicy turkey?"

TO POPULARIZE THEIR COUNTRY

Von Buelow in the Reichstag Speaks In Support of the Government's Eight Finance Bills.

TO BUILD UP THE NAVY

Says the Way to Make Germany Popular is to Strengthen Her Armed Forces—Need the Money.

BERLIN, Nov. 19.—Von Buelow today in the Reichstag in support of the government's eight finance bills proposing an increase in the annual revenues of one hundred and twenty-five millions. He said: "Germany is unpopular among other nations, and the only way to regain her prestige is by the up-building of her naval and military forces. Germany needs armaments and money to build and maintain them. Our financial system is the weakest point. It is a patriotic duty to inaugurate new taxes."

COUNTERFEITING IN CHICAGO

Secret Service Man Finds Twenty Thousand Dollars in Circulation, Skillfully Made.

CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—It is said by the secret service men that more than \$20,000 in counterfeit currency is in circulation in Chicago. Captain Porter of the secret service bureau has declared the counterfeiters are so skillfully made as almost to be beyond detection. Each on one hundred bills captured here bears the number D 47963872. The words "Series of 1899" just above the seal to the right of the Indian head are blurred and in the word "payable" at the left of center letter the "b" is imperfect. On the reverse side a "5" is faulty.

Pinchot, on the Forests.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 19.—Common sense for the common good was the keynote of the conservation movement was the text of the address before the American Civic association, and the national municipal league, by Gifford Pinchot, head of the forest service. The meeting was held for the consideration of plans to further the natural conservation movement.

Noisy Brokers Restrained.

BOSTON, Nov. 19.—Declaring the Boston curb a public nuisance, Judge Loring of the Massachusetts supreme court, today found for the plaintiff in a suit to restrain noisy brokers from doing business on Doane street. The court is doubtful of the measure giving relief, and declared some sort of an injunction would be issued at a later date.

RUSSIAN GRAB MEANS MASSACRE

Foreigners in the Azerbaijan Province Would be Massacred by Persian Revolutionists in Case of Grab.

THE ANXIETY IS INTENSE

England Has Notified Russia That Permanent Occupation of Any Part of Persia Would Be Unfriendly.

LONDON, Nov. 19.—Russia's contemplated land grab will mean the massacre of all foreigners in the Azerbaijan province by Persian revolutionists, according to messages received here today. The report caused intense anxiety and has given rise to the statement that England made the representation to Russia she would consider Russia's permanent occupation of any part of Persia an act of unfriendliness.

FOREIGN FRICTION GROWING FAST

Austrian Generals Urge Emperor Franz Josef to Hasten Action Against Balkans.

VIENNA, Nov. 19.—The friction between Austria, Servia and Montenegro is so acute that Austrian generals today urged Emperor Franz Josef of the necessity of an immediate movement against the Balkan states. The reports which are reaching the foreign office daily of the war preparations of Servia and Montenegro every week say that if Austria delays continues it will be handicapped when the war is finally declared.

FOURTEEN MEN TO BE SENTENCED

Plead Guilty to Manslaughter, Having Killed Man and Daughter in a Raid.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Nov. 19.—Pleading guilty to manslaughter in a raid which was made on the home of John Hayes, killing Hayes and his daughter, fourteen men are waiting sentence to the penitentiary today. They were members of the gang which resented the refusal of Hayes to leave the claim which he is said to have "jumped."

Whiskey Burned.

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 19.—Two warehouses of the Tom Moore Distilling Co., at Bartsown, in which were stored 15,000 barrels of whiskey, burned Wednesday, entailing a loss to the firm of \$400,000. It was fully insured. The loss to the government is \$750,000.

PRINCE CHING WAS MURDERED

Official Dispatch From Shanghai to Paris Reports the Death of President Board Foreign Affairs.

COMMANDER HARBER OF THE ASIATIC SQUADRON AT MANILA HOLDING HIS FLEET IN READINESS FOR TROUBLE.

PARIS, Nov. 19.—A dispatch from Shanghai says that the death of Prince Ching at Peking last night has been officially reported there today. The same dispatch says that the new Dowager Empress Yehonala is seriously ill, intimating that the trouble is traceable to the same cabal which is thought to have caused the recent death of Emperor Kuang Hsu and Dowager Empress Tsi An. In the rumors of the murder of Ching and Yuan Shi Kai, the grand chancellor, by high Chinese officials, printed here, there is no mention of the death of the new dowager.

Prince Ching, the president of the board of foreign affairs, is corresponding with the foreign office of the other nations. The late dispatches today say that his efforts are futile to confirm the death.

No Confirmation.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—There is no confirmation at the Chinese legation of the state department of the reported assassination of Ching, and the illness of the Empress Dowager.

Ching Not Dead.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—The Chinese legation this afternoon received a dispatch signed by Ching, Yuan Shi Kai and Na Tung, saying the members of the board of foreign affairs said Peking was quiet. The opinion of Minister Wu disposes of the Manila rumors of Ching's assassination, unless the assassins resorted to forgery.

Harber Ready to Sail.

MANILA, Nov. 19.—In view of the Ching bulletin it is believed Commander Harber of the Asiatic squadron has information from Peking causing him to expect trouble necessitating the presence of vessels in Chinese waters. It is believed the American officer will continue to hold the fleet in readiness for developments. Efforts to confirm the reports of Ching's death are unsatisfactory. Ching was president of the Chinese board of foreign affairs.

Fruit Steamer Stranded.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 19.—Word reached here via wireless that the United Fruit Company's steamer Cartago was stranded on the Utile reefs, off the coast of Honduras. The passengers and the crew were reported saved.

TRY BLACKMAILING AN IOWA BANKER

L. A. McMurray of Webster City is the Victim of an Unknown Blackmailer Who Wanted Three Thousand.

POLICE WITHOUT CLUE

Blackmailer Wanted Him to Leave \$3,000 in Currency on the Piling Approach to Northwestern Bridge.

WEBSTER CITY, Iowa, Nov. 19.—Hon. L. A. McMurray, president of the Hamilton County State bank in this city and one of the town's most prominent business, has been made the victim of a most serious blackmailing attempt. The plan failed, but as the police have no evidence there is grave danger of further developments.

A letter mailed to Mr. Murray threatened his life unless he place a package containing \$3,000 in currency on the piling approach to the Northwestern bridge in the northwest part of the city. The letter contained full directions as to how, where and when the money should be placed. The time set was seven o'clock in the evening.

Upon receipt of the letter Mr. McMurray conferred with his friends, and upon their advice notified the police. A plan was entered into whereby it was hoped to apprehend the blackmailers. A dummy package was fixed up, and Mr. McMurray left his home with it at the time designated in the letter. Constable Fillion, dressed similarly to Mr. Murray, passed the latter, and taking the package made his way to the place designated by the blackmailers. The spot is a lonely one, away from the residence district and never frequented at night. A number of other police officers were secreted in various places about the bridge. A close watch was kept for several hours, but no one appeared to take the package. Finally the officers gave up the prospect of anyone appearing and returned to their homes. The dummy package, however, was left at the place designated. Constable Fillion upon visiting the spot in the morning found to his surprise that the package had been taken. The snow disclosed the tracks of a woman under the bridge. Following these tracks he came upon the imprint of a man's shoe, the man probably having accompanied the woman. The handwriting of the threatening letter sent Mr. McMurray is a woman's, which fits in well with the link of evidence in the woman's tracks. The tracks were followed by the officer and they led him to a home where reside a woman and man. The officers are confident they have the parties under surveillance, but no arrests have as yet been made. Further developments are expected, however, in a day or two.

A FINAL APPEAL TO SAVE BILLIK

Attorneys Will go Before Governor and Ask for Commutation of Sentence to Imprisonment.

Clark May be Leader.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—Congressman Clayton, chairman of the caucus, last night issued a call for a caucus of democratic members of the house to be held December 5. The purpose is to elect a minority leader to take the place of John Sharp Williams, who resigned the leadership last summer. The name of Champ Clark is prominently mentioned as Williams' successor.

Ministers to See Production.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 19.—A hundred ministers out of the 600 who were invited will accept the invitation to witness tonight the production of "Samson and Delilah" at the Hammerstein's opera house.

Lord Minto to Hasten South.

CALCUTTA, Nov. 19.—Lord Minto, the viceroy of India, today announced his abandonment of the tour of northern India, in order to hasten to the south to deal with the revolutionary faction.

PERSONALITIES WERE BITTER

Attorneys in the Ruef Case Clash and Hearing is Marked by Many Personal Animositities.

JOHNSON CALLS ACH

Looked For a Time Like a Personal Encounter Between Attorneys Johnson and Ach—Court Interfered.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 19.—Bitter personalities between the attorneys marked the opening of the Ruef hearing today. Hiram Johnson for the people rebuked Attorney Ach for Ruef, because he insisted in leading Witness Gallagher into the details of the infamous immunity contract with members of the boodling board. Ach replied attempting to save time. Johnson replied: "Like Satan rebuking sin." Questions were asked repeatedly for the purpose of delaying the trial, dishonorably. Aches, flushed, stood over Johnson as if threatening an encounter. Sullivan for the people objected to being called a "special counsel" and advised the court to administer a "little contempt medicine." He declared "We are here to represent the district attorney and the whole people of California."

Ach, replied to Sullivan's position was ridiculous. The court interrupted. "That's all I care care to hear and I will not tolerate any further personalities." Guards about the building have been decreased. Ruef is carefully guarded but the excitement has abated.

LABOR ATTITUDE AGAIN DISCUSSED

Further Conference Between Roosevelt and Labor Leaders Held at White House.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—Further conferences at the White House Wednesday between the President and men who are prominent in labor matters made the attitude of the administration toward proposed labor legislation the subject of keen discussion in Washington last night.

It is learned from the highest authority that the object of the President in giving a dinner to the friends of labor and in holding subsequent conferences, was primarily to bring about a better understanding between representatives of the government and labor leaders, and to impress upon the labor interests of the country the disposition of the administration to receive its representatives in conference on an equality with all others.

The various conferences of the past two days are said to have brought out more plainly than ever before the desire of labor interests to eliminate lawsuits in collecting damages under the employers' liability laws. It has been found, labor leaders claim, that lawsuits result in benefit to lawyers only, and that they are not a necessary step in the insurance of justice to either side. As a remedy for the alleged abuses of injunction there still seems to be a wide difference of views on the part of the labor leaders.

Supreme Court Decisions.

[Special to The Gate City.] DES MOINES, Iowa, Nov. 19.—State of Iowa against Whimpey, appellant, Polk, modified and affirmed. Zimbleman and Otis against Finnegan, appellant, Boone, affirmed. Mansfield against Mallory, appellant, Winnebago, affirmed. Henry, appellant, against Mason City and Fort Dodge R. R. Co., Wright reversed. Omara against Newton and Northwestern R. R. Co., appellant, Jasper, reversed. Vaupel against Mullhill, appellant, Woodbury, reversed.

DID NOT RAISE ENOUGH LEMONS

Only Reason the California Lemon Growers Did Not Control the Entire Market.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—Phillip L. Salpa of New York, at the tariff hearing today, declared the reason the California lemon growers did not control the entire market was because they did not raise enough lemons. Herman Klaber of Portland, Ore., E. C. Horste of San Francisco, asked an increase of 12 to 24 cents per pound traffic on hops, explaining the growers were obliged to sell for 5 cents a pound, hops costing fifteen cents to raise.