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PATTERSON JARS RAILROAD ALLIES

Democratic Senator's Domingan
Speech Makes Them Quake—
President Is Delighted.

GORMAN PLANS TO USE FORCE ON ASSOCIATES

Seeks to Hold Domingan Treaty
Opposition as Obstacle to
Railroad Reforms.

By W. W. Jermaine.
Washington, Feb. 1.—The president is highly gratified over Senator Patterson's speech yesterday in favor of the Santo Domingo treaty. It is the best evidence the administration has yet had that the treaty will be ratified. The administration had been counting on three democrats, not including Patterson and Morgan, and, with these added, there will be five democratic votes, or more than enough.

Gorman Plots.
The Patterson speech has stirred up a new kind of friction on the democratic side of the senate. It is now talking of having a caucus of the democratic members this week Saturday to force all his associates into opposition or to read them out of the party.

This is merely a part of the general opposition to Mr. Roosevelt, prompted by the railroads, and it remains to be seen whether it can be made to work. Gorman has failed with his plan to marshal the democratic senators into partisan opposition to the Roosevelt policies as a whole, and is now trying to secure that opposition on one policy at a time, the Santo Domingo being the first.

Railroad Senators Jarred.
The Patterson speech created consternation among the railroad senators on the republican side of the chamber. All the republicans have been saying since were for the treaty and that it would be ratified if the democrats could be made to see the light. Foraker, Elkins and Aldrich have been loud in their claims of friendship for the treaty, assuming that Gorman would be able to hold the democratic members in check. Now that Patterson and Morgan have openly announced their intention to vote for the treaty, and some three or four others are under suspicion, Foraker, Elkins, Aldrich and others are wondering "where they are at."

Progress Toward Ratified Bill.
With the treaty ratified there will be only staidness and the Philippine tariff to bring forward as objections to railroad legislation, and it is beginning to be seen that the two are not heavy enough for the purpose. With Santo Domingo added, there might have been something doing. Hence Gorman's desire to bottle all the democrats into a caucus agreement, which this could only be done Foraker, Elkins, Aldrich and their friends would be very happy.

BATES TO TAKE CHAFFEE'S PLACE

General Greeley and Colonel
Allen Also to Go Up
the List.

Washington, Feb. 1.—The president today nominated Major General John G. Bates, at present chief of staff, to be lieutenant general to succeed Lieutenant General Adna R. Chaffee (retired) this day. He also nominated Brigadier General A. W. Greeley, chief signal officer, to be major general of the line to succeed General Bates as major general, also Colonel James Allen to be brigadier general and chief of the signal corps to succeed General Greeley.

It further was announced that Brigadier General J. Franklin Bell, now in command of the infantry and cavalry school at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., would be appointed chief of staff to succeed General Bates upon his retirement next April.

\$500,000 FIRE IN CITY OF PANAMA

Block of Houses Burned and Many
Women and Children
Rescued.

Panama, Feb. 1.—5:30 a.m.—Shortly after 2 o'clock this morning fire started in a four-story wooden house known as the Concordia in the Carrera district. At 2:30 a.m. an adjoining three-story building was ablaze and a whole block of wooden houses was threatened with destruction.

The firemen for some time were unable successfully to fight the flames because of the lack of water, and a large block of houses between Constitucion, Dolego and Caddas streets was destroyed. At 5:30 a.m. the fire was under control. The losses are estimated at \$500,000, with very little interference. Many women and children living in the tenements were rescued by volunteer firemen. No lives are known to have been lost, but some Americans who roomed in the Concordia building are reported to be missing.

HAZARD COURT ADJOURNS.

Annapolis, Md., Feb. 1.—The court-martial which has been engaged in trying midshipmen on charges of hazarding for over four weeks at the naval academy adjourned today with the consent of the reviewing authority, Admiral James H. Sands, to meet on Feb. 13 next. The purpose of the adjournment at this time is to avoid interference with the examinations which began yesterday.

MINNESOTA LEADS FOR INSURANCE REFORMS

JOHNSON DIRECTS
CHICAGO COUNCIL
NOTHING RADICAL
FROM CONGRESS

Conference of State Officials Seeking Life Insurance Reform.

Chicago, Feb. 1.—More than 100 state officials including several governors, commissioners of insurance, attorney generals and representatives of insurance companies, were present at the opening session today of the national convention called to discuss matters at a conference of insurance companies in the various states.

Credit to Governor Johnson.
Commissioner of Insurance Thomas E. Drake of the District of Columbia, in calling the meeting to order, spoke in part as follows:

"The exposure of some of the methods of some of the life insurance companies by the committee on the legislature of the state of New York, which so clearly demonstrated the urgent necessity for better insurance laws throughout the country, was the principal reason for calling together the governors, attorneys general, insurance commissioners and others of so many states and territories.

"The meeting, however, is the direct result of correspondence begun last November by Governor Johnson of Minnesota with the president of the United States. It was felt that in the general prevailing excitement and deep feeling amongst the people, and the public in general, there was great danger that the various legislatures about to convene might adopt drastic measures which would not only be unreasonably burdensome and unfair to insurance companies, but also injurious to policyholders.

Plan for Legislation.
"After full consideration the following plan was agreed upon, which has the approval of the president and the commissioners of the District of Columbia: A bill to be introduced in congress which shall provide for the regulation of insurance in the District of Columbia, but which with necessary changes in form to make it applicable, may be enacted by the states and territories, thus making a uniform regulation of insurance and avoiding the vexatious and costly burden incident to differing and often conflicting local legislation.

"The meeting is considered one of the most important that has ever taken place in the interests of insurance. Let us, therefore, be exceedingly careful in the preparation of the proposed uniform bill, and let us be equally careful and fair to the companies, and at the same time erect enduring safeguards for the policyholders."

Governor Johnson Chairman.
The report of the committee on permanent organization was presented by A. I. Voreve of Ohio, making Governor John A. Johnson of Minnesota as chairman, Frederick Nash of Massachusetts as secretary. The report was adopted unanimously.

Governor Johnson in taking the chair spoke briefly expressing the hope that the effect of the convention might have the effect of restoring confidence in relation to insurance matters throughout the country.

"I shall place one wise law upon the statute books of this union, one wise law that will inure to the common good," he said, "this meeting will not have been held in vain."

In Framing a Plan.
The committee was instructed to give particular consideration to the following subjects: Deferred dividends, representative form of government in mutual companies, publicity, limitation of age in life insurance, investments, limitation of expenses to loaning, and restriction of amount of new business, limitation of amount of business and assets, method of determining loaning, non-forfeiture provisions, investments in individual states of a percentage of dividends paid, credited or provisionally credited under different forms of policies, at the several ages of entry, and several years in force.

TWO IOWA WOMEN ATTEMPT SUICIDE

Special to The Journal.
Ma, Iowa, Feb. 1.—Mrs. August Koeh, 50 years of age, worrying about her health and financial troubles, attempted suicide by shooting herself while her husband was at work. She put a bullet in her temple with a .22 caliber revolver. When he returned, she was still working, but soon collapsed and is expected to die.

WOMAN USES RAZOR.

Special to The Journal.
Marshalltown, Iowa, Feb. 1.—Mrs. Bernard Campbell, a woman 75 years of age, cut her throat from ear to ear with a razor. The windpipe was severed and it was thought she was dying, but a doctor was summoned and after making several stitches, he announced there was a bare chance to save her life. It is said that domestic trouble was the cause of her rash act.

DELEGATE FOR ALASKA

House Passes Bill Authorizing Election of Legislator.
Washington, Feb. 1.—The senate has passed the bill authorizing the election of a delegate in congress from Alaska.

REV. DR. MONTFORT DEAD.

Cincinnati, Feb. 1.—Rev. Dr. Joseph G. Montfort, for many years editor of the Herald and Presbyterian, organ of the Presbyterian church, and prominent as a preacher and educator, died today at his home in Walnut Hill, in this city, aged 95 years.

SEES PLOT AGAINST MRS. YERKES-MIZNER

PACKER SWIFT'S
MEMORY IS BAD

Unable to Recall Facts Connected with the Garfield Inquiry.

Chicago, Feb. 1.—Edward F. Swift, of Swift & Co., resumed the witness stand in the packers' case today, and was examined regarding some small details by his attorneys before the cross-examination by District Attorney Morrison was commenced. The first question by the district attorney was: "Why were you opposed to this investigation?"

"Like any large or small business house, we did not care to be obliged to give up our processes," he said. "There were no processes given out, were there?"

"Yes. They could learn how tallow and fat are converted into oleo oil." "Could these men see how that was done?"

"They had the chance to learn. They were right there." "They simply made an investigation of your books, did they not?"

"They did that and more." "What more did they do?" "Looked at papers, too." "What papers did they examine?"

"I don't know; all the papers in my office." "Then you don't know whether they examined the papers or not?"

"Well, Garfield came here to do that thing, and he had the power." "Did he refuse?"

"Didn't you refuse to furnish information at one time?" "I don't know."

"Was it not in your presence that a refusal was made to furnish information regarding hogs and sheep?" "I don't know that."

"Does the Garfield report show anything about the slaughtering of hogs or sheep?" "I don't know what the report shows."

"Did you not refuse to give information regarding hogs and sheep because it was not called for in the Martin resolution?" "I don't think I did."

"Did you not refuse to disclose the names of the members of your family holding stock in your company?" "I am not sure of that."

"Did your company ever furnish any information concerning private cars owned by the National Packing company?" "Yes, I told Mr. Durand the number of our cars."

"Did you not refuse on advice of counsel to tell him anything else on these matters?" "I referred him to my counsel."

Referred to Counsel.
"Did you refer him to your counsel on questions regarding the stock you owned in other companies?" "I believe so."

"Did he come back?" "I don't recall."

"At a meeting on April 29, there was a general discussion, was there not, on the papers submitted by Durand?" "There was a long discussion."

"As a result of that meeting it was practically agreed, was it not, what you would give out?" "No, sir."

Mr. Swift seemed nervous under the rapid fire of questions. He clasped and unclasped his hands constantly and many times rubbed his face with his fingers. He spoke quietly, however, and his answers were evidently well considered before they were given.

Who the Others Are.
Brugere and Eastland are intimate friends of Mizner and, like him, are well known in San Francisco. Brugere is known here as the millionaire author of the musical comedy, "Baroness Fiddledsticks."

Mrs. "Kitty" Goodsell, who "stood up" with Mrs. Yerkes, is a widow living at the hotel Lafayette-Brevort. She and Mrs. Yerkes have been inseparable friends for some time.

The newly married couple will remain in this city for a month until the formalities connected with the settlement are over, when they will sail for Europe.

2 PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM ESCANABA JAIL

Special to The Journal.
Escanaba, Mich., Feb. 1.—John Phillips, awaiting sentence for highway robbery, and Robert Fraser, who yesterday pleaded guilty to the charge of burglary, sawed thru the bars of their cell at the Delta county jail last night and escaped. Both men were to have been sentenced tomorrow.

It is believed the saws were passed to the prisoners by friends within the last few days. The suspicions of the sheriff were not aroused and the escapee was not known till this morning when the cells were opened. Phillips has a long prison record, having served sentences in Michigan and Wisconsin for burglary and highway robbery. Fraser is an Escanaba man and had been arrested before on minor charges.

DEEDS OF HEROISM MARK FATAL FIRE

Three Killed, Three Missing and
Many Injured in Fighting
Flames.

TROOPSHIP AFLAME
AT SAN FRANCISCO

Men Tempt Death to Rescue Victims from Peril on Transport.

San Francisco, Feb. 1.—Three lives were lost and many persons were injured in a fire which was discovered late last night in the hold of the United States transport Meade. The transport was to have sailed for Manila today with more than one thousand soldiers and a cargo of 3,000 tons of army supplies. The vessel is lying at the Polson street dock and, despite the efforts of the city department, which promptly came to the aid of the officers and crew, the fire was not entirely extinguished until 4 o'clock this morning. The damage to the vessel is not vital.

The Dead:
FIRE CAPTAIN CHARLES DAKIN of engine No. 4.
THIRD OFFICER G. WALLACE of the Meade.
ROSEMAN THOMAS HENNESSEY, engine No. 4, married.

The Injured.
Captain George Wilson of the Meade, shoulder broken.
Battalion Chief Fernandez of the fire department.
Lieutenant John Gilbert of engine No. 15.

Captain D. R. Sewell of engine No. 11.
Lieutenant A. Mattlock of engine No. 4.
First Officer Lassak of the Meade.
E. Dale of the United States transport service.

Boats Cook, fireman truck No. 1.
Gabriel Cuneo, fireman.
Alexander Laek of the Meade's crew.
Morris Frieman of transport service.
H. J. McCloskey of engine No. 4.
Others whose names have not yet been ascertained were more or less injured.

The Missing.
The following are reported as missing: Charles Gill, operator for Chief Fernandez.
George Brown, fireman engine 12.
W. Raegan, fireman engine 12.

The fact that the vessel was on fire was first discovered by a painter on the main deck. He rushed to Master at Arms Morris, who gave the alarm and aroused Sailing Master Wilson. Alarms were then hurriedly turned in from the boxes in the vicinity.

Deeds of Heroism.
Deeds of thrilling heroism marked the fire. Captain George Wilson of the Meade fell down a hatchway and Continued on 2d Page, 3d Column.

HEIRESS ELOPES WITH CHAUFFEUR

Only Daughter of Man Worth
\$4,000,000 Is Disinherited
for Her Marriage.

New York, Feb. 1.—Miss Grace Ball, member of an exclusive social circle and only daughter of Thomas R. Ball, whose wealth is reckoned as close to \$4,000,000, has eloped with her father's former chauffeur, John Sebring. This delicate young woman, whose every want has been anticipated, whose life up to now has been a dream of luxury, is living with her husband in two small rooms in East Orange, where she has been exploring the mysteries of light housekeeping.

Though the marriage took place last Christmas and the couple announced it to Miss Ball's parents a week later, it was not until yesterday that the society learned it. Mr. and Mrs. Ball, who are said to have vainly tried to have their daughter desert her husband and come with them, are now speeding for southern California, where they will pass the winter. It is said they have practically disowned their daughter and will make no further effort to see her.

POWERS AGREE ON TAXES FOR MOORS

Moors Object and Submit the
Proposed Plan to Ruler
at Home.

Algiers, Spain, Feb. 1.—The Moroccan conference at its session today adopted, without modification, the draft of the taxation project. The Moorish delegates raised several objections and will refer the proposals to the sultan, at Fez.

The question of reforming the customs duties was not considered.

18 INJURED IN TRAIN WRECK AT TOWNER, N.D.

Special to The Journal.
Towner, N. D., Feb. 1.—Passenger train No. 3 was wrecked three miles east of this place today and eighteen persons injured. The accident was caused by spreading rails, and every car left the track. The injured include fourteen passengers and Pete Ferguson, engineer, E. Ford, conductor, William Ridenbaum, brakeman, and a dining car cook. Ridenbaum's injuries are believed to be fatal. All were taken to Minot.

A BIG UNDERTAKING.
The Big Policeman—Run him in, he's not on my beat.

