



UTAH TREASURER DEFAULTER

Former Official Found Short in His Accounts Over \$70,000

SHORTAGE MADE GOOD AT ONCE

Put Money Into Mining Enterprises to Help Friends and Who Promised to Pay it Back But Who Coldly Ignored His Appeals.

SALT LAKE, March 12.—James Christiansen, who was State Treasurer, of Utah, for four years is in the county jail following his arrest this morning on the charge of being a defaulter of \$70,628.94 of the state's funds. Christiansen's term expired at the beginning of this year. His bondsmen and friends have deposited the amount to the credit of the State. Although Christiansen admits the appropriation of the money a year ago, the shortage was not discovered until a few days ago by checking up the accounts by State Auditor Jewkes and former Auditor Edwards. Christiansen was in Chafey, Nevada, looking after mining interests when informed of the turn that his affairs had taken. He returned to this city Tuesday and met his bondsmen and confessed. The publicity was followed today by his arrest. It appears that Christiansen put \$25,000 of the State money into constructing an ore reducing plant about a year ago on the understanding that his associates put in their share. These failed to raise the money and Christiansen faced the loss of the State money he had already invested and took more money and completed the mill. Christiansen has been prominent in politics for several years. Previous to his election as state treasurer he was cashier of the bank at Richfield in this state. Christiansen late today placed in the hands of his successor a check covering the full amount of his shortage and returned to jail to await action of the law. Although Christiansen has admitted the defalcation of this large sum and returned voluntarily from Nevada to suffer the consequences of his crime, justice is slow to act. No complaint has been filed by the county attorney and at a late hour tonight the officials were unable to say when the prosecution would actually begin. Christiansen turned over to his bondsmen all his mining holdings and his wife mortgage her home to swell the amount of the security. The bondsmen claim they lose but little. Christiansen has retained former Congressman King and his brother as counsel. Attorneys of the state demand a speedy trial but decline to outline their further course. The county attorney will file a complaint charging embezzlement tomorrow morning, although defalcation is admitted, Christiansen receives more sympathy than condemnation. It is the general comment of his acquaintances that he is the victim of his supposed friends who persistently urged him to save their undertakings from ruin and who promised to return the money on a given date. It is bitterly asserted by Christiansen's loyal friends that his last despairing appeals for the return of the loan were coldly ignored.

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BURT THE AMERICAN

Death of Notable Figure in The Affairs of Panama.

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y. March 12.—George Albert Burt, who was general manager of the Panama Railway during the insurrection of 1885, is dead at his home near here from heart disease. It was Mr. Burt who cabled to President Cleveland from Panama during the insurrection, "Unless you guarantee sufficient protection I shall withdraw every American citizen and proceed to the United States on a chartered vessel." It was largely due to this message that President Cleveland called a midnight session of the cabinet and later sent a squadron to the isthmus to protect Americans interests.

Mr. Burt was a native of Massachusetts, having been born at Fall River in 1846. He served throughout the Civil War as an ensign on a United States frigate. After the war he was appointed vice-consul at Guatemala and later became identified with the Panama Railroad. He made the first diamond drill borings on the Panama Canal and had always been a strong advocate of the sea level type. He was associated with others in the construction of the first electric railway in the United States, at Richmond, Va. A widow and two children survive him.

OPPOSE DUTY ON COFFEE AND STAMP TAX

DEMOCRATS FAVOR PLACING AN INHERITANCE TAX.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—The house Democrats will oppose the duty on coffee and the provision of the new tariff bill re-establishing a stamp tax on checks, bonds and stocks.

If the Republicans do not provide for an inheritance tax in the bill the Democrats declare they will fight to have an amendment taxing legacies and it is said would in this way embarrass the Republicans on account of recommendations of Roosevelt and Taft. Representatives Underwood, of Alabama a minority member of the ways and means committee declared if duties were determined upon a revenue basis there be no need of taxing the breakfast table or imposing a stamp tax. He declared the inheritance tax offers the best means of making up the treasury deficit.

SITUATION SERIOUS IN COAL REGION

Operators and Miners Fail to Agree and Big Strike May be the Result in Near Future

PHILADELPHIA, March 12.—Because the anthracite coal mine operators would not agree to recognize the United Mine Workers of America the conference of miners and operators to arrange a new working agreement came to naught today. Even at that the prospects for a peaceful settlement have not entirely failed. The miners will call a convention of their union for three anthracite districts to discuss the situation. They will hold another conference with the operators before March 31. Both sides, however, profess the hope that radical measures will be avoided. The operators agreed as their final proposition to continue the present agreement for three years.

LOOKS GOOD FOR INSURGENTS

Claim to Have Votes Enough to Block Matters in the House

DISPUTED BY THE REGULARS

Organization Says They "Will Win in a Walk"—Speaker Cannon Also in Extremely Confident—No Serious Attempt to Defeat Him.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—Three important developments occurred today in the house against the insurrection of the adoption of the rules of the 60th Congress to govern in the coming Congress. The compromise fathered by Cummings of Iowa as presented to the regulars by President Taft failed to unite the Republicans members. What was pronounced a satisfactory working agreement entered into late today by the insurgents and democrats. The compromise provides for the re-election of Cannon and the adoption of the rules of the 60th Congress for a special session. It also authorized the committee to investigate the rules and report any prospective changes when the regular session convenes in December. It was proposed that the insurgents be allowed to name four of the committee, Democrats six, and regulars five. For the regulars, former Representative Watson of Indiana, reported that the compromise was acceptable if amended so as to allow the speaker to name the committee, due regard being given to the insurgents in its composition. The insurgents declined to accept the amendment. It is believed Taft will exert his influence to bring both branches of the party together. At the conference between the insurgent steering committee and the committee of Democrats, this afternoon it is stated the insurgents convinced the Democrats that they could deliver 30 votes to any motion they desired to offer on Monday. The Democrats promised to furnish 170. This lacks two of being the full democratic strength, one member being sick and one vacancy on account of death. As 195, it will be a majority, the allied forces claim victory. The program tentatively agreed on by the allies is to vote down the previous question on the adoption of the rules on Monday and if the amendment to rules providing committee to select committees is voted down to propose that committee on rules be elected by the house. The Democratic conferees are said to have declared they could line up the entire Democratic delegation for the latter amendment but are not so certain as to the former. The regulars claim to have the promise of several democrats not to vote with their party and deny that insurgents will number 30. Former Representative Watson declaring that he had never yet fallen down on a poll, asserted tonight that "The organization will win in a walk."

Speaker Cannon also seemed confident and both the Democrats and insurgents declared that no serious attempt would be made to defeat Cannon. At the Republican caucus tomorrow night it is planned to bind the party to vote for Cannon and adoption of the rules. At the Democratic caucus on Monday it is intended to bind the members to vote against the rules.

PUTTING WEDGE IN THE SOLID SOUTH

SAY PRESIDENT TAFT WILL IGNORE SOUTHERN NEGRO POLITICIANS.

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ADVOCATES NO CHILDREN

CLEVELAND, O. March 12.—"Let's quit raising children until we can take care of those we have. Let's abolish sentimentalism and substitute common sense. In race suicide, so called, lies the salvation of the race."

Such is the plea of Mrs. Sarah K. Mordith, recording secretary of the Ohio W. C. T. U., who has stepped to the front as an advocate of race suicide.

"Quality, not quantity," is the keystone on which Mrs. Mordith bases her argument.

"I believe it is next to criminal," says she, "to scatter the doctrine marry and raise a family, without taking into consideration whether the man and woman are fit to marry and whether the future of the children—at least in a measure—is assured."

\$50,000 DOESN'T LOOK GOOD TO JEFF

WILL FIGHT FOR NOTHING IF HE CAN GET IN CONDI- TION TO WIN.

NEW YORK, March 12.—"Why only \$50,000," asked James J. Jeffries scornfully tonight when told of Hoge McIntosh's proposal to give a \$50,000 for the Jeffries-Johnson fight. Jeffries also took exception to the Australian promoter's suggestion that the fight take place in England. Jeffries said the offer of \$50,000 did not look very attractive and asked what about the \$200,000 offers. He also called to the purse offered in Seattle of \$150,000. He said however that it is not a matter of money with him, and that all the money in the world could not drag him into the ring again if he thought he was going to be licked. "If I get into shape and thought I could beat Johnson, I would fight him for nothing," Jeff said he would never go into the ring unless he gets back to his old fighting form.

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NAVAL BATTLE IS FOUGHT

Nicaragua and Salvador Come Together Off Corinto With Honors for Former

U. S. BREAKS RELATIONS

May be Forced to Spank Nicaragua as She Has Deeded it For Some Time—Demonstration of Warships Planned Against Her.

MEXICO CITY, March 12.—A private dispatch was received here tonight confirms the report that the ships of Nicaragua and Salvador fought a battle off Corinto. Three Nicaraguan gunboats led by the Momotombo on Tuesday attacked the Salvadorean gunboat Presidente. The latter, by a lucky shot, put the Momotombo out of action almost at the beginning of the engagement. The Nicaraguans then withdrew. Later the Momotombo was repaired and pursued the Presidente.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—Owing to the continued disturbed conditions in Nicaragua and President Zelaya's failure to make serious efforts looking to the settlement of the Emery claim, the State Department today, by withdrawing Mr. Gregory, the American Charge at Managua, and ordering the legation placed in the hands of the Consul, who will have no diplomatic capacity, practically broke off diplomatic relations with that country.

Affairs in Central America have been closely watched by the American and Mexican governments, both of which have now come to an understanding that the time has arrived when drastic measures should be enforced to insure peace in the Central American republics.

Ambassador La Barra, of Mexico, spent some time at the State Department today in conference with Assistant Secretary Wilson, and the determination was reached that if the American warships now in Nicaraguan waters and to be sent there are not sufficient to impress President Zelaya that the treaty of peace entered into between the Central American republics is not to be lived up to, more radical steps will be taken.

The impression was given that if need be, intervention would be resorted to. The governments of the United States and Mexico, it was stated, are in full accord as to the policy to be pursued toward Nicaragua, and are now anticipating Zelaya's further moves.

So far as could be learned no official information has been received here of a reported naval engagement between gunboats of Nicaragua and Salvador.

E. C. HOLDEN DIES IN PORTLAND

AGED ASTORIAN PASSED TO THAT "BOURN FROM WHICH NO TRAVELER RETURNS"

The Astorian received a telephone message from Portland early this morning saying that E. C. Holden died in that city at 12:10 this morning. The deceased was an old pioneer of this city, having for years been identified with it and its institutions and was for many years secretary of Temple Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., and of the Chamber of Commerce. He leaves a wife and four daughters to mourn his death.

No announcement of where or when the funeral will be held could be obtained at this late hour, but will be probably given in full tomorrow.

GEORGIE IS STILL TALKING.

"Non-Partisan," as Usual, he Throws Harpoon into Republicans.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, presided tonight at the meeting of the New York civic forum, the chief speaker being Senator La Follette. The session considers the question of direct primary nominations. Before introducing La Follette, Chamberlain spoke at some length on the Oregon direct primary, its history and the events leading to its adoption. "The Oregon law," he said, "made possible one of the most remarkable protests against machine rule on record, the election of a Democratic senator from a Republican state by a Republican legislator. The people are so well pleased with the result of their new primary law as well as their initiative and referendum that there is no likelihood of any changes in the law for years to come."

RECKLESS DRIVING

CHICAGO, March 12.—Because of a false report that a woman had attempted to kill herself, another woman today lies dead at a hospital, the victim of a police ambulance hurrying to take charge of the reported suicide. The unfortunate, who is still unidentified while crossing the street in front of the ambulance, became confused, turned back and was ground beneath the wheels.

GANS WINS OVER ENGLISH LIGHT-WEIGHT

POOR EXHIBITION FURNISHED AND A BIG CROWD WAS DISAPPOINTED

NEW YORK, March 12.—Joe Gans, the former lightweight champion of the world, easily defeated Jabez White, the English lightweight champion, in a 10-round bout tonight. It was a tame exhibition and the big crowd was disappointed as the men were slow and lacked force behind their blows. White was knocked down once in the sixth, twice in the seventh when the bell saved him by one second and once in the eighth. Gans was far from the Gans of the event of two years ago, as he missed several blows, misjudging the distance and failing to take advantage of many opportunities that presented themselves.

PIONEER MERCHANT DEAD.

PORTLAND, March 12.—C. H. Woodard, a pioneer merchant, died at his home, 533 Morrison street, today of heart disease. Mr. Woodard came to Portland in 1862, and has lived here almost continuously since. He was one of the founders of the Woodard-Clarke Drug Co., and of the old Snell, Heitshu & Woodard Wholesale Drug Co., which went out of business some years ago.

OYSTER BAY GIVES HEARTY RECEPTION

Ex-President Makes Assertion That Might be Construed to Mean he Will be Candidate Again

OYSTER BAY, March 12.—Former President and Mrs. Roosevelt were guests of the town of Oyster Bay tonight at a reception in the town hall and for two hours they stood behind the justice railing as the townspeople filed by shaking hands and extending farewell greetings. For everyone the ex-President had a hearty greeting. Almost every mother

JUDGE BECOMES SARCASTIC

Makes Cheerful Announcement to Crowd in Famous Murder Trial

PROMISES COMPLETE CHANGE

Lawyers For Defense Argue That Cooper Had a Perfect Right to Kill Carmack if the Senator Attempted in Any Way to Draw Gun.

NASHVILLE, March 12.—"Come back tomorrow, ladies and gentlemen, and we will have an entire change of program for you."

This was the cheerful announcement made today by Judge Hart in the Cooper-Sharpe trial after an immense crowd had been treated to nine more hours of stirring southern eloquence in which the lawyers for the defense sought to justify the killing of Carmack. The defense will need considerable more argument before closing its case. Former Judge Anderson talked at a rapid gait today until he got weak and asked the court's indulgence until tomorrow. The court was willing to let him quit and spectators fled out, looking to the promised entertainment of the next day. Anderson who was a close personal friend and political supporter of Carmack confined his argument to supporting the contention that Cooper was justified in shooting Carmack. "Upon the law implanted in all human beings—the law of self-preservation." Whether Cooper threatened Carmack's life or not—even if Robin Cooper had gone over there and struck Carmack in the face, he would have had the legal and moral right to have killed Carmack if the senator attempted to draw a revolver."

NOISELESS CARS NOW.

CHICAGO, March 12.—The Chicago Railway Company has let a contract for approximately 10,000 noiseless steel car wheels with the Carnegie Steel Company. The life of the new solid steel forged and rolled wheels is placed at 140,000 miles, while the duration of a cast steel wheel the kind now in use has been considerably less than 40,000 miles. Another important advantage in the new wheels is found in their reduced weight. They scale in at approximately 800 pounds the car less than the old wheels.

WILL KEEP OUT OF POLITICS.

When Asked if he Would Support the House Insurgents.

OYSTER BAY, March 12.—"I am taking no part in politics." This was the answer made by Theodore Roosevelt tonight when asked if he would support the house insurgents.