

## DISTRICT HEARST FORCES ORGANIZE ACTIVE CAMPAIGN

Captain Collins Chosen as Chairman of the Committee.

## DEMAND THREE JUDGES

### Slater Faction in Fighting Trim, and Hope to Beat the Regulars Out.

Hearst forces in the District made another aggressive move today by organizing a campaign committee, with Capt. James A. Collins, a former Bryan man, as chairman, and P. J. Ryan, as vice chairman.

Immediately after the meeting, which was held in the office of Charles W. Slater, in the Colorado Building, Captain Collins went before the local elections committee, of which Edwin Seton is chairman, to make a strong presentation of the claims of the Hearst interests. As the result of this conference Captain Collins believes that the Hearst men will be given a fair showing. The demand of the Hearst faction is that three judges be appointed for each old legislative district.

## NAMES ARE WITHHELD IN LAND FRAUD CASES

Will Await Arrest of Sixteen Under Indictment Before Public Is Informed.

The Secretary of the Interior has received no further information from Inspector Greene regarding the sixteen indictments in the land fraud cases returned by the grand jury sitting in Portland, Ore. The names of the persons indicted are being withheld until the arrests shall have been made.

## SEVERAL CO-RESPONDENTS NAMED IN DIVORCE SUIT

Joseph L. Bateman today petitioned the District Supreme Court for a divorce from Lottie R. Bateman. More than one co-respondent is named.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The weather will continue generally clear and cool tonight in the East and South, with frost in the interior of the Carolinas and the northern portions of Georgia and Alabama. The temperature will rise generally tomorrow, with fair weather.

TEMPERATURE	
9 a. m.	55
11 noon	58
1 p. m.	60
3 p. m.	62

THE SUN.  
Sun sets today 6:25 p. m.  
Sun rises tomorrow 6:30 a. m.

TIDE TABLE.  
High tide today 11:30 p. m.  
High tide tomorrow 11:45 a. m.  
Low tide tomorrow 5:54 a. m., 6:23 p. m.

## MOODY WILL PROBE "INFLUENCE" CHARGE

### President Arroused Over Report of Interference With Court of Inquiry Investigating Recent Battleship Collision.

While, according to Secretary Moody, there has been discovered absolutely no foundation for the published report that "undue influence" had been brought to bear upon the court of inquiry in the matter of the collision of the Missouri and Illinois to secure its recommendation that "no further proceedings be taken," he announces his intention most positively not to let the matter rest there, but to persist in his investigation to the last degree.

## Mr. Petty Will Return To District Service

### Appointed Second Assistant Assessor Today. Congress Raised Salary of Office in Anticipation of His Incumbency.

James T. Petty, who retired from the employ of the District government on August 17 last, after a service of fifteen years as District Auditor, and thirty-three years altogether in District work, will take up the duties of Second Assistant Assessor on July 1 next.

## Strike Situation Now Serious Upon Isthmus

### United States Representative May Call for Marines to Establish Order and Allow Necessary Work to Go On.

PANAMA, April 4.—The strike situation on the Panama Railroad here is hourly growing more serious. But few men dared to work yesterday, and one of these was assaulted and seriously injured by the strikers. A few men are at work today at some points, but in Panama no work is being done, the strikers, armed with clubs, having intimidated men who were willing to report.

## BRITISH SQUARE BROKEN BY WEST AFRICANS

### DEMOCRATS ARE CALLED TO PLAN CAMPAIGN

LONDON, April 4.—News has reached London of heavy fighting in Nigeria, West Africa, in which the British square was broken and many killed and wounded.

## RUSSIA RELEASES CORRESPONDENTS

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## CHICAGO MAY DEMAND SEVENTY-FIVE CENT GAS

In the case of the People's Gas Company vs. the City of Chicago, the Scutout today sustained the right of the city to enforce the demand of the city council for 75-cent gas. The appeal of the People's Gas Company was dismissed. Chief Justice Fuller delivered the opinion of the court.

## JAPANESE TROOPS RAPIDLY NEARING TOWN OF WIJU

### But Five Miles Distant From Intrrenched City, Says Report.

PARIS, April 4.—According to a report received here this morning, the Russians have decided not to leave Wiwu without a hard struggle.

## BALTIC FLEET TO SAIL

### Thought That Vessels Will Be Allowed to Pass Suez.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 4.—The Czar has decided that the Baltic Sea fleet will sail for the Far East on July 15, at the latest.

## RUSSIANS KILLED IN BOTH ACTIONS

SEOUL, April 4.—The Japanese troops advancing toward the Yalu River have had another action, repulsing the Russians smartly, only a score of Japanese being wounded in connection with the engagement at Chong-Ju, in North Korea, on March 28.

## THE KASAN SKIRMISH

Twenty of the troops landed on a skirmish at Kasan on March 26 embarked on Thursday upon the hospital ship Kosa Maru. They are doing well.

## Fighting From Now On

The weather is now milder and the land campaign will soon be in full swing. The Japanese fleet is still intact and continues watching Port Arthur. Doubtless the Mikado's sailors will succeed in blocking the place on the first occasion when the weather favors them.

## Port Arthur Weakened

It seems reasonable to believe now that the defenses of Port Arthur have been weakened and its early capture is to be expected.

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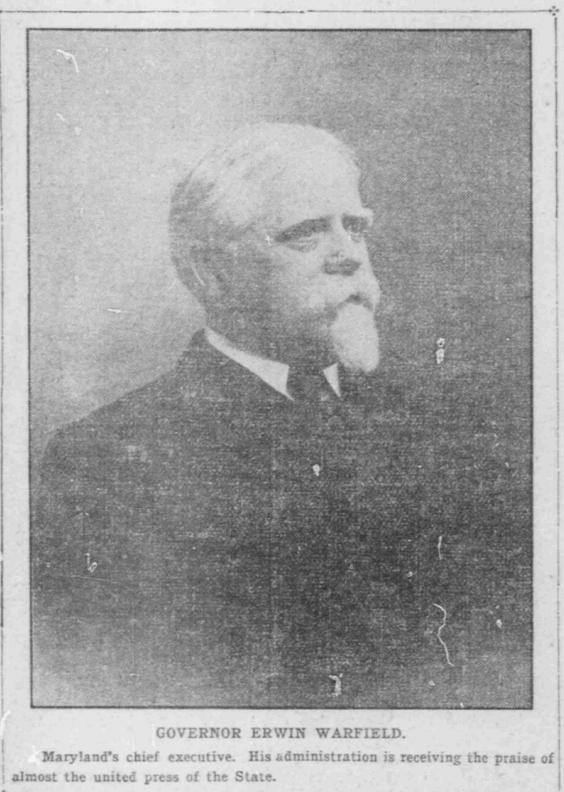
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## MARYLAND SOLONS ADJOURN TONIGHT

### Democratic Managers Welcome End of Disappointing Session—Gorman's Prestige Suffers, While Warfield Wins Praise.



GOVERNOR ERWIN WARFIELD. Maryland's chief executive. His administration is receiving the praise of almost the united press of the State.

## Warfield's Firm Stand

The managers made up their minds to force the issue and ignore the governor, but the latter would not let the action of the Democratic majority in passing the bill for the amendment and not submitting it to him stand without placing himself on record before the citizens.

## Court-Martial Findings In Marine Corps Steal

### Three Men Convicted and One Acquitted on Charge of Having Rotted Quarter-master's Stores.

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## HAPPY CHILDREN RAMP ON LAWN AT WHITE HOUSE

### Bright Sunshine Attends Annual Egg-Rolling of Easter Monday.

Hundreds of bright, rollicking, happy children celebrated the feast of Easter and the dawn of spring today in the annual egg-rolling on the White House lawn. For the first time in several years a cloudless sky came to gladden the hearts of the youngsters, and no misgivings as to probable showers disturbed the joyful anticipations of the little ones. It was an ideal day, and one looked forward to for many weeks by folks in America, or at least, that generous proportion thereof which makes its winter home in Washington.

## TOTS ENJOY THE SPORT

### Great Crowd Gathers to Watch the Fun, and Elders Grow Young at Sight.

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## All Had Chaperons

In order not to crowd the children in their sport, no grown persons were allowed to enter the grounds, unless they accompanied children, and again, that the little ones might not be annoyed by mischievous boys, each child went to the White House under the care of a chaperon.

## Pickaninnies There

The negro population was well represented and many an old lady hobbled about after a spry-limbed pickaninny. When the latter had no eggs to roll they just rumbled down and rolled the egg down the hill, upon anything that threatened to impede their progress, and were not in the least disconcerted at a long or two on the head against the stone gutter at the bottom of the hill.

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