

TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC In Printed in TWO PARTS.

D. A. DE ARMOND WITHDRAWS FROM SENATORIAL RACE.

Unwilling to Neglect His Duties in Congress in Order to Make an Active Campaign of the State, Which His Supporters Regarded as Necessary—Entered the Contest at the Instance of Friends, Who Represented That He Might Promote the Party Welfare.

SAYS CHOICE OF DEMOCRATIC MASSES WILL BE HIS CHOICE.

Washington, March 14.—Judge David A. De Armond to-night decided to withdraw from the senatorial race and drew up a formal announcement to that effect to the Democrats of Missouri.

A copy of his declaration of retirement is as follows: "To the Missouri Democracy: "In an interview not long ago, I stated that, although a candidate for re-election to the National House of Representatives, I desired, also (largely in deference to the judgment and wishes of many leading Democrats, who insisted that by offering myself for that office I might promote the party welfare), to be considered for the United States senatorship. Since then I have learned that many do not favor a candidacy of the receptive order, for they have been insisting that I return to Missouri and make an active and vigorous canvass for Senator—something which I cannot do without neglecting my duty here. It seems to me that I could not, with propriety, or in justice to my constituents, slight the duties of the humbler office which I now hold, in order to make a protracted personal effort to win the higher one to which I ventured to aspire.



It has become evident to me, too, that it is the impression of not a few whose judgment I respect, that I should not, by remaining here, cast upon others the whole burden of the contest. Of course, I cannot conscientiously permit myself to appear as desiring or being willing to draw too heavily upon the attachment or good will of personal or party friends. "Therefore, as the simplest and plainest thing possible, I recall the request for consideration as a senatorial aspirant. "I might close here, but—thanks to the courtesy of the press—I need not deny myself the pleasure of acknowledging, now, through this brief, my debt of gratitude to many newspaper men and others who have been very kind to me. To the friends who generously and bravely rallied to my support, more ambitious for me than I am for myself, I am deeply grateful. For the many complimentary newspaper notices and for the warm support, voluntarily and cheerfully given by many good Democrats, unflinching by the ties of personal friendship, I return my sincere thanks. And toward those friends who, exercising an undoubted privilege, withheld their support or gave it to another, I have none but kind feelings so far as I am concerned, our friendship is undisturbed. Always glad to make new friends, much more so required to draw me away from the old friends or influence me to find fault with them. "I earnestly hope and confidently expect that Missouri's new Senator will be a Democrat, the choice of the Democratic masses; and their choice will be my choice.

DAVID A. DE ARMOND.

SPECIAL TRAIN RACES WITH SCARLET FEVER

H. H. Culver With Family Physician Speeds to His Sick Child's Bedside.

LITTLE GIRL ILL IN FLORIDA.

An Hour After Being Notified of Child's Illness, Father Starts on His Record-Breaking Journey.

On a special train H. H. Culver of No. 250 Morgan street, vice president of the Wrought Iron Range Company, is speeding to the bedside of his sick daughter, Margaret, 7 years old, who is at Sea Breeze, on the east coast of Florida, 120 miles away.

After 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon Mr. Culver received a telegram from his wife, stating that the little one was dangerously ill with scarlet fever.

It was too late for him to catch the fast Florida limited on the Louisville and Nashville road, and it he waited for the ordinary train, which departs at 8 o'clock, almost forty-eight hours would elapse before he could arrive at his daughter's side.

To wait for the limited train on Saturday would make the delay even worse. Mr. Culver communicated with his father-in-law, N. W. Taylor, general freight agent of the Nashville line, who is little Margaret's grandfather, and it was decided to charter a special train, regardless of expense.

At 5:35 o'clock the Louisville and Nashville officials were notified, and at 5 o'clock they had an engine, coach and Pullman ready.

Takes Doctor With Him. Meanwhile Doctor E. W. Sanders, the Culver family physician, had been notified, and at 6:30 o'clock the three gentlemen boarded the train, which steamed out of Union Station on its journey southward.

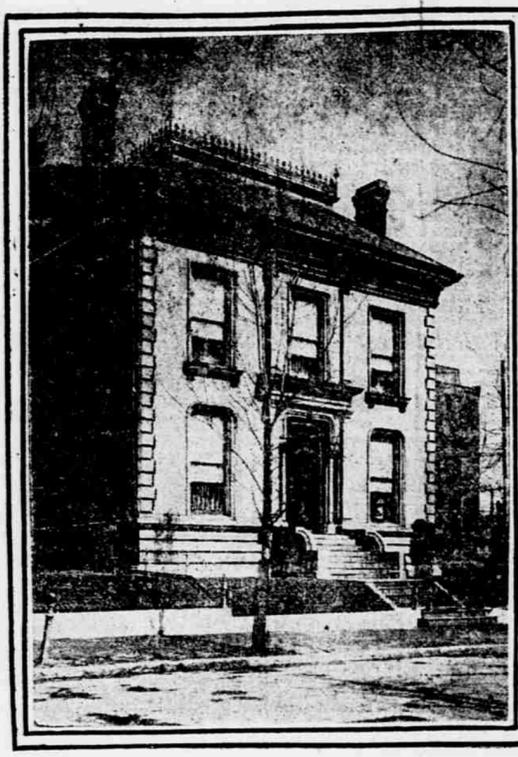
The train is expected to make record-breaking time, in many stretches covering sixty miles an hour, while the average is counted upon at forty-five miles an hour, including the necessary stops for fuel and water.

When the sun rises this morning the train will be steaming on its way between Nashville and Atlanta. At Atlanta this afternoon the special is scheduled to catch on to a special train, which has had more than a three-hour lead, and thundering on through cotton and coal fields of Georgia, it will arrive at St. Augustine, Fla., two hours ahead of the limited, thus making a gain of five hours over a very fast scheduled train.

From St. Augustine the run is to Daytona, Fla., which is only a short distance from Sea Breeze, and the anxious father will arrive there to-night.

How the Train Was Obtained. Terminal Superintendent John Fitzgerald and Assistant Ticket Agent Frank G. Cunningham of the L. & N. personally cleared the way for what they hope to make a remarkable feat in railroading.

The moment the request came to Mr. Fitzgerald he telegraphed the train dispatchers of the road to give right of way to a special train, the importance of which was life and death to a little child, whose father, grandfather and family doctor were rushing to aid in the fight against scarlet fever.



THE NEW HOME OF COLONEL ED BUTLER AT NO. 334 PINE STREET.

TERRIFIC BLIZZARD SWEEPS THE WEST

Snowstorm, Accompanied by Wind That, at Some Places, Blows Sixty Miles an Hour.

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ED BUTLER INDICTED FOR ATTEMPTED BRIBERY IN GARBAGE-CONTRACT SCANDAL.

Surrendered to the Sheriff and Was Released on \$1,000 Bond, With James Campbell as Surety—Result of Three Weeks' Investigation.

Edward Butler, Sr., was arrested yesterday on a bench warrant, charging attempted bribery, issued by Judge Ryan at the instance of the Grand Jury. Mr. Butler gave bond in the sum of \$1,000 a half-hour after the warrant was issued. James Campbell, the stock broker, and lifelong friend of Butler, is surety on the bond.

The bench warrant against Butler is the result of three weeks' investigation into the charge that bribery was used to secure the passage of the ordinance whereby the contract for the collection of garbage was awarded the St. Louis Sanitary Company at a figure largely in excess of the amount charged in previous years. Butler is a stockholder in the St. Louis Sanitary Company, and it is charged that through his influence the measure resulting in the exorbitant contract was passed by the Municipal Assembly.

Although the indictment against Butler, on which the bench warrant was issued has not yet been returned into court, it is known that the charge of attempted bribery is based upon his alleged offers to certain public officials to vote for the ordinance under which the garbage contract was awarded.

Doctors Merrell and Chapman, members of the Board of Health, testified before the Grand Jury that they had been approached by Butler when the garbage reduction bill was pending in the Municipal Assembly and offered \$250 each to vote for the measure. Each of the physicians said that Butler had come to his home to make the offer.

Doctor Chapman said that when he refused to entertain the proposition Mr. Butler attempted to place \$250 in bills in his bosom between his shirt and vest. Doctor Chapman is a son-in-law of Councilman W. R. Hodges, and he related to Mr. Hodges his experience with Butler. Councilman Hodges was also a witness before the Grand Jury, and related the story told him by his son-in-law and Doctor Merrell.

IMPORTANT EVIDENCE FOUND IN SANITARY COMPANY'S BOOKS. Health Commissioner Starbuck and his assistant, Charles W. Francis, were also witnesses before the Grand Jury in reference to the garbage contract and ordinance.

The information obtained in this manner was sufficient to cause the Grand Jury to summon before it Mr. Blakeley, secretary of the St. Louis Sanitary Company, and after he had testified a committee of the Grand Jury, all expert bookkeepers, inspected the books and accounts of the company.

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WORLD'S FAIR BILL PASSED BY COUNCIL

Issuance of Five Thousand \$1,000 Bonds, Maturing in Twenty Years, Authorized.

The World's Fair bond bill was passed yesterday by the City Council by unanimous vote. It authorizes issuance of 5,000 municipal bonds, in \$1,000 denomination, as the city's contribution to the Exposition.

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AERIAL YACHT A COMPETITOR.

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LEADING TOPICS TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT 6:13 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 6:08. THE MOON SETS TO-MORROW MORNING AT 12:31.

WEATHER INDICATORS. For St. Louis and Vicinity—Partly cloudy and probable showers, accompanied by high winds; colder Saturday night.

For Missouri—Rain Saturday; cold wave at night. Sunday, fair in west, rain or snow and colder in east.

For Illinois—Rain Saturday; rain or snow and much colder Sunday.

For Arkansas—Showers Saturday, followed by cold wave in west. Sunday, fair and colder.

For Eastern Texas—Showers Saturday; colder in northwest. Sunday, fair; colder in east and south.

For Western Texas—Fair Saturday, except rain or snow in Panhandle; much colder. Sunday, fair.

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