

SHONTS WILL BE ENTIRELY FREE

BUSINESS METHODS THE KEY TO HIS POLICY CONGRESSMEN MUCH PUT OUT

Has Full Support of President in His Insistence That Isthmian Appointments Shall Be for Merit Alone

Special to The Herald.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—When Theodore P. Shonts took hold of the building of the Panama canal he stipulated among other things that politics should not be allowed to interfere with his work in any particular.

"Business methods" is the announced policy of the new president of the canal board and it promises a vast change in the working of the canal commission in the near future.

Mr. Shonts told the president he wanted a free hand and the president told him he should have it. That settled matters once for all.

DISCUSS PURCHASE OF CHICAGO STREET LINES

Joint Conference Agreed on Between Mayor, Traction Interests and City Council Committee

By Associated Press. CHICAGO, April 19.—Negotiations for the purchase of the Chicago street railways were opened today between the traction representatives and the city of Chicago.

A proposition is pending under which the companies at once will proceed to modernize their lines and sell to the city at a fair profit, thus getting rid of all legal complications and securing immediate municipal ownership.

The nearest approach to definite results obtained from the conference was a practical agreement on a joint conference to be held soon by the mayor, the traction interests and the city council committee on transportation.

DAUGHTERS OF REVOLUTION HONOR MRS. FAIRBANKS

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—The most important work before the congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution today was the election of officers.

Before the balloting began Mrs. Sarah T. Kenney, state regent of Connecticut, named Mrs. Charles Warren Fairbanks as honorary president of the D. A. R. Mrs. Fairbanks evidently was taken by surprise, but she yielded the chair temporarily to Mrs. Carrey of Indiana.

The delegates rose as a body and gave Mrs. Fairbanks an ovation. The nomination was made an election amid enthusiastic applause. In receiving the chair, Mrs. Fairbanks said:

"This is the last of many honors you have conferred upon your president general and she thanks you from the bottom of a grateful heart."

SECRETARY OF WAR TAFT MAY VISIT LOS ANGELES

President Koepfli at the regular meeting of the board of directors of the chamber of commerce yesterday was authorized to telegraph to Hon. W. H. Taft, secretary of war, asking him to include Los Angeles in his itinerary to the Pacific coast.

Should a favorable answer be received special preparations will be made to give the secretary an enthusiastic welcome.

AGED WOMAN CLINGS TO ROCKS FOR HER LIFE

By Associated Press.

OAKLAND, April 19.—By clinging to the rocks of the seawall at the Alameda mole last night for six hours in the drenching rain, her body half submerged in the waters of the bay, Mrs. Mary Wells, gray haired and enfeebled by the weight of 64 years, succeeded in saving herself from drowning.

Mrs. Wells arrived in Oakland about two weeks ago. She had left her home in Vincennes, Ind., a few months back to go to her son James, who was dying in the country near San Diego, and who died about two weeks ago.

CANAL BOARD PRESIDENT IGNORES POLITICAL PULL



THEODORE P. SHONTS

TONOPAH PLAGUE IS PNEUMONIA

PHYSICIAN SAYS REPORTS ARE EXAGGERATED

SICKNESS AFFECTS ADULTS

Peculiar Epidemic in Nevada Mining Camp Explained by a Victim Who is Here Recovering

Dr. H. E. Piper, a practicing physician of Tonopah, now in Los Angeles, says the reports of sickness at that mining camp have been greatly exaggerated.

"It is not the black plague, nor any other kind of plague," he said last night, "but simply an acute pneumonia of a very severe type. I myself suffered from it for three weeks and I am now in Los Angeles recuperating."

"The sickness is believed to be due to the lack of sanitary conditions, and a sufficient sum of money has been raised by public subscription to thoroughly cleanse the town."

The disease, strangely enough, attacks only grown men. It became prevalent in the latter part of February, but is now well under control and the many people who left the camp are now returning.

ANDREW CARNEGIE'S NIECE MARRIES RIDING MASTER

Young Couple Secretly Wed a Year Ago—Romance Started at Newport

NEW YORK, April 19.—It became known today that Andrew Carnegie's niece, Nancy, was secretly married about a year ago to a riding master named Heaver, whom she met at Newport. The story was confirmed by Mr. Carnegie.

"My niece was married to Mr. Heaver in New York about a year ago," he said. "Mr. Heaver was a riding teacher in the family. The family has no objection to the match. Mr. Heaver is an honest, upright young man. I would rather Nancy had married a poor man than a worthless duke. We want no rich men in the family."

Mr. Carnegie said that Mr. and Mrs. Heaver went to Europe immediately after their marriage. They returned a few days ago and are now on a visit to New England.

TAKE INITIAL STEP TO PURIFY FOODSTUFFS

Los Angeles Health Authorities to Ask Other Cities of the State to Co-operate With Them

Los Angeles health authorities are determined to take the lead in regulating the manufacture of food articles. At a meeting of the board of health last night the new food ordinance, recommended to the city council, was discussed, after which it was decided to communicate with other cities throughout the state and ascertain if they will be willing to co-operate with Los Angeles in enforcing the state law of the same tenor.

Local manufacturers object to the ordinance regulating the manufacture of articles in this city that are to be shipped elsewhere, on the ground that they will not be able to compete with San Francisco and other places.

It was finally decided to recommend that the proposed ordinance do not apply outside Los Angeles until communication is had with the different cities and towns of the state.

LAD CRUSHED TO DEATH BY WAGON

TEAMSTER'S SON KILLED IN RIVER BED

FELL UNDER HEAVY WHEELS

Little Andre Eastman, Nine Years Old, Playfully Helping His Father, Meets a Horrible Fate

While his stepfather, J. F. McCullough, was urging four horses to their utmost to climb the steep grade which lay before them, Andre Eastman, 9 years old, fell beneath the wheels of a heavy dirt wagon in the river bed at Ninth street yesterday afternoon and was killed instantly. His skull was crushed into a shapeless mass. A negro teamster employed by Contractor Cray was the only witness to the tragedy, and the cry of warning which he gave was too late to save the little boy's life.

Andre lived with his stepfather and mother at 127 North Main street. Yesterday afternoon he accompanied his stepfather to the river bed for a load of sand.

Just before the ascent from the river bottom to Ninth street was made McCullough stopped his horses to give them a rest before driving up the steep grade. Little Andre climbed down from the wagon and ran around in the sand while he was waiting for his stepfather to start again.

McCullough paid no attention to the boy, thinking him safe in the sand, and intending to leave him there until the wagon had reached the top of the bluff. He gave the horses the word and they commenced to ascend the steep road. The wagon had not advanced more than a dozen feet before McCullough heard a cry of warning from the teamster behind him. He stopped the wagon at once, but it was too late.

The little fellow's skull had been crushed to a pulp by the heavy wheels. The teamster who had shouted the warning said that just when McCullough started his horses Andre had climbed up on one of the rear wheels, and when the wagon went forward he was pitched under the wheel.

The child's body was removed to Breese Brothers' morgue, where Deputy Coroner Summerfield will hold an inquest.

WEALTHY PIONEER IS DEAD

B. S. Weston, Ranch Owner, Passes Away in Los Angeles

B. S. Weston, a wealthy ranch owner of Los Angeles county, who has been prominently identified with the business life of this section for many years, died at the home of his nephew, Orrin Weston, 2112 Thompson street, this city, Tuesday. He had been suffering from apoplexy for some time.

Mr. Weston was 72 years old and a native of Salem, Mass. He came to California about forty-five years ago and of late years had been living on a ranch near Redondo. The deceased was unmarried.

Funeral services will be held Friday. A special car over the San Pedro electric line will convey the remains to Wilmington for interment.

STODDARD IS STEADILY REGAINING HIS HEALTH

By Associated Press. GALT, Ont., April 19.—J. H. Stoddard, the veteran actor, who was stricken with nervous prostration here some time ago and who it was thought would die, is steadily improving. He will be removed to his home in New Jersey in a week or ten days.

RIDER HAGGARD TALKS ON LABOR

NOTES GROWING SOCIALISTIC TENDENCIES

COMMENTS ON LABOR UNIONS

Is Not Surprised at Finding Municipal Ownership Advocated, and Thinks the Workingman's Position Quite Natural

Special to The Herald.

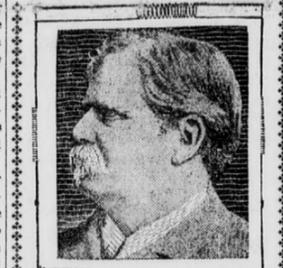
NEW YORK, April 19.—H. Rider Haggard, the novelist, who came to this country to investigate the Salvation Army colonies and similar communities in this country for the British colonial office, sailed for Liverpool today on the Majestic, accompanied by his daughter and Commander Booth-Tucker, who came to explain the system to Haggard.

In reply to a question regarding his opinion on municipal ownership, Haggard said that in this country, where there is so much freedom from tradition, and so much freedom of thought, as well as progress, it was not surprising to find municipal ownership advocated.

The conversation got onto the subjects of labor unions and Socialism. Mr. Haggard did not attempt to give the reasons for what he said was the growing socialistic tendency of this country, but he commented on the rapidity with which such ideas were gaining ground.

"The conditions as regards labor unions," he said, "are much the same in this country as in England. You have the same questions to face that we have. They are brought about because the laboring man desires to get all the money he can. It is natural. I am for the laboring man."

WATTERSON HAS ANSWER READY



HENRY WATTERSON

Refuses to Write His Political Autobiography, Saying He Cannot Busy Himself With Affairs of Yesterday

Special Cable to The Herald.

BERLIN, April 19.—Charles R. Flint, a New York financier, gave a dinner last night in honor of Henry Watterson, the famous American editor, who is passing a week in Berlin. Watterson said that during his five months' wanderings in Europe foreign publishers bombarded him with requests for his political autobiography.

He answered the latest applicant in these words: "I am still too much of a newspaper man to busy myself with the affairs of yesterday."

U. P. EMPLOYEES ARE TO BE "OSLERIZED"

Special to The Herald.

CHICAGO, April 19.—Employees of the Union Pacific railroad are beginning to wonder if the theory advanced by Dr. Osler is to be adopted by the management of the road. According to a well defined authority, fifty years has been fixed as the age limit of usefulness.

It is declared that the board of directors has ordered that young men are to have the first call when the list for promotions is made up, and that those who have reached the age of 50 must bid good-by to all chance for advancement.

One sign of this is the recent appointment of the young superintendent, W. T. Parks of the Wyoming division, to be general superintendent. It has been believed the appointment would go to W. A. Deuel, but he had passed the fifty-year mark. As yet there has been no official announcement of the rule by the directors.

BRITISH COMMISSIONER COMMENTS ON LABOR PROBLEMS



H. RIDER HAGGARD

PURSUES VISION OF NAN PATTERSON

THINKS EVERY WOMAN THE ACCUSED ACTRESS

PANIC IN LODGING HOUSE

When Arrested His Mania Becomes More Violent, and He Tries to Escape From the Officer

"Leave me alone. I am looking for Nan Patterson, and if I don't hurry I will be too late to help her out of her trouble," muttered a man as he wandered around the corridors of a boarding house at 509 West First street yesterday morning.

The man was evidently suffering from hallucinations, and an officer was sent for by boarders who feared that the mild form of insanity might develop dangerous symptoms. Officer Sam McKenzie responded to the call and when he walked up to the man he was greeted with the same warning which, like the cry of the leper, the demented man bestowed upon all who approached him.

Still muttering that Nan Patterson would be bereft of help if the officer arrested him, the man followed the officer to the patrol wagon and went to the station. He gave the name of John Lillig. Officer McKenzie was later detailed to take his prisoner to the court house and apply for papers charging insanity.

The officer started out with his prisoner, but time and again Lillig called out the name of the woman seen in his hallucinations. As the couple were passing the Title Guarantee and Trust building Lillig suddenly broke away and dashed into the building, with the officer in close pursuit.

Approaches Young Women

Nearly a score of young women were in the building at the time and Lillig started toward them. Fearing that his prisoner would make an outcry if he attempted to take him in charge, McKenzie tried to argue with him.

"There is Nan," muttered Lillig, as he attempted to reach a fair young woman.

"No, that isn't Nan," answered the officer, and Lillig started toward another young woman. "I'll tell you where Nan is," said the officer. "Her case is now going on before Judge Wilbur and I will take you up there so as to be in time to help her out."

Lillig thought the idea a good one and followed the officer to the county jail. Papers charging insanity were filed against the man and he will appear before Judge Wilbur within a few days.

Little is known of Lillig and officers are endeavoring to locate his relatives. He was found wandering on the streets Tuesday night and arrested on suspicion, but was released later.

YOUNG MAN DIES AS RESULT OF DOG'S BITE

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, April 19.—Hydrophobia from a dog bite received seven months ago has caused the death of Louis Ellwinge, 23 years old, in the Orange county, N. J., hospital. The victim had entirely forgotten his adventure with the dog, but investigation now shows that the animal ran away and was shot to death the next day in a neighboring town where it was suffering from rabies.

WILL SAFEGUARD OUR NEUTRALITY

AMERICAN WARSHIPS ABLE TO PROTECT IT

ASIATIC STATION REPORTS

This Country Has at Present Six Vessels Cruising in the Neighborhood of Our Eastern Possessions

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Rear Admiral Train, commander-in-chief of the Asiatic station, has reported to the navy department by cable that the Paragua is at Jolo, the Mindoro at Pollok, Mindanao Island, and the Wisconsin at Olongapo, on Subig bay, island of Luzon. He also reports that the Queros is cruising in Lingayen gulf and that the torpedo boats Dale and Decatur are cruising off the island of Palawan.

This disposition affords excellent opportunities for observing the movements of the hostile fleets, should they approach or enter Philippine waters.

While the vessels, with the exception of the Wisconsin, are but small gunboats which could do no more than make observations, they all carry the flag, which it is believed would be sufficient for the purpose of enforcing neutrality in the waters contiguous to the American possessions in the far east.

RUSSIAN SQUADRON MAY LINGER AT KAMRANH BAY

By Associated Press.

LONDON, April 19.—A dispatch to a news agency from Tokio says: "Information received here is taken to indicate that the Russian squadron proposes staying at Kamranh bay until May 7. Admiral Rojestvensky meanwhile sending out cruisers to overhaul merchantmen proceeding along the trade route to the straits of Formosa. The transports accompanying the Russian squadron are reported to be plying between Kamranh bay and Saigon under the merchant flag of Russia."

INDIGNATION AGAINST FRANCE STILL GROWING

Special to The Herald.

TOKIO, April 19.—Although not reported directly, it is believed that the Russian second Pacific squadron continues the occupation of Kamranh bay or some other port of Annam, where it is expected to remain until joined by the third Russian Pacific squadron.

The report that Admiral Rojestvensky is maintaining patrol and examining neutral shipping off Kamranh bay increases the irritation towards France for permitting the use of that port as a base of operations. The Japanese government continues silent regarding the representations on this subject which have been made to France. The press, however, continues the agitation against France, demanding vigorous action.

EXPECTS TORPEDO ATTACKS

Russian Admiralty Thinks Togo Will Decline Open Battle

By Associated Press.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 19.—The keenest interest is manifested in the

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THE DAY'S NEWS

Southern California: Fair Thursday; fresh west winds. Maximum temperature in Los Angeles yesterday, 63 degrees; minimum, 47 degrees.

- 1-Shonts will be free. 2-Doctors hear addresses. 3-Head consul to be chosen. 4-Hays gets bail. 5-Southern California news. 6-Editorial. 7-Belasco has new actress. 8-Classified advertisements. 9-Sports. 10-Markets. 11-To have art gallery.

EASTERN Secretary Loeb starts to visit President Roosevelt in his camp. Patterson jury is composed nearly all of married men. Chicago strike threatens to spread and include other branches.

FOREIGN Russian troops forbidden to read revolutionary proclamations. American warships able to preserve neutrality of Philippine waters. Chinese bandits becoming continually more active.

COAST Alleged Tonopah plague is pneumonia, and physicians say reports are exaggerated. Mme. Tetraenel, grand opera singer, has her financial secretary arrested. San Diego oarsmen prepare for race with the Sherman eight.

LOCAL Lad crushed to death under wagon wheels. Lost toy found wandering along Pasadena road. Santa Fe passenger train kills two persons at Lincoln park crossing. Club women say Rockefeller's money is contaminated. Club women plan to build art gallery. Woodmen to elect new officers today. Demented pedestrian pursues vision of Nan Patterson. Aged woman may lose home as result of anxiety to possess gold watch. Hays secures bail for Chinese witness charged with 267297.