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## CHAIRMANSHIP NOT FOR ODELL

**Governor of New York Would Not Accept High Party Position if Offered to Him On Silver Platter.**

**Very Emphatic In Asserting That He Has No Desire for That Kind of Work.**

**PLENTY TO DO AT HOME**

**Abandons for the Present Proposed Trip to Washington, Owing to Illness—Will Not Call On President.**

New York, March 5.—Stating that he was suffering from fever, cold and sore throat, Governor Benjamin B. Odell today abandoned his proposed trip to Washington to consult with President Roosevelt, and returned to Albany, at the same time positively putting himself out of line for the chairmanship of the national republican committee.

"Nothing has been settled yet," the governor said as to his acceptance of the state chairmanship, and this matter is still under consideration. In mentioning the permanent abandonment for the present of the Washington trip, Governor Odell also made an emphatic declaration on the subject of his leadership in this state, stating that "there is nothing in the affairs of the party in this state that I cannot settle myself without assistance if I wish, and the president is not apt to call on me to settle the affairs of the nation. I shall not go to Washington for some time, as I have several engagements up the state, and there is nothing I wish to see the president about that is urgent or that will not keep."

"Will you accept the national chairmanship?" he was asked.

"No, I never had any such idea," he replied. "It is not the kind of work I am looking for and I would not accept it if it were offered to me on a silver platter."

**WHAT BECAME OF BODY.**

**Mystery Surrounds Disappearance of Isaac Abraham.**

Butte, Mont., March 5.—Considerable mystery surrounds the disappearance of Isaac Abraham's body, which was

supposed to be lying under a mass of rock and dirt in the Minnie Healy mine. Abraham was supposed to be one of five unfortunate men who lost their lives as a result of a cave-in in that mine some two weeks ago, but up to today no trace of his remains has been found, although the other four bodies have been recovered and buried. Another strange thing is the entire lack of odor in the workings near where the accident occurred.

Before Dwyer's body was recovered the stench had become almost unbearable, but after he had been taken out and fresh air pumped into the mine, the odor disappeared and has not returned. Added to this, several people claim to have seen Abraham since the accident occurred, but as he was known to be in the vicinity of the cave-in at the time of the accident, this is hardly credited.

There is much speculation among the miners of the camp as to his whereabouts.

**EX-CONGRESSMAN BRINGS SUIT.**

**John M. Glover Seeks Damages for Being Penned.**

Cripple Creek, March 5.—John M. Glover, former congressman from Missouri, filed suit in the district court today against Governor Peabody, Colonel Verdeckburg, several mining companies and a number of officers and members of the Mineowners' Association, asking damages to the amount of \$150,000 for false imprisonment. Glover was imprisoned 16 days in a military bull-pen and during that period he alleged the wound in his arm, received in a fight with the militia at his office in this city last December, was neglected, resulting in permanent injury.

**FIRE ON RESERVATION.**

**Indian Convicts Ordered to Front to Fight Flames.**

Guthrie, Okla., March 5.—Specials to the state capital from Lawton say: "Advices from Fort Sill late tonight state that the military reservation north of Fort Sill is burning and a strong wind is blowing. The Apache Indians, who are prisoners of war upon this reservation, have been ordered to the front as fire fighters. No privates are being allowed outside the fort tonight and all soldiers are in readiness to go out to fight the fires."

**Appropriation for Indians.**

Washington, March 5.—The house today passed the Indian appropriation bill after some controversy relative to provisions affecting the tribes in Indian territory. An unsuccessful effort was made by Stephens, of Texas, to eliminate the provisions for continuing the Dawes commission another year.

## TEMPEST ON THE YELLOW SEA DELAYING OPERATION OF JAPANESE TROOPS

**Ping Yang Is Being Fortified and Reinforcements Arrive Daily—Fifty Thousand Land.**

**Completion of Railroad Across Ice Lake Expedites the Transportation of Russian Troops—Large Forces En Route to Manchuria—Czar Nicholas Repairing Damaged Battleships Out of His Own Purse.**

Paris, March 5.—A dispatch to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo De Paris says that according to a member of the general staff not more than 50,000 Japanese have been landed in Korea. The last disembarkation took place at Port Lazareff, but the Japanese are fortifying Ping Yang and are sending reinforcements there. Troops which have been in the interior country say they will require another month for concentrating before they have sufficient force to begin operations. A tempest is raging in the Yellow sea and is delaying the movement of troops.

**DO NOT REPRESENT CHINA.**

**Mistake to Believe That General's Views Will Affect.**

Paris, March 5.—The official view here does not share that which is said to prevail at Washington and in Berlin, that the threatening anti-Russian attitude of the Chinese generals, Ma and Yuan Shin Kai, commander-in-chief, may lead to a breach in China's neutrality and compel France to take action in behalf of Russia. Officials say it is a mistake to connect the action of irregular Chinese forces with the actions of the Chinese government.

**Train Connection Good.**

Paris, March 5.—A dispatch to the Eclair from St. Petersburg says that trains now run directly from Samara to Mukden and Vladivostok as the result of the competition of the railroad across the ice on Lake Baikal. Between 3000 and 4000 men are sent every day toward Manchuria.

By the mobilization of reserves near the scene of war, the correspondent continues, that 120,000 men have become available for duty.

**Permission May Be Deferred.**

Washington, March 5.—In response to the tentative appeal of the Commercial Cable Company made with a view to ascertaining how this government would receive formal application for permission to land a cable on the island of Guam, running from Japan, it is probable now that the suggestion will be offered for a formal application for permission to be deferred.

**Colliers to Be Safe.**

Callas, France, March 5.—In order to prevent the capture by Russian warships in the English channel or Mediterranean sea, owners of colliers for Japan are giving their vessels instructions to proceed for neutral ports in China, there to receive orders for the Japanese port. In this way it is hoped to assure the safety of coal which is for Japanese ships.

**Czar Uses Own Cash.**

Paris, March 5.—The Figaro this morning published a St. Petersburg dispatch saying the czar has decided to rebuild the Russian cruiser Variag and the torpedo gunboat Korietz, which were destroyed at Chemulpo, out of his private purse.

**Strengthening Fortress.**

Stockholm, March 5.—Nya Daglig Allehanda says Russia is hurriedly strengthening the Sveaborg fortress, which adjoins Helsingfors, Finland.

**RUSSIA MERRY OVER WAR.**

Russian Noblewoman Seeks to Go to Front and Fight.

St. Petersburg, March 5.—The continued dearth of war news from the front does not occasion surprise here, as the Russians are proceeding deliberately with their plans, serious land operations not being expected for several weeks. However, minor collisions

in north Korea may occur at any time.

The report of Major-General Pflug, chief of staff of Viceroy Alexieff, that the stacks of a Japanese cruiser, sunk near Chemulpo, have been seen, confirms the theory entertained from the first that the Japanese are following their traditional policy of concealing their losses.

The disappearance of the Japanese fleet from Port Arthur after its failure is creating merriment here, one paper remarking that it has "donned the invisible cap, straddled the carpet and may land next in the ice in front of St. Petersburg."

The Gazette this morning attributes the less unfriendly attitude of the United States and Great Britain toward Russia to the fact that they are commercial nations and realize that the war will cost a tremendous amount of money and that Japan will not have the walk-over anticipated.

Madame Pousep, of Riga, who desires to be enrolled in a Cossack regiment, is here urging her presentation. She is 33 years of age, was reared under the patronage of the late Czar Alexander II, is a fine horsewoman, a good shot and handles rifle, revolver and sword equally well, often taking part in the cavalry maneuvers of the Vyazensky regiment. Madame Pousep is also qualified as a Red Cross nurse, but she says there are enough women nurses and she wants to show that a woman can fight. If her petition is rejected she will go at her own expense and serve as a "daughter" of the regiment.

A naval expert writing to the Novost predicts that Korea will prove a mouse trap to the Japanese, adding that "not the 100th part of the Yellow Napoleons will get out alive."

The weather at Port Arthur during the last few days has been much warmer, indicating the approach of spring. Many large locomotives are being sent from European Russia to Siberia.

**GREAT FIELD MARSHAL DIES.**

**Count Von Waldersee Passes Away With Friends About Him.**

Hanover, March 5.—Field Marshal Count Von Waldersee died shortly after 8 o'clock this evening. The end came without a struggle. Hopelessness in his case became evident at noon, but he retained consciousness intermittently until 6 o'clock. He was aware of the seriousness of his condition and asked to see his friends.

Shortly before 8 o'clock the physicians informed his wife that medical skill could do no more.

Emperor William was at once informed of the death of the field marshal.

It is believed that his majesty will attend the funeral, which will occur Tuesday or Wednesday.

**THROWN FROM EMBANKMENT.**

**Heavy Slide Causes Disaster to Stage and Horse.**

Grant Pass, Ore., March 5.—A heavy slide on the stage road between Grant's Pass and Crescent City, Cal., a few days ago, resulted in disaster for the stage and the death of one of the horses, the driver and passengers narrowly escaping with their lives.

The stage was thrown from an embankment, and tumbled into a swollen stream below. The horses broke from the stage but became badly entangled in the harness and brush, and one of them was drowned before he could be rescued. The mail bags were thrown into the water, but were saved, and aside from giving a number of papers and parcels a severe drenching, no damage was done in this particular. The road

has since been cleared and the stage between this city and California is now making very good time, arriving yesterday but a few hours late.

The heavy rains, swollen streams and washing out of bridges have made staging on all the lines extending from this city a matter of great difficulty, and as a result many of the mountain points and offices have received mail but infrequently of late. Galice post-office received but two mails in two weeks, for the fortnight just passed, on account of the washing out of the road along the Rogue by the high water of the river.

**COMPROMISE SUBMITTED.**

**Miners and Operators Hold Joint Conference Regarding Wage Scale.**

Indianapolis, Ind., March 5.—The new proposition of the operators for a compromise wage scale equivalent to 51-2 per cent reduction in wages was submitted today to a joint conference between the miners and operators. A recess was asked for by the miners, who then went into executive session. F. L. Robbins, a Pittsburg operator, was the first speaker in the joint conference. He said:

"After a long struggle, in which there seemed to be nothing in sight but a disagreement, we have finally come to the point where, in the interests of this movement, our country, the people and our agreement we make a proposition that when we first met did not appeal to us. Present conditions justify a much larger reduction. This proposition is wholly inadequate, and it is only made because of a two-year agreement, the country's welfare and our long relations."

"We show by this that we are confident that the depressed times are not going to continue, and we want to do our part in bringing about a return to prosperity."

H. M. Taylor, of Illinois, followed. He asked the miners' delegates to exercise discretion in dealing with the proposition.

"There will be no local settlements in the different states," said Taylor. "We will accept the responsibility of putting this scale into effect and will stand or fall on it."

All of the national officers have advised the miners to accept the offer of the operators.

**Officers Not Blamed.**

Seattle, March 5.—That the officers of the vessel are free from blame for the loss of 15 lives resulting from the fire on the steamship Queen February 27, is the decision handed down by Inspectors Whitney and Turner today. The decision contains but half a hundred words and is to the effect that the officers did all in their power to save the passengers. The inspectors state they are unable to ascertain the cause of the conflagration.

## FEARFUL DEATH BY DYNAMITE EXPLOSION

**Two Young Men Torn Limb From Limb and Disemboweled By Catastrophe in Hop Yard.**

**Curtis Baker and Gilbert McCabe Try to Thaw Explosive In Pail of Warm Water.**

**ONE HUNDRED POUNDS GO OFF**

**Boys Hurlled Over 150 Feet, House Standing Near Is Demolished and Farth Torn Up for Forty Feet.**

Independence, March 5.—Two young men, Curtis Baker and Gilbert McCabe, were blown to pieces in the hop yard of a man named Burton near here this morning from an explosion of dynamite which was being thawed in a pail of hot water.

Burton, a man named Woods and Baker were grubbing stumps. McCabe was a friend of Baker's, who had gone to the farm on a visit. One hundred pounds of dynamite had been taken along to blast the stumps, and a portion of this had been put in a pail of hot water to thaw. This portion suddenly exploded, and the concussion discharged the balance of the 100 pounds. McCabe and Baker were hurled a distance of more than 150 feet. Their limbs were torn from their bodies, which were disemboweled, and their faces were blackened and mangled beyond recognition. Burton and Woods escaped unhurt. A house standing several hundred yards away was almost demolished and the earth where the accident occurred is torn up to a depth of four feet over a radius of 40 feet.

Both McCabe and Baker lived here and were well thought of.

**FARMS ARE DEVASTATED.**

**Sparks From Engine Start Fire That Spreads Over Wide Area.**

Salina, Kan., March 5.—A prairie fire last night was started by sparks from an engine near Arcola. It spread north to Salina river, a distance of 20 miles, and was the largest blaze seen in this part of the state for years, cutting a swath 10 miles wide.

There is no way of estimating the damage done by the fire. Many farms have been devastated.

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